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Vintage planes will fly in World War II tribute

An aerial armada of vintage aircraft will take to the sky for two-weeks this August to observe the 50th Anniversary of World War II.

Participating aircraft will carry official "In Memory of..." and "In Honor of..." commemorative certificates which will be flown coast to coast from California with stops in Chicago and New York. The public can participate in this tribute by purchasing a certificate in honor of a family member, veteran or service buddy. The certificate will bear the name of the honored individual.

Each commemorative certificate will cost \$50. Proceeds will help pay for fuel and oil needs of participating aircraft as well as travel expenses for pilots and crews.

Legendary WWII fighter ace Col. Francis "Gabby" Gabreski and famed bomber pilot, Col. Robert K. Morgan, will sign each certificate. Morgan and his crew of the celebrated B-17 bomber, Memphis Belle, were the first to survive 25 bombing raids over Germany and France.

For more information, call Freedom Flight America, Inc. at (800) 687-4800.

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Deborah M. S. Murray

MEMORIAL PLAZA OPENS--Bill Rodgers, Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano, the Rev. David Kaupu, Edward Chow Jr. and Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson untie the maile lei officially dedicating the final phase of the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery.

Memorial plaza dedicated at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery

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Spectators at the Memorial Day ceremony at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, May 29, gathered not only to pay their respects to fallen comrades, friends and loved ones who served in the Armed Forces, but to also witness the dedication of its newly completed memorial plaza.

Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano along with Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state adjutant general; Edward Chow Jr., deputy assistant secretary for policy, Department of Veterans Affairs; Rev. David Kaupu of Kamehameha School; and Bill Rodgers, HSVC operations manager, were on hand to untie the maile lei officially opening the plaza.

"There was a deep sense of urgency as the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl was reaching its

maximum capacity."

Construction began on the first phase of the cemetery in September 1989, with the first burial in July 1991. Construction of the memorial plaza and columbarium is part of the cemetery's fourth and final phase.

Contractors still have landscaping work to complete, according to Lt. Col. Jerry Matsuda of the State Department of Defense's engineering office.

"Without another veterans cemetery, the only alternative would be to bury our veterans in California -- which would have been a traumatic ordeal for our veterans and their families. Fortunately, the effort to build this cemetery was successful..." stressed Richardson.

To date, approximately 1,400 veterans have been buried at the veterans cemetery. **(Other Memorial Day events on page 4)**

Office of Veterans Services

State of Hawaii Department of Defense



1995: An eventful year for Hawaii's veteran population

From the Director
Robert C. Viduya

The year 1995 is proving to be an exciting time for Hawaii's veterans. Much has already been written about V-J Day and the commemoration of the end of World War II. And much more will be written and discussed as veterans-sponsored events take place throughout the year. A lot of the world's focus will be on the "core events" scheduled for Sept. 1-3, 1995. The purpose of those events will be not only a commemoration of the end of hostilities, but also a time of reflection, to remember, and honor our veterans who served in that war. As we honor them, we also extend our gratitude to all veterans from all wars for their dedication, service, and sacrifices. It will be a time for us to reaffirm who we are, and what we stand for.

Center for Aging

In our last newsletter, I spoke about some of the priorities of the Office of Veterans Services (OVS). I would like to provide an update of those priorities. Groundbreaking for the Center for Aging, one of the components of the Spark Matsunaga Veterans Administration Medical Center, is scheduled for July of this year. This will be a 60-bed facility to help address the nursing care needs of aging veterans. We believe this will be followed with groundbreaking for the medical complex parking structure. Working with the State of Hawaii, Department of

Defense, the regional office of the Department of Veterans Administration, and veterans organizations, we have asked Hawaii's congressional delegation to continue their strong efforts to secure funding for the final component of that 105-bed complex, and the inpatient/outpatient clinics.

When completed, the Spark Matsunaga VA Medical Center will provide quality and timely medical services to our veterans and their eligible dependents.

State-funded projects approved

In reviewing the 1995 state legislative session, I am pleased to report that the legislature approved funding for the following important projects:

- Upgrading of the neighbor island veterans cemeteries. Along with matching federal funds, work is already underway. Groundbreaking for the construction of a new cemetery in West Hawaii (Kona) was held on May 30, 1995. Another new veterans cemetery will be built on the island of Lanai. Plans for that groundbreaking ceremony should be announced soon.
- Construction funds for the Hawaii Veterans Center, Oahu was approved by the legislature. Planning for this facility is on-going. When completed, this facility will provide an excellent working environment for the Oahu Veterans Council and other veterans activities.

- Funding to plan and design State Homes for Veterans on the islands of Maui, Hawaii, Kauai, and Molokai was also approved by the legislature. This project will enable neighbor island veterans to receive nursing care, similar to that which will be provided on Oahu.

The legislature approved continued funding for fiscal years 1996-97 for the Filipino-American World War II Veterans Burial Program. The program is in full implementation now and reimbursement to those eligible are being processed.

The Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe is nearing completion with only landscaping to be finished. Hawaii's veterans can take pride in the culmination of this project for which many of you helped make a reality. We believe that the cemetery will accommodate the burial needs of our veterans for the next 20 years.

As we look to the future and the role of the OVS, we are reminded of our mandate to serve as the central point of contact in state government responsible for programs and policies which advocate on behalf of Hawaii's veterans and their dependents. To fulfill that commitment, much remains to be done to improve the effectiveness of communications between OVS and the network of veterans organizations throughout our island state.

The OVS is also committed to improve our data base on Hawaii's veterans. We will continue to work with the VA Medical and Regional Office Center of the Department of Veterans Affairs and other state and community agencies to develop better information on the characteristics of the veterans population in Hawaii. This is essential if we are to enhance the quality and timeliness of our services to you.

To carry out our mission, the Office of Veterans Services is trying to build a more unified and cohesive team to serve you. Clearly there is much work to be done to meet our challenges. We welcome your suggestions.

Groundbreaking held for West Hawaii Cemetery

By Deborah M.S. Murray

When the gold-plated shovels were thrust into the lava encrusted earth in Kona, Hawaii, May 30, they marked the start of yet another State Veterans Cemetery.

About 80 veterans came together on a lava field overlooking the project site at Pu'u'o'o, a hill which was untouched by the lava flow of 1801.

In honor of Memorial Day, an American flag could be seen waving in the distance.

The program included a benediction and blessing by the Rev. Leon Sterling and welcome from George Yoshida, director of the Department of Parks and Recreation. Authur Mahi, representing the West Hawaii Veterans Council, provided the historical background of the long-awaited project.

Office of Veterans Services' Director Bob Viduya spoke in behalf of the State of Hawaii Department of Defense.



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BREAKING LAVA ROCKS--State representative Virginia Isbell, Bob Viduya, OVS director; the Rev. Leon Sterling, Harry F. Wiese, Mayor Stephen Yamashiro, John Rosas, (behind Yamashiro) Arthur M. Mahi break ground for the West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery, May 30.

End of World War II activities and memorabilia

To honor World War II veterans and local individuals who supported the war effort behind the scenes and on the home front, the State of Hawaii Department of Defense is scheduling a program called Hawaii Remembers.

The program is designed to pay homage to the "behind the scenes" players who made the Pacific's WW II campaign a success, like the shipyard workers at Pearl Harbor, Civil Defense wardens, American Red Cross volunteers and others. The event is scheduled at the Waikiki Shell, Sept. 1.

Official events recognized by the WWII Commemorative committee as of press time are as follows:

Friday, September 1

- The Hawaii Chapter U.S. Submarine Veterans WWII is planning a memorial service at the Sub-Base Memorial. For more information, contact, Stan Nicholls at 422-0191.
- Schofield 25th Infantry Division (Light) review, 9 a.m., at Schofield Barracks. This event is sponsored by the U.S. Commander in Chief Pacific

(USCINCPAC).

- National Guard Plaque Dedication Ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, 2 p.m.
- Hawaii Remembers, State of Hawaii Department of Defense, Waikiki Shell, 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 2

- Wreath laying at sea, aboard CVN Carrier adjacent to Arizona Memorial, at sunrise, sponsored by USCINCPAC.
- Wreath laying, 9 a.m., National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, sponsored by USCINCPAC.
- Veterans parade, 2 p.m., starting at Fort DeRussy and ending at Kapiolani Park.
- Hangar dances, 7 p.m., Hickam Air Force Base, U.S. Army and U.S. Navy locations.

Sunday, September 3

- Interfaith Service, Kapiolani Park, 11 a.m.
- Blue Angels Salute, Barbers Point,

Company mints coins to commemorate end of WW II

The Royal Hawaiian Mint has historic proof coins issued in conjunction with the official ceremonies commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of WW II scheduled for September 1995.

The coins contain one full ounce of fine silver and measure 1 1/2 inches in diameter. A gold proof set is also available.

These limited edition collectibles are available directly from the Royal Hawaiian Mint at 1421 Kalakaua Avenue. Call 946-6468 for additional information about using these coins as a fundraiser for your veterans group. Silver coins are \$35 each. Gold proof sets are \$250 each.





1st Lt. Charles J. Anthony

VETERANS VOLUNTEER FOR MEMORIAL MAINTENANCE--Veterans from the 45th Infantry, 5th Regimental Combat Team and the Special Forces Association took on the mission of cleaning the Korean-Vietnam Memorials, May 11. The volunteers scrub and polish the memorials, helping the state keep maintenance costs down. Other groups that have volunteered to clean in the future are the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and the Navy Retirees Activity Organization at Pearl Harbor.

Korean War Veterans Memorial Dedication in Washington

The long awaited dedication ceremony for the Korean War Veterans Memorial in the nation's capital is now officially scheduled for July 26 through July 30. Over 500,000 veterans and their families from all over the world are expected to attend the ceremony. A contingent of 30 Hawaii Korean War veterans and their spouses led by Louis Baldovi and Floranio Castillo, will be participating in the activities.

Events will include a parade, mass muster, memorial services, fireworks, a major presidential entertainment gala at the Kennedy Center, a film festival, academic seminars and other activities.

POW/MIA remembered at Punchbowl ceremony

By 1st Lt. Charles J. Anthony

More than 100 veterans, family members and supporters gathered at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, April 9, to pay tribute to U.S. service personnel who had been prisoners of war and to those still listed as missing in action.

The program was sponsored by the Hawaii Chapter of the American Ex-prisoners of War and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

One by one, former POWs were introduced, then given a lei of appreciation for their service. The keynote address was delivered by Vice Admiral Robert Kihune, U.S. Navy (ret.). Memorial wreaths were laid, a Marine honor guard fired off a three-gun volley and a Navy bugler sounded taps. The silence immediately following was broken by the thunder of four F-15s from the Hawaii Air National Guard performing a missing man fly-by.

"The Hawaii chapter has lost many members over the years. These ceremonies help us to remember those who have passed on," said Al Frumkin, Commander, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Hawaii Chapter.

"It's also a chance for some camaraderie.

"This is a very emotional time—very hard to describe. It's a special internal feeling—that you have survived to be here today," added Frumkin, who spent time in a German POW camp during World War II.



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MOMENT OF SILENCE-- A man pauses at a graveside to remember a fallen comrade at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, Memorial Day, May 29.

Other Memorial Day weekend activities

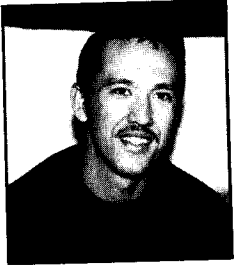
Veterans across the state celebrated Memorial Day at observances at various locations and including the following events:

- 11th Annual Sunset Memorial Service - Armed Forces Eternal Flame, May 28; sponsored by Fort Shafter Post 10276; Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano delivered the keynote address.
- Memorial Day Eve Candelight Ceremony - National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, at Punchbowl, May 28; sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans Post 10583 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; members of the Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club attended the event.
- Annual Honolulu Mayor's Memorial Service - National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, May 29.

Soldier discovers roots after 25 years

Story and photos by Deborah M.S. Murray

A funeral service, April 26, at Arlington National Cemetery provided a bit-sweet opportunity for one Hawaii Army National Guard soldier.



Higa

Amid the peaceful surroundings at Arlington, Sgt. Dennis Higa, 27, was able to come full-circle with his father's death and meet some of his relatives for the first time.

"For 26 years I never knew anything about the other side of me," said Higa, member of the Hawaii Army National Guard's Company D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry.

"Although I did not get to meet my dad, I gained a family."

Higa finds father

Higa's father, U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Michael F. Dean, died June 30, 1970, when the helicopter he was riding in crashed during an attempted rescue mission in Laos.

From the time of the crash until early this year, he was officially listed as Missing in Action. Higa did not find out about his father's MIA status until 4 years ago when he contacted the

American Red Cross.

Born out of wedlock, Higa said his parents were engaged to be married when his father went to Vietnam for another tour of duty.

When Higa, a Honolulu police officer, started searching for his father, the only leads he had were a dog tag with a social security number and a picture of his mother which revealed his father's portrait in the background. His mother gave him these items when she informed him at age 8 that the only father he had ever known was not his biological father.

It was this obscure image of Staff Sgt. Dean in the portrait which provided him with the impetus for his search.

When Higa turned 22, he went to the American Red Cross to initiate an official search for his father since all of his previous efforts had resulted in dead ends.

Hope of ever meeting his father was shattered when he was told Dean was MIA. This also explained why his mother, a former Okinawan citizen, never heard from Dean after Dennis' birth.

"At that point, I gave up. I was very disappointed," he said, adding that the Red Cross counselor encouraged him to look out for newspaper reports of MIA remains returning from Vietnam.

In March, he was reading the newspaper and found out that his father's remains were positively identified at the Army's Central Identification Lab.

"If I had not come home and read the paper... today I would not have known about my dad," Higa said.

Meets father's family

After reading the article, he said he made some calls to find out where his father's remains were and when his funeral was scheduled. The trail eventually led to his uncle, James Dean, whom he met for the first time on April 21.

Higa described the meeting with his uncle as emotional and informative because it supplied the missing pieces to his puzzle. To Higa's surprise, his uncle gave him his father's other dog tag which was found at the crash site, and supplied him with pictures of his father. Some photos showed his mother and father posing together. Ironically, his uncle was unaware that the woman in the pictures was Higa's mother.

"I must have looked at these pictures a thousand times that night," he said after spreading out the pictures on the living room floor of his Kaimuki apartment where a license plate that said "POW/MIA: You are not forgotten," was visible on top of the television.

Letting his mind drift back to the funeral, Higa described it as sad, but dignified. His father's coffin was carried by a horse-drawn caisson with members of the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard and the Presidential Honor Guard officiating in the ceremony. Dean was also honored with an Air Force fly-over and 21-Gun Salute. He was presented with the flag that draped his father's casket along with a collection of his father's awards and decorations.

After the service, he spent some time with a few veterans who served with his father in Vietnam.

Higa thanked the members of his Hawaii Army National Guard unit who chipped in and the Veterans of Foreign Wars for helping to fund the trip to Washington, D.C., for him and his family. He was accompanied on the trip by his wife, Sharon, and son, Shane.

DISCOVERING THE PAST--Sgt. Dennis Higa shows his son, Shane, 3, pictures of his grandfather, Air Force Staff Sgt. Michael F. Dean, who died in a helicopter crash in Laos, 25 years ago.



Q & A:**Department of Veterans Affairs****Who can receive free medical care at Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals?**

Current law requires VA to provide, free of charge, hospital care to any veteran determined to be in the mandatory care category. These include: any service-connected veteran; former prisoners-of-war; veterans in need of care for a condition possibly related to either Agent Orange or to ionizing radiation; veterans of the Mexican Border period of World War I; veterans receiving a VA pension; and non-service-connected veterans whose annual income, based on means testing, is at or less than the established threshold. All other non-service-connected veterans are considered in the discretionary category and are provided hospital care if resources are available and he agrees to make co-payments for that care.

I draw 40 percent disability compensation from VA. My divorce will be effective this month. When will my spouse be dropped as a dependent, thereby reducing my monthly check?

Your spouse will be removed from the dependents list on the first of the month following the effective date of the divorce.

Would I be able to reserve space in the VA national cemetery of my choice?

No. Gravesites in national cemeteries cannot be reserved. Funeral arrangers must apply in time of need.

For more information, contact any DVA office. In Honolulu, call 566-1000 or 1 (800) 827-1000 or write: VA Medical and Regional Office, P.O. Box 50188, Honolulu, HI 96850.

vet news --continued from page 1**Social Security law changes affect Reserve retirees**

The President recently signed the Social Security Independence and Programs Improvements Act of 1994 into law. A provision of the law changes how social security officials figure benefits for individuals who receive military retirement pay based on inactive duty training performed after 1956 and before 1988, i.e., service not covered by Social Security.

Specifically, beginning in January 1995, the government pension offset and the windfall elimination provision will not cause a reduction in the amount of Social Security benefits payable to an individual who receives a pension based, in whole or in part, on active duty or inactive duty before 1988, including non-covered military service should contact Social Security toll-free by calling 1-800-772-1213 or by visiting the nearest Social Security office to discuss how this change in law affects them.

Direct deposit your VA check

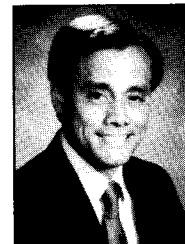
Individuals who receive benefits from the VA can enroll to have their checks deposited in their bank account just by calling to sign up. To participate, call the Veterans Medical & Regional Office Center at 566-1000, Oahu, or 1-800-827-1000 from the neighbor islands. A representative will take the necessary information over the phone and establish the veteran in the Direct Deposit program.

Notice of Ex-POW's

The Center for Civilian Internee Rights, Inc., a non-profit corporation, needs to locate all surviving Ex-POW's of Allied nations & U.S. held by Japan in WW II Asiatic Theater (Military and Civilian Internees) for a possible lawsuit to collect war damages and compensation. Contact Gilbert Hair, 6060 La Gorce Drive, Miami Beach, Fla. 33140. For additional information, phone (305) 864-2558.

Kaulukukui named to veterans advisory committee

Former judge Thomas Kaulukukui, vice-president of the Queen's Health Systems has been appointed by Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown as one of 15 members of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans.

**Kaulukukui**

The committee, established by Public Law 103-446, is charged with assisting the needs of minority veterans in such areas as compensation, health care, rehabilitation, outreach and other VA-administered benefits and programs, and submitting to Brown a report with recommendations for improvements.

Healthcare services available for women veterans

Medical and counseling services are available at the Honolulu Vet Center and at the Honolulu VA Medical clinic for women veterans. In November 1992, Congress passed the Women Veterans Health Program Act. This act authorized priority status for sexual trauma counseling for women veterans who have been sexually assaulted or harassed while on active duty. In addition, related health care services are authorized.

The Honolulu Vet Center staff provides women veterans individual or group counseling and other services, in association with the Honolulu VA medical facility. The Vet Center and the VA Mental Health Clinic will start a new sexual trauma counseling group at the Vet Center, located at 1680 Kapiolani Boulevard. For more information, call Ann Fisher, sexual trauma counselor, at 566-1764 or Mary McEldowney, women veterans co-coordinator, at 566-1412.

For more information on the services available for women veterans, call 1-800-827-1000 from the Neighbors Islands and 566-1000, on Oahu.

Veterans Advisory Board changes

By Deborah M.S. Murray

When the Advisory Board on Veterans Services gears up next fiscal year, it will have three new board members.

Board members **John K. Iwamoto's** and **Louis Baldovi's** terms have expired. Board member **Jim Hayes** announced in May his intent to resign from the board effective in July.

Iwamoto joined the board in July 1989, serving a total of two four-year terms. Iwamoto, a native of Lihue, Kauai, was appointed to the advisory board to represent the island of Kauai.

Iwamoto works as an electrical inspector with the County of Kauai, Building Division.

He is a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, the Military Or-



Iwamoto

der of the Purple Heart, and the Kauai Veterans Club. Iwamoto served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict from 1951-1953 and was awarded the Purple Heart and Silver Star.

Edward Kawamura has been selected to replace Iwamoto as Kauai's representative on the board.

Baldovi was appointed to the board in February 1993 to serve the unexpired term vacated by board member Barbara O'Connor.

Baldovi, born on Maui, was drafted in the U.S. Army in 1951, serving with the 45th Infantry Division in the Korean War.

In 1953 he reenlisted and was assigned to the Hawaiian Infantry training division as a drill instructor. He spent a total of five years in the military and enrolled at the University



Baldovi

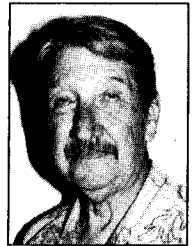
of Hawaii where he obtained a bachelor's degree in secondary education.

He served as vice principal at Waipahu High School and principal at Waimanalo Elementary and Intermediate and Nanakuli High and Intermediate Schools. **Toy Grice** was selected to replace Baldovi as Oahu's representative.

Hayes, a native of Detroit, Mich, served with the Army's 71st Infantry Regiment, 44th Division, during World War II. From 1944 until the end of the war, he was a prisoner of war.

He holds life memberships in the Disabled of American Veterans, where he served as chapter commander and state junior vice-commander, and the American Ex-Prisoners of War.

He is a retired supervisor of the Ford Motor Company.



Hayes

442nd RCT celebrates 52nd anniversary

By Deborah M.S. Murray

Fifty-two years ago Japanese-American soldiers were joined in one unit, the 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, that went on to carve a record as one of the most decorated units in World War II history.

Shiroku "Whitey" Yamamoto served with the 442nd RCT's anti-tank company from March 1943 to 1945. In honor of his former unit's anniversary, Yamamoto and numerous other members of the 442nd RCT attended a memorial service, March 25, at the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.

Over the years, these unit get-togethers have become more meaningful to Yamamoto who was exchanging alohas with former battalion member Wilfred Taira, 75, of the 442nd medics.

"It gets more sentimental and precious," he said adding, "the men are passing on."

These men and others like them are in fact legacies, living testaments of World War II war history--their history.

The memorial service was part of the



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REMINISCING--Wilfred Taira, 75, of the 442nd Medics and Shiroku "Whitey" Yamamoto who served in the 442nd Anti-tank Company, get reacquainted.

442nd 52nd anniversary activities to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the end of WW II.

The service included wreath presentations by Joe Obayashi and Claude Takekawa of the 442nd Veterans Club, and Edwin Goto and Alan Kubota of the

Sons and Daughters Chapter.

Bill Paty, a former prisoner of war, delivered the keynote address for the event. Music for the service was provided by the Hawaii Army National Guard's 111th Army Band and the 442nd Choral Group.

calendar/notices

July 21

Military retiree golf tournament -- Hickam Air Force Base, 11:30 check in, 12:30 start. For more information, call 449-9896.

July 26-30

Activities surrounding July 27 Korean War Memorial dedication - Washington, D.C. For information, call (202)208-3561.

September 1

•Memorial Service honoring U.S. submarines lost during WW II, Submarine Memorial, Submarine Base Pearl Harbor. Contact: Stan Nichols, 422-0191.

•25th Infantry Division review -- Schofield Barracks, 9 a.m.

•Parade of ships -- Fort DeRussy Beach, 12:30 p.m.

•National Guard Plaque Dedication Ceremony, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, 2 p.m.

•Hawaii Remembers, State Dept. of Defense, Waikiki Shell, 7 p.m.

September 2

•AJA Veterans Council wreath laying -- Punchbowl, 9 a.m.

•Veterans Parade -- Fort DeRussy to Kapiolani Park, 2 p.m.

•Hangar Dances -- locations to be determined, 7 p.m.

September 3

•Interfaith service -- Kapiolani Park, 11 a.m.

•Blue Angel Salute, Barbers Point, 3 p.m.

September 4

Labor Day, state and federal holiday

September 10-13

Former U. S. Naval Construction Battalion, Military Construction Battalion #2, Seabees, who served in the Korean War, are having a reunion at the Imperial Palace Hotel in Las Vegas. For registration information, call Allen Kim, 625-4522.

October 9

Columbus Day, federal holiday.

October 20

Military retiree golf tournament -- Leilehua Army golf course, 11:30 check in, 12:30 start. For more information, call 449-9896.

If you have a story idea or want to list an event for veterans in the *Hawaii Veteran*, please forward the information to the State Department of Defense Public Affairs Office, 734-8527 (fax), or call 732-1711. The submission deadline for the Fall '95 (Sept. 15) issue is Aug. 31.



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