

U. S. ARMY MUSEUM NEWS

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GENERAL FRED C. WEYAND RECEIVES IHE AWARD

In an early morning breakfast ceremony, the Society presented its IHE award to General Fred C. Weyand, USA retired. Over 450 of the General's admirers assembled at 7:30 a.m. at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom on Thursday, November 20 to join in honoring his many years of devoted service to the military and the community.

General Weyand has served on the Board of HAMS since its creation in 1978. His list of military and community accomplishments is seemingly endless. As well as being former Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army, General Weyand presently serves as Trustee of the S. M. Damon Estate.

The formal program was preceded by musical selections by the Brass Quintet of the 25th Infantry Division (L).



General David A. Bramlett, USA retired, welcomed the guests, and Master Sergeant Raymond Ganotise, HI Army National Guard, provided the traditional Hawaiian *oli*, chant of welcome. Following the National

Anthem and State Song, Reverend David K. Kennedy gave the invocation. The program commenced at 8:15 with remarks by Major General Wolff, USA retired, President of the Society, who described General Weyand's illustrious career. He further explained the significance of the *IHE*, the spear of ancient Hawaii which symbolizes the readiness and devotion of the warriors. A video depicting General Weyand's colorful life of service was introduced by Christina Kemmer, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Hawaii. General Wolff then presented the award to General Weyand.

Master of Ceremonies General Bramlett gave closing remarks and thanked the attendees for their presence and support.



HAWAII HONORS GENERAL SHINSEKI

One of Hawaii's favorite sons, General Eric T. Shinseki, retired in June from his post as Chief of Staff, United States Army.



Having been born and raised on the island of Kauai, it was only fitting that he be feted by the people of his home state. On Wednesday, November 12, some

1400 devoted admirers assembled at the Hawaii Convention Center to congratulate General Shinseki on his retirement from military life. The Testimonial Dinner was sponsored by some 33 military and veterans' organizations.

Co-chairs of "Hawaii Salutes General Eric K. Shinseki" were Major General Herbert E. Wolff, Fujio Matsuda, Sc.D., and Warren H. Haruki

Occupants of the head table included Governor Linda Lingle who spoke of Hawaii's pride in General Shinseki's distinguished career .



General David A. Bramlett, vice president of HAMS, filled his usual masterful position as Master of Ceremonies.



Net proceeds from the event were presented to Mrs. Pat Hamamoto, Chairman of the State Department of Education and are to be used for the General Eric K. and Mrs. Pat Shinseki endowment for the Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation.



Also present at the Dinner was Richard Halloran, who has contracted with HAMS to write a biography of General Shinseki, whose life has been one of facing challenges with a positive attitude and with the goal of leaving no

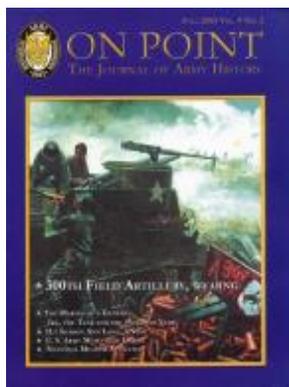


project unfinished. The Society eagerly awaits the publication of the book, which will be sold only at the Museum Store and is due for publication in late February or March.



MUSEUM FEATURED IN JOURNAL OF ARMY HISTORY

The Fall edition of On Point, the magazine published by The Army Historical Foundation, featured the U. S.



Army Museum of Hawaii on the cover and on page 7 inside.

The article was headed by a full color picture of the Museum entrance. The article itself was written by

Barbara Mills and describes the history of Battery Randolph, the development of the Museum and a room-by-room tour through the Museum. An invitation is issued to visit the Museum with no entry fee, and parking across the street.

INVITATION TO ALL MEMBERS

One of the Society's major events is the ceremony inducting recipients of the U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor and the U.S. Distinguished Service Cross into our beautiful Gallery of Heroes. This year the event will occur on Friday, February 27 at 3 p.m. on the lawn fronting the Museum.

Honorees are 1st Lt. David E. Milotta. Sgt. 1st Class John E. Reinburg III, Sgt. Shigeo J. Takata and PFC James S. Kawamura. The Distinguished Service Cross was given to these four for

meritorious action in Italy (2), Korea and Vietnam.

Members and the public are invited to attend. Please call 265-1898 by February 16 if you will attend this outstanding event. Parking is available across Kalia Rd. from the Museum, and will be validated. Viewing of the Gallery and light refreshments will follow the ceremony.

SOCIETY HONORS LOYAL VOLUNTEERS

The Volunteer Appreciation Christmas Party was held on Monday, December 22 at the Todai Restaurant, the famous all-you-can-eat Japanese seafood restaurant near the Museum in Waikiki. This party is the only time when all of our volunteers come together to celebrate another successful year. General Wolff praised all the volunteers and cited the continuing need for their valuable services. He then presented awards to Edna Shea as volunteer of the year, Whitey Yamamoto (442 RCT veteran) for his volunteering for 15 years, and Maude Williams for working the most hours in 2003.

Following the awards presentation, curator Judi Bowman gave a poignant speech in which she recognized the contributions made by each volunteer. "With the variety of responsibilities delegated to each volunteer and their ability to perform so well on their own, it is fitting to call each of them, 'An Army of One,'" Judi commented. To all of you dedicated people, the staff, Board and membership of the Society sends you a warm mahalo and wishes



you the very best for the New Year!

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY IN EUROPE

(by Barbara Mills)

On a recent trip to Europe, we were fortunate to be in Scotland during Remembrance Sunday (this year November 9), which corresponds to our Veterans' Day. In the weeks preceding that Sunday, virtually everyone wore a small plastic poppy pinned to his/her lapel. In Edinburgh, just beside the Sir Walter Scott Memorial, a park area had been set aside for various military units to erect a large regimental cross in a "Garden of Memories." At the base of each large cross were many smaller crosses, in recognition of individuals who had served in that unit.



And in London, a cenotaph or monument on the grounds of Buckingham Palace honors all veterans. On that particular Sunday, the Queen laid the first wreath of poppies at the base of the monument.

She was followed by hundreds of veterans' groups, each of whom added their wreath. The procession went on for hours and by the time it was finished,

the base was a mass of brilliant red poppies. One of the notables in the procession was an open car with three men, each over one hundred years old, who had served in both the first and second World Wars.

We also journeyed to Portsmouth in southern England to re-visit the Royal Marines Museum there. They had recognized the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Korean conflict and featured a sculpture of a battle from that war.



Finally, on a cold, windy snowy day, we visited Columb Barracks in Mullingar, central Ireland, and spent a few hours with Commandant Millner, Battery Commander, rank of Major, Irish Army.



The Barracks has a colorful history mirroring the tumultuous history of Ireland itself. Currently the Barracks are the Headquarters of the Ninth Field

Artillery, and most of its personnel are serving in Afghanistan. Formerly there was a Museum here, but today all the artifacts and displays are in the Michael Collins Museum in Dublin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please note in your calendar the following HAMS events:

February 9	Executive Comm.
February 27	Gallery of Heroes Induction Ceremony
March 15	Executive Comm.
April 19	Executive Comm.
April 26	Board of Trustees
May 15	Living History Day
May 17	Executive Comm.

Further dates will be included in the April newsletter.

WANT TO ADOPT?

The Honolulu Advertiser of January 17 had an interesting article about ways to reach out to military men and women. Chaired by George Vickers, President of the Hawaii Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, the Adopt-a-Platoon program would keep in touch with military leaders so that adopting groups would know what soldiers in each platoon want or need most – local grinds, necessities for village people, even just mail.

Classroom teachers have been supporting the program, but Vickers would like to see businesses and large local organizations get involved. If it sounds interesting to you, please contact George Vickers at vickersg001@hawaii.rr.com



**THE GOLF
TOURNAMENT
IS THE SOCIETY'S ONLY
FUND RAISER !!!!**

**This year the 30th Annual
HAMS Tournament will be
held at Leilehua Golf Course
on Friday, June 25.**

**Harvey Gray is Chairman and
his Committee is hard at work
already aiming to make this
the best ever Tournament.
You can call him at 261-9722**

**if you'd like to order a tee
box, donate a prize or just
register to play.**

