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The Board of Trustees of the Hawaii Army Museum Society suffered the loss of two of its trustees. Our Chair of Education, Frank Boas, is memorialized in this newsletter.

Frank was an energetic Board member and led the initiative to increase educational outreach. It is a tribute to his passion for education that the Society cadets and UH's ROTC recently hosted a group of soldiers from the Warrior Transition Brigade. Our school age students, JROTC and UH's ROTC cadets have all benefited from this new focus. Frank will be missed but his legacy will continue!

Sadly, last week HAMS Trustee Emeritus, Harvey Gray passed away. Harvey served as the HAMS golf chair for many years with his wife, Marilyn, always at his side. Harvey set a standard that our Golf Committee strives for every year.

The US Army Museum of Hawaii was the site of the Annual Living History Day event on May 18th and its great success is due to the hard work of Mike Egami and Sheldon Tyau. Congratulations to both for a job superbly well done! Also, a special thank you to our newsletter editor, Fran Kramer. She is the wonderful photographer of many of the photographs in our newsletters.

Remember that our 32nd Annual General Herbert E. Wolff Memorial Golf Tournament tees off on June 21st at Leilehua. Please join us for a great day of golf and a fun evening dinner with fabulous prizes!

Vicki Olson

In Memoriam:

Remembering Frank Boas

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Frank Boas

Frank Boas, Vice President of HAMS and Chair for Education, passed away on March 16, 2013. He was a retired attorney and a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Hawai'i Foundation. His long and distinguished career centered on international law, education, and public service. He will be remembered for his warm, friendly personality and considerable problem-solving skills.

Frank was born in Amsterdam on 22 July 1930 and moved to the United States with his parents, Maurits and Sophie Boas, at the age of 10 to escape the war in Europe. His father became an executive at IBM. Frank attended Pingry School in Elizabeth, New Jersey and graduated from Harvard University with an A.B. cum laude and earned a juris doctorate.

Frank served in the Army in the Paris office of the Staff Judge Advocate and later became an attorney in the State Department's Office of the Legal Adviser. He was interested in the post-war redevelopment of Western Europe. Eventually he established his own law office in Brussels, Belgium, representing international companies in Europe. By the time he retired in 1979, his practice included additional offices in Washington, D.C. and London.

Work with Dole Foods brought Frank to Hawaii in the 1970's. He finally retired in the islands in the late1980's. Frank was a strong supporter of the UH William S. Richardson School of Law. He chaired the gift planning committee for the UH Foundation. He was also a member of the UH law school's Dean's Pacific-Asian Legal Studies Advisory committee. In 2002 he was president of the Pacific Asian Affairs Council, and was honored by the Hawai'I State Legislature for fostering U.S.-Asian relations.

Frank also established scholarships for graduate study and international legal studies at Harvard which underscored his strong passion for international cooperation and educational exchange.

Frank received many honors over the years for his public service. In 2004, he was selected as a national recipient of the Jefferson Award for Public Service (an award founded by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis). He was a decorated Officer of the Order of Leopold II, Commander of the Order of the Crown (Belgium), and Commander of the Order of Merit (Luxembourg).

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At far left, Frank Boas with Don Bennet, Chief, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security and Mike Egami, Museum Curator at the 2012 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

New Volunteers:
Welcome!

The Museum welcomed two new volunteers. Nancy Hildwein signed on in December and Rose DeNucci came aboard in March. Happy volunteering and many thanks for your contributions to helping the Museum staff to warmly welcome all visitors!

COL (Ret.) Burt Lewis:
Aloha Oi!

Having a military career that spanned 32 years with duty assignments worldwide, Burl brought a wealth of knowledge to share with inquisitive visitors. He became a museum volunteer in early 2005. Since then, Burl has accumulated many thousands of hours while making the acquaintance of at least as many museum visitors. Burl returned to his native West Virginia to be with family. We will miss you, Burl!

In 2006 the late MG GEN (Ret) Herb Wolff (HAMS President) presented Burl with the Glenna Marie Champion Service Award given to the outstanding volunteer of the year.

Whitey Yamamoto:
25 Years a Volunteer
Photo by Fran Kramer

442d RCT Veteran Whitey Yamamoto has been volunteering at the Army Museum since 1988. When the museum was open Sunday mornings, Whitey worked the front desk as a receptionist. Whitey has donated an enormous amount of time, energy, and expertise towards repairing broken equipment and conducting special maintenance and cleaning projects. His tireless dedication has saved the army thousands of dollars and contributed to making this army museum second to none.

On a weekly basis, Whitey picks up trash and removes leaves and debris from building and pulls weeds in the Kukalepa War Memorial.

Whitey ensures we have an ample supply of guest register logs, comment cards, and brochures. He learned how to use a complicated copier machine, makes copies of the brochures, and folds them by hand. Also, he files completed guest register logs.

Additionally, Whitey volunteers as usher during special events such as the Gallery of Heroes Induction Ceremonies. He helps out in a big way during renovations such as assisting in the installation of the General Shinseki Gallery Phase 1 and Phase 2—not to mention helping to clean the collections room before each recertification inspection. Once, when an AC valve broke, Whitey ferried buckets of muddy water out of the collection room. If it wasn't for him, the collection room would have been flooded the day before a big inspection. That's Whitey!

70th Anniversary Fete:

442nd Regimental Combat Team Celebrations

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Between March 22 and 24, 2013, the U. S. Army Museum of Hawaii participated in the three-day festivities celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team by providing a tour on March 23rd and being the venue for the 442nd Veterans Club's memorial picnic. The museum also displayed a special exhibit in the GEN Wolff Changing Gallery. Entitled "Boyhood to War", the exhibit commemorates the 70th Anniversary of the activation of the 442nd RCT, as well as commemorates the soldiers of the 100th INF BN and the MIS. If you haven't seen it yet, drop by and take a look!

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BOYHOOD TO WAR
Forming The All Japanese American 442nd Regimental Combat Team
CAMP SHELBY
WITH HAWAII'S AJA BOYS AT CAMP SHELBY

Living History Day:

2013 Museum Celebrations

Photos by Fran Kramer

In honor of Armed Forces Day, the U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii and the Hawaii Army Museum Society held their Living History Day event on May 18, 2013. The lawn fronting the museum served as the venue for a gathering of exhibitors, re-enactors, and soldiers in full combat gear, who brought along their equipment, K-9 corps, vehicles and displays. Many thanks to the following organizations that provided a festive occasion for all:

25th Infantry Division, 8th Theater Sustainment Command
Birds of Paradise Airshow Team
Boy Scouts Troop 33
Celtic Pipes & Drums of Hawaii
Hawaii Civil War Roundtable
Hawaii Military Vehicle Preservation Association
Historic Arms Association
Horace Hickam VFW Post 970
Military Order Purple Heart Chapter 483, Hawaii
Pearl Harbor Historic Sites
Tuskegee Airmen Association
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii,
Special Operation, U.S. Pacific Command

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HAMS Events for

Living History Day:
U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii, May 18, 2013

Golf Tournament:
Leilehua Golf Course, June 21, 2013

Ihe Award Breakfast
Nov. 15, 2013, 7:00 AM
Hilton Hawaiian Village

HAMS Board of Trustees Meetings for 2013:

Jan 23, Apr 24, Jul 24, Oct 23

HAMS Executive Committee Meetings for 2013:

Feb 20, Mar 20, May 15, Jun 19, Aug 21, Sep 18, Nov 20, Dec 18

Hours of operation for the U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii and the Museum Store are:
Tuesday through Saturday from 9 AM until 5 PM.

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