



Mark Merriam



“Making a Difference in Hawai’i”



Marie Abatayo

The strength of our Club lies in its members



“One restored or newly created hope at a time.”  
RI President Gordon R. McNally

**Honoring our Veterans!**

Service Above Self – Making a Difference

Editor – PP Geoff Horvath

**SUPPLEMENT A**

**2023 Veteran’s Day Parade**



**History of Veteran’s Day Parade**



In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, D.C., became the focal point of reverence for America’s veterans.

Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation’s highest place of honor (in England, Westminster

Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe). These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The day became known as Armistice Day.

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar Congressional action. If the idealistic hope had been realized that World War I was “the War to end all wars,” November 11 might still be called Armistice Day. But only a few years after the holiday was proclaimed, war broke out in Europe. Sixteen and one-half million Americans took part. Four hundred seven thousand of them died in service, more than 292,000 in battle.

**Armistice Day Changed to Honor All Veterans**



The first celebration using the term Veterans Day occurred in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1947. Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, organized “National Veterans Day,” which included a parade and other festivities, to honor all veterans. The event was held on November 11, then designated Armistice Day. Later, U.S. Representative Edward Rees of Kansas proposed a bill that would change Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1954, Congress passed the bill that President

Eisenhower signed proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day. Raymond Weeks received the Presidential Citizens Medal from President Reagan in November 1982. Weeks' local parade and ceremonies are now an annual event celebrated nationwide.

### 2023 Veteran's Day Theme



The theme for Veterans Day 2023 is "Service." Veterans are proud of their military service in defending our Nation. Honor reflects the military value and tradition of answering the call to duty. There is distinct honor in serving to protect our way of life and the Constitution of the United States of America.

### Wahiawa Veteran's Day Parade



On Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, the RC of Wahiawa-Waiialua participated in the annual Wahiawa Veteran's Day parade, one of the only two held in the State, the other being on the Big Island! This was the 77<sup>th</sup> year of the parade, sponsored by the Wahiawa Lions Club, with a reverse in route. Instead of marching

from Ka'ala Elementary School to the Wahiawa District Park, the route was reversed, making it easier on the marchers, since it was downhill! The day was perfect for a parade, not too hot, with a lovely breeze blowing keeping marchers cool and refreshed.

Joining us in the parade were **President Kathy Lum, RC of Mililani Sunrise, Perspective Member, Andrew Burgos, President Marie's dear friend, Carol Duckworth, and Elena Santos, Mrs. Wahiawa**



Soldiers from the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division prepare to march



Navy Contingent from Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area master Station Pacific, Whitmore Village

RI President: Gordon R. McNally  
 District: Mark Merriam  
 Asst. Dist. Govt: Joshua Laguna  
 Club President: Mari Abatayo  
 IPP: Marie Abatayo  
 President Elect: Open  
 Secretary: Mark Anthony Clemente  
 Treasurer: Cross Crabbe  
 Club Trainer: PP Doc Bill McKenzie & Marie Abatayo  
 Program/Speakers :  
 PP Doc Bill McKenzie & PP Geoff Horvath  
 Membership:  
 Foundation: PP Doc Bill McKenzie, Chris Compisano

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## THANK YOU VETERANS

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED • 11TH NOVEMBER • VETERANS DAY

Club Service: Marie Abatayo  
 Community Service: Derek Conselva, Pat Compisano  
 Intl Service: PP Doc Bill McKenzie  
 Youth Services: PP Geoff Horvath  
 Vocational Service: Derek Conselva - PP Geoff Horvath  
 Public Relations: Rene Mansho  
 Sergeant at Arms: PP Geoff Horvath  
 Fundraising: Marie Abatayo  
 PP Doc Bill McKenzie, PP Geoff Horvath  
 HRYF: PP Geoff Horvath  
 Social Media: Arthur Hughes  
 Newsletter: PP Geoff Horvath

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Keike Hula Hālau



RC Mililani Sunrise President, Kathy Lum



Ghost Busters



Royal Hawaiian Band



RC Mililani Sunrise President Kathy Lum, Mrs. Wahiawa, Elena Santos, and Carol Duckworth – Part of RCWW's marching contingent



Part of the RC Wahiawa-Waialua marching contingent



Part of the 80+ marching units

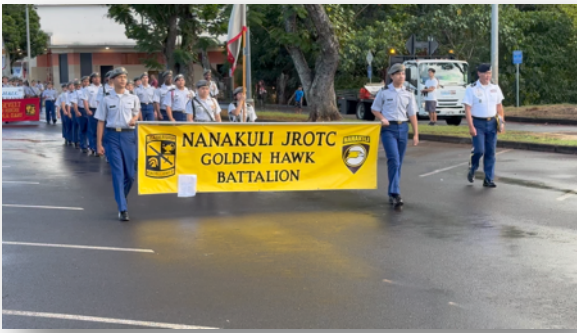


Flags and more flags!



Ryugen Taiko Drum Group

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Nanakuli High School ROTC Cadets



Jeep Club



Knights of Columbus



PP Geoff Horvath with former Club member Bob Leinau



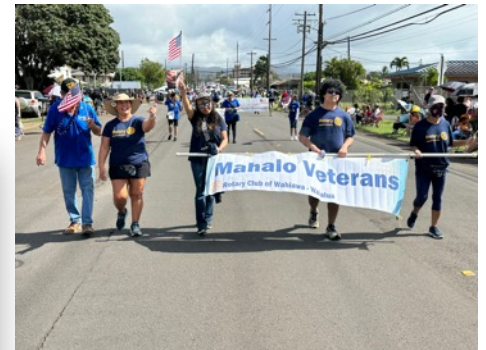
Patriotic pedestrians



The parade route



PP Doc McKenzie, Mystery Guest, Andrew Burgos President Marie, Carol Duckworth and Laretta Sewake



Rotarians on parade!

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**WHAT IS ROTARY?**



**JOIN LEADERS**


**EXCHANGE IDEAS**

**TAKE ACTION**

IN COMMUNITIES LIKE OURS, AROUND THE WORLD

Rotary Club of Mt. 

**OBJECT OF ROTARY**




**1<sup>st</sup>** THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACCOURTEMENT AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE;

**2<sup>nd</sup>** HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS TO BEYOND THE PROFESSIONAL CALLING AND THE QUALITY OF SERVICE TO ALL CONCERNED;

**3<sup>rd</sup>** THE APPLICATION OF THE IDEAL OF SERVICE IN EACH ROTARIAN'S PERSONAL, BUSINESS, AND COMMUNITY LIFE;

**4<sup>th</sup>** THE ADVANCEMENT OF GOODWILL, UNDERSTANDING, AND PEACE THROUGH A GLOBAL NETWORK OF FRIENDSHIP AND SERVICE TO ALL CONCERNED IN THE IDEAL OF SERVICE.

Rotary Club Of Olathe 

**THE FOUR WAY TEST**



**FIRST** IS IT THE TRUTH?  
TO ALL CONCERNED?

**SECOND** IS IT FAIR?  
TO ALL CONCERNED?

**THIRD** WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

**FOURTH** WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

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