



## Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

“E lauhoe mai nā wa’a” Everyone paddles the canoe together.

### COMMITTEE REPORT Komike Mo`olelo a Ka Wa Kahiko

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**FROM:** [Gail Wright, Komike Mo`olelo a Ka Wa Kahiko Committee Chair]

**TO:** [Pelekikena Kehau Butts, Hope Pelekikena `Elua Marlene U. Livesay and Mainland Council Board Members of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs.]

**SUBJECT:** [Komike Mo`olelo a Ka Wa Kahiko 2nd Quarterly Report 2020]

Aloha Pumehana:

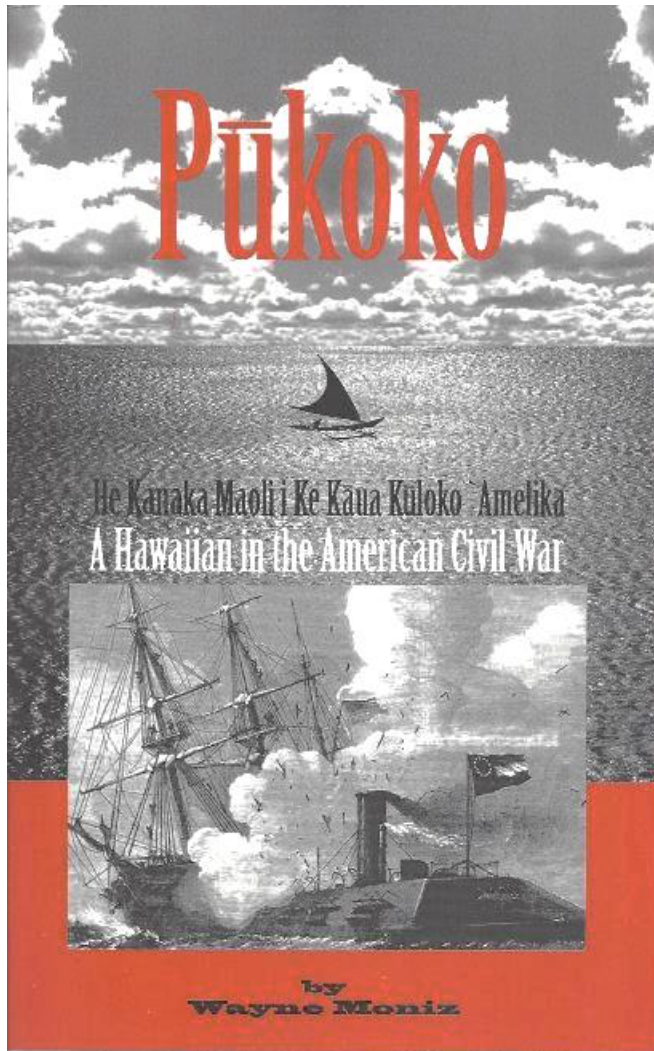
I have been interested for some time now in researching how the American Civil War impacted Hawai'i. I mean, Hawai'i was thousands of miles away from the war action! Were there any Native Hawaiians who participated in the action? Turns out some Hawaiians, both native and non-native, did participate in war between the Union and the Confederacy, fought from 1861 thru 1865, although, according to author Wayne Moniz in his book *Pukoko*, Kamehameha V maintained the neutrality of the Kingdom of Hawai'i first declared by Kamehameha IV in 1861!

I have had an interest in the Civil War having lived in the northeast, and having visited several important war sites – Gettysburg, Manassas, Antietam, Bull Run among others. I also had ancestors who fought for the union. So, I am doing research on Hawaiians and the Civil War, and hope to have a report ready for the August Mainland Council Meeting. In the mean time, I am recommending a book by Maui Author Wayne Moniz. While the book is fiction, his research and references are extensive and provided much important information for my research. I have provided a photo of front and back covers of Wayne's book at the end of my report, should you be interested. The book is available on Amazon.

On another matter, the Mainland Council still has 40 *Hawaiian Journals* available for our clubs. I recommend continuing to make the Journals available to the Mainland Council clubs and members for \$10.00 each.

A hui hou, Gail Wright  
Historic Sites Committee





Literature/Hawaii/American Civil War

Hawaiians fought in the American Civil War? Maui born author/playwright, Wayne Moniz, set out on a quest to write his first novel to answer the question. *Pūkoko: A Hawaiian in the American Civil War* traces the life of Mo'ikeha from childhood to manhood, from adventurous boy to accomplished sailor and naval war hero. Despite Hawaii's declaration of neutrality, over one hundred men from Hawai'i, embodied in the character of Mo'ikeha, were caught up in the bloody current of history, some surviving the ordeal, some receiving their *pibi pūkoko* or red badge of courage, and some never returning to the Rose of the Chiefs – their beloved homeland, Hawai'i. Come along on a journey of love and adventure between 1843 and 1865 with a *keiki o Maui* and his stops in San Francisco, Mexico, New Orleans, Vicksburg, Richmond, New York, and New Bedford.

*"Wayne Moniz's writings never fail to capture the imagination, and Pūkoko: A Hawaiian in the American Civil War promises an exciting excursion of the mind in this, his first full-length novel."* – Tom Moffatt, Producer/Promoter/D.J./Author

*"The story-teller played an important role in Hawaii's past, and its modern story teller, Wayne Moniz, continues the tradition by sharing the exciting journey of Mo'ikeha Pūkoko while beautifully educating the reader about the 'āina, history, culture, and values of our birthplace."* – Amy Hanaiali'i Gilliom, Ambassador of Hawaiian Music, Five-time Grammy Award Nominee/Twenty-five-time Na Hoku Hanohano Award Winner

*"Wayne Moniz takes me home every time I read his books, my favorite author by far. Kudos to Wayne for yet another fine work, this time a novel portraying one Hawaiian's involvement in the American Civil War."* – Patrick Landeza, Slack Key Artist/Promoter/Producer

*"Growing up in a generation that seems to have forgotten the love behind our beautiful island home, Wayne Moniz weaves creative storytelling and history into the adventurous tale of an island boy who wishes to see the world."* – Rhys Alvarado, The San Francisco Examiner



Wayne Moniz was born and raised on Maui and received his B.A. in English and Communications from the University of Dayton, Ohio and his M.A. in Theater Arts and Film from U.C.L.A. Dubbed the "Dean of Maui Playwrights" by the *Maui News*, Wayne received the 2005 Cades Award for Literature, Hawaii's most prestigious writing prize for his body of work that includes

fourteen plays, several screenplays, poetry, and song lyrics. In 2010 he was awarded the *Ka Palapala Peleketo Readers' Choice Book of the Year* given by the Hawai'i Book Publishers Association for his first book of short stories, *Under Maui Skies and Other Stories*. In 2011, he released his second book of short stories, *Beyond the Reef: Stories of Maui in the World*.

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