

State vs Commonwealth

Civics 101:

What is the difference between a state and a commonwealth?

Is there a difference?

Let's take a look at some definitions to see for ourselves. This is one of those questions that we all ask ourselves when we think about it, but not relevant enough to really research. Or is it?

There are a total of four state in America that are registered as commonwealths:

Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky, and Massachusetts

Two territories of the United States are also Commonwealths: Puerto Rico and Northern Mariana Islands.

While commonwealths can be referred to as states, an ordinary state cannot be considered a commonwealth. Why?

All Commonwealths have been a prior part of a British Territory and their common law is built upon English concepts, except Kentucky. Kentucky was originally a part of Virginia, which was a former British Territory. These territories existed prior to 1776 when the U.S. Constitution was written.

The term "*Commonwealth*" does not give any specific rights of governance to a state. It is simply a term that is used to describe the "*common good*" for the people.

In the island territories, the term *Commonwealth* refers to their maintenance of their own right to self-governance.

State

VS

Commonwealth

State: a politically organized body of people that are occupying a definite territory and consider themselves sovereign

Commonwealth: an independent community where people are a part of the governing structure; also known as a democratic republic

These are *our* communities

Common+Unity

With respect to the different nuances of each moku, one thing remains the same: the ‘āina will heal you.

Back in April, an incident shocked volunteers and the community alike. While volunteers regularly tended to the gardens at ‘Īao Valley, a new face came during the evenings to care for the gardens himself. Having slashed the entire Hawaiian section to the bare rock, the community was shocked and outraged.

This caused posts to go viral on social media, which brought a new person to the scene at Kepaniwai Gardens: Tamara Tapaoan Cavanaugh Place.

Dedicated to maintaining positive energy in all situations, Tamara posted in Maui Bulletin Board asking for donations to replace the plants that were damaged. She kept all energy focused on common+unity and restoration; exactly what the initial workdays were created to do in the first place. Her posts generated lots of positive attention, and before we knew it, we had an official community day at Kepaniwai Gardens! With her help, the workday was a huge success.

A family that was new to Maui during that time had located plants in a nursery and brought their keiki to learn more about Hawaiian botany and culture. It was truly an amazing day.



When asked for an interview, Tamara shared her mana`o with us through the excerpt below:

"Kepaniwai or the damming of the waters holds Kaona hidden meaning to many individuals who seek healing and connection. The damming in our lives could be caused by so many components that could be preventing the natural flow of the Wai in our lives . That damming can create hurt among generations or it can create healing. It can create an overflow of kuleana (responsibility) to each other through kindness and love . This volunteer effort to restore Kepaniwai is a restoration of life back to our people to anyone who has a damming occurring in their life they need to clear."



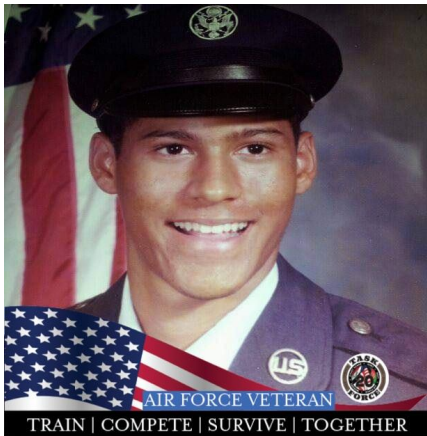
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Aloha ‘Āina ‘Ohana

Ernest David Kaimana Caravalho



Ernest works in the community daily, and has been stepping up in governance, at every opportunity to make Chinatown a safer place to live, visit, or travel.

Ernest began his servitude in the military, then into the heart of his community.

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In a previous edition, we discussed with you the history of Pōka'i Bay. For more information on events in this area, please visit www.kingdompathways.info to learn more.

Lā Ho'ihoi Ea

Due to the lack of locally based history in education, many people think that Lā Ho'ihoi Ea is a modern form of a sovereignty exercise that stems from the Hawaiian Renaissance of the 1970's.

Lā Ho'ihoi Ea is actually a celebration that took place back in the mid-1800's when a British entourage led by Paulet, and known as the Paulet Affair, aimed to take Hawai'i under British control.

A British Consul by the name of Richard Charlton met with Paulet in Mexico in 1842, and complained that Gerritt P Judd, an executive in the Hawaiian Kingdom, was acting like a dictator. Shortly thereafter, an impatient George Paulet arrived in Hawai'i to speak with Kamehameha III.

At that time, Kamehameha III, who was known as Kauikeaouli, was traveling to another island, and deferred the communication to Mr Judd, who was authorized to handle such business.

George Paulet became irate, made blind accusations, then proceeded to remove all Hawaiian flags, committing himself to overthrowing the Hawaiian government. Sir Richard Thomas of England heard what was going on, and deployed troops with an apology to restore wherever damage had been done by Paulet. Restoration happened on July 31, 1843 and the day became known as Lā Ho'ihoi Ea.

"Ua mau ke Ea o ka 'āina i ka pono"

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Ernest Carvalho, continued

Today, you can walk up and down the streets of Chinatown, and if you notice a difference in scenery: cleaner streets, less homelessness, safer appeal, etc. You can thank Ernest and his team for the hard work that they put into helping members of the community, from all walks of life. Ernest is dedicated toward his community, every hour of every day. Visible in his community every day, Ernest is one guy that Chinatown can count on to help his neighbors.



This is a photo that Ernest shared a recent story on Facebook about. Photo credit: Ernest Carvalho

Pūlama Long is committed to creating a sustainable business that is driven by community investment and to teach ulana lauhala in ways that immerse participants within the wisdoms of kūpuna, transforming new insights into woven art pieces.

Please visit Honi Hala's website honi hala.bigcartel.com. If you also feel that our work is aligned and would like to collaborate please email myself at honikealahala@gmail.com

CNA Training Program Class

During Covid, we needed you.

CNA Hawai'i Institute

provides a wealth of assistance in starting your own career in the medical field.

New classes are forming now. Scholarships are available through various organizations and the school can help you get that.

<http://cnahawaiiinstitutellc.com/>

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Makawao, Maui

<https://www.foodtruckonmaui.com/>



KKCR: Living Sovereign

How do you live sovereignly? What is a living sovereign? These questions and many more can be answered if you tune into Living Sovereign with Auntie Puanani Rogers on the first Monday of every month at KKCR Radio, Kaua'i.

Tune in here, at this link:

<https://www.kkcr.org/onair/genre/hawaiian-sovereignty/>

Explore what East Maui has to offer at www.hanamaui.com



Mahiku A'o Mai
Food Security Services

A newly installed farm in Ka`eleku, Maui has recently completed their first acre of food forest while maintaining habitat for the endangered species that currently reside on that land.

For more information on this project, please visit their website at www.kahalemahiku.com.



Double Portion Supply is a locally owned business that has made many hats, banners, decals, and other products for a number of years, for the Hawaiian community. Check out their latest styles and order yours today at:

www.doubleportionsupply.com

Surprise Visits

Kiwikiu seen on Maui



A single kiwikiu has been recently spotted on Maui, and bird experts are looking for more. Some years ago, there was an attempt to repopulate this species, which failed, leaving specialists to believe that the kiwikiu may have been extinct by now. The bird was spotted along the leeward slopes of Haleakalā, in the Nakula Forest Reserve. It was presumed dead. The object at that time was to repopulate the native bird to a forest that was recently restored. He is one of seven birds that have been being tracked, and to common field knowledge, the only possible survivor. Other kiwikiu have been shipped to zoos across the country to maintain a protected habitat until such a time that the species may be able to thrive once again.

Historically, the kiwikiu was caught for the purpose of plucking a feather, and released to recover. The feathers were used to make the bright yellow capes that adorned important people in Hawai'i. For more information regarding the recent bird sighting, please visit the Maui Forest Bird Recovery Project: <https://mauiforestbirds.org/>

Ancestral Burials

Selling for \$9.975 million

On the Northshore of Kaua‘i, a property was recently listed for sale on Alealea Road in Hanalei. While other publications list the lush amenities that the luxury home has to offer, they fail to mention that Anthony Keidis, the owner, had to postpone construction of the home because the plans called for building over ancestral burials.

None of the real estate listings include any details of letting descendants pay respect to the burials, or which room of the house is built on top of which person. Are the bones even there still? Did they move them? Details are hard to find.



Photo Credit: www.Zillow.com

Monthly mortgage looks to be just under \$36k. According to the Zillow listing, the property is currently under contract for purchase.



Maui ‘Ohana Gardens is an initiative of Food Security Hawai‘i, a local non-profit dedicated to long-term regenerative local food solutions. Sign up at www.mauiohanagardens.com for updates on webinars, workshops, tree give-aways, and seedling subscription service.

The Good Party

There is a new resource for all Aloha ‘Āina Party candidates in the 2022 election.

The Good Party is not a political party at all. It is actually a platform for candidates who operate to empower the Voice of the People and Common+Unity.

The crowd-sourcing campaign system generates profiles much like other platforms do, however they assist candidates in becoming strong voices for the people through the very same principles that they promote.

Candidates receive an endorsement page to share facts with skeptics who do not believe that anyone outside of the perceived two-party system can succeed.

To support your favorite candidate, please visit:
www.thegoodparty.com



The Aloha ‘Āina Party would like to formally thank Carmen Guzman-Simpliciano for the design of our new logo.

The Pueo & the Barn Owl

For many, knowing the difference between a native *pueo* and a *barn owl* is something that seems to remain an unknown mystery. When people refer to a *pueo* as their *‘aumakua*, or family guardian, they are referring to the spotted brown owl with the round face and short ears. The Hawaiian *pueo* often resembles a possible eagle in flight, and can also be viewed during the daytime. That’s right! *Pueo* hunts during both night and day.



Pueo

Photo Credit: Javier Cotin
Found on: [Civil Beat](#)



Barn Owl

Introduced to Hawai‘i in 1950
Photo Credit: [Pueo Project](#)

In contrast, the *barn owl* is white and gold with a heart-shaped face, rather than the circular face of a *pueo*. *Barn owls* are nocturnal, mostly seen between the late dusk and early dawn hours. These owls like a much more open habitat as opposed to places like the woods. The Hawai‘i Board of Agriculture & Forestry introduced *barn owls* to the Hawaiian landscape in the late 1950s as a rodent control.

Information for this article was largely found on the Pueo Project website, with additional details supplemented by a Google search.