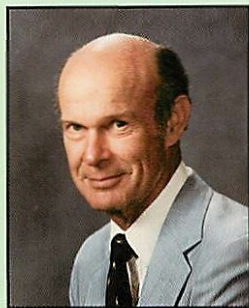


Life Membership Awarded to John Goss



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By Barbara Del Piano

Former Outrigger Canoe Club President John Townsend Goss was recommended for Life Membership and the Board of Directors and the membership unanimously approved his selection at the Annual Meeting.

Goss joins a distinguished group of members, past and present, who achieved life membership status for outstanding contributions and dedicated service to the Outrigger Canoe Club.

A member since 1945, Goss was an exceptional Club athlete for many years, excelling in surfing, outrigger canoe paddling and volleyball. His record of service to the Club in other areas is also noteworthy. Over the years he served on numerous committees including Membership and Admissions, Public Relations, Building and Grounds and Long Range Planning. As a member of the Board of Directors, he was a Coordinating Director, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President before assuming the Presidency in 1990. After his tenure on the Board, Goss continued his participation in Club activities by continuing to serve on a variety of committees.

Under his leadership, several major renovations took place. Goss is credited with detecting and directing the correction of a serious deterioration problem caused by spalling in the physical structure of the Clubhouse. He was instrumental in instituting beach erosion controls, adopting the mini-charge, upgrading computer equipment, renovating the business office and replacing the mooring cable in the Kapua offshore mooring zone.

A veteran of World War II, Goss completed 31 combat missions over France and Germany as a U. S. Army Air Corps Pilot. His last mission was on "D-Day" when he was just 20 years old. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters. In 1950 he was recalled to serve in the U. S. Air Force as a member of the CINCPAC staff during the Korean War.

For 35 years Goss worked as a trustee in bankruptcy, providing interim management for bankrupt companies during their period of recovery. Goss and his late wife, Marilyn, are the parents of four children, including twin sons. He and his younger sibling, Howard "Howdy" Goss, are the only brothers who both served as President of the Outrigger.

A true sportsman, Goss lists among his many adventures a climb to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro. The Historical Committee is responsible for recommending Life Membership status. The nomination is then sent to the Board of Directors. Final approval is granted at the Annual Meeting.