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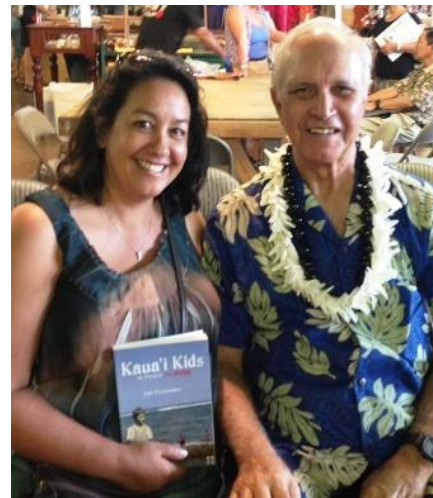
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### **Retired Native Hawaiian Judge Releases Second Nostalgic Book about Kauai**

**Honolulu, HI** – Na Mea Hawaii hosted Native Hawaiian Author, Bill Fernandez at Native Books in Ward Warehouse on October 13, 2013 to celebrate the release of his latest book, *Kauai Kids in Peace and War*. Author Bill Fernandez welcomed guests to his book talk and signing by sharing oli, songs and heartfelt memories of his barefoot years growing up on Kauai. Fernandez described the peaceful atmosphere on the island of Kauai where the troubles of the world did not exist for him as a child. He shared in the delight of the simplistic lifestyle he enjoyed as child in Kapaa.

Fernandez discussed how life changed on Kauai after Pearl Harbor was bombed and shared about the thousands of GI's that occupied Kauai and controlled the island life. His book describes the harsh realities of war; blackouts, gas masks, racial prejudice, rationing and barbed-wire beaches through the eyes of a child. Few people have lived under military occupation in the United States. Fernandez did and it changed his life.



*Pictured Above: Michelle Kauhane poses with retired Judge Bill Fernandez*

“We are pleased to celebrate the release of Bill’s new book and mahalo him for sharing his stories with the world. His books, *Rainbows Over Kapaa* and *Kauai Kids in Peace and War* are an inspiration to others and a reminder that memoirs allow us to tell our own stories”, explained Michelle Kauhane, CNHA President. “I am excited to start reading the new book and I have my signed copy in hand,” Kauhane added.

Today, Fernandez sits on the porch of his mother's home, bought with her pitiful pineapple cannery earnings, where he counts the waves and writes about Hawaii. He and his wife, Judie, have a lot of fun creating books and talks to share his work. Fernandez is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools and Stanford University. He practiced law and then became a judge in Santa Clara Superior Court in California. “My values were deeply impacted by the multi-racial people of Kapa'a and their aloha”, shared Fernandez.

Fernandez is a CNHA board member and the Native Hawaiian Policy Center Chair. The governor recently appointed Fernandez to the Juvenile Justice State Advisory Council and he is a board member for the Kaua'i Historical Society.

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