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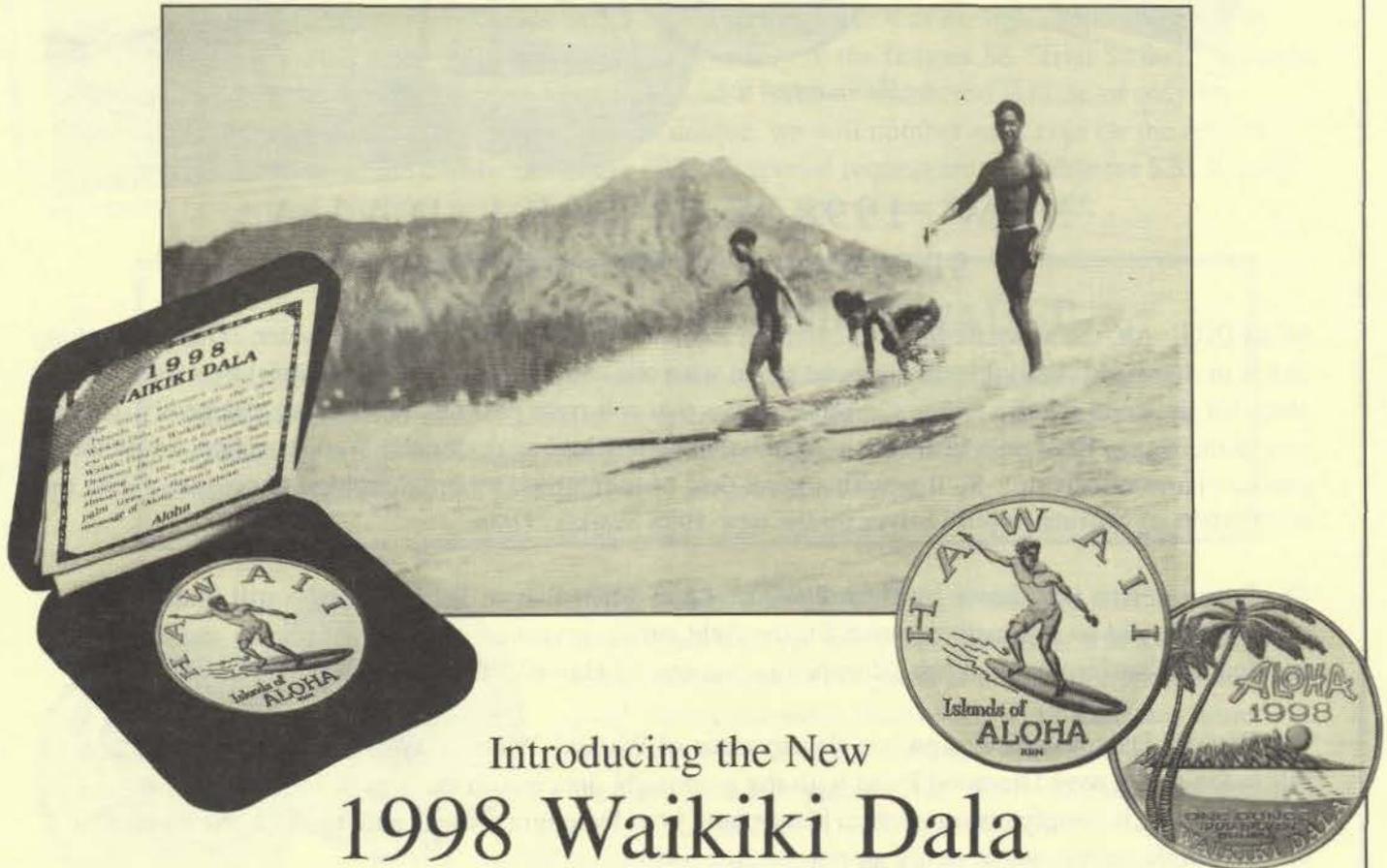
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Waikiki Dala Issue

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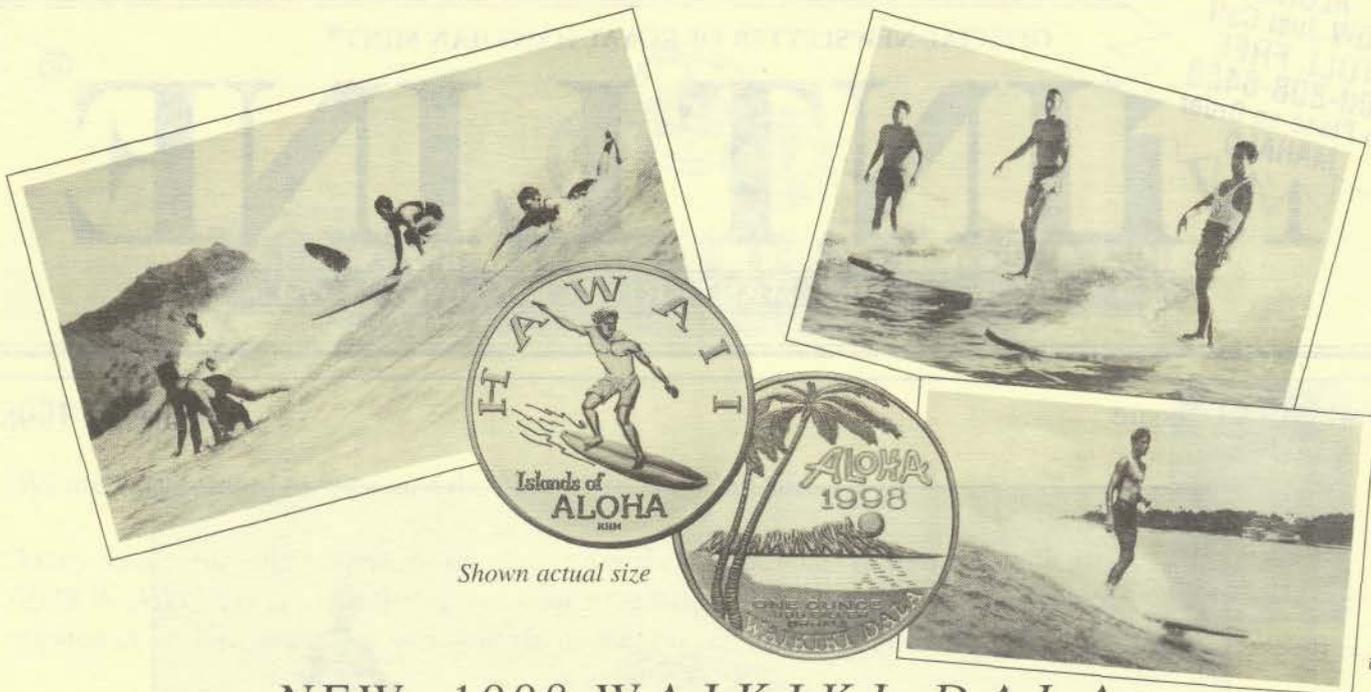
Introducing the New 1998 Waikiki Dala

First new obverse design in 8 Years!

Plus Two Specials

Surfing - Hawaii's gift to the world - spans back to ancient times. Twelfth century Hawaiian surfers carved their tradition into lava rock. When Captain Cook discovered Hawaii in 1778, he was greeted by a man on a surfboard. During the 1930's surfing gained popularity and became a lifestyle. Today, surfing is enjoyed around the world with the best being in Hawaii. It is in this tradition of excellence, we introduce the 1998 Waikiki Dala with the "Surfer" design.

FREE COIN - No Purchase Necessary -
Information in the Letter from the Mintmaster on Page 4.



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Photos: Hawaii State Archives

NEW 1998 WAIKIKI DALA SPECIAL PROOF EDITION

SURFING! Ah, the absolute thrill of catching the wave...Speeding through the water...There is nothing like it in the world. Waikiki - that special place with one of the world's most beautiful beaches. It is the place for the great Pacific "rollers" - those waves that roll right past Diamond Head and gently deliver you to the shore. Be it on a board or in a canoe, anyone who has ridden the Waikiki rollers know the special charm of surfing! So it is with a great deal of memories, we are delighted to commemorate the grand sport of Surfing in pure Silver on the new 1998 Waikiki Dala.

The Surfer design was drawn by Hawaiian surfer and artist, Wayne Takazono, who still finds time to surf! Wayne did an exhaustive search for the right surfer, reviewed hundreds of photos and finally decided on a surfer who had just "dropped in" on one of Hawaii's finest waves.

The Waikiki Dala reverse design is a classic scene of Waikiki. After a day of surfing, the image of a full moon rising over Diamond Head with the moonlight dancing on the waves and the soft breeze in the palm trees is simply unforgettable. Please note how the engraver was able to catch the motion of the moonlight on the water, really an outstanding job with a difficult subject.

Again this year, the Royal Hawaiian Mint will issue a Limited Numbered Edition of 500 one ounce .999 Fine Silver Proofs before we begin production of the Brilliant Uncirculated (BU) Waikiki Dalas. And again we will package each Proof in a special Waikiki Dala box for only \$22.50 - about half the price of our usual proofs at \$39.00 but a little more than last year due to the recent jump in the cost of silver. This issue will not be available to the general public at this price and is only available through MINTLINE.

To reserve one of only 500 special proof 1998 Waikiki Dalas, please call 949-6468 in Hawaii or 1-800-808-6468 toll free or simply send in the enclosed order form. Orders are limited to three Waikiki Dalas per collector to give everyone a fair chance to collect at least one of these special pieces of Hawaii.



1997 King Kalakaua Half Ounce Silver Proof! by SPECIAL REQUEST

Late last year, while discussing the 1997 Platinum Puela Set, a collector asked about getting a 1997 King Kalakaua for his collection. I told him that the only 1997 King Kalakaua we minted was in platinum and that we could not make a silver coin with the Platinum dies. Then I remembered that since the one ounce Platinum obverse die is the same size as the half ounce silver reverse die, that we could “mule” the two dies. (Mule is a numismatic term of using two unrelated dies to make a new variety). After more discussions, it appeared that there was enough support to actually mint a special issue. And since 1998 is the 10th Anniversary of the famous 88 “Trial Strikes” of Aloha Gold Sets in 1988, the Royal Hawaiian Mint will issue a Limited Numbered Edition of only 88 Hapaluas (Half ounce dalas). To make these truly unique, we will number each coin on the reverse and record the number on the certificate. These “88” by special request are available for \$26.50 each - first come first served. No limit per collector. Order now to reserve one for yourself.



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TWO SPECIALS FOUND IN VAULT

As is mentioned in the Letter on page four, after we opened the Waikiki Branch Mint we relocated the manufacturing operation. Of course this required us to take everything out of the vaults, which is actually a lot of fun because we get to play with our collections and invariably find forgotten treasures.



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1982 KALA DALA: This is the very first one ounce Silver Dala we ever minted in Hawaii. It was a deliberate test of our new 600 Ton press in preparation for minting the 1983-1983 Centennial Dala of the King Kalakaua issue - Hawaii's only Hawaiian coinage to circulate as legal tender. We have found 11 pieces. They are in original mint condition and certificate. The Kala Dala, which was originally issued at \$11.40, has sold for as much as \$55.00 each. These are available for \$45.00 each or any higher amount, will guarantee a purchase.

442nd RCT Anniversary: You probably know of the honor that the 442nd RCT brought to the Japanese Americans during World War II. 1993 was the 50th Anniversary for the “Go for Broke” Nisei generation that defined Americanism for the United States. The Royal Hawaiian Mint was honored to commemorate this event in Gold, Silver and Bronze. When we moved, we found 23 Bronze Commemoratives. The Bronze was never issued individually as it was only available with the Gold and Silver in a three coin set or with the Silver in a two coin set. Fortunately we have some of the original boxes and are making these 23 available complete with a revised silver certificate for \$25.00. Limited to one per collector.



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Aloha Friends,

We are very pleased to introduce the New 1998 Waikiki Dala.

Many thanks for your comments on the last year's Waikiki Dala order form. The new 1998 Waikiki Dala is a direct result of your suggestions. So whenever you have a suggestion or an idea, please let us know via phone, fax, email or the good old US Mail.



Bernard Von NotHaus

Now, you might have noticed the new address. Yes, with the opening of the Waikiki Branch Mint, we leased out the Royal Corner location and moved the manufacturing operation up Kalakaua to 1407. Please make this change in your records. All other information remains the same as we are still in the same building. Unfortunately, as some of you have discovered, 1407 is open to the public by appointment only. So please call first as we would be happy to schedule a visit.

My apologies for not anticipating the number of orders for the pewter Christmas Coin. All orders from this MINTLINE will also include a certificate(s) for the 1997 coin(s). Please note on the order form, the number of pewter coins that you received, it would be a great help.

FREE COIN: No Purchase Necessary. We have some pewter coins from 1997 that were minted in Waikiki. Some are double strikes, off strikes, mis-strikes but most are real good. Each is sealed in an envelope and free for answering the brief question on the order form. Your comments are also welcome.

Finally, please note our web site and email at the bottom of the page. The site is a bit old already but is slated for a re-vamp soon. Big Mahalo for collecting our work. We will have something new and exciting before the year is out.

Much Aloha to you and yours.

Bernard von NotHaus
Mintmaster/Editor

GET YOUR OWN COIN MINTED!

That's right! The Royal Hawaiian Mint will mint a special Hawaiian "Dala" especially for your occasion - birthday, wedding, anniversary, etc. Just send us the date and we'll make a Pewter Dala by hand just for you. The obverse features the King Kalakaua crown. The reverse will be the month in Hawaiian with the date and 1998. \$10 for one, \$7.50 ea for two, \$6 ea for three, \$5 ea for 10, \$4 ea for 50 and \$3 ea for 100 Pewter Dalas with your special date. A very limited edition just for you.

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