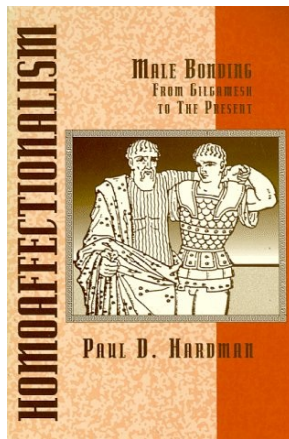


Paul D. Hardman



Paul Hardman was born in New York in 1923. His family moved to San Francisco when he was 5. In 1940, he joined the Navy. After serving in the Pacific, he received an honorable discharge in 1945.

Paul received a bachelor's degree from Columbia University and a doctorate in history from the ONE Institute in Los Angeles supervised by Dorr Legg. He turned his doctoral dissertation into a book (Hardman, Paul D. *Homoaffectualism: Male bonding from Gilgamesh to the present*. 1993).

Paul founded the *California Voice*, a San Francisco gay newspaper in 1979 and remained publisher until 1984 when he sold the periodical to its assistant publisher.

Paul was one of the founders of The Pride Foundation which was incorporated on August 8, 1973 in San Francisco. Paul served on the board of directors. Its application for tax exempt non-profit status was met with resistance when the Internal Revenue Service concluded that "[the Pride Foundation's] activities carry a serious risk of contributing to a more widespread development of homosexual tendencies among certain segments of the public and a consequent increase in the general prevalence of what is still generally regarded as deviant sexual behavior. As such your activities are contrary to public policy and are therefore, not 'charitable.'" The Foundation challenged that ruling and its tax exempt status was eventually granted.

The Pride Foundation served the gay and lesbian community by providing legal assistance, especially in cases of discrimination and defamation, engaging in educational research, conducting classes, and providing assistance in social and health services. It provided services such as legal referrals, a senior citizens program, a gay tourist and visitors information bureau, health referrals, a coalition to defend gays in the military, art classes, drop-in facilities for youth, job placement, and a social group for older men known as G40+.

In 1979, Paul worked with Thomas F. Coleman and Dick Caudillo, fellow members of the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties, to successfully lobby the administration of California Governor Jerry Brown to provide administrative assistance and advocacy for tenants who had been victims of sexual orientation discrimination in housing transactions.

In 1984, Paul founded the Alexander Hamilton Post, the country's first American Legion post with a gay and lesbian focus, which played an active role in the national battle over gays and lesbians in the military. Paul also served on the board of the Society for Individual Rights.

The National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties transformed into the American Association for Personal Privacy (AAPP) in 1981. Paul served on the board of directors of AAPP until his death in 1996.