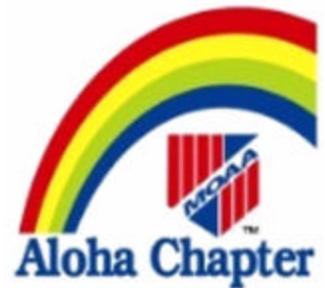


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Annual Aloha Chapter BBQ Chicken Fundraising Event And Donations to IHS

Very appropriately, our Aloha Chapter of MOAA had a BBQ Chicken Sale on Sunday, April 30, from 9 AM until 3 PM. You realize, of course, that *moa* in Hawaiian and Tahitian means *chicken*.

Anyway, two shifts of eager volunteers distributed the cooked whole chickens at Fern School in Kalihi to people who had bought tickets or drove up to make a cash purchase. A total of 350 whole chickens were sold at \$7.50 each. Also, 150 sushi were sold at \$3.50 each. Our fundraising profits are yet to be determined after we determine our total expenses. Everyone enjoyed the fun and fellowship of renewing acquaintances and making new friends.



Joe Magald, Jr., conveying an order for more chickens



*Art Yamamoto, Treasurer; Hal Takenaka, counting money;
and Herb Nakagawa, Fundraising Committee Chairman*

(See another photo on Page 5)



*Marcy Veredego, Gordon Cho, Maxine Yee, Mary Cho
and Norm Fujiwara working the serving line for the Men's
meal service at the IHS. Alice Fujiwara served the drinks.*

Many chapter members bought additional tickets as donations of chickens to the needy for a wholesome lunch at the Institute for Human Services (IHS) in Iwilei.

Two groups of members went to IHS prior to lunchtime to prepare 250 donated cooked chickens and then man the food line serving the chickens accompanying a complete, hearty meal to the grateful men, women and children. One group worked on the food line at the Women's and Children's Facility and the other at the Men's Facility. **BBQ Page 2**

President's Message

By Vernon Von

GLOBAL WARMING IS ALARMING



“Polar ice caps are melting faster than ever . . .

More and more land is being devastated by drought” (from TIME, April 3, 2006). So what does this have to do with our Chapter? Not a whole lot unless you're interested in this sort of stuff. However, I hope I got your attention long enough to ask you once again to participate in chapter activities. The month of May is for cleaning our Korean/Vietnam Memorial (first three **Thursdays** in May) and for Memorial Day remembrances. The Mayor will host the events at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl and the Governor will host a similar event at the Kaneohe Cemetery. Read the newspapers for details. In June the Scholarship Committee will award their scholarships at a luncheon at the Hale Ikena (see article this newsletter).

The 2006 Give Me 10! Recruiting Contest, sponsored by the National Organization, is now underway (see article this newsletter). Please get involved and let's win this contest again as we did in 2005.

Another way to get involved is to help in “**Operation Gratitude for our Citizen Warriors.**” In a letter of invitation to participate, Major General Robert G.F. Lee, Hawaii National Guard, Adjutant General, wrote “The State Department of Defense, in coordination with the Hawaii National Guard Volunteer Support Organization, Inc. (HNGVSO) and the Office of Veteran Affairs (OVS) will be hosting **Operation Gratitude for our Citizen Warriors** on Saturday, July 1, 2006. This event will be held at the Neal Blaisdell Exhibit Hall, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The purpose is to offer recently deployed members of the National Guard and Reserves an opportunity to learn about veteran benefits and related issues such as marriage and family enrich-

ment, membership in veteran's organizations, and other services available within the community.” Our chapter will have a table of brochures and information about our chapter. Please call me if you will help staff this table by handing out information brochures and answering questions.

And finally: A man was telling his neighbor, “I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect.”

“Really, answered the neighbor. What kind is it?”

“Twelve thirty.”



BBQ We could tell that they were really appreciative because they were unusually quiet as they quickly consumed their meal. In fact, many expressed their appreciation afterwards by coming up to tell our members, “Thank you!” Of course, This gave our selfless members a warm feeling of fulfillment and great satisfaction.



CORRECTION

Just as in the two local newspapers, errors sometimes occur. Please note that the Annual Cleanup of Memorials is on the first three Thursdays of May, not as reported in the April newsletter.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 4, 11, 18** — Annual Cleanup of Korean/Vietnam War Memorials (Thursdays)
- May 8, 2006** — Ladies' Tour of The Advertiser Production Facility, Kapolei (Monday)
- May 12, 2006** — UH Army ROTC Alumni Golf Tournament and Reunion, Hickam AFB (Friday)
- May 18, 2006** — UH Alumni Association Banquet to present Distinguished Alumni Award to our chapter member MG Bob Lee (Thursday)
- May 19, 2006** — Golf Outing, Barber's Point Golf Course (Friday)
- May 21, 2006** — Bridge Group meets at the home of Mel & Edy Kuwamoto in Aiea (Sunday)

Notice

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HALE KOA HOTEL HONORS OUR ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL

- **MONDAY, MAY 8:**
 SALUTE TO THE MILITARY LU'IAU AT THE HALE KOA LU'IAU GARDEN, 5 PM
 (SPECIAL MAHALO TO OUR SPONSORS KILAUEA MILITARY CAMP,
 COCA-COLA, AND PENTAGON FEDERAL CREDIT UNION)

- **WEDNESDAY, MAY 17:**
 A TRIBUTE TO OUR TROOPS AT TAMA'S POLYNESIAN REVUE
 IN THE BANYAN TREE SHOWROOM, 6 PM

- **THURSDAY, MAY 5:**
 CINCO DE MAYO AT THE BAREFOOT BAR, 6PM
 PRIZES, COCKTAILS, GREAT MUSIC AND FUN!

- **SATURDAY, MAY 13:**
 TWILIGHT TATTOO: A PAGEANTRY OF BANDS ARE SHOWCASED AT KURODA FIELD, 4 PM
 (THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

*BOTH OF THESE EVENTS WILL HAVE SPECIAL GIVEAWAYS AND PRIZES
 INCLUDING A WEEKEND FOR TWO AT THE KILAUEA MILITARY CAMP.



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SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE SELECTS GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Aloha Chapter Scholarship Fund Committee of the Military Officers' Association of America announced that four outstanding senior high-school students with potential for continued growth and accomplishment have been selected for scholarship grants for School Year 2006-2007.

Recipients for the grants are Ms. Akeyo Garcia (\$1000) and Ms. Jill Yablonski (\$1000) for a career as teachers; Ms. Vernalyn Aglugub (\$1000) for a nursing career; and Ms. Maria Gaff (\$500) for a military career.

These outstanding students will be honored and introduced to members of the Aloha Chapter in attendance at a luncheon at the Hale Ikena located on Fort Shafter at 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 15, 2006.

The luncheon program will also include an address by a distinguished guest speaker, United States Attorney Edward Kubo. His subject will be: "Drug Awareness and Identity Theft."

Questions pertaining to the Scholarship program or the luncheon should be addressed to Howard S. Okada, Vice Chairman, Scholarship Committee, at: hsokada@lava.net or by phone at 523-9026.

The cost for the buffet luncheon is \$15 per person. Please submit your reservation by using the form above on this page.

**ALOHA CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP FUND
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Annual Scholarship Luncheon
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 Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter

Name: _____

Spouse or Guest(s) Name(s): _____

Address: _____

I (we) will attend the luncheon at \$15 per person: _____ \$: _____
number of persons total cost

Please make your check payable & mail to: Aloha Chapter, Scholarship Fund MOAA
 P.O. Box 1927
 Aiea, Hawaii 96701



Aloha Chapter at UH Ceremony

On April 20th at the University of Hawaii, Col. Harold Kuwahara, Col. Wesley Fong and LTG Allen Ono represented the Aloha Chapter at both the University of Hawaii Army and Air Force Awards ceremonies.

At the Army ceremony Harold Kuwahara and Wes Fong presented Cadet Adam Maneen



LTC Carlos Perez, UH Army ROTC; Col. Wesley Fong, Aloha Chapter; Army Cadet Adam Maneen; LTG Allen Ono, Aloha Chapter; & Col. Harold Kuwahara, Aloha Chapter

with a MOAA plaque and ribbon and Allen Ono presented the graduating cadet his branch insignia.

At the Air Force ceremony that followed, Harold and Wes did the honors again with Allen Ono presenting a similar plaque and ribbon to Cadet James Abellana.



Col. Harold Kuwahara, Aloha Chapter; Col. Wesley Fong, Aloha Chapter; Air Force Cadet James Abellana; and LTG Allen Ono, Aloha Chapter

Also, at the Air Force ceremony, Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle gave a brief congratulatory speech and presented the Governor's awards jointly to both the Army and Air Force cadet recipients.



LTC Carlos Perez, UH Army ROTC; Col. Harold Kuwahara, Aloha Chapter; Governor Linda Lingle; BG Gary Ishikawa, Hawaii Deputy Adjutant General; and Col. Wesley Fong, Aloha Chapter

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April Bridge Report

Twelve bridge players participated in the April Party Bridge session held at the residence of **Les & Shirley Ihara** on Sunday afternoon, April 9th. They were: **Bill & Trudy Ernst, Sam Heard, Helen Hubbell, Les & Shirley Ihara, Mel & Edy Kuwamoto, Dick & Charleen Towne,** and **Vernon & Marion Von.**

Scoring the most points that afternoon were **Mel Kuwamoto**, followed by his wife **Edy**, **Dick Towne**, and **Sam Heard**. In addition, **Sam Heard** and **Charleen Towne** received a monetary prize for bidding and making a small slam.

The May party bridge session will be held on Sunday afternoon, May 21st beginning at 1 pm at the residence of **Mel & Edy Kuwamoto** in Aiea. All bridge players who have not yet signed up with the Kuwamotos must contact them by May 17th via telephone at 488-0134, or e-mail to: Ekuwa@aol.com.



Dick Towne, Charlene Towne, Sam Heard, Mel Kuwamoto and Edy Kuwamoto enjoying a break between games

Aloha Chapter Designated Bronze Sponsor

Secretary **Gordon Cho** presented 2 checks totaling \$600. on behalf of the **Aloha Chapter, MOAA** to General Herb Wolff, President, Hawaii Army Museum Society (HAMS) and Colonel Hal Okita, Chairman, 2006 HAMS Golf Tournament on 24 April 2006 at the First Hawaiian Bankers Club. The donation came from awards the chapter received from **Bronze: Page 7**

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Mel Soong, Ira and Marilyn Tagawa, Wesley Fong and Jerry Lesperance on the serving line for the Women's and Children's meal service, Institute for Human Services

SBP Increase

Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuitants who are not already receiving 45% of their deceased spouse's SBP base amount will see their annuity increase soon. The increase, which went into effect April 1, 2006, will appear in the annuitant's May 2006 deposit.

April Aloha Chapter Golf Report

By Norm Fujiwara

Friday morning, April 28, I had to arise with the roosters to be on time at the Klipper Golf Course in Kaneohe. However, as we drive on H-3, I had the sudden urge to bellow out the prelude of "Oklahoma", you know "Oh, what a beautiful morning, oh what a beautiful day", and later one the day "Everything's going my way", yes everything, three putts, triple and quadruple bogies, and shots going astray.

We had a grand turn out today, twenty one players all arriving on time to tackle the task of carrying home portions of the mega-jackpot. However, the format for today was "two player blind partner" so the players did not know who their partner would be until after finishing their game. Also even if a player has a super great game, if his/her partner have one of my kind of day, their dream of the mega

jackpot will vanish.

We had several not too frequent players joining us today, first of all **Nobuo Matsuda** who resides in Arizona and couple of snow birds from Novato, California **Stan** and **Phyllis Yasumoto**. I must not overlook one of our regular players who had been laid up at Tripler Hospital for sometime, **Len Katsarsky**. I would like to say "Welcome folks and thanks for joining us today."

The players who played well today and found partners who likewise did well included, in fourth place - **Gordon Cho** and **Vernon Von**, in third place - **Stan Yasumoto** since **Stan** selected the odd number he was his own partner so he did not share the prize with a partner, perhaps with the exception of **Phyllis**, in second place - **Cedric Chong** and **Nobu Matsuda**, and the best of the best were in first place **Jack Bohman** and **Ken Yamada**. **Ken Yamada** had the lowest net score of all today's players. Congratulations **Ken** and the rest of you winners.

In the also ran category include: **Joe Kuroda**, **Leroy Perry**, **Allen Ono**, **Don Dismuke**, **Hal Okita**, **Len Katsarsky**, **Ken Munechika**, **Bob Kozuki**, **Yoshi Nakamura** and yours truly and a whole bunch of wahine golfettes, **Phyllis Ysaumoto**, **Arlene Bohman**, **Honeyjean Katsarsky**, and **Alice Fujiwara**. Nice going ladies.

Our next golf outing will be on Friday, May 19th at Barbers Point Golf Course. 

Aloha and good golfing,

Recruit A New Member in 2006!

Your Aloha Chapter is always looking for new members—active duty, retirees, and auxiliary members, all are welcome and will enjoy the camaraderie of the Aloha Chapter. Make it your goal to recruit one new member in 2006. For more info, contact **Gordon Cho**, **Vernon Von** or any chapter officer.



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Recruiting Campaign

Last year's Give Me 10! recruiting contest was a big success! 142 chapters recruited more than 1,100 new members and earned more than \$25,000 in prize money. We are very encouraged by the results of last year's contest and the enthusiasm that was expressed. That's why we're launching another Give Me 10! Campaign this year. The rules for this year's contest are essentially the same as last year with one exception — we will also reward chapters for getting new Life Members. This year's contest begins now and will run through the end of the year.

Here are the guidelines for this year's campaign:

- * New member credit will be based on a "Free Plus One-Year Paid" membership: \$24 for a Regular Member and \$19 for an Auxiliary Member.
- * This year's contest also will include incentives for getting new Life Members. (Getting existing MOAA members to convert to a Life Membership also will count.
- * Chapters will be reimbursed \$10 for every new member or \$20 for every Life Member (converted or new.)
- * Chapters will receive a one-time bonus



of \$100 for the first 10 new members recruited.

* A \$1,000 prize will be awarded to the winning chapter in each of the 10 categories of competition, which are based on membership size. The categories are the same as last year.

A \$1,000 prize will be given to a recruiter whose name is selected in an end-of-year sweepstakes drawing. The new member

Bronze: success with the 2005 national MOAA "Give Me 10" Recruiting Campaign. In addition to having the **Aloha Chapter's** name in the Society's publications for the year, our level of donation qualified the chapter as a Bronze Level Sponsor, entitling the chapter to 2 player slots at the tournament. The chapter Executive Committee further voted to award the 2 player slots to 2 soldiers from the Engineer Company the chapter sponsored while they were serving in the Middle East.

Gordon Cho presenting checks totaling \$600 to General Herb Wolff and Col. Hal Okita



The tournament will be held on Friday, 23 June 2006 at the Leilehua Golf Course. Individuals may also enter to play as a 2 member team with a \$140 each Entry Fee (\$100 is fully deductible.) Further, the **Aloha Chapter** has historically been the source of most of the volunteers who help with the tournament each year. **Aloha Chapter** member, **Gordon Cho** is this year's volunteer coordinator and if you are able to help, please contact him at **Telephone: 484-2400 or email: gcho440443@aol.com**. Volunteers are needed to help serve lunch, register players, assist with the putting contest, Par 3 monitors, etc. Volunteers will receive lunch, a goody bag, and enjoy the end of tournament buffet dinner for their efforts.

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- * 2000 3-Membership Recruiting Awards
- * 2001 Outstanding Chapter
- * 2001 Membership Recruiting Award
- * 2002 5-Star Chapter
- * 2002 Excellence in Recruiting Award
- * 2003 Honorable Mention Newsletter
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