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Chapter To Tour New Pacific Aviation Museum, Pearl Harbor



Members and guests of our Aloha Chapter will assemble at the *USS Bowfin* ticket office, located next to the *USS Arizona* Memorial, at 10:00 AM, Thursday, April 19th, for a ride to the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island. Our special military group discount price is \$12.00 per person. For planning purposes and submission of an expedited overall fee at the ticket office for our tour of the Pacific Aviation Museum, please complete the reservation form on page 7 of this newsletter right away.

Transportation to Ford Island is via trolleys, which will make a brief stop at the Battleship *USS Missouri*. Our tour will begin in Hanger 37 on Ford Island, a 42,000-square foot former seaplane hangar that survived the December 7, 1941, attack. After arrival in the Pacific Aviation Museum's lobby, we will be guided to a 200-seat theater where we'll view a 10-minute movie covering the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, including historic footage.

Leaving the theater, we'll enter a corridor that sets the stage with sound effects and photos of what life was like on December 7th, 1941. Upon entering the exhibit area of 25,000 square feet, we'll first see an authentic Japanese Zero in a diorama setting on the deck of the Japanese carrier *Hiryu* at dawn on December 7th. Also, in the display of the attack on Oahu, there is an actual light civilian plane that was airborne (and shot) during

the attack on that fateful day, together with a P-40 fighter of the type rushed into battle from Wheeler and Haleiwa Fields. Visitors to Hanger 37 are then enthralled with an exhibit relating the full story, both before and after the attack, of one of the Japanese Zeros that crash landed on the island of Niihau.

The year 1942 was one of "desperate courage." Exhibits include an actual B-25B quite similar to one used on the Doolittle Raid on Japan in April, 1942. An SBD Dauntless dive bomber is the cornerstone of telling about the Battle of Midway. An authentic Grumman Wildcat is featured in the Guadalcanal diorama as the story of the "Cactus Air Force" is told. Finally, the story of America's mobilization for war – manufacturing airplanes and training pilots in particular – is told using the actual Stearman N2S-3 in which former President Bush soloed.

Aloha Chapter members and guests will have the opportunity to become a WWII pilot in one of the museum's six interactive simulators, and then, at the conclusion of our tour, enjoy a delicious lunch (\$7-\$15) in the museum's Snack Bar, "Lani Akea" (Blue Heaven). Finally, before we board the trolley for the return trip to our cars, we'll visit the museum's store featuring "everything to do with aviation" and the December 7th, 1941, Pearl Harbor attacks.

See you on the 19th!



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MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH . . . A CHANCE TO HONOR OUR HEROES

The Hale Koa Hotel joins the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce and the State of Hawaii in celebrating May as Military Appreciation Month. We invite you to Experience Our Paradise as we host a variety of special events honoring our Armed Forces Personnel.



Tuesday, May 16th

Let Mark Allen Mauricio mystify you and your family at a special Magic in Paradise Dinner Show. There will be giveaways for all guests attending the show and a chance to win great prizes



Wednesday, May 23rd

Journey around Polynesia with Chief Tama and his Hulanani Dancers at our Tama's Polynesian Revue Dinner Show. There will be giveaways for all guests attending the show and a chance to win great prizes



Memorial Day Weekend

Jack Daniel's hosts a Weekend Bash at the Barefoot Bar in honor of our Military Personnel. Enjoy great prizes, giveaways & live music throughout the weekend.



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March Luncheon Meeting

Fifty chapter members, spouses and guests attended last month's chapter meeting at the Hee Hing Restaurant in Kapahulu, which featured **Janet Eli**, President and CEO of the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter. Since some "free" door prizes were to be given out, each person was given a "door prize ticket" when checking-in. Thanks to **Shirley Ihara** and her helpers, **Norman** and **Alice Fujiwara**, for checking in guests and handing out their name tags and those tickets

The luncheon began around 11:30 AM with the usual Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and introduction of guests, namely

Archie and **Edna Loo's** son **Les**; **Sam Heard's** houseguest, **Jessie**; and two guests of **Joe Kuroda**: **Jimmy Joe**, and **Ted**, both WW II veterans. After those introductions, delicious and plentiful Chi-

nese dishes began arriving at each table, collectively well worth the amount paid for the luncheon meeting.

At about 12:30 PM, **Janet Eli** was introduced as the guest speaker, and she entertained and informed the audience with facts about Alzheimer's disease, adding humor at times to maintain their attention and interest.



Janet Eli explaining Alzheimer's disease

It was more like "Alzheimer's 101", an introduction to this complicated and often misunderstood mental condition, which seems to be related to the aging process. Her presentation was laced with personal experiences which many in the audience could empathize with and understand. She made it clear that periodically "forgetting where the keys are" or thinking "what was her name" are normal occurrences of aging—that was certainly mentally relieving!

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President **Les Ihara** then made announcements of future significant chapter events, followed by drawings for several door prizes. After that, the drawing of a chapter member's name for the "\$25 Cash Award" – one which requires the member to be present to receive – was made by the guest speaker. The name on the slip of paper read "**Anna Blackwell**" but, unfortunately, she was not present.

The meeting was adjourned after that, but since **Janet Eli** had asked attendees to fill out a short survey, most remained a while longer to do that and everyone who turned in a survey form to her received a pedometer as a token of her appreciation.



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Twinning Program

Twinning 2007 in Las Vegas, NV, Sep 13-16.

Inclusive period straddles the UH-UNLV Football game on September 15th. All chapter members and spouses are encouraged to participate in Twinning 2007 for which the Southern Nevada Chapter is now developing the details. If you are interested in making the trip to Las Vegas or are going to the game anyway and would like to participate in Twinning 2007, you are asked to contact Twinning Coordinator **Les Ihara** at 239-7947 or e-mail to: lsi@hawaii.rr.com



Help Wanted

The chapter Treasurer's position has been vacant since former Treasurer **Art Yamamoto** declined to continue serving in that capacity and the Executive Committee could not find a replacement earlier this year. The chapter's Board of Directors, which has the ultimate responsibility to fill that position, has also not been successful in finding a replacement for **Art**.

The Board is still looking for a volunteer to fill that position, so if any member or spouse has finance or accounting knowledge and/or experience, your help is desperately needed. If interested in serving as chapter Treasurer, please contact Board Chair **Les Ihara** or any of the directors.



Aloha Chapter Logo Shirts

The Executive Committee has voted to have a formal Aloha Chapter shirt that could be worn on more formal occasions. The preliminary decision was to go with Reyn's at a cost of \$40 per shirt with the Aloha Chapter logo embroidered onto the shirt.

However, there is a minimum order of 25 shirts for this special low price. Relevant to the selection of Reyn's, we need to be assured of the minimum order prior to placing it. Accordingly, we need to survey the membership in regards to the number of members interested in purchasing an embroidered Aloha Chapter shirt at this special price.

Please e-mail your fellow member Wes Fong at wesleyf.fong@hawaiiantel.net NLT 17 April, coinciding with tax deadline day, and indicate if you would be willing to purchase such a shirt.



Aloha Chapter Party Bridge

Three tables of party bridge were played on Sunday afternoon, March 25th, at the residence of **Les & Shirley Ihara**. Participating were: **Ken & Lia Carroll, Len & Helen Fahrni, Les & Shirley Ihara, Gary & Bev Jensen, Mel & Edy Kuwamoto, and Vernon & Marion Von.**



Top scorers for the session are pictured sitting, left to right, **Vernon** -2nd; **Lia** - 3rd; **Les** - 1st; and **Shirley** - 4th.

Also, making a vulnerable small slam were **Les & Edy**.

The next party bridge session will be held on Sunday, April 15th, at Fahrni Realty beginning at 1:00 PM. It will be hosted by **Dave & Lois Luehring**. Interested players who have not signed up are asked to contact **Dave & Lois Luehring** at 488-4458 or e-mail to: davelue@earthlink.net not later than Monday the 9th of April.



ROTC

On Thursday, April 26th, a small contingent of Aloha Chapter members led by **Wesley Fong**, ROTC/Veterans' Affairs Chairman, will don their uniforms (hopefully they haven't shrunk in the dark recesses of their closets) to present the MOAA Certificate and a MOAA Medal at an awards ceremony to the outstanding University of Hawaii Army and Air Force ROTC cadets. This is an annual event at UH honoring our future leaders; it is recognized every year by the Aloha Chapter.

The same certificates and medals will be bestowed upon the outstanding JROTC cadets at Punahou School on May 17th.



An advertisement for Kilauea Volcano KMC. The background is a close-up of a large purple orchid. In the top right corner, there is a logo for Mountain Cottages & Resort Kilauea Volcano KMC, a Joint Services Recreation Center, with the tagline 'Proudly Serving America's Military Since 1916'. Below the logo, the text reads 'Spring into KMC!' in a large, stylized font. Underneath, it says 'Enjoy a touch of Spring at Kilauea Military Camp (KMC)!'. The main body of text describes the resort as a timeless Hawaiian resort offering great accommodations, dining, tours, and recreational activities in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. It mentions a value-packed vacation package including the Wild Ginger Room and Tour Package. Contact information is provided: 'Make your reservations today! Rates start at \$63 and up per night per unit. Select units feature a Jacuzzi and/or kitchen. Call (808) 967-8333 or direct dial from Oahu at 438-6707 for reservations and information. On-line reservations at www.kmc-volcano.com.'

Confirmation of MG Lee

Our Aloha Chapter member, Major General **Robert G. F. Lee**, was reappointed to another term as State Adjutant General by our Hawaii Legislature on Tuesday, March 6, 2007.



Annual Fundraiser and Contribution to IHS

Join your fellow Aloha Chapter members at Fern Elementary School, 1121 Middle Street, Honolulu 96819, at 9:00 AM on Sunday, April 29th, for the camaraderie of distributing chickens and sushi sold for our annual fundraiser. It's a good time for us to get together and socialize. Lunch and drinks will be provided—pot-luck style.

To ensure our success on this day of the pick-up of chickens, your maximum effort is appreciated in selling the BBQ chicken tickets your will receive in the mail shortly from **Herb Nakagawa**, chairman.

Extra chickens sold will be donated and served to clients of the Institute of Human Services (IHS) by a contingent of Aloha Chapter members.



February Golf Report

Twenty-two players were ready to play on Monday, February 26th, at the Leilehua Golf Course. The weather was threatening when we started, but soon the sun broke through the clouds.

We had quite a mixed group of players: two generals; two wahine; two guests, **Richard Co-han** and **Richard Young**; two snowbirds, **Stan Yasumoto** and **Phyllis Yasumoto**; one once-in-a-blue-moon player, **Les Ihara**; and the remainder made up of regular Aloha Chapter Golfers.

Once again the format for the day was blind partners and prizes of the mega jackpot which were given to the four pairs with the lowest combined net scores. In fourth place was the team of **Phyllis Yasumoto** and **Albert Richards**, in third place were **Joe Kuroda** and **Allen Ono**, and in second place were **Mel Soong** and **Marvin Baum**. The first place team was **Vernon Von** and **Richard Young**, the guest of **Walter Kinoshita**. The also ran who paid their dues for the mega jackpot were, **Bob Kozuki**, **Larry Enomoto**, **Gordon Cho**, **Les Ihara**, **Hal Okita**, **Stan Yasumoto**, **Walter Kinoshita**, **Yoshi Nakamura**, **Dick Towne**, **Leroy Perry**, **Stan Furukawa** and **Alice** and **Norman Fujiwara**. 

March Golf Report

The Aloha Chapter Golfers first tee time was 9:00 AM at Malama Bay Golf Club. The group was led by **Allen Ono**, **Albert Richards**, **Bob Kozuki** and **Leroy Perry**; the second group consisted of **Jack Bohman** and his guest **Howard Ashford**; followed by **Walter Kinoshita**, **Janice Kinoshita**, **Clarence Agena** and guest **Terrence Kimura**; in the fourth group were **Mel Soong**, **Vernon Von**, **Ed Lee** and **Howard Okada**; followed by **Larry Enomoto**, **Ken Munechika**, and **Marvin Baum**. Bringing up the rear were **Ken Yamada**, **Yoshi Nakamura**, **Alice Fujiwara** and yours truly. We had a total of 21 players for this month's outing.

The winners of the mega jackpot for the month of March included: in fourth place, **Ken Yamada** and **Marvin Baum**; in third place, **Yoshi Nakamura** and guest **Howard Ashford**; and in second place, **Clarence Agena** and **Janice Kinoshita**. The grand prize winners were **Bob Kozuki** and **Albert Richards**.

Our next golf outing will be on Friday, April 27th, at Klipper Golf Course. Hope to see you there!

Aloha and good golfing,

Norm



Recruit A New Member in 2007!

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 at least one new member in 2007. For more information, contact **Gordon Cho**, **Les Ihara** or any other member.

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TRICARE For Life (TFL) to Limit Explanations of Benefits (EOBs)

MOAA recently learned of a cost-saving measure instituted by Wisconsin Physicians Services (WPS), the claims administrator for all TRICARE for Life (TFL) claims, and approved by the TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) to stop the mailing of a printed Explanation of Benefits (EOB) when a beneficiary's balance due is zero. Medicare will continue to send EOBs for all claims, but TFL will not send an EOB unless the beneficiary owes money. MOAA protested this change, as members sometimes discover double-billing or other irregularities through their EOBs. Worse, however, is that most beneficiaries will receive no advance notice of this change, which is effective April 1, 2007.

Another Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Increase Takes Effect

Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuitants who currently do not receive 50 percent of their deceased spouse's SBP annuity base amount will see their annuity increase soon. The increase, which goes into effect April 1, will appear in annuitants' May 2007 deposit.

Survivors who already receive 50 percent or more of their late spouse's annuity base amount will not see an increase this April, but they may see one next April. By April 2008, *all* survivors will receive the full 55 percent of their late military retiree's pay covered by SBP.

Public Law 108-375, which was implemented on Oct. 1, 2005, established the phased elimination of the Social Security offset and the two-tier annuity computation for surviving spouses under the Survivor Benefit Plan/Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP/RCSBP). This law was passed after years of effort by MOAA, and military survivors have benefited greatly from the elimination of this "widows' tax."

Aloha Chapter, MOAA
RESERVATION FORM
April Tour
Pacific Aviation Museum
10:00 AM, Thursday, April 19, 2007
Assemble at USS Bowfin ticket office for trolley ride to Ford Island

Member: _____ Spouse: _____

Guest(s): _____ Transportation ___ (Check if needed)

Cost: \$12.00 per person. _____ x \$12.00 = \$ _____
(Lunch available at Lani Akea Snack Bar at conclusion of tour)

Please send in your reservation to arrive by **Thursday, April 12, 2007** to:

Checks Payable to: Aloha Chapter, MOAA
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 19267
Honolulu, HI 96817

Enroll me as a Regular Member: Each year of membership = \$15 **Aloha Chapter, MOAA Membership/Application Form**

Enroll me as a Life Member: Life Membership Rates: Age 71 and older=\$85; Age 61-70=\$135; Age 51-60=\$185; Age 50 and under=\$235

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Name Last, First, Middle Initial(s) _____ DOB MM/DD/YYYY _____

Address Number, Street, Apt. # _____ Spouse's Name _____

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Applicant's Signature _____

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CHECK APPLICABLE BOXES

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<input type="checkbox"/> Former Officer		<input type="checkbox"/> USMC
<input type="checkbox"/> Auxiliary (check Rank and Service of Spouse in space above)		<input type="checkbox"/> USPHS
<input type="checkbox"/> National MOAA Member:		<input type="checkbox"/> NOAA

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- * 2002 5-Star Chapter
- * 2002 Excellence in Recruiting Award
- * 2003 Honorable Mention Newsletter
- * 2003 4-Star Chapter
- * 2004 Winner Best Website
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- * **2005 Winner-Cat VII "Give Me 10" Recruitment Campaign**
- * **2005 5-Star Chapter**

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