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Independence Day



Travel Virtually Free

According to USAF Air Mobility Command (AMC) officials, retirees who plan their trips carefully and maintain flexibility are able to travel to much of the world by using AMC aircraft.

We've all heard about Space-A Travel, some good, such as a huge savings over commercial air travel, and some bad, such as indefinite schedules. Even if you've traveled Space-A in the past, you'll be happy and appreciative if you attend the next chapter meeting at which chapter member **"Jumbo" Joe Kuroda** and some of his "veteran Space-A travelers" educate and inform our members so they will, in turn, be able to accurately consider the pros and cons of Space-A travel. The venue and time for this presentation is Hale Ikena beginning at 11 AM. The buffet luncheon will cost you only \$13 total, a real bargain.

Joseph T. Kuroda, Colonel, US Army, retired, our guest speaker, has years of experience, some good, some not too good, but when seen in its totality, he proudly states that "the pluses far outweigh the minuses." To attest to his assessment, there will be several others who have

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NOAA Dinner Enlightening

About 27 members and guests gathered at the Honolulu Airport Hotel on Thursday, June 21st, for a delicious buffet dinner and a very informative presentation by two NOAA officers. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA, a part of our Department of Commerce, our seventh uniformed service with about 300 commissioned officers, is celebrating their 200th anniversary.



LT Kurt Dreflak gave an overall presentation of the mission of NOAA, explaining that the mission of NOAA is to understand and predict changes in the Earth's environment and conserve and manage coastal and marine resources to meet our national

economic, social and environmental needs. He then outlined the organizational structure of NOAA.

LTJG Jason Saxe discussed the latest NOAA missions to support and protect the new Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, with emphasis upon the endangered monk seals.

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President's Message

By Les Ihara

I want to first extend my sincerest “**MAHALO**” to all chapter members and spouses who turned out to support the Hawaii Army Museum Society (HAMS) 26th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser recently held at the Leilehua Golf course. Without their help, everyone knows that this only HAMS fundraising effort would not have been the great success that it was. I want to especially cite our chapter liaison, **Gordon Cho**, for an outstanding job in recruiting and coordinating the many volunteers.

We should all know by now that, as members of the armed services, active, reserve, or retired, we may utilize military space-available travel. Space-available travel is a privilege (not an entitlement) that accrues to Uniformed Services members as an avenue of respite from the rigors of duty. Retired Uniformed Services members are given the privilege in recognition of a career of such duty. But what do we know about Space-A travel and the procedures involved in taking advantage of this virtually free service provided by the world-wide U.S. Air Force Air Mobility Command (AMC), formerly MATS and MAC? Chapter member **Joe “Jumbo” Kuroda** and a host of other “Space-A Veterans” are poised to tell you about their experiences and pleasures in traveling Space-A at the July 19th chapter luncheon meeting at the Hale Ikena Officers' Club, Ft. Shafter. Although **Shirley** and I will not be there since we'll be on a Scandinavian cruise in the Baltic Sea, I hope that many of you will attend this interesting and worthwhile presentation.

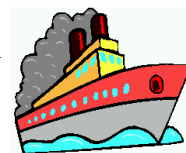
I realize that many chapter members are either still working full time or are heavily involved in baby sitting and/or community work, but I hope that they and others who are not that *busy* would come forward to serve your fellow chapter members and spouses in chapter leadership positions, all of them in a part-time mode. Specifically, we still don't have any member to answer the call to



be the Chapter Treasurer, and I'm “subbing” and just keeping track of chapter finances since I write the checks anyway. This is not a good situation for me or the chapter since responsibilities other than balancing the checkbook, e.g. investment planning, overall financial condition monitoring, are not being done. I know there are members who have some expertise in the financial arena, so I plead to you to assist us in this matter by contacting me either by telephone or e-mail as soon as you can.

VP Larry Enomoto and his Bylaws Review Committee are in the midst of their task to make a thorough review of our chapter Bylaws and develop recommendations to improve chapter organization and operation. They are receptive to comments and recommendations, so you still have some time to contact him or any members of his committee with your thoughts and recommendations on this matter.

See you all when we get back from our cruise!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 8, 2007 (Sunday)	1:00 PM, Party Bridge, Colonnade Recreation Room, Colonnade on the Greens, Aiea
July 19, 2007 (Thursday)	11:00 AM, Luncheon Meeting, Hale Ikena Topic: Space A Travel
July 30, 2007 (Monday)	Golf Outing, Malama Bay Golf Course, Hickam AFB
August 14, 2007 (Tuesday)	2:00 PM, Board of Directors Meeting, Oahu Veterans' Center Meeting Room
August 16, 2007	9:00 AM, Excom Meeting, Colonnade, Aiea
August 23, 2007	6:00 PM, Chapter Dinner Meeting
Sept. 6, 2007	9:00 AM, Excom Meeting, Colonnade, Aiea
Sept. 13-16, '07	Twinning Programs, Las Vegas, NV
Sept. 14, 2007 (Friday)	Joint Meeting with Southern Nevada Chapter, The Plaza Hotel, Las Vegas, NV
Oct. 11, 2007	9:00 AM, Excom Meeting, Colonnade, Aiea
Oct. 18, 2007 (Thursday)	11:00 AM, Joint Luncheon with Hawaii Chapter; Guest Speaker from MOAA

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PATRIOT SPONSOR ALOHA CHAPTER VOLUNTEERS FOR HAWAII ARMY MUSEUM SOCIETY (HAMS) GOLF TOURNAMENT

In keeping with the HAMS Golf Tournament theme of Support Our Troops, our Aloha Chapter became a *Patriot Sponsor* sponsoring 4 active-duty military persons to play as our guests in the 26th Annual HAMS Golf Tournament this year. In addition to the entry fee, the four received a lunch, dinner, door prizes and other amenities. Sergeants Tim Dess and Joffre Gillard were invited from Tripler Army Medical Center and Sergeants Brian Ramsey and Joshua Smith came from Hickam Air Force Base.

Additionally, nineteen Aloha Chapter members and spouses gave up Friday, 22 June 2007, and volunteered to

assist with the golf tournament held at Leilehua Army Golf Course. Chapter personnel assisted with all aspects of the tournament, which included registration, putting contest scorers, par 3/hole-in-one monitors, long drive observers, beverage cart operators and official photographer.

This year's event was the largest in recent history with over 153 players participating, stretching the management of the tournament to its limit. The chapter volunteers were the key to the successful operation of the tournament as they provided nearly all of the support needed to conduct the

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*Active-Duty Servicemen Sponsored by Aloha Chapter, MOAA, left to right behind the Tee Box, are **Jeffrey Gilliard, Tom Dess, Joshua Smith and Brian Ramsey***

Twinning 2007

Our chapter's twinning with the Las Vegas Chapter has scheduled the following activities:

Fri, Sep 14 - Daytime - Golf at Angel Park; Shopping trip or Tour of Las Vegas area for non-golfers. Evening - Joint meeting at Plaza Hotel beginning at 6 pm

Sat, Sep 15 - Daytime - Golf at Nellis AFB; Tour or shopping for non-golfers. Evening - UH-UNLV Football Game (must be individually arranged).

Sun, Sep 16 - Daytime - Free time. Evening - Cocktail Buffet for Twinning participants and invited Host chapter members at the residence of **Jack and Nancy Taylor**.

To participate in the morning activities on Friday the 14th, Aloha Chapter members must arrive in Las Vegas sometime the day before. Otherwise, a Friday arrival, preferably in the morning, should be OK for the joint meeting. Departure from Las

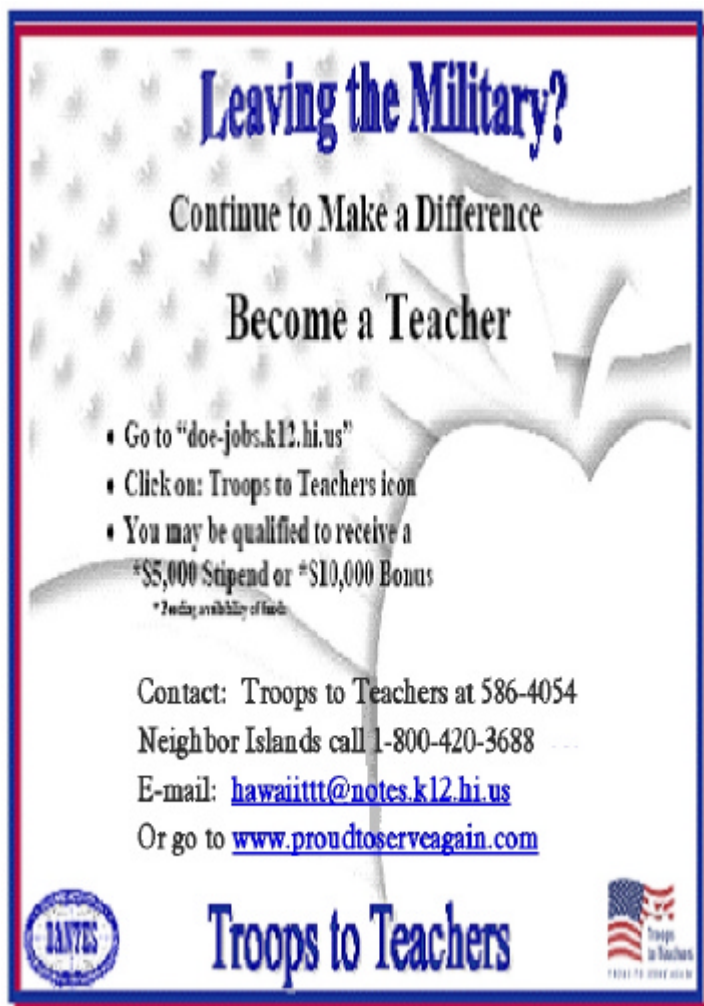
Vegas should be planned for Monday the 17th at the earliest.

Transportation to and from all Twinning activities will be provided by host chapter members. Therefore, to facilitate their transportation support requirement planning, **Jack Taylor**, Las Vegas Chapter Twinning Coordinator, would like to know ASAP the number of Aloha Chapter participants and where they will be staying in Las Vegas. Also, for planning purposes, Twinning Coordinators **Les & Shirley Ihara** would like to know the names of chapter participants and their travel/lodging/game arrangements.

Those who desire to participate in Twinning 2007 but have not yet made arrangements may contact local tour agencies directly, or contact **Shirley Ihara** who has arranged for a tour package with NonStop Travel. This tour package includes air and ground transportation to and from the Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino, and tickets to the UH-UNLV football game on Saturday, including transportation to and from the game. Please contact **Les** or **Shirley** ASAP by phone at 239-7947 or via e-mail to: lsi@hawaii.rr.com.

HAMS (cont.) tournament. The Aloha Chapter members and spouses are becoming a traditional fixture associated with the tournament. Chapter member and HAMS Golf Tournament Committee Chair **Hal Okita** and the entire HAMS Golf Committee extends a huge *Mahalo Nui Loa* to: **Mary Cho, Les & Shirley Ihara, Norm & Alice Fujiwara, Mark & Helene Webster, Chuck McCauley, Dusty Aoyagi, Dick & Charlene Towne, Herb Nakagawa, Jack Bohman, Vernon & Marion Von, Harold Kuwahara, Bob Kozuki, and Ken Yamada** for all their contributions and hard work. Not to be left out, **Nelson Fujiwara, Fred Shimoda, Mike Tang, and Phil Kim** were recruited by members of our Chapter to add to the volunteer corps! Mark your calendars now for 20 June 2008 and be a part of our growing tradition..

Other Chapter members who either played or participated as members of the organizing committee included: **Don Birdseye, Bryson Jhung, Lenny Katsarsky, Mel Soong, Howard Okada, Herb Wolff, and Allen Ono.**



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Aloha Chapter Party Bridge

The June Party Bridge session was again held at the Fahrni Realty Classroom on Sunday the 10th, hosted by **Gary & Bev Jensen**. Play began at 1 PM with four tables and ended about 4 PM. Having a good time playing bridge and enjoying a sumptuous array of drinks and snacks prepared and provided by **Gary & Bev** were: **Mitzi Austin, Bill & Trudi Ernst, Len & Helen Fahrni, Bob & Louise Frye, Sam Heard, Helen Hubbell, Les & Shirley Ihara, Gary & Bev Jensen, Dave & Lois Luehring, and Harriet Weissman.**



*Standing, Top Scorer **Les Ihara** and Co-Host **Gary Jensen**.*

*Seated, left to right, **Bev Jensen**, co-host and 5th place finisher; **Trudi Ernst**, 2nd place; **Louise Frye**, 3rd place; and **Helen Fahrni**, 4th place*

Recognized also were **Les Ihara** and **Louise Frye** who bid and made a Small Slam.

The next Party Bridge session will be held at the Colonnade's Recreation Room on Sunday, July 8th, beginning at 1 PM. Hosts for this session will be **Mitzi Austin** and **Harriet Weissman** who would like to have those intending to play to contact either of them by Wednesday, July 4th, at 486-0900 or 677-0120, respectively. Chapter members and/or spouses who are bridge players, but who have not yet participated in our chapter's Party Bridge Program, are always welcome!



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2007 U.S. Army Retiree Appreciation Day

The U.S. Army Retiree Council, Hawaii, announced the date for the 2007 U.S. Army Retiree Appreciation Day as 6 October 2007, which will be held at the Hale Ikena Officers' Club Facility, Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

The theme of the day's event is Senior Health & Fitness. Activities will begin at 8 AM, with speakers that include LTG **John M. Brown, III**, Commanding General, USARPAC, and LTG **Fredderick Volrath**, USA, Co-Chair, U.S. Army Retiree Council. Other highlights will include presentations from Tripler AMC, MWR-Hawaii, and the National Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl & Hawaii State Veterans' Cemetery, Kaneohe. The event will conclude with a no-host luncheon buffet. More information can be obtained from the U.S. Army Retirement Service Office, Schofield Barracks, HI, at 655-1585, ext. 1458.





Norm Fujiwara

June Golf Report

Monday, June 25th, was a red-letter day, as far as attendance in our monthly golf program is concerned, a “high water mark;” we had a total of 27 players at Leilehua Golf Course. The weather cooperated too; it seems as though we were about to receive

some showers, but, fortunately, the sun began to shine and it turned out to be a beautiful day for golfing for our large contingent.

The group today was made up primarily of our regular players, however, we had some that fell into a separate category, such as a couple of first-timers, **John Holmes**, guest of **Gordon Cho**, and **Nobu Matsuda**, guest of **Les Ihara**; and there was the once-in-a-blue-moon category which included **Paul Yamashige**, guest of **Gordon Cho**, **Chuck McCauley**, **Bob Takao** and his son **Tommie**; and, finally, in the once-in-a-coon's-age category were **Nelson** and his wife **Kerri Fujiwara**, guests of **Alice** and **me**.

The format for the day was our usual blind partners for the mega jackpot. And, the winners were (drum roll): in fourth place the partners of **Gordon Cho** and **Stan Furukawa**, in third place were **Mert Agena** and yours truly, in second place

were **John Ma** and **Bob Takao**, and, in first place, the grand champions were **Tommie Takao** and **Nobu Matsuda**. Congratulations to all the winners and also many thanks to the investors in the mega jackpot, namely, **Bob Kozuki**, **Paul Yamashige**, **Larry Enemoto**, **John Holmes**, **Ken Yamada**, **Dick Towne**, **Mel Soong**, **Ken Munechika**, **Cedric Chong**, **Don Dismuke**, **Allen Ono**, **Vernon Von**, **Chuck McCauley**, **Leroy Perry**, **Jack Bohman**, **Walter Kinoshita** and **Nelson Fujiwara**.

Now, for you non-golfers, our thought of the day: Only some of us learn by other people's mistakes. The rest of us have to be the other people.



Our next golf outing will be on Monday, July 30th, at Malama Bay Golf Course, Hickam AFB.

Aloha and good golfing,

Norm



Bylaws Update

The Bylaws Revision Ad Hoc Committee, chaired by Larry Enomoto, is seeking comments and suggestions from chapter members for amendments to our bylaws by the end of July.

The committee will meet about every two weeks to complete draft amendments for review by the board of directors in August and for adoption by the members in November.



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Scholarship Grant Recipients

Lieutenant General **Allen K. Ono**, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Aloha Chapter Scholarship Fund, Military Officers Association of America, announced scholarship winners for Academic Year 2007- 2008.

A \$1000 scholarship grant was awarded to Ms. **Christine M. Kummer**, a five-year veteran of the United States Navy where she served as a hospital corpsman and will enter Hawaii Pacific University to continue studies that will lead to a nursing career. A \$500 scholarship grant was awarded to Mr. **Andrew L. Malon**, who is currently serving as a Sergeant First Class in the United States Army and is enrolled in the Senior Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) at the University of Hawaii which will lead to a career as a military officer. The board members reviewed their respective applications which consisted of very comprehensive reports from professors, instructors, registrars, and others attesting to their potential for successful completion of their courses of studies. The scholarship committee voted unanimously for the scholarship grants to the two students.



Aloha Chapter, MOAA

RESERVATION FORM

July Luncheon Meeting

Buffet Lunch 11:00 AM, Thursday, July 19, 2007

Topic: Space-A Travel

Moderator: Col. Joseph T. Kuroda, U. S. Army, Retired

Hale Ikena Officers' Club, 711 Morton Drive, Ft. Shafter

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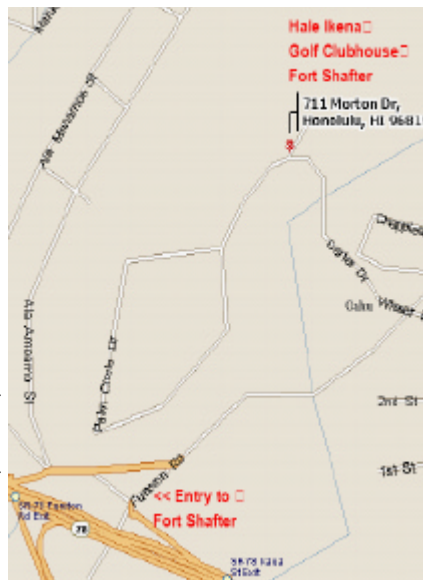
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Space-A (cont.)

traveled Space-A who will be at the luncheon meeting to talk about their experiences and answer any questions.

Joe will admit that Space-A Travel is not for everyone, but has offered to make this presentation as informative as possible so that even the naysayer will be able to leave the meeting with a more positive opinion about this military benefit available to them.



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