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MOAA Guest Speaker at Joint October Luncheon



Phillip A. Dyer

Former Army CAPT, **Phillip A. Dyer**, CFP, deputy director, Benefits and Financial Education for MOAA, will again address members and guests from the Aloha and Hawai'i Chapters at a joint, buffet-luncheon meeting at Hale Ikena Officers' Club, Fort Shafter, on Thursday, October 18, 2007.

After separating from active duty in 1990 to pursue opportunities in the private sector, **Phil Dyer** worked in sales for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. He transitioned to financial planning in 1997 and specializes in financial education, employee benefits, and military-to-civilian transition educational programs. He has presented over 300 educational briefings for corporate, non-profit, military, and educational organizations over the last 10 years. **Dyer** writes the "Financial Forum" article in MOAA's monthly *Military Officer* magazine. He resides with his family in Hunt Valley, Md.

Phil Dyer spoke to a joint chapter meeting here last October, and this year he will present both chapters with streamers designating their "2006 Level of Excellence Awards."

Plan to enjoy another great buffet luncheon at the Hale Ikena and learn the latest information on our benefits and financial planning from MOAA's expert!



Membership in MOAA

Out of about 360,000 current MOAA members, there are only about 100,000 members who belong to 415 chapters which are affiliated with MOAA and are located in the 50 states, Puerto Rico, Okinawa and Europe.

There are only two chapters affiliated with MOAA in the State of Hawaii: the Hawaii Chapter chartered in 1959 and the Aloha Chapter chartered in 2000. For whatever reasons, some members in the Aloha Chapter and the other 414 chapters still have not yet joined MOAA—an awkward situation for both chapters and MOAA! Why, you ask? Here are two important reasons:

1.) MOAA national bylaws (amended to and including October 16, 2004) now provide that "any organization of officers affiliated with the Military Officers Association of America is required to incorporate in its bylaws a provision that all members of the local organization be required to hold and maintain membership in the National Association [emphasis added]." The previous MOAA bylaws reportedly required only local chapter officers to hold and maintain membership in MOAA national.

The Aloha Chapter bylaws will be amended to include this provision requiring **all** chapter members to also be MOAA national members.

2.) The primary purpose of the Aloha Chapter, according to its current

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President's Message By Les Ihara



We are well into the second half of my administration's year of chapter operational responsibility, and thanks to your hardworking Vice President Larry Enomoto and Committee Chairs, I think we have communicated well with our members and spouses via electronic and printed Newsletters edited by **Mark Webster**, conducted interesting programs and monthly activities, and have continued to provide funds, food, and services to our community, especially the military. We begin the last four month's program away with a joint meeting with the Southern Nevada Chapter, MOAA, in Las Vegas, but our golf and party bridge activities continue here as usual.

We'll have another joint meeting on October 18th, this time here at the Hale Ikena and with Hawaii Chapter, MOAA. This joint luncheon meeting was necessitated by the visit to Hawaii of MOAA's Deputy Director for Benefits and Financial Education, **Phillip A. Dyer**, who will be speaking about our benefits and financial planning.

The Board of Directors will be appointing a Nominating Committee shortly to seek chapter members willing to serve as chapter Directors beginning 2008. Nominees for Board memberships representing the Army (2), Navy, and Coast Guard are being sought, so if interested in serving, please contact me or the Nominating Committee members to be identified in the next newsletter. The Annual General Membership Meeting and Election will be held on November 15th at the Oahu Veterans' Center located in Foster Village, so please plan to come and enjoy a catered meal and Bingo.

There continues to be confusion in memberships in Aloha Chapter and in MOAA, so an article explaining the differences appears on the first page of this newsletter. If you have further questions after reading the article, please feel free to contact me.



Three Aloha Chapter Members Invited to Visit China

Five retired military officers have been invited by the China Association of Friendly International Contact to visit China in November. Three of them are fellow Aloha Chapter members. They are **Lt. Gen. Allen Ono**, **Brig. Gen. Haruo Shigezawa**, and **Col. Wesley Fong**, who is also the delegation leader and past president of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. Last year, Honolulu Mayor **Mufi Hannemann** led the delegation. The association is composed of retired and incumbent senior government officials, diplomats, entrepreneurs, educators, artists and scholars.

Welcome to Our New Member Jane Miller, Auxiliary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 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 |
| Sept. 23, 2007 (Sunday) | 1:00 PM, Party Bridge, Carroll's residence. Hosts: Ken and Lia Carroll |
| Sept. 28, 2007 (Friday) | Golf Outing, Barbers Point Golf Club |
| Oct. 11, 2007 | 9:00 AM, Excom Meeting, Colonnade, Aiea |
| Oct. 18, 2007 (Thursday) | 11:00 AM, Joint Luncheon with Hawaii Chapter, Hale Ikena, Ft. Shafter. Guest Speaker: Phil Dyer, MOAA |
| Oct. 21,, 2007 (Sunday) | 1:00 PM, Party Bridge, Fahrni Realty. Hosts: Mel & Edy Kuwamoto |
| Nov. 8, 2007 | 9:00 AM, Excom Meeting, Colonnade, Aiea |
| Nov. 13, 2007 | 2:00 PM, Board of Directors Meeting |
| Nov. 15, 2007 | 6:00 PM, Annual General Membership Dinner Meeting, Oahu Veterans' Center |
| Nov. 18, 2007 (Sunday) | 1:00 PM, Party Bridge, Fahrni Realty. Hosts: Anna & Dan |
| Dec 12, 2007 | 6:00 PM, Chapter Christmas Party |
| Dec. 13, 2007 | 9:00 AM, Excom Meeting, Colonnade, Aiea |

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Oktoberfest



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To The Other Side of the World And Back

The *Merrie Ladies* August event was a wonderful experience for all who were able to attend. Twenty-six ladies, their husbands, daughters, and friends enjoyed seeing a bit of the way the richest of the rich have lived. The remarkable estate of the late Doris Duke gave us a glimpse into the passion she had for Islamic art. Her five acre estate overlooking the Pacific Ocean and Diamond Head was aptly named Shangri La by some of her guests who felt



Photo: Cecelia Fong

Half of our Tour Group at Shangri La, Black Point, on August 8

they had just entered another world. From the moment you walked into the garden entry, you saw the beautiful symmetry of plants and walkways bordering a long narrow waterway. The one-and-a-half-hour tour allowed us to view the Entry Courtyard, Foyer, Living Room, Mihrab Room, Dining Room, Lanai, Turkish Room, Mughal Garden and Upper Lawn with a view of

the Playhouse, pool and water terraces. We were fortunate to hear stories from an artisan who worked directly with Doris Duke in creating and re-creating parts of the tile brought from the Middle East.

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Twinning 2007

As a recap of the events for this year's Twinning, the following are the planned activities:

1. **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
2. **Sat, Sep 15 - Daytime** - Golf at Nellis AFB; Tour or shopping for non-golfers. **Evening** - UH-UNLV Football Game (must be individually arranged).
3. **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.



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Troops to Teachers




Shangri La (Cont.)

After our tour, we were able to enjoy a delicious and quite reasonably priced lunch in the Academy of Arts Dining Room. Our thanks go to **Anna Blackwell** for setting up the tour and luncheon that all of us enjoyed.



Photo: Cecelia Fong

*Question and Answer Session on the Lanai.
 Note the Ornate Mosaic and Fabulous View.*



*The Luxurious Living Room with the Glass Wall
 that Descends Completely into the Floor*

Our next Merrie Ladies function will be held on Monday, November 5th, at the Gytaku Restaurant - Waimalu. It will be a craft/luncheon affair. For further details, you will be notified by telephone or there will be a notice in the October newsletter.



Add these Websites to your "Favorites"

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Aloha Chapter Party Bridge

The August chapter party bridge session was held a week earlier on Sunday the 12th hosted by **Len & Helen Fahrni** and played at their Realty Classroom. There were 5 tables of bridge played and the top scorers are seen smiling in the accompanying photo. Pictured also is **Jane Miller**, another chapter member recruited through this popular chapter activity. Welcome, **Jane!**



Seated, L to R are: Top scorer **Louise Frye**; 3rd place - **Mimi Deibler**; 4th - **Helen Hubbell**, and 6th - **Harriet Weissman**

Standing are: 2nd place - **Vernon Von**; 5th - **Gary Jensen**; and newest chapter member **Jane Miller**

Other bridge players who played bridge that afternoon were: **Bob Deibler, Len & Helen Fahrni, Bob Frye, Bill & Trudi Ernst, Les & Shirley Ihara, Bev Jensen, Dave & Lois Luehring, Marion Von** and guest **Jean Chase**.

The next party bridge session will be played on Sunday September 23rd hosted by **Ken & Lia Carroll** and played at their residence in Waiialua. Interested bridge players who have not notified **Ken** or **Lia** of their intentions to play on that date are asked to contact them at 637-2518 or e-mail to: kenandlia@hawaii.rr.com not later than Wednesday, September 19th.

Pending Legislation

Senate Bill #S.1877, passed on to the House for approval, seeks to amend Title 4, United States Code, to allow members of the Armed Forces and veterans out of uniform to render the military salute during hoisting, lowering, or passing of our flag.

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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 October 6th, to be held at the Hale Ikena Officers' Club Facility, Fort Shafter, Hawaii. **Bob Kozuki** is promoting Aloha Chapter at this event, assisted by **Les** and **Shirley Ihara**. More volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

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.



Norm Fujiwara

August Golf Report

My wife, Alice, and I woke up on August 20th to the pattering rain drops on our home here in Mililani. I immediately thought that Tropical Depression Flossie was still trying to get some additional

media coverage by making a U-turn and return to the islands. After all, the only "rain check" for the Aloha Chapter golfers happened at Klipper Golf Club and I thought "déjà vu." Compound this with the opening of the school year with dreaded traffic jams and I was on pins and needles, so we left early only to find the traffic lighter than usual on H-2 and about normal for a weekday on H3. We managed to get to the Kaneohe Marine Base earlier than expected and when we arrived at the golf course, it seemed that several other members had the same idea and had also arrived early.

The weather at the base was just perfect for golfing, slightly overcast with nice trade winds. There were twenty-seven players signed up originally, but after four players dropped out due to medical problems, we ended up with twenty-three players. All players were present and ready to play so we were able to get off before our scheduled tee time.

We had several guests, including a couple of first timers as guests of **Gordon Cho**, namely **Ron Young** and **David Mills**, a guest of **Walter Kinoshita**: **Kerri Kiyabu**, and one guest of yours truly, **Jerry Wong**, who was visiting from California to help celebrate his father's 100 lunar birthday. It was nice also to see returning guest **John Holmes** and the return of **Mel Soong**, who was unable to play last month due to an injury of his wrist.

Of course, we had our usual "Blind Partner" game for the mega jackpot. First of all, the financial investors who did not receive any compensation for their contribution: **Dick Towne**, **Gordon Cho**, **Ken Yamada**, **Alice Fujiwara**, **Marv Baum**, **Leroy Perry**, **Mel Soong**, **Kerri Kiyabu**, **Vernon Von**, **Ira Tagawa**, **Ken Munechika**, **Richard Leong** and yours truly. Now for those who shared the mega jackpot, the finishers in fourth place was the team of **Bob Kozuki** and **Don Dismuke**, in third place the team of **Mert Agena** and **John Holmes**, in second place the team of **Walt Kinoshita** and **Stan Furukawa**, and the grand champions of the mega jackpot was the team of **Jerry Wong** and **Howard Young**. Thank you all for making this golf outing in August a great success!

Now for our non-golfers, the thought of the day: "The only reason some people listen to reason is to gain time for a rebuttal."

Mahalo to all you golfers and readers of the golf report.

Our next outing will be at Barbers Point GC on Friday the 28th of September.

Aloha and, until our next meeting at Barbers Point, a hui hou kakou.



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Recruit A New Member!

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** or **Les Ihara** or any other member.

Veterans' News

VIETNAM WAR FACTS:

- 9,087,000 military personnel served on active duty during the official Vietnam era from 5 AUG 64 to 7 MAY 75.
- 2,709,918 Americans served in uniform in Vietnam which represented 9.7% of their generation.
- 240 men were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War
- 58,148 were killed in Vietnam. The first man to die was James Davis, in 1958. He was with the 509th Radio Research Station. Davis Station in Saigon was named for him.
- 75,000 were severely disabled of which 23,214 were 100% disabled
- 5,283 lost limbs & 1,081 sustained multiple amputations
- Average age of men killed: 23.1 years. Of those killed, 61% were younger than 21, 11,465 of those were younger than 20 years old, and 17,539 were married
- Five men killed in Vietnam were only 16 years old. The oldest man killed was 62 years old.
- As of 15 JAN 04, there are 1,875 Americans still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War
- 97% of Vietnam Veterans were honorably discharged
- 91% of Vietnam Veterans say they are glad they served
- 74% say they would serve again
- Vietnam veterans have a lower unemployment rate than the same non-vet age groups.
- Vietnam veterans' personal income exceeds that of our non-veteran age group by more than 18%.
- 87% of Americans hold Vietnam Veterans in high esteem.
- There is no difference in drug usage between Vietnam Veterans and non-Vietnam Veterans of the same age group (Source: Veterans Administration Study)
- Vietnam Veterans are less likely to be in prison. Only one-half of one percent of Vietnam Veterans have been jailed for crimes.
- 85% of Vietnam Veterans made successful transitions to civilian life.

Aloha Chapter, MOAA, Membership/Application Form

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Revised: January 2007. All prior forms obsolete.

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bylaws, is to “**promote the purposes and objectives of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA).**” Anyone who is only a member of Aloha Chapter and has not yet joined MOAA is not fully committed to this primary purpose and cannot receive the many great benefits of MOAA national membership.

Aloha Chapter members who are not yet MOAA members are urged to “join and enjoy the benefits of membership in the leading association dedicated to protecting and enhancing the rights and benefits of all military officers and their families.” To register and join online, please go to this secure MOAA web site: <https://ebiz.moaa.org/SolutionSite/default.aspx?tabid=143>. If you prefer to apply by mail, you may contact Membership Committee Chair **Gordon Cho** for a MOAA membership application.

Remember, through its 2007 “*GIVE ME 10!*” campaign, MOAA has challenged every chapter to recruit at least 10 new MOAA members by December 31, 2007. So far this year, neither Hawaii nor Aloha Chapter has recruited any new MOAA members. Let’s beat the Hawaii Chapter next year by having every Aloha Chapter member also belong to MOAA national before the end of this year!



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- * 2003 4-Star Chapter
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