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Annual Christmas Dinner Party

Our Aloha Chapter's annual Christmas Party will be held in the Laulima Rooms of the Hale Koa Hotel again this year. The evening's festivities will begin at 6 PM on Wednesday, December 10th.

After an hour of fellowship and getting reacquainted with old friends, we will start partaking of the Hale Koa Royal Feast, a banquet sure to satisfy everyone attending. We will be served a sumptuous luau featuring a cucumber and papaya salad, a seaweed salad, lomilomi salmon, fresh pineapple, poi, kalua pig, butterfish laulau, shoyu chicken, banana fritter, sweet potato, char siu fried rice, and teriyaki beef. This delicious meal will be concluded with a dessert of coconut cake and haupia pudding. You will enjoy all of this indulgence for \$34.50, only 4½ dollars more than our Christmas gathering last year at the Hale Koa.

A no-host bar will be set up in the foyer only for the first two hours. Don't forget to get your parking ticket validated while you are in the foyer; regrettably, parking will cost 50¢ more this year.

After dinner, a joyful evening of Christmas cheers and singing of carols will not only be entertaining, but good practice for our annual serenading the next morning to the veterans at the VA's Center for Aging (CFA).

All attendees are asked to bring a wrapped Christmas gift of up to \$10 in value for participation in the gift exchange. And, since this party is in a nice hotel, attendees are asked to be dressed in good Aloha attire for the luau and be prepared for an evening of fun, fellowship and entertainment.

Please mail the Reservation Form on Page 7 along with your check ASAP since an accurate final count must be submitted to the hotel so that they can properly prepare for our luau.



Caroling at VA's Center For Aging

Chapter members and spouses are invited to participate in our annual visit to the VA's Center For Aging (CFA) for Christmas caroling beginning at 10 AM on Thursday, December 11th, the morning after our Christmas dinner party at the Hale Koa Hotel.

As we've seen over many years, this 60-bed, long-term care facility for veterans will resound with joyful Christmas carols sung by altruistic chapter members and spouses as they slowly stroll through its corridors bringing happiness and well wishes not only to all of the veterans residing there but to its staff members as well.

The coordinators of this Community Service project are **Vernon** and **Marion Von**. They have prepared little picture frame mementos with our Aloha Chapter logo which will be presented to each CFA resident.

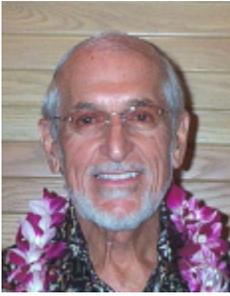
Leading the group in caroling, as in previous years, hopefully, will be **Rosa Baysa**, along with her husband, member **Norberto Baysa, M.D.**, with his rhythmic tambourine.

All members and spouses are encouraged to participate in this final community service project for 2008. It's OK if you cannot carry a tune, even if you had a bucket. Join your friends for a morning of good fun, entertainment and self-satisfaction. See you on the 11th!



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President's Message by Joe Magaldi, Jr.

Our Aloha Chapter had its annual General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, November 19th, at Hale Ikena. The number of members attending this very important buffet luncheon meeting was quite impressive. We had a very good turn out!

After lunch, **Les Ihara**, my immediate predecessor as president of our Aloha Chapter, was called up to the podium to be presented with the MOAA 5-Star Banner for chapters of our size during 2007. This honor was bestowed upon him in recognition for all of his conscientious hard work last year. This is MOAA's top award.



Joe Magaldi, Jr., and Les Ihara proudly displaying Aloha Chapter's 5-Star Banner presented by MOAA

The first order of business after the award ceremony was to vote upon the slate of members selected to be elected to the Board of Directors. It is the board that provides the policy and guidelines for the chapter and appoints the chapter president who, in turn, appoints his Executive Committee to manage the day-to-day activities and functions of the chapter.

All of the nominees were approved by secret ballot, specifically, **Allen Ono**, LTG, USA, Ret.; **Robert Kozuki**, LTC, USA, Ret.; **Vernon Von**, LTCOL, USAF, Ret.; **Lawrence Enomoto**,

MAJ, USAF, Ret.; **Norman Fujiwara**, MAJ, USA, Ret.; **Mitzi Austin**, Auxiliary; and myself, **Joseph M. Magaldi, Jr.**, COL, USMC, Ret., since the two-term limit was waived by the Board of Directors in accordance with the chapter's By-laws because the only other Marine Corps officer in the chapter lives in New Hampshire. Additionally, there are two carry-overs from this year on the Board of Directors to make the requisite nine members on the board for 2009. They are **Gerald (Jerry) Lesperance**, CAPT, USCG, Ret., and **Mark Webster**, LCDR, USNR, Ret.

Immediately upon ratification of the election, the nine new members of the Board of Directors for Aloha Chapter for 2009 assumed their duties. Their official installation ceremony will be during our luncheon meeting sometime in January.

Next, in response to the letter that appeared in last month's newsletter from **Bruce Smith**, RADM, USN, Ret, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Chapter, we had a lively discussion of his proposal **See Message Page 5**

Welcome to Our New Member

Mary Ellen Reed, AUX
(Widow of a U. S. Navy Captain)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Dec. 9, 2008
(Tuesday) | 6:00 PM, Hawaii Chapter Annual Christmas Dinner, Hale Koa Hotel |
| Dec. 10, 2008
(Wednesday) | 6:00 PM, Aloha Chapter Annual Christmas Dinner, Hale Koa Hotel |
| Dec. 11, 2008
(Thursday) | 10:00 AM, Christmas Caroling at VA Center For Aging (CFA), TAMC |
| Dec. 14, 2008
(Sunday) | 5:30 PM, Bridge Bunch Annual Dinner & Party Bridge, Ihara Residence, Kaneohe |
| Dec. 19, 2008 | Golf Outing, Barbers Point Golf Course |
| Dec 19-21, 2008
(Fri thru Sun) | Free Evening Tours of Pearl Harbor Ships Decorated for the Holidays (See Page. 4) |
| Jan. 22, 2009
(Thursday) | 9:30 – 11:30 AM, Free Tour of JPAC, Hickam AFB (See Page 4) |

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Spend the Holidays with the Hale Koa Hotel

* Hale Koa Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

The official start to our holiday festivities with entertainment by the Pacific Fleet Brass Quintet
December 2nd at 5:30 p.m. in the Banyan Courtyard

* Island Christmas Candlelight Dinner with Nohelani Cypriano

An island style Christmas Eve with song and dance featuring Na Hoku Hanohano Award recipient Nohelani Cypriano
December 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the Luau Garden

* Christmas Day Brunch

Gather the family and enjoy a bountiful buffet of continental and local favorites.
December 25th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Banyan Tree Showroom

* Hale Koa's New Year's Eve Gala

Ring in the New Year with an elegant dinner, great music and dancing and a special midnight toast.
December 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the Banyan Tree Showroom

* Special free concerts and performances by military bands, choral groups, school groups and more, beginning November 30 and continuing all throughout December.

Reservations for holiday events begin November 24th. For more information or a complete list of our holiday events, please call 955-0555 ext 546 or online at www.halekoa.com



HALE KOA HOTEL

The Hale Koa Hotel welcomes all active and retired military, Reserve/National Guard members and dependants, current and retired DoD civilians, and sponsored guests.

A Fun Time in November

On Monday, November 3rd, fifteen ladies attended the last *Merrie Ladies* function for the year. We had a delicious lunch at the Gyotaku Restaurant in Waimalu and two members shared their craft ideas. **Charlene Towne** demonstrated her easy-to-make coasters for stemmed glassware and **Mazie Kozuki** showed her eyelash Christmas pin that we plan to make at our next craft/luncheon. Two guest demonstrators, **Harrriet Ajimine** and **Mary Ann Takamine** showed us how to make a gorgeous angel Christmas pin made of gold wire and crystal beads. They graciously made packets for all the attendees so each of us could make a pin for ourselves. Fifteen happy ladies felt very accomplished when their pins were completed.

During the lunch hour, we also filled out a survey for the coming year's activities. Briefly, all agreed we should continue the *Merrie Ladies* in 2009 and keep to the quarterly format of luncheons and/or tours and crafts. If you are inter-

ested in seeing the details of the survey, contact **Marion Von** at 732-3908. Our next function will be in February and more information will appear in the next newsletter.

Did you know? Peel a banana from the bottom and you won't have to pick the little "stringy things" off it. That's how the primates do it. Also take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If you leave them connected at the stem, they ripen faster. **Marion**



TRA LA LA LA LA LA

LA LA, etc., will be our melodic blessing to the patients at the VA Center for Aging (on the grounds of Tripler Hospital). This caroling event is scheduled for Thursday, December 11th, at 10:00 AM. We need your help, not only to sing (no talent required), but to help carry and distribute a small Christmas memento to each one living there. Make time in your busy schedule to help spread the Spirit of Christmas Cheer to all who reside there. Mahalo. **Marion**





TOUR JOINT POW/MIA ACCOUNTING COMMAND (JPAC)

THURSDAY, 22 JANUARY 0930-1130HRS

In response to many member requests, a tour of the above facility at Hickam AFB has been arranged. It will consist of the following:

**COMMAND WELCOME TO THE JOINT POW/MIA ACCOUNTING COMMAND (JPAC)
REAR ADMIRAL DONNA CRISP**

JPAC HISTORY AND WORLDWIDE MISSION

TOUR OF THE CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY

*This is the largest forensics laboratory in the world.
JPAC Anthropologists will explain methods used to identify our missing*

RECOVERY TEAM DISPLAY/MISSION OVERVIEW

Includes, Medics, Forensic Photographers, EOD and Life Support Investigators



Joint Tour of JPAC

The Hawaii Chapter, MOAA, has cordially invited members of our Aloha Chapter to join them on a free tour the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) at Hickam AFB on January 22. Call Jim Gebhard if you are interested.

No luncheon scheduled. The Sea Breeze Restaurant is a very short distance from the JPAC facility. Members can stop there after the tour for lunch if they wish. Please indicate if you plan to have lunch (order and pay directly at the Sea Breeze) so we can alert them to how many MOAA members may attend.

YES _____ I will attend the 22 January event 0930 -1130hrs at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command

YES _____ I plan on purchasing my/our lunch at the Sea Breeze Restaurant after the above tour.

NAMES (s) _____

E-MAIL TO YOUR RESPONSE TO: alexander.vanston@ipac.pacom.mil Or call, Jim Gebhard 262-1165
RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED NOT LATER THEN 19 JANUARY

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Free Boat Tours of Pearl Harbor

Again this Christmas Season, Pearl Harbor Holiday Festival of Lights evening boat tours will be offered to the public as a community service by the U.S. Navy, National Park Service and the Arizona Memorial Museum Association. The tours will depart from the *USS Arizona* Memorial Visitor Center each evening on December 19, 20 & 21 at 6:30, 6:45, 7:15, 7:30 & 8:00; an additional 8:15 PM boat will be added to the Saturday and Sunday schedule. These boat tours are free, but seats are limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Boarding begins 15 minutes prior to each stated departure time.

The 30-minute tours of Pearl Harbor will feature views of the many ships and submarines decked out with holiday decorations and lights. Due to everlasting enhanced security measures at the Visitor Center, NO camera bags, purses, handbags and/or other items that offer concealment are allowed in the Visitor Center or aboard the boats. Do not leave valuables in your car. Cameras and videos are allowed onboard, however, for photos of the ships. Allow time for parking and the security check.

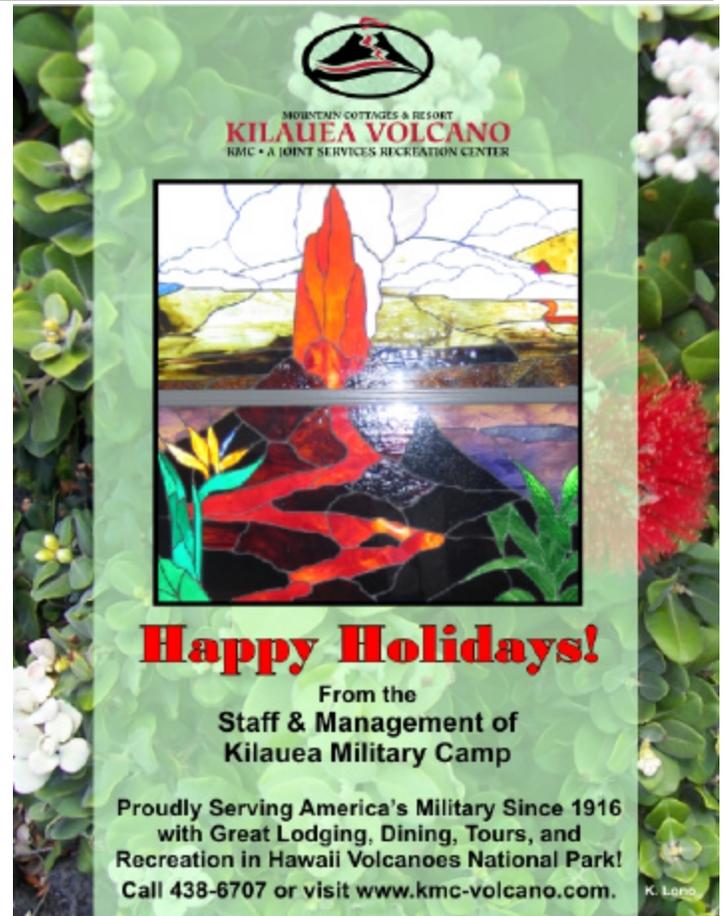
For more information, call the *USS Arizona* Memorial at 422-2771, ext. 110.

Mark

Aloha Chapter Party Bridge

The final party bridge session for Bridge-year 2008 was held on Sunday afternoon, November 23rd at the **Fahrni** residence, hosted by **Harriet Weissman**. Five tables of bridge were played and ending with the year's high single session score of 7,410 points was **Dan Matthews**. Second highest with 1,000+ points was **Edy Kuwamoto**. Other top scorers honored, in descending order, were: **Les Ihara**, **Helen Fahrni**, **Lois Luehring**, and **Shirley Ihara**. Bidding and making a slam were partners **Edy Kuwamoto** and **Lois Luehring**.

Other participants were: **Mitzi Austin**, **Dayle & Bobbi Carlson**, **Barbara Chong**, **Bill & Trudi Ernst**, **Dave Luehring**, **Vernon & Marion Von**, **Phyllis William**, the newest chapter member **Mary Ellen Reed**, and substitute guests **Hal & Gerri Lee**. An avid duplicate bridge player and surviving spouse of a US Navy officer, **Mary Ellen** was invited to play and join the chapter as an Auxiliary member by her friend, **Harriet Weissman**. Many thanks to **Harriet** for hosting and recruiting a new chapter member, and to **Helen Fahrni** for letting the group play bridge in her home.



L to R, sitting: **Shirley Ihara**, **Harriet Weissman**, **Helen Fahrni**, **Lois Luehring**, and **Edy Kuwamoto**.
L to R, standing: **Dan Matthews** and **Les Ihara**.

The first session of Bridge-year 2009 will be held at the **Ihara** residence on Sunday evening, December 14th, preceded by refreshments and dinner at 5:30 PM. All those intending to attend are asked to contact **Shirley Ihara** by phone at 239-7947 or by e-mail to lsi@hawaii.rr.com not later than a week prior.

Shirley 

President's Message (cont.)

to merge our two chapters. Instead of taking the giant leap to a merger, we decided after a voice vote to merely pursue further joint activities and, possibly, combining some of the functions common to both chapters, such as Community Services, Personal Affairs, ROTC/Veterans' Affairs and the newsletters.

At Hale Ikena last Friday, November 28th, the new Board of Directors had their first meeting. By secret ballot, LTG **Allen Ono** was elected chairman of the Board of Directors and LTC **Robert Kozuki** was elected the new President of Aloha Chapter. Referring to notes, **Kozuki**, immediately announced that **Norman Fujiwara** would be his



Joe Magaldi, Jr., *President, Aloha Chapter*, and **Tom Marzec**, *President, Hawaii Chapter*, discussing the outcome of the General Membership Meeting

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Norm Fujiwara

November Golf Report

I made a promise that I will not be paranoid about worrying on the possibility of rain on our monthly Aloha Chapter Golf outing, however, biting my tongue, I must admit that I was quite apprehensive as I started on my journey to Mamala Bay GC with my windshield wipers going full speed; however, as we approached Pearl City area, there appeared to be some blue patches over the Hickam AFB area. As it has happened again and again this year, when we got to Mamala Bay GC the weather appeared to be like one of those "lucky to come Hawaii" kind with things looking real promising for a nice day on the course.

With all seventeen players reporting on time, except one who will remain unidentified, and ready to play as the first group led by **Allen Ono** teed off, included in his group were **John Ma**, **Kelly Lau**, and **Howard Okada**, they were followed by

the group of **Gordon Cho**, **Vernon Von**, **Leroy Perry**, and **John Holmes**, the third group consisted of **Ken Yamada**, **Marv Baum**, and **Ken Munechika**, brining up the rear were **Joe Kuroda**, his niece **Eleanor**, **Alice Fujiwara** and yours truly. Nice to see **Eleanor** after a long absence, hope she will be joining us again on a regular basis.

After completing our round totally dry, we proceeded with our "blind partner" mega jackpot drawing. After all the dust settled and partners decided, we had one of the most unusual results. Tied for first place were three partners, with the same score. This has never happened before and will probably never happen again. To determine the three places, we had to go to a tie breaker. In third place after the first tie breaker was the team of **Leroy Perry** and **Marv Baum**; we had to continue the tie breaker again and second place went to **Gordon Cho** and **John Ma**; and the award of top mega jackpot winners went to **Ken Yamada** and **Vernon Von**. Congratulations to all the winners and all the participants!

The down side of today's golf outing was the absence of one of our most loyal players, **Bob Kozuki**, hope he'll overcome his health problem and rejoin the group soon; we miss you Bob.

Today's thought of the day is "The only reason some people listen to reason is to gain time for a rebuttal."

Our next golf outing on Friday, December 19th at Barbers Point GC will be our swan song for our 2008 golf season—hope you all can make it! Aloha and good golfing,

Norm





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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 2008. Cut out the Membership Application on Page 7 of this newsletter to give to a prospective member.

Add these Websites to your "Favorites"

<http://www.aloha-moaa.org>

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**President's Message
(cont. from Page 5)**

Vice President, **Vernon Von** would be the Secretary and Treasurer, **Gordon Cho** would be the Membership Chairman and **Wesley Fong** would continue in his ROTC/Veterans' Affairs duties. He also said that he would take care of Personal Affairs and Programs.

Regarding membership, it was agreed that we should recruit enough new members to replace those lost thru natural attrition. It is better to not become too big and cumbersome, thus retaining our appeal and fellowship. As stated in a letter submitted to the board by **Joe Kuroda**, COL, USA, Ret., which was read to the group by **Mark Webster**,

big is not always a good thing, and he enjoys the fellowship and size of our organization. **Joe** went on to say that big begets disinterest and in the Aloha Chapter he finds "Warmth, camaraderie, identity and belonging."

Regarding identity, LTG **Ono** emphatically spoke against a joint newsletter. Even tho' it would save both chapters their biggest expense every month, it would be very difficult to implement with different fonts, layout, story placements, etc. But, most importantly, he said that the newsletter is each chapter's identity, their unique publication that should not be diluted into another chapter's publication.

It has been my great pleasure to serve as your president this year and I wish the greatest success to the new president and board for the further improvement of our chapter in 2009. Aloha, **Joe**

**Aloha Chapter, MOAA
RESERVATION FORM**

**Royal Luau Feast
Annual Christmas Party Dinner
6:00 PM, Wednesday, December 10, 2008**

**Christmas Carols and Gift Exchange and Prizes and Fellowship
Laulima Rooms, Hale Koa Hotel
2055 Kalia Road, Ft. DeRussy, Honolulu, Hawaii 96815**

Member: _____ Spouse: _____

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

Cost = \$34.50 per person. _____ x \$34.50 = Total \$ _____

Please send in your reservation ASAP to arrive NLT **Friday, Dec. 5, 2008** to:

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

Call Mark Webster at 734-5994 for more information, if needed

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