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Learn How to Ensure a Sustainable Future

The presentation at our joint chapter luncheon on Friday, 23 May 2008, at the Pohai Nani Retirement Community Auditorium, 45-090 Namoku Street, Kaneohe, will be very interesting and applicable to our daily lives. It will be a look at Hawai'i's past to learn concepts that will ensure our sustainable future.

Long ago Native Hawaiians had settled this pristine archipelago, one of the most remote destinations on our planet, and developed a rich island culture. For nearly a millennium without any external influences whatsoever, these skilled settlers sustained themselves by managing the available resources of the land, sea, and air.

Ramsay Taum, Director of External Relations and Community Partnerships at the University of Hawai'i's School of Travel Industry Management (TIM), will give us an enlightening presentation exploring the associated principles, practices



Kumu Ramsay Taum

and beliefs of these island people and their culture. Sound resource management—as exemplified by these early settlers of Hawai'i—recognizes the interconnectedness of the land, sea, sky, and the people. **Ramsay** will discuss how to integrate what we've learned from the past and, with contemporary tools and concepts, how to apply this approach to create the 21st Century *ahupua`a*, the Hawaiian resource and behavioral management system.

Ramsay Taum, a native Hawaiian, was born and raised in Hawai'i, graduated from Kamehameha Schools, attended the U.S. Air Force Academy, and earned his B.S. degree in Public Administration at USC. He is active in promoting environmental education and sustainability. A recognized cultural consultant, he works with Hawai'i's development, travel, leisure and retail industries integrating Native Hawaiian cultural values and principles into the contemporary business models through lectures, training classes and seminars.

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MOAA Congressional Charter

Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL) and Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) have sponsored companion bills that would establish in public law a Congressional Charter for MOAA. A charter essentially is public acknowledgement that a particular group—in this case a veterans' organization—serves the public interest by providing member services and community support.

MOAA needs your help in getting this bill passed. Please send a MOAA-suggested message urging your legislators to establish a Congressional Charter for MOAA. A sample letter to be sent to your respective representatives in the U.S. Senate to sponsor S.B. 2504 and in the U.S. House of Representatives to sponsor H.R. 5854 follows, which you may edit as you wish:

“Please co-sponsor S.B. 2504/H.R. 5854 (whichever applicable), a bill to establish a congressional charter for the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA).

“In the past, congressional charters have been largely ceremonial, so MOAA did not seek one, even though large numbers of other military and veterans associations did so. But now, several states have established that only members of organizations that have congressional charters may serve on the governor's veterans advisory committee.

“MOAA is the largest military association in the country, and the fourth-largest veterans association, with 370,000 members. MOAA is a leader in the military community, co-chairing the 35-association Military Coalition. MOAA distributes over 1500 scholarships and interest-free loans to children of service-members every year and has 425 chapters throughout the country engaged in award-winning community service.

“Please support the Military Officers' Association of America by awarding a congressional charter to this exemplary organization to ensure that MOAA is not inadvertently blocked from continuing its contributions to the military and veterans community at the state level.”

More information can be obtained at the MOAA web site, <http://www.moaa.org/>, and clicking on [MOAA Congressional Charter](#). Once there, an e-mail version of the above letter may be easily sent to your representatives.



Welcome to Our New Members

Coralee Vellis, AUXILARY, Honolulu 96821,
Robert H. Nagao, 1LT, HARNG, Ret., and
Ronald S. Katto, LTC, HARNG, Ret., a new
LIFE MEMBER!



In Memoriam

John Y. S. Ching, COL, USA, Ret., Life Member died April 1, 2008; Survived by Wife Annabelle, 2 Sons and 4 Daughters. **John's** Memorial Service was held at Oahu Cemetery on April 18.



— NOTICE —

The annual cleaning of the Korean/Vietnam War Memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol by our Aloha Chapter during the five Thursdays in May has been canceled. We've gladly volunteered our devoted services for many, many years, but now that task has been contracted out by the state to a private company. Our fidelity to our fallen comrades is no longer desired by the state.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| May 16, 2008
(Friday) | 7:00 PM, Combined Military Band Concert (free), Blaisdell Concert Hall |
| May 17, 2008
(Saturday) | 9:00—11:00 AM, State Legislature's "Talk Story with the Veterans," Kapolei High School; chaired by Rep. Cindy Evans |
| May 17, 2008
(Saturday) | 1:30—3:30 PM, Same as above, Ko'olau Golf Club, 45-550 Kionaole Road |
| May 18, 2008
(Sunday) | 1:00 PM, Bridge Bunch, Home of Len & Helen Fahrni. Hosts: Mel & Edy |
| May 23, 2008
(Friday) | 11:00 AM, Joint Luncheon, Pohai Nani Auditorium. Speaker: Ramsay Taum |
| May 30, 2008
(Friday) | Golf Outing, Klipper Golf Course, Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station |
| June 24, 2008
(Tuesday) | Joint Luncheon/Legislative Forum featuring Senators Hanabusa and Slom with Moderator Rick Hamada of KHVH |
| Dec. 10, 2008
(Wednesday) | 6:00 PM, Annual Christmas Dinner, Laulima Room, Hale Koa Hotel |

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Military Liaison Job Offer

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The position of Military Affairs Liaison (MAL) monitors and updates the Member and Chief of Staff on State and local issues regarding the military and federal workers. This position requires close coordination with the Military Legislative Assistant in the Washington, D.C., office for the Congressman's work as Chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Air & Land Forces. The MAL serves as a liaison to federal, state, and local agencies for the Member and constituents and answers casework correspondence and verbal communications with constituents.

A military background is preferred.

The start date is as soon as possible. The salary will be based upon one's experience.

If any member is interested in this position in Washington, D.C., please forward your inquiries and applications to: **See Job Offer Page 4**

We Need Your Kokua

The Personal Affairs Committee (PAC) must rely on its membership to notify Aloha Chapter in order to contact and or refer survivors of our chapter members to resources that offer assistance in handling the numerous actions required by the various governmental offices. These actions run the full gamut, *i.e.*, what is required for burial in a national cemetery, military honors, notifying SSA & Retirement Finance office to stop check payment, applying for Survivor Benefit (SBP), Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC), other Military, VA, state/federal governmental benefits, etc.

PAC would also appreciate being notified when a member or spouse of a member has been ill, hospitalized, and may be in need of some assistance.

Point of contact:

Bob Kozuki, 942-4047 or

Anna Blackwell, 739 9164

Or any board member in membership directory. 

Another Request for Your Kokua

Wesley Fong, ROTC/Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman, is looking for graduates from Baldwin, Damien, Farrington, Kaiser, Kapaa, Kealakehe, Konawaena, Leilehua, Maryknoll, Moanalua, Nanauli, Waiakea, Waianae, Waimea, and Waipahu High Schools to present our JROTC/MOAA certificates and medals to the selected JROTC cadet to be honored from his/her respective school.

Please help us acknowledge their accomplishments by volunteering your services. If you graduated from one of the above schools, contact **Wes** at wesleyf.fong@hawaiiantel.com or 220-5266.

Job Offer (cont. from page 3)

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If you are interested, please include a cover letter, résumé, writing sample and 3 references.

ROTC & JROTC MOAA Awards



Cadet Florian Kanoho-Taong receiving MOAA Awards from Vernon Von

On 19 April 2008, LTCOL **Vernon Von**, USAF, Ret., an alumnus of Roosevelt High School, presented the MOAA JROTC Certificate and Medal to Outstanding Junior Cadet **Florian Kanoho-Taong** at Hale Ikena.

On 23 April 2008 MG **Vern Miyagi** presented branch insignias to the 27 graduating Army ROTC cadets at the University of Hawaii ROTC awards ceremony. At the following joint Army/Air Force ROTC awards ceremony COL **Joe Magaldi, Jr.**, and COL **Wes Fong** assisted by COL **Harold Kuwahara** made the Aloha Chapter's MOAA ROTC award presentations to UH ROTC Cadets **Glenn Dale Williams** (Army) and **Napoleon Gambio** (Air Force) and presented a \$500 Aloha Chapter scholarship each to Cadets **Williams** (Army) and **Aaron Patterson** (Air Force). MG **Miyagi** and COL **Fong** are also U.H. ROTC graduates.

On 8 May LCDR **Mark Webster**, a Punahou School graduate, will be presenting the Aloha Chapter's MOAA JROTC award to Cadet **Hunter Hunt** on campus in Makiki. On 10 May COL **Harold Kuwahara**, a graduate of Hilo High School, will do the honors in presenting the MOAA JROTC award to Cadet **Sean Greenlaw** on campus on Waiianuenue Avenue in Hilo.

A big Mahalo to all those Aloha Chapter members who participated in the ROTC and JROTC awards ceremonies.

Merrie Ladies Cookbook Sales Event

At 11:30, May 12, the *Merrie Ladies* will have a \$6/person luncheon in the Welcome Center of Kalihi Union Church, 2214 N. King Street, for a napkin folding lesson and an open forum about their cookbook, now on sale for \$10, including tax.

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Joint MOAA April Luncheon

Niney-seven members and guests from both the Aloha and Hawaii Chapters gathered to hear **Peter Carlisle**, Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney, speak at the Joint MOAA Chapter luncheon on April 16th 2008. The lunch was delicious and great camaraderie was enjoyed by all at the beautiful Pearl Harbor Channel-view setting in the gazebo of the Hickam AFB Officers' Club.

As the mahimahi meal commenced, both Chapters' newsletter editors, **Mark Webster** for Aloha and **Ron Bezanson & George Sullivan** for Hawaii, were presented National MOAA award certificates for having published outstanding newsletters during 2007. Congratulations!

Then, **Lou Crompton** made a surprise presentation of a picture of a football player, #44, on the field, from the 1944 Army-Navy Football game. After our curiosity was piqued, the mystery player #44 turned out to be Hawaii Chapter Board Chairman—Admiral **Bruce Smith!** (In spite of his efforts, Army won 23-7) Oh, the memories from much different; yet still exciting times....

Peter B. Carlisle, "Honolulu's Beloved Prosecuting Attorney," both entertained and informed his rather large jury with his opening and closing statements. This included a lively cross-examination with in-depth questions & answers. The verdict was unanimous: we found our Prosecutor to be eloquent and entertaining!!

Prosecutor **Carlisle's** desire to improve the criminal justice system revolves around having a truth-based system, where defendants are entitled to effective counsel—not zealotry. We must also have the rule of law vice the law of rules.

He praised the outstanding forensic cooperation between the Honolulu Police Department and the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) that led to the conviction in the recent Lankford murder case. JPAC took a pair of glasses found in Lankford's truck, analyzed the

lenses to compare the prescription with the victim's prescription sent from Japan, and convincingly proved with a very high degree of statistical probability that the glasses belonged to the murder victim. This was the first time such a technique was used in court and was critical to this case.

He shared other challenges with prosecuting cases. For example, in the discovery phase of the trial, the prosecution is required to turn over all evidence to the defense and the defense is likewise supposed to share its evidence with the prosecution. However, that doesn't always happen; the defense then tailors its story accordingly. Also, issues with presenting evidence of a defendant's past actions to a jury, based on Hawaii case law, are not clear and conflict with federal rules.

A question was asked about what was being done with people who had long arrest records and were not in jail? He answered that the courts treat arrests and convictions differently. Oftentimes, such people have lots of misdemeanors (convictions with less than 1 year in jail) and few felonies. A system is needed where jail time is imposed for habitual misdemeanor offenders, by treating them as felonies.

Other insights proffered included:

-Plea bargains are offered when it is in the benefit of the state.

-The key to a Constitutional Convention (ConCon) is the delegates -- so choose prosecutors instead of defense attorneys!

-Prosecutor **Carlisle** will not accept an appointment to the Hawaii Supreme Court.

-Finally, on the question of will he run for office, **Peter** responded, "Save that question...."



Peter Carlisle *expounding, elucidating and enlightening*



A Portion of Head Table, clockwise from bottom, Tom Marzec, Hawaii Chapter president, Helene Webster, Ron Bezanson, Peter Carlisle, incongruously in suit, and Lou Crompton



A Flock of Aloha Chapter Members Run Annual Chicken Sale

Very appropriately, our Aloha Chapter, MOAA, had its annual fundraiser selling BBQ chickens since we are also known by some as the chicken club—*moa* is the Hawaiian word for chicken.

Many members and spouses gathered with food for a fruitful, festive time at Fern School on Sunday, April 27th. Their volunteer efforts were very successful. By noon, of the 660 BBQ whole chickens bought from the poultry company, approximately 625 each had been sold, with 244 each donated to the Institute of Human Services (IHS). This represents a gross revenue of \$4,820 before any expenses—such as the cost of the chickens—are deducted. If any of the 35 remaining chickens were unsold by the end of the day, they would also be donated to the IHS.



Above: *Welcome to our BBQ Chicken Sale!*

Left: *Herb Nakagawa, Fundraising Chairman*



Sunny Young telling a fish story to Vernon Von



Delivering BBQ chickens to a customer at Fern School



Dr. Baysa Lauded by Mayor

Aloha Chapter is pleased to report that member **Norberto Baysa**, COL, USAF, Ret., has been named 2008 Outstanding Male Volunteer of the Year, the top award, at the 42nd Annual Mayor's Senior Recognition Program recently held at the Hawaii Convention Center. Congratulations!

Norberto was nominated by his Wahiawa Rainbow Seniors Club for relentlessly looking for ways to benefit fellow senior citizens, schools, the community and the poor worldwide through the Aloha Medical Mission—which is well-known locally for its many lifesaving and lifechanging trips to the Philippines, Indonesia and the Dominican Republic—long after officially retiring as a family physician.



Norberto Baysa and his wife, Rose, who leads our Christmas Caroling



Alice Fujiwara checking up on the guardians of the funds, Bob Kozuki and Hal Takenaka

A small contingent went to the IHS to cut up the chickens and serve them to the men there.

As can be seen, a great time was had by all who participated in this profitable event.



The crew that went to the IHS, left to right, Mark Webster, Harold Kuwahara, Tylene Dunbar (out of uniform), and Gordon & Mary Cho

Aloha Chapter Party Bridge

The residence of **Len and Helen Fahrni** was again the location for the chapter's monthly party bridge session on Sunday, April 20th. The hosts were **Sam Heard** and **Anna Blackwell** who offered the sixteen bridge players a variety of drinks, cookies and assorted wraps throughout the afternoon session.

High scorers for the month were **Helen Fahrni**, followed in descending order by **Jane Miller**, **Les Ihara**, **Dave Luehring**, and **Shirley Ihara**. It was a rare session in that there were no slams made, but a good time was had by all participants. Others who played were: **Ken & Lia Carroll**, **Len Fahrni**, **Helen Hubbell**, **Lois Luehring**, **Gary & Bev Jensen**, **Phyllis Williams**, and our new member **Coralie Vellis**.



Co-Hosts and Top Scorers for April
Seated, left to right: co-host Anna Blackwell, Shirley Ihara- 5th, Helen Fahrni-top scorer, and Jane Miller-2nd. Standing behind them, left to right, are co-host Sam Heard, Dave Luehring-4th, and Les Ihara-3rd.

The next party bridge session will again be held at the **Fahrni's** residence on May 18, 2008. Hosts for that session will be **Mel & Edy Kuwamoto**. Interested players need to contact **Mel** or **Edy** to sign up and/or confirm their participation. They can be contacted by e-mail at Ekawa@aol.com, or telephone at 488-0134 not later than Wednesday, May 14th.

Hope to see you at our next gathering! **Shirley** 

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*Rates are subject to change without notice.

2008 Hawaii Army Museum (HAMS) Golf Tournament Call for Volunteers

The 2008 HAMS Golf Tournament will be conducted at the Leilehua Army Golf Course on Friday, 27 June 2008. Traditionally, members and spouses of the Aloha Chapter have served as volunteers and assist with the conduct of the tournament. Volunteers are needed to help with registration, hole-in-one monitors, beverage cart drivers, long drive contest monitors, etc. Volunteers will receive lunch, dinner and an appreciation gift for their assistance.

Please mark your calendars and plan to support this endeavor. Contact Gordon Cho at 484-2400 or by e-mail at gcho440443@aol.com for more information or to sign up as a volunteer.

Gordon 



Norm Fujimura

April Golf Report

Once again we had perfect golfing weather for the Aloha Chapter golfers playing at Leilehua Golf Course. Since our outing in March was on Friday the 28th and April's outing was on the second Monday,

it was a short turnaround time. However, we had eighteen golfers signing up and eighteen showing up at the golf course. One golfer who will remain unnamed was late but not his fault since the starter sent the first group off 20 minutes before our scheduled starting time.

The pack was led by **Allen Ono** and **Bob Kozuki** joined by **Mel Soong** and **Eddie Lee**. They were followed by **Gordon Cho**, **Don Dismuke** and two of **Gordon's** guests, **Paul Yamashige** and **John Holmes**; trailing them were

Leroy Perry, **Ken Munechika**, and **Joe Kuroda**, our space-A traveling specialist, followed by **Cedric Chong**, **Curtis Lee** and **Marvin Baum**; bringing up the rear were **Ken Yamada**, **Larry Enomoto**, **Vernon Von** and yours truly.

We didn't set any record of a low score but most players had a good time, especially the mega pot winners, none going home with their rewards since all six players had left the course before we determined the winners. Coming in at third place was the pair of **Allen Ono** and **Eddie Lee**, the second place pair with one stroke advantage was the pair of **Bob Kozuki** and **Marvin Baum**, and our big time winners in first place were **John Holmes** and **Mel Soong**. Congratulations to all the winners!

Our thought of the day: "Why a man would want a wife is a mystery to some people. Why he would want two or more is a bigger mystery."

Our next golf outing will be on Friday, the 30th of May, at Klipper Golf Course at the Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station.

Norm



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Changes to Aloha Chapter Directory

Page 23 - 107 Kozuki New Address and

Phone Number: 1434 Punahou St., #736, Honolulu 96822; New Phone #, 942-4047

Page 28 - 186 Tamanaha Deceased September 2007; no spouse

Page 29 - 214 Yoshihara Correct Address to 1340 Moanalualani Place, #C, Honolulu 96819

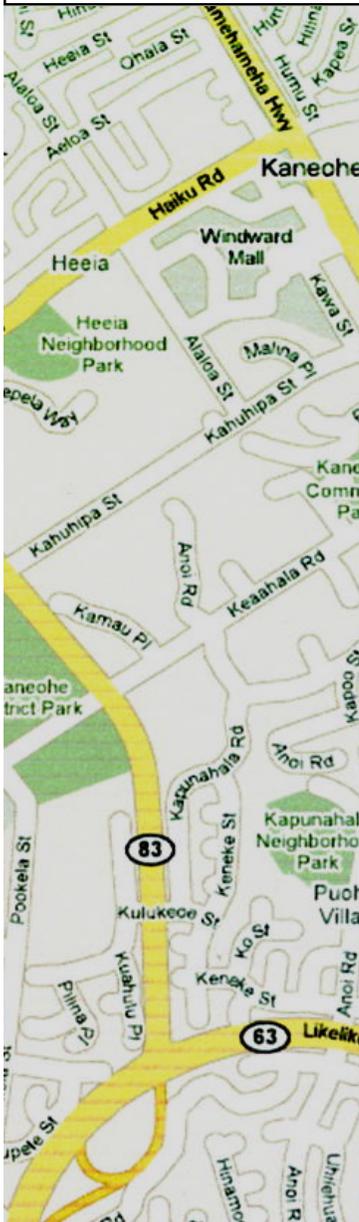
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Recruit A New Member!

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 9 to give to a prospective member..



**Aloha Chapter, MOAA
RESERVATION FORM
Joint Luncheon Meeting**

**11:00 AM, Friday, May 23, 2008
(10:45 Check-in)**

**Poha Nani Retirement Community Auditorium
45-090 Namoku Street, Kaneohe 96744 (see map)**

**Entrée: Choice of *Caribbean Chicken* or *Korean-style Mahimahi*
Garden Greens, Steamed Vegetables, Rice Pilaf, Fruit Salad, Desserts**

**Guest Speaker: Ramsay Taum, noted cultural expert and Director
of External Relations and Community Partnerships at the University
of Hawai'i at Manoa's School of Travel Industry Management**

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Please send in your reservation to arrive NLT **Monday May 19, 2008** to:

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Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1185
Kailua, HI 96734

Call Tom Marzec, President, Hawaii Chapter, at 754-8857 for more information, if needed

**Pohai
Nani**

Aloha Chapter, MOAA, Membership/Application Form

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 Enroll me as a Life Member: Membership rates: Age 71 & older=\$85.; 61-70=\$135.; 51-60=\$185.; 50 & under=\$235.
 Enroll me as an Auxiliary Member (i.e., spouse of a U. S. military officer, surviving spouse of a deceased officer)
 AUX: Each year of membership = \$10. Life Membership = \$75

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- * 2005 5-Star Chapter
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