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President's Message by Robert Kozuki

Our Chapter had a busy month due to the Veterans' Day services held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl, and

at the State Veterans' Cemetery in Kaneohe. Both Memorial services were well attended and well planned. Your chapter representatives were **Norman Fujiwara**, your Aloha Chapter Vice President, his wife **Alice Fujiwara**, and I. The service at Punchbowl Cemetery had ideal weather, *i.e.*, trade winds, cloudy, warm weather without rain showers. On the other hand, the service at the State Veterans' Cemetery in Kaneohe was windy, cool and rainy.

This year, the Aloha Chapter requested and was approved to have a Patriotic Song Festival at the VA Center for Aging on Friday, 13 November 2009.

As I prepare this message, our chapter is also planning an election of officers and a program with a speaker who will discuss Identity Theft and its harmful effect on the public.

I wish to include a reminder that the Aloha Chapter Christmas Dinner will be at the Hale Koa Hotel, 11 December 2009, at 6:00 p.m. There will be a gift exchange not to exceed \$5.00. Please send in your reservation early.

Your Executive Committee (EXCOM) will be discussing the Aloha Chapter 2010 Program and we need your input on what you would be interested in doing in the coming year. Please contact me at 942-4047 or any member of the EXCOM listed on the back page of this newsletter.



Chairman's Corner by Allen Ono, Chairman of the Board of Directors

Helping Retiring Officers

Your Aloha Chapter will offer assistance to retiring officers who plan to establish a second civilian career in Hawaii under a program called The Officer Placement Program or "TOPS."

We will supplement the services' existing transition programs for retiring officers as they switch from a long full military career to civilian life. This experience can be difficult and confusing and Aloha Chapter members may be able to provide hints and advice based on our personal experiences as we sought, obtained and succeeded in employment in the islands.

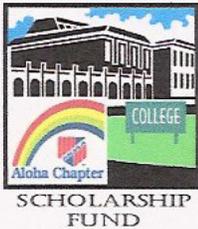
The concept and operations of our program are simple and modest. A few of us will informally meet with retiring officers either individually or in small groups when requested. We will describe Hawaii's unique business community culture, answer questions and exchange practical thoughts on how to find a job here.

We are neither an employment agency, writers of resumes nor provider of contacts with employers. These are left to the officers to

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Dear Fellow Aloha Chapter Members,

To reduce administrative expenses by eliminating personal letters mailed to each member, the Board of Trustees has approved this means to solicit your donations to the Scholarship Fund for school year 2010-2011.

Thank you for your generous support in the past which has enabled the Scholarship Fund to award scholarships to outstanding students. Our efforts have focused on students enrolled in local institutions while pursuing higher education in disciplines which have a direct impact on our communities, such as teaching and nursing, where critical shortages exist. We also award scholarships to students enrolled in the Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Hawaii-Manoa, which leads to commissions in the US Army and the US Air Force.

For School Year 2009-2010, the Scholarship Fund granted scholarships amounting to \$6,500.00 to seven deserving students.

The Board of Trustees requests your continued favorable consideration in supporting our scholarship program through your financial donations which are much appreciated. Please use the Donation Form below to indicate the amount of your donation, and mail the Form and your check to the Fund's address. We look forward to your positive response.

DONATION FORM

Aloha Chapter Scholarship Fund (MOAA)

P. O. Box 1927, Aiea Hawaii 96701

Member/Donor Name

Amount of Donation

Mailing Address

City & State

Zip Code

Please make your check payable to Aloha Chapter Scholarship Fund(MOAA) and mail to address indicated above.

The Aloha Chapter Scholarship Fund (MOAA) is a tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the US Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, the entire donation is tax deductible as authorized by law.

Experience the Joys of the Holidays with the Hale Koa Hotel

Join the Hale Koa Hotel as we celebrate the Holiday Season with a variety of special events and bountiful buffets

- Free Holiday Concerts & Performances
- Special Holiday Dining
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Dinner Show
- Christmas Day Buffet
- New Year's Eve Gala Events

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT

Hawaii's top female Hawaiian Group, NA LEO, is celebrating 25 years of award-winning music.

A Hula Christmas - Holiday Music Spectacular
December 20, 22, & 23 at the Hale Koa Hotel

Mele Kalikimaka to all our island heroes!
For information on any of our holiday events,
please call the Activities Desk
at (808)955-0555 ext. 546 or visit www.halekoa.com



Give Me 10 in 2010!

The 2010 Give Me 10 recruiting campaign launches January 1, 2010. Recruiting materials for the chapters are being prepared at MOAA HQ now. The 2010 effort will go even further to emphasize paid memberships. Chapters still will earn \$10 for every new complimentary membership. The "double-down" recruiting incentive also is back, with chapters receiving \$20 for each paid membership. Chapters will receive \$20 for each annual membership that's converted to a life membership. Each new life membership will also net \$20 for the chapter.

Chapters that sign up 10 new paid members will receive a \$100 bonus from MOAA, and chapters will continue to receive a \$100 bonus for every 10 new paid members thereafter. When the campaign ends December 31, 2010, the chapter with the most paid memberships (minimum of 10 paid members) in each of 10 categories based on chapter size will receive \$1,000!

Now is the time to recruit new members! MOAA 

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help themselves.

Most importantly we made the difficult transition and are willing to share our insights, knowledge and experiences with retiring officers.

Curtis Lee, former executive vice president of SERVCO and active Aloha Chapter member, is head of our new program. 

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 11, 2009 (Friday)	Christmas Dinner, Laulima Room, Hale Koa Hotel
Dec 18-20, 2009 (Fri thru Sun)	Free Evening Tours of Pearl Harbor Ships Decorated for the Holidays
Dec. 20, 2009 (Sunday)	5:30 PM, Annual Dinner/Party Bridge, Ihara Residence, Kaneohe
Dec. 21, 2009 (Monday)	Golf Outing, Malama Bay Golf Course, Hickam Air Force Base

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Pearl Harbor Ship Tours

What: Free Holiday Festival of Lights Boat Tours of the Decorated Pearl Harbor Ships

Free Holiday Festival of Lights Pearl Harbor evening ship tours will be offered to the public on December 18, 19 and 20. Offered as a community service of the US Navy, National Park Service, and Arizona Memorial Museum Association, the tour boats will depart from the *USS Arizona* Memorial Visitor Center each evening from 6:00 to 8:15 pm. The tour boats are free, but seats are limited and tickets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis beginning at 5:30 p.m. the day of the tour.

The 30-minute harbor-side tours will feature Christmas music and harbor-side views of the many Pearl Harbor ships and submarines decked out with Holiday decorations and lights.

Due to enhanced security measures in effect 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. Please note that cameras and videos are allowed onboard for photos of the decorated ships, however, photographing security activities such as the patrol boats and shore or water security personnel is prohibited. Since it can become chilly, a light jacket or sweater is recommended.

Boarding for the tour boats begins 15 minutes prior to each stated departure time. Be sure to arrive early to allow time for parking and going through the security check.

Tour participants are also invited to bring in donations of non-perishable and canned foods for the Hawaii Foodbank. After the tour, participants can vote on their favorite Holiday decorated ship or submarine. The winning ship or submarine will have that evening's Hawaii Foodbank collection donated on their behalf.

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

Where: *USS Arizona* Memorial Visitor Center

When: December 18, 19, and 20 (Fri, Sat, Sun)
6 – 8:15 PM, departing every 15 minutes.

Cost: Tickets for a seat on the boats are free, but are limited and will be distributed first come, first served, beginning at 5:30 p.m. on the day of the ship tour. **Sunny** 

Holiday Activities at Your NEX

Local recording artist and two-time Grammy nominee, **Raiatea Helm** will be performing at the Navy Exchange at noon on Saturday, 12 December, to help celebrate the holidays. This FREE performance will be followed by a meet and greet autograph session and will be sponsored by Hawaiian Host. For a limited time only, a free sample CD is available with the purchase of Hawaiian Host's Christmas Medley selections. For more information, visit your Navy Exchange or call 423-3216. **NEX Plan of the Week** 

Leaving the Military?

Continue to Make a Difference

Become a Teacher

- Go to "doe-jobs.k12.hi.us"
- Click on: Troops to Teachers icon
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* Pending availability of funds

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Neighbor Islands call 1-800-420-3688
E-mail: hawaiittt@notes.k12.hi.us
Or go to www.proudtoserveagain.com



Troops to Teachers



Aloha Chapter Party Bridge

Harriet Weisman hosted the last chapter party bridge session for the 2009 bridge-year on Sunday, November 15th. It was held in the Fahrni Realty Classroom where 18 regular players and 2 guests began play at 1 pm.

The top scorer for this session was Program Coordinator **Shirley Ihara** whose score of 5,480 points was more than 1,000 more than the next highest scorer, hostess **Harriet Weisman**. Other top scorers in descending order were: **Dan Matthews, Phyllis Williams, Les Ihara**, and guest **Harold Lee**. The remaining players behind them in descending order were: **Coralie Vellis**, guest **Gerri Lee, Lois Luehring, Bill Ernst, Dayle Carlson, Marion Von, Helen Fahrni, Mitzi Austin, Trudi Ernst, Bobbi Carlson, Sam Heard, Vernon Von, Bev Jensen**, and **Anna Blackwell**.



Top Scorers

*Seated, left to right, **Harriet Weisman, Shirley Ihara, and Phyllis Williams**. Standing are **Dan Matthews, Harold Lee, and Les Ihara***

The next party bridge session will be hosted by **Les & Shirley Ihara** in their home in Kaneohe on Sunday, December 20th. It will be the annual Christmas dinner bridge session beginning with dinner at 5:30 pm during which the recipient of the *2009 Chapter Bridge Player of the Year Award* will be announced. Those interested in playing but have not signed up need to contact **Les** or **Shirley**, by telephone at 239-7947, or e-mail to lsi@hawaii.rr.com, not later than Monday, December 14th. **Shirley** 

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K. Lono

TRICARE Unaffected by Health Care Bill – at this time

Government liaisons in the Military Officers Association of America, the Fleet Reserve Association of America, the American Legion and other veterans' service organizations have studied the legislative language of both the House and Senate versions of the proposed Health Care Bill. Their own reviews, and assurances they've received from relevant committees, give them confidence that the bills won't impact benefits or fees charged by TRICARE or VA, nor will these beneficiaries be exposed to any new tax liabilities. **Military.com** 

Add these Websites to your "Favorites"

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

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Norm Fujiwara

November Golf Report

Our November golf date was on Monday the 23rd at the Navy/Marine Golf Course. “Jumbo” **Joe Kuroda** had just made it back from his Far-East Safari via Space-A and sent me an e-mail stating, “I want to play.” That was welcome news since until then we had

twenty-three players signed up, or five foursomes and a threesome. We now had six foursomes signed up to play; however, as we assembled to play, we were one player short, so we were back to one threesome group. No problem. Twenty-three of us teed off a little earlier than scheduled.

Allen Ono with **Bob Kozuki** and **Kelly Lau**

and **Ken Munechika** were the leading group; they were followed by **Gordon Cho**, **Vernon Von**, **Marv Baum** and **John Holmes**; trailing them were the threesome of **Jack Bohman**, **Howard Okada** and **Ira Tagawa**, followed closely by **Curtis Lee**, **Joe Kuroda**, **Ken Yamada** and yours truly. Bringing up the rear was the foursome of wahine golfers, **Eleanor Paek**, **Betty Hashimoto**, guest **Sally Minami** and **Alice Fujiwara**.

Weather for the day was superb, some wind with only a short threat of rain, but it subsided very shortly.

Now for the blind partner winners, and we had a very first, an error in the selection of winners, through a mathematical error, **Allen Ono** and **Vernon Von** were mistakenly omitted from the second place winners. So the winners, starting at fourth place were the pair of **Howard Okada** and **Ken Munechika**, in third place were **Ken Yamada** and yours truly, in second place (sorry for the error) **Allen Ono** and **Vernon Von**, and our super mega jackpot winners in first place were the pair of **Kelly Lau** and **Eleanor Paek**.

Congratulations to all the winners as well as all the participants (contributors).

Now our thought for the day: “Never put off ‘til tomorrow what you can avoid altogether.”

Our next golf outing will be on Monday the 21st of December at Mamala Bay Golf Course. See you all there.

Aloha and good golfing,

Norm



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 2010. Cut out the Membership Application on Page 7 of this newsletter to give to a prospective member. Help us win a bonus!

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Annual Chapter Christmas Party

We will begin our evening together at 6 PM, Friday, December 11th, in the Laulima Room of the Hale Koa Hotel, with a very short business meeting, the introduction and installation of our 2010 chapter officers who were nominated and elected at our November General Membership Meeting. After this brief ceremony, it will be just Christmas fun—nothing serious, not even a guest speaker.

For our Christmas dinner, we will start with the Hale Koa house salad followed by an entrée of chicken and mahi-mahi. The chicken will be baked breast of chicken with a curried honey-orange sauce paired with a mahi-mahi filet topped with seafood stuffing and a glazed five-grain garden medley of rice accompanied with seasonal fresh vegetables. We will finish this sumptuous meal with strawberry cream cheese cake.

For those who wish to participate in the gift exchange program, please bring a gift of approximately \$5.00 value. Afterwards, we will have our Christmas caroling time with the one and only **Rosa Baysa** leading the group. The remainder of the night will be the old Hawaiian tradition of “talk story” time. Military personnel and spouses should be prepared to share their most memorable Christmas experience in the military. 

Aloha Chapter, MOAA RESERVATION FORM

Annual Christmas Dinner and Festivities

Christmas Carols and Gift Exchange and Prizes and Fellowship

6:00 PM, Friday, December 11, 2009

Laulima Rooms, Hale Koa Hotel

2055 Kalia Road, Ft. DeRussy, Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu 96815

Salad, Baked Chicken, Mahi Mahi, Rice, Vegetables, and Cheese Cake

Member: _____ Spouse: _____

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

Cost = \$32.75 per person. _____ x \$32.75 = \$ _____

Please send in your reservation ASAP to arrive NLT **Tuesday, December 8, 2009** to:

Checks Payable to: Aloha Chapter, MOAA

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 19267

Honolulu, HI 96817

Call Norm Fujiwara at 626-4630 for more information, if necessary

Aloha Chapter, MOAA, Membership/Application Form

Enroll me as a Regular Member: Each year of membership = \$15. Five Years = \$60. (One year FREE!)

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

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

Address

City, State Zip

Spouse's Name

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Applicant's Signature

Recruiter/Sponsor's Name

Mail Application Form and
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National Guard US Navy

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Awards

- * 2002 5-Star Chapter
- * 2003 4-Star Chapter
- * 2004 Winner Best Website
- * 2004 2nd Runner-Up Electronic Newsletter
- * 2004 4-Star Chapter
- * 2005 Winner-Cat VII "Give Me 10" Recruitment Campaign
- * 2005 5-Star Chapter
- * 2006 4-Star Chapter
- * **2007 2nd Runner-Up Print Newsletter**
- * **2007 5-Star Chapter**
- * **2008 2nd Runner-Up Print Newsletter**



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