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Stormin' The Hill

Joseph M. Magaldi, Jr., COL, USMC, Ret., our Aloha Chapter President for 2008, joined representatives from all of the other states and Puerto Rico in attending the Military Officers Association of America annual Council Presidents' Seminar in Alexandria, VA, April 18 – 23, 2009. MOAA hosted its council and chapter leaders for three days, including briefings on key legislative issues and meetings on chapter activities.

These state leaders and MOAA's national Board of Directors and headquarters staff also visited legislators and staffers on Capitol Hill to persuade them to cosponsor legislation that 1.) opposes disproportional TRICARE fee increases, 2.) fixes the inequities for disabled retirees and military survivors, 3.) sustains a long-term defense budget to fund a larger military pay raise, and 4.) ensures Congress continues its commitment to ease deployment strains by increasing military manpower levels.



COL Joe Magaldi and Senator Daniel Inoyue

COL **Magaldi** met with Hawaii's Senators **Daniel Inoyue** and **Daniel Akaka** and Representatives **Neil Abercrombie** and **Mazie Hirono** and urged their support on these four issues.

He also had an enlightening lunch with GEN **Eric Shinseki**, Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, who explained how he is moving to combine efforts of the DOD and his cabinet department to ensure that the best possible service is provided to veterans of all grades.

On April 21st, COL **Joe Magaldi** attended a reception on Capitol Hill to recognize distinguished leaders who have been strong supporters of national defense and the uniformed services community.

COL Joe Magaldi, left, selling the MOAA agenda to Hawaii Representative Neil Abercrombie in the congressman's office



HAMS Golf Tournament

The 2009 Hawaii Army Museum Society (HAMS) annual Golf Tournament will be conducted at the Leilehua Army Golf Course on Friday, 26 June 2009.

Volunteers are needed again 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.

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.

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President's Message by Robert Kozuki

The Aloha Chapter, MOAA, was represented at the Memorial Day Services held at The National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl,

and at the Hawaii State Veterans' Cemetery, Kaneohe, on Monday, May 25, 2009. In addition to me, the attendees included **Norman & Alice Fujiwara, Mark Webster, and Larry & Yuriko Enomoto.** See the photos on page 8.

This is a reminder that the Hawaii Army Museum Society (HAMS) Golf Tournament will be held at Leilehua Golf Course on June 26, 2009. Aloha Chapter members interested in participating and volunteering should contact **Gordon Cho** at 484-2400 or by e-mail at gcho440443@aol.com.

Our August program will be held at Nehelani, Schofield Barracks, on Sunday, August 16, 2009, with a brunch buffet being served at 11:00 AM. Our guest speakers will be **Kimo Akane**, aka **Kimo Vegas**, who has a byline in MidWeek entitled "*Kimo's Vegas*," and radio and TV personality Billy V, who was the master of ceremonies at the Memorial Day Ceremony at Punchbowl.

As your president, I look forward to your help in planning our events and to have you as active participants in future programs. I have several positions open and I am asking for our members to step forward and be a volunteer.



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

**Salute to Active, Reliable
Charter Member,
Harold Kuwahara**

Harold Kuwahara reflects the style, grace and personality of many members of the Aloha Chapter — low-key, friendly and quiet yet with the fierce desire to build a better chapter and al-



Harold Kuwahara

ways ready to help others when needed.

I met Harold in the early days when the Aloha Chapter was being organized. It was easy to recognize in him the special features we sought in members. He is proud of his service to our Nation, loves his home State of Hawaii, listens to others carefully and patiently, speaks up when a point needs to be made and will quickly and willingly volunteer his help when needed. He served as the first chapter treasurer.

We asked **Harold** to answer a few questions to get to know him better.

Military career. Drafted into Army in April 1951 and took basic training at Schofield Barracks. Sent to Officers Candidate School at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, and assigned there as an administrative officer. Served with 9th Army Reserve Corps and USAR School at Fort DeRussy and graduated from Army Command and General Staff College in 1970. Last duty as-

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| June 14, 2009
(Sunday) | 1:00 PM, Bridge Bunch Party Bridge, Fahrni Realty Classroom, Aiea |
| June 26, 2009
(Friday) | Hawaii Army Museum Society (HAMS) Golf Tournament, Leilehua Golf Course, Schofield Barracks |
| June 29, 2009
(Monday) | Golf Outing, Navy/Marine Golf Course, Valkenburgh Ave., Honolulu |
| Aug 16, 2009
(Sunday) | 11:00 AM, Brunch, Nehelani, Bldg 2060, 1249 Kolekole Ave., Schofield Barracks; Speakers: Billy V & Kimo Akane |
| Sept. 17-21, '09 | Twinning at Las Vegas Chapter and attending UH-UNLV game |
| Dec. 9, 2009
(Wednesday) | Christmas Dinner, Laulima Room, Hale Koa Hotel |

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July 4

Spend the 4th of July with the Hale Koa Hotel. Enjoy the many flavors of our restaurants, sip on a cocktail at the Barefoot Bar, or relax on Ft. DeRussy Beach, a perfect place to witness the 4th of July Fireworks.



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Update on Aloha Chapter Member Nominated for Jefferson Award

Last month's newsletter reported that Aloha Chapter member **Kawai "Sunny" Young**, COL, USA, Ret., had been nominated for the annual Jefferson Award for Public Service, which honors everyday heroes, people who do extraordinary things for others in their dedication to the community through volunteerism.

Your Aloha Chapter is exceedingly pleased to salute **Kawai "Sunny" Young**, a recipient of this year's Jefferson Award. This is the second year in a row that a chapter member has been honored with the Jefferson Award; last year **Wesley Fong** was presented with this prestigious award.

Congratulations Sunny!



An Evening at the Theatre

On Friday, May 15th, twenty-nine Aloha Chapter members and guests enjoyed fellowship and a fabulous seared ahi, char broiled prime rib or Oriental chicken salad dinner at the Hale Ikena, Ft. Shafter.

Afterwards, twenty-three of the group went to the Richardson Theater to see the almost 3-hour play *Children of Eden*. Everyone enjoyed this musical bringing the Book of Genesis to life. The first act began with the creation and the second act ended after the great flood. The Garden of Eden and Noah's Ark had to be recreated.

Frankly, the first act was a sure cure for insomnia whereas the second act was quite stunning with spectacular staging, songs and costumes. All of the animal costumes were reminiscent of the elaborate costumes in *The Lion King*. **Harold**



Add these Websites to your "Favorites"

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TRICARE For Life in Danger

TRICARE For Life was instituted to correct

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signment was with Pacific Command headquarters, Camp Smith, as Reserve Liaison Officer and mobilization plan writer. Retired as a colonel in 1988.

Civilian career. 1957 graduate of Pennsylvania State University with degree in business administration, majoring in banking and finance. Most of my civilian career was either in commercial or mortgage banking with Central Pacific Bank and Mason McDuffie Mortgage Corporation. Retired in 1996.

What most people don't know. "I was born and raised in Hilo. To keep in shape, I skip rope almost every day for the past 35 years. I would jump 500 times in the morning and 500 more times in the afternoon. A few years ago I scaled down the exercises to 200 jumps every morning and afternoon."

Learning More About Our Hawaiian Heritage

On Tuesday, May 5th, the *Merrie Ladies*, friends, and family members took a tour of the Mission Houses and Museum located behind Kawaiaha'o Church across from Honolulu Hale. The tour was planned by our very own **Anna Blackwell**, who is herself a descendant of three of the missionary couples who came to the islands during the 1800's. It was truly amazing to see how these missionaries from New England lived, and to learn of the influence they had on the peoples of Hawaii. Not only did they bring Christianity to the islands but they helped the islanders become almost 90% literate—a feat not accomplished by the rest of the world. Our guide was Michael Smola, originally from Michigan, who loves Hawaii and is enamored by the history of the islands. Michael has lived in the islands less than a year, yet knows wonderful facts and stories about the missionaries and how they lived.

We began our tour viewing two models of the mission houses and the surrounding area. The first one was of the original buildings the missionaries built upon their arrival and the second model was of the mission houses as we see them today along with Kawaiaha'o Church. It was interesting to note that King Street was originally called King's Way as that is the road the King used. Restoration architects, H. Lockwood Frost and his wife Rossie completed the models in time for the Mission's 150th anniversary in 1970.

We toured the first frame building, the printing press building, and Chamberlain House where the Alphabet Soup Exhibit is located. The tour was of particular interest to **Norm Fujiwara** as he has a friend in California who is a descendant of Gerrit Parmele Judd, the second doctor for the missionary families and the islanders (the first doctor was asked to leave). **Norm** said his friend, Dick Judd, is as interesting a person as his ancestor, Dr. Gerrit Judd. It was fun having such connections with our Hawaiian history.

Our next *Merrie Ladies* function will be on Thursday, August 13th, at 9 am. We will tour David Sumida's watercress farm makai of Pearl Ridge. Friends and family members are welcome to join us. The tour is free and our contact persons are: **Rowena Okita** at 262-0882 and **Charlene Towne** at 263-9731. Details will be in our next newsletter.



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ROTC Awards at UH

On 9 April MG **Vern Miyagi**, COL **Wesley Fong** and COL **Harold Kuwahara** represented our Aloha Chapter, MOAA, at the annual UH ROTC Awards Ceremony held at Orvis Auditorium. MG **Miyagi** presented branch insignia to each of the 30 graduating Army ROTC cadets. Col **Fong** and COL **Kuwahara** presented a plaque with the MOAA Leadership Award certificate and MOAA medal to Air Force Cadet **Matthew Sanders** and Army ROTC cadet **Caroline Cash**. They also presented two of Aloha Chapter's \$1000 Scholarship Awards to Air Force cadet **Maria Kutschke** and Army cadet **Caroline Cash**.



*Left to right, COL **Wesley Fong**, MG **Vern Miyagi**, Army Cadet **Caroline Cash**, Air Force Cadet **Matthew Sanders**, Air Force Cadet **Maria Kutschke** and COL **Harold Kuwahara** at the annual University of Hawaii ROTC Awards Ceremony*

Corrections and Updates to 2009 Directory

John Ching died about a year ago and is survived by his wife, **Annabelle**, who is now a Life Auxiliary member.

Correct the e-mail address for **Jane Kekoa** to jmkekoa@yahoo.com. Because one letter was wrong, the messages to her went to someone else.

Dorothy Park, the wife of **Charles Park**, died.

John Seward has been promoted to MG.

T. Mark Takai has been promoted to MAJ.

JROTC Awards at Punahou



*Left to right, BG **Roger F. Mathews**, USA, commander of the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, the inspirational guest speaker at the Punahou JROTC Awards Ceremony on May 13th; Army JROTC Cadet **Jenna Young**; and Aloha Chapter members LCDR **Mark Webster**, USNR, Ret., Punahou alumnus who presented **Jenna** with her award from MOAA, and LTC **Robert Takao**, USA, Director of Military Instruction at Punahou School*

Military Will Remove Social Security Numbers from Military IDs

The Department of Defense plans to remove Social Security Account Numbers (SSAN) from all military identification cards by the end of 2010. Instead, the cards will display only the last four digits of the SSAN.

Defense officials said this change is an effort to thwart identity theft -- an acknowledgement that a lost ID card puts the cardholder and the military sponsor at risk for such theft.

The changes will be phased in for different beneficiary groups, with military family members being the first in line for updated cards this year. Within two years, all Defense-Department-issued ID cards will show only the last four digits of the SSAN.

MOAA is extremely pleased at this announcement.

Chapter Bylaws

2009 Proposed Amendments

(To Be Discussed at Next
Board of Directors Meeting)

Explanatory Comments by Allen Ono, Chairman, Board of Directors:

The Aloha Chapter is a small veterans social club of friends. Three bylaw changes dealing with membership and size of the board of directors are proposed to streamline and ease governance of the organization. Two of the proposals remove current restrictions of service apportionment and term limits of directors. The third deal with size of the board.

The following proposals are made in face of the reality that we remain small in size and a large number of members are not volunteering to serve as directors. The situation is made more difficult by the provisions that all services must be represented on the board and term limits require replacement of directors who otherwise may wish to continue in that capacity. The proposal reduces the number of directors to 7 (from 9) and is considered sufficient to serve as the chapter's policy body.

The character, purpose and operations of the chapter would not change. The new provisions would strengthen the organization of our size by encouraging the best members to become directors with the general membership electing by popular vote the seven best members to serve as directors regardless of service affiliation and tenure.

Changes are annotated as follows:
[Deletions] or *Additions*

Article IX - Board of Directors

Section 1. There shall be a board of directors [, ~~composed~~] of not more than [nine (9)] *seven (7)* [members] *persons, without regard to service affiliation,* elected [by] *from among regular, life and auxiliary members who are in good standing within the Chapter [members] and who are willing to serve.* [If eligible members are available, each of the following services shall be represented on the board by at least one member from the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, and one representing the Coast Guard, NOAA and USPHS. In addition, the board shall

include a member representing the auxiliary and may include a director elected at large.]

Section 2. [When the total number of members of one service is greater than two or more times the combined totals of the smallest three (3) categories above, that service shall be entitled to as many board members as the number of times it is greater, subject to a maximum of three (3). However, directors should represent the interests of all Chapter members and not any specific uniformed service or the auxiliary.] *Directors shall take office upon their election and shall hold office until their successors are elected. Directors who cannot continue to serve on the board for any reason shall resign. These pending vacancies shall be filled by election of eligible members in Section 1 above at the next annual general membership meeting.*

[Section 3. Term of office of board members shall be two (2) years. Terms shall be staggered to insure that up to one half of all directors is elected each year. No director shall be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. Directors shall take office upon their election or appointment to fill a vacancy.]

Section [4] **3.** The board of directors shall:

- a. Be responsible to the members for supervising, controlling and directing the affairs of the Chapter;
- b. Determine Chapter policies or changes thereto within the limits of these bylaws;
- c. Have overall authority to approve the disbursement of Chapter funds. Board of director's approval of a budget line item is authority for its proponent to expend up to the amount specified;
- d. Adopt resolutions or establish positions in the name of the Chapter only with membership approval;
- e. Elect the chairman of the board when a vacancy occurs in that position; *and*
- f. [Fill a director's vacancy until the next election whenever an eligible member from the same service or auxiliary becomes available; and
- g.] Appoint the chair and members of the nominating committee.

[Section 5. The board may waive the term limit for a specific director if an eligible member is not available from the same service or auxiliary to fill that director's vacancy and if that director agrees to serve longer.]

Section [6] **4.** A majority of members serving on the board shall constitute a quorum capable of transacting any business that may come before a meeting of the board of directors.

Article X - Chapter Officers

Section 1. The board shall appoint any [class of] *eligible* Chapter member[s, except honorary,] to serve as [officers for one year or longer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these by-laws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Chapter in Article XIV] *president. Subject to approval by the board, the president shall select and appoint other eligible members to serve as vice president, secretary and treasurer.*

Section 2. The president shall preside at *annual* general membership, regular and special meetings of the Chapter, executive committee meetings, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees with the right to vote, except in the nomination committee.

Article XII – Standing, Ad Hoc and Nominating Committees

Section 5. A nominating committee of up to [five] *three* members [of any membership class, who may include incumbent members of the board of directors barred from re-election, shall be appointed by the board of directors not later than July 1], *appointed by the board of directors not later than September 1,* [to] *shall* nominate members to fill pending vacancies of directors who have resigned.

Reasons for Proposed Changes

Art. IX, Section 1: Nominating committees have had great difficulty in finding nominees to fill one vacancy for the Marine Corps and one vacancy for the Coast Guard, NOAA and Public Health Service, as currently prescribed in this section, because very few or no Chapter members are affiliated with those services. This change eliminates this “service affiliation” requirement.

Art. IX, Section 2: Nominating committees often have had difficulty in finding enough nominees from the Army, Navy and Air Force willing to fill the proportional-representation provision of this section. This change eliminates this “proportional-representation” requirement.

Art. IX, Section 3: Nominating committees have frequently had difficulty in finding enough nominees every year to fill the staggered vacancies associated with the two-year terms or the two-term limit. Many directors recently were only willing to serve for one-year terms. This change eliminates both “two-year terms” and “two-term limits”; and re-numbers this section as “2.” This change also keeps the last sentence of the current section; adds provisions for directors to resign

for any reason and to have their vacancies filled at the next annual general membership meeting.

Art. IX, Section 4, paragraph f: Because the Section 1 change above eliminates the service affiliation requirement, this change also eliminates that same requirement to “fill a director’s vacancy until the next election whenever an eligible member from the same service or auxiliary becomes available.” This change also re-numbers this section as “3” and paragraph “g” as “f.”

Art. IX, Section 5: Because “two-year terms” and “two-term limits” are eliminated in Section 3 above, the “term limit” waiver provision in this current section is no longer needed. This change eliminates this section completely.

Art. IX, Section 6: This change only re-numbers this section as “4.”

Art. X, Section 1: This section currently provides for the board of directors to appoint *all* officers from eligible member with the expectation that they will work together. Recently, the board has appointed some of its directors to also serve as Chapter officers in “dual-hat roles.” This change provides for the board to appoint only the Chapter president, then provides for the president to select and appoint his or her own team of officers from other eligible members, subject to board approval. This change also eliminates any references to term limits and performance requirements for Chapter officers.

Art. X, Section 2: This change only insert the word “annual” before “general membership” in this section to be consistent with terminology for meetings in Art. VIII of these Bylaws.

Art. XII, Section 5: This section currently provides for “up to five members of any class” to serve on the nominating committee and allows “incumbent members of the board barred from re-election” to be appointed to the nominating committee “not later than July 1.” Because the “two-term limit” is eliminated in Art. IX, Section 3 above, this change clarifies that nominations are required only for resignations, not for expired terms; reduces the maximum number of nominating committee members to “three;” moves the deadline forward to September 1 for the board to appoint nominating committee members; and eliminates the restriction against appointing incumbent members of the board to the nominating committee.



Memorial Day Ceremonies



Robert Kozuki, LTC, USA, Ret., President, Aloha Chapter, and **Norman Fujiwara**, LTC, USA, Ret., Vice President, Aloha Chapter, with our Aloha Chapter Flag that was displayed during the Memorial Day Ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl. The Memorial Day address was delivered by Honolulu Mayor **Mufi Hannemann**



Left, **Norman Fujiwara**, Vice President, Aloha Chapter, right, participating in the Parade of Veterans' Flags and Presentation of Lei at the Hawaii State Veterans' Cemetery, Kaneohe

Right, the Distinguished Guest Speaker at the Governor's Memorial Day Ceremony at the State Veterans' Cemetery, the Honorable **L. Tammy Duckworth**, MAJ, Illinois ARNG, Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Veterans' Affairs



Early Warning Alerts — Preview of 2 Coming Events

Aloha Chapter members and guests are cordially invited to share in the celebration of the Hawaii Chapter's 50th Anniversary in the Waikiki Ballroom of the Hale Koa Hotel. The guest speaker at this joint dinner is our MOAA President VADM **Norb Ryan, Jr.**, USN, Ret., who will bring us the latest news from MOAA Headquarters.



For more information on Hawaii Chapter's Golden Anniversary Banquet/Candlelight Dinner starting at 5:30 PM on July 23rd, contact our Aloha Chapter Life Member Anna Blackwell at 739-9164 or annagram2@aol.com or call Hawaii Chapter Program Chairman Jim Gebhard at 262-1165. **Jim**

All Aloha Chapter members and their invited guests should circle Sunday, August 16th, for our special chapter meeting. It is often said that "When in Rome, do as ..." The theme for our Sunday noon program is Viva Las Vegas — Veni, Vida, Visa. For you non-Romans who are planning to visit Las Vegas for Twining 2009 or for some other social or business function, it behooves you to attend this meeting; you just cannot afford to miss this program. Our guests for the day are **Billy V** from KINE radio and KGMB's "Sunrise" show and **Kimo Akane**, aka **Kimo Vegas**, columnist for the weekly newspaper MidWeek. The prime purpose of this program is to answer any questions you may have about Las Vegas, questions you may have had some reservations about asking or afraid to ask. **Billy** and **Kimo** promise to answer any and all questions regardless how trivial they may seem. Prior to your next visit to Las Vegas or your Twining 2009 trip, this is your opportunity to get some answers to any questions you may have.

In addition to all this information, you will be able to enjoy an ono buffet and a leisurely afternoon of fun and frivolity.

Norm

Aloha Chapter Party Bridge

The May Party Bridge session was held in the Colonnade on the Green Recreation Room on Sunday the 24th. It was coordinated and hosted by **Mitzi Austin** with **Dan Matthews** helping with the refreshments. Play began at 1 pm with 19 players (one no-show) but with “dummies” pitching in when necessary, the session was conducted relatively smoothly.

This session produced the highest individual score since the program began 4 years ago with **Dayle Carlson** scoring 6,140 points. It was also a relatively high scoring session with nine other players scoring over 4,000 points. Three small slams were bid and made—**Dayle** made two, one with **Vernon Von** and the other with **Marion Von**, and the 3rd was made by **Dan Matthews & Midge Brooks**. Other high scorers honored were, in descending order: **John Kim, Dan Matthews, Vernon Von, Marion Von** and **Helen Fahrni**. Other participants were: **Mitzi Austin, Bobbi Carlson, Sam Heard, Les & Shirley Ihara, Dave & Lois Luehring, Jane Miller, Harriet Weissman, Phyllis Williams**, and guests **Midge Brooks, Hazel Theodore**, and **Jan Towell**.



Seated: John Kim, Helen Fahrni, and Mitzi Austin, one of the hosts. Standing: Vernon Von, Marion Von, Dayle Carlson, and Dan Matthews, the other host.

The next party bridge session will be held on Sunday, June 14th, in the Fahrni Realty Classroom, beginning at 1 pm. Coordinating and hosting the session will be **Dave & Lois Luehring**. Those interested in playing on that date but have not signed up are asked to contact either **Dave** or **Lois** by telephone, 488-4458, or e-mail to: davelue@earthlink.net, not later than Wednesday, June 10th. **Shirley**



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the broken promise that military retirees would receive free healthcare coverage for life; it covers the Medicare co-pay. Now a heavy assault has begun on Veterans'/Retirees' benefits to pay for other programs our President promised during the campaign. And, it is a high priority of his administration. If approved by Congress, the first assault wave would hit in 2011 and would hit hard. It would initiate cost sharing to require retirees to pay the first \$525 of medical costs and 50% of the next \$4,725 for a first year cost of \$2,888 per person. It would be indexed to increase with inflation. A reason given for this action (for PR effect) is “overuse by Retirees.” There is a strong recommendation to eventually eliminate the program as it is too expensive.

This is just another move to slight those of us who dedicated much of our adult lives to the defense of our country. Your Aloha Chapter recommends that you contact your elected officials and register your strong opposition to the elimination of the TFL program.

Welcome to Our New Life Member

Robert H. Nagao, 1LT, HIARNG, Ret.



Norm Fujiwara

May Golf Report

For our monthly golf outing in May, we had an above average sign-up. Included in the group were two members "we have not seen in a coon's age," **Hal Okita** and **John Seeley**, out-of-town member **George Vickers**, and a threesome

of wahine golfers, a special first time event in our golf outings. Special thanks to **Joe Kuroda** for inviting the two of the wahine golfers, his niece **Eleanor Paek** and her friend **Betty Hashimoto**. We were able to tee off a little early since all of the players were ready to play. So our group was led off by **Allen Ono**, **Mert Agena**, **Ken Munechika**, and **Mel Soong**; the second group consisted of **Hal Okita**, **Howard Okada**, **George Vickers** and **John Seeley**, the third

group had **Gordon Cho**, **Dick Towne**, **John Holmes**, and **Leroy Perry**; they were followed by **Ira Tagawa**, **Larry Enomoto**, **Ken Yamada**, and **Vernon Von**; next to last were **Joe Kuroda**, **Curtis Lee**, **Jack Bohman** and yours truly; bringing up the rear was the wahine group with **Alice Fujiwara**, **Eleanor Paek**, and **Betty Hashimoto**.

The weather was nice not too hot and some wind so a pleasant day for golfing, especially when you are out there with friends.

Some of the players left as soon as their game was over but majority stayed back for our blind partner drawing. After checking the score cards and spreading the numbered poker chips, the players began to draw numbers to determine who the partners would be. After the net scores were totaled, the winning pairs were determined. In fourth place were the partners of **Ira Tagawa** and **Eleanor Paek**; in second place there was a tie so a tie breaker was applied and in third place was **Vernon Von** (he was his own partner) and in second place were the partners of **Mert Agena** and yours truly; and the grand champions of the mega jackpot were **Gordon Cho** and **Betty Hashimoto**. Congratulations to all the winners as well as all the participants. Mahalo for coming out.

Now for our thought of the day: "Marriage is like living in California; if you find a fault, don't dwell on it."

Next month's Aloha Chapter golf outing will be on Monday, June 29th at Navy/Marine Golf Club. Notice of the sign up is forthcoming.

Mahalo to all you golfers,

Norm



*See you
at the 19th Hole!*

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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 2009. Cut out the Membership Application on Page 11 of this newsletter to give to a prospective member.

Merrie Ladies, Members to Ship Out

Here is a flyer about the cruise the Auxiliary is setting up for all MOAA chapter Auxiliary members, regular members, and family and friends. This is the first annual cruise and the timing is perfect. You can extend your summer fun by joining us for a wonderful cruise down the Mexican Riviera. Ports of Call are Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta.

Be sure and notice the bottom lines in the information. \$50 will go to your chapter for each cabin booked by a chapter member, chapter members family and friends. Not only that, MOAA Vacations will donate to MOAA Auxiliary \$50 per cabin. We plan to use that money to have pins made of our brand new Hearts Logo.

Another good thing to know is this: if you are attending the MOAA conference in San Diego, the conference is over on the 24th and the ship sails on the 25th. You need only travel one hour up the coast to the Port of Los Angeles. Our travel agent, Shelley will be able to make ground travel arrangements for you from San Diego to the port.

For further information, contact Anna Blackwell at 739-9164 or annagram2@aol.com.

Anna 

7-night Mexican Riviera cruise with Auxiliary Members of MOAA Royal Caribbean's Mariner of the Seas October 25 - November 1, 2009

MOAA Auxiliary members are invited to come together with other MOAA members, family and friends to cruise the Mexican Riviera and celebrate Halloween at sea!



Day	Location	Arrive	Depart
Sunday	Los Angeles	--	1700
Monday	Cruising	--	--
Tuesday	Cabo San Lucas	930	1800
Wednesday	Mazatlan	800	1730
Thursday	Puerto Vallarta	800	1900
Friday	Cruising	--	--
Saturday	Cruising	--	--
Sunday	Los Angeles	700	--

On board the Mariner of the Seas you will find the following ship highlights: Swimming Pools, ShipShape Day Spa and Fitness Center, Hair Salon, Ice-skating rink, Rock-climbing wall, In-line skating, Royal Promenade (open 24 hours); Casino Royale, Golf simulators, Golf hitting cage, 9-hole miniature golf course, Full-size Basketball court, Johnny Rockets 50's style diner, Portofino Italian Restaurant, Café Promenade, Ben & Jerry's ice cream, Vintages wine bar, Boleros Italian-theme lounge, 24-hour Room Service, Themed bars and lounges, Adventure Ocean youth facilities including teens-only areas (Fuel and Living Room)

This is a popular cruise, so

Book Early! Our Discount Fares are:

Inside Cabin	\$661
Promenade Cabin	\$711
Ocean View Cabin	\$851
Balcony Cabin	\$911

Above fares are based on double occupancy and include port charges, government taxes & fees. The fares also include all meals and entertainment. (Portofino, Chops & Johnny Rockets have a cover charge.) MOAA Vacations can assist with air arrangements and transfers to and from the ship upon request.

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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Telephone Numbers H=Home/B=Business/C=Cell E-mail

Applicant's Signature

Recruiter/Sponsor's Name

Mail Application Form and Membership Dues Check to
 Aloha Chapter, MOAA
 P. O. Box 19267
 Honolulu, HI 96817-0267

CHECK APPLICABLE BOXES

STATUS	RANK	SERVICE
<input type="checkbox"/> Active		<input type="checkbox"/> US Army
<input type="checkbox"/> Reserve		<input type="checkbox"/> USAF
<input type="checkbox"/> National Guard		<input type="checkbox"/> US Navy
<input type="checkbox"/> Retired from AD		<input type="checkbox"/> USCG
<input type="checkbox"/> Retired from Res.		<input type="checkbox"/> USMC
<input type="checkbox"/> Former Officer		<input type="checkbox"/> USPHS
<input type="checkbox"/> Auxiliary (indicate Rank and Service of Spouse)		<input type="checkbox"/> NOAA

National MOAA Member:

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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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