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## Drones in the USAF

After a sumptuous buffet luncheon at Hale Ikena, Ft. Shafter, on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, forty Aloha Chapter members and two guests were treated to a very interesting presentation on Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV), also known as drone airplanes, by LTCOL **Jill Singleton**, USAF, Commanding Officer of the 8<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Squadron, Hickam AFB.

Her squadron is one of the subordinate components of the 480<sup>th</sup> Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing, headquartered at Langley AFB, VA, providing command and control for the timely processing, exploitation and dissemination of intelligence data for U.S. combatants across the globe. However, not only military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan are supported, but her squadron assisted in the recent relief operations in Haiti.



LTCOL **Singleton** said that the bulk of her unit's work is in support of the wars rather than the Pacific theater or humanitarian missions. Requests from the U.S. Central Command theater include everything from using a Predator UAV to observing a raid by U.S. soldiers to scanning convoy routes for roadside bombs. "Because we have so much going on, especially in the UAV video feeds, we're always looking at ways to more effectively use the limited personnel resources that we have," she said.



*LTCOL **Jill Singleton**, our guest speaker at our March luncheon*

For each round-the-clock UAV orbit, about six intelligence airmen are needed to analyze the full-motion video

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## Annual Chicken Sale Fundraiser

Our annual Aloha Chapter Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, 25 April 2010, at the same location as last year. That was the Kalihi Waena Elementary School, 1240 Gulick Avenue, in the lower or makai parking lot.

Last week all chapter members received a letter with five tickets enclosed. The price for a whole BBQ chicken is the same as last year, \$8.00. We again offer the opportunity for you to donate part or all of your chickens to the Institute for Human Services (IHS) for their Sunday lunch meal for their disadvantaged residents.

We also will need volunteers to pack and sell chickens from 0900 to 1200 as well as another group to go to IHS to cut and

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## President's Message by Robert Kozuki

Your EXCOM is the working committee of the Aloha Chapter, MOAA. We can use more assistance from our general membership in several areas. We have openings on the Pro-

gram Committee and seek a chairman along with committee members. We are also seeking suggestions and recommendations for programs that would be of general interest to the membership. We can always use help in recruiting new members. One of the more effective means of recruiting a new member is for a current member to seek out someone they know and to invite them to our program/meetings to meet other members.

I would like to remind our membership of our annual fund raiser Chicken Sale. Tickets have been mailed and the chickens are scheduled for pick up at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, April 25, 2010, at the Kalihi Waena Elementary School, 1240 Gulick Ave. Volunteers are asked to report at 9:00 am.

The EXCOM is working on developing our annual program. However, we still have many "blanks" in our schedule. We ask you to mark your calendar for the following dates:

- ♦ May 28, 2010, dinner-theater, dinner at Hale Ikena 5:30 pm followed by attending the play, "Three Penny Opera" at 7:00 pm, at the Ft Richardson Theater.
- ♦ September 15-20, 2010, is Twinning and we will be hosting the Las Vegas Chapter. Les Ihara is our point man for this event. More information will be made available as events are finalized.
- ♦ October 9, 2010, Retiree Appreciation Day at Nehelani, 9 am, Schofield Barracks.
- ♦ November 12, 2010, Patriotic Songfest at the Veterans Administration Center For Aging. We meet in the lobby at 10 a.m. The VA Center for Aging is located on the grounds of Tripler Medical Center.
- ♦ December 10, 2010, Aloha Chapter Annual Christmas Dinner, 6:00 pm, at Hale Koa Hotel.

Other programs are being planned and we will provide the details as they are finalized.

Our Vice President and Golf Program person, **Norman Fujiwara**, has worked out an excellent schedule for the Aloha Chapter golfers. Those who wish to join the MOAA Golf group are encouraged to contact **Norman** at 626-4630, or through his email: [nfujiwara@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:nfujiwara@hawaiiantel.net).

**Les and Shirley Ihara** have a great Bridge party group and those who wish to join our Bridge bunch need to call them at 239-7947, or through their email: [Isi@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:Isi@hawaii.rr.com).



## Ukulele Tour Rescheduled

On Wednesday, May 19, 2010, the *Merrie Ladies*, spouses, and friends are invited to tour the Kamaka Ukulele Factory. We plan to meet in front of the factory by 10:15 AM and the tour will start promptly at 10:30 AM. The factory is located at 550 South Street. A "for pay" parking lot is located across the street from the factory. For those who are interested, we plan to go lunch someplace nearby after the tour. Since space for the tour is limited, please make your reservation as soon as possible. Please call **Charlene Towne** at 623-9731 or **Anna Blackwell** at 739-9164 or email **Anna** at [annagram2@aol.com](mailto:annagram2@aol.com). **Marion**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 18, 2010 (Sunday)	1:00 PM, Bridge Party, Fahrni Realty Classroom. Hosts: Bill & Trudi Ernst
April 25, 2010 (Sunday)	9:00 AM, Annual Chicken Sale Fund-raiser, Kalihi-Waena Elementary School
April 30, 2010 (Friday)	Golf Outing, Leilehua Golf Course, Schofield Barracks, Wahiawa
May 19, 2010 (Wednesday)	10:15 AM, <i>Merrie Ladies</i> Ukulele Factory Tour, Kamaka Ukulele Factory
May 28, 2010 (Friday)	5:30 PM, Lite Dinner at Hale Ikena, followed by attending play <i>Three Penny Opera</i>
June 25, 2010 (Friday)	MG Herbert E. Wolff Memorial Golf Tournament, Leilehua Golf Course
Sept 16, 2010 (Thursday)	6:00 PM, Twinning Joint Dinner with Las Vegas Chapter, Hale Koa Hotel
Dec 10, 2010 (Friday)	6:00 PM, Christmas Dinner Party, Laulima Room, Hale Koa Hotel

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## USAF Drones (continued from Front Page)

and disseminate the intelligence data gleaned—such as maps showing houses visited by targeted insurgents or where certain vehicles stopped—to the commanders on site.

“We’re always looking at exactly how many people it takes to do this work and how many feeds we can cover simultaneously,” **Singleton** said. It is a challenge to keep up with the war zone’s appetite for intelligence. The analysts also communicate directly with soldiers and joint terminal attack controllers, or JTAC’s, on the ground via e-mail or online chat software to find out what support they need and for the necessary further confirmation that the target is indeed hostile.

Unfortunately, there were glitches with the audio-visual setup, so LTCOL **Singleton** had to pass around her laptop to show scenes of sites photographed by the UAV’s. The resolution was quite impressive.

LTCOL **Singleton** concluded her informative, unclassified talk with a brief question-and-answer session.

Mark



## A Dinner and Theater Date

The Aloha Chapter Members are invited to participate in a lite dinner at Hale Ikena at 5:30 PM, Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, followed by a play, *The 3 Penny Opera*, at 7:30 PM at the Richardson Theater, Fort Shafter.

*The 3 Penny Opera*, the beggars’ opera, is directed by Brett Harwood & stars Laurence Paxton. This revolutionary work by **Bertolt Brecht** has been revived many times and in many different translations, but it has always been a sensation.

The original premiere was in Berlin in 1928 and the first Broadway production was in 1933. The setting is London’s Soho before and during the coronation of **Queen Victoria**. The master criminal **MacHeath** prowls the back streets of London introducing us to a motley crew of timeless characters. The cast is largely made up of criminals, beggars and tarts. In his libretto, theatrical giant **Bertolt Brecht** is interested in exposing corrupt officials of a sad and vicious society and holding a mirror up to our own. **Bob**



## Reassuring Statement from Eric K. Shinseki, GEN, USA, Retired, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

March 21, 2010

WASHINGTON - As Secretary of Veterans Affairs, I accepted the solemn responsibility to uphold our sacred trust with our nation's Veterans. Fears that Veterans health care and TRICARE will be undermined by the health reform legislation are unfounded. I am confident that the legislation being voted on today will provide the protections afforded our nation's Veterans and the health care they have earned through their service. The President and I stand firm in our commitment to those who serve and have served in our armed forces. We pledge to continue to provide the men and women in uniform and our Veterans the high quality health care they have earned.

President **Obama** has strongly supported Veterans and their needs, specifically health care needs, on every major issue for these past 14 months – advance appropriations, new GI Bill implementation, new Agent Orange presumptions for three additional diseases, new Gulf War Illness presumptions for nine additional diseases, and a 16% budget increase in 2010 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, that is the largest in over 30 years, and which has been followed by a 2011 VA budget request that increases that record budget by an additional 7.6%.

To give our Veterans further assurance that health reform legislation will not affect their health care systems, the Chairmen of five House committees, including Veterans Affairs Chairman **Bob Filner** and Armed Services Chairman **Ike Skelton**, have just issued a joint letter reaffirming that the health reform legislation as written would protect those receiving care through all TRICARE and Department of Veterans Affairs programs.



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## Keep Your Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) Up To Date

Active-duty and retired service members are automatically registered in DEERS, but they must take action to register their family members and ensure they're correctly entered into the database. Mistakes in the DEERS database can cause problems with TRICARE claims, so it is critical to maintain your DEERS information.

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- Fax address changes to DEERS at 1-831-655-8317.
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- Go online to TRICARE to update your information: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/deers/>.



**Look at the date above your name on the back page. If it doesn't say Life Member, that is your expiration date—when you need to renew your membership.**

## Aloha Chapter Party Bridge

The March chapter party bridge session was held at the Fahrni Realty Classroom, on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, hosted by **Gary & Bev Jensen**, who as experienced and generous hosts that they are, offered the 16 bridge enthusiasts a wide array of delicious snacks and drinks. Play began at 1 pm with only 14 players since an accident on the freeway delayed 2 of them from being present on time.

The top scorers for this session were all women with the only one scoring over 5,000 points being co-host **Bev Jensen**. Other top scorers were, in descending order: **Phyllis Williams**, guest **Midge Brooks**, **Lois Luehring**, and **Trudi Ernst**. The other participants were: **Ken & Lia Carroll**, **Bill Ernst**, **Shirley & Les Ihara**, **Gary Jensen**, **Dan Matthews**, **Marion & Vernon Von**, **Harriet Weissman**, and **Joan White**. Making and bidding a Small Slam were partners **Harriet Weissman** and **Phyllis Williams**.



*Seated, L to R: Harriet Weissman, Midge Brooks & Phyllis Williams. Standing: Lois Luehring, Trudi Ernst and hosts Gary & Bev Jensen.*

The next party bridge session will be hosted by **Bill & Trudi Ernst** in the Fahrni Realty Classroom on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Those interested in playing but have not yet signed up need to contact **Bill** or **Trudi** at 625-2545, or e-mail to: [bternst@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:bternst@hawaii.rr.com), not later than Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Shirley** 



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\*Rates are subject to change without notice.

## Pick Up Your Shirts and Cap

Our Aloha Chapter embroidered Aloha Shirts are available and ready for you to pick up. If you ordered one and have not yet picked it up, **Vernon Von** will have them conveniently available for you to purchase and pick up at our annual Chicken Sale Fundraiser on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The special price for this nice embroidered Aloha shirt is only \$30!

Also, embroidered Golf Shirts and Caps are being sold by **Les** and **Shirley Ihara**. If you would like to order a shirt for \$15 and/or a cap for \$10., please make arrangements with them at 239-7947. 

## 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!



*Norm Fujiwara*

## March Golf Report

The Aloha Chapter golf outing for March almost did not happen because of a malfunction in the Mamala Bay GC scheduling system. When I called three weeks prior to our scheduled date, I was informed that we were not scheduled for our March 22<sup>nd</sup> date and they had some other group scheduled for that date. I requested an alternate date and was assigned to March 29<sup>th</sup>. When I called two weeks later “just in case,” I was told that March 29<sup>th</sup> is a maintenance day and only nine holes will be opened—plus we were not on the schedule. I asked to speak to the manager, who stated that, indeed, March 29<sup>th</sup> is their maintenance day. I explained that I was informed that we not scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> and had been reassigned to the 29<sup>th</sup> of March. He said that we were not scheduled on the 29<sup>th</sup> but on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Almost a “who’s-on-first routine.”

Since I had informed the golf members of the change to the 29<sup>th</sup> of March, several players had submitted their “ayes” to play on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March. Well, I had to inform them a couple of days later that the date of our scheduled golf outing was back to the 22<sup>nd</sup>; so I requested that all players send me a confirmation that they would be able to play on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. Seventeen players responded in the affirmative, so we were back on track for our monthly golf outing on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, the originally scheduled date.

However, I am not very fond of having a fivesome playing, so I sort of scrambled trying to find one more player until I called a Canadian snow bird that I know and invited him to play and he accepted. Then, I received word that our leader, our senior flag officer Allen Ono, had a doctor’s appointment and had to cancel out. So, back to the drawing board. **Marv Baum** said he would play, and I received an e-mail from **Curtis Lee**, who stated that he would like to play, too. Now we had a total of nineteen players: four foursomes and one threesome.

After all the hassle and the dust settled, we had a total of nineteen players meeting at Mamala Bay Golf Course on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Since we did not have our primary standard bearer, our second flag officer, **MG Kelly Lau**, became our leader and led the first group with **Bob Kozuki**, **Mel Soong** and **Vernon Von**. The next foursome consisting of **Chuck McCauley**, **John Holmes**, **Marv Baum**, and **Curtis Lee** teed up; followed by the threesome of **Jack Bohman**, **Larry Enomoto**, and **Ken Yamada**; then came the foursome of “Jumbo” **Joe Kuroda**, **Howard Okada**, yours truly and my guest **Gordon Paulsen**; and, in their usual position, the wahine golfers, led by **Eleanor Paek**, **Alice Fujiwara**, **Betty Hashimoto** and **Sally Minami** brought up the rear.

Our tournament play for the mega jackpot was the TF Game. In our final analysis, most of the players had scores in the forties. The second place to the fourth place winners were all in a close match in the thirties. In fourth place was **Howard Okada**, in third place **Marvin Baum** and, in second place, **Curtis Lee**. Our grand champion, the only player to have a final score in the twenties, was **Jack Bohman**.

A warm congratulations to all of our winners, a real special congratulations to **Curtis Lee**, who kept complaining about his double digit scores on so many holes, but his persistency and commitment, resulted in bettering the majority of us.

Now for our thought of the day: “Conceit is an odd disease; it makes everyone sick but the one who has it.”

Our next golf outing will be at Leilehua Golf Course on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. See y’all there!



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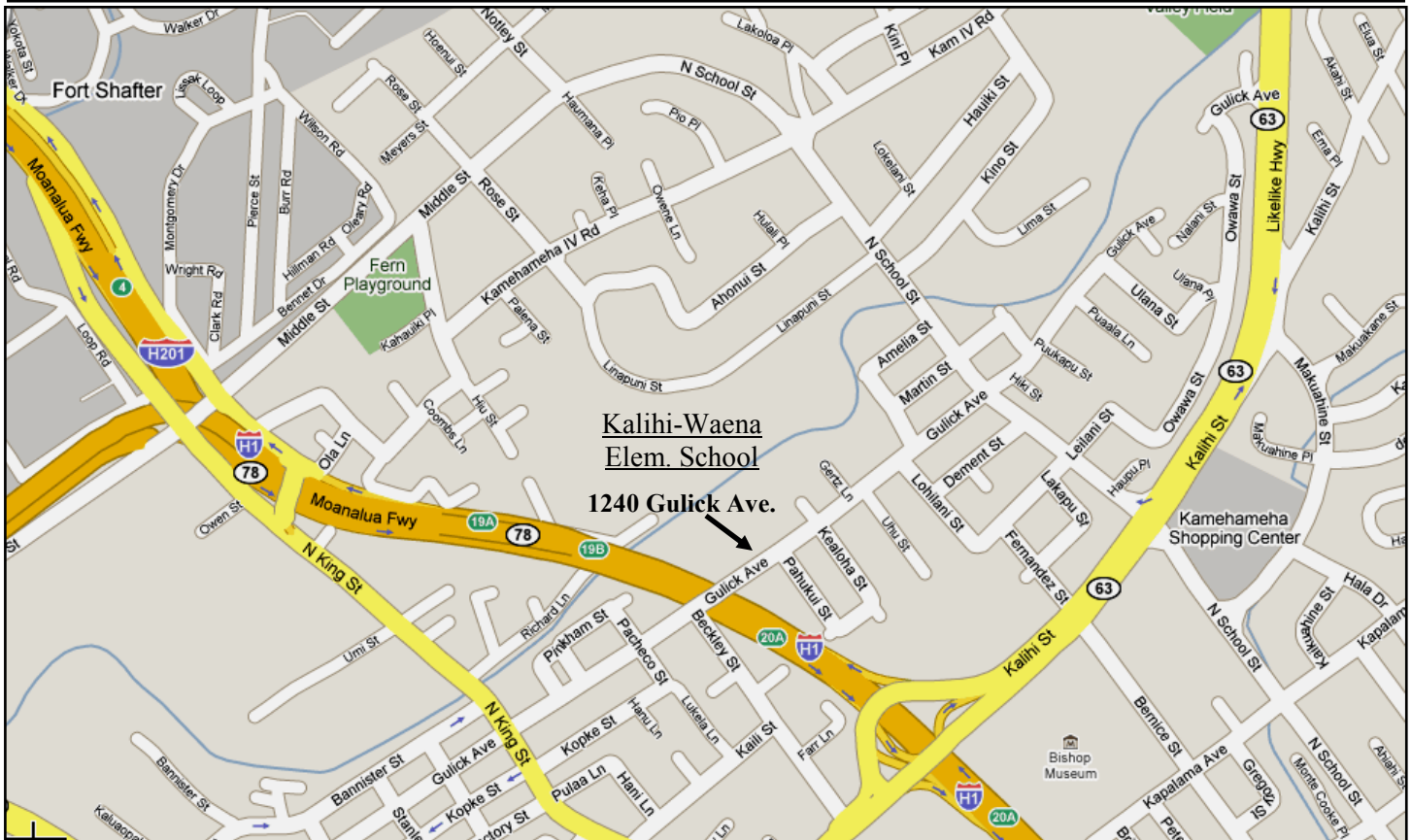
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### Fundraiser (Continued from Front Page)

serve chickens for lunch. After an hour of packing and set up, this event turns into an enjoyable social event for all in attendance.

Participation and purchase of chickens is strictly voluntary, and we realize that we are in tough economic times, but we hope you gladly give as much as you can for those in much greater distress.

We hope to see lots of volunteers at Kalihi Waena Elementary School and the IHS.

**Herb** 

### Aloha Chapter, MOAA, Membership Application Form

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