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Patriotic Songfest at VA Center For Aging

On Friday, November 12th, our Aloha Chapter sang patriotic songs in commemoration of Veterans' Day at the Veteran Administration's Center For Aging (CFA) on the grounds of Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC).



*Aloha Chapter members **Herbert Nakagawa, Jr.**, and **Ken Munechika** with their long-time friend at CFA, Major **Marvin Fujii**, USAF, Ret. Marvin, who suffered his first stroke in his late 30s, trained at Pope AFB with Herb and later served with him in the same squadron on Taiwan and then worked for Ken in the 6594 Test Group at Hickam AFB.*

This was the second year in a row that we've serenaded the veterans at this 60-bed, long-term care facility with patriotic songs; for many years previously we entertained them with Christmas carols. **Rosa Baysa** was our song leader again for our group strolling thru the corridors with their stirring renditions of popular patriotic songs. She was accompanied by the ukulele strumming of **Larry Enomoto** and **Norm Fujiwara**.

Everyone was pleased that we brought happiness and a swelling of national pride to these heroic veterans residing at the CFA and to the staff there as well.



*Lady singers: **Alice Fujiwara**, **Jane Kekoa**, **Grace Munechika**, **Mazie Kozuki**, **Marion Von** and **Rosa Baysa**. Men singers: **Norm Fujiwara**, **Bob Kozuki**, **Yoneichi Fukui** (a guest), **Norberto Baysa**, **Mark Webster**, **Ken Munechika**, **Herbert Nakagawa**, **Hal Takenaka**, **Vernon Von** and **Larry Enomoto**.*

Teri Okita Is Our Christmas Dinner Guest Speaker



We are indeed pleased and quite honored to have **Teri Okita**, daughter of our Aloha Chapter member **Harold Okita** and his wife **Rowena**, as our guest speaker at our Christmas Dinner in the Kalia Room of the Hale Koa Hotel on Friday, December 10th.

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President's Message by Robert Kozuki

I wish to thank all the members and spouses who turned out to participate in our Veterans' Day Patriotic Song Fest held at the Center for Aging, located adjacent to Tripler Army Medical Center.

Our next program will be the annual Christmas dinner to be held at the Hale Koa Hotel. We now have the menu and the price of the dinner. We have selected the Hale Koa Royal Feast, a sumptuous luau served in sit-down style (not a buffet). The price for this banquet is \$40 per person, payable by check with the Reservation Form on page 7 of this newsletter or at the door.. Either way, please send in your reservation because we need an accurate count of the number of attendees by December 6th.


Other activities planned for our party:

- ♦ Speaker: **Teri Okita**, worldwide TV journalist
- ♦ Gift Exchange, not to exceed \$5. If you bring a gift, you'll receive a ticket to exchange it.
- ♦ Christmas song sing-a-long.
- ♦ There will be a no-host bar (cash only) starting at 6:00 PM for the first hour of socializing before dinner.

Your family and guests are cordially invited to our Christmas party. Please pass the word about this fun event and RSVP ASAP.

We are seeking commercial advertisement to help in defraying the cost of our monthly newsletters.

Our Vice President and Golf Program person, **Norman Fujiwara**, has worked out an excellent 2011 schedule for the Aloha Chapter golfers. Those who wish to join the MOAA Golf group are encouraged to contact Norman at 626-4630, or nfujiwara@hawaiiantel.net.

Les and **Shirley Ihara** have a great bridge group and those who wish to participate need to call the Ihara's at 239 7947 or Isi@hawaii.rr.com. 


Christmas Party at Hale Koa

Our Aloha Chapter's annual Christmas Party will again be held at the Hale Koa Hotel. However, as can be noted on the Reservation Form on page 7 of this newsletter—which should be mailed now—we will not be gathering in Laulima Room again but in the larger Kalia Room. Instead of going up the stairs or elevator as we did last year, merely turn left and there it is straight ahead.

During the no-host cocktail hour we will have our gift exchange for those that brought a small gift of an approximate value of \$5.

For dinner we will be served an extensive luau consisting of cucumber papaya salad, lomi lomi, poi, seaweed salad, fresh pineapple, kalua pig, sautéed mahi-mahi, shoyu chicken, teriyaki beef, char siu fried rice, sweet potato, banana fritter, haupia, coconut cake and coffee and tea.

Following dinner we will be entertained by **Teri Okita**, renown *Hawaii News Now* and worldwide CBS TV reporter, who will regale us with her amusing and alarming adventures and anecdotes on her awesome assignments around the world.

Be sure to mark your calendar for 6:00 PM, December 10th, for a fabulous and festive Friday of fellowship, feasting and frivolity. **Mark** 

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 10, 2010 (Friday)	6:00 PM, Christmas Dinner Party, Kalia Room, Hale Koa Hotel
Dec. 14, 2010 (Tuesday)	6:00 PM, Bridge Bunch Christmas Dinner/Bridge Session at the Ihara's
Dec. 17, 2010 (Friday)	9:00 AM, Golf Outing, Barbers Point Golf Course, Kalaeloa
Jan. 21, 2011 (Friday)	9:00 AM, Golf Outing, Navy-Marine Golf Course, Pearl Harbor

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HAWAII VETERANS GOODWILL DELEGATION 4 Goodwill Visit to China in Fall 2010

On 20 November 2010 the fourth Hawaii Veterans Goodwill Delegation (HVGD) left for China on a goodwill mission at the invitation of the China Association for International Friendly Contact (CAIFC) and organized by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii (CCCH). The delegation was represented by ADM (retired) **Thomas Fargo**, former Commander of Pacific Command; MG (retired) **Eric Olson**, former Commander of the 25th Infantry Division; BG (retired) **Frances Mossman**, U.S. Air Force and one of first female generals in the U.S. armed forces; BG (retired) **John Ma**, former Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Pacific; and group leader COL (retired) **Wesley Fong**, U.S. Army, who is also a past president of the CCCH. Delegate wives also accompanied the group.

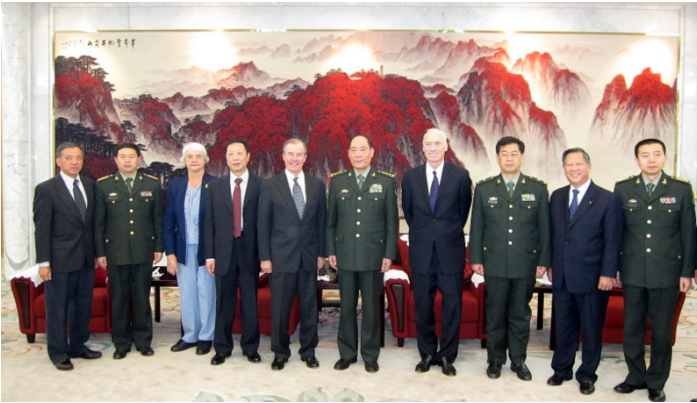
First stop was a visit to the China Peace-Keeping Police Training Center, which trains their cadre for United Nations peace keeping missions around the world. In the afternoon the delegates participated in a three hour symposium with representatives from the China National Defense University discussing international issues dealing with Asia-Pacific security and Sino-U.S. relations, which exchange proved to be both candid and dynamic.

The next day the delegation visited the 6th Armored Division of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) and was greeted with a band and a "pass in review" by the unit's honor guard. After touring the facility the delegation shared a typical Chinese army meal with the troops. In the afternoon it was a visit to the PLA Military Museum with two sections housing not only ancient and modern military weapons but Chinese MIG's, tanks and artillery. The day ended with a formal meeting

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with the Director of the General Political Department of the PLA and member of the Central Military Committee, GEN **Li Ji Nai**, and the top officials of the CAIFC at Ba Yi Building (China's "Pentagon"). The delegation, for the first time, was hosted at a very elegant banquet at Ba Yi complete with 16 year old Mou Tai for toasting.



HVGD 4 and their hosts in the Ba Yi Building

Leaving Beijing, the delegation headed for Mianyang, the scene of the 2008 earthquake, where they visited the town that lost over 10,000 to the earthquake and now stands as a memorial to those who perished in the earthquake. After a somber visit and paying their respects to those lost at the town's memorial site, the group was most heartened with a visit to Yong Sheng Elementary School in Jiang You Town to see the school's library recently built with donations from the Hawaii Chinese community organized by the CCCH right after the earthquake and meet with the school's principal and town and county leaders and enjoy the company of the many excited students.

The next few days were filled with sightseeing—in Leshan to visit the biggest Buddha in the world and Chengdu to visit the Panda Breeding and Research Center. Unfortunately the pandas were not in the mood to be held that day. The last stop was Shanghai and a visit to an 800-year-old water town about two hours drive outside of Shanghai. The tour ended with another elegant banquet hosted by the Shanghai CAIFC in the State Guest House.

The delegation returned to Hawaii on 29 November. Everyone agreed that this HVGD's visit came at a very fortuitous time with the tension between the two militaries is on a high and dialogue on a low. Being able to talk on an informal "one to one" basis with Chinese military counterparts on a candid but cordial and sincere basis indeed helped improve a more friendly relationship and understanding between the two militaries. We sincerely thank the CAIFC and the CCCH for initiating and organizing another successful Hawaii Veterans Goodwill Delegation.

Wes 

Holiday Festival of Lights Pearl Harbor Boat Tours

Free Holiday Festival of Lights Pearl Harbor evening boat tours will again be offered to the public this year on December 17, 18 and 19. Offered as a community service by the National Park Service in cooperation with the US Navy and with volunteer support from the Pearl City Lions Club, the boat tours will depart from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center (formerly known as the USS *Arizona* Memorial Visitor Center) each evening from 6:10 to 8:30 PM. The boat tours depart the landing approximately every 10 minutes. Seats are limited and tickets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis beginning at 5:30 PM at the Visitor Center on the day of the tour.

The 30-minute tours will feature harbor-side views of the many Pearl Harbor ships and submarines decked out with holiday decorations and lights accompanied by background Christmas music. This will be an exciting and memorable experience for youngsters and oldsters, too.

As stated, the boat tours are **FREE**, but tour participants are invited to bring a donation of non-perishable or canned foods for Hawaii's food charities.

For more information, call the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center after December 7th at 808-487-3327, ext. 21.

Sunny



Aloha Chapter Party Bridge

The last Chapter Party Bridge session for Bridge-Year 2010 was held on Sunday, November 21st in the Fahrni Realty Classroom, hosted by **Dayle & Bobbi Carlson**. Play began at 1:00 PM with 4 tables with 15 regular bridge players so a "dummy" was played by available players for each round.

At the end of 5 rounds of play, **Helen Fahrni** emerged as the top scorer with 6,090 points—the highest total since the party bridge program began in 2005! She was followed by **Les Ihara** and **Harriet Weissman** with 5,000+ points each, and **John Kim** and **Leney Vine** in the 4,000+ range.. Other players were: **Mitzi Austin**, **Dayle & Bobbi Carlson**, **Bill & Trudy Ernst**, **Shirley Ihara**, **Lois Luehring**, **Dan Matthews**, **Coralie Vellis**, and **Joan White**. Despite the high scores, there were no slams bid and made.




Seated, L to R: **Harriet Weissman**, top scorer **Helen Fahrni** and **Leney Vine**. Standing are: Hosts **Dayle & Bobbi Carlson** and **John Kim** and **Les Ihara**

The annual Christmas dinner-bridge session which begins Bridge-Year 2011 will be held on Tuesday, December 14th, at the residence of Program Coordinator **Shirley Ihara** and husband **Les**. (Note that the date is different than that announced earlier.) Participants are asked to be



at the Ihara residence, 47-230 Hui Aeko Street, Kaneohe, not later than 5:00 PM since refreshments and light pupus will be served before play begins. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the *Aloha Chapter Bridge Player of the Year Perpetual Trophy* to the player with the highest total points of up to the maximum of seven monthly sessions from December 2009 to November 2010. The hosts will provide the refreshments and dinner, but to offset their costs, each participant will be assessed \$5.

Those who would like to play on that date but have not yet been contacted are asked to call either **Les** or **Shirley** by telephone at 239-7947 or e-mail to lsi@hawaii.rr.com, not later than Thursday, December 9th. **Shirley** 

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Norm Fujiwara

November Golf Report

Our November Aloha Chapter Golf sign up began with twenty players sent an “aye” response to the sign-up request. However, there were three cancellations due to attending a meeting or for health reasons. Therefore, we had seventeen up and ready golfers at the Mamala Bay Golf Course on November 22nd. Not only was the schedule on a Monday versus Friday and the first tee time was an hour earlier than normal, everyone, surprisingly, was ready to play when the first group was headed for the starting tee. There were no stragglers.

This was a “red letter day” for the Aloha Chapter golfing group. First of all, it was per-

fect golfing weather with blue skies, sunshine, no wind and, secondly, we had a special group of golf players consisting of two wahine golfers, one first-time golfer, **John Jefferis** (according to John, his spouse **Kim** may be joining us in the near future), two second-time players, **John Kim** and **Myron Brumaghim**, and a bunch of enthusiastic regular golfers.

The group was led by our faithful **Allen Ono**; however, his regular three players were absent due to health reasons so they were substituted by **Marvin Baum**, **Curtis Lee** and **Ken Munechika**. The second group leader, **Mert Agena**, was missing, so that group was made up of **Walt Kinoshita**, **Janice Kinoshita**, **Bob Nagao** and **Myron Brumaghim**. The third group, normally led by **Gordon Cho**, who was also MIA, had a threesome of **Dick Towne**, **Ken Yamada** and **Howard Okada**. The fourth group was another threesome of **Jack Bohman**, **John Kim** and **John Jefferis**, and, bringing up the rear, was the leader of the third threesome, **Joe Kuroda**, with **Alice Fujiwara** and yours truly.

When all the poker chips were selected for the “blind partners,” in third place was **John Jefferis** and, since there were 17 players, he was the odd player who would not have to be teamed with anyone, so he did not share his winnings with a partner; in second place, just two strokes back, were the partners of **Jack Bohman** and **Ken Munechika**; and our grand champions, the winner of the mega jackpot, were the partners of **Dick Towne** and **Bob Nagao**. Congratulations to all the winners and Mahalo to all the remainders of the players.

Now for today's thought of the day: “Don’t worry, be happy.” You can search the world for happiness but you won’t find it. Happiness is the way you travel, not a destination.

Next month's golf outing is at the flat Barbers Point Golf Course on Friday, December 17th. The first tee time is 9:00 AM. **Norm**



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Teri (continued from front page)

Teri, a graduate of Punahou '81 and Santa Clara University with degrees in Communications and Political Science, returned home to Hawaii as a reporter with *Hawaii News Now* on August 2nd after an absence of 14 years. She had been working for the last decade as a correspondent for the CBS affiliate Newspath—first out of Washington, D.C. and then Los Angeles. Prior to then she was a weekday anchor at KGMB from 1992 to 1996 and then an anchor/reporter for 3½ years with WUSA-TV in Washington, D.C.

Teri's assignments reporting live for CBS' affiliate service covered most of the major news stories of the past decade: domestic assignments ranging from 2008 Presidential-candidate coverage at conventions, the debates, the campaign trail; Pope's U.S. visit; natural disasters including Hurricane Katrina, wildfires, flooding, tornadoes; lead reporter on the September 11th Pentagon attack; covered the White House, Capitol Hill, Supreme Court, 7 Super Bowls, 6 Academy Awards, celebrity news, including Michael Jackson's death; and international assignments covering the war in Iraq, Iraqi elections, Iraq handover, Saddam Hussein's capture; Gaza disengagement plan in Gaza and Israel; UK terrorist bombings in London; death of Pope John Paul II and selection of Pope Benedict XVI in Rome; AIDS in Kenya; and President Bush's state visit to Mexico.

It appears that our Christmas party will not only be fun, but interesting and informative as well. See you there!

Aloha Chapter, MOAA**RESERVATION FORM****Annual Christmas Dinner and Festivities**

Christmas Carols and Fabulous Food and Fellowship

Hale Koa Royal Feast — A Traditional Hawaiian Luau served sit-down style

6:00 PM, Friday, December 10, 2010

Kalia Room, Hale Koa Hotel

(First Floor Just Beyond Elevators)

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

Guest Speaker: **Teri Okita**, Reporter for CBS-TV and Hawaii News Now, Who Will Address Us About Her Amusing and Alarming Anecdotes as a Worldwide CBS-TV Journalist

Member: _____ Spouse: _____

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Cost = \$40.00 per person. Persons attending: _____ x \$40.00 = \$ _____

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Please send in your reservation ASAP to arrive NLT **Monday, December 6, 2010** to:

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

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