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Life is Calling

Approximately 32 members and guests enjoyed a traditional Hawaiian luncheon at the Hale Ikena, Ft. Shafter, at 1100 on Friday, February 26th. The delicious, buffet meal consisted of lomi lomi salmon, long rice, sweet potatoes, lau lau, roast chicken, mahi mahi, poi, and haupia plus other items.

Our president, **Bob Kozuki**, made a few announcements after lunch and then introduced fellow member **Jack Bohman**, who served in the Peace Corps in Nepal and the Marshall Islands in the 90's, who, in turn, introduced our guest speaker, **Travis Axton**, West Coast Regional Recruiter for the United States Peace Corps.

Travis recently returned from his Peace Corps assignment of living 27 months in a small village in Zambia in the heart of equatorial Africa. He spread American goodwill by teaching his new neighbors about health issues and English. Conversely, he learned the local language, Bimba, spoken by only about 6,000 people. "Traffic Accident," as his name was pronounced by his new friends, initially experienced a great cultural

shock and was quite apprehensive, but the villagers accepted him and he quickly assimilated. They really appreciated what he was teaching them. He soon felt like he was at home. He said that his Peace Corps service in Zambia was the "experience of a lifetime" and, coincidentally, a very noteworthy addition to his résumé.



***Travis Axton**, our luncheon guest speaker, recruiting Aloha Chapter members to join the Peace Corps*

In a small corner of the world **Travis** extended and promoted America's positive image abroad. He was part of an extensive network of Peace Corps volunteers doing likewise in over 70 countries, continuing the legacy of service started by **President Kennedy**. Their primary mis-

sion is to promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served and vice versa. In furtherance of his recruiting efforts, **Travis** pointed out to us that the oldest Volunteer is over 80.



After showing an excellent film promoting the Peace Corps, **Travis** answered a few questions about his living conditions, his personal health concerns, training, pay, and assignment options.

Everyone left the luncheon at about 1330 very satisfied with the food and, especially, **Travis'** presentation on the Peace Corps. Thanks to him, we now have a much greater understanding and appreciation of that very meaningful agency.



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President's Message by Robert Kozuki Tribute to Hal Okita, COL, USA, Retired

In an article in the *Honolulu Advertiser*, written by **Bill Kwon** in his by line, *Around*

The Greens, he recognized **COL Hal Okita** for his past and present association with golfing and the Hawaii great golfer, **Ted Makalena** (his high school classmate), and his prowess as an athlete in his youth. The article went on to describe his athletic abilities with the Crusaders and the University of Dayton baseball teams.

Hal Okita has been recognized by the Hawaii State Golf Association (HSGA) and was presented with their distinguished service award. During his 27-year association with HSGA, the Colonel served two separate terms as president and helped to start its golf course rating program. **Hal** was general manager of Royal Kunia during the early stages of its development and later GM at Mid-Pacific Country Club, and continues to give back to the game. He continues to volunteer, such as a rules official for interscholastic League of Honolulu golf tournaments.



Hal Okita back at the Mid-Pacific Country Club as a Rules Official for an Interscholastic League of Honolulu Golf Tournament

Hal's accomplishments are possible in large part due to the support of his wife of 53 years, **Rowena**, the real backbone of the family. They are the proud parents of **Teri Okita**, a world-wide TV reporter for CBS news, **Harolynn Wiley**, a professor at George Mason University, **Elissa Kuhr**, an elementary school teacher in San Rafael, CA, and **Michael**, an Army colonel in his second tour of duty in Iraq.

Congratulations **COL Okita** for your contribution and work with the golf programs in Hawaii. 

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

Good News from Washington



I received a notice from Coast Guard national headquarters in Washington, D.C., that a friend of the Aloha Chapter, **Rear Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara**, has been selected for promotion to Vice Admiral and will become the new Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard.



In 2006 we invited her to speak at our Christmas Dinner at the Hale Koa Hotel. Her presence resulted in the setting of a new chapter attendance record with 85 members and guests attracted to meet her and hear her presentation on the responsibilities, challenges and complexities of commanding the 14th Coast Guard District in Honolulu.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 19, 2010 11:00 AM, Luncheon, Hale Ikena, (Friday) Ft. Shafter. Topic: Air Force Drones**
- March 21, 2010 1:00 PM, Bridge Party, Fahrni Realty (Sunday) Classroom. Hosts: Gary & Bev Jensen**
- March 22, 2010 Golf Outing, Mamala Bay Golf (Monday) Course, Hickam AFB**
- April 25, 2010 Annual Chicken Sale Fundraiser, (Sunday) site to be announced**
- June 25, 2010 MG Herbert E. Wolff Memorial Golf (Friday) Tournament, Leilehua Golf Course**
- Dec 10, 2010 6:00 PM, Christmas Dinner Party, (Friday) Laulima Room, Hale Koa Hotel**

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Chairman's Corner (continued from Page 2)

She was a delightful guest, taking time to learn about the chapter, recognizing some of our activities in her remarks, meeting members in her blue uniform and having her picture taken with her, enjoying the grab bag gift exchange and our traditional singing of carols. We congratulate Rear Admiral **Sally Brice-O'Hara** as she prepares to wear the three stars of a Vice Admiral.

Rear Admiral **Manson Brown**, who relieved Rear Admiral **Brice-O'Hara** as Commander of the 14th CG District (with HQ in Honolulu) two years ago, has also been nominated for a 3rd star and will be Commander, Pacific Area (all of the Pacific). He's the first Afro-American to be selected a CG Vice Admiral. The CG has only four or five 3-star billets (and only one 4-star).

It's becoming evident that Honolulu is a good assignment for senior officers. Three of the last four 2-starred admirals have picked up a 3rd star. The last 4 or 5 Chiefs of Staff (an 0-6 billet) here, have been promoted to flag officer.

♦ New Vice Chairman of the Board

The Aloha Chapter Board of Directors has elected **Lawrence Enomoto** as the board vice chairman. He will assume the top position in absence of the chairman. **Larry** continues as the chapter Parliamentarian and is a former editor of the newsletter.



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, contact **Vernon Von** at 732-3908; he will bring them to the March luncheon and the Chicken Sale in April. Maybe you can arrange an earlier rendezvous. The special price 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.



Finally, in the Vietnam War he served as Commander, 25th Infantry Division, in Hawaii (1964-1966) and in Vietnam (1966-1967). He was promoted to Commander, II Field Force, Vietnam, (1968-1970) and considered the savior of Saigon during Tet 68 by moving troops from the Cambodian border to around the city of Saigon (now Ho Chi Min City). The Viet Cong and North Vietnamese troops were rendered ineffective following Tet 68 until they recovered by not abiding by the agreement

Aloha Chapter Party Bridge

The monthly Party Bridge Session was held on Sunday, February 21st at the Fahrni Realty Classroom, hosted by **Vernon & Marion Von**. Play began a few minutes after 1 pm due to a short meeting to discuss an effort by some to change the scoring system, but since no motion to change was made, it will remain unchanged.

Eighteen regular players and 2 guests made up 5 tables for bridge who, during play, enjoyed a variety of drinks and light snacks offered by the hosts. After 5 rounds of play, topping all players as the only player amassing over 5,000 points was **Les Ihara**. Other awardees in descending order were: **Gary Jensen**, **Joan White**, guest **Harold Lee**, **Shirley Ihara**, and **Jane Miller**. Other players, in alphabetical order, were: **Mitzi Austin**, **Anna Blackwell**, **Bill Ernst**, **Dayle & Bobbi Carlson**, **Helen Fahrni**, **Bev Jensen**, **Lois Luehring**, **Dan Matthews**, **Vernon & Marion Von**, **Harriet Weissman**, **Phyllis Williams**, and guest **Gerri Lee**.



*Seated, l - r, are Co-host **Marion Von**, **Jane Miller**, and **Shirley Ihara**. Standing are Co-host **Vernon Von**, **Gary Jensen**, **Les Ihara** and guest **Harold Lee***

The next party bridge session will again be held in the Fahrni Realty Classroom on Sunday, March 21st, hosted by **Gary & Bev Jensen**. Those who haven't signed up yet are asked to contact **Gary** or **Bev** by telephone at 623-4296 or e-mail to: gjensen579@msn.com, not later than Wednesday, March 17th. **Shirley** 

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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 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

February Golf Report

How I wish that I was writing this report a week ago, had I been able to do it we would have had several 'high water' marks. To start with, we had four flag officers playing, eight wahine golfettes, eight tee times, and thirty-three players signed up, a coordinator's dream grouping.

However, during the week up to the morning of our outing at the Navy Marine Golf Course on Friday, February 19th, we lost six players (although one re-signed to play) and one tee time.

Thus, on a morning with threatening rain, we gathered at the golf course with our four flag officers—**Allen Ono, Kelly Lau, John Ma** and **Mert Agena**—and only five wahine golfettes for a total of twenty-eight players. We had to do

some real scrambling to redo the grouping for tee times because one golfer was late and we had to adjust the line up, but finally when he showed up we were able to get a threesome for our fourth group. So, the line up looked something like this: leading off first were **Allen Ono, Bob Kozuki, Kelly Lau** and **John Ma**, followed by **Mert Agena, Walt** and **Janice Kinoshita**, and **Bob Nagao**. The third group consisted of **Gordon Cho, Leroy Perry, John Holmes** and **Chuck McCauley**; then, **Jack Bohman, Ken Munechika** and **Stan Yasumoto** teed up, followed by another threesome of **Larry Enomoto, Mel Soong**, and **Ken Yamada**. The sixth group followed with **Joe Kuroda, M. Sato** (Joe's guest), **Curtis Lee** and yours truly beginning their round, and, bringing up the rear, were the golfettes, **Eleanor Paek, Betty Hashimoto, Sally Minami**, and **Alice Fujiwara**.

Today we had a new format for our mega-jackpot called the TF format. The scores of only those hole numbers that began with "T" and "F", i.e., two, three, ten, twelve, thirteen, and four, five, fourteen and fifteen. Thus, only the scores of nine holes counted to determine the winners. When all of the net scores were checked, there was a tie for places fourth to seventh, but applying the tie breaker, in seventh place was **Janice Kinoshita**, in sixth place **Allen Ono**, fifth place **Leroy Perry** and fourth place **Walt Kinoshita**; there also was a tie for second and third places, with the tie breaker applied, **M. Sato** came in third, second place went to **Ken Munechika**, and our grand champion was **Chuck McCauley**. Congratulations to all of the winners and Mahalo to the rest of us.

Now for our thought of the day: Overheard on the golf course "Today I am a millionaire and my wife deserves all the credit. Before I married her I was a multi-millionaire."



Our next golf outing will be on Monday, March 22nd, at Mamala Bay Golf Course, Hickam AFB.

Aloha and Good Golfing, Norm



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March Luncheon Meeting

Our March luncheon meeting will have a presentation by the Commanding Officer of the 8th Intelligence Squadron, Hickam AFB, LTC **Jill Singleton**. She will give a presentation of an overview of the Air Force Distributed Common Ground System operations. The 8th Intelligence Squadron is the PACAF-based component of the AF globally-networked 480th Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing



[Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV), also known as drone airplanes]. The presentation will include an overview of AF-DCGS operations, joint and coalition efforts, highlights from ongoing Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance missions over Iraq and Afghanistan, and a look at recent AF-DCGS support for Haiti relief operations.

Norm 

Aloha Chapter, MOAA RESERVATION FORM

Buffet Luncheon

11:00 AM, Friday, March 19, 2010

Hale Ikena

Bldg 711, Morton Drive, Ft. Shafter 96858

Guest Speaker: Jill Singleton, LTC, USAF
Commanding Officer, 8th Intelligence Squadron, Hickam AFB

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