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Patriotic Songfest at VA Center for Aging

Again, a great group of Aloha Chapter members and spouses gathered at the VA Center for Aging (CFA), a hospice on the grounds of Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC), to entertain the residents there. They met at 10:00 Wednesday morning, November 16th, five days after Veterans' Day, to sing stirring patriotic songs to our aging, valiant veterans, as they have done at this time of year for many years.

Songbooks were provided for the sixteen strolling singers led by **Rose Baysa**. A good voice was not required, just a desire to bring a little joy to our veterans in the CFA. It was a very heart-warming morning!



*The Patriotic Singers at the Center for Aging, left to right, **Mark Webster, Helene Webster, Vernon Von, Ken Munechika, Taffy Wells, Grace Munechika, Mazie Kozuki, Jane Kekoa, Esther Takenaka, Hal Takenaka, Bob Kozuki, Rose Baysa, Shirley Ihara, Curtis Lee, Marion Von and Norberto Baysa.***

Christmas Party

At 6:00 Friday evening, December 9th, we will meet in the Kalia Room of the Hale Koa Hotel, Ft. DeRussy, Waikiki, for our Christmas Party and Dinner. This is the same venue as last year.

Jane Kekoa, the head of our chapter's Program Committee, has made arrangements for a solo musician, **Bernard Yoshioka**, to provide soft background music, familiar tunes from our youth (just a few years ago).

(Incidentally, **Jack Bohman**

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President's Message by Robert Kozuki

This President's Message marks the end of my term as the President of the Aloha Chapter, MOAA. It has been a pleasure to have served in this capacity for the past several years. I plan to continue serve as your board member and will be participating in the programs planned by **Jane Kekoa**.

On Wednesday November 16, 2011, members of the Aloha Chapter met at the VA Center for Aging located on the grounds at Tripler Army Medical Center and sang patriotic songs for the residents. Our song leader again for our chapter's annual altruism was **Rosalina Baysa**.

A big thank you to the *Merrie Ladies* who met earlier, planned, worked hard, and made Christmas Angels that were given to the residents at the VA Center For Aging as our group strolled down the hallways of this VA hospice singing patriotic songs.

Following the patriotic songfest at the VA Center for Aging, we held our general membership meeting to elect our Aloha Chapter Board of Directors after a buffet luncheon at Hale Ikena, Ft Shafter, Hawaii. **Curt Lee**, chairperson of the nominating committee, conducted the election process, which included confirming the presence of a quorum. The board members elected for a two-year term were: **Gordon Cho**, **Norman Fujiwara** and **Vernon Von**. The board members elected for a one-year term were: **Larry Enomoto**, **Robert Kozuki**, **Allen Ono**, and **Mark Webster**.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our Christmas Dinner at 6:00 pm, December 9, 2011, at the Hale Koa Hotel, Ft DeRussy, Waikiki. Submit the Reservation Form on page 7 and your check NOW since we have to give a firm count to the hotel next week.



Seats Available for Pearl Harbor Attack Site Bus Tour

As you may know the 70th Anniversary Pearl Harbor Symposium, taking place prior to the Commemoration, December 2 - 5 was sold out. However due to popular demand, the National Park Service and Pacific Historic Sites has arranged to add an extra bus for the highlight of the Symposium -- the *Attack Site Bus Tour* which will be on December 4th, 7:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.

This is a fascinating, all-day guided tour of each of the major historical December 7, 1941, battlegrounds, a true highlight of the symposium week. The tour includes lunch and snacks and is just \$50 per person.

We have a limited number of seats available — you can review the tour stops here: <http://www.pearlharborevents.com/pearl-harbor-symposium---sunday-december-4-2011.html>.

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Sunny 

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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|---------------------------|---|
| Dec. 9, 2011 (Friday) | 6:00 PM, Christmas Dinner, Kalia Room, Hale Koa Hotel, Ft. DeRussy, Waikiki |
| Dec. 11, 2011 (Sunday) | 6:00 PM, Bridge Bunch Christmas Dinner/Bridge Session at the Ihara's |
| Dec. 16, 2011 (Friday) | 9:00 AM, Golf Outing, Barbers Point Golf Course, Kalaeloa |
| Jan. 18, 2012 (Wednesday) | 11:00 AM, Installation of Chapter Officers Luncheon, Hale Ikena. Guest Speaker: Alan Lloyd, "Polynesian & Spanish Navigators" |

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Our Angelic Merrie Ladies


On Monday, November 7th, the *Merrie Ladies* had a wonderful time of fellowship and instruction with **Linda Fong**. Linda demonstrated the sewing skills involved in making small fabric angels that could be hung on the Christmas tree or used as package decorations. The angels were made with Japanese fabric which gave the angels an oriental look. Six ladies were blessed by Linda's sharing event. They were **Lisa Crompton, Shirley Ihara, Grace Munechika, Marion Von, Taffy Wells, and Audrey Yamada**. Thank you, Linda, for your generosity and patience in teaching us how to make this special angel that each of us can treasure for years to come.

Our next event will be announced in the January newsletter. In the meantime, we wish all of you a wonderful and blessed Christmas.

Marion 

Our Scholarship Fund Awardee



*The UH School of Nursing Scholarship Brunch & Awards Ceremony was held October 23, 2011, at the Hilton Waikiki Prince Kuhio Hotel. Pictured with the Scholarship Fund Executive Committee (**Harold Kuwahara, Harold Takenaka and Allen Ono**) are **Dr. Mary Boland**, Dean of the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, left, and the happy Aloha Chapter Scholarship Fund recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship, **Yee Wing Wong**, second from right. **Hal Takenaka*** 

IN MEMORIAM

Bryson Jhung, 79, Colonel, USA, Retired; Life Member, Aloha Chapter, MOAA, of Honolulu, HI; Died on November 19, 2011.



Bryson Jhung, of Kailua, was born in Honolulu on July 27, 1932. He entered the Army in September, 1954, at Schofield Barracks where he completed infantry basic training at the Hawaiian Infantry Training Center. He later graduated from Infantry OCS at Fort Benning, Georgia, in December, 1955. In 1980, he assumed duties as Comptroller, U.S. Army Western Command (now USARPAC) until his retirement from active duty in September, 1984.

His decorations include the Soldiers Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal w/olc, Army commendation Medal w/V w/olc, Meritorious Service Medal w/ olc, parachutist badge, combat infantry badge, ranger tab.

After retirement from the active army he worked various jobs in the civilian sector then returned to the Army as a civil servant where he served in various resource management positions. He last served as the Deputy Garrison Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, a GS-15 position.

Bryson is survived by his wife Vera H. J. Ami (now a Life Auxiliary Member), son Bryson R. Jhung and daughter Vera R. K. Jhung.

Services were held at Borthwick Mortuary, Mauka Chapel, on December 1st, followed by burial at Hawaii State Veterans' Cemetery.

MEMBER WESLEY FONG LEADS ANOTHER VETERANS GOODWILL DELEGATION TO CHINA

On 18 November 2011, for the fifth year, Colonel **Wesley Fong**, USA, Retired, led another Hawaii Veterans Goodwill Delegation to China, which was organized by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and hosted and coordinated by the China Association for International Friendly Contact. Included in the delegation, left to right,



were: Lieutenant General **Henry Stackpole**, USMC, Ret., former Commanding General, U.S. Marine Force Pacific; Major General **Robert Lee**, HIARNG, Ret., former Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii; Rear Admiral **Gus Gustavson**, USN, Ret., former Commander Submarine Group Five, San Diego; Brigadier General **Kathleen Berg**, HIANG, Ret., former Assistant Adjutant General, Hawaii Air National Guard and Colonel **Wesley Fong**, USA, Ret., former Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army/Japan. The spouses of the delegates also joined the group. The delegation visited Beijing, Shanghai and Suzhou.

An interesting highlight of the visit was a tour of the China Peace-Keeping Police Training Center. The delegation was received by Major General **Gao Taicun**, Vice President of the Center. He is the officer in the center of the above photo. The mission of the Center appeared to be a combination of the mission of our National Guard and Homeland Security.

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Aloha Chapter Party Bridge

For the first time in Program history, a bridge session was cancelled due to lack of participants. That session, scheduled for November 20th, with **Gary & Bev Jensen** as hosts with only 8 players signed up, had to be cancelled because a pair of players called in late to say that they couldn't play. That made it enough for only a table and a half, so the Program Coordinator, in consultation with her Committee, decided to cancel the session.

Since the November session was the last for Bridge-year 2011, only the scores for the 11 previous monthly sessions will be counted in determining the Aloha Chapter Party Bridge Player-of-the-Year Award. The recipient will be announced during the annual Christmas Dinner-Bridge session on Sunday, December 11th, hosted again by **Les & Shirley Ihara**, and held at their residence in Kaneohe.

This year's Dinner-Bridge Session will be a "freebee" for all those regular participants who played during this Bridge-year. The only requirement is for them to sign-up by contacting **Les** or **Shirley Ihara** by telephone at 239-7947, or e-mail to lsi@hawaii.rr.com no later than Wednesday, December 7th. Participants are asked to be at the Ihara residence by 6 pm for refreshment & pupus before play begins at 6:30 pm. **Shirley** 

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In Beijing the delegation visited the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven and the Summer Palace. They attended a banquet hosted by Vice Minister **Xu Yousheng**, Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council, and another banquet hosted by Vice President **Li Xiaohua**, China Association for International Friendly Contact.

Next was a visit to Shanghai and a tour of the famous Yu Gardens, the Urban Planning Museum, Shanghai Museum, Pudong and the Bund. One evening was topped off with a visit to the spectacular Shanghai Acrobatic Show.

The delegation's eight day tour ended with a day tour to Suzhou with its beautiful gardens, IM Pei

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The delegation's visit not only built goodwill and friendship between China and the U.S. but also gave the delegates and their spouses a better understanding and appreciation of China and its people. **Wes** 

Pearl Harbor Boat Tours

FREE evening boat tours of Pearl Harbor's Festival of Lights will be offered on December 16, 17 and 18 by the Pearl City Lions Club in cooperation with the National Park Service and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The 30 minute boat tours will feature Christmas music and harbor-side views of Pearl Harbor ships and submarines decorated for the holiday season. The tours will depart from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, (formerly known as the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center) each evening from 6 to 8:30 PM, on each day of the tour.

For more info, call Christine at Pacific Historic Parks, 954-8721, after December 7th. **Sunny** 



Norm Fujiwara

October & November Golf Reports

Due to some internal problems, I was unable to participate in the last two monthly Aloha Chapter Golf outings. However, thanks to the efficient members in this program they, without my assistance, were able to successfully conduct the golf tournaments. I would like to give a special thanks to **Ken Yamada**, **Ken Munechika** and **Marvin Baum** for their effort in making the outing a successful one.

On October 21st, I found myself flat on my

back at the Poli Moni Hospital. All it took was a phone call from my bed to **Ken Yamada** and he took over the program.


There were a total of 19 players participating at the Klipper GC in Kaneohe on Friday, October 28th. We did not have our usual "blind partner" jack pot but, looking at the net scores, a number of players would have surely walked off with the top prizes. **Janice Kinoshita** had a net 77, while **Ken Munechika** and guest **David Umeda** had a net 76, **Walter Kinoshita** had a net 75, barely beating his wife Janice, **John Kim** came in with a net 74, while **Gordon Cho** had a net 73, and the two top players were **Joel Maimon** and **Bob Nagao** with net 71s. These are amazing scores for Klipper Golf Course. Congratulations for your fine games.

On Monday, November 21st, yours truly was still recuperating when the monthly golf outing was scheduled for the Mamala Bay GC. The headcount was 18 players. Once again we had several golfers and one golfette who shot a net score in the seventies, including a few repeaters from October. Shooting a net round of 78 were **Bob Nagao** and **Myron Brumaghin**, net 77s were shot by **Ken Munechika**, **Gordon Cho** and **Janice Kinoshita**, and players with a net 76 were **Walter Kinoshita** and **John Ma**, the one lone low score honors go to **John Holmes** with a net score of 74.

Congratulations to all the low net shooters, especially for those that had the low net score both at Klipper GC and Mamala Bay GC. To the rest of you who did not shot in the net 70s, thank you very much for joining our monthly golf outings.

Let see now for our thought of the day: The man who claims he never made a mistake in his life generally has a wife who did.

Our last golf outing for the 2011 golf season will be on Friday, December 16th, at 9:00am, at Barbers Point GC.



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has graciously consented to fill in on the Program Committee for **Henry Lee**, who has helped out quite a bit this year and wants to travel more next year. Lucky him. Does anyone want to fill in for the newsletter publisher so he can travel more, too? Just wondering.)

Anyway, Jane says, "We, the monthly Planning Committee and the Telephone Committee, invite each and everyone of the Aloha Chapter Members and Guests to come and join us for the Christmas Party at the Hale Koa Hotel on December 9. It will start at 6PM with registration and cocktails (Open Bar) and then dinner at 7 PM. Please bring a grab bag gift of about \$5.00 value. We will have disco music for listening or dancing. The disco will play music from the 40's, 50's, 60's, & 70's eras.

"Christmas comes but once a year and this will be a good time for all of us to

take the time to visit, reminisce, and see each other. This Aloha Chapter is a very interesting and exciting group but your participation is needed and will be greatly appreciated. COME AND JOIN US!!! REMEMBER THAT THIS IS YOUR CLUB, NOT MINE, BUT OUR CLUB AND WITH YOUR SUPPORT IT TRULY CAN BE THE GREATEST CHAPTER OF MOAA."

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

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6:00 PM, Friday, December 9, 2011

Kalia Room, Hale Koa Hotel

(First Floor Just Beyond Elevators)

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

Menu: Herb Marinated Grilled Sirloin Steak and

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

Aloha Chapter, MOAA, Membership Application Form

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- * 2004 2nd Runner-Up Electronic Newsletter
- * 2004 4-Star Chapter
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