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JPAC Tour

Your Program Committee has a very interesting and educational event planned for our next meeting.

At 9:30 AM, Thursday, March 17th, we will meet at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) at Hickam AFB to tour their Central Identification Laboratory (CIL), the largest forensics laboratory in the world.



The tour will start at 10 AM with an overview of the overall mission of JPAC.

Then, we will learn the various methods they employ to determine the definite identity of the remains that have been retrieved from America's conflicts all over the world, sometimes from long ago. These remains are always treated with the utmost respect from the time they found until they are finally returned to the family members for their belated burial in a marked grave. Finally, we will be shown the various retrieval methods, ensuring that even the smallest

bone fragments and items are found, often in difficult and dangerous environments.



The highest priority, of course, is the return of any living Americans that remain prisoners of war.

Commanded by a joint services flag officer, MG **Stephen D. Tom**, USA,



JPAC is manned by approximately 400 hand-picked Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Department of the Navy civilians. JPAC also maintains three permanent overseas detachments to assist with command and control, logistics and in-country support during investigation and recovery operations. They are located in Bangkok, Thailand; Hanoi, Vietnam; and Vientiane, Laos. JPAC has a fourth detachment located at Pearl Harbor that is responsible for recovery team personnel when they are not deployed.

After our tour, we will proceed as a group to the nearby Sea Breeze Restaurant, 3465 Harbor Street, Hickam AFB, for a buffet luncheon. The selections will include Fresh Garden Salad with Polly Seed Dressing, Steamed White Rice, Kalua Pork and Onions, Chicken Teriyaki with Grilled Pineapples, Rolls and Butter, and assorted Beverages.

We hope that a large number of members, spouses and guests will meet on March 17th for this exciting event. Please send in the Reservation Form on page 7 ASAP.



Cell Phones for Soldiers

MOAA's Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee (AMAC) is launching a project to turn

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President's Message by Robert Kozuki

Our Program Committee arranged for our group to visit JPAC—Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command—on March 17th.

JPAC is located on Hickam AFB (see map on Page 7 of this newsletter) near the Sea Breeze Restaurant, where we will have a buffet luncheon after the tour.

The folks at this joint command have been able to identify MIA personnel from bone fragments using the latest identification processes, especially DNA comparisons. Come and learn how the MIA personnel are positively identified. Our visit will be followed by a buffet luncheon at the Sea Breeze Restaurant. Please make your reservations as soon as possible using the Reservation Form in this newsletter.

Your Executive Committee continues to work on ways and means to increase our annual income to meet our budget needs. As your president, I want to alert the membership of our need to increase our income to cover our necessary expenditures.

Some of the areas being considered to increase our chapter's income include increasing advertisements in our newsletters, the use of e-mail to distribute our newsletters, and a slight price increase for our annual chicken sale. We need the support of our general membership in planning our budget. We will appreciate any suggestions or input from you.



Electronic Newsletters

As was mentioned in the above President's Message, your Executive Committee is exploring the possibility of promulgating your monthly newsletters via e-mail only, thereby saving the large monthly expense of printing and mailing the newsletters. (Also, it's a lot of work to mail them.) Additionally, as was men-

tioned in last month's newsletter, we need to update the e-mail addresses for all members for our 2011 annual Membership Directory; which is being finalized in March.

Ensure that your Name (including spouse, if applicable), Rank, Service, Phone, and E-mail are correct in the 2010 Membership Directory. If it had your correct information and your newsletter mailing label is correct, then no action is required. Please provide our Publisher, **Mark Webster** (Markster96816@gmail.com), with any Changes or Updates.

Unless the members that do not have e-mail addresses listed in the 2010 Membership Directory send their e-mail addresses to our publisher in early March, they will be called in mid March to provide it for the 2011 Membership Directory and as a possible means of distributing our newsletters in the future.

Mark



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Mar 10, 2011
(Thursday) | 10:00 AM, EXCOM Meeting, Kalihi Union Church, 2214 N. King Street, Honolulu |
| Mar 17, 2011
(Thursday) | 9:30 AM, JPAC Tour followed by lunch at Sea Breeze Restaurant, Hickam AFB |
| Mar 20, 2011
(Sunday) | 1:00 PM, Bridge Bunch Party, Fahrni Realty Classroom, Aiea. Hosts: The Vons |
| Mar 21, 2011
(Monday) | 8:00 AM, Golf Outing, Mamala Bay Golf Course, Hickam AFB |
| Dec 9, 2011
(Friday) | 6:00 PM, Christmas Dinner, Kalua Room, Hale Koa Hotel, Ft. DeRussy, Waikiki |

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Chapter Programs for 2011

The Aloha Chapter Program Committee consisting of **Jane Kekoa**, **Henry Lee** and **Melvin Soong** wishes to solicit any ideas and suggestions from all members and spouses on what programs they would like to have this year. Any input to help them would be greatly appreciated. This includes speakers, times, places to meet or visit, and special occasions to remember or celebrate. Your Program Committee is striving to generally schedule our monthly events on the third Thursday of every month, with certain exceptions, such as our Christmas party. All comments and suggestions are welcome. If you have any ideas, please call

- ♦ **Jane** at 381-6462 or
- ♦ **Henry** at 261-2636 or
- ♦ **Melvin** at 254-2344.



Tea Ceremony for the *Merrie Ladies*

The *Merrie Ladies* celebrated Valentine's Day at the whimsical tea house in Kailua called, "A Cup of Tea". Fifteen ladies, all dressed in red with many wearing hats, made the event very special. Added to our party were five husbands who also enjoyed the festivities of the morning.

Our hostesses planned a game where we had to guess the names of famous people today, based on their high-school graduation pictures. **Charlene Towne** had the most correct and she was given a lovely tea pot as the top prize. **Linda Fong** won the 2nd prize, a ceramic bunny (for the year of the rabbit).

A three-tiered caddy filled with scones, fruit, desserts, and finger sandwiches was placed in the center of each table along with two pots of specialty teas. Vanilla ice cream was also served.

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Fourteen of the Merrie Ladies gathered for "A Cup of Tea" at the tea house, left to right, front row, are **Lisa Crompton, Marion Von, Sheila Kim, Esther Takenaka, Mazie Kozuki, Alice Fujiwara, Joan Lee, Taffy Wells and Rowena Okita** and, left to right in the back row, **Nari Hamlin, Jane Kekoa, Charlene Towne, Lani McKeague and Linda Fong**. Absent is **May Von**, a guest and neighbor of **Marion and Vernon Von**.



*A Missing Man Formation. Four of the five men that attended the "Cup of Tea" gathering, left to right, **Hal Okita, Harold Takenaka, Vernon Von and Norman Fujiwara**. Missing in action is **Phillip Kim**.*

We gave our hostesses, **Rowena Okita and Lani McKeague**, a big thank you for making all the arrangements for this special tea party.

Details for our next Merrie Ladies event will be announced in the April newsletter.

Photos courtesy of
Nari Hamlin 

Aloha Chapter Party Bridge

Hosting the February Chapter Party Bridge session on Sunday, February 20th, was **Helen Fahrni**. The session began promptly at 1 pm in her Fahrni Realty Company Classroom with 15 regular players and 1 guest. Before play began, **Helen Fahrni**, on behalf of all the program's regular players, presented Program Coordinator **Shirley Ihara** (and her husband **Les**) an envelope containing a "Mahalo" Card (with the players' signatures) and a Gift Card, for all their efforts in establishing, leading and conducting the successful party bridge program for all to enjoy for the past several years.

When play ended a little over 3 hours later, topping all players by a huge margin with the highest score so far this year was **Coralie Vellis** with 6940 points. Others recognized were, in descending order, **Sam Heard**, **Dayle Carlson**, **Leney Vine**, and **Shirley Ihara**. Other participants were: **Mitzi Austin**, **Helen Fahrni**, **Les Ihara**, **Gary & Bev Jensen**, **Lois Luehring**, **Dan Matthews**, **Vernon & Marion Von**, **Joan White**, and guest **Jan Towill**. Only one slam was bid and made – by partners **Joan White & Coralie Vellis**.



*Seated, left to right: February Champion **Coralie Vellis** with **Leney Vine** and **Shirley Ihara**.
Standing, left to right: **Sam Heard**, **Joan White**, and **Dayle Carlson**.*

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The next bridge session will be held on Sunday, March 20th, beginning at 1 pm. It will be hosted by **Vernon** and **Marion Von** at the Fahrni Realty Classroom. Those who would like to play on that date but have not yet signed-up are asked to call **Vernon** or **Marion** by telephone at 732-3908 or e-mail to: vvon777@gmail.com not later than Wednesday, March 16th. **Shirley**

Cell Phones from Front Page

old cell phones into phone cards so deployed servicemembers can call home. The AMAC is working with Cell Phones for Soldiers, which recycles old cell phones and, in return, provides our fighting forces with pre-paid phone cards. Each recycled cell phone translates into about 60 minutes of free talk time.

This is a great project for our Auxiliary members. They can help the AMAC meet their goal of donating 1 million minutes of prepaid talk time. That means they need to collect nationally about 16,700 old cell phones. **MOAA**



Norm Fujiwara

February Golf Report

This month's golf sign-up went like gang busters; we had a total of 33 players signed up necessitating an additional tee time for a total of 8 tee times. This definitely would have been a high-water mark topping last month's 29 players and

7 tee times. However, during the last two days before our scheduled golf date of February 25th at the Barbers Point Golf Club, we had one cancellation due to physical problems and then two more said they were unable to play. Nevertheless, we did have a record for the Aloha Chapter Golf Gang of 30 players and 8 tee times. Also, not records, but a significant

achievement by the golfing group: First of all we had five flag officers; four wahine golfers, not a record, but not a bad number; two old-time Aloha Chapter members, but first-time with the Aloha chapter golfing crew, **Phil Kim** and **Bryson Jung**; we welcomed back a long-lost player, **Hal Okita**; we also had several guests, two Canadian snowbirds, guests of yours truly; **Yoshi Nakamura**, guest of **Joe Kuroda**; and, finally, a new Aloha Chapter life member, **Joel Maimon** (application and check allegedly in the mail).

What a beautiful sunny day for golf, sure was a relief after the rainy spell we have been witnessing. Our gang of golfers was led off by **Allen Ono**, **Bob Kozuki**, **Kelly Lau** and **John Ma**, followed by **Mert Agena**, **Walt Kinoshita**, **Myron Brumaghim**, and **Bob Nagao**. In the third group were **Gordon Cho**, **Hal Okita**, **Phil Kim**, and **Bryson Jung**; in the fourth group were **Joe Kuroda**, **Curtis Lee**, **Yoshi Nakamura**, and **Dick Towne**; followed by **Jack Bohman**, **Larry Enomoto**, **Joel Maimon**, and **John Holmes**. Then, a threesome of **Bob Lee**, **John Jefferis**, and **Ken Munechika** teed off; followed by **Ken Yamada**, **Akiko Noda**, **Eleanor Paek** and **Alice Fujiwara**; and, bringing up the rear, was the threesome of **Gordon Paulsen**, **Bill Cavell**, and yours truly.

Following our usual procedure after collecting all of the score cards, the players picked numbered poker chips to determine their partners. All of the partners' net scores were combined and there were seven pairs who had the lowest net scores. They were awarded our mega jackpot. In 6th place was the partners of **Larry Enomoto** and **Bill Cavell**; in 5th place was the partners of **Yoshi Nakamura** and **John Jefferis**; in 4th place **John Ma** and **Joel Maimon**, in 3rd place **Gordon Cho** and **Bob Nagao**, in 2nd place, 6 points behind the grand champions,

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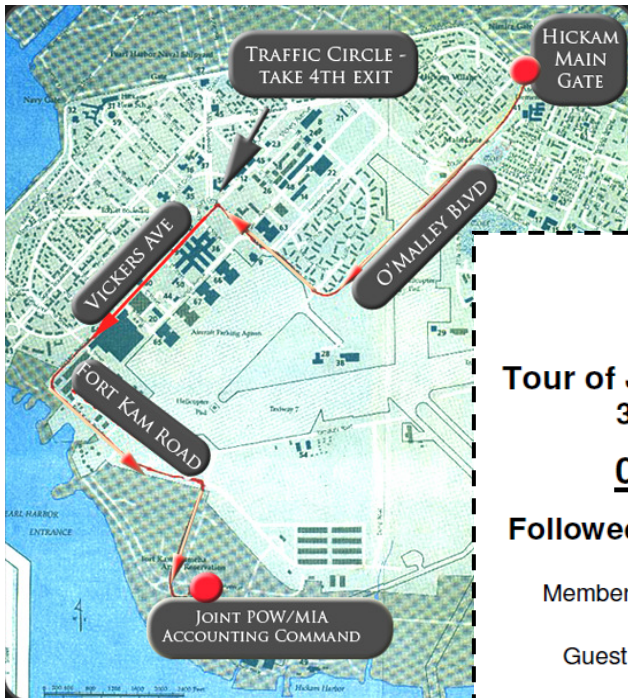
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Gordon Paulsen and **Bob Lee**, and our grand champions, the winners of the mega jackpot, was the partners of **Allen Ono** and **Mert Agena**. Congratulations to all your winners and Mahalo for all the participants.

Aloha Chapter, MOAA

RESERVATION FORM

Tour of JOINT POW/MIA ACCOUNTING COMMAND (JPAC)
310 Worchester Avenue, Bldg 45, Hickam AFB

0930 – 1130, Thursday, 17 March 2011

Followed by a Buffet Luncheon at the Sea Breeze Restaurant

Member: _____ Spouse: _____

Guest(s): _____ Transportation ____ (Check if needed)

☐ Check if you will only go on the tour, skipping a delicious, festive lunch

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

Now for the thought of the day: "Patience is the ability to put up with people that you'd like to put down."

Our next golf outing will be at Mamala Bay GC on Monday, March 21st. The sign-up notice will be sent out shortly.

Aloha and good golfing!



Aloha Chapter, MOAA, Membership Application Form

Enroll me as a Regular Member: ☐ Each Year of Membership = \$15 ☐ Five Years = \$60. (One Year FREE!)

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