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## Aloha Chapter's Trip to a Neighbor Island

Thirty-one Aloha Chapter members and guests assembled at He'eia Pier Wednesday morning, February 15<sup>th</sup>, for a boat ride to Moku o Lo'e (Coconut Island) in Kane'ohe Bay. Unfortunately, **Mel**—who arranged our novel and very educational tour—and **Barbara Soong** had to rush off to the Big Island on Monday and were unable to accompany us.



*Mike, one of our two tour guides, about to deploy a plankton collection net in Kane'ohe Bay on our way to Coconut Island.*

This island is a world-renown marine research laboratory. We learned about the Super Sucker Barge combating invasive seaweeds smothering the coral in the bay and observed the bay's vast diversity of fascinating life.

At the conclusion of our tour we enjoyed our picnic lunches in the former beach house of Christian Holmes, the heir to the Fleischmann Yeast fortune, who owned and developed much of the island in the 1930s and early 40s. 

## Luncheon at CINCPAC

Please join us at the Camp H. M. Smith Officers' Club up Halawa Heights on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, for lunch with a spectacular view and a talk by Professor Jim Pietsch, Head of the UH Richardson Law School Elder Program.

This will be another educational program arranged by **Mel Soong**. Jim Pietsch was in Mel's JAG section of HQ IX Corps (Augmentation) and is retired military.

Professor Pietsch's presentation, "Planning for the Worst, Expecting the Best", will cover estate planning, not investments.

Professor Pietsch was the directing attorney of the Honolulu Elder Law Unit of the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii for 10 years. Since 1991 he has been teaching Law, Aging and Medicine, Elder Law, Elder Law Clinic, Health Law and Bioethics in the University of Hawaii Elder Law Program (UHELP) which provides year-round direct legal services to socially and economically needy older persons. Professor Pietsch holds a joint appointment at the UH John A. Burns School of Medicine.



In 2007 he volunteered to serve as a Special Advisor to the Law and Order Task Force of the Multi-National Force-Iraq and most recently served as a Rule of Law Advisor to the U.S. Embassy Baghdad Provincial Reconstruction Team and Kurdistan Regional Reconstruction Team in Iraq. His Rule of Law work continues in Hawaii as the faculty adviser to the Law School's Hammurabi Legal Forum.

Send in your Reservation Form on page 7 ASAP! 

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## President's Message by Curtis Lee

Our country is faced with difficult decisions on spending and taxation with a National Budget so far out of balance that about 40 cents of every dollar spent has to be borrowed and paid back someday by our children and grandchildren. In this situation as the spending on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan decreases, as it has after other wars, there is a movement to significantly reduce defense spending. So, we see in the news headlines like "Retirees to Cough Up \$13 Billion." In order for our voices to be heard by our legislators, I urge you to participate by mailing the prepared letters in the *MOAA Magazine* with your handwritten notations. It is a small price for us to stand with MOAA against these hikes. MOAA is one strong voice as the most effective lobbyist for the military. Yes, some price hikes are inevitable, as we have been well funded and inflation is increasing costs. What we need to oppose is the shift of disproportional costs to military beneficiaries.

Over 30 of our members and guests enjoyed an outing to Coconut Island on February 15. The weather was very nice and we learned the history of the island and the background and work of UH's Marine Research Facility which has become world renowned, but still unknown to most of us in Hawaii. Our "Thanks" to **Jane Kekoa, Mel Soong** and the Program Committee for making the arrangements.

Upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee and approval of the Board of Directors, action is underway to apply for IRS Chapter 501 (c) 19 status, which, upon approval, will allow us to claim deductions on our taxes for donations to Aloha Chapter. The Aloha Chapter Scholarship Fund already has this status. Board Member and Chapter Secretary,

**Larry Enomoto**, has graciously and generously committed to do the necessary legal work for Aloha Chapter without charge. There is an application fee, however. Thank you very much Larry for your dedication to Aloha Chapter!

Congratulations to **Mark Webster**, who has been elected Chairman of the Board, Aloha Chapter! Thank you for taking on this responsibility in addition to everything else you do for Aloha Chapter!

This newsletter contains a message from your Executive Committee on page 4 requesting more participation in our annual fundraiser. We would like to balance our budget and resume some community service projects. With your kokua, collectively, we have the resources to do this. Mahalo and Aloha!



**Welcome to Our New Life Member**  
**Kay Kimura ("KK"), COL, USA, Ret.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 9, '12 9:00 AM, Golf Outing, Malama Bay Golf (Friday) Course, Hickam AFB
- March 18, '12 1:00 PM, Bridge Party, Fahrni Realty (Sunday) Classroom, Aiea. Hostess: Leney Vine
- March 21, '12 Luncheon, Camp Smith; Guest Speaker: (Wednesday) Jim Pietsch, JAG, USA, Ret.; Head of UH Richardson Law School Elder Program; Topic: "Planning for the Worst, Expecting the Best"
- April 19, 2012 Tour of the Fire Department and Luncheon
- April 29, 2012 9:00 AM, Annual Chicken Sale Fund- (Sunday) raiser, Kalihi-Waena Elementary School
- May 17, 2012 11:00 AM, Luncheon, Hickam O'Club; (Thursday) Guest Speaker: Member Jack Bohman
- June 19, 2012 Tour of Police Department and Luncheon
- July 19, 2012 Tour of USO and Luncheon
- December Christmas Party at scenic Camp Smith

## Notice

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## ***Merrie Ladies* Enjoy a Tour and a Lunch at the Krishna Temple**

On Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, thirteen ladies and two of their husbands visited the International Society for Krishna Consciousness in their Hawaii headquarters at 51 Coelho Way. Though the outing was advertised as experiencing a vegetarian buffet, we were also treated with a tour of the estate and we learned something about this movement that began in 1965. Our two guides (Madana and Daiva Das) are devotees to this movement, one being a former member of the Methodist Church and the other a former Catholic.

The estate houses the temple room with a replica of the founder of this religion, Srila Prabhupada, and an altar with statues representing the parts of nature where God reveals himself. On the second floor, we saw a guest room and the museum that houses another sitting statue of Srila Prabhupada, cabinets containing his written works and the Dictaphone he used so others could help him with his translation. The room was also filled with furnishings and clothing used by the prophet while living here in Hawaii.

Returning downstairs, we saw the gift shop and ended our tour experiencing the vegetarian buffet prepared by members of this society. Daiva Das called the Krishna (bright or brilliant) movement, the “kitchen religion”. The extra food is always donated or picked up by other groups who feed the needy. This is one way the group reaches out to help others. This was a “one of a kind” experience for the *Merrie Ladies*.

We want to thank **Mazie Kozuki** and **Alice Fujiwara** for arranging this special, fascinating event.

Our next outing is scheduled for May and details for this event will be announced later. **Marion** 

## Aloha Chapter Address Change

The current Aloha Chapter, MOAA, P.O. Box #19267, Honolulu, HI 96817, will no longer be used, effective March 1, 2012.

This is the situation why the change was made: P.O. Box #19267 was not under the name of Aloha Chapter, MOAA, but under the ownership of **Les Ihara** and **Harold Take-naka**. Harold and **Art Yamamoto**, our new Treasurer, attempted to have the P.O. Box permanently changed to the name of Aloha Chapter, MOAA. The post office would not allow that, saying that a new application would have to be made. Based on a review of check disbursements for the prior year, it was determined that on March 12, 2011, P.O. Box #19267 was renewed for a year. It appears that a renewal period would be sometime in March 2012 for another year's use. A discussion of this situation was made with **Curtis Lee**, President, and it was decided that this issue should be resolved before the renewal fee became due.

So, an application was made at the more convenient main post office at the airport to open a P.O. Box under the name of Aloha Chapter, MOAA.

Shortly thereafter, a P.O. Box became available. Our new address effective already at the main post office is:

Aloha Chapter, MOAA

P.O. Box 201441

Honolulu, HI 96820.

Accordingly, please change any future references to our address on your correspondence to our new mailing address.

**Art** 

## Aloha Chapter Fundraiser

This is an appeal for help! Your Aloha Chapter, although it is not out of funds, does not have a balanced budget. We have been covering the difference between income and expenses annually by using money in the reserve collected previously from life memberships. This cannot go on indefinitely, as the reserve will become exhausted. Our budget is austere. Our involvement in Community Service activi-

ties has been severely restricted in recent years due to a lack of funds. Our income is limited by the fact that the vast majority of our members hold a Life Membership that does not provide annual dues income. If we decided to double the annual dues of those few non-life members we could not cover our deficit. In our remaining operations, by far the largest expense is the printing and mailing of our monthly newsletter and the annual membership directory. Those costs continue to increase. However, in order to reduce costs we have decided to print and distribute a directory every other year. Our monthly programs and parties are financed on a "pay as you go" basis without support from the treasury.

Your Executive Committee, for some time, has been considering ways to decrease the costs associated with the newsletter, but we have not reached a workable solution. One option is to publish the newsletter by email and to charge members who do not have email, but still desire to receive the newsletter by regular mail. We would prefer to continue to send the newsletter to everyone as we are doing now.

However, in order to do so, we need more money from more members in support of our only fundraiser: our annual Chicken Sale. Some have suggested that we have more fundraisers, but we feel it is very difficult to do so as we have so few members who are willing to work on a fundraiser. Frankly, we do not believe that many of you realize that we really need more money to operate. So, humbly we ask those of you who have not been buying chicken in prior years to do so this year. Please do not just return the tickets you receive. Buy some tickets for your use, to donate chicken to IHS, and/or give chicken to family and friends. To those of you who have been making donations along with prior year chicken sales we extend our sincere appreciation. This year, everyone, please consider helping out by buying chickens and/or sending in a check, in any amount you deem appropriate, payable to Aloha Chapter, MOAA. Mahalo and Aloha!

**Your Executive Committee** 



## Aloha Chapter Party Bridge

The Chapter's Party Bridge Session for February was held on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> at the Fahrni Realty Classroom, hosted by **Lois Luehring**. Lois did an outstanding job by contacting just about every regular player, resulting in 16 of them playing for a rare 4 tables without using substitutes.

Play began promptly at 1 pm with all players present. At the end of the session, **Les Ihara** ended up with the most points, 4,580. He was followed closely by **Dan Matthews** with 4,450, **Joan White** with 4,150, **Helen Fahrni** with 4,100, and **Coralie Vellis** and **Gary Jensen** tied at 4,030. The relatively low scores this session were reflective of the fact that there was no slam bid made all afternoon.

Other players participating were: **Mitzi Austin**, **Dayle & Bobbi Carlson**, **Sam Heard**, **Shirley Ihara**, **John Kim**, **Bev Jensen**, **Lois Luehring**, **Leney Vine**, & **Harriet Weissman**.



*Seated, Left to right: Helen Fahrni, Joan White, Coralie Vellis, & Hostess Lois Luehring.  
Standing: Dan Matthews, Gary Jensen & Les Ihara.*

The next bridge session will be held on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> in the Fahrni Realty Classroom, hosted by **Leney Vine**. Those who have not signed up but would like to play on that date must contact Leney by telephone at: 396-0313 or Shirley Ihara at: 239-7947 not later than Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Shirley** 



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## Proposed Amendments to Aloha Chapter Bylaws

As I, **Larry Enomoto**, promised at our last meetings and after carefully reviewing the IRS requirements for articles of association and bylaws for veterans' organizations, I am proposing for your concurrence two draft amendments to our Aloha Chapter, MOAA, Bylaws to be included in this newsletter as prior notice to our members before adoption at a regular meeting in April or May. The changes are as follows:

- ♦ Article II - Purpose. Amend paragraph d. to read: ***Provide social and recreational services for its members.***
- ♦ Article III - Status. Amend Section 1 to read: ***The Chapter shall be an unincorporated nonprofit association:***
  - a. ***Organized under Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 429; and***

See Proposed Amendments to Bylaws Page 7



Norm Fujiwara

## February Golf Report

Today's golf report is prepared by an absentee player; I had an inflamed cyst removed from my back yesterday and the doctor said no physical activities for a few days, and that included golf.

So, my involvement with this report includes sending out and compiling the sign-up list and preparing the grouping for tee times and preparing the score cards. The sign-up went well, I had twenty-six players on the list on Sunday when I prepared the groupings. However, I began receiving cancellations as soon as I com-

pleted the list. The most interesting excuse came from **John Seely**; I will not explain his reason for it might result in the aroma of this report, you must ask him for an explanation. Thus, on Friday morning, the group had been pared down to twenty players, with two wahine players. As I issued the score cards to the groups, the first group were able to tee off ahead of schedule with **Kelly Lau** leading the group of **Ken Munechika**, **Ken Yamada** and **John Holmes**; they were followed by **Mert Akena**, **Walt** and **Janice Kinoshita**, and **Richard Young**, Walt's guest; then came **Gordon Cho** and his group of **Leroy Perry**, **Joel Mammon** and **Walt Metzger**, Joel's guest; they were followed by **Joe Kuroda**, **Larry Enomoto** and longtime absent couple **Len** and **Honeyjean Katsarsky**; in the rear were **Myron Brumaghin**, **Curtis Lee**, **Bob Nagao** and **André Soto**, Bob's guest. Since I was unable to participate in today's golf outing, the mega jackpot was cancelled. After reviewing all the score cards, the leading player with the lowest net score of the day was **Janice Kinoshita** with a net core of 68; she was followed by **Walt Kinoshita** and **Leroy Perry** with a net score of 71, while **Gordon Cho** came in with a score of 73. Congratulations to all you low scorers, and Mahalo to all the participants of the day.

Now for the thought of the day; "The only thing wrong with doing nothing is that you never know when you're finished."

Our next golf outing will be on a short notice, Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> at Mamala Bay Golf Course. The sign-up notice will be out in a few days.

Aloha and Good Golfing,

Norm



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## Proposed Amendments to Bylaws from Page 5

*b. Operated exclusively within the meaning of section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code and for the purposes specified in Article II above.*

The rationale for the first change is that text is one of the eight specific purposes the IRS allows for a veterans' organization. This amendment encompasses the meaning of the current paragraph d: *Provide useful services for members, their dependents and survivors.*

The rationale for the second change is that our chapter should be organized under H.R.S. Chap. 429 UNIFORM UNINCORPORATED NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION ACT rather than under H.R.S. Chap. 414D HAWAII NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT. The IRS organizational test for a veterans' organization is satisfied by including in its articles of association and bylaws this text regarding its exclusive operation: *within the meaning of section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code.*

## Aloha Chapter, MOAA RESERVATION FORM

**Luncheon at the Camp H. M. Smith Officers' Club,  
CINCPAC, Halawa Heights**

**11:00 AM, Wednesday, March 21, 2012**

**Guest Speaker: Professor James Pietsch,  
Director, University of Hawai'i Elder Law Program**  
**Topic: Planning for the Worst, Expecting the Best**

Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation \_\_\_\_ (Check if needed)

Cost = \$18.00 per person. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$18.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_


Donation to Support Your Aloha Chapter; Reserves are Becoming Depleted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Larry 

## Aloha Chapter, MOAA, Membership/Application Form

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