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AVIATION — THE EARLY DAYS — Biography of LtCol Chester J. Peters, USMCR

by his eldest son, CAPT John D. Peters, USN (Retired)

It was interesting to be asked to write a biography for my father who was killed in 1944 when I was eight years old. I was born in Kansas City, Missouri in 1936 because "Da" was stationed at the Marine Corps Air Station, Kansas City, Kansas. Home movies taken from the pre-WWII bi-planes in which the Marines trained, taken over Kansas City, and much of Missouri provide a flavor of the pre-WWII aviation training. I remember as a little kid, pulling off the tie on General Vandergrift's dress uniform. His Son was my Chemistry Professor at the Naval Academy and knew who I was! The OLD CORPS was SMALL!

Chester was born in Green City, Missouri, population 8, in 1895. I know that population from the 8mm home movies of Great Grandma Peters 102nd birthday and the Green City sign.

"Chet" (to his friends) was Naval Aviator #806 and MARINE Aviator # 87. He received his classroom training and flight training (Marine Reserve Flying Corps) in Miami. Some with the designer of the aircraft doing "show and tell" and taking off from the hard sand on Miami Beach. Then it was combat in France and Belgium. In those days EVERY PILOT knew EVERY PILOT. He was released from Active Duty in 1919 and it was back to the University of

Missouri for BS and MS degrees.

He was recalled to Active Duty in 1928 to set up Marine Corps reserve flying units in the Midwest. As THE Marine on the staff at Great Lakes, he would fly with a small team to rural America. Fly over the farms and towns, and land in a field. There he would pick out the LIKELY looking kids for a RIDE, and then recruit the best for Marine flight training.

He was Officer in Charge and Commandant of Cadets at the Naval Reserve Aviation Base, Kansas City followed by an assignment as CO Marine Reserve Aviation Unit, Olathe, KS.

Detached soon after the attack on Pearl Harbor to become Inspector for Primary Training Command then CO Marine Corps Aviation Station, Edenton, NC. He was killed in October 1944 flying back from a planning conference in Pensacola, Florida.

Photos from WWI (which sadly disappeared in my many PCS moves) included Chet dropping (by hand) a bomb into the trenches from his bi-plane, and air to air combat with a 38 cal revolver!

His funeral cards included nearly every pioneer in aviation and everyone still living of the WWI aviators.

Coming Events April

4 Apr (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000 OVC

17 Apr (Fri) EXCOM Mtg 1115 MCBH O'Club

**23 Apr (Thu) Luncheon 1100 Camp Smith
Sunset Lanai Club**

Coming Events May

2 May (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000 OVC

**11 May (Mon) PAC Mtg 1000
Hawaii Kai Retirement Community**

15 May (Fri) EXCOM Mtg 1115 MCBH O'Club



PERSPECTIVES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

by CDR John L. Miller – USN (Ret.)

Once upon a time – a teacher tried to teach us wild schoolboys the magnitude of a Million Dollars. His example - if you stack one dollar bills on top of each other, when you get to a stack a foot and one half high you would have \$1,000. Then if you did this one thousand more times you would have a stack higher than the Empire State building or 1500 feet. I was impressed sixty years ago and now I wonder how he would explain the amount of taxpayer dollars needed to rescue the economy as I heard on the news today – \$4.8 trillion or \$4,800,000,000,000. The present Stimulus Plan is now up to \$1,150,000,000,000. Big numbers that are hard to comprehend!

I guess what I am trying to say is that for me the monetary news of the day is hard to digest. On top of that the stock market collapse, the global economic threat, the energy supply threat, the military threat and the environmental threat are all enough to drive you to drink - - and that is not a bad option.

On the plus side – we live in paradise with beautiful weather, the water is safe to swim in and drink, no power outages, the stock market went up today, TRICARE covers our healthcare, and we do not need to sleep with a gun under our pillow.

In our Golden Anniversary year through the remainder of 2009, the Hawaii Chapter will offer free membership for all former Officers. Active Duty Officers also get free National MOAA membership as well. So spread the word and recruit prospective members by having them complete and mail in the application on the last page of our newsletter the Pau Hana Koa or the "PHK" as it is commonly called.

And more good news -- by now, you should have your Directory and sorry that it is a little late but it will be well worth the wait. Enjoy yourselves – it's later than you think.

... Aloha, Jack

OUR CHAPTER'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY! By Bob Kessler

July is only 3 short months away! The party starts with our gala banquet at the Hale Koa Hotel on July 23, followed by the additional activities that we've arranged for our members and our guests.

It's time to book! NCL America's Pride of America has TEN cabins reserved for MOAA on the July 25 sailing. This memorable 7-day round trip cruise from Honolulu visits the beautiful islands of Maui and Kauai, with additional stops at both Hilo and Kona on the Big Island of Hawaii. On board this luxurious new ship you'll discover regional American themes throughout. And you'll enjoy the fine dining and lavish entertainment that characterize Norwegian Cruise Lines' vessels. But you'll only have to pay for this cruise once – there is no casino on board.

Please check out Norwegian Cruise Line's web site at ncl.com for more details about the ship and itinerary. All published fares are subject to cabin availability and are not guaranteed until booked.

MILITARY APPRECIATION DISCOUNTS MAY BE AVAILABLE ON THIS CRUISE, TO BE APPLIED AT BOOKING! SUCH DISCOUNTS NORMALLY ARE CAPACITY CONTROLLED SO BOOK NOW.

More information is available at moaa-hawaii.org. Click on the '50th Anniversary' link. Please note that the sample discounted cruise fares you'll find on the web site may no longer be available. This is a very popular cruise and discounted fares are capacity controlled. Call Bob Kessler at 922-6188 or 381-4799. Or call Alana Sloss at Outrigger Travel, 923-2377, ext. 154. We hope you'll join us!

Thinning of the Ranks

Avis Maurin Fansler, wife of COL Reg Fansler, USA (Ret), died 25 February 2009 in Gainesville, FL. She is survived by her husband, a son, two daughters, and grandchildren.

COL Donald E. Painter, USA (Ret), died 7 March 2009. He is survived by companion Judy Marshall, two sons, and grandchildren.

LCDR George Keith Davis, USN (Ret), died 8 March 2009. He was a naval aviator and docent at Pacific Aviation Museum. He is survived by his wife Jayne Henley-Davis.

Binnacle List

No serious illnesses have been reported this month.

**Showtime — “Kiss Me Kate!”
July 24, 25 and 26 at KMC**

The Chapter weekend excursion to Kilauea Military Camp (KMC) at Volcano 24-27 July 2009 is still on. We have eight open newly renovated apartments reserved for Hawaii Chapter MOAA. All the KMC cottages are booked, but there are still a few apartments available. You may call KMC direct at 438-6707 or Bob Kessler at 922-6188. The Kilauea Drama & Entertainment (KDEN) community theatre group offers a special production of the Cole Porter musical "Kiss Me Kate" at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, July 24th and 25th and a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. The tickets are a bargain so plan to join in the fun!

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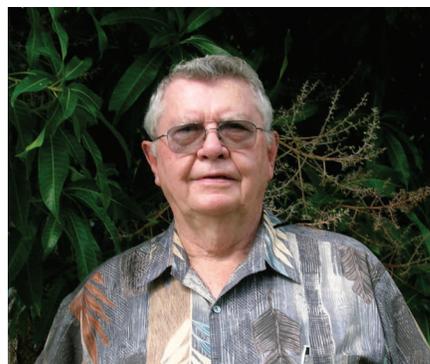
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**JROTC AWARD
PRESENTERS NEEDED**

As most Chapter members know we are approaching the time when JROTC leadership recognition and unit recognition awards are to be made to ALL Hawaii High School JROTC units. At these presentations our JROTC educational scholarships are also to be awarded to deserving young cadets who are going on to community college or universities. **WE NEED YOUR HELP** in making these many, many presentations primarily during May 2008. The only “work ?” involved is attending a particular high school JROTC awards ceremony and presenting our Chapter and National MOAA awards. The awards, names, location and time will all be provided to you, all you have to do is SHOW UP. Please contact our ROTC/JROTC Awards Chairman, Ralph Hiatt at hiattr@hawaii.rr.com. If you do not have access to a computer and want to provide this service contact Hank Heyenga at 254-2814. **Let’s get aboard and show our youth “we care”!**

**Meet our new Third Vice President
LtCol Burt Waltz, USAF (Retired)**



Burt on April 1 will be the new Chapter 3rd VP. Phil Rather is moving up to 1stVP from 3rdVP to replace Alex Vanston. Alex and family will be moving in April to a new Marine Corps assignment in Yuma, Arizona.

We bid a fond aloha to Alex, and our friendly, capable Chapter photographer Jen. You will both be missed. It was a treat to have the youthful and “techy” couple as part of the team.

Burt is from Colorado and entered the USAF in 1965. He attended Colorado State University and graduated with a degree in Forestry. His USAF active duty included: Instructor Pilot, Flew Reconnaissance a/c – RF101; RF4 in Southeast Asia; PACAF Staff Flight Safety and Chief of Tactical Reconnaissance.

Burt retired in 1978 and has kept busy flying inter-island with Panorama and as a Cabinet maker. He is married to Jody and has been a Kailua resident since 1973. Thank you Burt for volunteering to serve as the Chapter Members’ newest Vice President.



2009 CHAPTER DONATIONS

AS OF 10 MARCH 2009 – GOAL IS \$6000 — Received to date \$ 1445.00

GOLD CONTRIBUTORS (\$100 OR MORE)

R.L. and Kiyoko Vonier (x2), Richard and Beverly Lynn Meiers, Ralph and Clara Cook
Trish Kubach, Hank Heyenga (x2), Grant Story and Allyn Thompson, Paul Schmitz
Joseph Comstock, Jr, Bruce and Carolyn Smith

SILVER CONTRIBUTORS (\$50 TO \$99)

Tom Smyth, Thomas J. Wells, Lynn Alward-Bingman, Clint Churchill, Marian Williams

BRONZE CONTRIBUTORS (\$25 TO \$49)

Regina Foster, Gerda Lippincott

If you donated in any of these categories and your name is not present call me, John Harms at 261-2282

MOAA SUPPORTS LEGISLATIVE ACTION FOR JROTC PROGRAM

I'm humbled to present testimony on behalf of the membership of the Military Officers Association of America, (MOAA) Hawai'i Chapter, soundly in support of SB 1300 to appropriate funding for cadre at 3 additional high schools offering Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC).

Over the last three years, it has been my privilege to coordinate and or attend at least one cadet organized award ceremony at each of the 26 schools offering JROTC. Each year MOAA - Hawaii proudly recognizes the potential of Hawai'i finest JROTC students at each high school through leadership awards and or assisting them in their future education endeavors with scholarship awards. Scholarships funded by membership and earned by the JROTC students ranged from \$500 to \$1000 but, the real value to a student is immeasurable. My experiences, with JROTC students, renews confidence that the youth of Hawai'i can be productive members of our society and entrusted with our future.

JROTC programs are essential for giving students more choices, providing personal guidance, leadership training, expanding their knowledge, physical fitness, discipline and moral and character development. These goals are reflected in the JROTC creed, "I am the future of the United States of America (Hawai'i). I do not lie, cheat or steal and will always be accountable for my actions and deeds."

JROTC is led and guided by a dedicated, tireless cadre who daily make positive impacts on the future of our youth. Recently, a JROTC graduate stated, the cadre and JROTC "definitely made changes in my life. I remember when I was just a first year cadet. I was nervous and shy and you two helped me change that. I never knew that I could be where I am today. JROTC has built my foundation and given me the basic skills I need for my future. I'll be graduating soon and leaving behind what we call memories. But as I stand here, I confidently know that when I step foot into the real world, I will have the leadership skills and

knowledge to succeed." These statements are commonly expressed by JROTC cadets, as the cadres continuously perform a magnificent service providing leadership, guidance, values, self-confidence and direction to our youth through the JROTC program. I have heard JROTC student's state; the cadre is "my big brother or parent that I don't have at home."

As a graduate of the University of Hawai'i Army ROTC program, I owe a debit of gratitude to a stern grandmother, a high school teacher and a ROTC cadre who respectively offered guidance, motivation and an unbelievable career opportunity. Foundational skills of leadership, accepting challenges, acute decision-making and teamwork I employed in uniform and as a civilian were initially acquired in ROTC.

Statistically, JROTC students are less apt to become disciplinary problems, are probably enrolling into post secondary education programs and provide invaluable community service.

You can be assured that allocating a relatively small sum to support the establishing of three additional JROTC components with in the state high schools, the state shall reap immeasurable dividends and have an immediate impact on the future of hundreds of Hawai'i's youth.

On behalf of the membership of the Military Officers Association of America, (MOAA) Hawai'i Chapter, I ask for your assistance in allocating funding to support the additional JROTC programs.

Respectfully,

Ralph J. W. K. Hiatt

Ralph J.W.K. Hiatt
Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired)
Chairman, ROTC and Veteran Affairs
MOAA Hawai'i Chapter

To read the PHK in Vivid COLOR, go online to:
<http://www.moaa-hawaii.org/documents/currentPHK.pdf>

TRICARE FOR LIFE Update

TRICARE USER FEE Update 33: Following is a letter sent by Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman to a member of FRA Branch 20 in Groton CT in response to his query on the rumored Tricare for Life budget cuts. It is self explanatory and should be widely disseminated in the military community:

February 19, 2009

Dear Mr. Serabian:

Thank you for contacting me regarding rumored cuts in benefit programs for military retirees, including TRICARE for Life. Currently, a wealth of false and misleading information is being distributed on this matter; and I welcome the opportunity to explain the source of the confusion.

I am aware of several chain emails, online discussion boards, blogs, and even articles in well-intentioned veterans' publications that imply that President Obama and Congress plan on eliminating TRICARE for Life. The insinuations put forth by these sources are false.

The source of these stories is a report issued by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), entitled Budget Options Volume 1: Heath Care, released in December

2008. Before jumping to conclusions about the report itself, however, it is important to know exactly what the CBO is. CBO is a nonpartisan federal agency, tasked with providing Congress with cost estimates for the many legislative proposals considered each year. It also periodically offers Congress suggestions for adjusting federal spending. CBO is an information gathering body for Members of Congress. Its recommendations about the budget are completely non binding; and its officers do not draft actual policy, legislation, or law.

The Budget Options report in question offers a total of 115 options for reducing (or, in some cases, increasing) federal spending on health care, only three of which relate to TRICARE. These options are merely suggestions, not policy statements or actual legislation. Reports such as this one are routine, and very few options or recommendations made by CBO are typically acted upon. President Obama has not indicated support for the three recommendations in this report related to TRICARE, nor has any Member of Congress, to the best of my knowledge. Any suggestion that the Administration is affiliated
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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, STATE OF HAWAII
MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT G. F. LEE
APRIL 23, 2009
SUNSET LANAI CLUB, CAMP SMITH
 DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 A.M. PROGRAM STARTS AT 11:30 A.M.
cut and mail in below information




Name Tag(s) to read:

Cost: \$20.00 per person Check enclosed for ___ @ \$20.00 each = \$_____

DONATIONS TO SUPPORT HAWAII CHAPTER PROGRAMS

J/ROTC Scholarships \$_____ Community Service: \$_____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$_____

THANK YOU 😊

Make checks payable to: Hawaii State Chapter – MOAA
Mail to: P.O. Box 1185, Kailua, HI. 96734 Cut off date for reservations is: April 20

Questions? Contact: Jim Gebhard
Email: gebhardjim@aol.com Telephone: 262-1165



TUG by Colonel Lou Torraca, USAF (Retired)

THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE FREE

The moon belongs to everyone, The best things in life are free.
 The stars belong to everyone, They gleam there for you and me.
 The flowers in spring, the robins that sing, The moonbeams that shine, they're yours, they're mine.
 And love can come to everyone, The best things in life are free.

So goes the song, written in 1927, way before PCs were all the rage! Well, guess what, some of the best programs and utilities for your PC are also free, yup, I said free! I have been asked a lot of questions recently about some of them so I decided to do a list of the ones I use plus others I know about and have been tried and recommended by others. Thinking about a new computer? Are you a bit techie? If so, you could save yourself some money as well as have the satisfaction of putting your own together by yourself. No so inclined? You can still save on programs and utilities. Without further ado, here is a list for you to consider.

*First, for the techie who wants to put together their own PC...an operating system that is totally free. Ubuntu is a community-developed operating system that is perfect for laptops, desktop and server. Whether you use it at home, at school or at work Ubuntu contains all the applications you'll ever need, from word processing and email applications, to web server software and programming tools. Ubuntu is and always will be free of charge. You do not pay any licensing fees. You can download, use and share Ubuntu with your friends, family, school or business for absolutely nothing. New versions are released every six months. That means you'll always have the latest and greatest applications that the open source world has to offer. Ubuntu is designed with security in mind. You get free security updates for at least 18 months on the desktop and server. With the Long Term Support (LTS) version you get three years support on the desktop, and five years on the server. There is no extra fee for the LTS version, we make our very best work available to everyone on the same free terms. Upgrades to new versions of Ubuntu are and always will be free of charge. Everything you need comes on one CD, providing a complete working environment. Additional software is available online. The graphical installer enables you to get up and running quickly and easily. A standard installation should take less than 25 minutes. Once installed your system is immediately ready-to-use. On the desktop you have a full set of productivity, internet, drawing and graphics applications, and games. Pretty neat isn't it? **Download: www.ubuntu.com**

Now for everyone else, here are some really excellent programs and utilities you can have at no cost. (BTW, many of these free programs and utilities have a donation button where you can voluntarily help the developer with updates, new apps, etc. I suggest you try the app first and then if you really like it and decide to keep it, you can make a donation, however this is strictly a voluntary thing.)

*The number one priority is...anti virus. I've used both AVG and Avast for a long time and, knock on wood, have never had a problem. Both also have pay versions that include lots of other stuff, but I'll be listing all those types of free apps as we go along. **To download AVG: <http://free.avg.com/download-avg-anti-virus-free-edition>** **To download Avast!: <http://www.avast.com/eng/download-avast-home.htm>** Both of these work well and provide you with protection from viruses, but do yourself a favor and read the information that both provide and follow the instructions...this applies, of course, to all programs, apps and utilities!

*Next, you need a firewall and the most popular and the one I use is Zone Alarm which for a free app, provides a lot of flexibility and prevents the bad guys from getting into your computer as well as making your computer invisible to anyone on the internet. To download the free version: **<http://www.zonealarm.com/security/en-us/zonealarm-pc-security-free-firewall.ht>**

*10 years of malware experience combined in one dynamic application. Ad-Aware - Anniversary Edition offers radically improved performance and efficiency, along with comprehensive malware protection. With real-time monitoring, threat alerts, and automatic updates you can rest easy knowing that you are protected. Download: **http://www.lavasoft.com/products/ad_aware_free.ph**

*SpyBot-Search and Destroy complements adaware... if you see new toolbars in Internet Explorer that you didn't install, or you experience other problems, you may have spyware. This program helps prevent marketing companies from gathering information about your Web surfing and purchasing habits, and selling it to advertisers. Download: **http://download.cnet.com/Spybot-Search-amp-Destroy/3000-8022_4-10122137.htm**

*Windows Defender is a free program that helps you stay productive by protecting your computer against pop-ups, slow performance and security threats caused by spyware and other potentially unwanted software. All 3 of these programs work to keep your PC running smoothly. I use them and they definitely make a difference.

*Now you have your PC pretty well protected, how about productivity apps? No problem; OpenOffice.org 3 is the leading open-source office software suite for word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, graphics, databases and more. It is available in many languages and works on all common computers. It stores all your data in an international open standard format and can also read and write files from other common office software packages. It can be downloaded and used completely free of charge for any purpose. Sounds like the big guys Office? It does and it also does pretty much everything that other guy does! **Download: <http://download.openoffice.org>**

*Next, a free program that rivals Adobe Photoshop...and we know what that costs! The name is a bit misleading but the program is spectacular! GIMP can be used to process digital graphics and photographs. Typical uses include creating graphics and logos, resizing and cropping photos, changing colors, combining images using a layer paradigm, removing unwanted image features, and converting between different image formats. GIMP can also be used to create animated images using an improved layers method. The full capabilities of the GIMP extend much further, however, and include advanced image editing, manipulation, and professional graphics creation. It is often used as a free software replacement for Adobe Photosho, which is the dominant bitmap editor in the printing and graphics industries. **Download: <http://www.dphotojournal.com/download-gimp-photo-software>**

*To keep your system running at its best, CCleaner is a freeware system optimization, privacy and cleaning tool. It removes unused files from your system - allowing Windows to run faster and freeing up valuable hard disk space. It also cleans traces of your online activities such as your Internet history. Additionally it contains a fully featured registry cleaner. But the best part is that it's fast (normally taking less than a second to run) and contains NO Spyware or Adware! :) **Download: www.ccleaner.com** While you're there, I'd also recommend downloading their **defraggler**, another app which will help keep your system running smoothly. You can schedule daily, weekly or just manual defrags...it's pretty easy to use and does an excellent job.

*Last, but not least, a program I can't live without. Yankee Clipper III, a powerful Windows clipboard extender/memory- now in its third generation. Handles Pictures, Richtext, URLs, etc any size. Features printing, drag and drop, optional permanent storage of clippings. Familiar "Outlook" interface. Just a couple of its features: Saves the past 200 text and RTF, 20 BMP and Metafile, and 200 URL clipboard entries. Has the ability to save and re-use "boilerplate" clippings. Simply right-click on the item and select "Send to boilerplate". Unlimited boilerplate collections can be created. **Download: <http://www.intelxual.com/products/YC3/>**

That's it until next time. If you like the freebies on this list, be sure and checkout my online column after the 1st of April at <http://tinyurl.com/363qe>, login at the top of the page and let me know; there are lots more out there. Enjoy all the goodies, but remember to be careful as the bad guys are lurking! Visit www.the-tug.org for schedules

and directions for our two monthly meetings.

Aloha, *Lou*

“The Unforgiving Minute: A Soldier’s Education” by Craig Mullaney

My name is Craig Mullaney, Class of 2000, and I wanted to let you know that I have a new book — ‘The Unforgiving Minute: A Soldier’s Education’ — on sale today. In short, it’s the story of my journey from West Point to Afghanistan and back, but it’s also a story of family and love, triumph and loss. I hope readers finish the book with a better understanding of what we ask of our men and women in uniform, how we prepare them, and why they serve. It’s a story I had to tell.

If you have a minute, please take a look at the book website: <http://www.craigmmullaney.com/content/multimedia.asp> to watch a 4-minute video about the book and Episode 1 (West Point). Also on the website is the full text of the first chapter about a day no cadet ever forgets -- R-Day. There are many books about West Point, but there are far fewer told by cadets about the struggles, comedies, and camaraderie of the academy and how that unique education measures against the test of combat.

This is what the Superintendent had to say about the book: "Intimate and evocative in the tradition of the best coming-of-age memoirs, The Unforgiving Minute accurately captures what it is to prepare for the ultimate responsibility of leading soldiers in war, a demand as much intellectual as physical, as much about compassion as discipline. By turns thoughtful, hilarious, gut-wrenching, and inspiring, The Unforgiving Minute is as gripping and addictive as it is perceptive and honest." — LTG F.L. Hagenbeck, U.S. Army

And from General David Petraeus:

"The Unforgiving Minute is a wonderful, beautifully written story of the education and development of a young soldier-scholar, the coming of age of an infantry officer, and the exercise of a small unit leader’s responsibilities in a tough, complex, and frustrating situation in Afghanistan. It captures particularly eloquently and movingly the relationships among those who walk point for our nation as part of that most elite of fraternities, the brotherhood of the close fight."

THE UNFORGIVING MINUTE: A SOLDIER’S EDUCATION
<http://www.craigmmullaney.com>

Description: A West Point grad, Rhodes scholar, and Army Ranger recounts his unparalleled education in the art of war and reckons with the hard wisdom that only battle itself can bestow.

One haunting afternoon on Losano Ridge in Afghanistan, Captain Craig Mullaney and his platoon were caught in a deadly firefight with Al Qaeda fighters when a message came over the radio: one of his soldiers had been killed in action. Mullaney’s education had been relentlessly preparing him for this moment. The four years he spent at West Point and the harrowing test of Ranger School readied him for a career in the Army. His subsequent experience as a Rhodes scholar at Oxford couldn’t have been further from the Army and his working class roots, and yet the unorthodox education he received there would be surprisingly relevant as a combat leader. Years later, after that unforgettable experience in Afghanistan, he would return to the United States to teach history to future Navy and Marine Corps officers at the Naval Academy. He had been in their position once, and he had put his education to the test. How would he use his own life-changing experience prepare them?

The Unforgiving Minute is the extraordinary story of one soldier’s singular education. From a hilarious plebe’s-eye view of the author’s West Point experience to the demanding leadership crucible of Ranger School’s swamps and mountains, to a two-year whirlwind of scintillating debate, pub crawls, and romance at Oxford, Mullaney’s winding path to the battlegrounds of Afghanistan was unique and remarkable. Despite all his preparation, the hardest questions remained. When the call came to lead his platoon into battle and earn his soldiers’ salutes, would he be ready? Was his education sufficient for the unforgiving minutes he’d face? A fascinating account of an Army captain’s unusual path through some of the most legendary seats of learning straight into a brutal fight with Al Qaeda in Afghanistan, The Unforgiving Minute is, above all, an unforgettable portrait of a young soldier grappling with the weight of his hard-earned knowledge while coming to grips with becoming a man.

Posted By: PARR Joannie

TRICARE FOR LIFE Update *(Cont’d from Page 5)*

with this report ignores the fact that it was drafted by the CBO - which, again, is an advisory body of the legislative branch, not the executive branch.

You may also be interested to know that both the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) and the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) have issued statements condemning the aforementioned rumors that are being perpetuated through these chain emails.

I hope that you have found this letter informative, and I encourage you to share this information with members of your community who are concerned about issues relating to military retirees. As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, please be assured of my continued commitment to protecting the various interests of all those

who have fought tirelessly to protect our cherished freedoms.

Thank you again for sharing your views and concerns with me. I hope you will continue to visit my website at <http://lieberman.senate.gov> for updated news about my work on behalf of Connecticut and the nation. Please contact me if you have any additional questions or comments about our work in Congress.

Sincerely,
Joseph I. Lieberman
UNITED STATES SENATOR

HAWAII STATE CHAPTER of the MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
New Membership Application and/or Current Member Dues Payment

Name: _____ Male Female
 Last First MI

New Member Application **Currently a Regular Member** **Currently an Auxiliary Member**

New members: Complete next items and Regular or Auxiliary Member section. Enter remittance at bottom.

Current members: Complete any items that have changed and enter your remittance amount at bottom of form.

Address: _____ Email: _____

Date of birth: _____ National MOAA membership No. _____

Home Phone: _____ Office Phone: _____ Fax _____

Regular Members: Active duty, retired, or former military officers are eligible for regular membership.
Service _____ Rank _____ Active Duty Retired Reserve National Guard Former Officer
Dues: \$18 per year; 5 years for \$72. Life membership: Age 50 and under, \$360; 51-60 \$300; 61-70 \$270;
71-89 \$120; 90 and older is free.

Auxiliary Members: Widows or widowers are eligible for membership whose spouses were regular members or were eligible for regular membership. Rank of spouse: _____ Service of spouse: _____
Dues: \$12 per year; 5 years for \$48; Life membership: Age 50 and under, \$180; 51-60 \$150; 61-70 \$120;
71-89 \$60; 90 and older is free.

If married, spouse's first name: _____ Last name, if different than yours: _____

Indicate interest in any of the following Chapter activities or Committees:

Personal Affairs LAVA Public Affairs Program/Social Newsletter Membership Finance Fund Raising
J/ROTC Scholarships and Awards Community Service TUG(Computers) Party Bridge Golf Tennis

Dues Enclosed \$ _____ Optional Donation: Scholarships \$ _____ Community Services \$ _____

Total Remittance: \$ _____ Check to Hawaii State Chapter MOAA, PO Box 1185, Kailua HI 96734-1185

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