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## ANNUAL PICNIC BELLOW AFS SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

### Bombs Fell Again on Oahu



H8K (Emily) taxis to refuel from HIJMS\* submarine

On March 4, 1942, bombs fell again on O'ahu.

Writing in the Honolulu Advertiser for 16 March 2009, military writer William Cole transmits the recollections of Alan S. Lloyd, honorary Hawai'i Chapter member and military historian, of the night the bombs fell on Makiki Heights, the hill above Roosevelt High School that leads up to Tantalus.

[Unfortunately, Cole's story has been placed in the Advertiser archives, where only a summary is available unless you purchase the whole article. Too bad, because there was a fun video clip of Alan Lloyd visiting the bomb crater 67 years later!]

"I remember Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! so the point is, he dropped a stick of bombs," Cole quotes Lloyd as saying. The article goes on to relate that two Japanese flying boats had taken off (\*His Imperial Majesty's Ship)

from Wotje Atoll in the Marshall Islands. Armed with four 500-lb bombs apiece, they were attempting to recreate Pearl Harbor.

Bombs from the other plane went into the water "either south of Wai'anae or the entrance of Pearl Harbor," Cole's story says.

Lloyd was 12 at the time; he lived with his family lower down on Mauna Place. I was nine; I frequently played with his younger sister, Gainor, cutting through JoAnn Monro's yard to do so. Later Mrs. Wales Dixon, JoAnn became an Auxiliary member of Hawai'i Chapter. She died earlier this year.

Our house was one lot below Tantalus Drive, then the highest that people lived on Makiki Heights. However, we faced toward Diamond Head; the Lloyds' house looked out to the

west, toward Pearl Harbor.

I must have slept through the first Bang! because I remember only Bang! Bang! – pause – Bang! But the air-raid sirens didn't blow or anything, so we didn't have to bundle into our bomb shelter while Father went off to duty as a reserve policeman and Mother as an assistant air raid warden. What they heard from the local rumor mill (the Territory of Hawaii was under martial law; civilians were the last to be told anything) was that the plane had missed Pearl Harbor (true) and that it was one isolated glory-seeker; we didn't hear about the second plane.

But we kiddies learned from our friends that shrapnel had fallen on the Fulmers' roof; their driveway went up to Tantalus Drive and they were further around the curve looking toward Pearl Harbor, and opposite Punchbowl. (See BOMBS on page 4)

### Coming Events August

1 Aug (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000 OVC

21 Aug (Fri) EXCOM Mtg 1115 Schooners

23 Aug (Sun) Annual Picnic 1200  
Bellow AFS  
Pavilion 5A

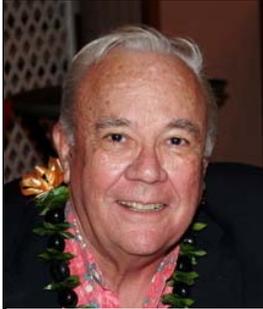
### Coming Events September

5 Sep (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000 OVC

14 Sep (Mon) PAC Mtg 1100 Sam Snead's

18 Sep (Fri) EXCOM Mtg 1115 MCBH O'Club

24 Sep (Thu) 1100 Oahu Veterans Center  
Bill Riddle author of *Dead Downwind*



# The President's Perspective – The Big Event

by Commander John L Miller USN (Ret.)

## The Golden Anniversary Banquet – One Great Night for the Chapter

The 23<sup>rd</sup> of July will be remembered for the arrival of the USS Hawaii in her new homeport of Honolulu and for the Hawaii Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America - it was more than just that, it was the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our existence. The festivities began several days earlier with the arrival of Vice Admiral Norbert H. Ryan, Jr. USN (Ret) President of MOAA and his wife Judy to the beautiful Aloha State that we are so lucky to call our

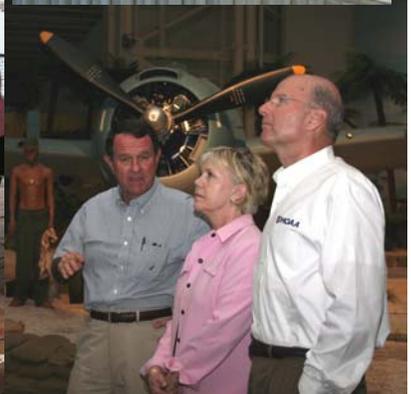
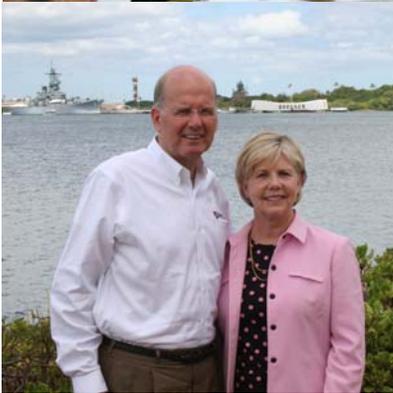
home. John Harms, Fred Ballard, Tom Smyth and George Sullivan arranged very productive visits and meetings with local Military leaders. We continued our Fiftieth Celebration throughout the week and capped things off with our Golden Anniversary dinner at the Hale Koa Hotel's elegant Waikiki Ballroom. The message of Admiral Ryan was inspirational and captivating – well worth by itself, the price of admission.

Last week, quietly, without any fan-fare as he prefers, Lieutenant Colonel Hank Heyenga received the National MOAA Leadership Award for serving as the most senior Sergeant at-arms in the MOAA Chapter system. Admiral Norb Ryan, our National President, presented this award to Hank during his visit to the Chapter. He noted Hank's long record of leadership in the Chapter's ROTC/JROTC award and scholarship program along with serving as Sergeant-at-arms.

You are the Chapter, and it is an honor to be your spokesman and receive the accolades on your behalf. We received personalized letters of congratulations from Major General Lee and Senators Akaka and Inouye to honor our celebration. The El Paso Chapter presented the Chapter with a Texas flag and a beautiful plaque that states: "The men and woman of the State of Hawaii Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America have devoted many years of their lives to serving the nation with pride, honor and courage. Their patriotism and dedication to the defense of our country are an inspiration to all, and they are truly deserving of the recognition and commendation on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. "

Mahalo to all that helped in the fun --- In particular: Admiral and Judy Ryan – great leaders that traveled so far to be with us; we were honored by our El Paso friends attending; Bob Kessler for buying dinners for the Navy band members; George Sullivan as guide and photographer; John Harms for paying the bills and arranging the VA visit; Tom Smyth and General Lee for sharing their candid views on Reserve and National Guard legislation issue; Burt Waltz for media coverage; and the excellent Banquet program team - Jim and Deon, Sharon, Shirley, Helen, Leisa, Laurie and Carita. Wasn't our hooper – Doris the tap dancer a talented delight? She made you smile and there were the Toasters – who almost got it right. It was a great moment for the Chapter and thanks to all of you who supported the event. We also appreciate the kind words and scholarship checks of the many that sent in their regrets. You were there in our hearts. Aloha pumehana, *Jack*

### VADM & MRS. RYAN VISIT HONOLULU AT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING PUNCHBOWL PEARL HARBOR



**-- CHAPTER SOCIAL EVENTS --**

**--THIS MONTH--**

**AUGUST 23 @1200**

**ANNUAL MOAA PICNIC - BELLOWS BEACH**

**SEPTEMBER 24 @ 1130**

**Bill Riddle author of "Dead Downwind".**

*A great historic novel of the first attempt at a non-stop flight from San Francisco to Hawaii by the Navy.*

**Oahu Veterans Center**

**NOVEMBER 21 @1030**

**Annual Meeting at Oahu Veterans Center**

**DECEMBER 9 @1730**

**Annual Christmas Dinner**

**Hale Koa**

**Thinning of the Ranks**

LTC William "Bill" S. Brown, USA (Ret) died June 24, 2009. Survived by 2 nephews

"COL Gordon Lindley Pickering, USA (Ret.) died June 28, 2009 in Glen Rose, Texas. Survived by wife Rose Brewer.

**Binnacle List**

Beryl Torraca spouse of Colonel Louis Torraca USAF (Ret)

Birnie Schneiderman, spouse of CDR Suzanne Schneiderman USN (Ret), recovering at home.

**Interment Services**

Major Oscar C. Hauge, USMC (Ret) will be interred at Punchbowl on 12 August at 1030. Major Hauge died 12 May, 2009 in Riverside, CA ; Widow Joanne Hauge, the Chapter's former Treasurer, will arrive 6 Aug.

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(Bombs from page 1)

I don't remember anybody I knew having blown-out windows, as the story says there were.



*The caption to the 4 March photo reads, "Esuyako Kiyota, left, and Harue Shirati survey damage to windows in the home of Lt. Harrison R. Cooke, USN, on Tantalus Drive, by concussion from three sharp detonations which awoke Honoluluans at 2:10 this morning."*

Cole's story goes on to quote Lloyd as saying that further efforts to keep an eye on U.S. Navy activity were thwarted. And, three months later, the Battle of Midway turned the tide against Japan. Hawai'i was no longer a forward area, as it had been for the first six months of the war.

[For a full treatment of all this, read *The Second Attack on*

*Pearl Harbor, Operation K, and other Japanese Attempts to Bomb America in World War II* by Steve Horn.]

Gasoline, tires, and liquor were the only things rationed in wartime Hawai'i. We were allowed to buy and use whatever food was available. Although Grandma sent us what she could from her farm on Molokai, we had "scrambled eggs" made from powdered eggs for breakfast every morning for the first six months, accompanied by canned-milk cocoa. Everybody was fingerprinted, and we were all required to carry I.D. cards as well as gas masks (there was a "bunny mask" for my youngest sibling, who was 18 months old when the war started). "How far away can you be from your gas mask? As far as you can hold your breath!" The blackout lasted through most of the war. There was a curfew during which we were to be off the streets entirely from sundown to sunrise. Violators of these rules had to appear before the Provost Marshall; the usual fine for most infractions was to donate a

pint of blood to the Honolulu Blood Bank.

We didn't go back to school on our campus until September of 1942, when the victory at Midway made it possible. Instead, we were schooled in people's homes. I was assigned to Dr. Uyeno's house – his daughter, Elva, married USNA graduate (now) CAPT USN ret Tak Yoshihara, former head of the Aloha Chapter's scholarship committee. When we got back (I was at Hana-hauli) the schoolyard had trenches dug through it so that planes couldn't land. I think the idea was that they could also serve as bomb shelters. Quite a few families had decided to ship Mama and the kids to the "coast" (which was what we called the mainland in those days) for the duration; Gainor Lloyd and I were half of the fourth grade, so we four were combined with the fifth grade (some of the teachers had copped out, too). And of course, with gas rationing, we had to walk home from school – up that steep hill!

*Anna Derby Blackwell*

# Auxiliary Corner

## Lucky we live Hawai'i!



OK: this is our last PCS. We've figured out where we prefer to live, shop, worship, volunteer, play golf/tennis/bridge, swim/surf, walk, find concerts and exhibits and festivals. We've got grandkid visits programmed. And we're getting more and more akamai with, and respectful of, the host culture: figuring out which way is mauka and which makai; learning to pronounce "Kane'ohē" and "Pohai Nani" correctly; why streets are named the way they are; and why, for example, Kapi'olani Hospital is on Punahou Street and not on the same-named Boulevard. (It's a history thing.) Some of us are even docents in places that pique our interest: Honolulu Academy of Arts, Bishop Museum, Iolani Palace, Pacific Air Museum, and so forth.

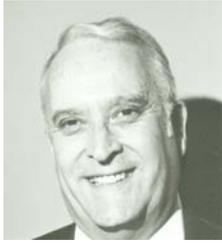
Those of us who are dual members are aware of the superlative programs engaged in by the "Merrie Ladies" of the Aloha Chapter: guided tours of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Shangri-La, the Mission Houses, laulau factories, the Honolulu Advertiser printing plant, coffee distributors, and the Pearl City watercress farm – all followed by lunch in the area or on the scene. Of course the Merrie Ladies aren't all Auxiliary members: most of them are current spouses. These "live wires" raised \$6,000 for their chapter's scholarship fund by organizing and selling a cookbook. One of their quarterly meetings each year is devoted to creating a small craft object – ribbon angels one year – to give as a favor to the patients at the Spark Matsunaga Veterans' Center when the group (and some spouses!) serenades them with carols at Christmas.

The old saying goes: "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery." Shall we then flatter the Merrie Ladies by gathering up Hawai'i Chapter singles (and even some of the still-married folk) and going "holoholo"? I'd welcome suggestions for places to visit (see above) and a day that's good for most. Live wires – or more passive types – are welcome to call me at 739-9164 (or email to [annagram2@aol.com](mailto:annagram2@aol.com)). Let's get the ball rolling!

-- Aloha - Anna Blackwell, Auxiliary Chair

Golden Anniversary Dinner Hale Koa





## TUG by Colonel Lou Torraca USAF (Ret.)



"Mr Watson — Come here — I want to see you" If only Alexander Graham Bell had known about APPS!

I surrender! I have for a very long time been ignoring the smart phone craze. Mostly because I just can't see myself doing everything, and I mean everything on a phone! But I have to admit, the proliferation of "apps" via a bazillion storefronts on the web, has me fascinated, from a business point of view that is, so I have spent a considerable amount of time researching what I call the "app phenom" and consequently, I have at least as many pages of stuff on the topic as there are app storefronts...I think! So, I confessed this to a colleague and he immediately said: "so do a column on it already." After a bit of soul-searching, I decided what the heck, why not and I began to organize the plethora of info I have accumulated. Early on it became obvious I had not been very discriminating in what or how I filed away app stuff and I was about to pick another topic, when my friend, Andy Marken came along with the solution to my problem, so sit back and read a most insightful dissertation on the subject of "apps" *As usual, you will need to visit my online column after the first of August to get the rest of the story!:-)*

<http://tinyurl.com/363qew>

Open for Business – Apple wasn't the first to build a smartphone or the first to offer apps. They were just the first to make them real, real fun/interesting. Offer the right merchandise, the right mood and most people will take the bait. Source – Screen Gems. Guess when you have \$56 billion and change in the vault in today's economic environment you must be doing something right. Just wish our kids would quit contributing to the stash Apple is using to buy GPU (graphics processor unit) technology and game designer talent. A few years ago Apple decided all smartphones sucked (they're not too hot on netbooks either). So they announced the step up from the iPod (they didn't like those other MP3 players!)...the iPhone. Make a Call Too – When Apple introduced the iPhone it was more than a smartphone. Actually it was everything else first and then a phone. Good move because the company set its solution way apart from everyone else and the rest of the market scrambled to catch up...still are. Source – Apple

Changing the Game

Then they did something really dumb...gave AT&T a two-year exclusive on the phone.

They decided ecommerce was no longer cool and that iCommerce is so much better.

Goes well with: iTunes; iPod; iPhone; iMovies; iStore; iApps

Instead of keeping a closed ecosystem as they did with the Mac, they encouraged others to make products they would sell in their store. Sure it's Apple which means: works on their devices (iPhone and iPod Touch), their way; works in their closed environment; sold only in their store. It also means: you use their SDK (software development kit) but heck it only costs \$99; they determine which apps fly and which don't make the cut (sure fire rejection is something that competes with their stuff!); you agree to the 70/30 split (70% for you, 30% for them – seems retail fair)

Developers' Dream – The new Apple developers kit makes it fast, easy for people to produce applications they can make available to iPhone/iPod Touch customers (once Apple gives its stamp of approval). Source - Apple

Cripes it seems to works!

Mega Store

The iPhone apps store looks like a Wal-Mart mega store.

The store has been open less than a year, product is stacked to the rafters, people are mobbing the aisles.

They've got 30,000 (give or take a few thousand) apps to choose from.

Some free...some \$1-\$5...some \$20-\$30...some heftier ones for businesses.

In less than a year they recorded some kid making the billionth download.

Number 1 Billion – Some kid really racked up the loot after being the one who grabbed the one billionth download from the iTunes apps store. Lucky stiff – 10 grand in booty without even trying. The store has been open less than a year and has averaged 3.5 million app downloads a day and the iPhone/iPod Touch users have grabbed an average of 33 apps...each! Source -- Gizmodo

Think Man, Think – Apple's enclosed ecosystem has executives at other OS and hardware firms scheming on how they can outdo the fruit company and have the same unfair advantage with carriers and consumers. Individuals with serious and funky application ideas see the locked system as a great opportunity to earn fame and fortune. Source – Screen Gems

Apple may have gotten it right this time.

Key question is how quickly, how comprehensively, how successfully will the other players – Google, MS, RIM, Nokia/Symbian -- get their acts together.

So, the key question for me is, will I now take the leap to the app world and get a smart phone?

Stay tuned and I will let you know what I decide, and

remember to have fun with all the new goodies, specially if you already are a smart-phone person.



I'd be interested in what you think. Be sure to give me a

call! Come see us at one of our 2 monthly meetings; details: [www.the-tug.org](http://www.the-tug.org)

**Aloha, Lou**

**AT 5 MINUTES AND 6 SECONDS AFTER 4 A.M.,  
ON THE 7TH OF AUGUST, THIS YEAR, 2009,  
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Please bring a dish to share: COLE SLAW \_\_\_ MAC SALAD \_\_\_ POTATO SALAD \_\_\_ BAKED BEAN \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_



