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(Voices of Warriors)

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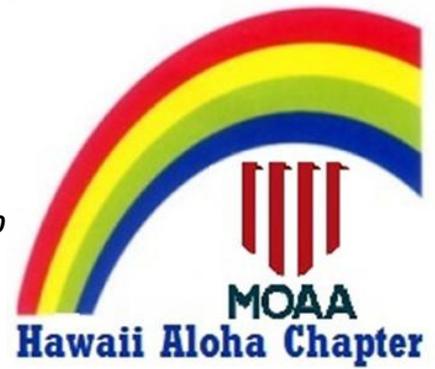
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August Luncheon

Our resourceful Hawaii Aloha Chapter Vice President and Program Chairman, **Mike Fricano**, had to quickly pivot at the end of July.

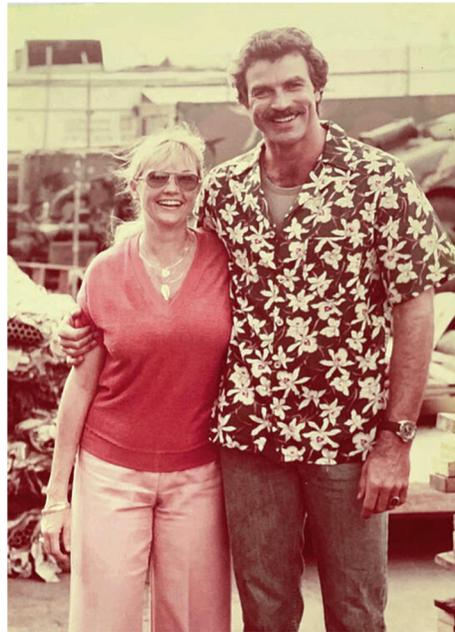
For several months he had scheduled Dennis Hwang of the UH Sea Grant to talk to our group on the timely topic of Hurricane Preparedness. When he called Dennis to confirm his presence at our luncheon meeting on 18 August, he was informed that Dennis no longer works for UH and they did not know how to reach him.

Mike then tried to get a speaker for our group from a state office only to learn that the 18th is a state holiday, namely, Hawaii Independence Day.

Happily and thankfully, a fellow member came to our rescue. **Kathleen Ebey**, the Surviving Spouse of a Navy commander and our Deputy Membership Chairman, will be our guest speaker.

For several years Kathy has volunteered at the Hawaiian Railroad Society at Ewa. She

will undoubtedly tell us the fascinating history of this Hawaiian treasure and some of her amusing anecdotes and experiences.



Kathy Ebey and a friend

The Hawaiian Railway Society works to save Hawaii's rich railroad history. This educational, non-profit organization was able to get the remaining stretch of track on Oahu (from Ewa to Nanakuli) placed on the State and National Registers of Historic Sites. Today, the Society has restored about 6.5 miles of track and works to restore more. Three vintage diesel locomotives have been restored

to operation and several steam locomotives have been cosmetically restored.

Hawaiian Railway, the operating arm of the Hawaiian Railway Society, has the only active, historical railway on Oahu.

Join our friendly group on the 18th for a fabulous catered buffet luncheon and our fellowship for only \$13.50.

We look forward to seeing all of you again!

Submit the Reservation Form on Page 7 right now so you don't forget (that's a symptom of something, I've heard, but I don't remember) and mark your calendars MOAA Luncheon at OVC at 1115 on the 18th.



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Hawaii Aloha Chapter, MOAA President's Message

By Dr. Fred P. Staedel

I am pleased to announce that Roberta Sullivan has accepted to fill the position of "Surviving Spouses Committee Chair" replacing Jayne Henley-Davis who has served our chapter for many years. Our gratitude goes out to Roberta for stepping-up and undertaking this important position and our appreciation goes out to Jayne for her steadfast support of our spouse members for so many years.

I and our board members are looking forward to a wonderful turnout in support of our upcoming luncheon meeting to be held on Friday, the 18th of August. And to remind our readers, our chapter will be voting at the annual meeting on whether or not to continue bi-monthly meetings/activities or resume gatherings on a monthly basis.

Additionally, someone recently mentioned that our chapter logo's rainbow symbol might convey some association with today's LGBTQ+ movement, and the sometimes negative publicity associated with that symbol. The board is wrestling with the suggestion to remove the rainbow symbol and welcomes your input. The general membership will be voting on the final decision at the chapter's annual meeting to be held on 16 November. Our current rainbow logo representing Oahu, the Isle of Rainbows, and a proposed new, replacement logo for our chapter are depicted below for your consideration.



Finally, start planning now for our traditional end-of-year events, including the annual picnic, scheduled for Saturday, 2 September, 12 PM, at Foster Point on Hickam, our annual General Membership Meeting (mentioned above), tentatively scheduled

for Thursday, 16 November, 5:30 PM, also on Hickam, and our Christmas Brunch, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, 10 December, at the Tradewinds Club on Hickam. Block your calendars and save those dates!



The Trivia Question

Submitted by Lou Crompton every month

August already! Way back around 700 BC when we used the Roman Calendar, August was the 6th month - remember? Yeah, that was before they added January & February... I had a senior moment and forgot the name of the 6th month back then. What was it called?

See **Trivia Answer** Page 6

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 18 Aug 2023 1115, Membership Meeting/Luncheon, (Friday) Oahu Veterans' Center, Foster Village; Guest Speaker: Kathleen Ebey; Topic: Hawaiian Railroad Society
- 21 Aug 2023 0824, Golf Outing, Klipper Golf Course, (Monday) Kaneohe Marine Corps Base Hawaii
- 2 Sep 2023 1200, Picnic, Foster Point, Hickam AFB (Saturday)
- 22 Sep 2023 0900, Golf Outing, Barbers Point Golf Course, (Friday) 92-2219 Franklin D. Roosevelt Ave., Kapolei
- 5 Oct 2023 0900, Scholarship Fund Committee Meeting, (Thursday) Cruickshank Room, Oahu Veterans' Center
- 23 Oct 2023 0948, Golf Outing, Leilehua Golf Course, (Monday) 99 Leilehua Golf Course Road, Wahiawa
- 16 Nov 2023 1730, Annual General Membership Meeting/ (Tentative) Mongolian BBQ; Tradewinds Club; Hickam AFB
- 20 Nov 2023 0904, Golf Outing, Klipper Golf Course, (Monday) Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station
- 10 Dec 2023 1000, Christmas Brunch/Party, Hale Ikena, (Sunday) Ft. Shafter
- 18 Dec 2023 0900, Golf Outing, Barbers Point Golf Course, (Friday) 92-2219 Franklin D. Roosevelt Ave., Kapolei

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Please save the dates

August 31 and September 1

for the

Veterans Engagement Action Center (VEAC)

event here at the Oahu Veterans Center (OVC).

The entire OVC will have representatives from:

- Hawaii Office of Veterans Services
- Regional Office of the Veterans Benefit Administration
- VA Pacific Island Health Care System
- Vet Center
- National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific - Punchbowl
- Community Veteran Organizations

..... and more !




**OAHU VETERANS,
FAMILIES, CAREGIVERS,
AND SURVIVORS:**

JOIN US **IN PERSON** FOR
A VETERANS EXPERIENCE
ACTION CENTER (VEAC)

Aug 31 8AM–4PM HST
Sept 1 8AM–12PM HST

OAHU VETERANS CENTER
1298 Kukila Street
Honolulu, HI 96818

**Speak directly with VA
and community experts!
Get 1-on-1 assistance on:**

 VA Benefits	 Peer-to-Peer Connection
 VA Health Care	 Memorial Affairs
 Community Services	 Crisis Resources

Registration will be onsite—first come, first serve.

"Together, VA and our ecosystem of partners can work to deliberately and consciously change the way benefits, care, and services are delivered to marginalized and underserved communities."
 —VA Secretary Denis McDonough

Replace ID Cards

Source: **Military.com**

Retirees and military family members who have identification cards with no expiration date can choose to upgrade to the new Next Generation Uniform Services Identification, or USID, cards whenever it's convenient -- as long as it's done by 2026, according to the Defense Department.

So, hurry and make an appointment. This can easily be done online at <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/locator>

There is no looming deadline for use of those old non-active duty cards without expiration dates, but the department expects to completely phase out and replace them with the next-generation IDs, which are more durable and have enhanced security features, by 2026, Maj. Charlie Dietz, a spokesman, told Military.com.

In the meantime, cards with expiration dates are required to be replaced within 90 days of elapsing. The Defense Department began the effort to update all those IDs to the new format in July 2020, but the changeover hit delays caused by the pandemic.

"DoD plans to phase out and cancel the existing card forms in 2026 when all existing cards with an actual expiration date will have expired," Dietz wrote in an email. "After then, only the USID card will be accepted for installation and benefits access."





VA SURVIVOR BENEFITS & THE PACT ACT

You may be eligible for VA benefits and services after your loved one has passed.



The PACT Act makes it easier for many survivors to receive Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC).

VA will be contacting survivors who were previously denied DIC benefits and may be newly eligible under the PACT Act. You do not need to wait for VA to contact you to submit a claim.

How to Apply for DIC and/or Accrued Benefits

Surviving family members may apply for these benefits using the appropriate VA form on [va.gov/family-member-benefits](https://www.va.gov/family-member-benefits).



Dependency and Indemnity Compensation

Monthly payment for the eligible surviving spouse, dependent children or parent(s) of the Veteran or service member IF Veteran or service member died in the line of duty or due to a service-related injury or illness.



Accrued Benefits

A one-time payment to a surviving spouse, dependent child(ren) or dependent parent(s) of a deceased Veteran based on relationship when the record shows additional benefits (such as VA compensation or pension) due to the Veteran prior to passing.

Additional Survivor Benefits Available:



Burials and Burial Allowance

Burial benefits available include a gravesite in any of our National cemeteries with available space, opening and closing of the grave, perpetual care, a government headstone, marker, or medallion, a burial flag, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate, at no cost. Some survivors may also be eligible for a plot allowance, transportation allowance, and burial allowances based on the service connected disability status of the deceased Veteran.



Final Monthly Payment

If a Veteran who is receiving VA compensation or pension benefits passes away, their last month of benefits can be paid to their surviving spouse.



Home Loan Guaranty

Certificate of Eligibility is available for surviving spouses receiving DIC.



Education and Training

Chapter 35 benefits and Fry Scholarship are the two main GI Bill programs offering educational assistance to survivors and dependents of Veterans who died in the line of duty or as a result of service-related disabilities.



Health Care

Survivors and dependents of Veterans may qualify for health care benefits, such as CHAMPVA.



Chaplain's Corner

By Fred P. Staedel,
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Due to the travails of life, it seems difficult at times to remain happy. Also, at times happiness seems allusive and hard to maintain even for periods of time. So, let us ask where true happiness comes from? Does it come from others? Yes, sometimes. Does it come from within ourselves? Let us hope so. But where does true and sustainable happiness really come from? It can come from knowing that if we are grateful and “rejoice” in the knowledge that we are all God’s children inheriting God’s grace then our gift is happiness. Once again, the Bible gives us an answer that we can elect to adopt. Philippians 4:4 tells us, “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I will say, rejoice!” And from The Good News: “The only source of true happiness is the Lord.”

So, do we turn to our God and pray for true happiness? Why not? If it is true that true happiness comes from the Lord God or any God that one wishes to worship within one’s own religious faith, then turning thought away from oneself and turning to a higher power, a spiritual power in prayer, then such raising of one’s consciousness outside of oneself can result in not only a happy moment, but such prayerful thinking can result in happiness throughout one’s life. When we are sad, we can pray. When we need hope, we can pray. When we need wisdom, we can pray. So, when we need happiness in our lives, we can also pray. Psalms 144:15 is tell us, “Happy are the people whose God is the Lord.” And from The Good News: “God is the true source of happiness, strength, hope, and wisdom.”

Fred 

Happy 233rd Birthday to our U. S. Coast Guard

The Coast Guard's official history began on 4 August 1790 when President George Washington signed the Tariff Act that authorized the construction of ten vessels to enforce federal tariff and trade laws and to prevent smuggling. Known variously through the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries as the "revenue cutters," the "system of cutters," the Revenue Marine and finally the Revenue Cutter Service, it expanded in size and responsibilities as the nation grew.



The service received its present name in 1915 under an act of Congress that merged the Revenue Cutter Service with the U. S. Life-Saving Service. The latter consisted of dozens of stations placed around the nation’s coastlines that were manned by dedicated crews willing to risk their lives to save those in peril on the sea, a role that meshed well with the Revenue Cutter Service’s core missions. Also, the legislation creating this “new” Coast Guard expressly stated that it "shall constitute a part of the military forces of the United States," thereby codifying the service’s long history of defending the country along side the nation's other armed services. The Coast Guard began maintaining the country's aids to maritime navigation, including lighthouses, when President Franklin Roosevelt ordered the transfer of the Lighthouse Service to the Coast Guard in 1939. In 1946 Congress permanently transferred the Commerce Department's Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation to the Coast Guard, which placed merchant marine licensing and merchant vessel safety under its purview. The nation now had a single maritime federal agency dedicated to saving life at sea and enforcing the nation's maritime laws.

The Coast Guard's national defense responsibilities remain one of its most important functions even today. In times of peace it operates as part of the Department of Homeland Security, serving as the nation's front-line agency for enforcing the nation's laws at sea, protecting the marine environment and the nation's vast coastline and ports, and saving life. In times of war, or at the direction of the President, the Coast Guard serves as part of the Navy Department.

Admiral Linda L. Fagan assumed the duties as the 27th Commandant of the United States Coast Guard on June 1st, 2022. As Commandant, she oversees all global Coast Guard operations and 42,000 active-duty, 7,000 reserve, and 8,700 civilian personnel.



July Golf Report

HAMOAA Golf News



Leslie Bise
Director of
Golf (DOG)

The intent of the HAMOAA Golf Club is to have personal interaction during play, challenge your skills against other players (your golf handicap levels the field); enjoying the exercise, camaraderie, and the environment that the golf course provides attracting us to their facility. We encourage members and guests to join our club play the third week of each month.

At Barbers Point Golf Course, on Monday, 24 July 2023 the trade wind weather dominated the day's play; for Barbers Point GC, if it's raining here, it's raining all over the island. However, this day was perfect golf weather. 16 players accepted the challenge of playing the course; which gave ball roll the maximum advantage.

Our team placement with the blind draw for 24 July 2023:

- 1st Place: **Les Bise**/Charlie Padilla
- 2nd Place: **KK Chinn**/Dennis Ching
- 3rd Place: **Reese Liggett/John Kim**

Our next outing is scheduled for Klipper Golf Course, Monday, 21 August 2023, first tee at 08:24.

MOAA members and guests are invited to join our golf outings. Please contact Les Bise, bisel001@hawaii.rr.com; 808-227-1462. 

In Memorium

Yuriko Enomoto, 92, wife for 66³/₄ years of Life Member **Lawrence Enomoto**, peacefully "Transitioned to Heaven" Saturday, 1 July, at their home in Honolulu.

She is survived by Larry and 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

On Monday, August 7th, at Borthwick Mortuary, a 4:30 pm visitation, a 5:30 pm Celebration of Life, followed by a catered buffet.

On Tuesday, August 8th, at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church on Kaheka Street, a 10:00 am Funeral Mass, followed by a 2:00 pm committal service for family only and inurnment in a columbarium at Punchbowl. In lieu of flowers or monetary gifts, you may donate to the [Alzheimer's Association](http://www.alzheimer.org) in Yuriko's memory

Hau'oli lā hānau

Partial List of Known August Babies

Thomas Seale	8/02	James Hastings	8/20
George Brenenstahl	8/03	Louis Crompton	8/24
Ronald Mikolajczyk	8/05	Melvin Soong	8/24
James Dunn	8/06	Nobuo Matsuda	8/26
David Millard	8/09	John Stewart	8/30
Bruce Altenhof	8/10	Harold Tonda	8/30
Jens Jensen	8/10	Alma Grocki	8/31



Best Wishes for many, many more Birthdays!

Taps

Member **Umberto M. Amerio**, 97, Col, USAF, Ret., of Waipahu, Hawaii, died on May 13, 2023, in Waipahu. He was born in California. Inurnment was at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, July 31, 2023, at The National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.

Life Member **Donald M. Dismuke**, 91, LTC, USA, Ret., of Aiea, Hawaii, died on April 1, 2023, in Kailua. He was born in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Visitation was at 11:30 a.m. and Services: 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26, at Borthwick Mortuary, Mauka Chapel, Honolulu. Inurnment: 2:00 p.m. at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, Kaneohe.

Life Member **Michael S. Lighthill**, 81, MAJ, USA, Ret., of Makakilo, Hawaii, died in Ewa Beach on May 23, 2023. He was born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Private service.

Trivia Answer

Sex, or sextus mensis - Latin for 6, or 6th month



Hawaii Aloha Chapter, MOAA

RESERVATION FORM

August Luncheon Meeting

Catered Buffet Luncheon

1115, Friday, 18 August 2023

Oahu Veterans' Center

1298 Kukila Street, Foster Village, Honolulu, HI 96818

Lunch: Boneless BBQ Teriyaki Chicken, Meat Jun with Sauce, Breaded Fish with Tartar Sauce, White Rice, Potato Macaroni Salad, Tossed Salad with Chef's Choice Dressing, and Cake

Guest Speaker: Member Kathleen Ebey, Surviving Spouse
Topic: Hawaiian Railroad Society

Member: _____ Spouse: _____

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

Cost = \$13.50 per person. _____ x \$13.50 = \$ _____ +

Donation to your Chapter's General Fund for Sustaining Operations: \$ _____

Total = \$ _____ Payable in Advance. A firm head count is required.

Please send in your reservation ASAP to arrive NLT Monday, 14 August 2023 to:

Checks Payable to: Hawaii Aloha Chapter, MOAA
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 201441
Honolulu, HI 96820

Call Mike Fricano at 808-386-8575, if necessary, for more information

Hawaii Aloha Chapter, MOAA, Membership/Application Form

Revised: February 2021. All prior forms obsolete. Check All Applicable Boxes

Enroll me as a Regular Member: [] Each year of membership = \$20. ___ = No. of Years [] Five Years = \$90.

PLUS Partial Year Membership: [] APR - JUN = \$15; [] JUL - SEP = \$10 and [] OCT-DEC = \$5 = Total _____

Enroll me as a Surviving Spouse Member: [] (i.e., spouse of a U. S. military officer, surviving spouse of a deceased officer)

Surviving Spouse: [] Each year of membership = \$15. [] Five Years = \$60

NOTE RANK BELOW

PLUS Partial Year Membership if Joining [] JUL - SEP = \$10 and [] OCT-DEC = \$5 = Total _____

Active Duty [] or [] 90 Years and Older = FREE

Name Last, First Middle/Initial(s) (PLEASE PRINT) DOB MM/DD/YYYY

Address

City, State Zip

Spouse's Name

H C

Telephone Numbers H=Home/C=Cell

E-mail

Applicant's Signature

Recruiter/Sponsor's Name

Mail Application Form and Membership Dues Check to Hawaii Aloha Chapter, MOAA P. O Box 201441 Honolulu, HI 96820

CHECK APPLICABLE BOXES

STATUS RANK SERVICE

- [] Active [] US Army
[] Reserve [] USAF
[] National Guard [] US Navy
[] Retired from AD [] USCG
[] Retired from Res. [] USMC
[] Former Officer [] USPHS
[] Surviving (indicate [] NOAA

Rank above and check Service of Spouse)

[] National MOAA Member:

MOAA No. _____

ACTIVE DUTY WAR VETERAN

- [] KOREA 06/27/50 - 01/31/55
[] VIETNAM 02/28/61 - 05/07/75
[] OIF/OEF 08/02/90 - TBD



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Friday, 18 August 2023



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