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TEN REASONS TO BE A MEMBER OF HAWAII CHAPTER, TROA:

- 1- TO PROMOTE THE OBJECTIVES OF NATIONAL TROA IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.
- 2- TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE MUTUAL BENEFITS AND COMMON GOALS OF OFFICERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES.
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- 4- OUR CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTS ALL SERVICES, WITH MEMBERS RANGING IN AGE FROM 22 TO 101 YEARS AND WITH COMBAT VETERANS WHO SERVED IN EVERY WAR SINCE WORLD WAR I.
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- 6- CHAPTER MEMBERS ACTIVELY SUPPORT THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS AT TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER.
- 7- THERE IS AN ACTIVE SOCIAL PROGRAM WITH MONTHLY EVENTS BUT NO PRESSURE TO ATTEND MEETINGS OR SOCIAL FUNCTIONS. CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER.
- 8- THE CHAPTER HAS A PARTY BRIDGE GROUP, A COMPUTER USERS GROUP, A LEGISLATIVE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND A PERSONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO ASSIST THE SICK AND SURVIVING SPOUSES.
- 9- THE DUES ARE REASONABLE AT \$15.00 A YEAR. JUST SEND IN THE ENCLOSED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION WITH YOUR CHECK OR YOU MAY CALL GEORGE MONTAGUE AT 239-4222 ON ANY QUESTIONS.
- 10- WE WANT YOU TO BE PART OF THE DISTINGUISHED AND FAMOUS MEMBERSHIP OF HAWAII CHAPTER THAT INCLUDES 24 WARRANT OFFICERS, 20 FLAG/GENERAL OFFICERS, A FORMER P.O.W., A STATE SENATOR, STATE REPRESENTATIVES, A US SENATOR AND AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE. WE ARE PROUD OF ALL OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS AND OUR COMMON BOND OF LOVE OF COUNTRY.

COMING EVENTS FOR THE HI CHAPTER

DECEMBER

18 Dec (Wed) HI Chapter Christmas Party in the Waikiki Ball Room, Hale Koa Hotel 6:00 p.m.

20 Dec (Fri) LAVA Meeting MCB O-Club 11:30

20 Dec (Fri) EXCOMM Meeting 12:30, Legarie Room, Marine Base Hawaii O-Club Kaneohe

21 Dec (Sat) Hilo Satellite Meeting, Café 100 Noon

21 Dec (Sat) Bridge Group Potluck Christmas Party 6:00 p.m. Call Robbie Gee 255-4558 for information.

JANUARY 2003

8 Jan (Wed) PAC Meeting, HAFB O-Club Pikake Room 11:30

17 Jan (Fri) LAVA Meeting 11:30 then the EXCOMM 12:30 HAFB O-Club

12 Jan (Sun) HI Chapter, Brunch, Birthday Bash and more, MCB Kaneohe O-Club 11:00

25 Jan (Sat) Bridge Group. Call Robbie Gee 255-4558 for information.

*****Late Breaking News, Mardi Gras 2003 at the Banyans Pearl Harbor Club on Friday 21 Mar 2003. Call Judith Breitwieser 262-7953**

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

ALOOOOHA. Thank you for allowing me to serve you again as Chapter President. As I turn the reins over to a most capable new President Jack Miller, I know Carita will not let him fail to do well. It has been a pleasure for both Joan and me to work for and with all of you.

I welcome our new Chapter Officers and new members of the Board of Directors. I want to thank all those volunteers whose timeless support of the Hawaii Chapter made everything possible. Every person you see listed as a volunteer in this PHK, all the appointed Chairmen deserve my and your thanks.

A GET WELL SOON to Alicia Crompton who is recovering at home from major surgery. John Sheedy should be visited at home in the afternoon, he was recently sent home from Tripler.

Well done to everyone who helped with the November meeting and food drive for the HI Foodbank. A good cause that deserves our help.

If you have not heard, we have a name change coming in January. TROA will give way to a new name, MOAA=Military Officers Assoc of America. New initials on the crest, a new flag and some new stationery. Nothing else is supposed to change, but we'll work harder to attract the Active Duty Officers from every service.

The December meeting is our Christmas party, and it **SHALL BE** a party and dinner. No Admin, no speeches, just come and enjoy the holiday with friends.

The January meeting is one you must not miss. The O-Club at Marine Base, Kaneohe has been reopened after major overhaul, a fine new Chef is in charge, and we have **TWO** remarkable speakers for you. A **SPITFIRE** Pilot from WWII and it's the 102nd Birthday of our senior member. Come celebrate his planned promotion and learn the real secrets of a long happy life. You will not have a second chance, so do not miss this meeting.

We are helping a new Satellite startup in American Samoa, we'll welcome them to TROA or MOAA very soon. Please make a donation to ROTC or our charities. You'll find them listed on page 8 in the application/donation form. **MERRY CHRISTMAS.** ALOHA John D. Peters

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FOODBANK REPORT

"2002 Chapter Foodbank donations at \$846.00 and climbing. The Foodbank representative reports that it is enough funding to process over 8,000 meals and commends the Chapter on their generosity. The membership also contributed to Foodbank 388 pounds of goods so far this year with more on the way. Roxanna Faith as Rodeo Roxy once again cracked the whip as the trail boss for this annual event and inspired compassionate generosity from the faithful."



Rodeo Roxy and Cowgirl Joan



Jeanne Robertson, WASP



COMPACFLT Cowboy Band sing the National Anthem

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THINNING of the RANKS

Lt.Col. Norm Kirby was a member of National TROA as well as this Chapter . His wife died last year and he is survived by his son John Jr. Have talked with him and he had already taken some steps to recovery from the shock.

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Pacific Forum Honors Adm. Joe & Lilian Vasey



The Pacific Forum Center for Strategic and International Studies recently announced the inauguration of the “Lloyd R. (Joe) and Lilian Vasey Fellowship” endowment program in honor of its founder. The Vasey Fellowship program aims at bringing Asian college-level or post-graduate students to the Pacific Forum here in Hawaii as interns to gain experience on the security policymaking process. While active at the Forum, ADM Vasey personally directed numerous studies on strategic and foreign policy issues. During his distinguished naval career, he commanded the submarine *Capitaine*, the cruiser *St. Paul* and Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla Seven. At 85 Joe is still active in TROA.

Legislative Affairs Veterans Affairs (LAVA) Captain George Sullivan USN

Diluted Concurrent Receipts Passes Congress

The FY 2003 Defense Authorization Act establishes a new form of “special compensation” for certain disabled retirees who have at least 20 years of active duty and certain kinds of combat-or operations-related disabilities. The amount of “special compensation” will equal the amount of retired pay offset caused by qualifying disability.

Any qualifying retiree with a disability rating of 10% or higher that is associated with award of a Purple Heart will be eligible for the new “special compensation”. Another more complicated eligibility rule covers retirees awarded rating of 60% or higher for other disabilities attributable to combat situations, combat-oriented training, hazardous duty (e.g., flight or parachute duty), or instrumentalities of war (e.g., accidents involving combat vehicles, ordnance, gases, etc).

The Act requires the Secretary of Defense to prescribe procedures for eligible retirees to apply for this “special compensation”, with payment to start in May 2003 (six month after enactment of the law).

Remembering Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941

The Public is invited to a ceremony at the Arizona Memorial Visitor Center on December 7th at 0745 in commemoration of this “Day of Infamy” in 1941. The National Park Service will host this event and the guest speaker will be John Finn, the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient for the Battle of Pearl Harbor. Plan to arrive not later than 0730.

The Pearl Harbor Survivors Association will conduct a ceremony at Punchbowl at 1400. Contingents from the USS Oklahoma and USS Utah Associations will also be present.

Col. Bud Day Loses Appeal - Supreme Court Next

By a 9 to 4 vote the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ruled against the health care lawsuit led by Col. Day. He now vows to take the case to the Supreme Court.

Correction to November PHK on COLA

The 1.4% COLA increase will appear in checks received in January 2003 vs. February 2003.

State Rep. Guy Ontai Speaks to LAVA

State Representative Guy Ontai (R, Mililani), a member of Hawaii Chapter TROA, joined the LAVA group on November 15th to discuss his perceptions on how the state legislature, controlled by the Democrats, will work with the new Republican Governor, Linda Lingle. He provided LAVA with some insights of the personalities of the key legislators. Guy feels that the two branches of government can work together, but if the governor vetoes a bill, it may be difficult to gather enough votes in either house to sustain the veto.



Bill McGarry, Rep. Guy Ontai, Hank Heyenga, and George Sullivan

THE USERS GROUP (TUG) COLONEL LOU TORRACA, USAF

Thanks to Jim for a great session on lots of holiday stuff we can use to dazzle our families, friends and whomever ☺

I'm still a bit of a novice when it comes to doing searches and apparently, I'm in good company as a lot of folks have told me recently they don't really know how to do a search either. So... I did some research and here is what I came up with:

From Basic to Boolean: Getting the Most from Your Searches

Using a search engine is like a map of cyberspace. It gives you the tools to find locations, whether those locations are Web addresses or Aunt Martha's summer cabin. You know the basics of searching (type a topic and get a listing of related links), but maybe you're unaware of some of the new technologies that make your searches faster and more accurate.

For example, here are some tips on using MSN Search, the default "searcher" on IE. They pretty much apply to most popular search engines, as well.

Finding Your Keys

Web surfing is pretty easy ... point, click and repeat. But, even experienced Web surfers crash when trying to remember those complicated URLs.

Save your memory. Technology substitutes short key words for complicated Internet addresses on the Internet Explorer browser address bar and MSN Search. Using common phrases to find specific content channels works particularly well if you're looking for specific Web sites or company information, but it also works for generic terms.

The key word search system is as easy to use as your keyboard. Do an immediate search by typing a key word into the Internet Explorer Address bar. This sends you directly to the matching Web page, as well as a small search menu if you need further help. For example, type "NASA" in the address bar. Internet Explorer returns the NASA official Web site. Now try "space shuttle." Again, you'll get the NASA official Web site. Although "space shuttle" is a generic term, Internet Explorer makes a "best guess" attempt to find exactly what site you wanted. If you enter a phrase that appears without a matching site, you'll still receive an MSN Search menu to help you.

Use key words from the MSN Search menu, too. Enter the key word as you would in any search query. Your results appear as normal but a special icon marks one particular link that matches your key word. Simply double-click the marked link and you're on your way.

Popularity Contests

MSN Search features a link to give you its version of a "Top Ten" list. This particular top ten gives you something even more valuable than late-night laughs—popular search results. That's right, the ten most popular sites for your query displays in addition to the most appropriate results for your search. Just click the Top Ten Most Popular Sites link on your MSN Search results page to view the most heavily visited sites for your query.

If you're casually browsing or looking for a broad topic, this is a good option. Other Web surfers with similar interests point you to some new sites. Who knows, you may find something to add to your favorites list.

Tips for Result Displays

Ordering off a menu can be challenging. You may like your tuna melt sandwich on rye bread, not wheat, and with soup instead of salad. Sometimes it's easy to get it your way. Other times, forget about it. You can customize your MSN Search results to give you information the way you, not a Web developer, wants it.

- **Customize your display.** Click **More Options** from the MSN Search page and you'll get the tools needed to customize your results display. If you need help, click the help links next to each section. You decide whether to sort results by date, title or directory hierarchy. Directory hierarchy is just a fancy term that means you view sites that are closest to the root of the domain, the main Web page, before sites that are several directories deep. Beyond the sorting capacities, customizing allows you to limit your results to one per domain, which helps avoid multiple links on one Web site. You also can determine how many links display on your screen at one time.
- **Save links for later.** Click the **Save** icon next to any links you'd like to view later. MSN Search sets these aside and gives you access to browse them later at your convenience.
- **Create a Favorites list.** Click **Favorites** on your Internet Explorer tool bar and add the site to your favorites folder. You'll be able to get there any time without retyping the URL or searching again.

Tips for Searches

Even the best maps will only get you so far. If you experience problems or have questions, MSN Search has extensive help menus ready for a variety of your questions. Just click Help and pick a topic.

Lastly, here is the fix for the "hijacked" home page problem. All of a sudden your home page is a porn site...YIKES!

This is one of the pornographers' newest tricks. They insert code into your computer to hold on to you.

For starters, change your browser's home page settings. In Internet Explorer, click Tools-Internet Options-General. Next, enter your preferred home page in the Address box.

In Netscape, click Edit-Preferences-Navigator. Then, type your preferred home page in the location box.

One last thing. You have to eliminate the script that's changing your Registry or that porn page will be switched back every time you boot up. Click Start-Run. Type msconfig and press Enter. Under Startup, uncheck any command with "regedit" or "reg" in it. Click OK. That's it for now. Until next time, happy computing. Come see us at one of our upcoming meetings and catch up on the latest computer "stuffs". Go to www.the_tug.homestead.com for maps and schedules.

Aloha, Lou

(EDITOR's comments. The complete TUG article consisted of 3 pages and was too long to fit into this PHK).

**LUANA KOA AT KAPOLEI by
CAPT RALPH NIESZ , USCG ret**

A message from Captain Ralph Niesz, USCG (Chairman TROA taskforce working on establishing a retirement community for military retirees in Hawaii)

On Wednesday, November 6th, we had a luncheon presentation at the Campbell Estate Building in Kapolei. There were approximately 100 military retirees in attendance. Brad Myers, Sr. VP of Kapolei Property Development gave an overview of the Kapolei Community as it is today and where it will be in the next 5 to 10 years. We were all surprised at how much has already been established in Oahu's second city. It really looks like a busy, thriving metropolis and so clean and new! It has every imaginable convenience, including lots of shopping (2 shopping centers and a third one about to open this month), a 16 plex theater, a 73 acre park, 17 golf courses in the near vicinity (either in operation or in future plans), and lots of new restaurants, including an Assagios which is about to open. What was also exciting was the resort area of Ko Olina, which is only 5 minutes from the Luana Koa site. It has a state of the art new marina, 4 beautiful lagoons and beaches and a beautiful golf club and restaurant. The Marriott Hotel is beautiful and the new high rise vacation club is almost complete. There is so much more to tell you but we're out of space....So we'll leave the rest to be continued in the January issue. Also noteworthy is that the formal marketing for Luana Koa is scheduled to start early next year. We'll keep you posted.

DON'T MISS THIS HISTORIC EVENT

**THE 102ND BIRTHDAY BASH FOR
COLONEL FRANK STEER – WW I – YES & WWII
VETERAN, OUR OLDEST MEMBER**

When: Sunday, January 12, 2003 – Buffet line opens at 11:00 a.m.

Where: Kaneohe Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Officer's Club

What: A Sunday Champagne Brunch with all the trimmings and Birthday Cake

Why: An opportunity to shake hands, hear and honor Chapter member Colonel Steer, the nation's oldest living graduate of West Point. Special national recognition of Colonel Steer will be given at the event.

Program Speaker: WWII RAF Spitfire pilot and motivational speaker Alex Kane, author of the book – "Now that's livin".

Cost: \$20.00 per person – please send in your reservations by January 3, 2003.

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Check all that apply. Application for: New member Renewal Regular member Auxiliary member Date _____

Name: _____ Male Female

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2: Former Officer Reserve National Guard National TROA Membership No. _____

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Applicant's Birth Date ____/____/____ SSN ____/____/____

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