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The Hawaii National Guard and 11 September 2001

BGEN Putt Richards, Commander
154th Air Base Wing, Hawaii National Guard

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RADM C Bruce Smith

Chairman's 2002 Message

I am proud to be your Chairman and look forward to another year of providing the information and entertainment sought by the membership. We aim to continue to support our Commander in Chief and the Armed Forces in their mission to seek and destroy terrorists by volunteering in community efforts like the Food Bank and Blood Drives. We intend to examine and disseminate information on Long Term Care. This is a timely subject in light of the fact that the Federal Government is expected to offer a plan that was formerly offered only by the private sector. The monthly programs that Jack and Carita Miller planned and managed so effectively will be continued with its

goal to entertain and keep you current with affordable monthly get togethers. We plan and will provide monthly Pau Hana Koas along with "Chaptergrams" as appropriate as a further means of keeping you apprised of issues and events that could effect your life style. In line with the printed media, you will be provided your membership Directory 2002 that will be in your hands in the February time frame. As has been done so faithfully and effectively in the past, we will stay politically active on issues effecting your interest at the local as well as the national level. Lastly, one of our major efforts will be to seek balance in our membership by aggressively recruiting new members.

Hopefully, the outlined program will meet your desires and needs while at the same time enabling us as a Chapter, a satellite of the Chapter, or as individual citizens to act in a manner that lends encouragement and support to our great Nation.

"GOD BLESS AMERICA"

2002 DIRECTORY

As Planned we will have the Chapter 2002 Directory to the Island Printers mid-January-to your doorstep the beginning of February. To ensure your information is correct , you need to review your last (2001) year's directory -- be sure to check your email address, if applicable. If you have additions/deletions/corrections—be sure you send them to our PO Box 1185, Kailua, call Duke at 261-2946 or e-mail info@troa-hawaii.net.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As we all embark into 2002, I look forward to a year of opportunity for our Chapter, based on the accomplishments of 2001 and our potential for success. We have a solid foundation - with a Board of Directors under the leadership of Bruce Smith to provide the vision, direction, oversight and a policy making function. We have a proactive Executive Committee — for the management and the operation of the Chapter — and our Legislative Affairs/ Veterans Affairs Committee (LAVA), and Personal Affairs Committee (PAC)— with proven track records, for keeping us aware and active in those areas of significant importance to the membership and our military community in Hawaii. Having said that, we have the most important element that guaranteed our success in the past and without any doubt, will ensure success in 2002 — and that is you the membership. Our membership is representative of the professional officer corps—retired, active, Guard, Reserve and with our Auxiliary— is The Retired Officer Association within Hawaii. Our numbers include an Assistant Secretary of State, U.S. Senator, State Senator, three State representatives, active Flag/ General Officers in Headquarters and Component Commands on Oahu. You can find our members representing Hawaii Chapter in the Chamber of Commerce, the Office of Veterans Services, the Oahu Veterans Council, the Army Retirement Council, the Navy League, AFA, AUSA, and very many playing significant roles in the civilian community, in 2d careers. We have an active, generous membership that last year donated over \$5,785.00 — of which \$1,108.00 was collected for Disaster Relief for 911 and will be sent to the Salvation Army — and \$1,928.00 is fenced for our ROTC program. We contributed \$ 712.50 and 1,829 pounds to Hawaii's Food Bank. We indeed have a great chapter.

As for 2002, our greatest visibility assets for our membership and community are our Pau Hana Koa and social events. We plan on twelve PHK issues for 2002 for an approximate \$530.00 total monthly cost (printing and bulk mail). We have a new Editor-in-Chief, Bill McGarry, who could use some assist editors if you have the inclination and time. We will start off our social programs this January with an exceptional speaker, BGEN Putt Williams, who will be addressing the Guard and 911 at the Hale Ikena at Fort Shafter. I have intended to keep this message to one page so will close reiterating the Chairman's Message —GOD BLESS AMERICA ! Duke

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Member of the Month

Hawaii Chapter recognizes Brigadier General Albert P Richards , HIANG

Brigadier General Albert P. (Putt) Richards Jr. is the Commander of the 154th Wing, Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG). He is responsible for one of the largest, most complex and diverse Wings in the Air National Guard consisting of a 15 PAA F-15A squadron, an 8 PAA KC-135R squadron, a 4 PAA C-130H squadron, two fixed and one mobile radar squadrons and the full compliment of Wing supporting squadrons; with more than 1900 personnel. Units perform the 24-hour Air Sovereignty mission within the Hawaiian Islands as well as provide support to more than 450 personnel in geographically separated units within the HIANG. The General entered the Air Force in 1967 as a distinguished graduate of the Air Force ROTC



BGEN PUTT RICHARDS

program. After graduation from pilot training he completed flying assignments in Vietnam, Thailand, and the United States. He joined the California Air National Guard in 1978. He has commanded a Fighter Squadron, Operations Group, Refueling Wing, and has served at Numbered Air Force Independent Agency and Major Command Headquarters. During the Kosovo Conflict he commanded the largest Expeditionary Mobility Operations Group in theater. General Richards is a Command Pilot and has flown more than 5,500 hours including more than 1200 combat hours in 365 combat missions in Southeast Asia and the Balkans.

Putt and Susan have two grown daughters, Lauren and Sarah, living on the Mainland., and loves the game of golf.

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COMING EVENTS

- 5 Jan (Sat) - TUG Meeting (1000) - Bishop Museum
- 8 Jan (Tues) - Kailua-Kona Satellite –Edelweiss Restaurant—Waimea
- 9 Jan (Wed) - PAC Meeting (1200) - HAFB O-Club
- 10 Jan (Thur) - LAVA Meeting (1130) - HAFB O-Club
- 18 Jan (Fri) - Executive Committee Meeting (1200)—HAFB O-Club
- 19 Jan (Sat) - Hilo Satellite Meeting (1200) Café 100

24 Jan (Thurs) - The Hawaii National Guard and 11 September—BGEN Putt Richards (1800) Hale Ikena—Ft Shafter

- 26 Jan (Sat) - Party Bridge-Reservation-Call Robbie 255-4558
- 2 Feb (Sat) - TUG Meeting (1000) - Bishop Museum
- 12 Feb (Tues) - Kailua-Kona Satellite—Paleku Gardens Peace Sanctuary—S Kona
- 14 Feb (Thur) - LAVA Meeting (1130) - HAFB O-Club
- 15 Feb (Fri) - Executive Committee Meeting (1200)—HAFB O-Club
- 23 Feb (Sat) - Party Bridge-Reservation-Call Robbie 255-4558

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Legislative Affairs Veterans Affairs (LAVA)

Captain George Sullivan USN

Long Term Care gets Congressional OK



The House and Senate this week approved the Long-Term Care Security Act for Presidential signature, which is expected shortly. The Act makes several improvements in the law that initially authorized the government LTC insurance program

discussed above. H.R. 2559 exempts federal long-term care insurance premiums from state and local income taxability. It also expands eligibility to include gray area reservists, as well as federal civilian retirees with deferred annuities. (Gray area reserve retirees have served 20 or more qualifying years and are eligible to receive retired pay when they become 60 years of age.) 13 million federal workers and annuitants - including active and retired service members and their family members - will be eligible to purchase the long-term care insurance at group-discount rates when the program commences on Oct. 1, 2002. OPM expects the government program's premiums to be lower than those of commercial plans.

Disability Retirees Need a VA Rating, Too

According to a recent Pentagon legal ruling, "Chapter 61" retirees who served at least 20 years on active duty and received at least a 70-percent military disability retirement from their parent service must also have been awarded VA disability compensation to be eligible for the new \$100 to \$300 monthly "special compensation for certain severely disabled retirees". Some chapter 61 retirees never applied to the VA, or did not accept VA disability compensation because they saw no advantage in it. But such people will be delayed in receiving the new \$100-300 monthly special compensation until they apply for and receive VA compensation - a process that can take 9 months. Payments, however, will be retroactive.

LAVA Committee Meeting

The LAVA Committee meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be January 10 in the Pikake room at the Hickam Officers' Club at 1130. If issues affecting the military community are on your mind, please join the meeting for a discussion and possibly some action.

Legislative Disappoints in 2001

Neither legislation to appropriate money for Concurrent Receipt nor the authority to Increasing the SBP Annuity for Survivors Age 62 and Older successfully passed Congress in 2001. On the issue of Concurrent receipts, only the authorization passed, but Congress failed to provide for funding. Instead they left that to the administration to provide in the 2002/3 Defense Budget. There is little chance for that to happen without a major effort on the part of all military retirees and the Military Coalition, i.e., TROA, FRA, etc., because the administration has taken a position opposing paying both retired pay and disability pay.

Increasing the SBP annuity did not move at all in 2001 primarily because Sen. Strom Thurman was not available at the right times to push for it. He is the lead sponsor of this bill and we have to hope that he remains healthy throughout 2002. It will also take a combined effort of all retirees and the Military Coalition to make this happen. More on these two issues throughout the year.

Hawaii State Tax Credit

The Third Special Session of the state legislature passed a "residential construction and remodeling tax credit" as an incentive to stimulate the economy that has not had much publicity. The law states, "there shall be allowed to each taxpayer, subject to the taxes imposed by this chapter, a residential construction and remodeling tax credit that shall be deductible from the taxpayer's net income tax liability, if any, imposed by this chapter for the taxable year in which the credit is properly claimed. The amount of the tax credit claimed under this section by the taxpayer in all years for which the credit is available shall be limited to four percent of the residential construction or remodeling costs incurred; provided that the costs shall not exceed \$250,000 in the aggregate for each unit; and that the costs are incurred before July 1, 2002." "Construction or remodeling cost" means any costs incurred after December 31, 2000, for plans, design, construction, and equipment related to new construction, alterations, or modifications to residential real property. Further details should be in the Hawaii State Tax booklets for 2001 income taxes.

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Personal Affairs Committee (PAC)

LtCol Lou Crompton USAF



DD-214 Security: Filing a DD-214 with your local government is an option available to veterans. One advantage to filing a DD-214 form with your local county courthouse is that you can easily obtain copies if you ever lose your original. The disadvantage is that the form, with your Social Security number on it, becomes public record. Unfortunately, identity thieves are aware of this and could take advantage of it. To file or not file a DD-214 with your local county courthouse should be a very deliberate decision. Ask yourself if it would be better for you to obtain extra certified copies of your DD-214 from National Personnel Records Center and store them in a safe area. Once a document becomes part of a public record, most local and state laws forbid its removal.

[Source: FRA News -Bytes 6 DEC 01]

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: A new VA and Department of Defense (DoD) study has found preliminary evidence that veterans who served in Operation Desert Shield-Desert Storm are nearly twice as likely as their non-deployed counterparts to develop amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS or commonly called Lou Gehrig's Disease). As a result of the study the VA has decided to immediately grant presumptive service connection. This means that Gulf War veterans suffering from ALS can get immediate medical treatment and care from the VA and that their families will be cared for. This action covers members of the armed services who deployed to Southwest Asia from Aug. 2, 1990 through July 31, 1991. Southwest Asia includes the countries of Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, and other nations in addition to Iraq and Saudi Arabia. [Source: DAV News Release 10 DEC 01]

CHAPTER SOCIAL PROGRAMS

As mentioned in the Presidents Message—our Social Programs are one of two vehicles—the other being the PHK, which have greatest visibility to our membership and the community—inside the state and with key officials at the National level, outside the state. While Jack and Carita Miller have agreed to function as our social program consultants for 2002 and the Executive Committee has come up with a skeletal program, we are initially planning each function around a Program Coordinator with a committee formed for each program. For example for January's Program: George and Joan Montague will be our Program Coordinators with the following - Ralph and Muriel Niesz, Menu, Jack and Carita Miller-Name Tags, Kathy and Richard DeLong-Greeters, Ron Bezanson -Invocation, Hank Heyenga-Colors, and Duke Frey, MC. We will continue in this venue — with either a Board Member or a Member of the Executive Committee in the capacity of a "Program Coordinator". At the same time we are in the process of forming a nucleus of "party members" into a standing social committee for 2002. This committee will assist with ideas for programs, assist as program greeters, and participate, as they have available time. If you would like to be a part of this group—contact Duke Frey at 261-2946 or duke06@hawaii.rr.com. Otherwise—for you party goers, we will actively seek you out—to be on this committee. Christmas Party 2002 Pictures below.



Invocation



Joe Vasey Table



Swearing In 2002 Officers



Col(P)Woods / Kathy DeLong



Randy Jacox Table



Hank/Fran Pledge of Allegiance

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The Users Group(TUG)

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Schneider
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Charles Rice
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Francis McClurkin
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Marvin Baum
Frank Buffalano
Joseph Comstock
Ralph Cook
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Roxanna
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Nancy Stabley
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Willis Wygant Jr
Kathleen Cooper
MerneFarrell
John Roney
Anthony Tepedino
Evelyn Downing
Gary Engler
Patricia Garties
Bette Griffin
Lois Hearlin
Dorothy Hudson

BRIDGE CORNER

The annual Hawaii Chapter, TROA, Bridge Club awards and potluck dinner were held at the home of Les and Shirley Ihara on December 22, 2001. The \$100.00 cash awards for the seven highest months' cumulative scores were shared by Shirley Ihara in 1st place: \$50.00; Bill Martin in 2nd place: \$35.00; Gidgette Caldwell won 3rd place: \$15.00. The awards are sponsored by the Hawaii Chapter, TROA, to promote regular attendance.

Among those enjoying the evening of Christmas cheer were Bob and Robbie Gee, Bill and Debby Martin, Shirley Ihara, Judith Breitwieser, and Joan and John Peters.

Nonsmoking chapter members of good standing are welcome, single or married, as no partner is necessary. Players rotate and have a new partner at every round of cards. For reservations call Robbie Gee at 255-4558 not later than one week prior to the last Saturday of each month. The dates are also published in the monthly issue of Pau Hana Koa. The group meets on the last Saturday night of each month and plays party bridge in a relaxed, casual atmosphere.

Anita Keith
Doreen Kyser
Alice Lennon
Cathrine Lindow
Johanna Mason
Mary Jane
McAuliffe
Gail Merrill
Mary Leila Phinney
Lani Vasper
Chris Walters
George Heil
Robert Huntzinger

Crawford Sullivan
Maria Butchart
George Montague
Jeanne Madden
Stanley DeRieux
Siri Susse
John Newton
Kwang Paik
Eleanor Pierce
Allun Thompson
Karl Piotrowski
John Mock

HONOR ROLL

Hawaii Chapter, The Retired Officers Association

Donations go to many worthy community programs that our chapter supports –including ROTC Awards and Scholarships and Operating Expenses such as the Pau Hana Koa. This year the chapter made specific donations to the Food Bank and Disaster Relief 911

Honor Roll recognition is given annually for gold, silver, bronze and now Platinum. It is based on the total contribution by a member for the Calendar year.

Platinum: \$101 + Gold \$100 Silver \$50- \$99

Bronze \$25-\$49



**THE RETIRED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
HAWAII CHAPTER**

WELCOMES BGEN "PUTT" RICHARDS, HIANG

WHEN: Thursday 24 January 2002

**TIME: 6:00 PM—Cocktails
6:30 PM— Buffet
7:30 PM —Program**

WHERE: Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter

COST: \$20.00 PER PERSON (Mail by 21 January 2002)

PROGRAM:



“How the Guard as a whole and the 154th in particular is supporting the global war on terrorism since 911”

For Clarifications and Information contact Program Coordinator George Montague at 239-4222 or e-mail montagueg@hawaii.rr.com

For Your Information: Enter through Buckner Gate, the gate off the freeway. When entering by Buckner gate, ask the military security guards the current directions to the Hale Ikena. (Hopefully, you will be able to go straight up to Richardson Theater where you will turn left on Carter Drive, go down the hill, then bearing right up to the Hale Ikena.) When leaving you can only exit thru the Patch Gate, the back gate, going the direction of the PX.

Clip, Detach and Mail

SIGN UP TODAY!!!

I (we) will see you there!! Guests are most welcome! I enclose a check payable to Hawaii State Chapter at the rate of \$20.00 per person.

Please reserve _____ places. Name Tags to read:

Mail by 22 January 2002: Make Checks Payable to: and Address to Hawaii Chapter– TROA
P.O. Box 1185, Kailua, HI 96734

Chapter Dues effective 1 November 2001

Members	Life	Auxiliary	Life
	50 and Under = 300.00		50 and Under = 150.00
Annual—15.00	51-60 = 250.00	Annual = 9.00	51-60 = 125.00
2-4 Years x 15.00, e.g. 3 yrs =45.00	61-70 = 200.00	2-4 Years x 9.00, e.g. 3 yrs = 27.00	61-70 = 100.00
5 Years = 60.00	71 -89 = 100.00	5 Years = 36.00	71 -89 = 50.00
	90 and above = 00.00		

Membership Application for the Hawaii Chapter of The Retired Officers Association

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

Name: _____ Male Female

 Last First MI

Please fill in the next three lines with information on the applicant. If you checked auxiliary member above, please provide this information on your spouse.

1: Service ____ **Rank** ____ **Active Duty** • **Rotation Date (If active duty)** _____ **Retired** ____ **Year Retired** ____

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

3. If application is for auxiliary membership, is your spouse deceased? Yes No

Applicant’s Birth Date ____/____/____ SSN ____/____/____

Address: _____
 Number and Street City State ZIP Code

Mailing Address (If different) _____ Phone Number _____

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

Office Phone Number _____ Fax Number _____ E-Mail Address _____

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

Personal Affairs Legislative Affairs/Veterans Affairs Public Affairs Program/Social Newsletter Membership Finance

 ROTC Scholarship & Awards Fund Raising Community Service TUG(Computers) Party Bridge Golf Tennis

Photography Suggestions for other Programs/Activities: _____

Dues Schedule: Regular membership: \$15.00 per year; 5 years for \$60.00

Life membership: Age 50 and under \$300.00; 51-60 \$250.00; 61-70 \$200.00; 71-89 \$100.00; 90 + free.

Auxiliary Membership: \$9.00 per year; 5 years for \$36.00

Life membership: Age 50 and under \$150.00; 51-60 \$125.00; 61-70 \$100.00; 71-89 \$50.00; 90 + free

Dues enclosed \$ _____ Optional donation \$ _____ Used for ROTC Scholarship \$ _____ Other, e.g. (PHK).

Make Check Payable to Hawaii Chapter TROA P.O. Box 1185, Kailua, HI 96734

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