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MOAA 2006 JROTC Scholarship Recipients



Cadet Jan-Zenas Aguirre, Waipahu High School; Cadet Angel Cheng, McKinley High School; Cadet Kale Nakata, Waimea High School, Kauai; Cadet Monica Sua, Kahuku High School; Cadet Geraldine Tuifatu, Waianae High School; Cadet Daphne-Anne S.Vaina, Farrington High School; (Not pictured: Cadet Donal Omengabar, Castle High)

Hawai'i Chapter Acknowledges JROTC Leadership Awards



AIEA H.S.
BALDWIN H.S.
CAMPBELL H.S.
CASTLE H.S.
FARRINGTON H.S.
HILO H.S.
KEALAKEHE H.S.
KAHUKU H.S.
KAISER H.S.
KAILUA H.S.
KAIMUKI H.S.
KALAHEO H.S.
KAPAA H.S.

Cdt Samantha J. Burns
Cdt Harry Prest
Cdt Stephanie Lloyd
Cdt Michael Donahue
Cdt Herald Nones
Cdt Chris A. V. Yakym
Cdt Wesley Carter
Cdt Monica Sua
Cdt Keala Ferreira
Cdt Joseph Sobieski
Cdt Mindy Laronal
Cdt Eric F. Gruta
Cdt Brittney Sutton

LEILEHUA H.S.
KONAWAENA H.S.
MCKINLEY H.S.
MOANALUA H.S.
NANAKULI H.S.
PUNAHOU
RADFORD H.S.
ROOSEVELT H.S.
SAINT LOUIS
WAIAKEA H.S.
WAIANA E H.S.
WAIM EA H.S.
WAIPAHU H.S.

Cdt Priscilla A. Llanos
Cdt Hannah R. Huisman
Cdt Lance Toribio
Cdt George Pacarro
Cdt Anthony X. Corioso
Cdt Gino Pelosi
Cdt Thanh Tran
Cdt Katie P. Gray
Cdt Michio Koide
Cdt Jason Kinville
Cdt Geraldine Tuifatu
Cdt Jesse Choi
Cdt Chester Radona

Coming Events July

1 Jul (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000
Computer Training, Bishop Museum, Paki Bldg.

3 Jul (Mon) MCBH O'Club 1100
Patriotic Lunch with Congressman Ed Case
Marine Forces Pacific Band will play at 1200

21 Jul (Fri) Excomm Mtg, MCBH O'Club 1130

Coming Events August

5 Aug (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000
Computer Training, Bishop Museum, Paki Bldg.

6 Aug (Sun) Summer Picnic 1200
Bellows AFS, Pavilion 5A See flyer

14 Aug (Mon) PAC meeting 1030
Sam Sneed's Tavern

18 Aug (Fri) Excomm Mtg. MCBH O'Club 1130
26 Aug Party Bridge - Call Robbie Gee at 255-4558

YOUR PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVES – GUZZLED BY GASOLINE OR “GAS PAINS”



Unfortunately, resources are allocated to the public. Hawaii has always had the notoriety to have the highest gasoline prices in the Nation. Few of us do remember gasoline at \$0.25 a gallon, but that identifies us as being from the “fossil” age according to some of the young ones about. Having worked in the petroleum industry for 10 years as my second career, and having recently reviewed some articles in various business publications it is interesting to view perceptions by the American public at large. It is those damn big oil companies gouging the poor consumer, or if the President only had a decent oil policy we would not be in this gasoline crises situation. Well interesting theorizing but not very realistic. Let’s start out with what if anything is wrong with the President’s gasoline policy. If would be interesting IF the President now or any President in the past had any responsibility or control over oil and gasoline prices and how prod-

ucts are allocated to the public. There is an exception and that was the gasoline rationing of WW II, but those who remember your gasoline coupon book surely would not want that type of government intervention because we are at war in Iraq and Afghanistan. Yes, the President can release some oil supplies from the Strategic Petroleum Reserves as President’s Bush and Clinton did, but these seem to be politically motivated short term options that really seem to be only important to get our party’s “heroes” reelected. Yes, If Iraq was a stable country with a vibrant economy their contribution to the crude oil supply would help lower gasoline prices for a few years, but not much longer. The primary reason for these price issues is the old but proven supply and demand. According to “Business Week” we (the world) are consuming twice as much oil as we are finding new crude sources. So government intervention as history shows does not have much long-term success in changing supply/demand balances. When gasoline prices surged in the US from 1973 to 1982 our demand declined by twenty percent. Over the past few years with our very healthy economy people complain about gasoline prices yet strap the seat belt in the gas guzzling Yukon’s or F-150’s and still head down the road. Add to this the significant oil and gasoline consumption by China and India; this demand is climbing at a rapid rate with no consumption leveling out in the foreseeable future. So let us personalize our vehicle gas tank a bit. Say I use 1,000 gallons of gasoline a year at around \$3.00 a gallon this is as we know is \$3,000 dollars. Well \$1,700 pays for the crude oil itself, and state taxes on my gasoline, \$330 pays for the distribution and marketing, and \$70 estimated profit to oil exploration, profits to share holders. (Figures from “How Stuff Works”) Are oil companies making record profits, Yes! Due to our massive increased consumption through out the world. Bottom line from my perspective is that we do need a national energy program to somehow wean ourselves from fossil fuel for transportation, electric generation and other significant consumers. If we don’t then do not be surprised at \$6.00 a gallon in the foreseeable future. It seems we waste what is cheap. Just some observations.

Semper Fidelis, John Harms

CHAPTER PROGRAMS FOR 2006

In an effort to help our members plan events they would like to attend with our Chapter, the following advance planning for 2006 is published subject to change:

JULY and AUGUST See Page 1

SEPTEMBER

- 10 Sep Aloha Party for visiting MOAA members (details pending)
- Also Around the Island Cruise, SS Pride of Aloha
John Harms - Lead

OCTOBER - To be determined

NOVEMBER

Annual Meeting – John Harms & Bill Quirk – Lead

DECEMBER

Annual Christmas Party, Dec. 15 at Hale Koa Hotel
John Harms – Lead

IF ANY MEMBER HAS AN IDEA FOR A PROGRAM FOR THE OPEN MONTHS PLEASE EMAIL ME AT JandBHarms@aol.com

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Thinning of the Ranks

CWO4 Robert Said USANG Ret. of Hilo died 31 March 2006, and is survived by his wife, Irene. Bob was the President of the Chapter Satellite in Hilo for many years and the Chapter will miss very much our man in Hilo.

There was an obituary in the June 18th Sunday Star-Bulletin for **LTC Bernard "Bud" Hurless USA Ret.** who, with his charming English wife, Peg, played with our MOAA Bridge group for the past several years. You may remember that Bud's old cancer returned about 6-8 months ago and required them to move back to Maui in February for family support. He died at home, aged 76. Burial was in Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, Kaneohe. He was a real gentleman and will be missed.

Binnacle List

CDR Bob Allard, USN
Mrs. Pat Bixler
LTC Bill McGarry, AUS

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★ **MAHALO EDITOR SAM** ★
★

★ CAPT Sam Wilson, USCG (Ret) has stepped up to ★
★ fill in as Newsletter Editor for the July issue. Editors ★
★ John Peters, Ron Benzanson and George Sullivan ★
★ are all off island this month. ★
★ Good work, Sam!! We like talented Volunteers!! ★
★

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AUXILIARY Corner

TO: Auxiliary Members of Hawaii Chapter of MOAA

Welcome to our little corner of the Chapter. I have been asked by Chapter President, Colonel John Harms USMC-Ret., to serve as Auxiliary Liaison for the Chapter and I accepted the position.

John has told me, "... Auxiliary chair is a very Important Chapter function that has languished recently so that its mission seems to have faded away." My interpretation of the "mission", is this: In their desire to include widows/widowers of military officers in its membership, MOAA created the status of Auxiliary Member so they would know they remain an important part of the military community, in that fellow officers of the deceased spouse stand ready to assist the widow/widower when called upon to do so. At the same time, the auxiliary member is to be considered an active member of the Chapter, eligible to take part in all Chapter activities and to serve in any capacity equally with officer members. For example, we presently have auxiliary members represented in the following Chapter positions;

Judith Breitwieser--Member of the Board of Directors
Helen Baker--Secretary to the Executive Committee
Kathy DeLong--Chair Community Affairs
(Currently, prayers go out to Pat Bixler, Member of the Personal Affairs Committee who is very sick.)

As a means of getting better acquainted and to promote our common interests, you will be receiving a short survey where you will be able to express your thoughts as to what your auxiliary membership means to you in the way of enjoyment, assistance and how to promote camaraderie. Now is your chance to sound off with all those great and creative ideas you've had building up all these years. There is no right or wrong answers, just feel free to fill up as many pages as you'd like and I sincerely hope you will. Please feel free to phone, fax or email me if you have any thoughts on the matter.

Mahalo for your attention.

Patricia Kubach,
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Did You Know ? Venus is the only Planet that rotates clockwise. (Since Venus is associated with women, what does this tell you!)



Legislative Affairs Veterans Affairs (LAVA)

by Captain George Sullivan USN (Retired)

Purple Heart Stamp Re-issued



A new version of a postage stamp commemorating the Purple Heart and all those who have earned it was issued in a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery on May 30, 2006. The stamp is a new version of the Purple Heart Definitive stamp, first issued in May 2003. The U.S. Postal Service is proud to recognize the Purple Heart with this stamp, because it reminds Americans of what people have suffered in the name of freedom, said John E. Potter, postmaster general and chief executive officer of the U.S. Postal Service.

About 100 Purple Heart recipients attended the ceremony at the invitation of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. James Randles, the order's national commander, thanked all those who made the issuance of the stamp possible, and said that the stamp is very important, because it is a recognizable symbol that has meaning to service members of all ages from all services. "It is the one medal wanted by few but worn by many," Randles said.

The stamp features the medal's image - a profile of George Washington on a purple background within a heart-shaped medallion.

Uniformed Services Former Spouses Protection Act

The Senate Armed Services Committee has voted to end the "10-year rule" used by the government for more than two decades to screen court orders seeking automatic payment of retired pay to former military spouses. The change is one of three adjustments to the Uniformed Services Former Spouses Protection Act (USFSPA) in the Senate's version of the 2007 defense authorization bill. If approved by the full Congress, the changes would be the first made to the military ex-spouse law in 14 years.

Retirees To Earn \$1,000 Referral Bonus

Retired Soldiers could earn a \$1,000 bonus for referring someone with no prior military service (not an immediate family member) to an Army recruiter if that referral results in enlistment in the U.S. Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard. The Army is still working out the details of this bonus and is expected to put the policy into effect by July. Under this program, referrals will be made via the Sergeant Major of the Army Recruiting Team (SMART) process. To receive a bonus, the retired Soldier making the referral must provide the name of the potential recruit before that person's interview with an Army recruiter.



Congress Bars Funeral Protesters

President signs law that would bar demonstrators from disrupting military funerals at national cemeteries. The measure, passed by voice vote in the House hours after the Senate passed an amended version, specifically targets a Kansas church group that has staged protests at military funerals around the country, claiming that the deaths were a sign of God's anger at U.S. tolerance of homosexuals. The act "will protect the sanctity of all 122 of our national cemeteries as shrines to their gallant dead," Senate Majority

Leader Bill Frist, R-TN., said prior to the Senate vote. "It's a sad but necessary measure to protect what should be recognized by all reasonable people as a solemn, private and deeply sacred occasion," he said.

Aviation History Takes Flight with the Pacific Aviation Museum and Hawaiian Airlines



The Pacific Aviation Museum-Pearl Harbor (PAM) will be located at the center of the Pearl Harbor Historic Sites on Ford Island, occupying the WWII hangars that witnessed the attack on Pearl Harbor and still bear the scars and bullet holes today. PAM is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization .ts. The Museum’s B-25 Mitchell Bomber will tell the story of Doolittle’s Raid on Tokyo, the P-40 and Zero will put the visitor at the site of our nation’s only aviation battlefield, the Aeronca that was giving flying lessons over Oahu the day of the attack will bring to life the effect of the war on the home front, former President Bush’s Stearman will tell of the call to arms that millions of men and women responded to, PAM’s rare Wildcat will take visitors to the turning points in the war-Midway and Guadalcanal- Hands on volunteer opportunities are available for those interested in giving our aviation history a future in the aircraft restoration department, exhibit construction and artifact collections as well as the education department and docent program by calling 808-836-7747.

As of July 2006 supporters of PAM will be able to benefit by their generosity through the Pacific Aviation Charter Member Program. Hawaiian Airlines will provide ten HawaiianMiles for every dollar an individual donates. Charter members will also receive free admission for a year and other charter benefits along with the incredible 10 miles per dollar donated. The HawaiianMiles portion of the Charter membership expires on August 31st, 2006 therefore supporters are encouraged to enroll immediately by visiting the PAM website at www.pacificaviationmuseum.org or calling 808-528-8383.

Years in the making, supported by government grants, corporate donations and now the Charter Membership Hawaiian Miles Programs, scheduled to open December 7th, 2006 the Pacific Aviation Museum’s time has come.

NOW HEAR THIS!!! THE MOAA ANNUAL PICNIC

12:00 noon

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2006

PAVILION 5A, BELLOWS AFS

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY FOR OUR

ANNUAL PICNIC

GEORGE & ROBERTA SULLIVAN HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP
JUDITH BREITWIESER PLAN THE PICNIC

HANK HEYENGA WILL BE COOKING AS USUAL, BUT HE CAN USE SOME HELP.

PLAN NOW TO JOIN IN THE COMARADERIE AND THE FUN!

OPEN BAR CONSISTING OF BEER, WINE AND SOFT DRINKS (included in the price!)

Mail your reservations with \$10.00 per person by July 31, 2006 to:

Judith Breitwieser

1403 Onioni Street, Kailua, HI 96734

Please call or E-mail George Sullivan at 623-2243 or alohasully@earthlink.net

with any questions or OFFERS TO HELP.

Mahalo for your support.

PLEASE CLIP AND MAIL IN YOUR RSVP

I (we) will see you there!! Guests are most welcome. **Picnic Fee (\$10.00 each)**

Checks made payable to **Hawaii Chapter MOAA**

\$10 X () = \$ _____ Donation: Scholarships \$ _____ Community Services \$ _____

We would enjoy your favorite dish: COLE SLAW ___ MAC SALAD ___ POTATO SALAD ___ BAKED BEANS ___ Other ___

Names: _____

TUG by Colonel Lou Torraca, USAF (Retired)



Security: your bank accounts, credit cards and computers may all be at risk! So much has been said and written about security, I almost didn't write this until I ran into a friend, I'll tell you more about, shortly.

Seems like not a day goes by lately when another story about security, identity theft or fraud isn't in the news. Hopefully, the story isn't about you, but are you really all that safe? Identity theft has to do with many different things and needs your attention to prevent it from affecting you. Starting with your computers, your PC and your Laptop can be an invitation to the bad guys if you haven't taken the right steps to secure them. Even before we look at ways to protect the information stored in these machines, answer a question...are they physically safe? When you take your laptop with you, is it secure? How easy is it for someone to grab it and run? Believe it or not the statistics are frightening. Consider the recent case of the Veterans Administration official who had confidential files stored in his personal laptop which was stolen from his home. Could this happen to you...I hope not. If there is a really good reason for you to have sensitive information from your job, on a laptop you travel with, consider some of the many things you can do to keep it safe, starting with a physical cable lock which can be fitted to almost every laptop sold today. Also, software programs are available that make it possible to track the whereabouts of the laptop and of course, a fairly simple motion alarm is an inexpensive way to deter a would-be thief. Passwords are of course, a must for all your computers. For some excellent pointers on the subject, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/g8am9> Of course remembering passwords is always a challenge and many of us have resorted to post-its that we "hide" where no one can find them (ourselves included.) But never fear, there are programs out there to help you, one of which, Password Vault, may be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/8mn4o> It's an excellent program and it's free. Now that the password problem is handled, what about the question of access to your computers through the Internet? Surely we all know that firewall and anti-virus software are an absolute must to keep hackers out, don't we? Actually, I talked with a friend the other day who said he only uses dial-up and just sends and receives e-mail so he doesn't want to spend the money on either. Of course he is wrong in believing that he is immune to hackers, although they do tend to favor broadband users over dial-up ones. I told him about Zone Alarm Firewall and Outpost Firewall www.zonelabs.com & <http://tinyurl.com/pfheq> Plus 2 anti-virus programs, AVG www.grisoft.com & Avast <http://tinyurl.com/p87oy> all free, so I hope I convinced him to get them. I also explained how malware and spyware can be ways for the bad guys to steal your identity as well as your bank account and credit cards. Fortunately for him, there are also free programs to detect and remove malware and spyware, 3 of which include Microsoft's Windows Defender (Beta 2) <http://tinyurl.com/c9p2f> a free program that helps protect your computer against pop-ups, slow performance, and security threats caused by spyware and other unwanted software. It features Real-Time Protection, a monitoring system that recommends actions against spyware when it's detected, and a new streamlined interface that minimizes interruptions and helps you stay productive. Another one is Spybot-Search and Destroy <http://tinyurl.com/69w82> and number 3 is Ad-aware <http://tinyurl.com/wn59>. There are quite a few of these type programs on the market, so I'd advise you to "Google" Anti Virus and Spyware and do some research to see which ones will work best for you.

Another area of concern is the move to wireless connectivity. Most routers being bought today are wireless, which is, of course, convenient, but dangerous. Why you may ask, well, in case you haven't been told or read about it, here's why... when you take the router out of the box, plug it into your cable or DSL box, you are instantly connected via a wireless receiver plugged into or built into your computer. Convenient, yes, but what about the danger part? Simple, to make it easy, the manufacturers don't encrypt the signal, so anyone close to your house can use it. OK, so you're generous and don't mind, but what if that anyone is a bad guy and wants to get into your computer? Or, use your connection to do other bad stuff which you will be blamed for...not so good, right? Fairly simple to fix...go to the homepage of the router manufacturer and you'll find a setup wizard in most cases to rename and encrypt your signal. Now that all these safeguards are in place there aren't anymore things to worry about, right? Wrong! You still need to be careful out there on the 'net.

By now most everyone has heard the term "phishing" where you get an e-mail supposedly from your bank, credit union, credit card company or stock broker that warns you your account has been compromised some way or another and you are told to click on a link to fix the problem...do not do it. Always go to this kind of page, directly. Type the address into your browser and then connect and do business. Also be careful of going to pages you know nothing about based on an e-mail you received. Many of the programs that can steal your information can be installed on your computer when you visit a fraudulent site.

Now your computers are protected, what else is there to consider? Well, there are those never ending credit card offers that arrive almost every day in my mail box. So, why should I care, just throw them away and forget it. Not a good idea, because, the bad guys are at it again. Ever hear about "dumpster diving"?

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They are not forgotten!

Remembering our Comrades Memorial Day in Hawai'i - 2006



TUG Security

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Yup, your discarded mail can be a goldmine for crooks who will use the credit card offer by entering a different address for you and using "your" card to run up huge bills. Best way to avoid this problem: get a shredder and use it for all your sensitive mail before you discard it, and be sure to tell all those companies to take you off their mail list for credit cards. For an excellent set of tips on how to avoid credit card fraud, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/5m56p> You should also take advantage of your Access to Free Credit Reports: The Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) requires each of the nationwide consumer reporting companies – Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion – to provide you with a free copy of your credit report, at your request, once every 12 months. The FCRA promotes the accuracy and privacy of information in the files of the nation's consumer reporting companies. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the nation's consumer protection agency, enforces the FCRA with respect to consumer reporting companies. Visit: <http://tinyurl.com/3uwol> for more information. Finally, our old friend the telephone is still one of the most used tools for the scammers. To read about the top ten phone scams of 2005 and how to avoid them, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/pq5t>

Most of this is good, common sense, but it's also easy to let your guard down and skip security...don't...pay attention and you'll be much safer.

That's it for now, until next time, have fun, but be safe, with electronics and computers. Come see us at our 2 monthly meetings; visit www.the_tug_homestead.com for schedules and driving directions.

Aloha, *Lou*

CALLING ALL PARTY BRIDGE PLAYERS!!

by **Robbie Gee**



The MOAA Party Bridge group is looking for players who are interested in having a fun evening playing bridge once a month and "talking story", all while having an opportunity to know some of their MOAA members better. This is a social group, not "Business Bridge", and we simply provide another way for members to meet each other in addition to the regular monthly MOAA events, and enjoy a good game of bridge.

We normally play on the last Saturday of the month at 7 p.m., with exceptions during UH Football season, and rotate among the members' homes or at Robbie and Bob Gee's condo in Hawaii Kai. You don't need a partner, just bring yourself and \$1.00, and come have a good time. Members take turns as Host of the Month serving beverages and nibbles, with dessert and coffee at the end of the evening..

After taking a breather for the Summer, play will resume on 26 August and we look forward to seeing you!

**We would love to have you join us,
so give me a call at 255-4558**

HAWAII 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. _____ SSN ____/____/____

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: \$15 per year; 5 years for \$60. Life membership: Age 50 and under, \$300; 51-60 \$250; 61-70 \$200;
71-89 \$100; 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: \$10 per year; 5 years for \$40; Life membership: Age 50 and under, \$150; 51-60 \$125; 61-70 \$100;
71-89 \$50; 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 Legislative Affairs/Veterans Affairs Public Affairs Program/Social Newsletter Membership Finance
ROTC Scholarship & Awards Fund Raising Community Service TUG(Computers) Party Bridge Golf Tennis

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

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UP-COMING CHAPTER ACTIVITIES:

Patriotic Lunch with Congressman Ed Case
1100 Mon, 3 July, MCBH O'Club
Marine Forces Pacific Band to play at 1200

Annual Chapter Picnic
1200 Sunday, 6 Aug

Pavilion 5A, Bellows AFS Recreation Area