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Aloha - Hawaii State Chapters to meet for Legislative Discussion Forum



Join in a lively **Legislative Discussion Forum & Luncheon** at the Japanese Cultural Center sponsored by MOAA Aloha Chapter and Hawaii State Chapter on Tuesday, June 24 at 1100. Our guests are Senator Colleen Hanabusa, (D) representing the Waianae Coast, & President of the Hawaii State Senate and Senator Sam Slom (R), representing the Diamond Head area. Moderating this discussion will be local favorite talk show host Rick Hamada.

Listen to a lively and engaging debate which we expect to include an analysis of the legislative session, military items of local interest, the State economic condition, educating Hawaii's children, UH, ballot questions, Con-Con - yes or no, politics and the upcoming elections. These are just a few of the topics you can expect to hear discussed by these two knowledgeable and colorful state legislators. If the subject matter of your interest has not been covered, there will be ample time for an open question and answer period.

Styled after the popular and award winning KHVH 830 AM morning radio show, the Rick Hamada Experience, this is a "don't miss" informative opportunity to address your issues directly with, and hear from, our elected officials.

This trio is sure to entertain as everything is on the table, including golf, barbequing, sports, art and Island life. (See page 5 for reservations.)

Marine Colonel John Harms Receives 2008 Doleman Award



The Doleman Award is presented annually to a retired officer in recognition of one's sustained volunteer service to the community.

John Harms retired from active duty as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics, Fleet Marine Forces Pacific, Hawaii in 1984. He subsequently joined BHP Hawaii as Regional Manager, Pacific Islands, INC For more than 10 years.

Then he turned his talent to serving the community on a volunteer basis. As a lay chaplain at Pohai Nani retirement center, John assisted primarily military resident retirees and their spouses with their needs. He gave generously of his time and talent as a guest teacher at Kahuku High School and Intermediate School in psychology and U. S. history. As a devoted Lutheran, he was a Sunday school teacher for Confirmation age students.

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Coming Events June

**7 Jun (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000
Computer Training, Oahu Veterans Center**

20 Jun (Fri) EXCOM Meeting, MCBH O'Club 1115

**21 Jun (Sat) PTSD Residential Recovery Prgm. BBQ 1100
Oahu Veterans Center**

**24 Jun (Tue) Luncheon, Japanese Cultural Center 1100
Sen. Colleen Hanabusa & Sen. Sam Slom w/Rick Hamada**

Coming Events July

**5 Jul (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000
Computer Training, Oahu Veterans Center**

14 Jul (Mon) PAC Meeting, Hickam O'Club 1100

18 Jul (Fri) EXCOM Meeting, MCBH O'Club 1115

3 August - Sunday - Annual Picnic @ Bellows



PERSPECTIVES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT
by LCDR Tom Marzec – USN (Ret.)

Scholarships, Quality Monthly Events and Community Service

Ralph Hiatt has done a magnificent job of coordinating numerous scholarships and awards, including the University of Hawaii Army and Air Force ROTC program awards of \$500 each, ten \$500 awards to JROTC students and over 2 dozen JROTC MOAA certificates. This coordinated effort is possible due to the support of members who volunteered to present these awards and certificates -- especially on the neighbor islands! Thank you to all for supporting Ralph and our outstanding J/ROTC programs!

Our May 23rd event, a Ramsay Taum presentation, was spectacular. The event attendees were treated to an exceptional discussion of Hawaiian values and concepts, as embodied in the language, culture and history of the Hawaiian people. Methods to creatively address issues, rather than reacting to problems, are necessary to not rob our children and future generations of choices they would have been able to make if we managed and balanced economic, social and environmental issues more effectively. There was a "Wow!" effect as the audience interacted with Ramsay and this brief summary does not do justice to the powerful message and innovative manner in which he creatively presented his views on pursuing sustainability. His presentation made us think and feel, taught us about Hawaiian culture and language and presented a comprehensive approach to relationships and life based on values and principles. If you have an opportunity to hear Ramsay in the future, I encourage you to go!

Our event on Tuesday, June 24, 2008 will be exciting and informative! The political discussions required an off-base location and the cost is a little higher than normal, but the topics and venue are worth the price. Also, please note the earlier **RSVP date of 10 June**, with a final count due date of 16 June -- and mail in your reservations now. In order to attract top speakers, we need to have large audiences. Based on the less than 10% participation from the combined Aloha-Hawaii State Chapters at the Ramsay Taum event, I will invite other organizations and people to this June (and potentially future) event(s). My desire is to continue to provide great events and this requires larger turnouts. Please provide feedback on how to creatively address this issue so we can continue to have quality monthly events.

In closing, Congratulations John Harms for a well-deserved Doleman Award and for your outstanding volunteerism and community service!

Mahalo, Tom

(Harms receives Doleman. Cont. from page 1.) John is a member of the Oahu Veterans Council, the Hawaii Chamber of Commerce and serves on the Board of the Oahu Veterans Center. For ten years he served as a Board Member and Vice President of Koolauloa Educational Alliance Corp: a non profit providing students with worked based learning experiences. He served as President of the Hawaii State Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America from 2005 to 2007; one year as such the Chapter was the recipient of the National's **Outstanding Chapter 5 Star Award**. His close association with the retirees and veteran community culminated in the dedication of a Memorial Marker in 2005 honoring all the men and women of the services past and present. The Memorial Marker is a very popular community and visitor attraction located in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.

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-- CHAPTER SOCIAL EVENTS --

Tuesday 24 JUNE

MEET A LOCAL LEGISLATOR
See page 5 for reservations

JULY

SUMMER VACATION

Sunday 3 AUGUST

ANNUAL MOAA PICNIC - BELLOWS BEACH

SEPTEMBER

JPAC Event

OCTOBER

TBD

Saturday 8 NOVEMBER

Annual Meeting & BBQ at Oahu Veterans Center

Tuesday 9 DECEMBER

Annual Christmas Dinner - Hale Koa

Thinning of the Ranks

Colonel James H. Mooney USMCR, died April 15, 2008. Survived by sons Jim and Larry and daughters Laurie, Susie and Cathy.

Joan Marie Montague, wife of Major George H. Montague, USAF(Ret.), died May 14. Other family include: son, George III, daughters Gail Collins and Lisa Albanese; six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

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MOAA to Host BBQ for PRRP Class



On Saturday, June 21, MOAA Hawaii State Chapter will host a Bar-Be-Que for a class of eleven veterans/active duty soldiers who are attending the **P**ost Traumatic Stress Disorder **R**esidential **R**ecovery **P**rogram at Tripler. The Oahu Veterans Center has been sponsoring this bi-monthly BBQ for over a year and now the Center has asked Veterans Groups to pick up the sponsorship. Our Chapter volunteered for the June event to be held at the Oahu Veterans Center at 1100.

PRRP is a specialized intensive 7.5 weeks residential program created to treat PTSD. Since 1994 over 800 veterans and active duty troops have been treated. The Tripler program is designed to address the unique cultural needs of Pacific Island troops of Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands. This particular class started May 5th and will graduate on June 25. The BBQ at the Center is a step to bring the troops back to the community by interacting with veterans and families for a social event. The feedback from participants of previous BBQs has been positive and our hope is to continue assisting them in making their adjustments.

From a logistics stand point this will be very similar to our Annual Picnic. We will need a couple of cooks, homemade dishes, including desserts, and people to set up and mingle with the troops. If you would like to participate in this day and show your appreciation for the sacrifices made by our troops and to provide a little help as they make their way back into society, please call John Harms or me by June 10th at 261-2282 or 623-2243, respectively or E-mail: jandbharms@aol.com or alohasully@earthlink.net.

Mahalo - MOAA and the TROOPS NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

WHEN THE MUSIC STOPPED

For those who are unaware, at a military theater, the National Anthem is always played before every movie. I recently attended a showing of 'Superman 3' here at LSA Anaconda. We have a large auditorium we use for movies, as well as memorial services and other large gatherings. As is the custom back in the States, we stood and snapped to attention when the National Anthem began before the main feature. All was going as planned until about three-quarters of the way through The National Anthem when the music stopped.

Now, what would happen if this occurred with 1,000 18-22 year-olds back in the States? I imagine there would be hoots, catcalls, laughter, a few rude comments; and everyone would sit down and call for a movie. Of course, that is, if they had stood for the National Anthem in the first place. Here, the 1,000 Soldiers continued to stand at attention, eye fixed forward. The music started again. The Soldiers continued to quietly stand at attention. And again, at the same point, the music stopped. What would you expect to happen?

Even here I would imagine laughter, as everyone finally sat down and expected the movie to start. But here, you could have heard a pin drop. Every Soldier continued to stand at attention. Suddenly there was a lone voice, then a dozen, and quickly the room was filled with the voices of a thousand soldiers, finishing where the recording left off.....

***'And the rockets red glare, The bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night That our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free And the home of the brave'***

It was the most inspiring moment I have had here in Iraq. I wanted you to know what kind of Soldiers are serving you here. Remember them as they fight for you! Pass this along as a reminder to others to be ever in prayer for all our soldiers serving us here, at home and abroad. For many have already paid the ultimate price.

Written by

Chaplain Jim Higgins
U S Army

LSA Anaconda @ Balad Airport, Iraq



**Chapter Donations 2008
Scholarship Goal - \$6000**

To date the Chapter has received \$1961 for Community Services but only \$2744 for Scholarships.
We have exceeded our Community Services goal!

Please continue to give generously so we can meet our Scholarships goal!

GOLD AWARDS (\$100 plus)

Bruce Smith, Virginia Frizelle, Anonymous, Allyn Thompson, Richard Meiers, Hank Heyenga (x4), Ralph Hiatt (x2), Paul Schmitz, Marian Williams, Christian Peterson, Curtis Barnette, Frank Slocum, Robert McEldowney (x2), Leah Rowland, Neil Carmody, Jack & Lorraine De'Tour in memory of Mary Joe Bezanson

SILVER AWARDS (\$50 to \$99)

Ron Bezanson, Karl Piotrowski, Nancy Stabley, Phyllis Brassler, Carl Hokenson, Ellen McGarry

BRONZE AWARD (\$25 to \$49)

Elaine Collins, Charles Curtis, Roy McArdle, Thomas Kalus, Moana McGlaughlin, Frank Apel, David Belatti

Note: **The above donations have been received between 1 January and 9 May.**

If you have donated in these areas and do not see your name, please contact
John Harms at 261-2282 or JandBHarms@aol.com

**Aloha - Hawaii State Chapters
Legislative Discussion Forum &
Luncheon**

Date: Tuesday 24 June; **Time:** Check in -1045; **Lunch** -1100; **Discussion** -1200

Place: Japanese Cultural Center, 5th floor, 2454 South Beretania St, Honolulu, HI

Luncheon Menu:

Entrées: Swedish Meatballs, Teriyaki Chicken or Seafood Newburg; Fried Rice, Salad bar, Vegetables du jour, rolls, Coconut Haupia Cake, iced tea, fruit punch, coffee, hot tea.

Questions? Email: Tom Marzec at adamtm@lava.net or call 754-8857

-----cut and mail the below portion-----

Cost: \$28.00 per person for Aloha & Hawaii Chapter members if mailed in by **10 June**.
\$35.00 for all others and for all registration after 10 June.

TOTAL AMOUNT Enclosed @ \$28.00 or \$35.00 (circle one) each: _____

Name(s): _____

Checks to: "Hawaii State Chapter MOAA" - P.O. BOX 1185, KAILUA, HI 96734

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Community Service: \$ _____ J/ROTC Scholarships \$ _____

Your contributions are appreciated!



TUG by Colonel Lou Torraca, USAF (Retired)

One step from analog to digital and How to be healthy computer user.

TV or not TV could be the name of this column as I am looking at and trying out a really interesting way to record video from your TV, camcorder, TiVo, Game console, etc. without a PC...yup, no PC. So, how does that work. It's a very easy way to watch TV shows on your iPod or Play Station...it will even make a digital copy of home movie tapes or backup your vacation videos wherever you may be. Press a button and Pinnacle Video Transfer (PVT) will record video in MPEG-4 format on any USB 2.0 storage device, e.g. iPod, PSP, External Hard Drive, DVD Player or Flash stick. How about making digital copies of all your favorite VHS tapes? Yes, it will do that as well. This slick little item will do wonders and remember, it doesn't need a pc! I also have a helpful article from HP to keep you a healthy and happy computer person! After the 1st of June check out my full column [with nice pictures {:~}] at <http://tinyurl.com/363qew>

Pinnacle's Vice President of Worldwide Marketing, Tanguy Leborgne said, "With Pinnacle Video Transfer, video capture and direct transfer has never been easier. Being able to transfer videos to an iPod, PSP or USB device without having to copy the files to your PC is an added bonus because it saves both valuable time and hard drive space. PC-less recording and the device's small, compact size also makes it a convenient solution for people who are on the go."

The palm-sized device sports a clean look and, other than the control wheel at the center, lacks obvious exterior controls. This underscores the simplicity of the device since the only thing you need do is set the movie quality and record. On one side there's a USB port and a power inlet, while the other side sports composite-video, S-video and stereo audio inputs. The power adapter is similar to those used for most mobile phones. Using any USB storage device, the PVT grabs video feeds and converts them to H.264 formats in real time. On a PC, you may need to download Quicktime to play H.264 files, though most mobile phones can play them back.

The Pinnacle Video Transfer is compatible with almost any USB storage device. The top of the PVT has a colorful circular logo, next to which are the unit's only two buttons; REC and MODE. Just below the MODE button are three small blue LEDs which light up depending on the selected recording quality - one LED for 'Good', two for 'Better' and all three for 'Best'. Videos are recorded using the H.264 (MPEG-4) video compression format, but the exact properties of each recording setting depends on the connected device.

Here are some examples

According to the manufacturer, a 250GB hard drive can store up to 640 hours of video on the lowest setting, while a 30GB iPod and 2GB PlayStation Portable can hold a maximum of 85 hours and 7.5 hours, respectively. With the hard drive plugged in, you can literally hold almost a month's worth of television programs. Yes, I know, who would want to save a month's worth of TV??? But if u do...it can! This is a really easy unit to use even if you aren't that familiar with electronic gadgets. The captured video looks very smooth and the audio is good quality. I highly recommend a look at the video that Pinnacle has on their webpage which does an outstanding job of explaining how it works. <http://tinyurl.com/3afctu> Best price I found online when I wrote this was \$119.99

I received the following in a regular HP newsletter and was impressed with it and it made me pay attention to my computer habits, so I want to share it with you, courtesy of HP:

Did you know that one in three workers spends ten hours a day sitting? Recent research has revealed what you have probably suspected for some time: you spend more time sitting than doing any other activity. Surveys show that 50 percent of office workers don't leave their desk all day, even to take lunch, while over 66 percent sit down as soon as they get home. Experts say this sedentary lifestyle can contribute to lower back pain. Especially when your notebook and desktop PC are indispensable workplace tools, you need to take special care to develop desk habits that are good for your long-term health, and help you optimize your energy levels and productivity.

Follow these tips to improve your office ergonomics and ultimately, your professional performance.

Should I sit up straight?

Conventional wisdom has dictated that sitting up straight is better for your back than leaning forward at your desk. But studies by Scottish and Canadian researchers using a new form of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) have revealed that sitting up straight could be as bad as stooping forwards. The new research suggests that reclining back at an angle of between 120 and 135 degrees will reduce the strain on your lower back. Additionally, try to avoid sitting at your PC in a manner that means you must twist your torso or neck to see the screen. An alternative to sitting all day could be to work at a standing desk. Popular in the 18th and 19th centuries, they are making a comeback as people realize that standing to work is healthier than sitting.

Improved line of sight

To reduce the strain on your eyes, always work in a well-lit environment. Raise your monitor to eye level, either on a platform, or with a pile of books. This will make looking at your screen easier and will reduce the amount you need to tilt your neck. Alternatively, adjust the height of your chair, your desk or your table. Large monitors offering better visibility (or dual monitor setups) will also help you handle heavy workloads, speed up your ability to read information, and let you keep working longer when you really need to.

Don't break your back, take a break

One of the easiest ways to improve your working day is to take short breaks from your daily work routine. Consider installing work-break reminder software on your computer to prompt you to take frequent refresher pauses. To rest your eyes, look away from the screen and focus on something in the distance. National Optometric organizations recommend resting your eyes for 15 minutes after two hours at your PC. Use this time to get yourself a drink; the walk will stretch your legs and give your back a break from the sitting position. In particular, remember to adjust your position in the afternoon, when you are likely to have been sitting for a long time and your body is beginning to tire.

Stretch your productivity

Try and start your day with a brief stretching routine or an activity like yoga. Maybe you could walk or cycle to work. Activities like these give your body the exercise it requires, boost your fitness level, and improve your ability to perform during a busy schedule.

For more information on how you can improve your office ergonomics to increase your productivity, check out the HP Safety and comfort guide. With just a few minor adjustments to your work habits, you can improve your posture and productivity, and leave yourself with the energy to enjoy life away from the office.

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That's it for now, I hope you are enjoying the beginning of summer wherever you are, but remember to be careful out there whether you are on the road, or on the net. Come see us at one of our 2 monthly meetings; visit www.the-tug.org for schedule and directions. Aloha, Lou

Hawaii State Chapter Recognizes University ROTC Cadet Leadership



Continuing a commitment which commenced in 1981, the MOAA Hawaii State Chapter recognized the distinctive leadership qualities of senior ROTC cadets at the University of Hawai'i. The purpose of the awards and scholarships are to acknowledge and promote the tremendous leadership potential and patriotism demonstrated by Hawai'i's young men and women -- as they mature and develop into leaders serving their community, state and country -- either in or out of uniform.



On 24 April, two junior cadets at the University of Hawai'i representing the Army and Air Force Senior ROTC programs were each awarded \$500 scholarships from the Hawaii Chapter membership. The cadets displayed outstanding leadership during their initial three years of ROTC, demonstrated academic excellence, and are expected to be in commanding positions in their senior year. The distinguished scholarship recipients are: **Cadet Natalia Cardona, Army ROTC and Cadet Ashley Jung, USAF ROTC.**

MOAA leadership awards were presented to four Army cadets and four Air Force cadets in each year group. The Army cadets were: **MS IV Cadet Gustavo Caruso, MS III Cadet David Chavez, MS II Cadet Travis Mount and MS I Cadet Jesse Pascua.**



The senior Air Force ROTC cadets were: **AS400 Cadet Richard Moore, AS300 Cadet Samantha Watts, AS200 Cadet Matthew Sanders and AS100 Cadet Janee Spelman.**

Both senior ROTC programs are experiencing significant enrollment growth as young men and women select the military as a challenge and source of leadership and opportunity. Congratulations to the Army and Air Force cadre for their tireless dedication and contributions in providing a source of leadership, patriotism, discipline and career opportunities to the youth of Hawai'i. MOAA is proud to support you, your students and the ROTC programs.

JROTC Recognized by Hawaii Chapter and Scholarships Awarded

The months of April and May were busy for many members of the Chapter attending JROTC Recognition Days at twenty-nine schools throughout the State. The schedule was organized by Col. Ralph Hiatt USA (Ret.) who also presented the awards noted above.

Chapter members, Tom Marzec, Walter Kinoshita, Vernon Von, Ralph Hiatt, Frank Hoak, Bill Nations, Ben Acohido, Lynn Aylward-Bingman, Ed Cruickshank, Wes Fong, Leroy Perry, Harold Kuwahara, Victor Aguilar, Lou Torraca, John Peters, Jack Miller, Spotswood Robertson, Hiro Shigezawa, Alex Vanston, Frank Box and yours truly, presented MOAA Leadership Awards at high schools on Oahu, Maui, Hawaii and Kauai.



In addition to the Leadership Awards, ten \$500 Scholarships were each presented to students at James Campbell, Farrington, Hilo, Kapaa, Kealahaha, Konawaena, Nanakuli, Theodore Roosevelt, Waiakea and Waianae high schools.

Each \$500 is invaluable to a student beginning the first year of college. For example, at the May 24, 2008 Aiea HS JROTC awards ceremony Tom Marzec spoke to Nicole Feliciano, a former Aiea JROTC Cadet, who was awarded \$500 last year by the Hawaii State Chapter and who is now attending the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). She was extremely grateful for our financial help. She is majoring in Electrical Engineering, carrying over a 3.4 GPA and is in the UNLV Air Force ROTC program. We list our member contributions every month in the PHK, and unless one participates in a J/ROTC awards ceremony, one does not see the direct aid that a student receives. Nicole is an example of the scholars, leaders and military officers that **YOUR** contributions make possible. Please continue your support as we seek to expand the help we can provide deserving students next year! (Pictures taken at Nanakuli High.)



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