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“Up Left, Break!!!”

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I was nineteen, a second lieutenant fighter pilot flying the largest and heaviest single engine fighter in the world, the seven ton Republic P-47, "Thunderbolt", armed with eight 50 Cal. machine guns and three external shackles for up to three 1000 lb. bombs or fuel or some combination of both. What else was there? I soon learned, "What else", on my first mission -- stay alive!



Republic P-47B
USAF Museum Photo Archives

This was my sixth combat mission in the P-47 Thunderbolt on or about the 10th of July, 1944 and nothing that happened, indicated I would successfully fly an additional 100 missions of my first tour. Then again, maybe it did and I just couldn't recognize it. I was in the 379th Fighter Squadron, 362nd Fighter Group, 19th TAC, 9th U.S. Army Air Force and flying out of Headcorn, Kent, England, American Station 412.

Martin Marauder Bombers to a target on the Loire River and dive bomb flak installations ahead of the bomb run. "Piece of Cake", as the Brits would say. Ours was the last of three squadrons of the group covering the bomber formation and I was assigned to fly the last position in the last flight of our squadron, "Klondike Green Four". Each squadron had four flights (Red, Yellow, Blue and Green) consisting of four aircraft to each flight. So, we had 48 Thunderbolts in formation and I was the sixteenth in our

squadron, but the 48th in the group.

I'd flown "Green 4" the last three squadron missions and I figured "They" either wanted to get rid of me or figured I could take care of myself. (Tail-end "Charlie" is usually the first to get shot at by "Attacking enemy fighters"). A little more "Figuring" and it was evident I would be the 48th aircraft to dive-bomb the target. Even to

novice me, not a "Good" number. You see, the Krauts (we figured) took cover when the first flight of four aircraft attacked with guns blazing, for effect, prior to dropping their bombs. Then, as the remaining flights of a squadron attacked, the Krauts got guts and fired Ack Ack, then they got angry and fired more Ack Ack, more guts, more Ack Ack etc. and by the time the last aircraft of 16 went in, it was really a sky full of angry metal. Multiply that by three squadrons attacking in rotation and

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MARCH

4 Mar (Thu) Hilo Satellite Mtg, Café 100 (1200)

6 Mar (Sat) Kona Satellite Mtg (1100)
Regency-at-Hualalai, Kailua-Kona

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

8 Mar (Mon) PAC Mtg, Hickam O'Club (1130)

9 Mar (Tue) LAVA Mtg., CANCELLED

19 Mar (Fri) Excom Mtg, MCBH O'Club (1200)

19 Mar (Fri) Mardi Gras Time (1800)
Banyan Club, Pearl Harbor Naval Base

27 Mar (Sat) MOAA Party Bridge (1900)
For reservations call Robbie Gee at 255-4558

APRIL

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

10 Apr (Sat) Luana Koa Afternoon Tea (1400)
w/Concert. See April PHK for details.

13 Apr (Tue) LAVA Mtg., Hickam O'Club (1130)

16 Apr (Fri) Excom Mtg., MCBH O'Club (1200)

16 Apr (Fri) Dinner, Hickam O'Club (1800)
featuring Danny Hee w/Big Band 50s and 60s Music

24 Apr (Sat) MOAA Party Bridge (1900)
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"Up Left, Break!!" (Continued)
diving in "trail" and I am number 48 and probably a solid ceiling of angry metal to penetrate on my dive run. Will Nagelstadt was my element leader and the 47th to go down on the target. But first, a flashback.

RTU GIVES EXPERIENCE

Like most of us in a Replacement Training Unit (RTU), I felt pretty confident in the P-47. Most of us had flown the P-40 Warhawk as Aviation Cadets, our first fighter aircraft. Now, we moved from Hammond, Louisiana to Abilene, Texas and in March of '44, D. H. Willson (Later KIA out of Etain, France, A-82) and I were up on a camera gunnery mission shooting at each other and when the film was expended, we did the natural, "You do one, I'll do one". aerobatic maneuvers.

Well, Willson came steaming by me at 18,000 feet and did a fine loop. Without a second thought, I just pushed full throttle and Turbo Supercharger and pulled up to loop. At 21,000 feet, straight up, with no airspeed, I started a "whip-stall" backwards into 2 and 1/2 vertical tumbles, into an inverted spin into a right side-up normal spin -- couldn't recover 'cause the rudder pedal wouldn't move (nor the control stick) and when I was about to give up, I discovered the "Control Lock" at the base of the stick had fallen into place in the gyrations. I unlocked it and recovered from the spin at 6,000 feet, straight and level. Willson said, "What was THAT!" and I didn't even answer him, just flew straight and level back to Abilene AAF. Willson told our instructor what had happened and he said, "The Jug (P-47) won't tumble". The very next day, a rat-race of 16 Jugs did a loop off field and #16 tumbled, spun and disappeared behind distant trees as he pulled out of his recovery dive, but there was no smoke and fire. Then, to our left, over the trees, came that P-47 and straight in to land. Our instructor said, "Well, I guess it will tumble". It took me three days and a serious self-talk and realizing why I'd stalled straight up, before I again did a loop -- then you couldn't stop me -- Lincoln Beachy, look out!

Further, I'm sure you P-47 Pilots recall the Tech Order read, "Do not reduce throttle in a dive -- the nose will tuck under -- add power in a dive to recover". I practiced it thinking it might come in handy someday. When it tucked under, you simply pushed forward and rolled out the other way adding full power. It took

some altitude, but it worked. So I was quite comfortable in the "Jug", all 155 pounds of me -- flash forward to the mission.

ACK ACK AHEAD

Will Nagelstadt rolled in on what looked like Anti-Aircraft Batteries and I followed as #48. We squirted our fifties and they had already put up a solid ceiling of metal and more coming all the time. Really mad at us.

Then as I climbed toward Will (Klondike Green 3), I realized how quiet things were and I was losing power and airspeed. I'd been hit! No noise but, I'd been hit. The necessary calls were made to Green 3 and as he looked over my aircraft and the left side, he said, "Let's go home". Fine -- just the two of us and we're half way down the country of France. Jolly Ol' England suddenly seemed a million miles away. He wouldn't tell me what he could see (didn't want to make me nervous). Ha! As I recall, I could make about 180 mph at 5000 feet.

As we proceeded north and were west of Paris, the sun in the West and me stacked low on Will's left side, I have no idea why, but I decided to switch to Will's right side. In our situation, he covered ahead and around 180 degrees to the left, looking over me. I covered ahead and 180 degrees to the right looking beyond him. Now, it would be just the opposite as I slid slightly behind and under his tail to then rise higher than his level of flight and on his right wing. As I rose just even with his aircraft, looking West, I saw them. "Beware the Hun in the sun". How true. I've since often said, "The first requirement to shoot down an enemy aircraft is -- they have to be there. There is an Addendum -- "And you have to be in shape to do battle.

"UP LEFT, BREAK!!"

I called, "Klondike Green Three, Four here, Up Left, BREAK!!". (You always break into the attacking enemy) And we broke up into 30 plus Me 109s and FW190s coming down at us from out of the sun at nine-o'clock and all of them seemingly blazing away at us. The aircraft I was flying, a soon to be loved type 'till the end of my tour, "The Razorback" was called the "Tennessee Cannon-Ball" -- don't recall who owned it. Anyhow, as I broke left, a hard pulling maneuver, my plane immediately went into a left spin with no help from me and I held it there on purpose until I was getting close to low clouds whereupon, I kicked it out of the spin and

flew into the clouds which were heavy broken to undercast. I was needle-ball--and--airspeed, headed Compass North 'til I could reset my flight gyros.

Then, pangs of guilt -- "The worst sin a wingman can commit is to lose his leader". I was doing pretty good airspeed wise at 1500 to 1800 feet. So, I eased out of my cocoon and as I broke on top, I looked up left there was one aircraft out in front of three behind and he was "jink'in around". I called Klondike Green Three, this is Four, over". No reply.

A moment later, the "jinkin" aircraft gave me a beautiful look at his wingspan. Wrong! ME 109 -- and then it dawned on me -- those "Bandits" were being vectored to kill the wounded "Indian"--ME! We called the Germans "Bandits" and they referred to us as "Indians". "Indians" came from the World War One American Volunteer Pilots of the Lafayette Esquadrielle N-124 whose squadron insignia was an Indian head with War Bonnet.

I went back into my cocoon of cloud cover and continued North and luck would have it, I flew right over Caen, France where the British and Canadians were having a rough time of it and my clouds were actually pink from the shell fire -- I was about 800 feet at the time when abruptly, I flew out of my cloud cover, feet wet, over the English Channel. I felt naked, lonely and probably about to be, "Bounced" by the whole German Air Force. But, it didn't happen.

Then I noticed a higher single aircraft toward Le Harve, feet wet and going my direction. "Klondike Green Three, Four here -- your feet wet"? An Answer, "Yes". I said check nine-o'clock low -- Roger, Gottchya. He came down and after looking over my oil dowsed crate, said, "We'll make it". And at Headcorn, "Home plate", he said, "Keep a little extra speed up on final approach". (I still didn't know what was wrong -- a little more engineering and I would have and later did). Anyhow, landed with no sweat and then at the hard stand as I taxied in, the crew chief motioned "Cut-Cut-stop" and threw his ball cap on the ground. I shut down and then sat there totally beat, awaiting Nagelstadt's chewing out for losing him in the break.

He came over and said, "Christ we were lucky!!" and I perked up some and said, "You mean you're not mad at me for losing you?" He said, "Hell no!! Look at this thing."

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Thinning of the Ranks

We have belatedly received word that Auxiliary Member Marie Vierra died 6 June 2003.

LT James Dickson, USN (Ret) died 3 January. He is survived by his wife, Jean.

COL Frank Ceccarelli, USA (Ret) died 26 January. He is survived by his wife, Mary.

Binnacle List

LTC Bill McGarry, AUS (Ret) continues rehabilitation in the Aloha N & R Center, Kaneohe, Room 125.

LtCol Bob Towle, USAF (Ret) is recovering from stomach surgery at Tripler.

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The Chapter Honor Roll recognition is given based on total contributions by a member for the Calendar Year. Categories: Bronze over \$25; Silver over \$50; Gold over \$100. Please help the Chapter carry out our ROTC and Community Service projects by making a generous donation. Mail this form with your donation to: Hawaii Chapter MOAA, P.O. Box 1185, Kailua, HI 96734.

Donations may be earmarked as follows:

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MAHALO!!

BRIDGE CORNER by ROBBIE GEE

The new year started with a bang at the monthly gathering of the MOAA Party Bridge Group which was hosted by Robbie and Bob Gee at their condo at The Esplanade in Hawaii Kai on Saturday, 31 January. The group of friendly bridge players, including returning "snowbirds" Peggy and Bud Hurless and guest Hazel Theodore, rang in the start of the 13th year since this group's inception. Also joining in the fun were members Les and Shirley Ihara, Judith Breitwieser, Marian Davis, Wally Barker and Beverly Willms, and Doris Rechsteiner.

The big winner for the evening was Marian Davis who hit the jackpot all night to finish head and shoulders ahead of everyone else. Second place went to Robbie Gee who was followed closely by 3rd place prize winner, Peg Hurless.

Remember to call me at 255-4558 not later than the weekend before to reserve your seat at the bridge table. Nonsmoking players of all abilities are welcome with or without a partner. This is a FUN bunch who enjoy another opportunity to socialize with their TROA/MOAA friends and who don't take their bridge too seriously! The group usually meets on the last Saturday of the month at 7pm at various locations around the island on a rotation basis, but watch your Pau Hana Koa each month for the dates, as exceptions do occur.

MARDI GRAS TIME - 19 MARCH 2004
ONLY FORTY TICKETS WERE PURCHASED
AND ALL HAVE BEEN SOLD

If you still would like to catch the dinner show, call the
Box Office direct at 473-1703

TAX HELP FOR CHAPTER MEMBERS

There are three Chapter members that work with AARP in assisting seniors in tax preparations. You may contact these members for further information on when and where they are doing taxes. We salute and thank these members for their generous offer to help.
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Aiea area – Jerry Lesperance: jlesperance@hawaii.rr.com, 488-5205
Windward area – Randy Jaycox: Phone: 261-2936

★ **A Dream Come True** - We celebrate with former Chapter President Lou and Alicia Crompton the good news received 31 January, that their daughter Maria has been accepted for medical school entrance in Texas in the Fall of 2004.

ARE YOU DELINQUENT??

Please check the date which appears above your name on the mailing label. If that date is earlier than today's date, your chapter membership dues are past due. Send your check to Hawaii Chapter MOAA, PO Box 1185, Kailua, HI 96734-1185

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Not Enrolled in Medicare Part B? - Your Chance is Coming

An open enrollment period *without penalty* will soon be announced by Medicare for TRICARE for Life eligible retirees who have been holding off enrolling in Medicare Part B. Medicare reform legislation passed in 2003 provides for a special enrollment period in 2004. A start date will be announced soon. TRICARE officials are working in collaboration with Medicare representatives to develop a communication plan for military beneficiaries who could benefit from this. They are considering a number of outreach strategies, including direct mail and advertising campaigns. In addition the statute waives late enrollment penalties (as of January 2004) for all TRICARE beneficiaries who enrolled in Medicare between January 1, 2001 and December 31, 2004. If you are in one of these categories, look for the announcement.

'Keep Our Promise to America's Military Retirees Act'

In a bipartisan effort, Sens. John McCain (Ariz.) and Tim Johnson (S.D.) have introduced S 2065 a companion bill to the House Keep Our Promise to America's Military Retirees Act (H.R. 3474). This action is a continuation of the efforts by Col. Bud Day to provide medical care to retirees without cost for those that entered the service prior to December 7, 1956. Col Day lost his lawsuit when the Supreme Court refused to hear the case. This bill aims to eliminate Medicare Part B payments for military retirees (and their dependents and widows) who entered military service before 7 December 1956; to provide refunds of Medicare Part B enrollment penalties assessed after January 2001; to offer the Federal Employees Health Benefit Plan (FEHBP) to retirees (and dependents) who entered service after 7 December 1956; and to provide pharmacy benefit support to those who are unable to access TRICARE network pharmacies.

Korean War Veterans Receive Bronze Medallion

The Freedom League USA and the Military Order of the Purple Heart hosted a ceremony on Sunday, February 22 at Punchbowl where Bronze Medallions were presented to over 700 Korean War veterans. Hawaii Chapter MOAA had four recipients: Maj Oscar C. Hauge USMC, LTC Lawrence E. Heyenga USA, COL William P. Mader USA and LtCol Harold Tiaht USAFR.

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)

DIC for Remarried Widows: H.R. 2297 (Public Law 108-183) allowed survivors of members who died of service-connected causes to retain Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) if they remarry after attaining age 57. Those who have already remarried (and were age 57 or older when they did so) have until December 16, 2004 to apply for reinstatement of their DIC benefits. The application form is VA Form 21-686c (available on the Web at <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/21-686c.pdf>).

Uniformed Services Divorce Equity Act

H.R. 1111: Introduced by Rep. Cass Ballenger (N.C.), the Uniformed Services Divorce Equity Act of 2003 was referred to the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Total Force, and the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Resources. The measure seeks to restore equity to the Uniformed Services Former Spouses Protection Act (USFSPA) and currently has 21 cosponsors. Neither Hawaii congressman is among the cosponsors. There are web sites that provide more data on this legislation and actions one can take to support this bill.

Sign up and hop aboard the band wagon!!
CHAPTER JOINS THE ADOPT-A-PLATOON PROGRAM
GET YOURSELF A MUSICAL PEN PAL!!

We have agreed to adopt the Tropic Lightning Band during their deployment to Afghanistan starting in late March. Chapter member George Vickers as State President AUSA Hawaii, has organized a grass roots program to assist our Army troops from Hawaii going to Iraq and Afghanistan. The 250 deployed platoons will communicate with their sponsor needs such as soap, hot sauce, spam, chap stick, sun block, reading material or grease for the slide trombone. Letters are always welcome and essential to our soldiers' morale. In that we have been paired up with the band, music will be a common interest. Roxanna Faith, our Auxiliary leader has agreed to serve as the primary point of contact. Please offer to help Roxanna at this point with your name and e-mail or phone number. You will be asked to help for a month of your choice and longer if desired. School children, the U.H. band, musical groups that you know - are all possible sources to write letters and participate. We love our Military and were fortunate to meet members of the Tropic Lightning Jazz band at our 2003 Christmas Party. Now is an opportunity to show our appreciation. It will be a fun, patriotic activity so you can let the troops know first hand they are not forgotten. If you are willing to help, please sign up with Roxanna by e-mail at: roxyhawaii@juno.com or by phone at: 488-0185. Stay tuned - more to come.



TRICARE for Life (TFL), Therapeutic Care or Long Term Care

By Colonel John Harms, USMC (ret.)

When any one of us looks at the TFL Benefits Chart in the MOAA web site or in their booklet on TFL all looks so simple: "TRICARE for Life will pay for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) services at \$109.50 per day from day 21 to 100. That is the portion that Medicare does not pay. Then after Medicare payments stop or from days 101 plus TFL will pay 75-80% of allowable charges till the \$3,000 annual family Catastrophic Cap is reached." TFL then pays the full amount. Wow, this is great for most Long Term Care is conducted in an SNF, such as the Pohai Nani Care Center, Aloha Nursing and Rehabilitation Center or Ka Puna Wai Ola Long Term Care Facility, so TFL

must cover Long Term Care which we know can cost in excess of \$8,000 A MONTH. This is a common misconception for like anything involving the Government it is all in the "details" that are NOT cited in the MOAA or other TFL Benefit Charts. TFL is similar to Medicare requiring a three day hospital stay prior to being sent to an SNF from the hospital and will cover only THERAPEUTIC CARE **NOT** Long Term Care. So what's the difference? "Therapeutic Care" is those skilled nursing services (that key phrase) that will hopefully result in an individual improving their physical, psycho motor and/or mental ability as a result of the skilled services that have been directed by a doctor or SNF Staff. These would include, but not limited to physical, occupational and speech therapies and any related prescribed drugs, laboratory work, supplies, appliances and medical equipment. In basic terms, if the skilled nursing services plan, directed by the doctor or SNF staff will improve the person and their quality of life then it can be viewed as "Therapeutic Care" status and is covered by Medicare and TFL.

Unfortunately as we have seen in friends and family members these skilled nursing services many times have limited effective improvement, and the person services will be reduced or minimized to support only activities of daily living. In other words the medical and related programs have done all basically possible to improve the persons mental and or physical behaviors, and nothing significantly more can be accomplished, but they cannot live by themselves and still need a lot of care. When a person/beneficiary in an SNF moves into this phase they are in a Long Term Care status that **IS NOT** covered by TFL or Medicare. Normally Medicare benefits are expended by then. The decision to move a person from the "Therapeutic Care" to the "Long Term Care" status in an SNF is very much individual based. The family and/or advocate sit down with the beneficiary/person involved doctor or the SNF staff and discuss ongoing needs of that person and their SNF status. Once the person/beneficiary status is designated as "maintenance" based on clinical and functional evaluations then Long Term Care is in effect with the associated costs having to be provided by the person/beneficiary estate or Medicaid which is a State run program, not Federal.

A key element though is that IF the person/beneficiary is still in the "Therapeutic Care" status and their Medicare benefits have been depleted the SNF may still be paid by TFL. Therefore the SNF MUST STILL SEND THE BILLINGS for services rendered to Medicare, who will pay nothing, but will then send this invoice and notification that the Medicare benefit has been exhausted to TLF for payment. It appears that many SNF facilities in Hawaii do not know this yet, so when Medicare benefits run out they stop sending any bills to them even if the beneficiary/person is still designated in "Therapeutic Care" status. For additional information type this web address in your computer Internet search engine such as AOL or Google etc.: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/factsheets/viewfactsheet.cfm?id=258> Hope this helps clear up this complicated "it is in the details" issue on TFL and Long Term Care.

TUG by Col Lou Torraca, USAF (Ret.)

What a month it's been for hackers, thugs, and nasties as I like to think of the jerks that spend all their time trying to mess up our computers. I have a hard time understanding how these lowlifes can look themselves in the eye every day, but as the saying goes, it takes all kinds. There are a lot of things that are just as irritating-like pop-ups and of course the spy programs that steal your profile and report it to the advertisers who then send you tailored pop-ups! Vicious circle? Sure, so what to do? Well amazing as it seems, the big guys are finally getting the message that we're fed up and we aren't going to take it anymore! The potential reach of these ads is starting to be sharply curtailed as major companies, like Time Warner's AOL unit, Yahoo and Google, distribute software that blocks pop-up ads from opening. The biggest potential impact will come this summer when Microsoft releases Service Pack 2 for Windows XP, which will add a pop-up blocker and many other features to Internet Explorer. I've used popup manager from endpopups.com for quite awhile and it does a good job of blocking most of them. It also allows you to see what the blocked popup(s) are so you can open them if you want to.

What about the other irritant that is perhaps not quite as bad as the popups-the programs that are placed on your hard drive without your knowledge or permission. Jim talked about them at the Feb TUG meeting and here are the 2 he and I use to keep these spies off our computers:

Spybot search and destroy-<http://www.safer-networking.org/>

and ad aware- <http://www.lavasoftusa.com/software/adaware/> both these programs are free and work very well if you run them about once a week, more or less depending on how much time you spend on the 'net.

What about anti-virus and firewall protection? Good news for road runner users. If you haven't read the e-mail from them titled February Tracks Online, you should. It announces free anti-virus protection and a free firewall! Yup, more for your money and a contest or 2 for good measure.

Last but not least this month, I want to remind everyone that passwords are your first line of defense against the creeps who lurk on the net trying to steal your personal information and financial records. The US Computer Emergency Readiness Team has an excellent article on this topic which I'll quote only in part, so, after reading the following excerpt, please visit-<http://www.us-cert.gov/cas/tips/ST04-002.html> for the "rest of the story."

Choosing and Protecting Passwords

Passwords are a common form of authentication and are often the only barrier between a user and your personal information. There are several programs attackers can use to help guess or "crack" passwords, but by choosing good passwords and keeping them confidential, you can make it more difficult for an unauthorized person to access your information.

Why do you need a password?

Think about the number of PIN numbers, passwords, or passphrases you use every day: getting money from the ATM or using your debit card in a store, logging on to your computer or email, signing in to an online bank account or shopping cart...the list seems to just keep getting longer. Keeping track of all of the number, letter, and word combinations may be frustrating at times, and maybe you've wondered if all of the fuss is worth it. After all, what attacker cares about your personal email account, right? Or why would someone bother with your practically empty bank account when there are others with much more money? Often, an attack is not specifically about your account but about using the access to your information to launch a larger attack. And while having someone gain access to your personal email might not seem like much more than an inconvenience and threat to your privacy, think of the implications of an attacker gaining access to your social security number or your medical records.

One of the best ways to protect information or physical property is to ensure that only authorized people have access to it. Verifying that someone is the person they claim to be is the next step, and this authentication process is even more important, and more difficult, in the cyber world. Passwords are the most common means of authentication, but if you don't choose good passwords or keep them confidential, they're almost as ineffective as not having any password at all. Many systems and services have been successfully broken into due to the use of insecure and inadequate passwords, and some viruses and worms have exploited systems by guessing weak passwords.

How do you choose a good password?

Most people use passwords that are based on personal information and are easy to remember. However, that also makes it easier for an attacker to guess or "crack" them. Consider a four-digit PIN number. Is yours a combination of the month, day, or year of your birthday? Or the last four digits of your social security number? Or your address or phone number? Think about how easily it is to find this information out about somebody. What about your email password—is it a word that can be found in the dictionary? If so, it may be susceptible to "dictionary" attacks, which attempt to guess passwords based on words in the dictionary.

That's it for this month. Come see us at one of our future meetings, visit www.the_tug.homestead.com for schedule and driving directions.

Until next month, happy computing. lou

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Commander Jack Miller, USN (Ret.)



2004 is underway and the Hawaii Chapter MOAA is full speed ahead.

Update follows:

Legislation: Representative Ed Case has signed as a co-sponsor for House Bill 3763 (along with 245 other co-sponsors) to provide for elimination of the Survivors Benefit reduction for widows at age 62 from 55% to 35%. This legislation is the top priority for 2004 for MOAA.

Chapter 2004 Directory: The Directory is out. A very nice job and we need to thank the Publisher John Peters, Data supplier George Montague, Bulk Mailer John Harms, Ad salesman Richard DeLong. (P.S. Please correct the Chapter electronic address shown on the "blue" cover for both the Website and E-Mail to read "org" for the last three letters vice "net".)

Adopt-a-Platoon: What a meaningful way to show support for the Troops deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Please consider signing up.

MOAA Travel: On March 4th I will visit with Chapter members in Hilo and on March 6th meet with Chapter members at Kailua-Kona. On March 24-26th, there is the annual "Storming the Hill" by MOAA Chapter leaders to visit their respective Congressional delegates in Washington, D.C. If you have a message to convey, please let me know and I will do what I can.

Membership: Check your membership expiration date by your address so you know when to renew.

I hope to see you at one of our great programs that Judith has arranged.

Aloha, Jack

"Up Left, Break!!" (Continued from Page 2)

I got out as you usually did, facing forward and then turned looking aft. The Turbo Supercharger was close to half-way out of the fuselage and for a second, I thought I was going to be sick. And I didn't even know I was hit!! I was glad I had been through the "Rack" in that RTG Jug.

Post Script -- Will Nagelstadt was KIA that cold winter of '44 -- '45, out of Etain, France. Some of us have more, "Bonne Chance" than others.

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