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## MEMORIAL DAY 2002

**Former 9th RCS Commander –Keynote Speaker  
Vietnam Memorial Service Sunday 26 May Punchbowl**

See page 7 for Schedule of Memorial Day Services/ Activities



Brigadier General Raymond E. Gandy Jr. enlisted in the US Army, October 1966 from Honolulu, Hawaii and was commissioned in March 1968 from Artillery Officer Candidate School. He deployed immediately to Vietnam where he served as an Infantry Company Artillery Forward Observer. After becoming Airborne and Ranger qualified, he then served a second Vietnam tour as an advisor in Bing Duong Province, III Corps.

Upon release from active duty, Ray joined the U.S. Army Reserve where his assignments included: Secretary to the General Staff, IX Corps (Augmentation); Commander, 621<sup>st</sup> Personnel Services Company; and as Corps Nuclear Weapons Employment Officer. From 1986-1988, General Gandy commanded the well-known 100th Battalion/442 Infantry, located in Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa and Saipan. Subsequent assignments included: South Asia Region Chief, Pacific Army Liaison Command; Deputy Commandant, 4960th US Army Reserve Forces School; Chief, Combat Division, 1085th Training, Exercise and Maneuver Group; TM Chief, 322d Civil Affairs Brigade, and as Commanding General, 9th Regional Support Command.

### There's No Business Like Show Business Hawaii Chapter of TROA Presents Nelson and Lucille Shreve

"Nelson and Lucille Shreve hail from New York City, the home of Broadway! It is to the good fortune for their neighbors in Lanikai that show business is in their blood. Starting in 1972 with the infamous melodrama "purse you, Jack Dalton" Nelson and Lucille have participated in every Lanikai Mortgage Players production for thirty years! Every Melodrama has three main characters: the hero, the heroine and the villain (usually the guy with the sinister looking mustache)\_ The audience participation is to hiss, boo, cheer or sigh upon command.

On May 25th, our Chapter are invited to this year's show written by Nelson and produced by Lucille "Say it ain't so Joe or the Miracle of St. Fungo."

It has been a long but fun ride for Nelson and Lucille from Manhattan to Lanikai. Nelson was educated at Choate private boarding school in Wallingford, Connecticut. Among his schoolmates in the 1930's were Jack and Joe Kennedy, and here Nelson had his first taste of



drama. Nelson went on to the Merchant Marine Academy at Fort Schuyler, New York. Upon graduation, he sailed with the Grace Lines as a deck officer. During World War II, he served in the Merchant Marine - then in 1944, joined the Seabees serving in Guadalcanal and Okinawa constructing airfields. On leave at the end of the war, Nelson returned to New York City and met at a dinner party

the girl from East 34th Street, Lucille Ripley (Like believe it or not). After a whirlwind courtship of ten days, Nelson returned to Port Hueneme, California -- home of the Seabees -- then called Lucille to ask for her hand in marriage. She said yes, and soon was California bound on a thirteen hour flight. (Remember this was before the jet age.) So on New Year's Day in 1946, they were joined in marriage. After leaving the Navy, Nelson and his new bride returned to New York to collect their possessions: an Oldsmobile with four bald tires that had been on blocks for four years, a Cocker Spaniel dog, and ten bottles of preciousy-saved scotch and soon were bound for California, via the famous Route 66.

As a creative person, advertising was a natural for Nelson. He began his fifty year career in advertising with a firm in San Francisco. Lucille first worked for a dentist in Marin County. It was here in Belvedere that Lucille and Nelson found  
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**Presidents Message**

Aloha — A busy month for the Chapter — with members participating in Memorial Day (26-27 May) and Retiree Day (1 June-HAFB) activities.

However, 1st up is to farewell Chris Nintzel from his duties on the Board of Directors and to welcome John Harms to board membership. Chris—due to job commitments has moved to Maui and thought best to step down. Chris has been a dynamo — serving as Chair of our ROTC Committee in 2000—and stepping up, becoming a member of and the Recorder for the Board. Mahalos for your friendship — wishing you “Fair Winds” and “Following Seas”.

John Harms arrived on the scene, as a member from Retirees Day activities at K-Bay, also from my recall — in June 2000. Since that time, he has been a member of the Personal Affairs Committee, and is the Executive Committee’s Secretary. He has been, is, and will be a significant player in the future of the Chapter. Welcome and Semper Fi, John. As we are welcoming John, I would also like to extend our welcome to new members - Sandra and John Bratton, Susan and Jason Lewis — recently retired (relatively speaking), and Don Neil — already active with an article on page 4.

For this month, we have several significant events — one being an invitation to see “Say it ain’t so Joe or the Miracle of St. Fungo”, by our Nelson and Lucille Shreve. The “Price is Right” - \$5.00 and a great opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors, for a fun filled evening and fellowship. See Page 7 and call Carita Miller 261– 4100 for any questions.

There are two times a year—Memorial Day and Veterans Day—that are extremely important to us. This Memorial Day our Chapter will be will represented, starting Sunday evening with Ray Gandy’s remarks at Punchbowl. Monday — Jack and Carita Miller, Ralph Hiatt, Hank Heyenga, Roberta and George Sullivan will represent us during the day’s activities. This year’s Memorial Day also happens to coincide with the Chamber of Commerce Military Appreciation Week — with the Chapter at the forefront with the presentation of the Doleman Award to Jim Dolim on Wed 22 May, during the Luncheon at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

As to last month — many of you may recall, Nancy and I represented Hawaii’s TROAns and the Chapter at the President’s Council Seminar in Washington DC. The main topic of discussion was the name change from TROA to MOAA in the hope name association to be “Military Officer”. See Article page 6. On the not so good side on “Storming the Hill”, found Senator Akaka and Representative Abercrombie non-support of SBP. You may want to drop them a note.

Also For friends of Doc Sheedy, he is at Tripler, after major surgery. Contact Hank Heyenga, 254-2814 for updates.

As this will be my last contribution to the PHK, I would like to extend my appreciation to all, but especially to Bruce Smith, John Peters, and Hank Heyenga who have been and will be mainstays in our Chapter and made the difference, in my association with the Chapter. Mahalo’s Duke Frey

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# DOLEMAN AWARD RECEIPTIANT 2002

## COLONEL James T Dolim AUS (Ret)

Colonel Dolim was born 21 August 1916 on Maui and first entered military service 2 October 1934 with the Hawaii National Guard. On 30 September 1941 he was called to active duty and was stationed at Ft Shafter on 7 December 1941.

He attended OCS and was commissioned in August 1943 in the Transportation Corps with assignments in the Pacific area and the Pentagon as an IG. He was separated 16 June 1946 and remained in the reserve. He was recalled to active duty during the Korean War from September 1951 until October 1952 serving at



Schofield Barracks.

Colonel Dolim has been active in the local community serving as President of the local AUSA, on the board of the local USO, a trustee of the Hawaii State Retiree Council, and auditor and trustee with the Hawaii Army Museum Society.

As Vice President of Holsum Bakery Company, he always supplied his famous doughnuts for numerous civic and military functions.

Note: Colonel Dolim will be presented the Doleman Award at the Military Appreciation Week Luncheon on Wednesday, 22 May 2002 .

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### COMING EVENTS

- 17 May (Fri) - Executive Committee Meeting (1200) - HAFB O-Club
- 18 May (Sat) - Hilo Satellite Meeting (1200) - CAFE 100
- 18 May (Sat) - Party Bridge-Reservation-Call Robbie 255-4558
- 17—24 May - Military Appreciation Week
- 25 May (Sat) - *SHOW TIME—  
Lanikai Mortgage Players*
- 27 May (Mon)- *Memorial Day*
- 1 June (Sat) - The Users Group (TUG) Bishop Museum
- 1 June (Sat) - Retiree Appreciation Day—HAFB
- 14 June (Fri) - LAVA Meeting (1130) - HAFB O-Club
- 14 June (Fri) - Executive Committee Meeting (1230) - HAFB O-Club
- 15 June (Sat) - Hilo Satellite Meeting (1200) Café 100
- 25 August (Sun) - Chapter Picnic

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### **TRICARE For Life Update.**

April 1, 2002 marks the first anniversary of the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy program. DOD reports that in the past year, 10.2 million prescriptions have been filled for a total of \$600 million in claims. The Senior Pharmacy program

restored a TRICARE pharmacy benefit for 1.4 million over-65 Medicare-eligible uniformed services beneficiaries, family members, and survivors.

TRICARE For Life (TFL) claims also continue to grow since the program began on 1 October 2001. At the end of March, over 10 million medical/surgical claims have been received with 9.5 million processed and 7 million paid for a total of \$315 million. It is most important that all beneficiaries update their Other Health Insurance (OHI) information with DOD because, by law, OHI must be paid before TFL.

If you have not told TRICARE about your decision to keep or drop your OHI, or if you were notified your TFL claim has been denied because of OHI, you can resolve it today with a simple phone call to the TFL call center toll-free at 1-888-363-5433. The call center can provide information on how to update your TFL records.

### **Commissary Closings Announced**

The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) announced that the Fort Shafter commissary will be closed on June 1, 2002. Other closures are: NSGA Winter Harbor, Maine; DDRE, New Cumberland, PA; Presidio of San Francisco & Point Mugu, CA and Costanzo, Italy.

### **Military Retirement Pay and State Taxes**

West Virginia joins 14 other states who exempt military retired pay in one form or another including Alabama, Hawaii, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and New Jersey.

### **Terminating Retired Pay on Date of Retiree's Death**

The Military Coalition is urging Congress to reform its policy that terminates retired pay at the time

of the retiree's death. The recommendation would allow the retiree's spouse to retain the final retired pay check/deposit covering any month in which the member was alive for at least a 24 hour period. The problem is that within the first month after his or her demise, the retiree's family will suffer a substantial drop in income. Retirees, unlike their active duty counterparts, will receive no death gratuities, and many of the older retirees, will not have adequate insurance to provide a financial cushion for their surviving spouses.

### **Col. Bud Day Appeals Court Status**

The Federal District Appeals Court, Washington, DC, has not yet reported out on "THE CLASS ACT CASE". An early decision is expected and could be rendered in the next few weeks.

### **Did the VA Deny Your Claim for Benefits Regarding Exposure to Agent Orange?**

A recent ruling by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit could affect large numbers of veterans and their spouses. The decision in *Nehmer vs. Veterans' Administration of the United States Government* affirmed a recent decision by a lower court that the VA is required to provide retroactive benefits to veterans who struggle with diseases they believe are caused by Agent Orange. This ruling also applies to surviving spouses of veterans who may have suffered or died as a result of Agent Orange, or to prostate cancer and diabetes. The Court upheld a lower court ruling that allowed families of veterans who died of medical conditions associated with herbicide exposure to collect the full benefit that would have been payable had the veteran lived. Veterans and their survivors may contact the VA at 1-800-827-1000 for more information about the court ruling.

## W A N T E D

Both women and men who have been, shall I say, "financially inconvenienced" by USFSPA and its effects on their lives. I have been a member of TROA since the early '70s and divorced since the middle '80s. I wish to enlist your help in gathering data and setting up a letter-writing campaign to convince our Washington Representatives to co-sponsor a much needed change to USFSPA utilizing HR 1983. This 'HR', by the way, currently has 61 co-sponsors and there is a national campaign underway to enlist as many representatives from the other 49 states as possible. The intent is not to repeal the law but to correct some glaring inequities. No donations are requested or desired. Just some facts to strengthen our arguments. Please contact me by phone at 263-6421 or by email dneill7268@hawaii.rr.com CDR Don Neill, USN-Ret

## Personal Affairs Committee (PAC)

Colonel Clyde Friar USA

### PHARMACY UPDATE



On April 12, the Defense The uniform formulary is the list of pharmaceuticals covered by the standard co-payments of \$3 (generic) or \$9 (brand name). The DoD plan envisions establishing a third co-payment tier for drugs deemed by a special DoD committee to be less clinically effective or less cost-effective than other drugs in the same therapeutic class. "Non-formulary pharmaceuticals would have a \$22 co-payment vs. the current co-payments of \$3 (generic) and \$9 (brand name) The proposed new system is subject to public comment until June 11 and would not be implemented before spring or summer of 2003 at the earliest. By law, the uniform formulary must include medications across the full range of "therapeutic classes" of drugs authorized under the TRICARE benefit. The Department of Defense must establish a pharmacy and therapeutic committee to recommend which drugs should be included in the uniform formulary and which should not. If the committee judges a drug as not having a "significant", clinically meaningful therapeutic advantage in terms of safety, effectiveness or clinical outcome" - or as not cost-effective relative to other drugs in a class, considering safety, effectiveness, or outcome- it may be classified as a "non-formulary" drug. The Department of Defense will have to consider the comments and recommendations of a Uniform Formulary Beneficiary Advisory Panel (including representatives of beneficiary groups) concerning the committee's recommendations before putting the recommendations into effect.

For medications in the uniform formulary, beneficiary co pays would remain at \$3 (generic) and \$9 (brand name). For medications not included in the uniform formulary, beneficiaries would see higher co pays. TRICARE Retail Pharmacies: \$22 for a 30-day supply Mail Order Pharmacy: \$22 For a 90-day supply Non=Network Retail Pharmacies: \$22 or 20 per cent of the cost , whichever if greater for 30-days. If a doctor appropriately documents that a non-formulary drug should be prescribed for reasons of medical necessity (e.g. other medications in the class aren't effective, have adverse side effects, or aren't available), that drug would be made available to the affected patient for the regular \$9 co-payment. (The patient would be refunded the difference if the documentation were approved after the fact). Beneficiaries will have the right to appeal any disapproval of a "medical necessity" request.

In the meantime, members of the public can comment

on the proposed rule.. The rule can be found in the 12 April 2002 Federal register. " On-line access is complex and the e-mail address should be obtained from the TROA Benefits Information update of 6 May 2002 or from TROA direct at 800-245-8762.

Comments must be mailed before June 11, 2002. TROA has provided a sample letter at <http://www.troa.org/UFLetter.htm> and encourages its use with or without modification. Send to [.uniformulary@tme.osd.mil](mailto:.uniformulary@tme.osd.mil), Letter comments should be sent to:

Medical Benefits and Reimbursement System  
TRICARE Management Activity  
16401 East Centretech Parkway  
Aurora, CO 80011-9066

Chapter point of Contact for Tricare Pharmacy is Col. Clyde Friar, [CLFRIAR@aol.com](mailto:CLFRIAR@aol.com). Clyde will be off island from May 12 to June 5, 2002.

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their mutual love for the theatre. Lucille produced four shows a year for ten years at the local Belvedere theater.

Tahiti was their next stop in 1967, where Nelson worked for an advertising firm and then opened his own ad agency. In May 1970, Nelson and Lucille moved to Kailua, and once again their interest in drama drew them to be active in the Windward Theatre Guild. In 1972, they both joined the Lanikai Mortgage Players. Nelson has since written over thirty melodramas for the Mortgage Players, and Lucille and Nelson have been involved in two shows a year, usually for six night runs per show, ever since. Lucille as the producer and Nelson either on stage or more often as the playwright. This has been a very successful all-volunteer theatrical effort to raise funds for the Lanikai private park and Community Center. (The mortgage has long been paid off but the fun continues!)

Nelson retired from his advertising career on Hawaii with the Gib Black Advertising Group Inc. in 1998. TROA has been very fortunate to have Nelson as our editor of Pau Hana. Koa for nearly fifteen years, from 1984 to 1998. Our Chapter and the Lanikai community have been generously blessed with the talent of Nelson and Lucille. We say "Mahalo Nui Loa" with sincere gratitude and salute with pride the Shreves for their many years of service to the community and the Chapter.

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**The TRICARE Hawaii Regional Beneficiary Advisory Council/Health Consumer/Committee  
CAPTAIN RALPH NIESZ, USCG**



The TRICARE Hawaii Regional Beneficiary Advisory Council/Health Consumer/Committee met on 15 April 2002. The following terms were announced:

- The Ambulatory Care Reception Center trial has been cancelled. Over 90% of six weeks of patients stated they would rather wait than reschedule.
2. Some 3000 applicants. No more will be enrolled at the present time.
  3. Parking has significantly been improved. Floors 2,3 and 4 in the garage are now designated for patients. The Staff will park in the basement and on the roof. The old Officers Club site is scheduled to be black topped soon.
  4. Courier Service to and from other military Medical Treatment Facilities is working well.
  5. The Pentagon announced that Brig. Gen. Joseph G. Webb, Jr., assistant surgeon general for Force Development and Sustainment at Fort Sam Houston's Army Medical Command, will become the next commanding general of Tripler Army Medical Center replacing Maj. Gen. Nancy Adams who has been at Tripler since March 1998. Change of Command is scheduled for June 17, 2002.

**THE USERS GROUP (TUG)**

COLONEL LOU TORRACA ,USAF



After a fantastic presentation by the Rushings, we can all setup our own web pages for the family. It was very impressive. For any TUG members who may have missed it and would like a copy of the power point presentation, let me know and I'll email it to you. Looks like the majority of you who voted on the giveaway question want to continue, so, when you renew

your membership next time it will be \$15. Still a very good bargain even if you only get the newsletter!

I continue to be fascinated with all the new stuff that keeps on coming down the road...will it ever stop? (As long as we keep buying it, the answer has to be NO!) Some of the technologies "that will transform the way we communicate and exploit information - in other words, the way we live..." that I've read about include Artificial Intelligence (gaming, voice recognition and all sorts of other gee whiz stuff), Nanotubes (for making chips) MEMS (micro-electro-mechanical systems) for really, really mini machines with built-in computers and high-tech semiconducting plastics for 'electronic paper.' But all that is too much to cover in one column so I'll save it for later.

Finally, if you are a post-it person who has lots of those yellow post-it notes all over your computer, here's a free program made for you. It puts the notes on your desktop, electronically! Go to: [3M.com/market/office/postit/com\\_prod/psnotes/index.html](http://3M.com/market/office/postit/com_prod/psnotes/index.html) Come see us at a future TUG meeting. TUG web page [www.the\\_tug.homestead.com](http://www.the_tug.homestead.com)

**BRIDGE CORNER**

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the Hawaii Chapter, TROA Party Bridge group! It has been ten (10) years since the inception of this group which was started to provide another opportunity for members of mutual interests to enjoy each others' company, in addition to a monthly dinner. Bridge coordinator Robbie Gee had volunteered to "just find out how many bridge players TROA has" and has been the organizer ever since.

Members take turns hosting the group with nibbles, beverages, and dessert about once or twice a year, either in their homes or at Robbie and Bob Gee's condo in Hawaii Kai. The monthly fee is \$1.00 per person which goes to the top scorers and the "booby prize" winner (?) that night. The group enjoys a friendly, relaxed, casual evening in a nonsmoking atmosphere. \*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE: The date for the May meeting has been changed to Saturday, 18 May, REPEAT, 18 May, at 1900 hours. If you wish to play, a reservation is needed NLT one week prior by calling Robbie at 255-4558.

**MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL TROA  
NAME CHANGE UPDATE**

"As you have probably read by now, after almost two years of study, TROA's Board of Directors has unanimously endorsed a proposal to change our association's name to Military Officers Association of America. We strongly believe this change is necessary.

We are a strong and effective lobbying organization because of our 387,000 members. But future demographics are against us. Today, 25 percent of our membership is age 80 or over, and their numbers are dwindling at an ever-increasing rate.

In addition, younger officers either didn't realize they were eligible to join TROA or told us they were not "retired" and wouldn't be ready to join TROA until they were fully retired. Many of them were unaware that we already represent their interests.

Changing our name won't change our mission. In fact, the new name more accurately reflects our current mission: to serve all of-ficers; active duty, second career, and retired, throughout their lives. And by removing the word "retired" from our name, we know we will be able to increase our recruitment and retention of active duty and second career officers. The result will be to secure our future as a strong, effective association in the years ahead.

Now it's your turn to make your voice heard on this issue. In August, every voting member will have the opportunity to vote on this historic issue. But before you vote, we want you to be informed. That's why we urge you to visit our Web site, at <http://www.troa.org/namechange> .

**Sunday May 26, 2002**

**National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl**

4:00 PM The Pacific American Foundation **Roll Call of Honor in Remembrance**

7:00PM Vietnam Memorial Service

**Memorial Day will be celebrated on Monday, May 27, 2002.**

**The following are the events that day.**

**USS Arizona Memorial, 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
USS Arizona Memorial Dedication**

The National Park Service will conduct this annual Ceremony honoring those who gave their lives during the Battle of Pearl Harbor at the Visitor Center commencing promptly at 7:45 a.m. In addition there will be a Floral Tribute presented on the USS Arizona Memorial (invitation only) immediately following the Ceremony. Commander And Mrs. Jack Miller USN will represent Hawaii Chapter TROA and present a wreath.

**National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl**

The Office of the Mayor of Honolulu will conduct this ceremony commencing at 8:30 a.m. honoring all veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Colonel Ralph Hiatt USA and Lieutenant Colonel Hank Heyenga USA will represent Hawaii Chapter TROA. Ralph will present a wreath and Hank will display the Chapter flag.

**Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, Kaneohe**

The Governor's Office will conduct this ceremony specifically honoring Hawaii veterans. The ceremony will commence at 1:00 p.m. Colonel Ralph Hiatt USA and Lieutenant Colonel Hank Heyenga USA will represent Hawaii Chapter TROA. Ralph will present a lei and Hank will display the Chapter flag.

## Show time - Show time - Show time SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2002

It's a bargain, so sign up early

**WHAT? LANIKAI MORTGAGE PLAYERS SHOW AND PUPU PARTY**  
**WHEN? SATURDAY NIGHT- MAY 25, 2002**

**7:00 PM PUPU PARTY**  
**8:00 PM SHOW - "Say It Ain't So, Joe"**  
**9:30 PM Oleo'o (Music show)**  
**10:00 PM Pau!**

**WHERE? LANIKAI COMMUNITY CENTER. KAILUA, H.AWAH**

**HOW MUCH? - \$5,00 -Yes, five dollars for a reserved seat. It's a bargain!!**

**The catch?? BYO (Bring your own) Pupu to share and your own drink for a TROA members social hour before the show.**

**RESERVATIONS? Please mail in your checks by May 17, since we have bought only 80 tickets in advance. Buy your tickets early for the best seats. There are four seats to a table so buy in blocks of four if you want to sit with your friends. Call Carita Miller at 261-4100 on any questions.**

**Mail To: Hawaii Chapter TROA, P.O. Box 1185, Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

**Name Tags to read: \_\_\_\_\_**

**YES-Count us in for the May 25th Show.**

**Number of tickets (a) \$5.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5 = \_\_\_\_\_**

**Chapter Donations \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_**

**Note: Make Check payable to Hawaii Chapter, TROA**

**DIRECTIONS:** Proceed to Kailua via Pali Highway or Likelike or H-3 heading East toward Kailua Bay. The street that runs along the Bay/Ocean is Kalaheo Avenue from Aikahi Shopping Center (The old Yum Yum Tree which is now Pinky's restaurant) southerly to Kailua Beach Park. Follow Kalaheo Avenue south (as the crow flies toward Bellows) and past Buzz's Restaurant on along the water to Lanikai. Continue on Alapapa Street until you see the Community Center.

