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A Chapter Member Makes a Community Commitment

Reprint of "Retiree Stays Young by Tutoring Children" by Pat Gee, Honolulu Star Bulletin, 29 March 2007

Lou Crompton, a self-described "little old haole guy," says teachers usually can't believe he can command the respect of the biggest, most disruptive kids in their classes and actually get them to learn. "Any one of those linemen at McKinley could pick me up and throw me out the window," says the 64-year-old retiree. Still, Crompton adds, he gains their trust by telling them: "The only reason I'm here is to help you -- because I care."

Crompton has been a volunteer tutor with the state's Retired Senior and Volunteer Program and other organizations for 10 years. RSVP, which is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year, provides volunteers over 55 to nonprofit and public agencies. The HI Department of Human Services took over the reins of the program in January from Helping Hands Hawaii.

Crompton doesn't keep track of how many hours he volunteers each week, though working seven days is not unusual. "This is my hobby," he says. The New Jersey-born former engineer and Air Force officer never had any experience teaching before he retired to Hawaii with his wife in 1997.



Lou guides Voyager Charter School 7th grader Ivory Kokoo-Pasion with a math word problem. Lou is a volunteer with the RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) as a tutor, assisting kids from 5th through 8th grades. Photo by Jamm Aquino, Honolulu Star Bulletin.

Now he helps fifth and sixth-graders who are "kind of wayward, discipline problems" and have fallen way behind in reading or math.

"Keawe," a 5th-grader at Lincoln School, was reading at the third-grade level at the beginning of the school year and unable to stay focused. Now he is reading close to his grade level, Crompton says.

After Keawe's 30 minutes were up with "Mr. Lou" and the next student was due, Keawe asked: "If they don't want to come, can I come again?" His teacher, Alice Yip, says her students "often give up recess and ask to stay with Mr. Lou," who has been helping her students for at least five years. "They really enjoy the time they have with him. They get the one-on-one adult relationship time they don't get at home. They feel very successful with him."

His secret for success? "Treat them with respect. If a student doesn't know the answer, a teacher will often chide them, or scold them, make fun of them," he says.

Crompton's says his desire to "help kids with no money" is a result of his growing up as "the only white kid in a black ghetto."

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Coming Events May

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

14 May (Mon) PAC Mtg, Oahu Veterans Center 1130

18 May (Fri) Excom Mtg., MCBH O'Club 1130

25 May (Fri) Lanikai Mortgage Players 1900
Lanikai Community Center

Coming Events June

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

15 Jun (Fri) Excom Mtg., MCBH O'Club 1130

21 Jun (Thu) Asia-Pacific Center for Security
w/lunch following at the Hale Koa Hotel, 1000

PERSPECTIVES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

by Colonel John Harms – USMC (Ret.)



When we retired I was of the impression that now I could do some of the crazy things I always wanted to do. Since I am a train buff, with 15 HO gauge model electric train engines and lots of cars displayed in a modified gun cabinet, my wife was kind enough to let me plan and now carry out a cross country train trip from the west to east coast and return via Amtrak. We finished the first phase, leaving Emeryville, CA on the California Zephyr to Chicago then the Capital Limited from Chicago to Union Station, Washington, DC. We had our own compartment, with bunk beds and a full head (bathroom), so it was traveling in comfort. All meals were

included in the price, and surprise of all surprises the menu was diverse and really very good. Climbing through Donner Pass it was apparent that this area of the mainland did not get the word that it was Spring, for it was snowing almost blizzard force. It was great to watch, but the train slowed down a fair amount. We were six hours late arriving in Salt Lake City, with before dinner toddies and dinner over, and the state room made up for a quiet evening. When we awoke, sights were flying by so fast that we made up three hours by the time we made Chicago. We made a quick switch to the Capital Limited heading to DC. A night's sleep and when we awoke we found out that we were eight hours late with no way to make up any time. It seems Amtrak does not own their track but leases them from major freight rail lines. When these delays come in then Amtrak is competing for the same rail routes as long, and I do mean long freight trains, like one diesel engine in the front, three in the middle, and the fifth engine at the rear.

I did not realize that so much coal could be hauled at one time. It seems a nine alarm fire occurred next to the train yard at Union Station in Chicago, and all trains were held in place for four hours as fire trucks entered the train yard to fight the fire. We were asleep so had no idea what happened until we got to DC

Most folks may not be interested in this dialogue, but there may be a few readers who would like to take this "back to the past" leisurely mode of transport with no waiting in those wonderful and comfortable airplane seats, and no one to frisk you before boarding. The price for stateroom and meals was \$1,120 per person round trip West to East Coast and return; three nights/ four days each way. The earlier the reservation the cheaper the price. I made our reservations last August, and therefore was given the reasonable price. Next month we make the return run, by going on the Empire Builder to Glacier National Park, and then on to Everett, WA. All Aboard,

Semper Fidelis, *John Harms*

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS TO OUR CHAPTER:

ALAN ARMSTRONG, MARY GOURLEY, ALEXANDER VANSTON, JIM GEBHARD (OUR 2D VP), PHYLLIS WILLIAMS, JEFF PACE, FRANCES WELLS, MARY GABRIELSON, ROBERT RANALDO (OUR WEB MASTER), DORIS GILBERT, WILLIAM WYNN AND WILLIAM GRIFFITH.

All members please ask a friend or acquaintance who is, was an officer in one of the uniformed services or is a widow or widower of an officer to join our great Chapter. If you have recently joined and your name is not above please email me at JandBHarms@aol.com or telephone at 261-2282.

Uniformed Services Former Spouses' Protection Act

The Ofc of the Deputy Under SecDef for Personnel and Readiness is seeking changes in the USFSPA. One change would allow a prospective retiree electing coverage under the Survivor Benefit Plan to designate a former spouse as well as a current Spouse as beneficiaries. Currently only one spouse can be covered. -- B. Smith

A Community Commitment (Cont'd from Pg. 1)

His father abandoned his family when Crompton was 2 months old, and he was raised by his mom. "I've always had a weak spot for helping poor kids who need a break . . . Who can't afford to hire a tutor at \$45 an hour," Crompton says. "It keeps me the same age as my kids. It keeps my brain active. I enjoy helping kids."

Lou adds: "Admiral Bruce Smith has also signed up with RSVP and now tutors at Kalani High School."

Other Volunteer programs Could Use Your Help

Along with RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program), volunteers can sign up for the Respite Companion Program and the Senior Companion Program, all under the state Department of Human Services. Call 586-5192 for more information.

Respite Companion Program

Provides part-time employment and training to low-income (less than \$15,225 a year) individuals age 55 and over to prepare them to serve in adult day care, health care or food service; 19 hours a week for minimum wage.

Senior Companion Program recruits healthy seniors to serve frail seniors of any income level to maintain their independence at home as long as possible. Volunteers must be 60-plus, and have a low income; they will receive a \$2.65-an-hour stipend, nontaxable, plus other benefits.

General Information

City Hotline for Senior Services, 523-4545; publishes a handbook listing all private/nonprofit/government services available to the elderly.

?? Have You Paid Your Chapter Dues ??

Check the mailing label to determine when your dues expire. Please renew now if they have already expired.

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- - CHAPTER SOCIAL EVENTS - -



It's that time of the year again! The Lanikai Mortgage Players new production of the Sherlock Holmes Mystery/Comedy entitled:

**"The Case of the Vanishing Swain"
 A Melodrama in Two Acts**

WHEN: FRIDAY, MAY 25TH 7:00 PM

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UPCOMING EVENTS - -

Did you ever wonder what is going on at the Asia Pacific Center for Security?? Well.....Join your MOAA Hawaii State Chapter members and find out: June 21, 10:00 a.m., with lunch to follow at the Hale Koa. Mark your calendar now.

**ANNUAL HAWAII STATE CHAPTER PICNIC PLANNED
 WHEN: SUNDAY, 12 AUGUST, 12:00 P.M.
 WHERE: BELLOWS AFS PAVILLION 5A**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO ENJOY A DINNER CRUISE AND
 VIEW THE HONOLULU CITY LIGHTS?.....SURE YOU
 WOULD; IT SOUNDS LIKE FUN!
 WHEN: COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER, STAY TUNED**

Thinning of the Ranks

CAPT Fred E. Graff, USNR (Ret), died 14 April 2007. He is survived by his wife, Virginia.
Mrs. Sue Fitzgerald, wife of Col Shepler W. Fitzgerald, USAF (Ret) died on 19 April 2007.

Binnacle List

LTC William L. McGarry, AUS (Ret), continues in long term home healthcare.

Errata and Changes to Directory 2007

Pg 13 Gwendolyn Costello, chg phone to 206-244-6719
 Pg 13 Maria Butchart died in 2006, delete her data
 Pg 48 "In Memoriam" section, add Mrs Maria Butchart

A Reminder - - Monday, 14 May is the date for the new First Class Postage becomes \$0.41. The PO offers sheets of 20 two cent stamps for \$0.40 to use up your \$0.39s.



Legislative Affairs Veterans Affairs (LAVA)

By Captain George Sullivan USN (Ret.)

Memorial Day 2007

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War. A hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead" (Source: Duke University's Historic American Sheet Music, 1850-1920). While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings; each of those towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human need to honor our dead, each contributed honorably to the growing movement that culminated in General Logan giving his official proclamation in 1868. It is not important who was the very first, what is important is that Memorial Day was established. Memorial Day is not about division. It is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee. (Information credit to: David Marshall @ www.usmemorialday.org)

This year Memorial Day is celebrated on Monday, 28 May.

Ceremonies on Oahu are as follows:

0830 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl

Sponsored by Mayor Mufi Hannemann

1130 at the cemetery at Schofield Barracks

Sponsored by the 25th Infantry Division

1300 at Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, Kaneohe

Sponsored by Governor Linda Lingle

It is appropriate that we attend one of these ceremonies this year particularly to honor our men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in Iraq and Afghanistan to preserve the freedom we cherish. These men and women are from a long line of heroes who have gone before them and they volunteered to take the mantle to continue our long fought heritage. Please join the Governor, the Mayor or the 25th Infantry Division to remember and honor.

Disabled Parking Reminders

Now that tax work is a thing of the past, its time to refresh ones memory on some of the lapses that occur when parking in the Handicap Stalls:

1. Hang your placard on the rear view mirror so that it is clearly visible from the front and rear of the vehicle. Placing it on the dash is only permitted when there is no rear view mirror.

2. Running errands and parking in handicap stalls while

the placard owner is home is not permitted. The placard holder has to be in the car or have been in the car (now in a doctor's office, in Safeway, etc.). Misuse of the placard not only results in the violator being hit with a fine of \$260.00 but the placard holder loses the placard when it is confiscated.

3. Finally, carry your ID Card on your person at times. Be prepared to show it when asked by an officer. It is a violation to display an ID Card on the dashboard in lieu of hanging the placard on the rear view mirror. -- B. Smith

WW II PADDLE WHEEL AIRCRAFT CARRIERS (Cont'd from the April PHK)

A chapter from the three volume set "*War in the Pacific*" by BG Jerry Hagen, USMC (Ret)

Volumes are available directly from the author at hagenj001@hawaii.rr.com

SS Seeandbee was built in 1913 to cruise Lakes Erie, Huron, and Michigan. Her name was the result of a contest sponsored by the owners. At 500 feet, *Seeandbee* was long enough for a useable flight deck and at 22 knots, she was fast enough for aircraft take offs and landings. The ship's main disadvantage was that it was coal-fired rather than oil, and was a side wheeler rather than propeller-driven.

Seeandbee was a magnificent touring ship. She boasted 24 parlor cabins with private baths and toilets, 62 staterooms with private toilet facilities, and 408 regular staterooms. A 400-foot-long main saloon on the main promenade deck featured booths, a bookstore, observation room and writing rooms. The dining rooms and banquet rooms were on the main deck.

The U.S. Navy was able to purchase *SS Seeandbee* in 1942 for \$770,000. The conversion to the aircraft carrier, renamed *USS Wolverine*, took 59 days. The flight deck was only 26 feet above water, but was 98 feet wide in order to cover the paddle wheels. *Wolverine* was the widest carrier in the U.S. Navy. The ship had no elevators, hangar decks, or catapults. Aircraft were flown to the carrier from land bases in Illinois in the morning and returned to their bases in the evening. *USS Wolverine* was commissioned on August 12, 1942. Her name was chosen to recognize the state and the great lake of Michigan.



While *Seeandbee* was being converted to an aircraft carrier, a decision was made to have two training carriers on Lake Michigan.

The *SS Greater Buffalo* was the largest side-wheeled passenger ship in the world, and like *Seeandbee*, was coal-fired. *SS Greater Buffalo* was launched in August 1923. She cost \$3.5 million to build and another \$500,000 for furnishings. She was 535 feet-long and could make 23 knots. The *Greater Buffalo* was even more impressive as a

fresh water cruise ship than *Seeandbee*. She boasted 625 passenger rooms, and a crew complement of 300 officers and men. Her hull was made of steel with 11 watertight compartments and a double bottom with 16 watertight compartments. *SS Greater Buffalo* completed conversion and was designated the *USS Sable* on May 8, 1943. The main difference in the two carriers was that *Sable* had steel flight decks as compared to the oak flight decks on *Wolverine*. Both ships consumed 150 tons of bunker coal in 24 hours of operation at top speed.



Initially, NAS Glenview, Illinois, was the land base used to maintain the planes and provide a home for the pilots. It soon became obvious that Glenview was much too busy an airfield to provide the necessary land-based training for carrier landings. Training required a separate field where short take offs and arrested landings could be conducted without closing the field to other aircraft operations. Allendale Field, located nine miles northwest of Glendale, Illinois, was used until December 1942, when a new site near Elgin, Illinois, was acquired and improved. By the end of December 1942, *Wolverine* had carrier qualified 287 pilots and trained numerous landing signal officers. *Sable* joined the Great Lakes fleet in May 1943, which allowed for continuous training even when one ship was ashore for replenishment or repair. Normal operations began at 3 A.M. when the carriers left the Chicago dock area to avoid enveloping Chicago in coal smoke during peak traffic hours. Carrier landings began at 8 A.M. with the arrival of planes from the Allendale or Elgin airfields and continued until it was time for the carriers to return to port before dark. The routine continued seven days per week including the coldest months of the year.

Lake Michigan runs north and south, so the carriers would start the day at the southeast corner of the lake and steam into the wind. *Sable* was slightly faster than

(See conclusion on Page 7)

TUG by Colonel Lou Torraca, USAF (Retired)
The Antispyware Revolution Starts Here



CounterSpy V2 has been completely rebuilt with a revolutionary new design. More powerful and effective than ever, CounterSpy's award-winning spyware detection and removal is now merged with our all-new VIPRE™ antimalware technology to create the industry's first hybrid antispyware engine.

- *Heavy-duty antispyware protection treads lightly on system resources.
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- *Deep-rooted malware is exterminated at boot time, before Windows loads.
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- *Vista compatible: Integrates seamlessly with the Vista Windows Security Center.

Sounds pretty good doesn't it? The description above from Sunbelt Software caught my eye and I decided to check it out. What follows is a list of the features, and the system requirements you need to run it, which is all I have room for here, but, not to worry, if you visit my Oceanic online column around the 1st or 2nd of May tinyurl.com/363gew you will find a complete blow-by-blow article about this really impressive program, info on how to install and details on the many functions it performs. Best of all, I will tell you about the terms of a free trial which will most likely surprise you. BTW, while you are there, please take a moment to fill in the comment form, at the end of the article, so I, and the powers that be, know someone is actually reading my stuff ☺ Mahalo.

Features - - CounterSpy contains the following key features:

- *System Scan - The scanning engine checks your entire computer by using in-depth scans of your computer's hard drives, memory, process, registry and cookies. It uses a continually updated database of thousands of known spyware signatures to provide you with ongoing and accurate protection. You can scan for spyware manually or schedule times for CounterSpy to scan your computer.
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- *System Tools - My PC Explorers let you explore and manage key elements of your system that are normally hidden and difficult to change. My PC Checkup helps secure your computer by updating your computer settings to recommended security levels. The History Cleaner is a privacy tool that removes all Internet History usage logs and 75 different activities. The Secure *File Eraser is a powerful deletion tool that completely erases any files you want removed from your computer.
- *First Scan - Before your computer completely boots up, CounterSpy deletes tough to remove or locked files and catches spyware before it has a chance to run on your computer.
- *VIPRE - VIPRE is an antivirus technology that enables CounterSpy to further analyze each suspect item, using heuristic and detection definition files.

System Requirements - - Make sure your computer meets one the following system requirements in order to run CounterSpy effectively:
 Operating System Requirements: Windows 2000 Professional and Windows XP Professional/Home SP2, Vista

- Minimum** - - *Intel Pentium II processor (or compatible) at 133 MHz or higher with at least 128 MB of RAM
 *32 MB of available hard disk space
 *Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher

- Recommended** - - *Intel Pentium III processor (or compatible) at 1Ghz or higher with 256 MB of RAM. (I wouldn't recommend the minimum and as for the recommended, I'd go for at least 512 MB of RAM!)

That's it, until next time, have fun with all those computer and electronic goodies, but remember to be careful out there on the 'net! Come see us at one of our two regular monthly meetings. BTW, in case you missed it, we have moved to a new location for the first Sat of the month meetings. Visit www.the-tug.org for schedules and directions. Aloha,

Lou

Hawaii Military Appreciation Month - -

Schedule of Events

- 19 May - Living History Day, Hawaii Army Museum at Fort DeRussy, 1000 - 1500
- 19 May - Combined Military Band Concert Hawaii Theater, 1900 - 2030

- 24 May - Military Recognition Luncheon, Hilton Hawaiian Village, Tapa Ballroom, 1200 - 1330
- 2 June - USO Military Day at the Honolulu Zoo
- 10-15 June - Military Affairs Committee visits the Pentagon and Capitol Hill, Washington, DC

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Paddle Wheel Aircraft Carriers (Cont'd)

Wolverine, and had a longer flight deck with two more arresting wires. Consequently, *Sable* was used to qualify pilots in the heavier operational aircraft while *Wolverine* received more of the training aircraft, then the SNJ (T-6 Texan). Initially, coal smoke from the funnels reduced visibility for the pilots and made landings difficult or even impossible. Later, a better grade of coal was used, and as the sailors became proficient in pitching coal further forward into the boilers, smoke became less of a problem.

Commander Whitehead projected the qualification of 30 pilots per day, but by 1944, the carriers were qualifying twice that number.

Initially, pilots were required to make eight successful landings and take offs. This number was raised to 14 before the end of the program. Pilots were qualified in fighter, torpedo-bomber, and dive bombers aboard the carriers. Final statistics for the carriers were 136,428 landings qualifying 17,820 pilots.

Twenty-one pilots were killed during the period, and the Chicago Tribune on December 11, 1969, estimated that more than 100 Navy aircraft were on the bottom of Lake Michigan. The Chicago Sun-Times raised that estimate to 300 in October 1990.

An 18-year-old pilot named George H. W. Bush qualified on August 24, 1943. He went on to fly combat missions in the Pacific, was shot down, rescued, and became president of the United States.

The crew of the *USS Wolverine*, and the entire Navy, had a major surprise when the ship became the flagship of the Chief of Naval Operations (and therefore the U.S. Navy) when Admiral Ernest J. King visited the ship.

Both ships were decommissioned on November 7, 1945. Two years later, *Wolverine* was sold for \$46,787 to the A.F. Wagner Iron Works, who towed the ship to Milwaukee to be scrapped. *Sable* was sold to the Steel Company of Canada for \$126,176 and towed to Hamilton, Ontario, where it was scrapped. Richard Whitehead, who saw his suggestion become reality, retired from the Navy as a Vice Admiral and died in 1993 at the age of 99.



REMEMBER THE ARTILLERY UNIT WE SPONSORED IN IRAQ?

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HAWAII CHAPTER of the MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
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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.

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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:

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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:

25 May (Fri) - Lanikai MortgagePlayers, 7:00 p.m.
Under the stars @ Lanikai Community Center

21 Jun (Thu) - Asia-Pacific Center for Security
w/Lunch following at Hale Koa Hotel, 10:00 a.m.

See Page 3 for details.