



Pau Hana Koa

Retired Warriors

Hawaii Chapter Military Officers Association of America

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November 2003

NOVEMBER

- 1 Nov (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) (1000)
Computer Training Bishop Museum, Paki Bldg.
- 6 Nov (Thu) LAVA Mtg, Hickam O'Club (1130)
- 9—16 Nov Chapter Cruise on Norwegian Star
Call Bob Kessler at 922-6188 for details
- 11 Nov (Tue) Kona Satellite
Veterans Day Services (1030)
Veterans Memorial Cemetery, north of Kona
- 12 Nov (Wed) Personal Affairs Com,
Hickam O'Club (1130)
- 15 Nov (Sat) Hilo Satellite Mtg. Café 100 (1200)
- 15 Nov (Sat) MOAA Party Bridge (1900)
For reservations call Robbie Gee at 255-4558
- 21 Nov (Fri) Excom Mtg Hickam O'Club (1200)
- 22 Nov (Sat) Annual Chapter Luncheon Mtg,
MCBH Kaneohe O'Club (1130)

DECEMBER

- 5 Dec (Fri) LAVA Mtg, Hickam O'Club (1130)
- 6 Dec (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) (1000)
Computer Training Bishop Museum, Paki Bldg.
- 6 Dec (Sat) Luana Koa Holiday Picnic (1400)
- 9 Dec (Tue) Kona Satellite Mtg (1130)
To be held at a members home.
Call Ed Tessien at 329-8334
- 9 Dec (Tue) Annual Christmas Party (1800)
Hale Koa Hotel
- 13 Dec (Sat) Hilo Satellite Mtg. Café 100 (1200)
- 20 Dec (Sat) MOAA Party Bridge (1900)
For reservations call Robbie Gee at 255-4558

Origins of Veterans Day



In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, became the focal point of reverence for America's veterans.

Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe). These memorial gestures all took

place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The day became known as "Armistice Day".

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar Congressional action. If the idealistic hope had been realized that World War I was "the War to end all Wars," November 11 might still be called Armistice Day. But only a few years after the holiday was proclaimed, war broke out in Europe. Sixteen and one-half million Americans took part. Four hundred seven thousand of them died in service, more than 292,000 in battle.



Realizing that peace was equally preserved by veterans of WW II and Korea, Congress was requested to make this day an occasion to honor those who have served America in all wars. In 1954 President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day.



A law passed in 1968 changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Commander Jack Miller, USN (Ret.)



As the daily news of casualties in Iraq continues, it is time to pause and appreciate the emotions and disappointments of our men and women in uniform. Watching the initial news reports of our remarkably successful campaign in Iraq, it was easy to appreciate the excitement and exhilaration shown by these soldiers on the leading edge of victory. Their efforts were not in vain, for Iraq is now free with the quality of life improving every day. The rebuilding of Iraq as a peaceful modern nation remains a slow onerous task without much glamour and with a lot of hard work. Many of our troops have had to face delays in the prospects of returning home, and even the dream of R & R dates often an uncertainty. We are blessed with unquestionably the finest prepared and equipped armed forces in the world but they are also humans whose emotions cannot be ignored. As we enter our holiday season, let us remember our deployed fighting forces for they very much need and deserve our full support.

The chapter has extended an invitation to Major General and Mrs. Olson, Commanding General of the 25th Infantry Division to be the Guests of Honor at our annual Christmas Dinner at the Hale Koa Hotel on 9 December 2003. We have also asked the Army Dance Band to perform, so it may end up as a salute to the Army evening. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details to be announced at our 22 November Annual Luncheon Meeting.

Please join me in a salute to long time Hawaii Chapter member Clara Sasser who is the National President of the Military Widows. Clara is a busy lady with a fondness for Hawaii. She now resides in Tacoma, Washington and is doing a great job as the powerful voice of the Military Widows. Her loyal president of Chapter 25 here in Hawaii is our own Vice President, Judith Breitwieser. Both of these energetic and devoted ladies are wonderful role models as they unselfishly volunteer their talents and energy in identifying, organizing, and supporting the needs of others.

Warmest aloha, Jack

Luana Koa Update by CAPT Ralph Niesz, USCG (Ret)



Two hundred fifty people attended the Campbell Square Courtyard Reception on September 14th in Kapolei. The event was held to inaugurate the new marketing center for Luana Koa. Brig. General James Hastings, USA (Ret) who visited the Erickson Retirement Communities on a recent trip to the East coast, reported that he was favorably impressed. The Luana Koa CCRC is following the Erickson model. Also among the speakers was State Representative Mark Moses, who presented a tribute and certificate of achievement to the developers of Luana Koa from the State House of Representatives. It was announced that Phase I of Luana Koa is now 50% reserved. This has been achieved by marketing these first 200 units to the retired military as the primary market. The project needs another 25% of priority reservations in order to obtain construction financing. Of the priority reservations received thus far, 70% are retired military. For more information, call or email me at (808) 373-3619, or ralph@hawaii.rr.com.

There will be a Holiday Picnic held on the Lanikohonua Grounds in the Ko Olina Resort on Saturday, 6 December from 2 - 4 p.m. for priority reservation members only and their guests. Please make your reservations by calling me at the above number or by calling Jerry Abbe at 681-3461. Directions will be provided when you make reservations.

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“Binnacle List”

LTC Bill McGarry AUS (Ret) continues to recover from complications which developed following by-pass surgery. He is in Aloha Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Kaneohe, Room 125.

Thinning of the Ranks

- CAPT Ward W. Brown, USN (Ret) died 19 September. He is survived by his wife Beatrice.*
- CDR Robert B. Grant, USCG (Ret) died 25 September while visiting Scotland. He is survived by his wife Shirley.*
- CAPT Marvin M. Weissman, USN (Ret) died 5 October. He is survived by is wife Harriat.*

11 Lessons from the Ark

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah’s Ark:

One: Don’t miss the boat. *Two:* Remember that we are all in the same boat. *Three:* Plan ahead. It wasn’t raining when Noah built the Ark. *Four:* Stay fit. When you’re 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big. *Five:* Don’t listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done. *Six:* Build your future on high ground. *Seven:* For safety’s sake, travel in pairs. *Eight:* Speed isn’t always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs. *Nine:* When you’re stressed, float a while. *Ten:* Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals. *Eleven:* No matter the storm, when you are with God, there’s always a rainbow waiting.

— Author Unkown

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BRIDGE CORNER

by **ROBBIE GEE**

The threat of ghosts and goblins didn't deter the hardy souls who attended the 18Oct 2003 meeting of the MOAA Party Bridge Club hosted by Bev and Gary Jensen at their gorgeous Mililani home. Because their home was being shown the next day as part of the Kitchen and Bath Tour, we were treated to a personalized sneak preview. The luckiest lady of the evening by taking top prize was the excited Marian Davis. Lurking in her shadows were runners-up Debby Martin in second place, and Les Ihara in third.

Among the other spooks enjoying the evening were Bill Martin, guest Hazel Theodore, Doris Rechsteiner, Wally Barker, Robbie and Bob Gee, and Shirley Ihara. Remember to call me at 255-4558 not later than the weekend beforehand 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 are enjoying another opportunity to observe the group's twelfth anniversary and socialize with their TROA/MOAA friends 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, especially during UH Football season, as several members are season ticket holders.

DONATIONS COUPON

Hawaii Chapter, MOAA

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, mailing this form with your donation to: Hawaii Chapter MOAA, P.O. Box 1185, Kailua, HI 96734.

Donations may be earmarked as follows:

Ben Porter ROTC Leadership Award \$ _____

JROTC Scholarships \$ _____

USO \$ _____

Community Service General Fund \$ _____

MAHALO!!

**Legislative Affairs Veterans Affairs (LAVA)
Captain George E. Sullivan USN (Ret.)**



House Unveils Concurrent Receipt Plan

House leaders unveiled a long-awaited \$22.1 billion plan yesterday to amend an unfair policy that forces military retirees to forfeit one dollar of their retired pay for every dollar received in VA disability compensation. The plan, which has Administration and Senate support, seeks to phase-in full concurrent receipt for retirees whose disability ratings are 50 percent or higher over a period of 10 years, and expand eligibility for Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) to all military retirees with combat-related disabilities, effective 1 January 2004. Under current policy, the CRSC benefit is only available to retirees who received a Purple Heart for their disability or have disability ratings of at least 60 percent as a result of combat-related injuries. National Guard personnel and reservist retirees will also be eligible for the CRSC program and the phase-in of full concurrent receipt. Retirees who are eligible for both programs will be asked to choose the one most beneficial to them. This bill must have a favorable vote of both Houses and a signature by the President before benefits can be accrued. Full concurrent receipt for all disabled retirees is not expected anytime soon. Given current budget challenges, veto threats from the White House, a tradition of opposition from past and current administrations and the Department of Defense, and the political implications of this issue, the above proposal represents the best possible compromise.

'Forgotten Widows' Milestone Nears

Officials are increasing efforts to locate "forgotten widows" of former members. Until December 1, surviving widows who apply for an Annuity for Certain Military Surviving Spouses (ACMSS) will be paid retroactive to December 1997, and for some Reserve spouses, as late as October 1999.

A six-year statute of limitations on retroactive ACMSS payments ends December 1. About 600 of more than 900 applicants have been approved. The monthly annuity is \$188.36. There is no statute on applications. No one is barred from applying after December 1, but they will no longer be eligible for retroactive payments.

Eligibility criteria: Spouses of active duty retirees - the member must have retired before September 21, 1972, and died prior to March 21, 1974; Spouses of Reserve retirees -- member must have retired, been entitled to pay except for not attaining age 60, and died prior to October 1, 1978. Applicants must not have remarried or be receiving any other military

Survivor annuity. Eligible applicants should call 1 800 531-7502 for complete information.

SSA Announces 2.1 Percent COLA Boost

The Social Security Administration (SSA) has announced that beneficiaries will receive a 2.1 percent Cost - of - Living - Adjustment (COLA) increase beginning December 31, 2003. Social Security recipients will see the increase in their checks beginning January 2004. The 2.1 percent COLA boost will also apply to VA disability compensation and military retired pay.

Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 11 we honor and remember all veterans but particularly those that made the ultimate sacrifice. Ceremonies are at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) at 1000 and at Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery (Kaneohe) at 1300.

Hawaii Chapter, Military Officers Association of America
Annual Luncheon Meeting
22 November 2003

Marine Corps Base Hawaii Officers Club

Theme - Support the ROTC Program in Hawaii

Program:

- 1130 Social/Greeting Time
1200 Buffet Lunch
1300 Program by our Chapter ROTC Coordinator LTC Hank Heyenga, USA (Ret) and JROTC Cadets
1400 Annual Chapter Business Meeting Rear Admiral Bruce Smith, USN (Ret), Chairman of the Board Commander Jack Miller, USN (Ret), Chapter President
1430 Pau!

This year our fundraiser is for a very good cause — the U.S. Military Officers of tomorrow — our own Hawaii Chapter ROTC scholarship program. Please plan to attend and send your donation checks made payable to: Hawaii Chapter, MOAA, by 15 November to: Judith Breitwieser, 1403 Onioni Street, Kailua, Hawaii 96734.

Buffet Lunch cost is \$15.00 per person. Contact Judith at 262-7953.

Please reserve lunch 22 Nov 03 for _____ persons @ \$15.00 each \$ _____

ROTC Scholarship Program Donation \$ _____

Other Donation (Ben Porter Leadership Award, USO, Community Svc \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Name tags to read: _____

TUG by Col Lou Torraca, USAF (ret)

Since we had such a super program for October thanks to a very thorough presentation on e-mail etiquette, I decided to provide you with the meat of Woody Leonhard's latest e-mail essentials newsletter. Woody has been doing newsletters on all sorts of Windows topics for a very long time and if you don't subscribe, you should consider doing so. Just send a blank e-mail to: wee@woodyswatch.com and you'll start getting the e-mail essentials newsletter regularly. Here's what Woody says in his latest issue:

"QUOTING NO-NOS"

Should you quote the original text when you reply to an email? This seemingly simple question leads to exceedingly treacherous ground, a minefield where opinions are divided and passions surprisingly intense. That one question gives rise to many others:

- If you do include the original text, should you indent it?
- Should you precede it with a greater than (>) character or some other character or formatting change?
- Should you intersperse your response with the original text or place the original, in toto, below or above your response?
- Should you include just the last response, or a whole chain of responses?

Even in the editorial offices of WEE (virtual offices, that is, spanning three continents) you'll find some serious disagreement on what constitutes the ideal way to deal with message replies. But despite the lack of strict guidelines, there are some definite quoting no-nos.

No-no #1: Replying without quoting at all.

This is all very well if you send only a handful of messages a day. In that case, you may remember what each of those outgoing emails contained and find a reply in a vacuum quite adequate. But that's not how it works for most of us. Most of us deal with email in bulk quantities and a single-line response which fails to include the original message is simply not good enough. Often, we'll be forced, muttering under our breath, to track down the original outgoing message in order to figure out what we said in the first place. So, make sure you quote the original when you're making a direct response to it. Even if it seems obvious. Just do it.

No-no #2: Failing to prune.

While it's important to quote the original, you don't necessarily have to quote it all. If someone sends you an entire article from an online newspaper, for example, you can usually quite safely lop off most of the story, leave the caption and maybe the first paragraph, and send your reply with that. On the other hand, if you receive a lengthy message dotted with points you take up in your reply, quote the whole thing. By all means, excise tag lines, long signatures and those "Confidentiality" tags big corporations and legal firms add automatically to all outgoing correspondence. (I hang out with a bunch of lawyers and am always amused when the latest gossip or a quick invite to dinner comes under the seal of attorney-client privilege and dire warnings of what will happen if I disclose the contents. I do not, however, leave these in place when I reply.) It's really a matter of commonsense: Quote as much of the message as is needed to give your response context.

No-no #3: Weaving the never-ending thread.

A single message and reply is simple enough to deal with, but when a conversation develops into a series of replies to an original message, things can quickly get messy. As soon as a message thread such as this starts to develop, you should start lopping. Prune the old stuff, leaving at least the most recent reply and maybe one or two others if needed for context. Cut out the rest. It's usually unnecessary and places a burden on recipients who are using dial-up connections, where email takes a long time to download. There are some exceptions, of course. For example, if you're brainstorming an idea it may be useful to maintain the entire flow of ideas. Or perhaps it's important to keep something you've said early on in the conversation prominent in the mind of your correspondents. Fair enough, leave it in. But otherwise, cut. It comes down to context, once again. Pruning a long exchange of messages is quite simple, just scroll down the reply (a few Page Down keys will do) hold down the Shift key then press End. That should highlight everything from the mid-point of the message and the bottom of the message. then just press Delete to remove the excess.

No-no #4: Replying below the original message.

There are three ways to reply to a message:

- entering your reply above the original
- interspersing your reply with the original;
- and by typing your reply below the original.

I'm usually an above-the-original person myself, but there are sometimes good reasons for interspersing replies. There are no good reasons for putting your reply beneath the original. First, it forces the recipient to scroll to the bottom, a waste of time. Second, if the recipient habitually replies above the original, as most people do, there's a good chance they'll fail to see your reply altogether and simply assume you hit the Send button before you started typing. You'll look dumb, then they'll look dumb. No-one will be happy. Third, your reply won't show up in the preview pane.

Pretty interesting isn't it? That's about it for this month, except for 3 free programs you might like from pcworld...yes, I did say free!

Detect memory-hogging files and fields lurking in your Word docs.

http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file_description/0.fid.22949.00.asp

Stop Web sites from changing your home page without your permission.

http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file_description/0.fid.22955.00.asp

Avoid fruitlessly looking for fonts with this font finding tool.

http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file_description/0.fid.22959.00.asp

Until next time, happy computing. Come see us at one of our next meetings. Visit www.the_tug_homestead.com for information and directions.

Aloha, lou

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Chapter Bylaws

Effective: 1 January 2004

Hawaii Chapter, Military Officers Association of America

These proposed changes to the Chapter Bylaws will be submitted for membership approval at the 22 November 2003 annual meeting. Each member was mailed a copy of the proposed Chapter Bylaws (see pages 38 thru 40) in the 2003 Chapter Directory. A revised copy with the following changes will be provided at the meeting.

Editing Changes. All references to TROA will be changed to MOAA wherever appearing. Our organization name is Hawaii Chapter, Military Officers Association of America (MOAA).

Article XI Board of Directors Section 2. Revise the first two sentences to read:

“Nine members and the Chapter President shall serve as the Board of Directors for the Chapter. Any Regular, Associate or Auxiliary member of the Chapter is eligible to be nominated and elected to the position of Director on the Board of Directors.”

Note: The Board of Directors feels it is fair and appropriate that all members, including spouses and auxiliary, be eligible to serve on the Board. Presently it reads only regular members.

Article XII Executive Committee Section 4. Change to read: “A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be seven (7) members.”

Note: This number represents a majority of the members of the Executive Committee.

Article XVIII Certification

Change to read:
“Section 1. This is to certify that these bylaws were approved and adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a duly scheduled meeting of the membership at Marine Corps Base Hawaii Officers Club on 22 November 2003. A copy of the proposed changes to the bylaws and notice of the meeting was provided to all members in the November 2003 issue of the Pau Hana Koa newsletter. These Bylaws will have an effective date of January 1, 2004.”

