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A NATION AT WAR

Hawaii Chapter Resolution

Whereas, terrorists using commercial airliners as Flying Bombs attacked the United State of America on September 11, 2001; therefore be it,

Resolved, that Hawaii Chapter TROA supports the President of the United States in whatever actions he deems appropriate; and,

Resolved, that the Chapter calls upon the Congress of the United States to support the actions of the President by passing resolutions or bills to effect these actions; and,

Resolved, that the Chapter fully supports the men and women of our Armed Forces in carrying out these actions.

Hawaii Chapter Executive Committee 21 September 2001

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MESSAGE

On 11 September 2001 — we all were reminded of the often quoted phrases with regard to Pearl Harbor — FDR's "A Day of Infamy" and Yamamoto's "Awakening of a Sleeping Giant". You older warriors experienced those years, the country's unity and sacrifice to ultimate victory. Some of us were just being born, however were raised with the impact of Pearl Harbor on our nation.

Today's act of war and our direction for victory will be a whole new chapter in the Art of Warfare, played not only on the battlefield(s) but in financial, economic, political and other significant arenas, that will impact on the enemy. And while Osama bin Laden and Al Qaida are the immediate focus, we professionals realize we are only at the beginning and the enemy are all Terrorists and country's/organization's supporting them. The complexity is enormous, but Hawaii Chapter will play the role we do best — resolve and staying the course, supporting our leadership through the difficult times ahead, when they will be questioned at every juncture. We are indeed fortunate to have George W Bush as our President who has surrounded himself with best of the best — Dick Cheney, Colin Powell and Donald Rumsfeld. Have no doubts, we could not be in better hands.

We, here at home and representing TROA in Hawaii, must be vocal in our support to State Civil Defense and the Guard, as they daily stand on alert and fly airways and guard our airports, protecting our island homes, from terrorist attack. Hawaii's TAG, Butch Correa, his Deputy, Mert Agena, Putt Richards, Wing Commander and Glenn Sakagawa, 29th Bde Commander — chapter members, need to know we are always there, in encouragement and our support. In addition, when we see and talk to both Hawaii Guard and Reserve folks in the months ahead, we must use those opportunities to let them know of our unwavering support for their sacrifice and duty.

While we will continue with our Chapter activities on 12 and 14 October, 11 and 17 November (Page 3– Coming Events) , we will also use our times together to reflect and rededicate our will and resolve. (continued on page 6)

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Member of the Month
Hawaii Chapter recognizes Commander John (Jack) Miller USN

2001 has indeed been a good year for Hawaii Chapter. Jack and Carita Miller have been a driving factor to this success.

Whether in his key role as the Chapter's Vice President for Programs or as an invaluable member of our Personal Affairs Committee, Jack and Carita always represent the very good in us, serving in our Chapter's best interests, with their dedication and service.

Jack graduated in 1955 from Forestry College at Syracuse University followed by OCS at Newport, R.I., which turned into a



Jack and Carita Miller

27 year Naval Career.

He has served aboard Destroyers in both the Atlantic and Pacific with shore duty in Bahrain, London, Viet Nam, Hawaii and as Defense Attache in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

He became a Hawaii resident in 1975 while serving in J3 CINCPAC staff.

His strength and courage have been an example to all, the latest being the loss of his son-in-law at the Pentagon crash site on 11 September. Carita and Jack, our prayers are with you during this difficult time.

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COMING EVENTS

- 6 Oct (Sat) - TUG Meeting - Bishop Museum
- 6 Oct (Sat) - **Board of Directors Meeting — HAFB O-Club**
- 6 Oct (Sat) - **NAUS TRICARE Meeting—HAFB**
- 9 Oct (Tues) - LAVA Meeting - HAFB O'Club
- 12 Oct (Fri) - **Oktoberfest— Ala Moana Hotel**
- 14 Oct (Sun) - **PBS - Channel 10 (6:00-9:30 PM)**
- 19 Oct (Fri) - Executive Committee Meeting—HAFB O-Club
- 20 Oct (Sat) - Hilo Meeting - Sandalwood Room - Naniloa Hotel
- TBD Oct (Sat) - Kona Meeting
- TBD Oct (Wed) - Tripler Health Consumers Meeting—TAMC
- 27 Oct (Sat) - Party Bridge-Reservation -Call Robbie 255-4558
- 3 Nov (Sat) - TUG Meeting - Bishop Museum
- 11 Nov (Sun) - **A Melodrama "Skulduggery Sails the Atlantic—Lanikai Mortgage Players**
- 13 Nov (Tues) - LAVA Meeting - HAFB O'Club
- 16 Nov (Fri) - Executive Committee Meeting—HAFB O-Club
- 17 Nov (Sat) - **Annual Meeting (Elections) / Food Bank/Kapolei Continuing Care Retirement Resort Update**
- 24 Nov (Sat) - Party Bridge-Reservation -Call Robbie

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Legislative Affairs Veterans Affairs (LAVA)

Captain George Sullivan USN

We're Going to Get You

Tom Clancy explains why the mood of his nation is now turning to revenge. From The London Sunday Mail (Edited) "It was a friend of mine formerly of the Royal Navy who first pointed out that the casualty count on this incident exceeds that of Pearl Harbor. Yes, my country has taken a big and costly hit, and somewhere, and like Pearl Harbor, it was a well planned and executed black operation. But, you know, they've made the same mistake that Japan made back in 1941. Japan figured that they could defeat us not physically, but morally, that America was not tough enough to defeat their death-seeking warriors, that we would be unwilling to absorb the casualties.

An enemy willing to die in the performance of his duty can indeed be a formidable adversary, but, you see, we've dealt with such people before. They die just like everyone else. Perhaps the American sort of patriotism, like the British sort, just isn't bombastic enough for our enemies to notice. We don't parade about thumping our chests and proclaiming how tough we are, whereas other people like that sort of display. But they don't seem to grasp the fact that they do it because they have to - they evidently need to prove to themselves how formidable they are.

A professional soldier is as serious about his work as a surgeon is about his. Such people are not, in my experience, boastful. If you ask what they can do, they will explain it to you, usually in quiet tones, because they do not feel the need to prove anything. Off duty they are like everyone else, watching football on TV and enjoying a quiet beer with their pals. They read books, shop at the local supermarkets, and mow grass at home. They all enjoy a good laugh. They make the best of friends. They look physically fit - and indeed they are physically fit - because their job requires it, and every day they do something tiresome in the field, working at some more or less demanding field exercise,

again and again and again until every aspect of their job is as automatic as zipping one's zipper is for us people in civilian life. But, you know, inside all of these people, such as the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, or the 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Steward, Georgia, there burns a little flame. Not a big one; instead like the pilot light in a gas stove. And when you put more gas there, the flame gets bigger, enough to cook with. Inside every one of these people is something else, something you have to look for - pride. They know that they are good at their work, in the event they ever have to do it for real. This doesn't happen very often, and indeed they do not ordinarily lust to do it because it's a serious, nasty job. The job is the taking of life.

Their adversaries just don't appreciate what they are capable of. It's something too divorced from their experience. This isn't like hosing civilians with your machine-gun or setting off a bomb somewhere, or killing unarmed people strapped and helpless inside a commercial aircraft. This means facing professional warriors at a time and place of their choosing, and that is something terrorists don't really prepare for. The day of Pearl Harbor, the commander of the Japanese navy told his staff not to exult too much, that all their beautifully executed operation had accomplished was to awaken a sleeping dragon and give it a dreadful purpose. Perhaps alone in his country, Isoroku Yamamoto, who had lived briefly in America, knew what his enemy was capable of, and for that reason, perhaps he was not surprised when the .50-caliber bullet from a P-38 fighter entered his head and ended his life. Whoever initiated last week's operation is probably not quite as appreciative of what he has begun as Yamamoto was. Because the dragon is now fully awake, and its breath is too hot for men to bear. America is now fully awake. Our quiet patriotism is a little louder now, but it will not get too loud. Why spoil the surprise?"

TRICARE FOR LIFE Colonel John Harms USMC

TRICARE for Life (TFL) will be implemented on 1 Oct 2001, yet unfortunately Medicare military retirees, widows, or widowers are still questioning that they do not believe this is a viable program for them.

First, a physician and/or hospital will not have to fill out TWO sets of claim documents; one for Medicare the second for TRICARE for Life. The claim document sent to Medicare will be processed first, then Medicare **WILL SEND the claim for the uncovered portion of the medical costs on to TRICARE for Life for processing. So only ONE claim must be filed. The doctor and/or hospital will get two checks to cover the cost for the visit/procedure, but that is a simple accounting entry. Another issue is continued funding of the program. TFL is a LAW. Therefore a President or the Defense Department or other government agency cannot not just cut or eliminate funding for this military retiree program. Yes, the Congress of the United States could terminate the law, as they can any law,**

but this is extremely doubtful considering the lobbying efforts of Military Retiree Organizations, and the voting strength of the military.

Today's military are not as many of us in "da old days", political novices or non voting members of society. They know the power of their vote and use this great freedom actively. Please contact John Harms at 261-2282 or JandBHarms@cs.com, if you have any questions or if your physician (or his/her front office) has any questions on TRICARE for Life. (See Page 6 for TRICARE assist Tele #'s)

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Hawaii Chapter "Welcomes" New Members

Chuck Aftoora Marlin and Maggie Ebert Cynthia Graham
 Bernard and Peggy Hurless Gary and Sally Ishikawa William and Winnie Smith

TRICARE RETIREE DENTAL PROGRAM

Commander Jack Miller USN

SOURCE: 1-888-838-8737 or Web Site: <http://www.ddpdelta.org>

The only government-authorized dental benefits program offered to military retirees and their family members is the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP), which has over 500,000 members. TRDP is administered by the Federal Services Division of Delta Dental Plan of California. Applications are no longer being accepted for TRDP basic level coverage, but you may apply for the enhanced coverage program if you are entitled to retired pay, regardless of your age. The unremarried surviving spouse of a military retiree is eligible to apply as well. Frequently asked questions, with answers as found on the above web site, follow:
How much?

Premium rates are determined by your zip code. For example, the monthly premium for the enhanced TRDP for Kailua (zip code 96734) is \$30.42 for one person and \$59.18 for two persons. When you call in or bring up the web site, you may get a rate quote for your area. The rates for the enhanced TRDP remain effective through January 31, 2003 with no scheduled increases.

How long is the enrollment commitment?

You must enroll in the enhanced TRDP for an initial period of 24 months. Enrollment renewal is for a 12 month period. To start enrollment you need to make a two month prepayment by check or credit card with your application. Federal law mandates that other than the initial prepayment, the collection of monthly premiums is through an automatic deduction from your retired pay. You may enroll in the enhanced TRDP on line or call Delta at 1-888-336-3260.

What do you get for your money?

The enhanced TRDP covers the most commonly needed dental services to help you

maintain good dental health including two cleanings in a 12 month period. The coverage for cast crowns, bridges and partial/full dentures is available after 12 months of continuous enrollment in the enhanced TRDP. After 24 months of continuous enrollment, the percentage that Delta will pay for these services increases.

Which dentists can I see?

There is an online dentist directory at the web site above or you may phone the Customer Service number 1-888-336-3260 to find participating dentists in your area. The Delta Select USA dentists have agreed to accept the TRDP fees.

The bottom line:

The Hawaii Chapter of TROA has a Personal Affairs Committee to assist chapter members with TRICARE questions. The Dental representative is Jack Miller, phone 261-4100 or e-mail: carita@pixi.com.

VETERANS AFFAIRS CORNER

Veterans needing services at the Veterans Affairs clinic at Tripler Army Medical Center must have a VA identification card because of the new security measures now in effect. The VA also will no longer accept prescription refill requests made in person. **All refills must be requested by either mailing in the refill request sheets or by using the phone-in system.** The security restrictions are the result of the Sept. 11 terrorist incidents on the mainland and are a part of the nationwide precautions now in effect at all military bases. Veterans need to present their VA Universal Access cards at the checkpoint and **be prepared to have their vehicles searched.** A veteran who does not have a VA ID card should call VA engineering services at 433-0164, or the Tripler provost marshal at 433-6670. To phone in a refill, call 433-0050. Mail in refill slips or write the request on a separate sheet of paper with your name, social security number, prescription number and drug name. Mail to: Pharmacy Service, Spark M. Matsunaga VAM-ROC, 459 Pattern Road, Honolulu, HI 96819.

TAPS

Lieutenant Colonel William M. Beardsley, USA Major Claude Phillips, USAF

Luana Koa/Patriots Village Continuing Care Retirement Resort at Kapolei Update

By Nancy Schoocraft

On Friday 16 October at the Executive Committee's monthly meeting, we have again rescheduled Fabrisio M. Medoci of Pacific Atelier who will present the Luana Koa/Patriots Village, Phase 1 architectural plans — for comments. This briefing will be at noon—prior to the Executive Meeting - in order to afford any one with an interest an opportunity to attend. However, if you are planning to attend, please RSVP Duke Frey at 261-2946 to ensure we have adequate space.

Mark your calendar now for the Saturday, November 17, 2001 TROA annual meeting at Hickam AFB. This meeting will feature Retired Army Colonel Tom Tuttle who will speak on the merits of the Patriots Village/Luana Koa Continuing Care Retirement Resort/Community.

Tom has had an exciting second career as the Chief Financial Officer, and more recently, Chief Executive Officer of the Air Force Villages Retirement Community in San Antonio, Texas. He has also been working as a consultant to the developers of Luana Koa here in Hawaii. We hope you will attend this special and important meeting. Book your reservations now and be among the first to see the new site plan and architectural renderings for this wonderful addition to Kapolei.

PHARMACY CORNER

Colonel Clyde Friar USA

For the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program, anyone who has OTHER HEALTH INSURANCE (OHI) that provides drug coverage must use that benefit before using the NATIONAL MAIL ORDER PHARMACY (NMOP). They may, however, apply to TRICARE for reimbursement of the OHI copay in full for medicine procured from civilian network pharmacies (e.g. Long's).

Pharmacy receipts can be saved from several items and attached to one claim form (DDForm2642) rather than submitting individually. The pharmacy receipt must show the actual price of the medication and the copayment made to the OHI. It is logical to keep copies of the information for yourself and mail the originals to PBGA, Box 870001, Surfside Beach, SC 29587-8701.

Anyone who drops a supplemental OHI plan that includes drug coverage should notify the same PGBA office ASAP. For further information/elaboration/explanation, please contact Clyde Friar at 262-5086 or e-mail clfriar@aol.com.

Get Well Corner

Our best wishes to Les Ihara for a speedy recovery after September Surgery for heart by pass surgery. Give him a call 239-7947.

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We do want you to know—with our September TRICARE for Life event being cancelled at Schofield, our NAUS friends will be having a presentation at 0900 Saturday 6 October at the Hickam Officers Club. Should you elect to attend, you should have ample opportunity to ask questions pertinent to your personal TFL situation. (Call Marrell Malak 947-5282 for reservations.)

Also, we are at that time of the year when the nomination committee will be working on replacements for three of our outgoing Board of Director's members. Should you or you know of an interested Chapter member, please contact RADM Paul Lacey 595-3133.

In closing, our prayers and thoughts will be with the men and women of our Armed Forces who will be sent into harms way, for the most difficult of tasks that lie ahead for "VICTORY".

"HOOAH and GOD BLESS AMERICA"

TRICARE Assistance Telephone Numbers

For contact on the Mainland, The Health Affairs TFL number is 1-888-363-5433. Chapter members report receiving very quick and courteous responses. This number is available from 0700-1100 hrs Eastern time, Monday to Friday. Also, from 0900-1700 hrs at weekends. In Hawaii, call 1-800-242-6788 TRICARE Hawaii Customer Service, available from 0700-1700 hrs, Pacific Time, Monday to Friday. Note: TRICARE FOR LIFE SPECIAL MAILING - If you are over age 64, that means age 65 and older and have not received your special mailing on TRICARE for Life information, again call 1-888-363-5433.

Donations

Hawaii Chapter Income is based on your dues — and of that amount received annually, approximately 95% goes to the publication and mailing of the Pau Hana Koa. In past years, all effort toward our ROTC Scholarship and Awards Program and our Community Affairs Program has been based on our donations and income, not used for the Pau Hana Koa. This year as a result of 11 September we have added a 3d area , 9-11 Disaster Relief — toward our donation efforts.

At our September Executive Meeting Hank Heyenga issued a challenge to the Chapter for our ROTC Scholarship Program. If the membership’s donations for ROTC reaches the amount of \$500.00, he will match that amount for a 2002 \$1,000 ROTC Scholarship for a deserving student. Let’s see what we can do.

Recipient's), i.e. Red Cross, for our 9-11 Disaster Relief Donations will be determined at the 6 October Board of Directors Meeting. Collections will continue through December. Appreciate your Kokua.

REMINDER ON THE TROA SOCIAL PROGRAMS

PLEASE CLIP AND MAIL IN YOUR DONATIONS AND/OR RESERVATIONS FOR THE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER TROA FUNCTIONS. ALL MAILINGS TO:

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PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: HAWAII CHAPTER, TROA
DONATIONS TO THE “FUND” MAY DESIGNATE:

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----- Clip below and mail by September 30, 2001-----

OCTOBER 12, 2001 6:00 PM AT ALA MOANA HOTEL

The Oktoberfest will be held Friday night, October 12th featuring the German Band Edelweiss from Leavenworth, Washington performing for their 31st year at the Ala Moana. (The Hotel Ala Moana to donate \$4.00 of the \$8.00 ticket cost to the 9-11 Disaster Relief.) So come and join in the Bavarian fun. The ticket gets you in and you buy your own German food and drinks. Send in your check soon and your ticket will be mailed back. A sellout is expected and TROA has 100 tickets reserved.

Please send me ___ tickets for the Oktoberfest @ \$8.00 each

Attending: _____ Tickets _____
_____ Donation _____
_____ Total Enclosed _____

----- Clip below and mail in by October 30, 2001-----

NOVEMBER 11, 2001 AT 7:00 PM - A MELODRAMA

The Lanikai Mortgage Players will present the show” Skulduggery Sails the Atlantic” at 8:00 PM on Sunday, November 11, 2001. All 112 seats are reserved for TROA members and their friends and the ticket costs are \$5.00 - and this includes the popcorn. We need to know by October 30th how many seats we require so please send in your checks early.

A pre-show party starting at 7:00 p.m. will get us in the mood to boo the villain and cheer the heroine. So bring a pupu to share and BYOB as soft drinks and set-ups will be available. If needed, call Jack Miller at 261-4100 for directions.

Please reserve ___ tickets for the Melodrama @ \$5.00 each

Name tags to read: _____ Tickets _____
_____ Donation _____
_____ Total Enclosed _____

----- Clip below and mail in by November 8, 2001-----

NOVEMBER 17, 2001 AT 11:30 AM ANNUAL MEETING & MORE!!!

At the Hickam Officer’s Club on Saturday, November 17th, we will have our chapter Food Bank drive, annual meeting with elections and an update on the Kapolei Continuing Care Retirement Resort. So plan to attend and buy your lunch ticket early. Mahalo.

Please reserve ___ lunch tickets @ \$10.00 each

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_____ Donation _____
_____ Total Enclosed _____

New Member _____ Renewal _____

Hawaii Chapter, Retired Officers Association

Date: _____

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(8 Aux); 5yrs=4x14; Life: Reg. Members - age 71+ =
125.00; 61-70=200; 51-60 = 250; 50 under = 300

Membership Application

Name: _____ Rank _____ Mr _____ Mrs _____ Ms _____ Other _____

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Personal Affairs _____ Legislative Affairs/Veterans Affairs _____ Public Affairs _____ Program/Social _____

Newsletter _____ Membership _____ Finance _____ ROTC Scholarship & Awards _____ Fund Raising _____

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Other Programs/Activities you'd like considered, or Chapter Office or Committee you'd consider serving in:

ROTC Scholarship 2001 Donation _____

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12 Oct (Fri)—Oktoberfest—Ala Moana Hotel

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