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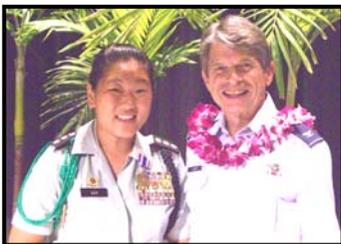
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2009 MOAA LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Recently, Hawaii Chapter membership throughout the state recognized the tremendous leadership potential and patriotism demonstrated by Hawaii's young men and women in the high school JROTC programs. This



year, a total of 34 MOAA leadership awards were presented to 28 JROTC and 8 University of Hawaii ROTC cadets. Since 1981, MOAA has awarded nearly 800 medals and leadership certificates to deserving students. JROTC programs are essential to our high school students



providing curriculum choices to assist and guide them in seeking personal and professional goals including leadership, knowledge, physical fitness, discipline and moral and character development. JROTC



students are led and guided by a dedicated, tireless cadre who daily make positive impacts on the future of our youth. Each high school cadre selects a deserving student based on academics, community service, character and leadership. Awards are presented at events that



are planned by the JROTC students. A special thanks to the membership on Oahu, Kauai, Maui and the Big Island who eagerly voluntarily to attend the award events. Members are always impressed with the organization, appearance and enthusiasm of all the cadets at these ceremonies. Hawaii can be proud of our JROTC and ROTC students; their leadership and strength of character bode well for our future. (Please see page 4 for the list of 2009 MOAA JROTC Leadership Awardees.)

Sept. Event-Dead Downwind



Riddle at the helm

On September 24th we have a very special event planned. Bill Riddle, the author of the book "Dead Downwind" has volunteered to speak.

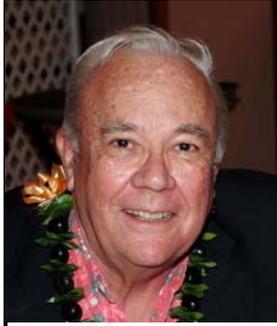
Riddle's presentation will highlight the incredible story of Commander John Rogers's (USN) daring and almost disastrous flight across the Pacific in 1925--the epic first flight to Hawaii from California. Some of you may recognize the pilot's name since the Honolulu International Airport's original name (as carved in stone at the airport) is "The John Rogers Airport." Rogers' mission electrified the nation. The anxious American public held its breath when his plane was forced down in the middle of the vast Pacific Ocean. Keep in mind this crossing was two years before Charles Lindberg flew across the Atlantic Ocean. (*Fast forward: Recall the national excitement we all experienced during the first landing on the moon.*) This historic event secured the anchor for the development of Naval Aviation, over the strong objections of the Army Air Corps General Billy Mitchell. Weaved into the historical facts of this adventure is a secret love story that could have caused the end of Commander Rogers' naval career. (**Dead Down Wind** -cont. on page 5.)

Coming Events September

- 5 Sep (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000 OVC
- 14 Sep (Mon) PAC Mtg 1100 Sam Snead's
- 18 Sep (Fri) EXCOM Mtg 1115 MCBH O'Club
- 24 Sep (Thu) 1100 Oahu Veterans Center
Bill Riddle author of *Dead Downwind*

Coming Events October

- 3 Oct (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000 OVC
- 16 Oct (Fri) EXCOM Mtg 1115 MCBH O'Club



The President's Perspective

by Commander John L. Miller USN (Ret.)

Once in a while you run across a philosophy that you want to share. This happened to me when I read a 1931 writing by Adrian Rogers. I know my folks would have embraced the zero sum logic of the economics expressed in the following five sentences. Maybe today, we Americans find the economics too shallow and simple. To me, the implied mathematics adds up. Here 'tis:

“You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that my dear friend is the beginning of the end of any nation. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it.”

Thanks for listening and I know that the economics experts will take issue with the simplicity of Mr. Rogers's explanation of government economics. Next month, I will get back to Chapter business. We have a great Chapter and I thank everyone for their support. Aloha, *Jack*

MOAA National Scholarship Fund for Hawai'i College Bound Students

Annually the Hawai'i Chapter membership contributes monetary assistance to deserving JROTC high school and University of Hawaii ROTC cadets in the form of scholarships. The Chapter scholarship focus has been in support of Hawai'i's ROTC cadets. These scholarships are donated, administered and presented by the Chapter to Hawai'i ROTC college bound cadets demonstrating outstanding leadership, excellence in academics and a potential for career success. Total scholarship funding is nearly \$6,000. The Chapter's goal is to increase this funding to assist more Hawai'i cadets.

A supplemental financial source for college bound students is the MOAA national program that involves scholarships, grants and interest free loans. The national funding is available to all college students; not restricted to the ROTC programs. These broad national

programs are administered by MOAA to supplement local chapter's efforts providing additional funding source to all students. In recognition of the availability of this additional MOAA funding to students of Hawai'i, the recipients of national scholarships, grants and loans are listed below. Congratulations to these awardees.

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-- CHAPTER SOCIAL EVENTS --

--THIS MONTH--

Bill Riddle author of "Dead Downwind".

A great historic novel of the first attempt at a non-stop flight from San Francisco to Hawaii by the Navy.

Oahu Veterans Center

NOVEMBER 21 @1030

Annual Meeting at Oahu Veterans Center

DECEMBER 9 @1730

Annual Christmas Dinner

Hale Koa

Thinning of the Ranks

The ranks are intact this month.

Binnacle List

Beryl Torraca spouse of Colonel Louis Torraca USAF (Ret)

Captain Richard D. Eber, USN (Ret.)

Colonel David A Lerps, USMC (Ret.)

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Editor's Notes

This month begins a five month trial period where we are printing in color on pages 1 and 8. That is one side of one sheet. The cost to do this is higher - about 25 cents a copy. We are interested in hearing your comments. Please remember that this is the first issue printing in color. We can and will improve as we move ahead.

Credit for pictures in this edition go to: John Harms for the Picnic and Ralph Hiatt for JROTC.

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KONA COFFEE FOR OUR TROOPS

In the past year and a half the Hawaii Chapter, Gathering of Eagles, has shipped more the 3,000 pounds of fine-grade Kona coffee to our Hawaii-based Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Airmen serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Large shipments of donated Kona coffee go out each month via the US Postal Service, using the flat-rate option to APO/FPO addresses. Gathering of Eagles is proud of its record—over 600 shipments to date, and they haven't lost a single box of coffee!

Gathering of Eagles works with each Service's public affairs offices to keep current, accurate addresses for the units in the combat zones. The Chapter gets its coffee directly from troop-supporting coffee farmers on the Big Island.

MOAA members can assist this morale-enhancing effort by sending individual donations made payable to:

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For more info, Mr. Gowan's phone number is (808) 987-7018, and his e-mail is robert@gatheringofeagles.org

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(Dead Downwind cont. from page 1.)

Amid an environment of conflicting personal and inter-service rivalries and beyond the limitations of his airplane and crew the mission becomes more harrowing than the Navy or Rogers had planned. This is truly a book everyone can enjoy and find fascinating to read and keep. Riddle will be available for book signing for those who wish a personalized copy. I encourage all members to mark your calendar and register below to attend. I am confident you will find Riddle's presentation as fascinating as his book. I hope to see you there.

Aloha, Jim Gebhard, your Chapter's Events Guy.

For more information on the book and author go to:

www.deaddownwindbook.com

Thursday, 24 September --Luncheon Event --

---- Dead Downwind ----

Speaker: Bill Riddle - Author

Where: Oahu Veterans Center -- Foster Village ---- Reservations cut off date -- Sept 19, 2009

Doors Open 1100 Lunch 1130 Speaker 1215

Questions: e-mail GebhardJim@aol.com or call 262-1165

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US Navy SEALs Honored at Medal of Honor Park

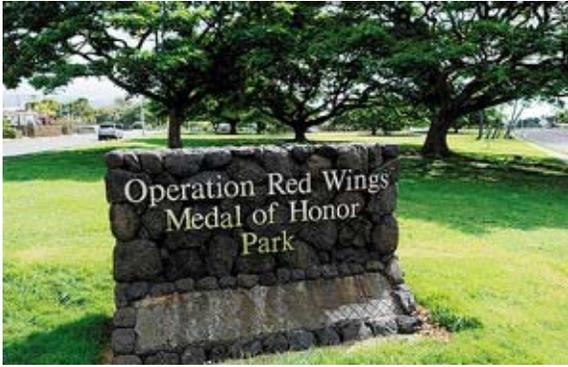


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SEAL - Naval Special Warfare Foundation Hawaii honored the fallen men of Operation Red Wing at a ceremony at Medal of Honor Park on June 28. Nineteen SEALs were killed in Afghanistan in 2005 four years to the day. Six of these men had strong Hawai'i ties and one grew up here. Lt. Michael P. Murphy, from SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team One at Pearl Harbor, was subsequently awarded the Medal of Honor.

Triangle Park, near Diamond Head was renamed Medal of Honor Park in 2008.

Speaking at the ceremony in June was Rear Admiral Sean A. Pybus, Commander, Special Operations Command based in Okinawa. Also present were members of the SEAL - Naval Special Warfare Foundation Hawaii including the President, Captain Ron Seiple USN (Ret.), a member of MOAA Hawaii State Chapter. (Picture on back cover.)

The organization raised over \$100,000 for the families of the fallen men of the Naval Special Warfare community. Captain Seiple recommends reading "Lone Survivor," by Marcus Luttrell. He went on to say, "It was our worst day for SEAL KIA. Being a combat vet SEAL, I feel strongly about raising funds to support the families of our KIA's and we do an excellent job in taking care of them. We are hoping to have an early showing of the Lone Survivor movie when it is released."

Next time you are in the vicinity of Diamond Head stop at the former Triangle Park and visit these new Memorials.

MOAA Hawaii State Chapter's Oldest Member

At age 102, Colonel Tom Wells is an outstanding veteran and an outstanding member of MOAA. It was my privilege to visit Colonel Wells and his niece at his ocean front home in Aina Haina, which he inherited from his parents in 1959. Although wheel chair bound and hard of hearing, he was very articulate regarding many memories of his army career, retiring in 1958.

Colonel Wells' service began when he entered West Point and ended when he was Secretary to the American Staff, EUCOM in France. At one time he served as an aide to his father, MG Briant Wells at Fort Shafter.

Colonel Wells' career included Assistant Attaché to England; the North Africa campaign with BG Roosevelt; combat in Tunisia; Enigma for the Fifth AGMR in Italy; National War College student and faculty, Special Services Officer in Honolulu after WWII.

His worst assignment was two months in the Pentagon. His best assignment was CofS, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo, where recruits were trained to fight in Korea.

He told a story of when his father kicked General Patton off the polo field at Fort Shafter because of his loud, dirty language that offended the ladies watching the match. Patton was a big fan of polo, and brought his own horses to Hawaii. He and his family came to Hawaii on his own boat and avoided a briefing by the officer he was replacing by sailing around the islands until that officer left Hawaii. Interviewed and written by LTC Dan Tompkins USA (Ret.)

A FEW HISTORIC SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 2 - Japan's formal surrender ending WW II, 1945

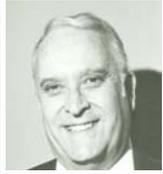
September 5 - The First Continental Congress was established, 1774

September 8 - Former President Nixon was given an unconditional pardon by President Gerald Ford, 1974

September 9 - Singer Elvis Presley made his first appearance on the "Ed Sullivan Show," 1956

September 14 - Francis Scott Key wrote "Defense of Ft. McHenry," later re-named Star Spangled Banner, 1814

September 29 - The United States regular army was established, 1789



TUG by Colonel Lou Torraca USAF (Ret.)

My name is Todd Davis- My social security number is 457-55-5462 I'm Todd Davis, CEO of LifeLock, and yes, that's my real social security number*. Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in America, victimizing over 10 million people a year and costing billions of dollars. So why publish my social security number? Because I'm absolutely confident LifeLock is protecting my good name and personal information, just like it will yours. And that is why we back our service with our \$1 Million Service Guarantee. At LifeLock, We Guarantee Your Good Name. No one else does because no one else can. ***Always protect your social security number. Do not share it unless necessary.** How many times have you seen this ad?? And how many times have you followed up on it?? No, I'm not trying to sell you this service; matter of fact I have had a couple friends tell me you can do everything they do for a fee, free. Since there are lots of "things" involved, I decided to focus on one of them that has a big impact on how safe your identity is! First, let me set the stage for you. According to a [report](#) released by the e-mail security firm [MessageLabs](#), spam accounted for 90.4 percent of all e-mail sent in June. "If you're not concerned about spam, I would suggest you turn off your spam filter for about an hour and see what happens," says Sven Krassen, senior director of data-mining research at McAfee. Lots of spam is just a nuisance which wastes a lot of time and tries your patience but the real dangerous kinds are the ones that are looking for your personal info like SSNs, bank accounts and credit cards and lots of other information that would be devastating if it was in the wrong hands. Unfortunately, there is no iron-clad way to totally eliminate spam and therefore you need to do everything possible to protect your valuable information...your best protection is in the use of passwords that are really strong. For an excellent tutorial and password checker, go to <http://tinyurl.com/ypc3dc> where Microsoft provides you with valuable assistance. I would also suggest you take a look at Kim Komando's article on passwords at <http://tinyurl.com/ohawzu> Kim has some good suggestions on how to make strong passwords and how to remember them...huh, you have to remember them? Do you have a system of your own like hiding yellow stickups with the passwords on them, or even better, just put them all in a folder on your desktop with a funky name no-one would suspect? Guess what that never works and hackers know it too! Before I continue, FYI, the program I am going to tell you about also has a mobile version for all of you who are smart phone users and the best news is it's a free APP, yep a freebie visit <http://tinyurl.com/pnhmko> for details. So on to the program which is called Keeper. It's a program by Callpod, an outfit that specializes in mobile software. Here is a quote from Callpods CTO: "Today, consumers need to do everything they can to keep important information as safe as possible," said Craig Lurey, Callpod's CTO and Co-founder. "Keeper uses one of the most powerful encryption tools in the world to do just that and users can feel confident that their information is safe against thieves and hackers." "Callpod's entry into the software space is the perfect complement to our mobile devices business and allows us to offer consumers useful and innovative applications for their Smartphones and computers. Smartphones have become the fastest growing segment in addition to power devices in the consumer electronics space," said Lurey. "We have a long list of new and innovative apps that we will roll out this year and beyond to capitalize on this expansion. It's a very exciting time for Callpod as it has now established itself as an innovator of software and mobile devices." This statement indicates that Keeper is a simple program, very affordable (\$14.95) but extremely effective in protecting your entire stable of passwords whether on your smartphone or on your PC. Not only that, but you can keep encrypted notes and folders with it. Keeper allows the user to manually store all relevant username and password information for any site, and keep it organized and easy to search for, to allow retrieval of the information at any time. The program also features a sync ability to sync the program with the iPhone to transfer and save any information on the desktop to the iPhone, and vice versa. There is also a feature set that allows you to back up your information to an encrypted file and then restore your information later from this file. In addition to backing up your data, there are also options for exporting the information to either unencrypted PDF, text files and Excel spreadsheets, or to an encrypted text file. It is interesting to note that the program also allows you to import your own text file, as long as it is tab-delimited so that the program can see the separations in information. A couple of interesting features as provided by the company involve self-destruct; Self-Destruct Mode is an important feature of Keeper desktop which prevents a person from accessing your private data. If your password is entered incorrectly 5 times, self-destruct will initiate and immediately erase all of your data. The default setting for Self-Destruct is ON. To enable/disable this feature, go to the "Settings" Tab in Keeper Desktop. Your data is not erased by activating or deactivating this feature. If you have performed a backup or export, your data may be recovered by performing a restore within Import/Export tab. If you forget your password, you will not be able to restore your data or get into the Keeper Desktop program. Customer support does not have access to your password or data. If "Self-Destruct" is on, you may clear out the data in Keeper Desktop and begin using it again by deliberately entering the wrong password 5 times and allowing the data to "self-destruct." Keeper will reset itself, and prompt you for a new master password and open a new empty database. If you have "Self-Destruct" turned off, you may clear out the data in Keeper Desktop and begin using it again by deleting the files located in the Keeper directory (default location for Windows - C:\Documents and Settings\[NAME OF PC]\KeeperData default location for MAC - /Users/[NAME OF MAC]/KeeperData.) **To see a series of screen shots that will give you an idea of how easy the program is to install and to use... visit my online column after the 1st of Sept at <http://tinyurl.com/363qew>... with one caveat...if you have as many passwords as I have, you may be able to import them, but then again, you may have to spend lots of time typing them all over again...look at that as an opportunity...you can clean out/update the list and make-up some really strong passwords. For a free trial download and lots of FAQs, go to www.callpod.com/keeper, it's an easy install and easy to use; don't wait to protect all your valuable information, start by using passwords that can't be hacked. That's it for now, enjoy all the fun stuff, but be careful of all the bad guys lurking out there to grab your data! Aloha, Lou**

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DEAD DOWNWIND

September 24, 2009

Oahu Veterans Center

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Another Fun Picnic at Bellows

