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Retired Warriors

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Alex W. Kane was born in Blantyre, Scotland, (Suburb of Glasgow) in 1920. Immigrated to New Zealand with parents and 5 brothers, 1925. Settled in Gisborne, on East Coast, N. Z., population 27,000. Grew up in depression years 1929-1939. Joined Royal New Zealand Air force 1940. Graduated flight school 1941. Seconded to the ROYAL AIR FORCE (RAF) England, 1943. Commissioned at Royal Air Force College, Cranwell 1943. Qualified and flew both Hurricane and Spitfire fighter aircraft. FLIGHT COMMANDER "Free French Squadron." 1945 returned to New Zealand. 1946 joined KLM Royal Dutch Airlines based Australia, Indonesia, The Netherlands. 1950 returned to N.Z. established Farm Merchandise Business. 1958 returned to aviation with BOAC based Beirut, Lebanon. 1967 resigned during 7 day war, Middle East. 1967 immigrated U.S.A. 1967, Hawaii, formed import business, still operating. 1979 married Roberta (Bobbie) Watson a Las Vegas gal. (Still married to her!) Alex had four children by his first wife, who died of cancer in 1967. The Kane family contributed 6 sons plus father to WWII...3 invalided home. Alex lives at the Mokuliea Beach Colony on the North Shore. He is still active in business and has been a Rotarian since 1952. Has written a book and presently he is writing a screen play. Not about his brothers who went to war, but about his mother whom he regards as the real family hero.

APRIL

**3Apr (Thurs) LAVA Meeting -Hickam O'Club. Note:
LAVA meetings changed to first Thursday of the month.
(1130)**

**5 Apr (Sat) The Users Group (TUG)-Computer Training
Bishop Museum Paki Bldg. (1000)**

**8 Apr (Tues) Kona Satellite meeting at the Village Steak-
house, Waikoloa (1130)**

**17 Apr (Thu) Chapter dinner with speaker Alex Kane, at
Kapiolani Community College, Tamarind Dining Hall
(1730)
Call Judith at 262-7952.**

**18 Apr (Fri) Excom Meeting at Hickam Officers
Club(1130)**

20 Apr (Tue) Hilo Satellite meeting at Café 100 (1200)

**27 Apr (Sat) MOAA Party Bridge- Reservations Call
Robbie Gee at 255-4558 (1900)**

MAY

**1 May (Thurs) LAVA Meeting
Hickam Officers Club (1130)**

**3 May (Sat) MOAA The Users Group
(TUG) - Computer Training Bishop
MuseumPaki (1000)**

**13 May (Tues) Kona Satellite
meeting, Regency
Kailua-Kona (1130)**

**16 May (Fri) Excom Meeting,
Hickam O' Club
(1130)**

**17 May (Sat) Hilo Satellite meet-
ing, Café 100 (1200)**

**23 May (Fri) Pupu's (1830)
Show (2000) Lanikai**

**Mortgage Players, Kailua - Res-
ervations call
Judith 262-7953**

**31 May (Sat) MOAA Party
Bridge - Reservations call
Robbie Gee at 255-4558 (1900)**

Your Chapter President Speaks

“The objective of any warring nation is victory, immediate and complete.” These are the plain spoken words of the first leader of our great nation, George Washington, and in my opinion the words are valuable guidance today for the coalition forces in the War on Iraq. By the time this newsletter gets out to the membership, the Battle of Baghdad will likely be in full progress. I fear that stiff resistance from the Republican Guard will require more coalition forces in the area, with both British forces and the 4th Infantry Division joining the tough hard fighting 3rd Infantry Division. War is not easy, clean or predictable but in the case of Iraq, force became a tragic international necessity. The time is now to be united behind our troops and the President to implement this difficult but correct decision to forcefully replace the Saddam regime.

MOAA has over 30,000 active duty officers so we can be confident that some of our fellow members are serving in the war. As a patriotic organization that has great love for our country and our service members, we are very proud of the professionalism, bravery and technical competence of the fighting men and woman of today. We all stand in “shock and awe” of the magnificent job of our forces and pray that soon the guns will be silent with the goal of the liberation of Iraq achieved.

Turning to the local scene, the Chapter is grateful for the compassionate efforts of the members of the Personal Affairs Committee (PAC) in assisting six widows of Chapter members that lost their husbands during the past six weeks. This is a service performed by the Chapter that often goes unnoticed until the sad moment arrives. Then to the individuals involved, the service is critical. We could use more help on the PAC so please let Admiral Smith know if you would like to join PAC and help share the load. The Committee meets every other month for lunch at Hickam O’Club so drop by the next meeting and meet the good people on the PAC.

Aloha, Jack

A PRAYER FOR OUR FORCES

Father in heaven, our hearts are heavy as we view the constant barrage of real time news from the Middle East. As the war drags on, the casualties mount. There is so much of suffering and death. We ask that you stretch out your hand of protection over our brave servicemen and women who have answered their country’s call to remove a threat to liberty and justice for people everywhere. Give our leaders, both civilian and military, the insight and courage to make right decisions – choices which will bring a speedy and just resolution to this crisis, and enhance the probability that peace may be restored. Be with our wounded, and heal them. Be with the families of those who have died, and comfort them. Be with our POWs, encourage them with a sense of your presence. We pray a timely end to the fighting, and that men and women, boys and girls not only in Iraq, but around the world might learn to live together in peace, with a mutual respect for the rights of all. This we ask in your holy name. Amen. Chaplain Ron

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THINNING of the RANKS

Col John "Doc" Sheedy, USA (ret) died on February 22, 2003 at his home. Doc was an active member of the Chapter and was our Chapter Surgeon.

Col Dayton Caple, USA (ret) died on 23 February 2003. He was active in the Chapter and served as Treasurer and on the Legislative Affairs Committee. He is survived by his wife Lucy.

Colonel Curtis F. "Fred" Livingston, USA. passed away 4 March 2003 in Hiio, He is survived by his wife, Rose

Lt Col John W. McDonald USAF, (ret) died last Monday. He was a member of the legislative committee and is survived by his wife Kay.

MAJ Edward Vierra passed away on November 16th. He is survived by his wife, Marie.

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Handicap Parking Corner
Bruce Smith

As mentioned in an earlier article on this same subject, you the owner of a handicap placard have obtained this item for your assistance.

Remember, you must be the driver or the passenger of a vehicle that parks in a handicap stall. Additionally, you must at all times carry the little light blue identification card that identifies you as the owner of your numbered placard. Always be prepared to present it to an officer that asks to see

your identification. This ID must be carried on your person at all times just like you are accustomed to carrying your Hawaii driver's license and car registration. Don't tell the officer you left it in your other purse at home or in the glove compartment of your other car. You could and probably will be cited for this oversight. One additional reminder, letting a friend use your handicap placard to run an errand for you while you stay at home is a no-no. If that person parks in a handicap stall and displays your placard and asked to produce an ID. She or he is running an errand for you and you are at home. The person is cited for misuse of a placard, your placard is confiscated and you have to go through procedures of obtaining another placard. Remember, treat your handicap placard with care. Most holders of handicap placards know that the law requires the handicap placard to be displayed by hanging it for the front windshield rearview mirror so that it is visible from both the front and the rear of the vehicle. The placard number and expiration date must be visible at all times. Some time it's hard to hang your placard from the mirror. In these cases, one might take some wire, form a loop and hang it from windshield rearview. Finally, there are some vehicles that simply do not offer a way of hanging the placard. In these instances, it is permissible to place the handicap placard on the dashboard. One final note Lou Crompton and myself are members of the HPD, Parking Enforcement Program. If you have any questions or need some assistance relating to the Program, give us a call or submit questions to our Editor Bill McGarry. Answers to your questions not only assist you but also could help others.

DOLEMAN AWARD NOMINATIONS

It is once again time to recognize Chapter members that have been generous with their time and talents for others by awarding the 2003 Doleman Award at the Chamber of Commerce -Military Appreciation Week. The criteria is: Be a Retired Officer, be a member of National MOAA, and have made a significant voluntary contribution to the local community since retiring. Send nominations with justification to LtCol Lou Crompton, USAF (ret) By 15 April 2003.

Legislative Affairs Veterans Affairs (LAVA) Captain George Sullivan USN



Companion Bill to Improve SBP Introduced in Senate

Sen. Olympia Snowe (Maine) introduced the Military Survivor Benefits Improvement Act of 2003 (S. 451) providing the Senate with companion legislation to Rep. Jeff Miller's (R-FL) bill (H.R. 548) in the House.

Senator Snowe's bill would phase out the Social Security offset experienced by beneficiaries in the military Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) over five years. There has been a concerted effort urging Senators to co-sponsor this legislation. To date neither Hawaii Senator has stepped forward. Although there are 118 co-sponsors in the House, neither Rep. Abercrombie nor Case has sponsored Rep. Miller's bill. Hawaii Chapter MOAA supports this bill and has made it the number one priority for 2003. Each member is asked to do his/her part by contacting both senators and your representative asking for their support. Check the latest MOAA Magazine for details.

Certain Survivors may be Eligible for CHAMPVA Coverage

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently stated that some military spouses who were TRICARE or Civilian Health and Medical Program of the VA (CHAMPVA) beneficiaries, but lost their benefits upon remarriage, may be eligible to be reinstated for benefits. A provision in the Veterans Benefit Act of 2002 authorizes this reinstatement if the military spouse's remarriage was on or after their 55th birthday, provided that the original marriage was to a veteran who was permanently and totally disabled or died from a service-connected condition. Eligible spouses must enroll before 4 February 2004, and can obtain an application for benefits by calling (800) 733-8387.

Opposition to Administration Proposal to Cut Impact Aid

The military coalition has written to Rep. Jim Nussle and Senator Don Nickles, Chairmen of the House and Senate Budget Committee expressing their opposition to the Administration's proposal to substantially reduce the projected 2004 appropriations for Impact Aid. Impact Aid provides federal funding for school districts that educate military students to help alleviate the financial burden placed on these local school districts. If approved, the Administration's proposal would ignore more than

240,000 military children whose military parents reside off base. Several members of Congress have recognized this inequity, and have announced proposals to guarantee impact aid funding in the future. H.R. 932, would establish impact aid funding as an entitlement for school districts with high military populations.

Changes to VA Health Benefits Opposed

The Military Coalition opposes the administration's proposal to institute a \$250 enrollment fee and increased co-payments for prescription medications for certain veterans. (This does not affect TRICARE for Life.) During a recent Congressional hearing, the coalition also voiced its support for full concurrent receipt and expanded access to veterans' education benefits for service members who did not participate in the Veterans Education Assistance Program (VEAP). The group also supported the committee's request to convert the veterans health care account from discretionary to mandatory spending, which would ensure that the Veterans Healthcare Administration (VHA) has sufficient funding without the necessity of annual budgetary hearings and debate.

Virginia Legislators Seek Health Premium Tax Relief

Representatives Tom Davis (R-VA), Jo Ann Davis (R-VA) and Senator John Warner (R-VA) have reintroduced legislation (H.R. 1231 and S. 623) that would allow active duty and retired military members and Federal civilian retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pre-tax basis. Depending on state income tax laws, this initiative could have the effect of reducing the cost of such premiums by 35 percent or more. An Executive Order already lets current federal civilian employees pay Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) premiums on a pre-tax basis. TRICARE Prime enrollment fees and TRICARE dental premiums paid by active or retired military beneficiaries, as well as FEHBP premiums paid by federal civilian or military enrollees, would be deducted from their pre-tax active duty or retired pay, and those amounts would not be reportable to the IRS as income.

Former Commandant of the Marine Corps Dies

Wallace M. Greene Jr., the 23rd Commandant of the Marine Corps, passed away this month of multiple myeloma at age 95. Greene served as the Commandant from 1964 to 1967, was the oldest living former Commandant of the Marine Corps

Personal Affairs Committee (PAC)

“Coming back from the dead!” by Marian Williams

As the newest member of the PAC, I was asked by Admiral Smith to share my tale of a bureaucratic nightmare - just in case there may be a lesson learned. So here's the story:

Last July when my bank statement arrived, I noticed that my SBP and Social Security deposits, both of which go electronically to my bank in Virginia, were not shown on the statement. Upon calling the bank, I was informed that the payments stopped because I was dead. So I checked my pulse. In that I was very much alive, I asked what I should do. I was told to go to my local bank, prove with a picture I.D. that I was truly still alive, and have the bank guarantee my signature on letters to DFAS, Social Security and the bank in Virginia attesting to my existence. I decided to immediately hand-carry a copy of the Social Security letter to the local Honolulu Social Security office, where a very helpful gentleman assisted me. I asked when and where I had allegedly died, and he told me in Sacramento on June 11. I wasn't even in Sacramento on that date!

The next day I called my niece in Sacramento, whose mother, my sister-in-law (whose name had not been Williams since her marriage in the early 1940's to Ray Willingham!), had died on June 22. I asked what her mother's Social Security number was. My husband's and her mother's numbers were one digit different, her mother's last digit being 7, and my husband's 8. That was the crux of the matter, and obviously nobody paid any attention to the different last names. It took more than two months, with more correspondence, many telephone calls and faxes, for a happy ending, when two months' worth of Social Security and SBP deposits were finally deposited to my account. That happened only because of a very helpful young lady at the Virginia bank, whom I put in touch with a very cooperative young man at DFAS, but until they got that situation straightened out, the Social Security checks weren't deposited either! If I'd been on a trip and unaware of the lack of those essential deposits, checks would have been bouncing all over the place! I might even have ended up in jail!

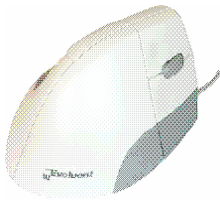
It's rather shocking when someone tells you on the phone that you are dead, and it does make a lasting impression – in this case, one that lasted for slightly over two months! If

NEW CHAPTER APPOINTMENTS

Joanne Hauge has been appointed to replace Tim Schroth as the Chapter Treasurer. Welcome aboard Joanne and mahalo to Tim. Tim has had over seven years as the Treasurer and we all appreciate his dedication and service.

Dr. Ray DeHay has been appointed as the Chapter Surgeon to replace Dr. Sheedy.

We will all miss the leadership and many years of outstanding service to the Chapter by Doc Sheedy. Dr. DeHay serves on the Tripler Consumer Committee and brings us the wisdom and experience of over fifty years as a Medical Doctor. Welcome aboard, **Ray!**



Hope you weren't fooled on the 1st {-} It's always interesting to see who the April Fool senders are and there quite a few, but I guess that's ok as long as it's in good fun and doesn't cause you to fdisk your hard drive or any such mischief.

Anyhow, as promised last month, I've been trying out SendPhotos, a program by Novatix and it's been lots of fun. Usually, when you want to send pics with your e-mail, you have to attach them and then somewhere in the e-mail try and explain what they are. That's ok with one or two pics, but if you have more, it's confusing. That's where SendPhotos really shines! Here are some comments they have on their home page:

"SendPhotos is one of those programs that is really intuitive. It's designed to make sending digital pictures to others a no-brainer. It does that quite nicely." NBC

"Novatix's SendPhotos organizes the process into simple steps so users only have to follow a few easy directions." Daily Camera

"SendPhotos definitely makes it easy for me to email all my photos. The very first time I tried the program I was able to send an email with several photos in just about a minute. If I can figure it out, then anyone can!"

--Donna Nichols, Smyrna, GA

"Anyone who owns a digital camera absolutely must buy SendPhotos. I couldn't believe it when I sent an email today with a full 40 pictures(!) and the message size was still under 500kB! I love this program!"

--Roland Linder, Fort Collins, CO

These comments sounded pretty good, specially the last one with 40 pictures, so I installed the program... very simple and takes all of two minutes. It took another couple of minutes to tell it what e-mail program I wanted it to use, my name, e-mail address, etc. BTW, it will work with Outlook, Outlook Express, Eudora, Netscape, Hotmail, Yahoo and Juno. At least those are the ones listed. I tried most and yes, they work just fine. The program has its own built-in mail program that sends the e-mail, if you've selected one of the programs other than Outlook or Outlook Express. It sends the message as if it were coming from Hotmail Juno, or whichever account you choose and the recipient can respond just as if you had sent it online and it'll go to the same mailbox where you normally get your mail online .

The stationary templates (more that 50 and additional ones can be downloaded) let you choose the style you want your message to appear in and then you just select the pictures you want to include from anywhere on your computer IN THE MESSAGE, yup, right there in the body of the e-mail and it gives you the capability of putting captions on all the pictures, really a super plus. I used the stationary of the week to send a St. Patrick's day set of pictures and it was great! If it sounds good to you, try it out at www.novatix.com where you can read more about it and download an evaluation copy. If you'd like to see what a message looks like, let me know and I'll send you one.

You'd think one new item for the month would be enough, but guess what? I got to try what has to be one of the most interesting mouses available to the computer world! It's got to be the most comfortable mouse on the market. Lots of folks have problems with carpal tunnel syndrome because of the amount of time they spend "mousing" with their hand in the traditional position. Try this...grab your mouse as you normally do...now, rotate your hand to the right while still holding the mouse. It feels a bit funny, but it really is a more comfortable and natural position for your hand (think handshake). Now if only the mouse was made to work that way. Of course that's just what the VerticalMouse by Evoluent does. It has an amazing array of settings for the five buttons available so you can do just about everything you need to do without "letting go." E.G. there are more than 30, yes, I said 30, functions you can set on the second, third, fourth and fifth buttons, the first is set to single click. It is an optical mouse that plugs into your USB port and even if you have an older computer without USB, it comes with an adapter for your PS2 port. It took me about an hour to get used to it but now I'm able to wiz through most of the functions I previously comhad to use a key set or several clicks to do. I really think this is the way "meese" are headed. If not, they should be! You can check it out at www.evoluent.biz. Now if they will only make a wireless version, I'll really be impressed {-}

Come see us at one of our 2 monthly meetings. Visit www.the_tug@homestead.com for info and directions.

APRIL SOCIAL EVENT WILL BE SPECIAL

**Join for a new adventure at the Dining Hall (O'Helo Bldg.)
Kapiolani Community College, 4303 Diamond Head Road**

ONLY SIX TICKETS LEFT

When: 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17, 2003

Cost: \$ 25.00 each: Only Room for 65 diners – 59 tickets sold –

Reservations: Mail in check payable to: Hawaii Chapter, MOOA. Send to: Judith Breitwieser, 1403 Onioni Street, Kailua, HI 96734

Contact Judith at 262-7953 or by e-mail: Hawaiijudith@webtv.net

----- Clip and Mail in ASAP -----

Name tags to read: _____

Dinner tickets _____ X \$25.00 each equals _____

Donations for ROTC scholarship _____

Total enclosed _____

ACTION ITEM -----ALL ATTENDING NEED TO READ

And CALL JUDITH AT 262-7953

Details: The location of the Tamarind Dining Room, Kapiolani Community College is very near the Diamond Head Theatre on the KCC Campus. Use Parking lot "C" by the Ohelo Building. No bar but BYO wine – no corkage fee.

Judith must turn in a head count by entrée by April 10, 2003 so please call Judith with your preference ASAP:

Choices: _____ Sake Seared Tenderloin of Beef, anise demi glace, edamame risotto

_____ CRISPY Whole Moi, Asian Mushroom and lobster jus lie, pesto, Chinoise, scallion oil

MAY SOCIAL PROGRAM

The May Program will be the Lanikai Mortgage players show on Friday, May 23, 2003. Social hour 6:30 and Showtime 8:00 pm. Reservation form will be in the May Pau Hana Koa newsletter, May 23rd Lanikai Mortgage Players Show

June 19th Big Band and Mongolian Night Hickam Officer's Club

August 19th Summer Picnic at Bellows AFB

September 26th Oktoberfest at the Hale Koa

November 9-15th Cruise aboard Norwegian STAR

November 29th Annual Lunch meeting—ROTC Fund raiser at Hickam Officers Club

December 9th Annual Christmas Party– Waikiki Ballroom, Hale Koa



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**Chapter Members — are your dues paid up
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Check all that apply. Application for: New member Renewal Regular member Auxiliary member Date _____

Name: _____ Male Female
Last First MI

Please fill in the next three lines with information on the applicant. If you checked auxiliary member above, please provide this information on your spouse.

1: Service _____ Rank _____ Active Duty Rotation Date (If active duty) _____ Retired _____ Year Retired _____

2: Former Officer Reserve National Guard National MOAA Membership No. _____

3. If application is for auxiliary membership, is your spouse deceased? Yes No

Applicant's Birth Date ____/____/____ SSN ____/____/____

Address: _____ Number and Street City State
ZIP Code _____

Mailing Address (If different) _____ Phone Number _____

If married, spouse's first name: _____ Last name, if different _____

Office Phone Number _____ Fax Number _____ E-Mail Address _____

Indicate interest in any of the following Chapter activities or Committees:

Personal Affairs Legislative Affairs/Veterans Affairs Public Affairs Program/Social Newsletter Membership Finance

ROTC Scholarship & Awards Fund Raising Community Service TUG(Computers) Party Bridge Golf Tennis

Photography Suggestions for other Programs/Activities: _____

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Life membership: Age 50 and under \$300.00; 51-60 \$250.00; 61-70 \$200.00; 71-89 \$100.00; 90 + free.
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Life membership: Age 50 and under \$150.00; 51-60 \$125.00; 61-70 \$100.00; 71-89 \$50.00; 90 + free

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