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#### “GONE AND ALMOST FORGOTTEN” by Bob Popp, Commander, USN (Ret)

It was getting dark and the two river patrol boats had settled in on each side of a narrow but deep stream. The stream wandered north through the woods and tall grass to the Cambodian border only a kilometer or so away. Six .50 caliber and 2 M60 machine guns swung out to their pre-designated fields of fire. The patrol officer used a Starlight Scope to “see in the dark” and spot any movement of enemy sampans coming down the stream or troops moving along either bank. The twin diesel engines in each boat were silent but the two coxswains had the throttles wide open awaiting pressure on the starter button to break cover once the firing began. Every sailor sighted over his weapon awaiting the order to change a quiet, peaceful night into a cacophony of automatic weapons fire and the scream of powerful engines. It was an event played out every night, seven days a week. The players changed and the suspected crossing points varied but the goal was the same – interdict the flow of Viet Cong troops and material from



Seawolf helicopters from HAL-3 were either on strip alert or airborne ready to render assistance if the enemy force proved particularly troublesome. It was February 1969 and I was in my seventh month as Commander River Division 533 – a small, but mobile force of 10 Mark I fiberglass river

patrol boats and about 70 particularly brave sailors from many different rates. In support of Operation Giant Slingshot, my division had deployed the previous month to the Plain of Reeds close to the Cambodian border to stop enemy infiltration into South Vietnam. We joined other river divisions that patrolled 24 hours a day, seven days a week on both the Vam Co Tay and Vam Co Dong Rivers that straddled a projection of Cambodian territory nicknamed the Parrot’s Beak. Each assigned a patrol area, the U.S. Navy became the first continuous line of resistance to the enemy as they infiltrated along routes to Saigon to the east and IV Corps to the south. My base, such as it was, was adjacent to a remote Special Forces outpost outside the small village of Tuyen Nhon. Eventually, another river patrol division and elements of U.S. and Vietnamese riverine forces — steel hulled, heavily armored patrol boats and troop carriers arrived to enhance our

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#### APRIL

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

**10 Apr (Sat) Luana Koa Afternoon Tea (1400)  
w/Concert. See PHK for details.**

**13 Apr (Tue) LAVA Mtg., Hickam O’Club (1130)**

**16 Apr (Fri) Excom Mtg., MCBH O’Club (1200)**

**16 Apr (Fri) Dinner, Hickam O’Club (1800)  
featuring Danny Hee w/Big Band 50s and 60s Music**

**24 Apr (Sat) MOAA Party Bridge (1900)  
For reservations call Robbie Gee at 255-4558**

#### MAY

**1 May (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) (1000)  
Computer Training, Bishop Museum, Paki Bldg.**

**10 May (Mon) PAC Mtg, Hickam O’Club (1130)**

**11 May (Tue) LAVA Mtg., Hickam O’Club (1130)**

**21 May (Fri) Excom Mtg., MCBH O’Club (1200)**

**22 May (Sat) MOAA Party Bridge (1900)  
For reservations call Robbie Gee at 255-4558**

**29 May (Sat) Lanikai Mortgage Players  
Happy Hour (1900) Showtime (2000)**

**ALMOST FORGOTTEN** (Cont'd)  
 presence. Before long, I was in tactical command of 30 boats and over 250 men ready and willing to take on the enemy. In addition to patrolling and setting up ambushes, we inserted and extracted Navy Seal teams and Vietnamese Provincial Reconnaissance Units in support of special operations.

We were called the Brown Water Navy and followed a long, but not well recognized, tradition of U. S. Navy river warfare that dated back to the American Revolution. The enlisted personnel were all volunteers as well as many of the junior officers therefore discipline and drug problems were virtually non-existent.

It was a memorable tour of duty that made me appreciate the bravery, determination, leadership, camaraderie, and resiliency of the American sailor. I was humbled to be considered a member of this fighting group.

Serving one's country on the field of battle did not guarantee, however, a career boost or deserved recognition. When my detailer at the Bureau of Naval Personnel far away in Washington, D.C. wrote me to say that it was critical that I get a shipboard department head assignment as soon as possible. He was worried that I would not be competitive for promotion to Lieutenant Commander. I replied at once that I was a Lieutenant with a division command, a Command at Sea insignia serving my country in combat. I had been tested and produced results in a very stressful job. His reply startled me. My tour in Vietnam counted as neither sea nor shore duty. It was classified as "Dead Time". He noted that we were now and always would be a Blue not a Brown Water Navy. I expressed my dissatisfaction with the term "Dead Time" as I had lost 2 sailors a few weeks before.

It is my understanding that the courageous pilots of Helicopter Light Attack Squadron Three (HAL-3) fared little better. HAL-3 was the most decorated aviation squadron in Navy history yet their decommissioning was ignominious and not in keeping with the highest Navy traditions. The officers and men of HAL-3 not only saved the lives of many PBR sailors but also responded to requests from American Army and Marine Corps units that were in contact with enemy forces and needed help. Their complete history is yet to be written.

The 24 river patrol divisions and HAL-3 were never afforded the recognition and well deserved honor to be decommissioned with appropriate ceremonies on U.S. soil. The boats and helicopters remained in South Vietnam, but the officers and men came home, and there was no official welcome. It stills hurts after 35 years.

**BIG ISLAND – SATELLITE NEWS**

At the 6 March 2004 meeting of the Kailua-Kona Satellite, the following appointments with phone numbers were accepted for the remainder of 2004:

- |                                     |          |                                  |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Program Chair — Diane Duran         | 322-7570 | ROTC Affairs — Ed Tessien        | 329-8334 |
| Personal Affairs — Patrick Callahan | 329-1401 | Legislative Affairs — Dan Coates | 775-9727 |
| Veteran Affairs — Frank Hoak        | 880-1288 |                                  |          |

Meetings for the remainder of the year will be once a quarter, on the first Saturday of the third month – June 5, September 4 and December 4. The luncheon meetings will be 11:30-1:00 p.m. at the Regency-at-Hualalai, Kailua-Kona. Please advise Ed Tessien or Diane Duran if you can attend.

The Hilo Satellite has temporarily suspended meetings. Chapter members in Hilo are encourage to participate in the Kailua-Kona meetings. The Hilo point of contact is Bob Said at 982-5970.

**BEN PORTER ROTC LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Thanks to the generous donations of Chapter members to the Ben Porter Leadership Award, we plan to annually present two \$250.00 scholarship checks to two Junior Class ROTC cadets at the University of Hawaii. The award will be based on need, academic record and exhibited leadership in the ROTC program. The awards will be given at the ROTC graduation this month to one cadet in the Army ROTC program and the other in the Air Force program.

The following letter of appreciation to the Chapter was recently received from Ben's daughter Kate Porter of Tucson, Arizona along with a donation:

"Dear MOAA Friends~  
 My sister, Lindsey Jones, and I are very proud to contribute to the Ben Porter ROTC Leadership Award. Enclosed please find a check. Our Dad had a lifelong affinity for young people, and they responded so well to him. He would be pleased to know he is helping to give a good start to a military career. We thank you for honoring him in this wonderful way. (Signed Kate Porter) "

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**LUANA KOA UPDATE** by Ralph Niesz

In February, Gerontological Services, Inc. from Santa Monica, CA, interviewed in depth three small groups of both non-priority reservation members and priority reservation members of Luana Koa. The purpose of these focus groups was to provide specific information to the developers of Luana Koa as to what the future residents want to have available to them in the community. The 30-page report has just been issued. The findings were very helpful and some important data, along with other new developments will be presented at an upcoming event for those interested in learning more about Luana Koa. The free event is as follows:

- What: An Afternoon Tea and Concert
- Where: HAWAII PRINCE GOLF COURSE  
Bird of Paradise Restaurant  
91-1200 Fort Weaver Road
- When: Saturday, 10 April 2004  
from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- Attire: Wear your favorite hat!  
otherwise, informal.

Anyone who was at the Luana Koa Holiday Event knows Leon Williams. He and Dora Ah Chan, both Juilliard grads, will perform a Younger than Springtime repertoire of music at an afternoon tea. RSVP IS A MUST! To reserve your seat and to obtain directions, call Regina Kirchner at 395-6546 or me at 373-3619.

**BRIDGE CORNER** by Robbie Gee

Valentines Day may be over, but the MOAA Party Bridge Group, hosted on Saturday, 28 February 2004 by Bud and Peg Hurlless at Bob and Robbie Gee's condo at The Esplanade in Hawaii Kai, was full of lovers of the game. Guest Hazel Theodore was the winner of the sweetheart deal by taking first place, followed ever-so-closely by Gary Jensen in second, his lovely wife Bev in third, and guest Alice Mather in fourth. Others enjoying the evening were members Les and Shirley Ihara, Robbie and Bob Gee, John and Joan Peters, Judith Breitwieser, Marian Davis, Beverly Willms, and Doris Rechsteiner.

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 enjoy another opportunity to socialize with their TROA/MOAA friends and who don't take their bridge too seriously! The group usually meets on the last Saturday of the month at 7:00 p.m. 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.

**TAX HELP FOR CHAPTER MEMBERS**

There are three Chapter members that work with AARP in assisting seniors in tax preparations. You may contact these members for further information on when and where they are doing taxes. We salute and thank these members for their generous offer to help.

- Mililani area – George Sullivan: Phone: 623-2243,  
alohasully@earthlink.net
- Aiea area – Jerry Lesperance: Phone: 488-5205,  
jlesperance@hawaii.rr.com
- Windward area – Randy Jaycox: Phone: 261-2936

**CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED**

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 ★ To all of you who have donated to Hawaii Chapter's ROTC ★  
 ★ and Scholarship Program (as well as those who have not)... ★  
 ★ Beginning 10 April, and at various dates through the end of ★  
 ★ May, Hawaii Chapter will be presenting MOAA JROTC ★  
 ★ medals and certificates to 18 outstanding cadets at high ★  
 ★ schools on Oahu, and 5 SROTC medals and certificates to ★  
 ★ selected cadets at UH Manoa. In addition, 3 or more ★  
 ★ chapter scholarships will be awarded to qualifying ★  
 ★ applicants. As chapter representative you only need to be ★  
 ★ there to make the presentation. It's simple, gratifying, and ★  
 ★ rewarding. Call ROTC Committee Chair Hank Heyenga at ★  
 ★ 254-2814, or e-mail heyenga@verizon.net for details and to ★  
 ★ make your selection. Mahalo for your support. ★  
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**Captain George E. Sullivan USN (Ret.)**



**Survivor Benefit Plan Issues**

**A Half Loaf is Better Than None**

The Senate adopted Senator Mary Landau's (LA) amendment to include funding in the FY 2005 Budget Resolution to maintain SBP annuities at a constant 55-percent of retired pay, but on the House side, the Budget Committee rejected attempts to include it in their Budget Resolution. The Chairman of the House committee, Jim Nussle (R-IA), talked positively of fixing the "SBP Widows Tax" this year, but no budget line item is provided.

**30 Year Paid-up Survivor Benefit Plan Coverage**

As many of you know, the 30 year paid-up provision in the Survivor Benefit Plan kicks-in on October 1, 2008. For early subscribers to SBP this could result in up to six years extra in payments. There have been several attempts in the past to move the implementation date to an earlier year, but none has succeeded. Another attempt was recently made by Senator Jon Corzine (D-NJ) who introduced S. 2177, a bill that would implement 30-year paid-up Survivor Benefit Plan coverage on October 1, 2004. MOAA national feels there is a chance this may be enacted because, for the first time, there are companion bills in both Houses. Representative Jim Saxton (R-NJ) has introduced H.R. 1653 in the House. With both political parties feeling the need to support veterans going into this year's national election, the timing may be good. Write to our Hawaii legislators and urge them to co-sponsor the appropriate bill or visit <http://capwiz.com/moaa/issues/bills/?bill=5347021> and enter your zip code in the box to send a MOAA-prepared message urging Senators Inouye or Akaka to cosponsor S. 2177.

**Senate Approves Enhanced Guard and Reserve Education Benefit**

In addition to expanded TRICARE benefits for Guard and Reserve personnel the US Senate approved an amendment to its FY2005 Budget Resolution that increases funds for the educational benefits of Guard and Reserve personnel under the Montgomery G.I. Bill (MGIB).

Guard and Reservists currently receive \$282 per month, 27 percent of the MGIB benefit paid to active duty personnel. At a time when Guard and Reservists are being deployed with the same frequency as their active duty counterparts, this legislation aims to bring the compensation level to 47 percent of the funds appropriated for active duty.

**SECNAV Title Change Proposed**

Rep. Walter B. Jones (N.C.) proposed H.R. 1741 to change the title of *Secretary of the Navy* to *Secretary of the Navy & Marine Corps*.

**Military Appreciation Package Moves Through State Legislature**

A number of bills are working their way through this session of the State Legislature in support of our men and women in uniform. Included are: increasing the income tax deduction from \$1,750 to \$5,000 for Guard and reservists; \$1M appropriation for tuition assistance for Guard members enrolled in degree programs at UH; and requiring the military representative serving on the Board of Education to be seated with the other members and to participate in discussions about board matters, excluding executive meetings.

## **APRIL CHAPTER SOCIAL EVENT**

### **A BIG BAND BLAST – SIGN UP FOR THE GOOD SEATS**

**What:** The Hickam Officers Club will host a Member Appreciation night with Reserved Seating for Chapter members. Big Band Music by Danny Hee.

**When:** Friday night, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Dinner 6-8 PM and Music dancing 7-10 PM

**Dinner:** International Buffet Menu: Beef Burgundy, Roasted Herb Chicken, Mahi Almandine, Salads, Desserts

**Cost:** Pay at the Door!! Hickam Club Members (Show card) free. Member Spouses \$5.95.

All other guests \$11.95. (Note: MCBH Kaneohe Club Cards or other club cards are not honored, but this is still a night of fun for a bargain!)

**Reservations:** Call or contact Judith Breitwieser at 262-7953 or by e-mail

[HawaiiJudith@webtv.net](mailto:HawaiiJudith@webtv.net) by April 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a must to reserve your seat.

#### **ERRATA for 2004 Directory**

Please make the following pen and ink corrections:

Cover: Website: <http://www.moaa-hawaii.org>

E:Mail: [info@moaa-hawaii.org](mailto:info@moaa-hawaii.org)

New e-mail for Copman, Louis: [louiscopean@earthlink.net](mailto:louiscopean@earthlink.net)

New e-mail for Ishii, Tom: [tomishijr@hotmail.com](mailto:tomishijr@hotmail.com)

New e-mail for Kelly, Jim: [KELLYPACF@aol.com](mailto:KELLYPACF@aol.com)

New e-mail for Slocum, Frank D: [ussloc1@lava.net](mailto:ussloc1@lava.net)

Page 17, Huntzinger, Robert E: add spouse' name, [Venus]

Page 21, Rethman, Michael P: change USAR to USA

#### **Concurrent Receipt Payments Begin**

On 1 February the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) began concurrent receipt payments for approximately 150,000 disabled retirees. This first-paid group includes retirees whose retired pay adjustment requires no calculation except a straight elimination of the VA disability offset.

Programming changes affecting qualifying retirees with more complicated situations will take longer, but DFAS expects it will pay these retirees no later than 1 April. Those first checks will include retroactive payment back to the 1 January start date.

The process is not so simple or so quick for payment of Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) which requires an individual application. We still are pressing DoD and the VA to apply additional resources to speed the application process and generate more timely decisions. We hope to have further updates on this effort soon.

(MOAA, *The Affiliate*, March 2004, page 3)

#### **USAF Retiree Affairs Office (RAO) Reopens**

Kevin Smith, LtCol, USAF, Ret, has accepted the volunteer position of Director of the RAO. This position has been vacant for more than 18 months. Their first newsletter is expected in April, and Smith hopes most retirees will pick up an electronic copy. The RAO will soon establish a website and e-mail address. They are located in Bldg 1102, Room C-107, telephone: 449-0674. Hours are Monday and Wednesday, 0900-1600. If you can help with volunteer manning of the Hickam RAO, please call Kevin Smith.

#### **For Your Information — IRAQ**

Making the rounds of GI e-mail traffic in Iraq these days is the following, written by Navy Chaplain Karl Nielson, LT, CHC, USNR, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU)

Since President Bush declared an end to major combat on May 1, the first battalion of the new Iraqi Army has graduated and is on duty (60,000 Iraqis providing security to citizens), nearly all of Iraq's 400 courts are functioning (the judiciary is fully independent), power generation hit 4,518 megawatts (Oct), exceeding pre-war output, all 22 universities and 43 technical institutes/colleges are open, nearly all primary and secondary schools are open.

Coalition has "rehabbed" 1500+ schools (500 ahead of schedule). Teachers earn from 12-25 times their former salaries. All 240 hospitals and more than 1200 clinics are open. Doctors' salaries are at least 8 times what they were under Saddam. Pharmaceutical distribution has gone from almost zero to 12,000 tons. Coalition has helped administer 22 million+ vaccinations to children, has cleared 14,000+ km of Iraq's 27,000 km of weed-choked canals which now irrigate tens of thousands of farms, a project which has created 100,000+ jobs for Iraqi men and women. Coalition has restored over 3/4 of pre-war telephone services and 2/3+ of potable water production. Commerce is expanding rapidly (bicycles, satellite dishes, cars, trucks, etc.) in all major cities and towns. 95% of all pre-war bank customers have service and first-time customers are opening accounts daily. Iraqi banks are making loans to finance businesses. The central bank is fully independent.

Iraq has one of the world's most growth-oriented investment and banking laws. Iraq has a single, unified currency for the first time in 15 years. Satellite TV dishes are legal. Foreign journalists are not on "10-day-visas" paying mandatory fees to the Ministry of Information of "minders." There is no such ministry. There are 170+ newspapers. Foreign journalists (and everyone else) are free to come and go. A nation that had not one single element — legislative, judicial or executive — of a representative government, now does.

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**TUG** by Col Lou Torraca, USAF (Ret.)

Aloha all. Thanks to Jim's excellent presentation at the March TUG Meeting, we all now have a pretty good idea of how the new features of Office 2003 work! Is it worth upgrading to? That's a question you will have to answer yourself. I personally thought it was worth the effort and I haven't been disappointed.

Continuing my monthly coverage of PC technology, I have several things to tell you about. First, the Smart ID WiFi Detector. I've been trying this out for the past month or so. As you recall, I mentioned the subject of WiFi a couple of meetings ago, telling you about my Toshiba WiFi PDA. One of the things you need to know if you expect to use the WiFi feature on a laptop or PDA is of course, where the hot spots are that you can connect to. Thanks to Smart ID Technology PTE, LTD who makes the Smart ID WiFi Detector, I have discovered lots of places where I can go online with my PDA. You can easily find WiFi hotspots with this little gadget; it's the size of a remote garage door opener. This little device will find both 802.11b and 802.11g wireless network signals. You'll even be able to find where the Access Point is located with its directional antenna. For WiFi signals the lights blink ON and OFF, for other signals, like bluetooth, 2.4GHz phones and microwaves, the lights stay on solid without blinking. For you technically inclined, here are the Stats:

- \* Red LEDs indicate WiFi signal strength
- \* Green LED indicates battery power
- \* Power: 2-AAA size batteries (included)
- \* Operating Range: up to 500' (Open Space), up to 150' (Indoor)
- \* Temperature Range: 0 to 60 degrees C (Operating), -20 to 75 degrees C (Storing)
- \* Directional antenna shows both signal strength and direction of signal origin
- \* Dimensions: 4" x 2.2" x .6"

If you do any traveling and have a WiFi capable laptop or PDA, this little gem is definitely for you. It's compact, sturdy and very affordable. Check it out at [www.smartid.com.sg](http://www.smartid.com.sg)

Next on my technology list is an incredible little program called CTube! Are you bored with the lack of quality, variety and intellectual challenge available via your TV? If so, CTube has what you're looking for. Here's what they say: "You can watch news, music videos, education and entertainment channels from around the world. CTube! is ideal for people interested in alternative programming, learning languages, foreign cultures, entertainment or news .

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Do you have an Internet Television Station or Live Video Cam you would like to have listed on CTube? " They are really too modest, this is one of the most entertaining bits of software I have so far found. And as they say on the last line, you can even add your own live web cam...just think, you can be a star!! Take a look at the program listings and other information on their webpage and you'll see what I mean. You can also take a test run. And to make it a really good deal, they are offering all their programs to user group members at a 30% discount! So, after you visit [www.eastbaytech.com](http://www.eastbaytech.com) and decide to purchase one or more programs, let me know and I'll get the details on how to use the discount.

Finally, I have been beta testing WIN XP Service Pack 2 and so far, I have had a very good experience with it. Lots of good improvements, many of which are designed to make it much more secure, avoid spam and block pop-ups! Microsoft is shooting for summer as a release date and next month, I'll give you some details on how my testing is going.

That's it for this month. Come see us at one of our meetings. Visit [www.the\\_tug\\_homestead.com](http://www.the_tug_homestead.com) for schedules and directions to our meeting locations. Until next time, happy computing. Lou

IRAQ (Continued from Page 5)

In Baghdad alone, residents have selected 88 advisory councils. Baghdad's democratic transfer of power (1st in 35 years) city council elected its new chairman. Iraqi Chambers of Commerce, businesses, schools and professional organizations are electing their leaders all over the country. 25 ministers, selected by the most representative governing body in Iraq's history, run the day-to-day business of government.

The Iraqi government regularly participates in international events. Since July the Iraqi government has been represented in 24+ international meetings, including the UN General Assembly, the Arab League, the World Bank, IMF, and the Islamic Conference Summit. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that it is reopening 30+ Iraqi embassies worldwide.

Shia religious festivals (all but banned) are no longer illegal. For the first time in 35 years, in Karbala, thousands of Shiites celebrate the pilgrimage of the 12th Imam. The Coalition has completed 13,000+ reconstruction projects, large and small, as part of a strategic plan for the reconstruction of Iraq. Uday and Quesay are dead, and no longer feeding Iraqis to the zoo lions, raping the young daughters of local leaders to force cooperation, torturing Iraq's soccer players for losing games, or murdering critics. Children aren't imprisoned or murdered when their parents disagree with the government. Political opponents aren't imprisoned, tortured, executed, maimed, or forced to watch their families die for disagreeing with Saddam. Millions of long-suffering Iraqis no longer live in perpetual terror.

As a side effect, in neighboring countries, (1) Saudis will hold municipal elections, (2) Qatar is reforming education to give more choices to parents, (3) Jordan is accelerating economic market reforms.

The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded (for the first time) to an Iranian Muslim woman who speaks out for human rights/democracy and peace. Saddam is gone. Iraq is free.

Little or none of this information has been published by the Press Corps that prides itself on bringing you all the news that's important. Iraq, under US lead control, has come further in six months than Germany did in seven years, or Japan did in nine years following WWII. Military deaths from fanatic Nazis and Japanese numbered in the thousands and continued for over three years after WWII victory was declared. It took the US over four months to clear away the twin tower debris, let alone attempt to build something else in its place.

Now, take into account that many people in our government and media continue to claim on a daily basis on national TV that this conflict has been a failure. Taking everything into consideration, even the unfortunate loss of our sons and daughters in this conflict, do you think any other country in the world could have accomplished as much as the United States and its coalition partners have in so short a period of time?

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



The train bombing in Spain is another reminder that global terrorism is active and the threat continues. World War III is here with our hard working Military and other government agencies staying very busy to meet the challenge. Tough decisions, long hours and high pressure to meet the demands of the day are the norm. Just visit Schofield as the units are preparing to deploy and you will see and feel the high level of activity.

Adopt-a-Platoon. On the outer edge of the action as a morale booster, we as a Chapter have agreed to participate and support a deployed unit – the Tropic Lightning Division Band. Right now the band is fully occupied with pre-deployment training, band commitments and a change in the bandmaster on March 16<sup>th</sup>. So please stay tuned and you will hear more, once the band has designated a point of contact for the Adopt-a-Platoon program.

The Doleman Award. Please consider someone in the Chapter who has made an extra effort to help out and volunteer their time and talent to the community. On May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Chamber of Commerce Military Appreciation Lunch, one member of our Chapter will receive this prestigious award in the presence of the Governor and the top military and civic leaders of the community. It is an honor that the Chapter participates in this prime event of Military Appreciation week. Please let the Chairman, Hank Heyenga, of the Doleman Award Committee know by letter, phone or e-mail of your nomination. Hank may be reached at the Chapter address, phone 254-2814 or e-mail [heyenga@verizon.net](mailto:heyenga@verizon.net).

Colonel Ron Bezanson, our editor of the Pau Hana Koa, welcomes stories, announcements or news that would be of interest to the Chapter membership. So like the song, "New York, New York," start spreading the news!!

Aloha, *Jack*

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**New Membership Application and/or Current Member Dues Payment**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female   
Last First MI

**New Member Application**  **Currently a Regular Member**  **Currently an Auxiliary Member**

**New members:** Complete next items and Regular or Auxiliary Member section. Enter remittance at bottom.

**Current members:** Complete any items that have changed and enter your remittance amount at bottom of form.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ National MOAA membership No. \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**Regular Members:** Active duty, retired, or former military officers are eligible for regular membership.  
Service \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Active Duty  Retired  Reserve  National Guard  Former Officer   
**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.

**Auxiliary Members:** Widows or widowers are eligible for membership whose spouses were regular members or were eligible for regular membership. Rank of spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Service of spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
**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.

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

If married, spouse's first name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name, if different than yours: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dues Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Optional Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Ben Porter Leadership Award, scholarships, USO, etc.

**Total Remittance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Make check to Hawaii Chapter MOAA, PO Box 1185, Kailua HI 96734-1185**