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Nominating Committee Report

Mert Agena, Vernon Von, and Mark Webster made up the chapter's nominating committee. The following report to the Board of Directors is submitted as requested.

As a nominating committee, we have the following slate of nominees for the Aloha Chapter, MOAA, Board of Directors (BOD) commencing 1 January 2008 for BOD and membership approval. The nominees are:

Army (2): **Mert Agena & Walter Kinoshita**

Navy (1): **Mark Webster**

Coast Guard (1): Unless an USCG member is found, **Vernon Von** has volunteered to be a member of the BOD in lieu of a CG member. **Jerry Lesperance**, whose term on the BOD is expiring, has indicated he has no desire to serve again, and as in the past, he could not find any of the other four USCG members in Aloha Chapter interested or will

ing to serve.

Auxiliary: **Mitzi**

Austin (she would be an added member to the BOD, and will join **Anna Blackwell** as an auxiliary board member).

In accordance with the chapter bylaws, the BOD shall be composed of not more

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than nine members. With four holdovers from the current BOD, the added five above will fill all nine seats in the BOD.

Mert Agena 

Parliamentarian's Views on Nominating Committee's Report

The board of directors has asked me, Larry Enomoto, as parliamentarian, to advise the president and members of Aloha Chapter regarding some issues it found with this report (to the left) from its nominating committee. Based on provisions in the current Aloha Chapter Bylaws, on basic parliamentary rules and practices in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* which the chapter has adopted as its Parliamentary Authority, and on the limited instructions from the board of directors, it appears that:

1. Members of the nominating committee **can nominate themselves** to fill vacant director's positions [*Robert's Rules* § 46, p. 419].
2. Nominees to fill two Army directors' and one Navy director's vacant positions **are eligible** members from those services [Bylaws, Art. IX, Sec. 1].
3. The nominee from the Air Force who has volunteered to fill the Coast Guard director's vacant position **is not eligible** because the current bylaws require that position to be filled only by a representative from the Coast Guard, NOAA or USPHS—and from no other service [Bylaws, Art. IX, Sec. 1; and Instructions, 1 Coast Guard].
4. The nominee to fill an additional auxiliary position on the board **is not eligible** because the current bylaws allow the board to “include a member representing the auxiliary” [Bylaws, Art. IX, Sec. 1, Instructions, none from auxiliary].
5. The nominating committee has recommended that two additional nominees fill up to the maximum of nine seats on the board of directors under the current bylaws, **See Views on Page 3**

President's Message

By Les Ihara



Although the number of Aloha Chapter members and spouses who attended the joint luncheon meeting on October 18th was relatively small, the feedback I received is that MOAA's **Phil Dyer's** presentation was well presented and meaningful. I understood that *MOAA's Level of Excellence 4-Star Streamer for 2006* was to be presented to Aloha Chapter by **Phil Dyer** at that meeting, but it was not; it will be mailed to the chapter instead. Having mentioned that, I would like to extend the chapter's Congratulations to Immediate Past President **Vernon Von** and his administration for the Streamer and for maintaining the streak of four Streamers since its inception 4 years ago. These *Level of Excellence* annual recognitions are awarded to less than a hundred of the nearly 400 MOAA chapters, so Aloha Chapter members can be proud of its standing among all MOAA chapters.

The November dinner meeting is the very important Annual General Membership Meeting on the 15th at the Oahu Veterans Center (OVC) located in Foster Village. The evening will include both serious and fun activities. After the normal meeting/opening formalities, we'll have a catered buffet dinner, after which we'll begin with the serious, an election to fill four Board of Director positions, specifically, 2 representatives from the Army, 1 Navy representative, and 1 from the CG. A member of the Nominating Committee will be presenting the committee's report and, as required, other nominations from the floor will be accepted after that. (The Nomination Committee's report appears on the front page of this issue).

Another serious matter follows with the Bylaws Review/Revision Committee's report which includes several proposed amendments to the current chapter Bylaws. The proposed amendments are in the insert of this newsletter, and those attending the meeting are asked to bring it with them to save expenses in reproducing them for

the meeting.

The fun part begins immediately thereafter and will be well worth it if you're lucky because we'll be playing BINGO. Each attendee will receive a free card, and additional cards may be purchased to improve your chances of winning some pretty good prizes. And don't forget the drawing of a member's name for a \$50 cash prize, but he or she must be present to win it.

I am certain that the Board of Directors for next year will be looking for members to serve as chapter officers and committee chairs for 2008, so if any of you are interested in accepting any of those challenges, please let your intentions be known immediately. I, for one, will finally "fade into the sunset" and hopefully leave the chapter in younger and good hands to continue the good work of the chapter. It has been my pleasure to serve you.

Aloha,

Les Ihara



Welcome to Our New Members

Jean K. Kawamura, Auxiliary
Calvin Lau, MG, USA, Ret.
Walter M. Ozawa, COL, USA, Ret.

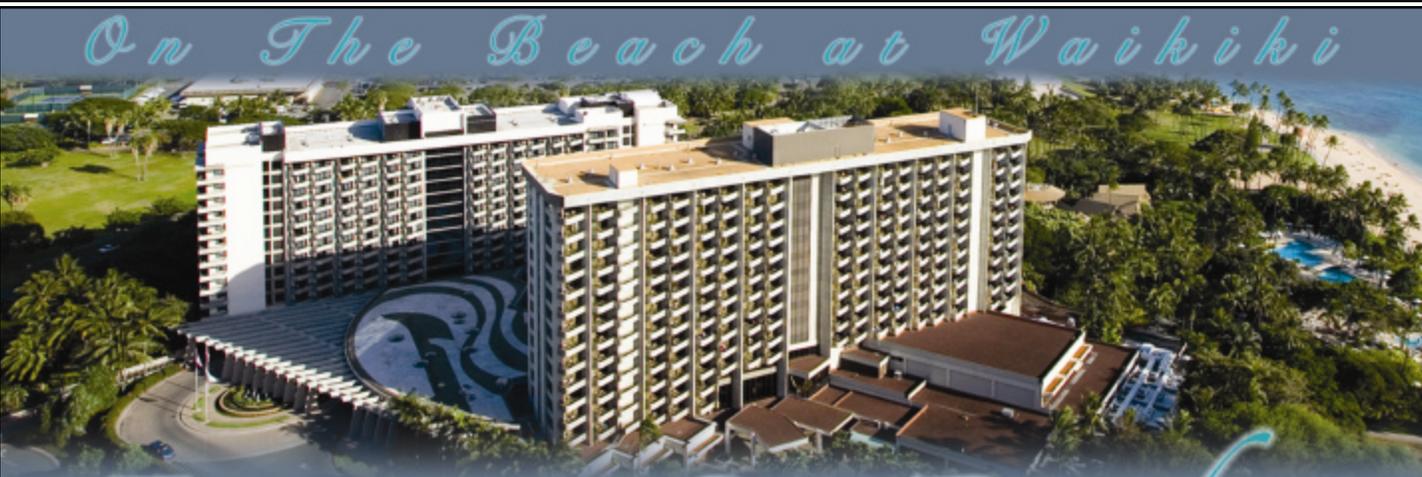
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 8, 2007	9:00 AM, Excom Meeting, OVC
Nov. 13, 2007	2:00 PM, Board of Directors Meeting, OVC
Nov. 15, 2007 (Thursday)	6:00 PM, Annual General Membership Dinner Meeting, Oahu Veterans' Center
Nov. 18, 2007 (Sunday)	1:00 PM, Party Bridge, Fahrni Realty Classroom. Hosts: Anna & Dan
Nov. 19, 2007	Golf Outing, Malama Bay Golf Course
Dec. 12, 2007 (Wednesday)	6:00 PM, Chapter Christmas Party, Hale Koa Hotel
Dec. 13, 2007	9:00 AM, Excom Meeting, Colonnade, Aiea
Dec. 16, 2007 (Sunday)	5: PM, Party Bridge and Annual Potluck Dinner, Ihara Residence

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Views (Cont.)

but this recommendation **exceeds the instructions** the committee received from the board [Bylaws, Art. IX, Sec. 1, Instructions, 4 specific service nominees].

Because Aloha Chapter members must ultimately decide whom they will elect as directors at the annual meeting, they should carefully consider each nominee against his or her eligibility for election under the current Bylaws, *Robert's Rules* and the board's instructions to the nominating committee—and vote according to their understanding of these guidelines.

By *Larry Enomoto, Vice President, Parliamentarian* 

Commentary on Nominating Committee's Report and Parliamentarian's Views

On 31 August 2007, the Board of Directors appointed the following chapter members—**BG Clarence Agena, Chairman**, and **Vernon Von and Mark Webster**—as members of the Nomi-

nating Committee. The Committee was tasked to look for nominees for four Director positions, specifically, members of the following service categories: US Army – 2 nominees; US Navy – 1 nominee; and USCG – 1 nominee. The Nominating Committee was asked to submit its report to the Board of Directors by 11 October 2007.

As evidenced by the Nominating Committee's report on the front page, nominees for only 3 of the 4 positions were reported with an indication that there were no USCG members interested or willing to serve as a Board member. The Report also contained names of 2 other members for board positions – the first, for a position in lieu of the USCG vacancy, and the second for a vacancy which does not exist – both made in accordance with its views that favor having a full slate of 9 members on the Board.

Because of these circumstances of the Nominating Committee's report, a Special Board of Directors meeting was held on 23 October 2007. And, because the Board Chair felt the need for procedural and legal **See Commentary Page 13**

Real Dialogue with MOAA Guest Speaker

About 40 Hawaii Chapter and 16 Aloha Chapter members and guests engaged in real dialogue with **Phil Dyer**, deputy director, Benefits and Financial Education for MOAA, after a joint buffet-luncheon at Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter, on Thursday, 18 October 2007. Using a PowerPoint slide presentation, **Dyer** covered three areas he thought are important to members in both chapters: Legislative Update, Growing Your Chapter, and Getting Involved.

Dyer's discussion of current legislative issues affecting not only military retirees but also active duty, National Guard and reserve members prompted several questions requesting clarification of MOAA's legislative priorities, TRICARE issues for retirees not yet covered by Medicare, and Survivor Benefit Program versus Social Security reduction issues.

Citing examples MOAA has gathered from chap-

ters in other regions, **Dyer** showed how some chapters have recruited younger members still on active duty or recently retired by making direct, personal contacts, asking what would it take to have them join a MOAA chapter, then making that happen.

Most notable, however, were the many new opportunities with which **Dyer** encouraged chapter members to get involved: (1) Partnering with nonprofit organizations such as the *Wounded Warrior Project*¹; or (2) Helping severely-injured service members adjust by supporting *Heroes to Hometowns* (H2H)²; or (3) Supporting DoD's Quality of Life (QOL) information programs such as *America Supports You: Our Military Men and Women*, found through the QOL Military Home Front website³. **Dyer** suggested that chapter involvement in such projects or activities could become avenues to recruit new chapter members.

¹ <http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>

² <http://tinyurl.com/2nmnva>

³ <http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/>



Proposed Amendments to Aloha Chapter Bylaws

By Larry Enomoto, Chair, Bylaws Revision Ad Hoc Committee

Please **review** the draft amendments to the Aloha Chapter Bylaws on the following pages 5 thru 8 of this newsletter before the General Membership Meeting, 15 November 2007. These amendments to the current version amended through 19 June 2003 are proposed by the Bylaws Revision Ad Hoc Committee with input from other Chapter members over the past few months. Members will approve and adopt these and any further amendments at this General Membership Meeting.

As noted at the top of each page of this draft document, the Ramseyer Rule is used to mark up **deletions** using brackets [for text to be deleted] and **additions** using underline for added text. Any unmarked, remaining text is from the current version of Aloha Chapter Bylaws that was printed in the February 2007 **Aloha Chapter Membership Directory**.

Please **bring** a copy of these proposed amendments to the General Membership Meeting at the Oahu Veterans' Center in Foster Village.



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As Hawaii is the most unique State of all these United States of America because of its ethnic and cultural diversity, this organization of men and women who serve or have served in the nation's uniformed services, National Guard, and reserve components, as well as their spouses or their widows and widowers, must be reflective of that diversity. The understanding and appreciation of that diversity underlie the essence of its name "Aloha" and the rainbow in its logo represents the many ethnicities, cultures, and service components of its members.

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Aloha Chapter, Military Officers Association of America (MOAA); herein referred to as "the Chapter".

Article II - Purposes

The purposes of the Chapter shall be to:

- a. Promote the purposes and objectives of the Military Officers Association of America;
- b. Foster friendly relations among active, retired and former officers of the uniformed services, their National Guard and reserve components and their spouses;
- c. Protect the rights and interests of active duty, retired, reserve and National Guard personnel of the uniformed services and their dependents and survivors;
- d. Provide useful services for members, their dependents and survivors;
- e. Conduct programs for charitable and educational purposes; and
- f. Serve the community and the nation.

Article III - Status

Section 1. The Chapter shall be a nonprofit organization, operated exclusively for the purposes specified in Article II above.

Section 2. Officers, directors and committee chairs shall not receive any compensation for their services, but the board of directors may authorize reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Section 3. Nothing herein shall constitute members of the Chapter as partners for any purpose. No member, officer, or agent of the Chapter shall be liable for acts or failures to act on the part of any other members, officer or agent. Nor shall any member, officer, or agent be held liable for acts or failures to act under these bylaws, excepting only acts or failures to act arising out of willful malfeasance or misfeasance.

Section 4. The Chapter shall use its funds only to accomplish the purposes specified in Article II above, and no part of Chapter funds shall inure or be distributed to members.

Article IV - Affiliation

Section 1. The Chapter shall be affiliated with the Military Officers Association of America.

Section 2. The Chapter shall not have any provisions in its bylaws that will violate the bylaws of the Military Officers Association of America.

Article V - Membership

Section 1. The membership of the Chapter shall be composed of men and women who are serving or have served on active duty or in one of the National Guard or reserve components as a commissioned or warrant officer in one of the seven uniformed services - Army (USA), Navy (USN), Air Force (USAF), Marine Corps (USMC), Coast Guard (USCG), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and Public Health Service (USPHS). In addition, the survivor of a deceased person who, if living, would be eligible for membership or a spouse of any eligible officer may become a member.

Section 2. Subject to the provisions above, membership shall be of ~~[three]~~five classes: regular, life, auxiliary, life auxiliary and honorary.

- a. Regular members. Men and women who are serving or have served in one of the seven uniformed services above;
- b. Life Members. Those eligible for membership, as prescribed in Section 2a of this Article, who apply for life membership and pay the prescribed life membership fee;

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- c. Auxiliary members. Surviving spouses of deceased persons who, if living, would be eligible for regular membership, or any spouse of a regular member or an officer eligible for membership;
- d. Life auxiliary members. Widows or widowers of deceased life members or any widow or widower of any deceased individual who would have been eligible for membership who pays the prescribed life auxiliary membership fee; and
- e. Honorary members. The board of directors may confer an honorary membership in recognition of a person's service to the United States, State of Hawaii or any of its Counties. Except for those elected or appointed to public office, persons eligible for regular or auxiliary membership shall not be granted honorary memberships.

Section 3. Applications for [regular and auxiliary]memberships shall be submitted to the membership committee that shall be empowered to accept or reject applications based on the above criteria.

Section 4. [The board of directors may drop any member for]Membership may be terminated:

- a. By the membership committee for non-payment of dues 120 days beyond expiration of membership, or
- b. By the board of directors for good and sufficient cause after that member has been given an opportunity to be heard. Termination for good and sufficient cause shall include termination for such things as fraud or dishonesty, willful violation of Chapter bylaws, or intentionally working against the best interests of the Chapter.

Section 5. [Regular members and auxiliary holding Chapter director or officer positions]Excluding honorary members, all other classes of members are required to hold and maintain membership in the Military Officers Association of America.

Article VI - Voting

Section 1. Only regular, life, auxiliary and life auxiliary members in good standing present at a meeting of the Chapter shall be entitled to vote, except that non-member spouses appointed on committees shall be entitled to vote at executive committee meetings.

Section 2. Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, all questions coming before the membership shall be decided by a majority vote.

Section 3. Proxy voting shall not be permitted at any meeting of the Chapter.

Section 4. When urgent matters must be decided outside their regular or special meetings, voting by postal or electronic mail shall be permitted only among the board of directors or the executive committee.

Article VII - Dues

Section 1. The board of directors shall determine annual dues for regular and auxiliary members. Honorary members shall not be assessed any dues.

Section 2. The death of a member in good standing shall entitle the surviving spouse to an automatic auxiliary membership and dues shall be considered paid-up through the period for which the deceased had paid.

Article VIII - General Membership, Regular and Special Meetings

Section 1. There shall normally be an annual general membership meeting during the month of November for the election of directors and transaction of other business.

Section 2. Regular meetings of the Chapter shall normally be held monthly unless otherwise decided by the board of directors.

Section 3. Special meetings shall be held when requested by more than fifteen of all regular and auxiliary members or when authorized by the board of directors.

Section 4. Fifteen members of the Chapter shall constitute a quorum for general membership, regular and special meetings at which business will be transacted.

Article IX - Board of Directors

Section 1. There shall be a board of directors, composed of not more than nine (9) members elected by Chapter members. If eligible members are available, each of the following services shall be represented on the board by at least one member from the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, and one representing the Coast Guard, NOAA and USPHS. In addition, the board shall include a member representing the auxiliary and may include a director elected at large.

Section 2. When the total number of members of one service is greater than two or more times the combined totals of the smallest three (3) categories above, that service shall be entitled to as many members as the number

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of times it is greater, subject to a maximum of three (3). However, directors should represent the interests of all Chapter members and not any specific uniformed service or the auxiliary.

Section 3. Term of office of board members shall be two (2) years. Terms shall be staggered to insure that one half of all directors [are]is elected each year. No director shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive elected terms. [Elected] Directors shall take office [on January first following the election]upon their election or appointment to fill a vacancy.

Section 4. The board of directors shall:

- a. Be responsible to the members for supervising, controlling and directing the affairs of the Chapter;
- b. Determine Chapter policies or changes thereto within the limits of these bylaws;
- c. Have overall authority in the disbursement of its funds. Board of directors' approval of a budget line item is authority for its proponent to expend up to the amount specified.
- d. Adopt resolutions or establish positions in the name of the Chapter only with membership approval,
- e. Elect the chairman of the board when a vacancy occurs in that position;
- f. Fill a director's vacancy until the next election whenever an eligible [service] member from the same service or auxiliary becomes available; and
- g. Appoint the chair and members of the nominating committee.

Section 5. The board may waive the term limit for a specific director if an eligible member is not available from the same service or auxiliary to fill that director's pending vacancy, and if that director agrees to serve longer.

Section 6. A majority of members serving on the board shall constitute a quorum capable of transacting any business that may come before a meeting of the board of directors.

Article X - Chapter Officers

Section 1. The board shall appoint [the]any class of Chapter [president, one or more vice presidents, secretary and treasurer who need not be members of the board]members, except honorary, to serve as officers for one year or longer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Chapter in Article XIV.

[Section 2. The Chapter officers appointed under Article XI, Sections 1 above, chairs of committees established in Article XII, section 1 below and the immediate past president shall comprise the executive committee of the Chapter.]

Section [3]2. The president shall preside at general membership, regular and special meetings of the Chapter, executive committee meetings, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees with the right to vote, except in the nomination committee.

Article XI – Executive Committee[s]

Section 1. [As directed by the board of directors, the president shall appoint standing and ad hoc committees deemed necessary to implement the policies and objectives developed by the board of directors.]The Chapter officers appointed under Article X, Section 1 above, chairs of committees established in Article XII, section 1 below, and the immediate past president shall comprise the executive committee of the Chapter.

Section 2. [A nominating committee of four (4) regular members and one (1) auxiliary member, who are not incumbent members of the board of directors, shall be appointed by the board of directors to nominate members to fill vacant director positions. Nominating committee members shall include representatives of four different uniformed services among the regular members.]The executive committee shall:

- a. Implement the policies and objectives established by the board of directors;
- b. Conduct Chapter programs and activities which enhance members' participation;
- c. Conduct annual fundraising activities;
- d. Ensure Chapter representation at appropriate military events and memorial ceremonies;
- e. Support community services;
- f. Strive to increase membership from all uniformed services active and retired personnel;
- g. Publicize Chapter activities and programs through multiple communication media;
- h. Support national and state legislative initiatives that benefit military members, veterans and their families;
- i. Recommend new programs and services; and
- j. Meet monthly unless postponed by the president.

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Section 3 [Every standing committee shall prepare and maintain a charter approved by the board of directors that, as a minimum, includes its purposes and objectives. Charters shall be reviewed and revalidated periodically, but not less than once every two years. Ad hoc committees established to perform tasks of limited scope and duration do not require a charter.]A majority of members serving on the executive committee shall constitute a quorum capable of transacting any business that may come before the executive committee.

Article XII – [Annual Reports]Standing, Ad Hoc and Nominating Committees

Section 1. Subject to approval by the board of directors, the president shall annually appoint chairs for standing and ad hoc committees required by the bylaws. Spouses of Chapter members are eligible for appointment to serve as chairs of standing and ad hoc committees.

Section 2. The standing committees of the Chapter shall include membership, legislative, personal affairs, community services, programs, publications and public relations, ROTC and veteran affairs and others that may be deemed advisable.

Section 3 Ad hoc committees of the Chapter may be established to perform such temporary activities that the president might determine to be required.

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Section 5. A nominating committee of up to five members of any class, who may include incumbent members of the board of directors barred from re-election, shall be appointed by the board of directors not later than July 1 to nominate members to fill vacant director positions. Nominating committee members should include representatives from four different uniformed services and the auxiliary.

Article XIII – [Parliamentary Authority]Annual Reports

Unless otherwise exempted by the board, all officers and committee chairs shall submit annual reports on the past year's activities not later than the end of January of the following year. Reports shall include statistical and/or narrative statements of their activities, accomplishments, and impacts made on the community, MOAA, and the Chapter.

Article XIV – [Flags] Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Chapter in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Chapter may adopt.

Article XV – [Dissolution]Flags

Section 1. The American flag and the State of Hawaii flag shall normally be displayed and honored at all meetings in accordance with established protocol.

Section 2. The Chapter flag with all award streamers shall normally be displayed at all meetings and at appropriate military events or veterans' memorial ceremonies.

Article XVI – [Amendments]Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the Chapter, and after the discharge of all liabilities, the remaining assets shall be given to a nonprofit organization whose purposes and objectives are similar to those of the Chapter, such organization to be designated by the board of directors.

Article XVII - Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted to all members in writing [at the previous regular meeting]not less than 30 days prior to that meeting.

Adopted at the meeting of the Aloha Chapter in Honolulu, Hawaii on _____ 2007.

(Signed)

Les S. Ihara, Colonel, US Army, Retired

President

July Space-A Luncheon Meeting Sparks an Adventure

At the chapter meeting on July 18, 2007, guest speaker **Joe Kuroda**, supported by Space-A veterans "Diction" **Mark Webster** and "Sealy" **Tom Seale** and backed up by Frequent Traveler "Engine" **Jim Chang**, spoke of "Military Space Available Travel, Pros and Cons. Over 70 attended and one could observe a look of interest among the listeners as Joe explained that Space-A Travel is an "exciting adventure". He also reminded his fellow retirees that "free" Space-A Travel is a "privilege deservedly earned."

Joe concluded his persuasive delivery by casting out Space-A as bait to golf at military golf courses in Japan—and he hooked six big ones!

Thus, on Sunday, October 7, the "Space-A Japan Golf Safari 7" departed Hickam Air Base on a C-17 and arrived at Yokota Air Base, Tokyo, on Monday, October 8, target return-date of 10/20.

Destination: Golfing at Tama Hills (AF) 10/9, Camp Zama (USA) 10/11, Atsugi (NAS) 10/13, enjoying Base Lodging and enjoying a stay at a Japanese Inn and soaking in an "onsen."

Here are the comments of a few members of the Safari 7 consisting of **Hal Okita**, **Norm** and **Alice Fujiwara**, **Shu Miyasaki**, **Paul Sugimoto**, and **Calvin Koseki**:

Hal Okita said: "I would fly Space-A again as it is an adventuresome way to travel provided you can follow the "**Kuroda** Rules of Travel," i.e., you have the time, you have the patience and you are flexible. What made our recent trip enjoyable was the companionship of my fellow travelers; it was a perfect combination of compatible people and a terrific trip. Put a group like that together and Space-A can be a whole lot of fun. My sensing is that going to the Far East is easier to make the right connection to where one does not 'waste' a lot of time sitting at AMC terminals; I have not experienced going eastward, so I truly can't comment on that. Bottom line is I would not hesitate going back to Japan—especially if I can get in more rounds of golf."

Jumbo Joe's comments: "There are more flights between Travis and Hickam, and one can enjoy success if one DOES NOT try to Space A in the summer and the Christmas/New Year's time slot". Regarding the Far East, chance of 'being selected' is very good for one/two seats direct to Kadena, Osan, Yokota, or Andersen. Luck then becomes a big factor to reach your final destination within that quadrangle"

Norm Fujiwara said, "Since I had never traveled via space-A, I was quite intrigued by Joe Kuroda's presentation at the Aloha Chapter luncheon. The most impressive data that he presented were the three important traits for a successful space-A traveler, and they were (1) Time, (2) Patience and (3) Luck. At that time I felt that another important trait that should have been included was the ability to function effectively when faced with adversity (BE FLEXIBLE).

"I'll try to cover each of these traits and how it applied during our junket to Japan:

"(1) Time - This had very little affect on our travel because we were all retired and had ample time to accomplish our journey, However, I would like to add to time is timeliness. This fact could have had an adverse effect on our journey since we had made reservations for lounging and tee times at the golf course with the assumption that we would be in Japan on Monday. If our arrival was delayed it would have created considerable concern.

"(2) Patience - We were told to report to the Passenger Terminal long before the official roll call, time to inform which passengers have been selected for the flight. It really wasn't bad for us veterans, we have been exposed to 'hurry up and wait.' After our arrival to Guam and learning that our flight to Kadena has been cancelled and we had to make a decision to remain in Guam or return to Hickam, the waiting required quite a bit of patience. However, using probability, if we remained in Guam our probability of getting on a flight to Japan was about 90%. However, there were zero flights scheduled, whereas if we returned to Hickam the probability was around 50% on a scheduled flight on Sunday. **Page 10**

“(3) Luck - When we first arrived at Hickam AFB on Thursday morning, there was a flight, a KC 135 with 10 spaces available. There were four of us and on the list of category 6 passengers, we were numbered 10 to 13. So, when the roll call came, only #10 were selected—unlucky by just a hair. **Joe** informed them that he was declining the space. How-

ever, there was a C17 scheduled later on with 20 spaces available; just prior to roll call the spaces were increased to 53, a huge stroke of luck. Another bit of luck was when we were trying to return to Hawaii and stranded on Guam, an unscheduled, chartered flight, an MD11, appeared from ‘no where’ taking a unit of Air Force personnel to New Mexico via Hickam AFB with several empty spaces. A stroke of luck, yes, indeed.

“(4) Ability to handle adversities - When we arrived at Guam, we were in a special lounge area when **Joe** came in and informed us of the cancellation of our flight and all the flights from Okinawa to Japan were scheduled to leave the following morning, due to the anticipation of a typhoon. No flights were scheduled out of Guam; I was ready to push my ‘panic button,’ but **Joe** calmly indicated that he will take care of the situation. The following morning, as we were having breakfast, drowning our sorrow over our sorry situation, **Joe** came

in and said, ‘get your baggage,’ we are returning to Hickam AFB. As escorted by **Joe**, we returned to Hickam AFB and, after a couple of nights home, we were back at Hickam AFB early Sunday morning for a C17 flying directly to Yokota AFB, our intended destination. Our next adverse situation was on our return flight from Yokota AFB.



*Space-A Golf Safari 7 in front of the Kamakura Buddha Statue, with **Joe Kuroda**, kneeling in front, and standing, left to right: **Alice Fujiwara, Hal Okita, Calvin Koseki, Norm Fujiwara, and Shu Miyasaki***

We were planning to return on Sunday and on the preceding Friday, we stopped at the passenger terminal and the terminal was full of active duty military and dependents, who are all above our category for available spaces. Again the urge to hit my ‘panic button,’ but **Joe** calmly said, ‘did you see the list of departures,’ I said that I had, but none were for Hickam AFB. He said that’s good since most of them were to the mainland and **Joe** said that that’s the flights that these people would prefer. True to his word, when we arrived early Sunday morning, the terminal was deserted as had been predicted earlier by **Joe**.”

The essence and value of **Jumbo Joe Kuroda**’s Space-A briefing were put to test by this golfing group to Japan, and as attested thereto, **Joe** was right: “free” Space-A travel is truly an “exciting adventure” and a “privilege deservedly earned.”



Aloha Chapter Party Bridge

The October chapter Party Bridge session was held at the spacious and elegant residence of **Len** and **Helen Fahrni** on Sunday afternoon, October 28th, where six tables of party bridge players enjoyed their monthly bridge games and a special and fabulous array of goodies prepared by them, many done with a Halloween theme. Prior to playing bridge, **Helen** announced that “**Carmen Miranda**” is here and out came **Harriet Weissman** dressed in Carmen’s signature costume with the familiar fruit basket as headgear (see photo)



who pranced besides the bridge tables for a few minutes. In addition, **Len** & **Helen’s** granddaughter and son-in-law showed up in full and scary Halloween costumes before play began.

The venue was nice and cozy with six tables spread out in 2 rooms with those sitting at most tables able to have a nice view of the valley below and the city suburbs beyond. This did not distract most of the players, however, as this session resulted in higher scores than usual and the mak-



The top scorers, slam makers and hosts seated, left to right: Shirley Ihara, Lois Luehring, Mitzi Austin, Harriet Weissman, and Helen & Len Fahrni. Standing: Les Ihara, Vernon Von and Mel & Edy Kuwamoto

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ing of 2 small slam bids by partners **Mitzi Austin-Les Ihara**, and **Edy Kuwamoto-Shirley Ihara**. Scoring the most points (over 1000 points more than the next highest) was our Program Coordinator, **Shirley Ihara**. She was followed in descending order by **Lois Luehring**, **Les Ihara**, **Mitzi Austin**, **Vernon Von**, **Harriet Weissman** and **Mel Kuwamoto**, all shown in photo with hosts **Len & Helen Fahrni**. Other contenders were: **Anna Blackwell**, **Ken & Lia Carroll**, **Bill & Trudi Ernst**, **Sam Heard**, **Helen Hubbell**, **John Kim**, **Dave Luehring**, **Jane Miller**, **Marion Von**, **Phyllis Williams**, and guests **Joe & Jane Amaki**.

The next party bridge session will be the final session in the **Player of The Year** competition for 2007 and will be held at the Fahrni Realty Classroom on Sunday, November 18th, beginning at 1 PM. It will be hosted by **Anna Blackwell** and **Dan Matthews**. Bridge players who have not signed-up yet are urged to call either **Anna** at 739-9164 or **Dan** at 351-2114 by Sunday, the 11th



Commentary (Cont.)

guidance in addressing the Committee's report, the chapter Parliamentarian, **Larry Enomoto** was invited to be present. With the majority of the Board members present agreeing with the Parliamentarian's opinion that the Board had no authority to alter the Nominating Committee's report, even though it contained information which went beyond that for which it was tasked, the Board decided to publish that report in its entirety. However, the Board, foreseeing confusion the contents of the report will surface, saw the need for a Commentary on the report to explain the issues it surfaced. Therefore, with the Parliamentarian agreeing, both the Nominating Committee's Report and his Commentary beside it are on the first page of this newsletter.

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, the election of Directors will take place at the chapter's General Membership Meeting on Thursday, November 15th, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Oahu Veterans' Center meeting room. As stated in chapter Bylaws, only regular and auxiliary members in good standing present at this meeting are entitled to vote and that no proxy voting is permitted. In addition, as required by Robert's Rules of Order, nomination from the floor must and will be permitted at the meeting.

If there are any questions relating to the above, please feel free to contact the Board Chair or the Parliamentarian. *By Les Ihara, President, Aloha Chapter, and Chairman, Board of Directors*



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November General Membership Buffet Dinner Meeting

6:00 PM, Thursday, November 15, 2007

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