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General Herbert E. Wolff Memorial Golf Tournament Hawaii Army Museum Society (HAMS)

The Hawaii Army Museum will conduct its annual fundraiser golf tournament at the Leilehua Army Golf Course on Friday, 25 June 2010. The tournament was renamed after Major General Herb Wolff (Deceased), an Aloha Chapter, MOAA member. All are encouraged to sign up to enter the tournament or send in prize donations. All proceeds from the tournament go toward operating the Army museum in Waikiki.

A portion of the entry fee and any donations are tax deductible.

Additionally, the Aloha Chapter has traditionally supported the tournament through chapter members who volunteer to assist with the conduct of the tournament. Volunteers are needed to assist with tournament registration, the Putting Contest, Hole-in-One monitors, Long Drive contest monitors, etc. Volunteers will receive lunch, dinner, soft drinks, and a tee box gift for their assistance.

Please volunteer by contacting the Tournament Chair, **Gordon Cho**, at (808) 484-2400 or gcho440443@aol.com.

June Luncheon



Philip Tzann-Yeu Wang, currently the Director General, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in

Honolulu since December, 2004, will be our guest speaker at our luncheon at Hale Ikena on Friday, June 18th. His timely, vital topic will be "Current Cross Strait Relations," referring, specifically, to the Taiwan Strait separating Taiwan and China. He will detail the past, present and future interactions between the Republic of China and the Peoples Republic of China with the ancillary involvement of the United States.

After graduating with a degree in Sinology in 1980, Mr. Wang has had assignments with the Republic of China Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Embassies in Taipei; Miami; Atlanta; Dominica, West Indies; Washington, D.C.; and his present posting in Honolulu.

He has been active in the Rotary Clubs in all of these cities.

Return your Reservation Form for this luncheon ASAP.

Get-Together for Dinner and the Theater

Thirteen Aloha Chapter members and spouses had a delicious dinner of spinach-stuffed chicken or macadamia nut-crusted mahi mahi at Hale Ikena on Friday, May 28, before regrouping to get some culture at Richardson Theater, Ft. Shafter, to see the play *The 3 Penny Opera*.



Enjoying dinner at Hale Ikena before the play are, clockwise: Taffy Wells, Jane Kekoa, Bob Kozuki, Norm Fujiwara, Mark and Helene Webster, Harold Kuwahara, Sam Heard, Anna Blackwell, Vernon Von, Herb Nakagawa, Jr., Alice Fujiwara and Marion Von



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President's Message by Robert Kozuki

On Monday, May 31st, Norm and Alice Fujiwara, Mark Webster and I represented our Aloha Chapter at the annual

Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl, and then at the Governor's Memorial Day Ceremony at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, Kaneohe. At both of these stirring services we posted our chapter flag, and at the latter site we bestowed four lei in remembrance of all of the servicemen and servicewomen that had made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and liberty.



*The white wreath presented at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific by Mayor **Hannemann** and U.S. Senators **Akaka** and **Inouye***



*Mayor **Hannemann**, wearing a lei, and many of the participants in the Memorial Day Ceremony at Punchbowl*



***Kaiwa**, a cadet at the Hawaii Army National Guard Youth Challenge Academy, carrying our Aloha Chapter flag, **Mark Webster** offering*

*lei and **Norm Fujiwara** at the State Veterans Cemetery*

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IN MEMORIAM

Helen Hubbell, 92, Auxiliary

Aiea, HI, Died May 25, 2010

Participated in Chapter Bridge Program

Private Funeral Service was held by
Borthwick Mortuary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| June 13, 2010
(Sunday) | 1:00 PM, Bridge Party, Fahrni Realty Classroom, Aiea. Hosts: Coralie Vellis and Lois Luehring |
| June 18, 2010
(Friday) | 11:00 AM, Luncheon, Hale Ikena
Speaker: Director General Phillip Wang, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Honolulu.
Topic: Current Cross Strait Relations |
| June 21, 2010
(Monday) | Golf Outing, Navy-Marine Golf Course, Pearl Harbor |
| June 25, 2010
(Friday) | MG Herbert E. Wolff Memorial Golf Tournament, Leilehua Golf Course |
| July 30, 2010
(Friday) | Luncheon, Hale Ikena, Ft. Shafter
Speaker: Kalani S. Brady, M.D., UH Associate Professor & Interim Chair, Native Hawaiian Health
Topic: Hawaiian Culture |
| Sept 16, 2010
(Thursday) | 6:00 PM, Twinning Joint Dinner with Las Vegas Chapter, Hale Koa Hotel |
| Dec 10, 2010
(Friday) | 6:00 PM, Christmas Dinner Party, Laulima Room, Hale Koa Hotel |

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Cadets of the Hawaii Youth Challenge Academy with flags of various veterans' organizations at State Veterans Cemetery



Posting of Colors



*Governor **Lingle**, MG **Lee** and Cemetery Director **Moses** at podium*



*State Veterans Cemetery Director **Mark Moses**, Aloha Chapter member and Hawaii Adjutant General Major General **Robert Lee**, U.S. Senator **Daniel Akaka**, Governor **Linda Lingle**, U.S. Senator **Daniel Inouye** and CINCPAC Admiral **Robert Willard** with the cadets of the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy*

Lucky Thirteen

On Wednesday, May 19th, thirteen lucky *Merrie Ladies* and their spouses were treated to an outstanding tour of the Kamaka Ukulele Factory on South Street. Fred Kamaka, son of the original founder of the factory, Sam Kamaka, kept us entertained as well as informed on the history of ukuleles and the story behind the Kamaka factory.

Samuel Kai'ali'ilī'i Kamaka, Sr., started making ukuleles in the basement of his Kaimuki home in 1916. Today, three generations continue the family business, Kamaka Hawai'i, Inc.

Four generations of Kamaka luthiers have developed ukulele-making techniques that create durable, exquisite koa instruments that improve with age. The value of a koa Kamaka ukulele comes not only from its fine quality craftsmanship, but from its heritage. A little known fact is that before any ukulele leaves the shop, it must first pass inspection by one of the Kamaka sons. Obtaining a Kamaka ukulele means acquiring a legacy, a cherished family heirloom that can be passed on from one generation to the next.

After our tour, the group had a fellowship lunch at the Spaghetti Factory at the Ward Warehouse. A big thank you to **Anna Blackwell** for managing the interesting tour and satisfying lunch. **Marion**



Fred Kamaka, co-owner of the Kamaka Ukulele Factory, proudly showing a masterpiece to **Anna Blackwell & Linda Fong** and 11 others in the tour.

Aloha Chapter Honors JROTC Cadet at Punahou School

On Wednesday, May 12, at the Annual RROTC Awards Ceremony at Rice Field, Punahou School, representing our Aloha Chapter, MOAA, COL **Wesley Fong**, USA, Ret., and LCDR **Mark Webster**, USNR, Ret., both graduates of Punahou just a few years ago, presented an outstanding graduating JROTC cadet with the MOAA Certificate of Accomplishment and a corresponding medal.



LCDR **Mark Webster**, USNR, Ret., JROTC Cadet **Nick Lee**, Punahou School, and COL **Wesley Fong**, USA, Ret., at the JROTC Awards Ceremony.

Amazingly, over the years, **Mark's** Navy uniform shrunk in the dark recesses of his closet. The quality must not be up to the same standards of Army uniforms.



Fred Kamaka demonstrating the steps in the assembly of an ukulele to **Anna Blackwell, Annabelle Ching, Mazie Kozuki, Jane Kekoa** and, in the lower picture, **Mazie, Jane and Bob Kozuki and Helene Webster**



Aloha Chapter Party Bridge

For the May Party Bridge session on Sunday the 16th, **John Kim** was gracious and self-sacrificing in hosting it with **Phyllis Williams**. The session was held in the Fahrni Realty Classroom with play beginning before 1 pm since all required players for 4 tables, including 3 substitutes, were present. However, due to a late cancellation and a slight mix-up, there was one extra player present, so **John** as the host, graciously sat out the session.

For the first time since the party bridge program was established in September 2004, there was a tie for the top scorer with **Coralie Vellis** and **Les Ihara** both scoring 5770 points. Surprising, also, was that there were no slams bid and made by anyone although the scores achieved were relatively high.

Other top scorers were, in descending order: **Shirley Ihara**, **Sam Heard**, and guest **Hazel Theodore**. Other regular players participating were: **Mitzi Austin**, **Dayle Carlson**, **Gary & Bev Jensen**, **Lois Luehring**, **Dan Matthews**, **Vernon & Marion Von**, and **Phyllis Williams**. Other substitutes who “rounded-out” the 4 tables were: **Midge Brooks** and **Bea Goodenow**.

The June party bridge session will be hosted by **Coralie Vellis** and **Lois Luehring** in the Fahrni Realty Classroom on Sunday, June 13th. Those interested in playing but have not signed up need to call **Coralie** at 373-3908, **Lois** at 488-4458 or e-mail to: coralie@hawaii.rr.com or dave-lue@earthlink.net, respectively, not later than Wednesday June 9th.

Shirley



Seated, L to R, Shirley Ihara, Coralie Vellis, Hazel Theodore and Co-host Phyllis Williams. Standing, Les Ihara, Co-Host John Kim and Sam Heard



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Annual Fundraiser Final Report

Our total sales of chicken and sushi totaled \$5666.50 and total expenses were \$4583.18. Accordingly, we made a profit of \$1082.32 this year. Additionally, we had donations of \$165 giving us a total of \$1247.32 to use for our programs.

We donated 293 unsold, whole BBQ chickens to the Institute for Human Services (IHS) for their noon meal on Sunday, April 25.

We did not do as well as last year but the chicken and sushi got more expensive and the economy got more dismal so we need to be happy that we all got to enjoy a nice get-together.

Herb



Recruit A New Member!

Your Aloha Chapter is always looking for new members—active duty, retirees, and auxiliary members—all are welcome and will enjoy the camaraderie of the Aloha Chapter. Make it your goal to recruit at least one new member in 2010. Cut out and put in your wallet the Membership Application on Page 7 of this newsletter to give to a prospective member.



Norm Fujiwara

May Golf Report

There was much anxiety as I looked at the overcast skies and falling rain here in Mililani as I prepared to leave for the golf course at Barbers Point on Friday, May 21st. This feeling sort of increased in intensity as I drove down H2 toward the H1 intersection. Then, in the true Ha-

waiian style, as we turned west on H1, there were areas of blue skies and no sign of rain over the Ewa plain. When we arrived at the Barbers Point Golf Course, the weather seemed to do 180 degrees, sunny and rain-free.

There were some last minute changes so my list of tee times had blacken out lines and hand written changes; in fact, one new group was added at the last minute. We had perfect attendance; every-

one who signed up was at the golf course. We had a surprise "once in a coon's age" player, a late sign up, but on the course on time. Welcome **Barbara Chong**. We also had our annual snow birds from Novato, California, **Stan** and **Phyllis Yasumoto**, who also got a big Aloha welcome. Now that many of the PGA tournaments are over in the islands, we were able to have the company of **Chuck McCauley** for at least three months in a row. Thanks for joining us, **Chuck**.

Our group of 22 players were once again led by **Kelly Lau** and **Mert Agena** and, joining them this month, **Leroy Perry**; they were followed by **Gordon Cho** and his gang of **Stan Furukawa**, **John Holmes** and **Chuck McCauley**; then another threesome of **Jack Bohman**, **Howard Okada** and **Larry Enomoto**; in the next threesome were **Mel Soong**, **Ken Munechika**, and **Curtis Lee**; followed by the pairs of **Len** and **Honeyjean Katsarsky** and **Cedric** and **Barbara Chong**; and in the final group were **Stan** and **Phyllis Yasumoto** and **Alice Fujiwara** and yours truly.

After checking all the score cards and having individuals selected numbered poker chips, the partners for the mega jackpot were determined. The winners of the blind partner's jackpot money were, in fourth place, **Stan** and **Phyllis Yasumoto**; in third place **Cedric Chong** and **Honeyjean Katsarsky**; in second place **Larry Enomoto** and **Mert Agena**; and the grand champions for the mega jackpot were **Gordon Cho** and **Jack Bohman**. Congratulations to **Gordon** and **Jack**! This is the second time they won the grand prize in two consecutive months. Congratulations, also, to all the other winners and loads of thanks to all of the participants.

Now for our thought of the day: "There is no pleasure in having nothing to do; the fun is having lots to do and not doing it."

Our next month's golf outing will be on Monday, June 21st, at the Navy-Marine Golf Course.

Aloha,
Norm



19th Hole,
Navy-Marine GC



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Medicare/TRICARE Threatened Again

Once again, we face an imminent threat of a 21% cut in Medicare and TRICARE payments to doctors – this time as of June 1 – that would cause large numbers of doctors to stop seeing seniors and military beneficiaries.

And once again, Congress is about to go on vacation for a week without getting it fixed.

Do we believe Hill leaders will actually let the cut take place? It's not likely, but the threat is too serious to ignore.

Facing a similar situation on April 1, Congress took a two-week vacation and then fixed the cut retroactively. They could do that because Medicare has authority to delay processing payments for up to two weeks. Leave it to Congress, of course, to use up every day of that latitude.

This is serious stuff, and the ever-shortening threat cycle leaves beneficiaries understandably afraid that their access to health care will be disrupted. And that's not an idle worry, as doctors are getting more and more upset as well. When Congress delays action and Medicare delays payments, it's the doctors who effectively have to float the government a loan in the interim.

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Aloha Chapter, MOAA RESERVATION FORM

Buffet Luncheon

11:00 AM, Friday, June 18, 2010

Hale Ikena

Bldg 711, Morton Drive, Ft. Shafter 96858

Guest Speaker: Philip Wang, Director General
Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu

Topic: Current Cross Strait Relations

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Applicant's Signature

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