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Give Me 10 Update

Correspondence on August 31st from the Military Officers America Association of (MOAA) gave a report on the status of our organization's recruiting efforts, paraphrased here:

Summer is ending and many chapters are now resuming "full operations" after a reduced summer schedule. Our end of August Give Me 10! (GMT) report show that our national chapters have recruited 3,624 new members. This is down from the number recruited at this time last year.



We at MOAA expected some reduction when we placed greater emphasis and incentives towards paid members at the start of this year. Now that chapters will soon be back in their fall meeting schedules, we hope to regain momentum in our recruiting efforts for the last four months of the year. We can still reach our end-ofyear goals with your continued support.

We have one month left in our 3rd Quarter competition between councils and independent chapters in the four regions, and some of the races are close. To review the 2010 rules - Independent chapters must recruit a minimum of 4 new paid members in order to win a quarterly competition. Chapter members who convert to life memberships count towards the monthly and quarterly paid member totals. The quarterly independent chapter winners will receive a check for Independent chapters cannot win in consecutive quarters.

September is the month to "surge" and turn in the GMT membership applications to insure timely processing. The 3rd quarter winners will be identified in early October.

Each fall we remind those of you who support university and high school ROTC/JROTC programs to "re-connect" with the cadre/instructors. Well, it is that time of the year again. Remember to recruit the newly assigned cadre/instructors under the GMT program and look ahead to next spring for the commissioning of cadets/ midshipmen. The senior ROTC programs offer a great opportunity for recruiting under the Gold Bar program, which will be back in 2011. Get involved and support your local programs.

The end of August 2010 GMT-by-State report is available for review at this link: http://www.moaa.org/comm/ chapters/chapters_leaders/ chapters_givemeten/ chapters givemeten tracking.htm.

As always, thank you for all your recruiting efforts and continued support. MOAA

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President's Message by Robert Kozuki

The Aloha Chapter MOAA Twinning event has been cancelled. For a variety of reasons our Nevada friends were not able complete plans to visit

Hawaii during September, 2010, as planned. We do not have an alternative program planned for September.

To our Coordinator, **Les Ihara**, a big thank you for all your time and effort made in planning the Twinning event. For those of you who were not involved, **Les** spent many hours in arranging a schedule for our Las Vegas group.

I wish to take this opportunity also to thank **Wes Fong** for the time and effort he spent in contacting, **Peter Carlisle**, our former Prosecutor, to be our guest speaker for the failed Las Vegas – Aloha Chapter joint Twinning dinner event and **Mark Webster** for making the reservations and dinner arrangements at the Hale Koa Hotel and then, unfortunately, having to cancel them.

For our membership, I also wish to thank **Peter Carlisle**, for accepting our request and fitting us into his very busy schedule campaigning for Mayor of Honolulu.

A reminder to everyone to mark your calendar for the Army Retiree Appreciation Day planned and scheduled for Saturday, October 9, 2010, at Nehelani Banquet Meeting Room, Schofield Barracks, 0800 – 1300. A buffet luncheon will be served. The Army Retiree Council has planned a full morning for all attendees.

IN MEMORIAM

Phyllis E. Williams, 75, Auxiliary Honolulu, HI, Died July 29, 2010 Participated in Chapter Bridge Program. Private Funeral Service was held on Monday, August 9, at Borthwick Mortuary.

Charter Member Gordon Cho Recognized by National MOAA

Gordon Cho, COL, USA, Ret., has been recognized by the National MOAA newsletter, *The Affiliate*, for his work with the Major General **Herbert E. Wolff** Memorial Golf Tournament, which benefits the Hawaii Army Museum Society (HAMS). Col Cho was recognized for his efforts in raising nearly \$25,000 at the Golf Tournament at Leilehua Golf Course on Friday, June 25th.

Aloha Chapter, MOAA, was the largest group of several organizations that provided a number of volunteers to support the **Herbert E**, **Wolff** Memorial Golf Tournament. Your Aloha Chapter thanks all of the Aloha Chapter volunteers who helped to make the HAMS Golf Tournament a great success.

Welcome to Our New Life Member

James M. Boersema, COL, USA, Ret.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 16, 2010	Twinning Joint Dinner at Hale Koa <u>CANCELLED</u>
Sept. 19, 2010 (Sunday)	1:00 PM, Bridge Party, Fahrni Realty Classroom, Aiea. Hosts: Les and Shirley Ihara
Sept. 27, 2010	Golf Outing, Leilehua Golf Course,
(Monday)	Schofield Barracks, Wahiawa
Oct. 9, 2010	8:00 AM, Retiree Appreciation Day,
(Saturday)	Nehelani, Schofield Barracks
Oct. 29, 2010	11:00 AM, Hawaiian Buffet Luncheon
(Friday)	Hale Ikena, Ft. Shafter
Nov. 12, 2010	10:00 AM, Patriotic Song Fest,
(Friday)	VA Center for Aging, TAMC
Nov., 2010	General Membership Meeting
Dec 10, 2010	6:00 PM, Christmas Dinner Party,
(Friday)	Laulima Room, Hale Koa Hotel

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Those Crafty Merrie Ladies

This year, the Merrie Ladies have planned two craft days -- one to make something for the veterans at the Center for Aging at Tripler and the other for making personal crafts. On August 9th, the first craft day, sixteen wonderful, altruistic ladies gathered at Kalihi Union Church to decorate 56 miniature Christmas trees for the veterans at the Center for Aging. The theme was a patriotic one and the ladies spent all morning attaching little flags, blue and red stars and wreaths made of red, white, and blue beads on to the trees. A red bow was tied to the top of each snow-flocked tree. The trees will be ready to be given to the veterans near Veteran's Day. A special thank you to Jane Kekoa for donating the trees and for the many hands who helped in decorating them.

On Monday, November 1st, we will have our second craft day at the Gyotaku Restaurant in Waimalu. We plan to have a good time of fun and fellowship beginning at 11 am. Lunch will be your choice from the restaurant menu. One craft item already planned for that day is miniature yarn

wreaths. The ladies are encouraged to bring other craft items of their choice. Please let **Esther Takenaka** know what you will be sharing with the ladies. For more information and reservations, contact **Esther Takenaka** at 456-7822 or **Charlene Towne** at 623-9731 by October 25th. **Marion**

Editorial Reform to be Paid fo

Health Care Reform to be Paid for by Cuts to Medicare

The enormous, socialized health care bill signed into law earlier this year will be largely paid for by cuts to services many seniors depend on. You may be unaware, but here is just a sampling of the Medicare cuts, totaling more than \$500 billion, to come: In 2010:

• Medicare will cut reimbursements to inpatient psychiatric hospitals.

In 2011:

- Medicare cuts to home health agencies begin.
- Medicare cuts begin to ambulance services,

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Travel and Leisure

We've had meetings and newsletter articles about Space-A travel, but what about a place to stay or visit when you get to where you're going? What if you're driving and are in the area of a military base that may offer reasonable, comfortable accommodations instead of an expensive hotel? Did you know that there are more than 400 military bases, posts, and stations that offer lodging? In addition to the official lodging facilities at which you may stay at these installations, they may also offer recreational lodging, e.g., Bellows AFS. information m a v b e found http://dodlodging.net/ for Navy and Air Force lodging, www.usmc-mccs.org for Marine Corps lodging and www.arrmymwr.com for Army lodging.

The military also operates five Armed Forces Recreation Centers overseas and in the U.S. The Dragon Hill Lodge in Seoul, Korea; the Edelweiss Lodge in Garmisch, Germany; and, stateside, the Hale Koa in Honolulu, Orlando Disney World (the Shades of Green), and the Ft. Story, VA (the Cape Henry Inn and Beach Club). Room rates vary and are on a sliding scale favoring junioir personnel in rank/rate. The Navy runs a similar resort in Tokyo, as you may know, called the New Sanno Hotel with rates considerably lower than normal Tokyo hotel charges. More information may be found at www.thenewsanno.com. Not to be left out, the Air Force is allied with the Rocky Mountain Blue at Keystone Resort. Located about an hour and a half from Denver's Stapleton Airport and two and a half hours from Colorado Springs, it is located in prime ski and snowboarding country. Go to www.rockymountainblue.com for more.

The Armed Forces Vacation Club (not directly connected to DoD, but in association with the various service MWR operations) can provide a search capability for space-available vacation rentals for relatively low prices. They are more or less a consolidator and sell unused time-share and other discount travel and cruise packages. You may find more information at www.afvclub.com.

Another resource for discounted travel and vaca-

tions is Government Vacations Rewards (GVR). Operated through and connected with the various military exchange systems, GVR is a travel discount program specifically designated for government employees and military personnel (active duty, reservists, veterans and retirees) to save money on their vacations. You will have access to the savings on-line at www.govvacationrewards.com or by calling their vacation consultants. Government Vacation Rewards offers over 40 cruise lines and more than 4,000 different resort properties at major destinations worldwide with no blackout dates. Every booking comes with a Best Price Guarantee, and even friends and family members can take advantage of the prices. A portion of GVR proceeds support the DoD MWR activities, the Wounded Warrior Program, and Vacations for Veterans.

To access their discounted prices and take advantage of their savings, Government Vacation Rewards requires that you have a membership (free) in the program. Since their prices and discounts are not available to the general public, they only make the site available to eligible participants. Comparing prices at several travel sites and airlines with GVR's prices, they were essentially the same (without booking fees) and the latter has the advantage of supporting the military.

Both AMTRAK and Greyhound offer discounts as well as many cruise lines. Military discounts on airlines are for full fares only and are almost always more than other discounts. Most of the theme parks offer a military discount.

Remember, whenever you are making a purchase, a reservation, or travel arrangements, always ask if they give a military and/or senior discount (if eligible). It generally won't be offered. It doesn't hurt to ask (saving the seller of the embarrassment of having to ask if you are old enough for a discount, for example) and you deserve it. Bon Voyage! ausn.org

Add these Websites to your "Favorites"

http://www.aloha-moaa.org
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Aloha Chapter Party Bridge

Mitzi Austin and Trudi Ernst shared host re-



sponsibilities for the chapter party bridge session on Sunday, August 15th, at the Fahrni Realty Classroom. Prior to playing, Program Coordinator **Shirley Ihara** announced the recent passing of last year's "Chapter Player of the Year,"

Phyllis Williams, after which a moment of silence was observed in her honor.

Four tables of bridge were played with only John Kim scoring over 5,000 points, mainly because he and two of his partners—Bill Ernst and Les Ihara—bid and made small slams during the session. Other high scorers recognized were: Harriet Weissman, Helen Fahrni, guest Harold Lee, and Mitzi Austin. Other regular players participating were Anna Blackwell, Shirley Ihara, Dan Matthews, and Coralie Vellis. Other guests who played were Harold Lee's wife, Gerri, and 2 potential members, Patti Chrznowski, and Leney Vine.



Seated, left to right, Trudi Ernst, Harriet Weissman & Helen Fahrni and, standing, l to r, Les Ihara, John Kim, Mitzi Austin, Harold Lee & Bill Ernst.

The next party bridge session will be hosted by Les & Shirley Ihara in the Fahrni Realty Classroom on Sunday, September 19th under a newly approved Hosts/Hostesses "Refreshments Only" concept with the Hosts/Hostesses furnishing only the liquid refreshments and all other members bringing some light snacks. Those interested in playing but have not yet signed up need to contact Les or Shirley by telephone at 239-7947 or 728-9450, or by e-mail to lsi@hawaii.rr.com, not later than Wednesday, September 15th. Shirley



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ambulatory surgery centers, diagnostic labs, and durable medical equipment

- Seniors are prohibited from purchasing power wheelchairs unless they first rent for 13 months.
- New Medicare cuts to long term care hospitals begin.
- New Medicare cuts to hospitals and cuts to nursing homes begin (FY12)
- Medicare Advantage cuts begin. Participating seniors will face premium increases, benefit cuts, or both.

In 2012:

- Medicare reimbursements for dialysis treatments are cut.
- Medicare cuts to hospice begin.

In 2013:

• Medicare reimbursements to hospitals that serve low-income seniors will be cut.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU: When providers get paid less by Medicare for services sen-

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Norm Fujiwara

August Golf Report

This month's golf outing had a very gloomy beginning. I sent out my early sign-up notice and after one week I had twelve responses, eight of of which were "nays, can't play," and three were "ayes, can play," and one was a definite "maybe." After a frantic second e-mail, the re-

sponses improved with an aye from Ron Katto, followed by ayes for the Katsarsky's, Len and Honey Jean, and their son, Mark. I also received a nay-to-an-aye turn around from Mert Agena. Additional turn arounds with a bonus were gratefully received from Walt and Janice Kinoshita with their guest, Ray Price, and from Bob Nagao with his two guests, Carl Watanabe and Ed Hasegawa. The definite maybe became

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an enthusiastic aye with **Joe Kuroda** stating that he believes he feels well enough to play after his bruising fall a few months ago. When **John Holmes** decided to join us, we eventually ended up with twenty players. Things really started to look rosy when the sun came out and all twenty players were ready for our first late start of the season at 10:15 AM, August 20th, at Mamala Bay Golf Course.

We made it through eighteen holes with nary a drop of rain all day. The scores weren't the best I have seen in the past, but when all the dust settled and we drew our "blind partners," in third place was the twosome of **Bob Nagao** and his guest **Carl Watanabe**, just ahead by one stroke was the pair of **Ron Katto** and **Leroy Perry**, and in first place, far ahead of the rest of us, were the blind partners of **Mark Katsarsky** and **Mert Agena**. Congratulations to all the mega jackpot winners!

The rest of the group who played without any compensation were Allen Ono, Bob Kozuki, John Ma, Jack Bohman, Walt and Janice Kinoshita, Joe Kuroda, John Ma, John Holmes, Norm and Alice Fujiwara.

Now, for our thought of the day, some of the rules for a blissful marriage by **Red Skeleton**:

- Rule #1 Eat out at a fancy restaurant once a week, good food, fine wine, dancing and companionship; she goes on Mondays and he goes on Fridays;
- Rule #2 Sleep in separate beds; hers is in California, his is in Texas;
- ◆ Rule #3 We always hold hands when we go out; if I let go, she goes shopping;
- Rule #4 He married Miss Right; he did not know her first name was Always; and
- ◆ Rule #5 The main reason for divorces are marriages. (Thanks Howard)

Our next golf outing will be Monday the 27th of September at Leilehua Golf Course.

Aloha and see all of you there.



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iors depend on, many may be forced to decrease their services or close some of their locations just to make ends meet. This means that seniors may experience a decrease in their access to essential care, which is already a problem for many in rural districts. Many doctors are already limiting their services by accepting no more Medicare patients.

The cuts to Medicare Advantage may cause many of these insurance providers to stop offering plans to seniors, forcing seniors back into traditional Medicare.

THE DIAGNOSIS: Seniors should not have to bear the cost of health care reform. Instead, we need common-sense health reform that will lead to quality, affordable health care, without breaking the bank, or cutting services to seniors. We need tort reform, inter-state competition, portability from one employer to another, and more competition, not a sole provider. First of all, we need to repeal this terrible healthcare bill!



Aloha Chapter Scholarship Fund

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Dear Fellow Aloha Chapter Members,

The Board of Trustees of the Aloha Chapter Scholarship Fund has approved this means to solicit your donations to the Fund for school year 2011-2012.

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Thank you for your generous support in the past which has enabled the Scholarship Fund to award scholarships to outstanding students. Our efforts have focused on students enrolled in local institutions, pursuing higher education in disciplines which have a direct impact on our communities, such as teaching and nursing. where critical shortages exist. We also award scholarships to students enrolled in the Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Hawaii-Manoa, which leads to commissions in the US Army and the US Air Force.

For School Year 2010-2011, the Scholarship Fund granted scholarships amounting to \$5,000.00 to six deserving students.

The Board of Trustees requests your continued favorable consideration in supporting our scholarship program through your financial donations which are much appreciated. Please use the Donation Form below to indicate the amount of your donation, and mail the Form and your check to the Fund's address. We look forward to your positive response.

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- * 2003 4-Star Chapter



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