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May is Military Appreciation Month —

And, We Really Appreciate Our Military For Killing The World's Most Evil Terrorist!

April Luncheon

On Thursday, April 21st, twenty-three Aloha Chapter members and spouses gathered at the Hickam Officers' Club for a novel pasta luncheon where various vegetable and meat ingredients were assembled for addition to three types each of pasta and sauces to be then sautéed. It was not only fun, but delicious, too!

Afterwards, we were entertained by an interesting and quite educational talk by **Bill Riddle**, author of *Dead Downwind*, the stirring saga of Naval aviators' futile attempt to fly to Hawaii in 1925.

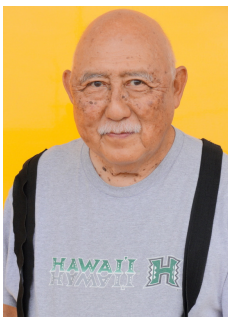


Bill Riddle, author of the exciting historical novel Dead Downwind, pictured to his left, expounding on the exploits and tragedies of CDR John Rodgers, for whom the Honolulu Airport was named.



Aloha Chapter's Chicken Sale Fundraiser

On Sunday, May 1st, a large group of Aloha Chapter volunteers had fabulous fellowship while distributing the BBQ chickens that had been ordered to the people who drove up to our distribution center at Kalihi-Waena Elementary School. Six-hundred-eighty whole BBQ chickens were ordered and of those 309 were donated the Institute for Human Services (IHS).



Herb Nakagawa, Jr., who rightfully deserves a lot of praise for organizing a very successful event.

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Howard Okada, foreground, supervising the packaging of the BBQ chickens from cases into bags



Howard Okada and Joe Magaldi, Jr., delivering the BBQ chickens to the people queued up for their order

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President's Message by Robert Kozuki

The April program was held at the Hickam Officers Club and our speaker was author **Bill Riddle** regarding the first cross-Pacific flight to Hawaii by naval aviators. See accompanying article discussing this speaker and topic. Again, I want to thank **Jane Kekoa** and her co-chairs, **Henry Lee** and **Melvin Soong**, in completing all the arrangements for this interesting program.

By the time you read this newsletter, our annual Chicken Sale Fundraiser will be over. We hope our efforts will have been successful. Our grateful thank you goes to **Herb Nakagawa**, who has worked so hard in coordinating everything that goes into making this a successful event for our Aloha Chapter, MOAA.

In May we will participate in honoring our veterans on Memorial Day at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl, and the Veterans' Cemetery at Kaneohe. We encourage our membership to participate.

A reminder that the annual Hawaii Army Museum Society (HAMS) Golf Tournament—now known as the **Herbert E. Wolff** Golf Tournament—will be on Friday, May 27, 2011, at Klipper Golf Course, Kaneohe MCB. Please support the tournament either as a player or volunteer. Your contact person for the tournament is **Gordon Cho** at 484 2400 or Gcho440443@aol.com.

We are still updating our membership directory. Please review your current directory and correct as needed the information on your name, rank, branch of service, name of spouse, address, telephone number, and e-mail address. Send your corrected information to our chapter publisher, **Mark Webster**, at Markster96816@gmail.com. Also, while you are checking your data, Look at the date above your name on the back page. If it doesn't say Life Member, that is your expiration date—when you need to renew your membership.



Call for Volunteers

It is that time of year again when the Hawaii Army Museum Society (HAMS) will conduct its annual golf tournament fundraiser. This year will mark the 30th year that the golf tournament has been in existence and is named after Aloha Chapter Life Member, Major General **Herbert E. Wolff** (Deceased).

Due to the renovation project occurring at the Leilehua Golf Course, this year's 1200 hours shotgun start tournament will be conducted on Friday, 27 May 2011, at the Klipper Golf Course on the Marine Corps Base, Kaneohe. (Please note corrected date; the wrong date was given in last month's newsletter.) Volunteers are requested to arrive between 0900 to 1100.

Volunteers are needed to help conduct the tournament. Please contact **Gordon Cho** at 484-2400 or gcho440443@aol.com if you would like to be a volunteer. Lunch/Dinner and a thank you gift will be given to each volunteer. **Gordon** 

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 15, 2011 (Sunday)	1:00 PM, Bridge Bunch Party, Fahrni Realty Classroom, Aiea. Host: Sam Heard
May 19, 2011 (Thursday)	10:00 AM, EXCOM Meeting, Kalihi Union Church, 2214 N. King Street, Honolulu
May 20, 2011 (Friday)	9:00 AM, Golf Outing, Navy/Marine Golf Course, Valkenburgh St., Pearl Harbor
May 27, 2011 (Friday)	9:00 AM, Herbert E. Wolff Golf Tournament, Klipper GC, Kaneohe MCBH
June 22, 2011 (Wednesday)	11:00 AM, Luncheon at Hale Ikena Speaker: Pending
Dec 9, 2011 (Friday)	6:00 PM, Christmas Dinner, Kalia Room, Hale Koa Hotel, Ft. DeRussy, Waikiki

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Stormin' the Hill

COL **Curtis Lee**, USA, Ret., represented the Aloha Chapter at MOAA's Council and Chapter Presidents' Seminar in their National Headquarters and the Storming the Hill lobbying event in Washington, D.C., April 12-14.

This is his report:

The event kicked off with a pre-storming brief Tuesday, April 12, in the MOAA Headquarters, Alexandria, VA, during which MOAA Director of Government Relations, COL **Steve Strobridge**, USAF, Ret., briefed teams on issues they would be taking to the Hill the next day.

That evening, council and chapter leaders and members of MOAA's board of directors and staff and other invited guests gathered at the Cannon House Office Building on Capitol Hill to recognize six individuals and two organizations that support the military community at the association's annual *Marix Awards* ceremony. Sen. **Daniel Akaka** (D-Hawaii) and Rep. **Joe Wilson** (R-S.C.) received the COL.

Arthur T. Marix Congressional Leadership Award. Army Reserve LTG **Jack Stultz**; **William P. Hite**, General President of the United Association of Plumbers, Pipe Fitters, Welders and HVACR Technicians (UA); Dollar General Corp.; and Sesame Street Workshop were the recipients of the *Distinguished Service Award*. Congressional staffers **Kim Lipsky** and **Jacob Parker** each received the COL **Paul W. Arcari** Meritorious Service Award.

On Wednesday, April 13, about 140 MOAA leaders formed 64 teams and stormed Capitol Hill to address three main issues with legislators from each state. Those issues were:

1. Capping future TRICARE fee increases at the annual COLA percentage, rather than the proposed 6.2-percent-a-year cost growth index, which would dramatically exceed retired pay growth;
2. Protecting troops against manpower and pay cuts; and

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3. Fixing inequities that remain for disabled servicemembers, survivors, and recalled guard members and reservists.

COL **Curtis Lee** and his storming partner, **Blair Sabo**, senior editor of *Military Officer* at MOAA headquarters, met with the staffs of our Hawaii Congressional delegation, namely, **Mary Yoshioka**, legislative assistant for Sen. **Daniel Inouye**; **Nick Ikeda**, senior advisor for military affairs and legislative assistant for Sen. **Daniel Akaka** (the senator stopped by for a photo with **Lee**); **Diana Young Lambert**, legislative assistant for Rep. **Mazie Hirono**; and **Teal Takayama**, legislative assistant for Rep. **Colleen Hanabusa**.

Wednesday's events concluded with the Council Presidents' Dinner with keynote speaker Rep. **Buck McKeon** (R-Calif.).

Thursday kicked off with a working breakfast at which COL **Lee Lange II**, USMC, Ret.,

MOAA Council and Chapter Affairs director, highlighted the importance of recruiting new chapter members. After breakfast, leaders convened for the first of the day's general sessions, where members of MOAA staff and board of directors outlined the association's goals. The second general session of the morning featured a brief by Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee member **Joyce Harte**, who stressed the importance of having an appointed auxiliary liaison in each chapter and updated leaders on the committee's Cell Phones for Soldiers initiative. Through the program, each unused cell phone collected translates into 60 minutes of free talk time for a deployed servicemember.

Participants and their spouses were then treated to a special keynote speaker at a seminar luncheon. LTG **Tom Bostick**, USA, deputy chief of staff of Personnel for the Army, opened by addressing the importance of the U.S. military community and fighting for them to keep the benefits they earned through repeated deployments or careers of service to their country.

In the afternoon's general sessions, seminar attendees were briefed on ways to meet the membership challenge, including appointing a membership chair and a chapter TOPS liaison in each chapter.



Curtis D. Lee, COL, USA, Ret., and U.S. Senator **Daniel K. Akaka** in the Senator's Office in Congress

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Aloha Chapter Party Bridge

Lois Luehring hosted the April Chapter Party Bridge session on Sunday, April 17th. The session began promptly at 1 pm in the Fahrni Realty Classroom with 12 regular players.

When play ended, for the first time in program history, there was a tie for the highest score. **Bev Jensen** and **Joan White** each scored 4,890 points. Others recognized were, in descending order, **Coralie Vellis** and **Les Ihara**. Also recognized were 2 partners who bid and made small slams: **Bobbi Carlson/Joan White** and **Bev Jensen/Les Ihara**. Other participants were **Mitzi Austin, Dayle Carlson, Helen Fahrni, Shirley Ihara, Gary Jensen, Lois Luehring, and Leney Vine**.

The next bridge session will be held on Sunday, May 15th, beginning at 1 pm. It will be hosted by **Sam Heard** at the Fahrni Realty Classroom. Those who would like to play on that date but have not yet signed-up are asked to contact **Sam** at 488-8897 or hawaiijseset@hotmail.com not later than Wednesday, May 11th. **Shirley**



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Chicken Sale (Continued from Front Page)



Seated, left to right: **Coralie Vellis, Joan White, and Lois Luehring.**
Standing: **Les Ihara and Bobbi Carlson.**

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Volunteers at the Institute for Human Services (IHS) ready to prepare and serve donated BBQ chickens for lunch. Left to right, **Wes Fong, Mary Cho, Mark Webster, Terry Lee, Dr. Phillip Lee and Sunny Young**. Unfortunately, **Mark** was unable to help out after he learned that shoes are required in the kitchen.





Norm Fujiwara

April Golf Report

Oh, what a gorgeous day! April 22nd was one of those days that **Joe Kuroda** would say “Lucky come Ha-waii,” the type of morning that brings joy to your golf coordinator by being able to sleep and not having to try to strain his ears to hear if

there is any patter of rain drops on his bedroom window. We actually had **Joe Kuroda** come and sing a couple of bars of “Oh, what a beautiful morning” before we began to head for the first tee. We had a near record of participants today; unfortunately, we had four cancellations due to different reasons. However, there were two late sign-ups, so we had a total of 30 players.

With all of the players ready to play, long before our scheduled tee time at the Navy Marine GC, our first group was led by **Kelly Lau, John Ma, Bob Kozuki** and the return of a long-time missing **Mel Soong**; then came **Mert Agena, Walter** and **Janice Kinoshita, Bob Nagao** and their guest, also a long-time missing, **Kerry Kiyabu**; followed by **Gordon Cho, Hal Okita, and John Holmes**; then **Leroy Perry** and his guest **Ken Sussel, John Seely** and his guest another long-time missing **Geoff Dumas**; followed by the threesome of **Joe Kuroda, Vernon Von and John Kim**; then, in the 6th group, were **Ken Munechika, Len Katsarsky, Ken Yamada**, and Len’s grandson **Manoa Bushman**. Then, a three-some of wahine golfers teed up: **Honey Jean Katsarsky, Alice Fujiwara and Akiko Noda**; and, finally, bringing up the rear was the threesome of **Howard Okada, Curtis Lee** and yours truly.

After tabulating our “Blind Partners” jackpot, we had a number of real fine golf scores. There were more than our normal scores below net par, however, in the Blind Partner Jackpot, having a good score does not guarantee winning without a partner with an equally good game. When the dust settled, in sixth place were **Curtis Lee and Leroy Perry**; in fifth place were **Ken Sussel and Akiko Noda**; in fourth place we had **Len Katsarsky and Mert Agena**; in third place were **Ken Munechika and Bob Nagao**; in second place were **Hal Okita and Vernon Von**; and, in first place were the champions **Janice Kinoshita** and yours truly, **Norm**. Congratulations to all the winners and Mahalo to all the supporting players.

Now our thought of the day: “Always remember that you are absolutely unique – just like everyone else.”

Our next golf outing is on Friday, May 20th at the Navy Marine Golf Club (This is not a typo, we are playing Navy Marine again in lieu of Leilehua GC).

Mahalo and good golfing,

Norm



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University of Hawaii ROTC Awards Ceremony


On Thursday, April 21, 2011, Aloha Chapter members MG **Vern Miyagi**, COL **Harold Kuwahara** and COL **Wesley Fong** from the **Aloha Chapter** participated in this year's joint Army and Air Force Awards ceremony at Orvis Auditorium at the University of Hawaii campus. MG **Vern Miyagi** presented the cadet's branch insignia to every Army ROTC graduating cadet. All representatives participated in presenting the Aloha Chapter's MOAA award to Army Cadet **JonAnthony Pinpin** and Air Force Cadet **Gabrielle Eskew** and the Aloha Chapter's scholarships to Army Cadet **Josue Nunez** and Air Force Cadet **Reeves Kanaka'ole**. It was another proud year of awards for the UH Army and Air Force ROTC from the Aloha Chapter, MOAA. 



*Left to right, COL **Wesley Fong**, Cadet **Jon Anthony Pinpin**, Cadet **Josue Nunez**, MG **Vern Miyagi**, Cadet **Reeves Kanaka'ole**, Cadet **Gabrielle Eskew** and COL **Harold Kuwahara** at the UH ROTC Awards Ceremony*

SCHOLARSHIP FUND NEWS

The University of Hawaii–Manoa Nursing Program has been ranked among the country's top 100 of the best nursing schools by *U.S. News and World Report*. UH–Manoa Nursing is committed to addressing the nursing shortage while contributing to advancing the discipline and science of nursing.

The Aloha Chapter Scholarship Fund supports the UH–Manoa Nursing Program by annually awarding scholarship grants to its outstanding students. For school year 2010–2011, Aloha Chapter scholarship grants of \$1,000 each were awarded to **Rosmery Brown** of Haleiwa and **Melveen Longboy** of Waipahu. 

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