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## Annual Patriotic Songfest and General Membership Meeting

To honor and serenade our valiant veterans for Veterans' Day, twenty-two members and spouses and even a couple of guests assembled at the VA Center for Aging (CFA) at Tripler Army Medical Center on Thursday morning, November 15<sup>th</sup>, to sing stirring patriotic and military songs. We were led again this year by our spirited **Rose Baysa**.

*Left to right, Norberto Baysa, Taffy Wells, Helene Webster, Rose Baysa, Nari Hamlin and Ken Munechika*



Strolling through the corridors of this 60-bed hospice that always has a long waiting list, the carolers brought much cheer to these veterans.

Afterwards, thirty-five Aloha Chapter members and guests as-

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## Christmas Party

It's that time of year when our thoughts turn to HOLIDAY PARTIES and, as usual, your Aloha Chapter, MOAA, will not be out done!



For 2012 we will be celebrating at a spectacular venue, the "Ball Room" at the beautiful Sunset Lanai at Camp Smith, starting at 5:00 PM on Thursday, 20 December. Your Chapter Program Committee has put together

what is sure to be a very festive affair.

As many of you know, the view at the Sunset Lanai at Camp Smith overlooking Pearl Harbor is stunning, especially at night. You will have a panoramic vista from Diamond Head to the Waianae Coast.

Bring your appetites!!! You will be tempted to over-indulge at our sumptuous Holiday Buffet starting off with both hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, followed

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## President's Message


**By Curtis Lee**

Once again our Chapter's "Golden Voices" led by **Rose Baysa** lifted the spirits of the residents at the VA Center for Aging for Veterans' Day with patriotic songs on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Afterwards, the singers attended our annual General Membership Meeting luncheon at the Hale Ikena with the primary business being the election of directors conducted by Nomination Committee Chairman, **Wes Fong**. Directors **Gordon Cho, Larry Enomoto, Norman Fujiwara, Robert Kozuki, Vernon Von** and **Mark Webster** were reelected. Yours truly was also elected to fill a vacancy as a new director. Directors will be installed at a Chapter Meeting in January 2013.

Your Program Committee led by **Jane Kekoa** is planning a great Christmas Party for Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at the Sunset Lanai at Camp Smith starting at 5:00 PM. We will not have an exchange of gifts this year. The committee is busy gathering door prize donations. Instead of a grab bag gift, please bring a donation of food items for the Food Bank. That will be appreciated greatly, as the Food Bank is in constant need in order to assist the community. Our hope is that more of you will attend this year's party, since you will not have to fight horrendous traffic to get into and out of Waikiki, like some of us did last year. Please plan to join us for a time of Good Cheer and Fellowship!

The chapter leadership remains very intact going forward into 2013 with basically the same Board of Directors, Officers, Committee Chairpersons and Program Coordinators. The changes are: We will have a new Secretary to be named. Current Secretary **Larry Enomoto** has obligations to another organization which precludes his remaining as Secretary. Thanks Larry for all you have done for Aloha Chapter! Also, it is very encouraging that, another fine leader, **Jack Bohman** has graciously stepped forward to Chair the very important Pro-

gram Committee starting in January. He has his assistants, **Ira Tagawa** and **Mel Soong**, at work already on our programs for 2013. Those of you who have attended our programs in 2012 recognize the outstanding work of **Jane Kekoa** and the current Program Committee. Jane says she needs a break or something like that. Thank you very much Jane for your dedication and commitment to making sure that everything went well at all our events.

As 2012 comes to a close and we usher in the promise of a New Year, please accept my Very Best Wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season with your family and friends! Further, may 2013 be a year of Good Health, Happiness and continued Prosperity for all. God Bless! **Curt** 

## Notice

Our chapter's Membership Directory will be updated this spring. Please advise your publisher, **Mark Webster**, at [Markster96816@gmail.com](mailto:Markster96816@gmail.com) or 734-5994 if there are any changes that need to be made to your rank, address, phone number, e-mail, etc.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 12, 2012 10:00 AM, EXCOM Meeting, Kalihi (Wednesday) Union Church, 2214 N. King Street**
- Dec. 16, 2012 11:00 AM, Bridge Bunch Buffet Brunch. (Sunday) Hosts: Iharas, 47-230 Hui Aeko, Kaneohe**
- Dec. 20, 2012 5:00 PM, Christmas Party, Sunset Lanai, (Thursday) Camp Smith. Donations to Food Bank**
- Dec. 21, 2012 9:00 AM, Golf Outing, Mamala Bay Golf (Friday) Course, Hickam AFB, JBPHH**
- Jan. 23, 2013 11:00 AM, Annual Installation of Chapter (Wednesday) Officers Luncheon, Hale Ikena, Ft. Shafter**
- Jan. 25, 2013 9:00 AM, Golf Outing, Barbers Point Golf (Friday) Course, 2249 Essex Road, Kapolei**
- Feb. 21, 2013 11:00 AM, Luncheon, Green Room, Hickam (Thursday) Officers' Club. Guest Speaker: Alan Lloyd**
- Feb., 2013 Merrie Ladies Tour of Island Slipper (Saturday) Date TBD**

## Notice — 7 Years!

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## Board Cancels 501(c)(19) Status Request

At its October 9, 2012 meeting, the Aloha Chapter Board of Directors reviewed the disappointing results of its survey intended to identify chapter members who served on active duty in several different periods of war as defined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The board had hoped this survey would determine that 90+% of Aloha Chapter members are "war veterans"—the minimum percentage required for deductibility of contributions on individual Federal tax returns.

Sadly, the board decided that, because much less than 90% of chapter members identified themselves as "war veterans," it was not worth submitting the \$400 application fee to seek IRS recognition as a tax-exempt, veterans organization under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(19). Therefore, any donations given to Aloha Chapter this year, while very much appreciated, **cannot** be claimed as deductible contributions.

Larry Enomoto



## Christmas Party *Continued from Front Page*

by a variety of salads, moving on to baked salmon with dill sauce, baked ham, and finishing with a prime rib of beef carving station! After all of that, if you are still able, you may choose to "top off" with a selection of decadent deserts! In addition to coffee and tea, a cash bar will also be available



In lieu of the gift exchanges we have held at previous parties, we ask that this year you bring canned goods that we will donate to the Hawaii Food Bank in the name of the Aloha Chapter.

We will conclude the evening's festivities with a "Seasonal Sing-Along" and drawings for door prizes.

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## World War II Valor in the Pacific

### Pearl Harbor Offers Free Holiday Lights Tours December 14-16

**Free** evening boat tours of Pearl Harbor will be offered on December 14, 15 and 16 by the National Park Service and Pearl City Lions Club in cooperation with the U.S. Navy and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The 30-minute harbor tours will feature Christmas music and views of ships and submarines decorated for the holiday season. The boat tours will depart from the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, (formerly known as the USS *Arizona* Memorial Visitor Center) each evening from 6:15 PM to 8:00 PM at 15-minute intervals. Advance reservations can be made via email at [holidayharborlightstour@gmail.com](mailto:holidayharborlightstour@gmail.com). Reservations are highly encouraged since there will be a limit on the number of boats available and the capacity is less than in the past years. If the past three years are any indication, there will be a turn away crowd. Tickets will be distributed beginning at 5:45 PM at the visitor center on the day of the tour.

Due to enhanced security measures in effect at Pearl Harbor, no backpacks, fanny packs, luggage, diaper bags, camera bags, purses, large cameras or other items which may provide concealment are allowed in the visitor center or aboard the boats. Bags may be stored for a fee of \$3 each at the USS *Bonfin* Submarine Museum & Park storage facility, located in the immediate area of the entrance to the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Valuables should not be left in cars. Cameras and cell phones *are* allowed onboard for photos of the decorated ships; however, photographing security activities such as the patrol craft and shore or water security personnel is prohibited. Since it can become chilly, a light jacket or sweater is recommended.

Boat tours are free, and tour participants are invited to bring non-perishable and canned goods for donation to food charities. For more information and to make reservations today, email the contact name, desired ticket time and day, and number of tickets needed to [holidayharborlightstour@gmail.com](mailto:holidayharborlightstour@gmail.com).

## ABOUT WORLD WAR II VALOR IN THE PACIFIC NATIONAL MONUMENT

One of nearly 400 units in the National Park Service, World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument preserves and interprets the stories of the Pacific War, including the events at Pearl Harbor, the internment of Japanese Americans, the battles in the Aleutians, and the occupation of Japan. This year, over 1.7 million individuals will visit the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, making it the largest visitor destination in Hawaii.

Learn more at [www.nps.gov/valr](http://www.nps.gov/valr). **Sunny** 

### CFA Continued from Front Page

sembled at Hale Ikena for a sumptuous buffet luncheon and election of chapter officers at our annual General Membership Meeting. All



*A group of Merrie Ladies wishing Alice Fujiwara, third from right, Happy Birthday on November 15<sup>th</sup>.*

of the current members of the Board of Directors whose terms of office were expiring this year extended for another two years so that their expiration dates next year wouldn't coincide with the other half of the board whose terms are expiring in a year.

Since there was a vacancy on the board because of the resignation of a member earlier this year, the Nominating Committee Chairman, **Wesley Fong**, said that his committee (consisting of himself) had selected **Curtis Lee** to fill the vacancy. After a vote by the membership, Curt was unanimously approved to fill the vacancy commencing next year.



**Wesley Fong,**  
*Nominating Committee Chairman*



## Aloha Chapter Party Bridge


Hosting the last party bridge session for Bridge-year 2012 on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> was **John Kim**. Three tables of bridge were played in the Fahrni Realty Classroom with eleven regulars and one guest player.

Taking top scorer honors was host **John Kim** who barely outscored Program Coordinator **Shirley Ihara**, 5,010 to 5,000 points. They were followed by **Helen Fahrni**, **Dayle Carlson**, **Joan White**, **Les Ihara**, **Harriet Weissman**, **Sam Heard**, **Bobbi Carlson**, **Jean Wilkinson**, guest **Midge Brooks**, and **Mitzi Austin**. Two slams were bid and made during this session – one by **Dayle & Sam**, and the other by **Shirley & Jean**.



*Seated, left to right:* **Helen Fahrni**, **Harriet Weissman**, guest **Midge Brooks**, and **Shirley Ihara**.

*Standing:* **Sam Heard**, **Dayle Carlson**, and **John Kim**.

The next bridge session, the first of Program year 2013, will be a luncheon affair and held at the residence of Program Coordinator **Shirley (& Les) Ihara** on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Those who have not signed up but would like to play on that date must contact Shirley or Les by telephone at 239-7947 or by e-mail to: [lsi@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:lsi@hawaii.rr.com), not later than Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Attendees are asked to be at the Ihara residence no later than 11 AM for refreshments, a short program, including the presentation of the **2012 Aloha Chapter, MOAA Bridge Player of The Year Trophy**, and a buffet lunch before play begins. **Shirley** 

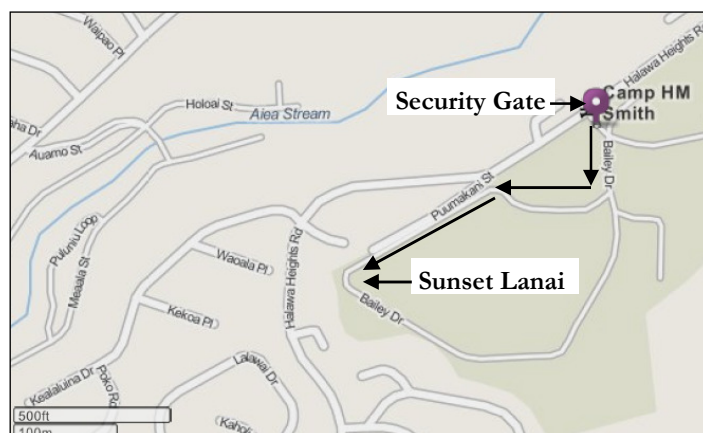


## Christmas Party from Page 3

This Holiday Gala is an amazing value at \$38 per person (but, we need a minimum of 50 attendees to guarantee this price!!!), so mark your calendars now, encourage your Chapter friends to join you, fill out the reservation form on page 7 and get your checks in the mail soon!!! Study the map on this page for driving directions heading mauka up Halawa Heights Road to the Sunset Lanai at Camp H. M. Smith.

Mele Kalikimaka to all from your Program Committee.

**Jack Bohman** 





*Norm Fujiwara*

## November Golf Report

Once again I had a very slow response to the sign-up notice that I sent a few days earlier than normal. There was one cancellation, but three guest players signed up, which resulted in a total of 19 golfers, each being a stout-hearted player not a bit bothered by the pestering rain before we began our golf game on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Leilehua Golf Course. All players were signed up and ready to tee off on time. They were all having such a jolly time that one would think that we were those happy wanderers; however, there was not a single refrain of valderi nor valdora, only a weak refrain of "Oh what a beautiful morning" by **Joe Kuroda**. It rained off and on. It seems as though it would rain until I would wear my


rain jacket, then it would stop and the sun would shine only until I removed my jacket. It rained in that fashion most of the day until **Jerry Wong** and I reached our last hole when, like a miracle, the rain finally stopped. Perfect timing—not!

All those who preceded us went through the rain/sun combination all day; in front of us was the foursome of **Myron Brumaghin**, **Bob Nagao** and their guests **David Umeda** and **Andrie Soto**; ahead of them were **Joe Kuroda**, **John Kim**, **Ira Tagawa**. And a long-lost member, one who has not played in a coon's age, maybe two coons age, **Marilyn Tagawa** (welcome back); in the second group were **Gordon Cho**, **John Holmes**, **Joel Maimon**, and **Curtis Lee**; they followed the first group headed by our leader **Kelly Lau**, **Ken Munechika**, **Mel Soong** and **Eddie Lee**.

When all the not so great golf scores and the net scores determined, we started the process of determine our "blind partner" mega bucks winners. In third place, being an odd number player, **Marilyn Tagawa** was her own partner, so she was able to keep the entire mega bucks to herself; in second place were the partners of **Bob Nagao** and **Mel Soong**; and our grand champions for the true mega bucks were the partners of **Myron Brumaghin** and **Gordon Cho**. Congratulations to all the winners and once again Mahalo to all the other players/contributors.

Now for our thought of the day: "Smart is when you believe only half of what you hear. Brilliant is when you know which half to believe."

Our next golf outing will be our "Aloha, 2012 Aloha Chapter Golf Season" scheduled for Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Mamala Bay GC.

Merry Christmas to all you golfers, golfettes and your spouses and to all the readers of the Aloha Chapter Golf Report. **Norm** 

P.S. There are only two remaining golf shirts: 1 extra-large blue and 1 large white. This is the last of the current style golf shirts. Each will be sold to the first person who sends me an e-mail or phone call indicating the shirt he/she desires.

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James Iwamura	12/16
Howard Okada	12/17
Tadahiko Ono	12/19
Carl Kinoshita	12/21
John Seely	12/23
Marvin Baum	12/26
Tylene Dunbar	12/27
Allen Ono	12/31
Richard Rankin	12/31

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## Aloha Chapter, MOAA RESERVATION FORM

### Annual Christmas Party and Dinner Sunset Lanai

PACOM, Camp H. M. Smith  
Halawa Heights

**5:00 PM, Thursday, December 20, 2012**

**Menu: Vegetable Platter/Cheese Platter, Crab Rangoon, Swedish Meatballs, Garden Salad, Waldorf Salad, Pasta Salad, Baked Salmon, Hawaiian-Style Baked Ham, Prime Rib of Beef with Au Jus, Coconut Haupia Cake and Chocolate Dobash Cake**

**No Grab Bag. Bring Donation of Canned Goods for Food Bank. There Will Be Door Prizes. Merrie Ladies Will Decorate Tables.**

Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation \_\_\_ (Check if needed)

Cost = \$38.00 per person. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$38.00 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send in your reservation ASAP to arrive NLT **Thursday, December 13, 2012** to:

Checks Payable to: Aloha Chapter, MOAA  
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 201441  
Honolulu, HI 96820

Call Jack Bohman, 235-8078, if necessary, for more information

## Aloha Chapter, MOAA, Membership/Application Form

Revised: August 2012. All prior forms obsolete.

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☐ WWII 12/07/41 – 12/31/46  
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## Aloha Chapter Awards



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- \* 2004 2nd Runner-Up Electronic Newsletter
- \* 2004 4-Star Chapter
- \* 2005 Winner-Cat VII "Give Me 10" Recruitment Campaign
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