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Hau'oli Makahiki Hau!



Christmas Party

Approximately three dozen members and guests had a very enjoyable evening celebrating their annual Christmas party in the Kalia Room of the Hale Koa Hotel on Friday, December 9.

After an hour of cocktail spirits and spirited conversations, with soft background Christmas music played by **Bernard Yoshioka**, we enjoyed a delicious dinner of a Caesar salad, grilled sirloin steak and glazed chicken breast, fresh vegetables, and, finally, a towering strawberry shortcake.

After dinner we had our gift exchange. The festive evening ended with Bernard playing lots of familiar oldies for our listening and dancing enjoyment.



2012 Aloha Chapter Directors and Executive Committee
Officers and a few Members at our Christmas Party

Installation of Chapter Officers

More than a millennium ago, when Europeans (except for the Vikings) were afraid to venture beyond the horizon, Polynesians from the Marquesas Islands and Tahiti, had already discovered the Hawaiian Islands. As *Hokulea* proved, they made repeated voyages to Hawaii. They eventually settled on all of the islands, even Kahoolawe and Necker, that are presently unsettled.

Almost a thousand years later, specifically on January 18, 1778, Captain James Cook stumbled upon Hawaii at Waimea, Kauai, on his way to Alaska from the South Pacific. He made three trips to Hawaii and was killed at Kealahou Bay during one of his visits (guess which one).

Was Captain Cook the first European to “discover” Hawaii?

Coincidentally, on Wednesday, January 18th, 234 years to the day after Captain Cook “discovered” Hawaii, we will gather at the Hale Ikena, Ft. Shafter, for a

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President's Message by Curtis Lee

As we embark on our journey through 2012, may you all enjoy Good Health, Happiness and Prosperity. Hopefully, we will endure all the rhetoric of a Presidential Election.

At the same time it will be even more important for us to be watchful and make our voices heard by our elected representatives concerning the proposals which would result in the erosion of benefits for active and retired military members. It seems to be inevitable, as the questions become what and how much will be cut, as Congress struggles with reducing spending. MOAA will keep you apprised of the threatened benefits relevant to us. They are, as they say, *one powerful voice*.

It is my intention, as your appointed President, to work with the Executive Committee, starting with our first meeting on January 19, to not only maintain great programs, but also to enlarge our membership. We're a team; we need everyone's participation and help.

Aloha Chapter is a group of friends who enjoy each other's company. We hope to keep it that way. However, to remain a viable Chapter, we need to encourage more of our members to participate in program activities and find new members to join us. **Jane Kekoa** and her Program Committee have revitalized our programs in 2011, and they have plans to continue their great work in 2012.

Our Christmas Party and Dinner arranged by Jane and her Committee, which included soft music by **Bernard Yoshioka**, was very nice. Thanks, Jane, for a job well done! Most of the attendees endured very heavy traffic to reach the Hale Koa Hotel. As a lesson learned, for next year, we will take a look at scheduling our Christmas party on a Wednesday or Thursday evening when the traffic should be much lighter.

As we begin the New Year, let us refresh our

memories by recalling MOAA's mission. It is: "MOAA is a nonprofit veterans' association dedicated to maintaining a strong national defense and to preserving the earned entitlements of members of the uniformed services and their families and survivors. Membership is open to those who hold or have ever held a warrant or commission in any component of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service or NOAA and their surviving spouses."

The first chapter luncheon meeting for 2012 will include the Installation of Chapter Officers at Hale Ikena on January 18. Please make plans to attend. Also, our Guest Speaker will be Alan Lloyd whose topic is "Polynesian & Spanish Navigators" who discovered Hawaii long before Captain James Cook.

As you make New Year's Resolutions, that you intend to keep, of course, I challenge you to resolve to encourage one member you know who is not participating to rejoin us and to find one new member for Aloha Chapter in 2012!

Mahalo and Aloha!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Jan. 15, 2012
(Sunday) | 1:00 PM, Bridge Bunch Party, Colonnade on the Green Recreation Room |
| Jan. 18, 2012
(Wednesday) | 11:00 AM, Installation of Chapter Officers Luncheon, Hale Ikena. Guest Speaker: Alan Lloyd, "Polynesian & Spanish Navigators" |
| Jan 19, 2012
(Thursday) | 10:00 AM, EXCOM Meeting, Kalihi Union Church, 2214 N. King Street, Honolulu |
| Jan 20, 2012
(Friday) | 9:00 AM, Golf Outing, Barbers Point Golf Course |
| April 29, 2012
(Sunday) | 9:00 AM, Annual Chicken Sale Fund-raiser, Kalihi-Waena Elementary School |

Notice

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IN MEMORIAM

Walter Sur, 81, of Honolulu, a retired Army colonel who served in the Korean War and a retired government marketing specialist for Hawaiian Tel and a Life Member of the Aloha Chapter, MOAA, died in Honolulu on December 12, 2011. He was born in Honolulu. He is survived by wife Mary (now an Aloha Chapter Life Auxiliary Member); son Stacy; brothers Joseph and David; sisters Elsie Kim, Winifred Weaver and Audrey Chun; and two grandchildren.

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STATE OF THE TREASURY

Aloha Chapter, MOAA

The balance in the treasury of our Aloha Chapter as of Dec. 8, 2011, is as follows:

- ♦ Checking Account: \$2,923.68
- ♦ Savings Account: \$8,517.16

Our account is with the Pentagon Federal Credit Union, one of our advertisers. It is located in Building 553 at Fort Shafter. An up-to-date statement of our account is available after the 8th of every month. Our income is derived from new member dues, membership renewals, life memberships, our annual fund-raiser and advertisements in our newsletter. The total of all of this is approximately \$2,000 per year. Since most of our members are Life Members, we receive very little income from membership renewals.

Our expenses are mainly from the printing and mailing of our newsletter, payment of the excise tax on the fund-raiser income and other miscellaneous expenses, such as for postage stamps, mail box fee, bulk mail permit fee, lei, etc. This amounts

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buffet luncheon, the annual installation of Aloha Chapter Officers, and to listen to **Alan Lloyd**'s enthralling presentation of navigational evidence and other indicators that the Spanish visited Hawaii about 200 years before Capt. Cook arrived.



Alan S. Lloyd
—*Navy League photo*

Between 1572 and 1815, several hundred Spanish Galleons sailed from Acapulco, Mexico, with their plunder from the Aztecs and Mayans, to Agana, Guam, and on to Manila in the Philippines. These Galleons followed an officially established route that passed barely 200 miles south of a latitude from which the world's two highest insular mountain peaks and the three active volcanoes on the Island of Hawaii could be easily observed.

It is virtually undeniable that several hundred square-rigged Spanish galleons using the rudimentary navigational techniques of the 16th and 17th centuries could not possibly have avoided having some of their number occasionally stray a few degrees to the north and thereby encounter and report the existence of a spectacularly noteworthy archipelago of "High Islands" lying some 30 to 40 sailing days west of Acapulco.

Alan will discuss charts dating back to 1579, authored by cartographers from many nations as well as other evidence that led him to conclude that Rear Admiral Jean Francois Galaup de La Perouse (a bay near Wailea, Maui, is named after him) was correct when he noted in his journal:

In the charts might be written: Sandwich Islands, surveyed in 1778 by Captain Cook, who named them, but anciently discovered


by Spanish navigators."

Alan Lloyd was born in Honolulu, T.H., attended Punahou School and then Swathmore College, Pennsylvania, graduating with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1951. He completed the Westinghouse Graduate Engineers Training Program in 1952.

With his Mainland degree and specialized training certificate in hand, Alan returned to Hawaii and sold Westinghouse power equipment to utilities and sugar plantations on all of the Hawaiian Islands for 13 years before joining Maui Electric Co. He transferred to Hawaiian Electric Co. in 1969 and retired in 1996 as a Licensed Professional Engineer and the HECO Executive Staff Engineer.

Alan is a life member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, National Director Emeritus of the Navy League, Historian for the *USS Missouri* Memorial Association, Member of the Rotary Club of Windward Oahu, and an Honorary Member of the Hawaii Chapter, MOAA.

Alan and his long-time travelling partner, Betty Lou, love to often go on cruises—especially since they are free. During their last cruise last September and October from Sydney to Honolulu, Alan gave 11 lectures on topics such as, for example, the Battle of Midway; the Battle of the Coral Sea; the Battle of Leyte Gulf; North and South Islands, New Zealand; Bora Bora and Raiatea, the Jewels of French Polynesia; Norfolk Island's Gift to the Island of Lanai; The Battle of Niihau; and At Sea with the Navy, in addition to his talk on the Spanish Galleons that he will give at our buffet luncheon on January 18th.

Before Alan's intriguing PowerPoint presentation, we will have the installation ceremony of all of the Aloha Chapter Directors, Executive Committee Officers and Committee Chairs elected or appointed to serve in 2012. Member **Clarence Mert Agena**, BG, USA, Retired, will officiate. 

Aloha Chapter Party Bridge

The annual December party bridge session, which begins the 2012 bridge-year, was again hosted by and held at the festively decorated (inside and outdoors) residence of **Les & Shirley Ihara**. It was a holiday-season dinner/bridge session held on Sunday, December 11th, which began with pupus and refreshments, including irresistible egg-nogs prepared by **Sam Heard**.



A short meeting was held while having pupus and refreshments. It began with the

presentation by **Shirley Ihara**, Bridge Program Coordinator, of the *2011 Aloha Chapter Bridge Player-of-the-Year Perpetual Trophy* to **Les Ihara**. Printouts of the year's statistical summary of all scores and points were distributed. It was followed by the announcement of a revised Asset Distribution Schedule which increases payouts to high scorers and the lowering of the maximum monthly scores from 7 to 6 to be counted in determining the *Player-of-the-Year Award*, both being effective with this December session, the beginning bridge-year 2012.

Eleven chapter bridge players and one guest made up the 3 tables of bridge that Sunday night, with soft Christmas carol CD's playing throughout the evening. Beginning the new bridge year strong were **Gary & Bev Jensen**, who had the highest scores of 4470 and 4250, respectively. They were followed by **Vernon Von, Les Ihara** and **Shirley Ihara**. Other contenders were: **Mitzi Austin, Bobbi & Dayle Carlson, Sam Heard, Lois Luehring, Marion Von**, and guest **Hazel Theodore**. Surprisingly, no slams were bid and made this session.

The next party bridge session will be held on Sunday, January 15th, at the Colonnade on The

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Green Condominium Recreation Room, beginning at 1 pm. Hosting this session will be **Sam Heard**, so those who have not signed up yet need to contact him at 488-8897 or e-mail him at: hawaiiijetset@hotmail.com not later than Wednesday, January 11th.

Shirley



High scorers at the December Dinner Party Bridge, front row, Shirley Ihara and Bev Jensen and, standing, Les Ihara, Vernon Von and Gary Jensen.





Norm Fujiwara

December Golf Report

The week of our scheduled golf outing was a real trying period for your "worry wart" golf coordinator; it had been intermittently raining "cats & dogs" with little relief in between. So, your old pessimist was trying to determine how to notify the players that we would calling off our golf outing on the morning of Friday, December 16th, because of rain. As I gingerly backed my car out of the garage, I was surprisingly greeted by a ray of sunshine, and as I looked to the West clear blue skies all the way to the Waianae Mountains, also clear skies to the South and North, the only clouds visible were to the East. Surpassing the

fine weather, the traffic was extremely light; it was a very joyful ride to Barbers Point Golf Course. As I sat in my usual position, a couch in the lobby of the club house, the members began coming in and in short order we had all but one member, who came in just about five minutes before the first group teed off. I won't mention the name of this almost late player, but he joined his group with a strain of "Oh what a Beautiful Morning" directed primarily at our few wahine players.

With every one present, the first group teed off led by **Kelly Lau, John Seely, Ira Tagawa** and once-in-a-blue-moon player **Ron Katto**; they were followed by a threesome led by **Mert Agena**, accompanied by **Walt Kinoshita** and one of the three wahine golfers, **Janice Kinoshita**; then came the power golfers, **Gordon Cho, Leroy Perry, Ken Munechika** and **John Holmes**; in the fourth group there was a quartet of once-in-a-coon's-age players: **Mel Soong, Eddie Lee, John Jefferis**, and **Larry Enomoto**; in our fifth group was our minstrel **Joe Kuroda**, accompanied (in song) by **Ken Yamada Joel Maimon** and **Jack Bohman**; bringing up the rear in the sixth group were **Curtis Lee, Norm Fujiwara** and the other two wahine, **Alice Fujiwara** and **Akiko Noda**.

Our mega-jackpot was once again Blind Partners. The fourth place team were the partners of **Mel Soong** and **Leroy Perry**; in third place were **Janice Kinoshita** and **Mert Agena**; in second place were **Joel Maimon** and **John Jefferis**; and, in first place, the grand champions were **Curtis Lee** and **Eddie Lee** (allegedly no collusion and no relation).


Congratulations to all the winners, especially our champions, and Mahalo to all who participated in our Aloha MMXI golf season.

I hope that you all enjoyed the golf outings this past year.

The first *thought of the day* you must endure for 2012: "Conceit is an odd disease; it makes everyone sick but the one who has it."

Aloha and hope to see all of you during our MMXII golf outings listed on the next page.

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2012 Golf Schedule

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March	0900, Friday, March 9 th Mamala Bay Golf Course
April	0900, Friday, April 20 th Barbers Point Golf Course
May	0900, Friday, May 18 th Navy Marine Golf Course
June	1100, Monday, June 18 th Mamala Bay Golf Course
July	0900, Friday, July 20 th Klipper Golf Course
August	0900, Friday, August 17 th Barbers Point Golf Course
September	0900, Friday, September 21 th Navy Marine Golf Course
October	0900, Friday, October 19 th Klipper Golf Course
November	0900, Friday, November 16 th Leilehua Golf Course
December	0900, Friday, December 21 st Mamala Bay Golf Course

Aloha Chapter, MOAA**RESERVATION FORM****Buffet Luncheon****11:00 AM, Wednesday, January 18, 2012****Hale Ikena****Bldg 711, Morton Drive, Ft. Shafter 96858****Guest Speaker: Alan S. Lloyd, HECO Executive Staff Engineer, Ret.****Topic: The Sandwich Islands and The Manila Galleons**

Member: _____ Spouse: _____

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to about \$3,000 per year. Since our greatest expense is the preparation and promulgation of the newsletter; we have thought about putting the newsletter on-line and distributing it only via e-mail, but the result is that we would probably have to pay first-class postage on newsletters for our members who do not have or use e-mail.

Obviously, we need suggestions for fund raisers other than BBQ chicken sales. Please think out in detail your suggestion and mention it to any of the members of our Executive Committee or Board of Directors. **Vernon Von**, Past Treasurer

**Aloha Chapter, MOAA, Membership Application Form**

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- * 2002 5-Star Chapter
- * 2003 4-Star Chapter
- * 2004 Winner Best Website
- * 2004 2nd Runner-Up Electronic Newsletter
- * 2004 4-Star Chapter
- * 2005 Winner-Cat VII "Give Me 10" Recruitment Campaign
- * 2005 5-Star Chapter
- * 2006 4-Star Chapter
- * **2007 2nd Runner-Up Print Newsletter**
- * **2007 5-Star Chapter**
- * **2008 2nd Runner-Up Print Newsletter**

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