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Hawaii Chapter TROA Attends Midway 60th Remembrance



On the left :Admiral Joe Vasey talking with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service representatives Forrest Cameron, Carolyn Bohan, and Joan Jewett while visiting Midway Island.



On the right: Asst. SECNAV Hansford T. Johnson, Asst. Secretary of the Interior H. Craig Manson, and Vice Adm. William D. Houser USN (Ret.) saluting after placing a wreath on the monument at the National Memorial to the Battle of Midway

Captain George E. Sullivan, USN

The wheels came up on the Aloha Airlines Boeing 737 and 135 veterans, active duty personnel, Department of Interior representatives, and friends were finally off to Midway Island and a day that will long be remembered by all. The 1200-mile trip meant we would spend hours in this airplane but the time was well worth it. For many of us it was a return visit. Five of our fellow passengers that day were survivors of the Battle of Midway and coming to the Atoll was very special for them. Others had lived on the Island during the many years the Navy operated a 'small town' there. Still others, like myself, remember the refueling stops and bringing a destroyer into the channel between Sand and Eastern Islands that make up the Atoll. While for others, it was their first visit. But for one and all, on landing, the "gooney birds" (Laysan albatross) are an amazing sight.

A ceremony commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Battle of Midway followed shortly after our arrival. The brass section of the CINCPACFLT band supplied the music and a Color Guard and riflemen from RAdm. Robert Conway's Hawaii Region Command provided the appropriate honors. The gentlemen in the picture above all recalled various events at the Battle of Midway and its history since those days. RAdm. Anthony Winns, from Kaneohe, was the Navy's uniformed speaker. Dr. Jim D'Angelo, President/International Midway Memorial Foundation provided a historic perspective.

We spent the next 4 hours touring Sand Island dodging "gooneys" every step of the way. The water at every inch along the shore was crystal clear and harbors the green sea turtle and the monk seal that many chanced upon during their walks. Several of the structures from years past remain standing and hopefully will be preserved and interpreted for history to provide a better understanding for our future generations.

After the "gooneys" were all nesting for the night, our plane took off for the long trip home. It was a great day and Hawaii Chapter TROA thanks the Fish & Wildlife Service for their most generous hospitality.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Our Board of Directors is pleased to welcome Lt COL Lou Crompton USAF. Lou fills the vacancy created by the resignation of COL Duke Frey USA.

I hope you have found the 2002 HI Chapter TROA Directory useful. You will find the Errata for that publication in the Sept issue of the PHK. It is intended to match the Directory so you have the choice, CUT and PASTE into your copy, or merely put the Errata page where you can find it. I think the decision will depend on whether you use the corrected data found in the Errata.

You will find a good selection of Hawaii Chapter events this fall and we could add more. Our annual picnic is next and is always a fun event. The following dinner and talk at the USS BOWFIN Museum may include both a talk by our well known historian Dan Martinez and a few words from a visiting member of the TROA National Board. The election this year may be even more important than usual so you won't want to miss the opportunity to hear and quiz the winners of the Primary election for Governor. Please plan now to support the November meeting and food drive for the Hawaii Food Bank. The needy are always present. Our Christmas Party really will be a Christmas Party with entertainment and no business. We are working on more events so let Jack and Carita Miller know what you want.

I have been discussing the National TROA plan to have us vote on a name change to MOA with some other Chapter Presidents. I also read an article about the name change which indicated that the membership campaign with the current name has been very successful and there is no basis for the assertion that Active Duty are turned away by the current name. My opinion that TROA is a better name and ACRONYM than MOA is shared by other Chapter Presidents. I think a change to a name which can be parodied by a satisfied COW (MOO Ahhhh) and lacks the recognition of TROA would be a mistake. The other Chapters show approx 80% planning to vote to RETAIN the name TROA and reject the proposed new name. I agree with keeping our name TROA and plan to vote for TROA.

Aloha John

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THINNING of the RANKS

Maj DELMO H. MOUDY, USAF

He passed away 1 Feb 02 at home in MAUI. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth and a son who is a retired naval officer. He will be buried on 13 July 02 in Minnesota. He was a member of our chapter.

Dr. LOUIS J. POLSKIN , CAPT AUS

Dr. Louis J. Polskin died 1 July. He was a member of our chapter and National TROA.. There is no surviving spouse or children. Two brothers live on the mainland. He was working in the outpatient pharmacy at TAMC.

LTC Francis Edgar Murray, USAF Passed away 3 June 02. He is survived by his wife Helen. He was a member of our Hawaii Chapter.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

August 25TH – Sunday 12:00

Summer Picnic at Bellows The traditional Chapter Picnic will be held the last Sunday in August at Pavilion 5A. It should be a grand event – with or without bagpipes! It is a potluck with the bar and huli huli chicken ready for some customers. Please send in your reservation request with \$10/per person.

Roberta and George Sullivan are the Co-Chairman for the event and have the support of Hank Heyenga, Ben Porter, Bill Nations, Lucille Shreve, Bob and Nora Reed and our picnic expert Judith Breitwieser

September 19th – Thursday 6:00 p.m.

Dinner Program at the Bowfin The popular event last year will be repeated again with the same bargain of dinner and drinks for \$25.00 per person. We are fortunate to have on the program a recognized military historian from the National Parks Service, Daniel Martinez. The presentation “Sacred Ground: America and it’s battlefields” with slides should be very interesting.

October 5th – Saturday night 6:00 p.m.

Oktoberfest time Frau Judith has once again arranged for the “Edelweiss” German band, and the traditional Bavarian feast at the scenic Waikiki Yacht Club for the October 5th event. So get ready to lock arms, click mugs and do an eins, zwei, drei sofa!! For the athletes, there will be a chance to polka as well.

November 16th – Saturday 10:45 a.m.

Food Bank, Elections, Annual Meeting, Silent Auction, Music, Speaker etc.!

Remember this date – a big day for the Chapter. Roxanna and Jan-Sue once

again will coordinate a big day for the Chapter at the Hickam Officers’ Club. Last year we collected well over 1000 pounds of food and over \$1000 dollars for the Food Bank. Stay tuned – more to come!

December 18th –Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Party The Hale Koa Waikiki Ball Room is booked again for the Chapter Annual Christmas Party. The cost this year for pupus, dinner and entertainment is \$30.00 per person. Plan to attend this classy fun event!

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Voting....it's a duty



This year Hawaii and many states will have some important elections. Hawaii will elect a new governor and two US representatives, among other offices. **Every vote counts** which was so vividly demonstrated in the 2002 presidential election in Florida.

You must have filed a voter registration form to exercise your right to vote. This form can be obtained at satellite city halls, public libraries, U.S. Post Offices, and state services agencies or on line at: <http://www.state.hi.us/elections>. Here are important dates for the coming elections:

Primary Election

Voter Registration Deadline

Thursday, August 22, 2002

Election

Saturday, September 21, 2002

General Election

Voter Registration Deadline

Monday, October 7, 2002

Election

Tuesday, November 5, 2002

If you are unable to go to your polling place for any reason, apply for an **absentee ballot**. An application may be obtained at satellite city halls, public libraries, U.S. Post Offices, and state services agencies or on line at <http://www.hawaii.gov/elections/voteab.html>

Primary Election

Absentee Ballot Applications accepted

July 23 to Sept. 13, 2002

General Election

Absentee Ballot Applications accepted

July 23 to Oct. 29, 2002

Concurrent Receipt

This issue will go down to the wire. Not only has the Office of Management and Budget gone on record as opposing Concurrent Receipt and stating it would recommend a presidential veto of any bill which contained this, but now the Pentagon has released a study, required by congress, which shows the cost of this legislation would be twice as high as originally thought. The study only strengthens previous Pentagon arguments opposing this legislation. At best a compromise is currently expected.

A letter from Congressman Roscoe Bartlett on Commissaries and Exchanges

Thank you for this opportunity to reply to the hundreds of letters from active duty personnel and veterans written to me in my capacity as the Chairman of the Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare, and Recreation of the House Armed Services Committee. While differing in details and locations, they are united in their observation that DeCA's cost reduction plan is undermining the quality and availability of the commissary benefit and are adamantly opposed to privatizing exchanges or commissaries.

I applaud Secretary Rumsfeld for reexamining every aspect of DOD operations, but I am certain the proposal to privatize commissaries or exchanges is dead. There is simply no business case to support privatization of commissaries. There is no profit when products are sold at cost.

Less clear, but no less certain and especially with the unprecedented demands posed by the war against terrorism, America's global and fluctuating mission commitments constrain or eliminate the potential for profit from privatized exchanges. The exchanges must generate a profit to support other MWR programs, currently hard hit by losses. Furthermore, there is a commitment to provide exchange services to deployed forces. I find it hard to imagine a private retailer willing and able to deploy services to war zones and contribute its profits to finance other MWR programs. What's more, the intangible enhancements to quality of life and the unique sense of community provided by commissaries, exchanges and other MWR programs would disappear under any privatization scenario.

There is a bipartisan commitment to maintain the quality and the value MWR programs for active duty personnel, their families and retirees. I shepherded unanimous approval by the MWR Panel of a provision in the House FY 2003 Defense Authorization bill, H.R. 4546, that requires the General Accounting Office (GAO) to ascertain if savings and customer service can be maintained under DeCA's plan to eliminate 2,650 civilian positions over a three-year period. It also directs Secretary Rumsfeld to moderate the pace of the personnel reductions until the results of the study are available. In the meantime, I strongly encourage you take the time to **fill out a DECA customer satisfaction survey card** each and every time you go to a commissary. Your personal experiences will provide invaluable tracking data about any changes in the quality or cost of services. I promise you that I will ensure that your voice is heard.

BRIDGE CORNER by robbie gee

ROTC/JROTC ACTIVITIES LTC H. HEYENGA

What a "Bang Up" job hosts Jack and Carita Miller did for the 29 June meeting of the Hawaii Chapter's TROA Party Bridgegroup, complete with July 4th holiday decorations throughout the house. A good time was had by all (depending on the cards one was dealt).

The group welcomed new members Clyde and Darnelle Friar, and Ken and Lillian Patterson, swelling our numbers to over 24 players who enjoy one another's company and just plain have fun.

The ones who had the most fun this time were Gigette Caldwell, taking top honors, and her husband Craig who followed at a close second. Rounding off the winners were Joan Peters in third, and Darnelle Friar in fourth.

Again, the Booby Prize winner shall remain nameless. Others who enjoyed the evening were: Bill and Debby Martin, Les and Shirley Ihara, Robbie Gee, Ray deHay, Marian Davis, John Peters, Judith Breitwieser, Pennie Penterman, and Wally Barker.

Remember to call Robbie Gee at 255-4558 not later than the weekend beforehand to reserve your seat at the bridge table. The group usually meets on the last Saturday of the month (July will be an exception) at 7pm at various locations around the island on a rotation basis. Watch your Pau Hana Koa each month for the dates."

PAC COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Hank Heyenga and I attended the retirement day festivities at MCB Hawaii on Flag Day, June 14th. We recruited two new members for the Chapter.
2. John Peters will be off-island from mid-August until the end of September. George Montague will be the boss while John is gone.
3. PAC input for the September PHK is due to the Editor Bill McGarry not later than 24 August 2002.
4. Roxanna is planning on the PAC committee to haul the food from Hickam O'Club to the food bank on November 16th.

During April and May the following Hawaii Chapter members, listed alphabetically, visited seventeen high schools on Oahu and presented JROTC certificates and medals to cadets selected by their peers and instructors as outstanding individuals:

- CDR Robert A. Allard (Waianae HS)
- LTC Shirley R. Cavanaugh (Kailua/Castle HS)
- LTC Lou Crompton (McKinley HS)
- Col Duke Frey (Roosevelt HS)
- Col John Harms (Kahuku HS)
- LTC Hank Heyenga (Moanaloa and Nanakulu HS's)
- Col Ralph J W K Hiatt (Punahou and Kamehameha Schools)
- CDR Roger Hill (Kaimuki HS)
- CDR John W. Miller (Kaleheo and Radford HS's)
- CDR Chris Nintzel (Aiea HS)
- RADM Bruce Smith (Campbell HS)
- Capt Kenneth Stover (Lelehua HS)
- Col Lou Torraca (Castle HS).

To all who assisted me in representing the Hawaii Chapter, I extend my sincere thanks and look forward to next year's efforts.

Hank Heyenga,
Chairman, ROTC/Awards Committee.

THE USERS GROUP (TUG)
COLONEL LOU TORRACA, USAF

As some of you know, I've been reviewing a program called Click'N Burn Pro 2.0, courtesy of Steve DiGerlando and the folks at Stomp, Inc. I had previously used the CD Stomper by the company for making labels ... **when I could get one to burn!** Boy was I ever pleasantly surprised when I installed CNB. The installation routine is standard and takes only a few moments. Every time you launch the program after that, a menu prompts you to choose which function you want to perform: copying one CD to another, burning a music CD from files on your hard drive, or backing up data. Whichever function you select, you then decide which interface you want to work in: the Starter Interface (best for newbies) or the Full Application (best for pros). I found Click'N Burn Pro 2.0 to be far superior to Roxio (Adaptec) Easy CD Creator 5.01 Platinum. There are no compatibility problems on either WIN 98 or WIN XP machines. Everything works the first time! My recommendation: save your sanity and your hardware, get Click'N Burn Pro 2.0. I first tried Creating a Data CD because data backup is something I wanted to do more easily since I'm basically lazy. I found single session back-ups or multi-session back-ups were equally simple and reliable. Next, I tried CD Disc Copy. To copy one data disc to another, I made a temporary image on my hard drive first and recorded the new disc from there. It took about 10 or 15 minutes. Click'N Burn offers direct CD to CD and Global Images as well which also are a snap to use. You follow a simple process to create audio or data discs from material saved on your hard drive. First, you tell the application what type of recording to make, and Click'N Burn gives you a blank list into which you enter the files--either data or music--you want to save to CD. Then, just press the Go button to start recording. For music files, you can set the amount of silence between tracks or create CD Text, a short title that displays on newer CD players when the CD starts. To give you an example of how easy this all is, I took the program with me when I visited my grandkids in FL and my 8 year old grandson was using it to burn music CDs an hour after I installed it! He was using a feature that I believe sets Click'N Burn above the competition. The program lets you burn MP3 files onto CDs. In this handy compressed format, your CD will hold up to 10 hours of music (other file types yield about 77 minutes, max). The program also accepts MP3, WAV, and WMA files. BTW, you can put both audio and video on the same disc--an important feature if you work in several different formats. Also, if you're not ready to save a whole disc's worth of music at once, the DJ Burn feature lets you create a music disc one song at a time, recording in different sessions on different days. You need only take the disc out when each session is done and reinsert it when you want to record another song. While the CD is still a work in progress, you can play it only on the computer you're creating it on. But once the disc is full and you've finalized it (just press the Finalize Disc button), you can play it on any device that accepts music CDs, including the CD player on your boom box. Purchase Click'N Burn Pro, and you also get a suite of really neat applications. Click'N Design 3D comes with the set and is one of the most detailed CD-label-creation tools around, providing templates for a variety of jewel cases. Click'N Edit Sound LE lets users edit music, and Veritas Simple Backup makes it a breeze to run routine saves of whatever data you need to back up. I've only scratched the surface with this feature-rich program. For more info, go to the Stomp webpage at www.stompinc.com Finally, the best feature of this program is the price! The MSRP is \$49.95 but I've seen it as low as \$35 on the web which beats the heck out of most other programs, so go shopping and you'll get the best deal. Lastly, for you travelers here are some helpful web sites to check. They represent only a sampling of what's available. This is a list of multipurpose sites valuable for general information: www.travelocity.com, www.expedia.com, www.travelocity.com, www.citysearch.com, www.digitalcity.com www.lonelyplanet.com, www.frommers.com, www.fodors.com, www.cnn.com/travel, www.ricksteves.com

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Hope to see you soon, until then, happy computing.

PHARMACY CORNER by COL CLYDE FRIAR, USA

A revised procedure has been worked out between Tripler and MCBH-Kaneohe Bay pharmacies concerning transfer of prescription items by military courier to KBay from Tripler. This is a temporary arrangement which will become moot in the fall about 1 Oct 2002. At that time all island military pharmacies will have the same formulary capabilities and any transfers will be minimal. In the interim, key points for using the courier service center about the requirement that all new and renewed prescription requests for courier delivery to MCBH-KB Pharmacy must be entered into the KMBH-KB pharmacy site. The provider or the patient must then notify the Pharmacy that a prescription has been entered that requires transport by the courier service. The patient must allow two working days before pick-up. Civilian provider hardcopy prescriptions must be initially processed at MCBH- Pharmacy to get courier service for Tripler formulary medication not stocked at MCBH-KB.

Current practices for having Tripler provider prescription medications sent to MCBH-KB at the patients request still apply.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2002
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with any questions or OFFERS TO HELP.

Mahalo for your support.

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