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Operation Downfall by Bob Popp

Most of us are familiar with Operation Overlord, the American and British invasion of the Calvados Coast of France in June 1944. It was a gigantic operation but no where near as large as the military forces planned for use in Operation Downfall...the invasion of mainland Japan. In August 1945, the war in Europe was over. Army divisions were being transported from Europe across the Atlantic by ship and across the United States by train to the West Coast...destination the beaches of Honshu and Kyushu. For these warriors, the war was not over. Operation Downfall was divided into parts – Operation Olympic planned the invasion of the island of Kyushu on 1 November 1945. Once the island was secured, Operation Coronet planned the invasion of the island of Honshu in March, 1946.

The American military leadership, General Douglas Mac Arthur and Admiral Chester Nimitz and the invasion planners knew that American casualties would be high. The Aiea Naval Hospital on Halawa Heights (now Camp Smith) was already filled with over 5,600 wounded patients from the invasion of Iwo Jima. The loss of over 7,000 Americans on land and 5,000 Americans in the waters surrounding the island of Okinawa told planners that the Japanese would defend their home islands with total fanaticism.

Joint Chiefs of Staff planners estimated that Operation Olympic would cause over 450,000 American casualties. Along with Operation Coronet, the estimate of American casualties rose to 1,200,000 Americans with almost 300,000 dead. Navy planners provided even higher estimates – 4,000,000 casualties and up to 800,000 American dead.

Whatever the numbers, the casualty rate was too high. Sixty years ago this August, an alternative course of action was authorized by President Harry S. Truman. It took the form of “Little Boy” and “Fat Man”; the former atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima on 6 August and the latter atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki on 9 August. Weeks later, the Japanese leadership capitulated. American sailors, marines, soldiers, and airmen would not have to die on Japanese soil.

The morality of Truman’s decision is debated even today. However, for the military forces destined for the beaches of Japan, there were no debates, no doubts, and no remorse.

[Editor comment: This was before HST was contaminated by the left wing advisors who are still preventing correct action today!]

Coming Events

August

6 August (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000 Computer Training, Bishop Museum, Paki Bldg.

19 Aug (Fri) Excom Mtg, MCBH O’Club 1130

21 Aug (Sun) Annual Picnic, Pavillion A, Bellows AFS.
See flyer on page 5 for details. (1200)

27 Aug (Sat) MOAA Party Bridge 1900
For reservations call Robbie Gee at 255-4558

September

2 Sep (Fri)- 60th anniversary of the Japanese surrender aboard USS Missouri 0845 (invitation required)

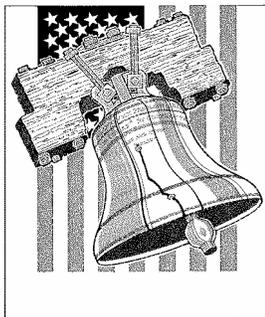
3 Sep (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000 Computer Training, Bishop Museum, Paki Bldg.

12 Sep (Mon) PAC Meeting 1200 (tentative)
Hawaii Kai Retirement Community

19 Sep (Fri) Excom Mtg, MCBH O’Club 1130

23 & 24 Sep (Fri-Sat) MOAA National Monument
Dinner and Dedication

24 Sep (Sat) MOAA Party Bridge 1900
For reservations call Robbie Gee at 255-4558



YOUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Colonel John Harms; US Marine Corps (Ret.)

Everyone seems to love a parade, and the Kailua 4th of July parade is no exception (unless we have curmudgeon in the ranks). This year's theme was our "Veteran Heroes" and contained 93 entries that marched, strolled, rode, moved down Kainalu Street to the sound of marching bands or in our case a loud car mounted PA system with patriotic music.

One of our Chapter members and a former SEAL, Captain Ron Seiple, USN (Ret.) is also the Program Chairman of the Kailua Historical Society, so he and his family prepared two cars with leis, signs, the music system, and an American Flag as their entry. Ron asked myself and Grady Geske (a Chapter member) and an USAF Vietnam vet to ride in his restored 65 Chevy Corvair convertible that represented Vietnam veterans. His daughter drove his newer Ford Mustang convertible, with Hank Heyanga (Chapter member) and one other veteran who represented World War II, and a father of a recently deceased officer in Iraq, representing the War on Terrorism.



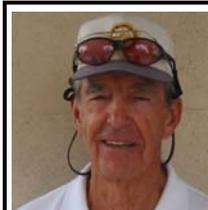
The parade was definitely a unique small town event. Governor Lingle walked the whole way shaking hands on both sides of the very crowded street. Mayor Mufi Han-nemen was present as well as Congressman Ed Case.

People came up and yelled Chu Lai 1967/68, Hue City Tet Offensive and other Viet-nam Veterans wanted to share their time in this very unpopular war. Many viewers simply stated, "thanks" and you heard "yeh freedom is not cheap" in other areas. It was really enjoyable, but the greatest recognition went to our 100 Marines, of the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines who just returned (literally like three days before) from Af-ghanistan. Whoop, hollers, tears and cheers were expressed to these men and

women.

So as we remember our Country's Declaration of Independence and what patriotism means; "the love of and devotion to one's country" we start again to understand how blessed we are to have been born in or to now have citizenship in **America**.

John Harms



ID CARDS

You will recall there was an article in the July Issue of the Pau Hana Koa that provided information for renewing ID cards on Kauai and Hawaii. This article contains information for renewing ID cards at the Personnel Support Detachment (PSD), PHarbor. First it is recommended that you make an appointment. Walk-ins are accepted but one can expect waits of 30 minutes or more.

For those having access to a computer, go to www.psdph.navy.mil, click on the link ID card appointments and follow the instructions. Those not having access to a computer may make an appointment by calling 471-2405 extension 422 or 514.

Second sponsors should accompany their spouses. If this is not possible, a DD Form 1172 (Application For Uniformed Services Identification Card Deers Enrollment) must be completed, signed by the sponsor in Section III, if applicable verified in Section IV and presented by the applicant. Completed DD Form 1172 can be held by the PSD for a period of ninety days. DD Form 1172 can be obtained at the PSD, on line by going to www.google.com and search for DD Form 1172 and print out the Form or through the Retired Activities Office (RAO), PHarbor. For a widow of a deceased retiree, bring in your ID card and your sponsor's Social Security Number. PSD, PHarbor offers this service to members and their spouses of all Services.

Your questions and suggestions are always welcome and can be submitted to the Editor.

Aloha, *Bruce*

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Thinning of the Ranks

July was a good month for all of our members!

Binnacle List

LCdr. John F. Hewson USN (Ret.) is hospitalized at Tripler.
 Joanne Hauge recovering from surgery at Straub.

**CHAPTER ACTIVITIES FOR
REMAINDER 2005**

SEPTEMBER 2 - 60th anniversary of the Japanese surrender aboard USS Missouri
 (Contact the Missouri directly for an invitation.)

SEPTEMBER 23 & 24 – MOAA National Monument Dinner and Dedication

October 2 - Oktoberfest
 Hale Koa

(Call or E-mail Judith Breitwieser for tickets.)

November 13 – Sunday Brunch, Annual Meeting

NOVEMBER 20 – Chapter Cruise,
 Hawaiian Islands

DECEMBER 13 – Christmas Party
 Hale Koa Hotel

PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING ANY/ALL OF THESE – DETAILS IN UPCOMING PHK EDITIONS

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The Bridge Corner

by **Robbie Gee**

The June 25, 2005 meeting of the MOAA Party Bridge group was hosted by Ginny Fine at her Maunawili home. It was Shirley Ihara's lucky night by taking first place, head and shoulders above the rest of the group.

In second place was Bev Jensen, and the 3rd place prize went to guest Alice Mather. Striving to improve their scores were Les Ihara, Robbie Gee, hostess Ginny Fine, Gary Jensen, and guest Hazel Theodore.

We're looking for new members so even if you haven't played for a while, it's okay. Brush aside the cobwebs and jump in with both feet! It's good mental exercise and, as they say, "Use it or lose it".

Remember to call me at 255-4558 not later than the weekend beforehand to reserve your seat at the bridge table. Nonsmoking players of all abilities are welcome, with or without a partner. This is a FUN bunch who enjoy another opportunity to socialize with their MOAA friends and who don't take their bridge too seriously! The group usually meets on the last Saturday of the month at 1900 at various locations around the island on a rotation basis, but watch your Pau Hana Koa each month for the dates, as exceptions do occur.

The American Cancer Society provides a critical service by transporting cancer patients to their treatment facilities when it cannot be self-provided. This program, called "Angels on Wheels", exists with volunteer drivers who are badly needed. If you wish to participate in this program, please call the American Cancer Society Office nearest to you: Honolulu Area: Arlene Koike 432-9158. Central Leeward: Mary Tanaka 486-8420. Windward Area: Beau Barker 262-5124. - and talk to the program director about your times of availability.

Contact Clyde Friar for more information.

**Legislative Affairs Veterans Affairs (LAVA)
Captain George E. Sullivan USN (Ret.)**

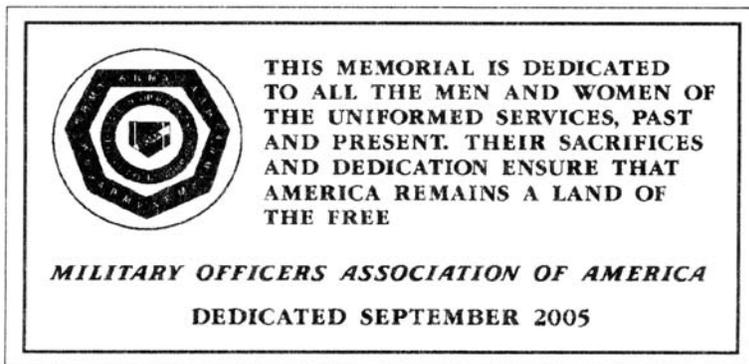
**Navy Reserve Center Honolulu
Change of Command**



Saturday, 9 July 2005, was the day of the Change of Command at the Navy Reserve Center Honolulu. Commander Samuel L. Tate USN, Hawaii Chapter member, was completing his tour as the Center's Commanding Officer. He was relieved by Commander Philip D. Davis USN who plans to join our Chapter. The principle speaker at the ceremony was Rear Admiral Michael C. Vitale USN who spoke of the history of the Naval and Navy Reserve. Admiral Vitale pointed out that recently the Chief of Naval Operations directed the name be changes to better reflex the integration that has now taken place between the Navy and the Navy Reserve. He also commended Cdr. Tate for a very successful tour in Command. Captain Terry A. Bragg USN, Reserve Readiness Commander SOUTHWEST, Cdr. Tate's immediate superior, was also on the dais. Cdr. Tate received the Meritorious Service Medal for his performance in Command.

MOAA TO DEDICATE PLAQUE AT PUNCHBOWL 24 SEPTEMBER 2005

DINNER PLANNED TO INCLUDE FOUR CHAPTERS BEFORE EVENT



**MOAA PUNCHBOWL
PLAQUE INSCRIPTION**

Most of our members have strolled the Memorial Walkway behind the National Cemetery of the Pacific – Punchbowl that starts at the back of the map mosaics building and proceeds up to overlook of Honolulu. On both sides of this Walkway are stone monuments, erected by various veteran and civic groups commemorating one of the Uniformed Services or other military organizations. On 24 September 2005 at 1200 members from the Hawaii, Aloha, El Paso and Las Vegas Chapters will be at Punchbowl to dedicate the MOAA monument. The owner of Hawaii Stone Creations, a Marine Vietnam veteran, has donated the stone. On the preceding evening, 23 September a four Chapter member dinner will be held at a location and time to be announced. Costs should be minimal, for funds have been allocated to host this event.

The dedication event speaker will be General John W. Hendrix USA (ret.) Chairman of the Board of MOAA. Please plan on attending, more information will appear in next month's PHK.

Recruiting is a National Challenge

by MAJ Christopher S. Cutler, AV, USA
Commander, Honolulu Army Recruiting Company

Much has been written lately about the challenges that recruiters are facing in making their goals. Army Chief of Staff, General Peter Schoomaker, recently addressed the issue in a *Time* magazine interview: "I went back and looked at World War II. We had a population of about 140 million people in this country, and we put almost 9 percent of that population into uniform. Today, we have twice the population and we're trying to put about four-tenth of one percent of it into uniform. And, we're facing a national security situation that is at least as dangerous, if not more dangerous, than we faced in World War II. This nation is whom I'm concerned about. It's not an Army problem to recruit. It's a national challenge."

It is with those words in mind that I write to ask for your support. Your military experience and knowl-

edge of the community represent a tremendous potential to assist the recruiting effort. If you know of an individual who may be interested in military service, or whom you believe would benefit from the experience, please speak up and put them in touch with us, or ask us to contact them. If you know of an organization that would be appropriate for us to address, or meet with, please let us know. In short, we are asking each of you to be proactive in looking for opportunities to support the important work being performed by local recruiters. Having the solid support of MOAA and its members will be invaluable in helping us to meet this vital challenge.

If you have a promising recruiting referral or resource please don't hesitate to contact me at 541-1631. We look forward to hearing from you.



NOW HEAR THIS!!! THE MOAA ANNUAL PICNIC

12:00 noon

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2005
PAVILION A, BELLOWS AFS

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY FOR OUR

ANNUAL PICNIC

GEORGE & ROBERTA SULLIVAN HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP
JUDITH BREITWIESER PLAN THE PICNIC

HANK HEYENGA WILL BE COOKING AS USUAL, BUT HE CAN USE SOME HELP.
PLAN NOW TO JOIN IN THE COMARADERIE AND THE FUN!

OPEN BAR CONSISTING OF BEER, WINE AND SOFT DRINKS (included in the price!)

Mail your reservations with \$10.00 per person by August 12, 2005 to:

Judith Breitwieser
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Please call or E-mail George Sullivan at 623-2243 or alohasully@earthlink.net
with any questions or OFFERS TO HELP.

Mahalo for your support.

PLEASE CLIP AND MAIL IN YOUR RSVP

I (we) will see you there!! Guests are most welcome. Picnic Fee (\$10.00 each)

Checks made payable to **Hawaii Chapter MOAA**

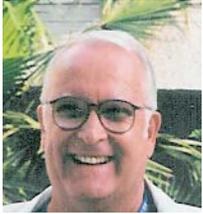
\$10 X () = \$ _____ Donation: Scholarships \$ _____ Community Services \$ _____

You may bring your favorite dish: COLE SLAW ___ MAC SALAD ___ POTATO SALAD ___ Baked Beans ___ Other ___

Names: _____



TUG by Colonel Lou Torraca, USAF (Retired)



From last month's latest craze to this month's latest daze...**Pharming**...keeping safe on the net! According to Wikipedia, pharming is the exploitation of a vulnerability in the DNS server software that allows a hacker to acquire the Domain Name for a site, and to redirect traffic to that web site to another web site. DNS servers </wiki/Domain_Name_System> are the machines responsible for resolving internet names into their real addresses </wiki/IP_address> - the "signposts" of the internet.

There is a lot written about it, Kim Komando, David Pogue, wired.com and a host of others have info on it; one must visit site is: <https://www.pharming.org/index.jsp>

Pharming is essentially an old con game updated to take advantage of new technology. Similarly, although DNS attack tactics used by pharmerms have been around for a while, the rise in internet banking, online shopping and electronic bill paying has created a wide potential profit zone for criminals eager to snag login information and credit card and bank account numbers. The most alarming pharming threat is DNS poisoning, which can cause a large group of users to be herded to bogus sites. DNS -- the domain name system -- translates web and e-mail addresses into numerical strings, acting as a sort of telephone directory for the internet. If a DNS directory is "poisoned" -- altered to contain false information regarding which web address is associated with what numeric string -- users can be silently shuttled to a bogus website even if they type in the correct URL. Criminals have once again improved their techniques for identity theft. In general, e-mail users have become too informed and sophisticated. At least, they're more sophisticated than hackers would like. I guess even hackers see diminished returns with old products like phishing schemes.

Phishing schemes use e-mail to make you volunteer your personal information. The e-mail might ask you to confirm your information for some shipment. Or it might ask you to update your information for online banking. The phishing lure is a link to a fraudulent site, made to look legitimate. The spoofed site actually belongs to a criminal. It happily accepts all the information that you unknowingly surrender.

Reputable companies will never request confidential information via e-mail. And smart e-mail users don't open spam or click links in their messages. They enter Web addresses directly into their browsers. But when people get smart, hackers get creative.

Pharming doesn't need a Web link to lure you into a spoofed site. It doesn't even need to bother with a deceptive e-mail message. And it will take you to wrong or spoofed sites even if you type in Web addresses yourself. E. G. simplified, DNS listings read something like, "www.google.com=207.142.131.236." The IP numbers are the actual Web site addresses. We use the www convention because it is easy to remember. DNS listings are maintained on servers.

In pharming, as Wikipedia defines it, crooks hack a DNS computer and introduce false IP addresses. This misinformation spreads when other DNS servers request information from the tainted computer. One hacked server can spread false numbers to numerous other computers. You could type in www.google.com but get a completely different site. You might be redirected to advertising or an obscene site. Worse, you could end up giving information to a spoofed banking site.

What can you do to protect yourself? Not much. Internet authorities have to protect the DNS system. But if you try to go to a financial site, for instance, and it doesn't look right, close it. Call the company and ask if everything is OK. These changes are often made by foreign criminals. So the grammar and spelling often are creative.

Pharming can also affect your own computer. Your computer keeps a crib sheet of DNS listings in the HOSTS file. This is your computer's first stop after you type an address. But it's usually empty unless you enter listings yourself.

A virus or spyware can fill your HOSTS file with false IP addresses. This could be attractive to hackers for a couple reasons. First, your computer is easier to hack than a DNS server. Second, you're not a big company with teams of security problem solvers.

Your best defense against pharming is good security software. This includes a firewall and anti-virus and anti-spyware programs. If infections can't touch your computer, they can't write to your HOSTS file. Also, many security suites can spot suspicious HOSTS file listings. Plus, banks and other financial institutions are working on various solutions to the problem; I actually ran across another safeguard I'm trying out at <http://toolbar.netcraft.com/help/tutorials/installing.html>

It looks very promising, have a look and try it as well. Be sure to share your experience with your fellow members!

That's it for this month, until next month, happy and safe computing! . Come see us at one of our future meetings. Visit www.the_tug.homestead.com for schedules, directions and other helpful information. *Lou*

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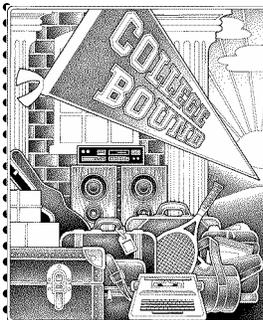
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YOUR SCHOLARSHIP AND JROTC/ROTC CONTRIBUTIONS AT WORK



Lt. Col. Hank Heyenga, USA-ret. has been our Chapter Sergeant at Arms and Chair of our JROTC/ROTC Scholarships and Awards Programs for many years now. To give you some scope of his effort, last year 23 MOAA JROTC awards were given out of 29 public high schools in Hawaii, all Islands. Additionally awards

were presented to the five public high schools in American Samoa. These awards consist of a plaque in recognition of the overall schools JROTC program, and individual medals to a deserving cadet.

In addition to this level of effort, Hank supervised the selection of three \$500 scholarships awarded to deserving JROTC cadets that had been accepted to go on to college/university programs.

Your Executive Committee (EXCOM) has approved an increase to five \$1000 scholarship for the 2005/06 academic year. Five public school JROTC programs will be requested to send in an application for a deserving cadet to be awarded these enhanced scholarships. The schools will rotate each year allowing each of the public high school programs an opportunity for an award.

A son, daughter, or family member of a member in good standing in the Hawaii Chapter of MOAA is also eligible for this scholarship.

In addition to this, Hank works with the ROTC programs at the University of Hawaii for the annual Ben Porter Leadership award of \$250 to a graduating military officer selectee in recognition of that cadet's exceptional record in this program.

The range and scope of Hank's work with the youth of our State is exceptional, and this is the reason we ask for those "Scholarship and Leadership" donations, not to increase our Chapter bank account, but to assist students who have demonstrated exceptional ability and need that extra help to start on their life goals and objectives. Colonel Ralph Hiatt, USA-ret. and Hank will jointly oversee this program for the 2005/06 academic year with Ralph taking over the following year. If we increase our donations to these programs we can also increase the number presented each year – please consider participating.

