

# Nā Leo O Nā Koa

(Voices of Warriors)

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## January Installation/ Luncheon Meeting

Our Hawaii Aloha Chapter had a modified Change of Command Ceremony on Friday, 20 January, at the Oahu Veterans' Center. BG **John Ma** graciously served as the Installation Officer swearing in **Fred Staedel** as the new President, replacing **Mark Webster** whose 3-year term had expired, and **Roberta Sullivan** as our Secretary, filling a vacant position. Two new Directors to our Board of Directors were also sworn into office: **Fred Brunson** and **Jason Seal**. An updated list of the chapter directors and officers is on the last page.



Left to right, **John Ma**, Installation Officer swearing into office **Roberta Sullivan**, Secretary; **Fred Staedel**, President; and Directors **Fred Brunson** and **Jason Seal**.

After an ample and satisfying buffet lunch enjoyed by the 42 members and guests, **Wesley Fong** introduced our guest speaker, Director General Richard Lin of the Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu. The title Director General is a politically correct euphemism in current use in America's *One China* policy for a Consulate General or Ambassador. He was accompanied by the local Director of the Military Liaison Division, Navy captain Chin-Hung "Jack" Han.



*Director General Richard Lin extolling the importance of Taiwan*

Director General Lin gave a very detailed and thought-provoking PowerPoint presentation on "Why Taiwan Matters in the Indo Pacific." He described how

Taiwan is a major economic powerhouse in Asia for the world. For example, in 2019 it was the 17<sup>th</sup> largest exporter and the 17<sup>th</sup> largest importer of

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## Boat Excursion and a Luncheon

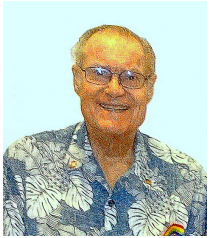
Thanks to **Mike Fricano**, our vice president and unrelenting program chairman, we finally have arrangements for our February event. That and your perennial publisher's procrastination, a computer crisis and chemotherapy issues have contributed to this late notification.

Mike had planned a boat tour of Pearl Harbor around Ford Island as our special event last October. But, when the exclusive boat, the admiral's barge, we were going to ride on sprung a leak with an indefinite time of repair, he had to postpone this tour for sometime in the future. That time is now.

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## Hawaii Aloha Chapter, MOAA Immediate Past President's Farewell Message

By Mark Webster

As I conclude my three-year term as President of our Hawaii Aloha Chapter, MOAA, I pass the baton to my very capable successor, our Chaplain, former Air Force Captain **Fred Staedel**, PhD.

He will be assisted by the dedicated directors and officers of the chapter. Our President prior to my term, Director **Wesley Fong**, will certainly continue to be available to help and offer suggestions as he did for me. Director **Toni Correia**, our JROTC/ROTC Coordinator, and **John Ma**, the Chairman of our Scholarship Fund, ably raise funds and manage our scholarship program, awarding scholarships to nominated high school cadets throughout the Pacific and the University of Hawaii. Treasurer **John Kim** will proficiently keep track of that fund and our general fund. And, last but not the least, our Vice President and Program Chairman, **Mike Fricano**, will fill in whenever needed and continue to plan outstanding programs.

Best Wishes, Fred, for smooth seas and following winds! You have a great staff.



### Meeting from Front Page

merchandise in the world. One of the critical items exported is computer chips; the United States imports about 71% of its computer chips from Taiwan which are used in everything nowadays from appliances and cars to missiles.

Under their Southbound Policy, the multiparty democracy of Taiwan is deepening its ties across the board with the 10 Association of Southeast Asian Nations member states, 6 South Asian countries, Australia and New Zealand.

Director General Lin's articulate presentation had his audience enthralled and impressed with the vital importance of Taiwan in Asia and to the world.

During the concluding question-and-answer period, he was asked if he thought American troops would defend Taiwan, as President Biden has stated four times that they would. He diplomatically answered that there are already over a

thousand American military already on Taiwan. It was reassuring when he replied in the affirmative that Taiwan has the Patriot anti-missile defense like Israel's Iron Dome.

Everyone learned more about the strategic and economic importance of Taiwan and greatly appreciated Director General Lin's talk.



Past President **Mark Webster**, left, and Current President **Fred Staedel** flanking Richard Lin



## The Trivia Question

This is February... and Valentine's Day is on the 14th. Hearts are shown everywhere - on cards, boxes of candy etc. But as a human (of either gender) you have only ONE heart.

Strange that a fish—a trout—has TWO hearts. Any creature have THREE hearts?

See **Trivia Answer Page**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 21 Feb 2023 1245, Special, Limited Tour Around Ford (Tuesday) Island, Pearl Harbor, in the Admiral's Barge
- 21 Feb 2023 1500, Luncheon, The Lanai at Mamala Bay (Tuesday) Restaurant, Hickam AFB, JBPHH
- 24 Feb 2023 0900, Golf Outing Mamala Bay Golf Course, (Friday) Hickam AFB, JBPHH
- 17 Mar 2023 1115, Membership Meeting/Luncheon; (Friday) Oahu Veterans' Center; Guest Speaker: Kathleen Pahinui, BWS Spokesperson; Topic: Our Aquifer and Red Hill
- 20 Mar 2023 0900, Golf Outing, Leilehua Golf Course, (Monday) 99 Leilehua Golf Course Road, Wahiawa
- 21 Apr 2023 1100, Lunch, Highway Inn, 94-830 Moloalo (Friday) Street, Waipahu; Tour of Plantation Village, 94-695 Waipahu Street, Waipahu
- 19 May 2023 1115, Membership Meeting/Luncheon; (Friday) Guest Speaker: Dennis Hwang; Topic: Hurricane Preparedness in Hawaii

## NOTICE

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## Scholarship Awards for 2023

*Submitted by* **Toni Correia**,  
ROTC/JROTC Coordinator

School	Presenter	School	Presenter
Farrington AJROTC	John Ma, BG	Kaiser AFJROTC	Fred Staedel
Kahuku AJROTC	Bill Nations	Moanalua AFJROTC	Mike Fricano
Kaimuki AJROTC	Les Bise	Private	
Waipahu AJROTC	Toni Correia Ed Gayagas	Punahou AJROTC	Mark Webster
Leilehua AJROTC	Bill Nations	St Louis AJROTC	Richard Shizuru
Mililani AJROTC	Les Bise	Neighbor Island	
McKinley AJROTC		Baldwin AJROTC	
Nanakuli AJROTC	Don Arakaki	Hilo AJROTC	Frank Box
Roosevelt AJROTC	Les Bise	Kealahou AJROTC	Lois Paciello
Waianae AJROTC	Don Arakaki	Konawaena AJROTC	Lois Paciello
Campbell NJROTC	Les Bise	Kapa'a AJROTC	
Kalaheo NJROTC	Fred Staedel	Waimea AJROTC	
Radford NJROTC	Mike Fricano	UH Army ROTC	Wes Fong
Kapolei MCJROTC	Jason Seal	UH Air Force ROTC	Mark Webster
Aiea AFJROTC	Mike Fricano	UH Navy ROTC	Russ Grocki
Kailua AFJROTC			

MOAA award certificates and scholarships will be presented to deserving cadets at 26 High Schools and 3 UH ROTC programs again this year. If you are listed and are able to present, please let me know. Presenters should be a member of our MOAA local chapter.

The awards and scholarships are funded by our membership. Having a MOAA representative present is important to the cadets and their families. If you are able to volunteer you will not be disappointed. These cadets are our future and having a caring adult present sends a tangible message. All MOAA members are invited to present awards and scholarships including surviving spouses. Presenters are not always available each year so if you would like to present at a school with a 2023 presenter listed, please let me know so that I can add you or shuffle current presenters around. We present a medal and scholarship so 2 presenters are welcomed. Ceremony dates and contacts will be listed in the March newsletter.

Please send an email to Toni Correia at [tonihawaii@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:tonihawaii@hawaii.rr.com) if you are able to represent your Hawai'i Aloha Chapter. I apologize if the 2023 presenter names are incorrect.



## Scholarship Committee Update

*Submitted by* **John Ma**, Chairman,  
Scholarship Fund Trustees

Our Chapter Scholarship Fund in 2022 awarded 12 JROTC and 3 ROTC scholarships totaling \$12,000. Thanks to our generous members and supporters, we received \$9,495 in donations. Later in February we will again be asking for your support so we can continue awarding scholarships to deserving students in our 28 high schools in Hawaii that have a JROTC program as well as the three ROTC programs (Army, Air Force and Navy) at the University of Hawaii.

We bid farewell to **Herb Nakagawa** for his faithful service on our Scholarship Committee over the last nine years. To many of our old timers, Herb was also affectionately known as the “chicken man” because of his hard work in organizing our annual huli-huli chicken fundraiser for our scholarship fund. Our annual chicken sale was hard work, especially for Herb, but also a great time of fun and fellowship. We also want to thank **Les Bise**, **Toni Correia**, and **Mark Webster** for willingness to serve a third and final term on the committee.

If you are a chapter member or spouse of a chapter member and interested in being a trustee of our Scholarship Committee, please contact John Ma at [john.ma08@yahoo.com](mailto:john.ma08@yahoo.com).

*“Never stop serving.”*



## Boat Tour *from Front Page*

The original plan for our re-scheduled tour in February was to have our luncheon at a restaurant near the Pearl Harbor Boathouse at noon followed by the tour at 1400. However, shortly before this newsletter was to be published, the sailors at the boathouse informed Mike that our tour was preempted by some VIPs and our time was moved up to 1245. When he could not get a confirmation from the restaurant regarding our revised reservation time after repeated calls, he finally had to make a reservation elsewhere.

If you intend to go on the boat tour in the admiral's barge around Ford Island and/or the luncheon, read to the end of this article.

An admiral's barge is not a vessel, usually flat-bottomed and with or without its own power, used for transporting freight, especially on canals and rivers. In the Navy it is a boat allocated to a flag officer for use in ceremonial occasions and often carried on board his flagship.

Authorized uses for flag barges include hosting community leaders and foreign dignitaries, or military ceremonies. Barges



are not used for recreational activities or purely social events, nor are they provided for personal use. Other commands that have flag barges include the chief of naval operations and Navy Region Hawaii.

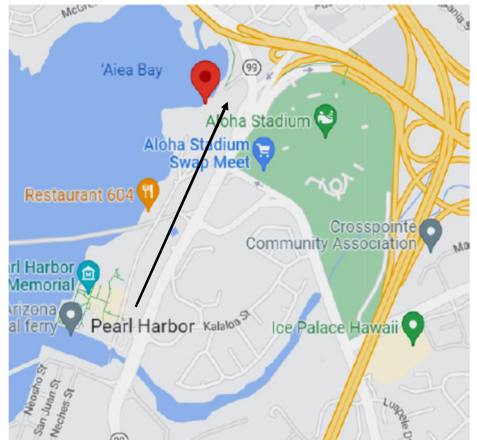
The admiral's barge is used for official tours of Pearl Harbor that offer a unique opportunity to share Hawaii's significant history and to highlight the United States' resolve, resilience and determination in times of adversity and peace. These tours reinforce the strategic importance of our military installations and supporting commands based in Hawaii.

The COMPACFLT Admirals Boathouse offers a guided tour that includes a tour of the boat house, a talk in the photo and model museum, a historical video and then a narrated tour on the Remembrance Barge that goes out and around Ford Island, past the USS UTAH and USS NEVADA sites and then docs at the Arizona Memorial. You are there for about 20 minutes before they return you to the boathouse.

Attire for all Federal civil servants and civilian guests:

- Aloha (closed-toe shoes, pants, Aloha shirt tucked or untucked for men)
- High heels, flip-flops, open-toed sandals, short skirts, cut offs, jeans and tank tops are not allowed
- Civilian attire should be appropriate to pay respect to our fallen Shipmates.


Parking is available right outside of the boathouse or inside the boathouse compound.



Take the road to the USS ARIZONA Memorial from Kamehameha Highway, turn right, continue past Restaurant 604 (the old Marina Restaurant) to the end of the road where the COMPACFLT Admirals Boathouse is located (the orange balloon on the above map).

We need to assemble at 1245 on Tuesday, 21 February. Don't be late and miss the boat (UCMJ Article 87—Missing Ship's Movement).

After our free tour we will have a late lunch at the Lanai at Mamala Bay Restaurant on Hickam AFB, JBPHH. It will not be a buffet. We will order from the menu in our private room. Thus, since we will pay for our own meals, there is no Reservation Form.

If you intend to take either the boat tour or just go to the luncheon or both, call **Mark Webster's** answering machine at 808-734-5994 ASAP. The capacity of the boat is reserved for the **first 35 members** and their guests who call. 





## Chaplain's Corner

### By Dr. Fred P. Staedel

Interestingly, February 14<sup>th</sup>, what was to become Valentine's Day, was given to the world because a Christian who purportedly was named "Valentine" was preaching the "Good Word" and was martyred on that day during the "Late Antiquity Period." And that date on the calendar has stuck all these centuries and became a very commercial day in the modern era; albeit it is suppose to be a specific "Love Day" to individually express human love to another. But let us go with the hope that on all days of the year, "Love" is celebrated per se for all.

But universal love for all others is a very daunting task indeed. Whether it is love for one's unruly sibling, or one's nasty neighbor, or a member of an opposite political party, or even enemies of one's own country, "love" that is "divinely based" for everyone comes from just one; yes, just you! When we individually love "divinely," we have the power, and yes, the responsibility to love all humankind. "Divine Love," or loving divinely, is God based and when we love universally, we are not only emitting the power of love to all, but even more importantly, we are loving ourselves! "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." (1 John 4:8)

And this is how we can love the whole world and everyone in it: By loving ourself first and then recognizing that we are all "God's Children." By knowing this in the realm of the divine, all people in reality are conceived pure and their true nature is Godlike and God loved. Therefore, we all can be "Godlike" and love all humankind.

"A new command I give you: Love one another, as I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13: 34-35) **Fred**



## 2023 National Vietnam Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony



Kuroda Field, Ft DeRussy  
Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

1630 – Ceremony begins on Kuroda Field at Ft DeRussy. (Field named for the brother of Life Member COL **Joe Kuroda**, USA, Ret. Staff Sergeant Robert T. Kuroda, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for bravely leading his squad in an attack against a strongly defended enemy position in the battle of Bruyeres, France, on 20 October 1944.)

1800 – Parade begins at Kalakaua Avenue and Saratoga Street and ends at Kapi'olani Park at Monserrat Street.

Limited parking is available at Kapi'olani Park by the band stand, shuttle will run from 1450- to 1630

Dress, respectful aloha

If any chapter members are interested in participating, please contact Earl Hurrey at [earl@historicprograms.org](mailto:earl@historicprograms.org)/808-425-2908. Send emails and tell him how many of you will attend the ceremony and if you will be walking or riding in the parade. The Oahu Veterans' Center will provide one Honolulu Trolley for Purple Heart and other wounded warriors.

If you want to use a vehicle in the parade, Claire Levenson at the OVC, 808-422-4000, will need the make and model and all driver's names for the HPD. She needs all of this information by March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



## December Golf Report

### HAMOAA Golf News



**Leslie Bise**  
Director of  
Golf (DOG)

On Monday, 23 January, 12 members and 2 guests enjoyed a beautiful day of golf at Barbers Point Golf Course. What a change to the last outing in December with rain clouds and thunder to cool weather and, finally, sunny golf weather. This is a great blessing to start off the New Year (Kung Hei Fat Choy).

Our team placement with the blind draw for 23 January 2023:

- 1st Place: **KK Chinn / Les Bise**  
2nd Place: **Curtis Lee / Marvin Baum**  
3rd Place: **Ed Gayagas / Gary Hara**

Our next outing is scheduled for Mamala Bay Golf Course, JBPHH, Friday, 24 February; first tee at 09:00. MOAA members and guests are invited to join our golf outings. Please contact Les Bise, [bisel001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:bisel001@hawaii.rr.com); 808-227-1462.

### 2023 Hawaii Aloha Chapter Golf Schedule

January 23	Monday	Barbers Point	09:30
February 24	Friday	Malama Bay	09:00
March 20	Monday	Leilehua	09:00
April 24	Monday	Barbers Point	08:30
May 22	Monday	Klipper	09:04
June 23	Friday	Leilehua	08:00
July 24	Monday	Malama Bay	09:00
August 21	Monday	Klipper	09:04
September 22	Friday	Barbers Point	09:00
October 23	Monday	Leilehua	09:48
November 20	Monday	Klipper	09:04
December 18	Monday	Barbers Point	09:00

\* Awaiting Confirmation



### Sick Bay

Your membership chairman and publisher, **J. Mark Webster**, completed his twelfth and, hopefully, final scheduled 6-hour chemotherapy session for pancreatic cancer at the Queen's Cancer Care Center on Tuesday, 7 February.

### Trivia Answer

An octopus has THREE hearts!

## Hau'oli lā hānau

### Partial List of Known

### February Babies

### Expired Memberships not listed

Umberto Amerio	2/02	Robert Katase	2/11
Brian Fagan	2/02	Donald Dismuke	2/12
Douglas Gerbaz	2/02	Larry Enomoto	2/14
William Goodhue	2/05	James Hickerson	2/14
Richard Pickens	2/06	James Smith	2/18
Stanley Furukawa	2/08	Kelly Lau	2/22
Angel Cunanan	2/10	Michael Golojuch	2/24
James Deutch	2/10	Joseph Chaves	2/26
Thomas Farrell	2/10	Stanley Yasumoto	2/26



**Best Wishes for many, many more Birthdays!**

### Taps



Life Member Col **Joseph M. Magaldi, Jr.**, USMC, Ret., 93, Chairman of the Board of Directors and President of the Aloha Chapter, MOAA, in 2008, died in Honolulu on 4 January 2023; he was born in Massachusetts 23 March 1929.

Joe held a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration from the University of Hawaii and an advanced degree in Master of Business Administration from Pepperdine University.


After retirement from the Marines where he served as a Disbursing Office with Third Marine Division and received the Navy Achievement Medal with Combat V, Joe was an active volunteer in numerous community service organizations. In addition to serving as the head of the Department of Transportation in Mayor Frank Fasi's cabinet, he was Santa for 32 years at Honolulu Hale. Joe was the Chairman of the Visitor Aloha Society of Hawaii (VASH). He was the President Emeritus of the Friends of Italy Society of Hawaii.

Private services are pending.

## Flotsam and Jetsam

The estimated time of completion of the new VA Daniel K. Akaka Veterans Home, which had its groundbreaking ceremony on Memorial Day, 31 May 2021, has been pushed back six months to a year to May 2024 due to supply chain management challenges for electrical switches for the home. The staffs of Senator Hirono and the State's Legislature's Finance Committee toured the home on 18 and 28 August 2022.

A memorial in Waipahu commemorating the contributions and sacrifices of our WWII Filipino Veterans has been delayed due to pandemic travel restrictions. The new estimated completion date and dedication ceremony for this project is now at 1000 on 24 February 2023.

The Second Annal Honor Veterans Event on Magic Island is at 1600, 24 March 2023. 

## Recruiting

Your Hawaii Aloha Chapter, MOAA, is always looking for new members—active duty and retired officers and surviving spouse members. All are welcome and will enjoy the camaraderie of our chapter. Make it your goal to recruit at least two new members this year. Cut out the Application for Membership Form on this page and carry it with you to be readily available whenever an opportunity for recruiting arises.

### Add these Websites to your "Bookmarks"

<http://www.moaa.org>  
<http://takeaction.moaa.org>  
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## CONTACT YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

The Honorable (name), U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C., 20510. Phone (202) 224-3121

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## Hawaii Aloha Chapter, MOAA, Membership/Application Form

Revised: February 2021 . All prior forms obsolete. Check All Applicable Boxes

Enroll me as a Regular Member: ☐ Each year of membership = \$20. \_\_\_ = No. of Years ☐ Five Years = \$90.

**PLUS Partial Year Membership:** ☐ APR – JUN = \$15; ☐ JUL – SEP = \$10 and ☐ OCT-DEC = \$5 = Total \_\_\_\_\_

Enroll me as a Surviving Spouse Member: ☐ (i.e., spouse of a U. S. military officer, surviving spouse of a deceased officer)

Surviving Spouse: ☐ Each year of membership = \$15. ☐ Five Years = \$60 **NOTE RANK BELOW**

**PLUS Partial Year Membership if Joining** ☐ JUL – SEP = \$10 and ☐ OCT-DEC = \$5 = Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Active Duty** ☐ **or** ☐ **90 Years and Older = FREE**

**Name** Last, First Middle/Initial(s) (PLEASE PRINT) **DOB** MM/DD/YYYY

**Address**

**City, State Zip**

**Spouse's Name**

**H** **C**

**Telephone Numbers** **H=Home/C=Cell**

**E-mail**

**Applicant's Signature**

**Recruiter/Sponsor's Name**

*Mail Application Form and  
Membership Dues Check to  
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### CHECK APPLICABLE BOXES

STATUS	RANK	SERVICE
<input type="checkbox"/> Active		<input type="checkbox"/> US Army
<input type="checkbox"/> Reserve		<input type="checkbox"/> USAF
<input type="checkbox"/> National Guard		<input type="checkbox"/> US Navy
<input type="checkbox"/> Retired from AD		<input type="checkbox"/> USCG
<input type="checkbox"/> Retired from Res.		<input type="checkbox"/> USMC
<input type="checkbox"/> Former Officer		<input type="checkbox"/> USPHS
<input type="checkbox"/> Surviving (indicate		<input type="checkbox"/> NOAA

Rank above and check Service of Spouse)

☐ National MOAA Member:

MOAA No. \_\_\_\_\_

### ACTIVE DUTY WAR VETERAN

☐ KOREA 06/27/50 – 01/31/55  
☐ VIETNAM 02/28/61 – 05/07/75  
☐ OIF/OEF 08/02/90 – TBD



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