

# Nā Leo O Nā Koa

(Voices of Warriors)

*Newsletter of the Hawaii Aloha Chapter,  
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## December Brunch/ Christmas Party

Our chapter's annual brunch and Christmas party was a big success on Sunday, 11 December, at the Tradewinds Inn, Hickam AFB, thanks to the planning and preparations by our Program Chairman, **Mike Fricano**.

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There was an impressive turnout of 38 members and guests; it seems that the persistent pandemic paranoia is waning.

Mike even prepared and published a Party Program. President **Mark Webster** was the Master of Ceremonies welcoming the members and introducing the guests. After the Invocation by Chaplain **Fred Staedel**, we enjoyed a sumptuous brunch buffet.

When everyone was finished with their feast and fellowship, the two oldest chapter members were recognized: **Louise Frye**, 101, and **Gilbert Hicks**, 96 in 18 days, who had difficulty finding our party, but arrived in time for the meal.

Mike then led the group in

*Please see **Brunch** on Page 3*

## January Installation/ Luncheon Meeting

After the installation of two new directors to our chapter's Board of Directors and two new chapter Officers and a buffet lunch at our meeting at the Oahu Veterans' Center at 1115, on Friday, 20 January, our guest speaker will be introduced by **Wesley Fong**.

We will be honored and privileged to experience a very pertinent presentation by Director

**General** (politically correct euphemism for a Consulate General or Ambassador) **Richard Lin** of the Taipei Economic and Cultural



**Richard Lin**

Office in Honolulu. His timely topic will be "Why Taiwan Matters in the Indo Pacific." This is his first presentation in Hawaii on this subject.

Prior to his prestigious assignment in Honolulu last October, Director General Lin was the Deputy Director General at the equivalent office in

*Please See **Luncheon** on Page 3*



*The Hawaii Aloha Chapter's Christmas Party People*



## Hawaii Aloha Chapter, MOAA President's Message *By Mark Webster* **Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!**

Yes, Happy and Healthy New Year to each and every one of you! Let's hope that 2023 is much better than 2022.

In early December the Nominating Committee consisting of **Kathleen Ebey, Kelly Lau, Wesley Fong** and myself had a meeting to fill two vacancies of our chapter officers, specifically, the coming vacancy of the position of chapter president because of the expiration of the president's term and the position of secretary which has been vacant for a long time. Directors **Fred Staedel** and **Roberta Sullivan**, respectively, were nominated for these positions and they accepted.


At a virtual Board of Directors meeting on Monday, 2 January, a quorum of directors—Wes Fong, **Mike Fricano, John Kim, Fred Staedel, Roberta Sullivan** and myself—approved these two nominees. They will be installed into their respective chapter offices at our luncheon meeting this month at the Oahu Veterans' Center by the Installation Officer, **John Ma**.

Vice President Mike Fricano is also our chapter's vital Program Chairman. He does an exemplary job. He, along with Wes Fong, have arranged a very pertinent presentation for our installation meeting on Friday, 20 January. Please read the details of this informative meeting in this newsletter. Make plans to attend and submit the Reservation Form on Page 7 ASAP.

As you will notice in the Calendar of Events to the right, Mike Fricano has tentatively arrange some exciting and enjoyable events for later this year. For example, in February he has made plans for us to have a pay-as-you-go luncheon at the 604 Restaurant located at the Pearl Harbor Marina just ewa of the USS Arizona Memorial followed by tour of Pearl Harbor in the Admiral's Barge. Because the capacity of this boat is limited, only 35 members and guests will be able to get aboard.

As my term of office as your president after three years comes to an end, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all of the assis-

tance I had from my fellow members. There were some trying times, like maintaining chapter cohesiveness during the COVID crisis. I know that our incoming president, our Chaplain Fred Staedel, will ably and easily carry on with the continued cooperation of our members.

It has been my pleasure to Never Stop Serving! Aloha! 

### **The Trivia Question**

Just thinkin' - what's unusual about this sentence - "Never odd or even"?

*See Trivia Answer Page 4*

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 11 Jan 2023 0900, Scholarship Committee Meeting, (Wednesday) Kam Bowl Restaurant, Kam Shopping Center
- 20 Jan 2023 1115, Annual Installation Meeting/Luncheon (Friday) Sullivan Room, Oahu Veterans' Center; Guest Speaker: Director General Richard Lin, Taipei Economic & Cultural Office, Honolulu; Topic: Why Taiwan Matters in the Indo Pacific
- 23 Jan 2023 0900, Golf Outing, Barbers Point Golf Course, (Monday) 92-2219 Franklin D. Roosevelt Ave., Kapolei
- 21 Feb 2023 Noon, Luncheon at, Restaurant 604 (formerly Scooners Restaurant), Pearl Harbor (Tuesday)
- 21 Feb 2023 1400, Special, Limited Tour Around Ford (Tuesday) Island, Pearl Harbor, in the Admiral's Barge
- 17 Mar 2023 1115, Membership Meeting/Luncheon; (Friday) Oahu Veterans' Center; Guest Speaker: Kathleen Pahinui, BWS Spokesperson; Topic: Our Aquifer and Red Hill
- 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
- 16 Jun 2023 1100, Luncheon/Tours of the Hawaiian (Friday) Mission House and Aloha Beer Company
- 21 Jul 2023 1115, Membership Meeting/Luncheon; (Friday) OVC; Guest Speaker: Walter Ozawa; Topic: SpARC, the Space-A Retiree Club

### **NOTICE**

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## Scholarship Awards for 2023

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

ROTC and JROTC awards and scholarships will be presented beginning in April 2023. Details will be in the February newsletter. If you are able, please consider presenting at a nearby high school. It is a very rewarding and heartwarming experience. Please call or email me at .808-721-0401 or [tonihawaii@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:tonihawaii@hawaii.rr.com).



### Brunch from Front Page

singing the three Christmas carols that were printed in our programs.

Then, it was time for the anticipated grand finale to a memorable event: the 'Door Prizes and Giveaways. Mike had random attendees pull names out of a hat that each person had written on a slip of paper. There were many \$5 and \$10, and a few \$25 gift certificates to numerous retail stores and restaurants. There were a total of \$400 in gift certificates. The highest value ones were two \$55 gift certificates to WalMart, won by **Helene Webster** and then, amazingly, by her husband Mark.

Finally, the centerpiece poinsettias were given to the person at each table who had a birthday closest to the current date followed by the Benediction by Fred Staedel and Closing Remarks by Mark Webster.

We all agreed that the venue and the food and especially the fellowship helped to make this a very successful and memorable event.



## Marathon Finishers

*Submitted by* **Louis Crompton**, Personal Affairs

Our perennial energizer bunny — AKA **Lou Crompton** — is also a perennial trainer for the Honolulu Marathon Clinic. Starting in March of each year, the classes begin training for the December marathon.

Do you have a marathon on your Bucket List? If YOU can walk about 45 minutes without stopping, then YOU can join Lou's free group in March and you will finish the December marathon!

His participants ranged in age from 10 to 81. Each finished! He was so impressed with a 10-year-old girl this year that he bought an adult female running trophy to give to her.



*Mom, Becky, is holding the camera on the left, her daughter, young marathoner Elle, is in the middle — her time for the 26.2 mile marathon was 5H 41M. WOW! — that OLD guy in the back is our Lou, not wearing his Finisher T-shirt, and on the right is Elle's aunt Allie.*



### Luncheon from Front Page

Los Angeles. He has also held prominent positions in Seattle, Hungary, the Solomon Islands and Singapore.

The current escalating provocations by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) in the

East China Sea, the South China Sea and, especially, across the Taiwan Strait by sea and air against Taiwan are alarming to all of the nations in the Indo Pacific.

What will Taiwan do? Why is it important that they pre-

vail against this threat? What can America do or should do to assist? Come to this luncheon meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> to hear Richard Lin's insight.

Return the Reservation Form on Page 7 now before you forget.



# Department of Veterans Affairs PACT Act Workshop And Benefits Workshop

Hosted by

Honolulu Veterans Affairs Regional Office

**WHO:** *Veterans, their families and survivors, and any organization or individual who works with or on behalf of Veterans*

**WHAT:** *PACT Act & Benefits Workshop*

**WHERE:** *Oahu Veterans Center  
1298 Kukila St.  
Honolulu, HI 96818*

**WHEN:** *Saturday, January 14, 2023, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.*

**WHY:** *To share information about the PACT Act that expands VA benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances. Benefits Counselors will be onsite to assist Veterans and their families with non-medical benefit questions and assist with the claim process. For additional information related to the PACT Act visit [VA.gov/PACT](https://va.gov/PACT)*

*For more information please contact: Aiko Shibuya, Public Affairs Officer, Honolulu VA Regional Office at (808) 433-0501*



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

## In Memoriam



A memorial service with military honors was held on Tuesday, 27 December 2022, at the Kaneohe Veterans Cemetery for our former Hawaii State Chapter President in 2012 and the 2010 Dolman Award recipient: Life Member **Darrell Large**, 88, who died 8 September.

His wife, Rheta, children and family, plus several long-time friends were in attendance, including **Lou Crompton** from our Hawaii Aloha Chapter.

If anyone in the future wants to visit his final resting place, go to the Kaneohe Veterans Cemetery and proceed to the 2-H wall for cremated ashes. His urn is in cubicle 408.



## Trivia Answer

It's a palindrome — reads the same forward or backward, like kayak.

## CONTACT YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

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## Chaplain's Corner

**By Dr. Fred P. Staedel**

As we enter a new year, let us enter it with prayer. Yes, we can pray for a peaceful, positive, and healing 2023. But as we all know prayer is very personal and its application is very unique to each individual adherent. But let us reflect on the structure of prayer, or if you will, what kinds of prayer are there?

No doubt the reader can think of a myriad of ways to pray. But what it comes down to is that prayer is found generally in three types: "Praise, Requests, and Thanks." Let us take each type of prayer in turn.

### PRAISE

We have all heard the saying, "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition!" We all have challenges in life and some may even be in the "life or death" category. But when we find ourselves in these situations, we can turn thought immediately to the simple act of praising one's God, which is the initial act of establishing in thought that you acknowledge the power of the Divine before there is any evidence of healing or a harmonious resolution to a problem. When you praise this way, you have prayed knowing that harmony

and healing will come. In short, praising in prayer is the expectation of the good to come. And we don't have to wait for a problem to arise in order to pray with praise. Let us praise the power of one's God at the beginning of each day.

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable." (Psalms 145:3)

### REQUESTS

Petitioning with prayer is often thought of as the standard for praying. We want something or we want something to happen. We ask the Holy Spirit through the "prayer of petition," be it for an object of possession, or even of an object of affection, or be it wealth or even simple security. And of course, we may ask for health and happiness through the avenue of a prayer request. And one might even venture to pray for others asking for their health and happiness.


One may ask: Is praying with a request really righteous? Is such petitioning selfish and self-serving? The answer is not at all if the prayer ends with the words: "Thy will be done" or words to that affect. We must take the prayerful posture that when we pray this way, we know that only the Divine knows what is right for us and this Divine Spirit

doesn't take orders but only bestows blessings. Therefore, after each prayer request, we must look for those blessings, those answers to our prayers with an abundance of thanksgiving. We may not get what we want, but we always want what one's God wants for us.

"In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." (Phil. 4:6).

### THANKS

Prayers of thanks are extremely important. But when do we give thanks? Is it during our prayer or after our prayers are answered? The answer is during both. Yes, we need to express our thanks even before we experience the results of our prayers. Prayers of thanksgiving are the humble expression of gratitude for the results of the prayers of praise and the prayers of requests. When we thank our God, we are expressing not only human gratitude but it also is expressing the acknowledgement that the Divine is omnipotent and the glory belongs to that spiritual power. Therefore, we give our thanks with all our hearts knowing our prayers are answered at the will of one's God.

"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." (Psalms 9:11) **Fred** 



## December Golf Report

### HAMOAA Golf News



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

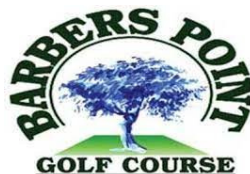
For the year 2022, I've reported on our favorable golf weather and it was a run of sunny perfect golf weather for 2022. Well, to end the year, the HAMOAA Golf Club experienced the most unfavorable golf weather, ever! Per the NWS forecast for our scheduled last golf play of the year on 19 December: "Severe Thunder Storm", State wide. We depend upon the golf course administration to determine if we cancel our play; that is, the golf course is closed. That never happens, so who are the "combat golfers"?




*Some of the combat golfers, left to right, Dave Umeda-Charlie Padilla-Dianne Hara, Gary Hara and Vern Nakasone. Missing: is Les Bise. Someone had to capture the photo with rainbow. Speaking of rainbow, how do we not golf with an omen that our golf play would be blessed.*

In our play, we didn't play our normal jack-pot contest; only closest to the pin.

Our next outing is scheduled for Barbers Point Golf Course on Monday, 23 January; first tee at 09:30.



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. 

## Hau'oli lā hānau

### Partial List of Known

### January Babies

### Expired Memberships not listed


Leslie Bise	1/01	Lance Okihara	1/23
John Harms	1/01	Robert Walsh, Jr.	1/25
David Kaahaaina	1/01	Richard McMahon	1/27
Walter Ozawa	1/10	Dave Bateman	1/28
Lee Bordenave	1/11	Jerome Hagen	1/28
Hen Min Hiu	1/15	Richard Settsu	1/28
Rona Adams	1/21		



## Best Wishes for many, many more Birthdays!

### Lunisolar Holidays

The historic Chinese calendar is a lunisolar calendar, meaning dates are determined by both the moon (lunar) and the sun (solar). Months begin with every new moon, when the moon is not visible in the night sky. The Lunar New Year starts on the new moon nearest the midpoint between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, sometime between January 21 and February 20. Since the lunar calendar is based on the cycles of the moon, the dates vary from year to year; this year, the Year of the Rabbit, it occurs on Sunday, January 22.

Just like the Chinese New Year, Easter is also a 'moveable feast', which means that its date is not fixed in the calendar, but is instead calculated according to the lunisolar calendar, formalized in Ecclesiastical date tables. It is based on the date of the [vernal equinox](#). In AD 325 the Council of Nicaea decreed that Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs on or after the vernal equinox. The date of Easter Sunday can thus fall between March 22 and April 25. This year it occurs on April 9. 

## Exciting Opportunity

Yes, you, too, can be a publisher of our monthly newsletter and Membership Directory. Free training and software will be provided by the current publisher who has done this labor of love for the last 17 years.

If you would like to tackle this rewarding job, please contact Mark Webster at [Markster96816@gmail.com](mailto:Markster96816@gmail.com). Please call! Your mentor is sitting by—but not holding his breath.

## 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.



Hawaii Aloha Chapter, MOAA

### RESERVATION FORM

Installation/Luncheon Meeting

Catered Buffet Luncheon

1115, Friday, 20 January 2023

Oahu Veterans' Center

1298 Kukila Street, Foster Village, Honolulu, HI 96818

Lunch: Mochiko Chicken, Teriyaki Beef, Fried Noodles, White Rice, Tossed Salad with Chef's Choice Dressing, and Cake

Guest Speaker: Director General Richard Lin of the Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu  
Topic: Why Taiwan Matters in the Indo Pacific

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

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

Cost = \$12.00 per person. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ +

Donation to your Chapter's General Fund for Sustaining Operations: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payable in Advance. A firm head count is required.

Please send in your reservation ASAP to arrive NLT **Friday, 13 January 2023** to:

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

Call Mark Webster at 734-5994, if necessary, for more information

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Numbers H=Home/C=Cell \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter/Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Application Form and  
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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



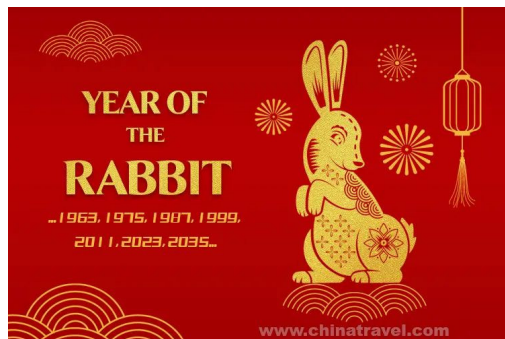
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