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## ANNUAL PICNIC - BELLOWS - 3 AUGUST

### Hawaii State Chapter Donates Record Number of Scholarships for 2008



Continuing Chapter recognition of academic excellence within the Hawai'i high school JROTC and University of Hawai'i ROTC programs, the Chapter contributed a record \$6,000 toward the 2008 year awards. The Hawai'i MOAA scholarships recognize the potential of 12 of Hawaii's finest JROTC and UH ROTC students, assisting them in their future education endeavors. Each scholar-cadet received a \$500 chapter award.

Beginning in 1981, with two \$100 savings bonds, to date over 50 scholarships have been earned by Hawaii's future leaders. These scholarships represent a total monetary value of over \$40,000. The real value to a student is immeasurable. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled in JROTC, earn at least a 3.0 GPA, be accepted to a four year college or two-year community college and be recommended by the JROTC cadre and a high school faculty member. Currently, a \$6,000 budget provides 12 potential awards of \$500: two UH ROTC cadets and 10 awards to the high schools. With 32 JROTC participating high schools, 10 annual scholarships are not sufficient to meet the needs of deserving JROTC students. The chapter goal is to award scholarships to deserving cadets at each high school. Although an ambitious goal, \$20,000 a year is not impossible with over 120,000 active duties and retirees in the state.

Below are the 12 recipients of the MOAA Hawai'i Chapter scholarships.

Scholarship Recipient	School	Scholarship Recipient	School
Taschina Williams	Campbell	Nadene F. Tokio	Nanakuli
Alexis G. Antinero	Farrington	Perry A. Hung	Roosevelt
Haili D. Aloha	Hilo	Allyssa Cortez	Waunakee
Jestoni A. Jarquio	Kapaa	Christina Paquette	Waianae
Chuchen Wang	Kelalakehe	Natalia Cardona	UHAROTC
Cassandra Ogura-Yamada	Konawaena	Ashley Jung	UHAFROTC

#### Coming Events July

**5 Jul (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000  
Computer Training, Oahu Veterans Center**

**14 Jul (Mon) PAC Meeting, 1100 - Location TBD**

**18 Jul (Fri) EXCOM Meeting, MCBH O'Club 1115**

#### Coming Events August

**2 Aug (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000  
Computer Training, Oahu Veterans Center**

**3 August (Sun) Annual Picnic 1200  
Bellows Air Force Station, Pavilion 5A**

**15 Aug (Fri) EXCOM Meeting, MCBH O'Club 1115**



## **PERSPECTIVES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

*by LCDR Tom Marzec – USN (Ret.)*

### **Public Participation in Government**

Every time I read our Constitution, I am inspired by the sheer wisdom and foresight that went into its drafting and approval. Having lived several years in Philadelphia, visiting Independence Hall, standing in the same spaces as the drafters, provides a real historical appreciation for their struggle to govern a fledgling nation. Politics back then were just as vicious as today. An improvement is we no longer typically have duels with pistols when political personal insults are expressed or imagined. The process can still be discouraging, even at its best.

The end result of the constitutional political process was an amazing document to which we swear our allegiance upon induction into the armed forces and at every promotion. We spent years of our lives supporting and defending the "Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic". When we leave active duty, that mission does not change. Instead of weapons of war, a ballot and pen are our implements. Our Constitution, and associated processes, depend upon an informed public in order to stay relevant and effective. In a majority, winner-take-all system, the rights of the minority must also be protected. After our Constitution was adopted, the 10 amendments in the Bill of Rights ensured that individual civil, political and minority rights were protected. Otherwise, the majority who prevailed in an election, could easily use governmental power to oppress the minority.

Sadly, Hawaii has one of the lowest voter turnouts in the nation. Absentee ballots have helped somewhat in terms of getting people to vote, but add problems if mistakes are made or assistance is required. Ballots can be complicated, with numerous state or county questions. Department of Education or Office of Hawaiian Affairs candidates are less known by some, and simple name recognition, vice knowledge of the issues and positions, can carry the day. This disappearing voter diminishes the democratic legitimacy of the government and contributes to failure of government to address the concerns of those less likely to vote.

Staying informed takes effort, exposure to a variety of sources, and should not be costly. A free market place of ideas provides the best opportunity to form one's own opinions and participate in the political process.

In Greek Athenian politics, the birthplace of democracy, individuals who concerned themselves exclusively with their private business, and did not engage in political life, were known as 'idiots' (idiōtēs). Note that this definition of 'idiot' did not have the disparaging meaning it has today. However, Pericles, a prominent and influential statesman, orator, and general of Athens during the city's Golden Age, called such individuals 'useless'.

I urge you to be useful to the political process and continue to effectively participate in defending our Constitution and way of life.

### **Storming the Hill Follow Up - June 2008**

Congresswoman Hirono recently cosponsored several bills supported by MOAA, which were the subject of our Storming the Hill. She now supports these bills: **H.R. 303** the Retired Pay Restoration Act, **H.R. 579** the Military Retirees Health Care Protection Act, and **H.R. 5854** which would establish a federal charter for MOAA.

Co-sponsor support for **H.R. 333** Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act and **H.R. 1927** The Military Retiree Survivor Equity Act (both already cosponsored by Rep. Abercrombie) and **H.R. 1589** Survivor Benefit Plan - Dependency and Indemnity Compensation offset would be very appreciated.

You can help urge our legislators to co-sponsor MOAA-supported bills by using this web site

<http://capwiz.com/moaa/issues>

### **PHK Co-Editor Position Available**

Enjoy reading the PHK? Have a desire to create and publish a newsletter? Interested in providing news and stories to our members? We have a great opportunity for a motivated person to serve as Co-Editor and perform one of the functions most highly valued by our Chapter members! The PHK is assembled in Microsoft Publisher, based on inputs from others, and sent to the printer. Then an Adobe Acrobat pdf version is exported and posted to our web site so a link can be sent by email. Mentoring from our pros, and software if necessary, can be provided.

**-- CHAPTER SOCIAL EVENTS --**

**JULY  
SUMMER VACATION**

**Sunday 3 AUGUST  
ANNUAL MOAA PICNIC - BELLOWS BEACH**

**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER (in planning)  
"Options"**

- SUPER FERRY TRIP TO MAUI
- MILITARY HISTORY PRESENTATION BY AUTHOR RALPH WETTERHAHN
- VISIT TO JOINT POW/MIA ACCOUNTING COMMAND FACILITY AT HICKAM AFB

*Your comments/recommendations welcome.*

Contact: [GebhardJim@aol.com](mailto:GebhardJim@aol.com)

**Saturday 8 NOVEMBER  
Annual Meeting & BBQ at Oahu Veterans Center**

**Tuesday 9 DECEMBER  
Annual Christmas Dinner - Hale Koa**

**Thinning of the Ranks**

**Colonel Norvin "Bud" E. Smith, USA (Ret.),** died May 21, 2008. He is survived by a son and daughter.

**Binnacle List**

**Mrs. Bobbie Harms  
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## MOAA Hosted BBQ for PRRP Class

On Saturday, June 21, MOAA Hawaii State Chapter hosted a Bar-Be-Que for a class of ten veterans/active duty soldiers and a marine who were attending the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Residential Recovery Program at Tripler. The Oahu Veterans Center has been sponsoring this BBQ the weekend before the class graduates. These veterans were not only from Hawaii but also, Guam, Saipan, American Samoa and the mainland. The pictures below show a hungry group and a more formal picture taken at the end of the event.



Also pictured here are Grant Story who provided baked beans and more than a few interesting sea stories from his days in the Pacific in 1944-45 and Jim Gebhard who spent most of his time in the kitchen slicing tomatoes, onions, watermelon and whatever else Lawrence, not pictured here, contributed.

A number of other veterans attended including the Women Veterans, Army Association, Society of Military Widows and the WAVES. Everyone appreciated the food and the camaraderie. The class graduated at Tripler



a knife could go through. Tom

uted with his presence and some from various veterans' organizations Special Forces, VFW, Fleet Reserve and the WAVES. Everyone appreciated the food and the camaraderie on June 25.



## WELCOME ABOARD TO OUR NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following new members to our Chapter. If any of our current members know any of these fine folks congratulate them on joining a rather "special" organization of fellow uniformed services officers and their families.

For all our members: Recruiting new members is the lifeblood of any organization. Please help with a transfusion – invite a friend to join.

Burton & Jo Waltz, USAF (ret.), Dan & Terri Madden, USN (ret.), Mrs. Ernestine Young, Henry & Billie Liljedahl USAF (ret.), Mrs. Anna Blackwell, Mark & Helene Webster, USNR (ret.), Thomas & Jean Mullenieux, USA (ret.), Mrs. Lola Stuart, Maj. Sharon Tesoro, USAF.



**HOW MANY MEMBERS WOULD ENJOY A SEVEN HOUR (round trip time) FROM HONOLULU TO MAUI AND BACK ?????**

A group of 10 or more will receive a \$10 discount over regular fares. BUT, this means current fare would be \$39. plus a fuel surcharge of \$13.77 ((35.3%) for a total one way ticket of \$52.77. If you desire to bring your car to stay a few days on Maui, the car would be a separate one way cost, but the reduced fare would apply for a roundtrip or a delayed return trip. We are looking to do this in October, but want to see what interest there really is from our members before I start advanced booking. So if interested let me know via email : [JandBharms@aol.com](mailto:JandBharms@aol.com), telephone at 261-2282 or snail mail at: 118 Kailua Place, Kailua, HI 96734. Will keep you advised in August PHK. John Harms



**Chapter Donations 2008**

Scholarship Goal - \$6000

Since January 1, 2008, \$3,239 has been donated for Scholarships.

**Please continue to give generously so we can meet our Scholarship goal!**

**GOLD AWARDS (\$100 plus)**

Bruce Smith, Virginia Frizelle, Anonymous, Allyn Thompson, Richard Meiers, Hank Heyenga (x4), Ralph Hiatt (x2), Paul Schmitz, Marian Williams, Christian Peterson, Curtis Barnette, Frank Slocum, Robert McEl-downey (x2),

Leah Rowland, Neil Carmody, Jack & Lorraine DeTour in memory of Mary Jo Bezanson, Charles Kimak, G. Arakawa

**SILVER AWARDS (\$50 to \$99)**

Ron Bezanson, Karl Piotrowski, Nancy Stabley, Phyllis Brassler, Carl Hokenson, Ellen McGarry, Regina Foster, Ed O'Shaugnessy, Isabel Baker, Bill Moore

**BRONZE AWARD (\$25 to \$49)**

Elaine Collins, Charles Curtis, Roy McArdle, Thomas Kalus, Moana McGlaughlin, Frank Apel,



**NOW HEAR THIS!!!**

**MOAA Hawaii State Chapter, Aloha Chapter and Society of Military Widows JOINT PICNIC**

12:00 noon

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2008  
PAVILION 5A, BELLOWS AFS

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY FOR THIS JOINT

**PICNIC**

GEORGE & ROBERTA SULLIVAN and JUDITH BREITWIESER ARE PLANNING THE PICNIC  
HANK HEYENGA WILL SUPERVISE THE COOKING WITH HIS HELPER JOHN HARMS!

PLAN NOW TO JOIN IN THE CAMARADERIE 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 July 23, 2008 to:

Judith Breitwieser  
1403 Onioni Street  
Kailua, HI 96734

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 State Chapter MOAA**

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

Please bring a dish to share: COLE SLAW \_\_\_ MAC SALAD \_\_\_ POTATO SALAD \_\_\_ BAKED BEAN \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_





## TUG by Colonel Lou Torraca, USAF (Retired)

You CAN Fiddle While Nero Burns!

OK, so you're not in Rome and Nero isn't either. But, not to worry, NERO 8 Ultra will burn your CD, DVDs and edit your HD content while you fiddle with other projects! I recently attended the Southwest Computer Conference in San Diego where I was able to learn about a lot of new and interesting computer-related stuff. Keynotes by Microsoft, Adobe, Corel, Pinnacle were excellent and tech sessions, workshops and seminars covered anything you might want to know. As a long-time user of NERO software, I looked forward to the session presented by Darrick Bady, NERO Customer Service/Tech Support Manager. I wasn't disappointed. He introduced us to the following latest features in Nero 8 to include great new features for living the digital life. With improvements geared towards better performance, as well as enhanced features for authoring, editing



and enjoying digital content, it's easy to see how Nero 8 opens up new possibilities as we transition to the digital world.

Nero 8 users can now enjoy more interactive features and games on Blu-ray ROM discs through enhanced compatibility features available in the suite's latest update.

SmartEncoding detects if your incoming AVC or AVCHD source content is compliant with the destination format. This lets you save time by skipping the recoding step for AVCHD content when the destination file is also AVCHD, thereby maintaining the highest quality.



Do you use Nero 8 to stream content around your home on game consoles? Now you can play content beginning from a selected time in the video. This means you can answer the phone, get another cup of coffee, or take the dog out for a walk without having to restart your movie! With Nero 8, now you can encode content with video pre-processing options for color correction and noise removal. The video pre-processing enables you to enhance and modify the content prior to encoding. Advanced features include adaptive de-interlacing and adaptive frame rate conversion.

Get all the advantages of working with Mini HD DVD-Video with Nero 8. Now you can author, write, and play back HD DVD-Video format content on regular DVD-R/RW media. The Mini HD DVD-Video format supports resolutions up to 1080p. MPEG-2 and MPEG-4 content as well as Dolby® Digital 5.1 audio tracks can also be added. The Blu-ray/HD DVD Plug-in is required for this feature.

With Nero 8 and the Blu-ray/HD DVD Video Plug-in, you can now author and play back High Definition content in Blu-ray Disc format. Brilliant 3D menu templates and advanced authoring features up to 1080i, combined with playback support for commercial Blu-ray Discs and those created with Nero 8,



combine for the ultimate home entertainment experience.

After a look at all the new features, I was anxious to try version 8 out. I have to warn you that the download and install take quite a bit of time as there are so many features in this version! Nero has them organized: Create and Edit (video, audio and photo), Convert and Share (high definition, video conversion, music and internet), Home Entertainment (media center, television, music streaming), Rip and Burn (audio CDs and DVDs, Nero disk copy gadget-optimized for use with Windows Vista and lets you copy a disc with just one click from the Vista Sidebar.) While all this sounds a bit complicated, Nero has made a set of tutorials that walk you through all of the many features on their web page. So, no matter what your level of expertise, the tutorials will guide you through all many things that Nero lets you do. To see if you want to own it, download a fully functional 30-day trial copy. I think you'll really like it, I know I do. Be sure and read the expanded and detailed version of this article on the web after the 1<sup>st</sup> of July

<http://tinyurl.com/363qew> Come see us at one of our 2 monthly mtgs. Visit [www.the-tug.org](http://www.the-tug.org) for schedules and directions.

Have fun with all the tech goodies out there, but remember to be careful when you're on the 'net. Aloha, **Lou**

### **Seeking a volunteer for the 2009 Directory Business Manager!**

- Are you eager to help raise funds for our J/ROTC scholarships?
- Enjoy working with our advertisers and supporters?
- Want to be part of a fun team that produces our annual directory?

The Business Manager coordinates advertisers for our annual directory, which raises thousands of dollars for our scholarship program. Jack Miller, our former Business Manager, is now heading up the planning for the 50th anniversary and he will happily mentor a new Business Manager to ensure a smooth transition. Please volunteer and support our Directory! Contact Jack Miller for more information.

### **Personal Affairs Committee Note to Members**

The MOAA Publication "Help Your Survivors Now - A Guide to Planning Ahead." is an excellent pamphlet that all military retirees should have close at hand. It contains vital information regards planning and caring for deceased member's families, entitlements, obtaining benefits and payments from the Federal Government, check lists, forms and more. The Personal Affairs Workbook section is something that all of us should complete and keep current. Please take note that National MOAA no longer sends bulk shipments of this pamphlet to Chapters for internal distribution, and individual MOAA members will need to order their copy directly. This can be done by contacting MOAA's Benefits Information Department at (800) 234-MOAA (6622) or send an E-Mail to [beninfo@moaa.org](mailto:beninfo@moaa.org)

**Hawaii State Chapter Inducts Alan S. Lloyd as an Honorary member**



At our Legislative Discussion luncheon, on June 24, 2008, Alan Lloyd became our newest honorary member. Alan has a varied and colorful background that is reflected in his interesting and diverse presentations, work and hobbies. His detailed appreciation for military history shines through in his Battle of Midway, Battle of Leyte Gulf, Niihau, Destroyer Ward's First Shot on December 7<sup>th</sup> and Super Battleship talks. Alan shares these presentations with many groups, including on cruise ships, so don't miss them when you have an opportunity to attend.

Alan was born in Hawaii in 1929 and as a boy, witnessed the attack on Pearl Harbor. Between 1945 and 1946, Alan served as a Staff Sergeant in the Hawaii Defense Volunteers/Hawaii Territorial Guard. He attended Punahou School and then Swarthmore College, becoming a Tau Beta Pi mechanical engineer. He worked for Westinghouse providing power equipment to plantations, joined Maui Electric Company and then transferred to HECO in 1969. Alan retired as an Executive Staff Engineer and is a licensed professional engineer.

Alan is a Rotary Club member, life member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, National Director Emeritus of the Navy League, and Historian of the USS Missouri Memorial Association.

An Honorary membership in MOAA is available only to those who do not meet the regular member requirements (i.e. service as a uniformed officer). Also, persons may be granted honorary membership for the tenure of their office if they are elected government officials.

In recognition of Alan Lloyd's superior service to the state of Hawaii, and the military, retired and local community, we are pleased to induct Alan as an honorary member of the Hawaii Chapter of MOAA. Congratulations Alan and welcome aboard!

**Honolulu Clipper**

Continued from the May 2008 Edition

In the mid-80s, the local AIAA chapter had one of their monthly dinner meetings - the subject was Pan Am flying boats. I was a big-wig of sorts at the chapter in those days. In attendance were key players from the period - from Boeing, from Pan Am, and from the University of Washington, where the wind tunnel testing had been done. After the presentation, a Q&A session began, that led into a lively discussion from the audience. The subject of the single small vertical fin arose. Someone said it was obvious before first flight that the fin was too small for the big body.

Some (but not all) of the Boeing people disputed the notion. And then, the UW people chimed in - pointing out that Boeing had been warned after the wind tunnel tests that the tail would present a problem. The joy in this exchange - which I sincerely wished had been video-taped - was hearing the actual people involved at the time - still passionate in their opinions and presenting a true "living history" lesson.

Other serious problems involved the sons, or sea-wings. And, the air-lem on the water. Eventually, how-hull step was adjusted to resolve that starboard engines.



size, shape, and location of the spon-plane had a very bad porpoising problem, the location and geometry of the problem. Here, flying on only the

The Honolulu Clipper's first Trans-Pacific mand of Capt. Kenneth Beer. Beer was list. Here the airplane is being christened The last leg, from Manila to Hong Kong gers - at the time, a world record.



flight began 16 March 1939 under the com-Number 19 on the Pan Am pilot seniority after arrival at Pearl Harbor. carried 45 people, including 30 paying passen-

(We thank Bob Bogash of Hansville, WA for this story - visit [www.rbogash.com](http://www.rbogash.com) )

**HAWAII STATE CHAPTER of the MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**  
**New Membership Application and/or Current Member Dues Payment**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female   
                    Last                      First                      MI

**New Member Application**  **Currently a Regular Member**  **Currently an Auxiliary Member**

**New members:** Complete next items and Regular or Auxiliary Member section. Enter remittance at bottom.

**Current members:** Complete any items that have changed and enter your remittance amount at bottom of form.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ National MOAA membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

**Regular Members:** Active duty, retired, or former military officers are eligible for regular membership.  
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71-89 \$120; 90 and older is free.

**Auxiliary Members:** Widows or widowers are eligible for membership whose spouses were regular members or were eligible for regular membership. Rank of spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Service of spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Dues:** \$12 per year; 5 years for \$48; Life membership: Age 50 and under, \$180; 51-60 \$150; 61-70 \$120;  
71-89 \$60; 90 and older is free.

If married, spouse's first name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name, if different than yours: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate interest in any of the following Chapter activities or Committees:

Personal Affairs    Legislative Affairs/Veterans Affairs    Public Affairs    Program/Social    Newsletter    Membership    Finance  
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Dues Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Optional Donation: Scholarships \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Community Services \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**UP-COMING CHAPTER ACTIVITY:**

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**Sunday 3 August**  
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See page 5 for reservations