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Why 'United 93' Is A Must To See by Captain Jerry Coffee, USN (Retired)

United 93 is "R" Rated. In my book, that R stands for "Required." Yes, there is violence, but certainly no more than is found in TV prime time (which used to be "family time"). And yes, the "F" word is used a few times, but only as one would hear it in the real world under times of extraordinary pressure, and certainly not solicitously as one is likely to hear it during a 20 minute ride on TheBus. In fact, *United 93* should be required viewing for every American above "PG-13."

Why? (By the way, if you haven't seen it yet, I can't spoil it for you. You already know the ending.)

United 93 fills the gaping void left by our mainstream media in its inexplicable reluctance to energize the American people with reminders of the implacably evil nature of our Islamofascist enemy. You know — the one that is totally committed to your death and mine, to the conversion of the free world to Islam by co-option or force — and the sooner the better.

Think about it. Why do we so seldom see replays or photos of the World Trade Center towers crumbling down upon the thousands



of innocents? Or the carnage of the Pentagon immediately after the terrorist-guided airliner rammed into its outer ring? Or how come, according to the media gurus, our sensibilities are so fragile that we can't be shown the actual beheadings of innocent American hostages by their jihadist captors? The answers are fodder for a future column, but the point is, *United 93* breaks this pattern.

It shows us our enemy up close and personal. We see the Islamist terrorists not as impetuous or fanatically unpredictable, but typical of the enemy we are facing - carefully calculating, and totally and selflessly dedicated to the fulfillment of their mission: our death.

At one time or another most of us imagine ourselves in a hijack situation and wonder, "What would I do?" In this respect, the film is revealing. There were the last hugs and prayers between loved ones on the plane. There was the touching commonality of final cell phone conversations with loved ones: "Give the girls big hugs and tell them Daddy loves them," "Tell Mom and Dad I love them and thanks for everything," and "Just know that I'll love you forever." In the final moments before it got really hectic, love was the common denominator.

Ironically, the careful, calculating nature of the terrorist leader delayed their actual takeover of the aircraft, which, along with a half-hour ground delay before takeoff, allowed the passengers to receive news of the

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Coming Events June

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

16 Jun (Fri) Excom Mtg, MCBH O'Club 1130

No Bridge Group meetings are scheduled during June or July, play resumes 26 August

Coming Events July

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

3 Jul (Mon) MCBH O'Club 1100 Patriotic Lunch with Congressman Ed Case Marine Forces Pacific Band will play at 1200

10 Jul (Mon) PAC Mtg, Sam Snead's 1045

21 Jul (Fri) Excom Mtg, MCBH O'Club 1130

YOUR PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE ON MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH



signs were around military bases stating dogs and sailors or Marines keep off the lawn. My old boss, Col. William Capehart, then the Provost Marshal at Camp Lejeune, NC, one time in 1956 had all the troops on his Base paid off in silver dollars. You could hear the local merchants screaming all the way to Virginia, to stop this foolishness for they could not handle the quantity of silver dollars in their store transactions. The good Colonel got his point across on how much the military financially supports the local economy. Fortunately in Hawaii our neighbors realize the financial and community involvement impact provided by our military. A few numbers that don't include the retired military community financial impact: Total defense expenditures in Hawaii for FY 2003 was \$5.1 billion. During FY 2005 – 2006, appropriations for defense projects in Hawaii is \$767 million. Now some real interesting numbers; \$5.5 million was provided to improve the Hawaii PUBLIC SCHOOLS with high military enrollment, with over \$31 million provided in the past six years. Additionally the federal

education budget includes \$46 million in impact aid for Hawaii's public schools. Interesting looking at these figures and the maintenance condition of Radford, Castle, Kalaheo, and Kailua High Schools where there is a high military enrollment. How many folks comprise our active defense personnel in Hawaii: 16,576 direct – hire civilian personnel, 35,061 active duty shore-based military, and 47,198 family members on active duty military. These numbers do not reflect the new influx of active duty military already programmed for Hawaii, nor the possible eventual assignment of a US Navy carrier battle group to Pearl Harbor. Enough numbers, but it is fortunate we "Live Hawaii" for we are appreciated not only in financial terms, but for the community commitment from Adopt-a-School programs to Emergency Medical Evacuation Helicopter Support that our troops are involved in. Hope many of you enjoyed the various State and City sponsored functions for the military this month of May.

Semper Fidelis, John Harms

Led by the Hawaii Chamber of Commerce, the month of May was designated as Military Appreciation Month. That's a long way from many of our experiences from Vietnam when we, the military, were looked upon like some sort of pariahs. I was waiting to fly to the East Coast and home at the LA airport, in uniform just returned from Vietnam when a woman came up and spat at me stating "baby killer". Some of us remember a bit further back when

DONATIONS FOR 2006



The following Chapter members have generously donated funds to either our Scholarship Fund or Community Services. Scholarships of \$1000 are awarded to deserving JROTC graduates from our State Public High Schools going to a four year university or college and \$500 for those going to a two year community college. Community Services contributions go to the VA Hospital for Aging, Fischer House at TAMC, and the USO, to mention a few. Mahalo for your kindness.

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Thinning of the Ranks

Delayed word has reached us that LtCol Leonard P. Shustack, USAF, Ret, died 2 May 2005 in Lewiston, PA.

Maj Carl Tapfer, USAF, Ret, of Aiea died 8 May 2006. He is survived by his wife Florence.

2006 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TO DATE

The following monetary awards have been given out so far this year:

- Kahuku High School - \$1000,
- Waianae, Farrington, Waipahu, McKinley, Castle, and Waimea (Kauai) High Schools – each \$500.
- Two \$500 Ben Porter Leadership awards were made to University of Hawaii outstanding ROTC graduates.
- 28 MOAA medals and certificates of recognition were awarded to JROTC units throughout the State.

This effort was spearheaded by Hank Heyenga, Ralph Hiatt, and Jack Miller. Our appreciation to these men and the many other members who represented our Chapter at these presentations.

Our Chapter and its members DO make a difference in our communities.

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earlier attacks in those guarded cell phone conversations with those loved ones on the ground. This news spurred the realization that their hijackers were on a suicide mission, and they had nothing to lose by taking action, by going on the offensive. Leadership emerged and a plan was made. And then came the heroism, fueled by adrenalin and inspired by the simple exhortation, "Let's roll!"

Three of the four hijackers were overpowered, but by the time they reached the terrorist pilot he literally had a death grip on the steering yoke onto which he had affixed a picture of his target, the U.S. Capitol. He steered the plane erratically into a steep dive, which bounced his attackers around the flight deck violently, making it impossible to pry him away from the controls. And the plane and the people plummeted into history to the chaotic scream of "Allah Akbar!"

The most important lesson offered up by United 93 is clear - and I doubt the makers of the film even had this in mind: The plane and the passengers are the perfect metaphor for America at war. For more than 20 years we had been oblivious to the fact that we were literally at war with Islamofascism. ("Oh, this is just another hijacking and we'll land somewhere and they'll hold us as hostages until they get their demands.") The morning of 9/11 changed all that. ("My God! These guys are on a suicide attack mission. This is something unprecedented; they want us to die.) Most Americans have finally connected the dots, i.e., the only viable defense against those who love death is a committed offense. ("Let's roll!")

If we yield to those in our midst who refuse to accept the reality of our enemy and our struggle, and who refuse to acknowledge the need for a preemptive offense based upon a total war footing, we will all plummet into history to the screams of "Allah Akbar!"

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Andre G. Lesperance: Rest in Peace

Hawaii Chapter MOAA extends sincere condolences to PAC member CAPT Jerry Lesperance, USCG (Ret) and family whose 46-year-old bachelor son Andre died 20 May, ending a long struggle following a traumatic brain injury. A funeral mass was held on 26 May in the TAMC Chapel. In accordance with his wishes, Andre's ashes will be scattered at sea. Concerned friends may make donations in Andre's name to his favorite non-profit organization, The Brain Injury Association of Hawaii, 2201 Waimano Home Road, Bldg E, Pearl City, HI 96782-1474. Their web site is <http://www.biausa.org/> Hawaii, but you cannot make a donation on line.

Legislative Affairs Veterans Affairs (LAVA)

by Captain George Sullivan USN (Retired)



VA Announces Veterans' Data Stolen

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has recently learned that an employee, a data analyst, took home electronic data from VA, which he was not authorized to do. This behavior was in violation of our policies. This data contained identifying information including names, social security numbers, and dates of birth for up to 26.5 million veterans and some spouses, as well as some disability ratings. Importantly, the affected data did not include any of VA's electronic health records nor any financial information. The employee's home was burglarized and this data was stolen. The employee has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation.

Authorities believe it is unlikely the perpetrators targeted the items because of any knowledge of the data contents. It is possible that they remain unaware of the information that they possess or of how to make use of it. However, out of an abundance of caution, the VA is taking all possible steps to protect and inform our veterans.

Questions & Answers.

1. What information was included?

The data lost is primarily limited to an individual's name, date of birth, and social security number. In some cases, spousal information may have been included. However, this information alone may be useful to identity thieves, and VA recommends that all veterans be extra vigilant in monitoring for signs of potential identity theft or misuse of this information. Importantly, the affected data did not include any of VA's electronic health records or any financial information.

2. How do I know if information about me was stolen?

At this point, we do not know. An investigation is ongoing. VA does not want any veteran to be surprised and are operating under the assumption that some information for all veterans was included. VA is informing people of this incident and the possibility that it could involve information about them.

3. I have never applied for benefits from VA. Do I need to be concerned?

The electronic data stolen included some information on all veterans, including those who have never contacted us. VA receives information from the Department of Defense on all who served. You are encouraged to take steps to protect yourself against identity theft.

4. I am the spouse, widow, or child of a veteran. Was my information included?

It is unclear whether any spousal or dependents' information has been compromised. However, if this did occur, it appears it would be a very small number of people.

5. Will I still get my monthly benefit payment?

Yes. There will be no impact on benefit payments.

6. What should I do to protect myself? Do I have to close my bank account or cancel my credit cards?

At this point there is no evidence that any missing data has been used illegally. However, the Department of Veterans Affairs is asking all veterans to be extra vigilant and to carefully monitor bank statements, credit card statements and any statements relating to recent financial transactions, and to immediately report any suspicious or unusual activity. For tips on how to guard against misuse of personal information, visit the Federal Trade Commission website at <http://www.ftc.gov/>.

You do not have to close your bank account or cancel your credit cards. You should however take steps to protect yourself against identity theft. One way to monitor your financial accounts is to review your credit report. By law you are entitled to one free credit report each year. Request a free credit report from one of the three major credit bureaus – Equifax, Experian, TransUnion – at www.AnnualCreditReport.com or by calling 1-877-322-8228.



DOLEMAN AWARD

Many in our Chapter probably never heard of our Doleman Award named after Gen. Doleman (deceased) who made significant contributions to our Community with his week day radio commentary show. Some time ago the Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce asked our Chapter to develop an award to recognize annually at their Military Recognition Luncheon a retired officer who has continued to serve and made a sustained outstanding voluntary contribution to the community. There starts the annual Doleman Award.

This year the award was presented to Captain George Sullivan, USN (Ret). His community activity involvement includes: US Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Foundation, Pearl Harbor Memorial Fund, Surface Navy Association, Hawaii Chapter MOAA, Japan-American Society of Hawaii, Navy League, and the Fleet Reserve Association. His biggest challenge is now underway as the Chairman of the Board for the Arizona Memorial Museum Association. He is raising \$32 million in private donations to replace the current Pearl Harbor Memorial Visitors Center which is sinking into the harbor. His frequent flyer miles are sure stacking up in this endeavor where his absence from home is almost as much as a sea tour aboard ship. Congratulations from your fellow Chapter Members for a well deserved honor, George.

HEAR THE LATEST FROM WASHINGTON!!!!

THIS IS YOUR INVITATION TO ATTEND A PATRIOTIC LUNCH WITH REPRESENTATIVE ED CASE AT THE BEAUTIFUL MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII OFFICERS' CLUB

WHEN: Monday, 3 July 2006

Program

1100 Buffet Lunch in the Officers' Club downstairs Lanai Ballroom by the pool

Lunch cost: \$20.00 payable in advance.

1200 Patriotic Music concert by Marine Forces Pacific Band.

1230 Congressman Ed Case to talk on current Congressional legislation of interest to

Military families in Hawaii. As time permits, questions will be taken from the floor.

1345 Pau!

We hope you will attend this special information brief by Congressman Case. Please note: This is a not an election campaign event. For further information, contact Jack Miller by phone at 808-261-4100 or by e-mail at: carita@pixi.com. Mahalo.

----- CLIP and MAIL by 20 JUNE 2006 -----

I (we) will attend the 3 July Patriotic Lunch at MCBH O'Club -- Cost: \$20.00 each

Program Cost: \$20.00 x ()	= \$ _____
Donations: Scholarship Program	= \$ _____
Community Service Awards	= \$ _____
Total ENCLOSED:	= \$ _____

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TUG by Colonel Lou Torraca, USAF (Retired)



I had to take an important trip to the mainland during the time I would usually write this column, but rather than skip a month, I thought I'd share two things with you that I believe you'll benefit from reading and also enjoy.

First, as all of you I'm sure are aware, "Phishing" has continued to grow by leaps and bounds and the most notorious of them continues to be the so-called "Nigerian 419 Scam"



I read the most incredible article regarding this scam by following a link in a newsletter I get from Data Doctors, two "techie" who have a radio show in Arizona that I listen to on the 'net. This article from the New Yorker Magazine web page and IMHO, is a must-read for everyone who uses the 'net or just sends and receives e-mail!

To whet your appetite, here is the beginning of the piece. The link to the entire article is at the end of the excerpt, as is the link to the second item I think you will find interesting.



THE PERFECT MARK by MITCHELL ZUCKOFF

How a Massachusetts psychotherapist fell for a Nigerian e-mail scam.

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Late one afternoon in June, 2001, John W. Worley sat in a burgundy leather desk chair reading his e-mail. He was fifty-seven and burly, with glasses, a fringe of salt-and-pepper hair, and a bushy gray beard. A decorated Vietnam veteran and an ordained minister, he had a busy practice as a Christian psychotherapist, and, with his wife, Barbara, was the caretaker of a mansion on a historic estate in Groton, Massachusetts. He lived in a comfortable three-bedroom suite in the mansion, and saw patients in a ground-floor office with walls adorned with images of Jesus and framed military medals. Barbara had been his high-school sweetheart—he was the president of his class, and she was the homecoming queen—and they had four daughters and seven grandchildren, whose photos surrounded Worley at his desk.

Worley scrolled through his in-box and opened an e-mail, addressed to "CEO/Owner." The writer said that his name was Captain Joshua Mbote, and he offered an awkwardly phrased proposition: "With regards to your trustworthiness and reliability, I decided to seek your assistance in transferring some money out of South Africa into your country, for onward dispatch and investment." Mbote explained that he had been chief of security for the Congolese President Laurent Kabila, who had secretly sent him to South Africa to buy weapons for a force of élite bodyguards. But Kabila had been assassinated before Mbote could complete the mission. "I quickly decided to stop all negotiations and divert the funds to my personal use, as it was a golden opportunity, and I could not return to my country due to my loyalty to the government of Laurent Kabila," Mbote wrote. Now Mbote had fifty-five million American dollars, in cash, and he needed a discreet partner with an overseas bank account. That partner, of course, would be richly rewarded.

Mbote's offer had the hallmarks of an advance-fee fraud, a swindle whose victims are asked to provide money, information, or services in exchange for a share of a promised fortune. Countless such e-mails, letters, and faxes are sent every year, with a broad variety of stories about how the money supposedly became available (unclaimed estate, corrupt executive, and dying Samaritan being only a few of the most popular). Worley, who had spent his adult life advocating self-knowledge and introspection, seemed particularly unlikely to be fooled. He had developed a psychological profiling tool designed to reveal a person's "unique needs, desires and probable behavioral responses." He promised users of the test, "The individual's understanding of self will be greatly enhanced, increasing the potential for a fulfilled and balanced life." And Worley was vigilant against temptation. Still, Worley, faced with an e-mail that would, according to federal authorities, eventually lead him to join a gang of Nigerian criminals seeking to defraud U.S. banks, didn't hesitate. A few minutes after receiving Mbote's entreaty, he replied, "I can help and I am interested."

OK, now I have your attention, here is the link to the whole article: http://www.newyorker.com/printables/fact/060515fa_fact

My second item of interest concerns Windows Vista, the next version of the Windows family which now it seems, won't be available until early 2007. I have been beta testing it for quite awhile and like some of it, but not all of it.☺ One of the things I do like is the way it looks, or its "skins" to use the tech term. As it happens, this feature of VISTA is available right now in the form of a transformation pack, a free download from:

<http://www.softpedia.com/get/System/OS-Enhancements/Vista-Transformation-Pack.shtml>

If you're curious about how VISTA will look on your computer, give the pack a try. As always, be sure to read and follow all the instructions, first.

That's it for now. Until next time, have fun with computers and electronics. Come see us at one of our scheduled meetings, visit www.the_tug.hoomestead.com for more info.

Aloha, *Lou*

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CHAPTER ROTC/SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM HAS A NEW CHAIRMAN

By LTC Hank Heyenga, USA (Ret)

Fifteen years ago, I was “volunteered” to take over the Chapter’s ROTC program. Fred Philbert (remember him?) handed me the materials from the back of his stationwagon in the Hale Koa parking lot — two cardboard boxes filled with some manila folders of current school data — and said if I needed help to give him a call. I took him at his word.

That year I made my first medal presentation. After pinning the medal I stood there like a dummy until the school NCO instructor motioned for me return to my seat.

Over the years I learned a lot. Most of all, my observations of the ROTC/JROTC cadets and their instructors have proven the program’s character development. Any of you who have helped me over the years will attest to that. To each of you who did, I sincerely thank you.

With considerable reluctance I have decided it is time to “pass the baton.”

Colonel Ralph J W K Hiatt has it. As an ROTC graduate, and with his close association with Hawaii schools as Director, Pacific Aerospace Training Center, Honolulu Community College, I am sure he will be an energizing addition to the Chapter’s ROTC/Scholarship program.

Mark Your Calendar!

Plan to Come!!

Annual Chapter Picnic

Bellow AF Recreation Area

Pavilion 5A

6 August 2006

**Check your July PHK
for further details.**

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