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(Voices of Warriors)

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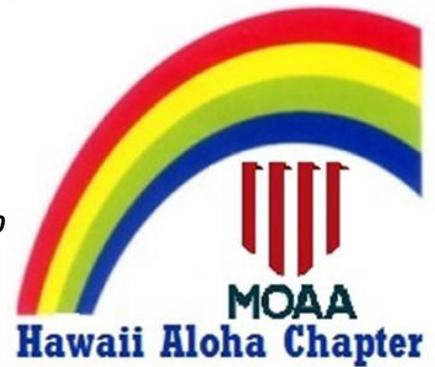
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Massing of the Colors

On National Flag Day, Wednesday, 14 June (the same date as the Army's 248th birthday; see page 5), from 1100 to 1300 or 1400, your Hawaii Aloha Chapter will be participating in the Massing of the Colors at Oahu Veterans' Center.

culture and to support National Flag Day.

This will be a collaboration between the Oahu Veterans Council and local Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs), particularly VFW Post 110/MIS and the Military Order of the World Wars.

Some of the confirmed youth organizations assisting the VSOs in this stirring ceremony are JROTC cadets, Sea Cadets, Young Marines, Boy Scouts of America and the American Heritage Girls Troops.

And, a few of the confirmed prestigious VIP attendees will be former Governor John Waihee, GEN Bramlett, USA, Ret., and John Henry Felix, PhD.

Let's support the youth organizations, VSOs and the Oahu Veterans

Council by attending this poignant, patriotic ceremony.

June Luncheon Meeting

This month our chapter will have a bountiful buffet luncheon followed by an enthralling presentation by chapter member **Walter Ozawa**.

Walter and his wife **Gayle**, along with fellow member **Stephen** and **Diane Tom**, returned on 5 June from a tour-group excursion of military retirees to Europe, staying at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch, Germany, Europe's equivalent to our Hale Koa Hotel.

He will mostly be telling us about SpARC, the Space-A Retiree Club, founded by our perpetually peripatetic member **Joe Kuroda**, 96, and, time permitting, his recent trip to Europe.

Please see Luncheon on Page 7

National Flag Day Massing of the Colors

Wednesday, June 14, 2023
11 A.M. to 1 P.M.



Gaylord Dillingham Memorial Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 110 and the Oahu Veterans Council are proud to invite your Veteran Service Organization and Associate Council Member organization to participate in the *Massing of the Colors*. A patriotic ceremony to showcase your organizational Colors to highlight American patriotic culture and support our National Flag Day.

at
Oahu Veterans Center

1298 Kukila St, Honolulu, 96818. Please call (808) 422 4000

This ceremony will showcase our organization's colors highlighting American patriotic

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Hawaii Aloha Chapter, MOAA President's Message

By Dr. Fred P. Staedel

I am very pleased to report that the policy to reduce our MOAA chapter meetings/activities to every other month to the end of the year has been graciously accepted by our membership. Towards the beginning of next year (2024) our chapter board of directors will reevaluate the feasibility to either continue this policy for the next year or return to a monthly meeting/activity schedule as in the past. Attendance at the remaining meetings and activities this year will help determine the plan for next year. At that time chapter membership input will be gratefully encouraged and received.

Becky and I will represent our chapter at the Oahu Veterans Center's "Massing of the Colors" ceremony on Flag Day, 14 June 2023. I wish to also invite our chapter members and spouses to join us at this very special first-time ceremony performed by JROTC cadets flying flags for country, state, and our veteran groups. The event will begin at 11 a.m.

This issue of our chapter newsletter is Mark Webster's 210th, and as our editor we have thus been blessed with years of his dedication and his award-winning effort on our chapter's behalf. But as our readers will recall, Mark has been soliciting chapter members for someone to help him with the monthly newsletters with an eye on having that person takeover as the chapter's new editor. If someone doesn't step forward, we will have to consider lightening Mark's load by publishing the "Voices of Warriors" on an every-other-month basis or discontinue the publication of a newsletter altogether. If it comes to a discontinuance, then a simple email to local members will be sent announcing meetings and ac-

tivities.

We are looking forward to a big "turnout" at our Friday, 16 June, luncheon meeting. See you all there!

Fred 

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 17½ years.

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

The Trivia Question

If you hear Empire, Brooklyn and Yankee... do they ring a bell? Such as Empire State Bldg, Brooklyn, Bridge and Yankee Stadium... yeah, New Yuck City. How 'bout these names: Sword, Juno and Gold...are they somehow connected or related? Not NYC...

See **Trivia Answer** Page 7

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 14 June 2023 1100, National Flag Day Massing of the (Wednesday) Colors, Oahu Veterans' Center
- 16 June 2023 1115, Luncheon Meeting, Oahu Veterans (Friday) Center; Guest Speaker Walter Ozawa; Topic: SpARC, The Space-A Retirees Club
- 23 June 2023 0800, Golf Outing, Leilehua Golf Course, (Monday) 99 Leilehua Golf Course Road, Wahiawa
- 18 Aug 2023 1115, Membership Meeting/Luncheon; (Friday) Guest Speaker: Dennis Hwang; Topic: Hurricane Preparedness in Hawaii
- 2 Sep 2023 1200, Picnic, Foster Point, Hickam AFB
- 5 Oct 2023 0900, Scholarship Fund Committee Meeting, (Thursday) Cruickshank Room, Oahu Veterans' Center

NOTICE

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Hawaii Aloha Chapter Scholarship Fund

FINAL REPORT

2023 CHAPTER DONATIONS FOR ROTC & JROTC CADETS

Amount Received as of 31 May: \$9,305.10

PLATINUM CONTRIBUTORS (\$1,000 or MORE)

GOLD CONTRIBUTORS (\$500 — \$999)

Robert Lee; John Ma; Noriko Reed; Roberta Sullivan; Mark Webster

SILVER CONTRIBUTORS (\$100 — \$499)

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Marvin Baum; Reuben Bilan; Shirley Curtis; Soot Jew; Winifred Kam; Roger Kobayashi; Robert Nagao; Norman Pang; William Yamada

Plus 9 Anonymous Donors

If you donated in any of these categories and your name is not listed, call Mark Webster at 808-734-5994.

Chapter Scholarship Update

Submitted by **John Ma and
Toni Correia**

Last month our Chapter awarded 14 deserving JROTC cadets a \$750 scholarship each, to help further their education after high school. We also awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to outstanding cadets/midshipman from University of Hawaii's Army, Air Force and Navy ROTC programs. A big

mahalo to all presenters who presented awards and scholarships to deserving cadets/midshipmen and to Toni Corriea, Scholarship Trustee and ROTC/JROTC coordinator, for coordinating with the respective schools' JROTC/ROTC programs for their input. Despite her untiring efforts, not all high schools with a JROTC program submitted an applicant.

The Scholarship Committee also wants to thank everyone for their generous donations

to allow us to continue awarding scholarships to deserving cadets. As of the end of May we have collected over \$9,000 in donations. We are also seeking interested members who want to serve as trustees for our Scholarship Fund. Trustees normally serve a 3-year term and meet three times a year. If you are interested in serving, please contact John Ma at john.ma08@yahoo.com.

Never Stop Serving!



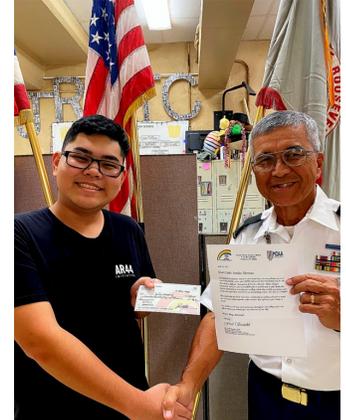
Hawaii Aloha Chapter Presentations at High School JROTC Awards Ceremonies



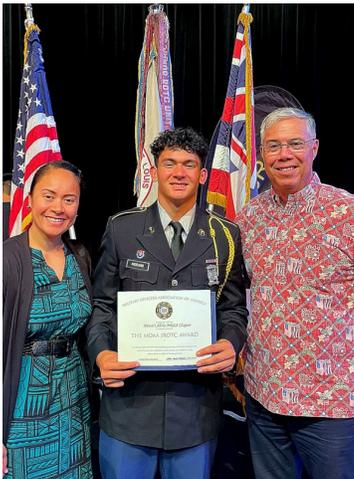
Toni Correia, a masked chapter member and Leilehua Cadet Cariza receiving MOAA Medal



Chapter Vice President Mike Fricano congratulating Aiea High School JROTC Cadet Sierra Galeon-Williams



Retired Major Rodney Kimura, in uniform, giving medal to Richard Shiruzu, St. Louis



JROTC Cadet Morano of St. Louis with his proud parents

Retired Marine Colonel Jason Seal standing behind proud award recipient John P., a cadet in Kapolei High School's Marine Corps JROTC program



Memorial Day Ceremony at National Memorial Cemetary of the Pacific, Punchbowl



Past Hawaii Aloha Chapter Presidents Wesley Fong, left, and Mark Webster flanking Hawaii Governor Josh Green and his wife Jaime Green after presentation of floral wreaths in remembrance



Navy ADM John C. Aquilino, Commander, U. S. Indo-Pacific Command, giving the patriotic and inspiring keynote address



After Wesley Fong, left, and Mark Webster, right, presented the chapter's wreath, and Karen Chang and her husband, Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi did likewise for the City & County, they met at the end of the ceremony



Chaplain's Corner

By Fred P. Staedel, ThD

Our country is being challenged with issues and controversies that can apparently only be solved by our government. Our human government functions with elected people and people are not perfect. But our government exists under its official motto; namely, "In God We Trust." So, can we rely in the knowledge and prayer that God is indeed the ultimate governor; the ultimate decider and guider? The answer is yes, we can and it can be said that we must. And seeing God as our ultimate governor was reaffirmed for our country in 1959 when the words "under God" were added to our official "Pledge of Alliance." Therefore, to pray for our country is not only a righteous and right idea, it can also be considered as our responsibility as citizens of our "God given country."

We seem to currently have what is being called a "divided country." Our elected governmental officials seem to appear to be "miles apart" when it comes to issue after issue, be they domestic or international. What are we to think about these elected people running our country under a democracy that functions as a republic? Who is right and who is wrong? One may even plead are these elected officials even listening for God's guidance? Can we as taxpayers rely on an actual God based government? The answer is yes if we carry in thought and prayer that our elected officials are indeed God's servants and are guided by His governance. Doing this our taxes will be well spent and properly allocated. And this is confirmed by the Bible in Romans 13:6 which tells us: "This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing." We can pray knowing and keeping in thought that our Republic is indeed governed by God and our elected representatives are servants to His will.

Let us turn to the Holy Bible as the last and final word on the subject: "Of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. (Isaiah 9:7) **Fred** 

Happy Birthday, U. S. Army!



Every year on June 14th, the United States of America commemorates the creation of its army, which was first established by the Continental Congress back in 1775 to fight against the British during the American Revolutionary War. Throughout its history, the U.S. Army has played a vital role in protecting the security and interests of the United States, both domestically and abroad, so it comes as no surprise that the nation takes pride in this institution and wishes to celebrate it on the anniversary of its inception 248 years ago.

History of the U.S. Army

In 1775, as tensions rose between the Colonies of America and the British, which inevitably led to war, the Second Continental Congress authorized the enlistment of ten companies of riflemen. The Congress also created a committee to establish rules and regulations for the newly created Army. Thus the Continental Army was born and was immediately placed under the leadership of General George Washington, who was leading the revolutionary efforts against British forces.

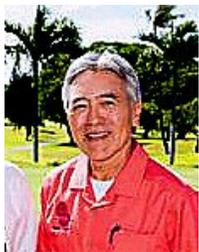
During the war for independence, the army was known as the Army of the United Colonies and, after the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, it changed its name to Army of the United States. The Army continued to expand and increase in numbers, and would have an active role in internal and external conflicts throughout its years in active service. It had an important role in the expansion of the U.S. borders, which were pushing to the west, entering into conflicts with the Native American tribes, as well as engaging in the War of 1812 and the Mexican-American War in the 1840s.

In 1861, the Army found itself again at the center of another military conflict, the Civil War, and it fought to preserve the Union (the northern colonies) and end slavery. The war resulted

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May Golf Report

HAMOAA Golf News



Leslie Bise
Director of
Golf (DOG)

One of the annual community service projects that the HAMOAA Golf Club has traditionally volunteered for is the Hawaii Army Museum Golf Tournament. Officially, the tournament is called the MG Herbert E. Wolff Memorial Golf Tournament. This is held at the Leilehua Golf Course, and always on the third Friday in June. This year the tournament is on 16 June 2023, with a 12 noon “shot-gun” start. This is the only fundraising event that the museum conducts annually, which supports the museum’s operations and events such as induction ceremonies to the Gallery of Heroes, annual Ihe Award recognition to select community leader, hosting tours of the museum for high school JROTC units, and much more. We are seeking volunteers to help at this year’s tournament as Par 3 Observers. Please consider joining the tournament as a player or volunteer observer. Players can register through website: HamsGolf.com. Volunteers, please contact Les Bise (contact info below).

At Klipper Golf Course, the sun was shining, trade wind weather dominated the week’s forecast. A perfect day for our golf club. Just a total opposite the last time the club played at Klipper; rain, thunder, and black clouds (with a few sun breaks). 17 players were enjoying the golf course on Monday.

Our team placement with the blind draw for 22 May 2023:

- 1st Place: **Alika Watts** / Andrei Soto
- 2nd Place: **Walter Kinoshita/Lance Okihara**
- 3rd Place: **Marvin Baum** / Daryl Yamashiro

Our next outing is scheduled for Leilehua Golf Course, 23 June 2023, Friday, first tee at 08:36. News Flash: Yes this is a change to our tee time on our schedule; conflicts with other clubs playing on Friday have adjusted our play for 23 June 2023. Mahalo for being flexible (this has been the 5th change this year).

MOAA members and guests are invited to join our golf outings. Please contact **Les Bise**, bisel001@hawaii.rr.com; 808-227-1462. 

Hau'oli lā hānau

Partial List of Known June Babies

Robert Fishman	6/05	Charles Miller	6/18
Shigeru Kataoka	6/05	Roy Ota	6/18
Jason Seal	6/05	Thomas Marzec	6/21
Richard Vonier	6/09	Peter Pawling	6/23
Melvin Kau	6/10	Richard Hacker	6/27
Richard Leong	6/11		



Best Wishes for many, many more Birthdays!

Army from Page 5

in the largest loss of life of any conflict in U.S. history, with over 600,000 soldiers killed. During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the U.S. Army had been mainly active in overseas conflicts, including the Spanish-American War, the Philippine-American War, and World War I. Although initially staying out of the war, the U.S. Army played a crucial role in defeating Germany, Japan, and their allies during World War II.

Over the past decades, the U.S. Army has continued to be involved in a number of conflicts around the world, including the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Gulf War, as well as having an active role in the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars. Currently, the U.S. Army has more than 480,000 active members and is one of the largest armies in the world. 

Add these Websites to your “Bookmarks”

<http://www.moaa.org>
<http://takeaction.moaa.org>
<http://www.moaa-hawaii.org>

Luncheon from Front Page

You may remember that our chapter is having events only every other month this year. Mark your calendar to ensure you don't miss this month's friendly fellowship, fabulous food, and a tantalizing talk by Walter. See you at 1115, Friday, 16 June!



Hawaii Aloha Chapter, MOAA

RESERVATION FORM

June Luncheon Meeting Catered Buffet Luncheon 1115, Friday, 16 June 2023

Oahu Veterans' Center

1298 Kukila Street, Foster Village, Honolulu, HI 96818

Lunch: Boneless BBQ Teriyaki Chicken, Meat Jun with Sauce, Breaded Fish with Tartar Sauce, White Rice, Potato Macaroni Salad, Tossed Salad with Chef's Choice Dressing, and Cake

Guest Speaker: COL Walter Ozawa, USA, Retired Topic: SPARC, The Space-A Retiree Club and Trips

Member: _____ Spouse: _____

Guest(s): _____ Transportation (Check if needed)

Cost = \$13.00 per person. _____ x \$13.00 = \$ _____ +

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 Monday, 12 June 2023 to:

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

Call Mike Fricano at 808-386-8575, if necessary, for more information

Trivia Answer

6 June 1944 is always remembered as D-Day... and Normandy landing beaches were Sword, Juno, Gold, Omaha and Utah from E to W...

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

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Telephone Numbers H=Home/C=Cell

E-mail

Applicant's Signature

Recruiter/Sponsor's Name

Mail Application Form and Membership Dues Check to Hawaii Aloha Chapter, MOAA P. O Box 201441 Honolulu, HI 96820

CHECK APPLICABLE BOXES

STATUS RANK SERVICE

- [] Active [] US Army
[] Reserve [] USAF
[] National Guard [] US Navy
[] Retired from AD [] USCG
[] Retired from Res. [] USMC
[] Former Officer [] USPHS
[] Surviving (indicate [] 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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