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Hawaii Chapter, Military Officers Association of America

RESOLUTION

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

“Be it resolved that the Hawaii Chapter, Military Officers Association of America supports the President of the United States in his decision to free the people of Iraq by removing Saddam Hussein and his regime; to destroy the biological, and chemical weapons within that country; and to prevent further support of terrorists and terrorist activities emanating from Iraq; that the Chapter praises the exceptional efforts of the coalition soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and coast guardsmen in swiftly executing a superb war-plan designed by General Tommy Franks, his component commanders and staffs; that the Chapter mourns the loss of American and British servicemen and women killed in action and prays for the quick recovery of those wounded in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and furthermore, that the Chapter encourages a rapid but well implemented transition to a government by and for Iraqis that provides for long lasting freedom, peace and prosperity for the people of Iraq.”



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"My anxious recollections, my sympathetic feeling, and my best wishes are irresistibly excited whensoever, in any country, I see an oppressed nation unfurl the banners of freedom."

Once again, thanks to Gayle Gardner for providing a timely and "on target" quote by George Washington as we witness the Iraqi people unfurling the banner of freedom. Now lies the challenge to the free world to help Iraq get back on its feet as a free nation. It was with pride and pleasure that the Chapter Resolution on the cover page was approved by your Executive Committee and sent on to General Tommy Franks.

What generous and caring members we have in our Chapter! Our donations in 2002 provided over \$700 to Foodbank, \$1000 to the Air Force Family Support Center, \$2000 to the ROTC program and another \$300 to the USO and other Military related charities. This year we plan to expand the ROTC scholarships to three \$500 College scholarships. Individual Honor Roll degrees for your annual cumulative donations are: Gold \$100 +; Silver \$50-\$99; and Bronze \$25-49. Thank you and keep those checks rolling in!!!

Good work Judith, for the gourmet April dinner at the Kapiolani Community College cooking school. It was a sell out and we were privileged to hear from our own Bill Cope about his bombing a Japanese battleship at Guadalcanal during WW II and from his close friend, Phillip Rasmussen on his air combat with Japanese Zeros on the morning of December 7, 1941. We salute you both and thank you for sharing your most interesting stories straight from the cockpit.

Aloha, Jack

MAY

- 1 May (Thurs) LAVA Meeting Hickam O'Club (1130)
- 3 May (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) Computer Training Bishop Museum Paki Bldg. (1000)
- 13 May (Tues) Kona Satellite meeting, Regency Kailua-Kona (1130)
- 14 May (Wed) Personal Affairs Committee Meeting at Hickam O'Club (1130)
- 16 May (Fri) Excom meeting, Hickam O'Club (1200)
- 17 May (Sat) Hilo Satellite meeting , Café 100 (1200)
- 23 May (Fri) Chapter Social – Lanikai Mortgage Players – Happy Hour (1900) Showtime (2000)
- 31 May (Sat) MOAA Party Bridge – Reservations

JUNE

There will be no LAVA meeting in June.

- 7 June (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) Computer Training Bishop Museum, Paki Bldg. (1000)
- 10 June (Tues) Kona Satellite Meeting at Sam Choy Restaurant (1130)
- 19 June (Thurs) Chapter Social - Big Band and Mongolian Night, Hickam O'Club (1800)
- 20 June (Fri) Excom meeting, Hickam O'Club (1200)
- 21 June (Sat) Hilo Satellite Meeting at Café 100 (1200)
- 28 June (Sat) MOAA Party Bridge – Reservations Call Robbie Gee at 255-4558 (1900)

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THINNING OF THE RANKS

Cdr Jene Bixler, USN, died on March 26.
 He is survived by his wife, Pat of Kailua.

SUMMERTIME SOCIAL EVENTS

July is vacation time on our social program and no activities are planned.

PICNIC AT BELLOWS: Our traditional Chapter Summer Picnic will be held at Bellows on Sunday, August 10, starting at noon. Mark your calendar today. The picnic co-chairs once again are Roberta and George Sullivan, with lots of help from other members.

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Tip of the Hat to Chapter Member Kelley

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly is leader of the U.S. delegation meeting with Chinese and North Korean delegates in Beijing in late April. These talks bring together these three governments for the first time since they negotiated the armistice ending the Korean War. Secretary Kelly will visit Seoul for meetings immediately after the Beijing talks. Jim and his wife, Audrey, resided in Hawaii for many years and still have a home in Aiea. We are proud that Jim is a member of our Chapter and we support his efforts to bring peace and stability to the region.

May News Update -Luana Koa

We are doing a grand job of soliciting a 77% majority of military participation of priority reservations in the first phase of Luana Koa. One of the questions often asked of me is: "What does the full continuum of healthcare on a fee for services mean?" The answer is that the campus (Luana Koa) allows for the resident to age in place. Hopefully, the independent resident will never need the health care that is available on campus, but if the independent resident lives on the campus for the rest of his/her life, it is realistic to expect at some point in time that health care services will be needed. Should they be needed, the following services will be available, (a) home care, (b) a full-on medical clinic with a medical director, (c) assisted living - all levels, (d) a memory support residence (stand alone) specifically for helping those afflicted with Alzheimer's disease or other memory disorders, and (e) a modern skilled nursing facility with the most up to date equipment available. Insurance should cover the costs of most of the care, but if insurance runs short and the resident is unable to pay, these costs can be subtracted from the entrance fee. Thus, the entrance fee is a self insurance plan if needed. If the entrance fee is expended, there will be funds available from a benevolent care fund foundation to absorb the costs so that no one in the community will ever be put out on the street.

The Bridge Corner by Robbie Gee

TROA Party Bridge Group celebrated its February 22 meeting in "Miller Style" at the Kailua home of Jack and Carita Miller. The five tables of friendly bridge players were led by winner Les Ihara, guest Clyde Friar, Peggy Hurless, and hostess Carita Miller. Others enjoying the frivolity were guests Phyllis Brasser and Darnelle Friar, plus new members Chuck Staley and "Cile" Dooley, and regulars Bob and Robbie Gee, host Jack Miller, Bill and Debby Martin, Shirley Ihara, Wally Barker, Marian Davis, Bev and Gary Jensen, Pennie Penterman, and Bud Hurless.

The March 29 gathering was hosted by Bud and Peggy Hurless at the Hawaii Kai condo of Bob and Robbie Gee where there was no shortage of bad cards. However, Les Ihara must have kissed the Blarney Stone because he again took first place, followed by Bob Gee and Peggy Hurless in 2nd and 3rd places. Keeping them company were Robbie Gee, Shirley Ihara, Bud Hurless, Pennie Penterman, Judith Breitwieser, Chuck Staley and Cile Dooley, Wally Barker and Beverly Wilms. At least the good company and good dessert made up for the poor hands some were dealt!

Remember to call me at 255-4558 not later than the weekend beforehand to reserve your seat at the bridge table. Nonsmoking players of all abilities are welcome with or without a partner. This is a FUN bunch who are enjoying another opportunity to observe the group's eleventh anniversary and socialize with their TROA/MOAA friends and who don't take their bridge too seriously! The group usually meets on the last Saturday of the month at 7pm at various locations around the island on a rotation basis, but watch your Pau Hana Koa each month for the dates, as exceptions do occur.

Legislative Affairs Veterans Affairs (LAVA) Captain George Sullivan USN



Congressman Neil Abercrombie Meets with Oahu Veterans Council

On Saturday morning April 26 Congressman Abercrombie stopped by the Fleet Reserve Association for over one hour to talk to the monthly meeting of the Oahu Veterans Council (OVC). The congressman traveled home while the House and Senate were taking a two week recess. His message, "It only takes money." He talked about the Federal Budget and various veterans bills pending in congress. On Concurrent Receipt, he does not expect any change this year.... He asked for the veterans groups to provide him positions on the Uniformed Services Divorce Equity Act of 2003. The bill revises the rules relating to court ordered apportionment of retired pay between the serviceman and former spouse. Abercrombie noted that this Act will not be retroactive but the end result needs to be "fair" to both parties.... Marell Malak, a long time member of MOAA and treasurer of the OVC, asked the Congressman for his support on eliminating the "offset" in the Survivor Benefit Plan. He said that he had not studied the Bill but would spend some time on it and knew that many people had written to him on the subject. I said, "It would be nice to see you listed as a co-sponsor of this Bill." The Council thanked Abercrombie for his support to veterans and in turn the Congressman thanked the Council for their support to Hawaii veterans and for providing him with positions on various issues over the years.

MOAA Leaders Storm Hill

Council and Chapter Presidents from the 50 states and Puerto Rico, accompanied by members of MOAA's national Board of Directors and headquarters staff, swarmed Capitol Hill to visit representatives' and senators' offices on key MOAA legislative initiatives.

The "Hill Stormers" - wearing lapel stickers declaring "Support Our Troops -- Protect Our Families," - thanked their legislators for supporting those serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere at home and abroad and urged their attention to key legislative initiatives affecting the military community.

Specifically, they asked legislators to support bills (H.R.548 and S. 451) to end the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity reduction that affect military survivors age 62 and older. Legislators were shown a brochure illustrating the unfairness of this benefit cut compared to what enrollees were promised and compared to better coverage provided federal civilian survivors.

They also urged a 4.1% pay raise for all uniformed services and rejection of the Administration's proposal to cap raises at 2% for commissioned officers of the U.S.

Public Health Service and National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration.

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LAVA Chairman's Comments

2003 is a non-election year and therefore I do not expect any bills that are important to veterans and retirees to make it through the Congress. Rather this year should be used as a "positioning year". The Survivor Benefit Plan "offset" elimination, which is finally receiving the support it should (222 co-sponsors in the House and 23 in the Senate), is still at least a year away from enactment. Concurrent Receipt legislation does not stand a chance this year even with 261 co-sponsors in the House and 53 in the Senate. This does not mean that there should be a let up on the "cards and letters" to our legislators.

Memorial Day

Monday, May 26 we remember our troops that gave the ultimate sacrifice. Ceremonies are at Punchbowl, Kaneohe, and Arizona Memorial.



Personal Affairs Committee (PAC)

Senior Pharmacy/DOD Mail Order Pharmacy

By John Harms, Colonel, US Marine Corps (ret.)

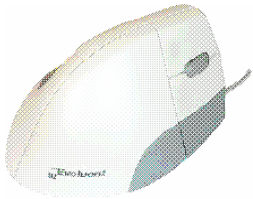
Well the “big switch” has occurred, and the military mail order pharmacy programs are now being administered by Express Scripts. I have heard from some of our members who went through the new process with no difficulty. I was surprised when I telephoned in three refills and used the old MedCo prescription number, and they had transferred to the Express Scripts database so with a couple of responses to the refill automated system, the medicine arrived within five days via our friends of the US Postal Service. Again Express Scripts telephone number is 1-866-363-8667 or on the Internet www.express-script.com. For new or updating old prescriptions mail the doctors prescription form to Express Scripts, PO Box 52150, Phoenix, AZ, 85072-9954. Or you or your doctor can fax the new or updated prescription to 1-877-895-1900. Remember to have the patient AND sponsor (if different) names on prescription along with the Social Security number of the sponsor so that qualification of beneficiary can be verified. If you are having problems you can call the TRICARE 1-877-363-6337. Again, any questions please call me at 261-2282. REMEMBER this program is for **both** TRICARE and TRICARE FOR LIFE qualified participants. Costs are \$9.00 for branded and \$3.00 for generic medications for a 90-day supply.

American Ex-Prisoners of War Ceremonies

By Col. John Harms – US Marine Corps (ret.)

On April 9th I was privileged to represent our Chapter at the American Ex-Prisoners of War POW/MIA recognition day at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl. There were 80 former POW's from WWII, Korea and Vietnam and their families present as well as many guests and friends. The keynote speaker, Gen David A Bramlett, US Army (ret.) provided some interesting insights as to the POW's of past conflicts and what recently happened in Desert Storm and is now happening in Iraq Freedom. Many past conflict POW's spent many years in the captivity of the enemy, while the two recent middle east conflicts, time in captivity was relatively short. This does not mean that the psychological and physiological trauma of mistreatment of POW's in the hands of the enemy is any different, but that the tempo of war has changed but the impact on a POW in many ways is the same. Also in Iraq Freedom we now have the first woman POW. Some interesting statistics were also discussed by some of the POW's stating that approximately 4% of those POW's captured in WWII European Theater did not make it home, while approximately 35% of those Pacific Theater did not return home. Our Chapter presented a beautiful antherium flower memorial wreath during this ceremony.

A fine banquet for these veteran warriors was held at the Hale Koa. The Korean Consulate provided entertainment by a classical Korean folk dance team. This year is the 50th Anniversary of the Cease Fire of the Korean War (1953 to 2003). Maj. Gen. Robert Lee, Adjutant General, State of Hawaii provided the keynote address. Other former POW's came up to the podium to give some of their and their comrades' experiences as a POW, primarily WWII Bataan Death March and Korean War survivors. One shocking statistic provided by one of four Bataan Death March survivors living in Hawaii was that during the 65 mile march from the Bataan Peninsular to the march termination area north of Clark Air Base, one prisoner died every 15 paces. Those type of hardships and agony are very difficult to comprehend no less accept. Thank you for the opportunity to represent you our Chapter members at this truly memorial event.



TUG Column for May PHK

By now I expect you all have refilled your inkjet cartridges for pennies instead of bucks! Thanks to Universal Inkjet Refills and their Honolulu Representative, Terrance we learned just how to do it without a lot of problems! So, what else have you been up to? Glad you asked, I've found a pretty nifty web camera at a really good price for those of you who want to try the fun world of instant messaging with video or just making videos to send with your e-mails! And, if you just want to do snapshots, well of course it does those too! The Argus PC300 PC Cam/Web Cam/Video Camera comes complete with a built-in microphone, precise focus tuning as well as audio & video e-mails and calls and a whole lot more!!! The Argus PC300 Web Cam (\$23.95 on the web) makes it easier—and less expensive—to video conference on line. This new USB camera allows anyone to see and hear you online, while you chat. The PC300 is a 300,000 pixel camera with a built-in microphone that can transmit a video image at 30 frames per second. It also features precise focus, video e-mail, video calling capability, webcasting, video monitoring, instant messaging and it's Internet ready. Includes chat software like Microsoft Instant Messenger, but I found it works better with Yahoo Messenger.

With VideoImpression you can edit and combine your video files. New videos can be made using existing video, animation, and picture files on your computer. You can also build desktop video presentations. The easy-to-use 'drag and drop' interface lets you put your video together in a sequential "Storyboard". The Album organizer provides a thumbnail preview of all supported file types before dragging and dropping selected files onto the Storyboard. The files can then be organized in any sequence to create a new video. Video files (MPEG-1 MOV or AVI) can be trimmed to cut out unwanted scenes; still image files can be included to display a mix of video and image files. Support for two soundtracks allows narration and background music to be added and edited. Special transition and text effects can be added to your files to jazz up your video. Create video intros with lots of templates or create your own custom title pages using VideoImpression's text functions with your image files. The font, size and color of the text can be selected and then the text can be placed anywhere on the image. Preview the newly created video sequence and save your new video in AVI, MPEG-1 or ArcSoft VideoImpression format. Saving your video as a VideoImpression executable (EXE) file compresses the video to an email friendly size and includes a player for easy playback on most Windows 95, 98, ME and XP systems. As I said, this is a really a nifty piece of gear at an affordable price.

Speaking of gadgets, how about this one: New wristwatch phone does it all while looking cool! All your dreams as a child of having the greatest gadget, a wristwatch phone, have finally come true. A company in Japan will start selling a wristwatch that snaps off to become a mobile phone later this year. To get the skinny on this sweet tech toy, go to: http://datadr.com/redirect/Wrist_CellPhone

Here's a tip, courtesy of Jeff Levy for Word 2002 users: In previous versions of MS Word, you couldn't highlight bits of text that were not next to each other. In Word 2002, you can do that. This new feature makes it easy to highlight several pieces of text and apply formatting to them simultaneously. It's easy. First, highlight the first bit of text, and then while holding down the Ctrl key, highlight any other text. Once you have highlighted all of the text you want, you can apply changes like bold, underline, italic, and even different fonts and text size.

Finally, if you aren't getting critical updates automatically, read and heed the following Microsoft announces Critical Security Flaw! Microsoft warned of a critical flaw that was found in its Windows Virtual Machine software. Microsoft VM is used in most operating systems and Internet Explorer versions. The risk is considered 'critical' which is the highest security breach they have. The vulnerability allows the attacker to execute code of his or her choice after the victim is enticed to go to a specific web site. Microsoft advises customers to download the patch immediately from its Web site www.microsoft.com/security

That's it for this month! Hope to see you at our next meeting! Visit www.the_tug.homestead.com
Until then, Happy Computing,

Lou

**MOAA MAY SOCIAL PROGRAM
MELODRAMA TIME IN LANIKAI ONCE AGAIN!!!**

**“The Belles of St. Swindlers”
or
“Will She Disrobe for the Wrong M.D.?”**

When: Friday night – 23 May 2003

Time: Social Hour – 7:00 p.m.

Curtain Call – Showtime: 8:00 p.m.

Where: Lanikai Community Center, Kailua

Tickets: \$10.00 each – Includes Show ticket and set-ups

Social Hour (7-8): Bring your own bottle (soft drinks/ice provided).

Bring a pupu too share.

**Mail Reservations by May 12, 2003 with checks payable Hawaii Chapter MOAA to:
Judith Breitwieser
1403 Onioni St.
Kailua, Hawaii 96734**

**Judith has reserved sixty tickets for the Chapter so send in your
reservation ASAP or call Judith at 262-7953
or e-mail at: Hawaiijudith@webtv.net**

Judith: We will be there – Name tags to read: _____

Number of tickets @ \$10.00 each _____
JROTC scholarship donation _____
Total _____

MARK YOUR CALENDER

A HEADS UP FOR NEXT EVENT – JUNE 19, 2003

Special seating reserved for the Chapter at the Hickam O’Club Mongolian Night – with a 22 piece High School “Big Band” music. No chapter tickets just pay for the Mongolian Dinner as you go through the line. Contact Judith if you would like to attend so we can reserve the correct number of seats. Suggest arrival time 6:00 p.m.



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Chapter Social Program:
23 May (FRIDAY), 6:30 p.m.
Lanikai Mortgage Players Show

Membership Application for the Hawaii Chapter of Military Officers Association of America
Check all that apply. Application for: New member Renewal Regular member Auxiliary member Date _____
Name: _____ Male Female
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Please fill in the next three lines with information on the applicant. If you checked auxiliary member above, please provide this information on your spouse.
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