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MY AIR AMERICA RESCUE

or

(Just Another Routine Mission for Air America)

Capt. Burton L. Waltz/USAF---21 November 1964, Tan Son Nhut, Saigon

The mission was naissance along the Ho handle of Laos. I was to corts (80thTFS/Korat) miles NW of Da Nang. at Tan Son Nhut that **Major George Hall**, target had just come in to be in the area“. The an F-100 the day before were requested.



fragged for a route recon- Chi Minh trail in the pan- join up with two F-105 es- at the KC-135 tanker, 100 As I climbed up the ladder morning, my ops officer, told me that an additional and-----”since you are going Pathet Lao had shot down and photos of the gun site

The Thuds were at the tanker and we all took on fuel. **Capt. Charles McClarren** was flying the lead F-105. The weather wasn't too bad, broken stuff with the bases about 2000-3000 ft. along the Mekong. It was down to about 800 ft. up in the hills & karsts around Mu Gia Pass.

We started at the south end near Attopeu. We worked our way north through Saravane, Tchepone, Mahaxay and finished at Mu Gia Pass. All went well and we saw no ground fire. After Mu Gia, I climbed up to about 8000 ft. and told Capt. McClarren that I had one more target just south of the Mu Gia.(Ban Phan Hop).

I made a wide swing to the north, then southeast and found a hole and headed back west, descending to the target. As soon as I was under the clouds (800 ft.), I saw the target right on the nose. (I was doing a little over 500K.)

The first golf ball (37mm) hit on the right wing tip. I took 6 solid hits in the wing and belly before I had a chance to move the stick. Every light in the cockpit came on, both engines were out and there was a lot of smoke. I got the nose up and then the stick froze. (McClarren later told me the wing fell off just as I left the aircraft.) **See Rescue, page 4.**

Former Air America Pilot Glen Van Ingen To Speak at May Luncheon

Adventure, intrigue, danger, sacrifice-- words that fit Air America well. Air America was a CIA - owned and - operated "air proprietary" during the Cold War against the global menace of communism. From 1946 to 1976, Civil Air Transport (CAT) and Air America served alongside U.S. and allied intelligence agents and military personnel in the Far East, often in dangerous combat and combat support roles. Behind a shroud of strict secrecy, many Air America personnel were unaware that they were "shadow people" in counterinsurgency operations. Some 87 of them were killed in action in China, Korea, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia and elsewhere. Though many of those Asian countries eventually fell to the communists, the contributions of Air America personnel to the cause of freedom remain unparalleled in aviation history. CAT and Air America personnel were the first Americans in China and Korea and, after the U.S. military had withdrawn from Vietnam, Air America pilots risked their lives to evacuate the last Americans. Air America -- "First in, last out". **Reservations - page 4.**



Coming Events May

- 2 May (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000 OVC
- 11 May (Mon) PAC Mtg 1000 Panel/Program 1030
Hawaii Kai Retirement Community
- 15 May (Fri) EXCOM Mtg 1115 MCBH O'Club
- 20 May (Wed) Chapter Luncheon 1130 OVC
- 21 May (Thu) Doleman Award 1200
Hilton Hawaiian Village
- Memorial Day Ceremonies - See page 7 for details

Coming Events June

- 6 Jun (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000 OVC
- 19 Jun (Fri) EXCOM Mtg 1115 MCBH O'Club
- No Chapter Social Event



PERSPECTIVES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

by CDR John L. Miller – USN (Ret.)

It's a new ball game!

It's not new but. . . There was a well attended Tea Party in America on April 15th to protest high taxes and burdening the grandchildren with an enormous national debt.

The “war on terror” has been replaced by the new state of the art term “Overseas Operational Contingencies”. If you are on the receiving end of a terrorists sniper, road bomb explosion or a suicide bomb attack it may hurt. So I say if it looks like a duck, talks like a duck and walks like a duck – it probably is a duck. I am not big on semantics or political correctness. So I say the war on terror continues – if you have any doubt ask our deploying Soldiers, Airman, Sailors, Marines and American Merchant ship Captains off the coast of Somalia.

Now for some good news. The U.S Geological Survey reports that the Technically Recoverable Oil assessed in the North Dakota and Montana's Bakken Shale Formation is 25 times more than the 1995 estimate or 3 to 4.3 Billion – (that's Billion with a B) – Barrels of oil. About 105 million barrels of oil were produced from the Bakken Formation by the end of 2007.

In 1959, Castro led a revolution against the U S, supported Cuban President Batista. Jeffrey Davidow, Obama's chief adviser for the April Summit of the Americas, has made clear that the President plans to ease travel restrictions to Cuba for American citizens. The President also plans to remove the limits on the amount of remittances that Americans with relatives in Cuba, can send back to Cuba. So the 47 year embargo against communist Cuba may be coming to an end.

I recommend a search of Google for the 2008 You Tube video "Did you know 3.0" You will find a new ball game of startling assorted facts –

1 out of 8 couples married last year met online. In the U. S., 70% of the four year olds have used a computer. The amount of new technical information is doubling every year. For students starting a four year technical degree study, this means that half of what they learn in their first year will be outdated by their third year of study. The average worker in the U.S. according to the Department of Labor will have 10 to 14 jobs by age 38. In 2006, Google had 2.7 billion searches a month. In 2009, there are 31 billion searches on Google a month. The average U.S 21 year old has had 10,000 hours of video games and 10,000 hours on the phone. The 25% of India's population with the highest I.Q. is more than the total population of the U.S. This means that India has more honor students than America has students. NTT Japan successfully tested a new fiber optic cable that pushes 14 trillion bits per second down a single strand of fiber.

Now back to the good old days with some advice from the cowboy philosopher Will Rogers: Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco. --- The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket. --- If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging. --- Always drink upstream from the herd. --- One must wait until the evening to see how splendid the day has been. --- Never miss a good chance to shut up...

So bye for now, Jack



A Prayer for our Military:

'Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.'

-- CHAPTER SOCIAL EVENTS --

--THIS MONTH--

**AIR AMERICA DURING THE VIETNAM ERA
PRESENTATION by GLEN VAN INGEN**

**JUNE
NO EVENT**

**JULY 23 @1730
Hawaii State Chapter 50th Anniversary Dinner
Hale Koa**

**AUGUST 16 @1200
ANNUAL MOAA PICNIC - BELLOWS BEACH**

**NOVEMBER 21 @1030
Annual Meeting at Oahu Veterans Center**

**DECEMBER 9 @1730
Annual Christmas Dinner**

**Nominations for the 2009 Doleman Award
Now Being Accepted.**

The Doleman Award is presented annually to a retired officer in recognition of one's sustained volunteer service to the community. Nominees must be a member of National MOAA and a member of the Hawaii State Chapter of MOAA. Nominations along with their resumes are to be submitted to Lou Crompton either by e-mail (lcrompton@juno.com) or by mail to 1221 Victoria St. Apt. 2904, Honolulu, HI 96814. The cut off date is 14 May 2009.

**What term was used for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
in previous US wars?**

Civil War? Soldier's heart
World War I? Shell-shock
World War II? Battle fatigue
Today? PTSD

Thinning of the Ranks

The Chapter's ranks were not thinned in April.

Binnacle List

No serious illnesses have been reported this month.

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I don't remember much until the chute opened. I thought I was coming down faster than normal and I thought I was going to hit broadside on one of the karsts. I saw a huge fireball where the bird had hit and the next thing I knew I was in the trees. I thought maybe I had a broken nose because of blood on my sleeve but otherwise I was OK---- just hung up in this damn tree---and a long way from the ground.

I got the 70 ft. clothes line rope out and attached it to the harness---it just touched the ground. I started to do the "rappel" thing but as soon as I got my weight on the line, something broke and I fell the rest of the way.

I was in and out of consciousness and knew I was hurt pretty badly. I managed to get a flare off (with one hand and my teeth). Capt. McClarren saw the orange smoke seeping up through the tree tops; he then contacted an Air American helicopter pilot that was in the area and directed him to my location.

The next thing I heard was that "Whoop, Whoop, Whoop" of the chopper. I thought then that I might just have a chance to get out of this mess. The first guy I saw was a

mean, tough looking oriental guy and I figured it was over. I never even took my .357 out of the holster. There were three men there, two Laotian rangers and an Air Force Major. They tried to pick me up and then realized I was broken up pretty badly. One of them returned to the H-34 helicopter and came back with a blanket and they carried me out in that. The Air America pilot was **Ed Reid** and the Major was **Bob Schmidenback**, a T-28 Air Commando . They flew me to NKP where someone gave me a shot of morphine and then an SA-16 flew me to the 31st Field Hospital at Korat.

I don't remember much of the next 7 days. I had a broken arm, leg and ribs and the Doc had me on the critical list for five days. They then flew me to Kadena in a C-130 and I spent the next 4 months at Camp Kue Army Hospital in Okinawa. I was then sent on to Fitzsimmons Hospital in Denver for 5 months of rehab. I got back on flight status in 1 year and 1 day.

We had very little dedicated rescue aircraft that early in the conflict. If that Air America chopper had not been there to help, I would probably still be somewhere on that jungle floor. Thanks Air America!

Wednesday, 20 May Luncheon Event -- The Story Can NOW be told!

----- AIR AMERICA ----- "First in, last out"

Speaker: Glen T. Van Ingen - Former Air America Pilot

Where: Oahu Veterans Center -- Foster Village ----- Reservations cut off date -- May 15, 2009

Doors Open 1100 Lunch 1130 Speaker 1215

Lunch: Sauteed Mahimahi w/Wasabi Caper Sauce, Teriyaki Beef, Baked Ham w/ Pineapple Raisin Sauce, Rice, Veggies, Salad--Yumm

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Auxiliary Corner

Beth Ann Daigre, the member of MOAA's Auxiliary Advisory Committee who oversees Hawaii, visited the islands in March-April and met with Hawaii and Aloha Chapter members over lunch at the Willows.

Ms Daigre defined the principal mission of the MOAA Auxiliary as "spousal support" - making sure that survivors of serving and retired officers know that they are not alone, and that help with the necessary next steps is at hand. Auxiliary members are an integral part of the MOAA organization, both nationally and within the local chapters. They are considered regular Chapter members and urged to take part in Chapter meetings and activities in order to remain allied with the military community. They are welcomed as Chapter officers and committee members.

She was interested to learn of the activities of our Personal Affairs committee, which has members

from each service branch as well as the Auxiliary, and which makes certain that the "casualty officers" from each branch are there from the beginning. The local PAC has a checklist of numbers to call and forms to file to make sure that financial support continues, and assists with all the paperwork surrounding a serious illness or death. There is a wealth of printed "helps" available from National. Most PACs elsewhere content themselves with sending "get well" or condolence cards.

Auxiliary members in particular can provide follow-up and support during the difficult first year and beyond. You'll hear more about this aspect, which grew out of the luncheon discussion, as we develop a game plan and put it in place.

Those attending the lunch included Hawaii Chapter president Jack Miller and Carita Miller; Ron Bezanson, Anna Blackwell, and Trish Kubach from the PAC; Mitzi Austin, Esther Takenaka, and Marion Von from Aloha Chapter; Ms Daigre, and her aunt, Donna Nielsen. *Aloha - Anna*

Marine Aviators DO Get to Heaven

By Dick Cooper – Pikes Peak Chapter MOAA

It was late at night as the Pope, who had departed this world, was approaching the Gates of heaven. There was no one around, but there was a small shack just prior to the Gates with a light on. The Pope stepped into the shack and startled a young man half asleep sitting at a small gray desk.

"Excuse me" said the Pope, "but I'm supposed to check in here with St. Peter, but there is no one at the Gate".

"Yea, Yea" said the young man, "Where are your orders?"

"I don't have any orders," said the Pope.

"Well it's to late to check in tonight anyhow," said the young man, "Just go around to the back of the building, find a rack and dump your gear in a locker. St. Peter will be here in the morning and you can check in then."

The Pope grabs his stuff and walks around the building only to find a WW II style open bay barracks. The racks are stacked three high and the only open one is all the way at the end of the building, and it's on top. He drags his stuff to the end of the building, but there is no locker for him. He takes a deep breath, thinks about it for a minute and decides this is just one final test. He crawls up into the top rack and falls asleep.

Suddenly he is awakened by a loud commotion outside the barracks. As he walks outside he sees a huge crowd of angels cheering and clapping as a gold convertible limousine approaches. As it draws nearer the Pope sees a guy in a flight suit and Navy leather flight jacket in the back seat with a beautiful angel on each arm, a beer in his hand and he is smoking one of the biggest cigars the Pope has ever seen. The Pope turns to the young guy who checked him in and asks, "Who is that guy?"

"A fighter Pilot," the young man replies.

The Pope says, "I don't get it. I worked hard all of my life to do God's work on earth. As a young man I studied hard at the seminary, as a priest I labored hard to tend my flock and provide guidance when they strayed. I struggled as a bishop to serve the church and as Pope, I was able to attract more followers of the faith. Yet, when I reach heaven, St. Peter isn't here to greet me. I have to carry my own bags. I'm even stuck in the top rack of an open bay barracks and I don't even have a locker for my bags!"

The young man looks at the Pope and says, "Look, we get a Pope every 20-30 years, but he is the only Marine Aviator who has ever made it!"



TUG by Colonel Lou Torraca, USAF (Retired)

Hurricanes, Tornados, Typhoons, Tsunamis, Blackouts, Brownouts, Powerouts, Volcanic Eruptions, Are you ready??

All of the above have a Hawaii history and since I recently received a really useful fuel cell power emergency kit, I was reminded that it's time to review or set-up an emergency kit for the family that contains the basics for a disaster that may last a few hours, a day or even a week. Following is a very brief portion of the State Civil Defense webpage...look at the date...it's May already...so what, you say...or you go click...June to November in Hawaii is Hurricane season, so think about what your plan is...what you need to wait out various factors like power out, cell phone out of charge, you can probably add a few of your own, but I encourage you to visit this web page and others like it to put your own plan together and start putting together your emergency kit. <http://www.scd.state.hi.us/>

Preparing For Disaster: Being prepared for disaster is important. When disaster strikes, you may not have ample time to respond and ensure the resources you and your family need to survive are available. Moreover, hundreds of other families in your area share the same concerns, and it will be difficult to get access to the necessities you need due to shortages and competition. Do not wait until the last minute and get caught in this situation. Disaster-time civilian response requires sound decision-making and action to save the lives of families and friends.

When determining your emergency needs, plan for the long haul. In any major disaster scenario, it may take 72 hours or more for emergency personnel to reach you. Emergency preparedness kits should contain the essentials your family needs to survive during a disaster. Having two is ideal; a multi-purpose kit that with provisions for more activities for the home, and a transportable slimmed down kit with bare necessities for survival when on the go. Any preparations should be accompanied by an emergency plan. Know where your family is and how to keep in contact in the event of a disaster. Most of all keep informed. Find out what disasters you may be affected by and plan accordingly. Determine and manage your emergency needs as required.

Recommendations for Disaster Preparedness Kit

When preparing a disaster preparedness kit, first plan for the essentials for survival. Think practical first, and think comfortable second. All essential needs should be able to fit in a 5 gallon bucket. Absolute necessities include food, water, and warmth. Foodstuffs should be high energy non-perishables and kept in sealed air-tight containers. Made-ready meals and canned goods are excellent choices for emergency food sources. It is safe to ration, the body can be maintained on half of your average caloric intake during an emergency. Provisions should include enough food supplies to last three days for each family member.

What about the fuel cell power emergency kit I mentioned? The Medis Xtreme Fuel Cell Power Emergency Kit is the world's first eco-friendly, personal fuel cell power system that delivers emergency lighting and mobile phone power when a user needs it most. Here is what the fact sheet for this kit says:

A better way to prepare for the next blackout

Power blackouts leave millions of people exposed and vulnerable every year. And traditional batteries may not help when it's time to power up the emergency essentials such as flashlight, most smart phones, regular cell phones as well as MP3 players, PDAs, Bluetooth accessories and more.

The Medis Fuel Cell Power Emergency Kit is built around the world's first personal fuel cell, delivering emergency power when a user needs it most. Unlike batteries, the Medis Fuel Cell does not self-discharge over time, so it's always ready to deliver instant power.

Users simply activate the Medis Fuel Cell Power Pack by squeezing it to access 20 watt-hours of instant energy for charging the user's cell phone multiple times* and the powerful 14-LED flashlight (included) for up to 100 hours, along with other portable devices.

Thanks to the Fuel Cell's long shelf life, users can stock up on multiple Power Packs for the home, office, car and boat, knowing that they'll always be ready for use.

Medis' patent-pending fuel cell technology is an electrochemical energy source that generates its own energy without the need for outlets, charging, or limitations of batteries. Unlike the toxic contents of batteries, it's a green, eco-friendly, and recyclable energy source with full UL and CE approval.

Disaster can strike at any moment. Be prepared with the Medis Fuel Cell Power Emergency Kit.

* Number of charges may vary depending upon phone or device and amount of energy available in device battery

Highlights

- The world's first fuel cell Power Pack in an all-in-one emergency kit
- Better than battery power – doesn't go flat on the shelf, doesn't need charging from the wall and doesn't contain toxic, hazardous chemicals
- Instant power – get emergency light and phone access the moment you need them.
- Versatile – compatible with many standard mobile phones, MP3 players, Bluetooth accessories and more; includes connector tips for Nokia phones, Mini USB and Micro USB devices.
- Long shelf life – stock up with multiple Power Packs for home or office.
- Green, eco-friendly, clean, alternative energy source – It's one of the greenest sources of backup power in the world and it's recyclable. Included Connectors:
- Mini USB, Micro USB, Standard Nokia, Nokia (2mm)

What's in the Box:

- Medis 24/7 Power Pack Fuel Cell Energy Source
- Advanced 14 LED Flashlight
- Standard Charger Cable with Standard Nokia Tip
- Additional Tips include Mini USB, Micro USB, Nokia (2mm)

You can find these kits on Amazon and also the replacement fuel cells after you use the one in the kit. Time to get started on your family emergency kit. Visit www.medistechnologies.com for additional details.

I'm still getting questions about backup. As regulars will recall, I wrote about Rebit backup in March and was very impressed with it. Now, they have added to their product line with software that will allow you to backup as many as 6 PCs. At first glance, that looks like a good idea for a small business, but what about your average family? Guess what, statistics show that more than ever are multi-PC ones. So, this could very well be the answer to your prayers. The cost is \$79 and using it is as simple as I explained in my March column. You just plug in an external hard drive that you have quick-formatted and insert the the software CD and that's it...your hard drive will automatically backup your complete computer, operating system, programs, files, pictures, and music too. When the hard drive is full, it will continue to backup by overwriting the oldest incremental backup, so you always have the most up-to-date version.

What about PCs in different parts of the house? You have a choice, either carry the hard drive around to each PC or laptop, or use a different hard drive for each. I did this for my wife's as her PC is downstairs and mine are up. External hard drives are not all that expensive anymore...I got a 1 TB one on Amazon for \$104 and that was a few months ago, so I'd bet they have come down more, since then.

Another option is to use an internal hard drive you may have, perhaps from an old PC or because you replaced one with a bigger size. I actually had an external HD I had purchased a very long time ago that is 250GB, pretty good size for a backup, but the power cord was faulty, needed to be wiggled every now and then to turn the HD back on...not very useful if you are trying to do a backup. I finally got all the backup files off it...with a lot of wiggle stops and starts and was considering buying a new external HD for the downstairs PC when I ran across an article about installing hard drives in external enclosures. I had done this a number of times, but the picture showed the external HD model I have so I decided to read it. Turns out the author had the same problem I had...bad power cord so all he did was take the drive out of the enclosure and put it into one he bought for that purpose, which only cost \$16. I was able to do this with an enclosure I had previously purchased to use with a HD I had replaced on my HP which turned out to be a bad one I couldn't use, so in the end, it all worked out just fine.

If you do decide to go this route, be sure and get an enclosure that matches your HD, either a SATA or a EIDE. Look at the connecting cables and you will see which will fit your HD, and of course, you can do it with a HD from either a PC (3.5") or from a Laptop (2.5") both are available. Once you are done you are ready to do a quick format and then install the software. I backed up my PC, my Laptop and my Notebook on my 1TB HD and as I said the other one, downstairs is connected to the 250GB HD I plugged into the external enclosure. I rotate the connection on the 1TB between the 3 a day at a time and it is working like a charm.

Another important item you should consider when you are setting up your backup for your computer(s) is an uninterruptible power supply (UPS) This allows you some time during a power failure to save any work you are doing and to shut down the computer or laptop you are working on to avoid problems. There are lots of good ones to choose from...you just need to know the specs on your equipment to decide which will work for you. They come in small size and large. Kim Komando <komando.com> has a good article on this under the buying guide heading...look for surge suppressors.

That should keep you busy for awhile, so start now and be ready for anything. Remember to be careful out there on the web, but have fun too! To help you in that category, here is a url you will really like: www.allmyfaves.com pick your category, click on the logo and you're there...it's that easy! Come see us the first or fourth Sat of the month. Visit www.the-tug.org. Also, for the full version of my column after the 1st of May, visit <https://secure.aroundhawaii.com/admin/>

Until next time, Aloha, Lou

WHAT THE HECK IS A “BLOG”

By John Harms and Jim Fromm



The term “blog” has entered the computer network lexicon with mad fervor over the past two years or more. You may remember how Pres. Obama used this technique as part of his election campaign quite effectively. Now not being a rocket scientist, my math skills probably would not pass a high school graduation requirement today; I tried to dissect this term so that it makes basic sense. First one must have the duty definition (So says Mr. Webster) so a “blog” is a basterdizing (or a contraction) of the term “web log” where in the past a person may keep a log of events, personal situations, or other material of interest to that individual. But, unlike our old “log” which many times was personal; a “blog” on the Internet is anything but! Here persons write up their opinions, pet peeves, anger vents at people or situations or just about anything else. Most “blogs” have an interaction segment, where you as the reader of the “blog” can correspond back to the “blogger” (or writer of the “blog”) your opinion, feedback, etc.. You may find pictures and/or videos as part of a “blog” message file that you can open at that Internet site to see visually the message the “blogger” is trying to convey. But to give you a little idea how large this computer communication system is, a reliable “blog” search engine (or in normal language – a computer program that searches the Internet for specific items like Google one of the most famous search engines) tracked more than 112 million blogs during the month of December 07. No this was not Santa Claus checking who is naughty and nice, just people discussing, venting or opinionating their thoughts on the Internet.

Like so many things on the Internet now, “reader beware”. There are no Federal or State regulations relative to “blog” content nor are there any filters in effect unless you have parent control software on your computer so you can control what Internet sites that particular computer can go to. So these bloggers say about anything, and some of the real “crazies” (my term) make the conclusion that no one and nothing in the world has value so they vent and vent some more. Jim Fromm (one of our TUG gurus) has experienced two “bloggers” getting into a “flaming” war of their opinions on their respective “blogs”. One attacks the other, the second feels offended and launches back and on it goes like an elementary school playground fight. “Oh yeh your mother wears combat boots, well yours does too but your mother’s boots stink etc.” BUT! Do not just write off “blogs” as why do I want to read that stuff on my computer. Many, many “blogs” are common interest groups like tennis, golf, travel, cooking and a key one medicine and disease. To get to these site just go into your Google rectangular box in your computer search engine (AOL, G-Mail, etc.) and type in “blog” then your subject. For example “blog civil war battles” and pages of interesting, researched and informed “blog” sites appear on your computer screen. Some of Jim Fromm’s favorites are: <http://hotair.com> – <http://lucianne.com> — www.democraticunderground.com - <http://newsbusters.org> – <http://www.cagle.com/politicalcartoons/>. Outstanding pictures from the Hubble Space telescope are: <http://antwrpsfc.nasa.gov/apod/astropix.html>. A couple last ones: Travel – <http://www.travelpod.com>; Quilting – <http://lizzyquilts.blogspot.com>; Sports – <http://sportsblogs.org> and the list go on. If you want to start your own blog go to: <http://www.wilhow.com/Start-a-Blog>.

So now that you have all the info you never wanted to know about “blogs” have some fun on the Internet but **BE SURE** you have a good fire wall installed and your virus definitions are up to date. This is needed for ANY Internet activity.

Memorial Ceremonies

Sunday, May 24, 2009 - Waikiki War Memorial - Natatorium at 1000

Monday, May 25, 2009 - National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific - Punchbowl at 0830

Mayor Mufi Hannemann

Monday, May 25, 2009 - Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery - Kaneohe at 1300

Governor Linda Lingle

