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BISHOP MUSEUM TOUR -- MAY 26TH



Our museum host is Dr. Emily Hawkins. Emily is a retired Associate Professor in Hawaiian Language (30 years) and a certified Bishop Museum Hawaiian Hall docent, having served there since the reopening of the Hall following its major renovation. The tour will include a 20 minute introductory overview followed by a 20-30 minute guided tour of the three floors of the "Hawaiian Hall". All tours are wheel chair accessible. Following the tour, members can remain and visit other varied displays and sections of the museum or, if you wish, go back and review what you saw on the docent tour. Relax, enjoy and learn more about the heritage of these Hawaiian Islands. Plan to arrive at 11:00 and proceed to the Museum's Atherton Halau for lunch and fellowship. Following lunch we will meet in the atrium for a brief introductory overview of the museum, then break up into separate groups to tour Hawaiian Hall.

Military Champions Honored

At a packed-house Capitol Hill ceremony on April 12, MOAA presented its top annual awards to eight individuals and organizations for their outstanding support of the military and veterans' community.

MOAA's Arthur T. Marix Award for Congressional Leadership (named in honor of MOAA's founder) was presented to: Sen. Daniel Akaka (D-HI) for his leadership in winning upgraded VA benefits for wounded warrior caregivers and women veterans and a package of major improvements to the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill; Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC) for championing efforts to upgrade military pay raises, eliminate penalties for disabled retirees and survivors, prohibit inappropriate TRICARE fee increases, and relieve inequities affecting Guard and Reserve members and families.

MOAA's Distinguished Service Award was presented to: William P. Hite, General President of the United Association of Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada, for leadership in helping veterans find meaningful jobs in the construction industry; Lieutenant General Jack C. Stultz, USA, Chief of the Army Reserve, for his innovative initiatives, including the Employer Partnership Program and the virtual installation concept to support families who don't live near military facilities; The Dollar General Corporation for its strong support of its Guard, Reserve and veteran employees and their families; Sesame Workshop for its work with the USO in establishing the "Sesame Street Experience for Military Families," which helps military families, and especially children, cope with deployment-related conditions.

MOAA's Colonel Paul W. Arcari Meritorious Service Award for congressional staff members was presented to Ms. Kim Lipsky, Staff Director of the Senate Veteran's Affairs Committee, and Mr. Jacob Parker of Rep. Tom Latham's staff for their tireless behind-the-scenes work with MOAA, The Military Coalition, and others to win support for a wide variety of legislation to support the military and veterans community.

Coming Events May

7 May (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000 OVC
20 May (Fri) EXCOM Meeting 1115 MCBH O'Club
26 May (Thu) Bishop Museum Tour and Lunch 1100
29 May (Sun) Natatorium Memorial Ceremony 1000
30 May (Mon) Punchbowl Memorial Ceremony 0830
30 May (Mon) HI State Veterans' Cemetery, Kaneohe Memorial Ceremony 1300

Coming Events June

4 Jun (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000 OVC
17 Jun (Fri) EXCOM Meeting 1115 MCBH O'Club
TBD Jun - 25th ID Unit Presentation,
Back from Afghanistan
Nehelani Banquet Center — Schofield



President's Perspective by LtCol Tom Smyth USMC (Ret)

Aloha. Whew, it was too close to call, as federal legislators ran out the clock to keep government open. The fact that our troops might not have gotten full pay with almost no notice may have influenced a settlement since that aspect got lots of public attention. Hopefully, they've learned to play together without bullying, so this won't happen again.

Here in Hawaii, our legislators and county council members, a more congenial lot, move ahead to try and find more revenue (taxes!) and also cut some programs (hopefully not the ones we use or like!). Their job is not easy and as this is written the legislature has two weeks to wind up their session, with county councils having a little longer to finish.

Your MOAA Chapter has testified about 20 times on a variety of state military-related bills and of course, the notorious "pension tax" measure. Most of the military bills we supported are moving to final passage, including the Educational Compact for Military Kids and Gold Star Family license plates. Others, such as allowing leave under state law for a family member helping a deploying person did not pass, but federal law does cover most circumstances for this type of leave. A bill to begin to plan a memorial to veterans of the Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom did not pass, but preliminary efforts may continue without immediate legislation.

The "pension tax," is still moving along, although in greatly simplified form, basing state tax on the actual pension amount, rather than a trigger based on the federally adjusted gross income (AGI), resulting in a higher tax. It is too soon to know just what the tax threshold would be if a bill does pass. We have been joined in strong opposition by many public and private retiree and veteran organizations so the bill may not pass at all. We pointed out that even in the 40 states that tax pensions, 33 states treat military pensions differently than other types of employer-provided pensions.

Thanks to those attending the April lunch meeting with much good info on what our friends at Tripler Army Medical Center are doing for our troops, veterans and retirees. This is a world class Medical Treatment Facility, helping those in Hawaii, Japan and Korea. Please join us for the 26 May lunch meeting; details elsewhere in this PHK.

Semper Fi, Tom

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

Name: _____ Male Female
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Indicate interest in any of the following Chapter Activities or Committees:

- Personal Affairs LAVA Public Affairs Program/Social Newsletter Membership Finance Fund Raising J/ROTC Scholarships and Awards Community Service TUG(Computers) Party Bridge Golf Tennis

Dues Enclosed \$ _____ Optional Donation: Scholarships \$ _____ Community Services \$ _____

Total Remittance: \$ _____ Check to Hawaii State Chapter MOAA, PO Box 1185, Kailua HI 96734-1185

-- CHAPTER SOCIAL EVENTS --

26 May (Thu) Bishop Museum Tour and Lunch @ 1100

JUNE (tentative)

**25th Infantry Unit back from Afghanistan
Nehelani Banquet Center - Schofield**

JULY — No Event

AUGUST 14 (tentative) @1200

Annual MOAA Picnic - Bellows AFS Beach

Thinning of the Ranks

COL Robert L German, USA (Ret) died 18 Feb and was interred at Punchbowl. His military career began as a 17-year old Marine in WWII and he retired as an Army Colonel in Hawaii. He served multiple tours in Korea, Vietnam, Turkey, and Germany. He is survived by son Cole, daughter Virginia, & seven grandchildren.

Col Charles Kimak, USMC (Ret) died 3 Mar. He received his USMC aviator wings and was sent to combat in the Marshall Islands in 1943. After many aviation commands he served as an old "China Hand" stationed in Peking, flying escort squadrons for Chiang Kai-shek. Always active in athletics, he took up scuba diving in his 70's in Hawaii. He is survived by son Charles, daughter Laura, and five grandchildren.

Mrs Dolores Carmody died 17 Apr. She was pre-deceased by husband Neil, USN (Ret), an active MOAA Hawaii Chapter member who served as Treasurer and died in 2008.

Fred Ballard, honorary member and long time supporter of Hawaii Chapter died 17 Apr. Fred worked for the VA and was President of Oahu Veterans Council. Fred diligently followed the status of pending state and national legislation of interest to the military. He is survived by wife Sandy, who serves as Executive Director of the Oahu Veterans Center.

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2011 ALL CHAPTER DONATIONS

AS OF 15 APRIL 2011 - TOTAL GOAL IS \$7000

Received to date **\$3,035** (Scholarships and Community Service)

DIAMOND CONTRIBUTORS (\$1,000 or MORE)

Clara G. Cook, Phillip Heyenga

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None

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If you donated in any of these categories in 2011 and your name is not present call me, Geoff Bangs 261-1455



MOAA Hawaii State Chapter May Program

BISHOP MUSEUM TOUR

Thursday, May 26th, 2011 at 1100

BOX LUNCH FOLLOWED BY DOCENT TOUR

PRESENTER:

DR. EMILY HAWKINS, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

CERTIFIED BISHOP MUSEUM HAWAIIAN HALL DOCENT

BOX LUNCH WITH SOFT DRINK - \$11.00

REDUCED ENTRANCE FEE: \$7.00* (Normal Cost \$17.95)

***If you are a member of the Bishop Museum there is no entrance fee cost.**

Total Cost: \$18.00

BOX LUNCH INCLUDES:

REGULAR

Gourmet Classic Sandwich, green salad, Italian pasta salad & chocolate chip cookie plus soft drink

VEGETARIAN

Zucchini, eggplant, roasted peppers and onion marinated in balsamic & grilled with red pepper aioli with goat cheese & fresh basil, and soft drink

Please respond Before MONDAY 23 MAY, 2011

CUT AND MAIL

YES _____ I (WE) PLAN TO ATTEND

NAME TAG(S) TO READ _____

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE BISHOP MUSEUM _____ YES _____ NO

TOTAL \$ _____ ENCLOSED CHECK FOR:

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Luncheon \$ _____ Scholarship fund \$ _____ Community Service \$ _____

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Full Month's Retired Pay Bill in House

Representative Walter Jones (N.C.) recently introduced legislation (H.R. 493) authorizing surviving spouses (or other designated survivors) to retain the full month's retired pay for the month in which a military retiree passes away. "The Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act" seeks to ensure survivors are not unfairly burdened when overpayments occur.

The problem most often occurs when a military retiree dies late in the month. As survivors mourn and work to sort out the details of their loved one's passing, there is sometimes a delay in reporting the death to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). If the death report and other administrative details aren't handled before the next retirement payment is processed, an overpayment occurs for the period between the retiree's death and the end of the month. DFAS has the authority to recoup this overpayment directly from the survivor's bank account with little or no warning, often creating financial and emotional hardship for the family.

Jones' proposal would allow survivors to retain the full month's retired pay for any month in which the retiree was alive for at least 24 hours. To offset the cost associated with this proposal, a provision of the bill would delay the first Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity payment until the month after the retiree dies.

Congress passed a similar law in 1996 allowing surviving spouses to retain veterans' disability and VA pension payments issued for the month of the veteran's death. MOAA members are urged to express their support for H.R. 493 with the Hawaii Congressional Delegation.

Confession is Good for the Soul - Correcting a misinformed 70 year old Marine aviator

Before I saunter on to heaven above, my conscience tells me I need to correct a wrong. It was Chu Lai, Vietnam, shortly after the runway was built (circa late 1964, early 1965). We landed there with our C-130A carrying a load of supplies from Okinawa and one very beautiful passenger. She was a Vietnamese language instructor with the 1st Special Forces on Okinawa on emergency leave in route to our next designation, Bien Hoa.

Her black shiny waist long hair flowing in the breeze combined with her turquoise and white aodai dress made her stand out like a stop light amid the crummy flight suits and camouflaged military gear. As our aircraft was being off loaded she stood next to our aircraft commander and me under the wing of our C-130A. We watched a Marine C-130B taxi in and shut down not from where we were parked. We could see the Marine crew staring out the cockpit window trying to figure out what in the world that beautiful woman was doing at a place like Chu Lai and with some Air Force pukers.

Shortly after the engines of the Marine C-130 were shut down and the props stopped turning, one of the Marine crew members walked over and rather quietly stood next to me and said "What's that?" Immediately I saw my chance to start something, maybe good and maybe not so good. I replied, "What's what?" Looking over my shoulder at the beautiful Vietnamese girl, he stammered back, "That." Calmly I replied, "That's a woman."

Needless to say his frustration level was building. He replied back, "I know that, but what is she doing with you guys?" I had him now. "Well," I replied, "the Air Force has a policy that when we fly in-country, we need to carry a Vietnamese stewardess with us in case we pick up any Vietnamese passengers who cannot speak English." With that the young Marine crewmember cast a menacing glare at me, turned around, and headed back to his plane in obvious disgust. I could hear him muttering to himself quite loudly, "Damn Air Force gets everything. We Marines get nothing."

So if any 70 year old Marine C-130 aviator tries to tell you that the Air Force C-130 crews flew with Vietnamese stewardesses in Vietnam, please tell him I was just pulling his leg.

Now I can leave this world relieved of one less confession. Submitted by Jim Gebhard, Colonel, USAF (Ret.)

If you have a story to tell we would appreciate hearing from you. Send to: bezansonrs@gmail.com

Update Your Email Address

More than half of our members are now receiving this newsletter - *Pau Hana Koa* - electronically by email. It is important that all members who have recently changed their email address to update same with George Montague. The best way to check to insure that your email address is correct in the Chapter's Data Base is to check it against the address by your name in the 2010-2011 Membership Directory.

Members who are receiving the Pau Hana Koa by email and wish to continue to receive a US Mail copy (black & white) should notify George at montagueg001@hawaii.rr.com.

TUG by LT Jim Fromm, USCG, (Ret)

Aloha PHK Readers, my name is Jim Fromm, USCG Retired and a Chapter member for about 25 years. Lou is under the weather as of this writing and asked me to fill in for him. Look for his column to return in the near future.

You know about the informative and entertaining TUG articles submitted by Lou in the PHK each month, but what do you know about The TUG? Well, give me a few minutes of your time and I'll get you all up to speed and provide a bit of club history.

The acronym stands for the **TROA User Group**. When TROA became MOAA, we couldn't change the name to the MUG because that is already being used by a Macintosh club on the mainland, and a famous soda pop. The TUG is the oldest, continuous computer user group in the islands. Established during the TROA Honolulu Convention in 1988, our first meetings were held in one of the side rooms, used as a lounge in the evenings, at the Hale Koa. To my knowledge, *Pauline Leigh* a longtime Chapter member is the sole remaining plank owner residing in Hawai'i. *Polly* is the current Sec/Treas of the TUG. It's a credit to her loyal staying power. As for myself, I am one meeting removed from being a plank owner. I joined The TUG at their second meeting and am proud to say I haven't missed a meeting since.

Attendance at our first few meetings was small until the word got around about the good works we were doing to educate folks about computing and we saw our membership grow. You might remember, back to the late Eighties, personal computers were relatively new and not on everyone's desk as they are today. Membership got so big, in fact, that we had to move our meetings to the Elks Club in Waikiki. Over the years we have met in several locations - the Elks, Bishop Museum, 725 Kapiolani Blvd and now, the Oahu Veterans Center (OVC) in Foster Village.

Our membership rolls have fluctuated as folks came and went. We currently have about 50 dues paying members who are active with the TUG. Currently, our dues are \$20 per year which are used to pay expenses for the newsletter mailing, website, door prizes, and an annual contribution to the OVC. All of our Officers are non-compensated volunteers. We even have to buy our own lunch.

The TUG holds regular meetings on the 1st Saturday of each month. Our Windows Special Interest Group (WINSIG) meets on the 4th Saturday of Jan through Oct. The WINSIG meets at 999 Wilder. WINSIG is more a hands on session where I sit at the computer, project the image on the wall and (try to) answer questions from the attendees. I also go through the steps needed to accomplish a task in Windows and Windows software applications so the folks don't have to take copious notes. We concentrate on Windows versions XP through Windows 7. That is pretty much what our members and guests use so we have the field covered.

Each article Lou has provided for you over the years are topics that were discussed at one of the TUG meetings. Our monthly newsletter, appropriately named *The TUG*, has a more detailed synopsis of what took place. Dues paying members receive the newsletter via USPS or email, their choice. We also have a website with information on several topics, links to MOAA, State of Hawaii and others.

If you want to see what the newsletter looks like, visit www.the-tug.org and click on the *Newsletter* link. There are issues from 2009 through the first quarter of this calendar year. Maybe that burning question you have has already been answered and is in one of the issues. Visit the *Schedule* page to find more about our next meeting. Maps and directions to both meeting locations are posted. Our meetings are two hours in length. We cover the "Topic of the Month" during the first hour and then go into a Questions and Answer session. Attendees can then ask questions about the program or any computer related issue, or problem, they might have. This is a group collaborative effort. Someone at the meeting will have experienced the same problem or will be more versed in the software than some of the others and provide a solution or suggest one. We have a lot of fun making fun of each other. I seem to be a frequent target but it is all in good fun. And, to everyone's credit, they all give as good as they get. And. I will get even.

Periodically, we have guest speakers who talk about a specific subject. We've had speakers from McAfee, Corel, Acronis True Image, Cartridge World (local vendor), and experts in the use of Excel, Word and other software programs. Last meeting we talked, at length, about eReaders. The various models, makes and prices. Our May meeting is going to cover Smartphones and their many features. Topics are suggested by our members and our very talented and akamai duo of Program Directors, *Bear Maher* and *Herman Jordan*, put together a program that, disappointingly, does not include balloons, noise makers or dancing bears, but their programs do, however, provide a lot of information on topical items.

Our membership is open to all who share an interest in computers and computing. Our elected club officers, of which there are three, must be current Chapter members.

Lou Torraca is our perennial President, *Jack DeTour* is our current VP and I already mentioned *Polly*. As for me, I'm the designated (and cheerful volunteer) gofer. I'm the Editor of the monthly newsletter and bring the computer, projector and door prizes to the TUG and the WINSIG meetings each month.

You should really make an effort to set aside a couple of hours on the first Saturday to visit with us. We might even be able to persuade you to part with \$20 and join our friendly group. You will be among friends and folks in your same age group, you get a monthly newsletter and you are eligible to win a door prize.

If you do attend but don't join, then we will refer to you as a guest. But you will still find yourself among a friendly and cordial group. If you do make the May TUG meeting, bring your Smartphone along. You might learn something new about it.

If you cannot attend, there is a link on our website to download a membership application.

Aloha, *Jim*

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Distribution of the Pau Hana Koa and Increase in Annual Dues

Your Pau Hana Koa has been distributed by E-mail in full color for the past three months to all Chapter members who have an E-mail address on file. A US mail copy has been sent to members who do not have an E-mail address on file in the Chapter's data base and to those members receiving the PHK by E-mail who have responded that they prefer a US Mail copy. That offer is still available. As has been done for the last several years, the PHK will also be posted to the Chapter's website - <http://www.moaa-hawaii.org/>.

Commencing with the April edition, the printed copy distributed by US Mail is in black and white. The primary reason for these changes in distribution and printing is budgetary. It costs approximately \$2 to print and mail a copy of the Pau Hana Koa to each member. This plus the Chapter's Directory exceed current dues by \$12 per year. Although the Chapter has wisely invested the members money over the years, and currently has over \$15,000 invested, it cannot continue to run deficit budgets.

The Executive Committee also voted to increase the dues for Regular and Auxiliary Members to \$25 and \$20 per year, respectively, commencing 1 July 2011. Five year dues will be adjusted accordingly and future life membership will no longer be offered after 30 June 2011. Current life members are permanently recognized.

SSNs Removed from Military ID Cards

As of June 2011, service members' Social Security Numbers (SSN) will no longer be printed on Department of Defense (DoD) ID cards to protect the personal identity information of cardholders. A "DoD ID Number" will be printed on all ID cards and will be used as the Geneva Conventions serial number. Eligible beneficiaries will also have a "DoD Benefits Number" printed on their ID card, and medical providers will use this number to validate eligibility and process claims.

Do not rush to your closest ID card office to replace your cards. All ID cards will be replaced over the normal course of updating cards as they expire. Existing cards with the SSN remain valid until they are replaced. Those with indefinite expiration dates (INDEF) may get a new card by making an appointment at your ID card office. See this web site to find your closest ID card office by zip code: <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/>.

The first phase of the process began in December 2008 with the removal of dependents' SSNs.

- Phase II starts June 2011. At this time all printed SSNs will be removed from the cards. The SSNs will be replaced by DOD ID numbers.
- Phase III is expected to begin in late 2012. This is the final phase. SSNs will be removed from the barcodes on the back of ID cards. At this point, no SSN will be on ID cards in any format.

Storming the Hill

In Mid-April council and chapter leaders from across the U.S. and Puerto Rico came to Alexandria, Va., for MOAA's annual Council Presidents' Seminar. Highlighting the event was Storming the Hill. Council and chapter leaders were key members of the 64 teams that stormed Capitol Hill, along with members of MOAA's board of directors, MOAA's advisory committees, and the national staff. It was a great success and reinforced the idea that Storming the Hill is the "graduation exercise" for council and chapter leaders who provide grassroots support for MOAA's legislative initiatives year-round.

This year MOAA advocated on two key issues. First, MOAA asked legislators to change the way future TRICARE Prime fee increases for retirees will be computed. The DoD wants to use an unspecified health cost index, projected to be 6.2 percent per year. This could potentially result in dramatic increases in fees relative to military retired pay. MOAA wants to see increases linked to future COLA increases. Second, MOAA asked legislators not to let budget reduction concerns drive implementation of force-level cutbacks sooner than planned, and to ensure the 1.6 percent pay raise for active duty troops stays in the final defense budget for FY2012.

Nominations for the 2011 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. Cut-off date 7 May 2011.

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Frank Box, Dr. Hughes and Dale Wilson
at Waiakea HS JROTC Awards Night

UP-COMING CHAPTER ACTIVITIES:

BISHOP MUSEUM TOUR
26 May — 1100

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Col Dave & Mary Jo Brostrom
with Cadet Bean



Leadership awards to Army ROTC Cadets: Cadet Adam Sitzler, MS IV, Allison Balmores, MS III, Jordyn Johnson, MS II, and Jessica Tarvin, MS I and to Air Force ROTC Cadet: Winston Ashley, AS 400, Brandon Kido, AS 300, Tachina Williams, AS 200 and, Samuel Butcher AS 100.



Cadet Huang presented scholarship
by Col Ralph Hiatt

University of Hawai'i ROTC Awards Kickoff Awards Season

Tomorrow's military leaders were recognized by the University of Hawai'i Army and Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps Programs on April 21, 2011. The joint event identified the dedication and leadership potential of respective cadets and future officers, also initiated the Hawai'i MOAA Chapter's continued support for both collegiate programs. Since 1981, the Hawai'i Chapter membership has continually recognized leadership and scholarship at the University of Hawai'i ROTC programs. Hawai'i Chapter scholarships are earned by cadets in their junior year demonstrating the highest leadership potential, sustained academic excellence and physical and mental stamina. Each service cadet receives a \$500 award to apply toward their education. MOAA dedicates the awards to two fallen warriors, heroes and graduates from the UH ROTC programs. The Army ROTC awardee is selected as best emulating the character, courage and compassion of these heroes. The 2011 Army ROTC recipient of the 1LT Jonathan Brostrom Leadership Award is Cadet Earnest Bean. The Air Force recipient of the MOAA Scholarship Award is Cadet Tony Huang.