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Truculent Turtle or the Lockheed P2V Neptune

By Col. Ross Mickey, USMC (ret) Chapter Member



had projects like you'd never believe. Also it took about one day to realize that some of the guys in my shop were working for agencies that people didn't talk much about. They were shadowy but they more than paid their way.

ones, who flew the Truculent Turtle, was program manager of the P2V, worked two doors down from me in the Bureau. He was a good guy.

In 1950 it was at the beginning of the Cold War and many of our Development Center projects revolved around getting people and things covertly in and out of dangerous places. Bud Main had one of the most successful projects. It consisted of stringing a line between two poles or trees and attaching a package to the line. An airplane trailing a hook flew over snatched the line and the airplane crew pulled the cargo aboard. This was fairly easy, but our task was to pick up an agent that way without pulling him apart. We had more shock absorbing schemes than Rube Goldberg could invent. We tried a number of gizmos, all with dummies thank goodness.

The original Truculent Turtle on Sept 29, 1946 with Cdr. Tom Davis as Command Pilot, a crew of three plus one baby kangaroo took off from Brisbane, Australia. Two days and 7 hours later they landed in Columbus, Ohio a total of 11,237 miles. Still a record today. I wasn't happy in early 1950 upon getting orders to the Landing Force Development Center in Quantico, VA, a new "joint" organization. It looked like I was being labeled, after the Bureau of Aeronautics, as a development guru. I was head of the Aviation portion. Once on the job, things improved. Several of my helpers turned into best friends and continue to be so today. I had a full deck and we

The P2V project was pretty legitimate. We were trying to establish an electronic grid over about a hundred miles of terrain (battle field) and then airplanes (bombers) could be vectored to very precise positions. It was a great idea and our principal interface was a lab at the University of Illinois at Urbana. This was the age of vacuum tubes and big black boxes. We needed that big airplane to carry all the gear plus test engineers. It was way ahead of its time, but an off-shoot system did very well in Korea.

The Neptune was an honorable airplane that was used in antisubmarine or electronics reconnaissance role by many countries for many years. Tom Da-

(Con't on page 7. P2V Neptune)

Coming Events October

6 Oct (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000
Computer Training, Oahu Veterans Center

13-14 Oct (Sat-Sun) Blue Angels Air Show
1100 - 1700 MCBH, Kaneohe Bay

18 Oct (Thu) Joint Chapter Luncheon 1130
Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter, National MOAA Speaker

19 Oct (Fri) Excom Mtg., MCBH O'Club 1115

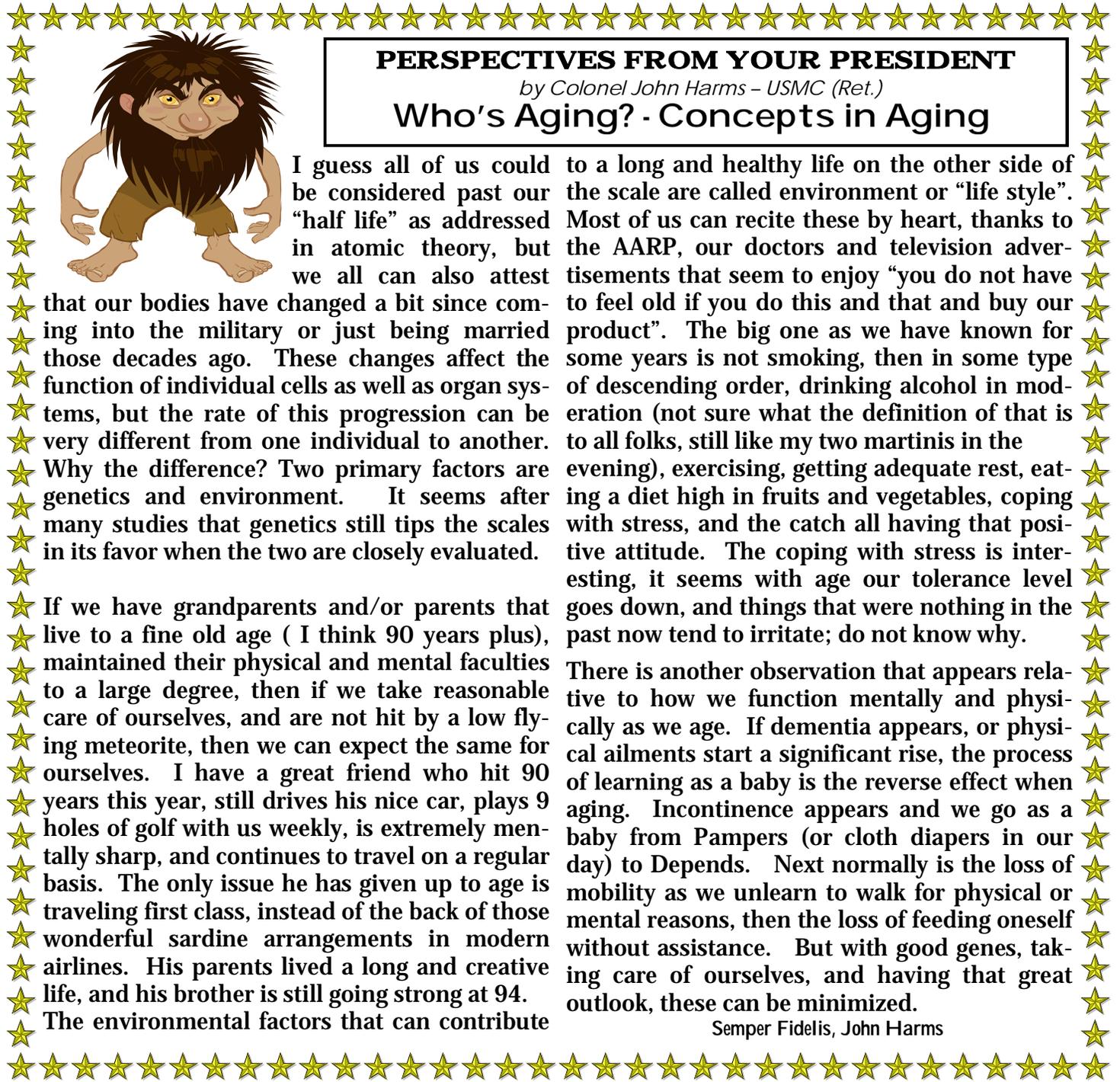
Coming Events November

3 Nov (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000
Computer Training, Oahu Veterans Center

12 Nov (Mon) PAC Mtg, Place TBD

16 Nov (Fri) Excom Mtg., MCBH O'Club 1115

17 Nov (Sat) Annual Mtg 1030
Special Speaker, Oahu Veterans Center



PERSPECTIVES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT
by Colonel John Harms - USMC (Ret.)
Who's Aging? - Concepts in Aging

I guess all of us could be considered past our "half life" as addressed in atomic theory, but we all can also attest that our bodies have changed a bit since coming into the military or just being married those decades ago. These changes affect the function of individual cells as well as organ systems, but the rate of this progression can be very different from one individual to another. Why the difference? Two primary factors are genetics and environment. It seems after many studies that genetics still tips the scales in its favor when the two are closely evaluated.

If we have grandparents and/or parents that live to a fine old age (I think 90 years plus), maintained their physical and mental faculties to a large degree, then if we take reasonable care of ourselves, and are not hit by a low flying meteorite, then we can expect the same for ourselves. I have a great friend who hit 90 years this year, still drives his nice car, plays 9 holes of golf with us weekly, is extremely mentally sharp, and continues to travel on a regular basis. The only issue he has given up to age is traveling first class, instead of the back of those wonderful sardine arrangements in modern airlines. His parents lived a long and creative life, and his brother is still going strong at 94.

The environmental factors that can contribute

to a long and healthy life on the other side of the scale are called environment or "life style". Most of us can recite these by heart, thanks to the AARP, our doctors and television advertisements that seem to enjoy "you do not have to feel old if you do this and that and buy our product". The big one as we have known for some years is not smoking, then in some type of descending order, drinking alcohol in moderation (not sure what the definition of that is to all folks, still like my two martinis in the evening), exercising, getting adequate rest, eating a diet high in fruits and vegetables, coping with stress, and the catch all having that positive attitude. The coping with stress is interesting, it seems with age our tolerance level goes down, and things that were nothing in the past now tend to irritate; do not know why.

There is another observation that appears relative to how we function mentally and physically as we age. If dementia appears, or physical ailments start a significant rise, the process of learning as a baby is the reverse effect when aging. Incontinence appears and we go as a baby from Pampers (or cloth diapers in our day) to Depends. Next normally is the loss of mobility as we unlearn to walk for physical or mental reasons, then the loss of feeding oneself without assistance. But with good genes, taking care of ourselves, and having that great outlook, these can be minimized.

Semper Fidelis, John Harms

Disgruntled Belgian Tries to Sell His Country

Fed up with a flap between Belgium's powerful Flemish and Walloon political blocs, a Belgian teacher decided to post an advertisement offering to sell the entire country on eBay. The Associated Press reported that Gerrit Six posted the ad Saturday, dutifully pointing out that the country was coming secondhand and mentioning to potential buyers the more than \$300 billion in national debt they would have to take on. But Mr. Six touted Belgium's art nouveau architecture in the ad, as well as its status as the headquarters of NATO and the EU and its world class beers. He also offered free delivery. Mr. Six said the ad was a protest against the political gridlock the country has faced since June 10 elections. Following that vote, efforts to cobble together a coalition have been frustrated as demands for more autonomy from Belgium's Dutch-speaking Flemish population have been opposed by the nation's French-speaking Walloons. The controversy has prompted some to worry that the kingdom may be heading toward a breakup. While eBay Belgium at first welcomed the listing, they took it down a couple of days later, after receiving a bid for 10 million euros for the country.

-- CHAPTER SOCIAL EVENTS --

THIS MONTH --

Joint Chapter-MOAA Luncheon
 Discover what's happening in Washington
 Special Speaker: Phillip Dyer, MOAA National
 Deputy Director, Benefits Info & Financial Education
 11:30 a.m., 18 October, Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter

UPCOMING EVENTS -- PLAN TO ATTEND

**IN NOVEMBER -- Annual Meeting
 Speaker: Mayor Mufi Hannamann –invited**

Saturday, 17 November, 10:30 a.m.
 Oahu Veterans Center, Foster Village
 BBQ Lunch at 1200
 Entertainment, Silent Auction, Crafters

IN DECEMBER -- Christmas Party

Tuesday, 11 December, Hale Koa Hotel
 Dance to the Hawaii Swing Band
 MORE DETAILS LATER

Thinning of the Ranks

CAPT Lawrence W. Kelley, USN (Ret) died August 23.
 He is survived by his wife Florence.

Major Maxwell D. Seeker USA (Ret.) died September 16.
 He is survived by his children.

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QUARTERLY HEALTH CONSUMER COMMITTEE MEETING – TRIPLER AMC

John Harms for Barbara Quirk



The subject meeting was held on 11 Sept. with key areas addressed. Under new construction – new optometry clinic opened on the 4th floor; 90 new parking stalls under construction to be completed by Jan/Feb 08. New Fischer House in operation, the old one under renovation. When completed Tripler will have two of these exceptional facilities; new pediatric waiting room has been completed, and three new dental treatment rooms are being completed. A new concept of Valet Parking will probably be introduced in October for a three month test period; to see if visitors/patients going to Tripler will use the service. A car will drive up to the mountain side entrance, get out of car and hand keys to a valet. The car then will be parked at a distant underused parking lot. When the visitor/patient wants to leave the area, it will take about five minutes to retrieve the car and bring it to the mountain side Tripler entrance for the owner. Cost will be \$3.00 to park your car, but no hassle appears to be worth the cost.

New Commanding General Customer Service Initiative was discussed. New office is “Customer Relations Office”, not the complaint department as in the past. Customer Service specialized training mandatory for all new staff as well as specific staff areas such as front desk receptionist at entrances and clinics.

NOW an Important ITEM – Military Retirees 65 years and older that desire Tripler AMC as their primary health care provider can now apply for some openings in the Adult Medicine Clinic. Contact Ms. Teri Cloud at 433-7074 to get additional information or start the enrollment process.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Captain George E. Sullivan USN (Ret.)

Roberta and I are on a trip to Washington, DC. We stopped in Nashville, Tennessee for a few days to attend a ship’s reunion. As most of you know there are multiple ship’s and military unit’s reunions held weekly throughout the country. In this case the USS Goldsborough Association was holding their annual reunion.

The Goldy, as she is referred to by many, made her homeport in Pearl Harbor her entire life. At one time, in 1970, I was her Executive Officer. At another time, some 15 years later, the current Chief of Naval Operations was her Commanding Officer. As it was, Admiral Michael G. Mullen was invited to be the guest speaker at this year’s reunion. He had tentatively accepted but his plans were changed when Secretary Gates recommended to the President that Mike be the next Chairman of the Joint Chiefs. His schedule was no longer his to control and he had to regret attending.

I first met then Lt.jg Mullen in 1971 when he came aboard the USS Blandy a destroyer homeported in Norfolk, VA. I had just reported aboard as the Commanding Officer. Mike and I worked together for 18 months and deployed to both the Mediterranean and the Western Pacific. Over the next several years we remained close friends and in 1982, we were again sailing in the same ship - USS Sterett homeported in Subic Bay, Philippines, - he as Executive Officer and I again as Commanding Officer.

Mike left Sterett to go on to many and varied positions, including Command mentioned above, and excelled in each. On 1 October Admiral Mullen will relieve General Pace as Chairman, JCS. I am sure there will be many proud family members in attendance and there will be at least one proud shipmate.

Please Mark Your Calendar - 1030, 17 November 2007

ANNUAL MEETING MOAA HAWAII STATE CHAPTER

at Oahu Veterans Center - Foster Village

Election of Three Directors to the Board

Board of Directors elect Officers for next Two Years

State of the Chapter Report by

President John Harms

Guest Speaker - Mayor Mufi Hannamann (invited)

BBQ - Entertainment - Silent Auction - Crafters

Singer Melveen Leed and others



CHAPTER DONATIONS FOR 2007

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

EXCEPTIONAL- \$3,995 in donations to date. Mahalo for your kindness.

GOLD LEVEL (\$100 or more)

David Stefansson, Richard Meiers, Hank Heyenga (x3), Barbara Earle in memory of her husband John, Robert Gwaltney, Ralph Hiatt, Bruce and Carolyn Smith (x2), Jerry Coffee (x2), Joseph Comstock, Dorothy Voseipka in memory of her husband Col. John R. Voseipka, Arcadia Retirement Residence (x2), Henry Trautwien, Robert German, Rex Berglund, Russell and Virginia Perkins, Grant Story and Allyn Thompson (x2), Darrell and Rheta Large (x2), Patricia Kubach in memory of Lt. Col. Richard Kubach (x2), Charlie Kimak, George and Roberta Sullivan, Rogert Gwaltney, Myrl Noggle, Jack and Carita Miller, Douglas Thomas

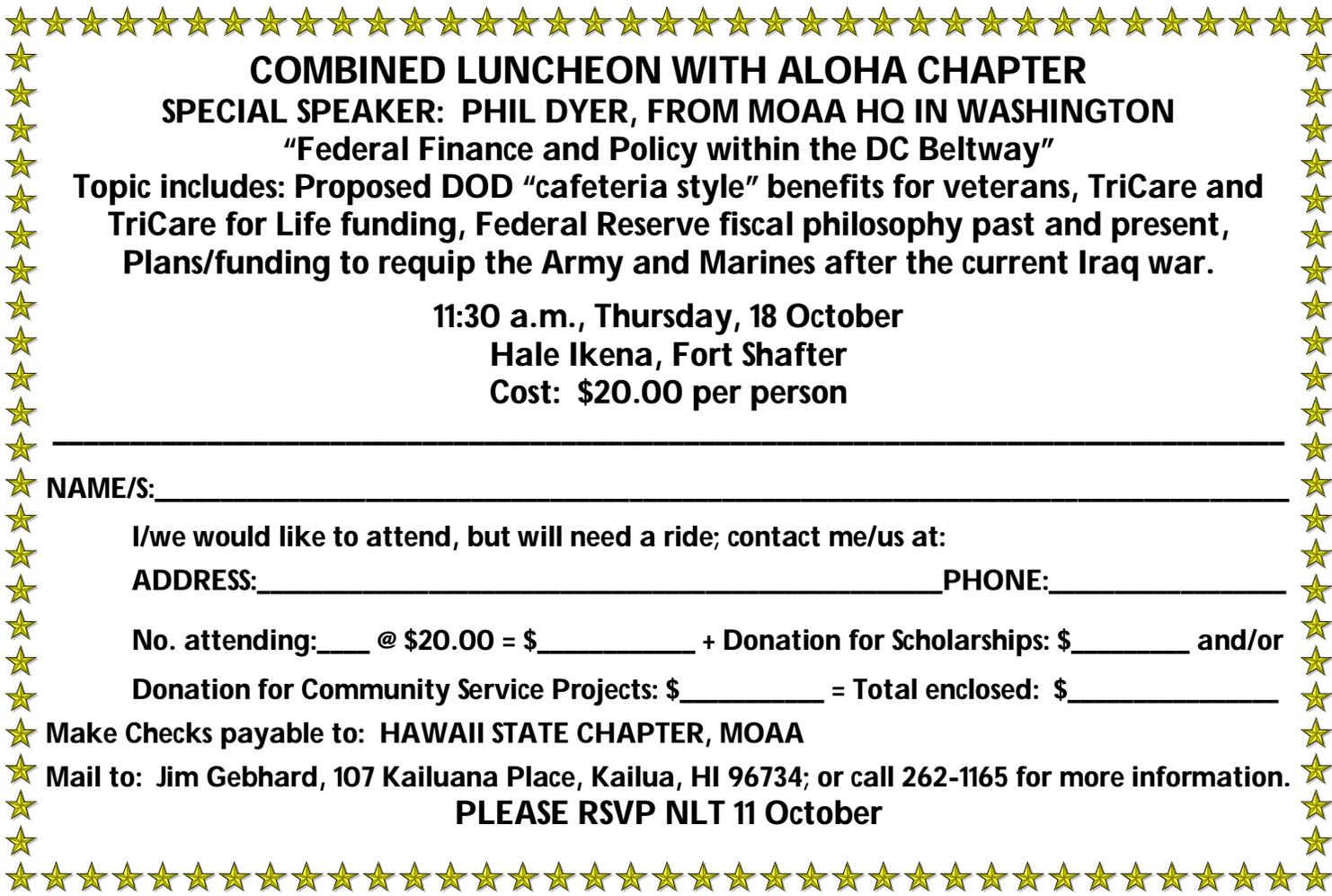
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COMBINED LUNCHEON WITH ALOHA CHAPTER

SPECIAL SPEAKER: PHIL DYER, FROM MOAA HQ IN WASHINGTON

"Federal Finance and Policy within the DC Beltway"

Topic includes: Proposed DOD "cafeteria style" benefits for veterans, TriCare and TriCare for Life funding, Federal Reserve fiscal philosophy past and present, Plans/funding to requip the Army and Marines after the current Iraq war.

11:30 a.m., Thursday, 18 October

Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter

Cost: \$20.00 per person

NAME/S: _____

I/we would like to attend, but will need a ride; contact me/us at:

ADDRESS: _____ **PHONE:** _____

No. attending: ____ **@ \$20.00 = \$** _____ **+ Donation for Scholarships: \$** _____ **and/or**

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PLEASE RSVP NLT 11 October



TUG by Colonel Lou Torraca, USAF (Retired)

There has to be at least one person out there who hasn't heard of or looked at or doesn't know what YouTube is, so for that individual, here is what the company says about itself:



Stockspan Yourself **Founded** in February 2005, YouTube is the leader in online video, and the premier destination to watch and share original videos worldwide through a Web experience. YouTube allows people to easily upload and share video clips on www.YouTube.com and across the Internet through websites, mobile devices, blogs, and email. Everyone can watch videos on YouTube. People can see first-hand accounts of current events, find videos about their hobbies and interests, and discover the quirky and unusual. As more people capture special moments on video, YouTube is empowering them to become the broadcasters of tomorrow. YouTube received funding from Sequoia Capital in November 2005 and was officially launched one month later in December. Chad Hurley and Steve Chen proceeded to become the first members of the YouTube management team and currently serve as Chief Executive Officer and Chief Technology Officer respectively. In November 2006, within a year of its launch, YouTube was purchased by Google Inc. in one of the most talked-about acquisitions to date. YouTube has struck numerous partnership deals with content providers such as CBS, BBC, Universal Music Group, Sony Music Group, Warner Music Group, NBA, The Sundance Channel and [many more](#).

I've looked at a lot of YouTube videos about all kinds of things including news, entertainment, comedy and just plain crazy stuff. I've thought about doing something on it, but I'm still in the dark ages when it comes to video other than the little bits that my digital camera does. My old Sony uses a cartridge and besides, its battery is long-gone. I thought I might do better with my webcam, but that would take a gigantic-long cable so I crossed that off my list. Some of the fairly inexpensive camcorders don't take very good pictures so I haven't been very tempted by them, so I was pretty impressed with the write-ups and demos for Pure Technologies Flip Video Ultra Series which they introduced in early September. The focus of the cameras is on sharing, to which end they have on-board software for uploading to YouTube, AOL, and other video websites. Users can also perform simple editing and cataloging of clips, as well as one-click e-mail transfers to peers. Remaining features are mainly cosmetic, namely a compact size, and five different colors: black, white, purple, orange and green. Zoom is limited to 2x digital. The cameras are both Mac and PC compatible, and are shipping in 1GB (30min.) and 2GB (60min.) formats for \$149 and \$179. Following is an excerpt from the company's press release which covers some of the many features these little fellows have on-board: The Flip Video Ultra Series is the newest member in Pure Digital's popular Flip Video family of digital camcorders, the world's first camcorders with on-board software to enable editing, organizing, and seamless video uploading to AOL, YouTube and other video sharing sites. Flip Video Ultra showcases Pure Digital's next-generation video processing technology, which delivers stunning video and sound quality, even when played on large-screen TVs. The Ultra Series continues Pure Digital's pioneering of a new category of camcorder that puts the power to instantly capture, edit and share video in the pocket of everyday consumers. "Flip Video Ultra's sleek new design will make it the camcorder of choice for people who want to capture and share life's spontaneous moments, no matter where or when they happen," said Jonathan Kaplan, Chairperson and CEO of Pure Digital Technologies. "It's the perfect solution for anyone who wants a stylish, high quality, take-anywhere camcorder." Flip Video Ultra's built-in software greatly expands the range of possibilities for users to enjoy and share their video. New features make it simple to edit clips, create custom movies, and even capture still photos from video. For the first time, the software simplifies video sharing by directly integrating with popular sharing sites like AOL and YouTube to provide a seamless experience for both private and public video sharing. This allows consumers to share their videos as easily as they would digital photos -- a trend pioneered by Pure Digital. Pure Digital is also launching a line of Flip Video accessories -- including a pouch, tripod, action mount, and USB extension cables.

Flip Video Ultra Features The Flip Video Ultra Series incorporates a wide range of advanced new features, including a 1.5 inch transfective, no-glare display screen for clear viewing in even the brightest sunlight, next-generation video processing, and increased on-board memory (2 GB of for the 60-minute model and 1 GB for the 30-minute model). Features include:

- One-touch recording with 2x digital zoom
- Instant on-camera playback and delete
- High-speed video sharing from any PC or Mac
- One-click emailing of videos and video greeting cards
- Custom editing of movie mixes, with the option to set them to your own music
- Capture of still photos from video
- Built-in tripod mount
- Convenient DVD processing option at over 9,400 one hour labs nationwide

I checked the web and easily found these newest models ready to ship. The Amazon.com site was offering the white model in both versions for the MSRP of \$179 and \$149 and indicating the other colors would be in-stock soon. BestBuy also listed the \$179 white and black models, but on back order...both sites offer FREE shipping...a definite plus for those of us in Hawaii. I couldn't find them on CompUSA, Circuit City, or WalMart, but I wrote this the middle of September so by the time you read it, they may be available on other sites as well as in the stores, here. I know there are some budding Hollywood producers out there, so for you folks, I have information on a terrific program that will help you produce those award winning videos. Be sure and read my October column on Oceanic which should be available the 2nd or 3rd of the month <<http://tinyurl.com/363qew>>. Have fun out there but be careful of the scams on the net. Come see us at one of our two monthly programs, visit www.the-tug.org for schedules and directions. Aloha, Lou

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Then Bud, our undercover genius, came up with the answer. It, as many times is the case, turned out to be amazingly simple. He used a line made of undrawn nylon. When you buy nylon line/rope at Home Depot it has already been drawn or stretched and when used has little or no give. That line if made out of unstretched nylon would be about one third as long. When used on Bud's snatching operation it was the perfect shock absorber, soft and easy at first and gradually getting stiffer and stiffer. This happened in seconds but was all that was needed. We finished the job with Bud as the cargo. He played golf the next day.

We were also in the very light weight survival weapon business. Amazing how little it takes to fire a bullet. I have an aluminum 38 cal. pistol I had sewn in my flight suit while flying in Korea.

One of my project officers was Ross Jordan. He had been

deeply involved in the bat bomb development during the big war. This was where you caught thousands of bats, anesthetized them and attached little incendiary bombs to them. Then you were to fly over Tokyo, drop the bats that woke up on the way down. Since it was daylight the bats would fly under the dark eaves of the wooden buildings. Not soon after the incendiaries would ignite and Tokyo would go up in flames. Just think if Ross had worked harder and completed his project there may have been no Hiroshima or Nagasaki and we would live in a better world today.

It was too early for one man helicopters, but we did test an inflatable airplane. It worked. You dropped a couple of duffel bags to a downed pilot. He unpacked all this rubber trash, started pulling CO2 bottles and wings and fuselage appeared. He attached a tiny engine and propeller and away he went for 15 to 20 miles. We tested dozens of para-

chute substitutes with the ones ending up looking like autogiro blades being the most successful.

Back to Tom Davies, our Truculent Turtle hero. He eventually became an Admiral and was deeply involved in the Navy's nuclear program. I last heard of him during the Three Mile Island nuclear episode. During the final US Senate hearing he was almost the last witness. Those before him were convinced the current radiation at the site would result in all babies being born with two heads, at least. When Tom's turn came he said his testimony would be short. He introduced three assistants who revealed Geiger Counters they had been operating. The radiation in the Senate hearing room was about three times greater than the worst at Three Mile Island (Lots of marble is radioactive). The committee had no comment. The New York Times said he was a "hostile" witness and should be discredited, familiar? Ross

The Shrinking COLA

Your Retirement Raise may be not be very big!!

A steep drop in energy prices—but not in Hawaii—heavily influenced the continued decrease in the August Consumer Price Index (CPI), the measure used to determine the annual cost of living adjustments (COLAs) for military retired pay, Social Security, and other federal annuities.

On September 19, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced the August CPI value, indicating that inflation decreased 0.2% from the July figure. That means inflation has risen a cumulative 2.1% for the first 11 months of FY2007.

Last month we said that based on past years' experience, the COLA could be in the 2.3% to 2.5% range for 2008. With continued deflation in August we'll have to modify our prediction. This is the only year during the last three decades that inflation decreased in both July and August. September may bring an increase, but expect a COLA in the 2.0% to 2.3% realm for 2008.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that the September CPI value (the final value needed to calculate the 2008 COLA) will be announced on Oct. 17.

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17 Nov (Sat) - Annual Meeting 1030
Special Speaker, Oahu Veterans Center
BBQ, Entertainment at 1200

See Pages 3, 4 and 5 for details.