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"A Few Appropriate Remarks" - The Gettysburg Address

by Cdr. Bob Popp USN (Ret.)



These words, a "few appropriate remarks" constituted an invitation for a President to consecrate a cemetery. The remarks, when finally made, were short and lasted less

than 2 minutes. The audience was caught off guard by its brevity as the previous speaker spoke for over 2 hours.

The editors of the Chicago Sun-Times newspaper observed that, "the cheek of every American must tingle with shame as regards to the silly, flat, and dish watery utterances of the man who had to be pointed out to intelligent foreigners as the President of the United States". The Harrisburg Patriot and Union newspaper commented that, "we pass over the silly remarks of the President, for the credit of the nation we are willing that the veil of oblivion shall be dropped over them and that they shall no more be repeated or thought of." Even the President himself told his bodyguard, "Lamon, that speech won't scour".

When the President accepted the invitation, he drafted his speech and

gave it to several friends for comment. At the dedication ceremony, he sat patiently while America's greatest orator of the time, Edward Everett, delivered his lengthy speech. At the allotted time, this tall, gaunt man rose up and gave, in 10 sentences and less than 300 words, a speech for the ages. No one would remember what Everett said but the brief speech that followed contained the ideas that are the essence and soul of this country.

On November 19th, 1863, 142 years ago, a man uttered words on the site of a cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Four months previously, the fields west, north, and south of this town witnessed the bloodiest three-day battle of a Civil War that pitted American against American.

The words delivered by Abraham Lincoln on that day remain a cornerstone of what America is all about and these words are:

"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war...testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedi-

cated...can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war.

We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate...we cannot consecrate...we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.

It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us...that from those honored dead, we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion...that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain...that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom...and that government of the people...by the people...for the people...shall not perish from the earth."

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Coming Events November

5 Nov (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000
Computer Training, Bishop Museum, Paki Bldg.

13 Nov (Sun) Brunch, Annual Meeting
Hickam O'Club 1100

14 Nov (Mon) PAC Meeting, Wright Brothers 1200

18 Nov (Fri) Excom Mtg, MCBH O'Club 1130

19 Nov (Sat) MOAA Party Bridge 1900

For reservations call Robbie Gee at 255-4558

Coming Events December

3 Dec (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000
Computer Training, Bishop Museum, Paki Bldg.

13 Dec (Tue) Christmas Party 1800 Hale Koa

16 Dec (Fri) Excom Mtg, Oahu Veterans Cntr. 1130

17 Dec (Sat) MOAA Party Bridge 1900
For reservations call Robbie Gee at 255-4558



YOUR PRESIDENT'S Perspective
Colonel John Harms; US Marine Corps (Ret.)

This month we celebrate what is now called "Veterans Day" but as I was growing up it was always "Armistice Day" to celebrate the end of the Great War or World War I on 11 November 1918. Prior to the Great War, or the span between our Civil War and 1914 the start of the Great War, numerous small conflicts occurred where weapons primarily had developed and modernized a great deal, while military tactics remained somewhat the same. Maneuver warfare, as we see it today was employed by the likes of Jeb Stuart or Phil Sheridan in the Civil War and the US Cavalry after that. The infantry still defended behind fixed defensive trenches or fixtures or attacked these defensive positions, many times with the head on assault such as Pickett's charge on July 3, 1863 at Gettysburg. Now with the Great War we see machine guns, barbed wire, heavy breech loading artillery, the airplane, and finally the infantry tank enter the field of battle. New weapons of horrific killing capability should have signaled to someone on either side of the conflict that tactics now also have to change. Man can be obstinate and slow to change as we have seen over our history of the world, but this oversight during the Great War caused unbelievable death and destruction. Here are just a few sobering numbers that occurred in only a four year time frame; DEAD - 1 million British, 1.7 million French, 2 million German, 1.7 million Russians, or in the year groups of 1892-1895, men who were 19 to 22 when the war broke out were reduced by 35 to 37 percent or one in three men were lost from these Countries. No wonder they call this the "Lost Generation". So futile was the "peace settlement" that World War II was spawned from it. Why this piece of history? Just a baseline to understand the importance of remembering those that have served, are serving, or will serve in a uniformed service of our Country. We have seen over and over bumper stickers etc. that "Freedom is not Free", but I believe it is a lot more. A commitment to the American values and ethics that have evolved from the many cultures that makes up our Country's fabric. The realization that this is a constant commitment, not just in time of war or crises, by what we do and how we do it. Having traveled world wide as most of you have, it just "feels good" to walk through the US Customs and Immigration and realize "I am home". So take a moment or two this 11 November and reflect what you have done for our Country (in this group a tremendous amount), but also what can we continue to do to pass on the legacy of America to upcoming generations.

Semper pfi, John Harms



Personal Affairs
Rear Admiral C. Bruce Smith USN (Ret.)

Retiree Seminar

All are invited to the Annual Seminar that will be held on the Naval Base Pearl Harbor, Saturday 5 November 2005 at the Banyans (the old Officers Club on the waterfront). Check in time is 0730. There will be displays, exhibits, get your blood pressure taken, and hopefully flu shots for veterans. Unfortunately spouses are not eligible to get their shots. The program will begin around 0800 and close at 1200. The focus this year will be on your benefits including Wills (Living and Estate) and TRICARE to include the Dental Program.

A golden opportunity to get the latest information on your earned benefits; an area of interest to all retirees. Call 473-4222 ext. 1 to register.

Aloha, *Bruce*

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Thinning of the Ranks

October was another good month for our members!

Binnacle List

Everyone is healthy!! Let's keep it that way.



CHRISTMAS in AFGHANISTAN

The 2d Battalion, 3d Marine Regiment is now deployed in Afghanistan from MCBH Kaneohe and will be still on deployment over this Christmas. We encourage our membership to send them a card as a reminder that Hawaii is still their home and we are waiting for their return. Unit address as shown below:

First Sergeant 2d Bn 3d Mar, Echo Co. Unit 44050 FPO AP 96607	First Sergeant 2d Bn 3d Mar, Golf Co. Unit 44060 FPO AP 96607
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First Sergeant 2d Bn 3d Mar, Fox Co. Unit 44055 FPO AP 96607	First Sergeant 2d Bn 3d Mar, H&S Co. Unit 44045 FPO AP 96607
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2d Bn 3d Mar, Whiskey Co. (Arty Unit)
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FPO AP 96607

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The Bridge Corner

By Robbie Gee

The MOAA Party Bridge group was hosted on September 24, 2005 by Gary and Bev Jensen at their Mililani showplace home and, as usual, outdid themselves as hosts. My mental telepathy paid off with Bev's making her fabulous Key Lime Pie for dessert.

Guest Dick Pultz ran away with first place as high scorer for the evening, but we'll invite him again, anyway. Host Gary Jensen took second place despite keeping busy tending to his guests. Other players enjoying the evening were Robbie and Bob Gee, and Jack and Carita Miller.

We're looking for new members so even if you haven't played for a while, it's okay. Brush aside the cobwebs and jump in with both feet! It's good mental exercise and, as they say, "Use it or lose it".

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 enjoy another opportunity to socialize with their MOAA friends and who don't take their bridge too seriously! The group usually meets on the last Saturday of the month at 1900 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, especially during UH Football season.

Lanikai Players

The Chapter does not have the Lanikai Players on its event schedule this year; however, we would like to inform our members of the dates of the play.

Filthy Riches

November 4, 5, & 6 and 11, 12 & 13.
 Call Debbie for reservations - 262-7549



**NEW MEMBERS
 "GIVE ME 10"
 CAMPAIGN**

Col. Ron Bucher, USAF (Ret.)
 Cdr. Phillip D. Davis, USN
 LtGen. Wallace C. Gregson, USMC (Ret.)

**That is \$30.00 more toward our Scholarship Fund –
 Keep Trucken**

“A Few Appropriate Remarks” - The Gettysburg Address (con’t from page 1)

As Americans we should all read these words occasionally to remind ourselves of what we stand for; of why we are prepared to shed blood to preserve our freedoms; of why this country will persevere long after its enemies have died at our ramparts.

If anyone should ask you what America is all about, tell them to read the Gettysburg Address.

(Below is the address in Lincoln’s hand writing.)

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CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

As many of you know we have a very ambitious JROTC Scholarship program, with up to five \$1000 university/college scholarships awarded to deserving Hawaii High School JROTC Cadets each year. We would like to recognize those special Chapter members who have donated to this very important program.



Gold Award - \$100 or more
Hank Heyanga Archie Loo
Jerry Coffee Ellen Chang

Silver Award - \$50 to \$99
Lloyd Vasey

Bronze Award - \$25 to \$49
T. B. Wilson Charlie Kimak
Michael O’Neal

HAWAII CHAPTER WEB SITE



Members!

When was the last time you visited our Chapter Internet Web Site?

www.moaa-hawaii.org

Our Web Master, Col Ron McClair USMC (Ret.) has been producing and main-

taining this site for a number of years now, which we truly appreciate. Recently during a meeting with our sister Chapter of El Paso, Texas one of their officers stated they were starting up a web site and using ours as a model. So if your friends or acquaintances are looking for information about our Chapter have them click on our web site for all the recent information.

RESERVE YOUR SEATS FOR TWO OUTSTANDING CHAPTER PROGRAMS

Annual Meeting – Hickam Officers Club Brunch on November 13, 2005

(Please note that Reservation deadline is November 9th for the Annual Meeting)

The Brunch opens at 1000. Members please arrive not later than 1100. Program starts at 1145. Chapter members will “briefly” brief on status/plans of the following

Pearl Harbor Historic Sites:



- USS Arizona Memorial– George Sullivan
- USS Bowfin and Submarine Museum -- Jerry Hofwalt
- USS Missouri Memorial – Don Hess
- Pacific Aviation Museum – Allan Palmer

Chapter Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 13th at 1800 hours

(Please note the reservation deadline is December 5th for the Christmas Party)

Once again the Chapter will host a lively fun evening at the Waikiki Ballroom, Hale Koa Hotel, featuring two bands and a \$1000 donation to the recreation fund of the local U. S. Coast Guard.



The Marine Forces Pacific band will play pre-dinner music from 1800 to 1900 so plan to arrive on time.

After dinner, a swing band will entertain so get out your festive Christmas clothes – jackets suggested without ties – and your dancing shoes. So round up your friends,

organize a table of ten, car pool and have some fun. There will be assigned seats so please note on your reservation any particular friends you wish to join at your table.

Clip and mail to Bill Quirk by November 9, 2005. Call Bill or John Harms 261-2282 with questions.

**I (we) will attend the Nov. 13th Brunch at Hickam. Cost: \$18.95 ea.
(Hickam Club Members: \$14.95)**

Brunch Cost: \$ x () = \$ _____ Scholarship Donations \$ _____

Total ENCLOSED: \$ _____ Name Tags to Read: _____ / _____

Make Checks payable to: Hawaii Chapter MOAA

Mail Checks and reservations to: Bill Quirk, 95-219 Aua Place, Mililani, Hawaii 96789

Clip and mail to Bill Quirk by December 5, 2005. Call Bill or John Harms 261-2282 with questions.

I (we) will attend the Christmas Party Dec. 13 at Hale Koa. Cost: \$30.00 each

Dinner choice: Fillet Mignon (#) _____ Vegetarian Fettuccine (#) _____

Dinner Cost: \$ 30.00 x () = \$ _____ Scholarship Donations \$ _____

Total ENCLOSED: \$ _____ Name Tags to Read: _____ / _____

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TUG by Colonel Lou Torraca, USAF (Retired)



Emergency Planning & Backup

When I originally wrote this column, there were several hurricanes that were a threat to Hawaii. Fortunately, they missed us, but the fact that we are vulnerable still makes this advice a must-do! After watching all the reports about Katrina, I began to think about emergency plans for a hit! I even bought a 12 pack of bottled water this morning on my regular commissary run! I have always said it's a waste of money since we have such good water out of the tap, here {-}

Anyhow, after all that I thought it might be a good idea to once again, cover that very important topic... backup! Are you really prepared for a loss of all your data? As we have discussed, there are many ways to keep the data you backup...depending on the size of your HD, you can use CDs, DVDs, tape, external HDs, internal HDs, flashdrives (they come as big as 2GB now) or even another PC. Speaking of another PC, if you have a laptop, that's probably the best place to put your backup as it's small enough to take with you should you have to evacuate...however, it's still a good idea to do a backup with one of the other media, too. Also, remember most backup programs don't allow you to restore your programs with the backup, you will need your CDs, so make sure you have them all together to take with you. Here is a page where you will find lots of backup programs:

http://www.sofotex.com/download/PC_Uilities/Back_Up/

As I have told you before, I use True Image from Acronis which DOES restore all the programs to my PC without having to use individual CDs. It might not restore your OS, however, due to MS' requirement to activate your copy of Windows, so be sure to take your Windows CD with you, too! Another interesting suggestion I saw recently, was to take your HD(s) with you. This of course entails opening your PC and disconnecting the cables to your HD(s) as well as unscrewing the four screws, 2 on each side of the HD(s) and sliding them out. The advantage of this, of course, is 2 fold. No backup needed...you have all your files, and if your PC was lost in a Hurricane and turned up somewhere in the hands of a hacker, there would be no access to your files! I realize, this is a pretty far-out scenario, but who knows {-}

OK, so you have all your supplies set to go, based on one of the many checklists available. How about your health records? What if your primary health care facility is destroyed? This seems to be a recurrent subject in regard to Katrina. One place you may want to check out is www.iHealthrecords.com where you can find forms to fill out with all your critical medical info to take with you...or, if you have an online e-mail account, just e-mail a copy to yourself and it will be available online. This also applies to many other documents you may have in a safe-deposit box. What if the bank gets zapped? Again, you can scan and copy the documents and attach them to an e-mail to your online e-mail address so they will be available online. There are also pay sites that let you keep info, like www.elderissues.com Another good site for forms to fill out is www.todaysseniors.com ...these are free, I believe. One other item, again, based on stories after Katrina, if you haven't scanned your photo albums and saved them, you should...many albums of pictures that are irreplaceable were lost to the flood waters. There are a number of websites where you can store photos...most are free: www.shutterfly.com www.kodakgallery.com and www.snapfish.com

Finally, if you (we) are lucky and the Hurricane spares our houses and computers and the electricity comes back on quickly, you might find that your broadband ISP, e.g. roadrunner may be out and stay that way for some time. So, I have a backup that should work for everyone and it's a free one. I have a Juno account that gives me internet dialup access for 10 hours a month. In a pinch, enough to download my e-mail for quite a few days. You can sign-up and download the software at www.juno.com.

That about covers the subject and should keep you busy for awhile. While you are at it, in case you are also interested in cleaning up some of the excess stuff on your HD, the following is a good way to do it:

REMOVE USELESS FILE TYPES

Here's a short list that covers the major files that you can lose without danger.

~.mp .bak .chk .cnt .fts .gid .grp .hlp .old .tmp

Just move them into a "Delete" folder. When you've run your computer without encountering any problems for a few days or weeks, it is probably safe to get rid of everything in the "Delete" folder. To find these files, go "Start / Find / Files and Folders"

Type in "*.####" (with ' .###' being the listed extension). Make sure you search your entire computer instead of just one folder. Also

.AVI & .WMV - movie files; unless you want to see them over and over or keep to forward to all your e-mail pals, you can save quite a bit of space by deleting them. After you are done with all this, you should run Windows defrag.

That's it for now, this time the Hurricanes passed us by, but don't count on it...get to work and backup!

Come see us at one of our scheduled meetings, visit www.the_tug.hoomestead.com for more info *Aloha, Lou*



Four Chapters Gather for Dinner and National Recognition followed by MOAA Plaque Dedication at Punchbowl



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TWO CHAPTER FUNCTIONS
13 Nov. Brunch at Hickam O'Club
&
13 Dec. Christmas Party at Hale Koa
(see page 5 for details and reservations)

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

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New members: Complete next items and Regular or Auxiliary Member section. Enter remittance at bottom.
Current members: Complete any items that have changed and enter your remittance amount at bottom of form.

Address: _____ Email: _____
Date of birth: _____ National MOAA membership No. _____ SSN ____/____/____
Home Phone: _____ Office Phone: _____ Fax _____

Regular Members: Active duty, retired, or former military officers are eligible for regular membership.
Service _____ Rank _____ Active Duty Retired Reserve National Guard Former Officer
Dues: \$15 per year; 5 years for \$60. Life membership: Age 50 and under, \$300; 51-60 \$250; 61-70 \$200; 71-89 \$100; 90 and older is free.

Auxiliary Members: Widows or widowers are eligible for membership whose spouses were regular members or were eligible for regular membership. Rank of spouse: _____ Service of spouse: _____
Dues: \$10 per year; 5 years for \$40; Life membership: Age 50 and under, \$150; 51-60 \$125; 61-70 \$100; 71-89 \$50; 90 and older is free.

If married, spouse's first name: _____ Last name, if different than yours: _____
Indicate interest in any of the following Chapter activities or Committees:

Personal Affairs Legislative Affairs/Veterans Affairs Public Affairs Program/Social Newsletter Membership Finance
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Total Remittance: \$ _____ Make check to Hawaii Chapter MOAA, PO Box 1185, Kailua HI 96734-1185