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Aloha fellow FMA Chapter 19 Members:

It is a pleasure to address you at this time. The new executive board has been working together from January 2012. We have a diverse group that have a lot of new ideas to improve our organization. With the mix of experienced and new members I see the synergism of the group developing into a cohesive team.

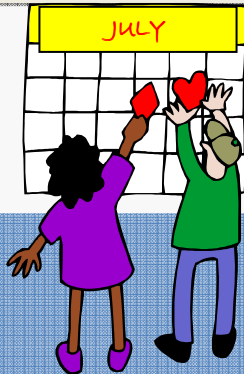
At the congressional level we have been working with our National FMA office on major issues. Some of them include:

- (1) Having congress avoid enacting sweeping, across-the-board federal workforce cuts.
- (2) Having congress avoid restricting federal agencies by relying on continuing resolutions to fund federal operations, and all appropriations bills should be passed in a timely manner.
- (3) Having congress end the current pay freeze and should restore the practice of evaluating civil service pay adjustments on a yearly basis.
- (4) Congress should not attempt to balance the federal budget through decreases to federal employee pay and benefits.

At the National FMA convention this year in Washington D.C. we had a great opportunity to visit and lobby with our congressional senators. One of the important take aways from our discussion with Senator Inouye was that we should always be concerned about the BRAC. Pearl Harbor will always be considered for base closure.

The executive board and I look forward to serving you and welcome ideas you may have to improve our service to you.

Aloha & Hope to see you all at our General Membership meetings in July and October and our Social gathering in December. Lloyd Fujimoto



**Next General
Membership
meeting will be on
JULY 26, 2012.**

Watch your email for notification and mark it on your calendar to come.

New Members

Welcome to Beverly Higa, sponsored by Thora Theisen, Randy Sunada, sponsored by Brian Apo, and Mike Fong sponsored by Lloyd Fujimoto. They were sworn in by Chapter 19 President Lloyd Fujimoto at the Jan 26 general membership meeting.



March 14, 2012, Washington DC, FMA Chapter 19 "Day on the Hill" meeting with Senator Daniel Inouye (D). Visit the FMA chapter 19 website for a copy of the our issue brief.

New Board

The 2012 FMA Chapter 19 Installation Banquet was held on Jan 14 at the Pearl Country Club. Master of Ceremonies was David Buote, Code 700 and Honored Guest was, CAPT Brian Osgood - Commanding Officer Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

David Buote honored the outgoing officers and CAPT Osgood installed the new 2012 / 2013 Chapter 19 Executive Board – Welcome Lloyd Fujimoto President, Varney Range 1st Vice President, Nathan “Kaipo” Punahale 2nd VP Thora Theisen 3rd VP, Ileen Wong Treasurer, Owen Okumura Recording Secretary, Charlotte Mukai Corresponding Sec, Maea Lefotu Sergeant-at-Arms, Clement Lopez, Vicky AhQuin, Brian Apo, Allen Couture, Alan Ishida and Wayne Wilcox, Directors.



FMA Chapter 19 President visiting with Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa during an April Town Hall Meeting.

Christmas Gathering

This year Chapter 19 General Membership Christmas Gathering was held on Dec 9 and started off by a Holiday Greeting by our Shipyard Commander, CAPT Ozgood and followed by many great lucky number prizes. As always, everyone had fun.

Adopt-a-Highway

The highway fronting Nimitz Gate looks great. Chapter 19 sponsored Adopt-a-Highway on February 25, 2012. Persons wanting to volunteer for future Adopt-A-Highway dates, Meet at the Pass and ID office parking lot at 8:00 a.m., closed toe shoes required---refreshments will be provided.

Other dates include:
May 5, August 18,
and in November,
date pending.



General Membership Meeting

We were honored to have CDR Mark Oesterreich, as a guest speaker for our January 26th GM Meeting. He provided some interesting insight to his involvement in the Shipyard's progress.

We were honored to have CDR Heydon as a guest speaker for our April 26th GM Meeting. He provided a great overview of our upcoming VIRGINIA Class EOSRA.

Future General Member Meetings

October 25 and December 13---Put the dates on your office calendar and watch for the email reminder.

Upcoming events:

May 26-27 Special Olympics

July 26---Next General Membership meeting

1600---Bldg 2 Breakroom

Food and Beverage @ \$2.00/ Member

TO OUR VALUED MEMBERS

FMA Chapter 19 by-laws provide (3) assistance policies for members in good standing, which include:

1. Legal assistance for Association Member
2. Death Benefit Assistance Program
3. Expenses for a small gift of concern (i.e. flowers, fruit basket, etc.)
 - a. Member or Spouse hospitalization
 - b. Death of a Family Member
 - c. Death of a Spouse
 - d. Long-Term Sickness

If you have a concern about a fellow FMA member or could use some support yourself, do not hesitate to contact a board member. We can all use a little help to get us through a tough time.

Giving To Those in Need

Thanks again for supporting our Portuguese sausage fundraiser for those in need. For 2011, FMA members donated \$2,600 to the Lokahi Giving Project. The mission of the Lokahi Giving Project is to provide a hand up to the “gap group” ineligible for other assistance and to relieve the burden of families and individuals who suffer an unforeseen crisis. It’s a year-round, volunteer-driven program that serves deserving recipients referred by over 250 participating non-profits, group homes, hospitals, and social service agencies statewide. All the hard workers (lead by Ileen Wong) had a great time visiting with fellow FMA members while they picked up their sausages. It was especially fun talking story with the FMA retirees.

Legislative Action Team (LAT) Luncheon

This year’s LAT luncheon was held at Natsunoya Tea House on December 17, 2011. Since congress extended their session this year, our delegates were unable to attend. However, Mike Kitamura (District Director) represented Senator Daniel Akaka, and Honolulu Pacific Federal Executive Board Executive Director Gloria Uyehara, FMA Chapter 19 president Lloyd Fujimoto and former FMA Zone 7 President John Priolo were present.

Mike Kitamura from Senator Akaka’s office spoke about locality pay, supervisor training and the new position of Chief Management Officer who will lead human resources in Federal Government organizations., BRAC concerns and the need to improve efficiency.

Lloyd Fujimoto thanked Mike Kitamura for his continued involvement and for their support of DOD Pay & Personnel Programs, PHNSY Workload, and Workforce Revitalization, briefly explained the challenges for 2012.

Gilbert Ching, a retired member was awarded the John Priolo Accomplishment Award for his continued commitment to FMA Chapter 19. He attends all FMA General meetings, and ensures that the food and beverages are set up, all items in place and ready for you to enjoy.

Area Coordinators

Not sure how what is happening in Congress affects our future. Ask Your Area Coordinator. The Area Coordinators are just as knowledgeable about the issues facing Federal employees as are your Board Members. Don’t know who your Area Coordinator is, just ask one of the Board Members.



From left to right: Hank Magee, John Priolo, Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa, Lloyd Fujimoto