



BIRMA Bulletin

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February Meeting

Welcome to 2016! With luck this will be a year we remember! 2015 went out with a whimper, not much of a surprise. If you were **NOT** aware, **THIS** is an election year, time to make some changes in our government. I've talked to **WAY** to many people over the years that **DO NOT VOTE** and use the excuse that "*My Vote Doesn't Count Anyway*"! **NOT** a good excuse – think of how many people might be saying that – encourage your friends, family and neighbors to take advantage of **ONE** of their many freedoms – **VOTE!**

NOTE!!

For anyone interested in researching the idea of cleaning up congress:

<http://www.termlimitsforuscongress.com/>

Want some opinions?

<http://apsecsec.org/pros-and-cons-of-congressional-term-limits/>

REMINDER Feb 27th, is our next meeting and the FIRST Luncheon for 2016

Please remember to let us know by Feb 23th you are going to attend!

February 27 - Nani Mau Gardens in Hilo

Also - If you haven't seen "13 Hours" yet, I highly recommend it, an exciting and informative movie!

**BIRMA MINUTES
December 2015**

There was no Board of Directors (BOD) meeting in December.

Our February meeting will be at Nani Mau Gardens in Hilo

The price will be \$15.00 per person for all you can eat.

The menu consists of:

salad greens, coleslaw,

rice, curry,

fish, chicken, ribs and cut pork roast,

tea, water, a juice and coffee.

Sodas and beer can be purchased separately.

Please RSVP by February 23

The Luncheon on February 27th starts at 11:30.

Presidents Corner



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our December 2015 Christmas party was at the Privateer's Cove in Kona. Everyone in attendance had a great time. Check out the slideshow for the Christmas Party on our website, <http://www.biretiredmilitary.org> Thanks to the chef, the food was perfect and quite a change from most gatherings. Still the price was reasonable. Giving at Christmas is what we like to do and our gift exchange went as planned and we also distributed door prizes contributed by funds from BIRMA, Big Island Candies, KTA, Safeway and individual members. Jim Traxler shared his New Year's Party with BIRMA members on January 3, 2016. Many members did come and enjoy the ambiance and food again at the Privateer's Cove. We have hopes that this business venture of Jim's son will make it.

We do not generally have a business meeting at Christmas. Our next meeting will be February 27, 2016. The board meeting will begin at 10:30. Lunch will follow our general meeting to be served after 11:30. Our meeting will be at Nani Mau Gardens in Hilo. Again along with the meal, the garden can be enjoyed at any time. Directions will be given. Our 2014 Christmas party was a success in 2014 and it's about the only place on the Hilo side that does large groups and has a reasonable price for the food. We will be sharing the buffet as offered for the tour groups, rather than a special menu. Please RSVP by February 23.

Our newest member, Nestorio Domingo will be our speaker. He will give us insight as to what he did his years in the Air Force. He will reflect on the B-2 stealth bomber, F22 Raptor fighter jet, F-35 joint strike fighter, and weapon integration flight testing..

Time is running out on my term as your President. Please support this club as this is a club independent from National direction. It is supported by our members that include their spouses/significant others as members (not auxillary). Our plans are to move back to the mainland in the Thousand Islands region of New York State as soon as we get a buyer for our home in Mountain View. Since we became members, we have enjoyed all the folks we have met at our BIRMA meetings. The ride to Kona for us was always a great way to see the island's diverse cultures and scenery on the West coast. I hope those who venture to the East Coast find it enjoyable as well. We will remain members just as so many who have moved to the mainland. Hawaii has always been a great place to visit. Now we have friends in Hawaii to visit too.

Reminder!

Our membership list goes to all members, so if you need a copy of our latest membership contact list, write to Kathy Tilton at matriarch951@gmail.com.

February 27th Nani Mau Gardens in Hilo

RSVP by 23 February

