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DearFellow Interrogators, Families and Friends -

We are rapidly approaching our annual Gathering to be held this September in Honolulu, Hawaii at the Hale Koa Hotel on famous Waikiki Beach.

Howard Young, our host for this year’s Gathering has put together a varied agenda that offers organized activities along with ample free time for shopping, the beach, and sight seeing.

Sunday Brunch at the Officer’s Club at Kaneohe Bay is the perfect way to start our activities. The Officer’s Club built on top of a hill in 1941, has a great view of the Pacific Ocean and the Koolau Mountains while offering a brunch that has been described as the “best in the islands”. The remainder of Sunday is open for your enjoyment.

Monday’s activities include a Pearl Harbor tour on the Grayline Bus during the day and ends with the Hale Koa Luau that evening in the Hotel’s garden.

The spectacle of an ancient Hawaiian tradition comes alive at the Luau. Entering the tropical garden, you are greeted with a lei and a Hawaiian Mai Tai. As you stroll through the gardens various entertainers including a Hawaiian musical duo, lei making demonstrations, as well as other Polynesian artists entertain us during cocktail hour.

Our evening fare features an authentic imu (Hawaiian underground oven) ceremony followed by a full meal of authentic local flavors. The

sumptuous menu includes native delicacies such as lomi lomi salmon, kalua pig, teriyaki beef, shoyu chicken, Mahimahi, pineapple and poi. After our meal a luau show with host Glenn Medeiros, takes us on a musical journey with singers and dancers through the islands of the South Pacific.

On Tuesday we are back on-board the Grayline for the perfect way to see Oahu's highlights in half a day. From the beautiful South Shore coastline, to the lush rain forest of Nu'uanu and more. Tuesday evening is open for you to explore and enjoy some of the exotic and wonderful restaurants that Oahu has to offer. Howard has become an Island restaurant epicurean and can offer numerous tasty suggestions.

We start Wednesday with our annual business meeting. Among the numerous agenda items is the Gathering location for 2017, which will be discussed and selected. That evening we will dine at Koko’s at Kalia in the Hale Koa hotel.

Thursday, our last day, has the annual golf tournament along with other activities. Golfing will be at the MCB Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course featuring a front nine holes that have a view of the Ko'olau Mountains and the back nine a gorgeous ocean front view. I have heard through scuttlebutt that John Lopez is covering all bets and even offering strokes.

In the early evening we have a sunset dinner cruise aboard the Ali’i Kai Catamaran, one of the world’s largest Polynesian ocean vessels. The Ali’i Kai is among Honolulu’s most popular choices for a sunset sail along Waikiki’s golden shoreline.  Back at the hotel we end our Gathering with an open bar Cocktail party to say “Aloha” to our friends and the Islands.

I hope that you have an opportunity to join us for our 14th Annual Gathering. I look forward to seeing all of you in beautiful Hawaii this September.

Aloha, and Semper Fidelis

Vince Burdelski  
Chairman of the MCITTA Board of Directors