

Kwajalein Reunion 2010 Honolulu

Aloha E Pili Kākou . . . Let Us Be Together

August 26, 27 & 28, 2010 (4 Days & 3 Nights) ~ Hilton Hawaiian Village ~ Only 8 Months Away! Away!

What To Do On O'ahu Cheap or Free!

Beaches

Ala Moana Beach Park, swimming, volleyball, tennis, picnic, jog - walk from HHV!

'Ehukai Beach, Haleiwa, home of the Banzai Pipeline!

Halona Beach Cove, near the blow hole. Pretend you're Burt and Deborah in *From Here To Eternity!*

Hanauma Bay, Honolulu, snorkel in the ancient crater of an extinct volcano - go eyeball to mask with exotically beautiful fish!

Kailua Beach, long, broad, white sands, swimming, windsurfing, picnics.

Kualoa Regional Park, Kaneohe, swimming, snorkeling, fishing, picnics, mountain backdrop, near the **Moli'i Fishpond** (*Lost* filming site!)

Kawela Bay, Kahuku, near Turtle Bay Resort, secluded spot bordered by tropical forest - very Kwaj-like!



Lanikai Beach, Kailua, picture perfect white sand, swimming, snorkeling, kayaking, breath-taking sunrises!

Sunset Beach, Haleiwa, swimming, surfing, snorkeling, fishing, picnics - watch for the *green flash* as sun sinks!

Waimanalo Beach, quiet white sand beach shaded by ironwood trees, swimming, snorkeling, body boarding.

Or choose your own favorite!

Any questions or to share your story, memory, opinion, ideas, participate in Hawaiiana Fair and/or help with reunion, email Momi at momiala@yahoo.com

Keeping You Updated!

This Is It - The Year 2010 Has Arrived!

It's January and we have confirmed prices for reunion activities and transportation! Admission fees, however, are subject to change. As most Kwajers will have to fly to Honolulu, we will continue to be on the lookout for ways to save you money!

When making reservations at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, call toll-free at 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667). Use the source code **ALA** to receive our special discounted Kwaj rate.

You may also access our preferred personalized reservation site at <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/HNLHVHH-ALA-20100823/index.jhtml>. Once you have entered the site, click on *Book A Room* to begin the process. So that we may Linger Longer, this rate has been extended to include three days before and after the reunion! If you wish to stay beyond those dates, email Momi at momiala@yahoo.com.

Hotel check-in time is 3 pm and check-out time is 11 am, something to consider when making airline reservations. If you arrive early, however, we will have the I'olani Hospitality Suite available, and the bellman will hold your luggage until you can check in. Several airlines service the islands and now is a good time to start checking their fares . . . we have found that there are a lot of deals out there! More info to follow in future Nupepa issues.

Attached to this Nupepa is the **Registration Form** for reunion activities and functions. It is designed to be filled out on-line, printed and mailed, with registration fee included, to the address noted. The non-refundable registration fee of \$50 is necessary to purchase reunion-related supplies, equipment, and to reserve transportation and event/function rooms. Your cancelled check (allow 20 days to clear) will be your receipt. Remember, payment is due in full by July 15th!

Kwaj Kids Volleyball

Anyone interested in a beach volleyball tournament during the reunion? Gather up your old teams! Do the names *Cheer Energy*, *Sun Devils*, *Roi Rats*, *Kamikaze* ring a bell? It is going to be so much fun on the sand in the sun, just like Emon Beach! Only requirement is that you attended school on Kwaj and consider yourself a Kwaj Kid or a Kwaj Kid at Heart! There are teams forming from the 70's already; where are you, 80's classes?? Teams of five can be by class, clubs, state, years on Kwaj or just groups of friends. For more information or to sign up your team, contact Panida at panidalachman@hotmail.com

When: Saturday, August 28th, noon until ???

Where: Right next door to the Hilton at Fort DeRussy

Talk Story

August 2010, not really so far away. Answer Kwajalein's beckoning call and come to O'ahu, the Gathering Place. Bring your memories and look once again into the familiar eyes of a long-ago friend. Let the comfort of your shared past wrap around you like a warm island breeze. Remember a time when you were in the best shape of your life. When, despite the utter disbelief of all who know you now, you could not only gracefully mount, dismount and park a bike in a concrete rack with surgeon-like precision, you could ride confidently with no hands! See you in Honolulu!!

We Encourage You To Attend!

Give yourself the opportunity to have a marvelous time. I did and had a wonderful time in Colorado in 2008! Reunions keep us connected. They allow us to renew old friend-ships and make new ones! Perhaps more importantly, reunions are catalysts for reflecting on our own lives and reaffirming our sense of belonging. Listed below are a few replies to common concerns. ☺

"I'm too fat. I look old. I'm divorced and unhappy. I'm unemployed, etc." We all have the same fears and shortcomings. This is why reunions are so therapeutic. People discover no one cares how you look, how checkered your past or what your employment status is. It's confidence-building to learn they just want to see you, no matter your perceived imperfections! You may not want to come because of weight gained - just to let you know, we are not charging by the pound! ☺ And remember, age is a state of mind - Kwajers are *Eternally Young!*!

"What if I don't remember someone? What if nobody remembers me???" You'll be surprised by exactly how many folks remember you - former classmates, extended family members, military buddies (that secret crush!) Especially interesting will be those people you forgot you even knew!

"Nothing has changed in my life. I am too embarrassed to go." Many are disheartened if they've had little progress in their lives. It is encouraging to know that people will be traveling long distances hoping to see you and will be sorely disappointed if you don't come! We all share the strong bond that is Kwajalein, and all who attend Kwaj Reunion 2010 will be warmly and genuinely welcomed!!