

## AN OPIOID EPIDEMIC

Drugs used to be a subject most of us never bothered about. Now many people have discovered that the opioid epidemic has touched a family they know, if not their own. Our June speaker will talk on the subject. If you have not already done so, please send in your reservation for the June meeting. A form can be found on page 7,



## DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENT TO SPEAK

**John W. Callery** currently runs the Honolulu District Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) which includes all operations in Guam and Saipan. He has 35 years of law enforcement experience and began his career as a police officer with the US Air Force. In 1992 he was appointed a Special Agent in the DEA. Along the way he earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Maryland, a Master of Science in Counterterrorism-WMD from the Rochester Institute of Technology and also holds a Master Certificate in Conflict Management from the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza School of Business.

He has had many interesting and successful assignments which include some of the following highlights:

- While in the Air Force, he was a member of the prestigious Presidential Honor Guard serving then President Ronald Reagan;
- Investigating the murder of Special Agent Enrique Camarena in Mexico;
- Assignment in Bangkok from 1999 to 2005 where he controlled high level heroin investigations to include the first wiretap in the history of Thailand; (He still maintains his Thai language ability.)
- Participating in over 80 overseas training seminars throughout the world in narcotics enforcement, money laundering and terrorism to include Afghanistan;
- Country Attache to Kuala Lumpur Malaysia Country Office where he managed DEA's efforts in Malaysia, Singapore, East Timor and Brunei involving drug trafficking and money laundering;
- Leadership positions in Los Angeles DEA office which led to the arrests of hundreds of drug traffickers and violent criminal offenders.

In 2017 he assumed the duties of the Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) of the DEA Honolulu District Office. He is currently leading the men and women of the Honolulu Office concentrating on the growing opioid threat, fentanyl laced heroin and the enduring scourge of methamphetamine trafficking in the region.

He is married, enjoys golf, snorkeling, tennis and is an avid sports fan.

## SOMETIMES A CRAZY IDEA WORKS

*Some time ago, my brother-in-law sent me a strange story of a ship in World War II. The story below is a compilation of stories and articles found online. I found the incident very interesting and think some of our readers might be intrigued by it, too. It is the true story of a Dutch warship.*

Sometimes in life, the guy with the so-crazy-it-might-just-work idea hits one out of the park and saves the day. This is what happened in 1942 aboard the *HNLMS Abraham Crijnsen*, the last Dutch warship standing after the Battle of the Java Sea.

The ship was based in Surabaya in the Dutch East Indies when WWII broke out. In March of 1942, all Allied ships were ordered to withdraw to Australia after major losses in the Java Sea. Originally planning to escape to Australia with three other warships, the then-stranded minesweeper had to make the voyage alone and unprotected. The slow-moving vessel could not keep up. It was only capable of about 15 knots and had very few guns, boasting only a single 3-inch gun and two Oerlikon 20 mm canons making it a sitting duck for the Japanese bombers that circled above.



*Abraham Crijnsen* without camouflage

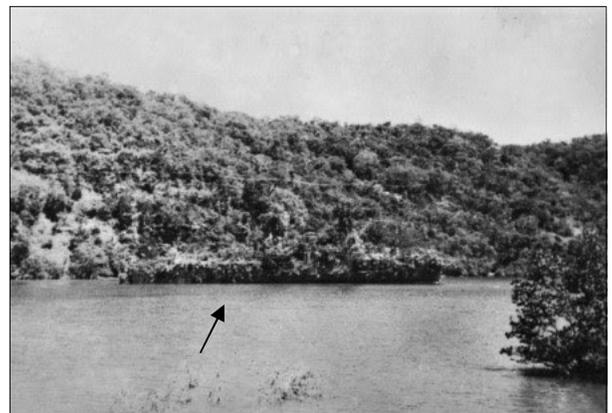
Knowing their only chance of survival was to make it to the Allies Down Under, the *Crijnsen's* 45 crew members frantically brainstormed ways to make the retreat undetected. The winning idea? Turn the ship into an island. The idea was far-fetched but the *Abraham Crijnsen* did not have a lot of options available.

The crew members went ashore and lugged back trees. They worked as hard and fast as they could as they knew their lives depended on it. They arranged the trees and other foliage to look like a jungle canopy, covering as much of the ship as possible. Exposed areas of the hull were painted to look like rocky areas.

They knew it was not only possible, but probable, that the Japanese would notice a moving island so they sailed only when it was dark. They hoped and prayed the Japanese would not notice an



Two Views of the camouflaged ship.



island disappearing only to show up somewhere else among the nearly 10,000 islands in the Indonesian area. Fortunately no one did.

They managed to avoid the planes and the destroyer that had sunk all the other Dutch warships. They arrived in Freemantle, Australia, on March 20th, eight days after they began their escape. It is a good example of a crazy idea actually saving the day—or in this case, saving the crew.

## POSTSCRIPT ON THE TOM DOOLEY FOUNDATION

Readers may recall that in the August issue of 2018, I mentioned the passing of Marleane Thompson Mitchell, the Pan Am stewardess who volunteered with the Tom Dooley Foundation in Darjeeling, India. She was the first of many Pan Am stewardesses who took leaves, which Pan Am granted, to do volunteer work with one or another of the many Dooley facilities—though facility is too grand a word for the hospitals and schools in which the volunteers worked. Tom Dooley and his doctors established “clinics” in the poorest of areas with the most primitive conditions compared to health care available in large cities.

At the time, I received the obituary information from Beth Wilkins last August, I sent it to Dian Groh and Becky Sprecher because they collaborate on articles for the World Wings newsletter *Jet Wings*. The stewardess volunteer program seemed an appropriate topic for our World Wings members. Their research proved to be challenging because many of the stewardesses, like Marleane, had passed away. In the end, they located several ladies, interviewed them and finalized their article for the Winter/Spring 2019 issue of *Jet Wings*. Maybe one of these days, I will ask World Wings for their permission to reprint the lengthy article in successive issues of our *Aloha Clipper*. Though lengthy, the stories are very interesting.

In the meantime, I have been privy to some of Dian’s emails during her research which provide an update on the Dooley Foundation. I think most of our members will recall Tom Dooley, a Navy doctor, who, after completing his service in 1956, went back to Asia to establish hospitals for the poor. He was extremely charismatic and managed to get 900 physician volunteers in just four years. His work in Asia was well-known and he was featured in newspaper articles and on television, even appearing on the show *What’s My Line*. When he died of cancer at the age of 34, it was reported worldwide. A group of his volunteer doctors decided to form a foundation in Dooley’s name to continue his work, the Dooley Intermed International Foundation.



Dr. Tom Dooley

Though the work continued, the foundation faded into the background of the popular press. Dian located Dr. Richard Lavelly, a doctor in Pennsylvania who is the fourth president of the Dooley foundation. He is currently trying to organize all the information on Tom Dooley which resides in 14 boxes at the University of Missouri archives. (Dooley was a graduate of the University medical school.) He was excited to hear from Dian because he has been looking for people who knew Dr. Dooley to interview them. He wrote: “You women were involved in Laos which was right after March 1956 when Tom resigned from the Navy to go to Laos. This is in his book, *The Edge of Tomorrow*. How thrilling that we were able to make contact. Thanks.” He added that he had been told that Pan Am was more like an extended family than an employer.

Dr. Lavelly was a bit overwhelmed with all the material available to him in those 14 boxes only 1 of which he has gone through. Dian shared that she understood completely as she and Becky have spent hours in the University of Miami's Richter Library, researching their Pan Am articles. It is Dr. Lavelly's hope to use video interviews to encourage more young people to do volunteer work. Though the Dooley name may not be a household word these days, it is clear his foundation is alive and well, continuing his good work.

## PAN AM PEOPLE AND EVENTS

People often ask Pan Am employees who their most interesting or famous passenger might be.



When I read of the passing of **I. M. Pei**, (left), the famous architect, this month, I smiled to think he made it to age 102. I can assure you he certainly was one of the nicest passengers I have ever met, regardless of fame. Though he had that, too. I had the pleasure of serving him in first class twice, once with his wife and two of his children. For younger readers who may not recognize him, he designed many famous buildings such as the pyramid addition to the Louvre in Paris. His works include the original buildings of Hawaii's own East-West Center. . .

The **Ladies of Reservations** met for lunch at the Harbor Village Restaurant in Hawaii Kai recently. They were celebrating a visit from former co-worker, Michelle Eldredge who lives in California. The photo was taken just outside the restaurant. Seated are Clare Takayama and Janice Casey. Standing from left to right are, Geri Kahale, Jill Nakagawa, Kathy Ching, Elaine Higa, Michelle Eldredge and Pat Wagner. . .



**George Rickabaugh** visited

Jakarta recently and had lunch with his former staff from Sales at Plataran Restaurant. He was in

charge of the office from 1975 to 1977. He sent the photo at left which was taken just outside the restaurant on April 25, 2019. He felt they all "held up amazingly well". The lady who is 3rd from the right, Meity Robot, was the Ticket Office Supervisor and she is now 82, the same age as George. From left are Mila Mawira, originally a secretary; George; Linda Meraxa; Meity; and Feni Lufti, all in their 60s and 70s. George cannot remember the name of the fellow on the right but he was the TWA manager back in the 70s. George added that it was great to get together after 45 years. All of the ladies are very proud of their Pan Am past. . . . Many



of our local readers will remember **Ron Dunn** who was based in Honolulu before transferring to San Francisco in 1990. He retired from United in 2006. He had a stroke, which paralyzed his right side. Indomitable Ron bounced back learning to do everything with his left hand and arm. Sadly, he suffered cardiac arrest after surgery in mid-April and passed away on May 7th at the age of 71. He is survived by his wife, **Loralee Nevermann**, to whom our hearts go out at this sad time. . . Member **Mary Emerson** has become a regular supporter of the Pan Am Historical Foundation, participating in all four of the tours the foundation has sponsored. She is always delighted when she meets people from Hawaii on the tours. On this spring's Morocco tour, she met Member **Gene Vricella** and his spouse, **Jill Ramsgate**, who recently moved from Manoa Valley to Madison, Wisconsin, where Jill's family lives. Gene asked Mary to pass on their Aloha to Honolulu friends. . . .



We have not yet received any responses from the photo contest mentioned in the last issue. **London Pan Am Association** members, however, keep finding Pan Am bags in their parks as seen in this photo at left, copied from their newsletter. . . .Speaking of the foundation, PAHF Chairman **Ed Trippe** sent a report on the status of the Pan Am documentary film, *Across the Pacific*, to be broadcast on American Public Television. He writes that most of the work of filming has been completed but the producer, Steve Lyons, hopes to expand it from a 2-hour documentary to a series of three 1-hour

programs. The extra hour would allow more information to be included, especially on the early days of the airline in Havana and the courtship of **Juan Trippe** and his wife, **Betty Stettinius**, through letters she had saved, which were recently discovered. To do this, \$100,000 must be raised by June 30th in order to prevent any delay in the film's release. Over half of that amount has already been raised but more is needed to meet the deadline. You do not have to be a member of the foundation to make a tax-deductible contribution. Contributions may be sent online to: <https://panam.org/about/606-across-the-pacific-film> or by mail to:

Pan Am Historical Foundation  
1559-B Sloat Blvd., #144  
San Francisco, CA 94132

## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN . . .



**Samuel "Sam" Degracia Doles**, 86, passed away on May 4th in Makati, Philippines, where he lived in retirement with his wife, Lorraine. Sam was born and raised in the Philippines and served in the U.S. Army from 1953-1955. After serving his last duty assignment at Fort Ord (Headquarters and Service Company, 498th Engineer Battalion), he returned to the Philippines. There he met and married Nenita Cabuatan. They moved to Hawaii in 1959 and in 1963, he became a Passenger Service Agent for Pan Am. Nenita passed away in 1984. 1988 was a momentous year as Sam both retired from Pan Am and married Lorraine Vicente. He enjoyed photography and collected cameras, especially antiques and he also collected model airplanes. He loved to cook. He was a family man, enjoying time with Lorraine, his

daughter, Maribel Carla (Cedric); his sons, Robert (Betty), Gilbert (Lynnsey), Elbert (Prima), and Adelbert (Heather), all of whom survive him, as well as 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his two sisters, Pacita Nolasco and Lydia Dasalla, and their respective families. **Please note:** Services will be held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Pearl City,

on Saturday, **June 15, 2019**. Visitation is at 9:00 AM; Rosary at 10:40; followed by Mass at 11:00. Burial will be on Monday, June 17th, at 3:00 PM at The National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl. You will hear more about Sam's family in our next issue.

We are also sad to report that **Jeanne Kalahiki**, 83, passed away in her home in Palm Springs. She appeared to be sleeping peacefully when the mail lady checked on her. Doctors say the cause was a stroke. She was a member of the Catering group who are the epitome of the Pan Am family, i.e. friends who look after each other, do things together and keep in touch. Jeanne was preceded in death by both her oldest daughter, Wendy, who died of cancer at the age of 51 and her youngest daughter, Nancy, who also succumbed to cancer at the age of 50. She is survived by her middle daughter, Sheryl Porter, who lives in Kaneohe; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-granddaughter. John Olim writes that he was very proud to know Jeanne and even prouder to have been able to work with her at Pan Am Catering in HNL. He added, "All the ladies were very special people and their leader was the very special Elaine Keb." In fact, it was the irrepressible Elaine who reported the news of Jeanne's passing to me. All of us who knew Jeanne join with Elaine and her Pan Am Catering Ohana in sending our sympathy, love and aloha to her family. Services are pending.



It distresses me to have to add my own husband, **Roy Stocks**, 85, to this list. He passed on May 6th. Roy had many interesting adventures before I met him. Though he was born blind in one eye, he managed to join the Navy at the same time his older brother did. He married while stationed in Hawaii and resigned from the Navy after 6 years. By that time he had a wife and son. He went to work at the Chevron Refinery, working his way up to Purchasing Manager. At the same time, he went to evening classes at UH, where he earned a business degree. His marriage ended in 1982 and Chevron, seeing an opportunity, sent him to the Sudan to be in charge of Sudanese workers who were building a pipeline near the White Nile River. He was there for 3 years. He retired from Chevron in 1995 but not before meeting my brother, a chemist, who was a Chevron employee

in the SF Bay area. I met Roy 10 years later on the day I retired from UA after 42 years of flying. His second wife had passed away 6 months earlier. Thanks to his sense of humor and intelligence, we married 2 years later, in 2007. Roy's two loves were golf and football. He had a single digit handicap in golf. We had some great times, playing golf and traveling together, before his activity level was cut down by the deterioration of his lower spine. Two lower back operations 6 years ago could not provide relief nor stop the decline. A year later, he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's which further complicated his life. The mental decline was steady and in January of 2018, we were fortunate to find an excellent professional caretaker to come in daily on weekdays. (Many of our members met her as she was with us at a few of the Pan Am lunch meetings last year.) At this difficult time, I look back on those early years together and appreciate the memories. Besides myself, Roy is survived by sons Tim, Troy (Sharon) and Tracy (Alicia); and their mother Pat Malunao; step-sons Galen (Judy), Randall, Steve (Darlene), and Greg (Ellen) Clifford; brother Bob (Pat); and two sisters-in-law, Rachel and Martha Stocks; 6 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and numerous step-grandchildren. He was pre-deceased by his first son, Thomas "Skip", his second wife Phyllis Bachelor (mother of his step-sons) and brothers Bill, James and Gaines. Family services will be held at a later date.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that I have a new **home** phone number. I only recently learned that some of our members do not recognize the name of my husband when it comes up on Caller ID. In this era of robo and scam calls, many of us play it safe and do not answer calls if we do not recognize the caller. When I recently tried to get the Caller ID changed to my name, the cable company said it would be easier to close out the account in Roy's name and establish a new one. It would include a new phone number. I am delighted to have one now that is a lot easier to remember. Please change your directory to indicate my **HOME** phone number is now **808-200-4322**. My cell phone remains the same.



## 2019 Schedule

- **June 25**—General Member Meeting
- July 23—Board Meeting Only
- **August 27**—General Member Meeting
- September 24—Board Meeting Only
- **October 22**—Annual Meeting
- November 26—Board Meeting Only
- **December 7**— **Annual Gala @ WCC**

Plan now to attend the Annual Gala on December 7th!

## 2020 Schedule

- January 28—Board Meeting Only
- **February 25**—General Member Meeting
- March 24—Board Meeting Only
- **April 28**—General Member Meeting

## Luncheon Meeting Reservation

Next Meeting—June 25, 2019

Waialae Country Club

4997 Kahala Avenue

11:00 Social hour, 11:30 Lunch

**\$30.00 per person (Includes tip and parking)**

Please try to make your reservation no later than June 20th\*

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to PAA and send to:  
Carol Suyderhoud, 7503 Maka'a Street, Honolulu, HI 96825-3127

\*If you think your check may not arrive by June 20th, please notify Carol at 396-5225 or contact her by e-mail at: [carolws@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:carolws@hawaii.rr.com).

NOTE: If you received this newsletter electronically and would like to attend the meeting, print this page or enclose a note with your check, stating what and who the check is for.

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### Newsletter Items:

If you have any news item that would be of interest, please call Diane VanderZanden at 808-200-4322 or send mail to 500 Lunalilo Home Road, #26-D, Honolulu, HI 96825-1734 or by e-mail: alohadvz@gmail.com.

Members, we encourage you to print this page and give the application below to your Pan Am friends who are not members. If you are a former employee and not a member of the Aloha Chapter of the Pan Am Association, we encourage you to complete and submit the application below and help keep our association healthy. Thank you.

### PAN AM ASSOCIATION—ALOHA CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please check all applicable boxes and complete all applicable lines.

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- Retiree—Pan Am retiree who received lump sum pension or is receiving PBGC checks.
- Associate—All other former Pan Am employees
- Ohana—Surviving spouse, child or relative of above; sponsored person with close connection to Pan Am (subject to BOD approval).

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Last First

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# of years worked Yes or No

**Ohana:** Pls. state category & PAA sponsor (See above): \_\_\_\_\_

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May we publish your phone number/E-mail address?  Yes  No

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