



**ALOHA!**

WE ARE JOHN AND BRIDGET, AND WE ARE THRILLED YOU HAVE TAKEN THE TIME TO REVIEW OUR STORY IN THE HOPES OF GROWING OUR FAMILY. WE HAVE BEEN WANTING TO START OUR FAMILY SINCE WE GOT MARRIED IN 2017 AND TRIED WITH IVF, BUT A MULTITUDE OF FAILURES COMBINED WITH FREQUENT MOVES DUE TO OUR MILITARY CAREERS AND OF COURSE THE COVID PANDEMIC MADE THINGS QUITE DIFFICULT. WE ARE NOW IN A PLACE OF STABILITY WITH OUR CAREERS AND ARE EAGER TO WELCOME A CHILD INTO OUR FAMILY AS WE TRANSITION BACK TO OUR HOME STATE OF HAWAII. WE HAVE A LOT OF LOVE AND BLESSINGS TO SHARE AND HOPE THIS BOOK GIVES YOU SOME INSIGHT INTO WHAT THAT COULD MEAN FOR YOUR CHILD.



# *about us*

## HOW WE MET

Both of us are in the Air Force and met during an academic program in Tampa, Florida back in 2014 (top right photo). We immediately connected because of our love of the Air Force, and appreciation of all the opportunities afforded to us by serving. We also shared common interests and motivations for personal and professional growth and a commitment to fitness.

Due to military duty, we were separated for a few years, with John in Kuwait and me in Korea. Finally, we both made it to the same duty station, in my hometown of Oahu, and we got married! It was a small wedding with family and friends on the beach, and that was perfect for us because we started our relationship by going to the beach in Tampa years ago. To this day, the beach is our happy place wherever we may be, from Hawaii to Florida to the Carribean.... we always find comfort and joy in being at the beach.

Since we have been married, life has been an adventure. We moved from Hawaii to Alaska in the midst of COVID, then to the Florida panhandle. We do not have children, but we are caretakers for my 91-year-old mother who lives with us and keeps life interesting, along with our rescue pup Jax. Welcoming a child into our home would be the privilege of a lifetime.



# *about*

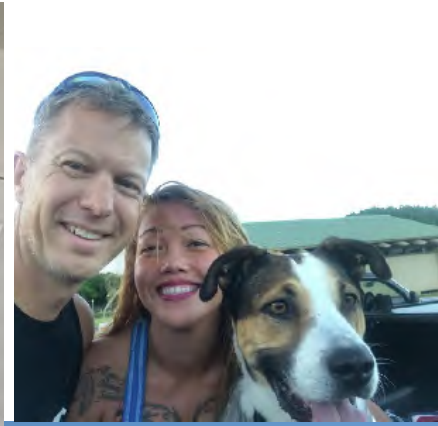
## **JOHN**

John grew up in a variety of places (California, Nebraska, Alaska and interestingly, born in the Philippines) due to his father's job in the Air Force. He is an older brother to David who also lives in Florida with his wife and four children and younger than his sister Beth, who sadly passed away in an accident when she was a teenager. His parents retired in Melbourne, Florida, and he is quite close with them. Dad enjoys golfing and mom enjoys crafting.

John joined the Air Force after high school and recently completed 29 years of military service. His education includes a bachelor's degree in occupational education and a master's degree in business, which he plans to use in his new transitional career from military to civilian.

He loves fitness, travelling, and assisting Bridget in the kitchen when she gets a creative culinary bug. He's a loving co-caretaker of Mama Bruhn (Bridget's mom) and a pillar of support for Bridget in her military career.





# FAMILY MEMBERS



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# about

## BRIDGET

Bridget grew up in Ewa Beach, Hawaii on the island of Oahu, and is the youngest of eight (4 boys, 4 girls). She was very close to her parents, especially her father who passed away a few years ago. He was a decorated Korean War veteran and later a high school teacher.

In Hawaiian culture, family is everything and as such, she has a huge and diverse family on the islands and sprinkled throughout the west coast of the mainland. She has over 30 nieces and nephews ranging from 2-year-olds to 40-year-olds.

She joined the Air Force a year after high school to travel and pay for college and has since travelled the world and lived in a variety of places such as Turkey, Germany, Korea, and Alaska. She recently completed her Doctorate program and is serving in an executive management position in the Air Force.

She loves fitness, travelling, and considers herself a "foodie" and LOVES creating dishes from different cultures in the kitchen, with John as her assistant Chef.





## JOHN IS PRETTY AWESOME...

My family is everything to me...Mom had a really bad stroke a few years ago during COVID followed by some serious health scares. He has been my absolute ride or die in taking care of our little family, to include helping mom with her daily re-hab and making sure I make it off to work with coffee and the right positive mindset. He is a family man, a patriot, a kind and patient soul and brings the best out of me. I have no doubt he will be a phenomenal father. We have a great relationship, value one another, and communicate well even when we disagree. The one thing we will never disagree on is we know we can make a child's life amazing if given the chance. He is a selfless person and puts up with my quirks, (and my family's quirks) because he believes in "us" even when I have doubt in myself. His dedication to his family and the importance of tradition and heritage while embracing the nuances of the Hawaiian culture are pretty unique and hard to come by.



fav food - A really good hamburger

fav movie - Jaws

fav quote - *"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."* ~Ferris Bueller





## BRIDGET IS PRETTY AWESOME...

Bridget is my absolute best partner in life. We share so many interests and motivations from the same line of work to fitness. She drives, not just me, but all her teammates to be better, faster, and stronger at whatever the task. She is my steady rock and calms me when there is a storm I'm facing and is able to pull a level of motivation out of me that I am typically not aware I even have. She's compassionate and strong, loyal and honest. I know she will make an awesome mother and teacher. If I ever doubt myself or get discouraged, she is always there. We always strive to fulfill each other's needs. I love this woman and can't imagine my life without her. Never in my life did I think I would have a partner as dedicated to our team as her. (and she is an awesome cook)



fav food - popcorn with tons of butter  
& spicy cheetos on top & dim sum



fav movie - Dirty Dancing (the original)



fav quote - *"The key to being happy is knowing you have the power to choose what to accept and what to let go."* ~Dodinsky

# *our hometown*

Our fav beach, Nanakuli



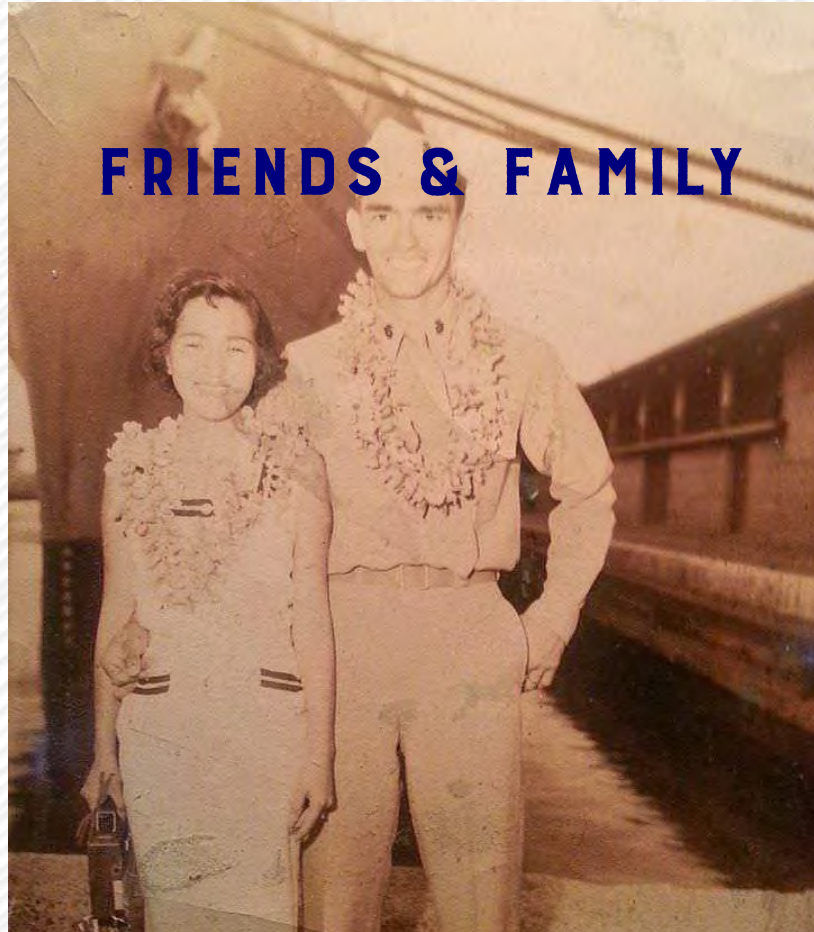
Our friends and family are a makeup of all ethnic and social backgrounds as being in the military and coming from a large family infuse our lives with cultural diversity. They are always willing to help and support us whether that is getting mom to the airport during COVID or just simply lending us beach chairs on a vacation back home. They are a pivotal part of our family and are just as excited as us to welcome a new member to our ohana (family in Hawaiian).



Neighborhood

Our hometown is the Island of Oahu in the Hawaiian Island chain, where life revolves around family gatherings at the beach and the unique Aloha spirit. The name "Oahu" is translated to "The Gathering Place" and is welcome to a melting pot of cultures. We both feel exposing a child to the Hawaiian culture, along with our vast travels, military experience, and our large families will develop them into the best version of themselves. He or she will be surrounded by tons of cousins, aunts, and uncles who can teach them how to surf, dance hula, and many more local activities.

# FRIENDS & FAMILY

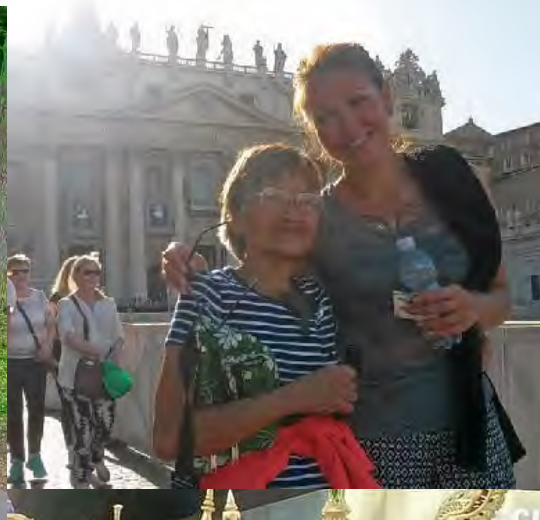






# adventures

We love travelling...from Turks & Caicos, to Taipei, Alaska, the Netherlands, Rome, Minnesota, Alabama, Norway, Thailand, Germany, cruises to the Carribbean, Japan, Spain & Egypt--but Hawaii is our home. Our child will experience adventures around the globe but will always have a homebase on the islands of Hawaii.





*Date night at the theater*

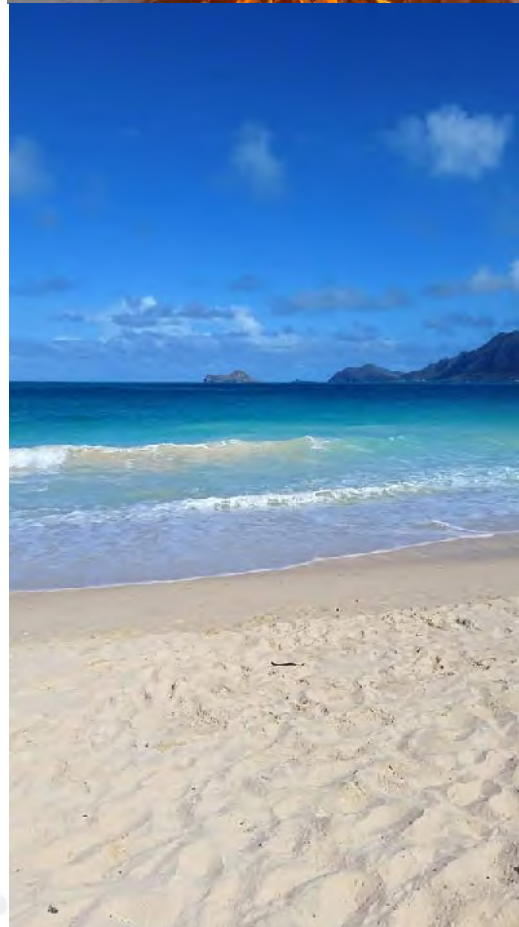
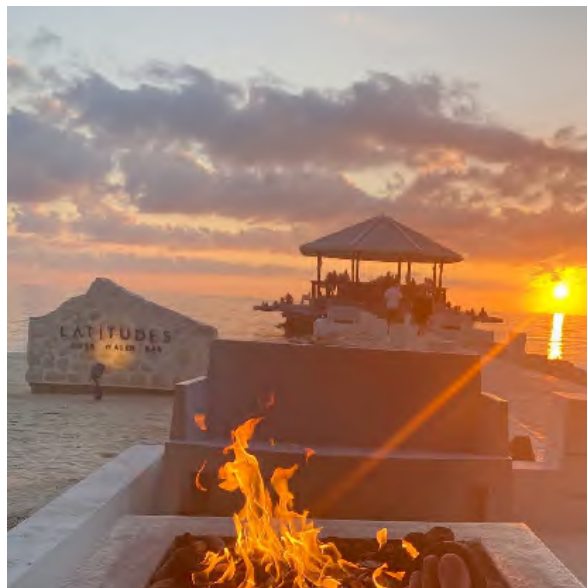


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# hobbies + interests

We start every morning off with a workout together and enjoy all things fitness, hiking, kayaking, travelling, going to the theater, exploring new restaurants, & of course the chilling at the beach & just relaxing at home with mom and Jax and a big bowl of popcorn.





**SISTERS ON WEDDING DAY**



**NETHERLANDS**



**CELEBRATING DAD'S LIFE**



**SOUTH KOREA**



**GOD DAUGHTERS SAM & CHARLIE**



**VISITING DAD AT PUNCHBOWL**



**ALASKA ROAD TRIP**



**JAMAICA!**



**HANGING W/THE PARENTS**

Love  
MAKES A FAMILY



