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Hawaii-Pacific Region raises \$4.5 million towards the Combined Federal Campaign



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Story by Staff Sgt. Katie Gray

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KALAELOA, Hawaii - The Hawaii Army National Guard presented a \$4.5 million check to the Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board in support of the 2014 Combined Federal Campaign at Kalaeloa, Feb. 20.

As the year's Campaign Chair, it fell to the HIARNG to coordinate, audit, and train in all matters related to the CFC for the Hawaii-Pacific Area, which includes Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

The CFC provides a large pool of organizations federal employees can choose to donate towards, said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Hau Huynh, one of the Chair coordinators.

"There's about 30,000 different charities. So you can designate where you want your money to go to, or the money can go to an un-designated pot where it is evenly distributed to all the [CFC] charities," said Huynh.

Regional Project Officer Lt. Col. Lynn Ishii admits at first she didn't fully understand the impact of the CFC, but now encourages others to contribute.

"There's so many organizations out there that are charitable, non-profit that need funds to operate and provide support to the community," Ishii said. "This is something that I learned from doing the campaign—why the campaign exists, and who it benefits... Now that I understand what it is, it's really important to step up and give back to our communities and donate, or volunteer," she added.

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Future looks very bright.....

CMMSGT Robert Lee

Outgoing Senior Enlisted Leader Hawaii National Guard

As I participate in the Change of Responsibility by passing the "Pahoa i a me lei mano" (Koa spear) that symbolizes the weapon used to defend the Ali'i and members of the kingdom of ancient Hawai'i, I know the responsibility to represent our enlisted warriors of the Hawaii National Guard will be in trusted hands. Chief Master Sergeant William Parker brings a fresh perspective steeped with an abundance of experience. He, no doubt will make this organization better than it ever was and is the perfect complement to our newly appointed leadership team of Brigadier General Arthur "Joe" Logan, our Adjutant General and Colonel Kenneth Hara, our Deputy Adjutant General.

Moving Forward



Former Deputy Adjutant General, Brigadier General Joseph Kim was recently nominated to be the Deputy Director at the Department of Taxation by Governor David Ige. [More](#)



Major Shawn Tsuha has been nominated to serve as the Deputy Director for Law Enforcement by Governor David Ige. [More](#)

Looking back at the last 5 years as your Senior Enlisted Leader of this phenomenal organization, I have witnessed some of the most extraordinary talents committed to the success of our National Guard. From Afghanistan, to the Philippines, Indonesia, Taiwan, the Southwest Border, across the Continent of the United States and on our home turf here in the islands, you have all demonstrated day in and day out that the Hawaii National Guard is incredibly capable of executing our... [Click Here For More.](#)

Best Warrior Competition tests US Army National Guard, Reserve Soldiers



U.S. Army Spc. Cruiser Barnes (center), 1st Squadron, 299th Cavalry Regiment, Hawaii Army National Guard, takes a knee behind cover with Spc. Jared Okimoto, 777th Aviation Support Battalion, HIARNG, during a movement under direct fire exercise as part of the 2015 Hawaii Army National Guard and Reserve Best Warrior Competition March 8, 2015, at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, Hawaii. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal)

MARINE CORPS TRAINING AREA BELLOWS, Hawaii – From written exams to moving under fire, Soldiers competed to earn the title of Soldier of the Year and NCO of the Year during the 2015 Hawaii Army National Guard and Reserve Best Warrior Competition from March 6-8.

Eight U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers and 13 U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) Soldiers serving throughout the Pacific tested their soldiering skills, facing both mental and physical challenges.... [More](#)

Hawaii Air National Guard Recognizes Top Performers



Senior Airman Mariah Akau with the 154th FSS is recognized as the Airman of the Year at this year's Launa 'Ole awards. The Hawaii Air National Guard's Launa 'Ole awards recognize the top individual and team performers for the past year. The 2014 winners were announced during a March 8, 2015 ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Orlando Corpuz)

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii – The Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) held it's annual Launa 'Ole awards ceremony yesterday. Launa 'Ole, when translated to English could mean unequalled, superior, beyond comparison, without peer. Airmen with backgrounds such as communications, medical and aviation competed with each other for the top spot.

Launa 'Ole chooses the best of the best Officer and Enlisted Airmen from the full-time and traditional staff. The candidates are selected from a committee comprised of air force officers and enlisted personnel... [More](#)

Sentry Aloha pits fighter vs. fighter

by Senior Airman Orlando Corpuz
154 Wing Public Affairs

3/5/2015 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii -- Residents in Hawaii may notice an increase in fighter aircraft activity as well diversity of airframes in and around the airspaces of the state as the Hawaii Air National Guard hosts its second large-scale "Sentry Aloha" fighter exercise of 2015.

The exercise officially begins on March 5 and is scheduled to end on Mar 19.

Sentry Aloha exercises provide the Air National Guard, U.S. Air Force and DOD counterparts a multi-faceted, joint venue, with supporting infrastructure and personnel that incorporates current, realistic, integrated training to equip the...[More](#)



Hawaii Air National Guard Trains for State and Federal Missions During March UTA

by TSgt, Andrew Jackson
154th Wing Public Affairs

Supporting state and federal missions is a mainstay of the National Guard existence. March's unit training assembly is a prime example of the Hawaii Air National Guard's Training to accomplish its dual mission.

Two days before the March drill, the Hawaii Air National Guards' 199th Fighter Squadron kicked off it's second "Sentry Aloha" of the year, a large scale aerial combat and maneuver exercise centered around the Hawaii F-22 Raptors. During the two week long exercise the Hawaii Air National Guard hosts around 1000 air crew and pilots from Arizona, Florida, Oregon, Iowa, and Maine Air National Guard units, along with crews from the Active Duty Navy... [More](#)

