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Hawaii Air National Guard unveils new indoor shooting range

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U.S. Air Force Chaplain Daniel Leatherman, 154th Wing Headquarters, performs a blessing at the 154th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) Indoor Firing Range on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Aug. 8, 2015. The Hawaiian tradition of unraveling of the maile lei, a native Hawaiian vine with shiny fragrant leaves, is similar to a typical ribbon cutting ceremony performed at the entrance of the new facility. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Robert Cabuco)

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii - The Hawaii Air National Guard debuted its new indoor live-fire shooting range in a ceremony here Aug. 8.

The new 6,000 square foot unit located on the grounds of the 154th Operations Group compound gives the HIANG a capability it's never had before; the ability to qualify and train its Airmen in small arms fire and prepare them for deployments in-house.

"Small arms qualifications was conducted at the only USAF firing range on the island, which happens to be located approximately 20 miles away on Schofield Barracks," said Maj. Dane Minami, 154th Security Forces Squadron commander. "The HIANG had to compete for scheduling of the firing range with both the active duty and the Reserves and because we did not own the range, we normally had low priority."

According to Minami, in addition to improving readiness capability, benefits include cost savings due to the reduction in the resources and manpower previously needed to coordinate, schedule and transport Airmen to an off-site firing range.

"For a traditional Guardsman, time during drill weekends is a precious commodity. Having an indoor firing range right here in our own backyard saves time, money, and gas for our unit members and all Hawaii Air National Guard personnel with weapons qualification requirements," said Minami. "The ability

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Hawaii Army National Guard Change Of Command

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From left: Brig. Gen. Keith Y. Tamashiro, Maj. Gen. Arthur J. Logan, Brig. Gen. Bruce E. Oliveira stand at attention during the Hawaii Army National Guard change of command ceremony Aug. 2, 2015 at Kalaeloa, Hawaii. Brig. Gen. Bruce E. Oliveira relinquished authority to Brig. Gen. Keith Y. Tamashiro as the new HIARNG commander. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan Sheldon/Released)



Soldiers wait in formation for the Hawaii Army National Guard change of command ceremony Aug. 2, 2015 at Kalaeloa, Hawaii. Brig. Gen. Bruce E. Oliveira relinquished authority to Brig. Gen. Keith Y. Tamashiro as the new HIARNG commander. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan Sheldon/Released)



Hawaii Air National Guard Readiness Rodeo

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Senior Airman Famellajamie Aquino chemical biological and nuclear environment survival instructor with the 154th Civil Engineering Squadron walks Hawaii Air National Guard Airmen through a basic map reading exercise during the hands on portion of self-aid and buddy care training during August's unit training assembly, Aug. 9, 2015, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jackson)

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR HICKAM, - The Hawaii Air National Guard held its first Readiness Rodeo to accomplish self aid buddy care and surviving in a chemical biological and nuclear environment ancillary training requirements during August unit training assembly.

Hundreds of Airmen from the Hawaii Air National Guard gathered together in a massive hangar to accomplish two blocks of ancillary training. These Airmen received classroom and hands on training in self aid buddy care and surviving in a chemical biological and nuclear environment. This is the first time the HIANG is using this approach on these areas of ancillary training and represents a shift in focus as the Air National Guard is attempting to ease the strain of annual training requirements while growing in their shop specific competencies.

In one afternoon the units accomplished what could have taken up to two drill weekends to complete. Many leaving with 100 percent of the unit's personnel trained. This gives commanders and supervisors more time to spin their Airmen up on the specific mission training needed in their shops.

The Air National Guard only has 312 training hours a year for each of its Airmen and almost 90 percent of that time has been spent accomplishing ancillary training requirements, many of which are computer based. Also many shops only have one computer for every five Airmen, leaving them often waiting in line to accomplish a single block of training. This new approach seeks to deliver the classroom sections of training in a mass environment closely followed by hands on instruction in smaller groups, facilitated by an instructor.

An added bonus of this approach is that each unit now has an instructor that can refresh the skills of its units Airmen, and the computer based training is still available for those who could not attend the mass training. Traditionally the instructor role for the hands on portion of the CBRNE and SABC training was fulfilled by readiness and or medical squadrons, but now they are training the instructors and raising the base level of competence across all the shops. The shop level instructors are required to have a five level in their specific jobs, and be current in their training.

Newly completed Oahu Veterans Center dedicated



HONOLULU, Hawaii- The third and final phase of the Oahu Veterans Center located in Foster Village was dedicated, July 25. In 1992, organized Oahu Veterans Council, comprised of veterans' organization on Oahu, wrote and testified before the State of Hawaii Legislature and was granted more than \$5.1 million in 1995 to 2015 for the design and construction of a gathering place for veterans. The first phases were completed in 2005. The center, located near Pearl Harbor and Aloha Stadium, has a large meeting hall and other rooms available for rent.

With more than 150 in attendance, numerous individuals and organizations were recognized for their roles in completing the council's 10 year effort. Gov. David Y. Ige (former Senate Ways and Means chair), Hawaii State Legislators, Oahu Veterans Center Executive Board, Oahu Veterans Council, Foster Village Community Association, Hawaii Dept. of Defense Engineering and Fiscal Office staff, and, Office of Veterans Service staff and advisory board, were thanked for their efforts.

Edward Cruickshank (OV Council president) and George Sullivan (OV Center Executive Board chair), recognized key State Legislators, David Gibson (volunteer author of the Grant in Aid application), Sandy Ballard (past OV Center executive director), Jenny Chanko (current OV Center executive director), fellow Council officers and Board directors, Fray Heath (budget manager), and Constructors Hawaii, Inc. for their contributions.

The Oahu Veterans Center was blessed by Kahu Keahi Renaud from the Temple of Pu'ukohola Heiau.

Jayne Nagamine photos



The newly dedicated Oahu Veterans Center is blessed by Kahu Keahi Renaud from the Temple of Pu'ukohola Heiau.



A front view of the new Oahu Veterans Center located in Foster Village, near the Aloha Stadium and Pearl Harbor.

Doug Mayne Stepping Down From HI-EMA



HONOLULU, Hawaii-Doug Mayne, the current administrator for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (formerly State Civil Defense), will be leaving his position next month.

Mayne came to Hawaii from Washington State in March 2012 and will be moving back to be closer to his aging parents and in-laws. Mayne's last day at HI-EMA is scheduled to be Sept. 10. The Administrator oversees the day-to-day administration, training and readiness of HI-EMA personnel, as well as coordinates with private industries and county, state and federal disaster response agencies.

"Doug has been a very effective leader over the past three and a half years", said Maj. Gen. Arthur "Joe" Logan, state adjutant general and director of HI-EMA. "He was instrumental in the revision of the laws governing emergency management in the State of Hawaii. Thanks to Doug's research and hard work, we now have a statute reflecting that counties are in charge of emergency management in their jurisdictions. The revision of the Hawaii Revised Statute also clarified the Governor's and Mayors' roles before, during, and after an emergency, and updated decades old references to out of date federal laws." Mayne is also credited with updating Hawaii's Catastrophic Hurricane Plan and integrating the FEMA Whole Community approach into the development of the Hawaii Hazards Awareness & Resilience Program (HHARP).

Vern Miyagi, the executive officer for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, has been appointed to be the new Administrator. Miyagi joined HI-EMA on March 12, 2012. His primary responsibilities have been to support the Administrator of Emergency Management and provide staff integration for all Branch Chiefs and Special Staff at HI-EMA. Miyagi is a retired Hawaii Army National Guard Major General with 37 years of service and has participated in the planning, exercising, and executing of humanitarian assistance and disaster response operations at both the domestic and international levels. During the Hurricane Iniki operation, he served as the operations officer for the deployed joint task force responsible for military support to relief operations. While serving at U. S. Pacific Command, he also participated in a variety of disaster relief operations, including the 2004 Asian Tsunami.

Junior Mentorship Program Award



JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii - The Junior Mentorship Program (JUMP) is designed to recognize stellar junior NCOs who go the extra mile to mentor our Airmen. This program highlights the extraordinary actions our NCOs accomplish and their tremendous effect on the future leaders of the Air Force.

All TSgts who mentor any SSgt and below or SSgts mentoring SrA and below are eligible to be nominated for the monthly JUMP award. Nominations submissions are due to Hawaii 5/6 Org box every 2nd Monday of the month by COB. The Executive Council will review submissions and choose a winner. Submissions must contain one paragraph, no longer than four sentences. The summary provided must be from the current quarter. Submissions should comprise specific examples of how the NCO has had a direct impact on an Airmen and aided in their personal and/or professional development.

The winner will receive a \$40 gift card to a restaurant of their choice and used by the NCO and Airmen to have lunch, paid for by the 5/6 Council, as a sign of appreciation for their hard work.

The winning NCO will be notified via email with their respective supervisor or 1st Shirt. In addition, the NCO will be presented the prize during the monthly 5/6 Council meeting and will be featured on our 5/6 Facebook and SharePoint pages, as well as the Ho'okele.

If you have any questions please contact SSgt Jamila Tanada at jamila.tanada@pacom.mil or Hawaii 5/6 Org box at hawaii.56@us.af.mil.



Congratulations to this month's Junior Mentorship (JUMP) winner, TSgt Ignacio. She truly embraces the whole Airman concept, and is well deserving of this recognition.

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and join us on 12/11/2015
as we celebrate the National
Guard Birthday Ball
at the
Hilton Hawaiian Village

to schedule live-firing at any time of the day and night or week, will allow us to more effectively support the entire organization with short notice deployment and annual qualification requirements.”

The Modular Containerized Small Arms Training Sets as its name implies, utilizes a prefabricated and modular design concept. Prefabrication of the units was done by a company in Nevada and then shipped to the Hawaii Air National Guard where it was assembled on an empty asphalt area on the HIANG’s compound. Because of this, many of the pre-construction costs, such as engineering, architecture, and site prep were minimized. Its modular design allows it to be disassembled and moved to another location should the need arise.

The MCSATS has twelve shooting lanes and is fully enclosed with heating, ventilation, and cooling systems. Everything from target control to shooting environment is monitored and adjusted from a master control room. Depending on the training requirements, lighting systems can simulate low light or night time shooting conditions and an automated target retrieval system makes feedback to the shooter timely and convenient.

The ceremony which included a traditional Hawaiian blessing with Ti leaves and Hawaiian salt signified the range’s first official day of operation and was the culmination of months of planning and procurement challenges.

“The list [of challenges] is long and wide” said retired Brig. Gen. Stan Osserman, a former commander of the Hawaii Air National Guard. “Everything from having to build a standard configuration that the Guard Bureau and USAF accepted. Then there was the typical case of Hawaii being so far away from Washington, D.C., that we couldn’t always make sure we kept our priority place in line. We nipped that one on my last trip to D.C. and got the HIANG put back in the right place.”

While the firing range’s primary use is to train HIANG Airmen, there are plans to eventually make the facility available to other DoD organizations.

The facility is the third one of its kind in the Air National Guard; the Nevada Air National Guard and New York Air National Guard began operating similar facilities in 2014.



U.S. military service members participate in an ad hoc shooting competition after the blessing of the 154th Security Force Squadron Indoor Firing Range at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Aug. 8, 2015. Retired Brig. Gen. Edwin “Skip” Vincent, took first place and retired Brig. Gen. Stan Osserman, former commander of the Hawaii Air National Guard, took second place in the competition. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Robert Cabuco)



Top - U.S. Air Force Chaplain Daniel Leatherman, 154th Wing Headquarters, performs a blessing at the 154th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) Indoor Firing Range on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Aug. 8, 2015.

Above - Salt is spread throughout the facility by the chaplain and members of the 154th SFS as a way to purify and protect the facility. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Robert Cabuco)

Left - U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Stan Osserman (retired), former commander of the Hawaii Air National Guard, aims down range after the blessing of the 154th Security Force Squadron Indoor Firing Range at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Aug. 8, 2015.



Indonesian and Hawaii Army Guard NCOs Learn From Each Other

Story and Photos By SFC Theresa Gualdarama
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BANDUNG, Indonesia – Throughout the world, it is well known that Non-Commissioned Officers are the driving force behind the success of military organizations. In an effort to continually develop Indonesia's NCO corps and build personal relationships, Soldiers of the Hawaii Army National Guard journeyed to Indonesia to share their military knowledge and experience with the Indonesian Soldiers.

Recently the Hawaii State Partnership Program the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development (NCPD) Subject Matter Expert Exchange (SMEE) team of mentors and 31 NCOs of the Indonesian Army kicked off its sixth annual exchange.

"Building relationships and cultural awareness enhances our Soldiering skills to a higher level allowing us to share our knowledge and experience to other Soldiers," said Master Sgt. Edy Gallegos, SMEE instructor. "This is one of the many valuable attributes that we, as leaders, instill in our Soldiers."

To encourage small group discussion and maximum participation, NCOs were split into squad-sized elements during the program. Instructors and students alike shared from their experiences and diverse backgrounds creating a friendly environment for training.

"Personally, I feel happy and proud to be able to follow the activities of this program," said Sgt. Maj. Muhamad Udin, Tentara Nasional Indonesia Angkatan Darat (TNI-AD) Indonesian Army NCO.

Training was tailored around basic NCO curriculum to include rank structure, Army leadership/subordinate development, buddy aid, army values and troop leading procedures. Mentors also covered risk management, basic land navigation techniques, pre-combat checks and pre-combat inspections.

"We have seen the TNI-AD NCO's professionalism increase as they gain knowledge and experiences. Approximately 250 Soldiers have attended the NCO SMEE and in every iteration we witness the increased responsibility," said Sgt. Maj. Ronald Oshiba, SMEE instructor and former HARNG Command Sergeant Major.

During each visit, the Indonesian NCOs are tasked to teach us some of their practices. They also create a motivational motto that is performed daily throughout instruction. Their mottos differ with each class and the instructors participate with the Indonesian NCOs and gain a sense of camaraderie.

"I gained new experiences about military leadership by strengthening the friendly relations between Indonesia and America," said Udin.

Although instruction was based in a classroom, field environment practical exercises were also incorporated into the training to ensure Soldiers gain experience through hands on training.

"It gives opportunities for HIARNG Soldiers to sharpen their leadership skills as well as increase their experiences by



Hawaii Army National Guard State Partnership Program Non-Commissioned Officer Subject Matter Expert Exchange team instructor, Sgt. 1st Class Balendran Anandarajah, explains the SMEE program to Indonesian Army Soldiers. (U.S. Army National Guard photos By Sgt. 1st Class Theresa Gualdarama)



During the Hawaii Army National Guard Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Subject Matter Expert Exchange training closing ceremony, Sgt. Maj. Ronald Oshiba presents a plaque to the commander.



working side by side with our State sponsored country," said Oshiba.

Instructors demonstrated various technical procedures in those areas that allowed the class to perform each lesson with precision.

"These Soldiers are more than willing to learn and train with us so they can apply our developmental skills to their fellow team members and their organization," said Gallegos.

The Hawaii Army National Guard's State Partnership Program with Indonesia continues to be an engagement that instructs, mentors, and shares military experiences, knowledge and cultures to further enhance this partnership.

"This program continues to allow us to enhance the Indonesian NCO education system for their NCO's. It has significantly increased knowledge and experiences for the Soldiers of the Hawaii Army National Guard," said Oshiba.