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The Adjutant General Reflects on 1996

by Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, Adjutant General, Hawaii National Guard

As the year comes to an end, I would like to recall another exciting and productive year as it comes to a close. Our department diversified further, we supported the nation globally and we continued to provide for the safety and welfare of our people. I want to thank each and every one of you for your tremendous involvement and contributions. Our team went beyond the call despite the difficult conditions that faced us in both the State and Federal agencies.

Last month, in November, Mother Nature got tough with the residents of the Waianae Coast, but you, the members of the Hawaii National Guard and State Civil Defense got out to help relieve the damage wrought by the worst storm to hit the islands since Hurricane Iniki. Operation Kokua was a success that not only showed the people of our state what the Hawaii National Guard and State Civil Defense can do at a moment's notice, but our participation in the operation also earned us the respect and admiration of the families and residents of the area. For two consecutive weekends, the operation cleared storm debris, flood-damaged household items and hazardous materials that could pose a health, sanitation and environmental threat to area residents. The cleanup was a huge success and I am very proud of the tremendous response from all of those who volunteered for State Active Duty. Again, a heartfelt mahalo to the entire State Department of Defense team and the support of their family members in that difficult and trying time.

In February 1996, we dedicated the Pacific Disaster Center (PDC) located at the Maui Research and Technology Center in Kihei. The PDC will provide information and data that will enable disaster planners in Hawaii and throughout the Pacific to do things that were only dreamed of just a few years ago.

The Regional Training Site Maintenance (RTSM) at Wahiawa was dedicated in June, and new initiatives at the facility will increase our quality of life for years to come. Working in conjunction with the Family Support Program Coordinator, we hope to eventually open computer skills and reading and language classes to not only HING members, but their family members as well. It is an exciting plan that will benefit our Hawaii National Guard Ohana.

I would also like to acknowledge our people in our Counter Drug and Drug Demand Reduction (DDR) programs for their hard work this year. In August, we held "Na Koa Ku Makani," a drug-free awareness rally at Bellows Air Force Station. The Counter Drug and DDR sections have instituted a number of programs, such as Parent-To-Parent training that are having a positive impact on our community.

In September, we held the Family Support Program annual conference at the Outrigger Prince Hotel in Waikiki. I would like to thank the State and team volunteers as well as everyone who participated. The two-day event was a great success.

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Personnel News

*Maj. Susan Higgins,
Commander, 154th Mission Support Flight*

Service at your Military Personnel Flight will be very limited on Friday, January 10th and Saturday, January 11th.

The MPF is heavily involved in the current ORI preparation exercise. We have a PERSCO team deployed, we are augmenting the Deployment Processing Unit, and our Personnel Readiness Unit is operating out of Building #2155, the 15th Mobility building near the par 3 golf course.

System operations is being maintained by MSgt. Botelho and our PSM and Customer Support is being provided by two people at our front counter. They are also our casualty assistance experts, so we expect them to be involved in casualty reporting at some point during the exercise. When this happens, we will have to close our customer support.

We ask that you please understand this severe cutback in our available services.

Please brief everyone that service on Friday and Saturday will be limited, and there will probably be long waits. We expect to be back to full manning on Sunday.

This situation will be the norm during all of the exercises up to the ORI. Please plan your visits to the MPF accordingly.

Phone Numbers:

Customer Service- 449-7788

System Support- 449-3261

Readiness/Exercise related- 449-6622 or 449-0094

Thank you again for your understanding.

Pay Note

A recent printing error caused a problem with the printout of the December LESs. The November LES was printed out instead of the December LES. This only affects single piece mail-outs. The statements have since been re-printed for December and have been re-mailed.

The bottom line is, if you received the November LES again, please disregard it.

Health News

an article from the Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research

Gum Disease

Gum disease generally doesn't hurt. You may have it for years before you feel discomfort. Don't wait until you feel pain. Look for one or more of these tell tale signs:

- Tender, swollen, or bleeding gums
- A change in your gum's color from pink to dusky red
- Gums receding from your teeth so the roots are exposed
- Pus between your teeth
- Change in your bite
- Teeth that feel loose

Gingivitis is plaque and tarter build up along the gum line. This can make gums dusky red, swollen, tender, and prone to bleed.

Periodontitis is an advanced stage of gum disease. If plaque and tarter extend beneath your gum line, destructive bacteria can multiply in this dark, airless region.

Best ways to prevent gum disease:

- Regular dental check-ups, twice annually
- Proper brushing, twice daily, and flossing daily
- Healthy nutritious diet

Royal Guard General Membership Meeting

This is to inform the members of the Royal Guard that there will be a General Membership meeting at 1530 hours on Sunday, 12 January in Bldg. #3386 (CSSM 1). Please plan to be there. Important topics will be discussed.

Next UTA

February 8 & 9

Chaplain's Corner

Thoughts of Mind and Spirit

by Lt. Col. Walt Harris, Chaplain,
154th Wing

Looking back at Christmas and looking forward to '97, I have enclosed excerpts from a letter from "You Know Who" - (Human interpreter unknown). TO: My Children on Earth, My Dear Children (and believe me, that's all of you), I consider myself a pretty patient guy. I mean, look at the Grand Canyon. It took millions of your years to get it right. I've been patient through your fashions, civilizations, wars and schemes, and the countless ways you take me for granted until you get yourselves into big trouble again and again. But on the occasion of My Son's birthday, I want to let you know about some of the things that are starting to tick me off.

First of all, your religious rivalries are driving Me up a wall. Enough already! Let's get one thing straight. These are YOUR religions, not mine. I'm the whole enchilada; I'm beyond them all. Every one claims there's only one of Me (which, by the way, is absolutely true). But in the very next breath, each religion claims it's My favorite one. Okay, listen up, now. I'm your Creator, and I don't play favorites among My children. Holy books and religious rites are sacred and powerful, but not more so than the least of you. They were only meant to steer you in the right direction, not to keep you arguing with each other, and certainly not to keep

you from trusting your own personal connection with Me.

And another thing: I want you to stop thinking about religion as some sort of loyalty pledge to Me. The true purpose of your religions is so that YOU can become aware of ME, not the other way around. Believe Me, I know you already. I know what's in each of your hearts, and I love you with no strings attached. Lighten up and enjoy Me. That's what religion is best for.

What you seem to forget is how mysterious I am. You look at the petty differences in your scriptures and say, Well, if THIS is the truth, then THAT can't be! Why not open up your hearts to the simple common threads in religion. You know what I am talking about: love and respect everyone. Be kind, even when life is scary or confusing, take courage and be of good cheer, for I am always with you. Learn to be quiet, so you can hear My still, quiet voice (I don't like to yell). Leave the world a better place by living your life with dignity and gracefulness, for you are My Own Child. Hold nothing back from life, for the parts of you that can die will, and the parts that can't, won't. Simple stuff. Why do you keep making it so complicated?

My blessed children of Earth, the world has grown too small for your pervasive religious bigotry's and confusion. Get with the program! If you really want to help Me to celebrate the birthday of My Son, then

commit yourselves to figuring out how to feed the hungry, clothe your naked, protect your abused, and shelter your poor. And just as importantly, make your own everyday life a shining example of kindness and good humor. I've given you all the resources you need; abandon your fear of each other and begin living, loving and laughing together.

Remember whose birth is honored and the fearlessness with which He chose to live and die. As I love Him, so do I love each one of you. I'm not really ticked off, I just wanted to grab your attention because I hate to see you suffer. I am with you always—always. Trust in ME.

Your One and Only, GOD

INTERDENOMINATIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

-New Day and Time-
for UTA Worship Services

Interdenominational
Christian Worship Services
are now held
every **Saturday** UTA
at 11:15 a.m.

Personnel Training Room,
Second Floor, 154th Wing
Support Facility.
(You can either worship before
or after your lunch hour.)

Please join us!
Everyone is welcome!
Hope to see you there!

-Bring a friend-

Promotions

Brig. Gen. Tice asks you to join him in congratulating the following members of the 154th Wing promoted to the rank indicated, in the unit indicated effective 16 December 1996.

SMSgt. Alan Ogata	204th Airlift Squadron
MSgt. Karen Cary	204th Airlift Squadron
MSgt. Jeffrey Chun	154th Civil Engineer Squadron
MSgt. Stanley Miura	169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron
TSgt. Galan Fujimoto	154th Civil Engineer Squadron
TSgt. Charles Koga	154th Maintenance Squadron
TSgt. Michael Matsuura	154th Aircraft Generation Squadron
TSgt. Richard Michaels	154th Communications Flight
TSgt. Nicholas Muragin	154th Civil Engineer Squadron
TSgt. Joseph Rayray	154th Aircraft Generation Squadron
TSgt. Michael Shima	154th Maintenance Squadron
TSgt. Stanley Yahiku	154th Civil Engineer Squadron
SSgt. Cris Iidefonso	154th Maintenance Squadron
SSgt. David Imai	154th Maintenance Squadron
SSgt. Rolando Layugan	154th Maintenance Squadron
SSgt. Douglas McElligatt	154th Aircraft Generation Squadron
SSgt. Ryan Morita	154th Maintenance Squadron
SSgt. Evan Uyeda	154th Maintenance Squadron

HNGEA News

*by CMSgt. Del Dandurant,
HIANG SEA*

As the Hawaii Air National Guard Senior Enlisted Advisor, I believe all of us in the Enlisted Corps should join, support and participate in our Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association. This organization does a lot of good work in lobbying for more benefits and keeping those benefits we already have.

The HNGEA membership has declined in the past few years and they need our support by bringing our membership up. It's a minimum cost to be a member and you receive a lot.

The HNGEA was instrumental in achieving our Tuition Waiver, a \$1,750 tax exemption and commissary privileges. The more members we have, the louder our voice will be heard. I know there are many of you who are members, and that's great, but we still have many who are not, so we need your help by joining us.

Mahalo!

Postal Service Unveils Stamp Honoring Air Force

Washington (AFNS) – Air Force Thunderbirds will launch first-class mail throughout the nation by late this year.

The US Postal Service made that official Dec. 5, 1996 in a Pentagon ceremony to unveil the design of a commemorative postage stamp. It recognizes

the Air Force's first 50 years as the world's premier air and space force.

The stamp is the image of the Thunderbirds flying the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

Larry Speakes, US Postal Service Senior Vice President for corporate and legislative affairs, presented a framed rendering of the stamp design to Secretary of the Air Force Sheila E Widnall during the ceremony.

"This stamp pays tribute not only to the dazzling technology and strategic importance of this aerial department," said Mr. Speakes, former press secretary to President Ronald Reagan, "but it honors the men and women who dedicated their careers and sometimes gave their lives to protect our country and preserve our freedom."

HIANG Awards Banquet

The 20th Annual Hawaii Air National Guard Awards Banquet is right around the corner. Block off your calendar now!

Date: Saturday, 1 March 1997

Place: Outrigger Prince Kuhio Hotel

Events: 1730 - no-host cocktails

1830 - dinner

Ticket prices are reasonable, and you are encouraged to bring your spouse/guest.

Prices are:

E1-E4: \$20.00

E5-E6: \$25.00

E7-E8: \$30.00

E9-O5: \$35.00

O6-O8: \$40.00

HIANG Civilian Employees: \$30.00

Spouse/guest will pay their sponsors' rate.

Last date for ticket sales is 14 February 1997. Please see your unit representative to purchase tickets.

HQ HIANG: SMSgt. Carl Simmons, 733-4228

154th Wing: Capt. Tracey Saiki, 449-6840

154th Operations Group: MSgt. Milford Chang, 449-1213

154th Logistics Group: TSgt. Yvette Miraflor, 449-1151

154th Support Group: Col. Richard Hastings, 449-7732

201st Combat Comms. Group: Capt. Reynold Hioki, 684-0806

DEADLINE

Even though we've been advising everyone of the deadline for the submission of articles for the *Kukailimoku* on a regular basis, we're still receiving articles *too late* for the next edition, and our staff has been rushing to type, edit and rearrange the columns in order to get these *late* articles in, and then expecting the reprographics department to get the paper printed in time for lunch. With the exception of late-breaking news, this is entirely unnecessary. Most of the articles can be brought in the drill before. We don't want to have to omit your article or run it in the next edition because it was sent in *too late*, especially when it's *timely*.

We need to remind our "reporters" *again* that we have a deadline for the submission of

articles for publication in the next drill's edition. This is usually on Friday, one week before drill.

We have set a submission **deadline** to allow enough time to enter, edit and lay out the stories and photos and get the paper to the printer first thing Saturday morning so it will be ready on time for our readers at lunch time. If we don't set a **deadline**, the *Kukailimoku* simply won't be out in time to reach everyone. Why Saturday instead of Sunday? Because some articles are about activities that will be happening on Saturday, plus some folks won't get it on Sunday if it isn't distributed on Saturday.

So please help us out and get your articles in *on time*. If it is for publication the drill after next, or it isn't *timely*, but something you'd like to share with the Wing, please indicate

when you'd like it run or that it can be run at any time.

Please submit your article(s) for the February 8th edition to the 154th Wing Public Affairs Office, Room #211, Building #3400, by noon on Friday, January 31st.

We would appreciate you preparing your article(s) in Microsoft Word 6.0, if possible, and downloading it onto a floppy disk (properly labeled, of course) and placing it along with a "hard copy" into an enclosed "**Kukailimoku**" folder (if you don't have one, we'll make one for you), and either delivering it to our office or placing it in a "puka" envelope and mailing it to 154 WG/PAO. If it's a small article, you can FAX it to us at 449-7740, or you can e-mail it to S Thomas@CC@154GP.

Mahalo a nui loa,
Kukailimoku Staff

Quality Corner

by Capt. Tracey J Saiki,
Quality Officer, 154th Wing

Everyone Deserves VIP Treatment

Have you ever walked into an office seeking assistance? Maybe you discovered a staff doing many tasks—talking on the phone, keyboarding the computer, conferring with each other. They're busy doing everything except acknowledging your presence. You may have even waited quite some time before you found someone willing to help. When the pressure's on, it's easy to fall into the trap of treating a visitor as an interruption instead of a welcome guest.

Visitors often extend first impressions they get of your office to the whole organization. If the staff seems uncooperative, disagreeable, or unconcerned, your organization's image suffers. And if these visitors are potential customers, a tarnished image can ultimately hurt the company's bottom line.

How do you create an atmosphere where visitors feel appreciated and wanted? These tips can help:

*** Acknowledge others.** No one likes to be ignored. To some, it's the ultimate insult. So, when someone walks through the door, acknowledge that person's arrival. Even if you are in the midst of a phone call, take a brief moment to give the newcomer your attention. A smile and brief wave can pay off in big dividends in customer satisfaction. Even when a day is hectic, offering a seat or explaining a delay will make the customer feel comfortable.

How would you greet a visitor if he or she walked into the office delivering a big bouquet of

flowers? You would probably look up expectantly and provide a cheerful hello. Every visitor has the potential for delivering some kind of "gift", though it might not be as obvious (or as personally satisfying) as a flower delivery. These gifts might be in the form of business with your organization or future cooperation from a co-worker. All visitors should be treated as the VIPs they indeed are.

*** Take time to listen.** Sometimes you may be tempted to be abrupt when you've handled the same problem 17 times that day. Even if it is an irate administrator, the office know-it-all, or a confused customer, it's important to give him or her your attention. That's the only way you'll determine the issue at hand. Visitors feel more satisfied when you treat them as individuals—and not just as a procedure.

*** Send people away satisfied.** Remember the song that began, "Yes! We have no bananas?" Though the grocer couldn't provide what the customer wanted, he offered options to his customer. Strive to establish the same customer-centered approach with your office visitors. Even if you need to say no (if the boss is out or the product isn't in), help your visitors pose some workable options so they won't leave dissatisfied. Their return to your office is contingent upon the service you provide and the attitude you display. Let others see your organization as reliable, efficient, concerned, and customer friendly.

(excerpt from "Getting Along" by Dartnell)

What's for lunch?

154th Wing Dining Room

-MENU-

Saturday

MREs will be available upon request from 10:30-12:30 (sorry, no hot meal will be served)

Sunday

Main Line

Shoyu Chicken
Steamed Rice
Cooked Vegetables
Salad
Punch

KUKAILIMOKU

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October saw the installation of the new FPS 117 radar at the 150th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron at Kokee on Kauai. Completion of the radome is expected in early January.

The HING assisted with President Clinton's trip to Hawaii in mid-November. Hawaii Army National Guard CH-47 helicopters were used to transport news media and White House support staff from Hickam Air Force Base to Bellows AFS, while Hawaii Air National Guard KC-135s refueled National Command Post aircraft. The Command Post aircraft deploy when the President travels overseas. HING personnel also helped coordinate security with civilian law enforcement agencies.

On November 16, the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) celebrated its 50th anniversary. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made the anniversary banquet and other activities such a great success. Thanks also go to the 111th Army Band for its participation.

We look forward to the graduation of Youth Challenge Class 97-5 on January 25. Currently, there are 93 corps members enrolled in the program.

Finally, during this holiday season, I want to convey my heart-felt appreciation to everyone who worked so hard during the past year. Throughout 1996, members of the State of Hawaii Department of Defense participated in real-world missions, which included Operation Provide Comfort II, patrolling the

northern no-fly zone of Iraq; Operation Joint Endeavor, the peacekeeping effort in Bosnia; and refueling assistance provided to aircraft responding to the mid-East crisis last September. Our men and women also trained for other federal and state responsibilities and made other significant contributions to our community, state and nation.

Let us also remember our HING soldiers currently deployed in Bosnia for Operation Joint Endeavor. For the last eight months, they have been covering the events there, and we anticipate their return in mid-January—we wish them well and Godspeed.

As you can see, we set the pace in a number of important historical events and key initiatives. It was the joint effort by our entire team that "made things happen" with positive results. Please thank your personnel for their exceptional support throughout the year. We could not have done so much without their leadership, dedication and continued quest for excellence. I want to also recognize all the family members and friends who made many sacrifices so that their loved ones could serve our great country and the State of Hawaii. Each of our officers, soldiers, airmen and civilian employees can be very proud of their visible achievements in helping make 1996 a very productive and memorable one. I am very grateful and honored to be a member of the State Department of Defense! Celia and I extend our warmest regards to all of you and we wish you a safe and prosperous New Year.

**Hawaii National Guard
Youth Challenge Program**

Needs Volunteer Mentors

A Small Sacrifice to Make

Help the Youth of Hawaii be Successful Citizens

You Can Make a Difference

For more information, call 1st Lt. Steve Lai at 684-9350/5790

VA Implements Insurance Program Improvements

Washington (AFNS) -- Thousands of retired Reserve policyholders who carry Servicemember's Group Life Insurance will be affected by a program merger this year, according to the department of Veterans Affairs.

Legislation signed into law Oct. 9, 1996 eliminated the Retired Reserve SGLI Program. Effective Jan. 6, all of these policies will be automatically exchanged for policies under the Veterans Group Life Insurance Program.

In addition, for the first time, VGLI will be extended generally to Reservists and National Guard members who decide to separate prior to reaching 20-year retirement.

The expansion of VGLI eligibility is among several insurance program changes under the Veterans Benefits Improvements Act.

It authorizes conversion of VGLI policies to commercial life insurance at any time instead of awaiting the end of every 5-year coverage period, and it allows retired Reservists to retain lifetime coverage under VGLI instead of being cut off from coverage at age 61 or when receiving

retired pay as was the case with Retired Reserve SGLI.

The new law also changed the name of SGLI from Servicemen's Group Life Insurance to the gender-neutral Servicemember's Group Life Insurance.

New Missile Transport Route

*Lt. Col. Wayne Wakeman,
F-15 Flight Safety Officer*

The new missile transport route will require extra safe driving and caution while in the area. This new missile route is from the entrance of the new motor pool area down along the motor pool building, then past the big dumpster that is near the old motor pool, then along the area toward the old fuels building, and out the fuels gate onto the mike ramp.

The safety shop is evaluating this new route, especially during this time of the IRRE and while the generation phase is happening. There will pallet build-up near this area, so for those of you that are required to have any type of vehicle in the area, please be extra careful. Remember, safety starts with all of you, and when we work together as a team, we will shine for the real ORI. The word TEAM, in my opinion, also is an

acronym for Together Everyone Achieves More.

Reserve Forces Essential To DoD Missions

*by Maj. Donna Miles,
USAR,
American Forces Press
Service*

Washington (AFNS) -- During the past year, more than 10,000 members of the Guard and Reserve have been called to active duty to support the peacekeeping mission in Bosnia, and Defense Department officials say that number is likely to increase in the months ahead. They point to Operation Joint Endeavor as a textbook example of the critical role the reserve components play in US military operations.

"We do not conduct any significant mission anywhere in the world today without the reserve forces," Secretary of Defense William Perry said as he wrapped up an around-the-world trip that included a Thanksgiving Day visit with troops in Bosnia. "This particular mission draws heavily on the reserves because the concentration of our civil-military capability is in the reserve forces."

In Bosnia, reserve component members have
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carried out the brunt of the civil affairs mission and provided much of the medical, security, psychological operations, transportation, logistics, intelligence and public affairs support. Many Guard and Reserve members have served in Bosnia or the surrounding areas; others have carried out support roles and replaced deployed active-duty forces in Germany and the United States.

The Bosnia mission demonstrates "the reserves have really come of age. And they are more essential now, today, to the total force than they ever were before," said Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs Deborah Lee.

She said the concept of the "total force" has been talked about for years. "But I think that now active duty commanders have come to view it as ground truth," she said. "They are becoming more and more familiar with reserve capabilities than they ever have been before. They realize that the idea of a total force has moved beyond the theoretical and has become a reality, and a practicality in the defense business."

That wasn't always the case. Lee said she remembers the climate when she was first named the defense secretary's top reserve adviser. "One of the big issues and concerns at the time was access to the reserve components. Meaning, could the president really call them up? Would we get enough volunteers if we needed volunteers for duty? Could we really ask people to go for three or four weeks of annual training, vice two weeks, for joint exercises?" Four years later, Lee said those questions have all been answered yes.

"I do not hear from our leaders anymore about concerns on access," she said. "The reason, I think, is that the president has called up the reserves when he has been advised to do so. We have gotten superb volunteerism when we've needed to do so. And the reserves have in fact made themselves available for longer, short-duration exercises."

With high-profile missions during the past four years in Somalia, Haiti and Bosnia, the reserve components "have been there, and they've performed superbly," Lee said.

But while the Guard and Reserve have become a key factor in defense planning,

Lee said every effort is being made to ensure no units or individuals are called on to carry out more than their fair share of missions.

"My notion has always been that we must not call reserve units in back-to-back years, if we can help it," she said. "For example, we do not anticipate mobilizing units for Bosnia if they were already called to Haiti.

"Now there may be individuals who were in both Haiti and Bosnia, perhaps because they volunteered, or perhaps because they changed units. But there should be no units that are called to both missions."

Lee said now that a third rotation of reserve component members could be mobilized for the Bosnia mission, that's becoming more of a problem.

Most of the units that have been called to active duty, so far, to support Operation Joint Endeavor have come from the Army Reserve. An effort will now be made to use more Army National Guard units, when possible, Lee said.

"It's an effort to spread the work around to a larger number of units in order not to tax any single unit or units too much," she said.

Family Support Group News

by Capt. Tamah-Lani Nakamoto,

Hawaii National Guard Family Support Program

Due to popular demand, we have brought back PRIDE Parent Training. We are working out in the community and with our Family Support Program to allow individuals to get this valuable training FREE OF CHARGE. We have varied the schedule to accommodate our traditional Guardmembers, interested full-timers and family members. If these dates still do not match your schedule, please give us a call and we will see what we can do.

Here's the training schedule for January and February, 1997:

08 Jan: Parent to Parent Session 1, 2: 1300-1515: HQ HING
15 Jan: Parent to Parent Session 3, 4: 1300-1515: HQ HING
22 Jan: Parent to Parent Session 5, 6: 1300-1515: HQ HING
29 Jan: Parent to Parent Session 7, 8: 1300-1515: HQ HING
09 Jan: Parent to Parent: 0730-1600: Maui
10 Jan: Safe Passage: 0730-1230: Maui
22 Jan: Parent to Parent Session 1, 2: 1830-2045: Kailua Parks and Rec.
29 Jan: Parent to Parent Session 3, 4: 1830-2045: Kailua Parks and Rec.
05 Feb: Parent to Parent Session 5, 6: 1830-2045: Kailua Parks and Rec.
12 Feb: Parent to Parent Session 7, 8: 1830-2045: Kailua Parks and Rec.

If you are able to attend the training or want more information, please contact me at 733-4229, e-mail, or my pager, 288-9543.

Mahalo Nui

HIANG SEA News

by CMSgt. Delbert Dandurant,

HIANG Senior Enlisted Advisor

The up-coming Senior NCO Conference is shaping up and will have some outstanding speakers. Those speakers will include Dr. Kanehele, Dr. Shintani, Lt. Col. Tom Sawner (NGB) and CMSgt. Edwin Brown, our NGB SEA. Along with them will be others from the 154th Wing, HIANG Staff, PACAF Headquarters and the Commandant from Hickam PME Academy.

Our workshops will include Leadership/Communications, Counter-Drugs and Enlisted Issues.

I would appreciate any issues you may want to have discussed at the conference. Please send them to me in the mail or my e-mail. Inputs will be accepted by all ranks.

Chief Abe and I have just returned from the Senior Commander's Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. We received word that Chief Edwin Brown underwent neck surgery and is recovering nicely. We wish him a fast recovery and well wishes.

While at this conference, the Enlisted Force presented Major General Donald Sheppard a replica of the Order of the Sword. The actual ceremony will be conducted next November in Phoenix. This award is the highest honor that anyone can receive from the Enlisted Force, so our congratulations go out to General Sheppard.

Hope everyone had joyful holidays and are looking forward to the changes and challenges facing us this year.

Serving Nation Community Ohana
Aloha!

NCOAGA, Chapter 18 News

*by SMSgt. Irvin Y Yoshino,
President, NCOAGA, Chapter 18*

Aloha, all NCO Academy Graduate Association Members!

We are having our annual NCOAGA General Membership Meeting on 17 Jan 97 (Friday) in the Pearl Country Club Banquet Room. \$25.00 per person is the charge for the buffet dinner and meeting. No host cocktails start at 1730, dinner is at 1830, and the General Membership Meeting will start at 1930 hours.

We will be swearing in new officers and Board of Directors. Also, you can volunteer and decide if we want to sponsor the National Association's Seminar in the year 2000.

For those who have graduated from Airman Leadership School, NCO Academy, Sr. NCO Academy, whether it was an active duty Air Force or National Guard academy, you're eligible to join our association for \$5.00 a year. We promote PME, support various community service projects, and are associated with a worthy organization that everyone who graduated from these in-residence PMEs would be proud to be a part of.

If you're interested in joining us, please contact one those people listed below either by e-mail, phone, or in person. They'll be glad to assist you. To pay for this worthwhile event, please see:

SMSgt. Mel Ige (Heavies QA), 449-0860

SMSgt. Dennis Mishima (KC-135 AMU), 449-0549

SMSgt. George Padilla (Fighters AMU, Weapons), 449-0613

SMSgt. Pam Goya (Supply), 449-7913

MSgt. Craig Harimoto (Fighters MXS, Egress), 449-5016

MSgt. Doug Awana (Fighters AMU), 449-7859

TSgt. Jackie Jakahi (201st CCG), 449-3812

TSgt. Anne Salvadore (HQ HIANG HRO), 737-7271

SMSgt. Irvin Yoshino (Fighters MXS, Electric Shop), 449-3827

Wing Safety News

by Lt. Col. James M Hussey, Chief Of Safety
Interim Mishap Reporting Procedures

1. HIANG Regulation 55-9 is being reviewed by the 154th Wing Safety Office. In the interim, we ask that unit Commanders insure the following mishap reporting procedures are followed:

- a. Establish an internal notification procedure.
- b. Any available means of communication will be used to contact the Safety Office and OCC as soon as possible.
- c. Immediately after the occurrence, the supervisor overseeing the operation when the mishap occurred will complete the

HIANG Form 36 and perform the initial investigation.

d. Upon completion of the HIANG Form 36, send the original copy to the 154th Wing Safety Office within 24 hours. The Safety Office will determine if the report requires up channeling or further investigation. Not all mishaps require up channeling, i.e., a bump on the head, a cut finger or a bruised shin, but all mishaps require an investigation to prevent reoccurrence.

2. If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail or call us at 449-8030 or 449-7735.

Social Actions

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Death Of An Innocent

I went to a party, Mom,
I remembered what you said.
You told me not to drink, Mom,
so I drank soda instead.
I really felt proud inside, Mom,
the way you said I would.
I didn't drink and drive, Mom,
even though the others said I should.
I know I did the right thing, Mom,
I know you are always right.
Now the party is finally ending, Mom
as everyone is driving out of sight.
As I got into my car, Mom,
I knew I'd get home in one piece.
Because of the way your raised me,
so responsible and sweet.
I started to drive away, Mom,
but as I pulled out into the road,
the other car didn't see me, Mom,
and hit me like a load.
As I lay there on the pavement, Mom,
I hear the policeman say,
"The other guy is drunk", Mom,
and now I'm the one who will pay.
I'm lying here dying, Mom,
I wish you'd get here soon.
How could this happen to me, Mom?
My life just burst like a balloon.
There is blood all around me, Mom,
and most of it is mine.
I hear the medic say, Mom,
I'll die in a short time.
I just wanted to tell you, Mom,
I swear I didn't drink.

It was the others, Mom.
The others didn't think.
He was probably at the same party as I.
The only difference is, he drank,
and I will die.
Why do people drink, Mom?
It can ruin your whole life.
I'm feeling sharp pains now.
Pains just like a knife.
The guy who hit me is walking, Mom,
and I don't think it's fair.
I'm lying here dying,
and all he can do is stare.
Tell my brother not to cry, Mom.
Tell Daddy to be brave.
And when I go to heaven, Mom,
put "Daddy's Girl" on my grave.
Someone should have told him, Mom,
not to drink and drive.
If only they had told him, Mom,
I would still be alive.
My breath is getting shorter, Mom,
I'm becoming very scared.
Please don't cry for me, Mom.
When I needed you,
you were always there.
I have one last question, Mom,
before I say good-bye.
I didn't drink and drive,
so why am I the one to die?
This was written anonymously.
Someone took the effort to write this
poem, so please forward this to as many
people as you can.
Help make people aware and understand
that drinking and driving don't mix.
Together, we can make a difference!