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199th FS Changes Command

At 1630 hours on Wednesday, the 9th of September, the 199th Fighter Squadron changed commanders.

Only minutes after he climbed out of his F-15 for the last time, Colonel Gary Peters walked into the hanger and relinquished his command of the 199th Fighter Squadron to Lieutenant Commander Wayne Wakeman.

Col. Peters, popularly known as "Pork", will be moving on to command an ANG fighter wing in Terra Haute, Indiana.

Congratulations to both Col. Peters and Lt. Col. Wakeman!

Hooligans and Hawaiians Prepare for Hurricane Bonnie

Fargo, North Dakota (AFNS) – Eight tons of tents were flown to North Carolina on August 26th, thanks to quick reaction from Air National Guard units from Hawaii and North Dakota.

"Epic Six Three," a C-130 transport aircraft from the 145th Airlift Wing of the North Carolina Air National Guard, based at Charlotte, departed Fargo's Hector International Airport August 26th.

20 "temper tents", stored and maintained by the 119th Fighter Wing of the North Dakota Air National Guard, were flown to Charlotte to be used for emergency shelters, if needed.

Hurricane Bonnie was expected to crash ashore on August 26th. Large portions of North and South Carolina along the Atlantic

Ocean were under mandatory evacuation orders for people to move inland.

The "Happy Hooligans", as the Fargo Air National Guard is known, hosts one of four regional training sites, which can house and feed several hundred troops from other locations. Other units use the Fargo base for combat skills training. About 100 members of the 154th Civil Engineering Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard, were at Fargo conducting exercises at the time.

SMSgt. Peter Lewis, Fargo ANG facilities manager, said representatives from the National Guard Bureau in Washington DC called August 25th asking if the Fargo unit could provide tents for use as shelters along the East Coast. That afternoon, a crew of about 30 Hooligans and Hawaiians had the tents packed and stacked for shipment to Charlotte.

A Short from the Shirt...

Annual Fitness Run/Walk

Just a friendly reminder... tomorrow is our last chance to complete this much-anticipated event for FY '99. Show time is 0645; however, you should allow enough time to *stretch* those morning muscles. And don't forget to start your water intake the night before the run/walk. Remember folks, this isn't the Honolulu Marathon ... pace yourself accordingly.

Letter of Thanks

The Kuka'ilimoku received a letter of thanks recently from SMSgt. Jeff Clegg requesting that we publish it.

SMSgt. Clegg is a former member of our HIANG family. He came to us back in 1993 from the 161st ARG in Phoenix, AZ. He was one of the pioneers of the 203rd ARS, who helped start up the Avionics Branch. He was also an active member of the HIANG Rifle and Pistol teams.

SMSgt. Clegg has since returned to the 161st to help out with his family. He said it was real hard to leave the HIANG and Hawaii.

It was soon after he returned to Arizona that he learned he had a brain tumor. According to SMSgt. Dan Rose of the 203rd's Maintenance Branch, "His prognosis is not good, but his spirits are. Jeff is a good friend to me and everyone in the HIANG."

Here is his letter...

"The Saving of Sergeant Clegg"

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the men and women of the 154th Wing for the cards and letters and generous gifts you have sent me.

I went to the movies last weekend and saw "The Saving of Private Ryan" and found a similarity to the experience I find myself in. As you may know, I've managed to come down with brain cancer. I recall Pvt. Ryan had lost his three brothers during Operation Overlord on June 6, 1944.

Not to turn this letter into a feel sad for me story, my father went through this 15 years ago with negative results. All my life I've wanted to lead men in a disparate battle and now it looks like I find myself in this life and death struggle. Note here, be careful what you wish for, it may come true!

As in the movie, I have my colt .45 Tiger Tank Killer cocked and loaded, and I'm about to gun down the bad guys and turn this around.

Next week, I will have completed 30 days of getting nuked with x-rays. In another two weeks, they will do an MRI, again, to see if the tumor mass has stopped growing. If not,

back to Biology 101 frog dissecting on my brain.

Dear friends, don't be saddened by this. I'm not bitter; I thank God every day for the wonderful life I've come to enjoy. The single greatest thing that ever happened to me was coming to Hawaii and being a proud member of your great organization. I have every intention of coming back to visit with all of you, soon. Give me a little more time so I can beat this.

Thank you, again, my dear friends. If you get out this way, hopefully, during the cooler times of the year, look me up.

Jeff



ANG Major Selection List for FY 1999

The 154th Wing is proud to announce that the following is a list of recommended individuals that were approved by the President for mandatory promotion to the rank of Major:

Name	Unit	Promotion Eff. Date
Capt. Michael JK Akiona	203ARS	1 Oct 98
Capt. Elsie M Coopman	154AGS	1 Oct 98
Capt. Anthony B Denzer	204AS	1 Oct 98
Capt. Patrick R Fierro Jr.	154 CS	11 Apr 99
Capt. Alphonzo Lawrence	154OSF	1 Oct 98
Capt. Keith W Lu	203ARS	22 Oct 98
Capt. Dennis K Matsuura	169ACWS4	4 Apr 99
Capt. Eric A Roth	203ARS	1 Oct 98
Capt. Tracy J Saiki	154WG	1 Oct 98
Capt. Jeffrey J Waechter	NGB/CD	1 Oct 98
Capt. James M Waltman	154OSF	1 Oct 98
Capt. Melissa YJ Zen	154SVF	19 Mar 99

Congratulations!

Total Force



Anthrax Vaccinations To Begin

Secretary of Defense William S Cohen announced that Phase I of the Total Force Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program will begin with Service members deploying to Southwest Asia and Korea. Immunizations for those active duty personnel and Selected Reserves already assigned and located in Korea will begin in early September.

"I have approved implementation of the Anthrax Vaccination Program for the total force. This is an efficient, effective and safe way to protect our forces against an emerging threat. Vaccinations of the active components and Selected Reserve shall proceed consistent with all specifications of the Food and Drug Administration," Cohen explained.

"The beginning of Phase I is the next step in a comprehensive Force Health Protection plan that was mandated by President Clinton last May. The vaccination program is proceeding extremely well. As of August 9, 1998, more than 48,000 Service members have received the anthrax vaccine immunization as part of the accelerated Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program for Southwest Asia," Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs Sue Bailey said.

Eventually, all 2.4 million military Service members in the active and Reserve components will receive the FDA-licensed anthrax vaccine. The phased vaccination program will take six to seven years to complete. The Anthrax Vaccination Program is part of the Force Health Protection Plan.

Cohen announced the total force vaccination plans in December 1997. In March 1998, the vaccination program was accelerated for troops assigned or deploying to Southwest Asia. After a three-year study, Cohen concluded that the vaccination is the safest way to protect highly mobile US military forces against a potential threat that is 99 percent lethal to unprotected individuals. He and Gen. Henry H Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, have both

started taking the anthrax vaccinations, and both have to date taken four of the six shots required.

The immunization program consists of a series of six inoculations per Service member over an 18-month period, followed by an annual booster.

Although protection levels increase as shots in the series are given, the entire six-shot series is required for full protection, as determined by the FDA. The cost to immunize an estimated 2.4 million military people is approximately \$130 million.

There have been seven adverse reaction reports following receipt of the anthrax vaccine, out of 133,870 anthrax immunizations (.005 percent). These reactions may or may not be directly attributed to the vaccine. Six of these were minor adverse effects and all Service members returned back to duty. One Service member had a more severe illness (Guillain-Barre Syndrome) that began shortly after receiving his third dose of anthrax vaccine. Guillain-Barre Syndrome is uncommon, but also has been reported among persons who have received other vaccines and seemingly unrelated events, such as surgery, insect stings, and various immunizations. The Service member was doing well one month after the onset of his illness.

Thirteen Navy and three Air Force personnel have refused the vaccination series and all have received non-judicial punishment with two receiving administrative discharges for other previous misconduct, and two pending administrative discharges related to their refusal to take the anthrax immunization. The shots are mandatory and are considered a prudent action.

Discoverer's Day

Christopher Columbus
Discovered America

Monday

October 12th

Highlights of the AAFES/DeCA Meeting

by SSgt. Stephen L Thomas, 154th Wing PA

The AAFES/DeCA Advisory Council held its quarterly meeting on the 8th of September and here are some of the highlights of that meeting:

From the Commissary

Mr. Tom Doyle, General Manager of the Hickam Commissary, brought us up-to-date on the progress of the renovation of the main store. He said DeCA has received funding approval, and the \$5 million construction project is currently 95% complete. He said that even though it is at least four years overdue, the final renovations will begin in the spring, be done in phases, and should be completed by spring of 2000. The refrigerators will be replaced, first, and then the entire store will go into a complete overhaul.

Mr. Doyle apologized for the air conditioning system over the checkout area being down and asked for everyone's patience until it can be repaired.

Coming up... on September the 8th, the store will have Halloween candy in stock. And, beginning October the 5th, DeCA will be celebrating its 7th anniversary with a four-week sale.

Now, here are the holiday closure dates:

October 12th - Columbus Day
November 11th - Veteran's Day
November 26th - Thanksgiving Day
December 24th - Christmas Eve - 1700
December 25th - Christmas Day
December 31st - New Year's Eve -

the Mini-Com will close an hour early
January 1st - New Year's Day

From the BX:

Mr. Barry Gordon, AAFES General Manager, said that even though the BXtra has been open for over a year, the renovation project on the 'old BX' is suppose to start on the 1st of February and be completed on the 15th of October, 1999. It will be done in eight phases.

The renovation of the Food Court is to commence on the 1st of January and be completed by the 15th of May, 1999. He said it will include a "Charlie's Steakery".

And, new Credit Card-operated gasoline pumps are being installed at the two gas stations for the convenience of AAFES customers.

The meeting then was opened up to the general membership for questions and comments to the representatives of AAFES, DeCA and the 15th Services Squadron.

In response to the complaints about the bottleneck at the entrance to the Commissary, Mr. Doyle said that that area is "our sale area", and that he hasn't experienced any problem there. He said that would change after the store is renovated.

Concerning the new gasoline pumps, some members were concerned about unauthorized patrons using the facility. It was apparent that this issue had not been addressed, and only random ID checks will be considered at this time.

Another member asked, "With credit card-operated pumps, why can't the gas station be open 24 hours a day?" Management said it wouldn't be cost effective. For security and safety reasons, someone would still have to be paid to be there.

Another member asked why only regular and premium gas was available at the main gas station. Mr. Gordon said that one of the tanks has to be replaced, and that won't be until December. Until it is replaced, only regular and premium will be available.

Still another member suggested AAFES have a coin-operated laundry facility at Hickam because the closest one is at Pearl Harbor. AAFES said they would look into the feasibility of having one at Hickam.

Somone else asked why the hours at the exchange were cut back to 2100 at the BX and 1900 at the main gas station. "Lack of business", Mr. Gordon said.

Legal Line



by MSgt. Joye Romero, 154th Wing/JA

The Year of the Politician

One animal missing from the Chinese astrological line-up is the politician. The political animal is characterized as standing by a busy street with a frozen smile, waving arms, a flower lei, a "vote for..." placard, and a bevy of supporters. Can you, as a Guardperson be one of those sign-carrying wavers?

If you are a Guardmember serving under Title 10, this behavior is clearly restricted. The restrictions on AGRs are probably closer to those on Title 10 active duty personnel than to those on traditional Guardmembers. If you are a Guardperson under Title 32, the rules are not so clear.

Members must not use their position in the National Guard for activities, such as campaigning in uniform or using one's rank or grade, while Title 10 status members are per se prohibited to do any of the following:

- Solicit votes or contributions for a candidate or issue
- Sell tickets for or otherwise actively promote political fund-raisers
- Publish partisan political articles designed to solicit votes
- Speak before political gatherings or advocate a partisan party or candidate
- Conduct political opinion surveys; distribute partisan political petitions, literature, badges or buttons
- March or ride in partisan political parades
- Serve in an official capacity in political organizations

- Participate in partisan voter drives or display political signs on private vehicles

Some of the permissible activities expected and encouraged of Air National Guard members are:

- Vote
- Express personal opinions on candidates and issues
- Make voluntary campaign contributions, subject to certain limitations
- Attend political gatherings as a spectator when not in uniform
- Write personal letters expressing personal views on public issues and preference for a candidate or cause
- Display political stickers on private vehicles or wear political badges when not in uniform and not on duty
- Serve in local part-time nonpartisan civil office, either elective or appointive

Celebrate the year of the politician, get out and vote, express your opinions, pass out political flyers, dish out the stew and rice, but never while in uniform.

Safety Tips



by SMSgt. Gaylen T Redoble,
Ground Safety Mgr., 154th Wing

Aloha, folks!

The new Air Force Instruction (AFI) 91-202, dated 1 Aug 98, is out and many changes have occurred.

The new requirements will be briefed by chapter at our Additional Duty Safety Representative meetings and sent out to our organizations via E-Mail.

Think Safety!

HIANG SEA News

by CMSgt. Delbert Dandurarant,
State Senior Enlisted Advisor

There have been many changes in the last few months in the Air National Guard, nationally as well as locally. At the national level, Major General Davis has taken over the leadership of the National Guard Bureau. At NGB, Chief Master Sergeant Gary Broadbent has taken over the ANG Senior Enlisted Advisor slot, replacing Chief Master Sergeant Edwin Brown, who will be retiring 11 September 1998. At First Air Force, Chief Master Sergeant John Matheson, Jr. became the Senior Enlisted Advisor replacing Chief Broadbent.

Here at the local level, we have seen some shifts in our senior leadership. As you know, Brigadier General Kealoha has left the Guard to start another career. He was with us for two and a half years and had taken the HIANG to another level of excellence and professionalism. We wish the General and his wife (Ann) aloha and thank you.

Who's running the show now that the General has left? Lt. Col. Miyahira is running the daily operations, and Col. Avery will be running the UTAs. They will be leading the HIANG until a new commander is selected, sometime after the coming elections.

I will be going to an Enlisted Field Advisory Meeting in Washington, DC, this week to discuss some of the enlisted issues across the Nation. During that time, I will also be attending Chief Edwin Brown's retirement ceremony at Bolling AFB. I will be presenting Chief Brown with a gift from the HIANG for his dedicated service to the Air National Guard. Also, Sgt. Thomas Chock from the 154th LS is representing the HIANG

in an Honor Guard Unit for Chief Brown's ceremony, along with other representatives from all Fifty States and Territories.

The Wing and State Headquarters are looking for Senior Master Sergeants (Traditional) who may be interested in becoming Senior Enlisted Advisors. There are few opportunities for Traditional Guardpersons to achieve the rank of Chief Master Sergeant before retiring, and this is one of them. I know there are outstanding individuals out there who would be great in these positions. If you are interested and would like more information on the position, E-Mail or call me; don't let this opportunity pass you by.

Last thing... our annual Senior NCO Conference is right around the corner, and we need to start planning for it. The event will be tied in with the HIANG Awards Banquet, again, this year and will be held at the Outrigger Prince Kuhio Hotel 11-13 February 1999. This was the only time available during the Feb., Mar. time period. The conference will be all day on Thursday and half a day on Friday. I will be extending an invitation to the chairperson of the Enlisted Field Advisory Council, as well as to the ANG Senior Enlisted Advisor. I will need the help of the Senior NCOs to plan this conference, so please let me know if you are interested in working for one of the committees.

Aloha!

⇒Deadline!

The deadline for the September edition of the
Kuka'ilimoku is Friday, September 25th.



History Corner

by TSgt. Theodore Merrill,
154th Wing Historian

Greetings, all! The wing historian now has a folder on the "Y" drive (Y:\154HQ-WG\HIST). I established this folder in order that everyone can see what materials the History Office stores.

The files that list the history publications possessed are under "FILE1" through "FILE6". Some of the files are incomplete; I load information as time permits.

The files contain listings of books, bound history volumes, miscellaneous written documents, patches/heraldry, and old photographs. These items are available for anyone to look at for research or fun at anytime that I'm in my office. Unfortunately, due to accountability concerns and the one-of-a-kind nature of most of these items, they cannot be taken out of the office (except for books).

Most of the files in the HIST folder are the working files for my Wing History reports. Some areas of interest in my working files are 94CHRON, 96CHRON, 97CHRON, and 98CHRON. These are the chronologies that my reports are based on.

The 94CHRON file is complete and submitted; the others are working files. If you don't see something there that is historic to your unit, it's up to you to send me documents regarding the subject so I can include it.

I recently received some fantastic old 1950s photos from the alert pad folks. I'd like to publicly thank the people there for having the wisdom to send them to me rather than letting them sit in

a file drawer where they can't be seen. If anyone else out there has old photos sitting a drawer or a file somewhere and you don't have an identified plan (like the 199th FS or 154 CAMS scrap books) for displaying or storing them, please send them to me. I need to centralize and log as many of the 40s, 50s and 60s photos as I can before they disappear.

If any of you out there are related to or know retired old-timers, please ask them if they have any photos, slides, or documents from the 40s through the 60s, that they wouldn't mind donating to the 154th Wing History Office. This is an especially pertinent matter when an old Guard member dies and relatives start throwing stuff away. There is some really cool stuff out there in footlockers and closets; it would be nice if some of it could "come home" so future generations can see it.

Until next time—*preserving your legacy.*

Chaplain's Office Has an Opening

The chaplain's office in 154th Wing Headquarters has openings for two Chaplain Support Service Personnel.

Responsibilities include support of worship and religious services, visitation, counseling and religious education. Personnel serve as members of chaplain readiness teams during combat operations, emergencies, deployments and military operations. They administer resources, logistics and automated systems. Personnel in this specialty are non-clergy members of the Air Force Chaplain Service. They are trained to understand and support the distinctive ministry needs of the military community.

The 154th LSF Recognizes



Its Outstanding Performers

During August Commander's Call

by Maj. Bill Petti, Commander, 154th LSF

Several outstanding performers were recognized at the LSF's Commander's Call during the Sunday August UTA. Most notable were **MSgts. Dan Kiyohiro** (LGLX) and **Fred Higa** (Analysis) who received *Air Force Commendation Medals* for meritorious service. Dan earned his recognition as a result of his brilliant management of the pallet build-up and equipment processing functions during the 1996 and 1997 Wing Initial Readiness Response exercises and deployments. Fred was instrumental in organizing world-class audio-visual presentations at the Wing and HIANG levels.

Also receiving special recognition was **SSgt. Robert Ramos** (Plans & Scheduling). Bob received the LSF's *Milestone Award* after 20 outstanding years of service in the HIANG. Bob will retire as a traditional Guardsman after the September UTA.

Three other individuals were recognized for their outstanding *sales performance* in support of our highly successful Chili Fundraiser. A gift certificate of \$100 was awarded to our top ticket-seller **TSgt. Craig Makiya** of the MOC. Right on Craig's heels was **Chief Jack Uhrig**, who received a \$50 prize, and **SrA Kanoe Tollefson** (Analysis), who received a \$25 prize.

Last, but not least, several individuals received distinguished *Kina'ole Awards* for the 3rd Quarter.

Receiving the *Team Leader Awards* were **MSgt. Lester Ho** (Training Office) and **MSgt. Noreen Lucuab** (MOC). Lester was cited for his team-building efforts, effective communications, and integrity. Noreen earned her award based on her superior organizational skills, superb mentoring, and her efforts in "encouraging the heart".

Overachiever Awards were given to the dazzling duo of Engine Trackers: **MSgt. John Chun** and **TSgt. Rafael Rodriguez**.

Both individuals demonstrated their computer wizardry by converting frequently read documents into an HTML-format. John created the LG Safety Web and OI pages using an Intranet framework. Likewise, Rafael converted the LSF newsletter into an HTML masterpiece.

Receiving *Patriot Awards* as outstanding traditional guardsmen were **SSgt. Charles Kirk** (MOC) and **TSgt. George Woolworth** (Training). Chuck was cited for his tremendous improvement efforts, and George was credited for creating a well-executed Air Force Trainers Course.

Receiving *Extra Mile Awards* for community/MWR-type activities were **SMSgt. Kimo Puu** (Plans & Scheduling) and **TSgt. Craig Makiya** (MOC). Kimo led the LSF's Foodbank effort in raising over \$200 and 150 lbs. of food donations. Craig was instrumental in the success of our Chili Fundraiser.

Finally, **MSgt. Bernie Pharr** (154 AGS) received the *Best Friend Award* by providing outstanding administrative support to several LSF personnel.



"HIANG" Interisland Special Rate

Last month, it was Aloha, now it's Hawaiian. Hawaiian Airlines just reinstated their special "HIANG" Interisland Special Fare of \$43.00 for a one-way ticket through December 31, 1998. This fare includes taxes and ZP head tax.

Like Aloha, when calling in to Reservations, please ask the agent for the "HANG" Special Fare. Tickets may be purchased at any Hawaiian Airlines City or Airport Ticket Counter. Passengers must show their Hawaii Air National Guard ID along with another picture ID.

Seven Habits Workshop 98-10



Produces 400th Graduate

by Maj. Bill Petti, Commander, 154th LSF

Another 29 individuals graduated from the Stephen R Covey Seven Habits of Highly Effective People Seminar held at the Wing Dining Facility during the week of 25-28 August. The number of graduates brought the total number to 413.

Facilitating the workshop were Lt. Col. Wayne Wakeman and Capt. Spencer Napoleon.

Among the graduates of this workshop was **Brigadier General Ed "Butch" Correa**, Commander of the Hawaii Army National Guard. Accompanying him was Lt. Col. Ray Jardine, the Executive Officer of HQ STARC. With the qualification of Maj. Marty St. Louis (the HING Family Support Program Coordinator) as a Seven Habits Facilitator, a strong possibility now exists for the HIARNG starting their own program.

Incidentally, three other HIANG members received their Seven Habits Facilitator credentials along with Maj. St. Louis during a recent Covey Facilitator Workshop. They were MSgt. **Kathy Fritz** (154 SVF), MSgt. **Jimmy Williams** (154 MXS), and TSgt. **Bridget Komine** (154 MSF). We congratulate all four Seven Habits grads in joining the facilitator ranks.

Other graduates of Workshop 98-10 were Maj. **Raphael Carreiro** (154 MXS), Capt. **Elsie Coopman** (154 AGS), Capt. **Mark Kloetzel** (169 ACWS), Capt. **Dennis Matsuura** (169 ACWS), 1st Lt. **Blaine Vilorio** (169 ACWS), CMSgt. **Ron Aniya** (169 ACWS), SMSgt. **Cliff Ono** (154 MXS),

MSgt. **James Akau** (154 MXS), MSgt. **Blaine Kato** (169 ACWS), MSgt. **John Keiser** (292 CCS), MSgt. **Ben Ormita** (154 MSF), MSgt. **Les Sasaki** (154 LG Staff), MSgt. **Rose Vendiola** (154 MSF), TSgt. **Dexter Chin** (154 MXS), TSgt. **Edwin Kalilikane** (154 MXS), TSgt. **Carl Leota** (154 LSF), TSgt. **Luika Lum** (154 LS), TSgt. **Aaron Silva** (154 MXS), TSgt. **Randy Solomon** (154 LSF), TSgt. **Yolanda Valiente** (201 CCG), SSgt. **Daniel Baduria** (154 MXS), SSgt. **Curtis Colipano** (154 AGS), SSgt. **George Gascon** (154 AGS), SSgt. **Johnalyn Kamakawiwo'ole** (154 LS), SSgt. **Charles Kirk** (154 LSF), SSgt. **Pratt Lee** (154 AGS), and SrA **Rena Sunaoka** (169 ACWS).

The slots for the Seven Habits workshops are being reserved far in advance. Interested HIANG members may E-Mail or call me at 448-7378 to reserve a spot. LG members are advised to work through their chain of command to the LG Training Office. The next Seven Habits Workshop is scheduled for 22-25 September.

Lastly, there are available slots for the next *Principle-Centered Leadership Workshop*, which will be held 15-18 September. PCL is limited to Commanders, Field Grade Officers and Senior NCOs. Enrollees are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact the LG-Training Office or myself at 448-7397/7398 for more information.

-Wanted-

Your story! The 154th Wing would love to read a story by you about your unit. Are you daring enough to write one? We're daring enough to publish it! Go for it!!

Chaplain's Corner

by Maj. Robert Nagamine, Chaplain, 154th Wing

Hurricane Bonnie hit North Carolina and Virginia last month. With winds up to 100 miles an hour and rain, it caused an estimated one billion dollars or more in damage. We still vividly remember the destruction Hurricane Iniki caused to Hawaii in '92; and therefore felt for them. In fact, our entire country was hoping and praying for our friends on the East Coast.

Hurricane Bonnie brought two things to our attention: (1) once again, the importance of readiness, and (2) the question in some people's mind, "What role does God play in hurricanes or other natural disasters?"

Readiness is very important to us, not only in theory, but also by experience. From Hurricane Iniki, we learned much. But did you know that the instruction of preparation and readiness is nothing new? It is timeless, and found in the Scriptures. One example is when Jacob was preparing to meet his brother Esau and very uncertain of his standing with Esau (Genesis 33). Another example from the Scriptures says, "Or what king in war, going to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends an embassy and asks for terms of peace" (Luke 14). Let's continue to see the wisdom of readiness and continue to prepare ourselves.

For those who wonder what role God plays in hurricanes or other natural disasters, no one has all of the answers. However, in simplified form, there are three basic ways which God works in

these scenarios. On one extreme, He sometimes uses it to "cleanse the land." The Flood in the account of Noah is an example. On the other extreme, He sometimes works against the natural forces and instead calms the storm. So without God's intervention, the natural course of events would take place. The third way is beyond our comprehension. Perhaps only in retrospect will we hopefully get a glimpse of understanding and see the big picture. And still, many might not fully understand why God allows things to happen.

The positive spin in all of this is to count our blessings and not take things or people for granted. Let's strive to be in a great state of readiness.

Worship Services

Protestant Service

(Support Facility)

Sunday UTAs

08:15-08:45

Classroom #1

Wing Dining Room

All Welcome To Attend

Catholic Services

(across base)

Daily

11:30

Saturdays

17:00

Nelles Chapel

Sundays

07:15

Nelles Chapel

10:15

Chapel Center



Social Actions

by Maj. Gayle Seifullin, 154th Wing Social Actions

Do you need help? How can a need for help be answered? Read and answer the following questions truthfully and see.

1. Have you ever decided to stop drinking, but it only lasted for a couple of days?

Yes () No ()

2. Do you wish people would mind their own business about your drinking?

Yes () No ()

3. Have you ever switched from one drink to another, in hopes that this would keep you from getting drunk?

Yes () No ()

4. Have you had to have an eye opener, one to calm your nerves upon wakening?

Yes () No ()

5. Do you envy people who can drink without getting into trouble?

Yes () No ()

6. Have you had problems connected with or because of drinking?

Yes () No ()

7. Has your drinking caused trouble at home?

Yes () No ()

8. Do you ever try to get extra drinks before a party or at the party because you felt you did not get enough?

Yes () No ()

9. Do you tell yourself you can stop drinking any time you want, even though you keep getting drunk when you do not mean to?

Yes () No ()

10. Have you missed work because of drinking?

Yes () No ()

11. Do you have "blackouts", that is, that you cannot remember what happened?

Yes () No ()

12. Have you ever felt that your life would be better if you did not drink?

Yes () No ()

What's your score? Did you answer YES to four or more questions? If you did, you are probably in trouble with alcohol. If you are old enough to drink, drink responsibly - or don't drink at all. Get help, if you need it. Where can you get help? Call Alcoholics Anonymous or talk with Social Actions 448-7281.

Aloha Attire

The *Kuka'ilimoku* received the following directive from the Adjutant General's office:

The wearing of *aloha attire* is authorized from 11 - 20 Sep 98 on the island of Oahu, 18 - 27 Sep 98 on the Big Island, 2 - 11 Oct 98 on the island of Molokai, 2 - 11 Oct 98 on the island of Maui, and 9 - 18 Oct 98 on the island of Kauai.

The wearing of *aloha attire* shall be in accordance with Policy Directive 1990-8, dated 11 September 1990.

As a general rule, the appropriate military uniform will be worn when representing the National Guard at meetings and when visiting any military installation or agency (other than the 154th Wing, 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, 201st Combat Communications Group, and the Army Aviation Support Facility).

Air Force Switches from American Express to VISA

by Master Sgt. Linda Brandon, Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON -- Air Force travelers on official duty should not leave home without their VISA card beginning Nov. 30.

At 12:01 Greenwich Mean Time, a new VISA travel card, issued by Nations Bank, replaces the American Express card, ending a five-year contract.

"The change brings the Department of Defense into the 21st century with a card that has greater worldwide acceptance," said Michael Weber, program manager for the Air Force travel card program, Office of the Air Force Comptroller, Policy and Banking. VISA is accepted at six times the number of automated teller machines and by seven times as many merchants as American Express, say officials.

More than 400,000 Nations Bank VISA cards will be issued to Air Force travelers in October. Many bases are having cards mailed to cardholders while others will issue each card individually.

"Some of the final policies on who will get a card and the type of card each person receives are still being developed," Weber said. "We plan to have various cards available to satisfy the many needs and types of travelers."

The VISA travel card will not be a credit card in the traditional sense, cautioned Weber. "Travelers will not be able to carry a balance, and bills will be payable on receipt. As was its predecessor, the Nations Bank VISA card is strictly for official business.

"We're excited about the new contract," he said. "We listened to traveler's comments and incorporated many of their suggestions into program improvements."

The most far-reaching change is an online, real-time Internet-capable point-and-click software program, known as EAGLS. It will serve agency program coordinators at

the major command, base, and unit level as well as cardholders.

Rather than going through reams of paper at the end of the month to track a particular cardholder for their commander, program managers will be able to electronically access individual accounts. They will have immediate access to all transactions and the capability for immediate, online maintenance and changes.

"For example, if a card holder's ATM limit needs to be raised or lowered, the change will be effective as soon as the base program manager types in the information," Weber said. The manager can also limit spending by cardholders with a record of card abuse and turn cards off and on electronically.

Cardholders will also find many conveniences in EAGL. They can access Nations Bank newsletters, check their balance and even print out a copy of the monthly statement before it arrives in the mail.

Another convenience for travelers is safety. "Since the card is so widely accepted, travelers won't need to carry large amounts of cash," Weber said. "Even if there's not an ATM available, you can walk into any bank that accepts VISA, and they will give you cash just as if you were pulling it from an ATM."

In light of the worldwide acceptance of the Nations Bank VISA card, monthly ATM limits will be lowered to \$500. "We felt this was a significant figure to cover most requirements travelers will encounter," Weber said. In extraordinary situations, cardholders will be able to have their ATM limits raised.

Another benefit of switching to VISA is a decrease in ATM fees, from 2.75 to 1.9 percent. According to Weber, this will save the Air Force about \$120,000 each month.

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WWW 1998 Second Quarter ★★★★★ 5-Star Award Winner

The Air Force announced the results of its quarterly winner for the annual 5-Star Award for outstanding public web site. This quarter's winner is the Air National Guard's site (<http://www.ang.af.mil>). Second and third place went to Air Chronicles

(<http://www.airpower.maxwell.af.mil/>) and McGuire AFB's homepage (<http://www.mcguire.af.mil>).

Congratulations to the ANG Director Major General Paul A Weaver, Jr., and the Webmaster Senior Master Sergeant Ed Tejada for creating a top flight web site.

This site features a great design with smart graphics. It is easy to navigate and provides abundant and relevant information to its visitors. This site provides a great example for other Air Force web projects to follow.

This winner will be considered with other quarterly winners at the end of the year to determine the annual 1998 5-Star Award winner.

Nominations can be made on Air Force Link (<http://www.af.mil/5star>). The third quarter qualifier for 1998 will be announced in October. The annual award winner will be announced in coordination with other Air Force public affairs annual awards.

SPORTS

HING Softball Tournament

25-27 September 1998

Amelia Earhart Field, Hickam AFB

Coordinator: HIANG

HING Athletic Events are competitive sports events that are held annually between members of both the Hawaii Air National Guard and the Hawaii Army National Guard. For Oahu-based units, the top four to six teams (depending on the sports event) determine the qualifying factor to enter in the HING tournament. Additional questions may be directed to the HIANG Athletic Board members and Tournament Chairpersons.

HIANG Basketball Tournament

5 October - 13 November 1998

(Monday and Friday Nights only)

Fort Ruger Gym

(Diamond Head Road and 22nd Avenue)

Chairperson: TSgt. Rich Costa

Phone: 449-9769

Athletic Board Rep: MSgt. Rose Vendiola

Dates are subject to change due to mission requirements or other scheduled activities. Feel free to contact the tournament chairperson for available practice dates, times, and team requirements.

"Da Chili's Good!"



by Maj. Bill Petti, Commander, 154th LSF

The 154th LSF will be sponsoring a unit fundraising luncheon during the Combat Focus day on 30 September 1998. For a mere \$4.00, you can enjoy a generous portion of chili with rice, two hot dogs, toss salad, and soda. Lunch will be served out of the Fighter AMU Flightline Shack (Bldg. #3426) beginning at 1130.

You may purchase tickets by calling any one of the LSF offices: MOC (449-1322), Plans & Scheduling (449-6040), Training (448-7398), Analysis (448-7390), LGLX (448-7389), Engine Tracking (448-7404), Chief (Chef Jack) Uhrig (448-8045), or myself (448-7378). Last day for ticket purchases is Friday, 25 September.

As Chef Jack says, "Da Chili is good!"

The Family Support Program

Have you checked out the services available at the Family Support Center here at Hickam? They're here for *you* as well as active duty personnel.

Each month, they offer classes to all active duty, guard, reserve, retired, and DoD personnel and their family members at no charge!

Here's a list of just some of the ongoing classes being offered:

Adult Life Skills

a. "Mutual Funds 101, Getting Started"

Do you know the difference in a "load" or "no load" fund? Learn how to read a prospectus. This class is designed as pre-cursor to Basic Investing.

b. "Balancing Your Checkbook"

Tired of depending on the bank or credit union to tell you what is happening with your account? This hands-on workshop, taught by Janie Mann, Personal Financial Management Program Manager, will give you control. The shape of your checkbook often reflects the shape of your life. Join us and get in your best condition yet!

c. "Communicating With the One You Love"

Give your relationship a 'shot in the arm'. This workshop will explore the foundation of happy, healthy relationships--how to communicate at a deeper level, build trust and create the intimate, committed partnership you want.

d. "Money Management"

Gain the confidence and skills you need to meet the challenge of managing your money. You will be shown techniques to control your finances and make your dollars work for you!

e. "Getting Out Of Debt with Powerpay"

You will think that it must be magic! Powerpay is a rapid debt reduction program

that shows you how to pay off your debt months (or even years) earlier than you ever thought possible. Join us to see how this magic can be applied to your monthly bills, so you can watch them disappear without spending any additional money each month.

f. "You and Your Credit Report"

Do you know what is in your credit report? Do you know how to correct or add to information in your report? Do you know how long information remains on your report? Did you know that you could receive a free credit report each year? For answers to these questions and more information on credit reports and how they affect you and your credit, please join us.

Career and Transition

a. "Employment in Hawaii"

This one session class is the first step to finding the job you want! Explore employment trends, be informed of available resources, and register to use the JEMS computerized job bank. Class size is limited. Registration is required.

b. "Inside Secrets of Interviewing" - Video Presentation

Invest 60 minutes in yourself to get the job YOU want.

c. "Electronic Job Search"

This class gives an overview of the computerized tools available at the Family Support Center to assist you in your job search. Instruction is provided on the completion of necessary forms to enter the Defense Outplacement Referral System (DORS), a national mini-resume and referral registry system. Information on how to access our computerized job banks, resume software and Internet will also be given.

d. "Creative Job Search" - Video Presentation

This video course is full of proven, practical ideas on how to get and keep the job you really want.

Digital Dog Tags?

by Staff Sgt. Alicia K. Borlik
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Stuck to the sweaty chest of a soldier humping through a hot, humid jungle or subjected to sub-zero temperatures in an Arctic ice storm -- the Department of Defense's new digital dog tag will have to brave these varied conditions and more.

The DoD has been working for nearly a decade on a suitable personal information carrier -- a high-tech "digital dog tag" containing a member's full or partial medical history. One of the seven candidate devices being tortured now may someday hang from the neck of every service member.

The latest stage of testing began June 15 at the Army Electronic Proving Ground at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, said Maj. Catherine Beck. She handles hardware acquisition as acting chief of the Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center's Information Science Division, Medical Research Materiel Command.

Technicians test the tags in the proving ground's environmental testing facility, Beck said. The scheduled 60 days of tests include subjecting the devices to temperatures ranging from 158 degrees to minus 67 degrees, and air pressure and altitude tests simulating 400 meters below mean sea level to 15,000 meters above. And dust. And wind. And humidity. And mechanical shock. And immersion in water. And freezing rain.

Not only must the dog tags withstand these factors, they must pass other military standards for storage capacity, data access speeds and compatibility with other defense computer systems, Beck said. Most carriers use personal computer card slot adapters and can be read in Microsoft Windows NT, she added.

The eventual winner has to be small and light. Beck said it also must be scalable,

meaning its abilities can grow as the military's needs increase over time. Another big factor, she said, is ease of use, such as the parts and accessories needed and how many steps it requires to operate.

Test results will be passed to Beck when completed and used to develop a request for proposal outlining certain military specifications. The request for proposal should be on the street by October, Beck said. After a 45-day bidding period for vendors, DoD will choose candidates for a second set of tests, she added.

Actual field testing, slated for fiscal 1999, will involve 30,000 troops across the services, Beck said. Test sites have not been determined. If a clear winner emerges, it someday will replace some or all of a member's paper medical records, Beck said. Data could include imagery and video and sound recordings. Medical personnel will use portable computers to read the tags and update them as necessary.

The dog tag won't be the service member's only medical history record. A copy of the information will be stored in a consolidated database so information can be restored if a tag is lost or damaged.

Since 1994, active-duty personnel *in Hawaii* have received credit card-sized devices embedded with computer chips that can hold limited military information, Beck said. The card has been used in several military exercises and proved adequate for readiness processing, manifesting, personnel accountability and food service.

Because of their limited capacity, the cards held only minimal medical data, she added. The search for a new device with larger storage capacity began in 1995. In 1996, DoD and Data-Disk Technology, Inc. developed the Medi-Tag, a 10-megabyte storage prototype. The tag also seemed more durable and stable than the previous card, and it could hold any type of data, Beck explained.

Join the HNGEA!

What's for lunch?

154th Wing Dining Room

Menu

-Saturday-

Main Line

Polish Sausage
or Shoyu Chicken
Fried Rice
Mixed Vegetables
Cream of Mushroom Soup
Macaroni Salad
Tossed Greens
Bread/Butter
Assorted Fruits
Jello
White Milk
Chocolate Milk
Juice
Iced Tea

+Snack Line+

Chicken Nuggets
Corn Dogs
or Fish Portions
French Fries

-Note-

There are two Main Serving Lines and a separate Snack Line in the dining facility. The Main Lines serve the same items. The Snack Line has a different menu. Also added are two Salad Bars and two Soup Stations located in the middle of the dining area.

Bon Appetit!

-Sunday-

Main Line

Beef Stew
or Baked Ham
Steamed Rice
Glazed Red Potatoes
Vegetable Beef Soup
Macaroni Salad
Tossed Greens
Bread/Butter
Assorted Fruits
Pumpkin Squares
White Milk
Chocolate Milk
Juice
Iced Tea

+Snack Line+

Hamburgers
or Tuna Sandwiches
French Fries



Lunch Hour

10:30 - 12:30

Dinner Hour*

16:30 - 17:30

**No Dinner Served on Sunday*

*-Menu items are subject to substitutions
based on availability-*

All personnel will present a military ID card in order to eat in the dining facility.

Traditional Guardsmen will sign in on the AF Form 1339.

Officers, AGRs and Traditional Guard personnel on Active Duty and receiving BAS will sign in on the AF Form 79 and pay \$3.20 per meal.