



Kūkā'ilimoku

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Holiday Edition

Aloha from Saudi Arabia

By Lt Col Jim "Bat" Drake, Commander, 199 EFS

The 199th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (EFS) is in place as part of AEF 9. We are here under United Nations mandates to keep Iraq complying with agreements made after Desert Storm and subsequent events. The horror stories some people passed along were vastly exaggerated as far as the atmosphere and surroundings we expected to find. I'm going to tell you about who we are, our mission, the facilities we are operating in, and then tell a little bit about how we are getting along.

People from the 154th Wing deployed here are made up of the 199th Fighter Squadron, the 154th Aircraft Generation Squadron, and the 154th Maintenance Squadron. Upon activation here, we are called the 199th EFS under the 363rd Air Expeditionary Wing, while the back shop people from the Maintenance Squadron are assigned to the 363rd Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron. This is the first time we have deployed and not all come under direct control of the Detachment Commander. But however things are organized, we are representing the Hawaii Air National Guard under real world threat conditions we don't usually encounter at home while doing our mission quite well.

Nearly every day, including Thanksgiving, pilots of the 199th EFS take off in their F-15s and fly a little over an hour North to just South of Iraq. We then get gas from KC-135 tankers and enter Iraq with a full load of 6 radar missiles (4 Aim-120 AMRAAMs and 2 Aim-7 Sparrows) plus 2 heat seeking missiles (Aim-9 Sidewinders) along with 930 rounds of 20mm high explosive incendiary rounds for our guns. Our job is to provide defense for the Coalition Aircraft enforcing the Southern No Fly Zone of Iraq. These aircraft include U-2s, RJ-135s, E-3 AWACS, F-16CJs (the new Wild Weasels), EA-6Bs (jammers), F-16 bomb droppers, British GR-1 bomb droppers along with Navy F-14s and F-18s that do a combination of bomb dropping and air defense. Atlantic City Guard F-16s and British F-3s share the Air Defense roll with us. It is quite a waltz every day to get everyone in place at the correct time to ensure mission success. Saddam Hussein has learned not to turn on his air defense radars as in the past. Each time he would do



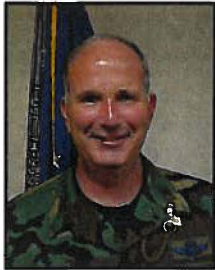
so, our F-16CJs would shoot their missiles and take out Iraqi radars. The US has pretty much taken out the highest threat missiles to us on previous missions. Now, Iraq tries to get lucky with anti aircraft artillery that is not guided by radar. I call it taking nearly blind pot shots at us.

While previous units had to deal with the intense heat of summer and the accompanying sand storms, we are dealing with winter clouds and thunderstorms in the area we are trying to occupy. It actually rained at our home for a few days. The record .6 inches of rain didn't turn the sand green. It just gave us a reprieve from the dust. But not to worry, we don't have to shine our boots, because we are in the brown shoe days again.

Our takeoff and landings are designed to limit our exposure to potential man-held heat-seeking missiles. We take off with our flares armed, motors cooking in full afterburner to accelerate at low altitude until the end of the runway. We then pull up to climb as fast as possible out of harms way. Our base is quite well protected by security patrols that roam the desert for potential threats, but we don't want to be the first ones to miss the mission because of damage to our aircraft or worse. For our arrival back home, we keep our altitude fairly high until the last minute, then dive to the field for our pitch out to landing. Again we have our flares armed at the ready to decoy against the potential missile threat.

Our maintenance folks have been doing an outstanding job keeping our jets flying and the required maintenance work completed on time. We

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Commander's Call

By Colonel Albert "Putt" Richards, 154th Wing Commander

Mele Kalikimaka and Hau'ole Makahiki Hou to all of you. I hope your holiday season was as enjoyable as mine was and that relaxation and time with family was enjoyed by all. We can look back at the past year with pride. You all did a superlative job in training, fixing, flying and supporting. We finished our first major AEF cycle by setting records and having everyone home for the holidays. As we enter 2001 (no millennium stories please), we in the 154th Wing already have a very full plate....so what else is new you might ask? Major milestones include a mid-cycle UCI SAV in mid-Spring, a very important USAF/IG HSI for the Medical Squadron, Cope Thunder in June, and a PACAF/IG UCI in September. On top of this we must still accomplish all of our skills and ancillary training, personal development courses and ongoing commitments in support of Hawaii and the USAF. To continue to be successful we must be efficient and energetic. As 2000 closed we experienced an event that detracted from our efficiency and directed energies away from our mission(s). While it appears that a small percentage of our members were involved, the after actions are drawing in more people and taking more time. I am talking about serious computer/internet abuse. Every one of us has signed a statement recently acknowledging that only "official business" may be conducted on our government provided computers. A very extensive investigation at the close of the year identified a lot of 154th members who were using the computers for non-official activities to include the download of pornography. In this electronic age it may be very tempting to "bend" the rules when no one is looking over your shoulder. The rules are there for a very good reason, though. Every bit of "unofficial" business that is conducted on the computer takes valuable space away from the real thing. Those pictures of sunsets, the multiple pass on good taste jokes, etc., may seem harmless but they load up space that is meant for tech orders, AFIs and mission related guidance. The tasteless, demeaning and off-color jokes, along with pornography are strictly prohibited. Bottom line is, it is not a question of will you be caught but WHEN you will be caught. We are in the process now of determining a Wing standard for the application of discipline. We will not execute for an honest mistake but we cannot and will not just allow a slap on the wrist for a serious transgression. In some cases there will be some very serious disciplinary actions. The application of the discipline will be consistently applied throughout the Wing. I don't want to imply that all of us in the 154th are abusing our computer capability. I want all of you to know that this is a serious matter and that it has my full attention and the full attention of all your commanders and supervisors. I am confident that I won't have to address this subject in this way again. Let us continue to look forward as we face some pretty wonderful opportunities. You all continue to impress me with your professionalism, can-do attitude and, most of all, your friendliness and acceptance. It feels very good to me to be part of this Ohana and I look forward to our future.

Happy Holidays



Next UTA's



Jan.
6th and 7th

Feb.
3rd and 4th

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Chaplain's Corner

by Maj. Robert K Nagamine, Chaplain, 154WG

Just recently, I read a quote appropriate for this holiday season: **"The optimist sees the doughnut, the pessimist, the hole."** (McLandburgh Wilson)

As we celebrate this special time of the year, we will see a lot of good things happening, along with opportunities to make great things to happen. At the same time, if we look, we will notice problems along the way. Hope is that we will concentrate on the positive side of life, for this time of the year comes only once and we need to enjoy it!

Just consider: it's been a good, long and challenging year for us. It's fitting for us to enjoy this time.

When we consider the holiday decorations, the special programs, people remembering their friends and family, the celebration of Christmas and the promise of a brand new year, we need to enjoy this time!

In addition, when we see the traffic jams, crowded shopping centers, and eventually followed by loud fireworks and smoke, let's keep the spirit of the season. During these times, let's concentrate on the "doughnut" and not the hole!

May the Lord bless you with a great and wonderful holiday season and a very happy new year, 2001!

And by the way, you might want to literally have a doughnut or two and enjoy that too!

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have been filling all our tasking plus getting in a few training sorties here and there when the mission allows the break. This requires our troops to take off all the real missiles and one of the three external gas tanks, load up our training missiles (so we don't shoot each other down by accident) and then do the routine in reverse to go back to war. Our back shop folks have been doing outstanding work along with the flight line to keep our parts together into the well-oiled machine we have come to expect. The motto of "One team, One fight" is displayed in the attitude of our people and all the help we get from our active duty counter parts.



Our living facilities are quite nice. They are all permanent facilities with a gym, little gyms, pool,

Worship Services
All are Welcomed To Attend

Protestant Service
Sunday UTAs
 0815-0845
 154th Logistics Group
 Conference Room
 (Building #3416)

Jewish Service
 (Pearl Harbor)
Fridays
 1930 Pearl Harbor Aloha Chapel
 (Makalapa Road)

Catholic Services
 (across base)
Daily 1130
Saturdays
 1700 Nelles Chapel
Sundays
 0715 Nelles Chapel
 1015 Chapel Center

"Hang in there— Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan 'press on' has evolved and will always solve the problems of the human race."
 ~ Calvin Coolidge

running and biking path, and even a tent where they show nightly movies. All our dorms have community areas with TVs and VCRs. We have a few dining halls that serve fairly high quality food. The BX looks like

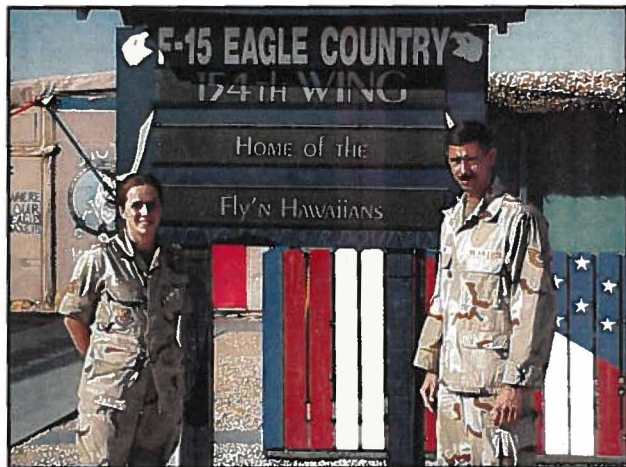


almost any other that you might find in the US. We have access to two 15-minute phone calls per week, and the Internet is alive and well. While most of us would probably not volunteer to stay here for the normal 90 day tour that the actives have to do, our relatively short time here has been quite comfortable. We are coming up on Christmas though and will be glad to be home for the Holidays. Until then, Aloha.



Year of the Family in Review

Happy Holidays from Kuka'ilimoku!



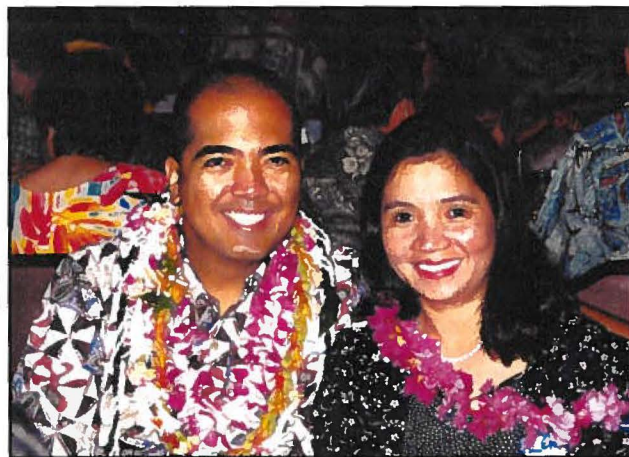
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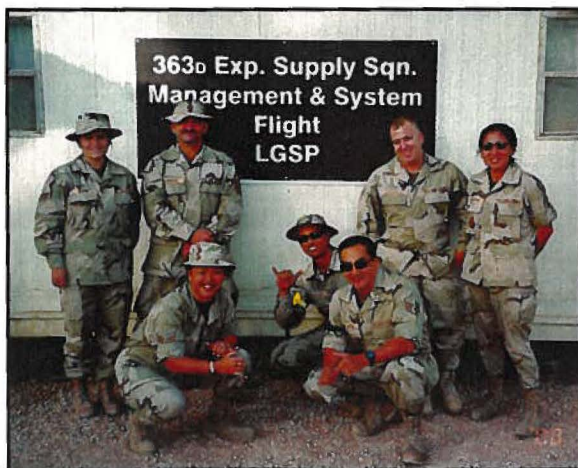
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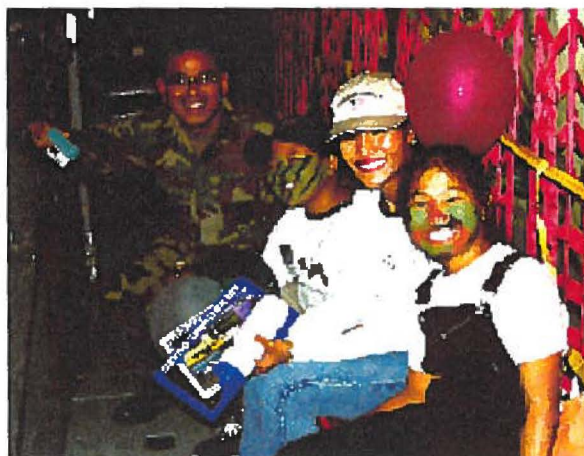
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The Ramos Family



The 154 LS / LGSP Family



The Carlos Family



The Muragin Family



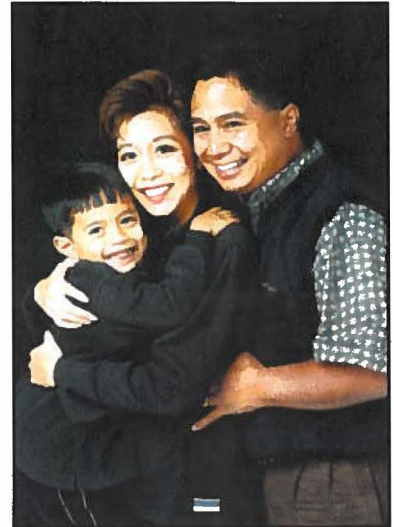
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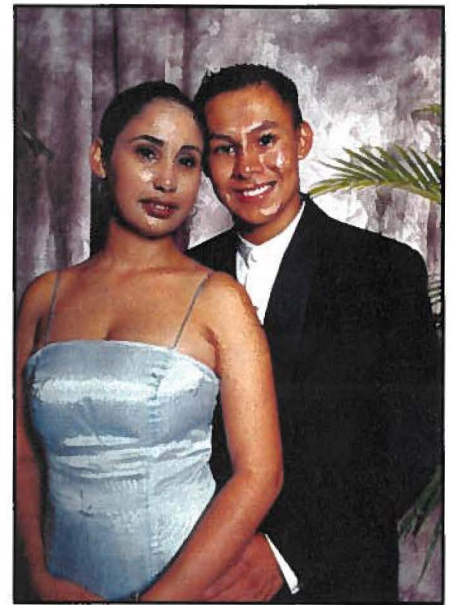
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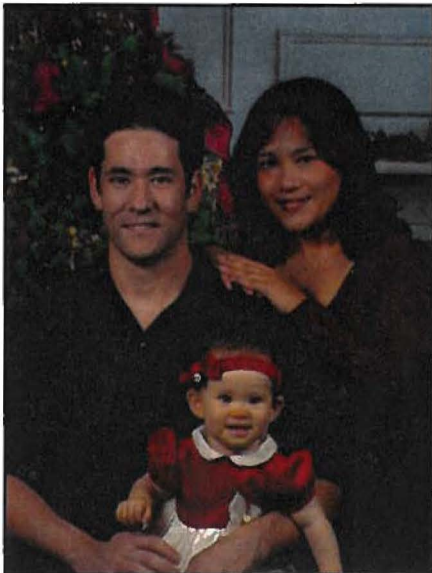
The Johnson Family



The Weidner Family



The Bajo Family



The Mato Family



The 154 WG FM Family

Recruiter's Round-up

by TSgt. Vickie Padello, Recruiter

Merry Christmas from your Recruiting Team! Join us in welcoming our newest members of the Hawaii Air National Guard! They have all taken their oaths during the month of November 2000. Make them feel at home as they join our fine organization!

- A1C DAVID W LARKINS
- A1C RALEN K CHANG
- A1C KAHAI P H LOGAN
- A1C BLYTHEJEANNE Y ITOMAN
- A1C WARREN K MORTON
- SRA GORDON J W LEE
- SSGT SHAWN W TINGLE
- A1C DAYNA K CROWLEY
- A1C STEPHANIE K KONA
- SRA STEPHEN G CHUN

Referral Program ~ Our referral program is better than ever! Effective 1 Oct 00, any referral that leads to an actual enlistment will receive:

- Fabulous and famous HIANG Recruiter T-Shirt
- Recruiting Ribbon
(if 2 referrals enlist within a 12 month period)

ONLY THE FIRST 300 will receive one of the following

- Top Quality HIANG Recruiter Gym Bag
OR
- Awesome HIANG Recruiter Sweat Shirt
AND
- Your name will be entered for one of 3 grand prize trips for 2 to any Hawaiian Island of your choice (Overnight, Room, Air Fare, Car)

Referral Campaign for FY2001 Grand Prize drawing will occur 30 September 2001. The more referrals that enlist, the more your names are entered into the grand prize. To be eligible you must complete a referral slip. Check out the new posters around your unit or call 448-7447 and refer someone today!

When talking to potential recruits, keep the following minimum criteria in mind. Individuals must be between the ages of 17 – 34. A 17 year old will require parental consent. Must be at least a High School Graduate, High School SENIORS are accepted. Must not have any pending law violations or criminal record. Must be absolutely DRUG FREE. Must be in good health with no serious medical problems. If there are any questions about the minimum requirements, please contact the Recruiting Office today!

Speaker's Bureau ~ We are still looking for speakers who are interested in taking on this worthwhile cause. In order to become one of our speakers and be listed on our ever increasing list of speakers, complete a biography form and send it to: HQ HIANG Attn: SMSgt Simmons. The biography forms are located in the Recruiting Office. Stop by and pick one up! If there is an organization that you belong to and are interested in having a speaker come out and share "Our Story", contact SMSgt Simmons at 733-4228.

JROTC Drill Competition

It was a pleasure to accept an invitation to judge at the annual State-wide Drill Competition held at Schofield Barracks during the October UTA. Leilehua High School graciously hosted this event. Over 21 High Schools with JROTC programs were invited to strut their stuff! Every team was encouraged to enter. There were students who obviously had been practicing for months as well as others who had just gotten their teams together recently and decided to enter anyway. Some schools were at a disadvantage since not all of our high schools begin at the same time. Some schools begin during the middle of what we traditionally know as "summer vacation". Others started much later. Never the less, all that gathered at this competition did their absolute best to take home the gold!

It was an interesting sight for any outside observer. The judges represented every branch of service. There were Active Duty members, Reserve members and I was one of the Guard members that were represented. Each judging team had one representative from each branch of service. We judged the JROTC cadets on such events as the color guard, inspections, armed exhibition, exhibition without arms and many others. The judges included recruiters, color guard and other enlisted members from the many branches of service. All of whom were there to volunteer their expertise in each event.

At the very end of the competition, a contest that was a lot like "Simon Says" captured the attention and energy of all involved. It was called "O'Grady". Every cadet lined up to participate in this event. All of the judges walked through the ranks tapping any cadet who did not conform to the precise "O'Grady" order. As the tapped cadets walked off the field, they cheered their encouragement to each of the JROTC cadets that were left to continue in the contest. It was exciting!

For many of these high school students, the JROTC program is their first taste of the military. Whether or not they join a military service, the discipline, teamwork and leadership will take them to where ever they end up in life. It was a pleasure to help out in this worth while cause.



A Word from the Chief



by CMSgt Stanley J. Gomes, Jr.
State Command Chief Master Sergeant, HI

Senior NCO Conference

Our yearly NCO Conference is coming up 16 February 2001. This year we will be meeting in the Hickam Air Force Base's main dining facility. We are looking forward to everyone's participation in this Conference.

This year we have arranged some excellent speakers. This conference brings together the enlisted leadership to discuss enlisted issues, new policies and instructions, and bring them up to date of other changes in the Air National Guard.

This conference will give everyone an opportunity to hear about the National Guard's theme, "The Year of the Employer." You will be

made aware of the importance of this issue as it relates to the Guard.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at this conference. If you would like to assist in the planning, please e-mail or call CMSgt. Gomes. (stanley.gomes@hickam.af.mil)

WINNERS vs. LOSERS

A winner says,

"It may be difficult, but it's possible."

A loser says,

"It may be possible, but it's too difficult."



By Nelson Pagurayan, Infection Control

Influenza, often called the "flu", refers to acute viral respiratory tract infections usually accompanied by fever. Unlike the common cold, the flu occurs very suddenly and is very contagious. It can be transmitted via nose and throat of infected persons. Symptoms of flu may include fever, cough, chills, sore throat, headache, and muscle aches.

Vaccination is the key to prevention. The flu vaccine can help minimize the chances of getting the disease. Unfortunately, a one-time vaccination is not adequate because the flu virus is constantly changing or mutating. Therefore, it is important to have a yearly vaccination, as the vaccine is updated each year. However, being vaccinated does not mean you won't ever catch the illness. You may still acquire it but with a milder case compared to those who did not get the shot.



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Congratulations!

The following Enlisted HIANG personnel were promoted to the rank indicated effective October '00

SMSgt Denise M. Jelinski-Hall 297 ATCS
SMSgt Clifford Y. Kobashigawa HQ 201 CCGP
SMSgt Robby A. Shigeta 154 AGS

MSgt Bradley D. Ebisuya 154 LSF
MSgt Nolan K. Kanekuni 293 CBCS
MSgt Stephen A. Lancaster 154 LS
MSgt Reid T. Tsubota 293 CBCS
MSgt Kyle S. Okaneku 154 CF
MSgt Reid Y. Hirata 291 CBCS

TSgt Raquel L. Ramos 154 MDS
TSgt Kimberly A. Shinsato 154 MDS
TSgt Kyle K. Kobayakawa 291 CBCS
TSgt Heather M.C. Leite 291 CBCS

SSgt John I. Donald 154 AGS
SSgt Robert M. Tada 154 AGS
SSgt Clesson K. Paet 154 LS
SSgt Nolan C. Alvarado 154 MDS
SSgt Steven T. Oshiro, Jr 154 MXS
SSgt Kahuanu L. Kai 169 ACWS