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"OUTSTANDING"



The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award streamer is attached to the 154th Wing flag by HIANG Command Chief Master Sergeant, Chief Stanley Gomes and our TAG, Major General Correa. In addition, each commander from the wing's three groups and 17 squadrons/flights received a streamer.

The 154th Wing received its seventh Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious service from July 14, 1998 to July 13, 2000. Being the most diverse flying wing in the Air National Guard, the professional skills and talent of 1,900 airmen were proven in Operation Northern and Southern Watch (on-going patrolling of the no-fly zones of Iraq), Allied Force (the NATO bombing of Serbian targets in

and around Kosovo in March 1999) and Phoenix Scorpion (the build up against Iraq in November 1998). During this period, the Wing maintained its perfect accident-free flying record of 17 years. In addition to the Wing's dedication to the Air Force's mission, its citizen soldiers maintain their commitment to the Hawaii community.

Launa 'Ole...Excellence in All We Do.



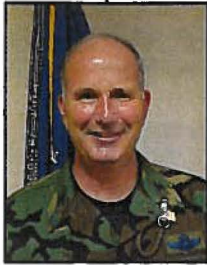
The 154th Support Group Commander, Colonel Edwin "Skip" Vincent, Jr., received his "eagles" from his wife, Missy and our TAG, Major General Edward Correa.

Photos by SrA Michele Eliana

More leadership changes throughout our wing:

Lt Col Brett "Doc" Wyrick assumed command of the 154th Medical Squadron.

Lt Col (S) Conal "Con" Brady assumed command of the 154th Operations Support Flight.



Commander's Call

By Brig. Gen. Albert "Putt" Richards, 154th Wing Commander

Aloha to all. Firstly, let me say how good it is to be back home. Four weeks of TDY is way too much, even if I did get to visit with my Mother over a weekend and see for the first time my new (3 months old), grand daughter.

My first TDY was Senior Officer Leadership Course (usually referred to as "Charm School"), in Washington DC. All newly selected General Officers are required to attend this course and are given a perspective of the Air Force from the highest levels. We were briefed and got to interact with all of the USAF senior leadership including the Secretary, Chief of Staff, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs and all of the MAJCOM Commanders. All of them praised the contributions of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve as we serve side by side around the world with our active counterparts. We also were well briefed on the budgetary issues facing our Air Force as we enter the new millennium including staggering shortfalls in modernization funds and infrastructure replacement. The next few years will probably be somewhat turbulent as the USAF continues to redefine strategies and long term plans. You all have probably read something on the proposal to reduce the B-1 fleet and consolidate the remaining number by eliminating three units including the two Air National Guard Wings in Georgia and Kansas. This was a major item of conversation and contributed to lots of questions to the senior leadership. All indications point to a reduction in overall force structure in order to free up money for modernization programs. While this may take years to accomplish we in the Air National Guard will be working diligently to retain the combat capability we have worked so hard to develop and most importantly to retain the "traditional" volunteer nature of the Air National Guard.

The next stop was the ADFAC (Air Directors' Field Advisory Council), quarterly meeting. Here are some of the highlights:

- * Reengineering - we will have 7 years to implement changes and will have the flexibility to tailor to our specific requirements.
- * 7 level school waivers will remain at NGB not go to Wing CC. NGB has approved 90%+ of waiver requests in the past.
- * ANG AGRs will soon be evaluated on the USAF EPR form
- * ADFAC recommended that the new Aerospace Basic Course, which is mandatory for all active duty members, be voluntary for ANG members but be a mandatory prerequisite for accelerated promotion to Captain.
- * Lots of time discussing AEF, ways to do it better etc. While it may not always seem so in the field, the ANG contributions to AEF are greatly appreciated.

Last stop was our own State Commanders Conference. This was my first and I was very impressed by the fact that the Senior Leadership of PACAF was with us for two and one half days. Lots of discussions on C17s, C2RS and other areas in which we contribute to the Pacific mission. There will be more details as we work our taskers from the meeting.

With a slip in our UCI we have a little bit more time to polish our areas. Still meet our original goals of being ready this weekend and we can do a final polish in September. Mahalo for all that you do.



(above) HIANG Commander, Brigadier General Dobashi (on left) poses with Major General Correa and Mrs Dobashi while on Maui.

(right) Brigadier General Clarence Agena and Colonel Michael Rawlings show their ALOHA SPIRIT with a "HOO-AH" shaka Army Guard style..



(above) Brig Gen and Mrs Dobashi say thank you to some of the behind-the-scene workers at the Conference.



24th Annual HIANG Commanders Conference



Major General Correa,
Hawaii National Guard
Adjutant General,
welcomes General Begert,
the newest Pacific Air
Forces Commander.



Photos by SrA Kristen Higgins

Hungry conference
attendees enjoy
camaraderie and “ono-
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VACANCY- HIANG Director of Operations

"The Commander, HIANG, is accepting applications for the HIANG Director of Operations (DO) position. This is an outstanding opportunity to make a difference in the HIANG by working to shape our future. The DO has major operational duties affecting flying operations and associated activities for the HIANG. The DO represents the HIANG and HING at CONUS and PACAF conferences. This is a highly visible and responsible position.

Mandatory Requirements: Rated Pilot, currently flying and proficient; Air War College complete or will be complete within one year of assignment; 3.5 years or more before 30 years Mandatory Separation Date (MSD), 4.5 years if Air War College is not complete; Traditional Officer; promotable to O-6 (Col) within one year of assignment.

Desired Experience: Squadron Commander and Staff Officer.

Deadline for Applications: Send resume NLT COB 7 Sep 01 (Fri) to HIANG/CC.

VACANCY- 154 MSF Personnel Officer

Officer Vacancy: There is a military vacancy (Traditional) in the 154th Mission Support Flight. The position is a Personnel Officer, AFSC 36PX in the Military Personnel Flight. The person selected will serve as the OIC of the Education and Training Branch. This is a deployable position. Tentative plans are to convene an interview/selection board after the Unit Compliance Inspection in September. Current enlisted members of the Hawaii Air National Guard may apply. Hawaii Air National Guard commissioned officers in the grade of lieutenant may also apply. To apply for this position, you must submit the following documents to any HIANG recruiter by COB, Friday, 31 August 2001. Please direct questions about the position duties to Lt Col Galen R. Yoshimoto, Commander, 154th Mission Support Flight, 448-7494. Contact recruiters for application information.

Next UTA's



Sep
8th and 9th

Nov
3rd and 4th

Next DEADLINE
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is



28
August



Congratulations!

The following Enlisted HIANG personnel were promoted to the rank indicated effective July '01

CMSgt Debra A Brownhill HQ HIANG

SMSgt Francis K Mahelona Jr 154 AGS

SMSgt Blossom P Logan HQ HIANG

MSgt Abraham K Beddow Jr 154 CF

MSgt Carol C Orr 154 CF

MSgt Ethan T Toyama 154 CF

MSgt Daryl M Luat 154 MXS

MSgt Alan T Bergeson HQ HIANG

TSgt Ronald T Mori 154 AGS

TSgt Christina A Kealoha 154 CES

TSgt Shannon A T Ferreira 154 CF

TSgt Robert M Fabrigas 154 MXS

TSgt Kirk T Nishimiya 154 MXS

TSgt Michael A Reid HQ 201 CCGP

SSgt Richard E Burke 154 SFS

SSgt Stanley F Ormita 169 ACWS

VACANCY- HQ 154 Wing First Sergeant

Announcement Date: 09 July 01

Closing Date: **10 August 01**

Position Location: HQ 154 WG

Min. Requirements:

Traditional member, MSgt or TSgt immediately promotable to MSgt, highly motivated, must exceed minimum standards of dress and appearance, must attend First Sergeant Academy within 12 months of appointment. See Position Vacancy Announcement for a detailed job description.

Application Procedure:

Follow requirements described in the Position Vacancy Announcement. Announcements are available from Commander, Command Chief, or any First Sergeant. Qualified applicants will be required to appear before a selection board scheduled after the closing date of this announcement.

Contact Chief Apo @ 258-7549 with questions.