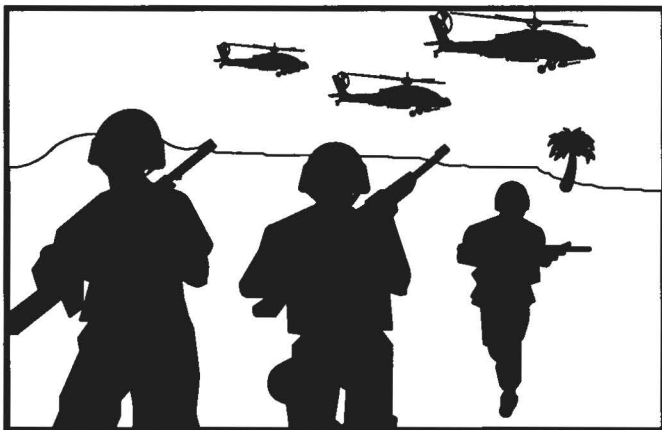




# Kūkā'ilimoku

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## Pacific Air Forces hosts Korean War Symposium in Hawaii

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii – To commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean War and honor those who served, Pacific Air Forces will host a Korean War Air Power Symposium June 25-29 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu.

The symposium will feature panels that will cover virtually every aspect of the air war, including air-to-air, air-to-ground, aerial support, bomber operations, and the people aspect, including nurses, spouses, civilians and more. Speakers and panelists will include veterans who fought in the war and noted historians.

"Our goal for this symposium is to provide an opportunity for a multi-dimensional discussion of the air war in Korea in one comprehensive package," said Dr. Timothy Keck, PACAF command historian. "We believe it will be an event like no other that has been done on the Korean War."

Other activities planned for the symposium include a Korean War-era hangar party, a golf tournament and a historical tour.

The Symposium registration fee is \$110 plus \$55 per dependent/guest. The fee includes an icebreaker at the Hilton, an evening party with heavy hors d' oeuvres at Hangar 7, and two luncheons with speakers at the Hilton.

Rooms at the Hilton Hawaiian Village are \$112 for single and \$147 for double for those wishing to attend, call (808) 949-4321 for reservations. For more information, call the PACAF history office at (808) 449-3936. (PACAFNS)

From Our State Adjutant General:

*"You give, you get! I want to thank everyone in the department who contributed generously to the State's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Drive. We clearly exceeded our goal of 11,000 units (pounds and money). Our collections totaled 14,546 pounds of food and \$2,618.56 monetary donations! The Hawaii Air National Guard led the pace by contributing 11,732 units. Thank you for your outstanding efforts in making this year's Food Drive a total success."*

*- MAJ GEN Edward L. Correa, Jr.*

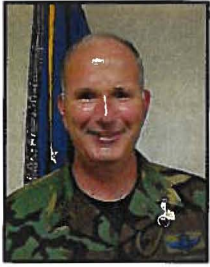
### The 154<sup>th</sup> Wing Changes of Command this June UTA:

154<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron  
Capt Cyrus Lung relinquishes command to  
Capt Wayne Acosta

154<sup>th</sup> Medical Squadron  
Lt Col Richard Ando relinquishes command to  
Lt Col Brett Wyrick

199<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron  
Lt Col James "Bat" Drake relinquishes command to  
Maj Chris "Sock" Sakamoto

154<sup>th</sup> Operations Group  
Col Pete "Skipper" Pawling relinquishes command to  
Lt Col James "Bat" Drake



# Commander's Call

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

As you are all aware, this past weekend was Memorial Day. This is "our" holiday, one that is specifically dedicated to those who have served, are currently serving and especially to those who are no longer with us. The origins of Memorial Day can be traced to a small town in New York which after the Civil War began the practice of "decorating" the graves of the its fallen heroes. Over the years, Decoration Day has grown to Memorial Day and is a formal fixture in our calendar. I was very fortunate and proud to be able to represent the Wing at several official Memorial Day functions. One fact struck me very significantly. The majority of the participants in the ceremonies are members of various veterans organizations and for the most part are World War II and Korean War era. Most are well along in years. It put a lump in my throat and a surge of emotion in my heart to watch these heroes stand a little straighter, see a little better and step out a little quicker as they carried the flags and presented wreaths and leis. Their snappy salutes to their fallen comrades would make any drill sergeant proud. Our own 154th Honor Guard was an integral part of these ceremonies as were all the Wing members who helped support the magnificent fly by and missing man formation over the Punchbowl.

There is no reason to limit our pride to limit our recognition of our heroes to the Holiday. You who wear the uniform and your family members who support you are Heroes every day. You daily make the 154th the finest Wing in the Air National Guard and you rise to every challenge. As we enter that final stretch in UCI preparation, stand a little taller, see a little farther and pull out all of the stops. Thank each other for what you do every day and then help your neighbor in their preparation efforts. Keep turning over the rocks as we look for better ways of doing our jobs. Let's make every day in the 154th a fitting memorial to those who preceded us and continue to build a solid foundation for those who will follow us.



## A Word from the Chief

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

### Congratulations Chief Uhrig on your retirement.

Chief Jack Uhrig has over 35 years of military service. (4 years active duty in the Navy-May 1961 to June 1965). He has over 31 years with the HIANG. (July 1975 to June 2001)

Chief Uhrig has served as a Unit Career Advisor, First Sergeant, Chief's Council President, Senior Enlisted Advisor (now Command Chief Master Sergeant) and numerous other positions when called upon.

He has been an inspiration as a mentor, supervisor, manager and most of all, a leader who walked the talk, and maintained the standards and values of the HIANG.

On behalf of all the Enlisted force Chief Uhrig, thank you for service, thank you for your leadership, but most of all, thank you for your dedication to the HIANG.

My next series of articles will be on NCO responsibilities and expectations.

## Father's Day



June 17, 2001

## Next UTA's



July  
14th and 15th

August  
4th and 5th

### KUKA'ILIMOKU

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## **BAH Re-certification**

By SrA Regina H. Berry, 154 WG/FM

**The following guidance is provided for your information concerning BAH recertifications:**

Every year re-certifications are required for single members, divorced members claiming dependents, or members married to members who have no additional dependents. For members whose civilian spouse is their primary dependent and for single AGR's re-certification is every three years.

Each quarter a list is made available for each units POC on the FM Web page. The POC should notify the individuals that they are due to re-certify. If the member is unavailable to re-certify the POC should inform FM. Failure to re-certify by the designated date will cause the members BAH to be terminated. A new AF Form 594 with all appropriate documents must be submitted to restart. There is no retroactive payment, the entitlement will start the day we receive the documents properly filled out.

Members can only claim command sponsored dependents. Simply supporting someone does not qualify them as a dependent. It is the member's responsibility to notify us of any status changes, including when a dependent child reaches the age of 21.

AGR's: Your LES shows the number of dependents you have for COLA. You must verify that this number reflects the correct number that you are entitled to even if you have already notified 15CPTS.

Anyone with questions regarding BAH recertifications is urged to contact our office for

## **HNGEA Scholarship**

By CMSgt Steven Kamaura  
HNGEA Scholarship Committee Chair

### **\$1,000 Scholarship!**

The Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association (HNGEA) is pleased to announce that it is now accepting scholarship applications from its members and their dependents. We will award at least one \$1,000 and several \$500 scholarships. This is just one of the benefits that HNGEA members enjoy.

The deadline for the submittal of applications is 30 July 2001. If you are not a member of the HNGEA, we strongly encourage you to contact your First Sergeant.

For information about scholarships and the application form, please contact any of the following individuals:

CMSgt Steven Kamaura 733-4230

MSgt Rose Vendiola 448-7445

MSgt Vivian Tsutsumi 733-4108

Your First Sergeant also has a copy of the guidelines and application form.

## **Proper Ribbon Wear**

By SSgt. Brian Takafuji, 154 MXS

### **Air Force Overseas Ribbon (Short Tour)**

In appreciation of National Guard members volunteering to support non-mandatory TDYs, and to give incentive for continued support, last September the National Guard Bureau, announced new criteria for qualifying for the Air Force Overseas Ribbon (Short Tour).

To qualify for this ribbon, you must have been TDY or deployed overseas for more than 90 days, consecutive or accumulative, within ANY three year period beginning Jan 1, 1995. A member may qualify only once in any three year period. A member may be awarded this prior to the end of a three-year period. Additional awards will be on a rolling three-year period.

Overseas in this case means, TDY outside the US and its Territories. An example would be; you went TDY for a total of 90 days or more in 1996 and 1997 (no TDY in 1995), you may get the award in 1997 and not wait until the end of 1998. The next 'rolling window' 'SEEMS TO BE' TDYs in 1999, 2000 and 2001, thus, in this example, any TDY in 1998 would not count towards your next ribbon (although why couldn't one count the no-TDY year of 1995 as part of the three year window?). The difficult part is that it is the responsibility of the individual member to keep track of their TDYs (with orders) and submit it to MPF for award. It is not MPF's, your supervisor, nor anyone else's responsibility to keep track of your TDYs and orders — or submit them to MPF for award.

## **Deploying Soon?**

Come and visit the 154<sup>th</sup> Wing Plans, **Current Events**, web page. You will find up-to-date information on the current Wing operations, locally and abroad.

- Important Dates and Times
- Concept Briefings
- Special Requirements
- Restrictions

[https://154web.ang.af.mil/Hq154wg/Plans/current\\_events.htm](https://154web.ang.af.mil/Hq154wg/Plans/current_events.htm)



## Recruiters' Round-up

By MSgt Vickie L. Padello, 154 WG Recruiter

**CMSgt Wescott Lee** is one of four Recruiting Ribbon Recipients for the month of April 2001. CMSgt Lee has a whopping 21 years total service with 13 years of service in the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) alone! He's always been an "Avionics man" and Palace Chased into the HIANG after eight years of active duty Air Force service. Currently a Branch Chief in the Avionics section for the C-130s, KC-135s and Propulsion section for the KC-135s. CMSgt Lee stated, that the best thing about the HIANG is "the people". A wise Colonel once told him "you need to choose your career well". Work is a significant part of your life and if you are happy with your job, it will extend to your circle of friends and family. The Component Repair Branch (CRB) enjoys referring people into the HIANG. Chief Lee says "the sense of responsibility is a stepping stone for the young people of Hawaii". Air Guard membership is associated with drug free, responsible and goal oriented people. It gives youngsters an opportunity to associate with peers who have totally different visions of life. On behalf of the Component Repair Branch (CRB), SMSgt William Beck, SMSgt Gary Hema, MSgt Franklin Ho and MSgt Stanford Masuda, Chief Lee and his section chiefs have seen dramatic changes in new recruits and their perspectives. "We mentor recruits to take on the responsibility", says Chief Lee. Recruiting is everyone's responsibility and includes people who are their peers, full time guardsmen, the NCO Force, everyone! Chief Lee and the Component Repair Branch especially promote recruiting to 110%. "People move on within the Air Guard and they also use us (the HIANG) as a stepping stone for civilian jobs. There are so many benefits!" It was a pleasure talking with the Chief. He is ever so humble when talking of himself and really prefers to be in the background. He simply states of his associate supervisors (the CRB), "I'm only a reflection of their hard work and effort. They are the reason we have an outstanding recruiting program."

**TSgt Ramon Quizon (Maui)** is also recipient of the Recruiting Ribbon. Maui's total years of service encompasses a 17 year history with the Hawaii Air National Guard. TSgt Quizon initially enlisted as a Personnel Specialist and later retrained into Information Management. "The best thing about the Hawaii ANG is the availability of career opportunities", says TSgt Quizon. "There are full time jobs and educational benefits that are hard to beat!" TSgt Quizon has gained a tremendous amount of knowledge and experience in his career field. He has been committed to the HIANG and military as a whole. He enjoys referring people to the Hawaii ANG so that they can enjoy the benefits that he has personally enjoyed over the years. People coming from unique backgrounds may not be afforded the luxury of having a college education or vocational training paid for them. The educational benefits, financial stability, and full-time job opportunities are all within reach in the HIANG. His family has been 100% supportive of his membership into the HIANG. TSgt Quizon comes from a large family which includes Susan, his wife and parents, sisters, relatives, and

friends. They all have a sense of pride in knowing of "Maui's" contribution to the HIANG! In TSgt Quizon's words....."I along with all of my fellow guardsmen have a responsibility to recruit - and keep on recruiting!"

### **Congratulations to Recruiting Ribbon Recipients!**

**CMSgt Wescott Lee  
TSgt Ramon Quizon  
SSgt Nathan Oda  
AB Clint Anderson**

**National Referral Program** ~ Member initiated referrals have been traditionally, an excellent source of recruits for the Air National Guard. This has been recognized at the national level and ANG/DPFR has developed a National Lead Referral Program. The effective dates for this program are 1 January 2001 through 31 December 2001. Accessions/Appointments must occur during the specified period and cannot be carried over to the next calendar year. Members will be recognized with merchandise awards in the following manner.

- 1 Accession – Backpack
- 3 Accessions – Outerwear Jacket
- 5 Accessions – Franklin Planner and Starter Kit

You can view these awards on the internet at:  
[https://airguard.ang.af.mil/dp/DPF.national\\_leads\\_referral\\_program.htm](https://airguard.ang.af.mil/dp/DPF.national_leads_referral_program.htm)

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**Air National Guard**



### **HING Sports Announcement**

By TSgt Kaipo Sing

**What:** The 2001 HING Volleyball Tournament.  
**Who:** All Volleyball enthusiast  
**When:** Friday – Sunday, 17-19 August 2001 (times to be announced)  
**Where:** Fort Ruger Gym  
**Why:** Time to get back the Volleyball titles from our Army Guard cousins  
**Cost to team\* - \$75.00 Entry Fee (per team)**  
**\*Teams must maintain unit integrity and may pool from within their respective Group.**

Air Guard members interested in putting in a team contact one of us below for more details:

TSgt Kaipo Sing, 448-7568  
SSgt Danny Ardo, 448-7686  
MSgt Lester Ho, 448-7437





# Chaplain's Corner

by Maj. Robert K Nagamine, Chaplain, 154WG

As we enjoy this summer, let's remember the following three key points...

Remember safety. The Air Force calls the period from Memorial Day to Labor Day "the 101 Critical Days of Summer." With the numerous summer activities, including leave time and travel, many wonderful things can and will happen. On the other hand, however, accidents and bad things can and will happen. Let's help in limiting and preventing accidents by remembering the safety aspects of our activities.

Remember to schedule time for rest. Just as there is a need for time to work, there is also a need for time to rest and renew ourselves. On May 21, an article in the newspaper from Knight Ridder News Service stated: "Nearly one-third of U.S. workers say they often feel overworked or overwhelmed by what they have to do, according to a recent survey." Especially if you feel that you are in this category, please take time to rest and renew your body, mind and spirit. This will help you to keep things in their proper perspective and improve the quality of your life.

Remember how important our spiritual lives are. If we know that the Lord is ever knowing, ever present and ever powerful, then we are able to encounter any challenge with confidence. The Scripture says in Psalms 139: 1-12...

**O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, lo, O Lord, you know it altogether. You do beset me behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it.**

**Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me. If I say, 'Let only darkness cover me, and the light about me be night,' even the darkness is not dark to you, the night is bright as the day; for darkness is as light with you."**

Have a wonderful summer! If you need to get in contact with me, call me at 947-3582 (hm) or 448-7275 (office)

# Diversity Dialogue

## Diversity Survey on the Intranet

By CMSgt Steven Kamaura, HQ HIANG/HRA

The Air National Guard's Organizational Diversity Survey is now on our intranet. This annual survey is used to assess the overall organizational diversity of the HIANG and the entire Air National Guard. Your input will help leadership focus their local and national diversity efforts.



To launch the survey, simply go to our intranet <https://154web.ang.af.mil/diversity/>. It will take about 15 minutes, and responses are anonymous. The survey will remain on our intranet through July.

### Worship Services

*All are Welcomed To Attend*

#### Protestant Service

##### **Sunday UTAs**

0815-0845

154<sup>th</sup> Logistics Group

Conference Room

(Building #3416)

#### Jewish Service

(Pearl Harbor)

##### **Fridays**

1930 Pearl Harbor

Aloha Chapel

#### Catholic Services

(across base)

**Daily 1130**

##### **Saturdays**

1700 Nelles Chapel

##### **Sundays**

715 Nelles Chapel

1015 Chapel Center

## Kuka'ilimoku on the 154th Web

Be sure to check-out the [Kuka'ilimoku](#) in color on the intranet!

Just go to the Public Affairs page!!

Have any questions or comments about the newsletter? E-mail them directly to

[KUKA'ILIMOKU](#).



# LEGAL LINE

by Lt. Col. James Itamura



## BANKRUPTCY: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (Continued from May edition)

### WHAT IS PERSONAL BANKRUPTCY?

Bankruptcy is the filing of a petition with the bankruptcy court to obtain protection from the collection efforts of one's creditors. At the end of bankruptcy, some or all of the individual's debts will be cancelled. The court weighs the individual's obligations against those of his creditors rights.

### IS THERE MORE THAN ONE KIND OF BANKRUPTCY?

Yes. The two most common types are chapter 7 and chapter 13.

Chapter 7 – The one most frequently used by individuals. Under this arrangement, a court-appointed trustee collects your assets, sells them for cash, and makes distribution to creditors. You can keep assets that are exempt under federal law and the law of your home state. You can file once every 6 years.

Chapter 13 – This chapter is designed for persons who have a regular income and stable job. The debtor pays debts off over a 3 to 5 year period and keeps the property.

### CAN I GET IN TROUBLE WITH THE GUARD?

Federal law prevents employers, private or otherwise, from discriminating against persons filing. That is a member cannot be discharged or disciplined for declaring bankruptcy. A member may however be discharged for not paying just debts. Your military charge card for instance. Child support for another. At the same time however, commanders are not bill collectors.

### ARE THERE ALTERNATIVES TO BANKRUPTCY?

- Contact your creditors. Try working out different payment options. After explaining the situation, ask credit card creditors to temporarily reduce your monthly payments, waive late fees, extend the payment period at no interest.

- Turn to Consumer Credit Counseling Service, a nationwide non-profit organization that will work with you and your creditors to devise a more manageable repayment plan

- Sell any assets you might have that have a re-sale value and apply proceeds to your debt

- If you can, consolidate debts into a single loan like a home equity loan

And of course, the best alternative, throw those credit card offers away without even opening them!



*Please Kokua  
by Recycling*



## Congratulations!

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

CMSgt Dennis H. Mishima 154 AGS

SMSgt David L. Wilkinson 154 LS

SMSgt Brian A. Tom HQ 154 WG

SMSgt Stephen C. Baldonado 154 MXS

MSgt Mauricio S. Arreola 154 AGS

MSgt Nathan Q. C. Higa 154 AGS

MSgt Phillip Paulino HQ 154 WG

TSgt Ted K. Okino 154 ACS

TSgt Kenneth E. Miike 154 AGS

TSgt Andy M. Nakagawa 154 MXS

TSgt Roland Laboguen 154 SFS

TSgt Liliukekulakamailehihiokalani  
Cummings 203 ARS

SSgt Robert L. Yashiki 154 AGS

SSgt David R. Adriano 154 LS

SSgt Gery J. Graham 154 LS

SSgt Curtis L. Palmer 154 MDS

SSgt Keneke K. Ishikawa 154 MXS

SSgt Lorin A. Smith 154 MXS

SSgt Radford K. Higa 154 SFS

SSgt Mark A.G. Padilla 154 SFS

## SPORTS LINE

Mark your calendars! The schedule for the HIANG Athletic events for calendar year 2001 is:

**Softball Tournament 6-8 Jul 01**

**Basketball Tournament 24 Sep - 16 Nov 01**

More info on place, time and points of contact to follow. If you are interested in playing any of these sports, contact your supervisor or unit career advisor.

Send your submissions,  
suggestions or questions to us via  
e-mail !



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Next *Deadline* is **JULY 9**