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The Ballet of Giants

The Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii, Major General Edward Correa, wanted to get a closer look at the Operation Enduring Freedom mission supported by the 203rd Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron. So last month, he was invited to "tag" along (no pun intended) to watch an air-refueling mission 300 miles away from Oahu. The tanker's mission was to hook up with a westbound B-52 bomber en route to combat missions in Afghanistan. MG Correa likened the refueling join-up as a "ballet of giants" carefully moving into the "contact" position - a mere 30 feet from his vantage point in the boom pod.

The mission lasted three hours including 20 minutes of actual refueling time offloading 100,000 pounds of fuel to the bomber. The 203 "EARS" flies many of its missions at night or in the early morning hours "air-bridging" heavy transport and bomber aircraft.



Boom Operator Tech. Sgt Paul Stankiewicz, refuels the B-52 while MG Correa watches in amazement. (Photos and article provided by Col Stan Osseman, HQ HIANG)





Commander's Call

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

I thank each and every one of you for all of your dedication, professionalism, and just plain hard work since the tragic events of September 11th. As part of the total Air National Guard effort, your contributions to Operations Noble Eagle (ONE) and Enduring Freedom (OEF) have had a significant impact on our Nation's war on terrorism. Within the Air National Guard, there are more than 27,000 members serving in a Title 10 status — this is 25% of the ANG. Eighteen thousand members have been mobilized while the remainder are serving voluntary MPA tours of various lengths. Since 9/11 the Total Air Force has flown 175,000 hours in support of ONE, OEF and AEF. Your Air National Guard has flown 85,311 of them, almost exactly half of the total. Your efforts in supporting the 154th Wing's participation have directly contributed to this outstanding achievement! We have just passed the seven month mark of dramatically increased contingency ops tempo. There is not a clearly defined end in sight. I ask all of you to reexamine how we are doing our jobs. Is there a way we can do it better, do it safer while still providing the operational war-fighting capability that is asked of us? As you see daily in the news, the world seems to be heading for some kind of conflict in several different places all at once. The Air National Guard will be asked to do more, and as always, we will respond with professionalism and dedication. We, in the 154th, are ready for the tasking, what ever it is. Again, *Mahalo Nui Loa*.

154th Air Control Squadron

Spreads A Little "A-L-O-H-A"



Above: Mrs. Jody Begert, wife of the Commander, Pacific Air Forces, Gen William Begert, is greeted upon arrival by Lieut. Col. Norman Nitta, 154th ACS commander.

Right: Tech. Sgt. Roy Yokotake briefs Mrs. Begert and accompanying general officer spouses on the unit's equipment and mission capabilities.

Photos provided by 154th ACS and HQ PACAF

HQ PACAF Command hosted the Combat Air Forces Mobility Air Forces (CAFMAF) Conference during Mar 25-27. Seven general officer spouses and command staff flew on a HIARNG C-26 to Barking Sands NAS, Kauai to tour the military site and visit the 154th ACS.



Next UTA's



May
4th and 5th
Jun
1st and 2nd

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Diversity Dialogue

By Master Sgt. Carswell J. Ross, Jr.
154WG Human Resource Advisor

Native Americans and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders Population Grow

A report being released by the U.S. Census Bureau reports that the number of American Indians living in the United States has increased significantly. In the 1990 Census nearly 2 million people reported being American Indian. In the 2000 Census that number increased to 4.1 million people reported being American Indian or Alaska Native. This increase is mainly due to new procedures instituted by the Census Bureau, which allows individuals to check off more than one race.

The report shows that one in four American Indians live in Oklahoma or California and that these individuals are most likely to be either Cherokee or Navajo. The same report documents that the number of individuals reporting to be Native Hawaii and Other Pacific Islander is 874,414 who primarily live in Hawaii or California.

An interesting fact, which binds these two groups, is that both have a long history of intermarriages with other groups. Those who count people, demographers, have predicted that both Native Americans and Native Hawaiians would have a high percentage of people who were multiracial. With the initiation of the new counting procedure the number of these groups increased in the 2000 Census because people were allowed to check off more than one race. An interesting similarity among these groups is the saying used by demographer Matthew Snipp of Stanford University, "Out in Indian country, there is an expression that everybody has a Cherokee grandmother." In Hawaii, many of us can say that we have a Hawaiian grandmother – either by blood or adoption by the culture. Allowing people to share their racial backgrounds has shown that, even groups as different as the two discussed here, have similarities.



The 5th Annual 154th Air Control Squadron "Surfrider Ahi Tournament" launches on June 20th. Entry fee of \$300 per boat must be submitted by May 12th. Anglers must be members of the HING or affiliated with the Guard. For the first time, skippers who are Guard members may also be anglers. Check out unit flyers or 154th ACS web site for more details..



HIANG Intramural Basketball

By Tech. Sgt. Richard Costa, 154 AGS

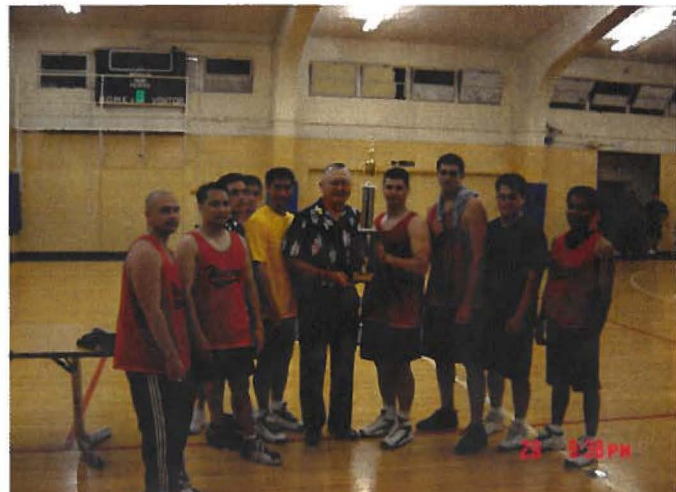
On Friday, March 29th, the HIANG Intramural Basketball League concluded eight weeks of play by crowning champions in two divisions. This year's league was full of intense competition, fast-breaks, camaraderie, and esprit de corp. Our HIANG commander, Brig Gen Dobashi presented trophies to the winning teams. He spoke about the importance of the HIANG Athletic program and how it contributes to morale and physical fitness. The HING State Tournament will be held April 10-14 at the Kalaeloa Gym. There will be four divisions: open, coed, masters, and golden masters (45+). Come out and support our Air Guard teams as we take on the Army Guard to Crown a "State" Champion.



Above: Masters Champs, "Kapakahi", kneeling: SMSgt El Cid, 203 ARS, SSgt Thick Dagulo, 154 MXS; L-R: SMSgt Vinny Ramos, 154 AGS, SSgt Backboard Alexander, 154 AGS, MSgt Tough Reynolds, 154 MXS, Brig Gen Dobashi, HIANG CC, SMSgt Coach Hema, 154 MXS, MSgt Big Foot Hall, 154 MXS, SMSgt Blood Tom, HQ 154, and SSgt Energy Bactad, 154 LS.

Below: Open Division Champs, "LG Weapons" L-R: SSgt Dewey Balinbin, 154 AGS, SSgt Pat Balbas, 154 AGS, SSgt Matt Vidaurri, 154 MXS, SrA Gabriel Lanai, 154 AGS, Brig Gen Dobashi, TSgt Richard Costa, 154 AGS, A1C Justen Shelton, 154 AGS, SRA Bage Coronado, 154 AGS, and SSgt Edmund Maximo, 154 AGS

Photos provided by Tech. Sgt. Richard Costa, 154 AGS





On March 14, students from Kapolei Intermediate School expanded their minds as they toured through the F-15, C-130 and KC-135 areas learning about each flying mission, life support equipment, the Air National Guard's role in supporting the Air Force, and most of all, the importance of doing good in school.

Photos taken by Senior Airman Kristen Higgins, 154th Comm. Flt.





The "Pirate" Takes Command of the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron

On Sunday, March UTA, Lieut. Col. William "Pirate" Benton assumed command of the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron from Lieut. Col. Joseph Kim. The 154th Operations Group Commander, Colonel James "Bat" Drake officiated over the ceremony.

Benton is currently the full-time squadron commander responsible for the training and mission-ready capabilities for 46 men and women, and eight KC-135 Stratotankers.

Retention Office Update

Master Sgt. Rose Vendiola, Retention Office Manager

Quarterly UCA Meeting

The quarterly UCA meeting is scheduled for 0900-1030 hours on Sunday UTA, 7 Apr 02 at the 154 SPTG conference room, Bldg 3417, 2nd floor. Registration for the annual UCA workshop will be on the agenda.

Financial Management Briefings

Due to the lack of interested attendees, the financial management briefings scheduled for April UTA has been cancelled.

Extension of MGIB Program

If you've been activated on Noble Eagle or Enduring Freedom and it's had a negative impact on you being able to attend school, your MGIB eligibility period may be extended for that activation time. To initiate the extension of your MGIB eligibility period, send a copy of your activation orders to the retention office and we will coordinate the time change with the regional VA office.

Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP)

Interested in a temporary, clerical position for summer employment at Pearl Harbor? You may apply if you are a student who is enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a degree, diploma or certificate seeking student taking at least a half-time academic course load in an accredited technical or vocational school, 2 year or 4 year college or university, and graduate or professional school. You must also be capable to perform work in clerical occupations. Contact the Retention office for additional info.

Parents – this may also apply to your dependents - high school students, 16 years or older.

VA Benefits Briefings

Briefings will be conducted 8-10 May and 12-14 Jun 02. It will be tailored to HIANG members activated on Title 10 for more than a 90 day period. Location and times will be announced at a later date.

Available Vacancies – Part Time

For additional information and the position description, review the AFMAN 36-2108 in your unit training offices or via the following website – https://154web.ang.af.mil/154msf/DPMT/DATA/training_links.html. To apply for any of the following career fields -ensure you remained in your current career field at least 3 years after your technical school grad date.

5J0X1 (PARALEGAL)

Ensure you meet the following minimum criteria:

- An aptitude score of General 50.
- Prior qualification in any AFSC at the 5-skill level.
- Ability to type at a minimum rate of 25 words per minute.

3A0X1 (INFORMATION MANAGEMENT)

- An aptitude score of Admin 32.

3S0X1 (PERSONNEL)

- An aptitude score of Admin 45.
- Ability to speak distinctly

3M0X1 (SERVICES)

- An aptitude score of General 30.

1A2X1 (AIRCRAFT LOADMASTER)

- An aptitude score of General 55.
- Continuous interviews will be conducted until the end of May.

Interviews are scheduled for the month of May. Visit the Retention Office to initiate the application process and upon approval of your unit commander, further instructions will be given to you. Applications will be accepted until COB (close of business) Sunday, 7 Apr 02 UTA.

FY02 Club Member Scholarship

Club members and their family members are eligible to apply for three scholarships. First place is \$5,000, second is \$3,000 and third is \$2,000. Applicants need to be accepted by or enrolled in an accredited college or university for the fall of 2002 in either undergraduate or graduate studies. Club membership, by 30 Jun 02 is also needed for eligibility. To enter, nominees must provide an essay of 500 words or less, titled "Air Force Clubs – How to Continue the Tradition". Entries must be submitted to an Air Force club by July 15. Visit

<http://www.afsv.af.mil/Clubs/scholarship.html>

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

RECRUITER ROUND-UP

By Master Sgt. Celia Espinosa, 154 MSF/DPR

We thank all of you who contributed to the success of the Unit Referral Program during FY01. There were over 400 unit referrals for FY01. Of this number, there were 89 accessions credited. These referrals were equal to 40% of the HIANG's total accessions. It goes without saying, unit referrals are our most productive source of accessions within the Hawaii ANG. Whether a family member, friend, co-worker or an associate, it's human nature that we share the successes we have enjoyed by being in the HIANG. Unit referrals to the recruiters are our most productive source of accessions. The ratio of recruiting man-hours used to access one individual "off the streets is close to ten times more to one unit referral. We also get the "best quality" of recruits from unit referrals.

If you have a referral that signs up with the HIANG during FY02 (1 Oct 01 - 30 Sep 02), your name will be entered in the drawing for the grand prize trip to Las Vegas. The more referrals that you have sign up, the more chances you will have of winning the Vega\$ trip! For more information, call the recruiters at 448-7447. The incentives that we provide for unit referrals help to serve as a reminder that everyone in the HIANG is a recruiter.

Welcome Back to TSgt. Tommy Chock. He officially began his HIANG Recruiting Tour on 25 March 2002. He will now know what is to really beat the bushes. Congratulations Tommy!

Worship Services

Protestant Service

Sunday UTAs
1230-1300 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



A Word from the Chief

By Chief Master Sgt Stanley J. Gomes, Jr.
State Command Chief Master Sergeant

Exceptional Promotion Program

The goal of the EPP is to provide promotion opportunity for Traditional guard members by allowing those exceptional individuals to attain a higher Senior NCO rank when unit manning document (UMD) authorizations may not exist. Under this program, Hawaii is allocated two E-8 and two E-9 promotion opportunities this year.

The following criteria will be used to determine eligibility for EPP consideration. To be eligible, the member must:

- 1) Be a traditional (drill status) member.
- 2) Not be excess to unit requirements or become excess within the subsequent two years after promotion.
- 3) Completed Senior NCO Academy courses. (in-residence highly desirable)
- 4) Have at least 17 years of satisfactory service.
- 5) Have three (3) years of retainability prior to mandatory separation (age 60), and must agree to remain in the ANG for three years subsequent to promotion.
- 6) Meet minimum time-in-grade (TIG), time-in-service (TIS), and AFSC requirements of the grade being promoted to.
- 7) Nominee must agree to be transferred to the Retired Reserves or be discharged on the third anniversary of the promotion unless the assigns member to a valid position vacancy at the member's grade.

Nomination package must be submitted NLT 15 Apr. 02

Promotion Board will be held on 5 May 02

ATTENTION!

Next Kuka'ilimoku
Deadline is

APRIL 26



Congratulations!

The following HIANG personnel were promoted to the rank indicated effective in February and March 2002

Colonel Kathleen Berg, HQ HIANG
Colonel Stanley Osserman, HQ HIANG

SMSgt Mark W. Coulbourne 154 SVF
SMSgt Andrew D. Partika 154 AGS
SMSgt Claire L. Tanaka 291 CBCS

MSgt George W. Allen 293 CBCS
MSgt Edwin D. Biete 154 MXS
MSgt Steven M. Carvalho 154 ACS
MSgt Charles D. Goo 297 ATCS
MSgt Byron G. Kim 154 MXS
MSgt Louise L. Lum 154 LS
MSgt Kelly M. Machado 154 MSF
MSgt Yvette K. Miraflor 154 LG
MSgt Harvey T. Otsuka 291 CBCS
MSgt Vernon J. Palomares 154 MXS
MSgt Carl Tonaki 169 ACWS
MSgt Rogelio C. Tucay 154 MSF
MSgt Mark M. Uenten 154 CF

TSgt Jeffrey P. Doag 169 ACWS
TSgt Lester T. Hirano 204 AS
TSgt Lloyd B. Llana 204 AS
TSgt Cyrus M. Macanas 291 CBCS
TSgt Michael F. Maluenda 154 MXS
TSgt Kyle I. Marshman 204 AS
TSgt Anthony L. Mavros 169 ACWS
TSgt Dennis M. Rocha 291 CBCS
TSgt Dawnmarie L. Tafaoa 154 SFS
TSgt Robert J. Valdez 154 LS

SSgt Durward Balinbin 154 AGS
SSgt Melanie R. Bunao 154 AGS
SSgt Brandon K. Cabato 169 ACWS
SSgt Garrick K. Hiramoto 154 MXS
SSgt George K. Kaopuiki 154 MXS
SSgt Rodrigo S. Ramos 154 MXS
SSgt Anthony G. Santiago, III 169 ACWS
SSgt Troy T. Unebasami 169 ACWS
SSgt Jimi R. Caporaletti 293 CBCS
SSgt John D. Concepcion 293 CBCS

Promotions continued

SSgt Warren H. Fujimoto 154 MXS
SSgt Clint S. Ikei 169 ACWS
SSgt Raymond K. Kaanga 293 CBCS
SSgt Sy S. Kageyama 154 MXS
SSgt Brian R. Lampitoc 154 AGS
SSgt Maikel Lusios 154 LS
SSgt John L.M. Quitoriano 293 CBCS
SSgt Rainier M. Raquion 154 MXS
SSgt Ronelle N.C. Simmons 293 CBCS
SSgt Justin T.V. Yost HQ 201 CCG

Want to see where we are going? Where we have been?

Take a look at the updated 154 WG Plans Web page, Deployments and Calendar are updated regularly, with updates to the HIANG Planning and Scheduling (PSD) and Master Activities Calendar (MAC)

<https://154web.ang.af.mil/Hq154wg/Plans/index.htm>

All HIANG personnel are strongly encouraged to eat at the 154th Wing Dining Facility.

MENU

Saturday

Turkey Curry
Chili Dog
Rice
Corn w/ pimento
Egg Drop Soup
Jell-o w/ fruit cocktail

Snack Line

Hamburgers
French fries or onion rings

Sunday

Chicken stir-fry
Tuna casserole
Rice
Peas
Turkey Rice Soup
Apple crisp pie crush

Snack Line

Omelettes or eggs to order
Breakfast meats
Rice

Patrons must have a Military I.D and will pay the meal rate if they are an officer, AGR, or a member on active duty orders.

The meal costs are:

HOLIDAY MEAL \$5.20

Lunch/Dinner \$3.20 and Brunch \$3.60

(Traditional guard members will just sign for their free meal.)

Saturday Lunch 1030-1250 hrs

Saturday Dinner 1630-1750 hrs

Sunday Lunch 1000-1220