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The Wing
Celebrates
the Holidays

The Kawano Family and Santa (aka MSgt Rafael)



Commander's Call

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

Happy New Year to all of the 154th Wing. I hope that your holiday season was safe, joyful and restful. 2001 was certainly a year that none of us is likely to forget for a long time. We as a Wing made great strides as we successfully met the challenges of a PACAF UCI while simultaneously responding to the tragic events of September 11th. You as a team have worked very hard to keep improving our performance across all mission areas and have met the demand for maximum volunteerism in support of operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. You have also found the time to serve our Guard Ohana as well as the community. You should all be very proud of both your individual and our collective accomplishments and contributions.

As we begin 2002 we can be sure of one thing, we will continue to be busy in support of the war on terrorism. Today there are more than 430 Wing members in Title 10 (active duty), status in support of Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. Some have been mobilized for up to two years while the majority are serving MPA tours of varying length as volunteers. I see no near term end to this tasking. All of us need to reexamine just how much we can give as a volunteer for MPA duty and then try to add an additional 10%. If we can not continue to meet our tasking with volunteers we will have to involuntarily mobilize segments of the Wing. This is an action I would prefer to not do until it is absolutely necessary. Rumors will abound for the foreseeable future. We will do our absolute best to get the real story to you as soon as we get it. You can do your part by not spreading rumors and especially by observing good OPSEC (Operations Security), practices. If queried by the media about anything to do with the Wing, please refer them to either PACAF PA or to Major Anthony at HQ HING PA. This is not the time to be the "qualified" source quoted in print. Our nation is at war, while not necessarily in a war. The enemy is vague, elusive and worldwide. I am proud of our contributions to win this war.

We must also look forward to other aspects of our Wing's existence. We will have a PACAF ORI in two years and a Wing wide team is being assembled to plan our training program to get ready. On the much more enjoyable side, we are in the midst of our Outstanding Airman selection and are looking forward to the HNGA sponsored Sweetheart Ball 16 February. With all of this tempo and activity, take the time to smile when you can, hug your families just a little bit tighter and when you look in the mirror, stand a little bit taller and prouder; You are 154th Wing, Hawaii Air National Guard and no one does it better.



A Word from the Chief

by CMSgt Stanley J. Gomes, Jr., State Command CMSgt

Senior Leadership Conference

The 2002 Senior Leadership Conference will be held on 8 March 2002, at the 154th Wing Dining Facility. The agenda will be Leadership, Expectations, and Diversity. Our Commanders will give you their vision where the Air National Guard is going in the next three to five years and their expectations of SNCO's. We are also having a motivational speaker, Sgt. Maj. Jim MaGuirk, at the Conference. Some other topics include, PACAF's new CCM, Chief Gerald Murray, Chief's Council, First Sergeant's Council, new Promotion Guidelines (if we can finish it on time), new PT test, Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association, etc. More information to follow once all the speakers and agenda are finalized.



Next UTA's



Feb
9th and 10th

Mar
2nd and 3rd

KUKA'ILIMOKU

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HOOKANAKA OHANA

A Look at the HIANG Family

By Mrs Loretta Hales,
154 Wing Family Readiness Manager

It is another year and we are all wondering what it will bring. Family Readiness is already moving right along. We have reorganized the family readiness program by creating 5 groups with each unit falling under one of the groups. Each Group will represent the Air Guard at the State Family Readiness Board. The Unit Key Volunteers will remain the same, and I hope to meet each of you soon.

Below are listed the new groupings. The groups are set-up much like the military with one group being different, and that is Group 4.

Group 1 – 154th Operations Group

199th Fighter Squadron
203rd Air Refueling Squadron
204th Airlift Squadron
169th Aircraft Control
150th Aircraft Control
154th Aircraft Control
154th Operations Support Flt

Group 2 – 154th Logistics Group

154th Maintenance Squadron
154th Aircraft Generation
154th Logistics Squadron
154th Logistics Support Flt

Group 3 – 154th Support Group

154th Civil Engineering Squadron
154th Security Forces
154th Com Flight
154th Service Flt
154th Military Personnel Flight

Group 4 – State Air HQ Group

154th Wing
154th Medical

Group 5 – 201st Group

293rd CBCS
291st CBCS (Hilo)
292nd CBCS (Maui)
297th ATCS
201st Air HQ

THERE WILL BE A KEY VOLUNTEER (ALKA'D) TRAINING (RETREAT) FOR THOSE LIVING ON OAHU JANUARY 26-27. The training will cover, - producing newsletters, making a phone tree, annual briefings, how to handle an emergency, building a relationship with the unit and commander, and regulations on Family Readiness.

If you are interested in attending call 448-7282.



*Please Kokua
by Recycling*



Chaplain's Corner

by Maj Robert Nagamine, Chaplain, 154 Wing

The following quote perhaps applies to this year, as well as last year. With a twist of humor, it conveys a message...

“Dear God:

**So far today, I've done all right.
I haven't gossiped,
I haven't lost my temper,
I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty
or even over-indulgent.**

I'm thankful for that.

**But in a few minutes, God,
I'm going to get out of bed,
and from then on I'm going to
need a lot of help. Amen.” (Anonymous)**

Since September 11 of last year, many people prayed asking God for help. There were too many unsettling thoughts and feelings of hurt, anger, sadness, uncertainty, frustration and confusion.

Still, like a ship departing its port never to return again, we left last year with very mixed emotions. On one hand, there are many unresolved issues. Mainly, we can't recover the loss of all those lives from September 11. On the other hand, however, we have a brand new year to plan and make many great things happen.

General Douglas Mac Arthur once said the following encouraging words to stay the course with faith, self-confidence and hope. In this brand new year, when times get tough and we feel weary and old, let us remember his words...

“Youth is not entirely a time of life; it is a state of mind. Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old by deserting their ideals. You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.”

General Douglas Mac Arthur

This year, let's strive to be young and hopeful. May the Lord bless you with a prosperous and memorable new year. If you need to get in contact with me, call me at 947-3582 (hm) or 448-7275 (office).

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

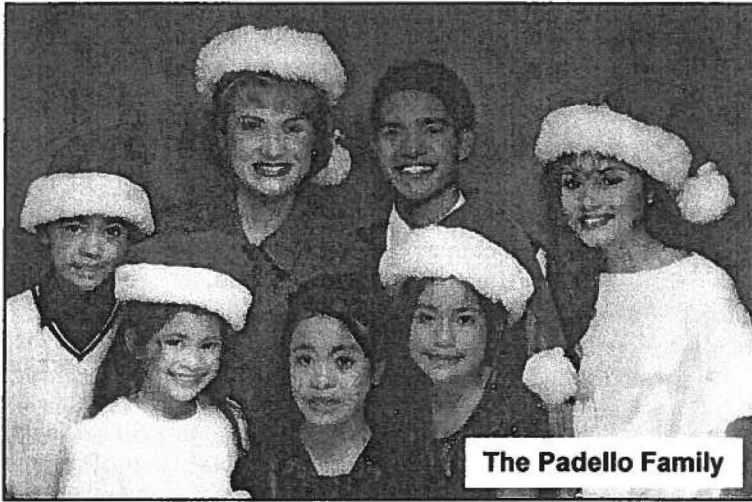
1700 Nelles Chapel

Sundays

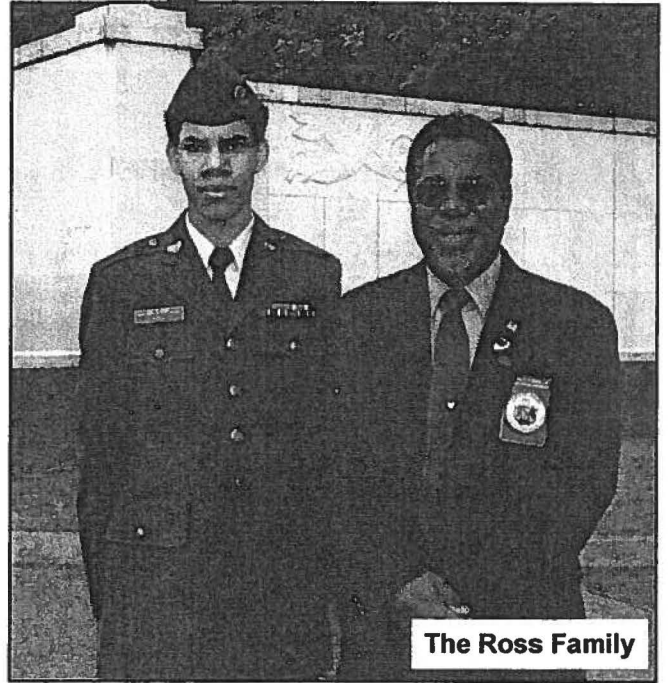
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Holidays...



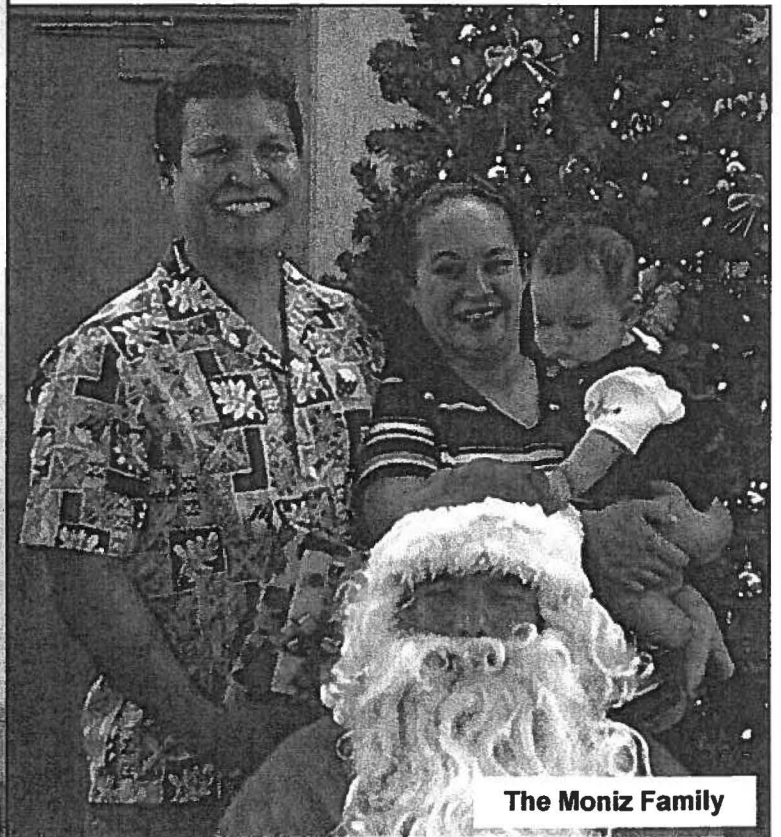
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The Ross Family

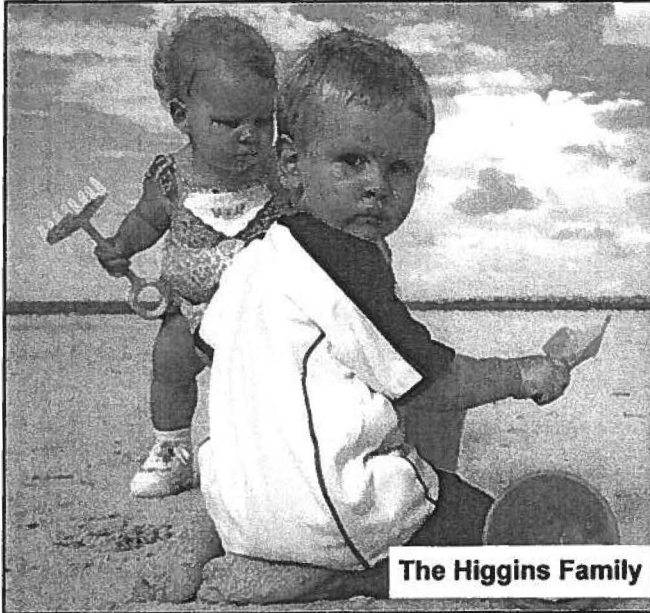


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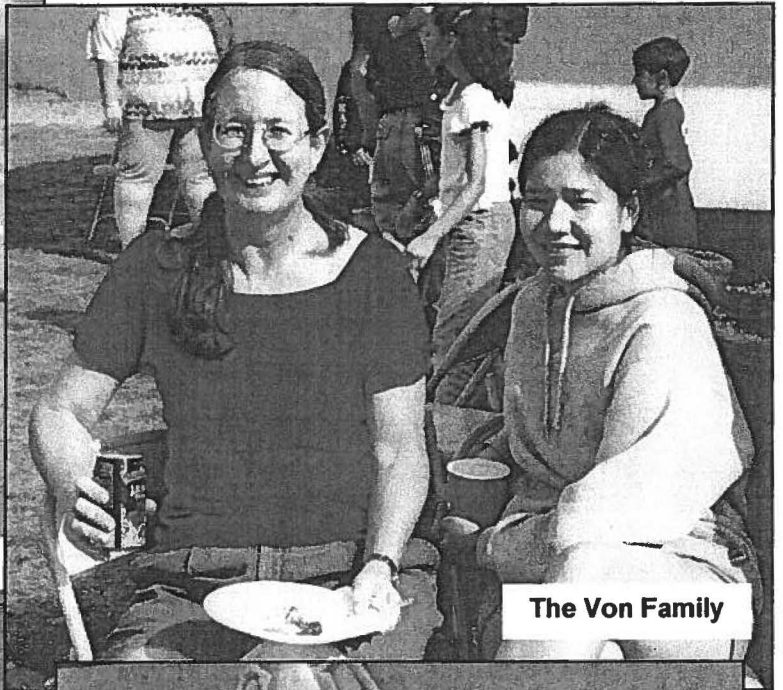


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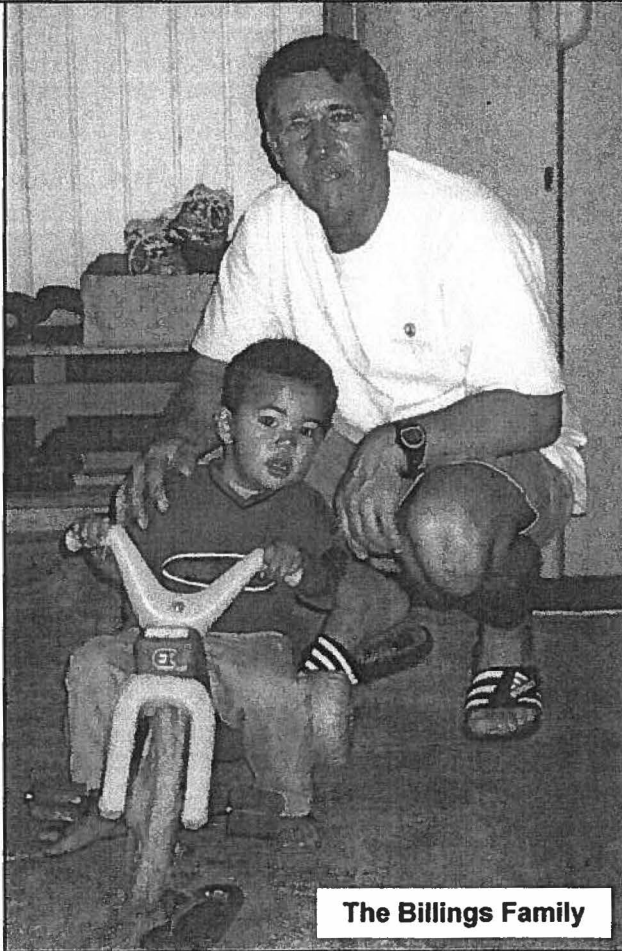
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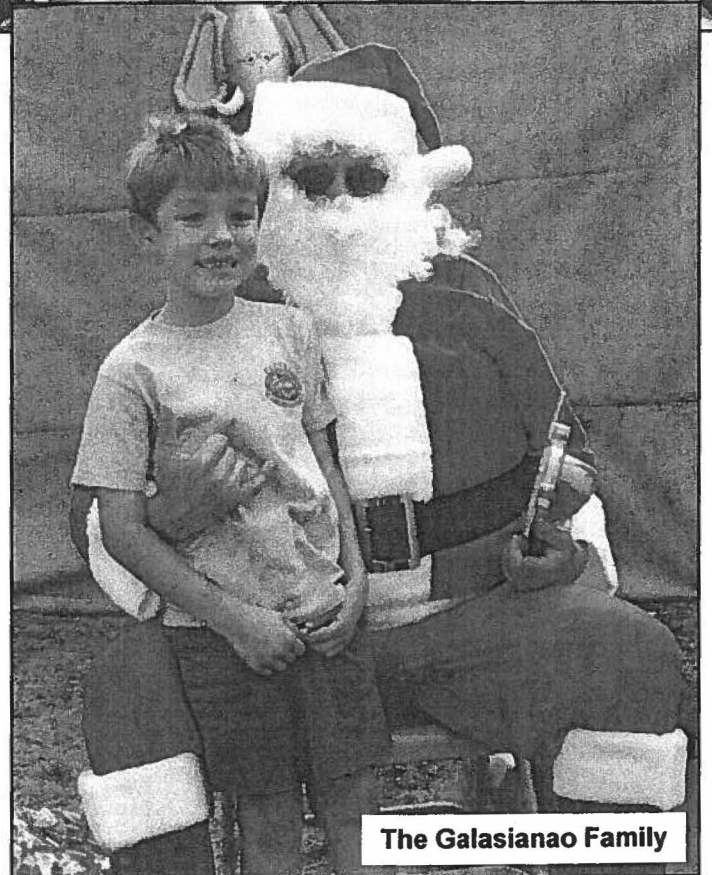
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The Von Family

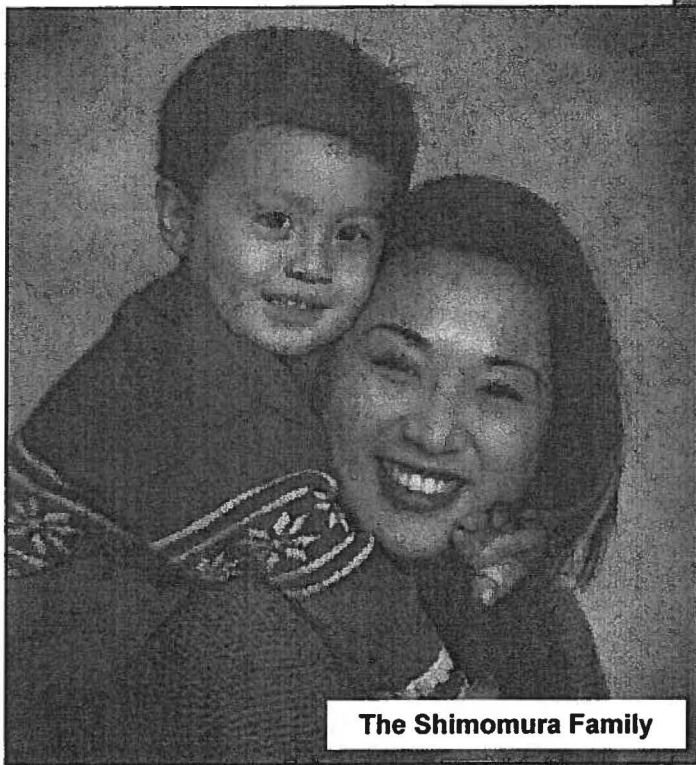


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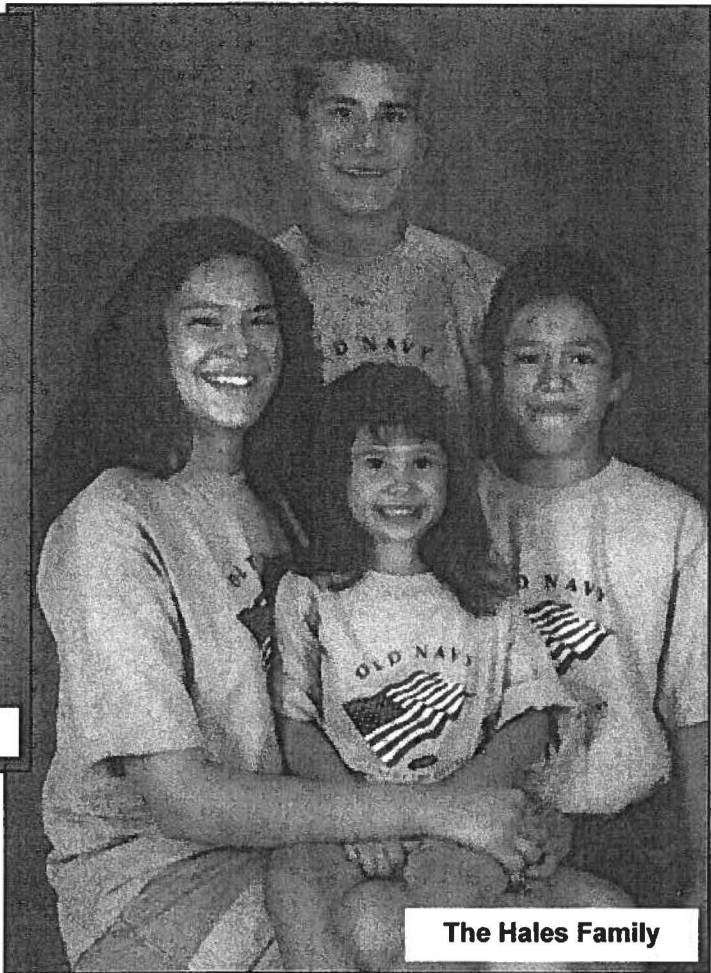


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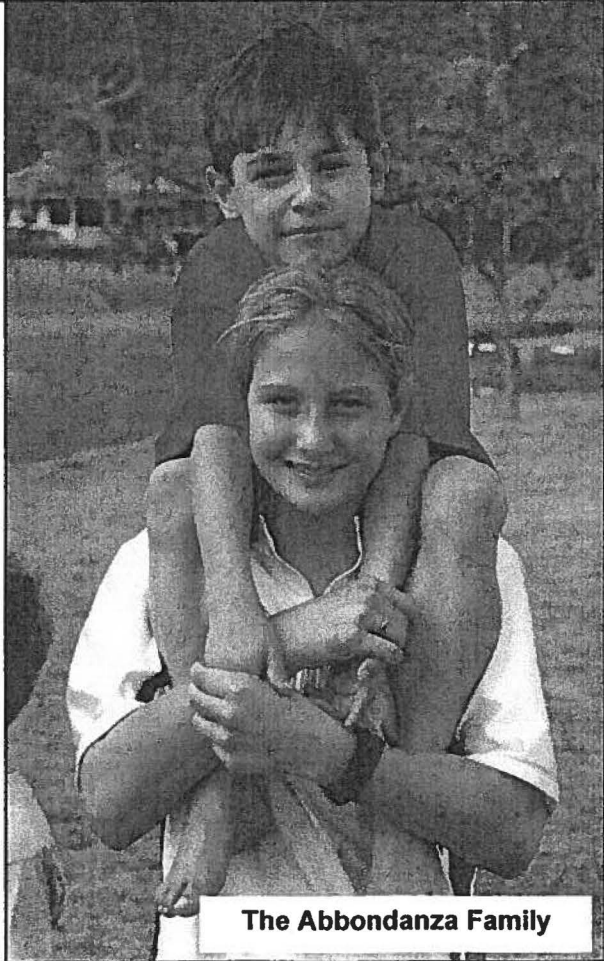
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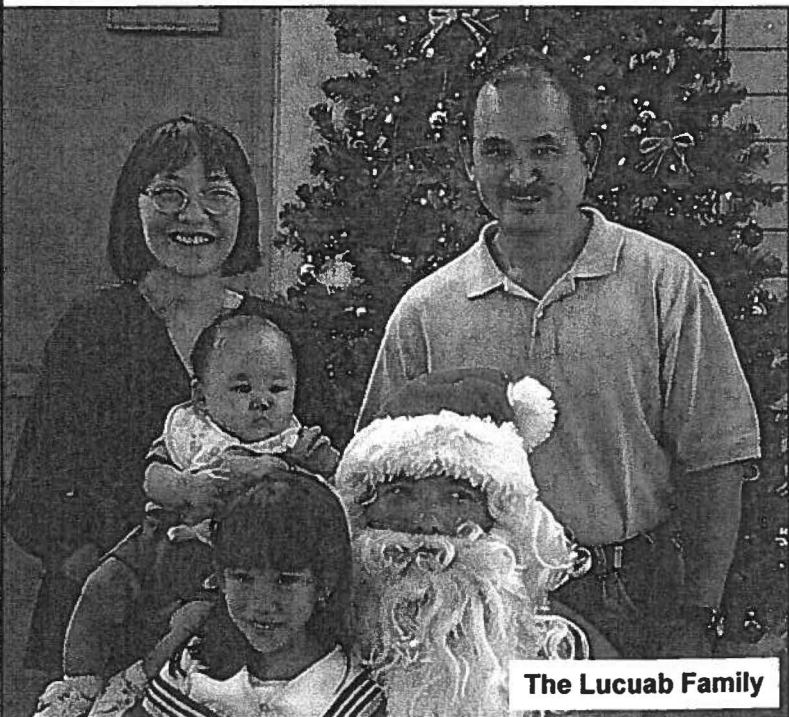
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The Hales Family

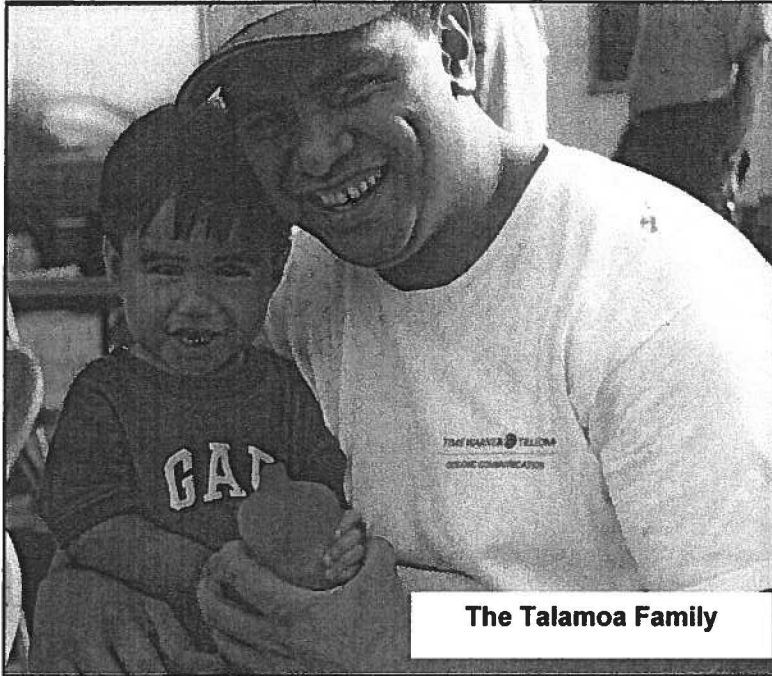


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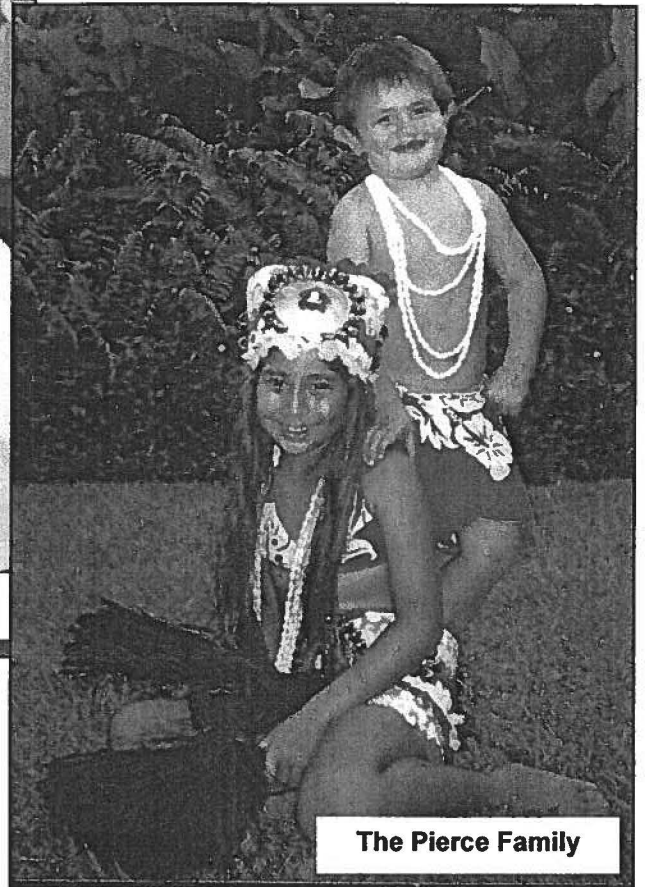


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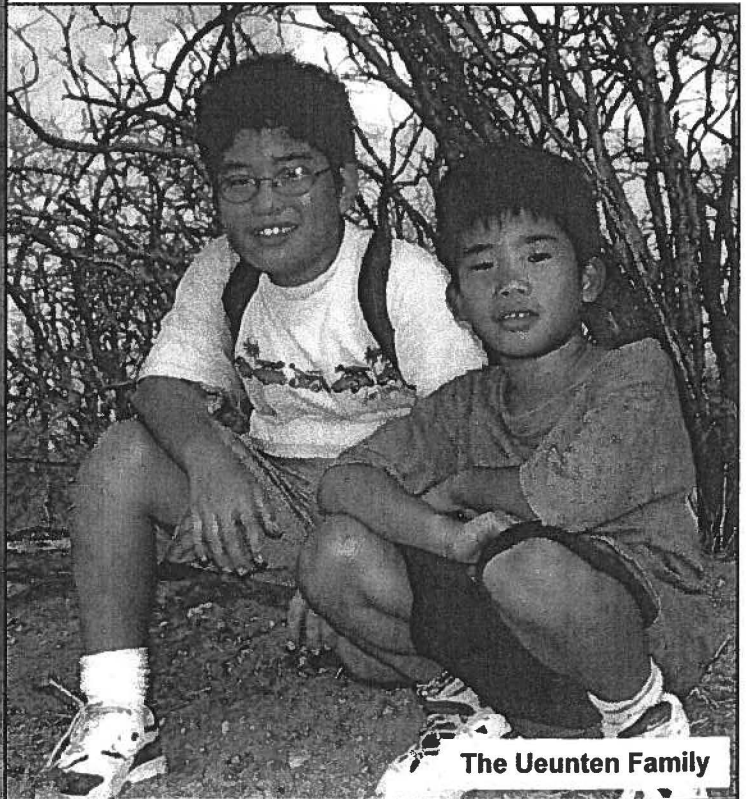
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The Pierce Family

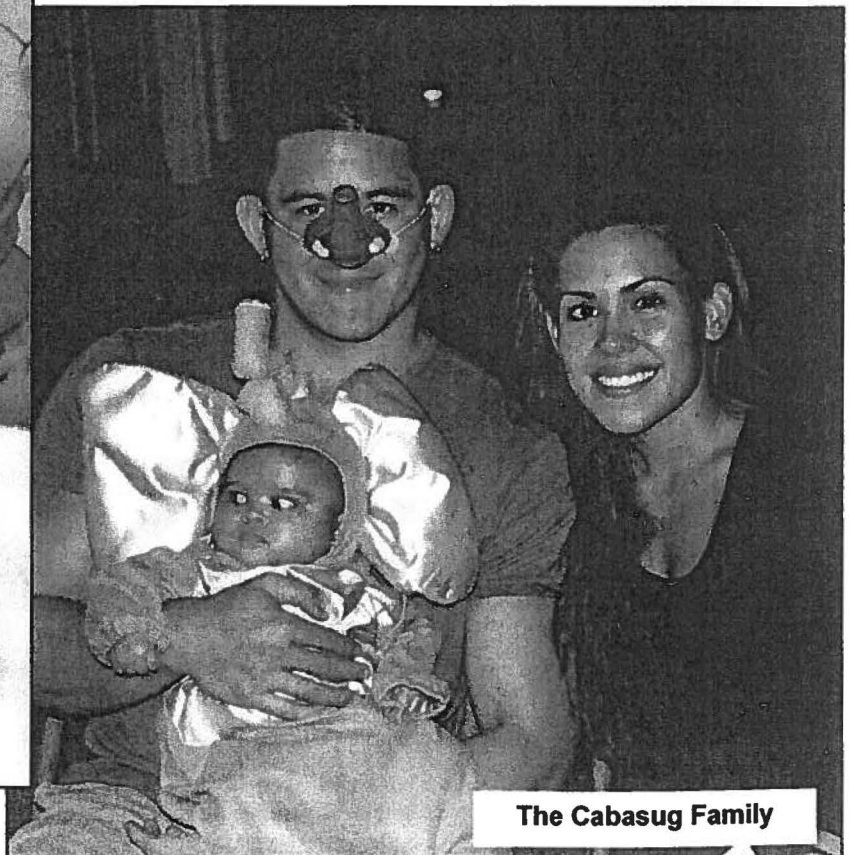
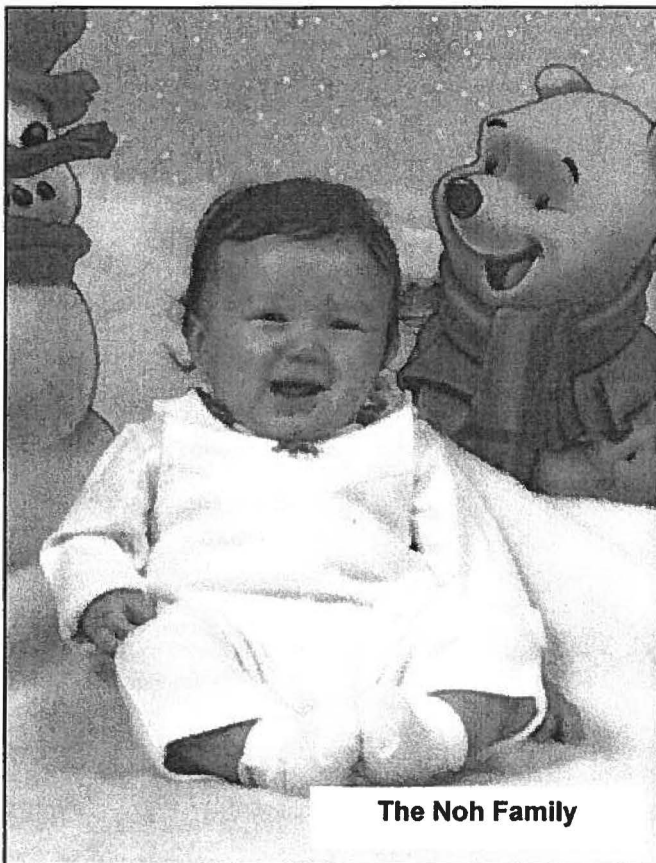
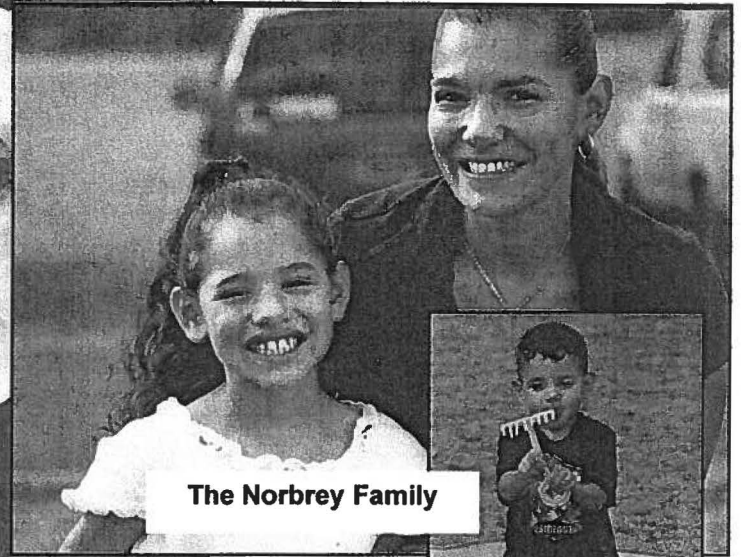
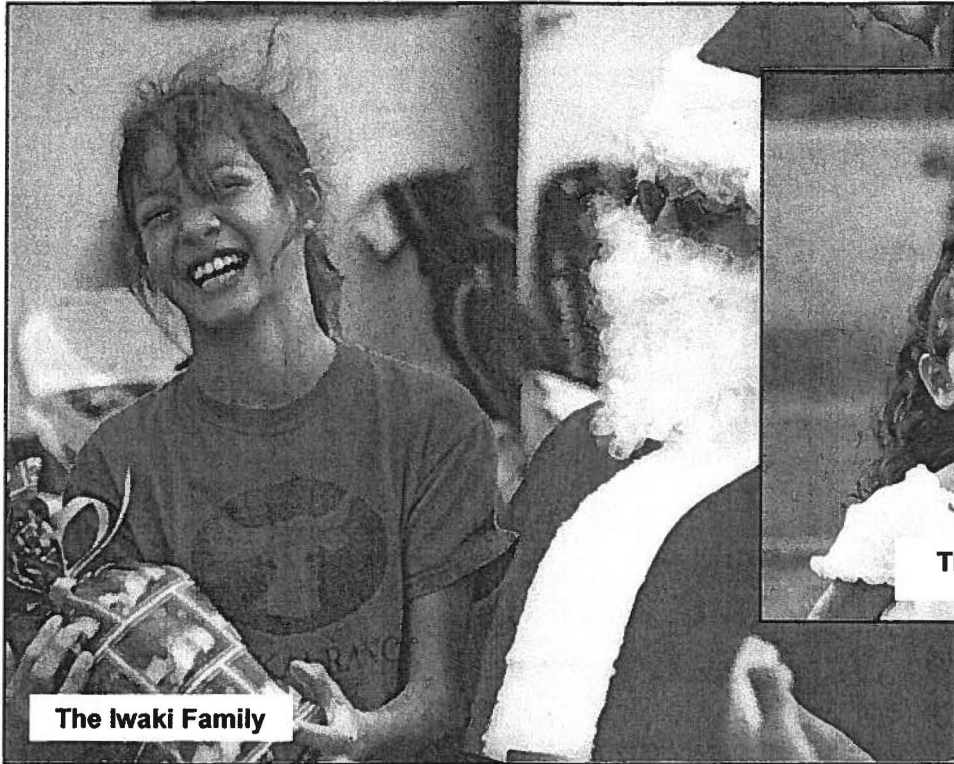


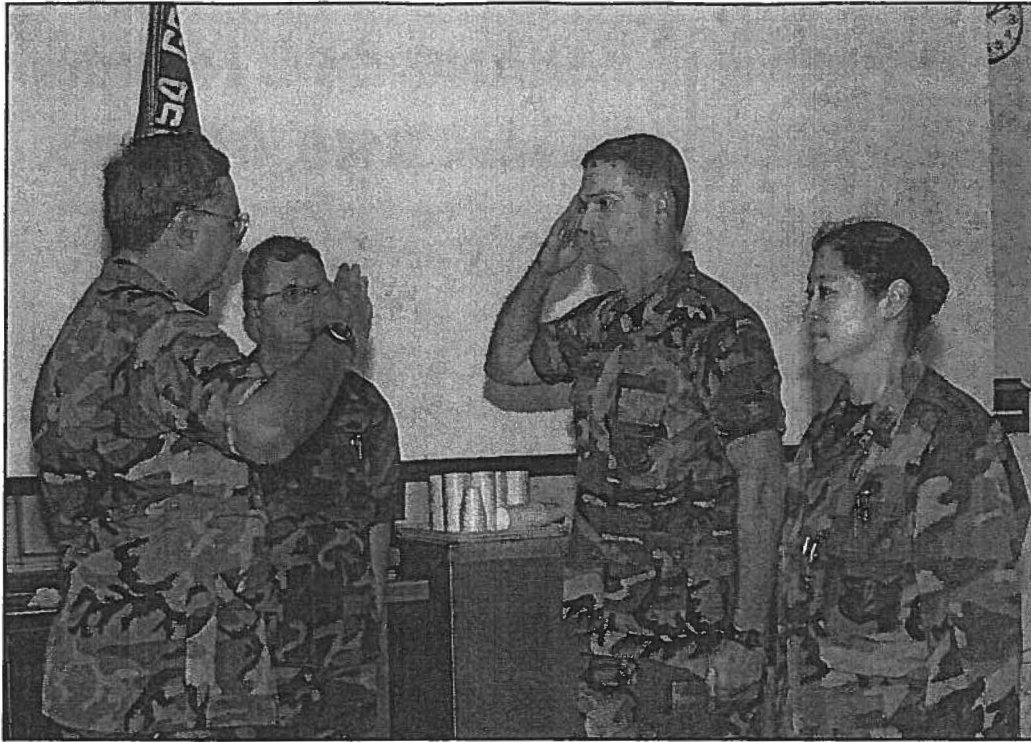
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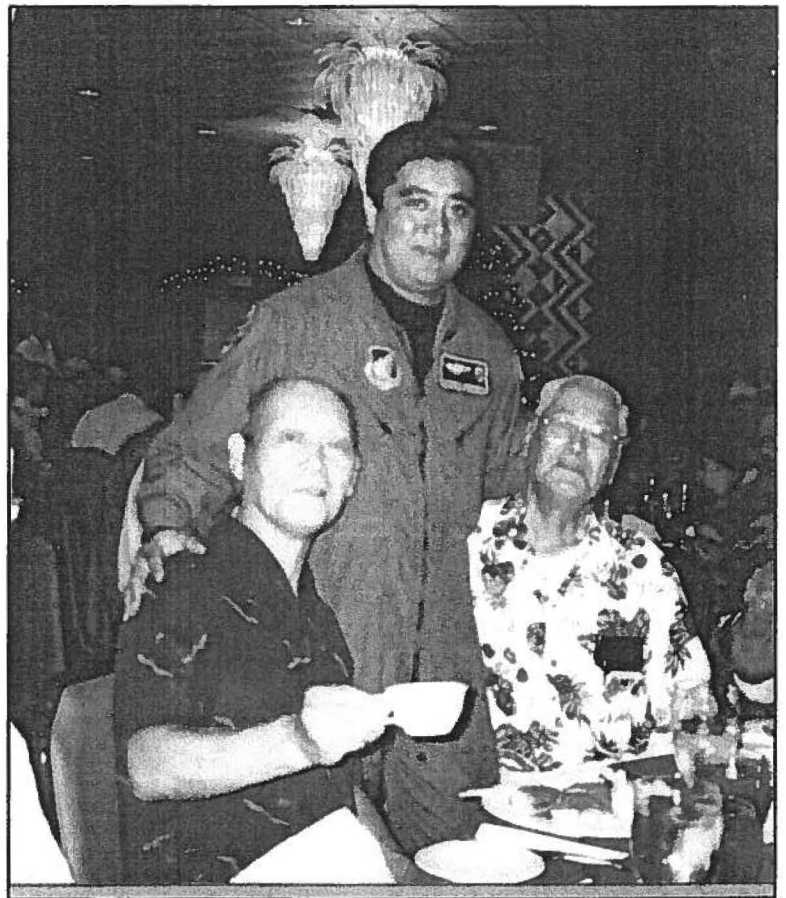
154th Wing Change of Command

In the 154th Support Group, Major Melissa Zen relinquished command of the 154th Services Squadron to Captain Henry Kaufman. Major Zen is now assigned as the 154th Support Group Executive Officer. In the 154th Operations Group, Lt Col William C. Benton assumed command of the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron.

Photos by SrA Kristen Higgins

Japanese Zero Pilots Recognized

In honor of the 60th Anniversary of the Bombing of Pearl Harbor, the Japanese Zero Fighter Pilots Association, "Unabarakai", hosted a luncheon on 6 December 2001 at the Hickam NCO Club to recognize the strengthened bi-lateral relationship between Japan and the United States. It was a gathering of Japanese and American WWII veterans, Hickam military commanders, members of the Japan-America Society, and over 20 military volunteers as Japanese conversationalists. Polishing up on their Japanese conversation skills, volunteers from the 154th Wing served as "ambassadors of good will", and enjoyed listening to these veteran pilot's war experiences and bridging generations together. Volunteers were: Major Tim Fujino, 204th AS, Major Jeff Namihira, Major Tracey Saiki, HQ 154th WG, Capt Melvin Murakami, 154th OSF, Chief Master Sgt. Cal Yoshimoto, 154th AGS, Senior Master Sgt. Takao Wada, 154th AGS, Staff Sgt. Brian Takafuji, 154th MXS, and Senior Airman



Above Maj Jeff "Sumo" Namihira, 199th Fighter Squadron has lunch with veteran Japanese Zero Fighter Pilots from WWII. At left Capt Mel Murakami, 154 OSF, was also a participant at the lunch. (Photos by Maj Tracey Saiki, 154th Wing PAO)

GIVING DOES



Make a Difference

HIANG CFC Results

Total donation: **\$115, 016**

Total # of donors: 722 donors
 142 Eagle donors
 27 Super Eagle donors

154 Wing Contributions:

<u>Unit</u>	<u># of donors</u>	<u>total \$</u>
Wing	27	\$4641
LG	337	\$56615
OG	187	\$15258
SG	45	\$9142



SSgt Linda Canon, 154th MDS, won an award for coming up with this year's CFC Campaign slogan, "Giving DOES make a difference"

Photos by SrA Kristen Higgins, 154 CF



The annual CFC Award Banquet was held at the Hale Koa hotel on 11 December 2001. Col. Townsend, 201 CCG, was the POC for the event. The 'Passing of the Eagle', went from the ANG TAG to the Coast Guard. Pictured below is the CFC Committee.



The Hawaii Blood Bank conducted a blood drive at the Hawaii Army National Guard's Multi-Purpose Room on Thursday, 29 Nov 01. A Blood Bank assistant screens Tech. Sgt. Sandra Dubrett, 154th Mission Support Flight, before she donates blood.

Master Sgt. Edward Essman, 154th Maintenance Squadron, donates a pint of blood in support of the Hawaii Blood Bank. Over 49 pints of blood were collected.

Photos by Tech. Sgt. George Galasinao, 154th CF



204th AS Participates in Repatriation Mission in Southeast Asia

By 1st Lt Kimo Lowe (submitted by Maj Charles Anthony, HQ HIANG / PA)

In December 2001, while on an AMC mission operating out of Yokota Air Base, Japan, the 204th Airlift Squadron was tasked to work with members of the Joint Task Force Full Accounting (JTF-FA) and participate in the repatriation of the remains of US



Service members found in various countries in Southeast Asia. In addition, members of the JTF-FA were transported from those countries to return to family and friends for the holidays.

The JTF-FA is the lead DOD agency directly responsible for conducting field operations to investigate cases and recover remains of US military and civilian personnel unaccounted for.

Operating out of Bangkok, Thailand, the

204th Airlift Squadron provided transport capabilities to countries such as Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam. The Repatriation Mission started with the retrieval of the JTF-FA Deputy Commander, Lt Colonel Thompson and his aide Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The following day, Aircraft Commander Major Gordon Ahnee and aircrew transported JTF-FA members including the Honor Guard from Bangkok to Wattay International Airport in Vientiane, Laos. JTF-FA members disembarked and began setting up for the Repatriation Ceremony, while 204th AS members continued on to Savanna Keht, Laos, where the remains of four service members were retrieved and brought back to Vientiane. The remains were loaded on the C-130 and transferred to a waiting C-17 aircraft in Bangkok. The C-17 would then return the remains to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii the following day.

This marks the first time the 204th AS has been tasked with a Repatriation Mission. JTF-FA Detachment 1 NCOIC MSgt Robert Coe was grateful for the support provided and was impressed with the performance and reliability demonstrated by the 204th members and aircraft. According to Coe, future tasking by the JTF-FA is likely for the 204th AS.

DIVERSITY WORKS

Master Sgt. Carswell Ross and Chief Master Sgt. Steve Kamaura with Dr. Samuel Betances. Dr. Betances was a guest speaker at the first HIANG Diversity Training Workshop held on Thursday, 3 January, helping us to understand the importance of pulling cultures together as a way of bringing America back to the top in education, business, and society. As he puts it, "Our mission is to make America stronger, healthier, and freer than when we found her."



Photo by SrA Kristen Higgins, 154 CF

ATTENTION!

Next *Deadline* is

FEBRUARY 28

FIRST SERGEANT VACANCY

154 AGS First Sergeant

Announcement Date: 26 Dec 01

Closing Date: **24 Mar 02**

For Info: Call Chief Claesen Apo at
258-7549 or any First Sergeant

OFFICER JOB VACANCY

There will be a military vacancy (Traditional) in the 154th Services Flight. The position is a Services Officer, AFSC 34M3. For additional information about the career field, go to:

<http://afpubs.hq.af.mil/pubfiles/af/36/afman36-2105/afman36-2105.pdf>, page 129.

Tentative plans are to convene an interview/selection board shortly after the applications suspense. Current enlisted members of the Hawaii Air National Guard may apply. To apply for this position, you must submit your documents to any HIANG recruiter by COB, Friday, 8 February 2002. Please direct questions about the position duties to the Services Flight commander, Capt Henry Kaufman, 448-7446 or 448-7510.

2002 Sweetheart's Ball

Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, Grand Ballroom

Open to *ALL RANKS!!* Aloha Attire

1730 No Host Cocktails
1845 Buffet Dinner
1900 Music by *Kapena*
2030 Program
2100 Entertainment and Dancing with

COST per person:

E1 - E4	\$20
E5 - E7, W01 - W03, 01 - 03	\$30
E8 - E9, W04 - W05, 04 - 05	\$35
06 - 08, Civilian	\$40

Contact your Unit POC or Capt Duke Ota for registration form.
All payments are due to unit POC's no later than February 1, 2002.
Please make checks payable to HNGA.

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

MENU

Saturday
Hamburger Curry
Shoyu Chicken
Rice
Corn on the Cob
Chicken Soup
Jell-o

Snack Line
Tuna Sandwich

Sunday
Baked Fish
Rice
Zucchini
Egg Drop Soup
Ice Cream

Snack Line
Hot Dogs

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



Congratulations!

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

SMSgt Miles T Kaneshiro 154 AGS

MSgt Craig F Handa HQ 154 LG

TSgt Eric R Daido 204 AS

TSgt Peter K Kali Jr 204 AS

TSgt Robert L Botelho 292 CBCS

TSgt Zur W Waki 292 CBCS

SSgt Charles H Kobayashi III 154 AGS

SSgt Yul K Matsumura 154 AGS

SSgt Raymond N Uyeno 154 AGS

SSgt David C Leung 154 CES

SSgt Reynaldo B Dalmacio Jr 154 CF

SSgt Jeffery E Mills 154 MXS