



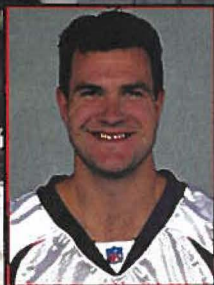
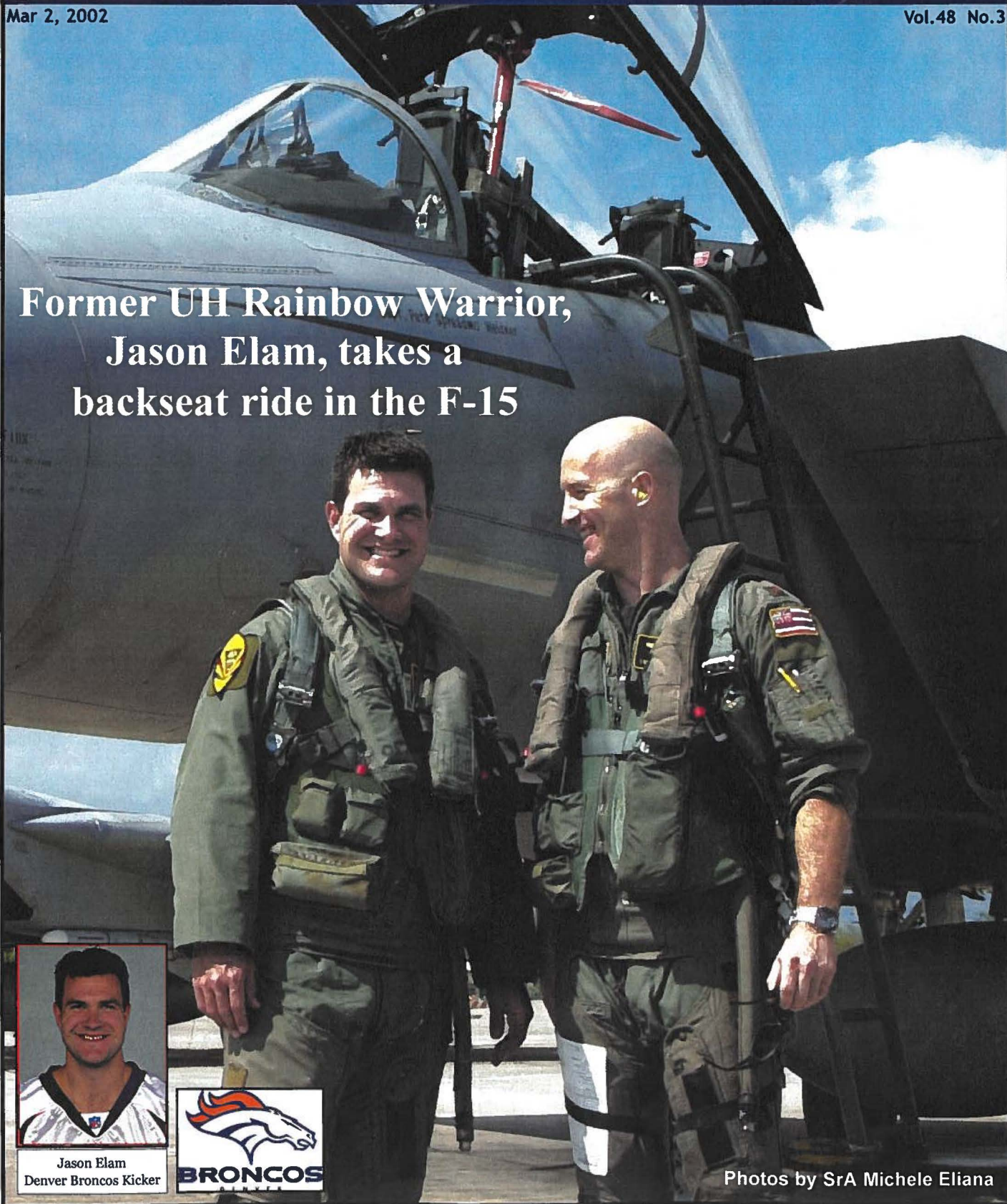
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Former UH Rainbow Warrior,  
Jason Elam, takes a  
backseat ride in the F-15

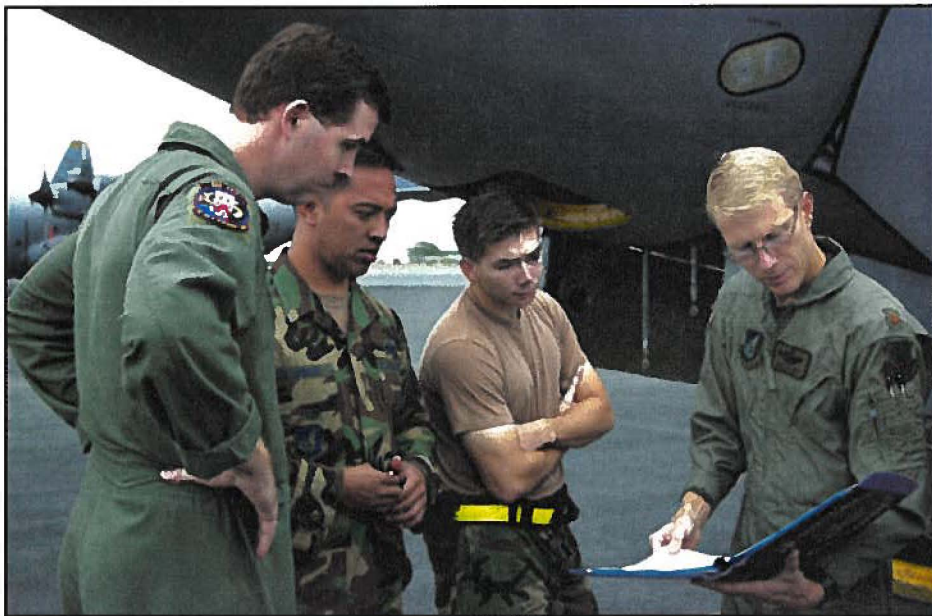


Jason Elam  
Denver Broncos Kicker



Photos by SrA Michele Eliana

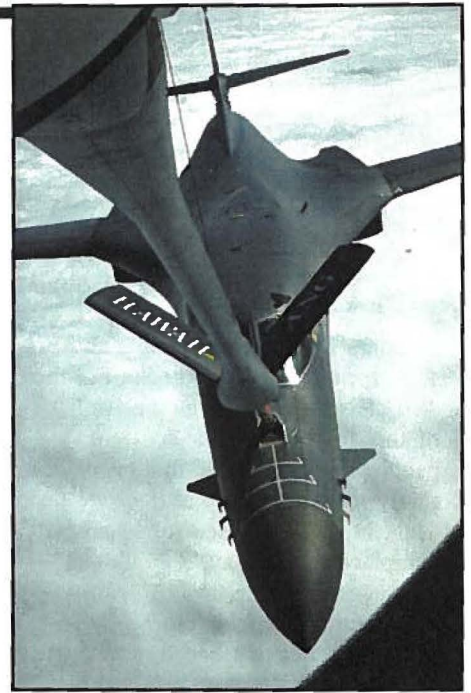
# OUR WING AT WORK...



Above and left: Our KC-135 folks continue to support Operation Enduring Freedom Airbridge across the Pacific.

Below and left: Over 800 Waimalu Elementary School students tour one of our C-130 aircraft while on a field trip to Hickam AFB. They showed their patriotism and appreciation with their "hand-made" Proud to be American flag.





NFL Pro-Bowler, Jason Elam, HIANG-ing with the F-15 AGS Pro-Flightline Crew. Left to right: SSgt Wayne Salas, SSgt Mike Fisher, Jason Elam, SSgt Fred White, TSgt Byron Cristobal, MSgt Jody Goya, TSgt Rex Godinez and TSgt Mike Matsuura

All Photography provided by TSgt George Galasinao, SrA Michele Eliana and SrA Sheryl Pierce of the 154 Wing Communications Flight.

**ATTENTION!**  
*Next Deadline is*  
**MARCH 29**



# Commander's Call

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

It is almost difficult to realize that we have all been operating under contingency conditions for almost six months. All members of the 154th Wing have made significant contributions to our national efforts and have done it in every status available to guardsmen and women. As could be expected, this six-month effort is beginning to take a toll on all of us. We as an Air National Guard, as a Wing and as individuals are getting slightly worn out. As I mentioned when Noble Eagle and Enduring started, this is going to be a long marathon, not a short sprint. The Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, General Jumper, recognizes this also. His indicators are an alarming rise in the number of accidents Air Force Wide. Because of this increase in our accident rate and because of his genuine concern for all Air Force people, he has directed that every organization, to include the ANG, schedule a down day for safety to look closely at how we do our business. We in the 154th have not had an aircraft accident, but I can see some indicators that we too are becoming tired and perhaps just a bit complacent. Sunday, 3 March, is our Safety Day. Whatever messages you hear, whatever messages you take away, please make sure they include the following. No contingency, no mission, no task is so critical that we ignore or discard sound safety practices. We don't skip steps in a checklist because we feel rushed, we don't send unqualified folks to perform tasks unsupervised and don't assume that because we have done a task many times before that we can do it one more time without 100% of our attention and expertise. This applies to every seasoned "old head" as well as to our newest airman or Lt. Any piece of equipment damaged or individual injured through inattention, rushed work or complacency is worse than a combat loss, because these could be prevented. Every one of us must reinforce our commitment to excellence and professionalism.



Photo by SrA Sheryl Pierce, 154 WG/CF

Left is a picture of Col Pete "Skipper" Pawling being recognized and decorated by the TAG for his hard work as the Operations Group Commander. As I have said before, promoting and decorating our members is one of the pure joys of being a commander. All of our folks have been doing an outstanding job in support of these contingencies. I challenge all of you commanders and supervisors

to make sure that our guard members, are appropriately recognized. Keep up the good fight, your support keeps us the greatest Nation in the world.

## Don't Forget



**To Pay  
Your Taxes**  
(yes, you)

Next UTA's



Apr  
6th and 7th

May  
4th and 5th

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## SNCO Conference

(Leadership—Expectation—Diversity)

8 March, 2002

154<sup>TH</sup> Wing Dining Facility

Conference Agenda at <https://154web.ang.af.mil/>

## DRILL MENU

### Saturday

Veggie Spaghetti  
Turkey Ala King  
Rice  
Mashed Potatoes  
Corn  
Chicken Noodle Soup  
Jell-o

### Snack Line

Hamburgers  
Hot Dogs  
French Fries

### Sunday

Veggie Curry  
Chicken Katsu  
Rice  
Peas  
Egg Drop Soup  
Brownies

### Snack Line

Local Moco  
Egg Omelette



## Drill Worship Service

1230-1300

LG Conference Room

Building 3416