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HIANG Participates in NATO AIR MEET 2002

During late August and early September, approximately 185 HIANG personnel participated in air combat exercise with NATO allies at Oerland Main Air Station, Norway. *NATO Air Meet 2002* provided the 199th Fighter Squadron's F-15 pilots an opportunity to practice aerial combat with a variety of fighter aircraft such as German Tornados and French Mirages. The 154th Wing demonstrated that it can deploy anywhere... at any time... around the world with "aloha."

"I am very proud of our people for their hard work and being able to travel many thousands of miles through many time zones to represent the United States of America." -- Lieut. Col. Ro Johnson, F-15 Pilot and 154th Wing Detachment Commander







"This NATO Air Meet was a great experience for me! Just the fact that we were interfacing with many foreign nations was a first for us. There was the cross-cultural exchange of ideas and the way we do aircraft maintenance business. These deployments always reinforces what I already know about our folks. We can go anywhere in the world and do the business that we train for here at home. Everyone knows what they have to do and the teamwork really shows because we are on the same page. We also set and maintain the standards both at work and at play whenever we are away. I'll go anywhere in the world with these bunch of guys." -- Master Sgt. Eric Correa, F-15 Crew Chief, 154th Aircraft Generation Squadron

Photos:

Above: Lieut. Col. Ro Johnson and NATO friend sharing camaraderie and friendship

Left: Master Sgt. Eric Correa and Staff Sgt. Frederic White, 154th AGS, exchanging ideas and training knowledge with fellow NATO crew chiefs.

Photos taken by MSgt Mark Uenten, HIANG Multi-Media



Commander's Call

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

Another year, fiscal year that is, comes to a close. We have all had our lives changed dramatically in the past twelve months, and you, the members of the 154th Wing, have responded magnificently. In the days

following 9-11, you volunteered without reservation to meet our increased tasking. Every organization in the Wing was and is still involved in the War on Terrorism. For the most part, we filled every requirement with volunteers, keeping our members mobilized to the absolute minimum. While on the surface it may appear that we are almost back to normal, don't let your guard down—the effort has just begun. We are all in the process of mobilizing and additional fifty-four members to continue supporting Noble Eagle and extending some members from the 169th ACWS. Also, more than half of our Security Forces remain mobilized here and abroad. Through it all, you have maintained a spirit and attitude that is truly commendable. *Mahalo nui loa*.

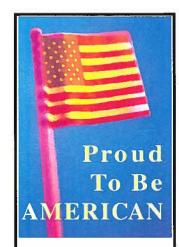
We also participated in several non-ONE/OEF related deployments. The most significant of which was NATO Air Meet 2002. What a magnificent effort from every member of the Wing. I felt such great pride that early Wednesday morning watching all **our** aircraft depart in the darkness. This was a deployment that touched every part of our Wing. Your performance in Norway was stellar! In very simple terms, you got all the airplanes, people and equipment to Norway on time; performed the mission flawlessly; and brought everyone home on time. Everyone needs to be very proud of this effort...I am very proud of you all!

Hawaii U.S. Congressman Neil Abercrombie Visits the HIANG



On August 22, 2002, Congressman Abercrombie met some of the HIANG full-time technicians while visiting various shops throughout the Wing.

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As we look at all of the potential challenges in front of us during this new fiscal year, we need to encourage one another and pray for our world. The world we live in is an ever-changing and uncertain world.

If you have been keeping up with the news, President Bush has been talking about a potential war with Iraq to get Saddam Hussein out of power. I don't think anyone really knows how everything will play itself out; however, we need to be spiritually ready for the different scenarios that might come our way. As any facet of readiness is important, spiritual readiness is also important.

With the uncertainty we face, the good news is that there is one thing certain: God is always here to help us. In the Scriptures, the Psalmist says...

"If I flew away beyond the east or lived in the farthest place in the west, you would be there to lead me, you would be there to help me. I could ask the darkness to hide me or the light around me to turn into night, but even darkness is not dark for you, the night is as bright as day. Darkness and light are the same to you." Psalm 139: 9-12

While life will always have its uncertainties, let's continue to do our good work. My wife gave me a quote she had received at a meeting. It can be applied to our work here at the Wing...

"Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction, and skillful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives." Willa A. Foster

Let's continue to encourage one another in word and deed. May the Lord's blessings go before us, as we take on this fiscal year!

If you need to reach me, call me at 448-7275 during drills or otherwise 258-3582.



The Kuka'ilimoku to be mailed home

Your Wing Public Affairs Office is in the planning and designing phase for the "new" Kuka'ilimoku to be mailed home to our Wing families!

This will better prepare us for upcoming activities and UTA training events. It will also continue to "show-off" what we do — making our families proud.

A change in venue means a change in the way we've been doing things.

We will be using contract printing resources to ensure a more professional newsletter providing adequate time for mailing. Therefore, on-time deadlines for submissions will be critical.

The newsletter will be a dual-month issue—first issue being Dec/Jan' 03.

Thank you for your patience and support!

—Major Tracey Saiki and Wing PA staff

ATTENTION!

Deadline for Dec-Jan '03

New sletter is

31 October

Worship Services

Protestant Service

Sunday UTAs 1230—1300

> 154th Logistics Group Conference Room (Building #3416)

1330—1400 AGS Conference Room (Building #1055)

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

NATO AIR MEET 2002

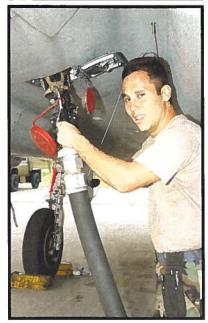
"An excellent deployment! Our maintenance folks before and during the deployment gave the pilots the aircraft needed showing that all the training we do on a daily basis here at home pays off. Our support folks took care of making sure the parts and details for everyday life were there! We impressed not only our active duty counterparts but also our fellow nations. I am proud to be a part of our unit and hope I can continue to contribute as much." -- Major Jan Sue Heverly, Maintenance Officer, 154th Aircraft Generation Sq.





















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Retention Office Update

MSgt Rose Vendiola, Retention Office Manager TSgt Richard Costa, Assistant ROM SSgt Jim Humble, Assistant ROM

Congratulations and mahalo to the following FY02 winners:

UCA of the Qtr Award

1st Qtr - MSgt Kelly Wilkinson / 154 LS 2nd Qtr - MSgt Brad Ebisuya / 154 LSF 3rd Qtr - MSgt Vivian Tsutsumi / HQ HIANG 4th Qtr - TSgt Neal Nakayama / 199 WF

Retention Team Award

1st Qtr - 203 ARS 2nd Qtr - 154 CES 3rd Qtr - 154 MXS 4th Qtr - 169 ACWS

State TAP Applications – Fall 2002

The State Tuition Assistance Program (STAP) forms for the fall semester are available on the Retention Office Website.

https://154web.ang.af.mil/154msf/DPMH/Data/ TA/Fall02_STAPAP.doc

Contact your unit career advisors to submit your application packet for your commander's approval. The deadline to the Retention office is 15 October 02.

MGIB, Chapter 1606 Rate Increase

Effective 1 October 2002, the MGIB-SR rates are as follows:

Type of Training Institutional

\$276.00 Full Time \$207.00 Three Quarter Time \$137.00 Half Time \$ 69.00 Less Than Half Time

Cooperative

\$276.00 (Full Time Only)

Correspondence

Entitlement Charged at the rate of one month for each \$276.00 paid.

Apprenticeship On The Job Training

\$207.00 First 6 Months \$151.80 Second 6 Months \$96.60 Remainder of Program

Flight Training

Entitlement Charged at the rate of one month for each \$276.00 paid.

If your payment for the month of October 02 does not reflect the increased rate, contact VA at 1-888-GI-BILL1 (1-888-442-4551).

MGIB Entitlement Restoration after Demobilization:

ANG Members who are entitled to Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) benefits, and who were called to active duty for Operation Noble Eagle/Operation Enduring Freedom under sections 688, 12301 (a), 12301 (d), 12301 (g), 12302, or 12304 of Title 10, may have their 10-year delimiting date extended for the period of mobilization plus four months. Members should submit a copy of their active duty orders, and a copy of their DD214 to the nearest VA Regional Office, with a letter requesting restoration of entitlement due to mobilization/activation. There is no time limit to apply for entitlement restoration. The address for the nearest VA regional office is:

Department of VA P.O. Box 8888 Muskogee, OK 74402-8888

<u>Available Vacancies – Part Time</u>

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.

5R0X1 (CHAPLAIN SERVICE SUPPORT)

· Dual aptitude score of Admin 40 and General 43.

1A0X1 (AIRCRAFT INFLIGHT REFUELING)

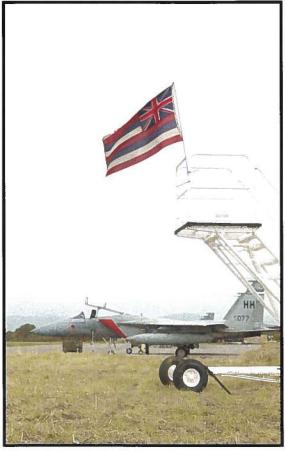
· An aptitude score of General 53.

Visit the Retention Office to initiate the Career Change Worksheet for any of the above positions. Note: Interviews for (5) Aircraft In-flight Refueling positions are scheduled for 8-11 Oct 02. Upon approval of your current unit commander, you may call 448-8366 or 448-8367 to schedule an interview time. Attire for prior service personnel is blue shirt with ribbons.

More NATO AIR MEET 2002









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Congratulations!

The following Enlisted HIANG personnel were promoted to the rank indicated effective during August and September.

MSgt Michael D. Gabster, 154 MXS MSgt Wain S. Iwaki, 154 CF MSqt Todd S. Knight, 204 AS MSgt Peter K.Y. Kwok, 154 AGS MSgt Hidetaka J. Murakami, 297 ATCS MSgt Collin S. Sakuma, 297 ATCS MSgt Ramon M. Quizon, HQ 154 WG

TSgt Sabrina A. Carreiro, 169 ACWS TSgt Susan M. Fallon, 293 CBCS TSgt Roy I. Hayamoto, 154 LSF TSgt Galen K. Higa, 154 MXS TSgt Wayne Y. Iida, 293 CBCS TSqt Shanna Y. Komatsu, 154 MXS TSgt Gregory J. Pelarye, 154 MSF TSgt Timo A. Satola, 154 CES TSqt Robert C. Self, Jr. 204 AS TSgt Barry J. Surell, 169 ACWS TSgt Jeremiah S.Y. Wadsack, 293 CBCS

SSgt Adelbert A. Agno, 291 CBCS SSgt Shawn L. Canionero, 154 AGS SSgt Edward C. Cheski, 293 CBCS SSgt Jared Y. Mina, 199 FS SSgt Wilda T. Shimomura, 154 LSF SSgt Elijah A. Tiqui, 154 MXS SSgt Angel L. Umaimaka, 169 ACWS SSgt Steven K. Williamson, 293 CBCS

Big "Thank You" to all the HIANG Guardsmen who volunteered to support our State Primary Election on Saturday, September 21, 2002.

Don't forget to vote on General Election Day—Tuesday, November 5th, 2002.

If you haven't registered to vote, please do so as soon as possible. Remember...every vote counts!

Here's What's Cookin' at the 154th Wing Dining Facility

October

Saturday Mainline Mainline Savory Baked Chicken w/ Beef & Corn Pie Spicy Baked Fish Swedish Meatballs Franconia Potatoes Mashed Potatoes Pea & Pepper Rice Jefferson Noodles Corn on the Cob Mustard Greens Asparagus Steamed Squash Vegetable Soup Doubly Good Chicken Soup Almond Cookies Cherry Jello Snack Line Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers Hotdogs Grilled Ham & Cheese

Snack Line Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers Hotdogs Grilled Ham & Cheese Chili Con Carne French Fries

Sunday

Gravy

November

Saturday Mainline Cantonese Spare Ribs Lemon Baked Fish Macaroni & Cheese Egg Noodles Broccoli Combo Peas

Chili Con Carne

French Fries

Knickerbocker Soup Strawberry Jello

Snack Line

Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers Hotdogs Grilled Ham & Cheese French Fries

Sunday Mainline

Thanksgiving Holiday Meal Roast Turkey & Baked Ham Cornbread Dressing

Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots & Peas French Onion Soup w/ Parmesan Croutons Dinner Rolls Pumpkin and Pecan Pies Assorted Fresh Fruit Ice Cream Mint Candies Hot Chocolate

No Snack Line

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: Lunch/Dinner \$3.25

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

Saturday Lunch 1030-1250 hrs Saturday Dinner 1630-1750 hrs Sunday Lunch 1000-1220

Note: Menu items subject to change due to availability Thank you