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154th Members to Receive Smallpox Vaccine

by Lt Col Ann M. Greenlee,
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In March the Wing implemented the Air Force Smallpox Vaccination Program with members of the 154th MDS being vaccinated. Unit commanders received their vaccinations during April's UTA. This important program is being implemented to protect our members from a deadly biological warfare agent. As we continue in the war against global terrorism, new threats such as smallpox require a new measure of force protection. Brigadier General Richards related that, "while we can't quantify the threat that smallpox would be used as a bioweapon, we do know that consequences of its use could be great." The General's foremost concern is for our safety.

Smallpox is a contagious disease caused by the vari-

ola virus and has a fatality rate of about 30%. Historically, the smallpox vaccine protected more than 95% of healthy people who received it. In 1980 the vaccine had been so successful that the World Health Organization declared the smallpox disease eradicated. DOD vaccinated new recruits until 1990. With the current threat of the intentional release of smallpox as a biological weapon, resumption of the smallpox vaccination program ensures our safety and mission continuation should a smallpox outbreak occur.

The vaccination program is currently limited to people

deploying to high threat areas or those who serve in critical mission specialties. It may be expanded to include others at a later date.

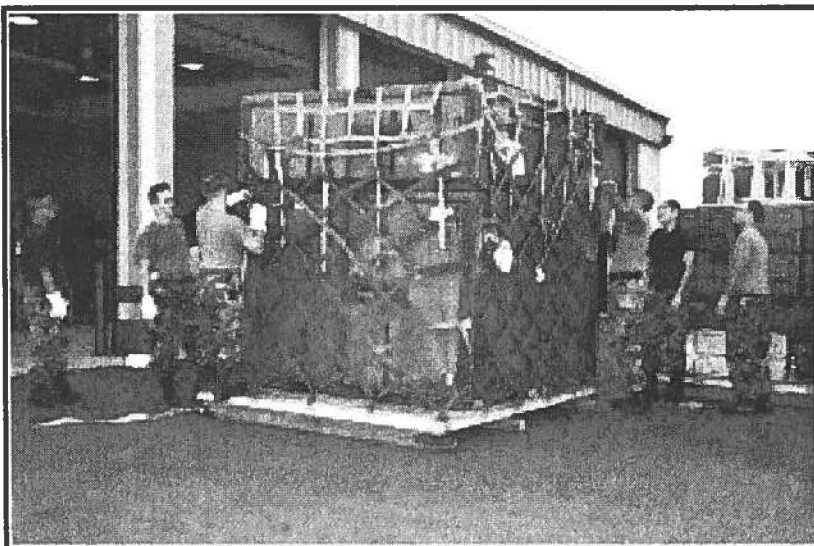


Lt Col Brett Wyrick, HQ HIANG/SG
receiving his smallpox shot
Photo by TSgt Gregory, 154 CF/SCV

General Richards repeatedly stressed that safety is the Wing's primary concern in carrying out this program. Before members are vaccinated they receive extensive education on the vaccine, care of the vaccination site and safeguards to ensure the

vaccine's virus isn't inadvertently spread. Everyone fills out a questionnaire to check for any medical conditions they or their close family members may have that would indicate they should not receive the vaccine. Administering the vaccine requires careful use and the Wing's medical staff ensures that its administration is done using FDA guidelines and the best practice of medicine.

If you would like more information on the smallpox vaccination program, contact your squadron commander. He has a toolkit that provides additional information and links to informational web sites. If you have a question that your commander can't answer, he'll refer you to the correct professional who can provide you the information you need.



IRRE!

Pallet building
during the April
IRRE

Photos by SSgt Mysti
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Commander's Call

by Brig Gen Albert "Putt" Richards,
154th Wing Commander



We have thirteen months and thirteen UTAs to go until the Operation Readiness Inspection (ORI). Our exercise April UTA weekend took lots of planning and effort; and it really paid off. All cargo and passengers were processed within final time limits and aircraft generation was completed way ahead of schedule. My thanks go to everyone who helped make this exercise a success. A special note of ap-

C-17s Ushers New Era for 154th Wing

by Lt Col Michael Compton, 154WG/SE

December 2005 will mark a new era for the Hawaii Air National Guard. The 204th Airlift Squadron will accept a new C-17 from the factory. Over the following nine months, seven more new C-17s will be delivered and the last of the C-130s will be transferred.

The conversion will also mark a new era for the National Guard. This will be the first Air National Guard Associate unit. We are working on many of the details but we know we will have our own operations squadron, the 204AS, sharing the active duty 15 ALW aircraft. Maintenance will be a mixture of active and guard to take maximum advantage of the stability and experience of the guard and the flexibility of the active duty.

The next year and half will

preciation goes to the Mission Support Group and their mobility machine. Their extensive planning launched our exercise out of the chocks and kept it operating in high gear till completion on Sunday.

Another accolade goes to our Exercise Evaluation Team. These dedicated folks developed the exercise scenario, evaluated our actions and now will document the lessons learned. Here's where we can really make money on our future exercises and the successful completion of our ORI. In the upcoming weeks we need

be very busy. Both ops and maintenance will grow so there will be significant recruiting and training opportunities. Since this is the first PACAF strategic airlifter and the first ANG associate unit, there are many support and operational agreements that need to be worked out.

Currently the most exciting work is the design of the new C-17 facilities. In the area around the AMC terminal we will build a state of the art C-17 campus. Three new hangars, a simulator, a maintenance office, squadron operations and a new fire station all will be constructed over the next three years. The simulator, maintenance building and squadron operations are all designed and are to be finished in January 2005.

Many people have been working hard already preparing for the Globemaster III's arrival. Although we have not received any of our conversion manpower

to study their evaluations and determine fixes for problems and more effective ways to complete our processes. Using the EET's evaluations and advice, we can build on this weekend's successes and bring our mobility machine to an outstanding level. The journey to next May and the ORI will be challenging, rewarding, and awesome. I look forward to working together to make it an outstanding success.

yet, Col Wong, Lt Col Han, Lt Col Kimsey, CMSgt. Lee and CMSgt. Yerxa have all stepped up despite their hectic schedules. In fact every section of the wing has been contributing to the effort.

There will be a lot of work and changes ahead. It is important we continue to concentrate on safely flying our C-130s until the last one leaves. This will definitely be an exciting next couple of years and we will strive to keep everyone up to date.

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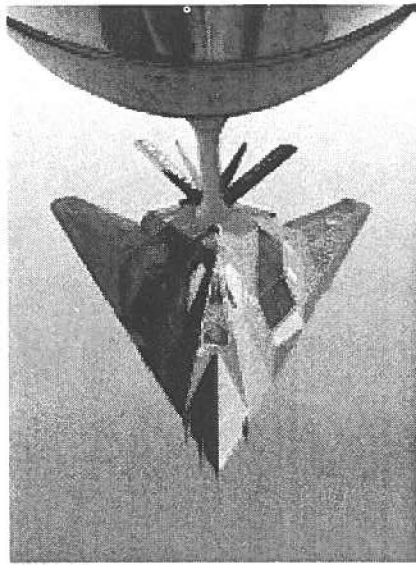
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The Pacific Air Bridge

Starting on the 5th of March and going thru the 14th of March, members of the 203 ARS established an "air bridge" in support of the growing tension on the Korean peninsula.

During a three-day period, a total of twenty-seven missions were flown in support of twelve B1 and twelve B-52 bombers. The aircraft from the 203rd meet the bombers in the middle of the Pacific Ocean and transferred over 2.6 millions pounds of fuel.

Over a two day period, the tankers helped to move F-117 Stealth Fighters to Japan. The tankers picked up the stealth fighters off the west coast and



"dragged" them to Hawaii. After a crew rest, they launched with the stealth fighters and "dragged" them to just off Japan where our tankers turned around and landed on Guam for a much deserved crew rest.

The next day on the return to Hawaii, the 203rd was asked to provide an emergency Medical Evacuation airlift to Hawaii

A total of thirty-six aircrews from the 203 ARS along with most of the members of the 154 MXS and 154 AGS helped to support the movement of the bombers to Guam. In support of the stealth fighters, a total of sixteen aircrews from the 203 and ten crew chiefs from the 154 AGS participated.

New WING Human Resource Advisor

by MSgt Karl Kaneshiro

Hi everyone.. just wanted to let you know that I'm the new WING Human Resource Advisor (HRA) under General Richards. I hope to successfully fill the position vacated by SMSgt Caz Ross who moved to the State HRA position. We will be working closely together.

My role is to advise leadership on issues for the improvement of our organization's culture and promote opportunities to maximize an individual's potential for success.

A great win/win situation!

Just a little bit about myself... I have 20 years in the HIANG as a traditional Guard member. I started with the Medical Squadron for my first 12 years as a Bioenvironmental Engineering Technician with the last 5 years as Training Manager. Later, I moved to the 154 MSG / Base Education as a Training Manager for 3 years. I graduated from the University of Hawaii (Education.). On the civilian side, I am currently employed with the State of Hawaii – Department of Budget and Finance (Employees' Retirement System) as a Retirement Benefit Manager.

I would like to know your concerns to continue to help make the Guard a great organization. On behalf of General Richards, Chief Steven Kamaura, SMSgt Caz Ross, and myself, we welcome the challenge to help our Guard ohana move in a positive direction.



Chaplain's Corner

by 1Lt Mark Lee, Chaplain 154th Wing

Yes, it's official.

We are officially at war. The constant coverage on Fox News, CNN and other networks reminds us of this reality everyday.

No one wants to be at war. No one wants to go to war. But, the war has begun. There is no turning back, but to push forward – hopefully, to a complete and swift victory.

However, as a Christian minister, and as your Chaplain, I struggle with the meaning of it all and the "how" of ministering to you, our military men and women in this season, and to your families. My soul is deeply disturbed and I am brought to tears with pain, sorrow, and anguish thinking of not only our men and women in the military in this terrible war, but also thinking of all the women, men and children – the innocent civilians – who had to endure decades of an awful life under a terrible government and who now have to endure the war that is now in their country, neighborhoods, and homes.

While I will wholeheartedly minister to our troops and our families, when called upon, I also pray to that God's grace, mercy and love will be upon all the people of Iraq, and that the loss of

lives will be minimal and most importantly, that the war will end quickly.

Let us all pray for that...

Especially now, in this season in what we Christians call the Lenten Season; a time for reflection, a season of denying the self and drawing nearer to Jesus Christ. It is a time of coming face to face with God's love and grace, a time of peace and quiet.

Keep near in your hearts always the strength and love that comes from within you, the strength and love that God has placed in you, as the days and months will task more of you and your loved ones. And above all else, let us fervently pray for peace in the world.

Lastly, I want to bid you aloha as I will transfer to the 201 CCG, effective May 1, 2003. It's not a "goodbye," for I will continue to service the 154 LG units in addition to the units of the 201st, along with Chaplain, Lt Col, McMillan, Senior Chaplain of the 201st. Looking forward to servicing more of our troops in HIANG...

2003 Launa Ole Award Winners

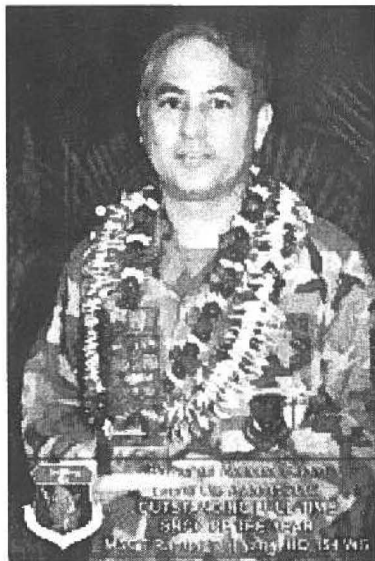
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Outstanding Unit of the Year: 154th Security Forces Squadron, Commander: Captain Wayne J. Acosta



Company Grade Officer of the Year (Trad): First Lieutenant Zachary M. Chang, 154 MXS



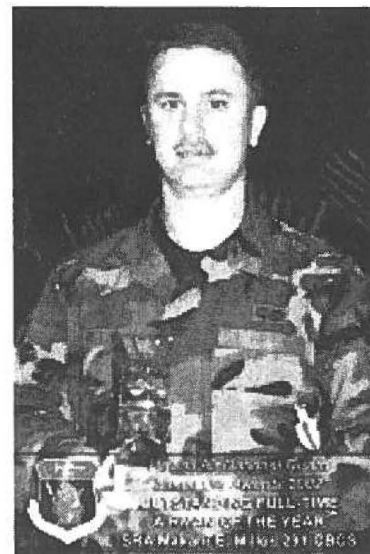
Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year- Master Sergeant Randal T. Hiyane, HQ 154 WG



Winning Team Award: 154th Aircraft Generation Squadron Drug-Testing Team



Service Team Award: HIANG Base Honor Guard



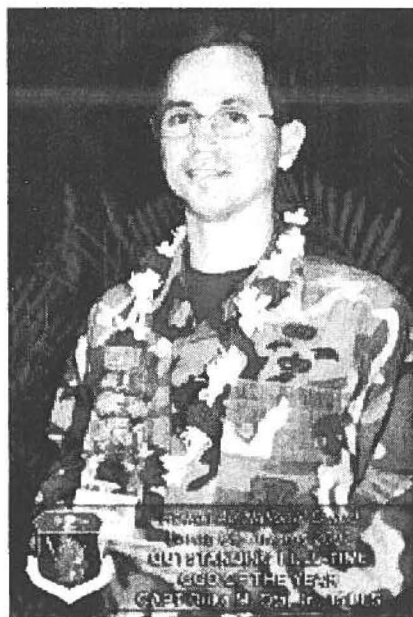
Airman of the Year- Senior Airman Makani E. Miller, 291 CBCS



Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year (Trad): Senior Master Sergeant Miles K. Moriyama, 154 AGS



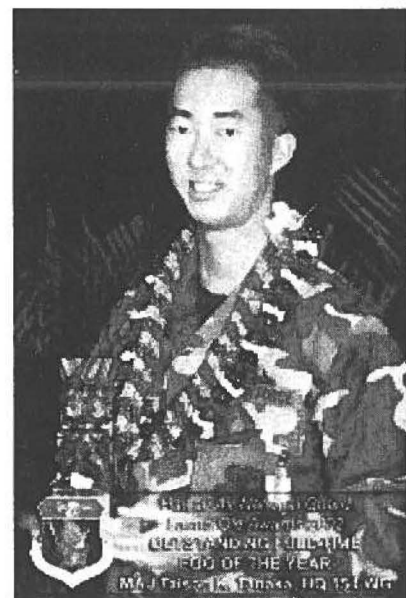
Airman of the Year (Trad): Senior Airman Sara I. Murakami, 154 OSF



Company Grade Officer of the Year- Captain Duke M. Ota, Jr., 154 LS



Noncommissioned Officer of the Year- Staff Sergeant James M. Nakagawa, 154 AGS



Field Grade Officer of the Year- Major Taison K. Tanaka, HQ 154 WG

Not Pictured - Noncommissioned Officer of the Year (Trad): Technical Sergeant James S. Welch, 154 CF

IRRE!

It all started with a very early Thursday morning recall and lasted until Sunday afternoon. The IRRE (Individual Readiness Response Exercise) is the biggest deployment exercise in the HIANG's history.

The first day of the exercise was spent identifying the individuals and equipment that was to be deployed. Once that was completed, the hard work began with the building of the cargo pallets. Friday was spent finishing building the remaining pallets and the start of the "chock" processing.

By the end of Saturday, the "mobility machine" had processed a total of 574 personnel and 206.4 tons of cargo. It also met all of the aircraft taskings that were generated by higher headquarters.

"We're pleased with the progress the Wing's making in completing it's tasking. The command and control was good, the transportation support was exceptional. Its worked out real well." said "Lt Col David Molinaro, the commander in charge of the deployment processing.

The biggest lesson learned from this exercise is the need to communicate. Col Pawling, Wing Vice Commander, stressed the importance of communicating up and down the chain. "We need to keep talking to each other and make sure everyone is in the loop.", said Col Pawling.

Our next step in exercising our deployment processing will be to coordinate our efforts with the 15th ABW. When we actually deploy, they will be responsible for getting us out of town - moving our cargo and processing our people.

Brigadier General Richards thanked everyone for their hard work and focus on success during April's exercise. It was a real team effort and it was a great success.

From the Vice Commander

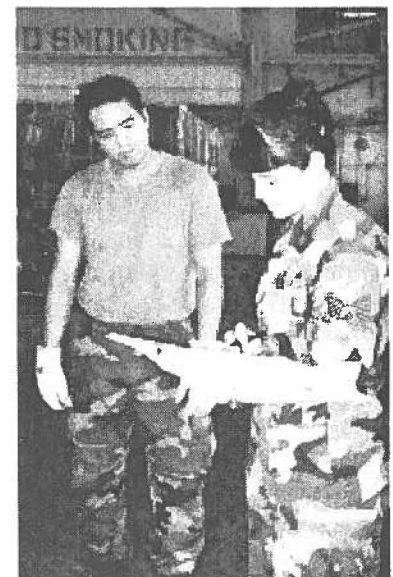
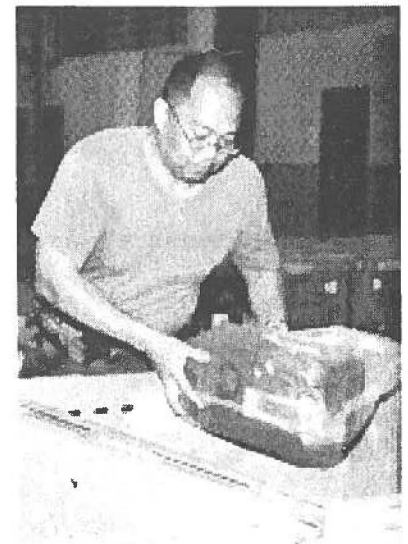
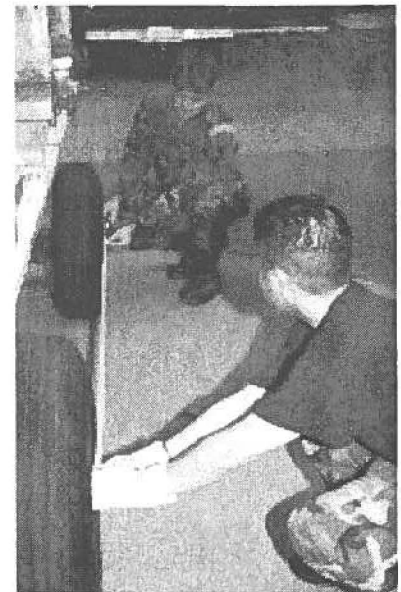
by Col Peter Pawling, 154 WG/CV

I believe we would all say that this was a very busy week - leading to the April 03 UTA Initial Response Readiness Exercise (IRRE). Everywhere there were warriors who worked very long hours contributing to the successful completion of the IRRE. The last statistics I saw on the exercise were that we processed for deployment, 574 individuals and over 259 short tons of cargo. This is a record for the HIANG and I'd like to thank all of you who worked so hard to make it happen!

The Exercise and Evaluation Team Chief reported that many aspects of the exercise went every well. But as you might expect at this stage, many other areas require attention. For example I was in the Wing Control Center and felt that sporadic communication up and down the organization hampered command and control and other processes. With regard to simulations, all units should make every effort to react during the exercise as they would for a real world situation. When it comes to requesting a simulation, it should be reserved for those actions that are too costly (resource expenditure, potential risks, etc.) to perform in an exercise situation.

All in all the exercise provided an excellent training opportunity and in a few weeks, the EET will have a completed report distributed for our review.

We have just a few scheduled IRREs remaining prior to the ORI (combined IRRI and CERI). It goes without saying, with just a few training opportunities left; we're going to have make the most out of the remaining exercises. We will be ready. Thanks again for your support, contributions and suggestions!



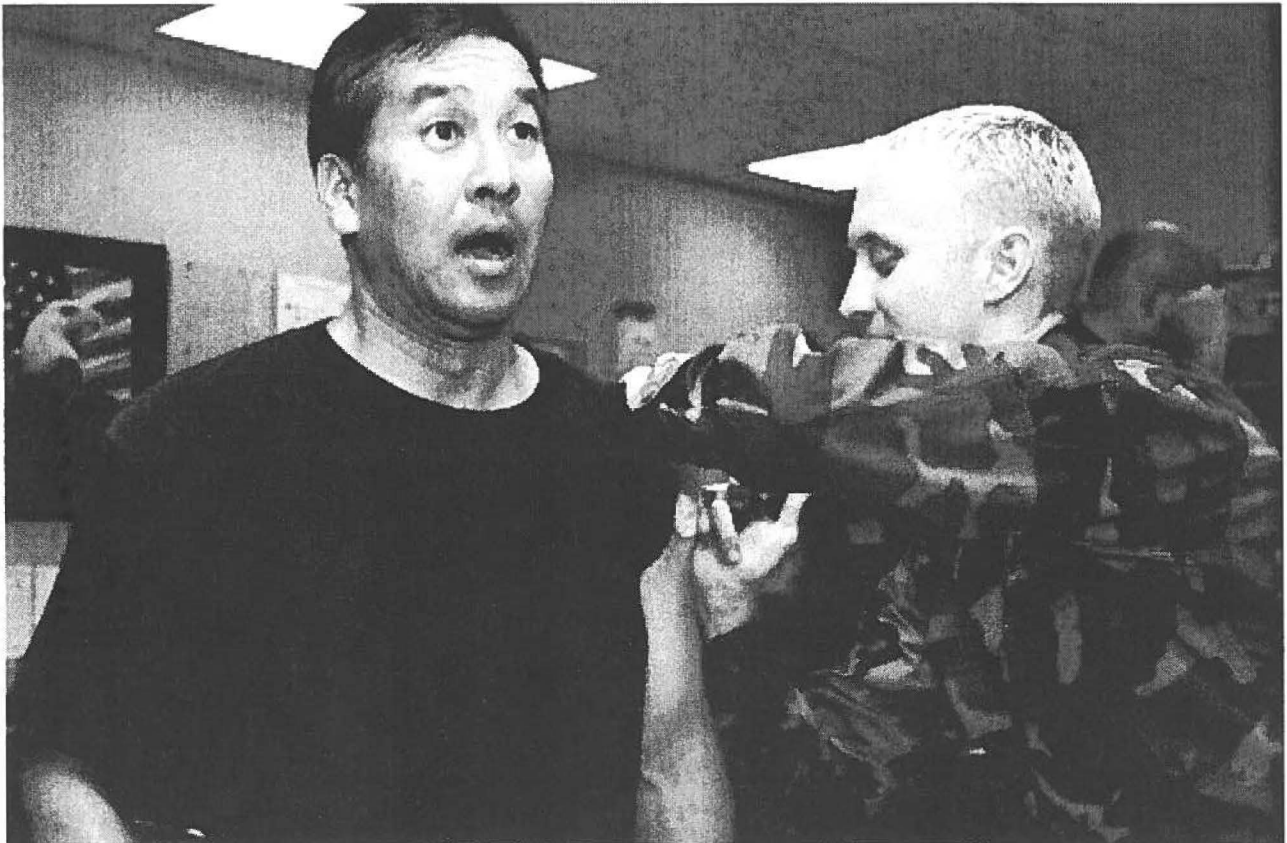


The Intensity of the IRRE!

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Some people got thru the mobility line easier than others

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