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## 154 SVF members return from Qatar

by 2nd Lt. Regina Berry

"If you ain't dirty, you ain't doin the Deid," is a quote Senior Airman Renee Pecpec brought back with her from Al Udeid AB, Qatar.

Pecpec, along with eight other members of the 154th Services Flight returned home, Sept. 6, after a three-month deployment to Al Udeid AB, Qatar as part of an AEF rotation.

"It's very hot there, I'd say about 120 to 125 degrees on average. When you're walking you need to have at least two bottles of water on hand," said Pecpec.

Despite the weather and the sand the 154th Services members worked the same schedule the active duty services members worked.

"Most of us worked six on and one off, while others worked four on and one off," said Staff Sgt. Greg Ramos who worked as the dining facility manager for Somerset Dining Facility while at Al Udeid. The Services members worked 12-hour days.

They provided assistance at Al Udeid in the fitness center, media center, dining facilities and flight



Courtesy photo

154 WG services members spread a little aloha at Al Udeid. The services troops returned to Hickam AFB Sept. 6, after spending 90 days in Qatar.

kitchen, all of which are 24-hour facilities.

Their hard work was recognized and rewarded by the senior leadership at Al Udeid. Staff Sgt. Kristie

Revera received an Air Force Achievement Medal and was also named NCO of the month. Senior Airman Mike Sisounthone was

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## 154 MXG gets new commander

by Staff Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

The 154 Maintenance Group welcomed a new commander during a change of command ceremony here Oct. 3.

Lt. Col. Ronald P. Han Jr. took over the reigns from Col. Michael J. Melich, who retired after 30 years of service to the 154 WG.

Han began his tenure as the MXG commander Sept. 17.

Han was previously the commander of the 154 MXS.



Courtesy photo

Lt. Col. Ronald P. Han Jr. awaits presentation of 154 MXG colors.

### Congratulations!!

Col. Peter S. Pawling  
was promoted to  
Brigadier General  
effective Oct. 8, 2004.





## Commander's Call

by Brig. Gen. Peter S. "Skipper" Pawling,  
154th Wing Commander

This fall we're doing more in the next three months, than we usually do in a year. Upcoming are two major deployments to Nellis and CopeTiger, an Ohana Day, an Air Defense Exercise, CERFP certification, and 2 Bosslifts ... not to mention our normally busy OPTEMPO. With this busy schedule remember to stop, slow down and make sure we do our jobs safely. Don't skip steps to speed the process. Safety on the job always comes first.

With the Holidays fast approaching safety in our homes and on the roads

is also critical. Please do not drink and drive. We value you and can't afford to lose anyone to a needless alcohol related incident. At unit parties, be sure to have a designated person responsible for ensuring no one drives drunk.

2004 has been a tremendously successful year for our Wing. We trained hard and passed our ORI. We have completed 5 successful major deployments taking our people from Iceland, to the Mainland, to Korea. Members from our Civil Engineering Squadron, Logistics Readiness Squadron and Services Flight deployed to Iraq and all returned safe and with a history of outstanding achievement in the

desert. Our 154<sup>th</sup> Wing people make the difference. The Wing's success is made up of the individual successes of our 1,900 members. I couldn't be prouder of your accomplishments, and I thank you for your continued efforts keeping this Wing at the top.

Be safe and enjoy the upcoming holiday celebrations. My best wishes to you and your families for a safe and joyous holiday season.

**OHANA DAY!!!**  
Dec. 11, 2004 food, games and fun  
for the entire family!

## Chief Master Sgt. applauds troops' efforts!

by Lt. Col. David Molinaro

The following is an excerpt from Chief Master Sgt. Henry Machado's retirement dinner speech.

The message Henry made to those in attendance was that the success of the 154 Wing and HIANG rests with the strength, character and values of personnel in the organization, past and present.

The speech also typifies the character and integrity of the man at the podium. Chief Machado spent his career helping build the HIANG into a potent and effective combat organization.

He accomplished this, much in the same manner the speech was given, extolling the virtues of those involved while stepping back from the spot light and letting others bask in the glory of their accomplishments.

Quick to dismiss his own participation at the endless list of achievements, he would always be the first to say, "The guys did it."

Congratulations Henry on a successful career.

### Message from Chief Machado:

The aircraft maintenance personnel in the 154 Wing are the best in the Guard and Air Force. They prove

it daily.

In 1994 while deployed to Incirlik, Turkey, in support of Operation Northern Watch, we became the first Air Guard F-15 unit to perform HPO's away from home base and did them in record time. In 2000 we deployed to PSAB as the last of an Air Guard six-unit rotation and flew all scheduled sorties plus 38 CT missions in a two-week period. More CT missions than the other 5 units combined. We left PSAB with 12 F-15's and brought home 14, picking up the other two in Moron, Spain.

2002 saw another first when we deployed as a Wing to a NATO Air Meet in Norway, where our men & women were model ambassadors of our nation, our state, the Air National Guard, the HIANG and the 154 Wing.

The 154 WG impressed Air North Command, fellow American airmen, the host nation's forces and participating countries, especially the Germans, who formed a Mai Tai Fighters fan club and displayed a banner on their living quarters to attest their admiration for our pilots.

The Norwegian Air Force maintenance point of contact, Maj. Myron,

told Chief Ono and I that our people and our unit were the best that had ever participated in any NAM. Accolades like these aren't handed out but are earned by our people everywhere they go, over and over again.

Although I don't have the exact numbers, I was told that the 199th

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# Words from the Command Chief

by Command Chief Jelinski-Hall

Are you looking for a new leadership challenge? How about a career broadening opportunity? Do you lead by example, take care of people and mentor our air guard members? Do you demonstrate initiative, innovation and strength of character? If these questions have peaked your curiosity and interest then continue reading.

The HIANG has several first sergeant positions avail-

## **“Lead by example...come join the First Sergeant Team!”**

Denise Jelinski-Hall  
Command Chief 154 WG

able. **(HQ 154 Wing, 154 LRS, and 293 CBCS)** We are looking for dedicated, motivated, energized Master Sgt's. who have a desire to make a difference.

The first sergeant's role is one that is time honored and rich in custom and tradition.

First sergeants derive their authority from the unit commander. They exercise general supervision over

assigned enlisted personnel and are the focal point within the unit on all matters concerning enlisted members.

In today's readily deployable Air National Guard, the first sergeant is a key leader in ensuring the commander has a highly trained enlisted force prepared to execute the unit's mission.

First sergeants must not be assigned duties other than those contained in their specialty description in AFMAN 36-2108.

Our leadership team challenges all officers and senior NCO's to encourage our sharp, dedicated and motivated Master Sgt's. and eligible Tech. Sgt's. to consider a position as a first sergeant.

*(Tech. Sgt. eligible for promotion to Master Sgt. are eligible and encouraged to apply.)*

The challenge is great; however, the leadership growth and personal satisfaction in a job well done are immeasurable.

The importance of the first sergeant position cannot be over emphasized regarding their contribution to the Hawaii Air National Guard leadership team.

**Lead by example ... come join the “First Sergeant Team”!**

For more information contact Command Chief Jelinski-Hall via e-mail or at 448-7738.

## Chaplain's Corner: “From the mouth of babes”

by Capt. Leah Bolling, Chaplain, 154 WG



My older sister lives in California and has two daughters, ages 10 and 8.

She and I often quiz our daughters about grown up issues.

My sister finds questions in the local papers or on the Internet. Sometimes she just makes up her own questions.

Once, we interviewed our daughters about their views on God, religion and faith.

In the most recent interview we asked questions about politics.

We asked questions like, “You are a candidate for President of the United States of America. What is the name of your party? What are some of the issues you stand for? Why should people vote for you?”

My sister e-mailed me her daughter's responses, and I sent

her my six-year-old daughter's responses.

We both agreed that if the three of them ran for office, we would vote for my daughter because of her answer to the last question, “Why should people vote for you?”

Her answer was that if she were elected president, she would only allow mommies and daddies to work Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays!

Of course, we asked her how her government would survive with a work schedule like that.

She gave me one of those general politicized answers by telling me not to worry about it because her government would take care of it.

In other words, don't worry, but have faith in what I am saying.

That's kind of hard sometimes, especially around election time when we hear all the promises politicians make.

I could psychoanalyze my daughter's responses to death because that's what I do at my

fulltime job.

I could just disregard her “views” or maybe I could just have fun with her views and hope that she continues to have her own views.

I decided to share this snippet of information because I realize this is November, the month to vote.

Regardless of which faith group you belong or political party you support or endorse, I truly urge each of you here at the HIANG to go out and express your democracy by voting for the candidates you think deserve to be in office.

As a chaplain, I offer my prayers to those running for office.

May God's grace be upon them as they offer their services to this beloved country of ours.

For those of you who are still uncertain for whom to vote for, may God grant you the wisdom to choose the right candidates.

As the famous Martin Luther King, Jr. said, “Let freedom ring.”

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named Top Performer, Airman of the Month and also received recognition for his participation in the Honor Guard program.

Senior Airman Matthew Fragas and Pecpec also received Top Performer awards.

Tech. Sgt. Dodie Pagaoa, Staff Sgt. Raquel Tugaoen and Staff Sgt. Bobby Ramos were recognized as part of the Desert Eagle Lounge Outstanding Group of the Month in August.

Although the 154 SVF members worked hard, they also managed to find time to take in many of the base activities.

“All of us would exercise daily, participate in bingo, as well as use other Services’ activities that were offered such as the Media Center, Communities Activity Center, Base Theatre, Fitness Center and the Learning Resource Center,” said Ramos.

They participated in the basketball, volleyball and dodgeball intra-



Courtesy photo

Services members say farewell to their families before departing for Al Udeid. They returned home Sept. 6.

mural tournaments.

Pecpec and Staff Sgt. Cicernesto Zausa were on the all-star volleyball team. Pecpec also made the all-

star basketball team.

It’s safe to say that during their deployment, the 154 SVF members worked hard and played hard!

# 154 WG members train for possible WMD attack

by 2nd Lt. Regina Berry

Since 9-11 you have been hearing that numerous Hawaii Air National Guard men and women are being deployed all over the world to fight the war on terrorism; it shouldn’t surprise you to hear that the guardsmen who are not deployed are playing their part to fight this same war.

Donned in chemical suits, gas masks, rubber boots and gloves, Airmen from the 154th Wing Hawaii Air National Guard performed a rehearsal of their mobile decontamination and initial medical care response team September 22, 2 p.m. at the 93rd Civil Support Team facility, inside Diamond Head Crater.

The Airmen, all volunteers, have been training to become certified as a National Guard Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear and High-yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package (NGCERFP).

Training by the 5th Army took place Sept. 21 through Sept. 25. This was the first of many training sessions needed to keep the team prepared to respond to a weapon of mass destruction attack.

This is something new for the Guard and new for the state, said Lt. Col. David C. Snakenberg, F-15 Maintenance officer in charge.

The NGCERFP will assist local, state and federal agencies with triage, decontamination and initial medical care in the event of a weapon of mass destruction incident.

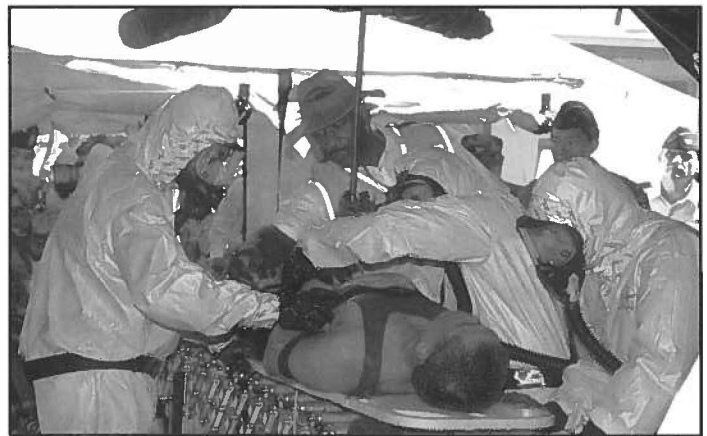


photo by Mysti Bicoy

154th Wing Airmen give emergency medical treatment to WMD victim during training for NGCERFP certification.

“We will have to take the show on the road,” said Col. Brett Wyrick, 154WG Medical Group commander referring to the team’s requirement to respond to incidents on any of the islands. “It will take constant training. The goal is to be able to decontaminate and stabilize 100 casualties per hour.”

Wyrick said that it’s a good start but will need more volunteers to provide round-the-clock coverage to last a few days in case of a WMD attack. Currently, the team consists of 32 Airmen from the 154th Medical Group, 154th Maintenance Group and 154th Support Group.

# Recruiters remain on hot streak!

Courtesy photos



Capt. Troy Cullen joined us Sept. 3 as a new C-130/C-17 pilot. Cullen comes to us from the active duty Air Force where he served nearly eight years as a navigator.



Airman 1st. Class Ryan Welch enlisted into the 297th as an air traffic controller Aug. 24.



Maj. Michael Hales joined the 201st Combat Communications Group Aug. 5. Hales, is the husband of our Family Readiness Coordinator, Loretta Hales.



Airman 1st Class Dominic Rattley enlisted Aug. 18 into the 1N0X1 Intelligence field at the 169 ACWS. His parents, Douglas Rattley and Mahie Trask were both present.



Senior Airman Matthew Meyer joined the 154 Communications Flight in the Computer Maintenance field. CF will be happy to utilize his prior AF experience.



Larin Wong enlisted Aug. 16. The son of proud dad, Chief Master Sgt. Samuel Wong, Larin was selected for one of the new C-17 pilot slots.



Staff Sgt. Shelly Madrid joined the 154 Security Forces unit Aug. 7. Her Husband Staff Sgt. Colin Madrid transferred into the same unit Aug. 27, from the Wash. ANG.

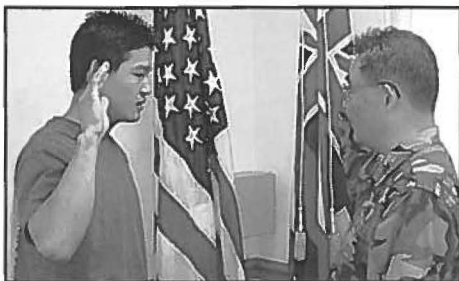


Maj. Tamah-Lani Noh has been appointed as the new state drug control liaison. Noh will work directly with Lt. Gov. Aiona to manage, support and implement the Administration's Hawai'i Drug Control Strategy.



Airman 1st Class Carvel Bettencourt and Senior Airman Mike Vongsavath enlisted Sept. 9. Carvel was referred to us by Senior Airman Remington Morioka, and is joining him at the 293 CBCS.

Senior Airman Mike Vongsavath, who is joining the KC-135 propulsion workcenter, was in the HIARNG for six years before he decided to "cross over into the blue".



Airman 1st. Class Daniel Chong, a Mililani High School graduate, enlisted into the Aircraft Pseudraulics workcenter Aug. 3. He was referred by Airman 1st class C. Blake Saranillo.

**June Promotions**

**PROMOTED TO CMSGT (E-9)**

154 WG Kaneshiro, Miles T.

**PROMOTED TO SMSGT (E-8)**

154 MXS Molina, Dominador O.

**PROMOTED TO MSGT (E-7)**

297 ATCS Kaneshiro, Clayton M.

154 CF Yonamine, Terry S.

**PROMOTED TO TSGT (E-6)**

154 MXS Doloughty, Brendan

154 CF Edwards, Jason A.

154 AMXS Turla, Arnel F.

**PROMOTED TO SSGT (E-5)**

154 ACS Dar, Marie M.

154 MXS Kozai, Darwin O.K.

154 SVF Lopez, Lori Jean A.H.

154 SVF Madriaga, Jerry R.

154 MXS Moribe, Matthew G.

154 MXS Pedro, Sean P.

154 MXS Rogers, Bobby J.

154 MXS Worl, Paul V.

**July Promotions**

**PROMOTED TO TSGT (E-6)**

154 ACS Kenney, Krystelle D.

**PROMOTED TO SSGT (E-5)**

293 CBCS Castro, Richard A.Jr.

297 ATCS Cody, John D.

297 ATCS Lanai, Gilbert

**August Promotions**

**PROMOTED TO SMSGT (E-8)**

154 AMXS Gabriel, Antone D.

154 MSF Togami, Carolina S.

**PROMOTED TO MSGT (E-7)**

154 AMXS Guerrero, Anthony G.

154 AMXS Cadang, Michael A.K.

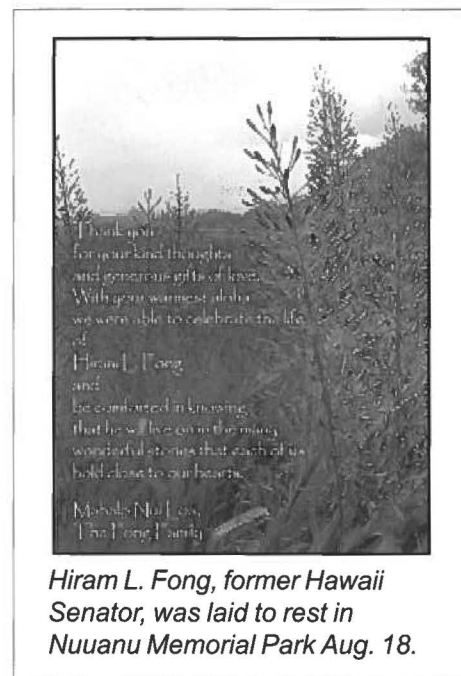
154 MOF Guss, Yolanda M.

154 AMXS Kalani, Alfred S. Jr.

154 MDG Armistead, Angela M.

**PROMOTED TO TSGT (E-6)**

297 ATCS Castillo, Gina T.K.



## Family planning ensures family's well-being during deployment

by Master Sgt. David Franks

Family Care Planning is the advanced process of planning for the care of family members during a military members absence.

All Air Force members with families will have a plan that covers all practical situations both long and short-term.

Air Force Form 357 must be completed by single parents, dual military couples with families, military members with civilian spouses who cannot care for dependent children and members with unique family situations.

A good plan will provide arrangements for the legal, medical, logistical, educational, financial and reli-

gious care of family members. The First Sergeant ensures workability of the family care plan.

The family care program is intended to ensure that at the time of mobilization our force is ready to deploy with minimal distractions and delays.

Although AFI 36-2908 only requires members with families develop a plan, all members should ensure that they are deployable and that personal matters, which could affect their deployability or performance, are dealt with prior to activation and not at the time of activation.

If you have any questions please see your First Sergeant.

## Holiday Safety: If you drink, don't drive, if you drive, don't drink!

by Chief Master Sgt. Miles Kaneshiro

As the holidays draw near we must continue to keep safety and risk management in the forefront of all we do. Safety in the kitchen, fire prevention, and alcohol consumption are areas of concern during the holiday season.

During the holidays, in kitchens around Hawaii there is a whirlwind of activities in preparation for family dinners and parties. These activities also provide opportunities for burn injuries. Be extra careful around the oven and stove, use potholders and proper utensils when handling hot pots and pans. Practice safe food preparation by keeping hot food hot, and cold items cold to prevent spoilage and possibility of bacteria growth that could make someone sick.

Holiday decorations around the house are a pride and joy of many homeowners but if you're not careful decorations could lead to a fire. Ensure that all lights are

UL approved and are inspected for damage prior to use. Do not over load electrical circuits and make sure the lighting used outdoors is rated for outdoor use.

Keep live trees watered and discard the tree as soon as the holidays are over or sooner if it dries out.

Statistics show that rates for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) increase sharply during the holiday season.

If you do drink, don't drive, or use a designated driver. If you are the designated driver, you need to be on the look out for drivers who have been drinking.

It is a myth that cold showers, fresh air or black coffee will sober you. Only time will lessen the effects of alcohol. With every party the two most important things are that everyone has a good time and that only non-drinking sober drivers get behind the wheel when the party ends.

# College education funding increases

by Senior Airman Hina Williamson

## Montgomery GI Bill

FY 2005 is starting off with a blast! "Increases to your Montgomery GI Bill!" Airmen, who qualify for the Montgomery GI Bill, can take advantage of the increase to further enhance an educational career. Please see the friendly staff at the 154 Retention Office for further information.

## Enlistment and Re-Enlistment Bonus

More good news for enlistment and re-enlistment cash bonuses! Selected AFSCs for FY 2005 cash bonuses have been published. Please see your Unit Career Advisor for the qualification requirements.

## CAMPUS/MAXIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNT

- University of Hawaii-Manoa/Graduate Program-\$2,232 full time, \$186.00/credit hour
- UH-Manoa-\$1,656 full-time, \$138.00/credit hour
- UH-Hilo-\$1,188 full-time, \$99.00/credit hour
- UH-West Oahu-\$1,056 full-time, \$88.00/credit hour

•All UH Community Colleges-\$45.00/credit hour



## Tuition Assistance Program

As of June 30, 2004, the Tuition Assistance Program has increased all rates for the Fall 2004 and Spring 2005 Semesters. Additionally, TAP has opened the assistance program for Airmen who attend the University of Hawaii-Manoa, Graduate Programs. For additional assistance, see your UCA. FY 2005 amounts are listed below:



photo by Tech. Sgt. Kristen Higgins

Congressman Ed Case "shakas" with Staff Sgt. Jorena Young before taking off on an F-15 incentive flight.

## MESSAGE

Fighter Squadron has accumulated well over 50,000 accident free flying hours with the actual number being closer to 70,000.

These hours represent approximately 20 years of safe flying and are a testament to the skills of our aircrew and a tribute to the men & women who maintain our fighter aircraft.

We have taken old jets, flown them all over the world and maintained them so our aircrews could fly good safe jets at or near 100 percent scheduled effectiveness.

I can't say enough about how well our maintainers and pilots have performed over the years, and I am very thankful for having been a part of those years.

Of course, maintenance could not accomplish all that they do if not for the dedicated personnel in the support units within

the Wing.

Yes, the articles in the local newspapers, the Ku'kailimoku or the Pukupahi usually don't mention the support units that help make a deployment or an exercise successful; however, without them we wouldn't be a Wing or have accomplished as much as we have.

The tradition of excellence in maintenance started long before I became a member of this great organization and is built on lessons learned from those that came before us.

There are former members of the HIANG that represent a proud past and active members that form the present and future of the HIANG and the 154 WG. Please join me in a toast. To the men & women of the best Air National Guard Wing in the Nation and to their continued success.

## Basketball tips off

by Tech. Sgt. Richard Costa

The HIANG Basketball league kicked off Monday 30, Aug. 2004, at the Kalaeloa Gymnasium.

The league is scheduled to run until November 19. Participation has dramatically increased, as there are a total of 23 teams playing!

This year we have 18 open division teams split into two pools. "A" pool squares off on Mondays while the "B" pool battles on Fridays.

For spectators who want to watch a more "controlled" game, the five teams playing in the Masters division Wednesday nights is the ticket.

The competition has been incredibly intense this year! There have already been three overtime and two double overtime games.

Although everyone plays hard on the court, it's the after game "socializing" that really makes the league fun.

See unit sports rep or coaches for the game schedules and come on out to support the teams!!

**Future Drill Dates  
for 154th Wing**

- Nov 6-7, 2004
- Dec 4-5, 2004
- Jan 8-9, 2005
- Feb 26-27, 2005
- Mar 5-6, 2005
- Apr 2-3, 2005
- May 14-15, 2005
- Jun 4-5, 2005
- Jul 23-24, 2005
- Aug 6-7, 2005

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*The ground breaking ceremony for the Boeing C-17 Globemaster III was held Aug. 19, 2004. The 154 WG and the 15 AW will fly joint operations with the C-17 Globemaster III beginning in 2005.*