



Securing the Arizona border

by Capt. Ian Beltran and
Senior Airman Byron Cooper

In late September, 15 members of the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Civil Engineer Squadron deployed to Yuma, Ariz., in support of Operation JUMP START, and were assigned to Task Force Diamond Back.

Operation JUMP START is a joint force mission that includes Army and Air Guardsmen, helping civil authorities better secure the U.S. border with Mexico.

Civil Engineers have been tasked to erect 700 miles of steel fence and roadways along the Arizona-Mexico border.

Hawaii Air Guardsmen teamed up with many different units from across the country to include the 111 CES out of Pennsylvania, the 188 CES out of Arkansas, and 1224th Army National Guard/254th Civil Engineer Squadron (Soon to be 254th Red Horse) Guam Air Guard.

The specific task of the mission was to close an 1800 ft gap of fence on the outskirts of the border town of San Luis by Nov. 1. This was no easy task to complete be-



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Two Guam National Guard members weld a fence together as part of this joint force mission.



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154th Civil Engineering Squadron personnel, along with members of other units from around the country, closing the walls gap on Arizona's Southwest border.

cause materials and funding for the job had run out at the end of the fiscal year.

The shortage of funding did not slow down operations for the engineers. 154 CES along with the other units exceeded expectations. A prior rotation team, twice the size of the HIANG-led contingent, had put up 2,000 ft of fence. The 154 CES-led team completed 1,800 ft of fence in just under a month while reusing materials.

Manpower of this operation was first broken into seven different functional areas. The first three included: form builders who constructed 4 ft x 8 ft plywood forms that would be used to hold the concrete and uprights of the fence until the concrete cured; have Engineer Assistants, or surveyors ensure that the two sections of fence would eventually line up and be the same height; have heavy equipment op-

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Commander's Call: A momentous year ends

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

As the end of the year approaches, and we welcome in the holiday spirit, I'd like to take a moment or two from the usual rush of business

to thank all of you for yet another great, successful year.

2006 was packed with so many memorable events it's hard to recount all of them. Some standouts include: times when we had more volunteers than we needed to help with State disasters; or how every inspection ended with outstanding ratings and glowing remarks from the inspectors; the accumulation of several safety flying hour milestones; to all our extracurricular events from welcoming in eight C-17's to the culmination of HIANG 60th events.

I also would like to take this time and extend a spe-

cial thanks to your families, who are an essential piece in the success of this organization, as they give of themselves, their time and energy in supporting us in carrying out our mission as one Guard "ohana."

I hope each and every one of you and your families enjoy a relaxing and safe Holiday Season and a very Merry Christmas - you have truly earned it! And please keep our fellow Hawaii Guardsmen and women who are deployed to far away and dangerous places close to our



hearts as well.

I wish all of you very Mele Kalikimaka e Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! Again, please celebrate safely.



photo by Master Sgt. Eric Faurot

Members of the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron traveled to Edwards Air Force Base in California to get experience refueling an F-22 Raptor. The F-22 is expected to arrive here in 2011 as part of an Associate Unit with the 15AW.

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Mahalo Nui Loa

by **Command Chief Denise Jelinski-Hall, 154WG**

Writing a final article proved to be much more difficult than I expected.

It's almost impossible to capture the last three years in a few single thoughts when there are so many great experiences to draw from.

After having served nearly three years as the 154th Wing, Command Chief Master Sergeant, it is with a combination of sadness and joy that I say farewell.

It has been an incredible honor, serving the enlisted men and women

of the 154th Wing and I am filled with gratitude for having had the opportunity. I appreciate the support the Wing leadership has given to our enlisted men and women. It has been rewarding to see the growth of our enlisted corps.

I want to personally thank each and every one of you for your countless contributions, sacrifices and service to our state and country. Thank you for choosing to wear the uniform proudly. Thank you to your families as well for always being there to support you. When they support you, they are supporting the mission, the state and our nation.

In the continuing War on Terror the mission of the HIANG has risen

to a new level of importance in support of our freedom, our way of life, our state and our nation.

Because of your efforts, we are more combat ready than ever before. Be proud of what you have accomplished; stay prepared for the challenges of tomorrow!

As I transition to the State Head Quarters to serve as the State - Command Chief Master Sergeant, I leave a better person and leader for having served with you.

The men and women of the 154th Wing have deeply touched me with their warmth and caring spirit.

I will cherish the memories. May the Lord continue to bless and watch over the Hawaii ANG, the members and their families.

Happy Holidays to all!!!

Defining soldier's discipline

by **Master Sgt. Jason Seales**

According to Webster's Third New International Dictionary, one of the many definitions of the word "discipline" is: "behavior in accordance with the rules (as of an organization); prompt and willing obedience to the orders of superiors; systematic, willing, and purposeful attention to the performance of assigned tasks; orderly conduct; behavior (as of students or soldiers) regarded in terms of its conformity with an ideal or actual code or set of rules."

Discipline: Is it in you?

Master Sgt. Jason Seales
1st Sgt. 154 WG/SFS

It is this definition that I would like to focus your attention on. As airmen and professionals in the Hawaii Air National Guard, we are expected to exhibit a high level of discipline. But how can you know for sure that you, or those around you, are disciplined? After all, what may be considered discipline by one person may not necessarily be considered discipline by another. Here are some things to think about that may help you answer that question:

When you come to drill on Saturday morning and you stop at Starbucks to get coffee, do you put your

BDU shirt on (discipline), or do you walk inside with just your T-shirt (no discipline)?

Do you come to drill on time (discipline), or are you chronically late (no discipline)?

Is your uniform pressed, your hair cut or tied up properly, and your boots shined (discipline), or are they not (no discipline)?

When there's a lull in the action, do you seek further guidance (discipline), or do you just read the paper and listen to your iPod (no discipline)?

Do you make efforts to exercise regularly to stay in shape (discipline), or is the annual fitness exam your only form of exercise (no discipline)?

If you are going to miss drill (a deadline, a tasking, etc.), do you let your supervisor know (discipline), or do you just go on as if nothing happened (no discipline)?

Are you beginning to see a clearer picture? If you can answer yes to the first part of each question, great! But if you find yourself answering yes to the second part of each question, well...it may be time for you to do an honest self-assessment. Good discipline is one of cornerstones that our U.S. military is built upon. Without it, we might as well be a rag tag group of people, all dressed the same. But if you exercise self-discipline, and demand it from your subordinates, we can help ensure that our organization continues to be a paragon of discipline and excellence for the Air National Guard.

Discipline: Is it in you?





News Briefs

Smoking Prohibition

Effective Nov. 16, Act 295, which prohibits smoking in places open to the public and places of employment will be in effect, a copy can be viewed at http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2006/bills/sb3262_cd1.htm.

Under the provisions of the new law, smoking is "prohibited in all enclosed or partially enclosed areas, including buildings and vehicles, owned, leased, or operated by the State or any county."

MPF audit

The 154th Mission Support Flight will be closed during the following dates in order to complete an audit of the Unit Personnel Record Group.

- Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006
- Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006
- Friday, Dec. 22, 2006
- Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006
- Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2006

The audit is necessary for the transition to eRecords, the electronic records system for all UPRGs.

Scholarships for Military Children

Relief is in sight for military families as the Scholarships for Military Children program opens for 2007.

The \$1,500 scholarships are available for children of military active-duty, retired and Guard and Reserve service members. Applications for the \$1,500 scholarships are available at 264 commissaries worldwide, or can be downloaded through links at <http://www.commissaries.com>, <http://www.militaryscholar.org>, or <http://www.dodea.edu>.

November Promotions

Promoted to CMSgt (E-9)

154 AMXS Kiyohiro, Dan T.
203 ARS Vermeer, Aaron

Promoted to SMSgt (E-8)

154 MXS Yoshida, Marc K.

Promoted to MSgt (E-7)

154 MXS Cozloff, Douglas K.
293 CBCS Martin, Lane G.
199 WF Nakayama, Neal S.
293 CBCS Paguyo, Roddy R.
154 MXS Pakele, Jeffery K.
154 SVF Sena, August J.

Promoted to TSgt (E-6)

154 MXS Antolin, Jing C.
154 MXS Pangborn, Shawn L.
293 CBCS Pasion, Raffy P. E.
154 SFS Tang, Derek A.D.E.
297 ATCS Valenzuela, Mark

Promoted to SSgt (E-5)

154 SFS Badua, Michael R.
154 AMXS Hu, Jonathan N.S.T.
154 MXS Ishizuka, Michael J.
154 SFS Martin, Onthonthip
154 AMXS Nitta, Benjamin K.
154 SFS Randles, Moses L.
154 MXS Soria, Jordan A.S.
154 MXS Uyenishi, Tad H.

Toys for Tots

This year the 154th Security Forces Squadron is taking the lead for the HIANG in supporting the annual Toy's for Tot's program. If you would like to donate a toy, Security Forces members will be in front of the dining facility on both December UTA days to accept your donations.

They will also be accepting donations Sunday during the Open House at the Security Forces booth or you can contact them and they will coordinate pick-up of your new unwrapped toy. The deadline for donations is Dec. 15.

Youth Training Camp

The Hawaii National Guard Family Program youth training for 2007 will be held Mar. 27-31, at the 298th Regional Training Institute, Bellows Air Force Station, Waimanalo. It will also provide them with coping skills for future separations or deployments. The training will consist of military protocol, military culture, adapting to changes, ROPES activities, special training by the 4-H Club, learning leadership skills, meeting and making new friends, building and developing cohesion and teamwork, and having fun!

The deadline for registration is Jan. 19. All accepted applicants will be notified by telephone for confirmation by close of business Jan. 22. Please direct all inquiries to Mr. Clifford Duro at 672-1439 or emai1lefty.d.duro@us.army.mil.

MDG gets new Doctor

Maj. Marlon P. Rimando, a transfer from the United States Army Reserves, became the newest physician in the Hawaii Air National Guard Nov. 9. Maj. Rimando is a physical medicine physician and founder of Pacific Health and Fitness.



Chaplain's Corner: Enjoying the holiday season

by Lt. Col. Robert K. Nagamine,
Chaplain

During this time of the year, it seems like it could be the best of times or the worst of times. The best of times because of the holiday season and all that it brings; the worst of times because the same holiday season seems to bring added stress with all the apparent needs that need to be fulfilled.

Let's make it the best of times. Two ideas might help. First, we should examine what things really need to be done. Sometimes we apply more pressure on ourselves than needed. Limit the activities or simplify things as much as possible. We shouldn't be like Martha of the Bible who did so much good but unnecessary activity. Instead, we should be more like Mary who chose to enjoy the moment and the Master's presence. Second, with so much

going on, we sometimes need to recognize what is realistic. Sometimes we can't please everyone, it simply isn't realistic. Ask yourself if what you are doing is realistic! This is the time of the year we need to enjoy the moment.

Take a few moments to appreciate your hope in God. Christmas lights symbolize hope, it is the hope of a promising future. It's the "star in the East" multiplied a million times or as many times as there are lights. In addition, the rainbow of lights gives us a glimpse of the magnificent colors of Heaven. If you get a chance this Christmas, stop by the light show of Hickam's water tower (or for that matter any display of Christmas lights) and enjoy the hope that it represents.

And, finally, when 2006 ends and 2007 begins, let us hope and pray that 2007 will give us another prime opportunity to make great things happen.

May the Lord bless you with a great and wonderful holiday season and a very happy new year, 2007!



Please join the 154th Chapel Team in our General **Protestant** Worship Service every drill Sunday. It is located in Bldg. 3416, 2nd floor. Makai side in the Na Koa I Conference Room. Service begins at 12:30 p.m. and concludes at 1 p.m. If you are of another denomination, check the following schedule:

Catholic Services across base at Nelles Chapel Saturdays at 5 p.m. A Sunday Mass is also held at 10 a.m. at the Chapel Center.

Jewish Services are held Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Aloha Chapel on Makalapa Road.

Please call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 if you need directions or would like to know about **Buddhist, Muslim or any other faith group** not listed.

Welcome Aboard the Pacific Missile Range Facility



courtesy photo

Haku Barriga, son of Master Sgt. Leona Chandler, Recruiter, 154th Air Control Squadron, Barking Sands, Kauai simulates controlling aircraft during the 2006 Welcome Aboard at the Pacific Missile Range Facility Nov. 10.

by Staff Sgt. Betty Squatrito-Martin

The Air Control Squadron participated in the Navy's "Welcome Aboard 2006" event at the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai, Nov. 10.

"Welcome Aboard 2006," the Navy's version of an open house, provided the public with an opportunity to meet Navy, Hawaii Air National Guard and Coast Guard members, view the types of contract jobs available, and explore the different types of military aircraft.

ACS ran an Operations Module in an effort to give the public first hand knowledge about conducting surveillance and controlling aircraft. Operations personnel briefed the public on the ACS mission and the OM.

Among the aircraft, target boats, aerial targets, classic cars, and a climbing wall sat the ACS food booth. Proceeds from the food booth went to the Family Support Group.

In addition, ACS recruiter, Master Sgt. Leona Chandler managed a booth providing information about the numerous opportunities the HIANG has to offer.

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erators excavate sand prior to the forms being placed. Staff Sgt. Clint Rodriquez of 154 CES heavy equipment shop made a name for himself by excavating over 200 feet of trench in a single day.



courtesy photo

Civil Engineering Squadron members build the concrete foundation forms for the Arizona border fence while deployed in support of Operation Jump Start.

The fourth functional area was responsible for setting the forms into sand level and even with the grade of sand. They also secured the forms by driving stakes into the sand every two feet.

The fifth functional area involved having welders weld the uprights together as well as welding the panels onto the finished fence once the concrete cured and the sand was backfilled up to the wall.

The sixth functional area was responsible for putting the uprights into the forms making sure they were straight and plumb with the previous upright. The seventh and final functional area was the concrete/form recovery crew. This crew was responsible for pumping the concrete into the forms and then troweling the finished product smooth. They also ended up recovering and reusing the forms as much as three times due to the shortage of materials.

In the first week of being in Arizona the temperatures in the desert were over 100°F. By early to mid-October, temperatures had dropped into the lower 90°F but by then, most of the troops were already acclimated to the weather.

Due to the heat, the engineers would start work at 6 a.m. and usually finish for the day at 3 p.m. Many days minor sand storms kicked up, but the crew worked right through them. Running into a couple of rattlesnakes and sidewinders didn't even stop the mission at hand.

Volunteers needed for OJS

Volunteers are needed to serve in Operation Jump Start, supporting the Southwest Border State of Arizona.

- ANY AFSC
- ANY GRADE
- TOUR LENGTHS RANGE FROM TWO WEEKS TO TWO YEARS
- ALL personnel will be in permanent quarters. NO TENTS
- All personnel will draw full per diem (hotel) or partial (on base)

The bulk of this force will be utilized fulfilling EIT (Entry Identification Teams) missions. These 4-person mobile teams will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in support of Customs and Border Patrol. These missions will predominately pertain to monitoring and reporting to law enforcement officials. Specific job assignments may include Forward Looking In-

frared (FLIR) vehicle teams, Border Patrol Skywatch operations, ground-based IR units, and conducting listening post/observation post (LP/OP) functions.

The remainder of this force will be utilized as appropriate (the needs of the mission) with AFSCs and/or individual capabilities matched accordingly.

Volunteerism is a core value of the Air National Guard.

If there are any questions or concerns with this matter please do not hesitate to call:

Monday - Friday:

JFHQ-HI OJS Staff (Lt. Col.

Alvin Alana; Chief Master Sgt.

Sam Wong; Tech. Sgt. Joaddie Gionson) at 733-4230

UTA:

154WG/LGRR (Tech. Sgt.

Joaddie Gionson) at 448-7379

Drinking and driving don't mix

According to an article in *BusinessWeek.com* Hawaii ranks number two in the country with 50.71 percent of traffic fatalities related to drunk driving. Number one was Washington, D.C. with 54.17 percent.

According to the article, the rankings are based on data drawn from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reporting system.

With the holiday season upon us, it is important to remember that safety is the number one priority.

Be mindful of office and ohana celebrations where alcohol is served. Take care of yourself and be a good wingman. Don't drink and drive!

Sharing a little bit of Hawaii...

by Senior Master Sgt. Nolan Kanekuni,
1st Sgt, 447 ECS

Sather Air Base, Baghdad International Airport, Iraq – When we first arrived here at Sather Air Base, the 12 foot blast walls around camp looked pretty drab and dreary, hey, what did we expect, there’s a war going on! To combat the dreariness and to build morale, our Group Commander came up with a “Paint Your State Flag Campaign.”

Airmen from each state were encouraged to get together during their off-time and paint their state flag on the blast barriers that lined “State Street” and “National Street.” These are the two streets that lead into the tent city area of Sather Air Base. A white square was painted under each flag, on which each Sather Airmen would be able to sign their names. Also, when distinguished visitors come to Sather Air Base, they too will be allowed to sign under their state flags.

201 CCG personnel stationed here at Sather Air Base, took on the project with great gusto. Master Sgt. Mark Taketa was our flag point of contact. He planned, coordinated and helped to do a lot of the work along with Maj. Paulino Austria, Tech. Sgt. Barbara-Jean Nesbitt, Master Sgt. Calvin Yonamine, Master Sgt. Jeremiah Wadsack and other 201st personnel.

While the project began with a lot of gusto, it came to a slow crawl with



courtesy photo

Members of the 201st Combat Communications Squadron in front of the Hawaii State flag they painted at Sather Air Base, Iraq.

so many other mission essential projects taking precedence for the Comm Squadron. The Hawaii Flag was finally completed late on Nov. 15, with the help of some menehunes. The “Flag Signing” Ceremony was held Nov. 18, with almost all of the Hawaii Airmen in attendance. All of us gathered around the flag while Chaplain Lovett offered a prayer. Then, each of us signed our names on the wall.

More than 30 state flags have been completed thus far on State Street and National Street. In addition to the state flags, the flag of the Marshall Islands and the British flag have been painted on National Street. It is a pretty amazing sight to see. As you stand across the street and see all the painted flags you can’t help but feel patriotic, proud to be here and part of the fight!



154 WG Drill Dates

Jan. 6-7, 2007
Feb. 10-11, 2007
March 3-4, 2007
April 14-15, 2007
May 5-6, 2007