



HIANG CERF-P members search Kauai for Dam breach victims

by Capt. Ian Beltran and Staff Sgt. Randy Soriano, 154 CES

Hawaii's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear or High-Yield Explosive-Enhanced Response-Force Package (CERF-P) Search & Extraction team was activated by



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A team of CERF-P and Oahu Urban Search and Rescue volunteers board a CH-47 helicopter to be taken to Kauai.

the State Mar. 20, to assist in the search and recovery of Kauai flood victims.

"This mission was the first of its kind in the National Guard CERF-P community," said Capt. Ian Beltran, officer in charge of the CERF-P mission.

National Guard CERF-P team activation took place four days after the Ka Loko Dam breach.

All CERF-P volunteers of the team came from 154th Civil Engi-



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Staff Sgt. John Lum stands next to a pile of forest trees uprooted and pinned against one another by the force of the Ka Loko Dam breach waters. Trees were piled as high as 20 feet.

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HIANG members receive Air Medal

by Lt. Col. Kurt W. Lajala

In May 2006, six members of the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron received the first air medals ever awarded to Hawaii Air National Guard members while they were serving in the HIANG.

Brig. Gen. Peter S. "Skipper" Pawling presented the Air Medals to Lt. Col. Kurt W. Lajala, 203 ARS commander, Lt. Cols., Earl R. Alameida and Peter Fata, Maj. Jason K. Apo and Sheldon R. Smith and Master Sgt. Mark A. Sindiong for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in combat support of U.S. Air Force operations.

Each of the Air Medal recipients successfully logged over 20 combined combat and combat support sorties while participating in a wide range of operations such as Deny Flight, Joint Forge, Allied Force and Northern Watch.

Their missions took them into the skies over Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Turkey and the area

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Flanked by Brig. Gen. Pawling are the air medal recipients, (Back Row) Lt. Cols. Kurt Lajala, Peter Fata and Earl R. Alameida, (front row) Maj. Jason K. Apo, Master Sgt. Mark A. Sindiong and Capt. Sheldon R. Smith



Commander's Call: F-22 site survey favorable

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

To help make sure everyone gets the word, let me start this issue with a reminder to everyone that the UCI has moved to June 2007. What does that mean for us now that the UCI has been pushed back six months? It means that we should continue checking our requirements to ensure that they are all current past June 2007. If they do expire, don't wait until crunch time to start scheduling the training.

Besides continuous preparations for the UCI we are also preparing for a number of other major items; one of those is the F-22 beddown. If you see Maj Christopher Faurot, thank him for the excellent job he did as the Wing point of contact for the F-22 site survey team that was here in June. Over 50 representatives and civilian contractors from the National Guard Bureau, PACAF and our own Hawaii Air National Guard were present. The team looked at all aspects of the proposed beddown to see how the Wing would be able to accommodate the requirements for the F-22. The survey was very intense but the outcome was very favorable. There is a lot of hard work ahead but we're off to a great start!

Also in June we had our seventh C-17 ceremony. It was an honor for me to be able to fly the seventh C-17 home especially since it was named the "Spirit of Go For Broke" which is the motto for the famed 100th Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Many of the past and present members of the 100/442 were present to welcome the "Spirit of Go For Broke". During World War II the 100/442 earned more medals for

valor than any other U.S. military unit of its size during World War II. The eighth C-17, "Spirit of Kamehameha", is scheduled to arrive July 18 with the ceremony starting at 1300 hours.

Currently we are welcoming home members of our 154th Wing who recently deployed to Iceland to support the Icelandik Air Defense mission.

Over 170 members of the Wing participated, with the first group departing in April and all members returning by the end of the week. We've been told this will be our last deployment supporting Icelandik Air Defense Mission.

By the time you read this, Col Changose (former 15th Airlift Wing Commander) will be retired, a civilian enroute to Arkansas for new adventures. Goose if you read this, thank you for all the cooperation and team building you and your executive team provided. Goose has been a key player in making this joint partnership between the 15 AW and the HIANG a success. Goose we wish you, Phoebe and family the best of success. Col John J. Torres, from the 89 ALW at Andrews Air Force Base is the new 15 AW commander. We look forward to working with him and continuing our partnership.

The 15 AW had three more changes of command in June. Besides the 15 AW Commander change, the 15 AW Vice Commander, the Medical Group, Maintenance Group and Mission Support Group also had changes of command.

Before I close I would like to especially thank all of you for your hardwork and dedication. With out you all the things we are doing in the HIANG would not be possible. Mahalo nui loa for a job well done.

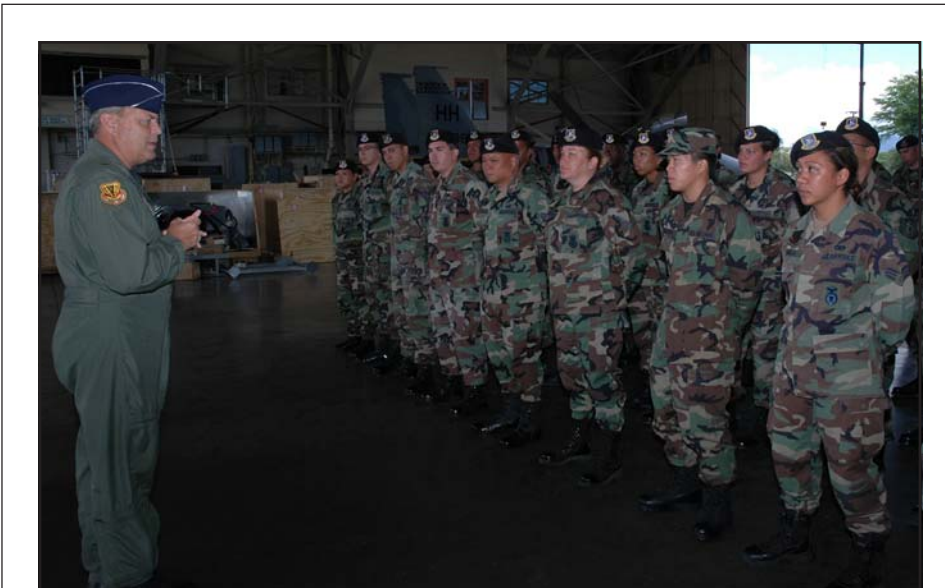


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154th Wing Commander Peter S. "Skipper" Pawling addresses the 154th Security Forces Squadron during their June commander's call.

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Awards and Decorations Program on track

by *Command Chief Master Sgt. Denise Jelinski-Hall, 154 WG*

We hear from our Group Commanders that they are approving and signing more decorations than ever before! That is sweet music to my ears!!! It is heartening to know our people are being recognized for a job-well-done. Please continue to review your member's records for eligibility and consideration of an award/decoration. Everyday our officers and enlisted airmen make significant contributions to our State, Nation and in the Global War on Terrorism. Yes, most of what we do is in the line-of-duty; however, there are many opportunities for us to recognize our people; awards and

decorations is one vehicle.

Every so often we still hear about the "black-hole" - I can assure you there is *no* black decorations hole. Thanks to our Mission Support Flight, Master Sgt. Annette Gagarin and our unit decorations monitors, decoration packages are being processed in a timely and efficient manner.

If you have submitted a decoration package and need to follow up or check the status, the first person to start with is your "unit decorations monitor." They will be able to let you know where the package is and its status. As discussed before, any decoration package that was submitted *PRIOR to May 2005*

that has not been awarded should be re-submitted. Again, see your unit decorations monitor to inquire whether or not the package has gone through the system.

For assistance in "getting started," check out the Hawaii Air National Guard Awards and Decorations Program site. The link can be found on the HIHICKSP Home Page under "Helpful Links" or *CTL + click here: <https://hihicksp/sites/ad/default.aspx>*. On the site you will find valuable tips and tools, templates and pictures of state and federal decorations. Getting started is the hard part...*recognizing our people is easy!* Mahalo to all who support this program!

Deployments require family planning

by *Master Sgt. Maui Quizon, 154 WG*

Are you ready to deploy at a moments notice? Will your family be adequately cared for during your period of deployment? Are your legal documents properly completed so your designated caregiver will have sufficient access to funds and medical records so he or she can care for your family members while you are deployed?

Whether you answered yes or no to any of these questions, I encourage you to read on.

The Family Care Plan mission readiness dictates that you must be ready to deploy throughout the world on short notice, and your ability to meet this requirement is directly linked to prior family care planning. A documented Family Care Plan (AF Form 357) is required for all single parent service members and dual military members to ensure that family members

are adequately cared for when you are absent due to military commitments. In turn, you will be more productive and feel less family-related stress knowing that your family is taken care of at home.

A viable Family Care Plan takes time, organization, and careful planning. It is much more than completing a form for your unit to meet the requirement.

You are responsible for keeping your Family Care Plan current and for providing your family or caregiver all the necessary information and documentation needed in your absence.

Family Care Plans should include pertinent information specifying how you want family business conducted in your absence.

Taking time to develop a well thought out plan now will ensure that your family members will have the best resources and care during your absence.

Contact your unit First Sergeant for more specific information and help in developing a Family Care Plan.

Taking care of these considerations now will help to ensure that you and your family are prepared for any period of separation.



photo by Staff Sgt. Sharen Coleman

Senior Airman Veronica Bastatas goes over her Family Care Plan with 154th Wing Headquarters First Sgt. Master Sgt. Maui Quizon.

201st Group garners major awards

by Master Sgt. Yolanda Valiente, HQ201 CCG

The 201st Combat Communications Group received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for their performance from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2005 as well as the Hawaii Federal Executive Board's 2005 Excellence in Federal Government Award.

Imagine standing on a runway halfway around the world in a strange land, then pulling yourself together to establish full Air Traffic Control services in less than six hours and control over a record breaking 6000 sorties. These are the men and women of the 201st Combat Communications Group. The 291st Combat Communications Squadron of Hilo, Hawaii, the 292 CBCS of Kahului, Maui, the 293 CBCS at Hickam Air Force Base, Oahu, the 297 Air Traffic Control Squadron at Kalaeloa Airfield, Oahu, the 206 CBCS of Elmendorf, Alaska; and Headquarters 201 CCG at Hickam AFB make up the 201 CCG.

The 201 CCG, including its subordinate squadrons, is at the leading edge of the U.S. Air Force's rapid deployable global communications capability, providing the Combatant Commander with forward-based command and control, communication, computer, and information systems to execute Combined, Joint, or Air Force operations.

Also, as a primary provider of communications for the Hawaii National Guard's Joint Headquarters, the 201 CCG provides seamless, interoperable commu-

nications with military and civilian emergency response agencies.

Like their 154th Wing colleagues, 201st CCG personnel have unselfishly dedicated long hours and sacrificed family and personal time to support major contingencies such as Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Unified Assistance, and hurricane Katrina relief operations.

From the Middle East to the Far East to right here at home, the men and women of the 201st CCG have consistently met their challenges by providing unmatched expertise in Air Traffic Control, critical communications, tactical, engineering and training support. When the need was the greatest whether deployed to a bare-base or having to master equipment in-place, this vital "Total Force" player got the job done.

This outstanding team also made history when every inspected unit of the Group, including their headquarters, scored a superior rating in the 2004 PACAF Operational Readiness Inspection.

Many of these men and women have also been individually recognized as Outstanding Performers, Senior NCO, NCO and Airman of the Year, among other accolades. The achievements of the 201CCG are made possible only through exemplary teamwork and dedication. Join me in congratulating these men and women of the 201st Combat Communications Group for a job well done!

154th maintainers complete first C-17 HSC

by Lt. Col. Timothy Fujino, 154 MXS

The Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Maintenance Group recently completed its first Home Station Check of the C-17 Globemaster III aircraft.

The HSC is part of the aircraft's scheduled maintenance program and is conducted every 120 days at the

aircraft's home station. This check is designed to ensure that the aircraft remains airworthy by inspecting the aircraft's structure, flight controls, avionics, accessories, electrical and propulsion systems.

"The first HSC was a very historic milestone," said Col. Ronald Han, commander 154th Maintenance Group. "Our people showed great attitudes, and were very poised as they organized their collective efforts to take on this new tasking," he added.

HSC Supervisor Senior Master Sgt. Ed Essman was in charge of coordinating the team to meet their two-week schedule. He had to balance having multiple maintenance functions operating simultaneously while maintaining a safe operation.

"We [had] a planning phase three months before the first HSC," said Senior Master Sgt. Essman. "We had a LEAN event which brought in our more experienced mechanics to flow plan the whole HSC to come up with the best processes. The LEAN event looks at streamlining the work to reduce the time to get the job done."

Another challenge was not having a C-17 maintenance hangar, which forced the maintenance team to work on the flightline.



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Senior Master Sgt. Edward Essman, Staff Sgt. Romar Corpuz, Master Sgt. Edwin Kalilikane and Tech. Sgt. Jefferey Pakele remove the number two section of the vertical stabilizer leading edge due to foreign object damage.

air medal

along the northern “no fly zone” of Iraq.

The Air Medal was established by Executive Order 9158, May 11, 1942, and amended by Executive Order 9242, Sept. 11, 1942. It ranks in precedence immediately after the Meritorious Service Medal.

Air Medal award criteria require distinctive acts of heroism or meritorious achievement that are above and beyond that expected of professional Airmen.



photo by Staff Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

Brig. Gen. Peter S. “Skipper” Pawling presents Lt. Col. Merv Oyafuso with an air medal he received for his performance as a navigator in the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron supporting combat operations. Lt Col Oyafuso is currently a member of the 154 WG Headquarters.

Maintenance Operations Flight sponsors HUGS Easter party for tenth year

by Capt. Clifton Heen, 154 LSF

For the tenth consecutive year the 154th Maintenance Operations Flight played an integral part in the Help, Understanding and Group Support agency’s Easter Party by sponsoring the event.

HUGS is a non-profit agency unique to Hawaii whose missions is to provide a variety of supporting services to a family whose child has been diagnosed with a life threatening illness or is medically fragile.

This year’s party was held on Saturday, May 27, at the HUGS home. All items necessary for the party were provided by the 154 MOF through annual fund raisers. Twenty-one volunteers helped with this year’s event.

A lot of ono food was made available including, hamburgers, hot dogs, french-fries and shave ice with ice cream.

HUGS provides 16 programs and services for eligible families, including family support activities, hospital programs, community resource links and respite.

HUGS serves the entire family by facilitating peer interacting at family gatherings and coordinating volunteers who provide family support,

hospital visits and respite care.

The agency is a common link in the State of Hawaii for families experiencing similar problems as the

result of their child’s illness. On any given day, HUGS serves approximately 80 families across the state.



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The 154th Maintenance Operations Flight members who spent Easter sponsoring and hosting a party for HUGS, show off a large thank you card presented by families whose children face life threatening illnesses or have fragile health.

News Briefs

HIANG July AOM



photo by Staff Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

HIANG July Airman of the Month, Staff Sgt. Rolando Layugan from 154th Maintenance Squadron.

Staff Sergeant Rolando Layugan superbly maintained 33 squadron vehicles that were essential for daily launch and recovery of military and contract aircraft while he was a KC-135 AGE Shift Leader for the 385th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. Staff Sgt. Layugan's outstanding technical abilities and diligent efforts were key to a 97 percent in-commission rate for 176 pieces of aerospace ground equipment. His ingenuity to establish a mobile equipment refueling process reduced support equipment delivery times by 300 percent. Congratulations Staff Sgt. Layugan!

New pay form

National Guard Bureau put out the new NGB 105S for general use. The new pay document is dated 20060412 with the statement of "PREVIOUS EDITIONS ARE OBSOLETE." Effective July 15, 2006 all members must use the new NGB 105S. The new document became available July 10, FM web page under the Military Pay section. Any questions can be directed to Tech. Sgt. Carleton Tajiri.

OSF gets new commander

A new commander took the helm of the Operations Support Flight, in a change of command ceremony in the Makani Koa briefing room here May 13.

Lt. Col. Jeff Namihira takes control of the 154th Operations Support Flight from Lt. Col. Gregory Woodrow. Lt. Col. Woodrow is moving on to become the C-17 flight safety officer.



photo by Tech. Sgt. Kristen Higgins

Lt. Col. Jeff Namihira renders a salute to Col. Joseph Kim, 154th Operations Group commander, as he takes command of the 154 OSF.

PT scores for promotion

Effective Oct. 1, 2006, the minimum passing physical fitness test score required for officer and enlisted promotions within the Hawaii Air National Guard will be 75 percent. Members with PFT scores less than 75 percent will not be recommended for promotions. Furthermore, the passing PFT score must be accomplished within 12 months prior to being recommended for promotion. "This policy is being implemented to establish consistency between officer and enlisted promotion requirements, to encourage and active and healthy lifestyle, to increase readiness, and to develop a and maintain a high level of fitness within our fighting force," said Maj. Gen. Daryll M. Wong, HIANG commander.

New UCI date

According to Lt. Col. David L. Snakenburg, the 154th Wing's Unit Compliance Inspection will move to June 2007. If your currency will not remain covered through June 2007, please get your refresher now so you stay current past June 2007, said Lt. Col. Snakenburg.

New Premiums

Effective July 1, 2006 the servicemembers' Group Life Insurance premium rate will increase to 7 cents per \$1000 of coverage per month. The premium rate for a servicemember with the maximum coverage of \$400,000 will go up from \$26 to \$28 per month. An additional \$1 dollar per month is charged for the traumatic injury protection. Effective July 1, 2006, the family SGLI premium rate will decrease as follows for **\$100,000**

C O V E R A G E :		
Under 35	\$.055	\$5.50
35-39	.07	\$7.00
40-44	.09	\$9.00
45-49	.14	\$14.00
50-54	.27	\$27.00
55-59	.40	\$40.00
60 & Up	.52	\$52.00

Summer Bash!

The Hawaii Air National Guard is turning 60 this year and numerous activities are scheduled. To kick-off the anniversary celebration, all current and retired members of HIANG, their family and friends are cordially invited to the Hawaii Air National Guard Summer Bash. Tickets for this event will be distributed to the units. FYI, must be 18 years old to attend and all non-alcoholic beverages will be served without charge. *Tickets are \$12 presale and \$15 at the door.*

HIANG teams participate in 15 AW volleyball tournament

Two Hawaii Air National Guard teams are currently playing in the 15th Airlift Wing Intramural volleyball tournament that started in June. Please come support the HIANG 1 and HIANG 2 teams during their last few season games. Playoffs are scheduled for the last week of July. All games are played at the Hickam gym.

HIANG 1 (6-1 as of July 12)

July 17 @ 6:30 p.m.

HIANG 2 (5-1 as of July 13)

July 18 @ 8:30 p.m.

July 20 @ 5:30 p.m.

HIANG Basketball League preparing for season

Coaches or points of contact who are planning on entering a unit or group team for the 2006 Hawaii Air National Guard basketball league should submit their team name and team captain or point of contact information to Staff Sgt. Shawn Pangborn at shawn.pangborn@hickam.af.mil. Also include whether your team prefers to play on Mondays or Fridays and we will TRY to accommodate everyone for maximum participation.

The season is scheduled to run from the end of August through December, specific dates are to be determined. Tentatively the games are scheduled to be

played at Kalaeloa.

Guidelines:

- Open to all HIANG members in good standing (Not UNSAT)

- Group/Unit integrity

- 2 Divisions: Open and Masters

New educational assistance

REAP, Chapter 1607 is a new benefit providing educational assistance to members of the reserve components who are called to war or national emergency, as declared by the President or Congress. Eligibility will be determined by the Dept of Defense or Dept of Homeland Security.

Generally, a member of a reserve component who serves on active duty on or after September 11, 2001, under title 10, U.S.C., for **at least 90 consecutive days under a contingency or AEF** is eligible. National Guard members are eligible if their active service extends for 90 consecutive days or more and their service is: authorized under section 502(f), title 32, U.S.C.; authorized by the President or Secretary of Defense for a national emergency; supported by federal funds.

If you qualify, you may apply at <http://www.gibill.va.gov> by clicking on education forms and downloading VA Form 22-1990. Print "**CHAPTER 1607**" on the top of the form. Turn in the completed form and supporting documents to the VA rep at the attending campus.

For more information go to the above website and click on **ASK A QUESTION AND FIND ANSWERS**.

C-17

"Obviously, the challenge is the weather limitations," said Senior Master Sgt. Essman. "Any time we have high winds we have to close cowlings and are not able to operate on high lifts to access the aircraft. Certain doors cannot be opened, so they actually stop the inspection process. Likewise, if there is lightning, all maintenance stops."

Despite the challenges, the Maintainers were able to complete the HSC ahead of schedule. "Everyone created advantages rather than looking at the disadvantages, and they were able to do it safely. That's the mark of great maintainers," said Col. Han.

"I'd have to rate the job our people did as outstand-

ing," said Senior Master Sgt. Essman. "We took the mindset of training and getting everyone to understand the process as a whole. When we came to a roadblock, we didn't try to just get it done, rather we took the initiative and the time to identify shortfalls and come up with the right fix and the right process to ensure success in the future," added Senior Master Sgt. Essman.

Though the HSC was performed predominantly by 154 WG maintainers, the C-17s at Hickam Air Force Base are part of a partnership between the Air National Guard and the active-duty Air

Force. "We couldn't do this mission without the 15th Airlift Wing and the men and women of the 15th Maintenance Group," said Col. Han.



courtesy photo

Members of the 154th Maintenance Group HSC Team following the completion of the first C-17 Home Station Check here.

Kauai

neer and Medical Squadrons.

“As soon as I got the call, I felt that it was a mission that I needed to do,” said Senior Airman Jannett Kahalelio.

Recovery teams were split into different search groups. Various agencies were involved in the effort, but the ground search teams consisted of; Urban Search and Rescue Teams from Oahu, Maui, Big Island, Kauai Fire departments, Kauai’s Lifeguard and Police departments, State departments, and the CERF-P team.

When the teams arrived on Kauai, they found the destruction raging water can create. “It was shocking to see the devastation the force of the water caused,” said Airman 1st Class Khahn Lee.

Teams searched through the rubble by hand and with the aid of heavy equipment machinery.

They hiked through rough and rocky terrain at the rivers mouth searching through rubble. Rocks



courtesy photo

The Kilauea stream merged with the Waialapa stream. The washout went upstream about one mile.

were exposed by the rushing water where once a peaceful stream flowed. “Our team spotted a car by the mouth of the river. It was in the shape of a ball, about the size of a small office desk,” said Senior Airman Roger Yurko.

“It must have traveled at least one half mile downstream from its origin through rampant curves and drops,” he added.

Teams also searched through thick Hau bush and mangrove trees that lined the river’s banks. The only way through the mangrove was to climb up and walk on the

branches. “We all crawled through a jungle gym of brush and branches that were soaked with water and slippery from the mud. At times, it seemed like we were climbing through the brush for miles, climbing as high as 10 to 15 feet, said Staff Sgt. Carissa Maxson.

“You also had to watch where you stepped because some of the branches were not strong enough to hold your weight, especially if you were the diligent medic Senior Air-

man JonJay Sabati, who carried all of his heavy medical supplies as well as his day pack through all of this,” added Staff Sgt. Maxson.

The smell of dead fish, rats, or chickens lingered in the air. The stench would mislead our search in smaller piles, only to find that wildlife was also a victim.

Debris from homes was scattered everywhere.

The ground was so saturated that every step the team took, their boots would get covered with water or mud. At day’s end, the only recovery made was of small memorabilia such as a suitcase with pictures, and kid’s toys.

The search teams pressed on, continuing the search in the rocky shoreline coasts.

“At the day’s end, the team members were tired, exhausted, but found comfort in knowing that all these people from different agencies could interact and work together with relentless effort for the victims families,” said Staff Sgt. Randy Soriano.

“It opened my eyes to see the things that I need to appreciate the most in life...and that’s

everything life has to offer,” said Senior Airman Shanna Vendiola.

The state of Kauai’s hospitality



courtesy photo

Capt. Ian Beltran and Senior Airman Roger Yurko and others confront a maze of tree branches as they search the coastline for victims.

and generous people made the stay bearable despite the circumstances.

The CERFP Team member’s hearts and prayers pour out to the Kauai families affected by this flood. For many of us on the Search and Extraction Team, this experience was a life lesson in Mother Nature’s power and destruction and how precious life can be.

It’s amazing how people can come together no matter what the circumstances. This is what we call the Aloha spirit.

“I was impressed by the amount of devotion this team presented on this mission. The personnel who volunteered for this mission, deserve to be recognized for their efforts,” said Capt. Beltran.



courtesy photo

CERF-P team members with Urban Search and Rescue, Kauai PD and Kauai life guards.

HIANG members in Coyote Crisis

by Master Sgt. Dawn Wahinekapu, 154 MDG

Members from the 154th Medical Group and 204th Airlift Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard at Hickam Air Force Base in April went to the Arizona desert in support of the "Coyote Crisis Campaign."

Coyote Crisis was a joint exercise involving Federal Emergency Management Agency region IX, local civilian and military teams working together to respond to large scale emergencies and disasters.

The 154 MDG responded as a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear or High-Yield Explosive-Enhanced Response-Force Package (CERF-P).

"Nobody had ever tried to move a CERF-P across the ocean for a regional exercise with other CERF-P units and civilian medical response like this before," said Col. Brett Wyrick, 154 MDG commander.

CERF-P is the National Guard's decontamination and medical treatment team designed to respond to a weap-



photo by James Young

Col. Brett Wyrick, CERF-P commander, speaks with Queens Medical Center Vice-President Karen Shultz and Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee about the exercise.

Up to \$2000 in scholarships

Your Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association (HNGEA) is now accepting scholarship applications from its members and their dependents. Individuals selected can receive up to \$2,000 in scholarships. The deadline is Aug. 6, 2006. If you would like to become an HNGEA member please contact the individuals listed below for more information:

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ons of mass destruction attack.

When the Army National Guard deployed to Iraq last year, the HIANG took on the mission of the CERF-P. The HIANG scored one of the highest ratings during evaluations by the Fifth Army.

Capt. James Faumuina, CERF-P coordinator, said the 154 MDG is transitioning to a forward deployable operations role with the CERF-P, EMEDS (Expeditionary Medical Support) and possible Air Evacuation units. The role of the MDG is changing along with the way it trains.

"To quote the old Oldsmobile ads—we're not your fathers Medical Group," said Capt. Faumuina.

More than 3,000 people participated in the exercise to include the Arizona Air National Guard, the City of Scottsdale, Scottsdale Healthcare, General dynamics, and other Army and Air National Guard units.

The scenario involved a mock terrorist attack with explosions, air and water contamination, canal breaks, and flooding in the Scottsdale area.

Setup of the CERF-P decontamination tents and equipment was done 45-minutes faster than the expected time. The 154 MDG worked with the California Army Guard in decontaminating, triage, and treating 200 patients in three hours with minimal manpower.

Patients flowed through the decontamination system and ended up either at an EMEDS field hospital manned by the Arizona National Guard, or air evacuated to a civilian hospital.

Black Hawk helicopters from the Army National Guard along with one of Hawaii's C-17 air evacuated 29 patients. This added hands on training of air evacuation procedures for the 154 MDG and 204 AS.

"We learned that the vision of the HIANG and wing leadership molded the 154 MDG into one of the premier units on the West coast and we are willing, able and ready to respond to any emergency no matter where it hits," said Col. Wyrick.



photo by James Young

A Hawaii based C-17 and crew transports volunteer victims.

**Drill Dates:
154th Wing**

Aug. 5-6, 2006

Sept. 9-10, 2006

Oct. 14-15, 2006