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First C-17 Globemaster III arrives!

by Staff Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

Ke Aloha, the first of Hickam AFB's C-17 Globemaster IIIs, piloted by active duty and Guard members, taxied home to the cheers of thousands gathered for the C-17 Landing Ceremony here Feb. 8.

Gov. Linda Lingle christened the Ke Aloha or Spirit of Hawaii, to usher in a new era for Hickam Air Force Base as the first Active Duty/Air National Guard associate unit in the Air Force takes off.

"It's a whole new world at Hickam Air Force Base," said Capt. Steven Snelson, C-17 pilot from the 535th Airlift Squadron.

This is the first time the C-17 will make its home outside the continental United States.

"It makes so much sense having the C-17s stationed at Hickam Air Force Base. From this location, we'll be able to effectively support all the service branches of our American military," said Brig. Gen. Peter "Skipper" Pawling, 154th Wing commander.

Both the Active Duty and the Hawaii Air National Guard are joining forces to bring the rapid strategic delivery of troops and all types of cargo under all sorts of conditions to all kinds of places.

"The C-17 will support missions wherever anyone needs our help," said Tech. Sgt. Rafael Delasierra, Hawaii Air National Guard member and designated crew chief of Ke Aloha.

Prior to the aircraft landing, the crowd was treated to a multi-cultural show, which included traditional Chinese, Japanese, Filipino and Korean dances. The Kamehameha Schools Children's Chorus serenaded the crowd with a



photo by Staff Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

Ke Aloha, the Spirit of Hawaii, after years in the making, is finally home.

medley of Hawaiian and patriotic songs, and as the Halau Hula Dancers were putting the final touches on their performance, the C-17 rolled into place.

Once the aircraft came to a halt, and the engines came to a stop, a string of dignitaries including General Paul V. Hester, commander Pacific Air Forces, Boeing's vice president and general manager for global mobility, Ron Marcotte, and Gov. Linda Lingle exited the aircraft.

As part of a symbolic gesture to show the joining of the Active Duty and Guard, the HIANG 154th Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Peter S. Pawling and the 15th Airlift Wing Commander, Col. William Changose, in partnership and in tandem removed the cover from the side of the C-17 aircraft to reveal



photo by Staff Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

Following a traditional Hawaiian blessing given by Kahu Kordell Kekoa, Gov. Linda Lingle, on her third try, christens Ke Aloha by breaking a champagne bottle over a lava rock.

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Commander's Call: TO THE FUTURE AND BEYOND

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

I want to take the time to thank everyone who helped make the C-17 arrival ceremonies we had in February a tremendous success. I know a lot of time and hard work was devoted to each of the ceremonies by both Guard and Active duty members, please know that it did not go unnoticed. The C-17

is an amazing aircraft. Its load capacity and versatility makes it extremely valuable for us while we continue to fulfill both our state and federal missions.

I know a lot of the focus lately has been on the C-17 arrival but I do want to take the time to say farewell to the last C-130 that departed in February. The C-130s have been members of the HIANG since 1983 and have given us many wonderful memories. Although not as big as the C-17, the C-130 has done tremendous things for the HIANG. I'm sad to see them go.

Besides the arrival of the C-17s and the farewell of the C-130s, our Maintenance Squadron went through a Maintenance Standardization Evaluation Program inspection. It was the most in depth inspection we've

ever had. The results of the inspection were on the high side of an excellent rating. My congratulations to all the many outstanding performers and "Best Practices" which were identified by the inspectors. As a team, we really appreciate all the efforts that went into the preparing for this important inspection – great job to all!

Very importantly, I can't forget to thank all of you who have been volunteering for deployments. In 2005 we had hundreds of Wing members volunteer for deployments all over the world, from Afghanistan to Guam to Thailand. It's great to see that members of our Wing are proudly representing the HIANG.

Moving on to the future...we're going to be busy this year planning and preparing for various events. This year the HIANG celebrates its 60th anniversary. There will be a golf tournament on Nov. 17, a dinner celebration on Nov. 18 at the Sheraton and an Open House on Dec. 3 so mark those days in your calendar.

Another date to remember is Jan 22-26, 2007. This is the new date for our Unit Compliance Inspection. We will be going through our UCI at the same time as the 15 AW. Although concurrent, they will be graded individually. Let's begin early, start preparing now!

Leadership: It's about doing the right thing

by Master Sgt. Vernon Palomares
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What does it take to be a leader, and do you think you have what it takes? There is a difference between supervisors and leaders, although you would think that they should be the same.

I would classify a leader as one of those individuals that you will never forget, and a supervisor, if not a leader, a person in a position of leadership. So what makes a supervisor a leader? First of all, let's define leader. Webster's dictionary defines a leader as, "a person who rules, who guides, and who inspires others." Webster's has a good definition of a leader, but you don't necessarily need to be a supervisor to be a leader. Have you heard of Servant-Leadership? It's the principle of leading by serving.

You might ask yourself, what does

he mean, leading by serving? Well, it does not mean that servant leaders are waiting around to do whatever people want for them. It means these leaders are providing people physical, emotional, and spiritual support to accomplish the mission of the wing in addition to their personal career goals. I am describing the type of leader that knows and understands the human factor of his people and is willing to do what is necessary to take care of them. A leader who is willing to do the right thing!

Understanding the human factor involves skills such as listening, being patient, showing kindness, respect and honesty, leading with dignity and giving people the dignity they deserve. Let's just say, it is being a person with substance and character! What it boils down to is relationships with your fellow workers, whether it is your supervisors, peers or subordinates, it's all about relationships. We are in the people business because it takes people to

accomplish the mission. It takes understanding to work with people. Moreover, it's the relationships of the people that make the Hawaii Air National Guard what we are today.



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Duty, Honor, Country: the Honor Guard

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

The view was spectacular as we watched the sun slowly rise over the Ko'olau mountain range. A slight breeze blew and the air smelled fresh. As a member of the Honor Guard evaluation team at the Kaneohe State Veteran's Cemetery, I felt a strong sense of patriotism and was honored to be in the presence of those that had served before me.

The setting was very peaceful and serene as we gathered to evaluate the Honor Guard Member of the Year and the Honor Guard Virtue Award winners. Every member that we evaluated that day had spent countless hours preparing and practicing to prove they were the best. As I watched each competitor display the skills they had mastered, their precise movements, impeccable uniforms and their unwavering commitment to the guard and country, I stood in awe of them. That day, I came to realize not every guard member can be on the Honor Guard Team. It takes a special

calling, a strong sense of service, self-discipline and endless dedication to the precise performance of their duties. The hours of practice and self-control which enables them to carry out their duties with exemplary professionalism, left me wanting for words to accurately describe the pride I felt. I left that afternoon with a different sense of gratitude for the service to our state and country that these fine men and women give...give without expectation of anything in return...give because they have a higher calling to serve...give to honor the men, women and families of those that have served and those that have made the ultimate sacrifice. The next time you see our Hawaii Air National Guard Honor Team members, I encourage you to take a moment to thank them and pay honor to them for their service to our state and to our nation.

I encourage all HIANG members to consider serving on our Honor Guard Team.



phot by Tech. Sgt. Kristen Higgins

Staff Sgt. Elijah Lincoln, Senior Airman Christopher Vincent, Chief Master Sgt. Rob Lee, and Master Sgt. Ed Samson prepare to post the colors.

Ho'ohie Me Ka Hanohano: Honor with dignity

by *Chief Master Sgt. Rob Lee, HIANG Honor Guard Superintendent*

"On behalf of the President of the United States of America, the Department of the Air Force, the Men & Women of the Hawaii Air National Guard and a grateful Nation, we offer our nation's flag for the faithful and honorable service of your loved one," is the message we deliver to the next-of-kin whose loved one has dedicated his or her life protecting America's freedom.

Honor Guard members take this responsibility very seriously. Each member hones his or her skills of performing various disciplines that encompass the Military Honor's Funeral ceremony by adopting a high standard lifestyle, dedication and self-sacrifice. We as members of the Honor Guard understand the importance of what we represent. It is through that understanding coupled with the foundation of pride and respect that we do what

we do. It is our duty to give back to those who have served.

New Ceremonial Guardsmen attain certification through training phases that take them from basic movements to the ability to perform the Color Team movements, the six-man flag fold, pall bearing duties, firing party duties and the ability to coordinate the minimum if a three-man veterans detail. The certification training takes place over the course of five eight hour practice days equaling 40 hours after which a certification is awarded.

Practice for all members usually occurs once a month and is where discipline is demanded while perfection is expected.

Practices are usually scheduled on the second Saturday following the 154th Wing UTA weekend. Typically our practices are held on Hickam Air Force Base, but we sometimes travel to the veteran cemeteries to conduct practice, on-

site so to speak, which enables our team to acclimate themselves on "sacred grounds."

The Honor Guard consists of four flights, with one flight each on Oahu, Kauai, Maui and the Big Island. The state program has a membership of approximately 75 members, with the bulk of its members on Oahu.

Every member who bears the Honor Guard patch on their BDU's has gone through extensive training to possess it. It, in itself, represents the pride, discipline and sacrifice by which the individual lives. If interested in becoming a member of the Honor Guard program, we would like to invite you to our practice to observe our training to assess if this is something you would like to be a part of. Contact either myself, by email or my office number, 655-7078 or Master Sgt. Ed Samson, by email or his office number, 448-7776.

Diversity training, reserve your seat

by Chief Master Sgt. Carswell Ross

"It was very enlightening." "I thought the class was well worth it. I learned a lot about solving some problems at work for which I previously was at a loss." "We got to share and learn the scoops of the HIANG culture." These are just some of the comments from people who have attended diversity training.

The Diversity Training Schedule for 2006 is: April 28, June 30 and Sept. 29. All classes will be held at the 154 WG Dining Facility.

Classes begin at 7:00 and end at 3:30, and attire is Business Aloha. A \$2 donation for snacks and drinks would be appreciated (collection at the door), and lunch is up to the individual. Class size is limited to approximately 30. Diversity training is open to all HIANG members.

Training managers or supervisors should notify Senior Master Sgt. Kaneshiro if HIANG members are interested in attending one of the Diversity Classes. Send an e-mail message containing the name, rank, unit, phone number, and date of the Diversity Class the person wishes to attend. A confirmation e-mail will be sent to the sender and applicant.

For questions, e-mail Senior Master Sgt. Karl Kaneshiro. Remember: Diversity is not about counting heads, but about making heads count!

Senior Master Sgt. Karl Kaneshiro has been selected as the State Human Resources Advisor. Previously, he served as the 154th Wing Human Resources Advisor, Base Training Manager and Training Manager for the 154th Medical Group. Welcome aboard Karl!

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the name, Ke Aloha, Spirit of Hawaii, which refers to the ever present spirit of warmth and friendship.

"When one talks about the Active Duty and Guard relationship, we say we're one team first," said



photo by Staff Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

Crew chiefs, Tech Sgt. J. Grunditz and Tech. Sgt. Rafael Delasierra display key to Ke Aloha, the "Spirit of Hawaii," following presentation by Gen. Paul V. Hester. (back)

Brig. Gen. Pawling.

As part of the Landing Ceremony, the crew chiefs; one from the Guard and one from Active Duty, assigned to the C-17 were given the keys to the aircraft. "It was an honor to receive the key from Gen. Hester and all the other dignitaries," said Tech. Sgt. Delasierra.

In addition to increasing our global reach and wartime capabilities, the C-17 is expected to bring greater capability for disaster relief throughout the Hawaiian Islands.

According to Brig. Gen. Pawling, the C-17 can do the work of four of the now departed C-130s.

The Landing Ceremony was the culmination of several years worth of preparation and work beginning with the ground breaking ceremony in August 2004. Milestones along the way included, Lt. Gov. Duke Aiona accepting the Hawaiian state flag at the First Assembly, Guard and Active Duty members celebrating the major join, where the C-17 took on the shape of an airplane, and the preparation for its maiden voyage home to Hawaii.



photos by Staff. Sgt. Laurence Bejerana

(above) The crowd is treated to a tour of the new C-17 Globemaster III. Hundreds lined up to take a sneak peak of the state-of-the-art flight deck. Its cargo area can hold two 18-wheeler big rig trucks side by side.



(left) Dignitaries, Maj. Gen. Robert Lee, Kahu Kordell Kekoa, Gen. Paul V. Hester, Gov. Linda Lingle, Brig. Gen. Peter S. Pawling, Col. William J. Changose and Mr. Ron Marcotte.

HIANG says aloha to C-130 Hercules

by Staff Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin and Staff Sgt. Laurence Berajana

It was a bittersweet moment as members of the Hawaii Air National Guard's 204th Airlift Squadron bid farewell to an old friend during a celebration at the C-17 Combined Maintenance Complex Feb. 11.

That old friend is the Koeakea, the last C-130 Hercules to leave the Hawaii Air National Guard. Draped in Maile, Koeakea stood side by side with its replacement, Ke Aloha, the Spirit of Hawaii, the new C-17 Globemaster III.

The celebration was an opportunity for Guard members, and their families and friends to reminisce about the glory days of the C-130 while enjoying food, drink and entertainment.

"It's in with new, out with the old. We're gonna miss

this bird," said Staff Sgt. Brad Valenzuela, C-130 assistant crew chief. It would be nice to keep a couple of them, he added.



photo by Staff Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

C-130 crew members bid last C-130 good-bye during a farewell ceremony.

of the 204 AS, "It's like a comfortable pair of shoes. I've flown it all over the world, and I know it inside and out," said Lt. Col. Mansell, "I am so familiar with it, it's relaxing."

Master Sgt. Rolando Espinosa, crew chief since 1991, who describes Koeakea as a versatile plane that can go anywhere and do anything, also thinks it will be difficult to see the bird go.

The C-130's departure from Hickam AFB Feb. 15, marks 20 years of service and gives Espinosa the opportunity to cross-train as crew chief for the last C-17.

It is hard to watch the aircraft go, said Lt. Col. Gerry Mansell, C-130 pilot and former commander

NFL All Stars cross into the blue

by Staff Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin and 1st Lt. Regina Berry

The Hawaii Air National Guard's 203rd Air Refueling Squadron took four members of the National Football League on a mid-air refueling training mission with the 199th Fighter Squadron's F-15s here Feb. 11.



photo by Staff Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

Bob Sanders, Indianapolis Colts' outside linebacker, takes up position in the boom pod to get a bird's eye view of the contact between the KC-135 and the F-15.

The NFL all-stars, Neil Rackers, Shayne Graham, Bob Sanders and Cato June, visited the 203 ARS and witnessed various aspects of the flying mission.

During the refueling, Chief Master Sgt. Warren Faurot, with still hands, mesmerized the NFL players as he maneuvered the boom and successfully made contact with the F-15.

The players were amazed at the precision required to perform an air refuel. It's like a game winning kick, you only get one shot, said Rackers, kicker for the Arizona Cardinals. Just seeing how close and how precise the boom operator has to be to get the refueling is amazing, added Rackers.

For others, the coordination between the KC-135 pilot, the boom operator and the F-15 pilot was remarkable. "I thought it was great watching them (crew members) all get in sync and pull it all together," said Sanders, free safety for the Indianapolis Colts.

"Getting to see behind the scenes of an air refuel is not something just anybody gets to see. Now I can explain how they refuel," said June, outside line-

backer for the Indianapolis Colts.

Following the air refuel "contact," the NFL all stars would head to Aloha Stadium where they would be involved in another form of "contact," hard hitting football. According to the players, following the Pro-Bowl, it is off to months of personal training as they prepare for the next NFL season. Meanwhile, the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron continues to prepare and train for their mission, defending and protecting Hawaii and the United States.



photo by Staff Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

Chief Master Sgt. Warren Faurot explains the proper execution of an air refuel contact between a tanker and a fighter to Neil Rackers, Arizona Cardinals' kicker.

News briefs

Air Force's new mission statement

The mission of the United States Air Force is to deliver sovereign options for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests — to fly and fight in Air, Space, and Cyberspace.

Cell phones: can you hear me now?

PACAF

All vehicle operators on PACAF installations are required to safely park or use a hands free device when using a cell phone. Additionally, operators of government vehicles must follow the same regulations regarding cell phone use both on and off installations.

Violators will face a 30 day suspension of base driving privileges.

ARMY

Drivers, with engines running, whether they are moving or not, or using a speaker phone or a hands free device, are not allowed to use cell phones on U.S. Army installations.

January AOM: Senior Airman Sue Musrasrik-Quiles



photo by Staff Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

New BDU approved

The Air Force has approved the tan-and-green pixelated tiger stripe pattern for the new wash-and-wear utility uniform. The new Airman Battle Uniform will include a pocket on each sleeve, four pockets on the blouse all designed for access while in body armor. Female sizes will be available. The final cost will be approximately \$70.00.

A new no shine muted blue-green suede boot designed to match the uniform was also approved. It is estimated that the new boots will cost \$100.00 per pair.

Moose takes charge



photo by Staff Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

Lt. Col. Charles Moose accepts the squadron flag from Col. Stan Osseman as he assumes command of the 154th Security Forces Squadron Feb. 2006.

February AOM: Senior Airman Todd Munesue



photo by Staff Sgt. Laurence Bejerana

It's tax time

W2s are available at mypay.dfas.mil. If the information posted to the W-2 is incorrect, please contact the servicing pay office or the customer service representative for assistance.

The Department of Defense is providing, the software Turbo Tax free of charge, to assist military members in filing their 2005 taxes. Goto www.militaryonesource.com to get the free copy of Turbo Tax.

The Hawaii State legislature approved an increase in allowable income tax exclusions for members of the reserve components of all services of the United States of America, and the Hawaii National Guard. According to the new law, the amount excluded shall be "equivalent to pay received for 48 drills (12 weekends) and 15 days of annual training at an E-1 pay grade after eight years of service." This is approximately \$2500.00 for tax year 2005.

Lalaja in Command



photo by Tech. Sgt. Kristen Higgins

The 203rd Air Refueling Squadron's new commander, Lt. Col. Lajala, and family, (L-R) In-Laws; Peter and Sheila Freitas, wife; Celeste, Son; Ramon, Mother; Eleanor Bonner. Lt. Col. Lajala, the first traditional Guardsman to command the 203rd ARS, brings over 20 years of service from both Active Duty and Guard to the position.

Last Kuka'ilimoku Issue to be mailed home

The Kuka'ilimoku will no longer be mailed home. Guard members can access it online at <https://hihicksp/sites/154wg/pa/default.aspx>. To receive it by email, send your email address to regina.berry@hihick.af.mil.

Guardsmen serving around the world



courtesy photos

Members from the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Security Forces Squadron deployed to augment forces at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, get a visit from the Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Robert Lee. In addition to security forces in Afghanistan, there are numerous security forces members deployed throughout the Southwest Asia region supporting wartime contingencies. For many of the 154 SFS members, this is their second or third deployment in the region. Several 154 SFS troops are expected to return home sometime in March.



Senior Airman Ashley Saffery (right) 154th Services Flight, deployed to Antractica, assists in hoisting the Hawaii flag over the South Pole.

Chaplain's Corner: Lt.Col. Nagamine



Chaplain Carver and Chaplain Nagamine praise the lord through music. Nagamine volunteered for deployment to Kyrgyzstan.



Chaplain Nagamine, along with the Manas Air Base Outreach Society visit children at the Children's Cancer Center in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

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**Future Drill Dates
for 154th Wing**

Mar. 4-5, 2006

Apr. 1-2, 2006

May 6-7, 2006

Jun. 3-4, 2006

Jul. 15-16, 2006

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