

CERF-P team plays major role in State exercise

by 1st Lt. Regina Berry

Over 100 154th Wing members participated in the Nation's first ever Improvised Nuclear Device exercise Aug. 14-16 at Bellows Air Field.

154th Wing members were part of the Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear, or high yield explosive Enhanced Response Force Package.

A' Kele, a Hawaii National Guard and State Civil Defense IND training exercise allowed the CERF-P team to practice procedures following a simulated detonation of an IND.

Members from both the Illinois and Hawaii Army National Guard also contributed to the IND exercise. The Guard members spent three days under the command of Col. Brett Wyrick, 154th Medical Group

Commander, simulating post attack scenarios.

The CERF-P team, along with the 93rd Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team, play key roles in Homeland Defense. The 93 WMD/CST is able to detect and analyze for contamination while the CERF-P team provides mobile decontamination for contaminated victims.

The exercise was more than prac-



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Members of the CERF-P team decontaminate an individual during the Improvised Nuclear Device exercise Aug 14 -16.

ticating decontamination. "We weren't just doing patient decontamination,"

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201st deploys to Arizona and Southwest Asia

by 1st Lt. Regina Berry

Seventy-eight Hawaii Air National Guardsmen from the 201st Combat Communications Group began deploying to various areas of Southwest Asia Sept. 1, in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom while 20 members of the same unit have deployed to Arizona to support Operation Jump Start, the mission in support of the U.S. Border Patrol.

Members from every unit within the 201 CCG will send volunteers for the four month Air Expeditionary Force rotations in Southwest Asia. This is the "most volunteers from any ANG CCG in the



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201 CCG members on the Arizona border.

history of AEF," said Col. Robert Maglasang, commander 201 CCG. "The average number of positions

normally taken by CCGs is 30-35," added Col. Maglasang.

All of the Airmen deploying for this AEF rotation have volunteered for the entire 120-days. Normally, an Air National Guard Group would only perform 60 day rotations.

While deployed, they will manage theater-wide communication systems, ensure systems are ready for all management level, from generals at Central Command's Joint Task Force Headquarters to the Airmen and soldiers on the ground.

The HIANG Airmen will install and

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Commander's Call: Preparing for the future

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

I'm writing this as the Hawaii Air National Guard Commanders Conference is wrapping up. I have to tell you how impressed I am with the things that we in the Hawaii Air National Guard are doing and will be doing.

I remember back when I first started flying F-102s in the HIANG in 1972, it's incredible how much things have changed. The HIANG is truly keeping up with the times

by bringing in the latest and greatest missions and weapons systems. But then again, with as much as our technology and relevance here in the Pacific increases our people always seem to stay the same. Still ready, still reliable and most of all still dedicated.

I'd like to share with you one of the things that I've come to truly believe after attending the HIANG Command-

ers Conference. It's that this total force concept, this team Hickam idea, is going to be more and more prevalent for all of us at Hickam. The energy is at its peak amongst the leadership to make this continue to work...to get even better.

I'd like to thank each and every one of you because it's really you who allow us to do what we do today.

Recently the 154th Logistics Readiness Squadron welcomed home five of their Airmen from Kyrgystan. It wasn't that long ago that we were welcoming home the first group of LRS members from their deployment to Iraq. In fact



photo by Staff Sgt. Andrew Jackson

The 29th Annual Hawaii Air National Guard Commanders Conference was held Sept. 6-8 on the island of Hawaii. The Conference was attended by over one hundred commanders, Chief Master Sgt.'s and First Sgt.'s from the Hawaii Air National Guard as well as a number of members from the Pacific Air Forces and the 15th Airlift Wing.

Tech. Sgt. Robert Kodama and Tech. Sgt. Edgar Abella who returned from Kyrgystan Aug. 25 were on that initial deployment to Iraq.

I want to wish good luck to our 201st brethren who are currently in the process of deploying to various areas of Southwest Asia and to Arizona as well. I'm sure they will represent the HIANG proudly!



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Brig. Gen. (select) Skip Vincent, Assistant Adjutant General for Air, welcomes Capt. Dave Lowery into the HIANG Ohana after swearing him in at the National Guard Association's Museum in Wash., DC Jul. 14.

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Leadership column: Lessons from the Coach

by Lt. Col. David Molinaro, 154 LRS

Vince Lombardi, the brilliant, determined, and explosively tempered coach of the Green Bay Packers in the 1960s was like no other coach. A legend in the annals of the early NFL, Lombardi mercilessly drove his players to win and demanded absolute perfection in executing every play. The picture most associated with Lombardi was invariably one of him pacing the sub-zero sidelines of Green Bay, long wool coat, fedora hat, horn rimmed glasses, with hands clasped behind his back in a most pious manner. In the next moment

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Lt. Col. David Molinaro
Commander 154 LRS

this cauldron of emotion would explode in a thunderous manner, spewing forth a verbal and emotional assault that left even the most hardened linebacker cowering like a fawn caught in the crosshairs. His passion was football; his obsession was winning.

While Lombardi has been portrayed as rather maniacal person, both on and off the field, the coach shared one other passion that in his own words "forced him to compete with himself," golf. Golf was his way to relax and put things into perspective, "Sharpen the

Saw" in the vernacular of Covey. Lombardi said he could golf 365 days a year given the opportunity, but his schedule would not allow it. However, he did play golf at every chance, no matter where he was, no matter the schedule. The coach realized he needed a physical (and mental escape) from the stresses imposed by football. Golf fulfilled that need.

While I can fully understand Lombardi's love of golf, the more important issue is to realize the necessity for each of us to take regular physical and mental breaks from what we do. This is especially true when we are under a stress and the ops tempo is at its peak. However, the irony is that most of us will not "Sharpen the Saw" when we need it the most. The moral of the story, like Lombardi, is to take the time off you need, (on a regular basis) to exercise both the physical and mental psyche of what is commonly known as "you."

Go get em, coach!

By the way, the Packer's championship record has never been broken.



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The new leadership column. A different commander or designee will submit an article to run in each issue of the Kuka'ilimoku.



Did "the system" fail young troop?

by Command Chief Denise Jelinski-Hall, 154WG

Recently, the opportunity to mentor a young service member from another branch of service presented itself to me. The young man entered the service with hope of a brighter future and a better life. He arrived at his first duty station full of enthusiasm, wanting to make a difference.

After serving his first tour and not qualifying for a job skill (MOS, Rate, AFSC) he was assigned to a state-side command. He failed his first job skill. Consequently, he was labeled as worthless and was not given sufficient guidance to acquire a new

skill. His monitor/detailer "didn't have time for him," and he was told there were "other priorities"; he not being one of them.

The young serviceman was afraid to continue asking about finding a new job for fear of retribution.

Things continued, the serviceman fell into the wrong crowd, lost his enthusiasm and began to spiral downward.

He is now at the point of being kicked out of the service. Granted, my input was only from the service member; and there are always two sides to every story; however, this incident made me stop and ask the question; did "the system" fail the service member?

Where was this serviceman's supervisor? Who was there to guide

him and get him back on the right path? With all the tools, resources and checks and balances he still "fell through the crack."

A young service member who is labeled "bad or a failure" is often a sign of poor leadership from his or her chain of command. As leaders, it is our responsibility to ensure all Airmen receive the best guidance and leadership that we can provide. Our Airmen want to contribute, make a difference in our service, and they look to us to help them succeed.

As leaders, the challenge for us is to question our processes, ensure we are being responsible leaders and to take the utmost care of our most important resource...our people. No one deserves to "fall through the crack".

154 MDG Doctor wins Air National Guard award

by Master Sgt. Dawn Wahinekapu, 154 MDG

Lt. Col. Stanley Sato, of the 154th Medical Group, was named the Air National Guard's Outstanding Optometrist of the Year 2004 during the Readiness Frontiers Conference held July 2006 in Snowbird, Utah.

Over the past 11 years, Lt. Col. Sato has been the lone Optometrist assigned to the Hawaii Air National Guard to service over 2,000 members. Over 200 of these members are flying class members who require optometry exams every year.

While on traditional status, Lt. Col. Sato along with his optometry technician, Master Sgt. Alan Yoneshige, manages the gas mask insert program and the HIANG contact lens program, keeping both programs over 90 percent compliant.

"In the field of Optometry, the workload is expanding with more contact lens users, more multifocal lens wearers and more aircrew in the Wing with the new C-17 aircraft," said Lt. Col. Sato.

Along with his optometry duties, Lt. Col. Sato is also the vice-commander for the 154 MDG and the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, or high yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package team. During Col. Brett Wyrick's deployment to Iraq, Lt. Col. Sato took temporary command of the 154 MDG for four months in 2005 while still performing all of his Optometry duties.

Lt. Col. Sato is one of those leaders that will get involved with his unit; you will find him in the hot sun in Diamond Head crater pitching tents with his unit or hauling CERF-P trailers during CERF-P exercises. At the same time he is leading and motivating the unit in the right direction.

He believes his HIANG experience has definitely turned out to be "one adventure after the other." The main reason he enjoys being in the Guard is working with people that are willing to help others and work hard for little return.

Lt. Col. Sato received his commission in the Army in June 1988 where he was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks as the "Division Optometrist."

"It was an ideal assignment as I grew up in Wahiawa and was right at home in the mud and red dirt of the "East Range," said Lt. Col. Sato.

He spent four years in the Army before transferring to the Army Reserve and then the HIANG in 1995.

Lt. Col. Sato believes the biggest challenge for the field of Optometry in the Guard, is recruiting new op-

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maintain telephone and computer networks as well as HF radio systems, administer and monitor network security and operations, and provide air traffic control.

Airmen who deployed to Arizona,

will be supporting the Arizona Joint Force Headquarters, said Col. Maglasang. They will assist in providing voice and data service for Army Guard personnel in Yuma, establish satellite connectivity as well as communications security, user

assistance and network monitoring.

The mission could range anywhere from 30 days to two years depending on the replacements.

The 201 CCG Airmen are the first HING members to deploy in support of Operation Jump Start.



courtesy photo

(Above) Lt. Col. Stanley Sato takes a break from shooting a 50 caliber gun at the Arizona practice shooting range.

(Below) Lt. Col. Alan Peaslee, Commander 116th Medical Group, Georgia congratulates Lt. Col. Sato after he receives the Air National Guard's Outstanding Optometry Officer of the Year award at the Readiness Frontiers Conference in Colorado.



courtesy photo

tometrists to replace retiring optometrists. For many civilian optometrists, the workload and time commitment in the Guard is too much to manage along with a full time practice in the civilian world.

Lt. Col. Sato looks beyond the financial benefits of the military and is most satisfied with the camaraderie and chance to serve his country and community.

LRS members return from six month deployment

by Master Sgt. Kristen Higgins, 154 Multimedia

Senior Airman Vance Bernades, Senior Airman Dustin Williams, Tech. Sgt. Robert Kodama, Tech. Sgt.



photo by Master Sgt. Kristen Higgins

Senior Airman Vance Bernades meets and greets his son, Owen, for the first time.

Edgar Abella, Staff Sgt. Ivan Yoshioka, all vehicle operations Airman from the 154th Logistics Readiness Squadron, returned home Aug. 25, from a six-month deployment to Kyrgyzstan. For Tech. Sgt. Kodama and Tech. Sgt. Abella this was their second tour to Southwest Asia. When offered the option of swapping out to shorten their stay in Kyrgyzstan, all five airmen declined and volunteered to stay for the duration of the tour. They were met at the Honolulu International Airport by family members, friends and co-workers.



photo by Master Sgt. Kristen Higgins

HIANG Master Sgt. greets Tech. Sgt. Robert Kodama.

Beware Web site postings, blogs

by Staff Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

How about a website that allows the posting of pictures, making contact with old friends, finding new friends and staying up to date with everyone's lives any where in the world? Best of all, it is free. Sound good?

That is exactly what "Myspace.com" is all about, but be careful, there is more here than meets the eye, especially for members of the Armed Forces.

Although civilians have the right to say and post anything they want, once individuals raise their right hand and swear to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, they have adopted a code of

behavior that is supposed to uphold good order and discipline.

Order and discipline are spelled out in the rules, regulations and core values of the Air Force. These rules and regulations cover all aspects of an Airman's life, including use of the Internet.

Information posted knowingly or unknowingly, on websites like Myspace.com may place fellow servicemembers in harms way or may bring discredit or disgrace to the uniform, both of which are strictly prohibited.

Article 134 of the UCMJ says, "...all disorders and neglects to the prejudice of good order and discipline in the armed forces, all con-

duct of a nature to bring discredit upon the armed forces, and crimes and offenses not capital, of which persons subject to this chapter may be guilty, shall be taken cognizance of by a general, special, or summary court-martial, according to the nature and degree of the offense, and shall be punished at the discretion of that court."

Moreover, the Deputy Secretary of Defense recently put out a directive that stated, "No information may be placed on Web sites that are readily accessible to the public unless it has been reviewed for security concerns and approved in ac-

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News Briefs

ID card lost, stolen?

An ID card that has been lost or stolen must be reported to Security Forces. A written statement must be recorded by Security Forces. The individual reporting the ID card lost or stolen must be present at the time the statement is complete. This report will be processed through normal investigative and administrative channels.

Reporting an ID card lost or stolen when the ID card has not been lost or stolen is considered fraud and the cards will be confiscated.

When an ID card has expired, is being used fraudulently, or is presented by a person not entitled to its use, the card will be confiscated.

154 WG Drill Dates

Oct. 14-15, 2006

Nov. 4-5, 2006

Dec. 2-3, 2006

Jan. 6-7, 2007

Forgot CAC card?

Now that the CAC card is being used to log onto the computer, as sure as the sun will rise tomorrow, someone will forget their CAC card in the computer. Don't worry about trying to return to Hickam. All that is need is to enter the installation is another form of identification. Go to the visitor center and inform them that the card was left in a computer. They will check the Alpha roster that was forwarded to the 15th Security Forces and provide a pass. If problems arise, inform the 154 Wing Security Forces.

60th Anniversary tickets, on sale now

The Hawaii Air National Guard 60th Anniversary dinner will be held Nov. 18 at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel from 5:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

The attire for military members will be best dress and for civilians, coat and tie is desired but aloha attire is also welcomed. The cost for E-1 to E-4 is \$25.00; E-5 to E-6 is \$35.00; E-7/E-8 to O-3 is \$45.00; E-9 to O-5 is \$55.00; and O-6 and above is \$65.00. The ticket prices apply to the member's guest.

Uniform Changes



The sleeve chevron will be mandatory on the enlisted blue uniform as of Oct. 1, 2006. The shoulder board rank will no longer be an option. In addition, the enlisted service dress uniform is returning to the U.S. insignia with circle. Implementation of this change is Jan. 1, 2007.

August Promotions

Promoted to CMSgt (E-9)

154 MXS Essman, Edward T.

Promoted to SMSgt (E-8)

HQ HIANG Bergeson, Alan T.

Promoted to MSgt (E-7)

154 MXS Adams, Kirk K.A.

169 ACWS Macayan, Desiree T.

291 CBCS Salmo, Marlene G.

293 CBCS Wadsack, Jeremiah

Promoted to TSgt (E-6)

154 ACS Ingram, Otis D. Jr.

154 MOF McClellan, Reynold

154 MXS Membrere, Joel

199 FS Mina, Jared Y.

Promoted to SSgt (E-5)

154 MXS Kang, Gindalle

website

cordance with Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum, "Web site policies and procedures," Dec. 7, 1998 and, as applicable, DoD instruction 5230.29, "Security and policy review of DoD information for public release."

In addition, Air Force Instruction 36-2903 Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel prohibits wearing the uniform when "it would discredit the Armed Forces."

It appears, Airmen may not be aware of these policies. For example, several Airmen from Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, posted photographs of themselves in uniform on Myspace.com that were deemed inappropriate to good order and dis-

cipline. Consequently, they have been punished under Article 15, of the UCMJ for bringing discredit to the Armed Forces.

According to the Joint Ethics Regulation, Airmen must not use words or images that imply official Air Force endorsement. For example, posting a photograph that depicts an Airman in uniform drinking a name brand beer would be improper.

Joint Ethics Regulations state, "DoD employees may not use or allow the use of their official titles, positions or organizations names in connection with activities performed in their personal capacities as this tends to suggest official endorsement or preferential treatment by

DoD of a non-Federal entity involved."

CFR 2635.702 (b) also states, "An employee shall not use or permit the use of his Government position or title or any authority associated with his public office in a manner that could reasonable be construed to imply that his agency or the Government sanctions or endorses his personal activities or those of another."

Besides behavior, Airmen should also be mindful of the information they post on any Web site, blog or chat room as it may violate Operational Security. Such information includes things like troop rotations, take off and departure times, equipment vulnerability or troop morale.

MEO: Crystal meth use is rising

by Tech. Sgt. Alan Alejandro, 154 WG

While marijuana continues to be the drug Guard members most often test positive for, crystal meth is rising in numbers.

During a recent substance abuse conference this poem was passed around, and I figured it would be a useful tool to share with Guard members. It's a powerful message that should be shared with all our loved ones.

I AM METH - author unknown

I destroy homes, I tear families apart,
I take your children, and that's just the start.

I'm more costly than diamonds, more precious
than gold,

The sorrow I bring is a sight to behold.

If you need me, remember I'm easily found,
I live all around you - in schools and in town

I live with the rich, I live with the poor,
I live down the street, and maybe next door.

I'm made in a lab, but not like you think,
I can be made under the kitchen sink.

In your child's closet, and even in the woods,
If this scares you to death, well it certainly should.

I have many names, but there's one you know
best,
I'm sure you've heard of me, my name is crystal
meth.

My power is awesome, try me you'll see,
But if you do, you may never break free.

Just try me once and I might let you go,
But try me twice, and I'll own your soul.

When I possess you, you'll steal and you'll lie,
You do what you have to — just to get high.

The crimes you'll commit for my narcotic charms
Will be worth the pleasure you'll feel in your arms.

You'll lie to your mother, you'll steal from your
dad,
When you see their tears, you should feel sad.

But you'll forget your morals and how you were
raised,

I'll be your conscience, I'll teach you my ways.

I take kids from parents, and parents from kids,
I turn people from God, and separate friends.

I'll take everything from you, your looks and your
pride,

I'll be with you always — right by your side.

You'll give up everything - your family, your home,
Your friends, your money, then you'll be alone.

I'll take and take, till you have nothing more to
give,

When I'm finished with you, you'll be lucky to live.

If you try me be warned - this is no game,
If given the chance, I'll drive you insane.

I'll ravish your body, I'll control your mind,
I'll own you completely, your soul will be mine.

The nightmares I'll give you while lying in bed,
The voices you'll hear, from inside your head.

The sweats, the shakes, the visions you'll see,
I want you to know, these are all gifts from me.

But then it's too late, and you'll know in your
heart,

That you are mine, and we shall not part.

You'll regret that you tried me, they always do,
But you came to me, not I to you.

You knew this would happen, many times you
were told,

But you challenged my power, and chose to be bold.

You could have said no, and just walked away,
If you could live that day over, now what would you
say?

I'll be your master, you will be my slave,
I'll even go with you, when you go to your grave.

Now that you have met me, what will you do?
Will you try me or not? It's all up to you.

I can bring you more misery than words can tell,
Come take my hand, let me lead you to hell.

DoD Lifestyle Assessment Program Survey

by Chief Master Sgt. Karl Kaneshiro,
State HRA

During the July and August Unit Training Assembly, RTI International representatives conducted the Department of Defense Lifestyle Assessment Survey to 607 (60 percent) personnel at Hickam Air Force Base.

The purpose of the survey is to assess the prevalence of various health behaviors such as alcohol, tobacco, and drug use.

In addition, other questions were asked about health attitudes and be-

havior regarding stress, exercise, high blood pressure, and sexual behavior.

These behaviors greatly impact mission readiness and retention. The information will be used to inform DoD of the potential health and lifestyle issues that exist in the military. The intent is for the leaders to better understand the nature, causes, and consequences of substance abuse and health practices.

The survey may also result in funding or maintaining funding for

additional screening or intervention programs that can assist our personnel. The Hawaii Air National Guard was 1 of 16 National Guard units selected to participate in the survey along with the active duty Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

On behalf of Major Gen Wong, we would thank all of you who participated in this (long) survey. Your responses will have an impact for our troops who may need assistance in the future.

Taking the HIANG to the employer

by Lt. Col. Kurt Lajala, 203 ARS

It was a beautiful August morning when Boeing test pilots "Tex" Johnston roared off the Renton, Washington runway and into aviation history. Literally, 50 years of history! Boeing aircraft #55-3118, nicknamed "The City of Renton," took its first flight August 31, 1956. It was the first of the 820 KC-135 Stratotankers to be built for the U.S. Air Force and would prove itself an integral, if not, the vital element of our nation's ability to project air power around the world. The date was therefore fitting to enlist the newest member of the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, Staff Sgt Michael Carter.

During an equally beautiful morning in the Pawa'a area of Honolulu, I gave the Oath of Enlistment at the Honolulu Fire Department's Pawa'a Station against the backdrop of Engine Number 2. Chief Master Sgt. Warren Faurot, the 203 ARS chief boom operator and also a Honolulu firefighter, Master Sgt. Kelly Machado, Hawaii Air National Guard recruiter, HFD Battalion Chief Peter Gaskell, and HFD Captain Kekoa Faurot (yes, Chris, Warren and Eric are his brothers!) and Mike's entire HFD crew attended the ceremony and congratulated him on



photo by Master Sgt. Kristen Higgins

Lt. Col. Kurt Lajala, 203 ARS commander swears in Staff Sgt. Michael Carter.

this special occasion.

The enlistment ceremony was particularly unique in that it was performed at the enlistee's work place. As part of a bold recruiting initiative, the HIANG recruiting office and the leadership of the 203 ARS took the HIANG to the employer. The goal was to provide a sense of partnership and understanding between the enlistee, the HIANG and the civilian employer. In

the case of Staff Sgt. Carter, coordination extended from the HIANG through Honolulu Fire Chief Kenneth Silva and Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann.

Staff Sgt. Carter, a firefighter with the Honolulu Fire Department and former U.S. Coast Guard member, joins four other HFD members in the 203 ARS as an in-flight refueling specialist- the Boom Operator! With

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Traffic accidents still number one killer

by Chief Master Sgt. Myles Kaneshiro

Labor Day marked the official end to the 101 Critical Days of Summer. Throughout this period, the Air Force, including the Air National Guard, lost 16 individuals. Off-duty vehicle accidents remain the #1 killer of our Airmen, accounting for 11 of these fatalities.

During this period our Wing suffered 5 non-reportable vehicle mishaps. Two of those mishaps involved on-duty government vehicles and three involved off-duty privately owned vehicles. No serious injuries were sustained; however, off-duty vehicle mishaps still remain a concern for the Wing. Hawaii traffic statistics show that 67 people have died this year on Oahu in vehicle mishaps. Twenty-seven of those involved speed, and nearly half involved alcohol.

Hawaii statistics from 2005 show a 20.5 percent increase in traffic fatalities involving blood alcohol content over .08 from the previous year. Last year 67

of the 140 traffic fatalities involved alcohol.

Hawaii traffic safety officials, coinciding with national ads, are trying to stem this trend. More TV and radio ads will target a younger audience on drinking and driving, use of seat belts, and speeding. Other efforts within the state to combat drunk driving include the 52/12 program by the Honolulu Police Department who will set up sobriety checkpoints at various locations every week, and the D2 program by local restaurants who offer free nonalcoholic drinks to designated drivers.

The 101 Days of Summer safety campaign may be over but our climate in Hawaii allows us to continue to pursue the same outdoor activities throughout the year. Proper risk management and safety awareness will go a long way in keeping us safe. Drive sober, wear your seatbelts, and curb your need for speed.

Sports

HIANG intramural golf team undefeated

by Staff Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

Maj. Taison Tanaka is leading the 154th Wing golf team to the top of the leader board in the Hickam Intramural Golf league.

Nine weeks into the season, the 154 WG golf team is undefeated and in first place as they head into the championships of the Intramural Golf league.

Golfers tee off at the Par 3 Wednesday afternoons. This year marks the first time that intramurals are taking place at the Par-3. "Other teams evidently don't like playing there because we have won 4 matches by forfeit due to lack of players," said Chief Alwyn Yoshimura.

154 WG team members golf on a rotating basis, which poses a weekly challenge to team coordinator Master Sgt. Colosse Eliapo. "The most challenging part of the season is getting golfers to the course," said Master Sgt. Eliapo.

Once at the course, each match is quest for three points. Teams win points in one of three formats, best ball, scramble and the most holes won.

During the best-ball format, two team members play their own ball, but take the best score between the two of them. They then compare their score to the opposition and whoever has the lowest score wins the hole. The team that wins five holes, wins the match, 5-4.

The scramble consists of two team members selecting the best ball position. Upon determining the best lie, each team member takes a hack at a ball from the chosen spot. For example, golfer number one hits the ball on the green while golfer number two shanks it 80 yards to the right of the green. Since the ball on the green is in the best position, each golfer attempts to putt. However, if golfer number one drains the putt, they pick up and move on to the next hole. If, he misses the putt, golfer number two attempts the putt. If he makes it, it's on to the next hole. At the end of each hole, the two teams compare scores, and the lowest score wins the hole. Whoever wins the most holes of the scramble format wins the point.

The third point goes to the team that wins the most holes between the two formats.

Col. Grover Cleveland, Maj. Duke Ota, Maj. Taison Tanaka, Chief Master Sgt. Alwyn Yoshimura, Tech. Sgt. Mark Crabbe, Lt. Col. Gregory Woodrow, Capt. Ben Murata, Lt. Col. Irving Higa, Maj. Scott Oka, Chief Master Sgt. Brian Tom and Master Sgt. Colosse Eliapo make up the team.



CERF-P

said Capt. Aaron Blanchard, Hawaii National Guard CERF-P coordinator and member of the HIANG.

"We also had a search and extraction group that was led by Capt. Ian Beltran from the 154th Civil Engineering Squadron doing collapsed structure search and recovery, decontamination as well as the 154th Medical Group handling triage," said Capt. Blanchard.



photo by Cpl. Marcus L. Miller, MarForPac Combat Camera

CERF-P members ready their next patient for decontamination.

"We also had a command and control, which was also made up primarily of 154 MDG members," he added.

The CERF-P team supports local, State and Federal agencies.

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over ten years experience in the fire department, Mike brings the very high values and commitment of HFD's motto, "Pride-Service-Dedication," as well as our own, "Integrity First- Service Before Self- Excellence In All We Do" to the HIANG. As famed Commander-in-Chief, Strategic Air Command General Curtis E. LeMay once described KC-135 tanker crews 50 years ago, we welcome Mike to the squadron and look forward to him becoming one of the "crew dogs" in the 203 ARS.

Like that first KC-135 a half century ago, we hope to reach other employers and build upon today's "first flight" to strengthen the Employer's Support of the Guard and Reserve and, ultimately, unit Readiness, Reliability and Relevance.

History



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KEY TO THE PACIFIC: These photos show a rare and short-lived paint scheme version for the aircraft of the fledgling 199th Fighter Squadron of the late 1940s.

Notice the "Key To The Pacific" symbol on the side of the fuselage of the F-47 Thunderbolt (bottom) and the B-26 Marauder (top).

Documentation on the origin and obsolescence of this paint scheme is non-existent, but an examination of other photographs show that this scheme replaced the original paint scheme on the aircraft as they were presumably received from the active duty service, and in short order replaced

by the "TH (star) NG" paint scheme by the early 1950s. That scheme lasted into the 1960s when it was replaced by the standard USAF paint scheme that is seen today.

Astute observers will note that when viewing these two particular aircraft from the side, the lack of the traditional U.S. military aircraft "star" emblem. One can imagine that this fact led to the downfall of this distinctly HANG way of painting its aircraft. The Key To The Pacific emblem is seen today as the uppermost symbol in the HQ HIANG emblem. (Tech Sgt.



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