

Active duty recognizes HIANG members

by Lt. Col. William Petti, 154 MXG

Chief Master Sgt. Edward Essman, 154th Maintenance Squadron, and Master Sgt. Jason Vierra, 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, were recently honored by the 15th Maintenance Group as its 2006 Superior Technician Performance Award Recipients.

These awards are given on a quarterly and annual basis to outstanding Guard maintainers who provide support to Hickam's C-17 fleet.

Chief Essman successfully planned, organized, and implemented 15 C-17 Home Station Checks. Under his guidance, the all-Guard HSC Team exceeded AMC standards despite severe facility shortfalls. Along with his superb team of supervisors and technicians, Chief Essman accomplished over 2,000 separate inspections.

Master Sgt. Jason Vierra performed superbly as a crew chief and trainer. He was most noteworthy in



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The 15th Airlift Wing recognizes Master Sgt. Jason Vierra, 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, as a 2006 Superior Technician.

his support of the 204th's Indian Ocean Channel, which is an arduous and continuous supply mission covering over half of the world's surface. His critical skills in providing



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en route support has earned him acclaim from the 204th aircrews.

Both were also 15 MXG Quarterly Award Winners for the 4th Quarter of Fiscal Year 2006.

Young Airman spends free time volunteering



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Senior Airman Melissa McConnell, deployed to Balad, Iraq, says aloha to her unit here at home.

by 154 WG/PA

Senior Airman Melissa McConnell, 154th Logistics Readiness Squadron, is currently deployed to Balad, Iraq for a 60-day tour with the 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron. In the 332

ELRS, Senior Airman McConnell is working in the In-bound section handling cargo coming into the base through the Air Mobility Command, Seavan and Commercial Carriers. Outside of work, Senior Airman McConnell spends much of her free time volunteering at the hospital. "There are a lot of areas where volunteers are needed at the hospital," said Senior Airman McConnell. "In the IC wards I assist the doctors and nurses in being that extra pair of hands for anything they may need, cleaning up areas, taking vitals, and comforting patients by providing a listening ear." She also assists in the Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility patient loading and unloading, from ambulances, C-17 and C-130 cargo aircrafts.



Commander's Call: Unparalleled dedication

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

I can't say enough about how proud I am of the 154th Wing and what a pleasure it is for me to serve you. The Pacific Air Forces Inspector General recently validated our Air Defense capability when we successfully passed the periodic Alert Force Evaluation.

Congratulations to all who took part in this critical evaluation of our 24/7 mission.

We're definitely on the inspection roll as we are within two months of the UCI - leave no stone unturned as each of you comb through your self inspection checklist(s), past inspection write-ups, and the inspection results from other units.

This past Launa Ole Awards reinforced my strong conviction that the deserving winners reflect a mere fraction of the skilled and dedicated men and women in our organization today. I am certain that each of the award winners will say that they weren't alone in their success.

Speaking of DEDICATION, I want to take this time to express my heart felt appreciation to Lt. Col. Dave Snakenberg, who is now the head of the State Department of Defense Human Resources Office. Having been the vice-commander, I know the extreme burden that Dave took on and witnessed the long

hours he put in to always complete the mission.

The level of accomplishments he produced in the wing Readiness Exercise program, CERF-P, and countless other critical wing functions and programs were well beyond my expectations. His Maintenance background and experience has truly added to my appreciation for the Maintenance Group. It was such a privilege to have been taught by this former Damien High School educator! I am confident, however, that our loss is a huge gain for the Hawaii National Guard as a whole.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo

F-22 Raptors from Langley Air Force Base, sit on the flight line here, Feb. 12. The F-22s were on their way to Kadena Air Base, Japan, for their first overseas deployment.



photo by Master Sgt. Kristen Higgins

Lt. Col. Christopher "Frenchy" Faurot, briefs members from the 154th Wing, 15th Airlift Wing, Pacific Air Forces and Air Combat Command, along with contractors and Air National Guard functionals at the F-22 site activation meeting held April 3-6 at the 154 Wing dining facility.

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Thirteen members of the 154th Security Forces deployed to Kirkuk, Iraq, in February for a 6-month long deployment providing security as part of the 506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron. The 506 ESFS is responsible for providing law and order, securing the perimeter, and providing base defense command and control at Kirkuk Regional Air Base. Team Members: Master Sgt. Kalani Makaneole, Tech. Sgt. Charles Parker, Staff Sgts. Anthony Colon, Shon Kele, Robert Kim, Ryan Schreiner, Senior Airmen Kenneth Cheers, Matthew Higa, Ryan Kaleo, Salofi Leasiolagi, Gavin Ramos, Manny Souza, Logan Yamamoto.



photos by Master Sgt. Kristen Higgins

Capt. Kevin Szymanski from Headquarters Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence leads Hawaii Air National Guard 154th Wing senior leaders on a tour of the C-17 Corrosion Control Hangar construction site Mar. 6, here. "We've had zero change orders during construction so far, which is something quite unusual for a project of this magnitude," said John Rhoden, contract officer for URS Corporation. Once constructed, the facility will provide a multifunctional facility for use by the C-17 Maintenance Squadron.

Leadership Corner: *If can, can; If no-can, no-can*

by Lt. Col. Stan Sato, 154 MDG/CC

I once heard a saying: "**If can, can. If no-can, no-can.**" I liked it because it was straight forward and to the point. If a task can be done, do it. If not, then don't. But, in that light, don't quit without giving at least 100 percent of your efforts.

Quotes are great tools to live by. They're easy to say and hard to stick to but that's what makes you a leader: Sticking to what you say.

A few others I picked up along the way:

"You can do anything to me, but don't touch my car."

Growing up in Wahiawa and in the public school system, life wasn't always a garden of roses. Bullies were always around trying to take your money or keep you from going to the restroom. There were battles I won and some that I lost, but in

the end, it was only me that took the "lumps," not some defenseless little kid. The point is, don't pick on someone that didn't make the rules or something that can't fight back. If you have a problem, talk to the person that can fight back. Leave the junior persons out of it. They're just doing as their told. In other words, see me if you have a problem, don't "key-job" my car.

"You think you're car is fast; take it to the race track"

In high school, I had a friend named Gerald Napoleon. He was a really tough guy, not a bully or anything, just strong and fearless. I can assure you that no one ever took his money or blocked his way as he was walking to the restroom. One year, Gerald got selected to be on the OIA All-Star Football team. After a few days of practice, he said to me,

"Stan, you know, around school, I feel pretty good. I can hold my own and nobody pushes me around. But at All-Star practice, I get my ass kicked!" The point is, "no act up." There is always a faster car, a tougher guy, or a smarter person out there.

"The squeaky wheel gets the oil," and "wet diapers get changed."

Not to me. In my book, the squeaky wheel makes more friction, wears out faster and irritates everyone. Wet diapers cause rashes on private areas. Don't be a "Whiney the Pooh," or ask for "Whaaamburgers and French Cries." If any of you have seen the movie, *Trading Places*, Eddie Murphy says, "Karate-man cries on the inside." You can never lead being a crybaby. If you have to

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Launa Ole Awards 2006
**OUTSTANDING TRADITIONAL
FIELD GRADE OFFICER OF THE YEAR**
Maj. Vern Sasaki, 154 MDT



Hawaii Air National Guard
Launa Ole Awards 2006
**OUTSTANDING TRADITIONAL
AIRMAN OF THE YEAR**
SrA Ryan Yung, HQ 154 WG



Hawaii Air National Guard
Launa Ole Awards 2006
**OUTSTANDING TRADITIONAL
NCO OF THE YEAR**
SSGT RUS Miller, 791 CRCS



Hawaii Air National Guard
Launa Ole Awards 2006
**OUTSTANDING FULL-TIME
FIELD GRADE OFFICER OF THE YEAR**
Maj. Mark Laulikow, 154 OSE



**Winning Team of the Year: 169 ACWS
Battle Control System-Fixed Modernization Team**



Unit of the Year: 154th Security Forces Squadron

News Briefs

Get paid early

Reminder, travel vouchers requiring modifications need not be held before turning them into Finance (**Travel Section**) for payment. You may turn in your voucher, get paid, and then later file a supplemental voucher (with the modified order) for additional payment, if required. It is highly recommended you turn in your travel voucher immediately (five work days from TDY completion) to avoid travel card delinquency and outstanding orders listings. Finance will process your voucher with the original order and pay whatever is authorized immediately. A supplemental can be subsequently filed should modifications be required.

The **Pay Services** section (Military Pay) processes have not changed. Amendments are required before you can be paid. Your certified orders must be submitted to Pay Services and not to any other FM function.

Airman Battle Uniform

The Airman Battle Uniform will be available in fiscal year 2007. It will first be issued to deploying war fighters in Air Expeditionary Forces 7 and 8. Most deploying Airman will get two sets of the ABU and two of the Desert Combat Uniform. The ABU will begin to be issued to our Basic Trainees in October 2007. The ABU is currently not available for sale but is expected to be available for purchase June 2008.

According to Air Force Print News, "The cost for the uniform, pants and coat runs about \$81. Additional items such as socks, T-shirts, belts, and ABU-style hats will also need to be purchased.

March Promotions

Promoted to SMSgt (E-8)

154 MSF Orr, Carol C.
154 MXS Suzuki, Grant T.

Promoted to MSgt (E-7)

154 LRS Della Sala, Marcus
154 ACS Gordon, Michael O.
169 ACWS Ikei, Clint S.
154 MXS Kaneshiro, Grant
154 MXS Lim, Dwayne P.S.
154 OSF Peters, Dwan C.J.

Promoted to TSgt (E-6)

HQ 154 WG Dineen, Michael W.
154 MXS Maglangit, George
293 CBCS Shivery, Timoty F.

Promoted to SSgt (E-5)

154 MSF Bastatas, Veronica
169 ACWS Domingo, Joseph E
292 CBCS Evangelista, Ernesto
204 AS Kido, Kimberly E.L.
293 CBCS Rapozo, Kyra
154 MDG Sabati, Jonjay A.S.
292 CBCS Sijalbo, Randy G.
154 MXS Tolentino, Elbert C.

DoD resumes anthrax vaccinations

Airmen with orders to, or are currently in, specific high-threat areas, such as the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility or the Korean Peninsula, are required to begin or continue the anthrax vaccine series of inoculations.

Airmen are required to receive the vaccine if they will be in these designated areas for more than 15 consecutive days. The vaccinations are also mandatory for special mission units such as tactical air controllers or rescue personnel, regardless of location.

Also, Airmen can voluntarily elect to continue getting the Anthrax vaccine series whether or not they will be deploying or assigned to these areas, if they had at least one Anthrax vaccine dosage since 1998.

Foodbank drive continues

The 18th Annual Foodbank food drive continues to accept donations. The 154th Logistics Readiness Squadron is the lead in coordinating donation items for the 154th Wing (to include the 293 CBCS and 297 ATCS on the island of Oahu.)

All sections are encouraged to participate in this worthy cause. The 154 LRS will collect and tally all donations until the end of April. Donations will be picked up after UTA weekends.

The Hawaii Foodbank Annual food drive will be held on Sat., April 21. We are soliciting volunteers to assist in food collections, sorting, sign waiving, fish

netting, and various other jobs. The Hawaii Air National Guard has been assigned

the Restaurant Row location from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If there are any questions please contact Master Sgt.

Irenio Mateo at Irenio.mateo@hick.ang.af.mil or 448-7733.

For more information check out the Hawaii Foodbank website at <http://www.hawaiifoodbank.org>.



154 WG Drill Dates

May 5-6, 2007
UCI June 6-10, 2007
July 7-8, 2007
August 4-5, 2007

Chaplain's Corner: Building trust to mend fences

by Maj. Daniel L. Leatherman, Chaplain



My grandparents have a farm on the Big Island of Hawaii. When I was young, I would go up to their house in Kamuela and spend parts of my school vacations there visiting and working on the farm. I would do all kinds of odd jobs helping grandpa on the farm: cutting flowers for the market, planting new plants, pulling weeds in grandma's garden and much more. Occasionally, we had to do what many farmers had to do—mend fences. We needed to fix the barbed wire fence that divided our property from the pasture next door. It was a tedious job, but an important one for both people on each side of the fence. Rather than live with brokenness on both sides the fence, we had to fix what was broken so that we could continue to live without fear that the animals would not escape and run amuck.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa was appointed by the new South African Government of National Unity as Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The mandate of the commission was to bear witness to, record and in some cases grant amnesty to the perpetrators of crimes relating to human rights violations that had happened under the apartheid regime. No section of society escaped abuse. As a result of apartheid and the violence and abuses committed by both sides, there was a tremendous rift between white and black South Africans that resulted in many unanswered questions: fear, distrust, anger, hatred, and resentment.

Archbishop Tutu, in an interview said it best, "We are in the forgiving business, whether we like it or not. And we can do this only through God's grace," Tutu said. "It is ultimately God at work in us to make us be like God. Yes, it is a tall order, but that is the love that changes the world, that believes an enemy is a friend waiting to be made." He ended by reminding people that "ultimately there is no future without forgiveness."^{1[1]} (emphasis is mine).

There are times in our lives when trust has been

broken, when we have felt disappointment and anger; when we have sinned against others and even against God. Still, we are reminded that God is in the business of forgiveness. We are also called to be in the business of forgiveness. As we are forgiven, we are called to seek the higher and brighter path that is reconciliation. One that continues to build trust, to mend fences as I did many years ago on my grandma's farm. It was tedious but important.

In this Easter season, let us therefore wage reconciliation. Our voices must come together, each unique in tone and timbre, and join in singing "Hallelujah!" Let us offer our gifts for the carrying out of God's ongoing work of reconciliation, healing and making all things new— for our future, the future of our children, their children's children, and all of humanity.

"May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

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.

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cry, be that "Karate-man" and cry on the inside, not in front of your troops. The lone exception to this is if two of your outstanding airmen, Tech. Sgt. Kerrie Contreras and Staff Sgt. Joleen Manuia leave your unit to become Loadmasters with the 204th. Only then can you cry on the "outside" but then again, only one tear is allowed from each eye.

"Drive nicely. The ride will be much better for you and your passengers."

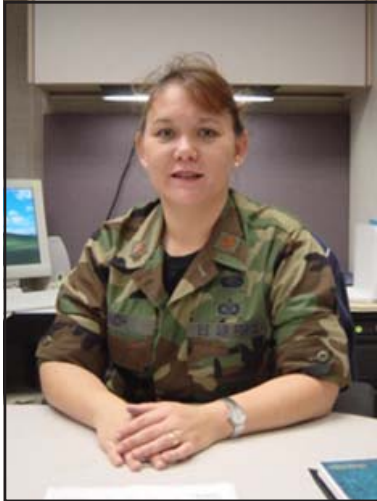
Whenever there's conflict, as hard as it may be, it's better to be the nicer person. Be the first to say "sorry," "hi" or give a "shaka" sign. Thank people for letting you "merge." Don't have "Road Rage" and bad mouth or yell at people. Drive on the smooth side of the road.

Just because you have a rugged 4-Wheel Drive truck, you don't have to hit every hole in the road. Remember, 4-Wheel Drive doesn't prevent you from getting stuck; it just gets you stuck in worse places.

"Don't beat the dead horse." I've seen this a fair amount. Sometimes the horse is already in Heaven and someone is still beating it. Saying something one or two times is usually enough. Anything more starts pushing you into the "squeaky wheel" category.

All of you are leaders in one way or the other whether you are dealing with your Airmen, your friends, your kids or your pets. Hopefully, some of these quotes will help you on your journey to achieve "excellence in all you do."

Meet up with your new IG



courtesy photo

by 154 WG/IG and MEO

Maj. Tamah-Lani Noh has been appointed as the Inspector General for the 154th Wing and is ready, willing able to support its men and women. She has been in the Hawaii Air National Guard since 1985 and started as an enlisted member in what is known today as Mission Support Flight.

Maj. Noh is excited about her new position because she sees herself as expanding the “eyes and ears” of the commander. Her main goal is to keep the commander informed of potential areas of concern as reflected by trends that may be harmful to our organization, trends that may impact Military Equal Opportunity, Human Relations and “people just not feeling right about coming to the unit.”

“I am so blessed to be given this opportunity to help our members identify challenges in their work area, co-worker and/or bosses issues that can be resolved at a lower level, it is exciting,” said Maj. Noh. “The majority of complaints that we have received in the Military Equal Opportunity office starts with communication and relationships; we are going to make that

better.”

Come in and meet Maj. Tamah-Lani Noh; the MEO staff, 2nd Lt. Love Williamson and Tech. Sgt. Alejandro, and our Human Relations Advisor, Senior Master Sgt. Raquel Ramos during the drill weekend. They will be more than happy to share the vision of living aloha and making a difference in the Hawaii Air National Guard.

HIANG members selected to represent HING in marathon

Four Hawaii Air National Guard members were selected to represent the Hawaii Air National Guard on the Hawaii National Guard’s marathon team. Lt. Col. Michael Compton, Headquarters HIANG, Lt. Col. Scott Kimsey, 204th Airlift Squadron, 2nd Lt. Chris Larson, 293rd Combat Communications Squadron and Senior Airman Amy Masuyama, 154th Logistics Readiness Squadron will team up with 3 Hawaii Army National Guard members to compete as a team in the 2007 Lincoln/National Guard Marathon in Lincoln, Nebraska May 6, 2007. The HIARNG members are Sgt. Gregory Lum Ho, 103rd Troop Command, Staff Sergeant Ryan Taniguchi 103rd Troop Command and Master Sgt. Timothy “Lanky” Morrill, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, HIARNG.

According to the Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau more than 4,000 participants will run this year in the Lincoln/National Guard Marathon.

Achieving your education goals through the AF

Thirteen receive CCAF degree in April 2007 class

By Master Sgt. John Guerri, 154 MSF

Congratulations to the following individuals for meeting the graduation requirements to be awarded their Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) Associates Degree in Applied Sciences relative to their AFSC. They all graduate in the April 2007 class:

- CMSgt Denise Jelinski-Hall HQ HIANG
- MSgt Irving Bicoy 297 ATCS
- MSgt David Sanchez 297 ATCS
- TSgt Justin Huett 154 CF
- TSgt Jackie Roque 154 WG
- TSgt Wilda Shigeta 154 MOF
- TSgt Timothy Shivery 293 CBCS
- SSgt David Castillo 203 ARS

- SSgt Melissa Iida 154 ACS
- SSgt Wendy Umipeg 154 MDG
- SrA Erik Mizoshiri 154 MXS
- SrA Aaron Tsutsumi 169 ACWS
- A1C Ryan Tadaki 292 CBCS

The CCAF serves the US Air Force, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserves and Department of Defense by helping enlisted personnel obtain an accredited Associate in Applied Science Degree in 67 different degree programs.

All new enlisted members are automatically registered in the degree program for which they are eligible during their fourth week of basic military training.

Upon returning from initial active duty training, members are urged to setup an appointment with a CCAF Advisor in the 154th

Base Education and Training Office. The advisor will provide a comprehensive briefing detailing the program from A to Z.

If you haven’t had a chance to meet with one of the CCAF Advisors, please call 448-7429 (weekdays) or 448-7431 (UTA weekends) for an appointment or visit the Air Force Virtual Education Center via the Air Force Portal.

We will be happy to help you achieve your educational goals.



UCI: Keep yourself focused on preparation

1st Lt. Jason Matsuoka

It's amazing how time flies. Just 53 days left to the UCI.

Just think, it will all be over on the afternoon of the 9th of June. But, until then we must continue to press and keep focused on our preparation. Here is another list of items to check on.

- - Begin Preparation of IG In brief
- - Standardize Unit Continuity Books (if one is required)
- - Review Weight Management Program/Fitness Program
- - Review Dependent Care Program Records
- - Review ANGI 90-201, and PACAFI 90-201 Inspection Criteria
- - Review/update Recall Rosters
- - Review Mobility Folders (Shots, Dog Tags, etc)
- - De-conflict all Leave/TDYs, and visits from relatives/friends
- - Review Training/Lesson Plans
- - Review Training Requirements (Force Protection, Sexual

Harassment, Safety, etc)

- - Conduct General Housekeeping/painting/cleaning
- - Review OJT Training Records
- - Verify CE Work Order Status for outstanding projects
- - Review Emergency Action/Mobility Checklists
- - Review FPCON Checklists/compliance with FPCON measures
- - Ensure INFOCON measures are in place and virus protection is current

With all this preparation it is easy to forget about submitting a "Best Practice" nomination. What is a "Best Practice" you may ask? A "Best Practice" or BP is a comparatively superior **method or innovative practice** that contributes to improved performance. "Best" may be based on several FACTORS to include but not limited to:

- expert review
- results that are clearly superior to those of comparative organizations

- results that are "breakthrough" in efficiency and/or effectiveness
- multiple sources agree the practice is superior
- use of the latest technology
- high number of satisfied repeat customers

BPs must be validated and approved prior to submission to the AF Best Practices Clearinghouse.

If you would like to submit a BP please go to the PACAF IG Website at <https://spse.hickam.af.mil/C15/IG/default.aspx> and click on "Best Practices Background Information and/or Updates."

Go over the brief and fill out the worksheet and send to me.

Approved BPs are stored at <https://www.afma.randolph.af.mil>.

That's it for this month!

If you have any questions or concerns please call me at 448-7272 or stop by, I work out of the HQ 154 Wing Commanders Office.

Until next month ALOHA!

Retired Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force speaks

by Master Sgt. Nefi Martinez, 154 MXS

Wed., April 4, 2007 we had the pleasure of having retired Command Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray visit us here at Hickam

Air Force Base. That afternoon Senior Non-Commissioned Officers, including a handful of First Sergeants and the 154th Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Robert S.K. Lee, gathered at the F-15 propulsion shop to listen to the former Chief

Master Sergeant of the Air Force. He

spoke to us about our upcoming endeavor with the F-22 and then he opened the floor for questions.

After he answered a few questions he asked us a question? "How many of you know what the Air Force's top three priorities are?" Here is what he said they are: 1) fight and win the war on terrorism, 2) develop and care for our Airmen and 3) recapitalize and modernize our Air Force. He emphasized that every Airman should know and understand these priorities. I wanted to share this with you and ask for your help spreading the word throughout the Hawaii Air National Guard. Know it, share it and live it. I particularly like the second priority. Develop and care for our greatest asset, our Airman.



photo by Master Sgt. Kristen Higgins

Retired Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray met with 154th Maintenance Squadron Senior Non-Commissioned officers and First Sergeants to discuss Air Force issues and the role of the F-22 Raptor at Hickam Air Force Base April 4, 2007. Retired Command Chief Master Sgt. Murray is now working F-22 issues for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company. The Raptor is scheduled to arrive here at Hickam Air Force Base in 2011.

HIANG bowlers dominate regional tournament

by 154 WG/PA

Twenty-four past and present members of the Hawaii Air National Guard ohana returned home champions from the 30th Western Regional Bowling Tournament held at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, NV Feb. 18-19. Dominating the tournament, Hawaii teams captured 1st and 2nd place in three of the four events. More than half of all of the HIANG team members placed in some category of the competition.



courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Rudy Villanueva, 154 MXG, retired Master Sgt. Gaylen Redoble 154 CES, Ruelito Osorio, State maintenance and Tech. Sgt. Jeffery Sagucio, 154 AGS take time to celebrate their first place win in the Team event.

Team Event:

Champions

Gaylen Redoble (Captain)

Rudy Villanueva

Ruelito Osorio

Jeffrey Sagucio

2nd Place

Craig Makiya

Renee Minami

Garrick Hiramoto

Gerald Gono

5th Place

Annette Gagarin

Lisa Doom

Joann Rapoza

Vivian Tsutsumi

Singles Event:

Keola Gilmore - 3rd place

John Arakaki - 6th place

Nathan Higa - 8th place

Garrick Hiramoto - 10th place

place

Jeffrey Sagucio - 12th place

place

Wally Yara - 16th place

Ruelito Osorio - 17th place

Doubles Event:

Champions

John Arakaki & Keola Gilmore

2nd place

Rudy Villanueva & Jeffrey Sagucio

8th place

Greg Makishi & Russell Villanueva

All Events:

John Arakaki - **Champion**

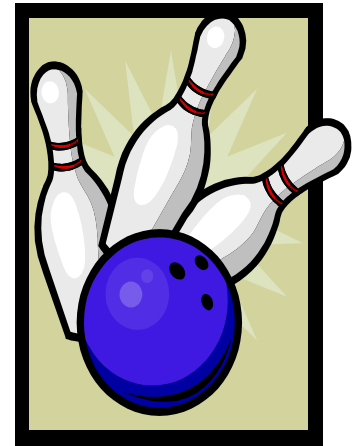
Ruelito Osorio - 2nd place

Garrick Hiramoto - 5th place

Rudy Villanueva - 6th place

Jeffrey Sagucio - 7th place

Nathan Higa - 8th place



“Surf into spring” with HIANG members

by Master Sgt. Ramon Quizon

Four Hawaii Air National Guard members surfed into spring during the 2007 “surf into spring” surf contest April 7, in Kaneohe. First Sergeants, Master Sgt. Howard Naone, Senior Master Sgt. Vern Palomares, and myself, along with Senior Airman Preston Souza enjoyed an awesome day of surf, fun in the sun, and good people at the 5th Annual Safety & Rescue Specialists Surf Session, held at Ku’au Point, Pyramid Rock, Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station. The annual surf contest is sponsored by the Hawaii Firefighters Association and is open to Firefighters, Policemen, Life Guards, Paramedics, and Military members. Conditions for the surf contest were more than adequate, with waves rolling in at 1 to 3 feet

(with an occasional 4 footer). We proudly represented the HIANG with Master Sgt. Naone surfing in the military open, Senior Master Sgt. Palomares in the long board seniors/kupuna division, myself in the short board seniors/military open division and Senior Airman Souza in the short board open division. As we advanced in our heats, making a strong showing along side our rescue specialist braddahs (and sistahs!), we all agreed – this was a fun contest, with ‘ono food, all kine prizes, and best of all, plenty aloha. Perhaps the HIANG will have a version of their own “Surf into Summer,” as First Sgt. Naone envisions with excitement. Stay tuned ... Au rhtye!!!



courtesy photo

Senior Airman Preston Souza, Master Sgt. Ramon Quizon, Senior Master Sgt. Howard Naone and Senior Master Sgt. Vern Palomares before the Safety & Rescue Specialists Surf Session in Kaneohe.