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Gates taps McKinley as next Guard Bureau chief

by Master Sgt. Mike R. Smith, NGB

7/17/2008 - WASHINGTON -- Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates recommended Air Force Lt. Gen. Craig R. McKinley as the next chief of the National Guard Bureau and promotion to full general, and LTG H Steven Blum as the next deputy commander for the U.S. Northern Command (NORTHCOM) during a Pentagon media briefing July 16.

If nominated by the president and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, McKinley would become the National Guard's first four-star general. Blum, the Guard's current chief, would become the first National Guard deputy commander of NORTHCOM, based in Colorado Springs, Colo.

McKinley is currently director of the 106,000-member Air National Guard, a post he assumed in May 2006. Blum has been chief of the Guard Bureau since April 2003. Blum served as NORTHCOM's chief of staff for eight months before that.

"General McKinley is well qualified for this important and historic new assignment," Gates told Pentagon reporters. "He has held command positions at every level of the Air Force during his 34 years of military service."

Gates said the nomination for a fourth star for the



photo by U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Jim Greenhill

Lt. Gen. Craig McKinley, currently the director of the Air National Guard, addresses 1,500 people at the National Guard Bureau Joint Family Program Volunteer Workshop and Youth Symposium in St. Louis July 21.

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HIANG F-22A virtual pilots take to the skies

by Master Sgt. Kristen Stanley

199th Fighter Squadron members, their families and local high school robotic teams became "virtual" test pilots for the F-22A Raptor here July 21-25.

"It was very interesting flying the simulator," said Master Sgt. Marc Ochoco, 199th Fighter Squadron aircrew flight equipment superintendent. "Flying low level below 300 feet through the mountains, then picking up speed and going vertical, pulling it back over and back down into the mountains, twisting and turning was great," added Master



photo by Master Sgt. Kristen Stanley

Sgt. Ochoco.

The demonstration model provides an insight into the F-22A. "The best part was manipulating the different switches for the weapons system and locking up the bad guys and turning them into scrap metal,

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Dave Cooley, Lockheed Martin test pilot, demonstrates the F-22A Raptor cockpit to a McKinley High School robotic club member. The robotic teams of several Hawaii schools were invited to take a test spin in the Air Force's newest fighter aircraft simulator.



Commander's Call: New programs, missions

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

Aloha Wing members!
It is historic and very exciting to report that the Secretary of Defense has announced that Lt. Gen. Craig McKinley will become the next Chief, National Guard Bureau, succeeding Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum. What makes this exciting is that once

confirmed, General McKinley will become the National Guard's first, I repeat, first four-star general!

General Blum will become the next deputy commander for the U.S. Northern Command based in Colorado Springs, Co.

Last week I had the pleasure of attending, along with Lorna Souza and other Family Readiness Volunteers, the National Guard Bureau Joint Family Program Volunteer Workshop and Youth Symposium in St Louis, Mo. There was a record-breaking audience of 1,500 at the symposium! The fast read is that I'm happy to report the Air National Guard as a whole is doing a remarkable job at meeting today's military family support challenges, taking better care of our families than ever before. Clearly, Family Readiness programs are receiving more attention and key support from the highest leadership levels.

(More exciting news – while Chief of Family Programs, Col. Anthony Baker, is leaving the program, I'm

very pleased to report that his successor is our very own, Col. Marty Wong who is a member of our sister branch, the Hawaii Army National Guard!)

On a related note, Congress required DoD to develop a single national program for providing "support services" to all returning Active Duty, Guard and Reserve members, as too many of our veterans are on their own when transitioning back home following a tour of duty. Separate from our Family Readiness Program, this initiative is a legislated program under the National Defense Authorization Act, which by law, mandates a 30, 60 and 90 day reintegration and outreach program.

Its charter is to provide sufficient information, services, referral and proactive outreach opportunities for servicemen, families, employers and youth throughout the entire deployment cycle: pre-alert, alert/pre-deployment. You may have heard the name of the program, "Yellow Ribbon Program"; there is a lot more information out there, what I shared here is just a scratch on the surface.

(Note: I'm expecting an additional fulltime hiring authorization to our Wing to help manage the implementation and administration of this program.

Bringing things closer to home, last month we had the F-22 Raptor cockpit display demonstration simulator here at the Wing. It was an excellent familiariza-

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photo by Tech. Sgt. Justin Huett

Capt. Nathaniel Duff, 154th Medical Group, checks Staff Sgt. Jon-Jay Sabati, 154 MDG, for breathing during a Self Aid Buddy Care training demonstration.

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Want to lead? Learn to follow

by Command Chief Master Sgt. Robert S.K. Lee III, 154 WG



Aloha All! Possessing the ability to be a good listener and demonstrating a positive professional attitude, while incorporating teamwork when executing mission tasks is what followership is all about. We need to be great, to some degree, at following, or we wouldn't know how to lead.

While following is one thing, doing it great is another. We all belong to a team in some

way, shape or form, a team that expects each of us to do our part. Expectations are levied on each of us everyday; it is how we handle these expectations that deem whether or not we are good followers.

If you find someone on your team that more often than not seems to be difficult when discussing a task, he/she may need to be enlightened about followership skills. Understanding each of our roles can greatly enhance our understanding of where followership comes into play. Followership...food for thought!

Another topic, micro-management, is a particular

style of management may lead to distrust amongst subordinates, impeding one's growth potential in the organization or excessive mental and physical stress.

Supervisors and managers: Micro-managing your sections or departments really sends a resounding message that you may not trust your folks. That in itself is an organization killer; it makes for stormy sea conditions.

I have learned through the rearing of my son that there will be times when he will have to learn certain lessons in life on his own, it affords him the opportunity to become a man, learn responsibility and most of all it sends a message that I trust him.

Sure we all want to take care of our folks, safety is paramount, but we need to be able to decipher those situations that could lead to the feeling of not being trusted, oppressing an opportunity to grow as a team or individual.

Don't be selfish by holding folks back from personal growth opportunities, let them spread their wings and take flight.

It is pretty gratifying to see the positive changes in folks that are empowered by trust. Let's Roll!!



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tion tool (a virtual interactive video imagery) for members of the 199th Fighter Squadron, their families, distinguished visitors, HIANG members, and students from the high schools Robotics Programs, who had the opportunity to test out the cockpit display.

When the F-22s arrives here, we'll be receiving a classified F-22 simulator. I can't stress enough how important these tools will be for the Raptor pilots. With no F-22 two-seater aircraft, the benefits to having the pilots train in simulators along with instructors assisting will be exponential.

We're still on track to receive the F-22s in 2010; we will slowly be sending our pilots and maintenance members off to training beginning next year.

We received fantastic exposure on our future F-22 mission and the Wing as a whole in the recent Air Force Sergeants Association monthly magazine; see your First Sergeant for a copy of the magazine.

In it you'll find front page cover and several great articles highlighting our HIANG. These are truly exciting times to be a part of the Hawaii Air National Guard!

On a more somber note, we recently lost a brother, friend, Airman, from our Wing Ohana -- Senior Master Sgt. Harold "Kahi" Hewett lost his battle with kidney cancer. Harold was a great patriot and dedicated Guardsmen - and will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Thanks to all of those who have been and continue to support his family during this difficult time.

Many thanks to our EET, and all 154th Wing members, who helped plan, coordinate, setup, and ultimately participate, in two days worth of invaluable ATSO lab training. All indications reveal resounding success.

Continue our readiness training as we near the ORI in February 2009!

199th Fighters join RIMPAC for live missile test firing

by Tech. Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

The aircraft are in the hangar, the ships are in port, and the enemy has been sunk as the curtain is now down on Exercise RIMPAC 2008. However, the curtain did not fall without contributions from the 199th Fighter Squadron.

The 199 FS successfully fired missiles and sank an

**Unbelievable!
Everything...went
incredibly well.**

Lt. Col. Jefferey Namihara
Commander 199 FS

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New Government Travel Card on the way

by Master Sgt. Carlton Tajiri, 154WG/FM

As you may have heard thru the grapevine your Government Travel Card will be changing. The current GTC is issued by Bank of America, the new GTC will be issued by Citibank. So you might be saying what does this mean to me? Well, it means that you will be receiving a new GTC from Citibank.

At this point you might have some questions and I hope to answer those questions in the very near future as I send out additional and more detailed information. For now, it's important to remember two crucial things:

1. Most of you will probably be receiving your new Citibank GTC in the mail as early as Aug. 15, 2008. PLEASE-PLEASE-PLEASE be aware that it's coming and don't mistakenly throw it away thinking that it's just another solicitation.

2. IMPORTANT-IMPORTANT-IMPORTANT call the phone number on the sticker on the new Citibank card as soon as you receive it. Doing this is notifying

the bank that you received the card. It doesn't activate it, it just identifies you as "receiving" the card. This will be tracked by Citibank as all the cards are mailed out.

Once the card is in hand, do not lose it, put it away. Hopefully, by Nov. 8, 2008 you will not have forgotten where you put the card because at this time, Guard members should go online to register for access to the online system for Transaction/Statement information.

The Bank of America GTC will no longer be valid after Nov. 29, 2008.

Hopefully, the Citibank card is in its safe and secure place because now it is time to take it out. It is valid as of Nov. 29, 2008.

If you have any questions, please channel them through your Unit A/OPC. If they can't answer your question, they will forward the question

on. This way, we can share the questions and answers with other unit A/OPC's to share with their cardholders.



BLUM

National Guard Bureau chief is in keeping with the recommendations of the Commission on the Guard and Reserves and the fiscal year 2008 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

McKinley would serve as the principal advisor to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on National Guard issues. The NDAA, also establishes the Guard Bureau as a joint activity of the Department of Defense.

The law further stipulates that the deputy commander of NORTHCOM be a National Guard general unless the command's top officer is already a National Guard general.

"This is truly a historic and magnificent selection," stated Blum. "Craig will provide the leadership that will take the National Guard to the next level. He is a competent, caring and proven leader. Craig has and will continue to have my complete confidence and full collaboration."

"The elevation of the National Guard chief to four stars recognizes

the enhanced importance of the Guard to America's overall national defense," said Gates. "The elevation also recognizes the vital role the chief will have as a bridge between the state and federal components of our government and the active and reserve components of our military."

The Guard Bureau chief is the senior uniformed National Guard officer responsible for formulating, developing and coordinating all policies, programs and plans affecting more than half a million Army and Air National Guard personnel, including civilian employees.

The last Air Force general to serve as Guard Bureau chief was Lt. Gen. Russell C. Davis, who held that position from 1998-2002.

Blum's nomination as NORTHCOM's deputy commander is in keeping with the recommendations of the Commission on the Guard and Reserves and the congressional requirement that the commander or deputy commander of NORTHCOM be a Guard officer.

"It reflects the critical role the

Guard plays in our homeland defense, the unique experience and expertise a Guard officer of General Blum's caliber will bring to this position," said Gates.

Gates also called Blum's nomination as NORTHCOM deputy commander a "historic first," and he praised Blum's service as the Guard Bureau's chief.

"For more than five years, General Blum has been a dynamic and effective leader of America's National Guard community during a time of wrenching change for our Citizen-Soldiers," said Gates. "As chief, he has been a tireless advocate for America's Guardsmen and women to see that they receive the right training, equipment and support for the demanding range of missions the Guard has taken on since Sept. 11th and will face in the years to come."

Since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the National Guard has transformed from a strategic reserve to an operational force, and Blum has been praised for his vision and leadership during the transformation.

Guard members recognized for excellence on the job

by Lt. Col. William S. Petti, 154 MXG

Senior Master Sgt. Eric Becera and Master Sgt. Richard Pida were recognized as the Technician Supervisor and Technician of the Quarter during a 15th Maintenance Group Commander's Call Wed., July 16.

Sergeant Becera, flightline avionics supervisor, was recognized for his exceptional work scheduling prowess and vast expertise on multi-weapons systems avionics issues. He is also one of a handful of Hawaii Air National Guard members qualified in the first level of Air Force Smart Operations 21 training.

Sergeant Pida is one of four Guard C-17 quality assurance inspectors serving on a blended team of active

duty, Guard, and Civilian members.

His expertise on Electro-environmental systems is superb and highly



courtesy photo

(Above) Senior Master Sgt. Eric Becera and (Right) Master Sgt. Richard Pina receive recognition plaques.

responsible for highly successful monthly inspection-pass rates for every consecutive month for over three years.

The awards were presented by Col. John Lipinski, 15 MXG commander.



SIMULATOR

said Master Sgt. Ochoco.

Although, the simulator on display was the demonstration model, it provided a taste of reality. "The only thing missing was the feel of the motion and the "G" forces that come with it," added Master Sgt. Ochoco.

The actual classified air combat simulator delivers a much more realistic experience to the F-22A Raptor pilots. It offers pilots, who are enclosed with a full 360 degree view rather than the three flat screens on the demonstrator, the ability to train together on the same simulation.

The realism is crucial to the pilots since the Raptor is a single seat aircraft with no room for an instructor during flight.

The first of the HIANG led F-22 Squadron aircraft are due to arrive at Hickam Air Force Base in June 2010. "I feel that the F-22 coming to the HIANG will give us a capability that will put us at the tip of the spear. It will allow us to project power and air superiority, anytime anywhere," said Master Sgt. Ochoco.

A total of 20, F-22 Raptors will be flown and maintained by the Air National Guard and Active Duty Associate Squadron. The Raptors are replacing the



Photos by Master Sgt. Kristen Stanley

Maj. James "Saw" Sage, 199th Fighter Squadron F-15 pilot, helps his son operate the F-22A Raptor cockpit simulator. The F-22A Raptors represents an exponential leap in war fighting capabilities.

Under the direction of a Lockheed Martin representative, Master Sgt. Marc Ochoco, 199th Fighter Squadron life support, flies the F-22A Raptor through the virtual hills and valleys of the F-22A Raptor flight simulator.

News Briefs

Updated ABU Care

Effective immediately, the Airman Battle Uniform may be laundered in detergent containing optical brighteners. All other care instructions on inside label of garment should be adhered to.

In 2007 the Army conducted an extensive field evaluation with uniforms laundered in various detergents with and without optical brighteners.

The Army testing determined that Army Combat Uniforms laundered in detergents containing optical brighteners do not pose a detection threat to the wearer in an operational environment. After reviewing Army test results, the Air Force single program manager for ABUs reached the same conclusions.

This message rescinds the following sentence from the original ABU wear message, para 18, quote: the ABU should be washed in detergent that does not contain optical brighteners, or the near infrared protection may be diminished end quote.

For assistance or questions please contact the Air Force personnel center contact center at 1-800-616-3775, option 1, 1, 2.

SNCO Conference

The Senior Non-Commissioned Officer's conference is scheduled for Sept. 11-12, 2008 at the Nehelani Inn, Schofield Barracks. For email submissions: snco2008@hick.ang.af.mil. For further information contact Command Chief Master Sgt. Denise Jelinski-Hall at (808) 733-4231.



July promotions

Promoted to MSgt. (E-7)

154 MXS Lizabeth J. Smith
154 SFS Brandon J. Yandell

Promoted to TSgt. (E-6)

154 MXS Chad Daluson
154 MXS Darwin O.K. Kozai
201 CCGP Lee, Darilyn L.

Promoted to SSgt. (E-5)

154 MXS Solomon I. Castillo
154 MXS Marc K. Daog
154 MXS Bronson Domingo
154 SFS Gavin W. Himalaya
154 WG Sue Musrasrikquiles
154 MDG Jerry Pagaduan
154 MXS Paul M. Roberts
154 MDG Marcella Rosales
154 MXS David A. Souza
154 AMXS Bradley K. Visitacion

154 WG

Drill Dates

Sept. 6-7, 2008

Oct. 4-5, 2008

Nov. 1-2

(AT Nov. 3-4)

Dec. 6-7

DOD seeks input from enlisted medical personnel

The Defense Department is looking for input from the enlisted medical community as it sets up a new Web portal that will enable medics and corpsmen to share lessons learned and suggest ways to improve patient care. A short online survey is available at www.health.mil. The new site is expected to be online before Oct. 1, and it will be password-protected to serve the enlisted military medical community.

For more information, read the Air Force Print News story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123107458>.

New GI Bill

The new education bill, commonly called the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, will govern payment and reimbursement plans for veterans and servicemembers who seek to further their education. The new plan will be open to most servicemembers who served on active duty after Sept. 11, 2001. This includes people who haven't been eligible for the Montgomery G.I. Bill, such as Air Force Academy or ROTC graduates, those who declined to participate in the program and those whose service started before it went into effect in 1985.

The Post-9/11 G.I. Bill becomes available Aug. 1, 2009. The implementation of particular benefits and how they will apply to former and current servicemembers have yet to be established.

For more information, visit the educational office on base, Air Force Portal virtual education center or the VA Website at <http://www.vba.va.gov/VBA/>.

Changes to dress and appearance

AFI 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel containing change 2 dated May 28, 2008 is void and hereby rescinded as of the date of its issuance.

The publication was improperly routed and mistakenly failed to incorporate the provisions of AFI 36-2903, change 1, dated Aug. 6, 2007, into its publication. If you downloaded or printed any copies of the erroneous document, please destroy those copies.

Also, if you've posted local supplements to the AFI based on this void and rescinded document, rescind the publication as of the date of issuance.

Scattering seeds into the wind

by Maj. Daniel L. Leatherman, chaplain

In my younger days, I would help my grandmother plant vegetable seeds in her little garden behind the house. We would till the soil and arrange the planting beds in neat furrows, making sure to space the seeds the required distance apart before gently watering them. A few days, sometimes even weeks later, the sprouts would appear and then in due time we would bring in the harvest of string beans, carrots, leaf lettuce and so on.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells the parable of the seeds. Mt 13:1-9, 18-23, "Where a sower sows seeds and they fall on different ground, the path where the birds ate them, the rocky ground where they could not take root; among thorns that choked them out, and finally on the good and fertile soil where they took root and brought forth the riches of a harvest."

I have sometimes wondered about this parable that puts God as the sower of seeds, the seeds themselves as the word of God and focuses on the ground on which they fall.

In the parable, the sower seems to scatter the seeds into the wind, and where they fall they fall. Some would say, "What a waste of good seeds." Why not do what my grandmother and farmers have done for ages, carefully tending rows or beds of plantings.

God doesn't do anything predictable. Jesus was trying to sow the good news of loving God and loving thy neighbor on something as unpredictable as the human heart.

The fact is, we cannot see from a visual inspection what kind of "soil" lies inside a person. What if we are the sower, the one who is tossing seeds of faith and God's love?

It's easy for us to give up, to simply stop trying when we think our seeds have hit a rocky patch of ground

or landed among thorns, but we are called to be people of faith, trusting that the seeds we sow will eventually take root. We see this time and again in our organization with blood drives, Special Olympics, humanitarian relief, or when we give a smile to someone who is having a less than sunny day.

And so we begin to sow seeds in every way imaginable. It seems that we throw these seeds of love and compassion into the wind with the joy and expectation that in some way, they will fall upon the fertile soil of the human heart.

WORSHIP SERVICES

General Protestant Service

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., UTA Sundays, Bldg. 3416, 2nd floor, Na Koa Conf Room.

Catholic Services

5:00 p.m., Saturdays, Nelles Chapel
10:30 a.m., Sundays, Chapel Center

Jewish Services

7:30 p.m., Fridays, Pearl Harbor Aloha Chapel on Makalapa Road.

Buddhist, Muslim or other faith groups

call either the Wing Chaplain's office at 448-7275 on drill weekends or the Chapel Center at 449-1754 during other times at.



courtesy photo

Senior Master Sgt. Dominador "Domi" Molina was recently honored as the HQ PACAF IMA of the Quarter. Senior Master Sgt. Molina is currently serving on an MPA tour at PACAF/A4. According to Col. Nonie Cabana, PACAF/A4P, Domi has been described as "magnificent" while serving as the F-22A POC. His work has been critical in the basing of the Raptors at Elmendorf and eventually here at Hickam. In addition to his F-22A duties, he found time to honcho the A4 Summer Picnic. When Sergeant Molina returns from his tour, he will be returning to his technician job as the F-15 Dock Chief with an incredible set of knowledge and skills obtained at the MAJCOM level.

MISSILE

“enemy ship” in waters northwest of Kauai, July 18, as part of exercise RIMPAC 2008.

RIMPAC is an international military exercise designed to prepare forces to be interoperable and ready for a wide range of potential combined and joint operations and missions.

With drones being launched from Barking Sands, the 199 FS responded by launching their aircraft and shooting down the “enemy.” The pilots, maintenance and munitions personnel received valuable training by utilizing live fire.

Using live fire ensures that the aircraft is functioning properly. “There are many circuits and components that need to talk to each other after the pilot presses the firing button till the missile fires,” said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Namihira, commander 199th Fighter Squadron.

Fourteen jets were launched, nine in the morning and five in the afternoon, in an effort to take down the “enemy ship.”

According to Lt. Col. Namihira, all aircraft fired their missiles perfectly. In addition, three fired a second missile within seconds of the initial firing. “All three aircraft fired as advertised,” added Lt. Col. Namihira.

“The morning sorties were as

close to flawless as you could get,” said Lt. Col. Namihira.

According to Lt. Col. Namihira the afternoon launch was just as successful as the morning. “No incidences or infractions to report,” said Lt. Col. Namihira.

“Just one word, ” added Lt. Col. Jeffrey Namihira,

While flying and shooting missiles

may seem like a one man show, it is really a team effort. “Hats off to our Maintenance personnel, Armament section, and Weapons loaders for an outstanding job, said Lt. Col. Namihira.

The training was invaluable and saved us a lot of money by firing at home, hopefully we can support this again.



photo by Tech. Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

Senior Airman Travis Turbeville, 154th Maintenance Squadron munitions system specialist, carefully lines up a missile, placing it on a trailer for transport to the flightline. The weapon was used by the 199 FS during the RIMPAC exercise.

University of Hawaii Tuition Program Rate Increase

by Staff Sgt. Todd Shak, Retention.

Over the past few years, many of you may have noticed a significant increase in tuition rates at all University of Hawaii campuses. Unfortunately, the incremental rate hikes are only expected to continue until 2012.

Despite this bad news about the increased tuition costs, we do have some good news. The Retention Office is glad to announce that the reimbursement rates for all UH system colleges (UH Manoa, UH Hilo, UHWO, CCs) will be increased to 100 percent for the Fall 2008 semester.

Fall 2008 STAP applications are now available at the Retention Office at the 154 MSF or on our sharepoint site: <https://154wg-sp-03/sites/msg/msf/retention/default.aspx>. The deadline for the application will be Oct 5, 2008 - the last day of October

UTA. The fall session is coming right around the corner folks, so let's enjoy the final days of summer and get ready for another great semester!

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPT. 6, 2008:

Newcomers Orientation – 154 OPS Auditorium (Hangar 13) 800-1200 a.m. (RSVP Required)

Education Briefing: 154 OPS Auditorium 2-3 p.m. Covering education benefits for AGRs and members activated for more than two consecutive years.

SEPT. 7, 2008:

UH Education Fair – Featuring UH Community Colleges. Information booths will be set up in the Lanai Area of the 154 Dining Facility from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.



photos by Master Sgt. Kristen Stanley

Rainy weather did not stop members of the 154th Wing F-15 Maintenance Squadron from having a ball of a time Sunday, July 20, at an intramural kick ball tournament and family day here. Six teams representing crew chiefs, weapons, engines, operations, DOCKS and Structure gave their best shot at being named the 2008 154 MXG Kick Ball Champions. Family members cheered on their favorite team while feasting on a barbeque lunch. "It's been awhile since we had a Fun Family Day," said Staff Sgt. Eric Aguda, event coordinator. "Everyone has just been working really hard, especially for this upcoming ORI." Although there was only one winner in the end, the Weapons team, everyone had a good time. "What better way to boost morale than to bring everyone back to when we were kids, where having FUN was a priority!" said Sgt. Aguda. "I'm happy to see the camaraderie we have that made this event a success."



Members of the 154th Logistics Readiness Squadron take the Masters division of the Hawaii National Guard State Basketball Championship. (Top L-R) Darrell Bactad (154th Logistics Readiness Squadron), Fred Villamor (154th Maintenance Squadron, Marvin Isidro (297th Air Traffic Control Squadron), Marcus Dellasala (154 LRS), Reymil Edralin (154 LRS); Missing: Clesson Paet (154th Mission Support Group). Bottom: Ian Villafuerte (297 ATCS), Michael Samson (169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron). Finishing second in the Masters Division was the 154th Weapons team. The Open Division Winners were: first place, DISTRO (Hawaii Army National Guard); second place, 154th Maintenance Squadron (C-17); and third place 487th FA (HIARNG).