



# Kūkā'ilimoku

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## Donley in as acting Air Force secretary

6/23/2008 - WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- Michael B. Donley is the new acting secretary of the Air Force, succeeding Michael Wynne, who held the position since November 2005.

Mr. Donley was previously the administration and management director for the Secretary of Defense, a position sometimes referred to as "mayor" of the Pentagon.

The secretary is responsible for organizing, training, equipping and providing for the welfare of its nearly 323,000 men and women on active duty, 180,000 members of the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve, 160,000 civilians and their families. He oversees an annual budget of approximately \$110 billion and ensures the Air Force can meet its current and future operational requirements.

Mr. Donley has more than 26 years of experience in the national security community, including service in the Senate, White House and the Pentagon.

During his career he has been involved in strategy and policymaking at the highest levels and is a recognized expert in national security organization, planning and budgeting.

From 1996 until his appointment as his former Pentagon post, he was a senior vice president at Hicks and Associates, a subsidiary of Science Applications International Corporation. During this time he served as a special adviser to the Defense Reform Commission in Bosnia-Herzegovina for the State Department and contributed to several major defense projects involving organiza-



Photo by Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski

*Michael Donley chats June 20 during a ceremony at the Air Force Memorial honoring former Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne.*

tional reform and planning.

From 1993 to 1996, Mr. Donley was a senior fellow at the Institute for Defense Analyses. He was acting secretary of the Air Force for seven months in 1993. From 1989 to 1993 he served as the assistant secretary of the Air Force (financial management and comptroller) with responsibility for budgeting, cost and economic analysis.

Mr. Donley served the National Security Council as deputy executive secretary from 1987 to 1989 and as director of defense programs from 1984 to 1987. He was also a professional staff member on the Senate Armed Services Committee (1981-84), a legislative assistant to the

Senate (1979-81) and the editor of the National Security Record for the Heritage Foundation (1978-79).

He served in the Army from 1972 to 1975 with the 18th Airborne Corps and 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), attending the Army's intelligence and parachute schools and the Defense Language Institute.

Mr. Donley earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in international relations from the University of Southern California.

He attended the Program for Senior Executives in National Security at Harvard University and, until recently, was a doctoral candidate at Georgetown University.



# Commander's Call: Exercising smarter

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

Aloha 154th Wing! The July – August exercise is quickly approaching us, and I want to ensure that you are all diligently continuing with your preparations.

Go through your checklists, read over your Airman's Manual and make sure that you will

not be overdue for any of your ancillary or mobility training by the time the Operational Readiness Inspection rolls around in February 2009.

At the recommendation of the Exercise Evaluation Team, we have decided that it will be more beneficial for us to have focused training sessions on July 31 and Aug. 1. Because of this, the exercise for next drill will be a one-day event, held on Saturday, Aug. 2.

Although the exercise is only a one day event the mandatory Annual Training days are still required for training purposes. A Right Start briefing has been sent out that lists the schedule of training that will be provided during the two annual training days. CBRNE, PAR, UCC, ECP, Weapons and SABC training will be provided. If you need assistance in any of these areas please let your supervisors know so you can attend the training.

Saturday, Aug. 2, during the exercise you will be allowed to test out all that you have learned during

your training sessions on Thursday and Friday. The exercise will end the same day with the hotwash to be held the following day.

Although the hot wash will be between the EET members, I highly encourage you to conduct your own "hot wash" by providing your supervisors with feedback on how you think you and your peers performed. Too often we find ourselves frustrated with processes, yet at the same time, overlook the opportunity to provide solutions to address those frustrations.

If you have suggestions on how to do things better or smarter, don't hesitate to jot them down and pass them on; your inputs are valued!

Following the August drill weekend, we should find that we are better prepared, more qualified and better trained to respond to any scenario.

Meanwhile, we have a number of our fellow Wing Airmen deployed to Guam and in the Central Command Area of Responsibility. I am sure they are all making us proud, and I wish them well. What we do during our exercises and training is what they are putting in to action while in theater.

Deployments are an important part of what we do so remember that whether you're deployed or at home you are always representing the Hawaii Air National Guard! Keep up the good work and continue to follow Air Force Core Values; integrity, service and excellence.



Courtesy photo

Senior Master Sgt. Melvin Yamamoto, 291 CBCS, and Senior Master Sgt. William Makaneole, 154 SFS were selected as the ANG PACAF First Sgt of the Year and ANG PACAF Senior NCO of the Year respectively.

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# Getting back to Air Force basic core values

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



Aloha All! After a very “moving” and “enlightening” June Unit Training Assembly, I wanted to share an important point our Commander of the Pacific Air Forces, General Chandler delivered in a recent meeting he had with his leadership team. That point is this, it’s time to live and perform our leadership roles in an analog fashion while living in a digital environment. What that means is that we all have

some level of leadership responsibility that we must be held accountable for, and it’s time to exercise that role by getting back to the basics, making the time to communicate face-to-face. Mentor and lead by personally getting out from behind your desk and taking that walk. Get into the spaces of the unknown or unfamiliar to talk to people.

It is time for us to close the gaps of separation that our fast paced digital lives seemed to have developed.

Make it a priority to pay attention to the details and at the same time, reach within you for that dose of energy that will be needed to go that extra mile to do things the right way.

Never allow mediocrity to be associated with your performance. Imagine that everything you do has your personal signature of pride on it. Begin by looking within yourself and make the change where needed.

These are challenging times, look into your personal tool bag and make sure you have the following: integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do.

Thanks for all that you do and continue to do! Let’s Roll!!!!



**Integrity First**  
**Service Before Self**  
**Excellence In All We Do**

## First Sergeant Council “Diamond Tips”

### Handbags: leather optional

Plain black leather or vinyl without ornamentation, with or without plain fold-over flap with or without single-placed silver or gold-colored clasp. May have up to two adjustable shoulder straps with or without buckles. May be patent leather or high gloss not to exceed 13 x 9 x 4 1/2 inches deep.



**Questions?**  
**Contact your 1st Sgt.**

## HIANG Airmen Graduate from ALS

By Master Sgt. Maui Quizon, 154 WG 1st Sgt.

Two of the HIANG’s finest junior enlisted were selected to attend and successfully graduated from Hickam Professional Military Education Center - Airman Leadership School, Class 08-C.

July 2, 2008, Senior Airman Wesley Lopes, 154 MXS, and Senior Airman Jennifer Linan, 154 SVF, celebrated their hard earned achievement as USAF ALS graduates, as they performed final retreat and were presented diplomas at their class banquet.

They have now transitioned from worker/journeyman to craftsman/supervisor in their careers, having developed essential supervisory and leadership skills provided through the education received at ALS. These key skills are necessary to increase leadership and managerial abilities.

They not only experienced the importance of ALS academics, but also the reinforcement of customs, courtesies, and traditions of the profession of arms that unites us all – the United States Air Force, Active, Guard, and Reserve. Mastery of these areas, coupled with sound management skills, is the cornerstone of leadership and professionalism. Congratulations SrA Lopes and SrA Linan – American Airman!



*courtesy photo*

Senior Airman Wesley Lopes and Senior Airman Jennifer Linan.

# 154 CF grilling Sergeants take top honors

by Chief Master Sgt. Kyle Okaneku, 154 CF/SCB

The HIANG swept the Operation Culinary Combat BBQ Ribs competition at the 2008 Hickam Harbor Fourth of July Beach Blast.

Master Sgt. John Lakatos and Senior Master Sgt. Terry Yonamine took first place honors, wowing the judges with their broke-da-mouth ribs. Chief Master Sgt. Ethan Toyama took first runner-up with a lip-smackin', finger-lickin' rib creation of his own. A total of five competing teams were grilling for the title. Each team was given two slabs of baby back ribs and three hours to prep, grill and impress the palettes of five judges. When the smoke cleared, the two HIANG teams basted their way to the top.

Sergeant Lakatos wasn't looking for fame and fortune when he signed up for the competition. The ever



courtesy photo

Master Sgt. John Lakatos and Senior Master Sgt. Terry Yonamine (fourth and fifth from left, respectively) accepting the first place trophy from head judge, Col. Giovanni K. Tuck, 15 Airlift Wing, commander (third from left) as the other tasting panel judges look on.



courtesy photo

Master Sgt. John Lakatos shows off culinary skills.

pragmatic chef simply said, "The way I see it, win or lose, we get free ribs."

Sergeants Lakatos, Yonamine and Chief Toyama are members of the well-fed 154th Communications Flight. Fellow unit members and their families were there to cheer on the grill warriors and enjoy the Beach Blast activities.

## E-Records: It's a whole new way of business

by Airman First Class  
Kristi Okura, 154 MSF

E-Records will offer numerous advantages in the way we do business today. Not only will individual members be able to review their own records from nearly any location in the world, but other actions requiring the review of a physical record will be completed virtually.

New web based systems such as MyPay, vMPF, the AF Portal, vPCGR, and ADLS are a part of the web based self service environment that the Air Force has turned to. One of the biggest enablers for this is a system that provides an electronic

means to store, archive, and review Unit Personnel Record Groups for all Active, Guard and Reserve members called eRecords.

Under the eRecords initiative, all UPRGs are to be converted to an electronic format and stored in the Automated Records Management System. All paper copies of personnel records will be eliminated. Initiation, coordination, approval, transmission and storage of personnel actions will occur, in most instances, without a single piece of paper being generated.

The 154th Mission Support Flight started conversion of UPRGs in June

2007. Tech. Sgt. Sharon Pasion and Senior Airman Kyla Aquino led the project, developing milestones and creating a streamlined process for assembly of properly formatted UPRGs. Over 2400 UPRGs were inventoried, audited, and repaired. Miscellaneous documents which were required to be removed from the records were distributed back to the group Commander Support Staff for delivery to members. Upon completion of the eRecords process, the UPRGs were inventoried one final time, boxed and shipped. A

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## Diamond Sharp Airman



photo by Master Sgt. Kelvin Miller

MANAS AIR BASE, Kyrgyzstan – Tech. Sgt. Raquel Tugaoen, Wahiawa native, is deployed to Manas Air Base from the 154th Services Flight at Hickam AFB, Hawaii. Master Sgt. Steve Kish selected Sergeant Tugaoen for the recognition based on her dedication to duty. “Describing her character is simple—high octane, not afraid to work long hours—and completely by the book,” he said. “She’s one of the few I rarely question her answer as she always does her homework.”



courtesy photo

Tech. Sgt. Tugaoen, receives the Diamond Sharp Airman Award from the First Sergeant’s Council while deployed to Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan. She competed against nine others. In addition to receiving the certificate, the First Sergeants Council, in keeping with a time honored tradition, gave her a collectable coin.

## How to be popular and lose friends

### Protecting personal privacy is every Airman’s responsibility

by Chief Master Sgt. Kyle Okaneku,  
154 CF/SCB

If you collect or store Personally Identifiable Information on fellow Hawaii Air National Guard members as part of your official duties, you are responsible for protecting their information.

Should their personal information ever fall into the wrong hands and their identity be subsequently “stolen” for criminal activity, law enforcement will eventually find the source of the information breach. And you don’t want fingers pointing to you!

The following is an actual privacy act breach which recently occurred in the DoD.

Jan. 5, 2008, a government employee was notified by the local

police department that someone had stolen his identity and was about to use his credit card to buy a big screen TV at a major department store.

Four suspects were arrested only when an alert salesperson became suspicious of the purchase.

One of the suspects was in possession of a two-page report dated 1994 containing government employment data. That same individual had in his possession other credit cards, four of which related to additional names in the compromised report.

The report contained names, Social Security numbers, birth dates, organization codes, position titles and other employment related data.

All affected employees and former employees whose information appeared on the compromised list were warned to watch for fraudulent use of their personal information.

The Federal Bureau of Investiga-

tion and the Secret Service were involved in this identity theft incident.

So the next time you’re handling somebody’s personal information, consider what you need to keep, why you need to keep it, who needs to see it, where you keep it, how you secure it, and when to destroy it.

Simple rules, but if not followed correctly, you can be infamous amongst your friends and co-workers.

### What is PII

Information which can be used to identify a person uniquely and reliably, including but not limited to name, birth date, social security number, address, telephone number, e-mail address, mother’s maiden name, etc.

### How to protect PII

See your local unit privacy act monitors or orderly room personnel for guidance.

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## News Briefs

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### 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@hickick.ang.af.mil](mailto:snco2008@hickick.ang.af.mil). For further information contact Command Chief Master Sgt. Denise Jelin-ski-Hall at (808) 733-4231.

### New GI bill

Many post 9/11 veterans and servicemembers will soon see a new package of education benefits.

This new Post 9/11 GI Bill, or so-called GI Bill for the 21st Century, boasts the most comprehensive education benefits package since the original GI Bill was signed into law in 1944.

The new bill goes well beyond helping to pay for tuition; many veterans who served after Sept. 11, 2001, will get full tuition and fees, a new monthly housing stipend, and a \$1,000 a year stipend for books and supplies. The new bill also gives Reserve and Guard members who have been activated for more than 90 days since 9/11 access to the same GI Bill benefits.

This new GI Bill is set to go into affect on August 1, 2009. However, as with any new legislation, it could take some time for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to begin paying benefits. Benefits will not be paid for any training or education programs completed before July 31, 2009.

For more information go to: <http://education.military.com/money-for-school/gi-bill/new-gi-bill-overview?ESRC=reservists.nl>.

### July promotions

#### Promoted to CMSgt. (E-9)

203 ARS Cid, Stephen V.

#### Promoted to SMSgt. (E-8)

297 ATCS Agena, Blaine G.  
201 CCG Agcaoili, May L.  
201 CCG Miyamoto, Don H.  
297 ATCS Sakuma, Collin S.  
154 MDG Walls, Angela M.  
154 MDG Wahinekapu, Dawn W.

#### Promoted to MSgt. (E-7)

154 LRS Liu, Kirk K.  
154 SFS Palakiko, Lemuel  
154 LRS Soon, Margaret B.K.  
169 ACWS Tanimoto, Dean

#### Promoted to TSgt. (E-6)

154 MDG Costales, Kassy K.  
154 CF Dahl, Thu M.  
154 MXS Daluson, Chad  
292 CBCS Domingo, Leomer T.  
154 MXS Fleming, Daniel R.  
154 SVF Gaines, Laura  
293 CBCS Harris, Brian L.  
293 CBCS Mendoza, Raymond C.  
204 AS Perry, Antonio  
292 CBCS Tran, Nam H.

#### Promoted to SSgt. (E-5)

297 ATCS Barber, Edward  
154 AMXS Boyd, Jonathan K.  
293 CBCS Kho, Crystelle C. K.  
154 CF Martinez, John E. JR.  
154 SFS Oshiro, Kenneth K.  
169 ACWS Takai, Faye M.  
154 MDG Turla, Alvin T.  
154 MDG Visitacion, Ernette B.  
154 MDG Zeller, Albert D.

### Operation Hele On

Children 9-14 can experience the Air Force deployment process during Operation Hele presented by the Airman and Family Readiness Center Aug. 15. If interested submit application forms to the Airman and Family Readiness Center by Aug. 4. (Bldg. 1105, Mon-Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) Contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 449-0300 for futher information.

### Rats are winning

There has been an increase of rodents in the building. The question is why? What are the critters after?

1. MREs not eaten or taken home after IRRE's & CERE's.

PLEASE take them home or throw the leftovers away.

2. Snack fund items left out?

Store them in a refrigerator. Plastic and cardboard containers will not keep them out.

3. protein powder mix

4. oatmeal packets

5. medicine / vitamins

It is important to keep the food items out of the work spaces. Civil Engineer Squadron does its best to provide traps to the facility managers that have been informing CE SERVICECALL of any problems. If the rodents are not kept under control, they will start to eat other items like LAN cables, telephone lines, and items left on desks.

### Vacancies

154th Civil Engineering Squadron has a new Information Management Specialist UTC for a Tech. Sgt. 3A0X1s who are interested should contact Master Sgt. Lennard Knutson at 448-7746 or Col. Gary Teed at 448-7748.

154 Wing Headquarters is looking for Chaplains assistants. One Tech. Sgt. and one Staff Sgt. position are available. Requires basic administrative skills, high moral standard, and desire to help people.

**154 WG  
Drill/AT Dates  
July 31-Aug. 3, 2008  
Sept. 6-7, 2008**

# Relationship retreat for you and your spouse

by Capt. Leah Boling, Chaplain

For several years now, I have been supporting the Hawaii Army Guard with their marriage retreats. It has been my desire that the



Air side would be able to offer the same program one day. This year that goal will finally come true!

The National Guard Bureau/HC has provided funding for our Wing to offer and present marriage retreats.

Our first retreat will be July 25-27, 2008 at the Doubletree Alana Waikiki Hotel. We will be using materials from the Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program.

This program is based on research in the field of marital health. It is worth mentioning that this program has received a lot of attention and has been featured on several television talk shows and news programs.

PREP postulates on what makes for a well-functioning, happy marriage. While it is well received by couples who have been married for a while, but going through some distress, the bottom line of PREP is prevention. Couples should not come to this retreat thinking they

will be receiving full blown therapy. PREP is definitely not counseling or therapy--instead it is education. We will teach couples to have strong, fulfilling, lasting marriages. It is not designed to address serious relationship or individual problems. If more serious issues come up because of a couple's involvement at PREP, we can recommend you to someone who is better qualified to help with those issues or needs.

It is clear that no one program can address every issue in marriage. PREP encourages continued learning in those areas. Some of the topics we will be exploring with you at the retreat are: factors that couples can and can't learn to change, talking without fighting, speaker/listener techniques, expectations, the importance of fun in marriage, sensual and sexual relationships, forgiveness, core belief system, and a lot more.

In these high OPS-TEMPO times, we Guard members are tasked with so much we are often stretched too thinly. Deployments, exercises, inspections, trainings, etc, take so much of our time, we barely have time to spend with our spouses and families. As your chaplain, I've seen

several of you struggle with marital and/or personal issues. Some of them are pretty serious while some can be resolved with a few sessions in talk therapy.

I am grateful our Wing is offering another resource or avenue for our married couples to tap into before it is too late. I highly encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity. If you have any questions regarding marital issues, please also take advantage of your chaplains as well as those resources you find at Military One Source.

As I always say during those retreats, your marriage is worth fighting for. If you are willing to spend a fortune on your wedding day, you might as well continue investing in it. Treat your marriage as a long-term investment.

## 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 during other times the Chapel Center at 449-1754.

## MSF

huge milestone for the Hawaii Air National Guard!

The records safely arrived in Wichita, Kansas June 27, 2008, at the contractor facilities, Business Technology Career Opportunities where they will be scanned and available for members to view in the ARMS system.

There is currently no estimated time of completion for the scanning however, HIANG members will be notified when their records are complete and available for viewing.



Courtesy photo

Records inventoried one final time, boxed and shipped to their new home.

# Leaving a long lasting impression

by Master Sgt. Ramon "Maui" Quizon

Retirement is truly about accomplishment. It is about legacy, the long lasting impression left behind once the office lights are switched off.

No matter how long a person has been in on the job, he or she has watched a retirement ceremony and reflected on the retiring individual's impact on their lives.

Such was the case June 30, when Mr. Edward Schweitzer III, "Eddie-Boy," as he is fondly called by his coworkers, closed out his career. After 32 years of civilian service to the 154th Wing, "Eddie Boy" leaves the Guard with a legacy of hard work, dedication and excellence.

When Eddie-Boy began his employment as a Janitor I with the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense at Hickam Air Force Base the fighter aircrafts were F-102's (Deuce's) and the transport was a C-7.

His position was later reallocated to a General Laborer position.

He spent the last 11 years at the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron and 204th Airlift Squadron.

For the past 32 years, without fail, Eddie Boy could be seen pushing his shopping cart from hangar to hangar diligently taking care of the compound. Day in and day out "Eddie-Boy" did his job. As a result, "Eddie-Boy" accumulated over two years of unused sick leave, which will be credited toward his total years of service.

Even when it came to vacation, it was hard to get "Eddie-Boy" to take a day off as he constantly faced a "use or lose" annual leave situation.

His dedication to service earned him several awards for perfect attendance.

He was a dedicated and dependable employee, but more than that he was a great friend. He took part

in squadron activities and became a part of the HIANG ohana.

Perhaps he will be most remembered for his unusual gift of memory. His uncanny ability to remember birthdays kept many a coworker out of the "dog house." He could even quote the TV guide for you if you wished.

He was an active bowler in the Hawaii Air National Guard bowling league and was always a great morale booster to those around him. Just ask those for whom he played Santa.

Eddie-Boy is a second generation HIANG member. His father, the late Edward Schweitzer Jr., was a retired Guardsman who worked in the supply section. He also has a sister-in-law presently working at the Wing Control Center.

On behalf of all of our men and women, mahalo a nui loa aloha pumehana!" Eddie-Boy, you will be missed!



Brig. Gen. Peter S. Pawling, along with members of the 154th Wing, shared a moment with Mr. Edward Schweitzer III to celebrate Mr. Schweitzer's retirement. "Eddie Boy," as he is fondly known, retired from the Hawaii State Department of Defense June 30, after 32 years of service. Eddie-Boy, spent the last 11 years of his career working in the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron and the 204th Airlift Squadron as a General Laborer II. His handiwork will be missed.

Courtesy Photo



# Filing Tuition Assistance, getting to know G-RAP

by Tech. Sgt. Ricky Patrick, 154 MSF

Spring is over, school for the most part is out, and summer is here. Before you get immersed in all the things that summer has to offer, please turn in your spring semester 08 grades. The deadline to have them turned in to the retention office is July 13, 2008.

The Fall 2008 State Tuition Assistance Program applications will be available after the July drill online at <https://154wg-sp-03/sites/msg/msf/retention/State%20Tuition%20Assistance%20Program/Forms/AllItems.aspx> or you can pick up hard copies at the Retention Office.

Please note that the money for the actual reimbursements is handled by the State Fiscal Office.

Speaking of money, there is an exciting program for Traditional

and retired guardsman to make money. It is the Guard Recruiting Assistance Program. The G-RAP program is familiar to some of you and new to others so here are the highlights of the program:

The G-RAP is a contracted program designed for individuals who voluntarily apply online at [www.guardrecruitingassistant.com](http://www.guardrecruitingassistant.com) to become eligible to serve as a part-time Recruiting Assistant (RA).

The RA applicant will be verified and hired by a contractor, not the ANG. Each RA will cultivate quality Potential Airmen/Officers from within their individual spheres of influence.

Once a Potential Airman/Officer is identified and pre-qualified, the RA will facilitate a meeting engagement with their local ANG Recruiter. The triad of ANG Recruiter, RA and nominee will then work closely to

process the nominee and move them towards enlistment.

Upon verified enlistment, the RA will receive an initial payment of \$1,000, with a second \$1,000 payment upon verification of the new recruit's successful shipment to Basic Training or AMS.

For a Prior Service recruit, the RA will receive the initial payment of \$1,000 upon verified enlistment and the second \$1,000 payment upon verification of the new recruit's successful 90-day affiliation with the unit.

Verification is received from both AFRISS and MILPDS systems. *Note: exact payment timelines vary depending upon prior service/non-prior status and availability of training seats.*

Please take advantage of this. It is a win-win situation for the Guard and for you.

## A common bond among all comrades

by Master Sgt. Ramon "Maui" Quizon, 154 WG, 1st Sgt.

Recently, the 154th Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant, Chief Rob Lee, hosted, on behalf of the Wing Commander, Enlisted Calls for Airmen, Non-Commissioned Officers and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers.

Also recently, there was a Senior Leadership Discus-

sion, for Pacific Air Forces' Chief Master Sergeants and First Sergeants, with the PACAF commander. In light of the resignations of our two top Air Force leaders, at each call, the message was to refocus on our Air Force Core Values: Integrity, Service, and Excellence.

As American Airmen, we must reinforce our commitment to our Air Force Core Values; as First Sergeants, we would like to share with our fellow Hawaii Air National Guard Airmen an excerpt from the *The Little Blue Book*:

"the Core Values exist for all members of the Air Force Family -- officer, enlisted, and civilian; active, reserve, and retired; senior, junior, and middle management; civil servants; uniformed personnel, and contractors. They are for all of us to read, to understand, to live by, and to cherish.

The Core Values are much more than minimum standards. They remind us what it takes to get the mission done. They inspire us to do our very best at all times. They are the common bond among all comrades in arms, and they are the glue that unifies the force and ties us to the great warriors and public servants of the past. Integrity first, Service before self, and Excellence in all we do.

These are the Air Force Core Values. Study them -- understand them -- follow them -- and encourage others to do the same."

### May's new enlistees

#### 154 MXS

A1C Jeff Cabal – Leilehua High School

#### 154 AMXS

A1C Raymond Pasion Jr. – Farrington High School

A1C Eric James Rivera – Waipahu High School

#### 154 CES

SrA Eric Vierra – Aiea High School

#### 154 SVF

A1C Dewey Mark – Aiea High School