



## Wyatt nominated as next Air National Guard director

LANSLOWNE, Va. -- Less than 24 hours after taking the oath of office as chief of the National Guard Bureau, Air Force Gen. Craig R. McKinley announced here today President George W. Bush will nominate Air Force Maj. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt III to the U.S. Senate for confirmation as the next director of the Air National Guard.

If confirmed, Wyatt will be promoted to lieutenant general and succeed McKinley, who served as the Air Guard's director for more than two years until becoming chief Nov 17. Wyatt is the Oklahoma National Guard's adjutant general.

He has also served as commander of the 138th Fighter Wing in Tulsa and as the Oklahoma Guard's chief of staff for its Joint Force Headquarters.

"This is a great honor for Gen. Wyatt and a great honor for Oklahoma.

I've always said we had the best adjutant general in the country, and the latest announcement is certainly confirmation of that," said Gov.

Brad Henry, commander-in-chief of the Oklahoma National Guard.

"I greatly appreciate Gen. Wyatt's selfless, dedicated service to our state and our troops, and we will certainly miss his leadership." If approved by the Senate, Wyatt will be responsible for formulating, developing and coordinating all policies, plans and programs affecting more than 107,000 Air



photo by Master Sgt. Mike R. Smith

*Air Force Maj. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt III, nominee for the next director of the Air National Guard.*

Guard members serving in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

"You can be very proud of the direction that, I know, General Wyatt will take us," said McKinley. "We will continue in the fine tradition of Air Guard leadership that we have in this room today."

McKinley made the announcement to hundreds of general officers, command chief master sergeants and others at the Air National Guard's Senior Leadership Conference being held at the National Conference Center, Nov. 17-21, outside Washington.

## Special lift for special olympians

by Master Sgt. Kristen Stanley

Special Olympians, their chaperones and their sports equipment, from Maui, Kauai and the Big Island, hitched a ride from the 204th Airlift Squadron Dec. 5, to participate in the Special Olympic Holiday Classic held on Oahu, Dec. 5-7.

"It's really exciting for them to ride on the C-17," said Senior Master Sgt. Karen Fujimoto, 204th Airlift Squadron C-17 loadmaster, who is participating in her second



photo by Master Sgt. Kristen Stanley

*Special Olympians and their chaperones aboard a C-17 as they head to Oahu for the Holiday Classic*

Special Olympian shuttle run with the 204 AS. "You can see on their faces how happy they are and how much they appreciate it," she added.

The crew of the C-17 took an early morning hop from Oahu to Hilo and back; transporting over 100 Special Olympic passengers.

At the end of the flight the appreciative sentiment

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# Commander's Call: Embrace the challenge

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

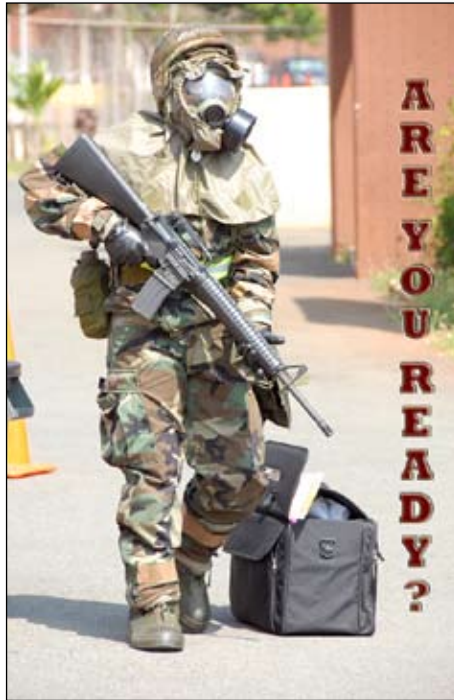
Aloha and Happy New Year! I hope each of you took time out of your busy schedules to enjoy the Christmas and New Years holidays.

I can only trust that each of you spent your holiday showing and telling your families just how thankful you are for the support they provide you, which allows you to do your jobs.

With the over, we are just that much closer to the Feb. 2009, Operational Readiness Inspection.

Please make sure that you've taken care of all of your personal readiness requirements and that you are familiar with the mobility readiness responses and actions.

I have all confidence that we are prepared and ready to take on this challenge. So far I have seen a considerable improvement in many of the processes this exercise. Keep up all the good work, stay focused and remember to take care of each other out there. And,



as I've said before, in addition to being good wingman, please remember to communicate with each other up, down and sideways.

Despite preparing for the ORI, the Wing continues to take on new challenges. Our 154th Security Forces Squadron recently sent more than 30 of their Airmen on a deployment to Baghdad, Iraq.

I want to wish them all a safe journey and look forward to their safe return. I also want to thank them for representing the 154th Wing and making us all proud. It's not easy to part from your family and friends and we thank our Security Forces members and their families for their sacrifice.

We also just wrapped up the Hawaii National Guard Birthday Ball. Thanks to all the Wing volunteers who stepped up to the plate to assist in making the event a success.

Again, keep up the good work, stay safe and embrace the challenge of next months Operational Readiness Inspection.



courtesy photo

The 154th Security Forces Squadron is again answering the call of duty. Pictured are 31 members of the 154 SFS who mobilized Jan. 5, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The members, led by 1st Lt. Michael Armstrong and Senior Master Sgt. Ray Duropan, departed for Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., Jan. 10, to begin pre-deployment training. The members of the 154 SFS are scheduled to depart for Iraq in February.

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# Take care of your emotional well being

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



Aloha All! Undoubtedly you have experienced many moments of reflection, a process of reconsidering previous actions based on a decision.

Interestingly, we make thousands of decisions everyday, and we are the only ones who determine the degree of importance or significance each decision may have.

There are some decisions that keep us up at night, the

ones that are of utmost importance to us and even to those that it impacts.

Wrestling with our conscience about whether we made the right decision is where we can really tear ourselves up, which could lead to an unhealthy emotional state. Working those issues by ourselves can be a heavy burden to bear, do we know when it is time to seek some advice or find someone to vent to?

Our bodies are amazing, you can physically work all day and when it comes to the end of the day, you can decompress by relaxing in front of the TV, going to the gym, lay on the couch enveloped by pure quietness,

whatever it is that releases your tension.

However, the mental and emotional exhaustion your mind accumulates is something that we may not know is developing, but we will feel the effects as the day or days wear on.

Whatever the case may be, if you do experience a lot of emotional stress, find a way to alleviate it by doing something that is the activator to releasing that stress. Talking to someone, doing something that takes your mind off of it, or working it out and resolving the conflict will do wonders for your physical well being.

If you listen to the flight attendants on a flight prior to take-off, and I know you have, you will have noticed that when the flight attendant describes the oxygen masks deploying he or she instructs us to put the mask on ourselves. Thus, we may, in-turn, help others. You as a person must be in top shape, mentally and physically in order for you to perform at your optimum. In order for you to help others, you have to help yourself first.



After all the hard work and expended energy from this ORE, take some time to take care of yourself. Then take a deep breath because down the stretch in a couple of weeks is the ORI. Good luck! Have fun! Be safe!



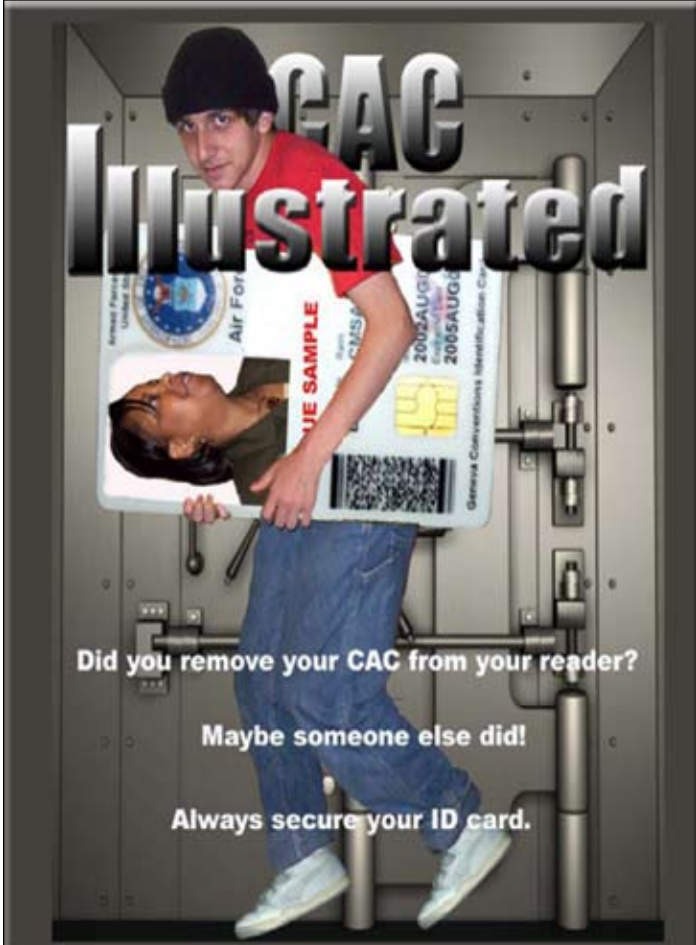
## Hawaii Air National Guard First Sergeant Council

**BDU CAP Mandatory**

Place squarely on the head with no hair protruding in front of the cap: when not being worn, may be stowed in either of the lower cargo pockets on the trousers. BDU caps required for all

deployments, field training and mobility exercised. Hat may not be pushed, rolled, folded or tucked in.



**CAC Illustrated**

Did you remove your CAC from your reader?  
Maybe someone else did!  
Always secure your ID card.

## Helping spread hope and joy

by Tech. Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

A slowing economy could not dampen the generosity of the Hawaii Air National Guard as over 600 toys were collected for underprivileged children during the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots cam-



photo by Master Sgt. Kristen Stanley

Tech. Sgt. Robbie Kim, Ivan Angeles, Kalani Kaikala and Senior Master Sgt. Ray Duropan, 154 SFS.

paign in Dec. 2008.

“The HIANG did better than expected, we doubled the number of toys collected in previous years,” said Senior Master Sgt. Durapan, 154th Security Forces.

Staff Sgt. Nichole Romias coordinated efforts with the 292nd Combat Communications Squadron for the



photo by Master Sgt. Kristen Stanley

Staff Sgt. Melquiadez Racho and Senior Airman Kristen Tomita, 154 SFS help collect toys.

204th Airlift Squadron to transport five boxes of toys from Jauai to Honolulu for the Toys for Tots drive.

The toys were given to the Marines to distribute to children across the state who might not otherwise receive a toy at Christmas.

The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a shiny new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and

## Develop right safety attitude

by Chief Master Sgt. Miles Kaneshiro, 154th Wing SE

Employees are paid for production, and there can be no quarrel with the worker who gives his or her all toward this end. However, this doesn't mean you have to take safety shortcuts, since statistics indicate that mishap prevention and high production go hand in hand.

Mishaps cost money and are eventually paid for by the unit in the form of lost time and productivity, and additionally the loss and suffering of the injured employee. There is no return on the money spent on the cost of the mishap, ultimately, only lost production.

A good safety attitude toward regulations, standards, and general industry practices are the best way to protect yourself and your fellow employees from mishaps. People

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## Learn your ABCs of education benefits at the CoP

by Master Sgt. John K. Guerri, 154 MSF/DPMT

The Air National Guard Education Community of Practice is an excellent reference tool to access information on voluntary education benefits pertaining to the Air National Guard.

It is intended for the member as well as educational counselors to use and find relevant, accurate, and timely information on the Community College of the Air Force, State of Hawaii tuition benefits, Federal tuition benefits, AFAEMS/AFVEC, DANES, CLEP/DSST, scholarships, upcoming workshops, related web links, and education publications.

An Air Force Knowledge Now Community of Practice provides a web-based collaborative environment for members of groups who share information.

Each Community of Practice has several capabili-

ties to choose from, enabling a CoP administrator to customize the CoP to meet the group's needs.

The training areas of this effort are:

- Creating a CoP
- User Management
- Document Management
- Calendar
- Discussion Forum
- Links Management
- Registration
- Questionnaire

You may access the Air National Guard Education CoP by clicking on this link: <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/CoP/OpenCoP.asp?Filter=AN-ED-00-54> or from the main page of Air Force Knowledge Now under Education and Training do a search on “ANG Education.”

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with lackadaisical attitudes about safety blame accidents on the “law of averages.” But mishaps don’t just happen—they are caused. Most mishaps occur as a result of an unsafe condition, a poor attitude, or both.

What about good attitudes toward safety? All of us are required to follow certain procedures in our jobs, but that isn’t good enough. A good safety attitude is your best defense against mishaps. After all, you have the most to gain...or lose.



One way to build a good safety attitude is to learn your job well. Know the hazards and the safeguards. If you understand your work, you will have a better knowledge of what the safety work practices are and why safety attitudes are needed.

Finally, set the example for others. If you see a potential hazard, correct it before someone gets hurt, don’t wait for someone else to do it.

Safety is everyone’s responsibility and Safe Attitudes are contagious.

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is confirmed with a loud and enthusiastic round of cheers and clapping. “I think that was the best applause I’ve ever gotten after a landing,” said Lt. Col. Steven Su’afilo, pilot and commander for the 204th Airlift Squadron.

The Special Olympics Holiday Classic, which marks the end of the fall season, was held on Hickam Air Force Base, K-Bay Marine Corps Base, and Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The event included a

multi-division three day Basketball tournament, Singles, Doubles and Unified® Team Bowling competitions, and traditional and Unified® Doubles Bocce tournaments.

Hickam Air Force Base housed the Olympic town and hosted the opening and closing ceremonies for the three day event. Competitions ran through the weekend at the Hickam Main Gym, Hickam Bowling Center, the football field and Hanger 35.

Special Olympics Hawaii offers

year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. There are more than 1,800 athletes, from Hawaii, who benefit from participation in the Special Olympic program.

In addition to transportation support, Airmen from the Hawaii Air National Guard participate in the Annual Troy Barbosa Law Enforcement Torch Run to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics, Hawaii.

**HIANG Intramural Open and Master’s basketball division winners**



*Open Division - First Place  
154th Logistics Readiness Squadron*



*Master’s Division - First Place  
154th Operations Squadron*

## News Briefs

### Theme parks

Walt Disney World has just introduced a special Armed Forces Salute Ticket for 2009. Each qualifying Military Service member\* will receive a complimentary 5-Day "Disney's Armed Forces Salute Ticket" with Park Hopper and Water



Park Fun & More Options included. To receive the FREE ticket, visit any theme park Guest Relations window

and show proper ID.

In addition to the free Armed Forces Salute Ticket, up to 5 of their guests can purchase for \$99 a Disney's Armed Forces Salute Companion (5 Day Base) ticket. Park Hopper or Water Park Fun & More option are available for \$25 each (which is 50% off the normal price). Companion tickets may be upgraded to Premium, Annual or Seasonal Passes. Seasonal Pass upgrade requires proof of Florida Residency. Companion tickets may not be upgraded by adding the no expiration option, and you cannot add additional days to the passes

This offer is available to anyone on active duty in the US Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard or Reserve, and retired military. Activated members of the National Guard and Reservists must present active duty orders in addition to valid military ID. You must have been active for any length of time between 1/1/08 and 12/23/09. Dept of Defense (CIA, FBI, Secret Service) and Coalition Forces are excluded

### Jun promotions

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

154 MXS Gabster, Michael D.

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

154 OSF Mato, Kristie A.C.  
203 ARS Oka, Krisella C.  
154 SVF Sena, August J.  
292 CBCS Tomlinson, Charles S.

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

292 CBCS Aipa, Roy K.  
154 LRS Cashman, Jason P.  
154 OSF Flores, Rochelle L.K.  
154 CF Sayre, Joseph F.  
154 AMXS Timas, Abraham K.

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

154 CES Akaka, Gerard L.L.  
154 AMXS Chun, Nathan D.  
154 MXS Galanto Jr., Filomeno  
154 CES Grilho, Robert Jr.  
HQ 154 WG Kaahanui, Nolan A.  
154 AMXS Mayeda, Joshua I.  
154 MOF Page, Michael  
154 SVF Pecpec, Renee A.  
154 AMXS Roldan, Shawnaverill  
154 CES Soriano, Randolph

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

HQ HIANG Abella, Lea K.  
154 MXS Galzote, Ambrocio III  
199 WF Gonzales, Kekoa K.K.  
154 MXS Kahala, Darrin K.  
154 MXS Takaki, Travis T.  
154 MXS Tumamao, Norbert S.  
154 MXS Villarus, Rizal A.

### HQ Change

Maj. Gen. Darryll D.M. Wong, Hawaii Air National Guard commander, has selected Col. Chris "Sock" Sakamoto as the new Headquarters, Hawaii Air National Guard A3. He replaces Col. Michael "Inch" Compton, who took command of the 109th Air Operations Group.

Col Sakamoto will remain at the 154th Wing as the Operations Group Commander until after the Operational Readiness Inspection in February.

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### Commissary rules

A new "No Guest Policy" at the Pearl Harbor Commissary went into effect Dec. 8, 2008. Due to over crowding, authorized commissary patrons are no longer permitted to sponsor guests into the Pearl Harbor commissary.

Commissary employees are required to conduct a 100 percent ID card check at the entrance door and at the cash register prior to starting sales transactions.

Please have your ID card out and ready for the cashier to begin processing groceries. Authorized commissary patrons are reminded that all dependent children 10 years-old and older are required to have a valid ID card in their possession when accompanying their parents into the commissary.

### Rendering Salute

As of Oct. 2008, Veterans and servicemembers not in uniform may render the military-style hand salute during the playing of the national anthem. This is a small change to a federal law that allows veterans to render the military-style salute during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, but did not address the issue of saluting during the national anthem.

Senator Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma, an Army veteran, sponsored this change. It was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed Oct. 14, 2008.

**154 WG  
Drill Dates  
FEB 7-8, 2009  
ORI FEB 9-13, 2009  
MAR 7-8, 2008**

# Clear your vision; realize your gift

by Maj. Daniel L. Leatherman, chaplain

On the Christian calendar, Jan. 6, is the Epiphany. It is the day the Church celebrates and honors the Christ child by the wise men or Magi of the East.



In the Gospel of Matthew (Matt 2:1-9), the wise men were guided by a star that shown in the sky that led them to where the Christ child was born, and when they arrived, they honored him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

With the winter weather and rains, driving can be an adventure especially when you are in traffic on the highways. The oils and tire action from the cars ahead of you create an oily mist that seems to cling to the windshield and obscures our vision. This is especially bad at

night when it is difficult to see the lanes on the highway or when the lights of opposing traffic blind us. Still we carry on, trying to make our way through the darkness and get to where we need to go.

Life and faith are very much like that. There are many things such as power, selfish ambition, relationships, occupation, that blind us or obscure our vision of what God calls us to be and do. What we must continue to do is to look for that guiding light. A star, if you will; the ray of hope that will keep us on the path of light and life.

When we follow this light of life, we will find rest and renewal in the Divine and thus offer our gifts. The Magi offered gold, frankincense and myrrh, but what do you offer? As we look toward 2009, this ORE, the ORI and

all that this year has to offer, what gift or gifts will you offer back to God? How will you look past the dirt and grime that obscures your vision and focus on the things that truly matter? In what new and creative ways can we open ourselves to love, compassion, joy, and service to one another?

May God bless you in 2009 and fill your lives with joy and peace.

## 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.

# Financial Management gives Christmas HUGS

by 154th Wing Financial Management

The Financial Management and Comptroller Office participated in a service project with the Helping, Understanding, and Group Support program Dec. 12.

HUGS is dedicated to providing support and enhancing the quality of life for Hawaii's seriously ill children and their families. Lt. Col. Taison Tanaka, 154th Wing comptroller and a regular volunteer at HUGS, solicited the aid of his entire office for the HUGS December Respite.

The HUGS Respite is a time when Parents can drop off their children at the HUGS House in Kaimuki, and take a break while volunteers watch and play with their children.

Headed by Maj. Claire Tom and Tech. Sgt. Bryan

Yonemoto, the Finance Office members visited the HUGS House during the December respite to do Christmas crafts with the children. They built Christmas themed picture frames with the children, took photos, and then mounted them in the frames, which the children

took home as gifts for their parents.

"I'm overwhelmed and extremely proud of my office staff for taking time out of their busy holiday schedules to lend their service to the children of HUGS," said Lt. Col. Tanaka.

"Everyone had a great time while keeping the smiles alive on the children's faces," said Lt. Col. Tanaka. "Everyone was extremely giving and generous, and it was very special for the office to spend time together on this service project," said Lt. Col. Tanaka.



Members from the 154th Wing Financial Management and HUGS children pose for the camera at the HUGS house in Kaimuki during the December respite.

# Mixed plate-diversity champions

by Chief Karl Kaneshiro, State HRA, HQ  
 HIANG and Senior Master Sgt. Raquel  
 Ramos, Wing HRA, 154 WG

The Hawaii Air National Guard completed its first HING Diversity Champions Team, which was the 37th group since the inception of the Diversity Champions.

This unique event was held Dec 15-17 at the Ihilani Resort and Spa Ko Olina on the leeward side of Oahu. This three day workshop ignited the passion of the participants learning about diversity and themselves via exercises, videos and invaluable group interaction. Each participant was taken out of his or her comfort zone to reshape their learned thoughts. The participants shared their experiences, which benefited everyone, and most of all...its was fun.

Col. Joseph Kim, 154 Wing Vice Commander, opened the workshop by giving thanks and appreciation for the time and effort taken by the participants and their willingness to learn more.

The participants were various ranks, genders, races, religions, age groups, and ethnic backgrounds including two members of the Army National Guard. In addition, the entire Recruiting and Retention staff of the HIANG attended...talk about making a difference in one of the most critical areas.

It is customary for all participants to select a group name and "Mixed Plate" was the name selected. What is a Mixed Plate? It's the variety of food on the plate lunch that complements one another and tastes "ono" (delicious) together. Just like all the diverse group members complementing one another and working together as one.

This group is committed to work together as one unit to better their personal lives as well as the organization.

A special Mahalo (thank you) goes to Senior Master



*courtesy photo*

Members of the HINGs first Diversity Champions Team, a mixed plate from the Hawaii Air and Army National Guard.

Sgt. Raquel Ramos, 154th Wing HRA, for coordinating this powerful workshop with the blessing of Maj. Gen. Darryll D.M. Wong, HIANG commander, and Brig. Gen. Peter S. Pawling, 154th Wing commander. Both recognize the value of the workshop in developing our leaders and our culture. The HIANG would also like to extend its warmest and sincere appreciation to Stephanie Piimauna, Ramon Barboza, and Jocelyn Little of Satori (formerly known as Guardian Quest) for a fantastic and unforgettable three days. They brought energy, emotions, and passion to this nonstop learning experience.

The challenge that lies ahead is to "keep the candle lit" and educate our Airmen, family, and ourselves to reach diversity and leadership goals. As no one should be left alone, coaching partners were formed within Mixed Plate to help provide the guidance and strength needed for this huge task. A special lifetime connection was developed among the participants during the event. We are excited to "raise the bar."

## The following make up the ingredients of the Mixed

Agtarap, Kenley	Tech. Sgt.	Kaahanui, Alika	Tech. Sgt. (Warrior Award)
Alejandro, Alan	Master Sgt.	Kim, Joseph	Col.
Bastatas, Priscilla	Staff Sgt.	Komine, Bridget	Senior Master Sgt.
Bermudez, Jay	Tech. Sgt.	Lee, Daniel	Senior Airman
Caballes, Francisco	Staff Sgt.	Machado, Kelly	Master Sgt.
Chock, Thomas	Tech. Sgt.	Noh, Tamah-Lani	Lt. Col.
Dowsett, Mysti	Tech. Sgt.	Oyafuso, Mervin	Lt. Col.
Flores, Rochelle	Tech. Sgt.	Patrick, Ricky	Tech. Sgt.
Fortin, Valerie	Tech. Sgt.	Quizon, Ramon	Master Sgt.
Fredeluces, Christopher	Staff Sgt.	Shak, Todd	Staff Sgt.
Ganigan, Shadydee	Tech. Sgt.	Tactay, Vickie	Master Sgt.
Heach, Linda	Sgt. First Class(Army)	Valeho, Sharnell	Maj.
Indigo, Phoebe	Capt. (Army)	Vendiola, Rose	Master Sgt.
Jelinski-Hall, Denise	Command Chief Master Sgt.	Williamson, Love	1st Lt.
		Yoshimoto, Charlsyee	Master Sgt.



**Family Program Presents**  
**“My Life in a Box”**  
**Special Guest Mrs. Laurie Long**

**Date: Saturday Jan 24, 2009**

**Time: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Location: Hawaii Air National Guard  
Dining Facility (Hickam Air Force Base)**

**Social Security Disability for Wounded Warriors:**

**Mrs. Jane Yamamoto-Brigsay**

**My Life in a Box:**

**Mrs. Laurie Long**

**Red Cross:**

**Mr. Rock Ahulau**

**“What medical conditions are considered disabling...?”**

**“I just received notice that my claim  
was denied. Should I appeal the decision  
or start a new application?”**

**“What information is considered important and  
kept in a safe box?”**

**“What can people expect from**

**Red Cross during times of disaster?”**

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