

Kūkā'ilimoku

'No guests allowed' policy at commissary

by Senior Airman Carolyn Viss, 15 AW Public Affairs

4/24/2009 - HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii - Effective May 1, there will be a "no guests or visitors" policy at the Hickam AFB Commissary in an effort to ensure military privileges are truly reserved for members who wear, or have worn, a uniform in service to their country and their dependents

During the past few months, the Hickam Commissary has experienced a sharp growth in customers and accompanying guests, according to Col. Charles Baumgardner, 15th Mission Support Group commander, so military identification checks will be implemented to ensure only authorized patrons may enter the facility.

"Shopping at the commissary is a benefit for people who earned the privilege," said Rick Means, store director. "We are willing to take a hit in sales in order to preserve the principles of the benefit.

Following the lead of Defense Department instructions, the policy here will decrease overcrowding during peak shopping periods. Keeping access to authorized patrons also promises to help minimize the necessary number of people in line at the check-out registers, according to Colonel Baumgardner.

Contrary to popular belief, it actually has very little to do with making sure merchandise is well stocked, Means said. They keep up with the amount of product purchased by adjusting the orders and inventories and making use of local vendors, although "it's tough



photo by Ed Foster

Staff Sgt, Shannon McCann, a member of the 15th Mission Support Squadron, shops with her daughter, Alyssandra Peirano, at the Hickam AFB Commissary April 23. Effective May 1, there will be a "no guests or visitors" policy at the Hickam AFB commissary in an effort to ensure military privileges are reserved for dependents and members who wear or have worn a uniform in service to their country.

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On the main land, people who shop at the commissary usually save on average 30 percent; here, however, it's more like 48-50 percent because of Hawaii's higher

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photo by Lt. Col. Charles Anthony, HIANG Public Affairs

(Above) An F-22 and F-15 sit nose to nose at Hickam Air Force Base, flightline. Media, retirees and members of the 154th Wing got an up close and personal look at the F-22. (R) Lt. Col. Jeffrey Namihira, commander 199th Fighter Squadron, answers the media's questions about the F-22 Raptor April 20.



photo by Capt. Regina Berry



Commander's Call: Aloha and mahalo

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

Fellow men and women of the 154th Wing:

I truly believe there's nothing nobler in this day and age than being an American Airman, especially in the Hawaii Air Guard! As I write my last Kuka'ilimoku news letter to the "greatest" Wing in the entire Air National Guard,

I can't help but think just how fortunate I have been, to have had all of your support, as your 154th Wing Commander – which is why this last message is directed to each and every one of you.

The road that I have traveled has been a wonderful journey, strewn with many successes and rewarding experiences – yet the most difficult part of ending this incredible journey as Wing Commander, is saying farewell to all of you.

You are a "supreme proud team" of National Guard members, who've served me, the great State of Hawaii, and our U.S. Air Force, so very well ... and whom I was so fortunate to have served with along the way. For the last 38 plus years in the HIANG, you've helped mentor and mold me into the person I am today. I will never forget it.

As I prepare to leave the 154th Wing for my new assignment at U.S. Pacific Command, I'm overwhelmed with melancholy thoughts of the past, sigh's over all the

unfinished business that lay in wait, and raw excitement over the Wing's future. I will envy all of you as I watch, listen and hear from afar!

In closing, Marcia and I will miss the Aloha you shared with us. I wish you nothing but continued success, and I will be looking forward with eager anticipation to what lies ahead in the storied success of this outstanding Wing – a Wing that's indeed, in good hands!

Aloha ... General Pete "Skipper" Pawling

PS: Hope to see all of you either at the Golf Tournament, the Dinner, or after my last flight/change of



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During Brig. Gen. Peter S. Pawling's career with the 154 WG, he has flown the F-102 (pictured above), F-4C, F-15A, C-7, C-130A, C-130H, KC-135R and C-17 aircraft.



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Brig. Gen. Stanley Osserman and Maj. Gen. Darryll Wong flank Brig. Gen. Kathleen Berg as she receives a Koa Paddle in honor of her retirement from the HIANG. Gen. Berg was the first female General in the HIANG.

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What's so good about "old school?"

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



Aloha All! Help me out with this one, is the term "Old School" such a bad thing. I have heard such comments as "Ah, that's so old school," referring to an observance of some type of action of which the comment was laced with disappointment.

I for one think that there is a lot to be desired when we compare things to being old school

in comparison to how things are done today.

Old school is cool. When it comes to work ethic, respect, pride, doing the right thing, personal responsibility, sexual behavior, service before self, in today's world, there is an awful lot of merit stemmed from being labeled as "old school."

I am in no way shape or form saying that today we do not have great work ethics being displayed or that there is no pride amongst our organization or communities, I am merely sharing from experience how there seems to be a contrast in the way and the reasons people serve their community and behave as an individual in our society.

Back in the old school day's, when I was told, told mind you, that there was something that needed to be done and done a certain way, it was understood that my responsibility in life was to do it and do it the best way I could.

If I questioned the task that was bestowed upon me by my supervisor, that was for me to hold in my mind while exercising the respect for my supervisor and overriding my personal opinion. I simply did as I was told to the best of my ability, garnered with an immense sense

of pride, knowing that whatever this task was, it was being accomplished by me.

You may think that being told what to do and not using the option of voicing my opinion may have crippled the development of my personal growth, but I assure you that in hind sight, it did not.

Of course, if there ever was a safety concern, common sense allowed me to opt for the voicing of my opinion just to clarify any miscommunications. I have been mentored by many great supervisors all of whom demonstrated that the way to success is to put everything into your job, work as hard as you can, and sacrifice your own personal agendas by putting the company ahead of yourself.

Doing things purely just to gain notoriety or win an award is shallow and shameful to you and the organization. Not putting in an honest day's work is called mediocrity, something that we should not settle for. To leave work feeling deep inside that you MORE than earned your keep is totally satisfying.

How many people today can say that they are satisfied when they leave work each day? How many people can say that they are "all-in" every day, without any expectations of anything in return? Please understand my point, I am saying that old school work ethics isn't such a bad thing.

Old School is cool; my experience is that it taught me how to consistently work hard for my organization with no agenda's or a sense that I was owed anything. I honestly feel that I am blessed that I have the opportunity to serve my state and country in ensuring that the safety and welfare of these entities are our number one priority.

Old school is cool, make "new school" just as cool if it isn't already.....Let's Roll!!!!



Hawaii Air National Guard First Sergeant Council's Diamond Tips

Tattoos/Brands

(Unauthorized content)

Tattoos/brands anywhere on the body that are obscene or advocate sexual, racial, ethnic, or religious discrimination are prohibited in and out of uniform. Tattoos/brands that



are prejudicial to good order and discipline or that are of a nature that tends to bring discredit upon the Air Force are prohibited in and out of uniform. Tattoos that are commonly associated with gang affiliations are prohibited both in and out of uniform. Unauthorized (content): Members who receive tattoos/brands not meeting the standards after the implementation of this policy are required to initiate tattoos/brands removal at their own expense upon notification by their commander.

Initial Accessions must disclose

any tattoos and must complete removal of inappropriate tattoos prior to being accepted in the Air Force. Members failing to remove or alter unauthorized tattoos in a timely manner may be subject to disciplinary action or involuntary separation. Failure to observe these mandatory provisions and prohibitions by active duty Air Force members, USAFR members on active duty or inactive duty for training and ANG members

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Diamond

in Federal service is a violation of Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

(Inappropriate-military image)

Excessive tattoos/brands will not be exposed or visible (includes visible through the uniform) while in uniform. Excessive is defined as any tattoo/brands that exceed 1/4 of the exposed body part and those above the collarbone and readily visible when wearing an open collar uniform. Members should not be allowed to display excessive tattoos that would detract from an appropriate professional image while in uniform.

Commanders should use these

guidelines in determining appropriate military image and acceptability of tattoos displayed by members in uniform. Air Force members with tattoos not meeting an acceptable military should required main cover the tattoo using form (e.g. long-sleeved shirt/blouse, pants/slacks, dark hosiery, PT running suit, etc.) or (b) remove tattoo(s). Depending on the cir-



cumstances, commanders may seek Air Force medical support for voluntary tattoo removal. PTDY is not authorized in this situation and is at member's expense. Members failing to remove, cover, or alter excessive tattoos or who choose not to comply with acceptable military standards may be subject to disciplinary action or involuntary separation. Failure to observe these mandatory provisions and prohibitions by active duty Air Force members, USAFR members on active duty or inactive duty for training and ANG members in Federal service is a violation of Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

Commissary

cost of living.

Commissary sales increased from \$3.5 million to \$4 million a month last year when the U.S. economy



photo by Ed Foster

Marissa Ohashi, a vendor employed by Joan M. Johnson Company, stocks the shelves at the Hickam AFB Commissary April 23. Contrary to popular belief, the new "no guest" policy actually has very little to do with making sure merchandise is well stocked, said Rick Means, store director. They keep up with the amount of product purchased by adjusting the orders and inventories and making use of local vendors, although "it's tough because most things have to be shipped over the water," he said.

began to slide, Means said. The Hickam AFB Commissary transactions increased again when the Pearl Harbor Commissary's "no guests" rule took effect last December. However, with all the new housing being

built in the area, Means said he doesn't expect that \$4 million to decrease when the Hickam Commissary implements the "no guests" policy.

Even though commissary staff polices the purchasing process well and prevents customers from "splitting" orders when it's obvious they're just buying for one of their guests, it's nearly impossible to completely prevent non-authorized people from shopping, Means said.

Dependent children who are age 10 and older must have a valid ID in their possession when accompanying their parents to the commissary, according to the 15 MSG. Authorized commissary patrons who physically require assistance to shop should apply for an agent card to allow an agent to shop on their behalf. For more information on obtaining an authorized agent card, call the Hickam AFB Pass and ID at 449-9394.

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Aircraft recovery training at KCC

by Senior Master Sgt. Edwin G. Kalilikane

In accordance with Air Force Instruction 21-101 all crash, damage, or disabled aircraft recovery (CD-DAR) team members must be trained in recovery procedures.

Aircraft lifting exercises may be accomplished by



courtesy photo

Tech. Sgt. Kyle Nishimura and Staff Sgt. Stephen Song ensure lifting bag hoses are not kinked and place them next to the correlating manifold connections.

using a unit owned aircraft, utilizing training hulks, or participating with other organizations possessing training assets.



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Designated height observer, Staff Sgt. Duran Adams, monitors lift bag inflation and contact.

To meet the above annual requirements, the C-17 Maintenance Flight's CDDAR program has been coordinating with Honolulu Community College Aeronautics program to utilize its DC-9 aircraft on the South Ramp. This DC-9 aircraft is the only training hulk on island large enough to emulate a C-17 Globe Master.

The CDDAR team utilized lifting bags to raise the aircraft during the exercise held Mar. 25 – 27.

The first day was used to transport the equipment to the simulated incident site (south ramp) and set-up for the lift.



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Master Sgt. Jefferey Pakele spot checks manifold operators, Master Sgt. Ken Doi and Tech. Sgt. Joel Membrere, who are pressurizing lift bags accordingly.

On the second day, lift training of the aircraft was performed with break down, clean up and the return of all equipment back to Hickam Air Force Base accomplished on the final day.

The C-17 Maintenance Flight is always looking for training opportunities to keep members proficient in our Crash Recovery Program; hopefully, this collaboration will create a reoccurring bond between the Hawaii Air National Guard and the Honolulu Community College.

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News Briefs

Recruiter vacancy

Job Vacancy Announcement (JVA) FY09-024 AGR-AIR, Recruiter, SDI 8R000, Max Mil Grade: TSgt/E6, HQ Hawaii ANG, State of Hawaii; Closing: June 2, 2009. Open to present or former enlisted members (E4 to E6) of the active or reserve components of the U.S. Air Force, within the State of Hawaii. The JVA can be accessed through your Microsoft outlook at Outlook://Public Folders/All Public Folders/Human Resources Office

(HRO)/AGR Program/AGR Positions/Within State.

Blue Monday

In adherence to Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee's Blue Monday policy, beginning May 11, all federal air technicians will wear the short sleeve shirt blue uniforms as the uniform of the day. This policy adheres to the policy set forth by the Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force that requires personnel to wear their short sleeve shirt blue uniform every Monday. This policy is not applicable to shops where the blue uniform is impractical or would pose a safety hazard.

April promotions

Promoted to SMSgt. (E-8)

154 MXG Demello, Noel B.

Promoted to MSgt. (E-7)

154 AMXS Branco, Brian H.
154 AMXS Colipano, Curtis M.
204 AS Contreras, Kerrie L.
154 WG Dinneen, Michael L.
154 AMXS Fisher, Michael L.
154 MXS Kealoha, Brian K.
201 CCG Sabog, Elizabeth M.
297 ATCS Sugai, Shari
204 AS Wong, Jarin K

Promoted to TSgt. (E-6)

199 FS Balmonte, Blesmay
154 CES Beyer, Bronson J.K.
293 CBCS Cheung, Ernest L.B.
292 CBCS Domingo, Eddie D.
154 LRS Dulan, Joshua K.
291 CBCS Fong, Salote P.K.
199 FS Kaikala, Kristen K.
292 CBCS Masui, Jonathan Y
154 OSF Mcdonald, Jason A.
154 AMXS Saranillio, Blake T.
154 AMXS Stanton, Sean E.
154 AMXS Tanaka, Ty T.
292 CBCS Tumbaga, Johnelle M
154 LRS Williams, Dustin B.
293 CBCS Young, Justin K.

Promoted to SSgt. (E-5)

154 LRS Bernades, Vance K.

HNGEA Fundraiser

The Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association will be holding it's 2009 Koala Moa fundraiser on May 9th. We'll be cooking the chicken at the Koala Moa facility in Waipahu. The Fleet Reserve Association is allowing us to distribute the chicken at their location on Valkenburgh St.

Volunteers who'd like to grill are welcome to join us.

Tickets are selling fast; therefore, if you haven't received your tickets, contact Master Sgt. DeRego at 448-7344 or visit my office B3415 1st level.

Thank you for supporting the Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association. For more information about HNGEA/EANGUS and membership renewal, go to: www.eangus.org or www.hngea.net both the 'Official Enlisted Site'.

**154 WG
Drill Dates
June 5-6, 2009
July 11-12, 2009
Aug 1-2, 2009**

292nd teams win HIANG basketball tournament

by Chief Master Sgt. Vincent A. Dacanay 292 CBCS/SCB

The 292nd Combat Communications Squadron came out victorious, winning the open and masters divisions in the 2009 Hawaii Air National Guard basketball tournament held Mar. 20 - 22, at the Lahaina Civic Auditorium. The three-day tournament, hosted by the 292 CBCS, had five teams participating from Hickam Air Force Base: the 199 FS, 154 WG, 154 MSX, 154 LRS, 154

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photo by Tech. Sgt. Bryan Sagayaga

Tip-off of the 154th Wing versus the 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron weapons team during the 2009 HIANG basketball tournament at the Lahaina Civic Center on Maui.

Just for now, count your blessings

by Lt. Col. Robert K. Nagamine, Chaplain

After two consecutive years of facing two major inspections, the UCI and the ORI, we now have the opportunity to take more time to recognize our family members. Many times our family members are our greatest supporters and the main reason we are successful, yet sometimes they take a back seat. Mother's Day, Father's Day and graduation ceremonies are just around the corner and we can take some time to celebrate them.

"Things which matter the most must never be at the mercy of things which matter the least," said Johann Wolfgang von Goethe; that is exactly what I am talking about. Let's remember that our families are important and they matter the most.

Just yesterday, I was thinking about how less complicated it was long ago when I was growing up as a teenager. There weren't as many "toys" competing for my attention in my generation. No cell phones, no personal computers, fewer video games, no internet and not as many high powered and readily accessible drugs. People actually had the time to talk directly to each other and they enjoyed it!

With so many competing and addictive toys today, our children need our guidance, mentoring and coaching in order to live productive lives and strive for promising futures.

There is a poem from an un-



known author that I came across. It reminds me how fast time moves along; and before you know it, our children are grown up. It is called "To My Child"...

Just for this morning, I am going to step over the laundry, and pick you up and take you to the park to play. I will leave the dishes in the sink, and let you teach me how to put that puzzle of yours together.

Just for this afternoon, I will unplug the telephone, and keep the computer off, and sit with you in the backyard and blow bubbles. I will not yell once, not even a tiny grumble when you scream and whine for the ice cream truck, and I will buy you one if he comes by. I won't worry about what you are going to be when you grow up or second guess every decision I have made where you are concerned. I will let you help me bake cookies, and I won't stand over you trying to fix them. I will take you to McDonald's and buy us both a Happy Meal so you can have both toys.

Just this evening, I will hold you in my arms and tell you a story about how you were born and how much I love you. I will let you splash in the tub and not get angry. I will let you stay up late while we sit on the porch and count all the stars. I will snuggle beside you for hours, and miss my favorite TV shows. I will run my fingers through your hair as you pray. I will simply be grateful that God has given me the greatest gift ever given.

Now, I will think about the mothers and fathers who are searching for their missing children. I will think about the mothers and fathers who are visiting their children's graves instead of their bedrooms. I will think of the mothers and fa-

thers who are in hospital rooms watching their children suffer senselessly, and screaming inside that they can't handle it anymore.

So from this day forth, I will kiss you good night, I will hold you a little tighter. I will hold you a little longer. It is then, that I will thank God for you, My Child."

For some of us, even if we might not have been the best parents, we made the best of the hand that we were dealt. Nonetheless, the future, the road ahead, is more important. We can strive to be the best parents God wants us to be.

So let's celebrate some family time and honor our family members because time simply moves very rapidly. Before you know it, the years will be gone.

We hope and pray that the future will be better for our children than it was for us. May the Lord bless you and your family, especially during this time of year.



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.

In Memorium: "Eddie would go"

by Rex Jones, EEO

I'll be honest; there are two statements that still surprise me when they come from people who are raised here on the islands. That is, "I can't swim" and "What does 'Eddie Would Go' mean?" For the purposes of this article, I will only address the latter; however, as encouragement I would say that it is never too late to learn to swim.

Whether you have been here one day or twenty years, odds are you have seen the automobile bumper stick that says, "Eddie Would Go." Most locals know that this is referring to one of Hawaii's greatest heroes, Eddie Aikau.

Eddie was described by his closest friends as a humble man who was larger than life. As a surfer, he rode the biggest waves in the world; as a lifeguard, he saved hundreds of lives from the North Shore's treacherous waters; and as a proud Hawaiian, he sacrificed his life to save his fellow sailors aboard the voyaging canoe Hokule'a (which recently received national attention for its voyage to Palmyra Island).

In 1968, he became the very first lifeguard hired by the City & County of Honolulu to work on the North Shore. Eddie had the task of covering all of

the beaches between Sunset and Haleiwa. Not one life was lost while he served as lifeguard of Waimea Bay, as he braved waves that often reached 30 feet high or more. Eddie was a legend on the North Shore, pulling people out of waves that no one else would dare to. That's where the saying came from -- Eddie would go, when no else would or could. Only Eddie dared.

In 1978, the Polynesian Voyaging Society was seeking volunteers for a 30-day, 2,500-mile journey to follow the ancient route of the Polynesian migration between the Hawaiian and Tahitian island chains. At 31 years of age, Eddie joined the voyage as a crew member. The Hokule'a left the Hawaiian Islands on March 16, 1978. The double-hulled voyaging canoe developed a leak in one of the hulls and later capsized about twelve miles south of the island of Molokai.

In an attempt to get help, Eddie paddled toward Lanai on his surfboard. Although the rest of the crew was later rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard, Eddie was never seen again. His life is now legend.

Today, when you visit the Eddie Aikau Memorial Plaques at either, Waimea Bay or The Hokule'a, they both read, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" ~ John 15:13

In Eddie's honor, the surf wear company Quiksilver sponsors the "The Eddie," the Quiksilver Big Wave Invitational in Memory of Eddie Aikau at Waimea Bay. The tournament has only been held a handful of times (seven) in twenty-three years, due to a precondition that open-ocean swells must reach a minimum of 20 feet (this translates to a wave face height of over 30 feet). The contest only invites 24 big-wave riders to participate in two rounds of competition. For the record, the event does not allow the use of jet skis to tow surfers into the waves.

There is no doubt; Eddie remains one of Hawaii's most beloved figures. His legend certainly exudes commitment, strength, humility and cultural pride that endures to this day. As we observe this years

Asian-Pacific Islander month, let's take Eddie's legend world wide by proudly displaying the bumper sticker "Eddie Would Go."



Eddie Aikau from Wikipedia.org



photo from live.quiksilver.com

Eddie Aikau memorial bronze plaque mounted at Waimea Bay Beach Park.

Excellence in the pursuit of education

Please join us in congratulating the following individuals for achieving a 3.5 to 4.0 Grade Point Average for the 2008 School year.

Spring Semester 2008

154 AMXS	Kurosu, Evan	Ba-Pre Psychology	HCC	4.0
	Raboteau, Vincent	BA-American Studies	UHM	3.82
154 MDG	Kim, Jennifer	BED-Elementary Studies	UHM	4.0
154 MXS	Pereira, Jesus	AA-Liberal Arts	LCC	3.5
	Uema, Stephen	BA-Political Science	UHM	3.67
154 OSS	Horton, Shannon	BA-Art	UHM	3.6
154 SFS	Daquioag, Rizal	General	LCC	3.5
169 ACWS	Bretschneider, Katie	BS-Sp Path & Audio	HUM	3.56
199 FS	Balmonte, Bles May	AAS-Accounting	LCC	3.76
	Akiona, Ikaika	MEdT-Teaching	UHM	4.0
204 AS	Deguzman, Sunshine	AA-Liberal Arts	LCC	4.0
291CBCS	Cornella, Aja	BS-CompScience	UHH	4.0
	Maltezo, Earl	BS-Nursing	UHH	4.0
	Ballo, Donovan	AAS-Diesel Mechanic	HCC	4.0
297 ATCS	Mencias, Melanie	BA-BusAdm	UHW	3.57

Fall Semester 2008

154 AMXS	Hopkins, Nainoa	AA-Liberal Arts	WIN	3.53
	Kurosu, Evan	BA-Psychology	UHM	4.0
	Bartolome, Loreto	BA-Hawaiian Studies	UHM	3.5
	Cadiz, Ivy	AA-Liberal Arts	LEE	3.5
154 CES	Broad, Tara	AA-Liberal Arts	WIN	3.62
154 CF	Yi, Abraham	BA-English	UHM	3.75
154 MDG	McCoy, HcHuy	BA-Biology	UHM	3.84
154 MXS	Uema, Stephen	BA-Political Science	UHM	3.57
	Molnar, Matthew	BA-Communication	UHM	4.0
	Uganiza, Algerico	AA-Liberal Arts	LEE	4.0
154 WG	Berry, Regina	MEdT-Teaching	UHM	3.94
169 ACWS	Manuia, John	Architecture Undergrad	UHM	3.63
199 FS	Kong, Wendy	AA-Liberal Arts	HON	3.75
	Akiona, Ikaika	MEdT-Teaching	UHM	4.0
291 CBCS	Gomes, Tabitha	BA-Communication	UHH	3.78
	Cornella, Aja	Ba-Communication	UHH	4.0
	Nakamura, Kodie	BA-Health & Physical Ed	UHH	3.6
297 ATCS	Mencias, Melanie	BA-Business Admin	UHW	3.5

Basketball

AMXS; one Army Guard team from Maui; and the 230th Engineering Company (Pu'unene Armory).

A mixture of 292nd and 230th members comprised the 292nd Master's team along with one 291 CBCS representative, Master Sgt. Mark Taketa, who came over to play on the 292nd open team. Competition was very tough throughout the tournament and there were no blow-out games.

In fact, both championship games (Open and Masters) went down to the wire where either team could have won.

Fortunately, the 292 CBCS persevered in both games and came out on top as the tournament's Open and Masters' Champions!

Not all of the HIANG teams from Oahu, Kauai and Hawaii were able to come over and participate, but the teams that did demonstrated outstanding basketball talent, tough competition, great sportsmanship, and most of all, camaraderie. The tournament ended on Sunday with the presentation of trophies and great food!

From the feedback received, everyone enjoyed the tournament, food and great 292nd hospitality!

Special recognition goes to Master Sgt. Kurt Kawachi, 292 CBCS for coordinating the tournament (Maui)



photo by Tech. Sgt. Bryan Sagayaga

The 292nd Combat Communications Squadron's open team won this year's HIANG basketball tournament held at the Lahaina Civic Center on Maui.



photo by Tech. Sgt. Bryan Sagayaga

Tournament coordinators (L-R): Master Sgt. Kurt Kawachi, 292 CBCS (Maui coordinator), Lt. Col. David Kashiwamura, 292 CBCS commander, Tech. Sgt. Shawn Pangborn, 154 MXS (Oahu coordinator) presenting the Master's Championship trophy to Master Sgt. Keoni Abreu, 292 CBCS.



photos by Tech. Sgt. Bryan Sagayaga



and Tech Sgt. Shawn Pangborn, 154 MXS – and, to Staff Sgt. Aris Banaag, who did a great job of coaching our Open and Masters' teams.

Recognition and appreciation also goes out to the people behind the scenes that volunteered as cooks and drivers. In addition, thanks to those who handled other logistics for the tournament.