

RETIREMENT CEREMONY HONORING  
BRIGADIER GENERAL  
STANLEY J. OSSERMAN JR.



AMU SQUADRON OPS BUILDING  
13 JULY 2014

# EVENTS

**OPENING NARRATION**

**ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY**

**NATIONAL ANTHEM / HAWAII PONO'I**

**INVOCATION**

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**READING OF THE RETIREMENT ORDER**

**PRESENTATION OF THE RETIREMENT CERTIFICATE**

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**REMARKS BRIGADIER GENERAL OSSERMAN, USAF RETIRED**

**DEPARTURE OF OFFICIAL PARTY**

**CEREMONY COMPLETE**

**RECEPTION**

*Hickam Officers' Club Lanai, 1600*

*Silent Auction*

*UOD: Aloha Attire*

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# DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL BRIGADIER GENERAL JOSEPH K. KIM

General Kim was commissioned from the United States Air Force Academy in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering mechanics, and earned a Master of Business Administration from City University in 1990. On active duty, he served as a T-38 Instructor Pilot, T-38 Pilot Training Instructor, KC-135A Evaluator Instructor Aircraft Commander, Chief of KC-135 Standardization/Evaluation, and KC-135 Combat Crew Training School Instructor Pilot. General Kim joined the Hawaii Air National Guard in 1993. He served in various positions and has commanded at the squadron and group levels. Prior to his current position, he commanded the 154th Wing, the



Air National Guard's largest Wing. General Kim is a command Pilot with more than 8,000 hours of flying time in the T-37, T-38 and KC-135.

## **AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Air Force Commendation Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Combat Readiness Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (with 2 Bronze Service Stars)

Kosovo Campaign Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short Tour

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon (with Gold Border and 1 Bronze

Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon (with 1 Silver and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Air Force Training Ribbon

# HIANG COMMANDER BRIGADIER GENERAL STANLEY J. OSSERMAN JR.

Brigadier General Stanley J. Osserman, Jr. is The Commander, Hawaii Air National Guard. His duties and responsibilities include strategic planning and oversight of over 1,900 military members in a flying wing with three flying squadrons, an active air defense sector, a medical group, maintenance and mission support groups and associate flying mission with the active duty 15th Airlift Wing. He is also responsible for a combat communications group which is comprised of 500 members assigned to three combat communications squadrons and an air traffic control squadron. General Osserman enlisted in the Hawaii Air National Guard in 1979 and was commissioned through the Air National Guard's Academy of Military Science located at Knoxville, Tennessee in April 1980. A master navigator with 2,786 hours in the T-41, T-37, T/AT-38, T-43, F-4 C/D, F-15 B, and KC-135 R/E. He is also a private pilot with over 300 hours in the Cessna 152/172 aircraft.



#### **AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Defense Superior Service Medal  
Legion of Merit (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Aerial Achievement Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award  
Combat Readiness Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)  
National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)  
Kosovo Campaign Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Armed Forces Service Medal  
Air Force Longevity Service Award (with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)  
Armed Forces with 1 Reserve Medal (with Bronze Hourglass)  
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Bronze Star)  
Air Force Training Ribbon

# FLAG FOLDING CEREMONY

For more than 200 years, the American flag has been the symbol of our nation's unity, as well as a source of pride and inspiration for millions of citizens.

Born on June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress determined that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternating between seven red and six white; and that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field representing a new constellation.

Between 1777 and 1960, the shape and design of the flag evolved into the flag presented before you today. The 13 horizontal stripes represent the original 13 colonies, while the stars represent the 50 states of the Union. The colors of the flag are symbolic as well; red symbolizes hardiness and valor; white signifies purity and innocence; and blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice.

Traditionally, a symbol of liberty, the American flag has carried the message of freedom, and inspired Americans, both at home and abroad.

In 1814, Francis Scott Key was so moved at seeing the Stars and Stripes waving after the British shelling of Baltimore's Fort McHenry that he wrote the words to The Star Spangled Banner.

Today, our flag flies on constellations of Air Force satellites that circle our globe, and on the fin flash of our aircraft in harms way in every corner of the world. Indeed, it flies in the heart of every Airman who serves our great Nation. The sun never sets on our US Air Force, nor on the flag we so proudly cherish.

Since 1776 no generation of Americans has been spared the responsibility of defending freedom... Today's Airmen remain committed to preserving the freedom that others won for us, for generations to come.

By displaying the flag, and giving it a distinctive fold we show respect to the flag, and express our gratitude to those individuals who fought, and continue to fight for freedom, at home and abroad. Since the dawn of the 20th century, Airmen have proudly flown the flag in every major conflict on lands and skies around the world. It is their responsibility...our responsibility...to continue to protect and preserve the rights, privileges and freedoms that we, as Americans, enjoy today.

The United States flag represents who we are. It stands for the freedom we all share

# HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL GUARD

From its very beginnings, the United States has been a militia (National Guard) nation. The first colonial militia was established in Massachusetts on Dec. 13, 1636, exactly 376 years ago. State militias later became the National Guard of the United States, making the Guard the oldest component of the U.S. military. After the American Revolution, the need for colonial militia was ratified in the U.S. Constitution. The Constitution specifically defines the missions of the militia as “to Execute the Laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions.” The Militia Act of 1903 created the modern National Guard and affirmed the National Guard as the nation’s primary organized combat reserve force. The National Defense Act of 1947 established the Air National Guard as a separate reserve component at the same time it established the U.S. Air Force.

National Guard units have fought in every war in U.S. history. As a militia nation, the U.S. traditionally had a small standing Army and Navy, and state militias were called up for active duty during wars and other times of crisis. In Hawaii, the National Guard was mobilized for World War I and during World War II, Hawaii National Guard troops saw action in the Pacific and European theaters. On Dec. 7, 1941, Hawaii’s Guard Soldiers were mostly arrayed along Oahu’s Windward side and North shore during the surprise attack. Hawaii Guard Soldiers captured the first Japanese prisoner of war in the surf off Bellows Field, after a Japanese Imperial Navy midget sub became stuck on a sandbar. During the Vietnam conflict, the Hawaii National Guard’s 29th Infantry Brigade was one of the only four National Guard Brigades mobilized nationwide during the war. In 1968, the Hawaii Air National Guard became the first Air Guard unit in the nation to send fighter pilots to Vietnam to escort U.S. bombers. In 1994, the 199th Fighter Squadron became the first Air National Guard unit in the nation to patrol the northern no-fly zone of Iraq. Since the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, more than five thousand members of the Hawaii National Guard have been called to active duty.

The National Guard’s state mission is what differentiates the Guard from other reserve components. The Hawaii National Guard called its Soldiers and Airmen to State Active duty following Hurricanes Iwa and Iniki, localized flooding in 1996, 2006, 2008 and 2009, and following the Big Isle earthquake in October 2006.

The National Guard continues to change and evolve and is always ready to serve our state and nation.





# MAHALO

I thank each and every one here today, in person, in spirit, or in thought, for helping me close out a career that can best be described as blessed. I have had 35 years of great friendships, exciting experiences, rewarding challenges, priceless opportunities, and a career that could only be described as, AWESOME!!! Today was my chance to say thank you to everyone not only for being a big part of my career, but also a big part of my life. The Hawaii Air National Guard has defined my life for three and a half decades, and everyone that had the patience to train and mentor me, tolerate my mistakes and guide me back on track, and everyone that gave me a chance to do it differently and encouraged me when I needed a lift, played a part in shaping me as an officer, a father, a supervisor, a commander, and as a man. I joined the HIANG simply wanting to fly and live in Hawaii, but thanks to all of you, I learned that you get out of life what you put in to it, and that “service before self” isn’t just a good Air Force value, it pays you back more than you could ever give by surrounding you with friends and support that cannot be paid for in any currency other than deep trust and priceless friendship.

Betty and Roger hung in while I was away at training, focused on challenges, deployed, or was otherwise absent, and they certainly deserve a grand share of my gratitude for letting me be part of the HI-ANG, because what I took from them was my time, and the years have taught me that time is the most precious of commodities. I hope it’s not too late to give some back. As Roger continues to serve in the HI-ANG, I hope he will strike a good balance with his time as he enjoys the privilege of serving with all of you.

As I move to a new chapter in my life, the men and women of the HIANG will always be close in my thoughts and my heart. You will be in my prayers, not just when you are in harm’s way, but in all you do. The HIANG is an exceptional organization in every respect, and it has been an honor to serve alongside you and a privilege beyond description to serve as your commander! Aloha, a hui hou...