



154th Wing Change of Command Ceremony



Hickam AFB, Hawaii
9 September 2000

Change of Command Ceremony

Commander, 154th Wing
Hawaii Air National Guard
Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii
Saturday, 9 September 2000, 1500 Hours

Sequence of Events

Formation of Troops
Arrival of Reviewing Party
Presentation of Command
Presentation of Colors
Honors to the Nation: National Anthem
Honors to the State: Hawaii Pono i
Review of Troops
Introduction of Special Guests
Presentation
The Change of Command
Remarks
Retire the Colors
Departure of Reviewing Party

Reception to Follow

154th Wing History

The Hawaii National Guard was organized in 1946 as the 199th Fighter Squadron (SE), and it's support units. The 199th Fighter Squadron inherited the lineage and honors of the 464th Fighter Squadron (SE), a WWII P-47 unit that saw combat in the Pacific Theater. In 1960, the HIANG was reorganized as a headquarters and two Groups. The 154th Wing was initially organized as the 154th Air Base Squadron, 154th Material Squadron, 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, and the 154th USAF Dispensary. Over the years, the 154th Fighter Group has been redesignated as a Composite Group, a Group, and finally a Wing. Lt. Col. Robert B. MacGuire was the first Group commander and was succeeded in 1962 by Col. James R. Ashford. Col. Ashford was succeeded by Col. John S. W. Lee in 1978. Col Lee was succeeded by Brig. Gen. Michael H. Tice in 1989. Today, Col. Albert P. Richards will assume command.

In 1994, the 154th Wing evolved to it's present day form under the "objective wing" concept. The present day organization consists of a Wing Headquarters, three Groups, and a Medical Squadron.

The Wing started out with P-47 and B-26 aircraft and transitioned through the F-86, F-102, F-4, and finally the F-15 for it's fighter mission. In the 1990s, the Wing's mission expanded greatly as KC-135 Stratotanker and C-130 Hercules aircraft were received for the newly created 203rd Air Refueling Squadron and the 204th Airlift Squadron.

Since 1956 the 154th Wing has been responsible for the 24-hour-a-day air defense of the Hawaii Air Defense Region. But the 1990s brought new and exciting responsibilities for the 154th Wing! Due to the increased reliance on the reserves for national defense, 154th Wing units and personnel have experienced a sharp increase in real world and exercise activity that rivals that of any active duty unit. Units have supported operation DENY FLIGHT in the no-fly zone of Bosnia-Herzegovina, operation PROVIDE COMFORT II, and NORTHERN WATCH in the no-fly zone of northern Iraq, operation CORONET NIGHTHAWK in Panama, saw combat action in operation ALLIED FORCE over Yugoslavia, as well as several real-world deployments of aircraft for alert duty in Iceland and Germany. In addition to the big-name deployments, 154th Wing support personnel are constantly out in the world in a myriad of important but lesser-known unit or individual deployments, making it's mark on the world.

In the midst of the 154th Wing's valuable contribution to national defense, it has always been there for the community where it's people live. The 154th Wing has provided valuable support and relief to the people of Hawaii in the aftermath of the destruction caused by hurricanes Iwa and Iniki as well as major flooding on Oahu in 1996. The 154th Wing also does it's share in supporting counter-drug efforts, the Na Koa neighborhood watch program, the Youth Challenge program, and countless community service projects brought about by the volunteer efforts of units and individuals throughout the Wing. Today the 154th Wing moves forward into the era of the Expeditionary Air Force, where we will take on even more responsibility for national defense and continue to show the world who we are and what we can do.



Brigadier General Michael H. Tice is the Commander of the 154th Wing, Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG). As such he is responsible for one of the largest, most complex and diverse Wings in the Air National Guard consisting of a 15 PAA F-15A squadron, a 8 PAA KC-135R squadron, a 4 PAA C-130H squadron, two fixed and one mobile radar squadron and the full compliment of Wing supporting squadrons; with more than 1900 personnel. Units perform the 24-hour Air Sovereignty mission within the Hawaiian Islands as well as provide support to more than 450 personnel in the Communications Group within the HIANG. He began his military career as an enlisted airman prior to receiving a direct commission through the Air National Guard in

1967. Upon completion of Undergraduate Pilot Training at Williams AFB, Arizona and subsequent qualification as an F-102 Interceptor Pilot at Perrin AFB, Texas, he returned to Hawaii as a traditional guardsman for the 154th Fighter Interceptor Group. In 1973 he was hired as an air technician instructor pilot and has remained a member of the air technician force since. General Tice held a variety of military assignments within the 154 Wing before assuming the position of commander in 1989. He serves as the chairman of the ANG F-15 Weapons' System Council, composed of commanders from six ANG F-15 Wings; and as the F-15 representative to the ANG Director's Field Advisory Council (ADDAX). In addition, he is a member of the ANG Tanker Replacement Team, the Hawaii Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) and the Honolulu Advisory Board to the Salvation Army. General Tice and his wife, Joanne, have two children, Marc and Kimberly.

EDUCATION:

1965 Bachelor of Science in Personnel and Industrial Relations, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon.
1972 Squadron Officer School (correspondence), Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.
1976 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence), Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.
1983 National Security Management Seminar, National Defense University, Washington D.C.
1999 CAPSTONE, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1967 - June 1968 Student, Pilot Training, Williams AFB, AZ.
2. June 1968 - March 1969 Student, Interceptor Pilot Training (F-102). Perrin AFB, TX.
3. March 1969 - August 1973 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Interceptor Pilot, Hawaii Air National Guard, Hickam AFB, HI.
4. Sep 1973 - August 1974 154 Tactical Fighter Group, Standardization/Evaluation Officer, Hawaii Air National Guard, Hickam AFB, HI.

Brigadier General Michael Tice (continued)

5. August 1974 - October 1977, 199th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Assistant Operations Officer, Hawaii Air National Guard, Hickam AFB, HI.
6. November 1977 - September 1978, 154 Composite Group, Air Operations Officer, Hawaii Air National Guard, Hickam AFB, HI.
7. September 1978 - May 1986, 199th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Operations Officer, Hawaii Air National Guard, Hickam AFB, HI.
8. May 1986 - May 1987, 199th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Plans & Mobility Officer, Hawaii Air National Guard, Hickam AFB, HI.
9. May 1987 - December 1989, 154th Composite Group Commander, Hawaii Air National Guard, Hickam AFB, HI.
10. December 1989 - Present, 154th Wing Commander, Hawaii Air National Guard, Hickam AFB, HI.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot. Flight hours: More than 4,100. Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, F-102A, F-4C, F-15A. Pilot wings from: Williams AFB, AZ.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster,
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster,
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster,
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one silver leaf cluster,
Combat Readiness Medal with four oak leaf clusters,
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal,
National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal,
Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with a silver and two oak leaf clusters,
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Air Force Training Ribbon.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	April 5, 1967
First Lieutenant	February 9, 1970
Captain	June 16, 1972
Major	April 5, 1978
Lt Colonel	June 16, 1982
Colonel	December 19, 1989
Brigadier General	September 26, 1996



Colonel Albert P. (Putt) Richards is the Commander of the 900 member 163rd Air Refueling Wing, California Air National Guard at March Air Reserve Base, California. The 163rd ARW also supports an additional 40 members at Geographically Separated Units.

Colonel Richards was born on 26 January 1944, in Boston, Massachusetts. After graduation from Duxbury (Massachusetts) High School in 1962, he attended the University of Massachusetts and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Relations in 1967. In 1976, he received a Master of Arts Degree in Management from Pepperdine University, Los Angeles, California.

Colonel Richards began his military career in June 1967, when he was commissioned as a Second

Lieutenant and Distinguished Graduate in the Air Force ROTC Program. Following graduation from pilot training at Laredo AFB, Texas, in June 1968, and subsequent F-4 training, Colonel Richards served in several fighter squadrons participating in deployments to Southeast Asia and Republic of Korea.

In July 1970, the Colonel was assigned to Bien Hoa Air Base, Republic of Vietnam, as an OV-10 Forward Air Controller with the First Cavalry Division, and later with the 19th TASS Task Force conducting special operations in Cambodia. In November 1971, he returned stateside to fly the F-4D with the 8th TSF "Blacksheep" at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, participating in the unit's deployment to Taklihi, AB Thailand during Operation Linebacker.

Colonel Richards next served as the Aide de Camp to the Commander of 12th Air Force Base, Bergstrom AFB, Texas and Commander of the Air Force Test and Evaluation Center (AFTEC), Kirtland AFB, New Mexico. He then returned to Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, where he held positions as Flight Commander and Assistant Operations Officer with the 417th TFS and Chief of F-4 Standardization/Evaluation with 49th Tactical Fighter Wing. The Colonel's last active duty assignment was as Chief, Special Fighter Assignments Branch, Headquarters Tactical Air Command, until his release from active duty in October 1978.

Colonel Richards joined California's 163d Tactical Air Support Group at Ontario IAP as a Captain in October 1978. He has held a variety of command and supervisory positions including Instructor Pilot, Group Weapons Officer, Flight Commander, Operations Officer, Commander of the 196th Tactical Fighter Squadron and Commander of the 163d Operations Group. Colonel Richards joined the Air National Guard Technician program in January 1993. He was promoted to his current rank on 2 May 1992 and he assumed his current position in October 1996.

Colonel Richards is a Command Pilot with over 5000 hours in the F-4, KC-135, OV-10, and O-2 aircraft. He flew combat missions in Southeast Asia for 1,163 combat hours.

EDUCATION:

1967 Bachelor of Arts, University of Massachusetts

Colonel Albert P. Richards (continued)

- 1970 Squadron Officer School (Correspondence)
1974 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence)
1974 Industrial College of the Armed Forces (Correspondence)
1976 Master of Arts, Pepperdine University

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. 1967 - 1968 Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laredo AFB, TX
2. 1968 - 1970 F-4E Pilot, 436th, 478th, 560th Tactical Fighter Squadrons, Homestead AFB, FL.
3. 1970 - 1971 OV-10 Instructor Pilot 19th Tactical Air Support Squadron, III DASC Task Force, Bien Hoa AB RVN.
4. 1971 - 1973 F-4D Instructor Pilot, 8th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Holloman AFB, NM.
5. 1973 - 1974 Aide de Camp to Commander 12th Air Force, Bergstrom AFB, TX.
6. 1974 - 1974 Aide de Camp to Commander, Air Force Test and Evaluation Center, Kirtland AFB, NM.
7. 1974 - 1975 Flight Commander, Assistant Operations Officer, 417th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Holloman AFB, NM.
8. 1975 - 1976 Chief, F-4 Standardization and Evaluation, 49th Tactical Fighter Wing, Holloman AFB, NM.
9. 1976 - 1978 Chief, Special Fighter Assignments Branch, HQ Tactical Air Command, Langley AFB, VA.
10. 1978 - 1987 196th Tactical Air Support Squadron, 196th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Ontario IAP, CA ANG March AFB, CA.
11. 1987 - 1989 Operations Officer, 196th Tactical Fighter Squadron, March AFB, CA.
12. 1989 - 1990 Commander, 196th Tactical Fighter Squadron, March AFB, CA.
13. 1990 - 1995 Commander, 163d Operations Group, 163d TFG/ARG, CA ANG, March AFB, CA.
14. 1995 - 1996 Vice-Commander, 163d Air Refueling Wing, CA ANG, March AFB, CA.
15. 1996 - Present Commander, 163d Air Refueling Wing, CA ANG, March AFB, CA.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit
Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster
Purple Heart
Meritorious Service Medal
Air Medal with Seventeen Oak Leaf Clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	4 June 1967
First Lieutenant	7 December 1968
Captain	7 June 1970
Major	7 June 1981
Lieutenant Colonel	8 October 1985
Colonel	2 May 1992

154th Wing Staff & Commanders

Brig Gen Michael H. Tice
Col Richard C. Hastings, Jr.
Lt Col Robert E. Freeburg
CMSgt Claesen Apo

Commander
Vice-Commander
Executive Officer
Command Chief Master Sergeant

Col Peter S. Pawling
Lt Col James A. Drake
Lt Col Joseph K. Kim
Lt Col Gerald E. Mansell III
Lt Col Norman S. Nitta
Lt Col Jerry Bona
Vacant
Lt Col Darrell Y. H. Chung

154th Operations Group
199th Fighter Squadron
203rd Air Refueling Squadron
204th Air Lift Squadron
154th Air Control Squadron
169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron
150th Aircraft Control and Warning Flight
154th Operations Support Flight

Col Michael J. Melich
Maj William S. Petti
Lt Col Terrell A. Hudson
Lt Col Ronald P. Han
Lt Clifton E. K. Heen

154th Logistics Group
154th Aircraft Generation Squadron
154th Maintenance Squadron
154th Logistics Squadron
154 Logistics Support Flight

Lt Col Edwin A. Vincent, Jr.
Lt Col Alvin N. Satogata
Capt Cyrus I. T. Lung
Capt B. Marcus Badley
Lt Col Susan Higgins
Maj Melissa Y. H. Zen

154th Support Group
154th Civil Engineer Squadron
154th Security Forces Squadron
154th Communications Flight
154th Mission Support Flight
154th Services Flight

Lt Col (Dr.) Richard E. Ando

154th Medical Squadron

Chronology of Commanders

Lieutenant Colonel Robert B. McGuire	1 December 1960 -30 September 1962
Colonel James R. Ashford	1 October 1962 - 31 July 1978
Colonel John S.W. Lee	1 August 1978 - 2 December 1989
Brigadier General Michael H. Tice	3 December 1989 - 9 September 2000

154th Wing Major Awards

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards:

1 October 1978 - 30 June 1979
1 January 1982 - 31 December 1983
1 January 1984 - 31 December 1985
1 January 1986 - 31 December 1987
1 January 1988 - 30 June 1989
1 June 1992 - 30 May 1994

Air Force Flight Safety Award:

1981, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1990, 1997

Air National Guard Distinguished Flying Unit Award:

1982, 1985, 1987, 1993, 1994

Brig Gen William Spruance Safety Award - 1990

Maj Gen John J. Pesch Trophy - 1991

Lt Gen Claire Lee Chennault Award - 1994



154th Wing Emblem

BLAZON: Or, between two piles, one issuant from dexter fess, the other from sinister fess with points in middle base gules a Hawaiian idol sable, with eyes, mouth, and malo of the second, holding to dexter a Hawaiian kahili standard with wooden shaft of the third, crested with feathers in a cylindrical shape at the top of the second and in sinister a Hawaiian wooden spear of the third, all within an orle of the like.

SIGNIFICANCE: The emblem is symbolic of the Wing and it's mission, with the shield symbolizing defense. The colors conform to the old Hawaiian colors used for feather capes and helmets, which are traditional to royalty in ancient Hawaii. The stylized idol, symbolic of old Hawaii, were used by the ancient Hawaiian kings and chiefs as visual symbols of their personal gods and this idol has been emblematic with the Hawaii Air National Guard since it's post-World War II formation. The design is symbolic of fearlessness, valor, strength in the heat of battle and readiness for combat. It typifies the spirit of the Wing. The spear is symbolic of battle. The kahili is symbolic of authority and was the standard which accompanied the personages of kings and chiefs, identifying their high rank. The shock waves adapt the design to concepts. The emblem was designed by Capt. Kurt E. Johnson and was approved on 26 October 1961.

COLORS OF EMBLEM: Black idol, spear, kahili, lettering and interior border of shield. Red shock waves, loin cloth of idol, eyes and mouth of idol, and red crested tip of kahili. Yellow background of shield and entire border of emblem. White background of scroll.