

Business

Thanks to those of you who sent e-mail about the change from verizon.net to hawaiiantel.net here in Hawaii. I am slowly making the changes to everyone who currently has Verizon.net on the listing.

IF your e-mail address changes (beside this verizon.net change), please e-mail me your new address. I have lost track of several people as they changed addresses.

I am having a problem with retirees with hgea.net. E-mail to those retirees has been dropping off for several weeks.

Retiree Update

Changes continue:

Since my last e-mail, **Brig Gen Kathy Berg** has assumed the position of Mobilization Assistant to the Director, J6, United States Pacific Command. It is a Traditional position but the PACOM folks will keep her busy.

Other PACOM news - little late **Maj Gen Albert "Putt" Richards** retired in late January. After serving as the 154th Wing commander, he became the Reserve Component Assistant to the Commander, U.S. Pacific Command. He served as the principal advisor to COMUSPACOM on all reserve forces mobilization matters.

Taking his position at PACOM is **BG Vern Miyagi**, who was the Commander, Hawaii Army National Guard. He relinquished command during the April UTA weekend to **BG Joseph Chaves**. General Chaves was the commanding general during the 29th Brigade Combat Team's 18-month mobilization and deployment to Iraq. BG Chaves will remain the commander of the 29 BCT.

I get an occasional e-mail from **Chaplain Mark Lee** from the desert. Chaplain Lee served in both the 154th Wing and the 201st Combat Communications Group. Then he had a calling. He joined the active Army. He attended Army Chaplain training and before reporting to Ft. Lewis in Washington, received deployment orders. We all need to say a little prayer for the Chaplain.

Speaking of chaplains, I recently reconnected with **Chaplain Newton Kerney**. Chaplain Kerney served in the 201st Combat Communications Group. He is the one who didn't carry the knife – another long story. Chaplain served with the AF Reserve at Travis after he left Hawaii to take a ministry in Northern California. He later became the head pastor a church and private school. He called me late last year on his last duty day. More than 20 years have come and gone since I recruited him in the 80's.

On a personal note, a Big Mahalo goes to **MSgt Benny Goo**. Benny arranged a "one time good deal" on a new/used Lexus that I am now driving. Ask Benny about it.... By the way, Benny still serves as the Chief Financial Officer for the Hickam Federal Credit Union.

Benny's son, **MSgt Charles Goo**, retired a few years ago from the 297th Air Traffic Control Squadron. Charlie works at Wheeler, but is still thinking of living in Thailand.