1. <u>Business</u>. The upcoming **Summer Bash** is the first of four HIANG 60 events. Yes, it's at a dance club, BUT we bought out the club. For the retirees, it will be a good time to sit down and "talk story" – probably what most retirees ware looking for in our HIANG 60 events. There will be lots of food (included in the ticket price), live entertainment, door prizes, silent auctions and many other surprises. It sounds live a super opportunity for people to get together and catch up. The HIANG 60 committee will use any profits from this event to offset the HIANG 60 dinner and fund open house activities. See you there!

The **Summer Bash** will be on Sunday, August 27, 2006, and it's open to all the HIANG family and friends over 18 years. Alcohol will be served to only those over 21 years.

- When: Sunday, August 27, 2006 1700-2200
- Where: Pipeline Café (Near the Ward Centre complex)
- Costs: \$12.00 presale and \$15.00 at the door
- POC: SMSgt Ray Duropan @ 448-7262
- 2. <u>Wanted List</u>. Thanks to those who provided address so I could remove these HIANG members of the wanted list. I now have the addresses for **Darryl Chung**, **Judith & Alexander Fadrowsky**, **Thomas Sato, and Melvin Honda**. I am still looking for these HIANG members.

Clarence Jim
Jeffrey Nishimura (thought he worked at PACAF?)
Walter Wauke
Eric Roth
Victor Ioli (HGEA address stopped working)
Kenneth Wicks
Hiroshi Go

Again, if you have any HIANG retiree or former member, please forward their address to me. Please don't assume I already have it.

3. Retiree Update.

3a. I hooked up with **MSgt Richard Sullivan**, 297th Air Traffic Control Squadron. During our conversation, I discovered that Rick is now working for State Civil Defense – just around the bend from my office. SCD is setting up a 24/7 operation (finally) and are hiring quite a few people. When we talked last, Rick had retired from the HIANG and the FAA, and was happy in retired life....

Last time I checked **Lt Col Edwin Chung-Hoon**, HQ 154th Wing, is still working at State Civil Defense. **Lt Col Warren Chung**, 154th Supply Squadron, retired from SCD a year or two ago. **Lt Col Jiro Arakaki**, HQ 201st Combat Communications Group, started there after Hurricane Iniki, later moved on to the University of Hawaii, and recently retired.

- 3b. While getting my coffee at HQ HIANG the other morning, I ran into **Brig Gen Ray Starling**. He became the ANG Assistant to the Air Force Judge Advocate effective July 1, 2006. He is up for major general and was there reviewing his promotion package. Always nice to talk to General Starling.
- 3c. I attended a Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Luncheon last week. Two former HIANG generals were there. **Maj Gen "Putt" Richards** looked good and is enjoying living on the North Shore. **Brig Gen Dwight Kealoha** still looks like he can lead us on a running course.
- 3d. Members of the 201st Combat Communications Group will deploy to the desert in September for about 120 days. Both the comm and ATC functions will go back for another tour. 201st members previously deployed to Diego Garcia, Saudi Arabia and Iraq in previous deployments. The 154th Security Forces Squadron has some members returning from the desert and others ready to return for another tour. I think several members have done four tours in the desert. A little prayer for all deployers!

- 3e. Other members of the 201st Combat Communications Group will deploy to the Southwest for boarder patrol duty. They will be providing communications rather that doing patrols.
- 4. **Upcoming Events**. Several of you sent me feedback that the PDF files about MSgt Espinosa and MSgt Ng's retirement celebrations did not open. So.... The following are the verbiage from those files.
- 4a. **MSgt Celia Espinosa's Retirement Party.** MSgt Celia Espinosa is retiring. Join us in celebrating 26 years of service.
- Where: Oceans Club at Restaurant Row
- When: Friday 18 August starting at 1700
- Investment: \$12 includes two (2) drinks and pupu's
- POC Reservations: MSqt Kelly Machado @ 216-2828
- 4b. **MSgt Gregory Ng's Retirement Party.** Come and Celebrate the Retirement Come and Celebrate the Retirement of a Legendary of a Legendary Oldtimer-Oldtimer! Crew chief, Friend, Mentor, Cook, Facilitator, First Sergeant, UCA, all around Good Guy, and the oldest Master Sergeant in the Air Force!
- When: Saturday, October 21, 2006 1730 Social, 1830 Dinner
- Where: Empress Restaurant @ Chinese Cultural Plaza
- Costs: \$25.00; \$5.00 gift only Sign up by October 8, 2006.
- Contact the following: E-mail or call:

HQ: MSgt Ann Gagarin, Phone: 733-4230 F-15s: Capt Paul Maedo, Cell: 330-2761 KC-135: Lt Jason Matsuoka, Cell: 271-6969 C-17: Capt. Zach Chang, Cell: 554-5623

Heavies Back Shops: SMSgt Vern Palomares, Cell: 292-1602 Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard: Richard Rodrigues, Phone 368-0457

- 4c. **DOD Retirement & Service Award Luncheon**. Please join us to honor DOD retirees, TAG award nominees and service award recipients. **CMSgt Deb Brownhill** is double-checking retiree mail and e-mail addresses. If either of yours has changed, call her at 672-1233.
- When: Friday, September 22, 2006 1000 Social Time, 1130 Lunch
- Where: Hale Koa Hotel, Banvan Tree Showroom
- Luncheon Menu: Entrée: Hale Koa Salad, Grilled Flank Steak, and Broiled Mahimahi Filet served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Sautéed Zucchini with Tomatoes, and Cool Fruit Sherbet on a Chocolate Meringue Nest with Raspberry Coulis.
- Cost: \$23.00; checks payable to: "DOD Retirement & Service Award Fund." Please pay by <u>September 15, 2006</u>. Due to establishment restrictions on invoice payment, "pay at the door" guests are not allowed.
- Area POCs:

HRO: SPC Mary Rose Jose, 733-4118 ASP: Ms. Jeanne Hamamura, 733-4269 USPFO: Ms Jeannette Sturges, 733-4392 201 CCG: TSgt Jackie Jakahi, 448-7608 HIARNG: Mrs. Gaylene Logan, 733-4216 154 WG: MSgt Larnette Doi, 448-7253

- Retirees who have accepted invitations to attend:

CWO Richard Hardgrave CWO Michael Hayashida CMSgt Gregory Navarro CMSgt Clifford Ono SGM Nathan Watanabe

SFC Edelmiro Rodriquez Morales

- Thirty Year Service Award CMSgt Irvin Yoshino
- The Adjutant General's Award nominees have accepted invitations both former HIANG members
 Mr. James Townsend, HQ HIANG
 Mr. Danny Tengan, State Civil Defense



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