

## 1. Business.

1.a. **Volunteers needed.** The Pacific Aviation Museum Volunteer orientation meeting is Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 -6:30 pm on the Bowfin Lanai located next the Arizona Memorial. Help is needed in all areas from administrative helpers to assistance in assembling aircraft to errand runners as well as education docents and re-enactors to portray WWII pilots, ground crew, nurses, USO, etc. in the Museum. Please call KT Budde-Jones to RSVP at 690-0169 for more information or email [kt@pacificaviationmuseum.org](mailto:kt@pacificaviationmuseum.org). If the link does not work, copy it to you internet browser.

The president of the Pacific Aviation Museum is HIANG retiree **Clinton Churchill**. I talked to **Maj Gen Michael Tice** and he told me he volunteers about four hours a week. **Boss** went on to say the **Col John "Saigon" Lee** is involved and their immediate goal is to get our retirees with maintenance backgrounds to volunteer some of their time and expertise.

1.b. **Urban Myths.** Every so often, I get e-mail asking me to spread the word about a threat of one kind or another. While some are true, I always try to check at the snopes.com website: <http://www.snopes.com/snopes.asp>. If the link does not work, copy it to you internet browser. When the website comes up, start by clicking on "Hottest 25 Legends." I have seen NBC and other networks quote off of this site. Check it out!

1.c. **Rumor Control.** In the last few weeks, I have run across some slightly incorrect versions of the HIANG's transitions, robbing, and conversions. Later this year, there will be a transition from F-15A/Bs to F-15C/Ds. This does not mean we "lost" the F-22s. The F-22s remain on tract and will arrive in November 2010. Unlike the C-17s, the HIANG will own the F-22s, with the Air Force having the associate squadron(s). Under the current purchase plan, the HIANG will be one of only seven F-22 wings in the Air Force. Our KC-135 tanker force will robust with four additional aircraft also in November 2010. The HIANG will continue to own the tanker tails with the Air Force having the associate squadron(s).

1.d. **The HIANG 60 committee** needs your help. I have talked to a lot of you and a majority of you said you were still "thinking" about attending the dinner and/or the golf tournament.

The dinner – the "excuses" surround the cost and the dress. The actual cost of dinner (food) is \$55.00 per person – sorry, it's at the Sheraton Waikiki. I think I mentioned earlier why we can't have it at the unit as a luau – too many Air Force restrictions on food preparation – it's not like the old days. Short of the higher ranking officers and Chiefs, some of the cost of your dinner ticket is subsidized by corporate donations and money from the Summer Bash. Current members will wear their mess dress or service dress uniforms. Unless you want to attend in uniform – show up in aloha attire. There is a special \$155.00 a night rate if you want to rent a room.

The golf tournament subcommittee just needs you to sign up. A lot of things depend on the headcount.

The retirees are an important part of the HIANG 60 events. The committee has worked hard to plan these events. We need you there at these events.

*Sorry – I just had to get these things off my mind.* If you are still reading, scroll to the bottom of the file – the registration forms for both events are there. Thanks

**2. Wanted List.** Since the last issue of Retiree News, I got the e-mail addresses for the following HIANG retirees. Thanks to those who provided the names.

**Patrick Nam** e-mail his own address in after getting an issue from **Lt Col Stanley Sato**  
**Kyle Kamikawa** provided the updated address for **Howard Nonaka**  
**Timmy Albao** provided the updated address for **Melvin Kauahi**  
**John Chun** hunted down **Kenneth "Eagle" Wicks**

I am still looking for these HIANG members e-mail addresses.

**Clarence Jim**  
**Hiroshi Go** (believe he lives in Las Vegas)  
**Gaylen Benanua**  
**William Mossman**  
**James Causey** (HGEA address works occasionally)

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.**

3.a. Sorry to report the passing of **CMSgt Stanley Kodama** on September 15, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; son, Alan; two grandchildren. Memorial services were at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. I talked to Barbara earlier this week. She was very appreciative of all HIANG members who attended the services and the others who sent cards of condolence. Aloha Pumehana Stan....

3.b. Primary election results. Unfortunately, both **Major Charles Anthony** (Senate District 19, Village Park, Makakilo, Kapolei, Waipahu, and Waikele) and **Captain Joy Matsuda Turbeville** (House District 25, Tantalus, Makiki, McCully) did not win the primary in their districts. I wonder if they will run in the 2008 election?

3.c. I attended a retiree reunion brunch for *medical clinic/squadron/group (take your choice)* personnel at the Waiialae Country Club. **Dr. Lloyd Uto**, a club member hosted the event. Doc was a dentist with our medical unit, then later transferred to the AF Reserve and retired there as a colonel. He still has his dental practice in Aina Hina. His son is working toward dental school so I think he needs to keep his practice going a few more years.

The organizers of this retiree brunch were **MSgt Alan Yoneshige** and his wife. Al still serves in the optometry section of the **154<sup>th</sup> Medical Group**, and works fulltime at Castle Hospital. Great Party Al!

Among the retirees, there were:

**George Yonamine**, who still works for Aloha.  
**Wayne Higashi**, who still does the fish auction at 0530 in the morning.  
**David Tyau**, who is retired retired.  
**Stanley Tsukamoto**, who still works at the Waipahu Community School.  
**Thomas Ige**, another fully retired retiree.  
**Al Guzman**, who just retired from Sears after a long career.  
**Al Farm**, another fully retired retiree.

**Gerald Minami**, work still runs his construction business.

**Judy Fadrowsky**, who works at Queens

**Joe Fadrowsky**, who still works at Schuler Homes.

**Dean Tano**, who heads the CAMBER office here. CAMBER does the training for the new "SORTS" program called DRRS – Defense Readiness Reporting System.

**Linda Canon**, who just retired and now works for an organization that helps veterans.

**Dr. Norberto Baysa**, who surprisingly is back doing a limited practice because of the doctor shortage.

Coming in from Kauai was **MSgt Susan Honjiyo** and her husband. Sue just returned to the medical section after a three-year stint as the **154<sup>th</sup> Air Control Squadron's** First Sergeant.

I got all caught up with **John Readon**, someone who I had not seen in years. We worked together in the maintenance squadron years ago before he moved over to the medical unit. John is very close to receiving his doctorate in informational science. A lot of hard work there!

**Lt Col Stanley Sato** a current member of the **154<sup>th</sup> Medical Group** was there. The National Guard Bureau recently named Stan as the **2006 ANG Optometrist of the Year**. In civilian life, Stan is the optometrist at the Kunia Walmart. Congratulations Stan!

**CMSgt Karl Kaneshiro**, another former medical member who was not present. **HQ HIANG** had a drill weekend. By the way, Karl pinned on his Chief's stripes in July. Congratulations Chief!

I got to talk story with **Jason Nunugawa**, who was a technician for a few years. He works for the city at the Palolo park pool. Best part of the job – he lives across the street! Another old technician there was **Norman Higa**. Norman worked as a technician for many years before moving the Veterans Administration. The only person missing was "**Doc**" **Toshi Watabayashi**. Does anyone know of his whereabouts?

3.d. Still Working. **Theodore Merrill**, the retired **154<sup>th</sup> Wing historian** continues to work historical issues. Ted sent me the following link to the P-47/F-47 Thunderbolt website. The text of his e-mail follows. Big Mahalo to Ted for all his hard work!  
Aloha All!

A while back I sent in the F-47 photos that were scanned from the 154th Wing/HO negative collection when I was the Wing Historian, to the webmaster of a website named P47 Pilots.com. These photos have been recently posted by the webmaster. Below is the link to the "HIANG" gallery of the website. If interested, maybe a Kukailimoku article so personnel can check out some cool photos of their own history. And maybe some retirees would like to take a trip down memory lane.

And if you could include a line or two in your blurb/article, regarding the photos that show the faces of maintenance personnel. Currently, the names to go with those faces are lost to history. If anyone can identify those persons, please make comments for that individual photo on the website. That way, others in the HIANG Ohana who view the photos will know who that person is. This procedure will make that website's photo gallery a small part of the "history program" of the Hawaii Air National Guard.

<http://www.p47pilots.com/gallery/index.php?level=collection&id=1>

3.e. **The Fall issue of Airman magazine** has two articles that might interest you. The cover article is about the new basic Military Training (BMT). BMT is now eight and a half weeks long and includes warfighter skills. The other article of interest is the one on KC-135 Stratotankers. Go to: <http://www.af.mil/news/airman/>. If the link does not work, copy it to your internet browser.

3.f. Congratulations to Command Chief Master Sergeant (CCM) **CMSgt Denise Jelinski-Hall**. **Maj Gen Darryll Wong** announced she will become the HIANG Command Chief Master Sergeant. She will replace **CCM Kent Billings**, who retires later this year. For you older retirees, Senior Enlisted Advisor was the title for this position. The Air Force changed the title to address the expanded duties associated with the position and reflect the "command" title used by other services.

3.g. If you didn't see it on the KHON News, **Edwin "Skip" Vincent** is now a brigadier general. Actually, his date of rank was August 1<sup>st</sup>, but the ceremony in the Governor's office was driven by Governor Lingle's schedule and Skip getting his family back from the East Coast where they reside. Yes, Skip will commute to UTAs and active duty days to serve as the Chief of Staff. Besides Skip and his wife Missy's ohana, there were some retirees present. Great ceremony – Congratulations to Skip!

4. **Upcoming Events**. Information will remain listed here until the event happens.

4.a. **MSgt Gregory Ng's Retirement Party**. Come and Celebrate the Retirement Come and Celebrate the Retirement 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



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**Hawaii Air National Guard  
60th Anniversary Dinner  
“A History of Excellence, A Future Unlimited”  
November 18, 2006  
Sheraton Waikiki Hotel  
1730-2300**

*Attire: Military (Best Dress)    Civilian (Coat and Tie Desired, Aloha Welcome)*

**Cost: E-1/E-4: \$25.00    E-5/E-6: \$35.00    E-7/E-8 to O-3: \$45.00    E-9 to O-5: \$55.00  
O-6 and Above: \$65.00    Civilian: \$55.00**

*Ticket prices apply to member's guest*

*Make checks payable to: HIANG 60<sup>TH</sup>*

*Mail to: 154 SFS*

*360 Mamala Bay Drive*

*Hickam AFB, Hawaii 96853-5517*

*Attention: SMSgt Ray Duropan*

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address: \_\_\_\_\_**

**City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Guest: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Request seating with Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ No Preference \_\_\_\_\_ Fellow retirees  
(names) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Request Tickets to be: Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_ Will Call: \_\_\_\_\_**

*Sheraton Hotels is offering a special room rate, mention HIANG 60 Anniversary Dinner*

*\*Dinner: 7 Course Chinese Dinner w/Desert Buffet    Cocktails: 1730-1830*

# Hawaii Air National Guard 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Golf Tournament Mamala Bay Golf Course

Monday, 20 November 2006  
12:00 P.M. Shotgun start, Mamala Bay Golf Course  
Hickam AFB

- Two person best ball. Enter your own two-person team.
- Limited to the first 180 for the 12:00 P.M. start.
- If there are more than 180 players the 12:00 P.M. start will be limited to 160 players and the others (no more than 56) will play in the morning beginning at 6:45 A.M (double tees).
- USGA and local rules apply.
- Buffet dinner served and prizes awarded at the Mamala Bay clubhouse.
- Mulligans will be available for purchase (see registration form).
- Handicap maximum: Women 36; Men 30. 10% of the team total handicap will be used. Teams will be placed into flights based on handicap. The flights will be established after all registrations have been submitted. The tournament committee reserves the right to adjust the handicap.
- Lucky number drawing.

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Registration and check-in begins at 11:00 A.M. and 5:45 A.M. (if necessary)

Entry Fee:	E-1 to E-4	\$45.00
	E-5 to O-3	\$55.00
	O-4 and above	\$60.00
	USAF DoD civilian	Call for fees
	Non-USAF DoD civilian	\$65.00
	Civilian	\$71.00

The entry fee includes green fees and cart rental, box lunch, buffet dinner, tip, closest to the pin and other prizes and awards.

**Hawaii Air National Guard  
60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
Golf Tournament  
Mamala Bay Golf Course**

Date: Monday, 20 November 2006  
Time: Shotgun start at 12:00 P.M. **11:00 am check-in.** (See previous page for information on the morning start.)  
Format: Two person best ball, 10% of total team handicap. Four or five flights.  
Prizes: Three or four places for each flight. Closest to the pin on the par threes. Prizes will be awarded at the post tournament gathering.  
Entry Fee: E-1 to E-4 \$45.00\*  
E-5 to O-3 \$55.00\*  
O-4 and above \$60.00\*  
Civilian \$71.00\*  
USAF DoD civilian: Call for fees  
Non-USAF DoD Civilian \$65.00\*  
Party: A post tournament gathering will be held at the Mamala Bay Golf Course restaurant. A buffet dinner will be served. No host bar.

\*Entry Fee includes green and cart fees, lunch and buffet dinner (tip included), closest to the pin, prizes and awards. Mulligans may be purchased for \$5.00 each up to a maximum limit of three (3) per golfer. Mulligans may be pre-purchased and included with the entry fee on the entry form or purchased on the day of the tournament.

**HIANG 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golf Tournament Reservation Form**

Make checks payable to **HIANG 60<sup>th</sup> Golf Tournament**

HQ HIANG

3949 Diamond Head Road

Honolulu, HI 96816

Attention: Jim Townsend

DSN (315) 448-4386, Comm (808) 733-4229

**Player 1**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ USGA handicap: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Entry Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ Mulligans: (\$5 each, three max): Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount (include the cost of the mulligans):** \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to play in the morning \_\_\_\_\_. Applicable only if morning play is required.

**Player 2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ USGA handicap: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Entry Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ Mulligans: (\$5 each, three max): Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount (include the cost of the mulligans):** \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to play in the morning \_\_\_\_\_. Applicable only if morning play is required.

**IMPORTANT: Individuals who do not possess a valid DoD identification card must include their return address so we may mail the base entry pass. You will NOT be permitted onto the base without the pass. Please include your telephone number in the event we need more information.**