

1. Business.

- Our **154th Security Forces Squadron** will have a squad leaving for another tour in Iraq. Most of the deployers have done duty in the desert; many several have more that two tours under their belt. They will be back in about four months. Keep them in your prayers.

- The Air Force has selected Hickam AFB as one of six **Air Force Week** locations for 2007. Each Air Force Week includes community visits and talks by senior Air Force officials, flight demonstration team performances, and displays providing a close look at Air Force men and women serving on the front lines. The other locations are: Phoenix, Sacramento, St. Louis, New England (three locations), and Atlanta. The Hawaii events will take place September 12-15, 2007. The Thunderbirds are on the schedule for a Honolulu performance during the week. Events will conclude with the Air Force Ball celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Air Force.

- The Air Force website has some neat videos about the F-22 and C-17. To view them, go to: <http://www.af.mil/tv/index.asp?showid=388>. If the link does not work, copy it to you internet browser.

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- The Army has created a new pin for retired Soldiers to emphasize their lifelong bond with the Army. The pin combines the Army logo with the word "retired" emblazoned above. The new larger pin can be seen from afar and can be worn on clothing other than a suit jacket. Over the next few months, a packet containing the new pin will be mailed to all retired Soldiers. It will also include a letter underlining the unending commitment between the Army and its retired Soldiers. Completing the packet will be news on the Army Strong theme and the recently increased recruiting referral bonus. It will be sent to the correspondence address on file at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service's Retired Pay Center. It will take over four months for everyone to get their pin. The goal is to have all pins in the mail by late spring. Be looking for your special mailing.

2. **Wanted List.** Still looking for these HIANG members e-mail addresses.

Clarence Jim
Gaylen Benanua
Richard Furuno
David Gilbert
Donald O'Day

3. Retiree Update.

- Bad News: **MSgt Ed Frost**, a retired maintenance controller, has bone cancer and it is terminal. He was diagnosed about September 2006 and was given a year to live. According to **SMSgt Brian Oshiro**, who's working with the family, it's taken its toll and Ed is pretty close to going home. He's at Kaiser Moanalua Hospital. His wife Kim is doing well and knows the time is near.

- I got an e-mail from **COL Gerry Silva**, who served as the Army Guard's Chief of Staff, after the last issue of Retiree News. He provided some comments about the Army Guard coverage and mentioned that he retired 12 years ago – wow, time really flies by. He now serves as the Chief Operating Officer at Olelo Public Television.

While attending the burial of **MSgt Clyde Yasuhara**, I ran into two former HIANG members. I had some time with Clyde's' brother, **MSgt Jon Yasuhara**, who served in the avionics branch

of the maintenance squadron many years ago. Both brothers served in the Army Guard's Nike program and moved to the Air Guard in the last 60's as that program went away. Great seeing Jon after all these years.

Also attending the burial was **Capt Cliff Heen**. Cliff transferred to the Air Force Reserve a year or two ago and retired when he hit 22 years service. Cliff joined the Marines after graduating from Kamehameha. After his active duty tour, he joined the HIANG and later received his commission. He now works for Young Brothers at their facility in Kalihi Kai. Cliff already has that "retiree smile."

4. Upcoming Events.

- The **Ku Wela Ka Hao Family Readiness Group** will host their 1st annual golf tournament. The money raised will support the members and families of **Company B, 1-171 Aviation** – formerly **Charlie Company, 193d Aviation**. Points of contact are: **Mrs. Keoho Asato** @ 221-9632 and **1SG Russell Wong** @ 277-6032.

When: Monday, March 12, 2007

Where: Leilehua Golf Course

Time: 1000: Check in; 1200: Start

Format: Shotgun, 4-man rotation team, best ball, no handicap

Registration fees include green fees, polo shirt, lunch, and heavy pupus to follow

\$100.00 individual entry fee; \$400.00 team entry fee

Optional costs: greenies, mulligans and longest drive

- There will be a retirement lunch for **MSG Kenneth Manual** and **SSG Keith (Joe) Enanori** on Friday, March 16, 2007. The Japanese buffet luncheon is at the Nihon Restaurant in Hilo and the cost is \$25.00 per person. Contact **SSG Jamie Imai** for more information: (808) 933-0931 or jamie.imai@us.army.mil.

- The 58th Annual Meeting of **Hawaii National Guard Association** (HNGA) is fast approaching. The meeting will be at the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island this year. As usual, we will have free registration and breakfast. Many corporate sponsors will be present and are interested in meeting with senior leaders and end users. There will be voting on resolutions presented and election of new council officers. There will an awards presentation. Entry into the museum after the meeting is also free. Please show your support by attending this once a year (half day) event. Mark your calendars (Saturday, 17 March 2007). HNGA President, Dave Molinaro, is extremely excited to welcome all to this sponsored event. (Submitted by **Lt Col Peter Ching**, HNGA Vice President, peter.ching@hick.ang.af.mil) I talked to the HNGA President, **Lt Col Dave Molinaro** and the meeting is open to retirees, so come on down.



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