

20090514 Retiree News

1. **The Promise.** **Retiree News** will contain information about benefits, National Guard events, and news about current, retired, or former members. There will be no chain e-mail, cute pictures, or sales pitches. I publish **Retiree News** on a random schedule – as topics come up and time permits. If you change your mind about receiving issues of **Retiree News**, send me an e-mail at retireenews@hawaiiintel.net and I will remove you from the **Retiree News** mailing list.

2. **Business.**

- **CMSgt Denise Jelinski-Hall**, the Command Chief Master Sergeant - Hawaii, forwarded this message to me for distribution. It references a new website to assist veterans seeking Federal employment.

----- Original Message -----

From: Scott, James CIV OSD RA [<mailto:James.Scott@osd.mil>]

Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2009 7:12 AM

Subject: FYI: New Employment Website for Vets

The Military Order of the Purple Heart launched a new website at www.VetsJobs.net to assist Veterans in obtaining Federal employment. The VetsJobs website offers a video, "How to Get a Federal Job," that walks Veterans through the process of applying for federal employment. The site also includes links to USAJOBS, the official website for federal jobs, the Department of Labor and the Office of Personnel Management. For more information, visit the www.VetsJobs.net website.

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- **A Review of Veterans Charities.** **Lt Col Fred "TRIFOX" Fogel** sent me this interesting e-mail about veterans charities. If you do or thought of donating to anyone of these charities, read on.

-----Original Message-----

From: Fred Fogel

Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 9:52 AM

To: Yoshimoto, Galen R Mr NGHI/STATE

Subject: Fwd: Veterans Charities

The American Institute of Philanthropy, a watchdog org, really exists. And, although I didn't find the complete list they give below upon a quick search of their site, I did find an article there (keyword: veterans) where 3 of the below charities who got "F's" complained about the rating system. So, I believe this is probably pretty accurate.

<http://www.charitywatch.org/>

Americans gave millions of dollars in the past year to veterans charities designed to help troops wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan, but several of the groups spent relatively little money on the wounded, according to a leading watchdog organization and federal tax filings.

Eight veterans charities, including some of the nation's largest, gave less than a third of the money raised to the causes they champion, far below the recommended standard, the American Institute of Philanthropy says in a report. One group passed along 1 cent for every dollar raised, the report says. Another paid its founder and his wife a combined \$540,000 in compensation and benefits last year, a Washington Post analysis of tax filings showed.

Richard H. Esau Jr., executive director of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation (which got an F on the scorecard below), based in Annandale, said the cost of fundraising limits how much his group can spend on charitable causes. 'Do you have any idea how much money it costs to advertise? It's unbelievable the amount of money it takes to advertise in the print and electronic media,' he said. 'I'm very proud of what we do, and we certainly do look after everybody. The point is we do the right thing by veterans.'

Borochoff said many veterans charities are 'woefully inefficient,' spending large sums on costly direct-mail advertising. 'They over solicit. They love to send out a lot of trinkets and stickers and greeting cards and flags and things that waste a lot of money that they get little return on,' said Borochoff, who plans to testify before Congress today.

The philanthropy institute gave F's to 12 of the 29 military charities reviewed and D's to eight. Five were awarded A-pluses, including the Fisher House Foundation in Rockville, which the institute says directs more than 90 percent of its income to charitable causes.

Jim Weiskopf, spokesman for Fisher House, said the charity does not use direct-mail advertising. 'As soon as you do direct mail, your fundraising expenses go up astronomically,' he said.

One egregious example, Borochoff said, is Help Hospitalized Veterans, which was founded in 1971 by Roger Chapin, a veteran of the Army Finance Corps and a San Diego real estate developer. The charity, which provides therapeutic arts and crafts kits to hospitalized veterans, reported income of \$71.3 million last year and spent about one-third of that money on charitable work, the philanthropy institute said.

In its tax filings, Help Hospitalized Veterans reported paying more than \$4 million to direct-mail fundraising consultants. The group also has run television advertisements featuring actor Sam Waterston, game show host Pat Sajak and other celebrities.

Bennett Weiner, chief operating officer of the Better Business Bureau, said the agency has 20 standards for reviewing charities, including that a charity's fundraising and overhead costs not exceed 35 percent of total contributions.

The American Institute of Philanthropy, a leading charity watchdog, issued a report card this month for 29 veterans and military charities. Letter grades were based largely on the charities' fundraising costs and the percentage of money raised that was spent on charitable activities.

- Air Force Aid Society (A+)
- Army Emergency Relief (A+)
- Fisher House Foundation (A+)

- Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund (A+)
- Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (A+)
- National Military Family Association (A)
- Armed Services YMCA of the USA (A-)

- no "Bs"

- USO (United Service Organization) (C+)
- Veterans of Foreign Wars and Foundation (C-)

- Blinded Veterans Association (D)
- Disabled American Veterans (D)
- National Vietnam Veterans Committee (D)
- Soldiers' Angels (D)
- United Spinal Association's Wounded Warrior Project (D)
- Veterans of the Vietnam War & the Veterans Coalition (D)
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (D)
- World War II Veterans Committee (D)

- American Ex-Prisoners of War Service Foundation (F)
- American Veterans Coalition (F)
- American Veterans Relief Foundation (F)
- AMVETS National Service Foundation (F)
- Disabled Veterans Association (F)
- Freedom Alliance (F)
- Help Hospitalized Veterans/Coalition to Salute America's Heroes (F)
- Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation (F)
- National Veterans Services Fund (F)
- NCOA National Defense Foundation (F)
- Paralyzed Veterans of America (F)
- VietNow National Headquarters (F)

Source:

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Foundation Web Site: www.AdmiralCareyFoundation.org

● Airmen, veterans can now apply for new GI Bill. **Lt Col Randall Tom** sent me this Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs press release. It discusses the new Post 9/11 GI Bill.

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - The Department of Veterans Affairs opened its doors for accepting Post-9/11 GI Bill applications May 1. All Airmen and former Airmen with at least 90 days of active duty service since Sept. 11, 2001, can choose to apply for education benefits, which begin Aug. 1, 2009 under the new GI Bill law. To apply or for details on what the Post-9/11 GI Bill offers, visit the VA's Web site, www.gibill.va.gov.

New Bill Basics. The Post-9/11 GI Bill provides education funding and benefits to eligible veterans and Total Force Airmen. More than 670,000 retired, separated and active duty Airmen, in addition to thousands more Reservists and Guardsmen, are eligible for the new bill.

For Jeremy Jones, an Air Force veteran and graduate student at the University of Texas, this equates to more money for his degree and helps with living expenses. "I've been going to school since I separated from the Air Force in 2008. I was never eligible for the Montgomery GI bill, but the new GI Bill will allow me to go to school full-time while paying my full tuition and most of my rent," said Mr. Jones, referring to a monthly housing stipend the Post-9/11 GI Bill offers for eligible members. "Plus, I get an extra \$1000 a year to offset the cost of my textbooks and school supplies," he added, referencing the annual books/supplies stipend also a part of the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Although the bill may be used while on active duty, Airmen should first contact an education counselor to explore all options, such as tuition assistance, the tuition assistance top-up program, the MGIB and the Post-9/11 GI bill, according to Thomas Hawthorne, AFPC's Education Services chief.

Mr. Hawthorne also advised veterans on the when to apply. "If you're a veteran or transitioning Airman planning to head to college in the Fall, now is the time to apply for the new GI Bill if you think you're eligible," Mr. Hawthorne said. "However, for most Airmen and veterans who are simply looking at options for post-military careers and education plans down the line, take the time to educate yourself on all the VA's education benefit options before deciding which program apply for and use," he added.

Transfer of Benefits to Family Members. A landmark benefit of the new GI Bill allows eligible active duty and Selected Reserve Airmen, who are serving on or after Aug. 1, 2009, to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill educational benefits to qualified dependents. Currently, more than 144,000 active duty Airmen, and thousands more Selected Reservists, may be eligible for the transfer-to-dependents option.

"The transfer-to-dependent option of the Post-9/11 GI Bill is a huge benefit to our Airmen," said Maj. Gen. K.C. McClain, Air Force Personnel Center commander. "This part of the benefit is designed as a military retention and recruiting tool for active duty service members and Selected Reservists."

Proposed Department of Defense policy lists eligibility requirements for the transfer-to-dependent option. Requirements include: being on active duty or in the Selected Reserves on Aug. 1, 2009; meeting all Post-9/11 GI Bill eligibility requirements; already completing six years of service; committing to an additional four years of service; and having DEERS-registered dependents.

To do so, AFPC customer service representatives will check an applicant's personnel record and validate retainability using the system of record. If the applicant is eligible for the transfer option, AFPC will update the member's Active Duty Service Commitment and return the application to the VA. For details, visit www.ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil and click on the Post-9/11 GI Bill spotlight link.

For Maj. Eric Hanley, an MC-130 pilot out of Eglin AFB, Fla., and Master Sgt. Floyd Kirkland, 4th Contracting Squadron superintendent and first sergeant at Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C., the transfer-to-dependent option of the new GI Bill significantly changes their financial futures.

Active duty Airmen and Selected Reservists can apply to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to their dependents after Aug. 1, 2009, through the Transfer Education Benefits Web site under development by the DoD's Defense Manpower Data Center.

Eligible members who do not plan to use their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits for themselves and only transfer their benefits to their family members do not need to apply for the Post-9/11 GI Bill separately. The act of applying to transfer benefits also serves as application for GI Bill benefits for the member.

For more details, call the Total Force Service Center at 1-800-525-0102 or visit the Post-9/11 GI Bill spotlight link on the "Ask" AFPC Web site.

Post 9/11 GI Bill versus the Montgomery GI Bill. Airmen and veterans who currently have the Montgomery GI Bill and meet the eligibility requirements for the Post-9/11 GI Bill may apply to convert to the newer bill as of May 1, for a program start date of Aug. 1, 2009. This is a one-time, irrevocable conversion. Currently, approximately 187,000 RegAF Airmen are eligible to make the switch, if desired.

"For most eligible veterans, the Post-9/11 GI Bill is a better alternative than the Montgomery GI Bill," said Mr. Hawthorne. "Deciding which GI Bill to use depends on several factors, including the type of education or training you plan to take, the location of your school, and the amount of benefits received under each program."

Individuals converting to the Post-9/11 GI Bill from the MGIB generally will be limited to the amount of remaining months of MGIB entitlement. However, if all MGIB benefits have been used (36 months), individuals are still eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill and can receive an additional 12 months of benefits (48 months total, combined between two GI Bills, allowed under law).

The VA serves as the primary resource for information on all GI Bill education benefits. Airmen can find Air Force specific information on the AFPC "Ask" site by clicking on the Post-9/11 GI Bill spotlight link; or call the Total Force Service Center at 1-800-525-0102.

Additional Guidance can be found at the following:

VA's Post-9/11 GI Bill:

http://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH33/CH33_Pamphlet.pdf

DoD's GI Bill site:

http://www.defenselink.mil/home/features/2009/0409_gibill/

- Military Discount at Diamond Head Storage. **Edmund "Fred" Hyun** sent me an email about a military discount at Diamond Head Storage. Fred retired from the 293rd Combat Communications Squadron, where he was a member of the operations branch.

-----Original Message-----

From: Fred Hyun

Sent: Friday, May 01, 2009 7:13 AM

To: Galen Yoshimoto

Subject: "Deal"

My friend at Diamond Head Storage (633 Ahua St.) is giving discounts to military and retirees around 15% off regular prices. I was totally impressed with the facility and took out a 2nd unit this week. The current special is \$117/mth for a 9w x 13d x 8h unit. Good price but the security, conference room, elevator size and cleanliness are the stuff that sold me.

If anyone is interested, please contact Mr. Bryan Okuno at 520-0119 or by e-mail at: bokuno@diamondheadss.com

Fred

- The May issue of the 154th Wing's newspaper, the **Kuka'ilimoku**, is on the Hawaii State Department of Defense's website. Go to <http://hawaii.gov/dod/hiang/kukailimoku/2009-kukailimoku-issues/May%202009%20Kukailimoku.pdf> to view the newspaper.

- Rules of Engagement (ROE). Periodically, someone e-mails me requesting the e-mail address of another retiree. I forward the e-mail with the address request to the retiree for their action. This preserves the privacy of the retiree and their e-mail address.

- Disclaimer. The views and opinions expressed in **Retiree News** are those of the editor and do not represent official policy of The Adjutant General or the State Department of Defense.

3. The Wanted List. Help! I am still looking for these Hawai'i National Guard members e-mail addresses or their addresses I have for them no longer works. E-mail me their addresses if you can share them.

Chris Wilson
Randy Solomon
Haruo Shigezawa
Tom Gresch
Ron Biho
Wayne Z. Higa

Joseph Damiani
Russell Woodward
Byron Kim
Steve Ware
Katherine Asato
Edward Uyeda

Following are the new or updated e-mail addresses sent in by the individuals or **Retiree News** readers – Mahalo for adding or updating your e-mail address.

Thomas Ige
Reinold Butac

Thomas Shaw (update)
Rafael Rodriguez (update)

AND – I am still looking for more Hawai'i National Guard members. Since I started my State job working at Ft Ruger, the **Retiree News** distribution list has increased dynamically. The address total just passed **1000+** members. Be sure to ask your fellow retirees that you meet if they receive **Retiree News**. If not, send their e-mail address to me. Mahalo!

4. Condolences. These Hawai'i National Guard retirees passed away recently. They all served honorably and added something to our unique culture here in the Guard. Aloha Pumehana to all....

- **Lt Col Herbert Isonaga**, 87, of Aiea, died on April 1, 2009. He was a retired Air National Guard lieutenant colonel, a member of 442nd Infantry Regiment and a Varsity Victory Volunteer. He was born in Koloa, Kauai. He is survived by his wife Suzanne S., son Robert Y., daughters Mae K. and Sara C., sisters Chito and Anne H., a grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Lt Col Isonaga was the commander of the 154th Combat Support Squadron, the forerunner of the current 154th Mission Support Group. Mahalo to **Col Danny Au** to submitting this information.

- **TSgt William Harrington**, 65, of Mililani, passed away on May 1, 2009. He is survived by his wife, June Annette, daughters, Jan and Ruth Leilani; sons, Lee Matthew and Gregory Dela Cruz; step children Susan and Gordon Dela Cruz; sisters, Mary Jane Harrington, Lucile Sichter, Susan Godley, Kathy Kahrhoff and Janet Rendon.

Bill served with the 154th Communications Flight for 8 years before he retired. He had over 14 years active duty with the U.S. Air Force, and if I remember right, had a long break in service before joining the HIANG. In civilian life, Bill was an electronics engineer at the transmission networks division at the Defense Information Systems Agency Pacific (DISA-PAC), Wheeler Army Air Field.

Services will be on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at the St John Apostle & Evangelist Church in Mililani. The street address is 95-3332 Kuahelani Ave. It's the church across the Mililani Shopping Center where Foodland is located. Visitation starts at 1000, services to follow at 1100.

Mahalo to **CMSgt Kyle Okaneku** for passing this information to Retiree News.

- **Lt Col Michael Chow**, 65, of Honolulu, passed away on May 12, 2009. Born in Honolulu. Retired Aloha Airlines captain; retired Hawai'i Air National Guard fighter pilot. Survived by wife, Iris Mizusawa Chow; son, Dr. Michael; daughter, Stacy Chow Brandon; mother, Thelma; brothers, Leonard and Norman; three grandchildren. Visitation 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at Star of the Sea Church; service 10:30 a.m. No flowers. Aloha attire. Arrangements by Ultimate Cremation Services of Hawai'i.

- **MSgt Nathan Kum**, 51, of Nanakuli, passed away on May 13, 2009. Nate was a long time member of the 293rd Combat Communications Squadron. Funeral arrangements are pending; please check the obituaries in our daily newspapers.

CMSgt Evan Yonamine sent out the following e-mail about Nate. Because of length, it was edited for **Retiree News**.

----- Original Message -----

From: Yonamine Evan CMSgt 293 CBCS/LGM

Sent: Wed May 13 07:40:31 2009

Subject: Passing of MSgt Nathan Kum

Yesterday we lost one of our finest warriors in the HIANG, MSgt Nathan Kum. He died at 1205 in the intensive care unit in Kaiser Hospital in Moanalua.

MSgt Kum was a husband, father, a friend to everyone and just one righteous bradda. He was known as "Nate" to most of us and we will all miss him dearly. Nate was the most unselfish individual that I have ever met and truly represented the Aloha in Hawaii. Nate was always there fulfilling his missions and supporting the cause. He touched so many people's lives and I know that each of you have many fond memories of him. Please take time to pray for his family and friends.

Aloha,
Chief Evan Yonamine

5. Retiree Update.

- "Last Deuce Pilot" is leaving. **Brig Gen Peter "Skipper" Pawling** is leaving as the commander of the 154th Wing to become the Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, United States Pacific Command. He leaves his HIANG position after 38 years of service. His change of command ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2009.

Skipper graduated from the University of Hawaii, Manoa, in 1971 and began undergraduate pilot training at Laredo AFB, Texas in May 1972. He received his wings in April 1973 and returned to the 199th Fighter Squadron. Skipper remained with the squadron until late 1994. During his assignment with the squadron, he served as a line pilot, Assistant Operations Officer, Standardization and Evaluation Officer, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, Chief of Fighter Operations, finally as the Operations Officer.

Skipper served as the Detachment Commander for the Wing's first F-15 combat deployment to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, in 1994. He later served as the Detachment Commander for the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron's deployment to Istres, France. The KC-135 Stratotankers conducted air refueling operations during the Kosovo campaign in 1999.

In October 1994, Skipper became the commander of the 154th Operations Group. He became 154th Wing's vice commander in April 2001. He has served as the 154th Wing commander since October 2003.

General Pawling has been Chair for the F-15 Weapon System Council and for the National Guard Association's Fighter Task Force.

Skipper is a command pilot with more than 4,200 hours in the following aircraft: F-102A Delta Dagger, F-4C Phantom II, F-15A Eagle, C-7 Caribou, C-130H Hercules, KC-135 Stratotanker, and the C-17 Globemaster III. I believe he is the last pilot who flew the "Deuce" that is still in uniform.

Congratulations to Skipper!

- Two Change of Commands in the 154th Operations Group. **Col Braden "Mongo" Sakai** announced the following changes of commanders in his group. Congratulations to **Lt Col Earl R. Alameida, Jr.**, and **Lt Col Gregory S. Woodrow** on their new commands!

-----Original Message-----

From: Quizon Ramon MSgt HQ 154 WG/IM [<mailto:ramon.quizon@hihick.ang.af.mil>]

Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2009 11:12 AM

To: ALL HIANG

Subject: New 203d ARS and 204th AS Commanders

ALCON,

On behalf of Colonel Braden Sakai, Commander, 154th Operations Group, the following announcement is forwarded:

"Please join me in congratulating Lt Col Earl R. Alameida, Jr., as the newly selected 203d Air Refueling Squadron (203 ARS) Commander, and Lt Col Gregory S. Woodrow, as the newly selected 204th Airlift Squadron (204 AS) Commander. Their devotion, passion and experience

in both their respective aircraft will significantly benefit the 154th Operations Group, and 154th Wing, as a whole.

I have great confidence in both of them, and their abilities to lead their respective squadrons into the future. Lt Col Alameida and Lt Col Woodrow will provide a solid balance in experience, rounding out the 154th Operations Group Leadership Team.

There will be a Change of Command Ceremony for both commanders during the May UTA; more info will come out shortly.

Mahalo,

BRADEN K. SAKAI, Colonel, HIANG
Commander, 154th Operations Group
COM: 808-448-8304

- The 154th Operations Group's Leadership Team. After all the change of commands, the commanders of the 154th Operations Group will be:

Commander, 154th Operations Group:
Col Braden "Mongo" Sakai braden.sakai@hihick.ang.af.mil

Vice Commander, 154th Operations Group:
Lt Col Stephen Su'a-Filo stephen.suafilo@hihick.ang.af.mil

Commander, 199th Fighter Squadron:
Lt Col Jeffrey "Sumo" Namihara jeffrey.namihara@hihick.ang.af.mil

Commander, 203rd Air Refueling Squadron:
Lt Col Earl R. Alameida, Jr. earl.alameida@hihick.ang.af.mil

Commander, 204th Airlift Squadron:
Lt Col Gregory S. Woodrow gregory.woodrow@hihick.ang.af.mil

Commander, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron
Lt Col Dennis Matsuura dennis.matsuura@hihick.ang.af.mil

Commander, 154th Operations Support Squadron:
Lt Col John "Zoomba" Traettino John.Traettino@hihick.ang.af.mil

- The Director of the State Family Program leaves. **LTC Laura A. Wheeler**, the Director of our State Family Program has left Hawaii for a new position in Washington, DC. She is now serving as the Chief Mental Health Officer, at the Surgeon's Office, Army National Guard.

Laura did an outstanding job as the State Family Readiness Program Director. Her leadership advanced the development of the family support groups and unit programs.

Congratulations to Laura! Send congratulatory e-mail: laura.a.wheeler@us.army.mil

- Through an e-mail exchange, I found out that **MSgt Scott Knowles** will return from his one year assignment in Korea later this month. Scott works for the Corps of Engineers and was

there doing some safety work for the Corps. Scott was a Traditional member who served in the 154th Wing's safety office for many years. Now Scott is glad to return home.

- I ran into **Lt Col Roy Sakata** the other day in our building. Roy was one of our C-130 pilots who retired several years ago. He currently works for the State Department of Transportation and currently runs the Honolulu Airport complex. Roy looked great and of course, had that retiree smile!

6. Corrections and Clarifications.

7. Upcoming Events. Listed by event date, the events remain posted until they occur.

- **AEF 9/10 Care Package Fundraiser.** AEF deployments are a normal part of life for many us in the Hawai'i ANG. For all of you who have deployed, do you remember when you received your first care package? It felt great, didn't it?! When I was deployed it was one of my best and memorable occasions.

Family Readiness has been the leading organization to put together care packages for our HIANG deployers. It is a lot easier to send these packages when we had smaller teams deploy, but this year's AEF cycle will be one of the largest in terms of the number of people deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. We are anticipating several hundred HIANG Airmen who'll be leaving soon.

The care packages and the contents within them are easy to obtain at little or no cost; but these packages can't be sent without the postage. Our goal is to raise enough money to have a care package sent to every single deployed HIANG member. The postage needed for sending care packages to the 200+ HIANG deployers is estimated at \$3,000 dollars.

To cover the cost of postage, we are planning a car wash

- When: Saturday, May 23, 2009, from 0800-1500
- Where: Hickam AFB Commissary parking lot
- Costs:
 - Presold tickets: \$5.00 per vehicle
 - Day of the carwash: \$6.00 cars, \$7.00 trucks

Thank you for your support!!!

SSgt Ryan Yung
Email ryan.yung@hihick.ang.af.mil
Duty Phone: 448-7482

- **Brig Gen Peter Pawling's Golf Tournament.** Skipper's tournament will be on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at the Mamala Bay Golf Course, Hickam AFB. The tournament will be a three person scramble and there is a 60 team limit. Dinner will be served and prizes awarded after the tournament at Foster Point. For more information and the entry form, see the attachment to this e-mail.

- When: Wednesday, June 3, 2009
 - check in starts at 1030
 - shot gun start at 1200

- Where: Mamala Bay Golf Course, Hickam AFB
- Costs: The entry fee includes green fees and cart rental, pre-golf snack, dinner, closest to the pin and other prizes.
 - E-1 to E-4: \$52.00
 - E-5 to O-3: \$62.00
 - O-4 and above: \$67.00
 - DoD civilian: \$72.00
 - Civilian: \$77.00
- Checks made out to: [Skipper Retirement Golf](#)
- Suspense: Registration forms and checks must be received by 22 May 2009. Those registering after COB on 22 May 2009 will be assessed a \$15 late team entry fee (\$5 individual).

- Other information:
 - USGA and local rules apply
 - Mulligans will be available for purchase (see registration form)
 - Handicap maximum: Women 36; Men 30. Teams shall be given a handicap equal to 10% of the team's combined handicap. The tournament committee reserves the right to adjust the handicap.

- Brig Gen Peter Pawling's Aloha Dinner. **Brig Gen Peter "Skipper" Pawling's** Aloha dinner will be held on Friday, June 5, 2009 at the Hickam AFB Officers Club. If you plan to attend, register on the website link: <https://einvitations.afit.edu/Pawling777/anim.cfm>. If you are unable to click on the link please copy and paste the address into your web browser.

The dinner costs are \$25.00 E-6/below, and \$30.00 E-7/above. Drinks are no host. Checks are payable to: **HANG HICKAM AIR TECHNICIAN FUND**. Payments are due by Friday, 29 May.

After registering on-line, you can send your check to one of the following

- Lt Col Mervin H. Oyafuso (HQ 154WG) 448-7270
- SMSgt Maui Quizon (HQ 154WG) 448-7253
- Lt Col Peter Ching (169 ACWS) 655-7061
- CMSgt Rob Lee (169 ACWS) 655-7078
- CMSgt Pam Goya (154 LRS) 449-7361
- CMSgt Kyle Okaneku (154 CF) 448-7219
- Maj Sharnell Valeho (HQ HIANG) 733-4230

- Save the Date. **Brig Gen Peter "Skipper" Pawling's** change of command ceremony will be on Saturday, June 6, 2009. The specific time is not set, but current plans have the ceremony immediately after his "fini flight" that morning.

- Save the Date - Hickam AFB Open House! The 2009 Hickam AFB Open House will be held September 18-19, 2009. The USAF Thunderbirds and the USA Golden Knights will be performing at this year's event!