

20090718 Retiree News

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

2. **Business.**

- **The New 154th Wing Commander.** As this issue of **Retiree News** is sent out, the command has not named the new 154th Wing commander. **Col Joseph Kim** continues doing a super job leading the wing until the commander announcement is made. I will get announcement news out to you as soon as it is made by the command.

- **More on ID Card Issuing Facilities.** Last issue, **Retiree News** published the website for locating ID card issuing facilities - <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/owa/home>. On this website, people can search by city, state, or ZIP code. **Lt Col Fred “TRIFOX” Fogel** e-mailed in saying the site does not list any outer island locations.

The following are Hawaii National Guard ID card facilities on outer island locations. These facilities service all military members and retirees.

On the Island of Hawai'i:

HHT 1st Squadron, 299th Calvary RSTA
1046 Leilani Street Hilo, HI 96720
Hours: Tuesday and Thursday between 1300 thru 1530
To schedule an appointment, call (808) 844-6614
Exceptions are on a case by case basis. An example is a soldier/family member from Kona side of the island coming to Hilo.

291st Combat Communications Squadron
1300 Kekuanaoa St., Hilo, HI 96720-4568
Hours: Monday-Friday 0730-1600
To schedule an appointment, call 961-6355 ext 7109

On the Island of Maui:

292^d Combat Communications Squadron
75 Kuleana St., Kahului, HI 96732-2330
Appointments are on Tuesday and Thursdays only
To schedule an appointment, call 877-6176, then press 0

On the Island of Kauai:

293^d Combat Communications Squadron
Pacific Missile Range Facility, Hawaii
A Navy contractor provides ID card issuing services at the Pacific Missile Range Facility
Appointments are Monday through Fridays, 0830-1130 1315-1530
To schedule an appointment, call 808 335-4493

- No need for better reserve pay, GAO says. The following July 8, 2009 article was taken from the Military Times website.

A new congressional report says the Aug. 1 launch of the Post-9/11 GI Bill could be a good reason not to push for additional pay and benefits increases for National Guard and reserve members.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill, with its promise of paying full tuition plus a book allowance and living stipend, is not aimed specifically at the reserve components, but rather at people who have served extended periods on active duty since Sept. 10, 2001. That includes Guard and reserve members mobilized since the 2001 terrorist attacks who served 90 days or longer on active duty, but excludes those who were not activated or were activated for shorter periods.

In a report released Tuesday, the Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress, estimates that \$12.3 billion of the \$78.1 billion cost between now and 2018 for the new education benefits program will be spent on benefits for reservists or for transferred benefits for reservists' family members.

The GAO says that expense, coupled with a rise since 2001 in total compensation for National Guard and reserve members, is reason to put the brakes on proposals for other reserve benefits increases, including a decades-old effort to improve Montgomery GI Bill education benefits that eroded in comparison with active-duty benefits long before the new Post-9/11 GI Bill was even discussed.

Military and veterans groups have been pushing Congress to restore the value of the Montgomery GI Bill for drilling reservists by resetting reserve benefits to equal 47 percent of active-duty benefits. That would push the current \$329 maximum payment for fulltime reserve students to about \$621.

But Defense Department resistance to paying for the increases has blocked efforts to improve the reserve GI Bill.

Pay and benefits for reservists have been on the rise, the GAO says, estimating that total pay grew by 25 percent from fiscal 2001 to fiscal 2007, including cash, non-cash and deferred compensation. Cash benefits increased by about 24 percent, non-cash benefits such as health care and education grew by 21 percent and deferred compensation, which includes retired pay and retiree health care, grew by 28 percent.

- Space "A" Travel Information at Hickam AFB. The link below goes to the Hickam AFB website, specifically the page for the 735th Air Mobility Squadron. The page has general information about Space "A" travel and contact numbers. If the link does not work, copy it to your internet browser. <http://www2.hickam.af.mil/units/735thams/>

- Disney Offering "Armed Forces Salute" Tickets. Through December 23, 2009, each current or retired member of the U.S. military may obtain one complimentary 5-day "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" ticket with Park Hopper and Water Park Fun & More options. This ticket is valid for five days of admission into the four Walt Disney World theme parks, plus a total of five visits to a choice of a Disney water park, DisneyQuest Indoor Interactive Theme Park or certain other attractions.

During this offer period, current or retired U.S. military personnel (or their spouses, but not both) may purchase up to a maximum of five 5-Day "Disney's Armed Forces Salute Companion" tickets (one theme park per day) for \$99 per ticket, plus tax, for family members (including spouse) or friends. Although this ticket for family members and friends does not include either the Park Hopper or Water Park Fun & More options, this ticket can be upgraded to add either such option, or both, for an additional \$25, plus tax, per option. Actual prices may be less. All tickets and options are nontransferable and must be used by December 23, 2009.

"Disney's Armed Forces Salute" tickets can be obtained only at participating U.S. military base ticket offices (including at the Shades of Green Resort at the Walt Disney World Resort), or at main entrance theme park ticket windows. Tickets are not valid until activated at the main entrance theme park ticket windows. Valid military identification will be required to be presented by the service member (or spouse) for all ticket transactions (including activating tickets at the main entrance theme park ticket windows). All parties must be present when purchasing or activating tickets at main entrance theme park ticket windows.

Taken from the July 9, 2009 issue of the Ohio National Guard Alumni Newsletter.

• Proper Care of the American Flag. Many veterans and retirees display American flags at home. There is a protocol that goes with our American flag. The following is a short article by **Capt Joseph Ringer**, 15th Security Forces Squadron.

Few organizations and communities can match the depth of national pride seen on Hickam Air Force Base. This is especially true concerning display of the Stars and Stripes; and I'm not only referring to the base and numerous ceremonial flags, which dot the base's landscape, but also numerous smaller flags adorning the homes of the men and women who have sworn to protect and defend the ideals for which it stands. This tribute, while serving as a reminder of the promise of our great nation, as well as our own personal sacrifice, must be properly maintained so as not to diminish its intended patriotic effect.

Section 8j of the U.S. Flag Code states, "The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing." As such, it requires care just as all "living things" do. So, here are a few tips that, if used regularly, will extend the life and appearance of your flag.

But before delving into flag care tips, I'd be remiss if I didn't mention that proper display is paramount. Refer to the U.S. Flag Code at <http://www.usflag.org/uscode36.html> for a complete list of display customs and protocol. Now, back to the flag care list

- Use a flag marked "outdoor" for outdoor displays. Not all flags are created equal; ensure you display your flag as recommended by the manufacturer
- Choose the right size. Flags which fly from angled poles on homes are typically either three feet by five feet or four feet by six feet. Larger flags have specified flagpole height requirements. Keep in mind, the flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor or water.
- Clean your flag. Outdoor flags may be hand-washed with a mild detergent, while indoor flags generally require dry-cleaning. Again, follow the manufacturer's recommendations.
- Take down your flag on high-wind days. High winds are extremely tough on flags and repeated exposure will eventually result in fly ends.

- Trim fly ends at the first sign of fraying. Flags may be trimmed as long as the overall dimensions are not noticeably altered.

- Don't forget the flagpole. Remove rust and scale, which can cause permanent stains and destroy the fabric.

The average life expectancy of an outdoor flag is three to six months. After six months, even with proper care, noticeable fading will have likely occurred. This is especially true here in Hawaii. When your flag is in such a condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified manner. Many Veteran and civic organizations will properly dispose of your flag at no cost to you.

Remember, proper care of your flag will not only extend its life but also enhance the intended patriotic effect. Long may it wave...with proper care that is!

- July-August Issue of **Airman Magazine** is Online. To view the July-August 2009 issue, just log on to: <http://www.airmanonline.af.mil/>. If the link does not work, copy it to your internet browser. You can view back issues (electronic issues only) by clicking on "back issues" on the scroll bar when you get to the website referenced.

- 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! **Retiree News** is looking for these Hawai'i National Guard members e-mail addresses or their addresses on file for them no longer works. E-mail their addresses to retireenews@hawaiiintel.net if you can share them.

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

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.

Al Guzman
Ryan Okahara
Len Howard
Mitsuo Kobayashi

Jason Nunogawa
Ron Biho (update)
Garrick Yokoe (update)
Lance Kamisugi

The address total just passed **1100+** members. Be sure to ask your fellow retirees that you meet if they receive **Retiree News**. If not, send their e-mail address to retireenews@hawaiiintel.net. Mahalo for your support!

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....

MSgt Raymond Isamu Sato, 75, of Honolulu, died June 29, 2009. Born in Waialua. A retired electronic technician for 154th Maintenance Squadron, Hawai'i Air National Guard and earlier with the Nike mission, Hawai'i Army National Guard. He is survived by his wife, Carol; sons, Blake and Mark; brother, Tadashi; sisters, Helen Hamada and Sarah Toma; a grandchild.

Lt Col Herbert K. Nemoto, of Wahiawa, died on July 10, 2009. A retired weapons controller for the 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron, Hawai'i Air National Guard. He is survived by his wife, Marie; children, Ricky, Lei, Lani, Elsie, Brock, and Michelle.

5. Retiree Update.

- The New 201st Intelligence Squadron First Sergeant. **Lt Col Gregory Scrivner**, the commander of the 201st Intelligence Squadron, announced that **MSgt Marcus Dela Sala** will become the First Sergeant for his squadron. Marcus has done outstanding work with the Honor Guard program in addition to his work in the 154th Wing. Know Marcus will be a super First Shirt!

Send congratulatory e-mail: marcus.delasala@hihick.ang.af.mil

- Air Guard Member is the Metropolitan Police Officer of the Year for 2009. The Honolulu Police Department recently named **MSgt Steven Matsuda**, 154th Security Forces, as its Metropolitan Police Officer of the Year for 2009. Steve is a 17 year member of the police department, spending the last 10 years as the administration field officer of the Community Affairs Section. According to an article in the **Kukailimoku**, Steve is responsible for supervising and training 72 reserve officers and staffing for large events such as the Honolulu City Lights Parade, Sunset in the Park, and vanguard operations.

Steve is a 23 year member of the Hawai'i Air National Guard. He currently serves as the Security Forces Squadron Armory Weapons Storage Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge. Congratulations to Steve – well deserved recognition!

Send congratulatory e-mail: steven.matsuda@hihick.ang.af.mil

- Hawai'i Army National Guard Senior Leadership. Following is a quick snapshot of the senior leadership of the Hawai'i Army National Guard.

- **BG Joseph Chaves** is the commander of the Hawai'i Army National Guard. Now in M-Day status, General Chaves currently serves as Director of Operations, Marine Corps Logistic Base Barstow, California.

Send e-mail: joseph.james.chaves@us.army.mil

- **BG Gary Hara** serves as the Assistant Adjutant General, Army in M-Day status.

Send e-mail: gary.hara@us.army.mil

- **COL Arthur "Joe" Logan** remains the HIARNG Chief of Staff. He replaced **BG Gary Hara** after the general's promotion.

Send e-mail: joe.logan@us.army.mil

- The G1 Branch, Military Personnel Office, is vacant. **COL Alika Watts**, who plans to retire within a year, is now assigned to the Joint Staff. **LTC Lynn Ishii** will lead the G1 function until the command announces the new G1.

Send e-mail: alika.watts@us.army.mil lynn.ishii@us.army.mil

- **COL Mark Logan** heads the G3 Branch, Plans, Operations & Training Office. He transitions from his former position as the Director of Operations & Military Support (DOM-S). **LTC Clara Furubayashi** has served as the G3 since **LTC Robert Kauhane**, the former G3, retired.

Send e-mail: mark.logan@us.army.mil clara.furubayashi@us.army.mil

- **COL Bryan E. Suntheimer** leads the G4 Branch, Directorate of Logistics. The colonel is currently on an extended tour with Pacific Command. **LTC Paul Nanamori** will run the G4 Branch during the colonel's tour.

Send e-mail: bryan.suntheimer@us.army.mil paul.nanamori@us.army.mil

- **COL Stanley Toy** is now the J3, Director of Operations & Military Support (DOM-S). He recently returned from a tour in Afghanistan.

Send e-mail: stanley.toy@us.army.mil

- **COL Bruce Oliveira** commands the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. The colonel and the brigade combat team will return from their Kuwait deployment later this summer. **COL Kenneth Hara** serves as the deputy commander.

Send e-mail: bruce.oliveira@us.army.mil kenneth.hara@us.army.mil

- **COL Stephen Logan** commands the 103d Troop Command in M-Day status. As a technician, he remains the State Army Aviation Officer. **LTC Jeffrey Protacio** serves as the Executive Officer.

Send e-mail: stephen.logan@us.army.mil jeffrey.protacio@ng.army.mil

- **COL Keith Tamashiro** commands the HQ 298th Regiment, Multifunctional Training Unit, Regional Training Institute. In civilian life, he works for the Department of Human Services, heading a work program for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families recipients. **LTC Paul Wilson** is the senior technician for the organization.

Send e-mail: keith.tamashiro@us.army.mil paul.k.wilson1@us.army.mil

- **COL Edward Chun Fat** serves as the U.S. Property & Fiscal Officer for Hawaii. **LTC Gary Littlefield** serves as the Logistics Management Officer.

Send e-mail: edward.chunfat@us.army.mil gary.littlefield@us.army.mil

● Attention to Orders. Congratulations to **Lt Col Duke Ota**, who was unit vacancy promoted last month. Duke continues doing an outstanding job commanding the 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. The future is very bright for Duke!

Send congratulatory e-mail: duke.ota@hihick.ang.af.mil

● I ran into another smiling retiree - **Lt Col Warren Chung**. Warren worked for State Civil Defense for several years after retiring from his technician position at the 154th Wing. He and his wife just returned from an extended boat cruise. Great seeing Warren!

● Hawai'i Army National Guard deploys to TIGER BALM. Fifty soldiers of the 103d Troop Command will be in Singapore, Indonesia during July. Led by commander **COL Stephen Logan**, the soldiers will participate in Exercise TIGER BALM 2009. TIGER BALM is a joint bi-lateral exercise between the Singapore Armed Forces and the United States Army held under the auspices of United States Army Pacific's Theater Security Cooperation Program. The core

event of the exercise is a mid-intensity conventional Military Operations on Urban Terrain command post exercise supported by bi-lateral cross training seminars and tactical planning. Most soldiers should be home by the end of July. Another great job by the 103d Troop Command soldiers!

- I received an update e-mail from **Maj Garrick Yokoe**. He just completed Air Command & Staff College resident course at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. He is now assigned to the ANG Base Communications branch in Washington. Garrick started in Hawai'i Air National Guard, serving as an enlisted member and later after commissioning, an officer that the 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron. He moved to California, becoming the commander of the 129th Communications Flight at Moffat Field. He later took an active duty tour with the Air Force Inspector General. Great hearing from Garrick!

- Another Military Discount. **MSG Craig Ikeda** sent an e-mail saying that Checkers Automotive on Dillingham Boulevard gives 10% military discounts. Craig was part of the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team's first deployment to Iraq, deploying with his son, another member of the IBCT. He retired shortly after his redeployment. Craig served a 40+ year career in the HIARNG. Thanks for the information!

- Recently I attended the funeral of **Mrs. Grace Kawai**, a neighbor from my childhood in Kalihi. She was 95 years old when she passed. Aunt Grace raised her nine children (ages 1-13) after her husband died. A fantastic mother – she was named Hawaii's Mother of the Year in 1964 by the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce. Aloha Pumehana Auntie!

Among her nine children are two former Hawai'i Air National Guard members. It was great catching up with both of them.

--- **Lemuel Kawai Aweau** served in the 60s, working as a technician in the CBPO (what the MPF was called back then). Lem later left for other civilian pursuits, but always followed his passion for music. His musical talents were definitely passed on to his son, **Nathen Aweau**, an up and coming local musician.

--- **Von Kawai** served in the 60s in the 154th Supply Squadron. In civilian life, he was a school teacher and counselor at Castle and McKinley High Schools, among others. Von retired the other year and now lives with his family in Ames, Iowa.

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

- DOD Retirement and Awards Luncheon Update. Friday, August 28, 2009 is the date for the next DOD Retirement and Awards Luncheon. The names of the honorees attending will be announced as the RSVPs are received.

- When: 28 August 2009, starting at 1100, lunch served at 1130
- Where: Hale Koa, Banyan Tree Showroom
- Time: 1100- 1300
- Cost: \$26 per person (includes gratuity)
- Checks made out to: **DOD Retirement & Service Award Fund**
- Menu: Grilled, Marinated Chicken Breast and Scallops on Spaghettini, Chunky Banana Frozen Yogurt Pie with Chocolate Sauce, Hale Koa Salad w/House Dressing, Rolls, Butter, Coffee and Tea.
- POC's:

--- HIARNG: **Ms Emmy Maikui-Grambusch**, 672-1257
--- USPFO: **Ms. Jeanette Sturges**, 672-6310
--- 201 CCG: **MSgt Jackie Jakahi**, 448-7608
--- 154 WG: **MSgt Larnette Doi**, 448-7441
--- State DoD: **Ms. Jeanne Hamamura**, 672-1206
--- HRO: **CMSgt Deb Brownhill**, 672-1233

• Hawai'i National Guard Handicap Bowling Tournament. There will be a Hawai'i National Guard handicap bowling tournament over the Labor Day weekend. The goal is to bring camaraderie and the Hawai'i National Guard Ohana together as ONE. For more information and an entry form, contact **SSgt Arthur Hamabata**, 448-7692 or arthur.hamabata@hihick.ang.af.mil

- When/Where:

Saturday, September 5, 2009 at the Hickam AFB lanes (team event)

Monday, September 7, 2009 at the Schofield Barracks lanes (individual and doubles)

- Time: 0900-1200, 1300-1600 each day

- Who: open to all Army and Air Guard members and retirees only

• Retirement Luncheon for CMSgt Pamela Goya. **CMSgt Pamela Goya**, 154th Logistics Readiness Squadron, is retiring and there will be a party in her honor in September. She leaves with over 34 years of service in the Hawai'i Air National Guard. View the electronic invitation at: <https://einvitations.afit.edu/Goya377/anim.cfm>. If the link does not work, copy it to your internet browser. The party specifics follow:

- When: Sunday, September 6, 2009

Cocktails and pupus starting at 1200

Luncheon starting at 1330, program to follow

- Where: Sunset Lanai, Camp H.M Smith

- Menu:

Tossed green salad, potato/mac salad, vegetables with dip, fresh fruits

Kalbi or Bulgogi, sautéed mahimahi, fried chicken

Steamed white rice, vegetable du jour, rolls and butter

Assorted cakes and pies

Coffee, punch

- Costs: \$30.00 (\$10.00 gift only)

- Checks made out to: **Jody Goya**

- Suspense: Saturday, August 15, 2009

- POCs:

--- **CMSgt Leilani Moniz**, 448-7400, leilani.moniz@hihick.ang.af.mil

--- **SMSgt Jody Goya**, 292-3128, jody.goya@hihick.ang.af.mil

--- **SMSgt Edward Tang**, 448-7744, edward.tang@hihick.ang.af.mil

--- **MSgt Rose Vendiola**, 448-7225, rose.vendiola@hihick.ang.af.mil

--- **MSgt Robyn Montera**, 448-7379, robyn.montera@hihick.ang.af.mil

• Save the Date – PACAF Air Force Birthday Ball. The 2009 PACAF Birthday Ball will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2009 at the Sheraton Waikiki Resort. Tickets go on sale early August. Contact **Maj Kimberly Grover** if you have any questions at 449-7927 or via email kimberly.grover@hickam.af.mil

- Save the Date - Hickam AFB Open House! The 2009 Hickam AFB Open House will be held September 18-19, 2009. The United States Air Force Thunderbirds and the United States Army Golden Knights will be performing at this year's event! POC for the Open House is **Lt Col Scott Weber**, scott.weber@hickam.af.mil
- Save the Date – the Hawai'i National Guard Birthday Ball is on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at the Ihilani Resort and Spa in Kapolei. This joint event celebrates the 373rd Birthday of our National Guard's beginnings. Last year's birthday ball was another fun and entertaining event. The specifics about the ball are forthcoming!