

20100201 Retiree News

1. **The Promise.** **Retiree News** will contain information about benefits, National Guard events, and news about current, former, and 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. **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.

3. **Business.**

- **Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Information.** Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will become a reality on February 1, 2010. For more general information, go to the following websites.

Navy website:

<https://www.cnmc.navy.mil/PearlHarbor/Programs/JointBasePearlHarbor-Hickam/index.htm>

Air Force website:

<http://www2.hickam.af.mil/library/joint-basinginformation/index.asp>

There seems to be a lot of general information, but specific policies and procedures appear missing. They will probably be developed as things evolve. Definitely more to come.

- **New TRICARE Standard Handbook – Get e-Version Now.** TRICARE issued the following press release (10-11) on January 29, 2010. The release discusses and links you to the new handbook for TRICARE Standard beneficiaries.

Falls Church, Va. - Hot off the press and filled with helpful tips and information, the newest TRICARE Standard and Extra handbook is now available to all TRICARE Standard beneficiaries. The 68-page handbook includes information on accessing routine, urgent and emergency care, as well as TRICARE's prior authorization and referral requirements. Also provided are sections on what's covered by TRICARE Standard's health and pharmacy benefits, and how to coordinate TRICARE with other health insurance. Information on claims, appeals, grievances, reporting fraud and abuse and much more can also be found in the new TRICARE Standard handbook.

TRICARE Standard and Extra are available to family members of active duty service members, retired service members and their families and others including those who purchase TRICARE Reserve Select. With TRICARE Standard, beneficiaries manage their own health care and have the freedom to seek care from any TRICARE-authorized provider. TRICARE Extra provides discounted cost-shares for seeking care from network providers.

The "TRICARE Standard Handbook: Your Guide to Using TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra" is available now on the TRICARE Smart Site at <http://www.tricare.mil/standardhandbook>.

TRICARE Standard beneficiaries can expect to see the annual TRICARE Standard Health Matters newsletter, containing the latest updates and information about their benefits, in their mailbox in March 2010. Receiving the newsletters from TRICARE is one more reason to keep personal information current in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). Along with address or phone number changes, both active duty and retired beneficiaries should

update their DEERS entry with any changes to their families (birth, adoption or death), changes in sponsor status, marriage, divorce, or when they become eligible for Medicare. For more information about DEERS visit www.tricare.mil/deers

To download, view or print any TRICARE benefit information product on the Web, visit www.tricare.mil/tricaresmart.

TRICARE beneficiaries can make staying current on their health benefits easy by signing up for e-mail updates to have the latest TRICARE news delivered straight to their e-mail inbox. Visit www.tricare.mil/subscriptions to sign up for TRICARE e-mail updates.

About TRICARE Management Activity and the Military Health System. TRICARE Management Activity, the Defense Department activity that administers the health care plan for the uniformed services, retirees and their families, serves more than 9.5 million eligible beneficiaries worldwide in the Military Health System (MHS). The mission of the MHS is to enhance Department of Defense and national security by providing health support for the full range of military operations. The MHS provides quality medical care through a network of providers, military treatment facilities, medical clinics and dental clinics worldwide. For more about the MHS go to www.health.mil.

- Federal Tax Law Changes for 2009-2017. Many of the tax breaks in recent tax-relief bills were designed to be phased in over a number of years, or are indexed to inflation. To help you determine how these tax laws affect your long-term plans, this article explains the changes scheduled to come into effect through 2017. Pick a year from to learn what tax changes affect that year's returns. We include changes for 2009 because they affect tax returns you'll be working on in the spring of 2010. See the full article on Military.com.

<http://www.military.com/finance/taxes/tt/summary-of-fed-tax-law-changes-2009.html>

- NGAUS Conference in Hawaii in 2013. Honolulu (AP) - Thousands of National Guardsmen and women plan to hold their annual convention in Hawaii in 2013. Hawaii National Guard commander **Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee** said that the three-day meeting is expected to attract 5,000 people and generate \$24 million in visitor spending. The National Guard Association of the United States will gather at the Hawaii Convention Center next to Waikiki. Honolulu competed with Chicago to host the Sept. 21-23, 2013, event.

- How can I obtain copies of my military records? Individual military departments, including the Air Force do not maintain files or records pertaining to individuals no longer on active duty. When an individual is separated from military service (because of retirement, discharge from active duty, or death), his/her Field Personnel File (containing all military and health records) is forwarded for storage to the National Personnel Records Center (Military). The Records Center is under the jurisdiction of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) of the United States Government.

An individual's complete service record is available to the former service member or, if deceased, to his/her next of kin (parents, spouse, or children). Limited information (such as dates of service, awards, and training) is available to anyone. Not available to the general public is information which would invade an individual's privacy; for example, medical records, Social Security number, or present address.

When requesting the records of a relative, the requester should mention the relationship to the former member - brother, uncle, or other. There is no charge for this service to former service members or their next of kin. For others, a nominal fee is charged for research and reproduction costs. Files at the Records Center are maintained as historical records only and are not updated to reflect current data on the former service member. The mailing address and website link for the National Personnel Records Center are:

[National Personnel Records Center](#)

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Phone: 314-801-0800 or 1-866-272-6272 (1-86-NARA-NARA)

For individuals compiling family histories, NARA provides assistance to those interested in genealogy. NARA normally charges a nominal fee for research and reproduction costs. Their address is:

[National Archives and Records Administration \(NARA\)](#)

8th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue

Washington, DC 20408

Phone: 202-501-5400

- E-mail Updates Deliver the Latest TRICARE News and Benefits. FALLS CHURCH, Va. – Nowadays there is a Web site for everyone and everything, and it can be difficult to keep up with all the information out there. TRICARE beneficiaries can make staying current on their health benefits easy by signing up for e-mail updates and having the latest TRICARE news and health information delivered straight to their e-mail inbox.

Subscribers can customize their account by choosing to receive as many or as few items as they like based on their beneficiary category or topics of interest. Subscribers can even decide when they would like to receive their e-mails. Facing an already-crowded inbox? Choose daily, weekly, or monthly digests instead of immediate notifications.

Creating an account is easy and secure. After entering their e-mail address at www.tricare.mil/subscriptions, beneficiaries can choose their beneficiary category and topics that appeal to them. After that they'll receive the latest TRICARE news releases, benefit changes, podcasts, healthy lifestyle tips and pharmacy updates from TRICARE Communications.

The subscription service also allows users to subscribe to other Military Health System Web sites and other health-related federal Web sites. Some of the Web sites currently available include those from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Food and Drug Administration.

TRICARE's e-mail updates are sent through GovDelivery, which also provides services to dozens of other Department of Defense and federal agencies as well as state and local governments. Visit www.tricare.mil/subscriptions to subscribe.

- Space 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/>

- MG Taluto Withdraws from Army Guard Nomination Retires. **MG Joseph Taluto**, who in 2005 became the first Army National Guard officer to command a division in combat since the Korean War, has withdrawn his nomination to become director of the Army Guard and will retire. President Obama nominated Taluto, the New York adjutant general, in May. Senate approval was delayed when the widow of one of two U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq blamed Taluto for not doing more to prevent the deaths. The charge was never substantiated. A fellow soldier was charged with the killings, but was acquitted in a court-martial.

Taluto said in a prepared statement Thursday that he pulled his name because the prolonged confirmation process had become a distraction. "While I appreciate all the urging and support I have had to stay the course, this is a crucial time for our National Guard," he said. "I feel that withdrawing is the right thing to do because the Army National Guard needs a director as soon as possible."

Maj Gen Tod Bunting, NGAUS chairman of the board (and the Adjutant General of Kansas), called Taluto's action "a dignified ending to a sad process." "General Taluto is a good man who would've been a great director of the Army National Guard," he said. Taluto would have succeeded Lt. Gen. Clyde Vaughn, who retired in June. The duties have been handled by **MG Ray Carpenter**, who is functioning in an interim or "acting" capacity. "We hope everyone will move quickly to fill this position," Bunting added. "General Carpenter has been doing an outstanding job in difficult circumstances, but the Army National Guard truly needs a permanent director as soon as possible."

MG Taluto commanded the 42nd Infantry Division from 2002 to 2006, when he became the head of the New York National Guard.

- TriWest Offers New Service. TriWest Healthcare Alliance is offering a new lung health service to West Region TRICARE beneficiaries eligible for its Disease Management programs. Beneficiaries suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD, can receive extra help for a group of lung diseases that include emphysema, chronic bronchitis and, in some cases, asthma. Eligibility is determined by TRICARE and is based on claims history. Once a beneficiary is identified as eligible to participate in the program, DOD refers the beneficiary to TriWest. Beneficiaries can find additional resources on the [TriWest website](#).

Military.com surveys have found that most servicemembers and their families are confused by TRICARE. [Get the facts and latest news on TRICARE.](#)

- Veterans Virtual Wall. **SMSgt John Chun**, who retired several years ago and now lives in Salem, Oregon, sent me this web link to the Veterans Virtual Wall. Veterans Virtual Wall is a virtual wall of all those lost during the Vietnam War with the names, bio's and other information on our lost comrades. It is a very interesting link, and those who served in that timeframe and lost friends or family can look them up on this site.

Log on to: <http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm>. Click on a state, when it opens, click on the name of the service member. The screen should show you a picture of the person or at least their bio and medals.

4. 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@hawaiiantel.net if you can share them.

Norman Chang
Chris Wilson
Tom Gresch
Edward Uyeda

Byron Kim
Steve Ware
Katherine Asato

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.

Carol Service (update)
Kaipo Sing
Wayne Higa (update)
George Lumives
Russell Woodward (update)
Bill Spalding (Missouri ANG)
Dale Zuttermeister
Justin Huett
Frederic White

David Keys (Missouri ANG)
George Stone
Don “Rock” Arakaki (update)
Darryl Loo
Joseph Damiani (update)
Channing Ching
Michael Nishimura
Iakopo Ierome
Jeffrey Smith

The addresses now total **1200+** 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!

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

George Mishina, 75, of Waipahu, died December 22, 2009. Born in Ewa. Retired from Hawai'i Air National Guard, 154th Wing Quality Assurance office. Survived by wife, Margaret; son, Daryle; brothers, Frank, Thomas and Roy; one grandchild; nephew; nieces.

Frederico Daniel Luna, 80, of Mililani, died January 5, 2010. He was born in Wailuku, Maui and was a retired 1st Sergeant from the Hawai'i Army National Guard and a retired mason. Fred is survived by wife, Eleanor "Sachi" Luna; sons, Mark (Lorna) Luna, Dudley (Becki) Luna; daughters, Debi (Wayne) Chun, Cathy (Shayne) Chung; brother, Leon "Sani" Luna; sisters, Alice Bailey, Felisa Asuncion, Helen Valdez; grandchildren, Brenden & Dara Chun; Coty & Shanell Chung; Carly Luna, Kalei Luna.

Jack Hasegawa, 94, of Honolulu, died January 16, 2010. Born in Wahiawa. Retired construction project superintendent; Hawai'i Army National Guard veteran. Survived by wife, Ellen; sons, Randy, Alvin and Glenn; daughters, Judith Simeona, Jackie Ruhlin and Audrey Schaffer; half brothers, Yoshito, Mitsuo and Raymond; half sister, Harue Endo; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Ray Kanemori, 61, of Kaneohe, died Jan. 18, 2010. Born in Honolulu. Hotel manager with Outrigger Hotels; member of the Hawaii Air National Guard with five years of service. Survived by wife, Camille; sons, Tyler and Brian; brother, Ted; nieces, Kathy, and Sandi Kanemori-Yum; nephews, Mark and Gaven.

Abraham Forges, 75, of North Las Vegas, died Jan. 19, 2010. Born on Kauai. Retired U.S. Air Force Reserve with 30 years of service. Survived by wife, Sally; daughter, Denise Miyashiro;

sister, Leonora Won; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren. Visitation 9 a.m. Tuesday at Mililani Downtown Mortuary; service 10 a.m.; burial 1 p.m. at Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery. Casual attire. Arrangements by Mililani Mortuary.

David "Gramps" De Mattos, 85, of Aiea, died January 20, 2010. Born in Hilo. Retired jet mechanic supervisor for 154 CAM Squadron, Hawai'i Air National Guard. Survived by wife, Agnes; daughters, Joyce and Donna; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

6. Retiree Update.

- The Birthday Ball Was Another Outstanding Event. To quote **MG Robert G.F. Lee** in his letter of appreciation to the planning committee, "the 373rd National Guard Birthday Ball the outstanding event that capped off our 2009 year." The co-chairs, **Lt Col Peter Ching** and **LTC Laura Soares** and their planning committee did a tremendous job. The sellout crowd enjoyed a great dinner and entertainment at a great location - the Ihilani Resort. Governor Linda Lingle planned to depart early but stayed the entire night because she thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Definitely looking forward to next year's birthday ball!

- The Presidential Support Mission. While President Barack Obama enjoyed his holiday vacation in Hawaii, there was a contingent of Hawai'i Army and Air National Guard members providing background support. This mission took these Guard members away from their families over the holidays. As always, the support was seamless and transparent to the public. Another Great Job!

- Samoa Relief Mission. A joint deployment of Hawai'i Army and Air National Guard members to Samoa after the recent earthquake and tidal wave was nothing short of outstanding. The deployment team assembled and deployed quickly. The team provided a wide range of support to a devastated area and the residents. The effectiveness of the deployment impressed our active duty brethren. Another example of Guard members doing their community support mission.

- A Super Job by everyone involved planning **Brig Gen Joseph Kim**'s pinning ceremony and reception. It was a standing room only event at the Governor's office followed by a reception in one of the Senate hearing rooms. I know Brig Gen Kim and his family appreciated the planning committee's hard work!

Among the retirees and former HIANG members present were: **Clint Churchill, Al DeRego, Jim "Bat" Drake, Robert and Sandy Hoggan, John "Saigon" Lee, Dennis Mishima, Gervin Miyamoto, Miles Moriyama, Albert "Putt" Richards, Edward Richardson, Tracey Saiki, Cal Yoshimoto, Al and Jenny Yoshimura.** It was catching up with all these retirees.

- A Big Mahalo to the Planning Committee who organized the Farewell Dinner for **CMSgt Denise Jelinski-Hall**. Over 250 Army and Air Guard members, friends, family and guests attended the dinner at Tradewinds Enlisted Club on Hickam AFB - it was a great evening. The Army Guard combo provided great music. Governor Linda Lingle spoke about the Chief and her impact on the Hawai'i National Guard. The highlight of the program was definitely the video that poked some fun at the Chief. I know the farewell dinner will be a cherished memory for the Chief and Gary!

Among the retirees present were: **Kathy Berg, Stan and Joanne Gomes, Tracey Saiki, Ray Starling, Rich and Tomoko Sullivan, and Al and Jenny Yoshimura.** It was catching up with all these retirees.

- Army Guard Puts Cornhusker in Top Enlisted Slot. **Command Sgt. Maj. Richard J. Burch** of the Nebraska National Guard has been named the new command sergeant major of the Army National Guard. He is scheduled to begin his new job in February and is looking forward to the experience.

"It's a huge honor for me to be selected by the leadership of the Army National Guard," Burch said. "With that honor comes responsibility. I've never been one to shirk responsibility." Burch, who has been in the Army Guard for more than 30 years, has worked in several different career fields, including quartermaster, recruiting and retention, human resources and with an area support group.

One goal of his is to work with the Army to integrate the Army National Guard into the Army Career Tracker system. "The integration of the [Army Guard] into [this] system will allow us to take credit for what we have already done," he said. "The Army Career Tracker system provides a place where soldiers can go and track the things that they have done, not only in the military, but on the civilian side, as well, such as college and universities."

- You Need to Check Out the 154th Wing External Website. **Capt Regina Berry** sent out the following e-mail about the ever improving 154th Wing external website.

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

From: Berry Regina Capt HQ HIANG/A1 [mailto:]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 1:26 PM
To: ALL HIANG
Subject: 154 Wing website (external)

Aloha Everyone!

Although I am no longer in Public Affairs I wanted to make sure that you all were able to see what wonderful work your PA team is doing. They have created an external site that you can view from home: <http://www.154wg.ang.af.mil/index.asp>. There have been some personnel changes in the PA family; the following are your Public Affairs personnel:

MSgt Kristen Stanley (Full-time - multi-media manager/ Drill status - 297 ATCS First Sgt)
TSgt Betty Squatrito-Martin (NCOIC Public Affairs)
TSgt Michelle Thomas (PA specialist)
TSgt Andrew Jackson (Broadcast/video)
SSgt Lena Lopez (PA specialist)
SrA Wendy Kong (KOM)
A1C Orlando Corpuz (Broadcast/video)

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While visiting the site, be sure to check out the photo library.
<http://www.154wg.ang.af.mil/photos/mediagallery.asp?page=1>

- Update on the "Rock". I recently received an e-mail from **LTC Don "Rock" Arakaki**, updating his e-mail address. He just retired as the JROTC instructor at Waianae High School at the end of December. Rock has been there since his retirement from the Hawai'i Army National Guard many years ago. He brought Waianae's JROTC program a long way since he started teaching there. Congratulations and Happy Retirement to Rock and his wife Joyce (HIANG retiree)!

- Former Director of the Air National Guard Passes Away. **Brig Gen Kenji Sumida**, who retired as the Commander, Hawai'i Air National Guard sent me the following e-mail. The four officers the general mentioned were very instrumental in the HIANG's drive to get new equipment and missions.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Ken Sumida

Date: Jan 13, 2010

Subject: General John Pesch

To: Galen Yoshimoto

I don't know if you or HIANG old timers remember **Maj Gen John Pesch** who served in the Bureau as Director of the Air National Guard. He was always strongly supportive of the HIANG and had a direct hand in the missions and equipment that were awarded to us over the years. He, **Colonel James Weaver**, **Colonel Frank Easley** and **Lt Gen John Conaway** were adopted Hawaiians and all contributed to the progress we made during the period from the 80's up through the early 2000's. At any rate, I thought you should know that General John Pesch passed away this past Sunday, and we understand that a memorial service will be held on Monday. Doc Weaver and Frank Easley passed away much earlier, so now John Conaway is the only remaining member of the old gang.

Aloha,
Kenji Sumida

A full article about Maj Gen Pesch's passing:

<http://www.ng.mil/news/archives/2010/01/011310-Pesch.aspx>

If the link does not work, copy it to your internet browser.

Lt Gen John Conaway served as the Director of the Air National Guard (1981-1988) and later as the Chief, National Guard Bureau (1990-1993).

- 29th IBCT Freedom Salutes Continue. There was a Freedom Salute ceremony for members of the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team at the Stan Sheriff Center on January 24, 2010. The ceremony for Kona soldiers was held on January 30, 2010 at Kealahou High School. The ceremony of Hilo soldiers happened the next day at Waiakae High School. Soldiers from Kauai and Maui were honored at their ceremonies earlier in January.

Freedom Salute ceremonies recognize soldier who deployed in support of contingency operations. The Army National Guard has done these ceremonies for several years. Soldiers receive an American flag, a challenge coin, and other recognition items. The soldier's families are recognized. It's a great program!

- Hometown Heroes Ceremonies Start. The Air National Guard recently started their recognition ceremonies called Hometown Heroes. The ANG “modeled” their program after the Army National Guard Freedom Salute program. The purpose of this program is to celebrate and honor Airmen, families, communities and those special supporters who have significantly contributed to supporting our Airmen and the ANG’s mission.

The Hawai’i Air National Guard held its first Hometown Heroes ceremony in December. Recognized in this ceremony were guardsmen who have deployed over 30 consecutive days in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Noble Eagle and other peacekeeping operations across the globe since 9/11 through December 31, 2008. All recognized Airmen received a framed letter from the director that contains the Hometown Heroes Salute coin. The honored Airmen’s spouse or significant other received an engraved pen/pencil set with the ANG Hometown Heroes Salute Logo. Children received unique Hometown Heroes Salute dog tags. Lastly, each honored Airman received one Hometown Heroes Salute Logo Medallion to recognize their Center of Influence (COI) for outstanding support during their deployment.

The HIANG continues to look for former and retired members who supported contingencies since September 11, 2001. Contact CMSgt Robert Lee at robert.lee@hihick.ang.af.mil for more details.

- Another HIARNG Deployment. The 150+ members of the 230th Engineer Company will start their deployment to Afghanistan in February. The company commander is **Capt Anthony Toletino**. They were mobilized several weeks ago to start the spin up process and the mobilization will be for a year. Stay Safe!

- Exercise Cobra Gold. A small contingent of Hawai’i Army National Guard members are participating in Exercise Cobra Gold in Thailand. This exercise has grown in size and stature over the past few years. The three week exercise ends on February 13, 2010.

- New HIANG Recruiter On Board. **SMSgt Bridget Komine**, the Hawai’i Air National Guard Recruiting & Retention Superintendent, recently sent out announcing the HIANG’s newest recruiter, **TSgt Leann Uehara** graduated from recruiter school in late November. TSgt Uehara was most recently the First Sergeant at the 297th Air Traffic Control Squadron. TSgt Uehara will work out of HIANG’s Kaneohe recruiting office. Call her with your referrals at 235-8985.

Send congratulatory e-mail: leann.uehara@hihick.ang.af.mil

- Gervin Miyamoto Nominated to Serve as U.S. Marshall. Senators Daniel Inouye and Daniel Akaka issued this press release on January 20, 2010. Correction to the release – Gervin began his military career in the Hawai’i Army National Guard and later transferred to the Hawai’i Air National Guard. He retired a lieutenant colonel. Congratulations to Gervin!

WASHINGTON - **Gervin Miyamoto**, a 38-year veteran of county, state and federal law enforcement agencies has been nominated by President Barack Obama to serve as the next U.S. Marshal for the District of Hawaii, Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Daniel K. Akaka announced today.

Miyamoto, an Aiea resident, will be the 19th U.S. Marshal responsible for Hawaii and replaces Mark M. “Dutch” Hanohano.

Miyamoto is a 25-year veteran of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) where he served in variety of capacities including as a member of the Narcotics/Vice division, Specialized Services Division, Criminal Intelligence Unit and as a special assistant to the late Police Chief Michael Nakamura.

After retiring from HPD in 1995, Miyamoto spent four years as the State Counterdrug Coordinator before taking a job in 1999 with the Department of Justice as Law Enforcement Coordinator under then U.S. Attorney Edward H. Kubo Jr.

Miyamoto also served in the Hawaii Army National Guard as the 154th Security Police Squadron Commander.

“Gervin has dedicated much of his life to law enforcement and is well qualified to serve as U.S. Marshal for Hawaii,” said Senator Inouye. “His diversified experiences at the county, state and federal level will serve him well as he continues to help ensure the safety of our residents and visitors. I know he will serve us well.”

“Gervin is eminently qualified to serve as U.S. Marshal with his 38-years of law enforcement experience at the local, state, and federal levels,” said Senator Akaka. “I’ve known Gervin for many years and have followed his career path with great interest. The President has made a fine choice.”

Miyamoto is a 1968 graduate of Roosevelt High School and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Chaminade University and a Masters of Arts in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix.

- A Super Job by everyone involved planning [Brig Gen Edwin “Skip” Vincent’s retirement ceremony and dinner](#). It was a joint effort of Brig Gen Vincent’s Pacific Command office and the HQ Hawai’i Air National Guard staff. The well attended retirement ceremony and dinner at the Hickam Officers’ Club Lanai was super. The general has served as the Mobilization Assistant to Director of Strategy and Policy, United States Pacific Command since January 2007.

General Vincent’s military career began in 1973 when he enlisted in the Hawai’i Army National Guard. He received his commission as a Second Lieutenant through the United States Army Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia in 1976. He served as a platoon leader and company executive officer, Combat Support Company, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry. In 1982, he transferred to the Hawaii Air National Guard and entered Undergraduate Navigator Training, Mather Air Force Base, California. After graduating, he served with the 199th Fighter Squadron as a Weapons Systems Officer in F-4C Phantom fighter.

The general worked at the National Guard Bureau from 1986 through 1991. He was the chief of the Fighter Plans office and later served as the Executive to the [Lt Gen John Conaway](#), Chief, National Guard Bureau. The general returned to Hawaii in 1991 as the plans officer for the new 203rd Air Refueling Squadron. After working in several positions in the unit, he served as the squadron commander from 1995 to 2000. In 2000, he became the commander of the 154th Mission Support Group. In 2004, he became the Vice Commander of the 154th Wing.

In July 2004, the general returned to Washington to become the A1, Director of Manpower and Personnel for the Air National Guard. He returned to Hawaii in 2006 to become the Assistant Adjutant General - Air, before assuming his current position in 2007.

Among the retirees HIANG members present were: **Kathy Berg**, **Sandy Hoggan**, **Walt and Edda Kaneakua**, **Albert "Putt" and Susan Richards**, **Edward and Celia Richardson**, **Al and Jenny Yoshimura**.

- Retiree Sightings.

- During the holiday season, I ran into **Allen Mizumoto** and his wife **Miriam** at dinner. The general looked great!

- Ran into **Kaipo Sing** and **Ivan Mineshima** at HQ HIANG. They were looking for some of their personnel records for submittal to the VA. Both definitely had that retiree smile.

- Talked to **Glenn Sugawara** other week at Ala Moana Center. He still works part-time for a catering company. But I know he is enjoying his retired (from the Guard) life.

- **Col (Dr.) Brent "Doogie" Wyrick** visited HQ HIANG as a part of his visit to the 154th Medical Group. He left Hawaii several years ago to become the Air National Guard's Surgeon General. Great catching up with Doogie!

7. Upcoming Events. Events listed are by the event date.

- Hail and Farewell celebration for MSgt Tactay. Please join us for a Hail and Farewell celebration in honor of **MSgt Vickie Tactay** as she accepts a new opportunity at Randolph AFB, Texas!

When: Saturday, February 13, 2010

Time: 1600-????

Where: Shack Waikiki, 2255 Kuhio Avenue (Waikiki Trade Center)

Cost: \$25.00. Cost includes heavy pupus and no host cocktails. Happy hour prices until 1900 - \$3.00 all beer on tap, bottles and mixed drinks

Check their website out at: www.ShackWaikiki.com

RSVP: vicksparty@yahoo.com - NLT January 11, 2010 (for a head count estimate)

All monies will be collected NLT January 29, 2010

POC: **MSgt Charlie Yoshimoto** @ 216-6338

8. Website Links.

- The State Department of Defense's newspaper, the pupukahi, is online. The **pupukahi** is now totally electronic. The link to the current issue starts at www.hawaii.gov/dod - then click on the pupukahi link listed under the "What's New?" section. A super job by the **pupukahi** staff: **Lt Col Charles Anthony**, **CPT Jeffrey Hickman** and **Steven Lum** (HIARNG retiree).

You can e-mail compliments and comments to:

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The **pupukahi** staff has posted past issues from 1997 through 2009 on the website. The link is: <http://hawaii.gov/dod/staff-offices/public-affairs/pupukahi>. If the link does not work, copy it to your internet browser.

- The Winter Issue of **On Guard** magazine is online. The new Winter issue of the **On Guard**-online is out, go to: http://www.ng.mil/features/onguard-mag/pdf/Winter09/winter_09.pdf. If the link does not work, copy it to your internet browser.
- The Current Issue of **Kukini** is Online. The Hickam AFB newspaper, the **Kukini**, is online at <http://www2.hickam.af.mil/library/hickamkukini/index.asp>. If the link does not work, copy it to your internet browser.
- The January 2010 Issue of **Soldiers** Magazine is Online. To view the current issue of **Soldiers**, the official U.S. Army magazine, just log on to: <http://www.army.mil/soldiers/>. You can view back issues (electronic issues only) by clicking on “back issues” on the scroll bar when you get to the website referenced. If the link does not work, copy it to your internet browser.
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