

## 20100301 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](mailto:retireenews@hawaiiintel.net) and you will be off the **Retiree News** mailing list.

2. **Rules of Engagement (ROE).** Periodically, someone e-mails a request for contact information for a **Retiree News** reader. We forward that e-mail to the reader for their action. This preserves the privacy of the reader and their e-mail address.

### 3. **Business.**



• **TRICARE Retiree Dental Program.** Delta Dental of California administers the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) nationally. **Joseph Montoya** is the Marketing Representative, Marketing Communications, West Central region and National Guard/Reserve Liaison. Joe is a Utah National Guard retiree, and recently became a Retiree News reader. Joe just sent me this e-mail that provides great information about the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program. Read on....

Great news! The TRDP video is now available on our web site at [www.trdp.org](http://www.trdp.org) -- located conveniently on the Beneficiary Liaison Resources page.

We are making this video available to our installation contacts as a resource for personnel who are about to retire but who can't get to a TAP class or preretirement briefing for one reason or another.

To access the video directly from the TRDP website, go to <http://www.trdp.org/bl/resources.html> Note that Windows Media Player is required in order to view the video.

If you would prefer to link directly to the video from your own web site, use the following link to skip the resources page: [www.trdp.org/dwnld/420x236.wmv](http://www.trdp.org/dwnld/420x236.wmv)

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• **Wounded Warrior Web Site Upgraded.** The Department of Defense announced today that its National Resource Directory <https://www.nationalsresourcedirectory.gov/> (NRD) Web site for wounded, ill and injured service members, veterans, their families and those who support them, recently received a comprehensive system upgrade to provide users with easier access.

This Web site is a collaborative effort between the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs (VA) and Labor (DOL), and compiles federal, state, local and non-profit resources for wounded warriors, veterans, family members and caregivers in a single, searchable site.

"We worked closely with users of the National Resource Directory to find out how to make the information they need easier to find," said Noel Koch, deputy under secretary of defense for

Wounded Warrior Care and Transition Policy. "The resulting re-design is easier to navigate and adds useful new features."

The upgrade makes the latest wounded warrior and veteran issues easier to locate and follow. A new "bookmark and share" application helps visitors alert others to the content they've found most helpful through social bookmarking, Facebook, Twitter, and other social networking tools. Visitors can also subscribe to Really Simple Syndication (RSS) or e-mail updates to receive new content, events and features based on their specific interests and needs.

"There are thousands of programs and benefits available to wounded warriors and their families, from healthcare and housing to education and employment assistance," said Koch. "Our people must have an easy way to sift through it all to find the resources that are most helpful for their circumstances, especially while they're dealing with what can be overwhelming challenges. That's why we've partnered with the VA and Department of Labor to offer the National Resource Directory. And with the feedback mechanisms we've added in the re-design, we'll be able to keep improving our service to our wounded warriors and families."

The faster, enhanced search engine ranks information based on the popularity of the sources among other site users, so the most valuable resources rise to the top of the search results. Visitors can tailor searches for resources in specific states and territories, and apply filters to narrow their searches.

The re-designed site also highlights resources to assist homeless veterans. NRD users can also recommend additional resources. All resources are thoroughly vetted prior to inclusion on the National Resource Directory, and as always, content is updated and reviewed daily by a content management team which includes veterans and subject matter experts.

- [Military Community Loses Pioneer](#). Washington, February 18, 2010 (AFPS) - The first woman appointed to the rank of major general in the Air Force and the Department of Defense passed away February 15. Retired [Maj. Gen. Jeanne M. Holm](#) was a driving force in achieving parity for military women and making them a viable part of the mainstream military.

The Portland, Ore., native attained the rank of two-star general in 1973 after a career that began 31 years earlier in 1942 when she enlisted in the Army. Holm entered Women's Army Air Corps in January 1943, where she received a commission as third officer, the WAAC equivalent of second lieutenant.

Holm also became the first woman to attend the Air Command and Staff School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., in 1952.

She was promoted to brigadier general July 16, 1971, the first female airman to be appointed in this grade. She was promoted to the grade of major general effective June 1, 1973, with date of rank July 1, 1970 - the first woman in the armed forces to serve in that grade.

In recognition of Holm's pioneering career, Air Force officials renamed the Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Ala., the Jeanne M. Holm Officer Accession and Citizen Development Center in June 2008. Its mission is Air Force officer recruitment and training within the Air University.

Holm also authored two books about women in the military. "Women in the Military: An Unfinished Revolution" was published in 1982 and was updated in 1994. Four years later she wrote "In Defense of a Nation: Servicewomen in World War II."

During World War II, Holm was assigned to the Women's Army Corps Training Center at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where she commanded a basic training company and then a training regiment.

At the end of the war, she commanded the 106th WAC Hospital Company at Newton D. Baker General Hospital, W.Va. She then left active military duty in 1946.

In October 1948 during the Berlin crisis, Holm was recalled to active duty with the Army and went to Camp Lee, Va., as a company commander. The following year she transferred to the Air Force, when a new law integrated women in the regular armed forces.

Holm served in a variety of personnel assignments, including director of Women in the Air Force from 1965 to 1973. She played a significant role in eliminating restrictions on numbers of women serving in all ranks, expanding job and duty station assignments for women, opening ROTC and service academies to women, and changing the policies on the status of women in the armed forces. During her tenure, policies affecting women were updated, WAF strength was more than doubled, job and assignment opportunities expanded, and uniforms modernized.

Holm retired in 1975. She served three presidential administrations: special assistant on women for President Gerald Ford, policy consultant for President Jimmy Carter, and first chairperson of the Veterans Administration's Committee on Women Veterans for President Ronald Reagan.

- [Army National Guard Retirement Information Guide](#). This article and the one following on the Air National Guard are from the **Ohio National Guard Alumni Newsletter**. The Ohio National Guard funds an Alumni Office and fulltime alumni affairs coordinator. **COL James Chisman**, a retired Army Guard member, is runs the alumni office. From what I have seen on the website and in the alumni newsletter, he is doing an outstanding job!

The Army National Guard Retirement Guide is now available on the Alumni Affairs web site at: [http://www.ong.ohio.gov/Alumni\\_News/ARNG\\_Retirement\\_Information\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.ong.ohio.gov/Alumni_News/ARNG_Retirement_Information_Guide.pdf). This guide provides information pertaining to earning credit towards retired pay for non-regular service and all related matters. The information is provided to complement official information for ARNG Soldiers as they approach and enter the retired stage of their military lives. It does not replace existing guidance provided by Human Resources Command, St. Louis (HRC-STL) in AR 135-180, Qualifying Service for Retired Pay Non-regular Service, and other instructions and information provided by them.

Retired pay for non-regular service, the complement to retired pay granted to Regular and other members at the end of at least 20 years of active service, was authorized for members of the Reserve Component in 1949. There have been few changes over the years, such as the requirement for the 20 Year Notification of Eligibility for Retired Pay at Age 60 (NOE) in 1966, referred to throughout the Guide as the 20 Year NOE, and the several laws and programs that have resulted in the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RC-SBP). An important change is the cancelation of the SBP reduction, which used to be reduced from 55% to 35% when the SBP recipient reached age 62. Effective Apr 08, the SBP payment is and will remain 55% as long as the recipient is eligible, regardless of the annuitant's age.

The 60-points Inactive Duty Training (IDT) limit per anniversary year has been changed several times, as well, resulting in the limit today of 130 IDT points per year. There have also been the addition of Inactive Duty Funeral Honors Duty points not subject to the IDT point caps, the Temporary Early Retirement Authority, currently not authorized, to help draw-down the forces when needed, the authorization to issue a 15 Year Letter Notification of Eligibility for Retired Pay at Age 60 (NOE), referred to throughout this Guide as the 15 Year NOE, for retired pay for individuals disqualified from continued military service due to medical disqualification or disability, and most recently, the implementation of a reduced eligibility age for the payment of retired pay for periods of service performed under certain conditions.

Retirees not yet drawing retired pay (gray area retirees) who have submitted their Application for Retired Pay (DD 108), and (DD 2656) Data for Payment of Retired Personnel, should contact US Army Human Resources Command at 800-318-5298, or on the web at <https://www.hrc.army.mil>, if they have questions or need information. Retirees not yet drawing retired pay who have not submitted their application should receive their application packet from HRC approximately one year prior to reaching their 60th birthday, assuming they have current address information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). Whether you have received an application packet from HRC or not, you should contact the Ohio National Guard RPAM office at 614-336-7277 at least six months prior to your 60th birthday for assistance in completing the application.

- Air National Guard Retired Pay Application Process. Air National Guard retirees should contact the Air Reserve Personnel Center (ARPC) at 800-525-0102 or on the web at <http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/> for all retirement questions and issues. The process for Air gray area retirees works in a similar fashion as the Army Guard in terms of timing and notification, but is handled at a centralized level. However, the need to maintain current information in DEERS is just as critical. Any gray area retiree who has not received an application for retired pay by age 59 and a half, should immediately contact ARPC.

- When a retiree passes away, the surviving spouse, or children are often unsure about what they should do in regard to the military retiree's pay and benefits. A retiree should create a list of names and phone numbers that need to be contacted when he or she dies and inform the spouse and family members as to what is on the list and where to find it. This list should include the following:

- DFAS, Retired and Annuity Pay Center 1-800-321-1080 to stop retired pay, apply for Survivor Benefits, and obtain information about insurance and other allotments
- Veterans Administration 1-800-827-1000 for Disability Pay and burial assistance and/or applying for Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DICE) for the surviving spouse
- Social Security Administration 1-800-772-1213 to discuss Social Security Survivor benefits
- Office of Personnel Management 1-888-767-6738 for retirees who are receiving civil service pensions in addition to military retired pay

- Federal Aviation Administration Going Paperless. **Capt Blythe Jeanne Itoman**, 204<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, forwarded this information about FAA paper pilot certificates from **Capt Steven Augugliaro**, 199<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron. Mahalo to BJ and Steve for sharing!

Something I just found out about....share with a friend!

Coming Soon: March 31 Deadline for Replacing Paper Pilot Certificates

Pilots who have not yet traded in their paper pilot certificates have until March 31, 2010, when the paper certificates are set to expire. If you're still using paper, don't delay. Pilots can no longer exercise the privileges of their paper pilot certificates after the March 31 deadline. Student certificates are not affected and certain non-pilot certificates, such as those issued to AMTs, are still valid for three more years before they need to be replaced.

Renewing a certificate can be done online or through the mail, and instructions can be found at: [http://www.faa.gov/licenses\\_certificates/airmen\\_certification/certificate\\_replacement/](http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/certificate_replacement/).

Requesting a replacement certificate online requires creating an account with Airman Certification Online Services, which only takes a few minutes. Being registered can help you in the future with quicker processing of an address change or a replacement certificate request.

To process a request by mail, fill out and send in Form 8060-56 (10/09) - see above link - along with a \$2 replacement fee. Make your check payable to FAA. New certificates will take four to six weeks to arrive with mail processing and seven to ten days for online processing

**4. The Wanted List.** We are looking for these **Retiree News** readers because their e-mail addresses on file for them no longer works. Please forward their new e-mail address to [retireenews@hawaiiintel.net](mailto:retireenews@hawaiiintel.net) if you can share them.

**C. Hutton Smith**  
**Edward Correa**  
**Norman Chang**  
**Chris Wilson**  
**Tom Gresch**  
**Edward Uyeda**

**James Kahalehoe**  
**Patrick Casey**  
**Byron Kim**  
**Steve Ware**  
**Katherine Asato**

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](mailto:retireenews@hawaiiintel.net). Mahalo for your support!

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.

**Fred Higa** (update)  
**Bill Leeper**  
**Jason Nakamura**  
**Steve Haldeman**  
**Adrian Kinimaka**

**Dennis Vigue** (update)  
**Alfred Tanaka**  
**Glen Nakamura**  
**Craig Swaby**  
**George Woolworth**

**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....

**Gabriel Kapuni**, 66, of Kahuku, Hawai'i, passed away on January 26, 2010. A graduate and alumni of Kahuku High School Class of 1962, 20 Year Veteran of the 291<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Battalion, Hawai'i Army National Guard. Retired and faithful employee and friend of The Harbor Pub, Honolulu, HI. He is survived by his daughter Keala M. Kapuni-Epps, step-sons, Steve Wood & Michael Wood, sister Maxine Maloney, brother-in-law Mike Maloney, brother, Scott Hartman and their children grandchildren Chris Ikaika MacDonald, Aaron Kekoa Willard, Ashley Puanani Willard, Olivia Kanani Willard, Elizabeth Hoku Epps & Rebeca Jean Kehau Epps, step grandchildren, Mike Wood Jr., Daniel Wood & Thomas Wood.

**Henry Fukushima**, 62, of Captain Cook, Hawai'i, passed away on January 27, 2010. A retired Hawaii County laborer and supervisor of the road and solid-waste departments. Retired Sergeant First Class who served with Company B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 299<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Hawai'i Army National Guard. A Vietnam veteran with 24 years service. He is survived by wife Sonyamae; sons Fenton, Francis, Stanley, John and James; daughter Tammie; hanai sons Noran Morimoto and Baron Balico; hanai daughter Trisha Puou; brothers Katsuyoshi, Koichi, John and Masaichi;

sisters Kazue Yamashiro, Matsuno Katz and Sanae Matsumura; five grandchildren, and nieces and nephews including **LTC Jason Matsumura**, HIARNG.

**Robert “Deano” Hinkley, Sr.**, 79, of Honolulu, formerly of Hilo, Hawaii, died Feb. 10, 2010. Born in Honolulu. Federal Aviation Administration employee; U.S. Air Force Hawai'i Air National Guard veteran. Survived by sons, Robert Jr. and Vern Macdonald; daughter, Louisa Leilehu "Lisa" Twigg-Smith; five grandchildren.

**Wallace Minemoto**, 75, of Hilo, Hawaii, died Feb. 17, 2010. Born in Mountain View, Hawaii. Retired from HT&T; former member of the Hawai'i Army National Guard. Survived by wife, Diane; sons, Eric and Scot; daughters, Juli, and Nami Izumo; brother, Lionel; sister, Eileen Makaea; five grandchildren.

## **6. Retiree Update.**

- Maj Gen Pawling Assumes New Position at PACOM. **Maj Gen Peter “Skipper” Pawling** is now the Chief of Staff at United States Pacific Command. He will serve a two year Title 10 tour. Since June 2009, the general served as the Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, United States Pacific Command. The general replaces **MG Stephen Tom**, an Army Reservist, who served in the Chief of Staff position for the past three years. Congratulations to Skipper!

Send congratulatory e-mail: [peter.pawling@pacom.mil](mailto:peter.pawling@pacom.mil)

- Brig Gen Osserman Is Now Assigned at PACOM. **Brig Gen Stanley “Ossum” Osserman** is now assigned as the Mobilization Assistant to Director of Strategy and Policy, United States Pacific Command. The general's last assignment was the Assistant Adjutant General, Air. The general replaces another Hawai'i Air National Guard member, **Brig Gen Edwin “Skip” Vincent**, who retired in January 2010. Congratulations to Ossum!

Send congratulatory e-mail: [stanley.osserman@pacom.mil](mailto:stanley.osserman@pacom.mil)

- New 154<sup>th</sup> Wing Vice Commander. **Col Braden “Mongo” Sakai** will become the 154<sup>th</sup> Wing Vice Commander, effective March 7, 2010. He currently serves as the 154<sup>th</sup> Operations Group commander. The Vice Commander's billet has been vacant since **Brig Gen Joseph Kim** became the 154<sup>th</sup> Wing commander. Congratulations to Mongo!

Send congratulatory e-mail: [braden.sakai@hihick.ang.af.mil](mailto:braden.sakai@hihick.ang.af.mil)

- The New 154<sup>th</sup> Operations Group Commander. **Lt Col Stephen Su'a-Filo** will become the 154<sup>th</sup> Operations Group Commander, effective March 7, 2010. Steve currently serves as the Operations Group Vice Commander. The Change of Command ceremony will be on Sunday, March 7, 2010. The ceremony will start at 1100 in Hanger 19 (C-17A fuel dock) on Hickam AFB. Congratulations to Steve!

Send congratulatory e-mail: [stephen.suafilo@hihick.ang.af.mil](mailto:stephen.suafilo@hihick.ang.af.mil)

- The New 154<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group Commander. **Colonel Ryan Okahara** will become the 154<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group Commander, effective March 7, 2010. Ryan currently is on the staff at HQ Hawaii Air National Guard. He replaces **Colonel Ann M. Greenlee**, who returns to the HQ Hawaii Air National Guard. The Change of Command ceremony will be on Sunday, March 7, 2010. The ceremony will start at 0900 at the Missing Man Formation at the Hickam AFB Officer's Club. Congratulations to Ryan and Ann!

Send congratulatory e-mail:

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[ann.greenlee@hihick.ang.af.mil](mailto:ann.greenlee@hihick.ang.af.mil)

- The New 169<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron Commander. **Lt Craig "Mongoose" Tsutsui** will become the commander of the 169<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron. He will assume command from **Lt Col Dennis K. Matsuura**, who will remain in the squadron to support the 24/7 air defense/alert operation. The date for the Change of Command ceremony is not set. Congratulations to Mongoose!

In making the commander announcement, **Col Braden "Mongo" Sakai**, the 154<sup>th</sup> Operations Group commander stated, "Lt Col Tsutsui's vision, devotion, passion and experience will benefit not only the 169th but also the Total Force construct in Hawaii!"

Send congratulatory e-mail: [craig.tsutsui@hihick.ang.af.mil](mailto:craig.tsutsui@hihick.ang.af.mil)

- New Hawai'i Army National Guard Sergeant Major. Congratulations to **Elva Schaben**, who just pinned on her Sergeant Major rank last training weekend. She works in the G1 Branch, Military Personnel Office, at Kalaeloa. She handles many of the officer programs and does an outstanding job. Her promotion recognizes all her hard work!

Send congratulatory e-mail: [elva.schaben@ng.army.mil](mailto:elva.schaben@ng.army.mil)

- The HIANG Comptroller Section Bids Aloha to a Long Time Guard Member. **MSgt Eliapo Colosse** has retired from the Comptroller section after 28 years, and 33 years total service. He started out as Traditional member in the 154<sup>th</sup> Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron admin section. In 1982, he began his technician career in the comptroller section. He has been the "budget guy" who could always work miracles. Happy Retirement to Colosse!

Among the retirees and former HIANG members present were: **Brad Ebisuya, Stan Gomes, Ron Izutsu, Keith Kunichika, Gary Momohara, Al Satogata, Al Shinsato, CJ Simmons, Alan Sumitomo, Brian Tom, Al Yoshimura**. It was catching up with all these retirees.

- 201<sup>st</sup> Intelligence Squadron Activation Scheduled. **Maj Gen Darryll Wong**, the Commander of the Hawai'i Air National Guard will host the activation ceremony for the 201<sup>st</sup> Intelligence Squadron. The ceremony will be on Sunday, March 7, 2010 at 1000 in the Courtyard of Heroes, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam. This new squadron will be part of the 201<sup>st</sup> Combat Communications Group. **Lt Col Gregory Scrivner** will serve as the squadron's first commander.

Send congratulatory e-mail: [gregory.scrivner@hickam.af.mil](mailto:gregory.scrivner@hickam.af.mil)

- Hawai'i National Guard Supports the Great Aloha Run. A Big Mahalo to the 120+ Hawai'i Army and Air National Guard members and their families volunteered to support this year's Great Aloha Run. The Army Guard howitzer team started the event at Aloha Tower for the 25,000 runners and walkers. Air Guard members worked the aid stations along the eight mile route and at the finish line at Aloha Stadium. Their dedication and hard work helped raise over \$334,000 for 100 non-profit organizations in our community to include the MWR. Special Mahalo to **Capt Jason Matsuoka** who coordinated the Hawai'i National Guard participation in this special event.

- Air Force Announces Officer Promotions. The Air Reserve Personnel Center has announced the second half of fiscal 2009 line and non-line Captain promotions. There were 305 Air National

Guard and 379 Air Force Reserve officers selected for promotion to Captain. The following Hawai'i Air National Guard officers were selectees. The effective date of their promotion is shown. Congratulations to HIANG's six new captains!

**William Chin**, 291<sup>st</sup> Combat Communications Squadron, 15 Sep 10

**William Kealiki**, 203<sup>d</sup> Air Refueling Squadron, 23 Jun 10

**Krystelle Kenney**, 293<sup>d</sup> Combat Communications Squadron, 21 Apr 10

**Love Williamson**, 154<sup>th</sup> Force Support Squadron, 15 Sep 10

**Larin Wong**, 109<sup>th</sup> Air Operations Group, 21 Apr 10

**Marvin Wong**, 199<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron 21 Apr 10

Send congratulatory e-mail using this format: [firstname.lastname@hihick.ang.af.mil](mailto:firstname.lastname@hihick.ang.af.mil)

- Retiree Connections.

- Had an e-mail update from **Glenn Sugamuna**. Glenn retired after serving over 20 years in the 293<sup>d</sup> Combat Communications Squadron. He still runs his own business taking care of medical equipment. Know Glenn would have stay beyond 20 years in the Guard but his business was expanding!

- Glenn recently ran into another 293 CBCS retiree, **Arthur Pang**, who is now on my Retiree News list. Arthur and his family ran a printing business from many years.

- Got an e-mail from **Stephen Chang**, who retired from the 154<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron several years ago. Stephen retired from the federal government about two years ago. He has developed a retirement seminar addressing issues no one else does. With the help of the Federal Executive Board, his first seminar will be at the Federal Building sometime in March. Stephen went on to talk about a website for retiree information. Know Stephen will do a great job helping others!

- **Glenn Choi** sent e-mail requesting some information about base stickers. He is a retired Traditional Guard member who served with the 154<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron. He retired from the State after working many years in the unemployment office. Glenn's dad, **Robert "Bobby" Choi**, is one of the original members of the Hawai'i Air National Guard. Great hearing from Glenn!

- **Alfred Tanaka** was in HQ HIANG looking for some of his military records. He retired from the 154<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron in the early 90s after many years of service. He also retired from his engineering position with the City & County of Honolulu a few years ago. He currently works for Community Planning Incorporated – CPE.

- Sock's Fini Flight. **Col Chris "Sock" Sakamoto** took to the Hawaiian sky for his final mission in the F-15 Eagle. His fini-flight took place on Friday, February 26, 2010. After landing from the afternoon mission, he was soaked down by his squadron members and friends as tradition dictates. There were lei, pictures and some food and drink. Congratulations to Sock for an outstanding flying career!

Send congratulatory e-mail: [chris.sakamoto@hihick.ang.af.mil](mailto:chris.sakamoto@hihick.ang.af.mil)

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



● Retirement Luncheon for SFC Mario Tabaquin. The 29<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion cordially invites you to join them as they honor and celebrate the retirement of **SFC Mario Tabaquin** (AKA Tip of the Spear).

--- Known for being a “HOTTIE” in his younger days but now he is just an “old fart”.

--- Known for disturbing the peace with his loud hyper voice due to hearing loss.

--- Known for finding his way around the running trail but can't keep track of paper work. Make sure to make 10 copies of every document you submit to him.

--- Known for being BSB S1 NCOIC for life

N – Non	N – No one
C – Convicted	C – Can
O – Outlaw	O – Obviously
I – In	I – Ignore his
C – Crime	C – Charm

When: Thursday, March 11, 2010

Time: 1130

Where: Pagoda Restaurant, 1525 Rycroft St.  
\$3.00 w/ validation parking (Ross parking lot) at Kanunu Street 4<sup>th</sup> Floor and up

Cost: \$25.00 (lunch and gift); \$5.00 (gift only)

RSVP: Friday, March 5, 2010

POCs: **Ms. Taumate Kaisa**, @ 844-6116, [taumate.kaisa@ng.army.mil](mailto:taumate.kaisa@ng.army.mil)  
**SSG Ludy Ann Capitle** at 844-6113, [ludyann.capitle@ng.army.mil](mailto:ludyann.capitle@ng.army.mil)

● Retirement Luncheon for LTC Rudolph Ligsay. The HQ, 1<sup>ST</sup> Squadron, 299<sup>th</sup> Cavalry cordially invites you to a retirement luncheon for **LTC Rudolph Ligsay**. The specifics follow:

When: Thursday, April 1, 2010

Time: 1100

Where: Nihon Restaurant, Hilo, Hawaii

Cost: \$30.00 (buffet and gift); \$5.00 (gift only)

Menu: Buffet: Teriyaki Beef; Tonkatsu; Vegetable Tempura; Chicken Karaage; Yaki Min

RSVP: Monday, March 22, 2010; checks payable to **Jamie Imai**  
Off island attendees can pay upon arrival at Nihon Restaurant

POC: **SFC Jamie Imai** @ 844-6613 or [jamie.imai@us.army.mil](mailto:jamie.imai@us.army.mil)

● DOD Retirement and Awards Luncheon. Friday, April 17, 2009 is the date for the next DOD Retirement and Awards Luncheon. Invitations have gone out to the following retirees and service award awardees. The names of the honorees attending will announced as their RSVPs are received.

Retirees:

**Edward T. Omine**  
**Peter S. Pawling**  
**Melvin M. Damasco**  
**Glenn M. Hirata**  
**Morris S. Miyose**  
**Colosse Eliapo Jr.**  
**Russell T. Abe**  
**John T. Anderson**

**Dalwyn C. W. Wong**  
**Ainsley H. Hori**  
**John Y. Gollero, Jr.**  
**George C. Lumives**  
**Victor K. Murata**  
**Stanley S. Nishimoto**  
**Fred M. Higa, Jr.**

30 Year Service Awards:

**Edwin D. Biete**  
**Michael E. Vidrick**

**Marshall G. Harvest**

When: Friday, April 23, 2010

Time: 1100, lunch served at 1130

Where: Hale Koa Hotel, Banyan Tree Showroom

Menu: Buffet: Tossed salad, sliced tomatoes and fresh mozzarella, potato macaroni, Greek salad and rainbow Jello, sliced tropical fruit platter, fresh vegetables with creamy dip, assorted cold cuts and a selection of domestic cheeses, house specialty smoked mahi-mahi, grilled skirt steak with Shiitake mushroom sauce, steamed vegetables, assorted rolls, French apple tart, Key Lime pie, assortment of French pastries, chocolate mousse, fresh brewed coffee, decaffeinated coffee or tea.

Costs: \$30.00 (includes gratuity)  
Checks made out to: [DOD Retirement & Service Award Fund](#)

RSVP: Friday, April 9, 2010 Important Note: Because the Hale Koa Hotel uses an invoice system, there are no "pay at the door" guests allowed.

POCs: HRO: [CMSgt Deb Brownhill](#), 672-1233  
USPFO: [Ms. Jeanette Sturges](#), 672-6310  
201 CCG: [TSgt Jackie Jakahi](#), 448-7608  
154 WG: [MSgt Larnette Doi](#), 448-7441  
HIARNG: [Ms Dora Ama](#), 672-1256  
State DoD: [Ms. Ann Miyahira](#), 672-1206  
State Civil Defense: [Ms. Ellen Murakami](#), 733-4300



- Retirement Party for COL Alika Watts. There will be a retirement party for [COL Alika Watts](#). The specifics follow:

When: Friday, April 30, 2010

Time: 1630-2100

Where: 103<sup>rd</sup> Troop Command  
96-1210 Waihona St., Pearl City, Hawaii

Cost: \$15.00

Menu: Ono pupus and refreshments

RSVP: Thursday, April 15, 2010; checks payable to [Elaine Whitlock](#)

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## 8. Website Links.

- The 154<sup>th</sup> Wing's External Website is Online. The 154<sup>th</sup> Wing's external website is accessible from any computer. Check it out at [www.154wg.ang.af.mil](http://www.154wg.ang.af.mil). Be sure to check out the "photos tab". If the link does not work, copy it to your internet browser.
- 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](http://www.hawaii.gov/dod) - then click on the pupukahi link listed under the "What's New?" section.
- 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](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 February 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.
- The January-February 2010 Issue of **Airman Magazine** is Online. To view the current issue of **Airman Magazine**, 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.