

## 20100315 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@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:retireenews@hawaiiantel.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 Benefits Outlined.** If you go to the TRICARE My Benefit website, and answer a few simple questions, the site take you to the exact TRICARE benefits you are entitled. This website was shown the greatest improvement than any of the 103 Federal websites tracked by the American E-Government Satisfaction Index.

March 12, 2010 - FALLS CHURCH, Va. – Since the American E-Government Satisfaction Index began measuring Web surfers' opinions in 2003 about the sites they visit, none of the 103 federal government Web sites it tracks has shown greater improvement in customer satisfaction than TRICARE's.

The steady increase in satisfaction with the TRICARE Beneficiary Web site is the result of TRICARE's constant and continuing commitment to improving beneficiaries' online experience. Throughout 2008, user satisfaction – measured by customer feedback – was higher than that same month in 2007. The 2007 redesign of the beneficiary Web site is one of the main reasons for the rating increase.

"TRICARE is an excellent example of a Web site that recognized the need for citizen-centric improvement and leap-frogged ahead as a result of the guidance it got from listening," said Larry Freed, American Customer Satisfaction Index President and CEO. "Its leadership should be commended for being so responsive to the needs of such an important constituency."

The site has a cleaner, more user-friendly layout allowing beneficiaries to easily find the information and updates they need about their benefit. A key feature of the redesign is having users personalize the information they get about their TRICARE benefit by answering three questions about their location, beneficiary status and current TRICARE plan.

Two other features launched in the redesign – the Plan Wizard and Is It Covered? – also helped to increase tricare.mil's usability. The Plan Wizard eliminates the guesswork for new beneficiaries who may not be sure which TRICARE plan they are enrolled in and provides a list of plans they may be eligible for. Beneficiaries can visit the Is It Covered? section to find out which health care services TRICARE covers.

More improvements to tricare.mil are on the way including streamlined profile entry and a solutions center featuring answers to the most frequently asked questions about TRICARE.

Log on at: [www.tricare.mil/mybenefit](http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit) If the link does not work, copy it to your internet browser.

- **TRICARE Newsletters Get the Word Out Electronically.** FALLS CHURCH, Va. – With a few clicks of a mouse, TRICARE beneficiaries can sign up at [www.tricare.mil/subscriptions](http://www.tricare.mil/subscriptions) to have the latest TRICARE benefit news sent to them electronically. All of the newsletters and bulletins

TRICARE currently prints are available online and can be delivered electronically straight to an e-mail inbox.

TRICARE Health Matters is mailed to Prime beneficiaries seven times a year. Health Matters includes updates on recent changes to TRICARE Prime, articles about the latest health-related information and reminders about how and when to update Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) information.

Each year TRICARE Standard beneficiaries receive their copy of TRICARE Standard Health Matters. Like its Prime counterpart, it includes the most up-to-date Standard benefit information and helpful articles about staying healthy. In September 2010, TRICARE is releasing a special edition of the Standard Newsletter available only in an electronic format.

The TRICARE Dental Health Matters newsletter is delivered to dental enrollee homes three times a year. Filled cover-to-cover with dental benefit updates and tips about keeping teeth healthy, TRICARE Dental Health Matters is dedicated to helping beneficiaries understand their dental coverage and receive the best dental care possible.

To get the Standard e-Newsletter and other TRICARE newsletters electronically or receive e-mail alerts, beneficiaries can subscribe by their region and beneficiary category – for example, active duty family member, retiree or National Guard or Reserve member – or select the specific health-related topics they want more information about.

Subscribing to TRICARE's electronic delivery system is fast and secure, just go to [www.tricare.mil/subscriptions](http://www.tricare.mil/subscriptions). An e-mail address is the only information collected and beneficiaries have a unique page where they can manage their subscriptions 24/7.

- Campaign Stars Approved for Latest OIF Phases. The following Military Times article, written by staff writer William McMichael, describes changes to the campaign start to the Iraqi Campaign Medal. It was published on Thursday March 11, 2010.

Bronze campaign stars recognizing the 2007-08 surge of American troops into Iraq, as well as current stabilization efforts, have been authorized for wear on the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Pentagon announced Thursday.

The surge campaign phase has been established as running from January 1, 2007, to December 31, 2008; the second campaign star, for the phase identified as "Iraqi Sovereignty," began January 1, 2009, and will continue through a date to be determined.

Although all who have served in "direct support" in the Iraq war on or after March 13, 2003, are authorized to wear the medal, the stars recognize designated campaigns during the war.

Four previous phases had been identified, and service members who have qualified for the Iraq Campaign Medal can display a bronze campaign star on their medal for each designated campaign phase in which they took part.

The other four phases, announced previously, are:

Liberation of Iraq: March 19, 2003, to May 1, 2003

Transition of Iraq: May 2, 2003, to June 28, 2004

Iraqi Governance: June 29, 2004, to December 15, 2005

The "National Resolution" phase: December 16, 2005, to January 9, 2007

The respective military departments are currently working specific implementation guidance.



- Commissary On-site Sale in Wailuku, Hawaii at the Maui Army Reserve Center. Take advantage of spectacular savings on popular grocery items at the Commissary On-site Sale. The Hickam Air Force Base Commissary is hosting an On-site Sale at the Army Reserve Center in Wailuku, Hawaii. National Guard and Reserve members, military retirees, active-duty military service members, and dependents can take advantage of the great commissary savings. Commissaries operated by the Defense Commissary Agency provide groceries at cost to military personnel, retirees, and their families at U.S. military installations around the world. Shoppers save of an average 30 percent or more on their purchases compared to commercial prices.

Where: Army Reserve Center  
1686 Kaahumanu Ave  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793-2535

When: Thursday, April 1, Friday, April 2 and Saturday, April 3, 2010

Time: Thursday, April 1st: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Friday, April 2nd: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday, April 3rd: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

POC: **Gifford Tojo** (808) 449-1363, Hickam AFB Commissary

All authorized commissary shoppers are invited to the sale, sponsored by the Hickam Commissary. [Commissaries.com - Hickam AFB Commissary](#). The commissary has expanded its reach to Guard and Reserve members in particular by bringing the benefit to you via these On-site Sales to areas with military populations not served by a nearby commissary. Sale items may include paper products, soap and cleaning products, canned goods, sodas, sport drinks, water, laundry detergents, and a variety of other products at savings of 30 percent or more! Please check the store local information page for specific sale items.

Customers must present an appropriate Department of Defense ID card that authorizes commissary privileges in order to shop. Cash, checks, debit cards and credit cards are accepted for payment. The use of coupons is highly encouraged!

"The Commissary....It's Worth the Trip"

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<http://twitter.com/TheCommissary>  
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Defense-Commissary-Agency/131694158961?ref=ts>

- Airman Magazine Annual Almanac Issue. This annual issue of Airman Magazine provides a general overview of the United States Air Force and is a great reference tool. Go to:

<http://www.airmanonline.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-100302-029.pdf>

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

- In the February issue of Air Force Magazine, there is a great article titled, Richard Whitcomb's Triple Play. It details the development to the Convair's F-102A Delta Dagger. Go to:

<http://www.airforce-magazine.com/MagazineArchive/Pages/2010/February%202010/0210whitcomb.aspx>

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**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@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:retireenews@hawaiiantel.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@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:retireenews@hawaiiantel.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.

**John Mueller (NGB)**  
**David Ferreira**

**Russell Abe**  
**Joseph Dannenfelser (MD ARNG)**

**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....

**Mitsuo Shito**, 79, of Waipahu, died Feb. 12, 2010. Born in Kaunakakai, Molokai. Retired from Hawai'i Army National Guard after 42 years of service. Served as a Hawaii state representative from 1974 to 1988; retired executive director of Hawaii Housing Authority; co-founder of Waipahu Culture Garden Park (Hawaii's Plantation Village). Survived by daughter, Eugenie Shito-Leong; two grandchildren; sister, Stella Iaea; brother, Paul.

**6. Retiree Update.**

- 2010 Launa 'Ole Awards Ceremony. **Maj Gen Darryll Wong**, the Commander, Hawai'i Air National Guard, hosted the 2010 Launa 'Ole Awards Ceremony. This annual awards program recognizes outstanding HIANG performers. The ceremony took place on March 7, 2010 at Hangar 19 on Hickam AFB. Congratulations to each nominee for their achievements during 2009!

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

Nominees for Outstanding Airman of the Year were:

**SrA Visconti Christman**, 150<sup>th</sup> Air Control Squadron  
**SrA Rizal Daquioag**, 154<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron  
**SrA Kawika Garner**, 293<sup>rd</sup> Combat Communications Squadron  
**SrA Daniel Lee**, 204<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron  
**SrA Sherri Mattson**, 199<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron  
**SrA Sandra Magsino**, 154<sup>th</sup> Medical Group  
**A1C Alexander Ubiadas**, 154<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron  
**SrA Yommala Xaysanith**, 154<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Operations Flight

★The Outstanding Full-Time Airman of the Year: **SrA Sherri Mattson**

★The Outstanding Traditional Airman of the Year: **SrA Yommala Xaysanith**

Nominees for Outstanding Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year were:

**SSgt Jordan Carinio**, 154<sup>th</sup> Medical Group  
**SSgt Nancy Destin**, 150<sup>th</sup> Air Operations Squadron  
**SSgt Salofi Leasiolagi**, 154<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron  
**SSgt Jonathan Lum**, 293<sup>rd</sup> Combat Communications Squadron  
**TSgt Jason McMurray**, 293<sup>rd</sup> Combat Communications Squadron  
**TSgt Kyle Nishimura**, 154<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron  
**SSgt Steven Odland**, 204<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron  
**TSgt Jade Phiasiripanyo**, 109<sup>th</sup> Air Operations Group  
**SSgt Shanna Vierra**, 154<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron  
**TSgt Randall Yamada**, 204<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron

★The Outstanding Full-Time Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year: **TSgt Jade Phiasiripanyo**

★The Outstanding Traditional Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year: **SSgt Nancy Destin**

Nominees for Outstanding Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year were:

**MSgt Edward Cheski**, 293<sup>rd</sup> Combat Communications Squadron  
**MSgt Christine Grundy**, 154<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron  
**SMSgt Randal Hiyane**, Headquarters, 154<sup>th</sup> Wing  
**MSgt Steven Kau**, 293<sup>rd</sup> Combat Communications Squadron  
**SMSgt Bridget Komine**, Headquarters, Hawaii Air National Guard  
**MSgt Lawrence Lee**, 109<sup>th</sup> Air Operations Group  
**MSgt Kyle Marshman**, 203<sup>rd</sup> Air Refueling Squadron  
**MSgt Jeffrey Pakele**, 154<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron  
**SMSgt William Parker**, 154<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron  
**SMSgt Angela Walls**, 154<sup>th</sup> Medical Group

★The Outstanding Full-Time Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year: **MSgt Kyle Marshman**

★The Outstanding Traditional Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year: **MSgt Edward Cheski**

The Hawai'i Air National Guard has submitted the following three Airmen to the Pacific Air Forces to compete in the PACAF Outstanding Airman of the Year. They were also submitted to the National Guard Bureau to compete in the Bureau's part of the Air Force Twelve Airmen of the Year award program.

**MSgt Kyle Marshman**  
**TSgt Jade Phasiripanyo**  
**SrA Yommala Xaysanith**

Although the National Guard selections are not in yet, the Pacific Air Forces have announced their Outstanding Airman of the Year winners. Pacific Air Forces has selected **MSgt Kyle Marshman** as the Pacific Air Forces Outstanding Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year.

Nominees for Outstanding Company Grade Officer of the Year are:

**Capt Ivan Aguirre**, 154<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron  
**1<sup>st</sup> Lt Michael Armistead**, 154<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron  
**Capt Grady Green**, 204<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron  
**Capt Anjanette Hintacutan**, 109<sup>th</sup> Air Operations Group  
**Capt Dane Minami**, 293<sup>rd</sup> Combat Communications Squadron

★ The Outstanding Full-Time Company Grade Officer of the Year: **Capt Anjanette Hintacutan**  
★ The Outstanding Traditional Company Grade Officer of the Year: **Capt Dane Minami**

Nominees for Outstanding Field Grade Officer of the Year are:

**Lt Col Christopher Hagood**, 203<sup>rd</sup> Air Refueling Squadron  
**Lt Col Reynold Hioki**, Headquarters, Hawaii Air National Guard  
**Maj David Lowery**, 293<sup>rd</sup> Combat Communications Squadron  
**Maj Jeffrey Lum**, 109<sup>th</sup> Air Operations Group  
**Lt Col Troy Wertz**, 154<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron

★ The Outstanding Full-Time Field Grade Officer of the Year: **Lt Col Reynold Hioki**  
★ The Outstanding Traditional Field Grade Officer of the Year: **Lt Col Christopher Hagood**

Nominees for the Winning Team Award were:

154<sup>th</sup> Force Support Squadron - Services Sustainment Team  
Representing the team were: **1<sup>st</sup> Lt Clabe Morgan** and **TSgt Laura Gaines**

202<sup>nd</sup> Air Mobility Operations Squadron  
Representing the team were: **Col Robert Hoffman** and **Capt Anjanette Hintacutan**

297<sup>th</sup> Air Traffic Control Squadron - Wake Phoenix 09 Mobile Control Tower/Logistics Plans Team  
Representing the team were: **SMSgt Collin Sakuma** and **TSgt David McCulloch**

154th Maintenance Squadron - C-17 Home Station Check Team  
Representing the team were: **MSgt Jeffery Pakele** and **MSgt Robert Tokuda**

204<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron - C-17 Mission Planning Cell  
Representing the team were: **Lt Col Mike Guerrera** and **SMSgt Darren Morris**

★ The Winning Team Award winner: 154th Maintenance Squadron - C-17 Home Station Check Team

Nominees for the Service Team Award were:

154<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron: Airmen Committed to Community Excellence Team

Representing the team were: **CMSgt Ray Duropan** and **MSgt Charles Parker**

204<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron: Community Service Team

Representing the team were: **Lt Col Mike Guerrera** and **SMSgt Darren Morris**

★The Service Team Award goes to: 154<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron

Nominees for the Outstanding Unit of the Year Award were:

154<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron - Commander: **Lt Col Gary Teed**

204<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron - Commander: **Lt Col Mike Guerrera**

293<sup>rd</sup> Combat Communications Squadron - Commander: **Maj Dave Lowery**

★The Outstanding Unit for Calendar Year 2009: 204<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron

• The 154<sup>th</sup> Wing Earns Another Safety Award. During the Launa 'Ole Awards Ceremony, the 154<sup>th</sup> Wing received the Boeing 80,000 Safe-Free Flying Hours Award. The award recognized 80,000 safe flying hours over the past 23 years the Wing has flown the F-15 Eagle. Boeing representative, **Col (Ret) James Pasquino** presented the plaque.

On the stage to receive the plaque were the following wing leaders: **Brig Gen Joseph Kim**, Commander, 154th Wing; **Col Braden Sakai**, Vice Commander, 154th Wing; **Col Ron Han**, Commander, 154th Maintenance Group; **Lt Col Glen Nakamura**, 199th Fighter Squadron Commander; **Lt Col Jeff Namihira**, Commander, 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; and **Lt Col Retired Norman Ault**, Former Commander, 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Lt Col Retired Ault was the commander who initially brought the first F-15's into the HIANG in 1986.

• Joint Service Commendation and Achievement Medal Presentation. During the Launa 'Ole Awards Ceremony, **MG Robert G.F. Lee**, the Adjutant General, presented the following Hawai'i Army and Air National Guard with Joint Service Commendation and Achievement Medals. These Hawai'i Guard members were part of the quick reaction team who deployed to Samoa after the recent tsunami. Operation Pacific Wave was another success story of the integration of the Hawai'i Army and Air National Guard and our active duty counterparts. Congratulations to all who supported Operation Pacific Wave!

Joint Service Commendation Medal:

**Lt Col Reynold Hioki**

**MAJ Guy Terai**

**CPT Aaron Blanchard**

**Capt Nathaniel Duff**

**1LT Nicole Collins**

**SFC Timothy Borton**

**SSG Bobby Jo Balmonte**

**Lt Col David Kashiwamura**

**Maj David Lowery**

**CPT Melina Juan**

**Capt Jason Iyomasa**

**SMSgt David Franks**

**SFC Harold Tong**

**SSG Frolin Constitino**

Joint Service Achievement Medal:

**MAJ Joseph Burdett**

**MSG Domingo Tubana**

**SFC Darlene Derego**

**MSgt Steven Kau**

**SSG Walter Miller**

**CW2 Christopher Elmore**

**MSG Tigilau Vaoifi**

**SFC Richard Frost**

**MSgt Edward Samson**

**SSG Allison Morris**

TSgt Lisa Bartolome  
TSgt Lokelani Ishikawa  
TSgt Gloria Lafitaga  
TSgt Kehaulani Lobetos  
TSgt Maria Tatekawa  
SSgt Jennifer Kim  
SSgt Gennielle Walker  
SPC Elden Ko  
SPC Richard Tabula  
SrA Karen Lamontagne

TSgt Jay Bermudez  
TSgt Jim Kikuchi  
TSgt Wendell Lewis  
TSgt Carissa Maxson  
SGT Corry Ito  
SSgt Joseph Mariano  
SPC Kalemakalii Colburn  
SPC John Kumalae  
SrA Man Cheng  
PFC Riley Wong

- 29<sup>th</sup> Brigade Special Troops Battalion Change of Command Ceremony. **COL Bruce Oliveira**, the commander of the 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team will host the change of command ceremony for the 29<sup>th</sup> Brigade Special Troops Battalion. **LTC Neal S. Mitsuyoshi** will assume command from **LTC Moses Kaoiwi, Jr.** The ceremony will take place on Sunday, March 21, 2010, Building 282 at the Kapolei Army National Guard complex, starting at 1630. Duty uniform for military, and aloha attire for civilians.

RSVP by March 15, 2010 to **SGT Andrew Yim** at 844-6208 or [andrew.t.yim@ng.army.mil](mailto:andrew.t.yim@ng.army.mil).

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[mo.kaoiwi@us.army.mil](mailto:mo.kaoiwi@us.army.mil)

- CMSgt Karl Kaneshiro Retires. **Maj Gen Darryll Wong**, Commander, Hawai'i Air National Guard and the Headquarters staff honored retiring **CMSgt Karl Kaneshiro** with a luncheon on Saturday, March 6, 2010. The Chief retired after 27 years of honorable service. He started his career in the training section of the 154<sup>th</sup> Medical Group. He later moved the base training section of the 154<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Flight. He then became the Diversity NCO at the Headquarters, 154<sup>th</sup> Wing prior to his last assignment at the State Headquarters. Everyone who has worked with the Chief knows he has a "quiet and effective" style that gets the job done. Happy Retirement Chief!

- HIARNG Retirees for February 2010. The Hawai'i Army National Guard G1 Branch staff provided the names of the following soldiers who retired in February. Mahalo to each soldier for your long and faithful service and Happy Retirement!

**SSG Jon K. Miyajima**  
**SSG Rafael Rodriguez Jr.**  
**SGT Parrish A. Fitts**

- Save the Dates. The Hawai'i Army National Guard has two change of command ceremonies planned in May. More details will be forthcoming, but save the dates.

Sunday, May 2, 2010: 298<sup>th</sup> Regional Training Institute  
**COL Arnold Iaea** assumes command from **COL Keith Tamashiro**

Saturday, May 22, 2010: 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team  
**COL Keith Tamashiro** assumes command from **COL Bruce Oliveira**

- HIANG Brigadier General Promotion. **Col Ann Greenlee** is the Hawai'i Air National Guard's newest brigadier general select. She just returned to the Directory of Staff position at Hq Hawaii Air National Guard after a year as the commander of the 154<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group, part of

the 154<sup>th</sup> Wing. Her pinning ceremony at the State Capital will be sometime in May. Congratulations Ann!

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- **HIARNG Officer Promotions**. The Hawai'i Army National Guard G1 Branch staff provided the names of the following officers who were recently promoted. Congratulations to all!

**LTC Guy Terai**, Joint Force Headquarters

**CPT Curtis Sherwood**, Joint Force Headquarters

**1LT Scott Aihara**, Medical Command

**1LT Daniel Na**, HHT, 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 299<sup>th</sup> Cavalry RSTA

**1LT Ronald Redoble**, Battery B, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 487<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery

STA = Reconnaissance, Surveillance and Target Acquisition

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- **HIANG Senior NCO Promotions**. The Hawai'i Air National Guard promoted the following members to the senior non-commissioned officer ranks. Congratulations to all!

Promoted to Chief Master Sergeant (CMSgt / E-9):

**Eric Wada**, 154<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Group

Promoted to Senior Master Sergeant (SMSgt / E-8)

**Robert Joy Jr.**, 154<sup>th</sup> Force Support Squadron

**Christopher Partika**, 154<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Group

**Anthony Colon**, HQ 154<sup>th</sup> Wing

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- **291 CBCS Commander Appointment**. **Col Joseph Garnett**, commander of the 201<sup>st</sup> Combat Communications Group appointed **Lt Col Martin "Marty" Moerschell**, as the commander of the 291<sup>st</sup> Combat Communications Squadron in Hilo. Marty will be in the position for about 120 days until the selection process for the new commander is completed. A great opportunity for Marty!

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

- **Aloha Reaches Iraq Through Soccer Balls**. Over the past few months, **MSgt William Chang** and other Hawai'i Air National Guard members have collected over 450 soccer balls for Iraqi children in the streets surroundings of Kirkuk City. Most of these deployed HIANG members are members of the 297<sup>th</sup> Air Traffic Control Squadron at Kapolei. Great Job by these Guard members!

To read the entire Honolulu Star Bulletin article, go to:

[http://www.starbulletin.com/news/Aloha\\_reaches\\_Iraq\\_through\\_soccer\\_balls.html](http://www.starbulletin.com/news/Aloha_reaches_Iraq_through_soccer_balls.html)

- **Retiree Connections**.

- Received an e-mail from **CMSgt Robert Block**, who works at ANG/A3O. Rob spent time in the HIANG in the 199<sup>th</sup> Weather Flight and the 154<sup>th</sup> Wing's life support section. Rob e-mailed requesting that **MSgt John Mueller** be added to the **Retiree News** distribution. John works at

NGB on the NGB/J3 staff. In Hawai'i, John served on the Wing commander's staff when **Michael "Boss" Tice** was the commander.

- Checking Out Old Photos. **Ted Merrill**'s last assignment with the Hawai'i Air National Guard was the 154<sup>th</sup> Wing's historian. He sent in a DVD with a lot of HIANG historical material. We are working to post some of the materials on the State DoD website. It will take a while and you will see an announcement in **Retiree News** when the uploading is complete. In the mean time, there will be a "teaser" photo in each issue.



This is a view of the 154<sup>th</sup> Wing compound, probably taken shortly after the facility dedication.

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

- Warrior Leader Course Graduation. **COL Keith Tamashiro**, the 298<sup>th</sup> Regional Training Institute commander and the members of Warrior Leader Class 001-10 cordially invite you to attend their graduation ceremony. The specifics follow: Congratulations to each graduate!

When: Saturday, March 20, 2010

Time: Ceremony begins at 1200, seating begins at 1100

Where: SGT Deyson K. Cariaga Auditorium (Building 713)  
711 Tinker Road, Waimanalo, Hawaii (Bellows Air Station)

RSVP: For the Grades of E9, O6, and above, please RSVP to **SFC Edy Pagala** at [edy.pagala@ng.army.mil](mailto:edy.pagala@ng.army.mil) or call 672-1812

Attire: Military - Duty Uniform; Civilian - Aloha Attire

- Aloha Luncheon for LTC Rudolph Ligsay. The 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 299<sup>th</sup> Cavalry cordially invites you to an Aloha luncheon for **LTC Rudolph Ligsay**. He will leave the 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 29<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, and will become the Executive Officer at the 103<sup>rd</sup> Troop Command. The specifics follow:

When: Thursday, April 1, 2010

Time: 1100

Where: Nihon Restaurant, Hilo, Hawai'i

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 be 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, Hawai'i

Cost: \$15.00

Menu: Ono pupus and refreshments

RSVP: Thursday, April 15, 2010; checks payable to **Elaine Whitlock**

POC: **Elaine Whitlock** @ 672-1249 or [elaine.whitlock@us.army.mil](mailto:elaine.whitlock@us.army.mil)

## **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 March 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 March-April 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.