

## 201000529 Retiree News

*Honor those who served on Memorial Day*

1. **The Promise.** *Retiree News* contains 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 another *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.**

- **Earmarks and the National Guard.** The following article appeared in the May 2010 of the *National Guard Magazine*, a publication of the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS). The current NGAUS president, **Maj Gen Tod Bunting**, writes a monthly article entitled the Chairman's Message. In his article, he discusses the relationship between Congressional earmarks and the National Guard. Hawai'i's Senator Daniel Inouye, Chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, has been one who uses earmarks to help the National Guard. Our officer and enlisted associations – both the national organization and local chapters – actively support earmarks that benefit the National Guard. Support involves visiting our Congressional delegation both here in Hawai'i and in Washington and letter writing in support of these issues.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE by Maj. Gen. Tod Bunting [tod.bunting@ngaus.org](mailto:tod.bunting@ngaus.org)

### **REMEMBER THE BABY**

If you want to stop a conversation these days, just say something good about earmarks.

The term for projects inserted into budgets by members of Congress has become shorthand for "waste, fraud and abuse."

You mention earmarks and someone will mention the "bridge to nowhere."

But the Air National Guard unveiled last month a new radar system for our F-15 Eagles that will give our pilots the upper hand in combat. This active electronically scanned array (AESA) system is an earmark.

It never appeared in the Air Force budget, but our friends on Capitol Hill have added money for years for this valuable piece of high technology.

A few years ago, Sen. Kit Bond, R-Mo., informed a newspaper that it was "congressional pork" in the form of a LITENING targeting pod on an Air Guard F-16 that helped kill insurgent leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in Iraq.

Did you know the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account is direct funding from Congress?

Since NGREA was created in 1982, the Guard has received \$15 billion for equipment funding from this account. The Army Guard has received nearly \$5 billion in funding from it in just the last five years.

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Earmarks have given us the counterdrug program and the C-130 Hercules, not to mention hundreds of millions of dollars of military construction. Hawaii and Vermont received UH-60M Black Hawks this way.

Each one of these adds—and there are plenty of others - has either directly added to the effectiveness of the war fight or saved American lives.

Don't misunderstand. I'm not endorsing funding every crazy idea suggested.

But congressional earmarks have helped close the resource and equipment gaps for the Guard. Without them, we would be in a much worse place, and America would be far worse off.

There is talk of ending all adds entirely. No more earmarks or congressional "pork."

That may sound good, but let's not forget to remove the baby before we dispose of the bath water.

Guard-related adds are not waste, fraud or abuse. We'll proudly and openly display and defend the adds that we get.

Ask the public if it thinks the trucks, radios and helicopters provided through NGREA seem like waste when our soldiers and airmen go to war or help a community battle floods.

Or ask Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, chairman of the Senate appropriations subcommittee on defense, who said at a hearing in March, "Congress has provided additional equipment funding for the Guard and Reserve in each of the last 30 years because year after year the president's budget fails to sufficiently fund the reserve components."

These adds are Congress' way of making sure the Guard in states and territories they represent don't get left too far behind.

Usually, our coalition of 54 has a better handle on their needs than folks in the Pentagon.

In my home state of Kansas, we teach our deploying Guardsmen and their families how to recognize the warning signs of stress before missions at home or overseas. This "Flash Forward" program was funded with help from a good Kansan, Sen. Sam Brownback.

Everyone knows about the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Program for troops returning from war. That was an idea from the leadership in the Minnesota National Guard and it receives earmark money.

I'm pushing for common sense here. Putting together a budget for a military as large and as complex as ours is a difficult task. Some things slip through the cracks. Some needs go unnoticed.

Unfortunately, it is often Guard things that are missed.

Our congressional leaders understand and have created a reliable form of Guard funding checks and balances over the years.

Let's ensure that our dollars are used wisely, but let's provide our representatives with the ability to step in when things get too far off balance.

Proud to serve.



- TRICARE U Offers Free Benefits Courses. If you are new to TRICARE and eager to learn about your health care benefits or an old hand who wants to know the latest changes, TRICARE University is the place to go. TRICARE University offers free online courses 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year at [www.tricare.mil/tricareu](http://www.tricare.mil/tricareu). "The courses can be

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taken anytime, and you can learn at your own pace," said Rear Adm. Christine Hunter, deputy director of the TRICARE Management Activity. "It's the simplest way to learn about your TRICARE benefit."

Of the different courses online, the TRICARE Public Course provides the quickest and easiest way to get a general overview and basic knowledge of TRICARE programs. There is no registration for this course and it is accessible to anyone who wants to know more about TRICARE. The TRICARE Fundamentals Course is much more in-depth as it is primarily designed for benefit counselors and family support staff who provide counseling and assistance to TRICARE beneficiaries. Topics covered include TRICARE eligibility, TRICARE programs and plans and online resources. Registration is needed to take the course and "graduates" who pass the test at the end of the course receive a certificate from TRICARE. To take one of the offered courses, go to [www.tricare.mil/tricareu](http://www.tricare.mil/tricareu) and click "online training" for a list of options.

- Restricted Area Badge in the HIANG Compound. **CM Sgt Ray G. Duropan**, the NCOIC of the 154<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron sent out the following information about the use of restrictive area badges (RAB) in the 154<sup>th</sup> Wing compound at Hickam AFB. The requirement for wearing a RAB is a result of the Navy policy as part of the consolidation into Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam. Chief Duropan's update was as of May 11, 2010. Retiree News will have any policy clarification in a future issue.

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I have received numerous calls and e-mails regarding this issue so I will attempt to clarify the mandatory wear of the RAB. As a result of Joint Basing, the Navy has mandated that RAB be displayed within the HIANG compound area. I am in the process of getting the written policy from the Navy. The old policy which was issued several years back is no longer valid. Again if you enter the HIANG compound via any of our gates, the RAB must be displayed. The following areas is not in the compound area, FSS, Medical, Dining Facility, CE, 201st building etc. Enforcement of this new directive will be limited for now, allowing time for personnel to obtain their RAB's.

- Updated Information on Health Care Reform. **Sandy Hashimoto** of our Human Resources Office sent out an Office of Personal Management e-mail with the following information about Health Care Reform. If you carried your Federal medical program into retirement, you should go to the reference website.

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We have updated the information on Health Care Reform at [www.opm.gov/insure/health/reform/index.asp](http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/reform/index.asp). We will continue to update this page as more information becomes available. We have included the most recent post below.

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management has been preparing to implement the Affordable Care Act since the day it was signed into law. We want Federal employees, retirees, and their families to enjoy the benefits of this landmark legislation as soon as possible, and we are working on this with our partners in the White House, Congress, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and other agencies every day.

Under the Affordable Care Act, adult children up to age 26 will be eligible for health insurance coverage at the start of the next benefit plan year. The effective date of this provision is the first day of the plan year that is six months following enactment of the law. For the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program, that means January 1, 2011. Though we are eager to provide coverage to young adults prior to January 1, the current law governing the FEHB Program specifically prohibits us from doing so. Chapter 89 of title 5, United States

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Code, says unmarried dependent children are covered until age 22. Until the new law goes into effect, we must follow existing law.

We are working diligently with the Congress to address this matter and Congress has introduced legislation to address this issue.

In the meantime, children turning 22 are automatically covered for an additional 31 days under the parent's coverage policy. During this time, families can decide to continue FEHB coverage for their adult child for up to 36 months through the Temporary Continuation of Coverage (TCC) program. Under TCC, adult children can continue their coverage by enrolling as an individual in any FEHB plan. Though there is no Federal contribution toward the premium, the coverage policy is not subject to underwriting or pre-existing condition exclusions. Information about TCC is available at [www.opm.gov/insure/health/faq/tcc.asp](http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/faq/tcc.asp).

● 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

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.

**Roberto Carlos**  
**Victor Ioli**  
**Norman Chang**  
**Chris Wilson**  
**Tom Gresch**  
**Edward Uyeda**

**Edward Correa**  
**C. Hutton Smith**  
**Patrick Casey**  
**Steve Ware**  
**Katherine Asato**

The addresses now total **1300** 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.

**Kenneth Chong** (update)  
**Harold Uyeda**  
**David Aponte**

**Emmy Maikui-Grambusch** (update)  
**Edwin Biete**

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**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....

**Albert Hollingsworth Cruz Sr.**, 66, of Guam, formerly of Makakilo, passed away on April 23, 2010. Born in Honolulu. Hawai'i National Guard veteran; household goods inspector for U.S. Navy in Guam. Survived by son, Albert Jr.; former wife, Greer; daughter, Kristie Cruz Chang; brothers, Danny, Valmores Sr. and Virgil Kalaola and Ricky; sisters, Wilhemina Moniz, Laverne Niebeling, Carrie Sato, Shirley Mae Coleman and Chareen Mendiola; six grandchildren.

**Tauveve Faisiotamoi Vivao**, 42, of Aiea, passed away on May 11, 2010. Born in American Samoa. First Samoan police officer working for the Marine Corps Base Hawaii at Kaneohe Bay; retired Hawai'i Army National Guard staff sergeant; supervisor of Hamilton and McCabe. Survived by wife, Talalelei; children, JaclynLei-Fonoti Von Dincklage, Justin Fonoti, Jessica Fonoti, Tony Mendoza, Jordan Fonoti, Leilani, Jesslyn Fonoti, Loini and Tauveve Jr; six grandchildren; mother, Loini; hanai mother, Maili Salatielu; brothers, Neemia, Taliese and Sasa; sisters, Tina, Saimua, Fetaiaina, Tofaaga, Sinoi and Sepi.

## **6. Retiree Update.**



• **BG Chaves Gets a New Position and a Promotion.** **BG Joseph Chaves** will leave his current position as the Commander of the Hawai'i Army National Guard to become the Deputy Commanding General of United States Army Pacific. The position is a two star billet and he will pin on his second star when he assumes his new position. Congratulations to the General!

As reported earlier, **BG Gary Hara** will become the Commander of the Hawai'i Army National Guard. **Col Bruce Oliveira** will become the Assistant Adjutant General, Army. Congratulations go to both General Hara and COL Oliveira!

• **Senate Confirms Miyamoto as U.S. Marshal for Hawai'i.** **Gervin Miyamoto**, a 38-year veteran of county, state and federal law enforcement agencies, has won confirmation from the U.S. Senate to become U.S. Marshal for Hawai'i. The May 28 announcement was made today by the offices of U.S. Sens. Daniel K. Inouye and Daniel K. Akaka. Miyamoto succeeds Mark "Dutch" Hanohano.



Miyamoto was a Honolulu police officer for 25 years and served 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. He retired from HPD in 1995 and spent four years as the State Counterdrug Coordinator. He then became the Department of Justice's Law Enforcement Coordinator under then U.S. Attorney Edward H. Kubo Jr.

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, according to the senators.

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Gervin Miyamoto enlisted in the Hawai'i Army National Guard and later was commissioned through the Officer Candidate School. He later transferred to the Hawai'i Air National Guard where he served as the commander of the 154<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron.

Congratulations to Gervin!

● Parade Brings Out 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Veterans. **CSM (Ret) Robert N. Inouye**, **SGM (Ret) Milton Yee**, and **CPT (Ret) Henry Choy**, dedicated a lot of time and effort organizing the 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade veterans participation in the "Aloha to Our Military 'Ohana Then and Now" parade. A great turnout of veterans marshaled at Kuroda Field at Fort DeRussey early on the morning to May 22. These veterans lead the parade, riding trolleys down Kalākaua Avenue from Fort DeRussey to Kapi'olani Park. A Super Job by these retirees!

The following is a great article Bob Inouye wrote about the veterans' participation on parade day. A Big Mahalo to Bob!

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Every 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade veteran who participated in the "Aloha to Our Military Ohana - Then and Now" parade had a great time. Twenty-two 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade veterans showed up to participate in the parade while others showed up at the 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team Change of Command ceremony at Kapi'olani Park. It was a great opportunity to see old friends and recall the old days. Everyone who showed up at Fort DeRussey was able to ride in the trolley reserved especially for our group. We also had the privilege of having five 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Soldiers ride with us to include **1SG Rudy Gabrillo** from the 29th Brigade Support Battalion.

The following retired 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade veterans rode in the parade.

**SSG Mike Batangan**, Company D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 299<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
**CPT Henry Choy**, HQ, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade  
**CSM Ray Gibo**, HQ, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade  
**CSM Robert Inouye**-HQ, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade  
**CW4 Keith Kubota**, 29<sup>th</sup> Support Battalion  
**LTC Tom Madeira**, now with the 227<sup>th</sup> Engineers (USAR)  
**CSM Jack Makuakane**, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 487<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery  
**MSG Clyde Mole**, 29<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion (This was Clyde's last drill!)  
**SGT Tom Moriwaki**, Company D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 299<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
**MSG Ernie Pigao**, Battery C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 487<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery  
**SGT Ronald Puaala**, Company D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 299<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
**CSM Jim Reis**, HQ, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade  
**SFC Andy Ruiz**, Company D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 299<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
**MSG Mark Shiraishi**, H&H Service Battery, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 487<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery  
**1SG Francis Stone**, Company A, 29<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion  
**SGM Nathan Watanabe**, HQ, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade  
**MSG Les Yamamoto**, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, -487<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery  
**SGT Glen Yamashita**, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 487<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery  
**CSM Bert Yanagida**, Troop E, 19<sup>th</sup> Air Cavalry  
**SGM Milton Yee**, HQ, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade  
**SGT Gerard Vierra**, Company D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 299<sup>th</sup> Infantry

An unexpected, but pleasant surprise was a **Leonard Ho**, who was actually looking for the Vietnam Vet group when ran into us. When we asked him if he had any association with the 29th IB, he said he had joined the 29th IB back in the 60s, but went into the USMC, then Vietnam after that. **CW4(Ret) Richard Hargrave** and **CSM(Ret)Bert Hamakado** stopped by to

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chat, but had to march with their own groups. Rich is the Commander of his Civil Air Patrol at Kalaeloa, and Bert is active with the Sons and Daughters of the 100th Infantry Battalion Organization. Bernard Lee came by to say, "hi", but was marching with his VFW unit. **COL(Ret) James Iha** and **CSM(Ret) Raymond Sakai** had originally planned to join us in the parade, but were unable to make it to the start and were present at the Change of Command ceremony.

Most of the veterans wore organizational shirts, while others wore their old fatigue/battle dress tops. **Tom Moriwaki** and **Leonard Ho** wore their full jungle fatigues, and **Bert Yanagida** still had his original jungle fatigue top from Vietnam.

There was a lot of cheering from the crowd, and **MG Robert G.F. Lee**, our Adjutant General, was overjoyed at seeing us as we passed the reviewing stand. **Ronald Puaala** kept the crowd's attention on the 29th Inf Bde Veterans by ringing the trolley bell through the entire parade. Way to go Ronald!

Pizza, hot dogs and ice cream were free as well as the entertainment. **Mrs. Jeanne Oliveira**, **COL Bruce Oliveira's** beautiful wife and former Miss Hawaii, performed with her group, The Liberty Belles. Great singing, great performance!

*Lava!*

- The 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team Change of Command. Congratulations to everyone involved with the planning and execution of the 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team's change of command ceremony. The ceremony took place after the Soldiers marched down Kalākaua Avenue in the "Aloha to Our Military Ohana Then and Now" parade. The brigade looked impressive with all assigned units represented. **BG Joseph Chaves**, **COL Keith Tamashiro** and **COL Bruce Oliviera** all had great speeches. Attending the ceremony were several former brigade commanders along with a large number of retirees who took part in the parade. It was a great Hawai'i Army National Guard day!

- New 199<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron Commander Selected. **Lt Col Stephen Su'a-Filo**, commander of the 154<sup>th</sup> Operations Group announced the selection of **Lt Col Christopher "Frenchy" Faurot** as the next 199<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron Commander. In his announcement e-mail, Lt Col Su'a-Filo said, "Frenchy joins a great legacy of leaders that have taken the 199 FS to new heights as they have taken on new challenges as well as transitioned from one weapon system to another. As the 199<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron takes on the challenges of TFI and the new "Raptor", Lt Col Faurot's leadership and guidance will play a big part in its success.

Send congratulatory e-mail: [christopher.faurot@hick.af.mil](mailto:christopher.faurot@hick.af.mil)

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

**SSG Andres, Alcain Jr.**, Det 1, Company D, 29<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion

**SSG Dominic K. Lapinig**, Company D, 29<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion

**MSG Samuel David III**, HIARNG Element, Joint Force Headquarters

**COL Alika Watts**, HIARNG Element, Joint Force Headquarters

- Another Successful Hawai'i FoodBank Drive. Congratulations go to the 154<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron for all their hard work spearheading the department's annual FoodBank drive. The 154 LRS has volunteered to chair this annual public service project for many years. The State Department of Defense – Army and Air Guard and the State employees – exceeded

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their goal by collect over 1500 pounds of food. Special thanks to everyone who donated canned goods and purchased benefit t-shirts.

● HIARNG Officer Promotions. The Hawai'i Army National Guard G1 Branch staff provided the names of the following officers promoted in April and May 2010. Congratulations to all!

**CPT Nicole Collins**, Company B, -Det 1 2 & 3, 777th Aviation Support Battalion

**CPT Brian Ouimet**, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 487<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery

**MAJ James Feafiami**, HQ & HQ Company, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team

**MAJ Doreen Uehara**, 298<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Multifunctional Training Brigade

**MAJ Joseph Tolentino**, Company B, -Det 1 2 & 3, 777th Aviation Support Battalion

**LTC Loren Penny**, Hawai'i Recruiting & Retention Battalion

Send congratulatory e-mail using this format: [firstname.lastname@us.army.mil](mailto:firstname.lastname@us.army.mil)

● Retiree Connections.

- **Scott Knowles**, who served as a Traditional Guard member in the 154<sup>th</sup> Wing Safety office emailed with some questions about the F-22 Raptor arrival. Scott is civilian employee with the Army at the US Army Pacific (USARPAC) Safety Office. He returned about a year ago from a tour in Korea. Hope to see Scott at the arrival ceremony!

- I talked to **Leighton Siu** about some flag protocol questions recently. The retired Sergeant Major now works for US Army Pacific as a protocol officer. He was Governor Linda Lingle's protocol officer for a few years after his retirement. He is definitely the go-to person for protocol matters. Thanks to the Sergeant Major for his continuing support when I have protocol questions!

- **Carol Service** is recovering from some medical challenges. She had eye surgery done and continued bleeding complicated her situation. She is on the road to recovery after another surgery to stop the bleeding. Carol was in good spirits when I talked to her. She said she is doing well, with the help of her husband Ric and "a lot of eye drops." Keep Carol in your thoughts and prayers.

- I had the opportunity to talk to **Carol (Yamaguchi) Kellett** at Brig Gen Ann Greenlee's pinning ceremony. Carol was a retired Traditional member who started in the Munitions branch and later moved to the 154<sup>th</sup> Wing Safety Office. She served as a long-term temporary technician with the Safety office and did a super job. Carol still works as a librarian at Hamilton Library at the University of Hawai'i - Mānoa. I forgot to ask if she is still on the teaching faculty. Great catching up with Carol!

- I recently met **Bruce Spears** through a mutual friend. Bruce was the battalion commander of the 487<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery for several years in the mid-nineties. He continues as a captain in the Honolulu Fire Department.

- **Leslie Mizumoto** was in town from his home on Kaua'i. He said he comes to Honolulu about once a month for a commissary and BX run. Les is retired both from his civilian job and from the HIANG. Another smiling retiree – Great seeing Les!

● 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

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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.

In talking to some crewmembers in this issue's photo, this was a Hawai'i Air National Guard deployment to Holloman AFB, New Mexico prior to the 199<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron's conversion to the F-15A Eagles. The squadron flew F-4C Phantoms at the time and the photograph shows some of the pilots and weapons systems officers (WSOs) who deployed.



Back row: **Dalwyn Wong, Clint "Church" Churchill, Mike "Rainbow" Chow, Fred "TRIFOX" Fogel, Art "Sky" Hicks, Joe "Primo" Ah New, Joe Akim**

Front row: **Leroy "Stringer" Perry, Stan "Ossum" Osserman; Bill "Rocket" Spillane, Jeff Burrows, Omar "OJ" Faufata**

**7. Upcoming Events.** The events listed are by the event date. The red star ★ denotes new postings since the last issue of *Retiree News*.

★ **Retirement Party for Lt Col Scott Hoadley.** There will be a retirement party honoring **Lt Col Scott "Rats" Hoadley**. The specifics follow:

When: Friday, July 26, 2010  
Time: Starts at 1700  
Where: Natsunoya Tea House  
1935 Makanani Drive in Alewa Heights  
Cost: \$40.00 per person; gift only: \$5.00

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RSVP: Thursday, July 1, 2010; checks payable to [Peter Ching](#)

POC: [Lt Col Peter Ching](#), [peter.ching@hihick.ang.af.mil](mailto:peter.ching@hihick.ang.af.mil) or 448-8331  
[Lt Col Merv Oyafuso](#), [mervin.oyafuso@hihick.ang.af.mil](mailto:mervin.oyafuso@hihick.ang.af.mil) or 448-7270  
[Mrs. Donna Hoadley](#), [donna.hoadley@hihick.ang.af.mil](mailto:donna.hoadley@hihick.ang.af.mil) or 655-7094  
[Lt Col Glen Nakamura](#), [glen.nakamura@hihick.ang.af.mil](mailto:glen.nakamura@hihick.ang.af.mil) or 448-7230

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



- Save the Date – F-22 Raptor Arrival. The much anticipated arrival ceremony for the Hawai'i Air National Guard's first F-22 Raptor is set for Friday, July 9, 2010. The ceremony will start at 1300 at Hickam AFB.

There will be a cocktail/dinner celebration at the lū'au grounds at Lanikuhonua in Ko 'Olina that evening starting at 1800.

More details to come.

The photo to the left shows how the F-22 Raptor tail flash will look.

★ Save the Date – Hawai'i National Guard Birthday Ball. This year's Hawai'i National Guard Birthday Ball is on Saturday, December 11, 2010 at the J.W. Marriott Ihilani Resort and Spa in Kapolei. This joint event celebrates the 374<sup>th</sup> Birthday of our National Guard's beginnings. The planning meetings for this annual event have already begun. Definitely more details to come.

## 8. Website Links.

★ The 2010 Issues of the 154<sup>th</sup> Wing's newspaper, the *Kūkā'ilimoku*, is on the Hawaii State Department of Defense's website. Go to: <http://hawaii.gov/dod/hiang/kukailimoku/2010-kukailimoku-issues>. If the link does not work, copy it to your internet browser.

- 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 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 Spring 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/Spring10/Spring\\_2010.pdf](http://www.ng.mil/features/onguard-mag/pdf/Spring10/Spring_2010.pdf). If the link does not work, copy it to your internet browser. This is a very slow loading website.

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

- The May-June 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

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