

20101026 Retiree News

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 to 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 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.

- **No COLAs for Federal retirees in 2011.** Federal retirees will not receive cost-of-living adjustments next year, based on a decision by the [Social Security Administration](#). SSA on Friday announced monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income will not increase in 2011. The decision also applies to the pensions of retired federal employees. Those benefits rise in coordination with the cost of living.

COLAs are determined based on a formula that takes into account increases in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers. There was no CPI-W increase from the third quarter of 2008 to the third quarter of 2010, so there will be no COLA in 2011.

SSA also announced there will be no change in the maximum amount of earnings subject to Social Security tax.

- **Retired Federal Employees Could See One-time Social Security Bonus.** The following article written by Emily Long, appeared on the Government Executive website on October 19, 2010.

Federal retirees could receive an additional \$250 retirement payment if Congress approves pending legislation this winter. The 2010 Seniors Protection Act (H.R. 5987), introduced in July, would provide a one-time \$250 payment to Social Security recipients, including retirees under the Federal Employees Retirement System, veterans and disability recipients, if there is no cost-of-living adjustment in 2011.

The Social Security Administration on Friday announced there will be no COLA next year. As a result, Social Security and Supplemental Security Income, including Federal retiree pensions, will not increase.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., last week said the legislation would be brought to the floor during the lame duck session if no COLA is awarded. In a letter to Pelosi, National Treasury Employees Union President Colleen Kelley expressed support for the legislation, but said the benefit should be extended to Federal workers not eligible for Social Security, such as Civil Service Retirement System enrollees.

"Adding public sector retirees, including those under CSRS, to the pool of those eligible to receive the \$250 benefit will enhance the legislation's intent and provide critical economic relief to our nation's public sector retirees," Kelley said in a statement.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association President Margaret Baptiste urged members to push for the bill's passage, but expressed concern that some Federal retirees would not be eligible for the relief provided to Social Security recipients.

- Many Veterans Will Be Helped by 2010 Veterans' Benefit Act. *Military Times* contributing writer, Tom Philpott, covered the new 2010 Veterans' Benefit Act in his October 8, 2010 column.
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It's unusual for Congress to pass a comprehensive bill to help thousands of veterans with a final legislative sprint that leaves veterans' service organizations wondering what just happened. But that's what the Senate and House did last week. After a burst of closed-door compromises, they agreed to and separately passed the Veterans' Benefits Act of 2010 (HR 3219), sent it on to the president. The package has no clear blockbuster initiative. But it improves many veterans' benefits including some allowances for disabled veterans and various veterans' insurance options. Employment protections are toughened for those returning to civilian jobs.

Service members moving out of phone service areas will be able to sever cell phone contracts without penalty. And new federal grants will be authorized for job training and counseling, childcare services to homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children.

"I think it's fantastic and I'm truly incredulous that it went through as fast as it did," said Tim Tetz, the American Legion's legislative director.

A week before passage Tetz said he and the Legion's national commander had visited with Senator Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii), chairman of the veterans' affairs committee. Knowing Congress would adjourn soon and not return until after the November election, the Legion had urged Akaka to clear an omnibus benefits bill at least during the post-election lame duck session. Akaka said a bill was being worked. A week later, to Tetz's surprise, a bill chock full of initiatives had passed both the House and Senate. "It's quite expansive," said Tetz. "It will be hard to find a veteran that in some way won't be touched by it."

"The package is excellent," said Joe Violante, legislative director for Disabled American Veterans. "There are new and expanded provisions for disabled veterans that should help them in a lot of different areas."

"We have about 20 to 25 separate bills in there," said Representative Bob Filner (D-Calif.), chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, in a phone interview. "It's an incredible move forward for all our veterans, whether talking about those on the street or those suffering from mental illness or women veterans facing sexual trauma. I mean it touches virtually every issue that we've been working on for several years."

The House passed an original HR 3219 in July last year with a contentious provision to establish a \$1000 a month-payment to former World War II merchant marines regardless of need or disability. Senators and even many vet groups refused to support it, arguing it created a benefit not available to other vets. WWII-era merchant marines, they argued, already have full veteran status and can apply for VA benefits including a needs-based pension for the elderly. When House negotiators agreed to remove the merchant marine language, the benefit package came together, expanded by a final packet of Senate amendments, many of them bills already passed by the House.

Here are highlights to take effect when the bill is signed:

- An automobile assistance allowance for veterans who have lost limbs or have other qualifying disabilities will increase from \$11,000 to \$18,900. It also will be adjusted for inflation on Oct. 1 each year.
- The funeral or burial payment for veterans who die in a VA facility or who are eligible to be buried in a VA cemetery will increase from \$300 to \$700. This payment too will increase annually for inflation but after 2011.
- Supplemental insurance for totally disabled veterans will increase from \$20,000 up to \$30,000.
- Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) coverage for totally disabled veterans will be permanently extended to two years, from 18 months, after they leave service. This change will be applied retroactively to persons separated from service on or after June 15, 2005.
- The maximum loan guarantee amount under the Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance program will increase from \$90,000 to \$150,000. It will increase again, to \$200,000, on Jan. 1, 2012.
- Individuals who qualify for retroactive traumatic injury protection coverage under SGLI (called TSGLI) will be expanded to include veterans who incurred qualifying traumatic injuries on or after Oct. 7, 2001, but before December 1, 2005, regardless of where the injuries occurred.
- Veterans will be able to increase Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI) coverage by \$25,000 every five years until reaching age 60.
- The Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act (SCRA) will be modified to allow service members to terminate cellular telephone contracts when ordered to relocate for a period of 90 days or more to an area not supported by the contract.
- The SCRA also will give service members a "private right of action" to file their own lawsuits against those who violate their legal rights. They no longer will have to wait for enforcement action by a federal agency.

The SCRA is strengthened in two other ways, said retired Navy Captain Samuel F. Wright, a legal expert with the Reserve Officers Association. It now will allow for the Department of Justice to bring a civil action against SCRA violators and those found guilty will have to pay court costs and service members' attorney fees. "That's very valuable," Wright explained, because SCRA claimants will find it so much easier to find a lawyer.

Architects of the bill found a way to pay for these improvements and many more by extending a reduction in VA pensions for veterans who have no spouse or children and who are covered by a Medicaid plan while residing in a nursing home. This allows the bill actually to save the VA \$394 million over five years and a total of \$8 million over the next decade.

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 if you can share them.

Orlan "Bud" Peterson
Tammy Szabo
George Lumives
Jeffrey Okazaki
Norman Chang

Joseph Spatola
Mark Waddell
Francis Kawahara
Roberto Carlos
Patrick Casey

Chris Wilson
Tom Gresch

Steve Ware
Katherine Asato

The addresses now total **1350** 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. 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.

George Katsumoto
Hubert Chang
Edward Wong
Gilbert Cera (update)
Francis Aihara
Alvin Tenn

Victor Ioli (update)
William Rose
Louis Miranda (update)
Randy Tomoyasu
Norman Saito
Dennis Uyehara

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....

Thomas Kalani Lopez Jr., 83, of Wahiawā, passed away on October 4, 2010. An Army and Hawai'i Army National Guard veteran who served in the Korean War, died in Wahiawā. He was born in Hale'iwa. He is survived by wife Katherine; sons Thomas II and Gerald Lopez and Richard Hoaeae; daughters Linda Salinas, Lorraine Farias, Alberta J. Rivera, Yvonne Magallanes and Betty Lou Melanson; hanai daughter Beate Lamm; brother Richard Spillner; sisters Irene Primacio and Maile Caban; 18 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Herman Kwai Sing Auyong, 75, of Henderson, Nevada, passed away on August 7, 2010. A Dean Witter Reynolds and Morgan Wedbush account executive and an Air Force and Hawai'i Air National Guard veteran, died in Henderson. He was born in Honolulu. He is survived by wife Evelyn; son Scott; daughter Liane Imamura; sisters Angie Brooks, Elaine Young, Jennie Lum and Mary Lau; and three grandchildren.

6. Retiree Update.

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

Frank Calvo, Company C, 29th Brigade Support Battalion
Promoted to Captain effective October 7, 2010
Send congratulatory e-mail: frank.d.calvo@us.army.mil

Michael Caraang, HIARNG Element, Joint Force Headquarters
Promoted to Major effective October 7, 2010
Send congratulatory e-mail: michael.caraang@us.army.mil

William Crawford, HIARNG Element, Joint Force Headquarters
Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel effective October 7, 2010
Send congratulatory e-mail: william.crawford9@us.army.mil

Troy Kindred, HIARNG Element, Joint Force Headquarters
Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel effective October 7, 2010

Send congratulatory e-mail: troy.kindred@us.army.mil

Tyson Tahara, HIARNG Element, Joint Force Headquarters
Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel effective October 7, 2010
Send congratulatory e-mail: tyson.tahara@us.army.mil

- 154 CES Change of Command Ceremony/Retirement Ceremony. **COL Ryan Okahara**, the 154th Mission Support Group Commander cordially invites you to a Change of Command and Retirement Ceremony. **Lt Col Gary W. Teed** will relinquish command of the 154th Civil Engineer Squadron to **Lt Col Troy R. Wertz**. The Retirement Ceremony for Lt Col Teed will follow. The ceremonies will commence at 1400 hours on Sunday, November 7, 2010 at the 154th Wing Dining Facility, Building 3417. Attire is uniform of the day for military and aloha attire for civilians. Refreshment will follow in the 154 CES compound. Congratulations to both officers.

RSVP if you plan to attend by Wednesday, October 29, 2010 to **Joline Inouye** at 448-7752 or joline.inouye@hihick.af.mil.

Send congratulatory e-mail:
troy.wertz@hihick.af.mil
gary.teed@hihick.af.mil

- 154 LRS Assumption of Command Ceremony. The commander of the 154th Mission Support Group, **Col Ryan Okahara**, cordially invites you to attend an Assumption of Command Ceremony of the 154th Logistics Readiness Squadron. **Lt Col Taison Tanaka** will assume command of the squadron.

When: Sunday, November 7, 2010

Time: 0900

Location: Flightline (Between Bldg 3400 and 3416)
Within the F-22 compound

Attire: Military: uniform of the day
Civilian: Aloha attire

POC: **MSgt Darrell Bactad**, 448-7342 or darrell.bactad@hickam.af.mil

RSVP: Friday, October 29, 2010

Send congratulatory e-mail: taison.tanaka@hickam.af.mil

- Retirement Ceremony for the 154 MSG First Sergeant. The 154th Mission Support Group First Sergeant, **MSgt Howard Naone**, will retire on November 30, 2010. In civilian life, Howard will continue with the Honolulu Fire Department, where he is a fire captain. The Shirt sent out the following e-mail last Friday.

To my fellow airman active and retired,

Since January 1981, I have spent my time with you at drills, training exercises and far away deployments. Having spent 24 years working avionics on the F-4 and F-15 taught me to focus on the fight. Whether it was staying on task, working safely and ensuring our planes were on time and on target, I made sure my work was honorable. The final 6 years of my career as your first sergeant have given me the chance ensure our airman were ready for the fight.

I learned so much from all of you my peers, mentors, superiors, subordinates and most of all, friends. The lessons of leadership were all good for my growth in knowing what to do and also what not to do. I attribute my success in both my military and civilian careers to my training as an airman. I believe I served my units with honor and dignity expected of a highly trained avionics craftsman and first sergeant.

A great and wise man named Paul of Tarsus wrote once, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." It is sometimes hard to see the finish line when we least expect it. But when you take accountability of all your life's work, ups and downs, the struggles and the joys; you'll find that its the relationships grafted together and nurtured that are our greatest accomplishments. For those accomplishments, the fight was good, the finish is sweet and I will always have faith that the HIANG will do great things for our state and nation. Honor, respect and dignity have been my goal as I've served and its truly been a blessing to have served along side all of you.

In my retirement, I will continue to cultivate relationships, first and foremost with my creator, then my family, my friends and then whomever I my creator asks me to help cultivate. So the next few dates for me go as follows:

- * Retirement Ceremony- 6 Nov 2010, 1500hrs, 154 Dining Facility
(Following the Top Three Quarterly meeting)
- * Final workday at 154 MSG- 30 Nov 2010
- * Retirement Paina- 4 Dec 2010, 1430hrs, Hickam Beach Cabana #1

Please join me in thanking the HIANG and my fellow airman for a great career and memories I shall never forget. Aloha Ke Akua...

Thanks and have a great HIANG day.

Howard K. Naone, MSgt, HIANG
First Sergeant
154th Mission Support Group

Send congratulatory e-mail: capt_howie@yahoo.com

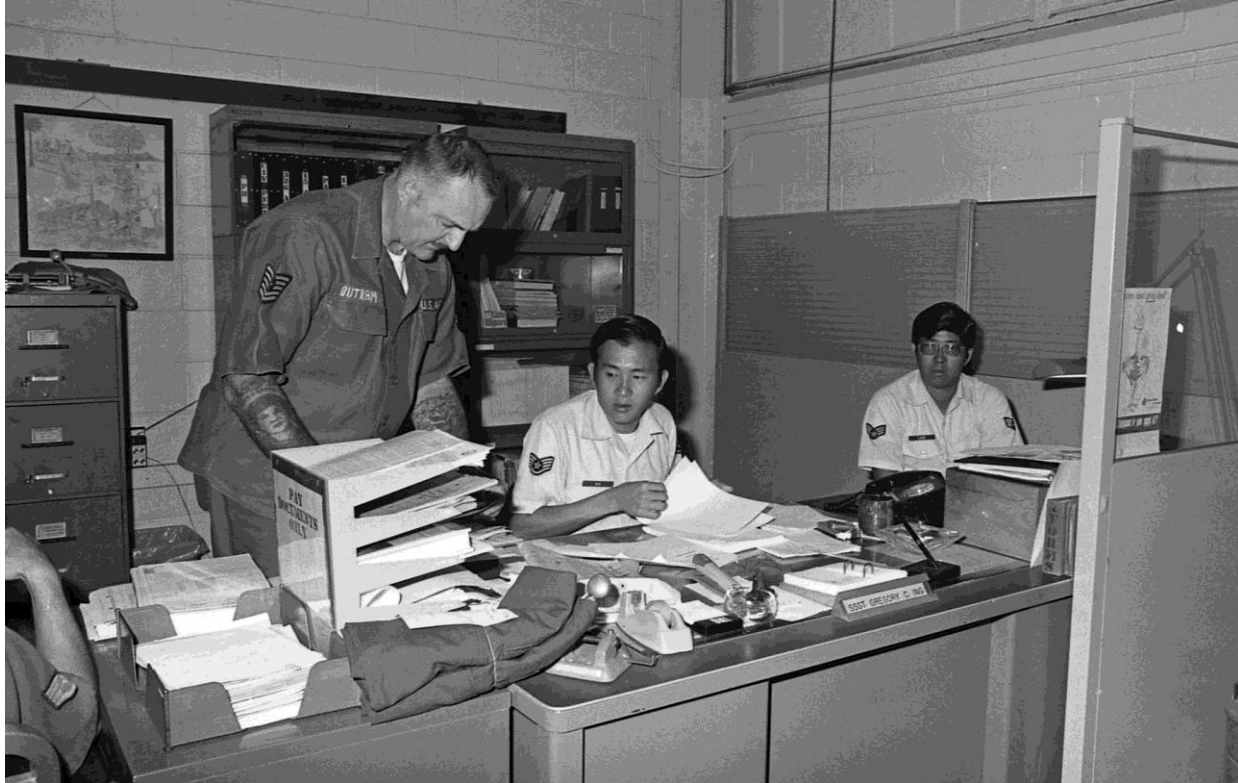
● Retiree Connections.

- **Ted Merrill** served as the 154th Wing's Historian and earlier in the 293rd Combat Communications Squadron. In our recent e-mail exchange he said, "I retired from the Honolulu Police Department on June 1st after 22.5 years in uniformed patrol. A lot of things lined up right for me, so I got out with 26.5 years on paper after I'd bought my military time back from the State. Keeping busy three days a week removing graffiti in Wahiawā. The owner of North Shore Shark Adventures is paying for me and the supplies to do that, out of his own pocket as a way of giving back to world. Very cool! I've always had a special hate for graffiti, so now I get to take care of all the graffiti in the town that I live, and get some folding money for it to boot! My little way of still trying to make the world a little bit better of a place. Win-win-win!"

- **Gilbert Cera** sent in his e-mail address update. Gilbert served in the Life Support section for many years. He worked fulltime as a civilian on Hickam AFB for many years and added these comments. "Yup! I have decided to join the retiree ranks early next year and shortly thereafter resettle with my wife Kay in Hilo. Funny thing is after working over 30 years for the Air Force, I'll be retiring from the Navy due to joint basing. I continue ministering and perpetuating the Hawaiian culture as the assistant minister of Kealiiokamalu Church in

Hale'iwa. Mahalo Nui Galen! for all that you do for the Guard Ohana and the overall retiree information you provide to us."

- Checking Out Old Photos. **Ted Merrill**'s last assignment with the Hawai'i Air National Guard was the 154th 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 photograph shows the then **SSgt Gregory Ing** at work at the 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron. When asked about the other two Airmen in the photograph, Greg replied:

So long ago **TSgt Theodore Outram**, Food Service NCOIC is to the left. Don't remember the person on the right. Maybe **Roy Chee** might remember. Guess this picture was taken in the early '70s in the front office of 169th ACWS, Wheeler AFB.

Roy Chee added his comments.

I don't recognize the three-striper on the right. Believe the picture was taken at Building 204 (the old 169 ACWS facility), Wheeler AFB when Greg Ing was still in Admin.

Update:

Greg eventually transferred to the 201st Combat Communications Group at Hickam AFB, and later relocated to Maui, where he served with the 292nd Combat Communications Squadron. He retired as a Chief Master Sergeant and his last assignment was as the Maintenance Superintendent. Greg's wife, **Geraldine Ing** served as the NCOIC of the squadron's support section. They remained on Maui after their retirements.

Ted continued serving until his retirement. His current status is unknown.

Roy also moved to the 201st Combat Communications Group and retired as a Senior Master Sergeant. Since his retirement, Roy and his wife have done a lot of traveling worldwide.

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

• 154 SFS Family Support Fundraiser Bowling Tournament. The 154th Security Forces Squadron Family Support Group will host a no-tap fundraiser bowling tournament. There will be trophies for the top three teams and for the top male and female bowlers. Contact **CMSgt Ray Duropan** to get the entry form. There will be a \$1.00 raffles for fabulous prizes.

When: Friday, 29 October 2010

Time: Check in at 1730

Where: Hickam AFB Bowling Lanes

Cost: \$20.00 per bowler, includes bowling fees for three games

RSVP: Wednesday, October 20, 2010; checks payable to **154 SFS Family Support**

POC: **CMSgt Ray Duropan**, 448-7262 or ray.duopan@hickam.af.mil

★ HNGEA Annual General Membership Meeting. The Hawai'i National Guard Enlisted Association will hold its annual general membership meeting. Agenda topics include elections, and the National Conference Report. The specifics follow:

When: Saturday, **October 30, 2010 (date changed from October 23, 2010)**

Where: [Oahu Veterans Center, 1298 Kukila St., Honolulu, Hawai'i 96818](#)

Time: 0900-1100

Contact **CMSgt Ethan Toyama** for more information ethan.toyama@hickam.af.mil.

Related Sites: www.hngea.net and www.eangus.org.



• TAG's Retirement Lū'au. The Hawai'i National Guard cordially invites you to the retirement lū'au in honor of **MG Robert G. F. Lee**, The Adjutant General of the State of Hawaii. The specifics follow:

When: Sunday, November 7, 2010

Where: [Hale Koa Hotel](#), Luau Garden
2055 Kalia Road, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96825

Time: 1700: Cocktails
1830: Dinner and program

Menu: Traditional Hawaiian lū'au

Cost: Officer/Civilian: \$45.00

Enlisted: \$35.00

Checks payable to "**DoD Retirement and Service Award Fund**"

Attire: Aloha attire

RSVP: Monday, October 11, 2010

Retirees: contact **Col Randy Tom**, 672-1226 or randy.tom@us.army.mil

★ Lt Col Teed Retirement Golf Tournament. The 154th Civil Engineer Squadron will host a retirement gold tournament for Lt Col Gary Teed. Contact the POCs for more information and to get an entry form.

When: Manday December 6, 2010
Time: Check-in at 1030, Start time at 1200
Where: Mamala Bay Golf course, Hickam AFB
Cost: Cost includes post pay food and drinks
E1-E4 \$45.00
E5-O3 \$55.00
O4 & above \$60.00
DoD civilian \$60.00
Civilian \$65.00
Dinner and Gift only \$15.00
Gift only \$5.00
Checks payable to "[154 CES Club](#)"
RSVP: Wednesday, November 10, 2010
POCs: [Maj Cyrus Lung](#), 448-7027 or cyrus.lung@hickam.af.mil
[Joline Inouye](#), 448-7752 or joline.inouye@hickam.af.mil

★ 1st Annual Hiki No Artillery Association 5 Miler. The Hiki No Artillery Association (HNAA) will sponsor its 1st Annual 5 Miler. The fun run is open to all current and past military members, friends, and family members. The goal of the fun run is to promote health and wellness, build community relations, and improve HNAA membership and awareness. There will be prizes for the top finishers and all entrants receive a t-shirt at the finish line. Contact the POC for more information and to get an entry form.

When: Saturday December 11, 2010
Time: Start time at 0700
Where: 1-487th FA Armory, across Wheeler AAF in Wahiawā
Cost: \$20.00 per person
RSVP: Monday November 8, 2010
POC: [1SG Thomas Odoardi](#), 672-1633 / 295-6482 or thomas.odoardi@us.army.mil

★ Hawai'i National Guard Birthday Commemoration. This year's Hawai'i National Guard Birthday Commemoration is on Saturday, December 11, 2010 at the [J.W. Marriott Ihilani Resort and Spa](#) in Kapolei. This joint event celebrates the 374th Birthday of our National Guard's beginnings – the first muster in 1636. When the National Guard's oldest regiments met for their first drill on the village green in Salem, Massachusetts, they were barely 3 months old, organized on December 13th, 1636, the date we now celebrate as the National Guard birthday. The success of the previous Birthday Commemorations has made it a great annual event. The event's planning alternates between the Army and Air Guard with the Army taking the lead in 2010.

A wonderful evening is planned and the committee invites all retirees to attend. It will be a good time to share time with present members and your fellow retirees. See you all there!

The specifics of the Birthday Commemoration dinner follow.

When: Saturday, December 11, 2010
Where: [J.W. Marriott Ihilani Resort and Spa](#) in Kapolei
Time: No-host cocktails will begin at 1700, with dinner to follow

The Evening's Special Menu

Soup: Ewa onion soup with cheese croutons
Salad: Tossed Nalo greens with dried cranberries, Gorgonzola cheese, toasted walnuts
Entrée: *Choose from one of the four tempting entrées*
1. Grilled filet of beef with Lyonnaise potatoes and red wine demi sauce
2. Pan roasted salmon with Lyonnaise potatoes and roasted garlic & sundried tomato sauce
3. Lemon rosemary grilled chicken with Lyonnaise potatoes, mushroom & artichoke ragout
4. Portobello mushroom & tofu torta
Dessert: Chocolate decadence served with Crème Anglaise and birthday cake

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Cost: E4 and Below: \$25  
E5 - E7: \$40  
E8, O3, W1 - W3: \$50  
E9, W4 and Above, O4 and Above: \$65  
Retirees and Civilians: \$50

*Guests: Same Price as Respective Rank*

Checks Payable to: [HING Birthday Commemoration](#)

RSVP: Monday, November 08, 2010

Attire: Military: Best Dress  
Civilians: Coat & Tie and Formal Dress

*Retirees may wear mess dress or Class A/service dress uniforms as prescribed by the applicable Army or Air guidance*

Retiree

POC: [Galen Yoshimoto](#), 672-1221 or [galen.yoshimoto@us.army.mil](mailto:galen.yoshimoto@us.army.mil)

The Ihilani Resort and Spa will offer a special room rate for those who want to spend the night at the hotel. The "run of the house" rate is \$177 per night. Make your reservations by calling (808) 679-0079 and mention "HING Birthday Commemoration".

Hotel's room rates are for single or double occupancy and subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently 13.962%) in effect at the time of check-in. Maximum room occupancy is three (3) persons. Charges for a third person are \$50 per person per night, no additional charge for children (17 years old and under) when accompanied by a paying adult. Group rates will be made available to event attendees for three days before and after the Official Program dates on a space and rate available basis. Special Rate includes self parking for one vehicle. Additional vehicle is \$29 for self or valet parking. Cancellation policy: 72 hours prior.

The room reservation deadline is Wednesday, November 10, 2010.

★ Hawai'i National Guard Birthday Commemoration Golf Tournament. There will be a golf tournament as part of the Hawaii National Guard Birthday Commemoration. The specifics follow.

When: Friday, December 10, 2010

Where: Leilehua golf course

Times: 1000: Registration begins  
1200: Shotgun start  
Awards banquet immediately after completion of play

Format: Three-person Modified Scramble, USGA Rules govern play

Handicap: Only 10% of team handicap will be used, maximum: M - 24, W - 36

POC: **LTC Tyson Tahara**, 672-1456 or [tyson.tahara@us.army.mil](mailto:tyson.tahara@us.army.mil)  
For more information and a registration form

★ Save the Date – 2011 Hawai'i National Guard Association (HNGA) Annual Meeting. The HNGA President **LTC Rusty Spray** announced that the Association's annual meeting will be held March 18-19, 2010, at the Hawai'i Convention Center. He went on saying, "Our conference theme this year is Homeland Security. We chose this theme as Hawaii will be the host for the Asian Pacific Economic Council (APEC) in November 2010. APEC has been designated as a National Special Security Event. We are inviting all organizations within the Department of Defense, Federal, State, County Law Enforcement, and Civil Agencies to attend our Industry day on March 18, 2011."

## **8. Website Links.**

Past issues of Retiree News are on line at the Hawai'i State Department of Defense's website. Go to: <http://hawaii.gov/dod/staff-offices/public-affairs/retiree-news>. If the link does not work, copy it to your internet browser.

The 2010 issues of the 154<sup>th</sup> Wing's newspaper, the Kūkā'ilimoku, is on the Hawai'i 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.

HIANG's Flickr photo sharing site. This site is accessible from any computer with no "registration" required. Go to: [www.flickr.com/photos/hiang](http://www.flickr.com/photos/hiang) for photo for recent HIANG events. The 154<sup>th</sup> Wing Public Affairs Office updates new photos of current events, check the site often.

29th IBCT on Facebook. The 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team has a Facebook page. When you "LIKE" the page, periodic updates will show up in you News Feed. Go To: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Kapolei-HI/29th-Infantry-Brigade-Combat-Team/118015924912193?v=info>

1-487 FA on Facebook. The 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery has a Facebook page. When you log in a "LIKE" the page, periodic updates will show up in your News Feed. Go to: <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100001460924779>

The HIANG on Facebook. The Hawai'i Air National Guard has a Facebook page. When you "LIKE" the page, periodic updates will show up in you News Feed. Go To: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Honolulu-HI/Hawaii-Air-National-Guard/121689041205840>

The October 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 September/October 2010 Issue of *Airman Magazine* is online. View the current issue of *Airman Magazine* at: <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.