

Retiree News

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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@hawaiiintel.net and you will be off the *Retiree News* mailing list.

BENEFIT UPDATES

★ **MUST READ** The National Commission of Fiscal Responsibility and Reform. On February 18, 2010, President Obama established the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform to address America's fiscal challenges.

The Commission task was to identify policies to improve the fiscal situation in the medium term and to achieve fiscal sustainability over the long run. Specifically, the Commission would propose recommendations designed to balance the budget, excluding interest payments on the debt, by 2015. In addition, the Commission would propose recommendations that meaningfully improve the long-run fiscal outlook, including changes to address the growth of entitlement spending and the gap between the projected revenues and expenditures of the Federal Government.

The Commission met as a whole once a month while Congress is in session. On Wednesday, November 10, 2010, the Commission issued its DRAFT report for review. The final report will require the approval of at least 14 of the Commission's 18 members. The Commission will vote on a final report containing a set of recommendations to achieve its mission no later than December 1, 2010.

Michael Dunn, the Air Force Association President, sent out the following letter. It addresses the DRAFT report and has links to summaries of the proposed measures to reduce the deficit. There are proposals for reductions in the DoD budgets, TRICARE, Medicare, Social Security, and taxes.

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AFA members, Congressional staff members, civic leaders, and DOCA members, the subject of deficit reduction is a tough one to write about. Our current deficit this past year was \$1.4 trillion. To put that in perspective, the total amount of personal income tax that is collected each year amounts to approximately \$1 trillion. Thus to close the gap, it will take extraordinary measures – ones that will hard politically and will incite our citizens.

As you know, President Obama formed a bi-partisan National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform. This commission is headed by Erskine Bowles and Alan Simpson. You can find its membership here:

<http://www.fiscalcommission.gov/members>

On Wed, 10 Nov a draft briefing and paper were released by the two co-chairmen. The steps it recommends – including cutting the defense budget by \$100B, as well as many domestic discretionary steps will be very controversial. Take some time to

go through this briefing carefully. I believe it shows the depth of the challenges facing us as a nation. You can find this briefing here:

http://www.fiscalcommission.gov/sites/fiscalcommission.gov/files/documents/CoChair_Draft.pdf

Additionally, a draft paper helps to point out more details than just the briefing. You can find the paper here:

http://www.fiscalcommission.gov/sites/fiscalcommission.gov/files/documents/Illustrative_List_11.10.2010.pdf

I must point out that these documents are still in draft ... and there will be much dialogue before any or all of these recommendations are accepted and turned into law.

Michael M. Dunn
President/CEO
Air Force Association

★ The following article, [Medicare: How to Navigate the Maze](#) appears in the December 2010 issue of *Consumer Reports Magazine*.

The first wave of baby boomers begins turning 65 in January. Many might prefer to ignore that milestone, especially since Social Security has raised the full retirement age to 66 for that cohort. But Medicare eligibility begins at 65, and it's important to get onboard immediately, even if you're still working.

If you're not careful when signing up for Medicare, you can blunder into decisions that could lock you out of certain types of coverage down the road and cost you thousands in extra premiums and out-of-pocket costs over your lifetime.

Here are the most important dos, don'ts, and action points.

Read the entire article at:

<http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/magazine-archive/2010/december/health/medicare/overview/index.htm>

Thanks to **Kyle Kawakami** for sharing this information. Kyle served in the Avionics Branch in 154th Maintenance Group and retired several years ago.

★ The [National Resource Directory](#) is a great site for veterans. A recent press release outlines their mission and resources they offer to stay connected.

Our mission at the National Resource Directory is to provide veterans with high quality resources you need every day. Whether you are a mom, a service member, a brother, a grandmother, a Veteran, or service provider -- we have built this site to help you quickly and easily find resources related to recovery, rehabilitation and community reintegration. The support you provide in your local community plays a tremendous role in the lives of Veterans and their families. We thank you for your service and commitment.

As always, we want your feedback and support. Here are some great ways to stay informed about new resources in your community:

- [Sign up](#) to receive weekly e-mail updates from the NRD.

- [Become a Facebook fan](#) to read our latest news and share resources or feedback.
- [Check out information](#) by state or territory – if you know of resources to add, [let us know](#).
- Give us your feedback. You can always [e-mail the team](#).

Visit today: www.NationalResourceDirectory.gov

Thanks to **Preston Nishie** for sharing this information. Pres retired as Superintendant in Operations at the 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron.

★ Benefit Websites:

Press CONTROL and Click on underlined title to go to the respective website. The information on these websites is updated regularly. Readers should check these sites often.

[DFAS Retirement Pay](#)

[TRICARE](#) / [TriWest Healthcare Alliance](#)

[2011 VA Benefits Summary](#)

[Military.Com Benefits Summary](#)

[Space "A" Travel from Hickam](#)

[National Resource Directory](#)

RETIREE UPDATES

★ Checking Out Old Photos. Someone who wished to remain anonymous provided this photo of **Eddy Compoc**, who served in the Hawai'i Air National Guard. **Darryl Ho**, the retired Chief Master Sergeant who served as the Superintendant of the Consolidated Base Personnel Office (CBPO) provided some background information about Eddy. Special Thanks to the Chief.



Eddy enlisted and spent 10 years on active duty with the Air Force. He joined the HIANG as a Staff Sergeant in the CBPO when it was part of the 154th Combat Support Squadron.

He worked fulltime in the CBPO as an administrative specialist but later took a job in the civilian section and transitioned to a drill status billet.

He returned to technician status when he was hired as an administrative specialist with the then 199th Tactical Fighter Squadron. He later transferred to a fulltime finance technician position in the Comptroller Office.

Eddy was a proud graduate of Kahuku High School – class of 1957. He was one of their staunchest football supporters. Many will remember the large Kahuku logo – the large black “K” in a bright red circle – on his old gray metal government desk.

Many will remember Eddy as diehard volleyball fan and player. He was a regular at the Rainbow Wahine games when the Nā Wahine played in the old Klum Gym on the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa campus.

Eddy Compoc died during a HIANG Fun Run at Bellows AFS in January 1994. He was an outstanding individual and a friend to those who knew him.

★ Ran into **Clifford Toyama** at the Navy Exchange. He retired last July from the 154th Communications Flight. Cliff continues at his civilian position with the Internal Revenue Service. He mentioned that he plans to retire from IRS in a year or two. Even got his updated email address. Great talking to Cliff.

★ A long distance Congratulations goes a good friend **Lt Col Shirley Raguindin**. At the National Guard Bureau Senior Leaders Conference, **Maj Gen Andrew Wyatt**, the Air National Guard Director announced the Lt Col Raguindin will become the ANG Director of Diversity & Cultural Transformation. She currently serves as the Branch Chief, Enterprise Planning & Investment. She will start her new job in January.

★ Understand the **Jerald "FANG" Aoki** is facing some medical challenges. Keep him and his family in your thoughts.

★ Passings:

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....

None this issue

ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS

★ 154th Comptroller Flight Activation and Assumption of Command Ceremony. The Commander of the 154th Wing, **Brig Gen Joseph Kim**, cordially invites you to attend the Activation Ceremony of the 154th Comptroller Flight. As part of the Activation Ceremony, **Maj Claire Tom** will assume command of the newly established Flight. Congratulations to Claire.

When: Saturday, December 4, 2010
Time: Ceremony will start at 0900, Refreshments to follow the ceremony
Where: Building 3400 (Fighter Hanger), Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam
Attire: Military: Uniform of the Day
Civilian: Business Aloha Attire
RSVP by: Tuesday, November 30, 2010
<https://einvitations.afit.edu/Tom921/anim.cfm>
POC: **SSgt Colyn Funakoshi**, 448-7489
colyn.funakoshi@hickam.af.mil

Maj Tom forward these comments with the announcement email.

Aloha:

I'm not sure if it's possible, but are you able to post the e-invite in the *Retiree News*? I'm not sure if they would come, but it would be nice to invite my retired friends, supervisors, etc. from the 169th.

Mahalo Claire

Send congratulatory e-mail: claire.tom@hickam.af.mil

★ Special Thanks to all those involved with the planning of the Farewell Ceremony for **Governor Linda Lingle** and **MG Robert Lee**. The ceremony took place on the Hickam AFB flightline in front of Base Operations. The ceremony included mass formations of Hawai'i Army and Air National Guard members, the 111th Army Band, and the howitzers from the 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery. There were static displays of the HIARNG's brand new UH-60 "Mike" model Black Hawk, the HIANG's C-17 Globemaster, and the F-22 Raptor. The Chief, National Guard Bureau, **General Craig McKinley**, is flying to Hawai'i for the ceremony. MG Lee retires after 39 years of distinguished service to Hawai'i and the nation.

In their speeches, both the Governor and the Adjutant General thanked the Guard members and their families for their support for the past eight years. The photo below shows the formation.



★ Reminder – HIANG Email Address Change. The Hawai'i Air National Guard has completed the integration of the Guard network into the Air Force email network. You should update your email addresses for those who had an Air Guard address. Email addresses shifted from:

firstname.lastname@hihick.ang.af.mil to:

firstname.lastname@hickam.af.mil

★ F-15 Engine Shop Take Softball Tournament. The F-15 Engine shop, led by Head Coach **SSgt Sy Kageyama**, topped F-15 Flightline 10-6 to take the Intramural Softball championship on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam October 15. Over 160 members of the Hawai'i Air National Guard gathered every Friday night for twelve weeks to compete for the championship trophy and bragging rights. Ten HIANG teams competed and developed a sense of camaraderie.

Intramural Softball returned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam after a long hiatus under the new direction of volunteer "Commissioner" **TSgt Noah Keaulii**.

A state tournament to include Air National Guard teams from all islands and the Army National Guard is being planned for January. In addition, another softball season will start up again in May.

This article, written by TSgt Noah Keaulii, was taken from the November 2010 issue of the *Kūkā'īlimoku*, the newsletter of the 154th Wing.

★ Organizational News Links:

Press CONTROL and Click on underlined title to go to the respective website. The information and photographs on these websites are updated regularly. Readers should check these sites regularly.

[State DoD website](#)

[154th Wing website](#)

[29th IBCT Facebook page](#)

[1-487th FA Facebook page](#)

[HIANG Facebook page](#)

[HIANG Flickr site](#)

[HIANG Spouse and Family Association website](#)

[Past issues of the Kūkā'īlimoku](#)

[Past issues of Retiree News](#)

[Current Issue of Soldiers Magazine](#)

[Current Issue of Airman Magazine](#)

READER UPDATES

★ The Wanted List

We are looking for these *Retiree News* readers because their e-mail addresses on file for them no longer works. We are looking to make initial contact with some of the others listed. Please forward their e-mail address to retireenews@hawaiiintel.net if you can share them.

**Jason Nakamura
Sam Makaiwi
Daniel Genegabuas
Frederick Hirayama
Michael Okumoto
Lowell Agena
Mark Waddell
Norman Chang
Chris Wilson
Tom Gresch**

**Tammy Szabo
Michael Yoshimura
George Lumives
Timothy Ho
Anthony "Tony" Wong
Leonard Apo
Francis Kawahara
Patrick Casey
Steve Ware
Katherine Asato**

We are now approaching 1400 *Retiree News* readers. Be sure to ask your fellow retirees that you meet if they receive *Retiree News*. If not, forward their e-mail address to 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.

**Roberto Carlos (update)
Clifford Toyama (update)**

**Dexter Yuen
Mon Morris**

★ 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.

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*.



★ Retirement Party for the Shirt. There will be a retirement party for **MSgt Howard Naone**, the First Sergeant of the 154th Mission Support Group. The Shirt served honorable for 30 years. He worked his first 24 years as a Traditional Guard member in the F-15 Eagle Avionics Branch. He became a First Sergeant in 2004. Howard will continue in his civilian job as a fire captain with the Honolulu Fire Department at the Waikale fire station. Happy Retirement Shirt!

When: Saturday, December 4, 2010

Where: Hickam Harbor Beach, Cabana#1

Time: Starting at 1400

Cost: \$10.00 per person
Heavy pupus and refreshments

POC: **SSgt Katherine Tam**, 448-7438 or katherine.tam@hickam.af.mil

Send congratulatory e-mail: capt_howie@yahoo.com (Personal email with permission)

★ HIANG Ohana Day. Please bring your family and join the Hawai'i Air National Guard for the HIANG Ohana Day. The Ohana Day will feature food, music, entertainment, games, unit booths and static displays.

When: Sunday, December 5, 2010

Where: Hanger 35, Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam

Time: 1200 - Immediately following the 2010 Hometown Heroes Salute

★ Gary 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: Monday 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

★ 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
For more information and a registration form

★ 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
thomas.odoardi@us.army.mil

★ Hawai'i National Guard Birthday Commemoration.

On Wednesday, November 10, 2010, reservations reached the maximum capacity of the ballroom. RSVPs are now being "wait listed".

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

Menu: A choice of four entrées

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

★ Save the Date - The EANGUS Mid-Winter Conference in Hawai'i. The Hawai'i National Guard Enlisted Association (HNGEA) Auxiliary will host the Enlisted Association National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) Area VI & VII annual mid-winter conference.

Area VI & VII is comprised of: Area VI -- Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming, and Area VII -- Alaska, California, Guam, Hawai'i, Oregon, and Washington.

The conference will be at the [Ohana Honolulu Airport Hotel](#) on February 18-20, 2011. The HNGEA President, [CMSgt Ethan Toyama](#), encourages participation by Hawai'i

National Guard retirees. For more information and registration forms, go to the HNGEA website: www.hngea.net

Mrs. Cheryl Felipe, the HNGEA Auxiliary Chair, is coordinating the upcoming conference. Contact her if you want to volunteer to support the conference. Her contact information (808) 554-3950 or felipec62@hawaii.rr.com.

★ 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."