

Retiree News

Serving Hawai'i National Guard Retirees

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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

★ Have you moved lately? Your mailing address is one of the most important pieces of information that you have on file at Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). If you've moved recently or have a new P.O. Box, please notify us to ensure that your Retiree Account Statements, tax forms and other important documents will reach you in a timely manner.

If you are a retiree please mail your address change to:

DFAS U.S. Military Retired Pay
P.O. Box 7130
London, KY 40742-7130

Fax DFAS Retired Pay at 1-800-469-6559

If you are an annuitant please mail your address change to:

DFAS U.S. Military Annuitant Pay
P.O. Box 7131
London, KY 40742-7131

Fax DFAS Annuitant Pay at 1-800-982-8459

Or, both retirees and annuitants may call DFAS Retired and Annuitant Pay directly at 1-800-321-1080.

If submitting your request in writing, please include both your old and new mailing address, along with the effective date for the new address. In addition, please include your name, social security number and signature with date on your request.

This article was part of the August 2010 issue of the *DFAS Newsletter*. To review the entire newsletter, go to: <http://www.dfas.mil/rapay/newsletter/august2010.html>

★ Survivor pay procedures can cause surprises. Being familiar with retiree arrears-of-pay procedures now can prevent surprises for your survivors upon your death. Many retirees believe their survivors will be paid for the entire month, but at this time, that is not the case.

Retiree arrears of pay is any pay due the retiree but unpaid at the time of their death, to which a named beneficiary is entitled. Typically, this is a prorated amount that covers the first day of the month through the retiree's date of death.

The retirement pay of a military member stops on the first day of the month in which the retiree dies; therefore, all pay deposited after the date of death -- including pay

deposited for that month -- is automatically recouped by Defense Finance and Accounting Service from the retiree's direct deposit account. After a complete audit of the retirement account, any arrears of pay is calculated and paid to the retiree's named beneficiary.

Arrears-of-pay distribution is based exclusively on the retiree's beneficiary election on their retired pay account. If no beneficiary was elected on the retired pay account, payment will be distributed in accordance with federally mandated legal order of precedence.

Prompt reporting of a retiree's death is necessary to avoid extensive recoupment of unearned payments.

Two documents are needed to process an arrears-of-pay claim: a completed Standard Form 1174 for each designated beneficiary, and a copy of the retiree's death certificate that specifies the cause of death.

Fax these documents to 800-469-6559, or mail to DFAS at P.O. Box 7130, London, KY 40742-7130.

Questions can be directed to Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) at 800-321-1080.

This article comes from the September 2010 issue of *Afterburner*, the retiree newsletter published by the Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs office.

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- Go to the Air Force Retiree Web site at www.retirees.af.mil
- Click on "Subscribe" found on the top navigation bar
- Click on the "Sub" dot next to "Afterburner/AFRNS."
- Scroll to the bottom of the page and enter your e-mail address, then click on "Submit"

The system may send a confirmation message that must be responded to in order to start the subscription.

For assistance, send an e-mail to afpc.retiree@randolph.af.mil. People using spam blocking software may not receive mail from the system. To ensure retiree news and information can get through, be sure to add afpc.retiree@randolph.af.mil to the list of approved senders after subscribing.

★ New ID Card Appointment System at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam. The NCOIC for Manpower & Personnel at the 154th Force Support Squadron, **SMSgt Carol Orr**, 448-7443, sent out the following information.

Due to Joint Basing Efforts of Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, scheduling of appointments for ID cards or DEERS-related services will now be handled by the Navy's Appointment Scheduler for appointments after October 12, 2010. If you previously scheduled an appointment on the Air Force site, your information has already been moved to the Navy's Appointment Scheduler system.

The Navy's Appointment Scheduler can be accessed here:
<http://appointments.cac.navy.mil/>

★ AFAS General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program. The Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) will award up to 3,000 grants to children of Active Duty (AD) Air Force, Title 10 AGR/Reserve on extended AD and Title 32 AGR on full-time AD thru 1 Dec 2011, retired & deceased personnel. Surviving spouses and spouses of AD members residing and studying on the mainland are also eligible for a \$2000 grant. Application deadline is 11 March 11. Visit www.afas.org for more details.

★ Benefit Websites:

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

[Air Force Retiree Services](#)

[Defense Commissary Agency](#)

[DFAS Retirement Pay](#)

[Military.Com Benefits Summary](#)

[Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam MWR](#)

[National Resource Directory](#)

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

[TRICARE](#)

[TriWest Healthcare Alliance](#)

[Veterans Affairs](#)

[VA 2011 Benefits Summary](#)

RETIREE UPDATES

★ Thanks to **Richard La Puente** for another reader referral. Richard served in the Military Personnel Flight and retired a few years ago. In civilian life, he continues at the Pearl Harbor Shipyard. Thanks again for the referral.

★ Correction. In the last issue, **Kyle Kamikawa** was incorrectly identified as Kyle Kawakami. Thanks to **Bill Pimental** for the correction. Bill is still working as a contractor dealing with the shelters on the fighter flightline. It's a job he started after he retired from his technician job several years ago. Great hearing from Bill!

★ Credit for the rooftop photo of the Adjutant General's ceremony in the last issue should go to **MSgt Steven Matsuda** of the 154th Security Forces Squadron. Great shot of the entire formation.

★ Thanks to **TSgt Laurie Murphy** for yet another reader referral. She must ask everyone she meets if they are a Retiree News reader. Laurie remains a technician in the 154th Maintenance Group. Thanks for your continuing support, Laurie!

★ In an email exchange, **Owen Nishimura** reported that after he retired in October 2006, he travels to Las Vegas about 4-6 times a year. He was a member of the 297th Air Traffic Control Squadron and retired as a Chief Master Sergeant after many years of service. In civilian life, he worked for the Navy. He closed by saying, "Retirement is the greatest."

★ 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

★ Checking Out Old Photos. Actually, this issue's photo is a very recent one. The photo was taken at the arrival ceremony for the Hawai'i Air National Guard's new F-22 Raptor this summer. It was taken by one of the 154th Wing Public Affairs Office team. There were more than 70 retirees present. **Paul "Aimoku" Duvauchelle**, one of the founding fathers of the HIANG attended. This photo shows some of the 199th Fighter Squadron aircrew from the squadron's history.



From left to right: Harold "Ninja" Fujii, Robert "BD" Darrow, John "Moon" Carroll, John "Saigon" Lee, Daniel "Stoney" Stone, Clinton "Church" Churchill, Leroy "Stringer" Perry, Michael "Boss" Tice, Padraic "Paddy" Evans, Paul "Aimoku" Duvauchelle, Robert McGuire, James "Spyke" Dykes, Wayne "Wildman" Wakeman, Melvin "Humphrey" Souza, Joseph "Primo" Ah New

Special Thanks to **Michael "Boss" Tice** and **Melvin "Humphrey" Souza** for identifying the individuals in the photo and sharing their call signs.

ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS

★ The New Adjutant General. With the pending retirement of the current Adjutant General, **MG Robert G.F. Lee**, the speculation has begun about the next TAG. Governor Elect Neil Abercrombie has appointed a committee to interview candidates

and provide him recommendations. The State Senate will hold confirmation hearings after the start of the Legislature in January. *Retiree News* will have all the information about the new TAG when Governor Abercrombie makes his announcement.

★ Another Air National Guard Award Winner. **Col Ryan Okahara**, commander of the 154th Mission Support Group announced that **Capt Victor Talamoa** was selected as the 2010 Air National Guard Cyber Operations Officer of the Year (Base Operations). Capt Talamoa serves as the commander of the 154th Communications Flight. He and other national award winners will receive their awards at the Joint C4 Conference in Nashville, Tennessee in early December. A Well Deserved Recognition for Victor!

Send congratulatory email: victor.talamoa@hickam.af.mil

● HIARNG Officer Promotions. The Hawai'i Army National Guard G1 Branch staff for continuing to provide the names of the officers recently promoted.

1LT Lindsey Magno, Company C, 29th Brigade Support Battalion

Send congratulatory e-mail: lindsey.m.magno@us.army.mil

★ Aloha Center Honors Fallen HIARNG Soldiers. **Mrs. Paulette Chaves** sent in the following article about the Ft Shafter Survivor Outreach Services Center honoring the 22 fallen Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry Regiment, and 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

Fort Shafter — In an emotionally charged ceremony at the Survivor Outreach Services Center, here, Nov. 10, friends and battle buddies hung 22 photos of fallen Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry Regiment, 29th Brigade Combat Team, Hawaii Army National Guard, as they shared words of comfort and hope with their fellow survivors.

Read the entire article at:

www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com/news/2010/11/18/survivors-remember-fallen-at-sos-ceremony.html

★ Reminder – HIANG Email Addresses. 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

★ 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'ilimoku](#)

[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. Please forward their new e-mail address to retireenews@hawaiiintel.net if you can share them.

Jason Nakamura
Sam Makaiwi
Mark Waddell
Norman Chang
Chris Wilson
Tom Gresch

Michael Yoshimura
Tammy Szabo
George Lumives
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.

Galan Fujimoto
Randall Fukunaga (update)
Harold Kaneshiro
Gordon Lau, Sr.

Gavin Tomlinson
Francis Kawahara (update)
Robert C. Ramos

★ 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*.

★ 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

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

★ 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. Happy Retirement!

When: Saturday, December 4, 2010

Where: Hickam Harbor Beach, Cabana#1

Time: 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 Pearly 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."