



1st Lt. Greg Firestone with the Hawaii Air National Guard returns to his childhood elementary school to help the school and its military families.

At Kaleiopu'u Elementary in Kunia, Hawaii, a dedication ceremony was held recently for a military transition center. The center, a product of the partnership with the Hawaii Air National Guard's 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, is equipped with special equipment that will allow students with a deployed parent to communicate with them. The center will also provide a space for military families to learn about the different programs available to them.

"I am a testament to all of this and it hits home. I grew up here in Waipahu and went to this school. When I found out about the opportunity to volunteer I jumped on-board to give back", said 1st Lt Gregory Firestone with the 169th ACWS. "The equipment that we had is to be an outreach to allow military families to stay in contact during deployments."

In development since 2011 the transition center was funded through the U.S. Pacific Command's Joint Venture Education Forum a program that allows Hawaii's military units to partner up with schools in their area and provide volunteer work and needed equipment. During the dedication, a question and answer session was held via Skype with students across campus in the library to demonstrate some of the capabilities of the center. Kaleiopu'u Elementary is just one of 19 schools in Hawaii with a JVEF partnership.

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In preparation for Makani Pahili 2013 the Department of Defense set-up a remote Joint Operations Center on Ford Island.



MSgt Wilda Shigeta is honored as the National Guard Volunteer of the year along with honorees from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard. During the 28th Annual Hawaii Military Recognition Luncheon on May 9 2013.



Airman from the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Wing and the Air Force's 15th Wing recently participated in a mock deployment in preparation for an upcoming readiness inspection.



Hawaii Governor Neil Abercrombie and Hawaii Adjutant General Major General Darryll D.M. Wong place a wreath during Memorial Day ceremony at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, May 27, 2013. [See More](#)

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