Hawaii Air National Guard unveils new indoor shooting range
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JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii - The Hawaii Air National Guard debuted its new indoor live-fire shooting range in a ceremony here Aug. 8.

The new 6,000 square foot unit located on the grounds of the 154th Operations Group compound gives the HIANG a capability it’s never had before; the ability to qualify and train its Airmen in small arms fire and prepare them for deployments in-house.

“Small arms qualifications was conducted at the only USAF firing range on the island, which happens to be located approximately 20 miles away on Schofield Barracks,” said Maj. Dane Minami, 154th Security Forces Squadron commander.

“The HIANG had to compete for scheduling of the firing range with both the active duty and the Reserves and because we did not own the range, we normally had low priority.”

According to Minami, in addition to improving readiness capability, benefits include cost savings due to the reduction in the resources and manpower previously needed to coordinate, schedule and transport Airmen to an off-site firing range.

“For a traditional Guardsman, time during drill weekends is a precious commodity. Having an indoor firing range right here in our own backyard saves time, money, and gas for our unit members and all Hawaii Air National Guard personnel with weapons qualification requirements,” said Minami. “The ability
Hawaii Air National Guard Readiness Rodeo
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JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR HICKAM, - The Hawaii Air National Guard held its first Readiness Rodeo to accomplish self aid buddy care and surviving in a chemical biological and nuclear environment ancillary training requirements during August unit training assembly.

Hundreds of Airmen from the Hawaii Air National Guard gathered together in a massive hangar to accomplish two blocks of ancillary training. These Airmen received classroom and hands on training in self aid buddy care and surviving in a chemical biological and nuclear environment. This is the first time the HIANG is using this approach on these areas of ancillary training and represents a shift in focus as the Air National Guard is attempting to ease the strain of annual training requirements while growing in their shop specific competencies.

In one afternoon the units accomplished what could have taken up to two drill weekends to complete. Many leaving with 100 percent of the unit’s personnel trained. This gives commanders and supervisors more time to spin their Airmen up on the specific mission training needed in their shops.

The Air National Guard only has 312 training hours a year for each of its Airmen and almost 90 percent of that time has been spent accomplishing ancillary training requirements, many of which are computer based. Also many shops only have one computer for every five Airmen, leaving them often waiting in line to accomplish a single block of training. This new approach seeks to deliver the classroom sections of training in a mass environment closely followed by hands on instruction in smaller groups, facilitated by an instructor.

An added bonus of this approach is that each unit now has an instructor that can refresh the skills of its units Airmen, and the computer based training is still available for those who could not attend the mass training. Traditionally the instructor role for the hands on portion of the CBRNE and SABC training was fulfilled by readiness and or medical squadrons, but now they are training the instructors and raising the base level of competence across all the shops. The shop level instructors are required to have a five level in their specific jobs, and be current in their training.
Doug Mayne Stepping Down From HI-EMA

HONOLULU, Hawaii-Doug Mayne, the current administrator for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (formerly State Civil Defense), will be leaving his position next month.

Mayne came to Hawaii from Washington State in March 2012 and will be moving back to be closer to his aging parents and in-laws. Mayne’s last day at HI-EMA is scheduled to be Sept. 10. The Administrator oversees the day-to-day administration, training and readiness of HI-EMA personnel, as well as coordinates with private industries and county, state and federal disaster response agencies.

“Doug has been a very effective leader over the past three and a half years”, said Maj. Gen. Arthur “Joe” Logan, state adjutant general and director of HI-EMA. "He was instrumental in the revision of the laws governing emergency management in the State of Hawaii. Thanks to Doug’s research and hard work, we now have a statute reflecting that counties are in charge of emergency management in their jurisdictions. The revision of the Hawaii Revised Statue also clarified the Governor’s and Mayors’ roles before, during, and after an emergency, and updated decades old references to out of date federal laws.” Mayne is also credited with updating Hawaii’s Catastrophic Hurricane Plan and integrating the FEMA Whole Community approach into the development of the Hawaii Hazards Awareness & Resilience Program (HHARP).

Vern Miyagi, the executive officer for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, has been appointed to be the new Administrator. Miyagi joined HI-EMA on March 12, 2012. His primary responsibilities have been to support the Administrator of Emergency Management and provide staff integration for all Branch Chiefs and Special Staff at HI-EMA. Miyagi is a retired Hawaii Army National Guard Major General with 37 years of service and has participated in the planning, exercising, and executing of humanitarian assistance and disaster response operations at both the domestic and international levels. During the Hurricane Iniki operation, he served as the operations officer for the deployed joint task force responsible for military support to relief operations. While serving at U. S. Pacific Command, he also participated in a variety of disaster relief operations, including the 2004 Asian Tsunami.

Junior Mentorship Program Award

All TSgts who mentor any SSgt and below or SSgts mentoring SrA and below are eligible to be nominated for the monthly JUMP award. Nominations submissions are due to Hawaii 5/6 Org box every 2nd Monday of the month by COB. The Executive Council will review submissions and choose a winner. Submissions must contain one paragraph, no longer than four sentences. The summary provided must be from the current quarter. Submissions should comprise specific examples of how the NCO has had a direct impact on an Airmen and aided in their personal and/or professional development.

The winner will receive a $40 gift card to a restaurant of their choice and used by the NCO and Airmen to have lunch, paid for by the 5/6 Council, as a sign of appreciation for their hard work.

The winning NCO will be notified via email with their respective supervisor or 1st Shirt. In addition, the NCO will be presented the prize during the monthly 5/6 Council meeting and will be featured on our 5/6 Facebook and SharePoint pages, as well as the Ho'okele.

If you have any questions please contact SSgt Jamila Tanada at jamila.tanada@pacom.mil or Hawaii 5/6 Org box at hawaii.56@us.af.mil.

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and join us on 12/11/2015 as we celebrate the National Guard Birthday Ball at the Hilton Hawaiian Village
Indonesian and Hawaii Army Guard NCOs Learn From Each Other
Story and Photos By SFC Theresa Gualdarama
117th MPAD

BANDUNG, Indonesia – Throughout the world, it is well known that Non-Commissioned Officers are the driving force behind the success of military organizations. In an effort to continually develop Indonesia’s NCO corps and build personal relationships, Soldiers of the Hawaii Army National Guard journeyed to Indonesia to share their military knowledge and experience with the Indonesian Soldiers.

Recently the Hawaii State Partnership Program the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development (NCOPD) Subject Matter Expert Exchange (SMEE) team of mentors and 31 NCOs of the Indonesian Army kicked off its sixth annual exchange.

“Building relationships and cultural awareness enhances our Soldiering skills to a higher level allowing us to share our knowledge and experience to other Soldiers,” said Master Sgt. Edy Gallegos, SMEE instructor. “This is one of the many valuable attributes that we, as leaders, instill in our Soldiers.”

To encourage small group discussion and maximum participation, NCOs were split into squad-sized elements during the program. Instructors and students alike shared from their experiences and diverse backgrounds creating a friendly environment for training.

“Personally, I feel happy and proud to be able to follow the activities of this program,” said Sgt. Maj. Muhamad Udin, Tentara Nasional Indonesia Angkatan Darat (TNI-AD) Indonesian Army NCO.

Training was tailored around basic NCO curriculum to include rank structure, Army leadership/subordinate development, buddy aid, army values and troop leading procedures. Mentors also covered risk management, basic land navigation techniques, pre-combat checks and pre-combat inspections.

“We have seen the TNI-AD NCO’s professionalism increase as they gain knowledge and experiences. Approximately 250 Soldiers have attended the NCO SMEE and in every iteration we witness the increased responsibility,” said Sgt. Maj. Ronald Oshiba, SMEE instructor and former HARNG Command Sergeant Major.

During each visit, the Indonesian NCOs are tasked to teach us some of their practices. They also create a motivational motto that is performed daily throughout instruction. Their mottos differ with each class and the instructors participate with the Indonesian NCOs and gain a sense of camaraderie.

“I gained new experiences about military leadership by strengthening the friendly relations between Indonesia and America,” said Udin.

Although instruction was based in a classroom, field environment practical exercises were also incorporated into the training to ensure Soldiers gain experience through hands on training.

“It gives opportunities for HIARNG Soldiers to sharpen their leadership skills as well as increase their experiences by working side by side with our State sponsored country,” said Oshiba.

Instructors demonstrated various technical procedures in those areas that allowed the class to perform each lesson with precision.

“These Soldiers are more than willing to learn and train with us so they can apply our developmental skills to their fellow team members and their organization,” said Gallegos.

The Hawaii Army National Guard’s State Partnership Program with Indonesia continues to be an engagement that instructs, mentors, and shares military experiences, knowledge and cultures to further enhance this partnership.

“This program continues to allow us to enhance the Indonesian NCO education system for their NCO’s. It has significantly increased knowledge and experiences for the Soldiers of the Hawaii Army National Guard,” said Oshiba.