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As hurricane season is in full swing get useful information about the systems approaching the islands and departmental information by visiting the Hawaii Emergency Management

Agency's new website. They have kit ideas, the latest news and tracks, and a great Twitter feed with helpful hints. The website is: <http://dod.hawaii.gov/hiema/>

Philippine flyers tour Hawaii National Guard Facilities



As Hurricanes Madeline and Lester were bearing down on the state, regular operations didn't stop. Maj. Jeff Hickman provided a DOD briefing and Joint Operations Center tour to a delegation from the Philippines Air Force, Headquarters for Pacific Command and the National Guard Bureau State Partnership Program.



The Hawaii Army National Guard Environmental Office has created an on-line form to report noise complaints.

<http://dod.hawaii.gov/env/noise-complaint/>

HIANG hosts first Sentry Aloha exercise of 2016



F-16 Fighting Falcons from the Texas Air National Guard's 149th Fighter Wing line the tarmac at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii on Aug. 17 2016. The visiting airmen and aircraft are participating in the Hawaii Air National Guard's Sentry Aloha exercise. Sentry Aloha provides tailored, cost effective and realistic combat training for U.S. Air Force, Air National Guard and other Department of Defense services to provide U.S. warfighter with the skill sets necessary to perform their homeland defense and overseas combat missions. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Stan Pak/released)

Remembering his service

- Photos by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jackson



Members of an honor guard from the Hawaii Army National Guard carry the flag-draped coffin of the late U.S. Rep. Mark Takai into the state Capitol in Honolulu, Thursday, Aug. 18, 2016. Friends and family gathered to remember the Hawaii Democrat as a warm public servant who never gave up when facing adversity

While the State of Hawaii gathered to remember the life of U.S. Rep. K. Mark Takai, the Hawaii National Guard served to mark the passing of their fallen brother.

Takai died July 20 in Honolulu, nine months after he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He was 49.

Takai was born and raised on Oahu and attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where he served as student body president, was editor-in-chief of the campus newspaper, *Ka Leo O Hawaii*, and was a champion swimmer. While there, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and a Master's degree in public health.

A Democrat, he was elected at age 27 to the State House of Representatives, where he served for twenty years before winning a seat in Congress in 2014, representing urban Oahu. He served on the House Armed Forces Committee and the House Committee on Small Business.

He also served in the Hawaii National Guard for seventeen years and was deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

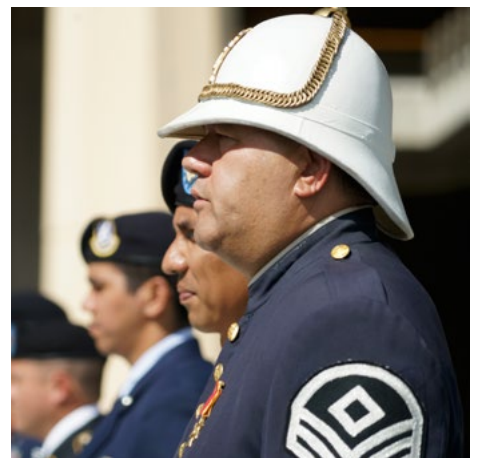
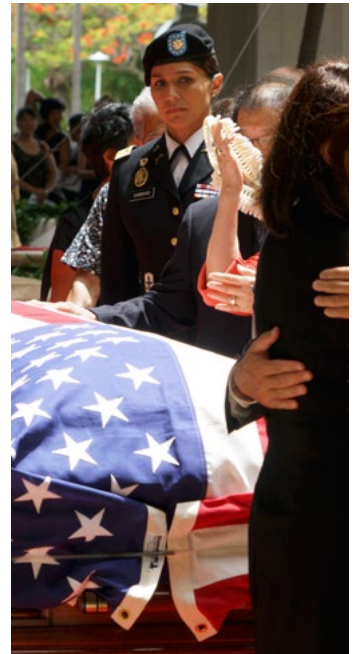
"In life Mark devoted himself to realizing his vision for a healthier, safer, and better world, and in death will be remembered for having so much more to give," said U.S. Sen. Brian

Schatz in a statement. "Whether it was in the Hawaii Army National Guard, the Hawaii State Legislature, or in the U.S. Congress, Mark was a true champion for the people of Hawaii. We will long remember Mark for his smile, his kindness, his optimism, and the love he gave to his ohana and all he served."

In her brief memorial remarks, Democratic House Leader, Nancy Pelosi read from President Barack Obama's statement issued on the day Takai died.

Obama said Takai leaves behind "a legacy of courage, of service, and of hope."

"Mark was always a fighter. It's the spirit he brought to more than two decades of public service on behalf of the people of Hawaii," said Obama. "He stood up for America's most vulnerable. He championed our troops and veterans, and proudly wore our nation's uniform. And his relentless push for cancer research inspired countless Americans fighting the same battle as him. Simply put, our country is better off because of Mark's contributions."



Congressman Takai's aloha at Punchbowl

Photos by retired MSG Stephen M. Lum



Sami Takai, K. Mark Takai's widow, accepts one of several American flags presented by Brig. Gen. Keith Y. Tamashiro, the Hawaii Army National Guard commander, at the National Memorial of the Pacific, at Punchbowl, Aug. 22.



The firing team from the 3rd U.S. Infantry, traditionally known as "The Old Guard," awaits firing the salute honoring the fallen Congressman Soldier. The Old Guard is the Army's official ceremonial unit and escort to the president and the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the Army, serving our nation since 1784.



Honor Guards from the military services fold the American flag.



Hawaii Army National Guard Honor Guard Soldiers hold the American flags that were flown over Arlington National Cemetery and the like.

154th Security Forces Squadron celebrate ohana day, introduces support team

154th Wing Public Affairs
Story by Airman 1st Class Stan Pak

The 154th Security Forces Squadron recently held a family day event here to help introduce family members to the Key Ohana Team.

The Key Ohana Team is comprised of volunteer spouses and military unit representatives. Its goal is to be a strong support for the families during times of deployment.

The Team organized and sponsored the event in order to bring together 154th SF families in a fun atmosphere and to educate families on the unit's mission and the many programs and resources that are available when a member deploys.

According to U.S. Air Force Maj. Dane Minami, 154th SFS commander, the unit has one of the highest deployment rates in the Hawaii Air National Guard.

"Since September 11, 2001, we have consistently been tasked to send teams out the door and have members that already have between three to six deployments under their belts," Minami said.

During peacetime, the 154th SFS prepares for wartime tasking to augment active military forces. In wartime, they provide and support forces to meet the needs of the combatant commander worldwide.

The family day event included unit briefings, Active Shooter Awareness Training, and a "town-hall" type discussion with the KOT and unit leadership. These were done to give the families more insight into what the members of the unit do.



U.S. Air Force airmen and families from the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Security Forces Squadron, observe grace before lunch during a family day event on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii on Aug. 7, 2016. The 154th SFS has one of the highest deployment rates in the HIANG. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Stan Pak/released)

The HIANG Airmen & Family Readiness Program Manager, Ms. Lorna Souza, was also on hand to answer questions and to provide valuable information and resources.

"When our members deploy, it is the families that are left behind to fend for themselves and to keep things running back home," Minami said. "We want them to know that help and resources are available and that they are not alone... the Key Ohana Team will be there for them."

The family day event also featured static weapons displays, tours of the indoor firing range, school supply giveaways, games, food and a chili cook-off.



U.S. Air Force airmen and families from the Hawaii Air National Guard 154th Security Forces Squadron participate in the activities of a Family day event on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii on Aug. 7, 2016. The 154th SFS has one of the highest deployment rates in the HIANG. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Stan Pak/released)



NGB Senior Enlisted Advisor visits

Hawaii National Guard

117th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment (Hawaii)

Story and Photos by Spc. Paul Berzinas

Friday, September 16, 2016



Command Chief Master Sgt. Mitchell O. Brush, senior enlisted advisor to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, delivers a brief to a room of Hawaii Army National Guard Soldiers at the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Readiness Center in Kalaeloa, Hawaii September 14, 2016. The brief was one of several briefs given by Brush at various Hawaii Guard facilities as part of an effort to interact with the service members of the Hawaii National Guard

The purpose of the visit was to engage with Hawaii guardsmen and to discuss the organization's climate, issues and culture with its senior enlisted leaders.

"It's really important for the Army and Air National Guard here in Hawaii to see that their senior enlisted leaders are well-connected at the national level," said Brush.

Brush's main concern is the health and well-being of the men and women of the National Guard.

"The Chief of the National Guard Bureau needs to know that you guys are highly motivated, highly committed, and if you guys have issues I'll report those back to the chief," said Brush. "The health of the force is my primary responsibility."

"The guys wearing the stars and the enlisted working for them really care for us and they're here for us if we need them," said Command Sgt. Maj. Dana W. Wingad, Hawaii Army National Guard command sergeant major.

Brush said the importance of this responsibility is reiterated by Brush's supervisors in the Pentagon.

"When I first applied for this position I went through a three-phase interview process," said Brush. "The last part of this process is when I sat down with General Grass, and he told me that I had to stay connected to the field."

Brush recognizes that the state of Hawaii's unique location is the reason for the Hawaii National Guard's diverse responsibilities.

"Hawaii is uniquely situated, not just geographically, but also because of its mission set," said Brush.

Brush goes on to explain that Hawaii lends manpower and logistical support to the ever-evolving geopolitical climate. There has been a shift of resources from the Middle East to Asia, and Hawaii provides strategic support for that effort, said Brush.

This places a high demand for professionalism and diligence on the Hawaii National Guard, and Guard units across the country.

"I need you all to do your job as best you can, because you guys are truly making a difference," said Brush. The same is true for National

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If you need to contact your IG Team, please call Lt Col Jiovani at 808-672-1005 or email at anthony.l.jiovani.mil@mail.mil. The IG Office is located at 3949 Diamond Head Road, Building #306A.

Guard units across the United States as well, as Brush describes the increasing demand for the National Guard.

"When the Chief of Staff of the Army comes out and says he needs the Guard now more than ever, he's not lying," said Brush.

According to Brush, the Guard brings unique service members to the table, each with unique professional experience to go with their military experience.

"We've got great operators, we've got great experience, and then we have civilian

experience on top of that," said Brush.

Ultimately, Brush hopes that the Soldiers and Airmen he interacts with when he visits National Guard units understand their value as a part of the organization.

"We don't have many people in the National Guard, and each person has to count for something," said Brush. "So when I come out and engage with the states I want these individuals know that what they do matters."

OHS's New Fusion Center Director



The Hawaii State Fusion Center of the Hawaii's Office of Homeland Security welcomes its new director Paul Epstein, a former Honolulu Police Officer with more than 32 years of service. Epstein, who came to Hawaii from New York in 1969 and graduated from the University of Hawaii in 1973 with a degree in foreign trade. He leads a staff that collaborates on safety and security to safeguard the people of Hawaii. Before joining the Hawaii Department of Defense's OHS, he spent a year working for the Board of Water Supply as their security and emergency preparedness officer.

His staff will include analysts who liaison with federal, state, local, territorial, and private sector partners like the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Homeland Security, National Guard, and Hawaiian Electric Company, who are committed to sharing actionable intelligence.



NEW EMPLOYEES



Lt Col Antonio Querubin,
Chief Information Officer
- Hawaii DOD



SPC Aldrich Bagaoisan,
Security Driver - TAG Staff

Command Chief Master Sgt. Mitchell O. Brush, senior enlisted advisor to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, travels to the island of Hawaii with Hawaii Army National Guard Command Sgt. Maj. Dana W. Wingad and Hawaii Air National Guard Chief Master Sergeant William A. Parker on September 13, 2016. The trip to the island of Hawaii was part of a trip to the state of Hawaii in order to assess the well-being of the Hawaii National Guard. (Army National Guard photo by Spc. Paul D. Berzinas/Released)

HIDOD helps cool down Ewa schools

Story and photos by MSG-R Stephen M. Lum



In response to Governor David Ige's call to support the heat-abatement service project, nearly 50 Hawaii State Department of Defense volunteers joined others to form a force of more than 180 people to cool down James Campbell High and Ewa Beach Elementary Schools, Sept. 17, 2016.

HIDOD volunteers came from the civilian staff, the Youth Challenge Academy, the Office of Veterans Services, the Hawaii National Guard Joint Staff and the Hawaii Army and Air National Guards.

At Campbell, volunteers planted trees and grass around Saber Hall and Building O to reduce sunlight on buildings, absorb

heat, and limit glare and reflected heat into classrooms. The cost of this project is \$36,500, and the funding is from Hawaii 3Rs (3R's: Repair, Remodel, Restore our Schools, a nonprofit organization founded in 2001 by the late U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye).

At Ewa Beach Elementary, 3,500 LED bulbs were installed in all the classrooms. The energy efficiency bulbs not only reduce lighting costs, but emit less heat. The project was valued at \$32,000 and was funded from the DOE facilities maintenance budget.