

C-17 maintenance complex opens

by 1st Lt. Regina Berry

Active duty and Guard members at the same place, same time, doing the same things is becoming a normal occurrence here. Maintenance members from the active duty and Guard gathered together Nov. 22 for the opening ceremony of the new C-17 Combined Maintenance Complex.

The 154th Wing C-17 maintenance crews will work along side the 15th Airlift Wing C-17 maintenance crews to ensure the success of the C-17 mission.

"We're proud to be a part of the sky warriors....one team, one mission," said Col. Ronald Han, 154th Maintenance Group commander.

The active duty will have 60 percent of the maintenance responsibility, while the 154th will have 40 percent. Although it is not an even

split, the 15th Airlift Maintenance Group Commander, Col. Larry Stephens, recognizes the strengths that the 154th Wing contributes to

the team. "Without him (Col Han), without his people, without their expertise, we would not be able to do our job," said Stephens.



photo by 15 AW media center

Col. Ronald Han and Col. Larry Stephens unravel the Maile to mark the opening of the C-17 Combined Maintenance Complex, which is the next step toward the arrival of the C-17 Globemaster III here in early February.

Physicians, critical care nurses needed

by Chief Master Sgt. Mark Bailey, 154 MDG

The Hawaii Air National Guard is seeking physicians and critical care nurses to provide care for the people of Hawaii in the event of an emergency. We are looking for a few good people to help us with our new mission and tasking of a Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear and Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package that will respond to state emergencies.

The CERF-P mission will provide enhanced homeland defense capability and will assure the HIANG medical community front row seats in the war on terrorism and homeland defense for years to come. The 154th Medical Group has responded to the State's need to provide additional medical manpower and resources to combat terrorism here in the Hawaiian Islands and the Pacific region.

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photo by Tech. Sgt. Kristen Higgins

Hawaii Air National Guard commander, receives second star from Gov. Linda Lingle and his wife, Tiki. Maj. Gen. Darryll Wong took command of the HIANG Aug. 2001 and is the first HIANG commander promoted to Maj. Gen.



Commander's Call: Big things ahead in 2006

by Brig. Gen.
Peter S. "Skipper" Pawling,
Commander 154 WG

I don't want to leave the starting block with this letter without thanking everyone again for their contributions this past year, and for the support you provided for the many successful accomplishments in 2005.

It was a busy and memorable year, and we couldn't have asked for more. Through the hard work and dedication of our people, we enjoyed many successes...the C-17 activation, first ever 15th Airlift Wing / 154th Wing joint Combat Employment Readiness Exercise, and many successful deployments and inspections. We have much to be proud of. It is because of our Airmen that we have achieved these milestones.

I'm proud of the fact that we made good progress in several different "people" areas as well. We received valuable feedback from the Climate Survey conducted in fall 2004, and again during the Organizational Safety Assessment Survey in March 2005.

With your feedback in hand we retooled and streamlined processes for the Awards and Decorations Program, Officer Performance Reports, Enlisted Performance Feedback, Family Care, Fitness Testing and more.

We reorganized and formalized the Student

Flight; this change to the student flight will give our new recruits a more formal sense of our organization, a sense of belonging and leadership skills.

The Chief's Council and 1st Shirt Council programs have matured to new levels and are playing ever-increasing roles in our combat readiness levels.

Looking ahead, we have the PACAF Unit Compliance Inspection scheduled for Nov. 2006. Between now and then, all of our focus and priorities will center on UCI preparation.

The first UCI prep item up to bat is the Maintenance Standardization and Evaluation Program scheduled for Feb. 6-14, 2006. We're not taking this inspection lightly as approximately 60 inspectors will descend on the 154th Maintenance Group and look into their maintenance practices.

Mark Feb. 8, on your calendar...that's when our first C-17 Globemaster III lands at Hickam Air Force Base. It's scheduled to be a huge event both locally and nationally. More information to come as the date nears.

Finally, as an early heads up, a planning committee has been formed to develop our Hawaii Air National Guard 60th Anniversary celebration events.

This anniversary represents a significant milestone in the legacy of the Hawaii Air National Guard, and we hope everyone will attend the celebrations. More information concerning dates and location will be forthcoming in the next few months.

Best Wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year!

154th Wing displays Aloha spirit

by Master Sgt. Howard Naone

When the 154th Wing deployed eight F-15 fighter jets and crews to Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., in November for the Weapons Systems Evaluation Program in conjunction with Combat Archer 2005, assisting the Panama City Rescue Mission was not part of the itinerary.

After a dedicated effort to meet launch requirements and provide for the aircrew's meals the cooking crew, comprised of 154th Maintenance Squadron, 199th Fighter Squadron and Mission Support Group members, supervised by Tech. Sgt. Kevin Shiraki and led by Senior Airman Makai'o Roberts, discovered that they had an abun-

dance of supplies. Upon this discovery they turned their attention to the Panama City Rescue Mission.

The 154 WG members were able to prepare and deliver dinner meals to the Panama City Rescue Mission for two nights, totaling about fifty pounds of food.

The Panama City Rescue Mission serves approximately 300 meals per day to the displaced and homeless. On this occasion, the homeless were treated with a touch of the "Aloha Spirit" as they were served local favorites such as stir-fried pork and cabbage, luau stew, and chicken long rice.

From this shirt's perspective, the 154 WG again displays, "Launa Ole" with the HIANG core value of "Aloha" at the forefront. For more information on Panama City Rescue Mission, go to http://www.pcrmission.org/feeding_the_needy.html

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High priority in 2006, recognizing people

by Command Chief Denise Jelinski-Hall, 154 WG

Happy 2006! This past year we have seen the Hawaii Air National Guard participate in various deployments, inspections and exercises. When called, our Guardsmen have left their home and family to travel the globe to conduct operations in far-away countries and make life better for our fellow man. I want to say "thank you" to my brothers and sisters in-arms for the many sacrifices that they make everyday to successfully accomplish the mission. Everyday the pride in a job well-done can be seen throughout the HIANG. Thank you also to the families that support us as we serve our great state and nation. For, with their support and encouragement we are better prepared to do our job.

Taking care of our people and being good wingmen will continue to be a high priority. In the next year,

improving enlisted programs and recognition at all levels is among the top enlisted issues to be worked. Thank you to all who have worked so hard in bringing the Airmen and NCO Enlisted Performance Feedback Program to where it is today! The Top-3 Council is up and running, "Hua," and the First Sergeant Council is taking care of business! In 2006, we will turn the page and look at how we can better serve our airmen, NCOs and community.

Ahead of us is a new year, new beginnings and new opportunities. Yes, there will be challenges but together with teamwork and great attitudes there is nothing we can't accomplish! These are exciting times for us as history will be made in 2006. I firmly believe, "this is the BEST time to be in the HIANG!"

I wish each and everyone good health, happiness, and many blessings in 2006!

Chaplain's Corner: Focus on spiritual lives

by Lt. Col. Robert K. Nagamine, Chaplain, 154 WG

As we begin this New Year, I want to highly encourage us to place a great sense of priority in our spiritual lives.



When I look around the world in which we live, I often say to myself that we need a lot of help. Recently, we have seen a number of natural disasters, from hurricane Katrina to hurricane Wilma to the earthquakes in Pakistan, just to mention a few. The continuing War on

Terrorism impacts us everyday. There is our military effort in Afghanistan and Iraq, and our families on the home front trying to make it without their deployed family members. We face all of this in addition to the many professional and personal issues we deal with everyday. And, financially, to make matters worse, the price of owning a home in Hawaii has skyrocketed. How can a young couple ever afford to buy their own house? What a challenging world we currently live in!

All of this is said not to paint a bad or depressing picture but rather to paint a hopeful picture because I know that "all things are possible with God" as the Scripture says.

In the big picture, I believe that with God and our spiritual faith, we can and will overcome all of these issues. With spiritual food, in the midst of the storms of life, there can be a calming affect on our lives. It is like retreating to the eye of the hurricane where we can get a break in the craziness and return to a sense of healthy normalcy.

One of the great functions of our military is to pro-

tect and defend our Constitution by which we live. The First Amendment of the Constitution says, "*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.*"

Allowing our people to attend worship services is an important factor in strengthening our quality of life for two main reasons: (1) it is one of our basic freedoms that we have always fought to preserve (some countries don't even have this right and privilege) and (2) tending to our spiritual needs is most helpful in maintaining a healthy and positive outlook on life.

Therefore, supervisors, I want to urge you to support and allow those under you to attend worship services during drills as long as it "will not have an adverse impact on military readiness, unit cohesion, standards, or discipline" (DODD 1300.17)

May the Lord continue to bless you and have a happy new year!

WORSHIP SERVICES

General Protestant Service

1230 – 1300, UTA Sundays, Bldg. 3416, 2nd floor, Na Koa Conference Room.

Catholic Services

1700, Saturdays, Nelles Chapel (across base)

1000, Sundays, Chapel Center (across base)

Jewish Services

1930, Fridays, Pearl Harbor Aloha Chapel on Makalapa Road.

Buddhist, Muslim or other faith groups, call either the Wing Chaplain's office at 448-7275 on drill weekends or, during other times, the Chapel Center at 449-1754.

Recruiters open new home

by Senior Airman Laurence Bejerana

The Hawaii Air National Guard's recruiting office officially opened the doors of its new recruiting office to the public with a grand opening and blessing of the facility at the Aiea Shopping Center Nov. 5, 2005.

The Aiea office replaces the Hickam, Air Force Base recruiting office, marking the shift to an entirely community-based recruiting program.

This is a first time the HIANG has had a recruiting office outside of Hickam Air Force Base. It's a move by the HIANG to better serve their recruits by embedding themselves where they need to be, within the community. "It's easier for the recruits, easier for recruiters and easier for the community," said Brig. Gen. Kathleen Berg, Chief of Staff, HIANG.

The new location provides more

accessibility for the public. Now, recruits don't have to go through the



photo by Senior Airman Laurence Bejerana

Brig. Gen. Kathleen Berg officially opens recruiters new office in Aiea.

difficulty of security checkpoints at Hickam, said Celia Espinosa, recruiting supervisor for the HIANG. The location is also in close proximity to Military Enlistment Personnel Station (MEPS) at Pearl Harbor, where recruits are fully screened by medical staff prior to enlistment.

"It's accommodating to new recruits," Espinosa added. "It also lets people know that the Air Guard is their hometown Air Force and a part of their community."

The HIANG is coming off its best recruiting year since the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 with a 24 percent increase over the previous year.

However, the Air National Guard continues to recruit people to join Hawaii's militia. "There are a lot of opportunities in medical, communications, and electronics," Berg said. "Spread the word."

Leaders reserve "Warrior Table" to recognize members

by 154 WG Public Affairs staff

The Hawaii Air National Guard launched a new recognition program to honor individuals for contributions to the HIANG and or community Dec. 3 at the 154th Services Flight dining facility.



photo by Staff Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

Warrior Table honorees spend lunch with leadership as part of new recognition program.

The Warrior Table, is a visible place of honor situated in the corner of the dining facility.

Senior Airman Tasha Willing, 154th Security Forces Squadron, who recently returned from Diego

Garcia, said the Warrior Table is a good idea because it's an opportunity to meet with senior leaders.

It "feels great" being one of the first to participate in the new program, added Senior Airman Willing.

"I think it is a great way to recognize our folks for all the great things they do," said Brig. Gen. Peter S. Pawling, 154th Wing commander.

The general also said he is really excited about the Warrior Table concept and is glad the program that has been a year in the making has finally launched.

Tech. Sgt. Clarence Kealoha,

154 SFS, said he is honored to be recognized as an individual for his accomplishments for the unit, country and family. Deep down inside you know you have accom-

plished something important, added Kealoha.

"Recognizing our people is an essential element to job performance and retention," said Chief Master Sgt. Denise M. Jelinski-Hall, command chief for the HIANG.

"It is an area we continue to address. Aside from military decorations there are other forums that can be used to show our appreciation for a job-well-done," said Command Chief Jelinski-Hall.



photo by Staff Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

Lt. Col. David Snakenberg hosts a handful of student flight members at the Warrior Table.

154 ways to share

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Holiday Cheer

News briefs

Awards and Decs

Check out the new Awards and Decorations Web site at <https://hihicksp/sites/ad/default.aspx>

Decoration examples, writing tips and tools and a wide variety of self-help products are available to assist in developing decoration packages.

PT Uniform Update

Saluting is not required while wearing the Physical Training Uniform.

The T-shirt may be worn tucked or worn out; the jacket may be zipped, unzipped and worn with civilian clothes.

Long hair is not required to be pinned or tied up to comply with the normal length requirement.

Pay raise due

Active duty members, Reserve and Guard personnel, and academy cadets and midshipmen are assured a 3.1 percent pay raise in January.

To see what the 3.1 percent raise will mean to you visit <http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourcesContent/0,13964,78410,00.html>

Equal opportunity

The Military Equal Opportunity office supports Hawaii Air National Guard members in an effort to keep their work environment free of sexual harassment or unfair treatment. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to support their unit in ensuring issues are identified early and resolved at the lowest level. Commander approval is required. Interested personnel should contact Major Tamah-Lani Noh via HIANG email: tamahlani.noh@hihick.af.mil.

**Happy
New Year!**

Pilot Training

Undergraduate Pilot Training applications are being accepted for the HIANG UPT Board until April 1, 2006. Please contact or email Master Sgt. Celia Espinosa, Recruiting Office Supervisor for more information and UPT application. Her contact info is 808-448-7447 or DSN (315) 448-7447, email celia.espinosa@hihick.af.mil.

Outstanding Airmen



HIANG Photo

291st Combat Communications Squadron's Senior Airman David Peralta received Airman of the Month honors for Nov. 2005.



HIANG photo

297th Air Traffic Control Squadron, controller, Staff Sgt. Keola Lana'i named HIANG's Airman of the Month for Dec. 2005.

Cell phone use

The Commanding General, 25th ID and U.S. Army Hawaii have prohibited the use of cell phones while operating any type of vehicle on U.S. Army installations.

154th Wing members deploy to Guam, support air power assets

by Senior Airman Sharen Coleman

Members from the 154th Wing supported a two-week rotational Theater Support Package Oct. 31 to Dec. 6, at Anderson Air Force Base, Guam by providing air refueling support to air power assets that are within the Pacific theater.

A total of 120 Wing members from the 154th Operations Group, 154th Maintenance Group, 154th Medical Group and 154th Mission Support Group were assigned to the 506th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron to assist U.S. Pacific Command in meeting increased refueling requirements.

"It was inspiring to see the diverse assets of the

154 WG come together as a team to accomplish this critical mission," said Col. Joseph Kim, 506 EARS detachment commander.

506 EARS supported the Tanker Airlift Control Center with real world and exercise inputs.

A significant outcome of the deployment was the validation of our theater expertise and wartime readiness, said Col. Kim.

Andersen AFB is strategically located within reach of the entire USPACOM area of responsibility and has long been considered the "gateway to the Pacific," particularly after the closing of Clark Air Base, Philippines.



Retired Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Richard B. Myers speaks to Hawaii Air National Guard members following his fini flight here Oct. 20, 2005. General Myers was the PACAF commander in 1998. During his tour as PACAF commander, he flew missions with the HIANG'S 199th Fighter Squadron.



photos by Senior Airman Sharen Coleman

Physicians

The recent arrival of the Small Portable Expeditionary Aeromedical Rapid Response (SPEARRR) set has put the 154 MDG on the cutting edge of disaster response and given the HIANG the ability to provide exceptional hands on experience and training capabilities to our members, which is something most ANG medical units don't have.

As part of the emergency response plan to provide assistance to the local medical community in the event of a terrorist attack or natural disaster, the 154 MDG has taken the CERF P mission to a new level by employing the Mobile Emergency Response Vehicle, a converted 18-foot trailer, capable of providing additional treatment space and care for trauma patients.

The M.E.R.V., once on the scene, can be utilized as an additional emergency room or recovery area for critically wounded citizens. Combining the equipment that comes with the SPEARR, this new rolling clinic is another answer to the

Champions



photo by Tech. Sgt. Richard Costa

The 154th Wing, "Chop Suey," (pictured) with only five members available for action, pulled out a victory over 154th Maintenance Group, "Kapakahi," to take the Master's Division Basketball Championship, Nov. 16. 154th Maintenance Group "Heavies," took home the championship trophy in the Open Division.



Courtesy photo

Specialized mobile emergency equipment aboard motified 18 wheeler.

State's emergency care needs following a disaster.

M.E.R.V. is the first of two units planned for the CERF-P medical portion of this tasking and is in the final stages of completion. Pre-packaging supplies and equipment with testing and validation of its capability is scheduled for this fiscal year.

Having the equipment and materials necessary to fight terrorism and save lives is only half of the solution, having the people is the other key component. Join our Ohana and be a part of the solution.

Got Flu...Shot



photo by Staff Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

Maj. Susan Richards, 154th Medical Group, administers flu shot to Col. William Benton. Flu shots were given Sunday Nov. UTA. The flu season is in full stride, which means it's time to get the flu shot.

**Future Drill Dates
for 154th Wing**

Jan. 7-8, 2006

Feb. 11-12, 2006

Mar. 4-5, 2006

Apr. 1-2, 2006

May 6-7, 2006

Jun. 3-4, 2006

Jul. 15-16, 2006

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*Brig. Gen. Peter "Skipper" Pawling and a number of squadron commanders
dished up holiday meals spreading holiday cheer during Dec. UTA.*