

**FREE
CONNECTION** —
Airmen from the
297th Air Traffic
Control Squadron
support Operation
IRAQI FREEDOM at
an undisclosed
location within the
U.S. Central
Command.
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Guard photo



Hawaii Air National Guard

Mission

The Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) has two missions. In performing its state mission, the HIANG provides organized, trained units to protect Hawaii's citizens and property, preserve peace, and ensure public safety in response to natural or human-caused disasters. Its federal mission is to provide operationally-ready combat units, combat support units and qualified personnel for active duty in the U.S. Air Force in time of war, national emergency, or operational contingency.



Brig. Gen.
Darryll D.M.
Wong



Command Chief
Master Sgt.
Stanley Gomes

154th Wing

The 154th Wing, commanded by Col. Peter S. Pawling, is headquartered at Hickam Air Force Base, Oahu. It is the largest of the HIANG organizations, consisting of a headquarters element, three groups, 12 squadrons, and five flights.

The headquarters element consists of the wing commander, vice wing commander, command chief master sergeant, wing control center, finance, chaplain, judge advocate, social actions, plans, safety, public affairs, and the historian.

The 154th Operations Group consists of the 199th Fighter Squadron, 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, 204th Airlift Squadron, 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, 150th Aircraft Control and Warning Flight, 154th Air Control Squadron, and the 154th Operations Support Flight.

The 199th Fighter Squadron is equipped with F-15 A/B Eagle aircraft which serve to provide interceptor capability for the state's air defense system. The 199th is also tasked with augmenting the active duty U.S. Air Force with air superiority fighters

Personnel

As of June 30, 2003, the assigned strength of the Hawaii Air National Guard was 2,224 personnel.

Organization

The Hawaii Air National Guard, commanded by Brig. Gen. Darryll D.M. Wong, is comprised of the HIANG Headquarters, the 154th Wing, the 201st Combat Communications Group and the 199th Weather Flight.



during war or other contingencies. The 203rd Air Refueling Squadron is equipped with KC-135R Stratotanker aircraft which serve to provide worldwide, nonstop air-refueling for almost every type of U.S. fixed-wing aircraft. The 204th Airlift Squadron is equipped with C-130H2/H3 Hercules tactical aircraft which transports National Guard and active duty troops for training, provides paratroop and tactical airdrop capabilities, and delivers relief supplies following natural disasters.

The Wing's 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron operates a radar site at Mount Kaala, Oahu, and the 150th Aircraft Control and Warning Flight operates a radar site at Kokee Air Force Station, Kauai. These radar sites are linked to the Hawaii Region Air Operations Center (HIRAAC) at Wheeler Army Airfield, Oahu, where 24-hour air surveillance of the Hawaiian island chain is provided. The 154th Aircraft Control Squadron on Kauai provides a mobile, self-sustainable, combat ready, forward extension and control element equipped to meet the Air Force's ground theater air control systems worldwide.

The 154th Maintenance Group consists of the 154th Maintenance Squadron, 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 154th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and 154th Maintenance Operations Flight. The Maintenance Group's squadrons handle the Wing's supply system and aircraft maintenance.

The 154th Mission Support Group consists of the 154th Civil Engineer Squadron, 154th Security Forces Squadron, 154th Communications Flight, 154th Mission Support Flight, and 154th Services Flight. The Support Group's squadrons provide

homestation, as well as deployable construction, security, communications, and service resources. Homestation dining and personnel functions are also provided for by the Mission Support Group's squadrons.

The 154th Medical Group provides the Wing with fixed and deployable medical and dental resources.

201st Combat Communications Group

The 201st Combat Communications Group (CCG), commanded by Col. Robert H. Maglasang, is headquartered at Hickam Air Force Base.

The 201st Group's mission is to provide command and control communications and air traffic control services for USAF combat air forces. It also supports emergency USAF requirements for air traffic control and communications facilities, as well as to provide tactical communications for the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense, in response to emergencies originating from either human or natural causes. When activated under call-up authorities, the 201st units activate their personnel within 72 hours in accordance with USAF Mobilization Plans. The combat communications units can provide command and control communications and air traffic control services for 30 days with their own readiness spare package.

The 201st Combat Communications Group is composed of a group headquarters and four assigned units located on the Hawaiian islands of Oahu, Maui and Hawaii, and one unit in Alaska. The headquarters is co-located with the 293rd Combat Communications Squadron at Hickam AFB. The 291st Combat Communications



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ARABIC STOP —
Airman 1st Class
Brandon R.K.
Ahakuelo, 154th
Security Forces
Squadron, mans the
checkpoint at Prince
Sultan Air Base,
Saudi Arabia.
U.S. Air Force photo



Squadron is located in Hilo, Hawaii; the 292nd Combat Communications Squadron is located in Kahului, Maui; the 297th Air Traffic Control Squadron is located at Kalaeloa, Oahu; and the 206th Combat Communications Squadron is located at Elmendorf AFB in Anchorage, Alaska.

199th Weather Flight

The 199th Weather Flight, commanded by Maj. Thomas K.L. Mau, provides meteorological support primarily to the HIANG's 29th Separate Infantry Brigade and secondarily to active and reserve components of the Army and Air Force. When deployed, services include continuous 24-hour staff weather services, forecasting, observation, and climatological support to the brigade's tactical operations center and a brigade airfield, drop zone, or helipad. Located at Wheeler Army Airfield, the unit provides weather information to the joint, worldwide meteorological network operated by the Air Force's Weather Agency and the World Meteorological Organization.

Highlights, significant events, training and missions

Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) personnel were instrumental in the global war on terrorism and the effort to topple the regime of Saddam Hussein in Iraq.

In March 2003, several dozen air traffic and radar approach controllers and support personnel from the 297th Air Traffic Control Squadron deployed to an undisclosed location as part of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. The HIANG airmen were responsible for directing take-offs and landings for all U.S. Air Force B-1, B-2 and B-52 bombers operating from that forward airbase. The airmen spent more than three months on active duty with the Air Force and conducted more than 3,500 take-offs and landings in support of the operation. They returned to their home base at Kalaeloa in June 2003.

More than two dozen airmen from the 154th Security Forces Squadron deployed to Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in December 2002, where they were an integral part of the security team that protected Central Command's Combined Air Operations Center and U.S. military and other coalition member aircraft and personnel. The security forces spent more than five months in Saudi Arabia, where U.S. Air Force and coalition leaders directed the air campaign in Iraq. Unit members had previously deployed to Qatar, where they helped protect U.S. assets at Al Udeid Air Base. Altogether, the security forces spent more than eight months at air

bases within Central Command's area of responsibility. Another team from the 154th Security Forces Squadron deployed to Honduras for three months as part of U.S. efforts to curtail drug smuggling operations in Central and Latin America.

Members of the 291st Combat Communications Squadron, 292nd Combat Communications Squadron and 293rd Combat Communications Squadron deployed to several locations in Southwest Asia for Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. The HIANG airmen helped lay communications cable, establish short-range radio and set up secure satellite and internet connections. Locations where these airmen deployed remain undisclosed to the public.

In March 2003, the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron formed an air bridge across the Pacific Ocean, refueling U.S. Air Force bombers on their way to Guam and U.S. Air Force F-117 fighter/bombers on their way to South Korea. The bombers were sent to the western Pacific region to act as a deterrent against possible North Korean aggression.

When HIANG airmen weren't forwarded-deployed, participating in operational contingencies, they were on the road participating in multinational exercises. An example was the 204th Airlift Squadron's deployment to India for Exercise COPE INDIA in October 2002. The C-130 aircrews worked with their Indian Air Force counterparts in such activities as paratroop and cargo container airdrops.



SKY RIGHTER — A U.S. Air Force F-117 Stealth Fighter Bomber is refueled by a KC-135R Stratotanker from the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron in March 2003.
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CHUTES AWAY — Jumpmaster Master Sgt. Bill Kissenberger, 204th Airlift Squadron, controls the jumps of Indian paratroops from a C-130 Hercules aircraft.

Maj. James Law photos



Hawaii Air National Guard: Principal Commanders and Staff Officers

Assistant Adjutant General, Air/Commander, HIANG
..... Brig. Gen. Darryll D.M. Wong

Headquarters, Hawaii Air National Guard

Chief of Staff Brig. Gen. Darryll D.M. Wong
Executive Support Staff Officer Col. Stanley Osserman
Director of Operation Lt. Col. William Ladd
Director of Plans Lt. Col. Harold Fujii
Plans Officer Maj. Reynold Hioki
Communications Col. Kathleen F. Berg
Air Surgeon (vacant)
Social Actions Officer (vacant)
Personnel Staff Officer Capt. Sharnell Valejo-Warren

154th Wing

Wing Commander Col. Peter S. Pawling
Vice Commander (vacant)

154th Operations Group Col. James Drake
199th Fighter Squadron Lt. Col. Chris Sakamoto
203rd Air Refueling Squadron Lt. Col. William C. Benton
204th Airlift Squadron Lt. Col. Gerald E. Mansell
150th Aircraft Control & Warning Flight Maj. Marc A. Gonsalves
169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron
..... Lt. Col. Dewey D.A. Arakawa
154th Air Control Squadron Maj. Myles M. Moriguchi
154th Operations Support Flight Lt. Col. Kevin D. Garcia

154th Maintenance Group Col. Michael J. Melich
154th Maintenance Squadron Lt. Col. Ronald P. Han Jr.
154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Lt. Col. William S. Petti
154th Logistics Readiness Squadron Lt. Col. David Molinaro
154th Maintenance Operations Flight Capt. Clifton E.K. Heen

154th Mission Support Group Col. Edwin Vincent
154th Civil Engineer Squadron Lt. Col. Alvin N. Satogata
154th Security Forces Squadron Capt. Wayne J. Acosta
154th Communications Flight Capt. B. Marcus Badley
154th Mission Support Flight Lt. Col. Galen Yoshimoto
154th Services Flight Capt. Henry C. Kaufman Jr.

154th Medical Group Col. Brett A. Wyrick

199th Weather Flight Lt. Col. Thomas K.L. Mau

201st Combat Communications Group

Commander Col. Robert H. Maglasang
Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Craig N. Ishizaki
291st Combat Communications Squadron Lt. Col. Roy A. Cornella
292nd Combat Communications Squadron
..... Lt. Col. Gary L. Thomas
293rd Combat Communications Squadron Maj. Joseph A. Garnett
Detachment Commander Maj. Gary M. Mizumoto
206th Combat Communications Flight Maj. Renee Blake
297th Air Traffic Control Squadron Maj. Mark Welch



HONORS — Hawaii National Guard airmen and soldiers serve as ceremonial honor guards for U.S. Rep. Patsy T. Mink's memorial service held at the Hawaii State Capitol rotunda in October 2002. Master Sgt. Stephen M. Lum photo

Hawaii Air National Guard: Station List of Units

Unit/Location	Federal Recognition Date	Unit/Location	Federal Recognition Date
HQ, Hawaii Air National Guard		154th Mission Support Flight	Oct. 31, 1994
Honolulu, Oahu	Jan. 1, 1952	154th Services Flight	April 7, 1989
HQ, 154th Wing/Hickam Air Force Base, Oahu	Dec. 1, 1960	154th Logistics Group/Hickam AFB, Oahu	Oct. 31, 1994
154th Operations Group/Hickam AFB, Oahu	Oct. 31, 1994	154th Maintenance Squadron	Dec. 1, 1960
199th Fighter Squadron/Hickam AFB, Oahu	Nov. 4, 1946	154th Aircraft Generation Squadron	July 12, 1995
203rd Air Refueling Squadron		154th Logistics Squadron	July 1, 1979
Hickam AFB, Oahu	Feb. 12, 1993	154th Logistics Support Flight	July 12, 1995
204th Airlift Squadron/Hickam AFB, Oahu	Oct. 31, 1994	154th Medical Squadron/Hickam AFB, Oahu	Dec. 1, 1960
150th Aircraft Control and Warning Flight		199th Weather Flight (Fixed)	
Kokee Air Force Station, Kauai	Oct. 21, 1961	Wheeler Army Airfield, Wahiawa, Oahu	Nov. 4, 1946
169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron			
Wheeler Army Airfield and Mount Kaala Air Force Station, Wahiawa, Oahu	Oct. 7, 1956	HQ, 201st Combat Communications Group	
154th Air Control Squadron/Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai	July 16, 1990	Hickam AFB, Oahu	Dec. 10, 1975
154th Operations Support Flight		291st Combat Communications Squadron	
Hickam AFB, Oahu	Oct. 31, 1994	Keaukaha Military Reservation, Hilo, Hawaii	March 6, 1967
154th Support Group/Hickam AFB, Oahu	Oct. 31, 1994	292nd Combat Communications Squadron	
154th Civil Engineer Squadron	Dec. 18, 1959	Kahului, Maui	Oct. 13, 1967
154th Security Forces Squadron	Jan. 4, 1979	293rd Combat Communications Squadron	
154th Communications Flight	Oct. 31, 1994	Hickam AFB, Oahu	Oct. 13, 1967
		206th Combat Communications Squadron	
		Elmendorf AFB, Anchorage, Alaska	Oct. 1, 1987
		297th Air Traffic Control Squadron	
		Kalaeloa Airport, Oahu	Oct. 13, 1967