

ORI SUCCESS!!

by 2d Lt Regina Berry

The 154th Wing successfully completed its Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) conducted by the Headquarters Pacific Air Forces Inspector General (IG) team at Hickam Air Force Base from 10 to 16 May. The objective was to provide the Pacific Air Forces Commander with an independent assessment of the 154th's readiness to mobilize, generate, deploy and employ expeditionary forces to augment in-place units in a combat environment and its execute its air sovereignty mission.

The IG team, consisting of 85 PACAF IG members and augmentees from other Air Force units, challenged the Wing with a tough but fair assessment and rated us overall Satisfactory for the ORI. This means we are totally capable and ready to go to war today.

The Initial Response phase tested our ability to mobilize and generate weapons systems, personnel and equipment to a forward operating base. During this phase, covering the first few days of the ORI, the Wing did an exceptional job mobilizing and deploying 502 personnel and 186.5 short tons of cargo. It also generated 23 combined F-15, KC-135 and C-130 aircraft greatly exceeding requirements for quantity and timing. At the same time the F-15s and the 169th Air Control and Warning Squadron successfully performed our Homeland Defense Mission involving F-15 scrambles against a variety of simulated threats. The Wing successfully defended the Island of Oahu from enemy air and missile attacks on four separate occasions. No other Air National Guard unit has been given such a complex scenario and at the same time finished their deployment tasking 18 hours before the required war plan timing. The IG recognized these accomplishments by rating the Wing's initial response as "Excellent". Our Alert Force Evaluation of our air defense mission was rated an overall "Satisfactory" with aircraft regeneration and Air Defense both rated "Excellent".

The Combat Employment phase of the inspection began that Thursday, and allowed the Wing to prove its ability to successfully perform in a combat environment. The Wing members simulated working and functioning at a deployed site in a hostile area. Fresno ANG F-16's provided a realistic atmosphere for the inspection by playing the bad guys, "Red Force". During this phase the wing launched 78 of 80 tasked F-15 sorties and 20 of 20 tasked KC-135 sorties. Our fighters achieved an overall F-15 mission effectiveness rate of 92.7%



Photo by SSgt Misty Bicoy

while the KC-135s maintained 100% perfect mission and sortie effectiveness throughout the inspection. In recognition of this accomplishment, the 203 Air Refueling Squadron received a rating of "Outstanding", the highest rating given by the IG and our only unit to receive this recognition. While the fighters and tankers fought the air war, the support forces treated the injured, managed casualties, accounted for personnel, contracted for needed supplies, repaired real world and inspection simulated equipment damage and kept the birds flying. Three days of simulated combat later our good guys, "Blue Force" won the war. The IG recognized our achievements by rating our combat employment as "Excellent" and our Mission support and ATSO as "Satisfactory".

The IG team also recognized 25 outstanding performers, 10 outstanding teams (three of which came from the 154 SVS flight) and 9 individuals as coin recipients for their above and beyond performances during the ORI.

Overall the Inspector General characterized the Wing as a, "rock solid organization...ready to defend the Homeland and ready to rapidly and effectively...fight tonight!" According to Colonel Peter S. Pawling, the 154th Wing Commander, this accomplishment was made possible by the men and women of the Wing pulling together as one team to achieve one goal. It was hard work, long hours, long days, but the success has made it all worthwhile.



Commander's Call

by Col Peter S. "Skipper" Pawling, 154th Wing Commander

First and foremost my thanks go to the men and women of the 154th Wing for your dedication and professionalism that made our ORI success possible. There are so many individuals that made a huge and positive difference during the inspection. What I was most struck by was the teamwork. Day to day we are a large organization with diverse missions, goals and sometimes conflicting interests. However, for the ORI we all focused on the goal at hand, coming together as one team with one mission. Our joint energy, contributions, and spirit of cooperation made our ORI happen. I want to build on that synergy as we now move forward to an exciting future full of changing missions and new leadership for the Wing.

The C-17 conversion still has challenges, but no showstoppers. We'll be ready when the planes arrive.

I'm pleased to announce the appointment of our new Group Commanders.

Col Stanley Osserman will be replacing Col Edwin "Skip" Vincent as the Mission Support Group Commander. Col Vincent is transferring to the National Guard Bureau as ANG Director of Personnel and we wish him continued success in his new position. Col Osserman is transferring from HQ HIANG where he was the Executive Support Services Officer. Lt Col Joseph Kim, our current Operations Group Deputy Commander, will take over the OG reins from Col Jim "Bat" Drake who transferred to the AF Reserves. Lt Col Ronald Han takes over the Logistics Group from Col Michael Melich. Col Melich will be retiring in September with our congratulations and thanks for his outstanding service to our nation and state. Lt Col Han transfers from the Maintenance Squadron Commander position. I know these Commanders will support you and our mission in an outstanding manner. I ask you to give them your full support as they transition to their new positions.



A Word from the Chief

by CMSgt Denise Jelinski-Hall

"Congratulations" to all the men and women of the 154 Wing on the success of the ORI. We have much to be proud of. The journey was long and it seemed like the ORI was never going to get here and then "whoosh" it was over. I had the privilege of being teamed up with our Chaplains and was afforded the opportunity to visit all the sites throughout the Wing. At each location, professional men and women with the most amazing attitudes greeted us. The teamwork was evident throughout the Wing and the results speak for themselves. I could not have been more proud to watch our warriors performing their duties, exercising their wartime skills and accomplishing the mission. Thank you for your commitment to excellence and to the mission. It goes without saying that the 154th Wing is *"Ready to Fight Tonight"*. *Mahalo Nui Loa* to you and your families for a job well done!



First Sergeant's Corner

by 1st Sgt MSgt Kelly J. Wilkinson

GET READY! GET IN SHAPE!

Have you heard about the new physical fitness requirements? In April 2004, NGB published ANGI 10-248, Physical Fitness Instruction, outlining the standards for all Air National Guard members. There are significant changes from our past fitness and weight programs. Everyone is responsible to meet the new standards. If you don't have a copy of the standards, download one next UTA. Commanders, Chiefs, First Sergeants and SNCO's, it's our responsibility to lead by example. We need to prepare not only ourselves, but also our

junior members to achieve the new fitness levels. This program is more than just getting by and passing. It's about changing our daily lives with exercise and healthy diets. We need to be fit and ready to deploy around the world.

So, you ask, what is expected of me? The standards are broken down by age and gender with scores in the following categories: push-ups, sit-ups, 1.5 mile run or 3 minute step (which will accommodate those unable to run),

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SUMMER SAFETY

by SMSgt Myles Kaneshiro

Summer is here, the kids are on break and everyone seems to be on vacation enjoying time with their families. This means more cars on the road, more people at the beaches and more people traveling. Summer is one of the busiest times of the year and also one of the most hazardous. Last year during the summer, we lost nine members of our ANG family to fatal mishaps. Five of those were from motor vehicle accidents and three were from off-duty sports and recreational activities.

In the Air Force, more than half of all motor vehicle accidents involve alcohol and excessive speed. The HIANG is not immune; we recently had two alcohol related vehicle accidents. Fortunately, no one was hurt; but POVs sustained major damage.

Off duty sports and recreation are a wonderful way to enjoy summer but injuries and fatalities occur when we get complacent about our abilities. Here in

Hawaii the ocean deserves and requires our constant respect while swimming, surfing or boating.

This summer, be safe and practice risk management. Utilize designated drivers, wear seat belts, and drive defensively while traveling on our roads. Use the buddy system around and on the ocean. We do not want you to become an Air Force mishap statistic.



April Promotions

PROMOTED TO CMSGT (E-9)

154 AMXS Ramos, Vincent J
HQ HIANG Ross, Carswell J Jr

PROMOTED TO SMSGT (E-8)

154 MXS Biete, Edwin D

PROMOTED TO MSGT (E-7)

154 AMXS Ching, Richard A
HQ 154 MXG Hoggan, Robert W
154 AMXS Matsuura, Michael Y

PROMOTED TO TSGT (E-6)

297 ATCS Nakatani, Damon N
154 ACS Nobrega, Gilbert S III

PROMOTED TO SSGT (E-5)

154 ACS Braun, David B Jr
154 AMXS Coronado, Gabriel R
154 SFS Kaikala, Kalani K
293 CBCS Kilbey, Frederick HG
154 AMXS Lanai, Gabriel K
169 ACWS Lee, Scott A
154 MXS Sakumoto, Blaine T
293 CBCS Sourivong, Bounta T
169 ACWS Wong, Timothy D K S

May Promotions

PROMOTED TO SMSGT (E-8)

297 ATCS Stumbo, William T, Jr

PROMOTED TO TSGT (E-6)

293 CBCS Hamilton, Amnadh
291 CBCS Lanbeth, Philip J
291 CBCS Fong, Lawrence Y T

PROMOTED TO SSGT (E-5)

293 CBCS Reyes, Yvonne P A
297 ATCS Mariano, Matthew I
297 ATCS Alejo, Mark B

Get in Shape

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waist measurement and stretching. A 70 percent or higher score of overall available points is required to pass. The run/step test is weighted heaviest followed by your waist measurement.

In addition to your fitness score you will also receive a fitness age score comparing your actual fitness level to your chronological age. The goal is for your fitness age to be equal or less than your chronological age. Are you a 30-year-old in a 50-year-old body? If so, it's never too late to start getting in shape! Get out there and just do it! Stop procrastinating and make that life style change. You'll feel better about yourself and will enjoy life much more. Good luck! See you at the gym or on the track!



Charles J Swindells US Ambassador to New Zealand takes flight May 26, 2004. Photo by 154 TSgt Kristen Higgins

154th Wing members in



“action” during the ORI

Photos by 154th CF Multimedia & 15th PACAF Inspector General







SSgt Marcus Della Sala (above) and SSgt Sarah Hedlin(below) are recipients of the PACAF IG coin.



Above is a photo of our EET team members who attended the ORI recognition ceremony. Maj's Christopher Faurot, Stan Hong, Glenn Nakamura, Michael Perry, Kurt Shigeta, Gary Teed, Lt Col's Gene Feller, Timothy Fujino, Mary Ooka, Mark Waddell, Capt's Gaye Araki, Marcus Badley, Claire Shimatsu, CMSgt's Pamela Goya, Iris Kabazawa, Larry Kauleinamoku, Dennis Mishima, Gary Pang, Stanley Souza, SMSgt's William Beck, Karen Cary, Stephen Cid, Mark Coulbourne, John Fitzgerald, Gary Hema, Naomi Merritt, Leilani Moniz, Thomas Narvaez, Kyle Okaneku, Andrew Partika, Irvin Yoshino, MSgt's Michael Arakawa, Eric Becera, Russell Ducosin, Ray Duropan, Stanley Good, Craig Handa, Jason Higashionna, Guy Hironaka, Robert Hoggan, Wayne Kadekawa, Roy Kudo, James Pahukula, Richard Riehn, Jamie Smith, Joe Spatola, Geoffrey Stiteler, Edward Tang, Jon Tengan, Owen Uehara, Jason Vierra, Eijung Yiu, TSgt's Macie Akana, Michael Armistead, Kevin Kalani, Robyn Montera, Laurie Murphy, Ivan Nacnac, Henry Roberts, Darryl Wasada and SSgt Marcus Della Sala.

Maj Glenn Nakamura (bottom left), SMSgt Mark Coulbourne (below) and SrA Mayson Asano are recipients of the PACAF IG coin. Recipients of the PACAF IG coin not available for photo: TSgt Wendy Durupan, SSgt Rory-Anne Maynard, SrA John Arakaki and SrA Jenny McChesney. Photos by SSgt Misty Bicoy



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for 154th Wing**

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Oct 2-3, 2004

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Below is a photo of *some* of the OUTSTANDING performers who attended the 154th Wing ORI recognition ceremony.



Here is a list of all the OUTSTANDING performers during the ORI: Maj's Chris Faurot, Michael Perry, Damon Pescaia, Capt's Clifford Afong, Ronin Burke, Henry Kaufman, Laura Pladson, Alvin Sato, Dixon Lau, Scott Oka, 2nd Lt's Matthew Masuyama, Victor Talamoa, SMSgt Naomi Merritt, MSgt's Eric Faurot, Carole Guerrero, Dan Kiyohiro, Gary Mau, Krisella Oka, Robert Carvalho, Scott Cummings, Robert Dutao, Anthony Guerrero, Sophia Hensz, Guy Kawaguchi, Randall Kobashigawa, Dwayne Lim, Carl Martin, Lorie McManus, Robyn Montero, Dodie Pagaoa, Carson Peapealalo, Timothy Rapoza, Melvin Salangdron, Jason Seales, Michael Shima, Doug Yamashiro, Jeffery Yokono, SSgt's David Adriano, Linda Canon, Sarah Hedlin, Willard Jim, Winston Juan, Lance Kamisugi, Jim Kikuchi, Chris Larson, Darryl Loo, Sheena Miyamoto, Clabe Morgan, Brian Morita, Michael Page, Kevin Palea, Arthur Plateros, Kristie Revera, Shawn Roldan, Beau Sabagala, Lesley Shibata, Wilda Shimomura, Margaret Soon, Raquel Tugaoen, Simon Wong, Cicernezo Zausa, SrA's Alohilani Andres, Mayson Asano, Brandon Baniaga, Jasmine Bone, Leihuanani Carroll, Randall Casaquit, Melany Cash, Jeremiah Coil, Matthew Fragas, Keoki Galton, Lori Jean Lopez, Jerry Madriaga, Jenny McChesney, Kristian Miraflor, Benjamin Nitta, Renee Pecpec, Crystal Puaoi-Machado, Bobby Ramos, Ashely Saffery, Justin Sellona, Michael Sisounthone, Nathaniel Viduya, AIC's Mark Cariaga, Hyurn Chu, Henry Hopkins, Brian McTee, Jason Ono, and Bernadette Smith. Photo by SSgt Misty Bicoy