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Guard Takes Control of Hawaiian Skies

by SSgt. Stephen L Thomas, Public Affairs, 154th Wing

The responsibility of guarding the airspace over the state of Hawaii has always been one of our state missions, but it has always been in cooperation with the US Air Force. But on September 30, 1997, after 40 years of working together with the 10th ADS, as part of the further downsizing of the active Air Force, the 10th Air Defense Squadron became inactivated and the responsibility of the defense of Hawaiian skies became the sole responsibility of the Hawaii Air National Guard.

During an historic and solemn ceremony at the foot of Hickam's Channel Display, under a beautiful morning sky, control by the 10th Air Defense Squadron was turned over to the HIANG.

The 25th Infantry Division Band from Schofield Barracks performed Ruffles and Flourishes to announce the arrival of the official party before active and retired members of the US Air Force, Hawaii Air National Guard, and distinguished guests.

After remarks by the vice commander, Pacific Air Forces, Lt. Gen. Eugene Santarelli, the commander of the 15th Air Base Wing, Col. Ann Testa, handed over the koa warrior spear, a symbol of the defense of the Hawaiian Islands, to Lt. Gen. Santarelli, representing the commander of the Hawaii Air Defense Region and Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces Director of Operations, who in turn handed the spear over to the vice commander of the 154th Wing, Col. Walter Kaneakua marking the end of one era and the beginning of another.

Lt. Gen. Santarelli, in addressing the audience, said, "The men and women of the 10th Air Defense Squadron have worked hard to expand local capabilities to defend Hawaii

despite ever dwindling resources and funds. Finally, they shouldered the tasks of preparing the HIANG for its new mission while continuing to cover 24-hour-a-day shift work in the Air Defense Control Center, AND accomplishing both while dealing with steadily decreasing manpower.

"While the active duty units were responsible for the air defense mission, they were only able to fulfill this mission through the direct involvement of the Hawaii Air National Guard. HIANG fighter pilots and maintenance personnel have maintained a continuous alert posture, ready for instant launch, since 1957. For forty years, full-time and traditional Guardsmen at Diamond Head, Kunia Facility, Wheeler, Mt. Kokee, and Mt. Kaala have worked 24 hours-a-day alongside their active duty counterparts. Their unsleeping vigil assured our safety. Today, the members of the HIANG assume full responsibility for the air defense mission, but in fact, without them, this mission would have been impossible long ago.

"In assuming responsibility for the air defense for the Hawaiian Islands, the 154th Wing and the HIANG face many challenges. And while air defense forces nationwide will be affected by the recently completed Quadrennial Defense Review, the impact locally is not yet known. Despite these and other challenges, the members of the HIANG have repeatedly proven that they are up to the task. The 154th Wing has a demonstrated record of outstanding achievements. They have trained long and hard in preparation for these new responsibilities. And, finally, they have a vested interest in the outcome, for they are defending not only their

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nation, but their friends and family, as well. I am confident in their success."

Col. Walter Kaneakua, vice commander of the 154th Wing, in his remarks, said, "We recognize the gravity of the task upon which we embark and the trust with which you pass us this baton. The 154th Wing is up to the challenge, having partnered with the active duty Air Force over these many years. We have together made this a strong team. Today, we take the historic step of 'going it alone' under PACAF guidance."

Col. Ann Testa, commander of the 15th Air Base Wing, also spoke, and said, "By accepting the koa warrior spear on behalf of the men and women of the 154th Wing, Colonel Kaneakua stepped out on a new path for Hawaiian air defense. For over forty years, an outstanding team and partnership existed between the active duty Air Force and the Hawaii Air National Guard to accomplish this crucial mission. Although the mission transfers from the 15th Air Base Wing to the 154th Wing, we will continue to share the same goals, the same objective, and even the same base. Colonel Kaneakua, I give you my pledge that the 15th Air Base Wing will always stand ready to assist you in any way we can."

Singapore Sling, Anyone?

by Lt. Col. Wayne "Wildman" Wakeman,
Project Officer/Detachment Commander

As most of you already know, the 154th Wing will be deploying six F-15s and one KC-135 to support the Singapore Air Force in Dissimilar Air Combat Training (DACT) and Air-to-Air Refueling (AAR). We plan to depart towards the end of November and return in the middle of December.

This three-week deployment will allow face-to-face interaction and cross-training for our aircrews with a foreign country. We will be hosted by an active duty USAF detachment.

The 497th Combat Training Squadron at Paya Lebar Air Base, Singapore, has been very helpful to the Wing to make our deployment successful.

We are planning to fly a total of 110 sorties while we're there against Singapore F-16s, F-5s

and A-4s. Dissimilar training is very valuable to our F-15 pilots. It continues to hone our experience against 3rd and 4th generation fighters that many countries now have that could possibly become a threat to the United States and our allies.

Our tanker pilots and boom operators will also keep their currency by refueling their F-16s, and to add into their bag of tricks how another country does their AAR as compared to the US.

The camaraderie that is shared by all when we deploy has always been the best part of any deployment.

For the lucky ones that get to go on this deployment, I would like to remind you to make sure that what your unit commander or project officer has asked you to do, to please get it done as soon as you can. We have deadlines to meet that will make this deployment successful.

During the November, drill we will all be out-processing. The Friday before (31 October) will be for the full-timers to do their out-processing. Saturday will be for the part-timers and Sunday will be for those that could not make either day. Please try to do your out-processing on the scheduled days so that we won't get into a crunch on Sunday.

On Sunday, November 2nd, at 1:30 p.m., there will be a deployment brief for all players in the new dining facility. I hope that this will not take more than two hours, but there is a lot to talk about to all of you. If any of you have any questions about this deployment, don't hesitate to ask me about it.

I'll see you folks during Drill.

"Wildman"

Combined Federal Campaign

This year's Combined Federal Campaign kicks off October 6th and runs through November 17th.

Here's your opportunity to support your favorite charity.

It's easy through CFC's payroll deduction.

Think about those organizations to whom you'd like to contribute to now and then see your unit representative.

From The First Sergeant

by SMSgt. Galen Redoble, 1st Sergeant, 154th Wing Aloha!

Brig. Gen. Tice has announced his intention to open the Headquarters, 154th Wing First Sergeant traditional position.

Qualifications IAW AFM 36-2108, Atch 4 and 41 are as follows:

You must have knowledge in personnel management with emphasis on quality force indicators; personnel and administration; military training; Air Force organization; drill and ceremonies; customs and courtesies; sanitation and hygiene; military justice and counseling techniques.

Completion of the USAF Senior Non-Commissioned Officers Academy course, in residence, or correspondence, is mandatory.

You must be in the rank of master sergeant, able to speak distinctly and possess a 7 or 9 skill level in any AFSC.

If you are interested and meet the stated requirements, contact:

Lt. Col. Iwamura: 448-0279

CMSgt. Abe: 449-0912

SMSgt. Redoble 449-8030

Closing date: 31 Oct 97

MAHALO!!



169 ACWS Wins

State Tennis Tournament

by SSgt. Fel D FERIA, 169ACWS Tennis Coordinator

Congratulations to the 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron tennis team for winning this year's state tennis tournament. Led by team captain, Lt.Col. Jerry Bona, the 169ACWS finished the tournament with a 5-1 match record in the shortened round-robin draw and took the championships for the first time in 10 years. Second place went to the 154th Logistics

Squadron as they compiled a 3-3 match record. The 154LS was led by TSgt. Jose Madrid and were last year's champions.

As tennis coordinator, I want to thank all those members who came out to play this past weekend. Despite all the distractions (CERI, football, family, etc.) and high court temperatures, everyone had a good time and played good tennis. Special thanks go to Jose Madrid, without whom there might not have been enough players for this tournament to get it off the ground. Also, thanks to Col. Baysa and CMSgt. Dandurant, both of whom took time off from their busy schedules to play with us hackers.

Car Show Volunteers Needed

The annual "Da Car Show", sponsored by Easter Seals Society of Hawaii, will be held October 10-12 at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall. Volunteers are needed to provide security on Sunday, Oct. 12th between 11:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. All volunteers will receive two complimentary passes that may be used on any of these dates. They also will receive a case of juice and possibly a free "Da Car Show" T-shirt. Parking fees will be reimbursed by Easter Seals upon request. All proceeds earned at this event will be used by Easter Seals to fund various programs for handicapped children in Hawaii. Interested individuals should contact Doug Awana via e-mail or phone 449-7861.

Covey 7 Habit's Workshop 97-3 Graduates Record Number

by Maj. Bill Petti, Cmdr, 154th Log. Spt. Sq.

Twenty-five individuals recently graduated from the Stephen R Covey Seven Habits Workshop held at the 154th Wing Dining Facility September 24-26. The number of graduates were the highest, so far.

Facilitators for the course were Col. Mick Melich, Lt. Col. Bruce Minato, Maj. Bill Petti, and 1st Lt. Spencer "Nappy" Napoleon.

HIANG/HIARNG members completing the course were Lt. Col. Wayne "Wildman" Wakeman (154th WG Staff), Maj. Marty St. Louis (State Family Program Coordinator), Maj. Ann Greenlee (HQ HIANG), Capt. Vicky Ah Quin (292 CBCS), 1st Lt. Gordon Kim (292 CBCS), 1st Lt. Duke Ota (154 LS), 1st Lt. Cesar Pudiquet (154 LS), 2nd Lt. Clifton Heen (154 AGS), SMSgt. Howard Nonaka (154 MXS), SMSgt. Bill Stern (154 MXS), SMSgt. Kimo Puu (154 LSF), SMSgt. Larry Kauleinamoku (154 LG Staff), MSgt. Preston Nishie (169 ACWS), MSgt. Willie Rafael (154 LSF), MSgt. Allen Kimura (154 MXS), MSgt. Siegfried Azevedo (154 AGS), MSgt. Gary "Rocket" Kodani (154 AGS), MSgt. Bill Pimental (154 AGS), MSgt. Mike Kang (154 MXS), TSgt. Fred Takara (154 MXS), TSgt. Kathy Fritz (154 SVF), SSgt. Paul Tan (154 MXS), SSgt. Dennis Hiu (154 LS), SSgt. Linda Canon (154 CF), and SSgt. Ivan Nacnac (154 LSF).

The next workshop is scheduled for October 22-24 at the Wing Dining Facility. In November, the workshop goes on the road to Maui for a presentation to members of the 292 CBCS. It returns to Hickam on December 17-19. To non-LG personnel, next available slots - April 1998; contact Capt. Tracey Saiki at 449-6008 to sign up.

Chapter 18 News

by TSgt. Craig Makiya, Chapter 18, NCOAGA
Greetings all!

October will be another busy month for Chapter 18. First of all, volunteers are still

needed for the annual Easter Seals "Da Car Show", which will be held October 10-12. Chapter 18 will be manning the entrances and exits on Sunday, the 12th of October. REMEMBER, all volunteers will receive 2 free tickets to use for the show. Contact MSgt. Douglas Awana at 449-7861 (or e-mail him) if you are interested.

On October 21st (Tuesday), Easter Seals will be holding their annual golf tournament at the Hickam AFB golf course. People power will once again be needed to help out the Easter Seals golf committee. POC for this event is TSgt. Samuel Kekuna, and he can be reached at 449-7861, or send him an e-mail message.

Nominations for the office of Vice President and Treasurer are still open. If you are, or if you know of anyone else interested in running for those positions, please contact me at 449-1221, or send me an e-mail message.

And finally, our annual Chapter 18 General Membership dinner will be held on Friday, January 23, 1998, at the Pearl Country Club (circle that date on your calendar now!). Contact MSgt. Craig Harimoto at 449-7781 if you want to help him with the planning of this year's meeting.

That's it for this month.

Ice Available

154th Services has two ice machines in the dining facility for anyone needing ice for official business use excluding UTAs. Call TSgt. Kathy Fritz at 449-7547 to confirm the day and availability. Ice will not be available the Wednesday prior to UTA through the following Monday. Please bring your own ice chest.

Next UTAs
Nov. 1st & 2nd and Dec. 6th & 7th

Keeping You On "Q"

by Capt Tracey J. Saiki
Quality Advisor, 154th Wing

Formula for "Success"



$$\frac{I^3 + P^3}{V + M} = C^3$$

I - Involved, Informed, Inspired

P - People, Place, Product

V - Vision

M - Method

C - Caring, Cooperating, Creating

This formula for success was developed to concentrate our creativity, resources and energies on just those tasks that must be done in order to succeed. Narrowing your field of focus helps to avoid wasting valuable time, energy and resources.

Failures in organizations and personal life often occur when people scatter their shots too far. We instinctively understand that without focus or direction, energy, talent, and ability become diluted. The most effective people know the value of concentrating their resources on well-defined goals and objectives. Although most people understand this principle, they still fail to aim their efforts at two or three main objectives. This formula for success is designed to help you stay on target.

Individuals and organizations frequently attempt more than they can do because they fail to comprehend the big picture or grand design behind a project. The perspective gained from understanding and appreciating the big picture enables us to identify and concentrate on the specifics required to successfully accomplish the many tasks that need to be done.

(excerpts from, "Think Out of the Box", by Mike Vance and Diane Deacon)



Time Waits for No one...

Imagine there is a bank which credits your account each morning with \$86,400, carries over no balance from day to day, allows you to keep no cash balance, and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every cent of course!!

Well everyone has such a bank. Its name is TIME. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever it is you failed to invest to good purpose. It allows no overdraft.

Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the records of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours.

There is no going back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow".

You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness and success!!!

The clock is running. Make the most of today...

To realize the value of ONE YEAR...

Ask a student who has failed his exam.

To realize the value of ONE MONTH...

Ask a mother who has given birth to a pre-mature baby.

To realize the value of ONE WEEK...

Ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of ONE DAY...

Ask a daily wage laborer who has ten kids to feed.

To realize the value of ONE HOUR...

Ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.

To realize the value of ONE MINUTE...

Ask a person who has missed the train.

To realize the value of ONE SECOND...

Ask a person who has survived an accident.

To realize the value of ONE MILLI-SECOND...

Ask the person who has won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Treasure every moment that you have, and treasure it more because you share it with someone special... special enough to have your time... and remember, "time waits for no one..."

(from Lt. Col. Wayne "Wildman" Wakeman, Wing Safety)



Legal Line

by Maj. James T Itamura,
Staff Judge Advocate, 154th Wing

Possession of Firearms

A new federal law now makes it a felony offense for any person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence to receive, possess, or carry firearms or ammunition. All members of the Hawaii Air National Guard are required to comply with this law. Accordingly, no member of the Hawaii Air National Guard who has a conviction for domestic violence shall be allowed to draw weapons or ammunition. Additionally, commanders and supervisors who knowingly issue firearms or ammunition to a person known to have a conviction are also subject to felony charges.

A misdemeanor crime of domestic violence is defined as:

1. Any crime that is a misdemeanor under federal or state law, and the offense has as an element, the use or attempted use of physical force or the threatened use of a deadly weapon and;
2. The crime is committed by a current or former spouse, parent or guardian of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabiting with the victim as a spouse, parent, or guardian, or by a person who is similarly situated to a spouse, parent or guardian of the victim.

Additionally, Guardmembers are prohibited from carrying weapons and ammunition if they are the subject of a temporary restraining order specifically prohibiting them from carrying weapons in the line of duty.

All members of the HIANG will be required to sign a certificate acknowledging understanding of this law. If you believe you qualify, you may report it privately to your first sergeant or

commander. You may also contact the Judge Advocate's office for information as to how a conviction can be set aside or expunged or how to revoke or modify a restraining order. Commanders are required to counsel and report affected members through the chain of command.

BEE Line

by MSgt. Laura Masuda, Bioenvironmental Eng. Svcs.

Chemically Exposed Workers at the Jobsite

(Cont. from last month)

Workers could be overly exposed to industrial chemicals during an incident, such as a hazardous spill. Knowing something about these chemicals requires knowledge in first aid, establishes greater respect when using these chemicals, and to handle them safely.

Sulfuric Acid

Sulfuric acid is the highest volume chemical produced in the United States. It is used in the manufacture of phosphate fertilizer, in battery manufacturing, and petroleum refining. Sulfuric acid is a clear to cloudy oil liquid that is water-soluble and not flammable. Four grades of acid are produced: commercial, electrolyte, textile, and reagent.

Acute health effects include minor irritation to the eyes, skin, and respiratory system. More significant exposures may cause severe burns to these structures as well as life-threatening damage to the lungs with accumulation of blood or other fluids, compromising the victim's ability to breathe. There are no antidotes for sulfuric acid poisoning. Support of breathing by maintaining the victim's airway, assuring proper control of any bleeding, and supporting circulation through CPR if needed, are critical.

Flushing the eyes and skin with copious amounts of water will help neutralize the caustic effects of sulfuric acid. Those individuals with difficulty breathing or extensive burns should be hospitalized for definitive treatment immediately.

Next month: **Organophosphate Pesticides**

-Deadline-

The deadline for the November edition of the Kuka'ilimoku is **Friday, October 24th.**

Personnel News

by SSgt. Wayne K Kolii, Military Personnel Flight

Humana Military Healthcare Services of Louisville, Kentucky has been awarded the contract to administer the Defense Department's TRICARE Selected Reserve Dental Program (TSRDP), a basic dental care insurance program for members of the Selected Reserves. Benefits for reservists who choose to enroll will begin Oct. 1, 1997.

Under the five-year contract, enrollees will pay 40%, and the government will pay 60% of the premium cost for coverage. An enrolled reservist's share of the monthly premium in the first year will be \$4.36. Modest changes to the premium levels are expected annually. The total contract price is dependent on the number of reservists who enroll. The government's share of the contract's costs over the five-year period is expected to be approximately \$81.3 million.

The plan will offer diagnostic, preventive, oral surgery and emergency dental services. Coverage is limited to PARTICIPATING reservists only. Family members will not be covered.

For diagnostic, preventive, and emergency services, enrollees will pay no co-pays. Co-pays or other dental services range from 10% - 30% for E-4s and below, and 20% - 40% for all others.

Reservists who want to enroll in the plan must have at least 12 months of service remaining, and must initially enroll for 12 months. After the initial 12-month period, reservists may enroll on a month-to-month basis as long as they remain eligible.

Because many reservists don't receive monthly pay, all enrollees will need to submit four month's worth of premium payments with their initial enrollment form. Reservists who are in "pay" billets will have their share of the monthly premium withheld from their monthly drill pay. When drill pay is unavailable, they will make monthly payments to the contractor. Coverage will end for reservists who are called to active duty for more than 30 days (premium for unused months of enrollment will be returned)—but they may re-enroll if otherwise still eligible when the active-duty period ends.

The maximum annual benefit for services under the plan is \$1,000 worth of paid allowable charges per contract year.

If you have any further concerns please contact the 154 MSF/DPMPs, Customer Service, at 449-8178.

In addition, an application and information sheet is being mailed to the DEERS home address of traditional guardsmen and technicians. If your DEERS home address is incorrect, you will not receive an application. As soon as our DEERS system is up and running (it's currently still down), we can check addresses for those of you who do not receive applications.

Folks who want to enroll must complete the application, pay \$17.44 in advance for the first four months, and send the application back to HMHS TSRDP, PO Box #980502, Louisville, KY 40233-9814. We do not have any further information on subsequent premium payments, methods of payments, cancellations, changes, etc.

Per ANG/MPPU letter, 4 Sep 97, this office has no other program responsibility concerning TSRDP. Any questions, please contact HMHS, Monday through Friday, 07:00 to 20:00 hours EST, at 1-800-211-3614.

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National Guard News

Quadrennial Defense Review:

The QDR contains a proposal to cut 60,000 active duty people from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. There is also a proposed cut of 45,000 from the Army reserve components, most of which (38,000 is the number reported) would come from the Army National Guard. This issue is still being worked on.

Retiree Dental Program Update:

On May 15, DoD formally solicited bids from national dental providers for the establishment of a retiree dental program. Qualifying beneficiaries are any retired member of the armed forces entitled to retired pay, members of the Retired Reserve eligible for retired pay at age 60, and unremarried surviving spouses and eligible child dependents of a deceased member who would have qualified. More details will be out later.

National Guard Chief Added to Joint Chiefs?

Legislation will be introduced by four influential senators that would elevate the current three-star position of National Guard Chief to a four-star position and include the chief on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. This bill is in response to two recent Pentagon decisions that have not worked in favor of the Guard. The first, a \$743 million cut in National Guard funding included in the President's FY 1998 defense budget. The second, the QDR's recommendation to cut 45,000 from the Army reserve components and 700 from the Air Force reserve components, most of which are to come from the National Guard.

Senators Ted Stevens (R-AK), Daniel Inouye (D-HI), Christopher Bond (R-MO) and Wendell Ford (D-KY) believe these decisions may have turned out differently if the National Guard had higher status in the Pentagon.

AAFES Issues Recall

DALLAS (AFNS) -- The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has issued a hazardous recall to exchanges worldwide for three Armor All Quicksilver Wheel Cleaner products.

The Clorox Company of Oakland, California, makers of Armor All products, voluntarily recalled Armor All Quicksilver Wheel Cleaner products containing ammonium bifluoride and ammonium fluoride. This formula can be fatal if swallowed by small children. The product has been implicated in the death of a child.

AAFES sold three products and advises customer with children to stop using these products immediately: Quicksilver Wheel Cleaner, 20-ounce spray; Quicksilver Bonus, a 25-ounce-size wheel cleaner; and 16-ounce Quicksilver with Tire Foam. No other Armor All products are involved in this recall.

AAFES customers in the continental United States can obtain a full refund by calling the Clorox Company at 1-800-925-5615, or write to the company at 1221 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612.

Exchange customers in Europe, the Pacific, Panama and Puerto Rico should return the products to their nearest post or base exchange, or write to the Clorox Company for a refund.



Shot Line

by Maj. Richard E Ando, Jr., 154th Med. Sq.

Mass Influenza Immunizations & DNA Testing will be performed at the Consolidated Support Facility (Bldg. #3417), makai/Ewa lanai, and in Classroom 2 of the wing dining room from 09:00 a.m.

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until 1:30 p.m. during the Saturday/Sunday UTA in October and November, and Saturday only during the December UTA.

This may result in congestion and delays in food services and medical services during these times, so we are requesting units to help by sending small groups throughout these times rather than all at one time. We will appreciate the cooperation and patience of all HIANG members in completing these important medical requirements.

All HIANG members must bring their yellow shot record (PHS 731) for review and documentation of immunizations.

Individual administration of influenza vaccine will continue during the usual Immunization Clinic hours (see Tack Board) on Sunday UTAs from January through March, 1998. However, the most effective time to receive the influenza vaccine is during the October - December time frame.

Individual DNA Testing will continue during the usual 154 MDS physical exam hours (see Tack Board) during Sunday UTAs. All HIANG members must have completed this testing by December 31, 1999, or prior to deployments. DNA Testing will be used only for casualty identification purposes, not for any other reason (29 Aug 96 DNA Testing Policy Letter, MG Shepperd).

EANGUS News

Equal Benefits for the Guard and Reserve

Members of the Guard and Reserve would like to be treated more like part of the military community. As it stands now, they have limited shopping privileges on base. They have a ration card system that allows them 12 commissary trips a year.

They would like unlimited commissary access.

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) fought to get us unlimited exchange privileges. Now, we're fighting for the same at the commissary.

A group of 22 military-related associations, known as The Military Coalition, is making a list of improvements for Reservists and their families. The Coalition also would like to see:

- .. that child care is made available for weekend training

- .. states prevented from counting Reservists' pay towards unemployment compensation

- .. financial relief provided for self-employed Desert Storm veterans who lost money, homes and businesses when they were mobilized

- .. all mobilized Reservists treated the same by eliminating Tricare deductibles for Reservists and Guardsmen called to active-duty, more than 30, but less than 180 days

- .. space available travel available to reservists and their families, the same as active-duty members and retirees

These are only SOME of the issues that are being worked on or that have been completed by EANGUS... By the way, are you a member of the Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association? Numbers mean strength in Washington, DC. Your membership in the HNGEA also means you belong to the EANGUS. Your membership will make a difference. Join your Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association today!

Team Kilohana Spreads Aloha in 'Big Sky' Montana!

by SSgt. Steven WH Abear, 169th ACWS

On August 19th, 1997, Team Kilohana, down to nine healthy players and three more walking around with knee injuries, headed to Great Falls, Montana to play in the 32nd Annual ANG National Softball Tournament. We came away from the 37-team Open Division in fifth place with 5 wins and 2 losses.

The planning and preparation for this trek started in January as a team of 20-strong began practicing and playing in the Ekahi Softball League. We also entered the first leg of the Coors Light as well as the first leg of the Triple Crown. However, over the course of seven months, due to the Presidential Activation to Hungary, Tech Schools, new employment, personal reasons, and injuries, the team was shaved to just twelve. But the few who remained and made the trip, returned home with a lifetime of memories and friendships, which were greatly enhanced due to our comaraderie.

The players were Charley "Wine" Kaulukukui, David "Kami" Okinishi, James "Crunchtime" Pestana, Obed "The Ambassador of Aloha" Sniffen, and the MIE Boys, Mikey "Tiger" Buendia, Gerald "The Kid" Samson, Gregg "The Rock Jr." Tanaka, and yours truly from the 169th ACWS. Plus George "Slider" Kawaguchi, and Dwayne "Shamu" Yoshioka from the 154th Log Group. And Stephen "Chile" Lorenzo, and Floyd "Ake" Zakabi from the 293rd CCSQ. Plus our scorekeeper, Lauren "Li'l Montana" Okinishi.

It started early on the morning of the 19th at about 0530 as Dwayne, Floyd and I made our flights from HNL to LAX to Phoenix with a overnight stopover.

The highlight of the time spent in Phoenix was at the Original Bobby McGee's Conglomeration. Because, with our luck, just as we walked in, the

Bikini Contest just started, so we had to call right then and there our teammates back in Hawaii, who were waiting to board their flight to Las Vegas, and tell them of our misfortune.

In the morning, the three of us hooked up with the 161 ARWS, Phoenix Air Guard, for our flight to Great Falls. In the meantime, our teammates were supposedly on their way from Las Vegas to Billings via Denver.

On our flight, we met the players from both the Phoenix and Tucson Guard who were also participating in the tournament. We also watched an air refueling mission of F-16s on the way.

As we landed in Montana, we were greeted by a few native Montana women who were part of the 120th Fighter Wing, the host of the tournament, with open arms and lots of beer mugs ready to be filled with beer. By this time, the rest of our teammates were supposed to be in Billings and getting ready for the 4-hour drive to Great Falls.

The Montana Guard threw a great welcoming party with all you can eat and drink and alot of mingling. We were amazed as KC-135 after KC-135 from different states kept on pulling in on the hour unloading the players; and all you could hear was New Jerisy's here, California, and so on, and so on.

After checking into the Heritage Inn and Casino, it was back to the party for the Sumo Wrestling tournament. Every team had to send a representative, and we felt we had the best man for the job, Floyd "Ake" Zakabi, 5'8", 230, 45% body fat.

With everyone, there must have been about a thousand people milling around waiting for the competition to begin. Just like the movie, "Enter the Dragon", the PA sounded "LET THE TOURNAMENT BEGIN!"

After a preliminary bout, the ring announcer yelled, "Hambone", Iowa, are

you r e a d y?" A loud "YEAH!" came out of the crowd. Then he called, "Ake' Zakabi, Hawaii, are you r e a d y?" And Floyd grunted, "yes." As we approached the ring, we knew Iowa was known for it's rich wrestling tradition, but not SUMO; but their "Hambone" was all of 6'1", 195 lbs, and all cut up.

After they put on their sumo suits, the match, which was the best 2 out of 3 falls, began.

On the first fall, "Hambone" bull rushed "Ake" Zakabi and knocked him out of the circle and left him sprawling on the ground as the crowd went wild. "Ake" Zakabi regained his composure and got ready for the next fall, which was now do or die.

The whistle sounded, both wrestlers charged each other and met at the middle of the ring. After a brief standoff, "Ake" Zakabi side-stepped "Hambone" and let him fall helplessly to ground and then "Ake" Zakabi pounced on him with a couple of big elbow smashes to "Hambone's" back.

In the rubber match of the two titans, they squared off at the middle of the ring, and after a standoff of about of 20 seconds, "Hambone" barely nudged "Ake" Zakabi out of the ring for the victory. "Ake" Zakabi put up a valiant fight, but came out on the short end. To "Ake" Zakabi's consolation, "Hambone" eventually won the championship losing only two falls in the process, and one was to "Ake" Zakabi.

After the coaches meeting, it was back to the casino to await the arrival of our teammates. Finally, they arrived at about 11:30 p.m.. After a brief team meeting, it was time to rest up for the beginning of our tournament.

The next morning, we awoke for breakfast at Elmer's and were treated to Montana hospitality, if you can call it that, since we must have waited for about an hour and a half for our

breakfast. After breakfast, it was time to head to the field for batting practice and a quick infield practice, then it was game time.

First up was the 168 ARW, Alaska. It was a very nip and tuck affair as we held a slim 3 to 1 advantage until Alaska tied it up with two runs in the fourth. The game stayed that way until the decisive sixth when Alaska erupted for 5 runs, which started with a big two-run homer, and culminated with a big two-run single after two were out. We had our chances as we scored a run in the bottom of the sixth. We got the first two batters on in the seventh, but failed to come up with the big hit. We had our chances, but couldn't capitalize, and came up on the short end 8 to 4.

Leading hitters were Samson 3-4, Pestana 3-4, Buendia 2-3, and Sniffen 2-2. Now we had to fight our way up from the loser's bracket.

Since we were done for the day, we decided to go out and see the town. We had a nice relaxing lunch at Jakers Steakhouse where we celebrated "Slider" Kawaguchi's birthday with a shot of Sambuvca and Jagermeister. Keoki was excited as he got to gamble and won over \$20.00 on a 25 cent Keno machine.

We were planning to go to the Fun Factory and ride the go-karts, but got swayed to the Holiday Mall where the MIE Boys got MIE'd, and where "Tiger" Buendia met his "Friend", Gwenda.

Then it was on to the Home Run Derby, which "Crunchtime" Pestana, Keoki and Tiger were entered in. We didn't fare too well as the seven-time champion from Delaware, who's name happened to be "Hammer", clouded seven dingers at will to win it all again.

The next morning, we arose at 0600 and started warming up at the field by 0630. The weather was a cool 52 degrees and it felt like we were

warming up with rocks. But by game time, we were ready for the challenge.

The 241 EIS, Tennessee, came a calling. The game started off slow again, but we broke open the 3 to 3 game with a big seven-run fourth and an even bigger eight-run sixth to win by the ten-run rule 19 to 7.

Leading hitters were Samson 4-5, Buendia 4-5, Abear 4-4, Pestana 5-5, Tanaka 2-5, Kawaguchi 3-4, Yoshioka 2-4, and Okinishi 2-4.

After we broke for a light lunch, it was back to battle against the 128 FW, Wisconsin. We scored in every inning and came away with an easy 14 to 5 win.

Leading hitters were Samson 2-4, Buendia 2-4, Abear 2-3 HRs, Lorenzo 3-4, Kawaguchi 4-4, Tanaka 3-4, Yoshioka 2-4, and Okinishi 3-3.

When we shook hands after the game, everyone on the Wisconsin team were taller than us, even the scorekeeper.

The next game was against the 121 ARW, Ohio, who was one of the favorites to win it all. But we surprised them by jumping on top with a big nine-run first inning highlighted by Kawaguchi's two HRs and Samson going two for two with a big bases clearing triple to deep center. But Ohio, showing their true meddle, scratched and clawed their way back to eventually take a one-run lead in the bottom of the sixth. Now we had a real gut check in the top of the seventh which Okinishi promptly led off with his third hit of the game.

After Samson lined out to the pitcher, Buendia ripped one up the middle to put Okinishi in scoring position. Abear then doubled off the left center fence scoring the tying and go ahead runs. Pestana then got his fourth hit of the game to put runners at the corners. Keoki then hit a sacrifice fly scoring Abear. Kawaguchi then followed with his fourth hit scoring Pestana. After the dust had cleared, we had scored 5

to take a 18 to 14 lead. Pestana shut them down in the bottom of the seventh to preserve the victory, and we lived to see another day.

Leading hitters were Samson 2-5, Buendia 3-5, Abear 3-5, Pestana 4-5, Kawaguchi 4-5 HRs, Kaulukukui 3-5, Tanaka 3-4, Yoshioka 2-4, and Okinishi 3-4.

This was a sweet victory as we showed great heart after blowing the nine-run lead and coming back to win it in the top of the seventh. This ensured our birth in the Sweet Sixteen.

It was now about 8:30 in the evening, and as we passed by the temperature meter, we noticed it was still a cool 98 degrees. We had dinner that night at "Tiger" Buendia's favorite restaurant, The River Boat Queen.

We arose the next morning for a showdown with the 175 AW, Maryland. The game started quickly as Maryland scored one in the top of the first and we answered with back-to-back solo jacks by Abear and Pestana. But in the top of the second, Maryland just hit the daylights out of the ball and scored 9 runs. However, we came back again in our half of the second with 10 runs of our own, which silenced the Maryland faithful.

In the inning, Keoki Lorenzo hit a line drive homer that didn't get up, but just got out, and we knew that one wasn't coming back; it must have just kept going and going.

Abear also had a three-run homer and a two-run single in the same inning. We padded our lead with a four-run fourth highlighted by Lorenzo hitting another monster shot only to have Tanaka follow with a clout of his own. We came away winning the slugfest 20 to 16.

Leading hitters were Samson 2-5, Abear 4-4 2 HRs, Pestana 2-4 HRs, Kawaguchi 3-4, Lorenzo 4-4 2 HRs, Tanaka 2-4 HRs, Zakabi 3-4, and Okinishi 4-4. Now we were in the Elite

eight and waiting for the winner of the Montana/North Carolina game.

After an hour break, it was time to do battle with the 145 AW, North Carolina. We continued our hitting onslaught by scoring in every inning 4, 3, 3, 1, 3, and 6 winning by the score of 20-14.

Leading hitters were Samson 3-5, Buendia 5-5, Abear 4-4 HRs, Pestana 4-5 HRs, Kawaguchi 4-5, Lorenzo 2-5, Yoshioka 2-4, and Okinishi 3-4.

Now it was the long awaited rematch with Alaska and a birth in the Final Four. After scoring 20 and 19 runs in the previous two games, we came out really flat, and Alaska came out smoking as they battered three pitchers to take a 20 to 0 lead into the fifth. Where we reached back and came back with ten big runs to open up alot of eyes and showed our true character by not not giving up. Even though we sort of ran out of gas by playing in our sixth game in a 24-hour span.

Leading hitters were Samson 2-4, Abear 2-3, Pestana 2-3, Kaulukukui 2-3, Zakabi 2-3, Yoshioka 2-3, and Kawaguchi HRs. We came away satisfied with the way we battled back and never gave up. We averaged 15 runs per game and batted well over .600 as a team. We also impressed them with our defense.

We spent the rest of the day making friends, especially the "Ambassador of Aloha", Obed, and enjoyed watching the championship game which saw the Delaware Guard come out of the losers bracket and Three-peat as National Champions. Next year, it's off to Dayton Ohio, and we're sure alot of teams can't wait to get another crack at us, especially the host.

We spent our last night in Montana as a team by having dinner at the famous 3D International Restaurant and having a get-together back at the room. A few of us went to the JD Nightclub to join in the festivities and

watched all those cowboys do the two-step.

The next morning, we took off for a little R&R in Las Vegas, and all we can say is, you win some and you lose some. Even though 99.9% of the cost for the trip came out of our pocket, it was worth it because we all can say we had a lot of fun and came back with alot of memories. Hopefully we can go again next year.

Tournament Results

168 ARW, Alaska	8
Kilohana, HIANG	4
Kilohana, HIANG	19
241EIS, Tennessee	7
Kilohana, HIANG	14
128 FW, Wisconsin	5
Kilohana, HIANG	18
121 ARW, Ohio	14
Kilohana, HIANG	20
175 W, Maryland	16
Kilohana, HIANG	20
145 AW, N. Carolina	14
168 ARW, Alaska	20
Kilohana, HIANG	10

Final Standings

166 AW, Delaware	1st
<i>(three-time defending champions)</i>	
108 ARW, New Jersey	2nd
158 FW, Vermont	3rd
168 ARW, Alaska	4th
Kilohana, HIANG	5th
116 BW, Georgia	6th

The Family Support Program

Mission of the Family Support Program

To serve as the commander's primary source for programs which enhance readiness of service members and their families and contribute to overall morale and welfare. To establish pre- and post-mobilization family assistance support requirements, responsibilities, resources, and procedures to support the overall mission of the Hawaii National Guard. Contact your unit representative to get involved. You'll be glad you did!

HIANG SEA News

by CMSgt. Delbert Dandurant, SEA, HIANG

First Sergeant's Diamond

Currently, those First Sergeants in an authorized slot can wear the Diamond of a First Sergeant, even though he has not completed the First Sergeant's Academy. He may also wear the diamond at the Academy while going through the course. But, if you are assigned a First Sergeant slot after September, 1998, you are not authorized to wear the Diamond until graduating from the First Sergeant's Academy.

I want to meet with all the First Sergeants (including additional duty F/Sgts) during the September UTA (on Sunday morning). If any of the First Sergeants from the outer islands are on Oahu during this time, I would also like for you to attend. You will be notified of time and place.

HIANG SNCO Conference/

Awards Banquet

The Senior Non-Commissioned Officers Conference for the Hawaii Air National Guard will be held at the Hale Koa Hotel on 26-27 February 1998.

The HIANG Awards Banquet will be held the following day at the same location.

I would like to have your inputs as to topics, issues, speakers or any other suggestions you may have to ensure a quality conference. Just send me an e-mail or note ASAP.

In Other News...

297 ATCF Deploys to Hungary

Members of the 297th Air Traffic Control Flight deployed to Taszar, Hungary, on July 20th to support Project Joint Endeavor. They are expected to return to Hawaii in December after completing their 146-day deployment.

Of the 31 deployed members of the flight, 23 are traditional HIANG members. We know they will do an outstanding job and come home safely.

Time-In-Grade Shortened

According to the July/August edition of the Air Force Sergeants newsletter,

thousands of enlisted members can look toward a faster trip up the career ladder, now that the Air Force has dumped a rule that members had to be Senior Airmen before moving from job skill-level three to level five.

Removing the requirement for Senior Airman's stripes means some airmen will be able to be upgraded from three-level to five-level in just 18 months. It typically takes three years to make Senior Airman. Despite the change, airmen still must meet most of the same requirements that are already established.

Dress and Personal Appearance Issues

A reminder that the women's blouse to the mess dress has changed (reference HQ AF/DPP message, DTG 250925 Feb 97). It looks like the men's dress shirt with long sleeves, pleats instead of ruffles and a pointed collar. Cuff links and studs can be worn with the blouse and must be worn as a set.

UTA Attendance

What is unsatisfactory participation? AFI 36-3209 defines unsatisfactory participation as nine or more unexcused absences from Unit Training Assemblies (UTAs) within a 12-month period. It further states that if a member fails to report to the ANG unit of assignment within 90 days after the date of release from active federal service, he will be considered an unsatisfactory participant. (These individuals are Palace Chase/Palace Front).

My note: Remember, nine UTAs are nine four-hour periods, not nine separate days. So, if you miss two months without an excuse, that is already eight periods.



Active Duty Officer Assumes Command of ANG Unit

BRADLEY AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Conn. (AFNS) — For the first time an active-duty Air Force officer commands an Air National Guard wing, promoting the "total force" of the military.

Col. Walter "Buster" Burns formally began a three-year tour Aug. 2nd as commander of the Connecticut Air National Guard's 103rd Fighter Wing at Bradley ANGB.

The traditional "passing of the colors" took place before an assembly of the 1,000-member unit comprising Burns' new command. Also at the ceremony were Maj. Gen. Donald W. Shepperd, ANG director, and Brig. Gen. Paul A. Weaver Jr., ANG deputy director.

Shepperd said Burns' new position will help the active-duty Air Force and the Guard "become a closer team. What better way for Air Force officers to learn the capabilities of the Air Guard?"

The exchange of Air Force and ANG officers is a key element of a "staff integration" plan, Shepperd announced last year.

Speaking of the plan, he said, "We need to get people at the right locations ... staff integration is an important step in creating a seamless

organization of the Air Force and the Air National Guard."

Weaver echoed these sentiments, saying, "This is the day that starts us on a new 'total force' path in the blue-suit community."

The Total Force Doctrine created a framework in which Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units can be combined to operate as a totally integrated entity.

Although the concept of operations of all three component services are similar, as Shepperd's plan noted, each has individual operating characteristics that must be mutually understood to achieve effective integration.

Burns was previously chief of the Strike Warfare Assessment Division for the Joint Staff at the Pentagon. In his remarks during the ceremony, Burns said, "I may not know all the rules, regulations and cultural nuances of the Air Guard, yet, but I do know what is right."

F-15 Eagle Celebrates Silver Anniversary

by TSgt. Rick DelaHaya,
3rd Wing Public Affairs Office

Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska (AFNS) -- It was the summer of 1972. The Democratic National Committee headquarters was broken into, and the Watergate scandal began to unravel. Pocket calculators

cost \$150 and weighed in at 2.5 pounds.

American moviegoers were standing in line for tickets to see "The Godfather" when the F-15 Eagle made its first inaugural flight July 27th.

The F-15 Eagle celebrated its 25th anniversary last July and is considered by many as the most advanced tactical fighter in the world.

The Air Force requested development funding for the new fighter in 1965. In 1969, McDonnell Douglas Corp. was selected as the prime airframe contractor. Three years later, the first \$15 million aircraft took flight.

In 1974, the first F-15B was delivered to the 58th Tactical Training Wing, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.

The F-15's role is that of an all-weather, extremely maneuverable, tactical fighter designed to gain and maintain air superiority in aerial combat. Powered by two Pratt and Whitney F100 turbofan engines with afterburners, it can climb to altitudes of more than 65,000 feet and can reach a top speed of 1,875 miles per hour, or Mach 2.5-plus at sea level.

"It's the best air-to-air fighter in the world today," said Lt. Col. Bill Shaw III, commander of the 54th Fighter Squadron at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. "Because of the avionics and weaponry, it's just an awesome aircraft that no one can touch."

Shaw has been flying the F-15 since 1983, and is just short of 2,300 hours in the cockpit. According to Shaw, the F-15 was built to accomplish two major air-to-air improvements over the F-4's capabilities.

The first was the look-down, shoot-down capability of the radar, Shaw said. The versatile pulse-Doppler radar system can look up at high-flying targets, he explained, or can look down below the altitude the pilot is currently flying. The radar can then see through any ground clutter and be able to find any target. The system is so advanced that it can track aircraft and small high-speed targets at distances beyond visual range down to close range, and at altitudes down to tree-top level. "The pulse-Doppler radar is what they built this aircraft around," he said.

The second, Shaw said, was the incorporation of HOTAS, or Hands On Throttles And Stick. "What this does is enable the pilot to keep his head on a swivel and looking outside the cockpit," explained Shaw. "This lets the pilot gain a visual on the target and keep him 'padlocked' or within his sight while he works things on the stick and throttles. "It's kind of like playing a musical instrument, such as a piccolo or piano."

Combining HOTAS and the look-down, shoot-down capability of the aircraft are the biggest advantages right off the bat to the average fighter pilot, Shaw said.

Although the aircraft is 25 years old, it still has a lot of advantages going for it. Three of these, according to Shaw, include its maneuverability, the radar and the AMRAAM, or Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile.

However, the aircraft does have one major disadvantage, Shaw conceded. "It's big." With a wingspan of 42 feet, the aircraft is very easy to see when it starts to maneuver.

The F-22 Raptor is scheduled to replace the F-15 in the near future, but it won't be the end of an era, Shaw explained. "It will just continue a tradition of building an airframe that has overwhelming superiority and it will contribute to the air dominance that the United States has enjoyed throughout its military history."

Nevertheless, don't count the F-15 out of the fight, just yet. "The Eagle will probably stay in the inventory 15 years longer than anyone had in mind," he said. "I used to think it was kind of funny that B-52 pilots were flying aircraft older than them." "Now, I've got fighter pilots flying for me who are very close in age to the F-15."

What's for lunch?

154th Wing Dining
Facility

Menu

-Saturday-

Main Line

Hamburger Steak
Spaghetti

w/meat or vegetable sauce

Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Green Beans
Chicken Noodle Soup
Macaroni Salad
Tossed Greens
Bread/Butter
Chocolate Mix Cake
White Milk
Chocolate Milk
Juice

+Snack Line+ _____

Grilled Cheese Sandwich

Hot Dog
Onion Rings

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Lunch Hour

10:30 - 12:30

Dinner Hour

16:30 - 17:30

-Sunday-

Main Line

Baked Pork Chops
Sukiyaki Beef
Steamed Rice
Buttered Broccoli
Vegetable Soup
Apple Sauce
Macaroni Salad
Tossed Greens
Bread/Butter
Orange Jello
White Milk
Chocolate Milk
Juice

+Snack Line+

Fish Sandwich
BBQ Pork Sandwich
French Fries

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Lunch Hour

10:30 - 12:30

No Dinner Served on Sunday

*-Menu items are subject to
substitutions based on
availability-*

All personnel will present a military ID card in order to eat in the dining facility. Traditional Guardsmen will sign in on the AF Form 1339. Officers and AGRs will sign in on the AF Form 79 and pay \$2.75 for per meal.