



# Hometown heroes honored

by Tech. Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

Over 250 members of the Hawaii Air National Guard were honored for their service to their state and their nation here Dec. 6, in Hangar 19 as part of the HIANG's first Hometown Heroes ceremony.

The honored guests, their families and their employers received recognition for their service and sacrifice during Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and other contingencies that the Guard has been called to since Sept 11, 2001.



photo by Tech. Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

(L-R) Elaine Ota, Lt. Gov. Duke Aiona Jr. and Lorna Souza receive Center of Influence awards from Command Chief Master Sgt. Denise Jelinski-Hall and Maj. Gen. Robert Lee during the Hometown Heroes Ceremony here Dec. 6, for their support of the troops.

"Hometown Heroes was designed to recognize our Airmen and say thank you for a job well done," said Hawaii National Guard Senior Enlisted Advisor

Command Chief Master Sgt. Denise Jelinski-Hall, who spear-headed the program.

According to Command Chief Master Sgt. Jelinski-Hall, when a 14-year member of the HIANG, was asked what he thought of the event, he replied, "In 14-years, I have never been recognized like this."

Lt. Gov. Duke Aiona thanked the HIANG members and their families for their commitment and sacrifice.



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Community leaders gather to honor Hawaii Air National Guard members during the Hometown Heroes ceremony..

Employers Glen Murata from Richard Matsunaga and Assoc. Architecture firm, and Mike Walters from Loves Bakery, were honored for the unselfish support

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## HIANG Command Chief selected for NGB post

by Tech. Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

There she was putting the final touches on the Hometown Heroes event, making sure every last detail was in place, seeking and getting advice from her fellow Airman all in an effort to make sure those who have been deployed are recognized for their service; thus, like the final chord of a symphony, Command Chief Jelinski Hall ends her tenure with the Hawaii Air National Guard with a resounding harmonic conclusion that punctuates her tenure with the HIANG.

During the Joint Senior Leadership Conference held outside Washington D.C., Nov. 19, Gen. Craig R. McKinley, chief of the National Guard tapped Hawaii's Senior Enlisted Advisor to be his top advisor on enlisted matters. Command Chief Master Sgt. Jelinski-Hall is the first Air Guardsman and the first woman to be selected for the National Guard Senior Enlisted Advisor post.

"We are very proud of Chief Jelinski-Hall's selection as the senior enlisted leader for the National Guard Bureau," said Maj. Gen. Robert Lee,

the adjutant general of the Hawaii National Guard. "She has accomplished many things in her 25-year career, and she will continue to excel at the national level," Maj. Gen Lee added.

Command Chief Master Sgt. Jelinski-Hall is set to take the reigns as advisor on the enlisted affairs of the 457,000 Soldiers and Airmen of the Army and Air National Guard in February.

"I see my role as advising Gen. McKinley on all matters affecting the

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## Commander's Call: 'Fast away the ol' year passes'

by Col. Joseph K. Kim, Commander 154 WG

The Holiday Season is upon us again, this year has been a blur, rich with events. Many of you know the common phrase, "The sum of its parts is greater than the whole." It's a saying often used to demonstrate the synergy of teamwork, a synergy all of you have demonstrated time and time again. During our evolution from a Fighter Wing to the Air National Guard's most diverse Combat Wing, your successes in conversions, deployments and inspections have paved the way for a solid future in the Air Force's front line systems. But even as we celebrate our year's successes, please focus on our near term challenges. We are in the "window" for the

HQ PACAF Alert Forces Evaluation and the ASEV and UCI are on the horizon.

At the recent first ever National Guard Joint Senior Leadership Conference, held in our nation's capital last month, the economic message for the Guard was bleak. In a business where we already operate with far less resources than our Active Duty brethren, we will be asked to do even more with less. The associate units we will bring online, along with perpetuating the existing C-17 Classic Associate, will demand unprecedented access to our Guard aircraft and people.

As always, however, our glass at the 154th Wing is half full. Our conversion to the F-22 is in full swing

and as we speak, the renovations to Hangar 13 and Bldg 1055 are in progress. Ground breaking ceremonies for the KC-135 Simulator and F-22 facilities are fast approaching. We will not only meet any challenges but succeed and raise the bar!

Please extend congratulations and a warm welcome to Tech. Sgt. Anthony Colon, our new HQ 154 WG and HQ 154 OG First Sergeant. A former Marine and 19 year member of the Honolulu Police Department, Tony brings superior bearing, exceptional talents and a caring heart to the job.

In closing, please accept my best wishes for a safe Holiday Season. Each and every one of you add so much value to the 154th Wing, please keep you and your families safe. On behalf of my family to yours:

Hau'oli Lanui me ka Hau'oli Makahiki Hou.



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Several members of the Hawaii Air National Guard and other Armed Forces who graduated from Kamehameha Schools were honored during the school's Veteran's Day Program Nov. 10. Maj. James "Kimo" Lowe, 204th Airlift Squadron, was the program's guest speaker. Maj. Noa Allen, '92, Capt. Victory Talamoa '86, Master Sgt. Darrell J. Bactad '83, Master Sgt. Edward Samson '85, and Tech. Sgt. Mark Crabbe '80, were also in attendance.

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# Traditions are the threads that weave our culture

by **Command Chief Master Sgt. Robert S.K. Lee III, 154 WG**



Mele Kalikimaka all! Wow! What an exciting month November brought us. Our very own Hawaii National Guard senior enlisted leader, Command Chief Master Sergeant Denise Jelinski-Hall was selected to be the National Guard Senior Enlisted Leader for our nation. That is the highest ranking enlisted individual in the entire National Guard, a very distinct honor indeed. Chief Jelinski-Hall not only is the first Airman to fill this prominent position, but the very first female as well, our state is very fortunate and proud of the Chief's accomplishments to include what the future holds.

The month of November also brought families together to give thanks, providing each of us a moment to reflect on what we all have to be thankful for. As traditions perpetuate our culture, it's a wonder where we would be without them. These traditions symbolize who we are as a nation and community, they weave

the fabric of a culture that gives us an identity, they allow us to express our values and beliefs, something that's important to a nation where freedom is so very precious and should not be taken for granted.



One tradition that I have been disheartened to see and hear from others that seems to be taken for granted is our very own reveille and retreat that occurs on our military installations every day. We all know the importance of paying respect as these ceremonial moments occur each and every day. It's our military tradition. We certainly should not need to be reminded that it is our duty to execute the proper protocols at dusk and dawn.

The Holiday Season is in full swing, and celebrating with friends and family is always fun, but please remember to be safe when doing so. Never allow yourself or others to drink and drive. Please be responsible while making good sound decisions.

Mahalo for all that you do, and please keep those who are abroad in your prayers of blessings and safety. Enjoy this special time of year; let's make 2010 just as great if not better!...Let's roll!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## Newest Diversity Champions- Hilina'i

by **Chief Master Sgt. Karl Kaneshiro and Senior Master Sgt. Raquel Ramos, HRA**

What does it mean to be a leader in an environment that champions diversity? Diversity Champions act as an agent of change, their role is to make certain that our organization and community lives up to its commitment to embrace and value diversity.

A Diversity Champion is not alone! They act as role models taking actions when appropriate and addressing behaviors when necessary. They capitalize on the best each person has to offer by empowering them with the opportunities, tools, and support needed to develop and grow. Finally, Diversity Champions invite, encourage, inspire and promote greatness in the organization!

The fact is that while all teams are groups, not all groups are teams. A group becomes a true team only when its members support and enhance each other's performance and contributions--when they work to-

gether to achieve results that are bigger and better than those that could be realized individually. Aug. 31 to Sept. 2, the Hawaii Counterdrug Support Program hosted the second Hawaii Diversity Champions workshop at the Ihilani Resort and Spa-Ko Olina.

During the intense three day workshop, each participant was taken out of their comfort zone to reshape their learned thoughts and behaviors. The participants were challenged to 'raise the bar' with



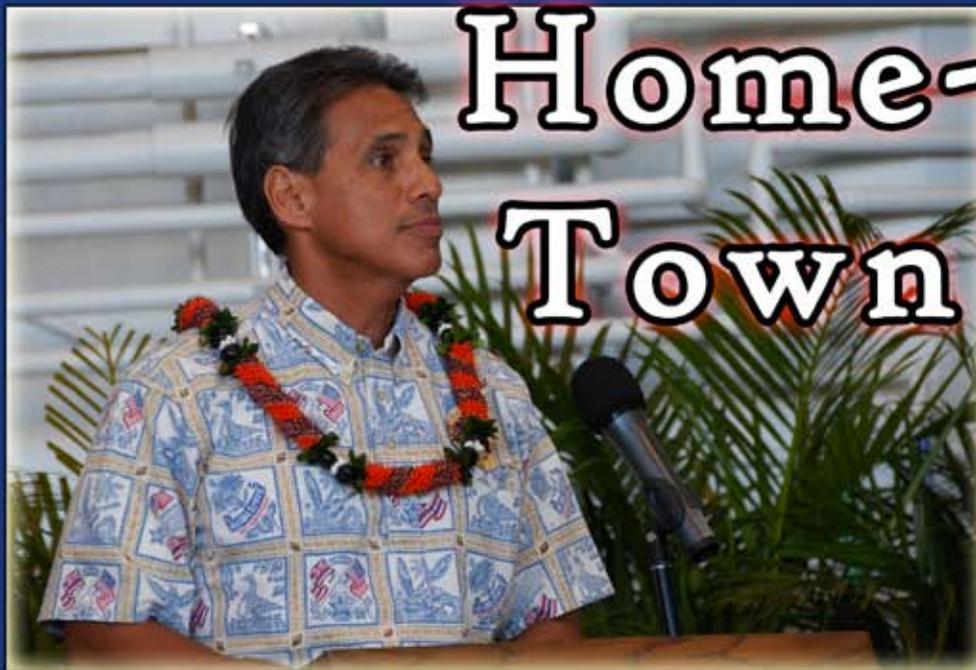
*courtesy photo*

*The newest diversity champions commit to embracing diversity.*

enthusiasm, energy and passion.

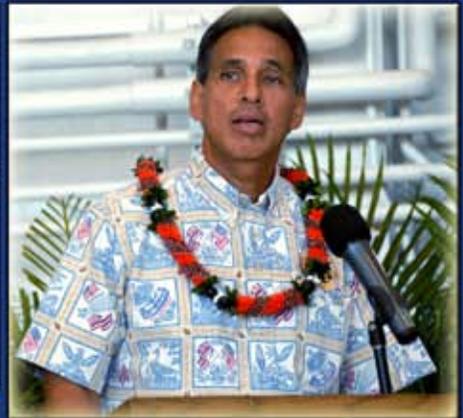
In addition, it brought awareness of the value in bringing others into existence "Sawabona" and to have the moral courage "to do the right thing."

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## News Briefs

### Award packages due

Deadlines for Several Award Packages are rapidly approaching. The 2010 General and Mrs. Jerome F. O'Malley Award nominations are due no later than Jan. 15, 2010, the 2010 NCOA Vanguard Award, due NLT Jan. 8, 2010, and the 2010 Joan Orr Award nominations due NLT Jan. 8, 2010. All award nominations require a TAG endorsement. Please coordinate submissions with Capt. Regina Berry 733-4230.

### Toys for Tots

154th Security Force Squadron will again spearhead the Hawaii Air National Guard's efforts for the annual Toys-For-Tots

Cam-  
paign.  
Last  
year  
the HI-  
ANG,  
as a



whole, gathered over 500 toys for this outstanding cause.

With the struggling local economy, it's understandable that it may be more difficult to give, but it also means that more of Hawaii's children will go without receiving a gift this Holiday Season. Donating a new unwrapped toy or making a monetary donation can make a difference.

Traditionally an abundance of donated toys were for babies, toddlers and younger children, but shortages for teens is also common.

This year, a \$50 monetary gift has been secured. The unit that collects the most toys will be given the money to be distributed to the unit's morale fund.

Collection boxes will be distributed throughout the wing shortly.

### May promotions

#### Promoted to TSgt. (E-6)

154 MXS Ortega, Ryan N.  
154 MXS Vincent, James K.P.  
154 MXS Yoo, Casey S.

#### Promoted to SSgt. (E-5)

154 MXS Johnson, Seth A.  
154 MXS Omori, Jeffrey K.

### HIANG recruiters capture awards

The Hawaii Air National Guard has won three awards for Recruiting and Retention in our region:

Master Sgt. Rose Weldon - ROM of the Year

Master Sgt. Donna Kim - RRNCO of the Year

Tech. Sgt. Mysti Dowsett - Rookie Recruiter of the Year

All of these folks have exceeded the standard in their respective arenas and have achieved recognition as being the best of the best in our region. They will go on to compete nationally; the winners will be announced at the national conference in February.

**154 WG  
Drill Dates  
Jan. 9-10, 2010**

### ESGR Troop Tube

A "Troop Tube" page has been created for ESGR. Troop Tube, is like YouTube for the military. Go to [www.trooptube.tv](http://www.trooptube.tv)

<[file://www.trooptube.tv](http://file://www.trooptube.tv)> and search ESGR to see the video that has been uploaded.

Videos from the field are desired to expand the page.

Any ESGR-related video will do; signings, bosslifts, etc. The more videos we have, the more people we will attract to our page to view our other videos. Videos should be .wav format.

### GAR time

The Hawaii National Guard (both Army and Air) is once again assisting one of the largest fund raising events in Hawaii, the 26th Annual Great Aloha Run, which will be held President's Day Feb. 15, 2010.

Over 8.1 million dollars has been raised through the Great Aloha Run over the past twenty-five-years. Funds have been given to over 150 non-profit health and human service organizations and community groups throughout Hawaii.

As in the past, the GAR Committee is looking for personnel interested in being part of the volunteer cadre.

As you can imagine, to make this event a success requires the support of hundreds of dedicated volunteers with the desire to assist and help others.

Last year over 100 HING members and their families volunteered. Volunteers provide crowd control, first aid, and hand out water.

Those who would like to participate should email Capt. Jason Matsuoka or call him at 448-7394, or call Maj. Robert Dongon at 753-7610. They need the following information: Name / Rank, Work Phone number, and the desired working location.(see below), and T-shirt size.

#### Station/Location/Shift

Starting line: Aloha Tower (4:30 a.m.-7:30 a.m.)

Station 1: By the old Kelly's Drive-in on Nimitz (5:30 a.m.-9 a.m.)

Station 2: Corner of Nimitz and Valkenburg (5:30 a.m.-9 a.m.)

Station 3: Kam Hwy by JI-CPAC parking lot (5:30 a.m.-10 a.m.)

Finish line - Aloha Stadium (5:30 a.m.-11 a.m.)

# New physical fitness standards arrive in 2010

by Master Sgt. Russell P. Petcoff  
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON— Maintaining peak combat readiness begins and ends with healthy, motivated and well-trained Airmen.

On Nov. 19, the Air Force's deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel announced the new Air Force fitness standards will officially begin July 1, 2010.

Lt. Gen. Richard Y. Newton III said the services top leaders sought feedback from commanders and senior NCO leaders throughout the Air Force when deciding to execute the updated program that will test Airmen twice during calendar year 2010 -- once under the current program and once under the new program.

"Based on feedback from the field, we are implementing the July start date so Airmen have the opportunity to excel," General Newton said. "This implementation strategy will allow for a smoother transition of the new Air Force Instruction and afford commanders adequate time to establish installation fitness assessment cells to include adequate manning for the FACs."

According to General Newton, a new AFI detailing the new fitness standards is due out within the next few weeks. This fitness AFI is the first to cover the total force of active duty, Guard and Reserve.

The general added that the July start date will provide commanders and Airmen plenty of time to be prepared and in compliance with the new AFI.

"We want to do this right," General Newton said. "It's about readiness and our continued commitment to ensure we have a Fit Force, ready to perform its global mission."

Col. Joan H. Garbutt, chief of military force management for Air Staff Manpower and Personnel, said the new start date for the new fitness standards will "set our Airmen up for success." She believes Airmen will excel with the new standards.

"Every time you raise the bar, our Airmen reach higher to meet the standards," Colonel Garbutt said.

Biannual physical fitness testing will begin Jan. 1 using current fitness standards. Units with FACs will use them to conduct the assessments. Units without FACs will continue to use their physical training leaders, or PTLs, to assess Airmen. Enlisted and officer performance reports will reflect fitness training scores based upon their reports close out dates, General

Newton added.

According to the change, during the Jan. 1 to June 30 testing phase, unit PTLs will provide two scores -- one for the current system and one for the new standard so Airmen can gauge their performance. Starting July 1, Airmen will officially test under new requirements with the new scoring. Scores will be annotated on EPRs and OPRs accordingly.

Under the new standards, the aerobic run will count for 60 percent of the test. Body composition will count for 20 percent. Under the current standard, they count for 50 and 30 percent, respectively. The sit-up and push-ups remain at 10 percent each. The new standards have differently valued waist measurements and 15 seconds, rather than 30, separating run scores.

Passing the test will require a composite score of 75 while also meeting a minimum level for each component. The new physical fitness test will place Airmen in one of five age groups: less than 30, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60-plus. Results will fall into one of three categories: 90 and above, excellent; 75-90, satisfactory; and under 75, unsatisfactory.

Information on the Air Force fitness program is online at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/affitnesspro](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/affitnesspro)



## WORSHIP SERVICES

### Non-Denominational Service

10 a.m., UTA Sundays, C-17 Combined  
Maintenance Compled, Bldg 2133 main break room.

### Protestant

Traditional Style Service 8:30 a.m. Sundays Nelles Chapel  
Gospel Style Service 10:30 a.m. Sundays, Nelles Chapel  
Contemporary Style 8:30 a.m. Sundays, Chapel Center

### Catholic Services:

5:00 p.m., Saturdays, Nelles Chapel  
10:30 a.m., Sundays, Chapel Center

### Jewish Services:

7:30 p.m., 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.

**Jelinski-Hall**

enlisted corps, Army and Air, and their families. I see myself working on big, broad programs, anything that touches our enlisted men and women,” said Command Chief Mas-



*phot by Tech. Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin*

*Command Chief Master Sgt. Jelinski-Hall displays gift given to each Airman honored during the Hometown Heroes ceremony held here Dec. 6.*

ter Sgt. Denise Jelinski-Hall. “It’s about service, about commitment and making a difference ... for America - adding value,” she added.

While at the 154th Wing and HIANG headquarters, Command Chief Jelinski-Hall has had her hand in a number of initiatives to include but not limited to: reinvigorating the awards and decorations process, jump starting the Enlisted Performance Feedback program, re-establishing and maintaining standards of dress and appearance in the HIANG, and developing mentoring programs.

The Hometown Heroes event, like the many events that have transpired since she sewed on the “star,” would not have taken place without her.

“My desire is to be visible and accessible, to show the Airmen and Soldiers that their hard work is appreciated,” said Command Chief Master Sgt. Jelinski-Hall.

Visible and accessible she is. “She has been with me on every single trip

I’ve made to Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan and the Philippines, visiting our National Guard troops in the field,” said Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee, state adjutant general.

“She will represent our Soldiers and Airmen extremely well,” he added.

“My goal is to take that visibility and accessibility to the national level,” said Command Chief Master Sgt. Jelinski-Hall. I hope to take the standards and accountability with me, she added. “I want to hold leaders accountable, and I look forward to representing all Airmen and Soldiers,” she added.

With the first ever Hometown Heroes Ceremony behind her, she hopes this will become a yearly tradition. As she has said time and time again, it’s about saying, “Thank you for answering the call to serve our country.”

As the Command Chief puts her final touches on the HIANG, she reminds Airmen about the importance of growing and mentoring one another.

“It is critically important to change and grow as a leader; seek leadership opportunities,” she said. “Don’t

stay stagnant, seek opportunities to develop and make yourself a better leader; prepare for opportunity,” said Command Chief Master Sgt. Jelinski-Hall. “Keep the level of professional standards high; expect the best of one another,” she added.

Although Jelinski-Hall has spent the last 19 years with the Hawaii Air National Guard, she has worked in a number of places and held a number of jobs. Her Air Force career began in 1984 as an air traffic control operator at Offutt Air Force, Neb., followed by a transfer to the communications field and the California National Guard. She joined the Hawaii Guard in 1990 and became the command chief master sergeant for the 154th Wing in 2004. She went on to become the senior enlisted leader for the Hawaii Guard.

So, after a 19-year tenure in the Guard, Jelinski-Hall leaves her stamp on the HIANG: high standards, visibility and accessibility.

“It has been an honor to be a part of the HIANG and serve with my brothers and sisters; I will miss them dearly. I will take the Aloha Spirit with me and spread it across the country.



*photo by Master Sgt. Kristen Stanley*

*Command Chief Denise Jelinski-Hall bids farewell to Hawaii Air National Guard 1st Sgts. at her final 1st Sgt. council meeting Dec. 3.*

# Time flies when you're having fun

**Brig. Gen. Stanley J. Osserman, AAG**

Wow! It's hard to believe that it's already December, WHERE DID 2009 GO?!? I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and you're geared up for a busy holiday season. As promised, I'll try to share things that have kept me busy in hopes that you might find some of it worthwhile, or at least make you smile a bit.

November was supposed to be a mellow month for me with the exception of the 12-23rd when I was scheduled to go to Washington D.C. for four separate meetings/conferences plus attend a masters class at night, but the month got really busy right out of the chocks when I was invited to be part of a General Officer Steering Group at PACOM.

It was a great opportunity to meet with general officers from Asia and discuss their security concerns and what they expected, in terms of support, from the USA during times of natural disasters, terrorist attacks, or war between other nations in the region. Hot on the heels of that great experience was the "Asia Pacific Homeland Security Summit," where I was not only an attendee, but was asked to be a "mentor" to an Air Force Academy cadet attending the conference as part of her degree and training. It's always inspiring to me when I see the great young people we have stepping up to be members of the HIANG or USAF, I know I can retire and be confident that our HIANG and USAF are in great and capable hands for many years to come.

My busy week, was just as busy as I anticipated, but the highlight was attending the Joint Senior Leadership Conference of the National Guard. This was the first time in my career (and that's almost like for-eva) that the senior Army and Air Guard leaders came together to listen to NGB, Secretary of Defense, and USAF leadership share their views on the direction and challenges for the National Guard.

The controversial topics were not ignored (Fighter drawdown, KC-X, Joint Light Cargo Aircraft, Joint Force Headquarters, Full time manning shortfalls and more made the cut) and even if the news wasn't good, it was put out on the table for discussion. Hawaii isn't immune to the challenges, but I can proudly say that we are in much better shape than many of the ANG units in other states, with our biggest challenges (in my humble opinion) being full time and military manpower. That challenge will plague us for several more years, but our voice is loud and clear and we will continue to fight that good fight.

By now you may have heard that Chief Denise

Jelinski-Hall was selected as THE Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chief of the National Guard. That was the BIG announcement at JSLC! As she would say "How cool is that?" So Chief, don't let them steal your "wack" in D.C. and make sure that your spouse attends all those spouse functions he's supposed to!!!

But that wasn't the only great news at the JSLC; The guest speakers included the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the commander of USNORTHCOM, the head of the Federal Emergency management Administration, and one "fired-up" Col. Ondra Berry (If you have never heard a presentation by Col. Berry, you've missed a great experience!).

All of them had great messages, but I must tell you that I was impressed and surprised that virtually every, very senior, speaker commented (and sometimes in greater detail than I would have expected) about the Hawaii National Guard's response to the tsunami in American Samoa.

To hear those distinguished presenters talk about the Hawaii Guard and the work that our folks did to mobilize people and equipment and respond to that disaster in record time was impressive to say the least. So if there is any message that I can bring back from JSLC, it is the gratitude of leaders at the very top of our federal government, who saw how we responded with our active duty partners to make a difference in the lives of many of our island neighbors.

Admiral Mullen also wanted to make sure that that thanks extended to your families and employers who were critical to supporting you when you answered the call.

As I mentioned earlier, I know when I'm retired, that the HIANG will be in great hands, because we already have great leaders, officers and NCOs that know how to take charge and get the mission done. Okay, now don't start spreading rumors that I'm retiring now, just because I mentioned it twice in this article!!! I'll be gone soon enough, so don't start fighting over my parking space yet! Have a great Christmas and wonderful New Year! Aloha.

**BREAKING NEWS!** This just in from NGB....You can start fighting for Brig. Gen. Osserman's parking space now because effective Jan. 1, 2010, Brig. Gen. Osserman will move to Camp Smith and be assigned as the Mobilization Assistant to PACCOM J-5.

He will be replacing Brig. Gen. Edwin "Skip" Vincent, who will retire from the HIANG at the end of January after a long and distinguished career in the Hawaii Army and Air National Guard.

# Safety belts and air bags save lives

by Rex Jones, former EEO

Judging from the picture, my sport utility vehicle is a total loss; however, I am able to write this article today because I was wearing my seatbelt.

Nov. 5, started out like any other Thursday. However, all that changed when I was taking my dog to a veterinarian appointment. At the corner of Stetson Hills and Tutt, sitting at a red-light, my vehicle was struck by another when a driver lost control of his vehicle after allegedly having a seizure. He uncontrollably floored the accelerator and slammed into me head-on. The force of the impact was so great that my SUV was lifted-up over a small lane-division island, spinning me around 180 degrees, only to be hit again from behind.

Immediately, bystanders came to our aid to ensure everyone was stable until the emergency teams arrived.

Although I was transported to the hospital, I was

able to return home that very evening shaken from the incident but not seriously injured.

All that said, there is no doubt in my mind, or those who witnessed the accident, that my seatbelt and airbag ensured the injuries weren't more severe.

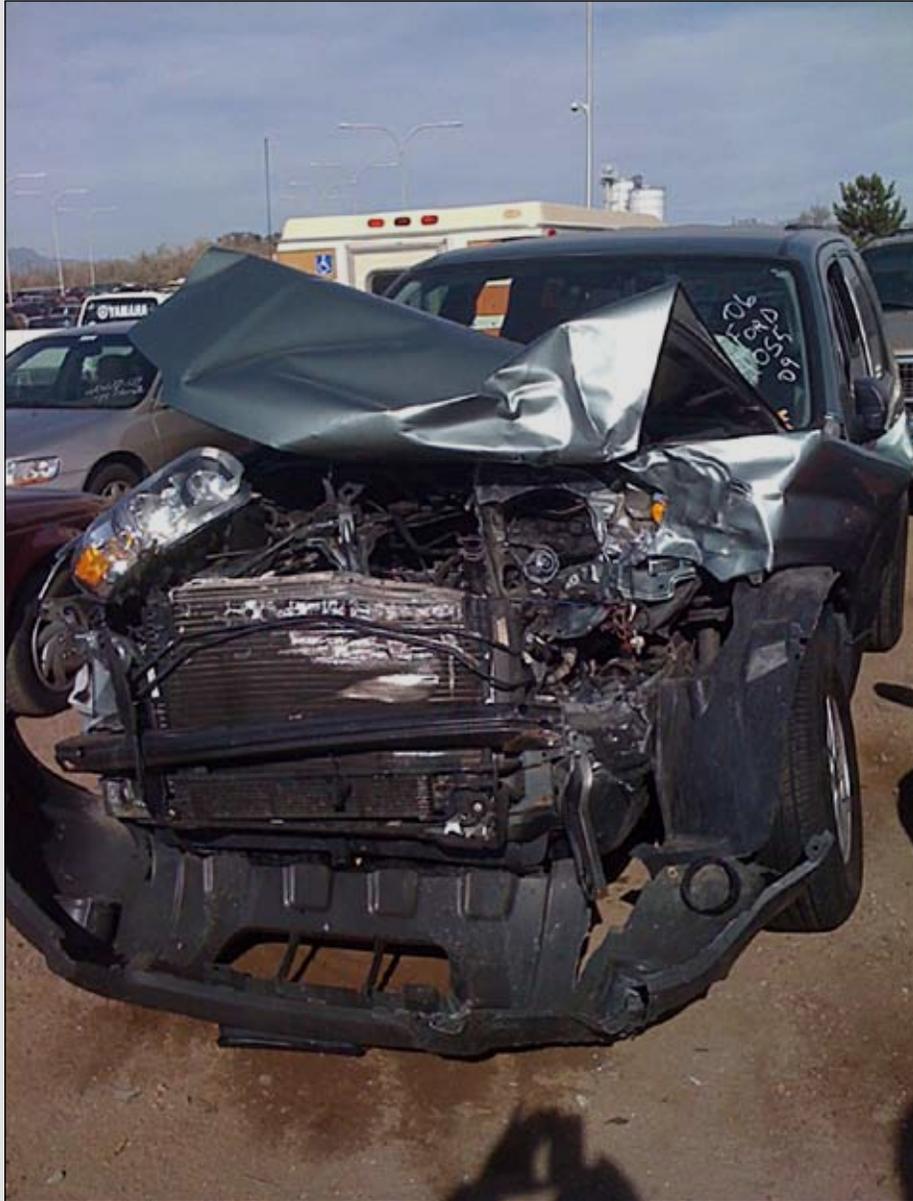
I have always been a huge proponent of wearing seatbelts—mostly because of the impression left by individuals who have had the opportunity to share their “close calls.” Now I have my own personal testimony to pass on.

We speak so often of driving safety; we forget that sometimes accidents happen when we are parked. My vehicle was totaled, and I wasn't even moving.

We don't know when an accident will take place, so it's important to take preventative measures sooner rather than waiting for the situation to be risky.

There are many who simply aren't able to share their story of survival because they

chose not to protect themselves by wearing their seatbelts. Don't be one of them.



*courtesy photo*

*What's left of Rex Jones' car following an unexpected unfortunate event.*

**Buckle up, don't drink and drive, arrive alive!**

**HEROES**

they show employees and other Guard members who are deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. "It was overwhelming to see how many volunteers and hands came together to make this special event for our honored Airmen and their families," said Command Chief Master Sgt. Jelinski-Hall



Command Chief Jelinski-Hall

**DIVERSITY**

Sawabona...Diversity Champions – Hilina'i (Believe)! This unique team was a blend of Hawaii Counterdrug, HIANG, HIARNG, Honolulu Police Department, PACAF, 15th Airlift Wing, U.S. Coast Guard and Community Based individuals. Team Hilina'i's challenge lies ahead to "keep the candle lit" to educate our Airman/Soldier, community, family, and ourselves in reaching our personal and leadership goals. To ensure that no one is left behind, coaching partners were formed within Hilina'i to help provide the guidance, support and strength needed for their journey ahead. Here a special lifetime connection with the participants was developed and an attitude...to BELIEVE (Hilina'i) that together we can make a difference in ourselves, our State of Hawaii and our Nation.

**297th Represent**



photo by Staff Sgt. Joshua Breckon

KIRKUK REGIONAL AIR BASE, Iraq –Senior Airman Isaac Yi, 506th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron air traffic controller, scans the air space for an inbound aircraft's arrival Nov. 16, 2009. Airman Yi was recently recognized as the 506th Air Expeditionary Group's Warrior of the Week. Airman Yi is deployed from the 297th Air Traffic Control Squadron.



courtesy photo

Senior Airman Isaac Yi, 506th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, receives certificate for being named Warrior of the Week.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**



photos by Tech. Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

The Hawaii Air National Guard stands up the 154th Wing Force Support Squadron during a squadron stand up ceremony here Dec. 5. 154th Services Flight and the 154th Mission Support Flight were stood down. (Top Left) Capt. Matthew Masuyama, commander 154th Services Flight, relinquishes command to Col. Ann Greenlee, Mission Support Group commander. (Top Right) Col. Ann Greenlee unveils the new 154th Force Support Squadron flag as both the 154SVF and 154MSF flags are retired during the stand up ceremony. Lt. Col. Randall Tom, former commander of the 154 MSF, takes command of the 154 FSS. (Bottom) Lt. Col. Tom gives his first set of orders to the newly formed Force Support Squadron.



photos by Tech. Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

The newly formed 154th Force Support Squadron commanded by Lt. Col. Randall Tom.