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154th Wing recognizes family and friends

by Tech. Sgt. Michelle Thomas

The warm winter air of the December drill helped entice many loved ones and friends of Airmen of the Hawaii Air National Guard to enjoy Family day 2010.

The four-hour long event offered Airmen a unique opportunity to thank friends and family members for their support.

Held in Hangar 35 on the flightline at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Brig. Gen. Joseph K. Kim, 154th

Wing commander, officiated the event. He thanked those in attendance for their mission, service and sacrifice.

"We really want to honor today our families and how much they really mean to us," said Brig. Gen. Kim. Brig Gen. Kim also presented the awards for the Taste of the HI-ANG competition.

Seven teams provided bite-size portions of culinary creations home-made by the team members. All of



photo by Tech. Sgt. Michelle Thomas

Brig. Gen. Joseph K. Kim, 154th Wing commander, thanks Hawaii Air National Guard members and their families for their service during the Family Day celebration in Hangar 35 on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Dec. 5. His daughter looks on.



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The Hawaii National Guard Association kicks off their 2011 membership drive by donating 1,250 dollars to the Hawaii Air National Guard Family Day celebration. (L-R) Capt. Jason Matuoka-HNGA membership secretary, Maj. Peter Weidner, HIANG Family Day project officer, and Lt. Col. Gene Feller, HNGA president. The HNGA is a chapter of the National Guard Association of the United States and champions causes on behalf of Hawaii's Citizen Soldier. The organization helps push through legislation that benefits Hawaii's Guard members.

the booths were judged by an anonymous cadre and rated on appearance, service, taste and originality. First, second and third place booths were recognized: first place, 169th Aircraft Warning Control Squadron (fried mandu); second place, 109th Air Operations Group (BBQ and noodles); third place, 297th Air Traf-

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Commander's Call: 'As the old year passes...

by Brig. Gen. Joseph K. Kim, Commander 154 WG

Happy Holidays! Wow! Another year has flown by with much fanfare.

We continue to excel in our F-22 conversion, KC-135 robust, inspections, deployments, and in service to our community. Mahalo for all of your exceptional work!

At the recent Air National Guard Senior Leadership Conference held in our nation's Capitol last month, Gen. Harry M. Wyatt III, director Air National Guard, called upon your leaders to continue to find efficiencies in the coming lean economic times. Gen. Wyatt went on to say that due to the efficiencies we provide as citi-

zen-soldiers, that where appropriate, perhaps we should look at more than just "concurrent and proportional" and in fact, be out front in new weapons system fielding.

I need your help in improving

communication both vertically and horizontally in our Wing. In these stressful times, suicides are at an all time high and each and everyone of our members, and their families, deserve our reassurance of how valuable they are to our mission.

Our new Governor, Neil Abercrombie, took office on Dec 6. I expect that, if not already declared, an announcement for our new Adjutant General is soon to follow.

In closing, please accept my best wishes for a safe holiday season and prosperous new year. On behalf of Kimberly, my girls and I to you and yours: Hau'oli Lanui me ka Hau'oli Makahiki Hou



photo by Tech. Sgt. Michelle Thomas

Brig. Gen. Joseph K. Kim, 154th Wing commander and Col. Stephen Su 'A-Filo, 154th Operations commander, enjoy a moment of jovial repartee during the holiday meal at the 154th Wing's dining facility Dec. 4. Wing leadership served the holiday meal to the HIANG members.



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(L) Lt. Col. Earl Alameida, commander 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, was the guest speaker for Kamehameha School's Veteran's Day ceremony honoring veterans from all armed forces Nov. 10 at the school's gymnasium. Others pictured (L-R) Master Sgt. Darrell Bactad, LRS, Sen. Daniel Akaka, Senior Master Sgt. Paul Kamakawiwoole, MOF, Col. Walter Kaneakua, retired.

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A year full of change comes to a close

by Command Chief Master Sgt. Willie Rafael, 154 WG



2010 was a big whirlwind of a year for the 154th Wing and the Hawaii Air National Guard. We bid farewell to the mighty F-15, while welcoming the F-22 Raptor. Base Realignment and Colsure (BRAC) directed us to take on four more additional

tional KC-135 tankers and its associated maintenance and operations package. We also saw numerous unit, flight, and squadron activations throughout the Wing that has totally changed the face of the 154th Wing.

We also had our share of Southcom and Centcom deployments in addition to our normal steady state requirements. Yet, we never missed a beat and accomplished the mission with flying colors throughout

the year. Your professionalism and dedication to the organization was the key to this great accomplishment.



photo by Master Sgt. Kristen Stanley



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

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

As we close this year with the season of giving, let me express my gratitude to all of you for your courage and resolve to serve the cause of peace. I am proud of your dedicated service, and I am proud to serve alongside you in the greatest force for freedom in the history of the world.

I also want to thank those who are far from home, making it possible for us to enjoy a peaceful holiday with our own families. Lastly, I'm thankful to the sacrifices you and your families make everyday.

From my family to yours, Happy Holidays!

May God bless you for your willingness to serve our great nation.

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The people's Choice award went to the 154th Communications Flight (shrimp lumpia and banana lumpia).

Top winners were awarded California Pizza Kitchen gift cards and Defense Commissary Agency gift certificates.

Other family Day activities included static aircraft

displays, a bounce house, pony rides, shaved ice, several vendors such as the University of Phoenix and USAA, and a variety of other fun opportunities for children.

The planning committee was able to purchase lunch items as a result of several donations and fund raising efforts. The 154th Mission Support Group helped prepare the cooked food for the free lunch, showing HIANG families appreciation for their contributions.





Family Day 2010



News Briefs

New commanders



photo by Airman 1st Class Orlando Corpuz

Maj. Claire Tom assumes command of the 154th Comptroller Flight, Dec. 4, during the Assumption of Command Ceremony, which followed the flight's official Activation Ceremony in the maintenance hangar here.

Security Forces



photo by Tech. Sgt. Michelle Thomas

NEW COMMANDER-The new, official commander of the 154th Security Forces Squadron, Capt. Nicholas T. Mitsunaga, right, stands at attention next to 154 Mission Support Group Commander, Col. Ryan T. Okahara during the squadron's Assumption of Command Ceremony Dec. 4 in the Wing's dining facility. During the ceremony Mitsunaga lauded the past accomplishments of his new squadron, recognizing their numerous deployments as well as applauding the altruism the members display through their work with the Special Olympics and other local charities.

Dec promotions

Promoted to CMSgt. (E-9)

154 MOF Kamakawiwoole, Paul K.

Promoted to SMSgt. (E-8)

154 WG Quizon, Ramon M.
291 CBCS Taketa, Mark M. K.

Promoted to MSgt. (E-7)

203 ARS Zoller, Nolan J.

Promoted to TSgt. (E-6)

154 MOF Flores Lynnjoy A. F.
154 MXS Uyeda, Keko a
291 CBCS Uyetake, ALton B.

Promoted to SSgt. (E-5)

109 AOG Christman, Visconti
291 CBCS Cornella, Aja M.
154 MXS Gacusan, Marie Grace P.
154 MOF Ligot, Lauren P.
201 IS Johnson, Neal S.
154 AMXS Sakamoto, Micah H.T.
154 LRS Small, Maryrochelle T.

Happy Holidays

Award Winners

Capt. Victor Talamoa was selected as the 2010 Air National Guard Cyber Operations



photo by Master Sgt. Kristen Stanley

Officer of the Year (Base Operations). Capt Talamoa serves as the commander of the 154th Communications Flight.

He and other national award winners will receive their awards at the Joint C4 Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

New addresses

Old address on Hickam:
Commander 15th Wing
800 Scott Circle
Hickam AFB HI 96853

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Commander Navy Region
850 Ticonderoga St. STE 110
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154 WG Drill Dates

Jan. 8-9

Feb. 12-13

Mar. 5-6

ORE Mar. 2-6

WORSHIP SERVICES

Non-Denominational Service

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

Protestant

Traditional Style: Sundays

8:30 a.m. Nelles Chapel

Gospel Style: Sundays

10:30 a.m. Nelles Chapel

Contemporary Style

Sundays 8:30 a.m.

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, Aloha Chapel on Makalapa Road.

Buddhist, Muslim or other faith groups:

Drill weekend: Call the Wing Chaplain's office 448-7275

Other times: Call the Chapel Center 449-1754



The 154th Wing Chaplain's Office, in partnership with the Family Readiness Program, held their first Strong Bonds Singles' Retreat Nov. 26-28, at the JW Marriot Ihilani Resort and Spa. Twenty single servicemembers from the 154 WG attended the event. They learned the P.I.C.K. program, or "How to Avoid Falling For a Jerk." The attendees also participated in paintball at Wheeler Army Airfield.



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A Christmas Story – 50 Years in the Making

by Master Sgt. William Tapper, 154 WG HQ

Christmas is a time for telling stories, so I'll tell one of the best I know. It is a true story. It is our story.

It was a warm winter day in Hawaii, 50 years ago when the 154th Wing was born. Maybe this catches some of us by surprise because the HIANG is more than 60 years old. All of us know that our aircraft are less than 50 years old. And frankly, nothing has been said about the Wing's 50th birthday coming up – no ceremonies, no formations, no limited edition 154th Wing 50 Year Anniversary apparel. Nonetheless, the 154th Wing began on its illustrious path on Dec. 1, 1960. First,

a little background: the 199th Fighter Squadron dates back to 1944, when pilots who would later be attached to the then still non-existent 199th were training in the Republic P-47 Thunderbolt. The P-47 Thunderbolt, also known as the "Jug," was, by far, the largest, heaviest and most expensive single-engine fighter aircraft in aviation history. The young pilots, maintainers, and support personnel destined for the 199th didn't have

much time to get accustomed to it before, they found themselves fighting in Okinawa a year later. Later on, on May 28, 1946, the unit to which those pilots were attached, the 464th Fighter Squadron, was renamed the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron and were assigned to the Hawaii Air National Guard. Pilots who had spent most of their careers in Colorado, Nebraska, and Texas found themselves in beautiful Hawaii, which has been protected by the 199th ever since.

Hawaii Air Guardsmen of today can relate to the 199th of old. They are, after all, our HIANG Ohana relatives. More than that, today's HIANG is now going through many of the challenges and changes that its predecessors did. They were, while in the middle of a world conflict, undergoing a complete restructuring, working with minimal manning, and anticipating numerous airframe and personnel changes. In 1947, when the 199th became part of the HIANG, there were only 29 officers and 45 enlisted personnel. The highest ranked officer was a captain. The highest enlisted rank was master sergeant. Though having joined the HIANG with a relatively new aircraft, during the next 10 years, the airframes would change two more times:

to the F-86E Sabre and then to the F-86L Sabre, which they flew until 1960.

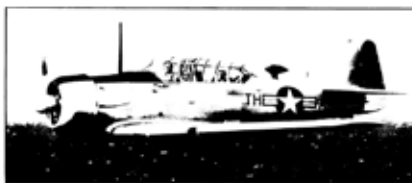
Fast forward to the present day and it is clear that the changes we have been going through with thousands of personnel, our HIANG ancestors were going through with less than 100 – and on a much lower pay scale.

Even with all of the differences between the HIANG today and the HIANG of old, there is one constant: the amazing accomplishments and capabilities of the HIANG then are but a reflection of our accomplishments and capabilities of today – only today they are done on a much greater scale. That brings us to the 154th Wing

and its 50th birthday. The year 1960 was not only the end of the F-86L Sabre in the HIANG and start of the F-102A Delta Dagger Interceptors, but also the birth of the 154th Wing. The Wing was formed initially as the 154th Fighter Group on Dec. 1 that year and was organized to accommodate the HIANG mission requirements, growth and the increased manning of the 199th, along with the transition to the F-102, "Deuce,"

which was flown by the 199th for more than fifteen years hence. At the same time, amidst receiving a completely new and very different fighter airframe from what the pilots were used to, while experiencing significant organizational and personnel changes, a communist group going by the name of 'Viet Cong' was busy in South Vietnam, establishing their National Liberation Front and being closely watched by America and its allies. Here, we have another reflection of the past, another resemblance to our future. Fourteen years before, it was World War II and the forming of the 199th with the new Thunderbolt. And now, fifty years later, it is the War on Terrorism, the forming of many new units, including new associate units for both the KC-135 and our own generation's new fighter aircraft, the F-22 Raptor. History certainly does repeat itself, and yet we grow and excel with every turn.

The Christmas story of the 154th Wing is ultimately a story of service, giving, caring, ohana, and of aloha. Like any story, like any history, if not kept, remembered, and passed on, it will be forgotten. A reflection forever lost. This is a tale too good to forget...Never forget...



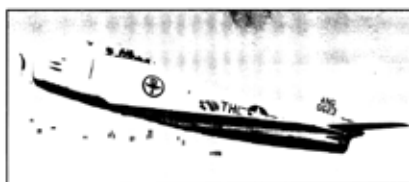
T-6 Texan one of the HIANG's early birds.



(1947-1954) P-47, later F-47, Thunderbolt



(1952) B-26, also one of the HIANG's first aircraft.



(1954-1958) F-86E Sabre Jet, enters the jet age.

