



Balikitan 2002



Back row left to right: Members of the 220th C-130E Air Wing PAF currently assigned at Mactan Benito Ebuen Air Base, Lapu City: SSgt Danilo Antonio, SSgt George Magalangit, , TSgt Cornejo Alero, TSgt Emilio Alahandro, SSgt Nestor Corrigador, SSgt Roberto Auquilar. **Front row kneeling left to right:** SMSgt William Beck (HIANG), MSgt Joey Coderio (PAF)

Photo provided by SMSgt Beck

HIANG Ambassadors Training with “Aloha” in the Philippines

By SMSgt William L. Beck, Jr., 154th Maintenance Squadron

HIANG members from the 154th Maintenance Squadron and the 204th Airlift Squadron participated in “Balikitan 2002”. A month-long JCS joint and combined exercise with U.S. and Republic of the Philippines military forces during April and May. Interoperability seminars for the Philippines Air Force (PAF) were held on Clark Field (formerly, Clark Air Base) by our C-130 maintainers and aircrew to their counterparts from the 220th Air Wing, PAF. We also delivered and distributed much needed school supplies to the children at Cavite School.

MSgt. Eric Wada, SSgt. George Maglangit, SSgt. Melvin Salangdron and I instructed the maintenance seminars. Advanced system knowledge was evident among all PAF maintenance personnel. We challenged them with “what if” problem-solving maintenance scenarios which enhanced their levels of experience.

Our participation in this year’s exercises was a rewarding experience for both PAF and HIANG personnel. The success of our mission can be attributed to our cultural similarities, which created a more relaxed environment for the exchange of ideas and value-added training.

The Republic of the Philippines has a State partnership with the Hawaii National Guard.



Commander's Call

By Brig. Gen. Albert "Putt" Richards, 154th Wing Commander

This past weekend was very special and poignant for me for several reasons. The week prior to Memorial Day, Susan and I traveled to Ft. Worth, Texas, to attend a combined reunion of the Red River Valley Fighter Pilot's Association and Vietnam POW Association. (Luckily, I only qualify to belong to the RRVFPA). As we mingled, renewing friendships and expanding upon all of our wartime exploits from 30+ years ago, I was struck by a special realization. We were surrounded by ordinary people who had done extraordinary things. These men rose to heights of heroism, dedication and perseverance on a daily basis as again and again they flew against the most heavily defended targets—Hanoi and Haiphong. And others on a daily basis resisting brutal torture and inhumane conditions. All of this done without the full support of their government and many of its people. Upon wars end, like all Americans do, these extraordinary people returned to their ordinary lives.

On Memorial Day, at Punchbowl and the Hawaii State Veterans cemeteries, I was again surrounded by ordinary people who did extraordinary things. Row upon row of men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice. Surviving veterans from World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, many stooped and shuffling, carried themselves with pride, dignity, and confidence because of their performance when their country had called.

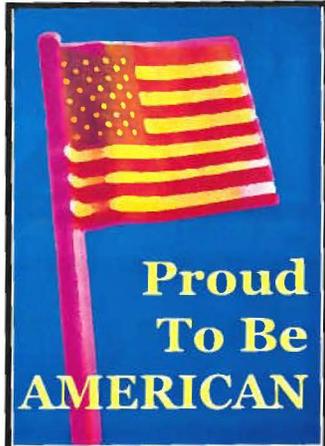
You too, have done extraordinary things in the past nine months. You have carried on the proud tradition of the American Militia—laying down your implements of ordinary life to perform extraordinary tasks. As we slowly return to a redefined normalcy, "Mahalo Nui Loa" from me, your State and your Country.

One of the HIANG's Newest Chief Master Sergeant



"Chief Master Sergeant" Alwyn Yoshimura from the 154th Wing Control Center celebrates his day with daughter, Jaime, wife, Jenny, and mother, Mrs. Helen Yoshimura.

Photo by SSgt Kristen Higgins, 154 CF Multi-Media



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13th and 14th

Aug
3rd and 4th

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**Little Boy from Illinois
"Make a Wish" Comes True**



Photos taken by SSgt Greg Pelayre, 154th CF Multi-Media

Major Stan Hong, 199th Fighter Squadron and TSgt Marc Ochoco, 199th Life Support, gave four-year-old Austin Thomsen the "VIP" treatment. Austin became the squadron's youngest and highest ranking fighter pilot. Learning more about the F-15's "cool stuff", sitting in the cockpit, coin-checking the pilots, and getting to feel/see the F-15s take-off at the reef runway was, in Austin's words, "funner than Disneyland". Austin is a leukemia patient. He and his family traveled from Illinois sponsored by the National, "Make A Wish" foundation. Hickam's "56 Council" hosted and escorted the Thomsen family throughout their visit in Hawaii.



Last month, members from the Missouri Air National Guard show their "guns" on board the U.S.S. Missouri. They volunteered their patriotic time to help set up chairs and flags, for Hawaii's Military Appreciation Month" opening ceremony.



Photos by TSgt George Galasinao, 154th CF Multi-Media

Retention Office Update

By MSgt Rose Vendiola, Retention Office Manager

Quarterly UCA Meeting

The quarterly UCA meeting is scheduled for 9:00-10:30 on Sunday UTA, Jun 2, 02 at the Na Koa I conference room, Bldg 3416, 2nd floor.

VA Benefits Briefings

Informational briefings will be conducted Jun 12-14, 02. It will be tailored to HIANG members activated on Title 10 for any period of time. The briefings will be held in the 154 OPS auditorium, Hangar 13. Three briefings will be conducted each day – 8:30 – 10:00, 12:30-2:00 and 2:00-3:30. **An RSVP is required to ensure enough materials will be available – contact 448-7445 to hold your seat.**

Basic Money Management Briefings

Two briefings will be conducted on Sunday UTA, June 2. The morning brief will be held from 8:30-10:00 and the afternoon one is 12:30-2:00. It will be held in the 154 LG classroom 2, Bldg 3416, 2nd floor. This briefing will cover the following: Short and Long Term Goals, Creating a Budget, Car Buying, Savings and Investing, etc.

Newcomers Orientation

The semi-annual newcomers orientation is scheduled for Sunday UTA, July 14 from 7:30 – 12:30 at the 154th OPS auditorium. The registration process for attendees will be e-mailed to your commanders and unit career advisors.

State Tuition Assistance Program

To process your reimbursement for the Spring 02 semester, we will need a copy of your report card. Contact your unit career advisor for additional info.

FY02 - Reenlistment Bonuses

You may qualify for a reenlistment bonus if you meet the following criteria.

- Are you a traditional guardmember?
- Did you reenlist for six years between Oct 1, 01 to present?
- Are you under 14 years of military service based on your paydate?
- Is your unit manning for your AFSC under 110%?
- Did you reenlist in one of the following AFSCs?

- 1A0X1 In Flight Refueling
- 1A1X1 Flight Engineer
- 1A2X1 Aircraft Loadmaster
- 1W0X1X Weather
- 2A3X3X Tactical Acft Maint
- 2A5X1X Aerosp Maint (Heavy Acft)
- 2A6X1 Aerosp Propulsion
- 2A6X4 Aircraft Fuels Systems
- 2A6X6 Acft Electrical & Environ Systems
- 2E1X1 Satellite, Wideband & Telemetry Sys
- 2W0X1 Munitions Systems

- 2W1X1 Acft Armament Systems
- 1C1X1 Air Traffic Control
- 2E0X1 Ground Radar Sys
- 2E1X3 Ground Radio Comm Maint
- 2E2X1 Elect Comp & Switching Sys
- 3P0X1 Security Forces
- 1C5X1 Aerospace Con & Warning Sys
- 1N0X1 Intel Applications
- 2F0X1 Fuels
- 2S0X1 Supply
- 3C0X1 Comm-Computer Sys Ops
- 3C2XX Comm-Computer Sys Control
- 3E0X2 Electric Power Production
- 3E4X1 Utilities Sys
- 3E4X2 Liquid Fuel Sys Maint
- 3M0X1 Services
- 3E9X1 Readiness

If you answered yes to all of the above questions, contact the Retention office ASAP to schedule an appointment – 448-7445. Monies for reenlistment bonuses will be transferred to fund the enlistment bonuses by the end of July 02. Call us today!

Diversity Dialogue

By CMSgt Steven Kamaura
Human Resources Advisor, HQ HIANG

Schedule for Diversity Training

We had our first HIANG Diversity Training Class in March and the response has exceeded our expectations. Here are a few of the comments we received: “It was very enlightening.” “I thought the class was well worth it. I learned a lot about solving some problems at work that I previously was at a loss.” “We got to share and learn the scoops of the HIANG culture.”

So now we are very pleased to announce our Diversity Training Schedule for the next 12 months (we will be offering one class every three months): Aug 7, 02; Nov 13, 02; Feb 12, 03 and May 14, 03. All classes will be held at the 154 WG Dining Facility. We will take our training to the GSUs, but no plans have been finalized at this time. Training during the UTA is under consideration, too.

Class begins at 6:30 and ends at 3:30, attire is Business Aloha, a \$2 donation for snacks and drinks would be appreciated (collection at the door), lunch is on your own, and class size is limited to 30. Diversity training is open to all HIANG members.

For the 7 Aug class, please notify me of your interest in attending by sending me an e-mail message to kamaura@hick.ang.af.mil NLT 3:00p.m., 14 July (Sunday UTA). I will need the name, rank, unit, and phone number.

Remember: Diversity is not about counting heads, but about making heads count!

Sports Corner

By Lt Col Fred Fogel, HING

VOLLEYBALL. CORRECTION!! The upcoming HIANG Volleyball Tournament will be in Kauai, August 23-25. The 150 ACW and 154 ACS are hosting. Three divisions: Masters (men and women), Open (men and women) and Co-ed. Team building events Friday and Saturday evenings. Entry fee \$50 per team, due July 15th. Air transportation furnished by the 204 AS. See TSG Kaipo Sing or flyers for details.



(Adapted from info provided by Mark Crabbe) The HIANG entry in Hickam's Intramural League is in sole possession of first place in their division, with a 10-0 record, and four games remaining in the regular season. It looks like they will be the team to beat in the post-season. Although everyone is gunning for us, the vocal support of our loyal supporters drowns out the opposition. Stop by and watch a match (6:30 Jun 3rd & 5th) if you get some time.

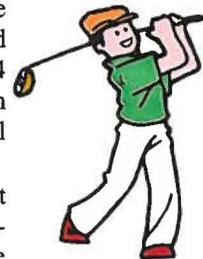
SOFTBALL. Our women's softball team in the Hickam Intramural League finished the regular season at 11 and 1. Rena Okamura commands the mound. In the infield Cynthia Aquino; Ui; Liz Sabog; Kelsey Arakaki, and Karen Cary stop nearly everything coming their way. And if, per chance, a ball does make it to the outfield, Rose Ader, Gina Castilio, Tiffany Miller, Sheylyne Sniffen, Loke Domingo, and Diane Gregory are mobile and hostile. Next stop, playoffs. Go wahine!

At last report the men's team is firmly in second place. Dan Rose, Marcus Badley, Carl Reynolds, Vince Ramos, Ron Malae, Ron Timbreza, Matson Asano, Wendell Au, Warren Faurot, Aaron Vermeer, Dean Oliveros, Dave Molinaro, Joe Spatola, and Noah Keaulii fill the field.

HICKAM SPORTS DAY. (Adapted from info provided by Steve Abear) TEAM 154 placed forth overall, out of 30+ teams, in the recent Hickam Sports Day at Hickam Harbor. Glenn "Running Brave" Hayase, Tim "Can Do Nothing" Wong, and Lt. Col. Dalwyn Wong met the 5K run challenge. Two teams entered the 3 on 3 basketball competition. Team Dedication (Rob "Smooth" Lee, Scott "Lefthand" Lee, Darrell "The Hammer" Bactad, Matt " Silk " Vidaurri, and team captain Keoki "Garnett" Lorenzo) and Team Determination (Michael "Jordan" Samson, Bronson "Penny" Tactay, and team captain Branden "Aircraft Carrier" Trehern). Team Precision (Glenn Hayase, Tim Wong, Stan "Wheels" Ormita, Ron "Can Do" Comeaux, and their rider Kelsey "Ms. Kikaida" Arakaki) made the Carole Kai bed race look like an amateur event, and in the Women's Division, team Cosmopolitan (Aleah " Malu" Makinney, "Hey" Miki Kang, Kimberly "The Mayor" Juliano, Hye "Hollywood" Harper and their



rider Shelby "Downtown" Brown) never slowed down. Lt. Col. Wong and Hye Harper teamed up in Kayaking. Tim Wong, Glenn Hayase, and Kimberly Juliano took 4th place in the Strength Competition with Tim Wong taking 2nd in the push ups by doing 96 in two minutes. Our final entrants were in the Free throw Competition. The Men's team were very SHAQest. In fact as our men were clanging bricks somebody asked, "If we were from the CE squadron? I replied, "No the 154th Wing." The Women's team did great as Miki Kang and Harper made it to the final shootout with Miki being crowned The Queen of Free Throws after hitting 4 out of 7. We finished with 78 total for 4th overall, which was great considering all of the events that we didn't enter.



GOLF. It was a beautiful Friday at Leilihua on May 17th, for the 14th annual, ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve) golf tournament. Carts rolled in all directions, as the shotgun start sent four carts to most holes. After partners tallied their best score on each hole and applied a 10% handicap, Tyson Tahara and Vern Nakasone came out on top with a 64.4. Carl Simmons and Taison Tanaka finished second with a 65.9. Richard Hee and Paul Leim took third with a 68.8. \$100 gift certificates went to the 14th place team, Wayne Taira and Wilbert Toma (73.4). Gary Hashimoto walked off with the grand door prize (two nights at Double Tree Alana, \$75 Kyo-ya gift certificate and two rounds at Turtle Bay.) Taison Tanaka had the best round, a 71. High gross went to me. (The 80 on the back nine was a killer.)

ADSW Tour. The office of Sport Management (NGB-SM) is looking for a sharp Captain, Major or Lieutenant Colonel for an ADSW tour at NGB. They are in need of an AF officer to work in the office of Sports Management for 110 days, starting June 14, 2002, and ending September 30, 2002. The person will be working the Air side of the house as the liaison officer. If interested, see MSG Rose Vendiola.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CHALLENGE. HQ HIANG entered a team in Hickam's Health and Wellness Challenge. (Names withheld to protect the unfit.) All four team members establish a body fat and fitness baseline, and then have 90 days to improve. The team with the best overall improvement gets a free lunch at Germain's Luau. (Go figure.)

LINCOLN MARATHON. The Hawaii National Guard marathon team placed 15th in the National Guard marathon in Lincoln, Nebraska, on May 5, 02. All 50 states, three US territories and the District of Columbia send five team members each year to Lincoln to participate in the National Guard marathon time trails. For the second consecutive year, SSG Jay Kauwale qualified for the Masters National Guard Marathon team. The finishing times were: SSG Jay Kauwale: 2:58:52, SFC Ron Li: 3:31:48, Lt Col Mike Compton: 3:35:07, Maj Scott Kimsey: 3:35:08, SGT Kelii Hayes: 4:06:03.

Stay active, alert and alive! Aloha...

A Word from the Chief

By CMSgt Stanley J. Gomes, Jr.,
State Command Chief Master Sergeant

Congratulations SMSgt. Alan R. Subica from the 291st CBCS. He was promoted under the Exceptional Promotion Program (EPP). I had the privilege of attending the PACAF and Worldwide CCM Conference. I will be sending all SNCOs a trip report in the upcoming weeks. Some of the issues that came out of the Conference:

1. Term limits for First Sergeants (Six years);
2. Increase in drug use on our enlisted force;
3. Airmen coming out of Basic Training and Tech School complaining that their home station does not measure up to the military bearing, customs and courtesy that they were taught;
4. There are 42,000 Airmen graduating from Basic Training every year and we still need more Airmen;
5. Extend tour lengths to 90 days;
6. Body mutilation, tongue splitting;
7. Government credit card spending out of control;
8. Tri-care for life; medical insurance from age 60 to 65 (cost \$460 a month);
9. Retire at 55?

ATTENTION!

Next *Deadline* is

July 5th

Keiki Fishing Tournament

sponsored by

The Friends of Hickam

The Friends of Hickam are a civilian nonprofit organization, which supports Hickam, it's Air Force personnel and children. Their annual Keiki Fishing Tournament is scheduled for Friday, June 7 (following the half day of school) and will be held at Ho'omaluhia Botanical Park in Kaneohe. It is for children who are between the ages of 5 years and 12 years old only. This year, they have 60 additional "seats" available and they are offering them to the Hawaii Air National Guard folks. Free food, free fishing, free poles and all kinds of prizes and goodie bags for each child. I'll take completed applications first-come-first-served...Can FAX to Bette Kalohi at 449-3017 or bring to 15 ABW headquarters building (#1110) Public Affairs Office on Hickam AFB. Deadline is Monday, June 3.



Congratulations!

The following Enlisted HIANG personnel were promoted to the rank indicated effective May '02

CMSgt Alwyn Y. Yoshimura HQ 154 WG

SMSgt Francisco R. Santos HQ 154 OG

MSgt Galen I. Kuwamoto 154 LS

MSgt Dominador O. Molina 154 AGS

MSgt Grant T. Suzuki 154 MXS

TSgt Charles R. Berger 154 CF

TSgt Hye C. Haper 169 ACWS

TSgt Richard L. Nawai, Jr. 154 MXS

SSgt Jemarie G. Aganon 154 LSF

SSgt Gregory P. Leong 154 MXS

SSgt Stephen K. Lorenzo 169 ACWS

SSgt James Maio 154 LS

SSgt Brandon J. Thehern 169 ACWS

All HIANG personnel are strongly encouraged to eat at the 154th Wing Dining Facility.

MENU

Saturday

Cajun Fish

Chili-Mac

Rice

Peas & Carrots

Jell-O

Snack Line

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

Onion Rings

Sunday

Chicken Long Rice

Pork Chops w/

Mushroom Gravy

Mixed Vegetables

Bread Pudding

Brunch Line

Eggs & Breakfast Meats

Patrons must have a Military I.D and will pay the meal rate if they are an officer, AGR, or a member on active duty orders.

The meal costs are:

Lunch/Dinner \$3.25 and Brunch \$3.60

(Traditional guard members will just sign for their free meal.)

Saturday Lunch 1030-1250 hrs

Saturday Dinner 1630-1750 hrs

Sunday Lunch 1000-1220

Menu items are subject to change