



154th Security Forces Finally Home

by Capt Wayne Acosta

All 39 members of the 154th Security Forces Squadron have finally returned home after a 4-6 month deployment on AEF 7/8 in Saudia Arabia and Honduras. These members valiantly executed their missions in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Southern Watch, Operation Enduring Freedom, and drug interdiction operations.

While deployed, these HIANG members received numerous Commendation and Achievement Medals, SNCO and NCO of the Month and Quarter Awards, and

Letters of Appreciation. At the last Commander's Call, the PSAB SF Commander cried in appreciation and

praised the professionalism and work ethics of our HIANG SF members.

They have proudly com-

pleted the mission, are in re-constitution, and will be demobilized from active duty. These members were deployed and separated from their families 9 out of the 12 months while on the President's Partial Reserve Mobilization. Their heroics contributed to the following squadron accolades: 2003 HING Family Readiness Group Unit of the Year Award, 2002 HIANG Unit of the Year Award, and 2002 154 MSG Unit of the Year Award. The squadron participated in many global military operations and exercises such as; Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Southern Watch, drug interdiction operation, Operation Noble Eagle, Ulchi Focus Lens, Thailand Fly-Away Security, Exercise Cobra Gold, and Exercise Maple Leaf.

Amazingly, the squadron's unit manning is at 116% above its authorized strength. The SF career field continues to enlist and retain members with a \$5,000 bonus.

Want a taste of the SF career field? PACAF MPA Tours are available for NCO and airmen to perform as READY Augmentees with the 15th SFS. Inquire with our orderly room, 448-7260. HUA!



SrA LeVana McMillian returns home from Honduras

MSgt Vickie Padello Wins National Award

by 2d Lt Regina Berry

At the Recruiting and Retention Conference in St. Louis, MO, MSgt Vickie Padello was awarded one of the highest awards that a recruiter can receive without going into battle, The Recruiting Gold Badge. MSgt Padello was in competition with recruiters from four other regions for the Recruiting and Retention NCO of the Year award. She was both the national and regional winner for the year 2002.

MSgt Padello has been a Hawaii Air Guard member for over 22 years. The Waianae High School graduate went through Basic Military Training in 1981 and shortly after began working as a Military Pay Technician in the Accounting and Finance Section. She went through a number of transitions before she found herself accepting a position with the 154 Mission Support Flight as a Production Recruiter. MSgt Padello's hard work and dedication as a recruiter is reflected by her long list of accomplishments. Along with the two most recent awards, she has received the Air Force Commendation Medal with two

devices, the Air Force Achievement Medal, 2002 Superior Performance Award for the HIANG and the 4th Quarter Region I Award for critical AFSC's. MSgt Vickie Padello is also the proud mother of six.

Recruiters Win National Award see page 2 for more



More Pictures of Homecoming on Page 1

Commander's Call

by Brig Gen Albert "Putt" Richards,
154th Wing Commander



During the June UTA, the men and women of the 154th Wing participated in our second major CERI in preparation for our PACAF ORI in May 2004. This was the largest employment exercise we have conducted

since our 1997 ORI. From my perspective, it was a resounding success.

Kudos to the members of the EET. Many hours were spent developing and coordinating strenuous but realistic scenarios based upon real IG inputs. Kudos to all members of the Wing. You stood up to the challenges of this three-day event and performed very well. Our attitude, responsiveness, mission direc-

tion and sense of purpose were all levels higher than before.

Were we perfect? Not yet. We have identified areas we need to improve upon but I have every confidence that this Wing will do an outstanding job in 2004.

As you know our original plan was to deploy to Guam for our ORI, merging with the 36 ABW for infrastructure support. This may not happen. We want to train how we fight. We will be working with PACAF/IG to reach a final decision by the end of the month.

Mahalo Nui Loa to everyone...this was a real team effort and it showed.

154 Wing Recruiters Receive National Recognition

by 2d Lt Regina Berry

The 154 WG Recruiters received National recognition for their outstanding efforts in the year 2002 at the National Recruiting and Retention Conference held April 15th - 18th in St. Louis, MO. The 154 WG Recruiters brought home two significant awards for the FY 03 First Quarter: "Wing With Most Critical Accessions" and "Wing With Most Health Professions (HP) Accessions". Ten recruiters and retainers from the Wing attended the conference to represent the HIANG and receive the awards.

During the Conference the HIANG

recruiters and retention members shared a little of the Hawaiian culture with the other attendees by dancing Hula to a medley of "Maile Lei" and "Pupu Hinahina" as well as the Lilo and Stitch "Hawaiian Roller Coaster Ride".



L-R: MSgt Ricky Tucay, MSgt Rose Vendiola, MSgt Vickie Padello, TSgt Tommy Chock, MSgt Kelly Machado, MSgt Ben Ormita, MSgt Celia Espinosa, MSgt Donna Kim, TSgt Richard Costa

L-R: MSgt Rickey Tucay, MSgt Vickie Padello, MSgt Celia Espinosa. MSgt Tucay and MSgt Espinosa were also nominated for awards.



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Legal Line

by Lt Col James Itamura, JAG, 154 Wing

Unprofessional Relationships

In 1997 the future looked bright for the Air Force's first female bomber pilot, Lt Kelly Flinn. Unfortunately, the Air Force Academy graduate was destined to be remembered as the shining example of unprofessional relationships in the military rather than for her flying skills.

Somehow, Lt Flinn made the mistake of getting romantically involved with the husband of an enlisted member. She then lied about it to her superiors and disobeyed direct orders to stay

away from the illicit object of her desire. Instead of facing a court-martial, she subsequently received a less than honorable discharge certificate.

Because of the highly negative publicity towards the Air Forces handling of the case, all Air Force personnel, active and reserve, can thank Lt. Flinn for the annual Professional and Unprofessional Relationships briefing requirement.

A power point briefing about professional relationships has been made available to all commanders to share with their personnel. The following is a listing of some of the basic policies.

- The uniqueness of military life requires absolute confidence in command

- The authority of superiors is degraded when a perception of favoritism or undue familiarity with subordinates

exists

- Unprofessional relationships can exist between males, females, males and females

- Though all members have a responsibility to avoid unprofessional relationships, officers bear the greater responsibility

- Unprofessional relationships can exist between enlisted members

The following is a list of specific officer prohibitions found in AFI 36-2909:

- no gambling with enlisted members

- do not borrow money from enlisted members

- do not have sex with enlisted members

- do not date enlisted members

- do not share living accommodations with enlisted members



Chaplain's Corner

by Maj. Robert K Nagamine, Chaplain, 154th Wing

Summer time might be a good time to take a vacation or at least a little break. It's in the middle of the calendar year and at the halfway point. It's a good time to evaluate the direction we are personally going and ask ourselves if we like what we see. If we like what we see, then that's great. If not, then it might be an ideal time to chart a new course.

We need to always keep things in their proper perspective. Occasionally, we must take a step back and look at the "big picture." Our plans and goals are extremely important; however, even they will pass. I once read a poster that said, "Happiness is not found at the end of the road, but along the way." The reason and spirit in which we accomplish our goals are just as important as the goal itself.

Tunnel vision is what we must avoid. Tunnel vision is seeing a narrow view of life. People who have a fast paced life and who are highly goal oriented are at a higher risk of this. Sometimes we may need to slow down and notice the people and activity going on around us.

Insight and wisdom are what we really need. Insight is the ability to see more than the obvious. Sometimes life can get pretty complicated and we need insight. Ask God for insight. Also, pray for wisdom. Wisdom is the ability to practically apply what we know. The Scripture, James 1:5 says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given him."

May we be receptive to God's divine insight, wisdom and direction, as we strive to accomplish great things. Have a great summer.

Congratulations

The following Enlisted HIANG personnel were promoted to the rank indicated.

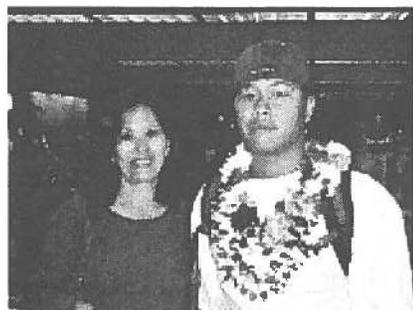
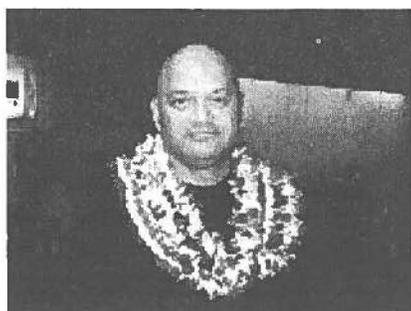
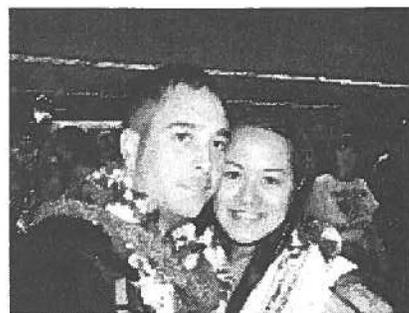
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TSgt Alan L Libby	Apr 6
TSgt Ikaika T Akiona	May 4
TSgt Anthony Butler	May 4
TSgt Marcel P Cabel	May 6
TSgt Monte P Hokoana	May 6
TSgt Daryl M Mauricio	May 6
TSgt Kurt T Tanoue	May 6
SSgt Harlasun Kang	May 6
SSgt Ryan N Ortega	May 6

Protestant Service
Sunday UTA
12:30-1:00pm
154th Logistic Group
Conference Room
Building 3416

Jewish Service
(Pearl Harbor)
Friday at 7:30pm
Pearl Harbor Aloha Chapel
(Makalapa Road)

Catholic Service
(Across Base)
Daily 11:30am
Saturday
5:00pm at Nelles Chapel
Sunday
7:15am Nelles Chapel
10:15am Chapel Center

154 SFS Returns from Southwest Asia



154th Medical Group Completes Annual Mass Casualty Exercise

by TSgt Dawn Wahinekapu

The 154th Medical Group (MDG) held their annual mass casualty exercise on Tuesday, May 20, 2003 at Hickam Air Force Base. The scenario tasked the 154 MDG to support a large International Air Show.

Within the first hour of the exercise, Lt Col Brett Wyrick, 154 MDG Commander and members, had the tent up and crew split into two teams. Shortly after setting up, a large explosion occurred resulting in 19 conventional patients with a variety of injuries.

The first team, located in a hospital



tent at Honeymoon Beach, responded to the scene. Medical Group personnel were able to practice their wartime tasks by treating and transporting patients. Each patient was given a card that listed his or her simulated injury and condition. The cards were used to determine where to send the patients and how to treat them. Patients were triaged as minimal, immediate, delayed and expectant, depending on the seriousness of injury and chances of survival.

"I learned that communication is key," Medical Administration Technician, SrA Kerrie Lau, said. "To ensure timely transport and treatment of patients, effective communication avenues must be available for all stages

of the treatment process."

The mission of the exercise was to ensure medical personnel are capable of performing assigned wartime missions. Medical personnel worked with a great sense of urgency and teamwork to treat and transport patients effectively and timely.

"I think the Medical Group proved that we are definitely capable of performing our wartime mission," Senior Health Systems Technician, CMSgt Mark Bailey said.

Members from the 154th Wing, mostly Self Aid Buddy Care Monitors, volunteered to act as patients for the exercise. With great make-up and Grammy Award winning actors and actresses the volunteers were able to give the

Medical Group a realistic view of the scenario.



SrA Sharen Coleman one of many volunteers in make-up able to give the Medical Group a realistic view of the scenario. Photo by SSgt Kristen Higgins, 154CF/SCV



Above: SSgt Patrick Callo comforts a head injury patient

Left: SSgt Curtis Palmer applies a dressing to the injured hand of SrA Kassy Costales

Far Left: Lt Col Brett Wyrick and SSgt Wendell Lewis obtaining patient information



Photos by SSgt Kristen Higgins, 154 CF/Svc

The Magnificent Seven

by 2d Lt Regina Berry

I joined the guard in May 2000 and I always new that I would eventually somehow, someday get my commission. It took me three years but I did it. And now, I am a "butter bar", a brand new Lieutenant! I'll admit it felt real good to pin on that bar after six weeks at the Air Military Science School (AMS). I'm almost positive that the other six Hawaii Guard Members that graduated with me April 18, 2003 will agree to that.

There were seven of us that left March 8 for McGhee Tyson, Tennessee for Officer School at AMS. I'm sure each of us will say we had different experiences. For example Lt Lockerman, had an experience quite unlike the rest of us... well, let's just say his chest was probably a couple inches thicker after the first two weeks. Lt Cummings got the chance to be Wing Commander for a few days; I don't think AMS was quite ready for him. Lt Masuyama was of course everybody's friend AND the only one of us to get a picture with the infamous Head Faculty Advisor, Maj Baker. Lt Hoopai, well...he was our incognito brainchild. He's also been our link to many AMS memories with a website he set up. Lt Unebasami.... besides becoming best buds with his roommate he turned out to be a very entertaining Vice-President at our Dining-In (Mr. Vice!). Lt Minami, yes everyone, he was still the quiet one of the group! Myself...well I was probably in the running with Lt Masuyama as be-

ing the most friendly, go figure!

Not to brag but they loved us there at McGhee Tyson. I'm not sure exactly why we were all so popular, the Hawaiians they called us. I suppose it could have been the 150 boxes of choco-

late covered Macadamia Nuts we handed out or the Lei's we gave to the Faculty Advisors, or possibly because everyone wants to come to Hawaii.... I still don't have that one figured out. Whatever it was, we, like the three graduates before us and those before them, left a good impression of what Hawaii and the Hawaii Air National Guard are all about.



AMS CLASS O-2003-3 from left to right: 2d Lt Sean Lockerman (154 LS), 2d Lt Troy Unebasami (169 ACWS), 2d Lt Kula Cummings (199 FS), 2d Lt Regina Berry (HQ 154 WG), 2d Lt Matthew Masuyama (154 MSF), 2d Lt Kalei Hoopai (204 AS), 2d Lt Dane Minami (291 CBCS)



AMS CLASS O-2003-2 from left to right: 1LT Leah Boling, 2d Lt Victor Talamoa (HQ 154 LG), 2d Lt Justin Yuen (154 ACS), 2d Lt Rose Ader (169 ACWS), SSgt Michael Dineen

Lincoln Marathon 2003

by Lt Col Scott Kimsey

Dawn, Sunday morning, May 4th, despite heavy rain, the occasional lightning, and a mere 50 degrees on the thermometer, five runners from the Hawaii National Guard reluctantly trudged through the freezing puddles to the start line of the 20th Annual National Guard Marathon in Lincoln, Nebraska. What started as a "survival" challenge became a victory celebration after all Hawaii runners crossed the finish line with the most successful Hawaii showing ever.

SSgt Chris Larson (169 ACWS), the newest member of the team, finished 3rd overall, and was the 2nd overall National Guard finisher. He completed the 26.2-mile course in just 2 hours, 35 minutes. SSgt Kauwale, with a time of 2 hours, 52 minutes,

placed 2nd in the men's masters division (40 & over). Four of the five-team members set new PRs (personal records) despite the wintry conditions. The combined effort of all team members contributed to Hawaii's third place finish in the 50 states and 4 territories participating in the marathon. Only Oregon and Indiana had better com-



From Left to Right: SSG Jay Kauwale (HIARNG), LtCol Mike Compton (HIANG), SFC Ron Yi (HIARNG), LtCol Scott Kimsey (HIANG), SSgt Chris Larson (HIANG)

bined times.

In addition, SSgt Larson, SSG Kauwale and Lt Col Kimsey were selected for the National Guard's elite "All

Guard Team." Each year members of the All Guard Team represent the National Guard at the Air Force Marathon, the Marine Corp Marathon, and the Navy Marathon.

The official finishing times for the Hawaii runners were: SSgt Chris Larson (169 ACWS) 2:35:51; SSG Jay Kauwale (Btry A, 1-487 FA) 2:52:43; Lt Col Scott Kimsey (204 AS) 3:17:59; Lt Col Mike Compton (HQ 154 WG) 3:21:35; SFC Ron Yi (HHC, 29 Spt Bn) 3:32:14

This was the best overall finish by any Hawaii Guard team. Hawaii is becoming recognized as one of the top running states in the country. The team needs at least one new runner to enter each year. If you would like to join a winning team, participate in at least one marathon and wait for the call around March next year.

Many thanks to both our sponsors, the HING Athletic Board and the National Guard Hawaii Insurance, Inc. The distinct uniforms elicited spectator encouragements of "Hawaii" and "Aloha" all along the route, as our team raced through the rain. It is great to be a winning team, and it certainly helps to look like one.

Racquetball

Congratulations to the 154th Wing racquetball team for placing 2nd in the 15 ABW Intramural League.

TSgt Albert Aki	154 MXS
SMS Rob Lee	169 ACWS
TSgt Robyn Montera	154 LSF
TSgt Jay Nishimura	154 MXS
SRA Christopher Poponi	154 MXS
SMS Vincent Ramos	154 AGS
Capt Blane Vilorina	169 ACWS
MSgt Ei Jung Yiu	154 OSF

Softball Tournament

Dates

HIANG Softball Tournament: 18-20 July at Hickam Softball Complex.
 HING Softball Tournament: 19-21 September at Waimea/Kekaha, Kauai (HIARNG in charge)



Royal Guard participating at the 40th Anniversary Merry Monarch Hula Competition Hilo, Hawaii April 24-27, 2003

L-R: Norton Malina, Paul Mahuka, Melvin Salangdron, Maui Quizon, Darrell Bactad, Thomas Mahi, Ray Vegas, Herman Thompson, Mark Taketa, Gary Hema, Kenneyson Hinau, Abe Timas, Joshua Aberilla, Norman Kaleo

**Countdown to
154th Wing ORI**

August 26 – 28, 2003
154th WG IRRE (ORI Package)

September 5 – 7, 2003
154th WG CERE (Sentry Aloha
Adversaries)

October 30 – November 2, 2003
154th WG IRRE (ORE Package)

February 1 – 4, 2004
154th WG ORE

April 2004
169 ACWS/154ACS ORI

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