

1. **The Promise.** Retiree News will contain information about benefits, National Guard events, and news about retired or former members. There will be no chain e-mail, cute pictures, or sales pitches. Retiree News e-mail is published on a random schedule – as topics come up and time permits. If you change your mind about receiving issues of Retiree News, send me an e-mail at [yoshimotg004@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:yoshimotg004@hawaii.rr.com) and I will remove you from the Retiree News mailing list.

2. **Business.**

- **Porter Gate (the one between Hickam and Pearl Harbor) Closure:** In an effort to increase the Force Protection and Crime Prevention posture of Hickam Air Force Base, the Porter Gate vehicular traffic gate and Aloha Aina pedestrian gate will be secured by Security Forces from 2100 to 0430 nightly until further notice. For more information, please contact TSgt Richard Garcia or TSgt Corey Miller, 15th Security Forces Squadron at 448-2320.

3. **Wanted List.** I am still looking for these HIANG members e-mail addresses or their addresses I have for them no longer works. E-mail me their addresses if you can share them.

Jeffrey Okazaki  
Gaylen Benanua  
Myles Nakastu  
David Paahana  
Michael Delmar  
Wayne Higashi  
Eugene Imai  
Bernard Watson

(Yes, both BG Imai and Watson were at the change of command, but both left before I could talk to them....)

Among the new or updated e-mail addresses include:

Leslie Mizumoto  
Milton Davis  
Robin Silva  
Peter Kwok  
Wayne Higa  
Robert/Sandra Hoggan  
Glenn Ohara  
Jim Dykes  
Roger Clissold  
Roger Moore  
Stew Mayes  
Stanley Domen  
Richard Kudo  
Craig Ikeda  
Walter Kinoshita  
Jason Chun  
Scott Duffield

4. **Retiree Update.**

● The 154<sup>th</sup> Wing Unit Compliance Inspection is history. Congratulations to the **Brig Gen Peter “Skipper” Pawling** and the entire **154<sup>th</sup> Wing** for another successful Unit Compliance Inspection. From talking to several people, I got the following breakdown. The 154<sup>th</sup> Wing’s overall rating was Satisfactory. The break down of the other units follows:

- **HQ 154<sup>th</sup> Wing**: Excellent, with the Command Post receiving an Outstanding.
- **154<sup>th</sup> Operations Group**: Excellent, with the three flying Squadrons, and the Operations Support Flight graded excellent
- **154<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Group**: Satisfactory, All units
- **154<sup>th</sup> Support Group**: Satisfactory, with the 154<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron and 154<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron getting an Excellent

The **15<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing** received their UCI at the same time and their overall grade was a Satisfactory.

On the horizon: **The 154<sup>th</sup> Medical Group** is headed into their Health Services Inspection, scheduled for January 2008. The 154<sup>th</sup> Wing’s Operational Readiness Inspection is only eleven months away, scheduled for May 2008... and it will also be a joint inspection with the 15<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing.

● I got an e-mail from **Col Gary “Pork” Peters** about the 154<sup>th</sup> Wing’s Unit Compliance Inspection results. Great hearing from Pork!

Pass my congratulations for a job well done to all. The actives have never attempted to put big airplanes and little airplanes together. The HIANG has always been successful in its endeavors because of the outstanding folks from the Great Aloha State. Semper Fi Pork

● 29<sup>th</sup> Separate Infantry Brigade Change of Command. I attended the change of command for the **29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team** on Saturday, June 23, 2007. **Colonel Bruce E. Oliveira** assumed command from **BG Joseph J. Chaves**. The event took place at the Brigade Headquarters at Kalaeloa. Among the retired generals present were: **MG Edward Correa**, **Maj Gen Edward Richardson**, **BG Irvin Cockett**, **BG Eugene Imai**, and **BG Bernard Watson**. There a number of retired HIARNG colonels present; the ones I recognized were: **COL Edward Cruickshank**, **COL Theodore Daligdig**, **COL Bruce Jahnke**, **COL Walter Kinoshita**, and **COL John Penebacker**. It was a great ceremony and a great day to renew friendships with retirees.

● When I was at the change of command, I talked to **CSM John “JJ” Y. Yakushiji**, a Farrington High School classmate. JJ became the **29<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team** Command Sergeant Major after he retired from his technical job at the Wheeler aviation facility. JJ – the ceremony was super, you can stop worrying now.

● Another Farrington High graduate I talked to was **MSG Craig Ikeda**. Craig retires next month with more than 42 years service. He was one of those soldiers who enlisted while still in high school. He did his Iraqi Freedom deployment with one of his sons. It was great catching up with Craig – Happy Retirement!

● The new 154<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Operations Flight Commander. **Col Ronald Han**, commander of the **154<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Group** sent out this email announcing the new 154 MOF commander.

On behalf of **MG Robert Lee**, **Maj Gen Darryll Wong**, and **Brig Gen Peter Pawling**, it gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of **Lt Col Timothy H. Fujino** as the new Commander of the **154<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Operations Flight**. Lt Col Fujino has an extensive background in operations as a Master Navigator with the **204<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron** and was an integral part of the initial cadre of maintenance officers in the C-17 activation....the first ANG Associate Unit. His effective date of command is 22 Jun 07. His assumption of command ceremony will take place on the Sunday UTA, 8 Jul 07 at 1030 hrs in Hangar 3400 (F-15 Hangar). Once again, please welcome on board our newest HIANG commander.

Send congratulatory e-mail: [timothy.fujino@hihick.ang.af.mil](mailto:timothy.fujino@hihick.ang.af.mil)

- I got an e-mail from **Rodney Correa**, who lives in Las Vegas. He served more than half of his military career in the Hawaii Air National Guard and rising to the rank of chief master sergeant. He transferred to Hawaii Army National Guard to work in contracting in the Property and Fiscal Office. He retired in 2004 from the Nevada Army National Guard as a Chief Warrant Officer Four. He reappeared as an emergency hire for about two years – finally retiring last September. Great hearing from Rod!

- **LTC Leslie Bise** updated his e-mail address when I met him in Longs. Les retired from the **Hawaii Army National Guard** several years ago. He went to work at the Hawaii National Guard's **Youth Challenge Academy** in Kapolei for several years. He then became the JROTC instructor at Leileihua High School. Starting July 1, he will be working at the JROTC program office at Ft. Shafer. Congratulations to Les!

- Another HIARNG retiree, **LTC Don "Rock" Arakaki** continues as the JROTC instructor at Waianae High School. Rock has served in Waianae for many years and the last time I talked with him he enjoyed the teaching. The Waianae JROTC program has blossomed during his tenure at the school. Keep up the good work Rock!

- I got a lengthy e-mail from **Lt Col Alexander "Blackie" Bell**, who was a pilot in the **199<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron** in the HIANG's F-86 and F-102 days. Blackie left the HIANG in 1968, the same year I joined. There were sure a lot of pilot stories involving Blackie... When he was not flying for Hawaiian Airlines full time, he owned several other businesses – including restaurants and aviation related concerns. He retired from Hawaiian and runs his aviation business fulltime. In the same e-mail, he passed on the e-mail addresses for **Lt Col Roger Clissold**, **Maj Jim Dykes**, **Capt Roger Moore** and **1Lt Stew Mayes**. All four were pilots from the F-86 era (can you say 50s and 60s) who relocated back to the Continent. A Big Mahalo to Blackie for sharing addresses!

- I got an e-mail from **MSgt Scott Duffield**, who retired out of the **199<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron** and served earlier in the **154<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron**. He was updating his e-mail address. Scott now works for Boeing in Anaheim, California. He says it's a great job, but he misses Hawaii. In his spare time Scott is trying to finish up his Associate's degree by December and move on to getting his Bachelor degree. He went on to mention that Boeing pays 100% for college and books. Sounds like a great company to work for! Good hearing from Scott!

- I ran into another former **154<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron** retiree. I attended a meeting of the West Honolulu Rotary Club as a guest. On my table was **MSgt Ed Ane**, who retired many years ago. Our conversation started out with, "you look very familiar..." Ed looked great!

- I ran into **MSgt Jason Chun**, 154<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron, in the commissary. It's been ten years since he retired. He plays a lot of golf and is enjoying his retirement. Great seeing Jason!
- There's a new HIANG recruiter on board. **SMSgt Bridget Komine**, the Recruiting and Retention Superintendent sent out this announcement e-mail.

Please help us welcome **TSgt Valerie Fortin** as the recent selection to the HIANG Recruiting Force. TSgt Fortin comes to us from the 154<sup>th</sup> Communications Flight. She is on board now temporarily getting her feet wet while waiting to attend Recruiting school in August. TSgt Fortin is excited about the opportunity to represent each of us in the HIANG as a Recruiter and we look forward to her many successes as she helps to maintain the strength of the best Air National Guard organization in the Nation.

Send congratulatory e-mail and your leads: [valerie.fortin@hihick.ang.af.mil](mailto:valerie.fortin@hihick.ang.af.mil)

- I got an e-mail from **Brig Gen David Rodrigues**, who lives in California now. A portion of Gen Rodrigues e-mail follows.

As a displaced Hawaiian, I cannot tell you how much your periodic retiree briefs mean to me. It brings back many nostalgic times I had with the many years that I was fortunate to be a part of the HIANG. To see how it has grown from what it was when I first became a Guardsman in July, 1953 is truly amazing and a source of great personal pride to me. Please give my fondest Aloha to all my fellow HIANG, past and present.

**5. Upcoming Events.** Listed by date, the events remain posted until they occur.

- There will be a retirement party for **Lt Col Kevin Garcia** and **SMSgt Jimmy Dang**, both out of the operations area. The party will have entertainment, pupus, and refreshments.

- When: Sunday, July 8, 2007  
- Where: Hanger 13, Hickam AFB  
- Costs: \$10.00 per person  
- POCs: **MSgt Kristie Mato**, 448-8396, [kristie.mato@hihick.ang.af.mil](mailto:kristie.mato@hihick.ang.af.mil)  
**TSgt Timothy Barnett**, 448-8390, [timothy.barnett@hihick.ang.af.mil](mailto:timothy.barnett@hihick.ang.af.mil)  
- RSVP by June 22, 2007

- Air Force 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Birthday Ball Golf Tourney. Sign up now to support a FUNraiser for the Air Force 60th Anniversary Birthday Ball on September 14, 2007. Golf tournament is July 20, 2007 at Mamala Bay Golf Course. POCs: **SSgt Joshua Smith** or **Capt Michael Bliss** at 428-4796 or 448-4665

- The next Department of Defense Retirement & Service Award Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, August 24, 2007. The menu will be Hale Koa Salad, Roasted Cornish Game Hen with Garlic and Rosemary, on mashed potatoes and vegetables glazed with balsamic vinegar, and Macadamia Nut Cream Pie

Where: Hale Koa Hotel, Banyan Tree Showroom

Time: 1100, lunch is served at 1130

Costs: \$22.00, includes gratuity. Check: "DoD Retirement and Service Award Fund"

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RSVP: by August 11, 2007

HRO: **CM**Sgt Deb Brownhill, 672-1233

State DoD: **Ms. Colleen Aiwahi**, 672-1217

USPFO: **Ms. Jeanette Sturges**, 733-4392

201 CCG units: **TSgt Jackie Jakahi**, 448-7608

HIARNG: **Ms. Alana Kamikawa**, 672-1012

154 WG units: **MSgt Larnette Doi**, 448-7253