

20081205 Retiree News: Happy Holidays

1. **The Promise.** **Retiree News** will contain information about benefits, National Guard events, and news about current, retired, or former members. There will be no chain e-mail, cute pictures, or sales pitches. I publish **Retiree News** 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 retireenews@hawaiiintel.net and I will remove you from the **Retiree News** mailing list.

2. **Business.**

- **ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL:** Brig Gen Peter Pawling, 154th Wing Commander, regrettably announces the death of Deceased **SMSgt Randy Avilla**, 154th Maintenance Group. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the estate of SMSgt Avilla should contact **2Lt Richard Cline**, 154th Maintenance Squadron, Summary Court Officer, at 448-8473 or richard.cline@hihick.af.mil.

- **A Major Change in Operation Principle and Policy.** The following article is a compilation of several that describes the [DOD Directive 120017, Managing the Reserve Components as an Operational Force](#), dated and effective October 29, 2008. This Directive establishes the overarching set of principles and policies to promote and support the management of the Reserve Components (RCs) as an operational force.

The debate appears to be over – officially - as to whether the reserve components have morphed from a Cold War strategic force to a present-day operational force. The Pentagon late last month to little or no fanfare published two documents:

One, a white paper titled "[Managing the Reserve Components as an Operational Force](#)," and



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Two, an accompanying [DOD directive No. 1200.17](#).



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Both documents state: "The reserve components provide operational capabilities and strategic depth to meet the nation's defense requirements across the full spectrum of conflict." As the white paper notes, the debate started right after the 1991 Gulf War, which employed "large numbers of reserve forces" that were "deployed quickly, early in the conflict, alongside the active component forces." But it really took hold after 9/11. Since that fateful day, National Guard and Reserve forces have been engaged in the war on terror "in different ways and at unprecedented levels," states the white paper.

Since Desert Storm, the Pentagon has made some changes in reserve force management, but the white paper indicates it took the war on terror to recognize that "incremental changes at the

margin" are not sufficient and, more importantly, that the change to an operational force is "not temporary." Issuance of the new directive, states the white paper, enables DOD "to codify" the new management approach beyond previously used policy memoranda.

The new direction asserts that the reserve forces must have necessary staffing, training, and equipment but, since "resources are not unlimited," the reserve forces "must be flexible and agile" to enable them to "transition between strategic and operational roles as needed." The white paper cautions against overuse of the "part-time" reserve force, and it emphasizes the desirability of volunteer service vice mobilization. In fact, it states, "The expanded operational use of the Guard and Reserve is built on a construct of voluntary service" in its evolving "continuum of service structure."

- Navy implements a new "No Guest Policy" at the Pearl Harbor Commissary. The new policy goes into effect on December 8, 2008 at the Pearl Harbor commissary. To reduce overcrowding and provide a more enjoyable shopping experience in a safe surrounding, beginning on Monday, December 8, 2008, only authorized commissary patrons will be allowed entry into the commissary. Authorized commissary patrons will no longer be permitted to sponsor guests into the Pearl Harbor commissary. As the new policy go into effect, commissary employees are still required to conduct a 100% ID card check both Front & Back at the Front Entrance Door and again at the cash register prior to starting your transaction. So to speed up your process, please have your ID card out and ready for the cashier to begin processing your groceries. Authorized commissary patrons are reminded that all dependent children 10 years old and older are required to have a valid ID card in their possession when accompanying their parents into the commissary. Thank you for your patience and understanding

All Authorized Commissary Patrons must adhere to COMNAVREG INSTRUCTION 1330.21, Subject: Authorized Patrons of the Navy Exchange and Defense Commissary Agency. This policy is to protect the authorized patron's commissary benefit. It is the responsibility of the all authorized patrons to ensure compliance of the instruction. Failure to do so can result in loss of their privileges. (Taken from an ALL HIANG e-mail, December 2, 2008)

- Guard's First Four-Star General Takes Office. WASHINGTON, Nov. 18, 2008 - Air Force Gen. Craig R. McKinley pinned on his fourth star and became chief of the National Guard Bureau in a ceremony at the Pentagon yesterday. Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates and Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, joined McKinley's wife, daughter, and son in adding the new star to the general's uniform. More than 300 people from all ranks, services, and many states' National Guards then watched Gates swear in McKinley as the first four-star general to lead the National Guard in its 372-year history.

"The promotion of Gen. Craig McKinley to this rank, to serve in this post, is in recognition of his outstanding leadership abilities and shows the confidence the president and I have in him to be the nation's senior Guard officer at such a critical time," Gates said.

McKinley succeeds Army Lt. Gen. H Steven Blum, who served in the post for more than five years and in January will become deputy commander of U.S. Northern Command, the first Guard officer to hold that position. McKinley joins George Washington, Ulysses S. Grant and two other former four-star officers who served as Guardsmen during their military careers.

"It's a rich and high honor to be the 26th chief of the National Guard Bureau," McKinley said. "I will give it every bit of energy, every bit of heart and soul that I can possess to make sure that our National Guard and our soldiers and airmen are well taken care of, and I will work very

closely and faithfully with the services." Of the nation's more than 460,000 citizen-soldiers and -Airmen, some 68,000 Army and 5,700 Air Guard members are on active duty today for operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. On any given day, an average of 17 governors call out their National Guard for a variety of domestic needs, Guard Bureau officials said.

McKinley is the fourth Air National Guard officer to serve as chief of the National Guard Bureau. He most recently served as director for the Air National Guard. There, he was responsible for policies, plans, and programs affecting more than 106,000 Airmen. Gates said McKinley successfully led the Air Guard during a time of severe manpower reductions and major challenges posed by the global war on terrorism, base realignment and closure implementation, budget changes and the transformation of the National Guard from a strategic reserve to an operational force.

McKinley received his Air Force commission in 1974 after graduating from Southern Methodist University in Dallas with a degree in business administration. He holds master's degrees in management and economics and in national security strategy. He is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flight hours. (American Forces Press Service)

• Annual Toys for Tots Campaign. **SMSgt Ray Duropan**, 154th Security Forces Squadron, send out the following about the squadron annual Toys for Tots campaign. Retirees can contact the squadron to drop off your toy donations.

There are 30,000 children and youths in Hawaii who are affected by poverty in some way. During the holiday season, the feeling of want overwhelms children who suffer from some form of poverty. Because of this, we are compelled to brighten their holiday spirits. This year the 154th Security Forces Squadron will again spearhead the annual Hawaii Air National Guard Toys of Tots campaign. We will begin distributing collection boxes throughout the squadrons in the next few days. Please support this year's effort by donating a new and unwrapped toy. Toys may be dropped off at these collection boxes or at the 154 SFS office. If required please contact this office to schedule a pick-up – 448-7262 or ray.duropan@hihick.ang.af.mil. Appreciate your efforts and hopefully we can surpass last year's efforts of 500 toys.

• "A Class Act" Veterans Luncheon. **Mrs. Lorna Souza**, the 154th Wing Family Readiness Coordinator forwarded this information for distribution. Please contact **Ms. Marisela Doyle** if you plan to attend: marisela.doyle@us.army.mil or 808-218-8492.

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From: Doyle, Marisela Ms NGHI <marisela.doyle@us.army.mil>
To: lorna.souza@hihick.ang.af.mil <lorna.souza@hihick.ang.af.mil>
Sent: Fri Dec 05 09:45:43 2008
Subject: "A Class Act" Veterans Luncheon 17 Dec. 12PM - 3:30PM

Ms. Souza,

Please, forward this e-mail to those veterans who would like to attend our Holiday luncheon. By now, we need to have a head count, so if a veteran plans on attending, he/she needs to let us know. The gathering in honor of returning Veterans and their families is going to be:

WHAT: "A Class Act" Holiday Luncheon.
WHEN: Dec. 17th 12:00 - 3:30

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WHERE: 3949 Diamond Head Road. Bldg. 300
Honolulu, HI 96816

PARTICIPANTS: Veterans and their family

Agenda for Luncheon:

- Teddy Adorable will offer a prayer and "Ice Breaker"
- Jonathan Syper, will Emcee with games and fun-foolery stuffs
- The "A Class Act" Neighborhood Show Kids will perform a 1/2 Hr show
- Catering: Antonio's or Papa John's (Italian Menu)
- Some awards will be given to Veterans
- Finale: We will sing Christmas Carols and wish each other well offering our extended friendship throughout the holidays and the years to come.

Each Family will receive "The Reel Story" CD which 7th grader Mitchell Kouchi recorded last year. He is the Hawaii Stars Extraordinary Talent Winner of 2006

Sincerely,

The "Aunties" & The Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws.

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- Road Work at Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC). Contractors from Road Builders are scheduled to begin the repairing and resurfacing of Jarrett White Road, Patterson Road, and Krukowski Road on TAMC. The project is scheduled to begin on December 8, 2008 and will last until January 23, 2009. Operations will occur from 0900 to 1700 daily. Jarrett White Road will be open to Emergency Vehicles only at all times. Expect detours, lane changes, and delays during this period. For further information, please call DPW at 656-2435.
- Road Work on Hickam AFB. Portions of Vickers Avenue, between "B" Street & Atterbury Circle will be closed to facilitate water main installation work. Construction will start on Monday, December 8, 2008 to June 2009 during normal working hours. Traffic will be detoured in that area. Please be cautious and heed to all construction signs. POC Andy Saplad 448-2881. (Taken from the Hickam AFB Base Bulletin)
- Department of Defense Launches National Resource Directory For Wounded Warriors, Families And Caregivers. The Department of Defense launched the National Resource Directory, a collaborative effort between the departments of Defense, Labor, and Veterans Affairs. The directory is a Web-based network of care coordinators, providers, and support partners with resources for wounded, ill, and injured service members, veterans, their families, families of the fallen and those who support them.

"The directory is the visible demonstration of our national will and commitment to As new links are added each day by providers and partners, coverage from coast to coast will grow even greater ensuring that no part of that journey will ever be made alone," said Lynda C. Davis, Ph.D., deputy under secretary of defense for military community and family policy.

Located at <http://www.nationalresourcedirectory.org> , the directory offers more than 10,000 medical and non-medical services and resources to help service members and veterans achieve personal and professional goals along their journey from recovery through rehabilitation to community reintegration.

"The VA is extremely proud to be a partner in this innovative resource. This combination of federal, state, and community-based resources will serve as a tremendous asset for all service members, veterans, their families, and those who care for them. The community is essential to the successful reintegration of our veterans, and these groups greatly enhance the directory's scope," said Karen S. Guice, M.D., executive director, federal recovery care coordination program at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"The National Resource Directory will prove to be a valuable tool for wounded, ill, and injured service members and their families as they wind their way through the maze of benefits and services available to them in their transition to civilian life. The Department of Labor is pleased to have the opportunity to work with our partners at DoD," said Charles S. Ciccolella, the assistant secretary of labor for the veterans' employment and training service.

The National Resource Directory is organized into six major categories: Benefits and Compensation; Education, Training and Employment; Family and Caregiver Support; Health; Housing and Transportation; and Services and Resources. It also provides helpful checklists, Frequently Asked Questions, and connections to peer support groups. All information on the Web site can be found through a general or state and local search tool. (Taken from a DoD press release)

- Saluting During the Playing of the National Anthem. Veterans and servicemembers not in uniform can now render the military-style hand salute during the playing of the national anthem, thanks to changes in federal law that took effect in October.

"The military salute is a unique gesture of respect that marks those who have served in our nation's armed forces," said Dr. James B. Peake, secretary of Veterans Affairs. "This provision allows the application of that honor in all events involving our nation's flag."

The new provision improves upon a little known change in federal law last year that authorized veterans to render the military-style hand salute during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, but it did not address salutes during the national anthem. Last year's provision also applied to servicemembers while not in uniform.

Traditionally, members of the nation's veterans service organizations have rendered the hand-salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag while wearing their organization's official head-gear.

Senator Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma, an Army veteran, sponsored the most recent change, authorizing hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel. It was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed October 14, 2008.

The earlier provision authorizing hand-salutes for veterans and out-of-uniform servicemembers during the raising, lowering, or passing of the flag, was contained in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008, which took effect January 28, 2008. (Courtesy of VA News)

- Rules of Engagement (ROE). Periodically, someone e-mails me requesting the e-mail address of another retiree. I forward the e-mail with the address request to the retiree for their action. This preserves the privacy of the retiree and their e-mail address.

3. The Wanted List. Help! I am still looking for these Hawaii National Guard members e-mail addresses or their addresses I have for them no longer works. E-mail me their addresses if you can share them.

Terry Ganiko
George Egloria
Tom Gresch
James Carpenter
Edward Uyeda
Loni Mahi
Woody Batula
Dennis Hui
Roy Kudo
Ron Biho
Wayne Z. Higa
Eugene Imai

Chris Wilson
Herman Lau
Haruo Shigezawa
Randy Solomon
Russell Woodward
Byron Kim
Steve Ware
James "Mike" Doolin
Katherine Asato
Richard Kudo
Jeffrey Okazaki

Following are the new or updated e-mail addresses sent in by the individuals or **Retiree News** readers – Mahalo for adding or updating your e-mail address.

Damian DePasquale
Laura Jones
Connie (Kahalekomo) Warr
Stephen Lum (update)
Ken Takayama
Bert Yanagida
Stephanie Hika

Fernando Mendoza
David Cowan (update)
Gordon Fujimoto (update)
Myron Tong (update)
Joe Spatola (update)
Benet Costa
Royden Horibe (update)

AND – I am still looking for more Hawaii National Guard members. Since I started my State job working at Ft Ruger, the **Retiree News** distribution list has increased dynamically. The address total just passed **825+** members. A majority of the increase is from the Hawaii Army National Guard members who added their e-mail address to the list. Be sure to ask your fellow retirees that you meet if they receive **Retiree News**. If not, send their e-mail address to me. Mahalo!

4. Condolences. These Hawaii National Guard retirees passed away recently. They all served honorably and added something to our unique culture here in the Guard. Aloha Pumehana to all....

- **MSgt Renee Noelani Kauwale Yasso**, 51, of Hoolehua, Molokai passed away Thursday, November 13, 2008. She was born in Honolulu. She was an Administrator for the City & County of Maui. She is survived by husband, Henry "Hana"; sons, Hanalei "Keapokula"

Kumukoa and KoleaLono; 3 grandchildren, Melia, Ryder, Ryze; mother, Margaret Kauwale; sister, Denis Medeiros; brother, Joseph Kauwale III.

Renee was a member of the [293rd Combat Communications Squadron](#), serving in the operations branch. She retired because of her battle with breast cancer, the same cancer that eventually took her life. Aloha Pumehana to a great individual!

5. Retiree Update.

- 2008 Hawaii's Outstanding Military Spouse Awards. Hawaii Navy League President Don Morrison and Mayor Mufi Hannemann presented the 2008 Hawaii's Outstanding Military Spouse Awards to eight selected spouses from each of the military services. Each spouse served as the volunteer family communication and organizational focal points for their spouses command.

The Hawaii Army National Guard awardee is [Mrs. Caroline Tumpap](#), wife of [CPT Auredith "Tino" Tumpap](#), Commander, [Company A, 29th Brigade Special Troops Battalion](#) (BSTB).

The Hawaii Air National Guard awardee is Mrs. [Florenda "Pua" Adona-Duropan](#), wife of [SMSgt Ray Duropan](#), NCOIC of the [154th Security Forces Squadron](#).

Each of the eight spouses received certificates from Mayor Hannemann, and the State Legislature and a check for \$1000.00 from the Navy League of the United States (Honolulu Council), and Oceanic Cable during a ceremony at Honolulu Hale on November 21, 2008. The eight awardees were recognized during pre-game ceremonies at the University of Hawaii-Idaho football game the following evening.

- Speaking of the University of Hawaii-Idaho football game, the [111th Army Band](#) performed at halftime. Their performance was part of Military Appreciation Night. Another Great Job by [CW2 Curtis Y. Hiyane](#) and all the soldiers in the 111th!

- [Maj Gen Darryll Wong](#), the Hawaii Air National Guard Commander, has selected [Col Chris "Sock" Sakamoto](#) as the new Headquarters, Hawaii Air National Guard A3 (Operations). He replaces [Col Michael "Inch" Compton](#), who took command of the [109th Air Operations Group](#). Col Sakamoto will remain at the Wing as the [154th Operations Group Commander](#) until the Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) is complete early next year. I know Sock will do a super job! Send congratulatory e-mail: chris.sakamoto@hihick.ang.af.mil

- There was a Freedom Salute Ceremony at the Pearl City Cultural Center on November 16, 2008. The ceremony recognized personnel who mobilized with [Company C, 1st Battalion, 207th Aviation](#), [12th Personnel Service Detachment](#), the [Embedded Training Team](#), the [1st Battalion, 158th Infantry](#), [JSOTF-P \(Philippines\)](#), and several [Individual Mobilization Augmentees](#). Our TAG, [MG Robert G. F. Lee](#) and the Command Chief Master Sergeant, [CMSgt Denise Jelinski-Hall](#) were there, presenting American flags and other items to each soldier and their families. A great ceremony to honor our soldiers who served!

- I received an e-mail from [Col William "Bill" Spillane](#), who flew with the [199th Fighter Squadron](#). He provides an update on [Lt Col Michael Chow](#), who is facing some medical challenges.

From: Bill Spillane, HIANG (ret)

To: All current and retired HIANG folks who know the much beloved Lt Col Mike Chow

Recently, Mike was diagnosed with a problematic case of pancreatic cancer. Fortunately, Mike and Iris's son, Ipo, a medical doctor himself, knew of a doctor in California who is a preeminent expert in this particular problem; thus, between surfing stints in Irvine, CA, Mike is undergoing an advanced experimental program to defeat da buggah. It involves chemo, radiation, and injection of a helpful virus, not to mention a little surgery. The outlook is good and, with your prayers, Mike will dogfight this challenge to a victory.

Having said all that, there is no one better to give you the latest skinny than Mike's beautiful wife Iris. Please drop Iris an email of support at chow.iris1@gmail.com or a brief message to Mike on his cell phone, (808) 284-5461.

- I received an update e-mail from **Sharon Azevedo**, wife of **MSgt Siegfried "Zig" Azevedo**. Zig has had some medical challenges and continues to battle.

We saw Dr. Levey, oncologist in Kona. He reports that the CT scan has not changed; the tumor which was radiated last year is stable and the blood work is good! We were a little concerned since Zig has had some discomfort the last few months. Next check in 3 months. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers it means the world to us. We will be spending the Christmas holidays in Oregon and all the kids and grand kids will be there. We have not gotten together for Christmas for 10 years.

- In my e-mail exchange with Sharon, I discovered that she and Zig had hooked up with another HIANG retiree **SMSgt Benet Costa**. He lives in Boise, Idaho and she and Zig shared some time with Benet and his wife Suzie last July. According to Sharon, Benet is fully retired enjoying his garden and his grandkids. Good to hear about another retiree enjoying his retirement!

- Shopping in the Hickam AFB commissary the other weekend, I ran into **Brig Gen Kenji Sumida**. He retired as the Commander, Hawaii Air National Guard. In his civilian life, he served as the president of the East West Center on the University of Hawaii, Manoa campus. The general looked great and judging from his attire, he had just come from the Mamala Bay Golf Course. Good to see General Sumida!

- About three weeks ago, I got to catch up with **MSgt Scott Knowles**, who served in the **154th Wing** Safety office. In civilian life, Scott works for the US Army Corps of Engineers and is on a two-year tour in Seoul, Korea. He was back in Hawaii for a short visit. Great talking to Scott!

- While doing my exercise walk at Ala Moana Center, I ran into **Sandy Murayama**. Sandy worked at **Hq, Hawaii Air National Guard** for many years, serving as the commander's secretary. Sandy was her usually smiling self and is another happy retiree. It was super seeing Sandy!

6. Corrections.

I reported that **MSgt Kristen Stanley** (nee Higgins) and the **154th Communications Flight** were responsible for the new **154th Wing** website. Correction: Kristen now works in the Public Affairs Office and the website - www.154wg.ang.af.mil - was done exclusively by Kristen's shop under the PA umbrella. Thanks to **CMSgt Kyle Okaneku** for highlighting the correction.

7. Upcoming Events. Listed by event date, the events remain posted until they occur.

• The Hawaii National Guard Birthday Ball is on Saturday, December 13, 2008 at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. This joint event celebrates the 372nd Birthday of the National Guard's beginnings. The event Chair, **LTC Laura Soares**, and her committee are planning another superb ball. The evening will include dinner, entertainment, and dancing. Last year's birthday ball was a fun and entertaining event.

The specifics of the Hawaii National Guard Birthday Ball follow:

- When: Saturday, December 13, 2008
- Time: 1700-2300
- Where: Sheraton Waikiki Hotel – Maui & Kauai Ballrooms
- Dinner selections: *indicate your selection to your respective POC with your payment*
 - Macadamia nut pesto chicken breast with Marsala sauce & garlic potatoes
 - Roasted salmon, lemon spinach leaf & tomato basil coulis with Jasmine rice
 - New York steak with baked potato
- Costs:
 - E1-E4: \$48.00
 - E5-E7: \$60.00
 - E8-E9: \$72.00
 - WO1-CW3: \$72.00
 - CW4-CW5: \$84.00
 - O1-O3: \$72.00
 - O4 and above: \$84.00
 - **Retirees: \$70.00**
- Spouses and guests: same price as their military member or retiree
- Checks made out to: "**HING Birthday Ball**"
- Suspense for payment: Friday, November 28, 2008
- Attire:
 - Military: Best Dress
 - Civilians: Coat & tie
- POCs:
 - 29 IBCT: **SGM Paul Confer**, 844-6032 or paul.confer@us.army.mil
 - HHD-JFHQ: **MSG Vickie Kozel**, 672-1489 or vickie.kozel@us.army.mil
 - 103 TRP CMD: **CSM Ronald Oshiba**, 672-1752 or ronald.oshiba@us.army.mil
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