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Dog Tags Returned - Honoring a Vietnam Veteran

HI-DOD Staff - with Excerpts from Spc. Paul Berzines - 117th MPAD

It started with a phone call in December of 2017 to the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense's public affairs office. Maj. Jeff Hickman, deputy public affairs officer, answered the phone that day.

"We get all kinds of calls to this office," Hickman said. "UFOs, public defender inquiries, conspiracy theories, employment verification and noise complaints are just a sample of the diversity of subject matters asked about. I thought this was one of those calls."

It wasn't.

The caller asked if there was a lost and found and Hickman said, "Sure," and asked what was the object that he was looking for.

"My dog tags," the caller replied casually.

"Dog tags? Okay...when did you lose them," Hickman asked.

"1969," was the matter-of-fact response.

"I asked him if he was in the 1968 29th Infantry Brigade's Vietnam "Call-Up," He was."

(Specialist) Tom Peterson was in the U.S. Army Reserves then transferred to the Hawaii Army National Guard for a couple of years prior to the 29th's '68 mobilization in support of the Vietnam War. He is a Saint Louis high school and Chaminade University graduate who grew up in Hawaii. Peterson drilled out of the Molokai armory and was a member of Troop E, 19th Cavalry, 29th Brigade. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 25th Infantry Division when he was in Vietnam.

"Tom said that he was going to be in Hawaii for a couple of months," Hickman said. "So I offered to produce him a new set of dog tags with his Vietnam-era information on them and then present them to him with a HIARNG VIP or two. I thought that was the least we could do since he missed last year's

commemoration during the week leading up to Memorial Day."

The Hawaii National Guard honored Vietnam-Era veterans in a pair of ceremonies held at the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Readiness Center on May 25, 2017. The ceremonies, which focused on honoring Hawaii's Vietnam-Era veterans, included remarks from speakers associated with the 29th Brigade during the Vietnam War. The first ceremony of the day took place in front of the Readiness Center, between the Pohaku, or sacred stones, bearing the names of the 29 members of the 29th Brigade who gave their lives in service to their country.

"As for the members of the 29th who were deployed during the Vietnam War, their performance was outstanding," said Col. Moses Kaoiwi, Jr, 29th Infantry Brigade Commander at the time of the ceremony. "This is why it was particularly important to honor the
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Hawaii Guard's Vietnam-Era veterans with these ceremonies. What we really wanted to do, as part of the 50th Anniversary of the Hawaii's involvement in the Vietnam War, was to recognize the veterans that served during that time. Not a lot of people know about the 29th Brigade's contributions to the Vietnam War."

The 29th Brigade was called to fight in the Vietnam War on May 13, 1968, mobilizing approximately 4,000 personnel. Eleven hundred Hawaii Guard Soldiers went on to serve in Vietnam. While most people didn't think the National Guard served in Vietnam, the 29th Brigade did.

According to Kaiwi, "The importance of holding ceremonies like these cannot be overstated. We have to remember our history, we have to honor those who sacrificed themselves."

That is where the story really begins. Hickman remained in contact with Peterson, who now lives in Oregon, to get all the information and also to coordinate the hand off of the "lost and found" items. The 103rd Troop Command assisted in the production of two new sets of Vietnam-era dog tags and the 29th IBCT leadership was on board for the presentation and tour of the Readiness Center.

Peterson was going to be in Hawaii from January to early March, so finding a date to present the dog tags was going to be easy. Then the January 13th false missile alert happened and the initial date agreed upon had to be postponed, but that wasn't a bad thing. With that extra time to prepare, word started to spread throughout the Hawaii National Guard about the upcoming dog tag presentation.

It was because of HING leadership, the event grew in scope and importance.

Tom Peterson thought he was just going to pick up the new dog tags and get a tour of the new 29th IBCT Readiness Center, but as he pulled up to parking lot, he saw a large gathering of troops.

"Maj. Hickman, is that for me?" Peterson asked as he got out of his rental car with his wife and another couple.

"It was great to finally be honored in such a way that made me feel really important,"

No was the initial answer, to ease his reluctance, but then Hickman shook his head, "Yes, it is."

Col. Roy Macaraeg, 29th IBCT Commander, coordinated with Hickman ahead of time to have all 29th IBCT full time employees, numbering around 50, to form up and honor one of their own. The presentation was to take place in front of the memorial pohaku, fronting the Readiness Center.

The original plan was to present the dog tags and also give Tom Peterson a commemorative pin from the HING's 2017 Vietnam event, which includes a certificate signed by the Adjutant General. Peterson wasn't aware about that ceremony, so this was a great time to make up for it.

"Here he is, a Vietnam veteran, from 'our' 29th Brigade," Hickman explains. "He missed our commemoration, hasn't

been a part of the Brigade for over 49 years, and he called us to ask if we had his dog tags. This was our opportunity to do something special for him."

Brig. Gen. Kenneth Hara, HIARNG Commander, Col. Macaraeg, Lt. Col. Stanley Garcia, 103rd Troop Command Executive Officer (and 103rd TC staff), and Sgt. Maj. Bret Moore, 29th IBCT Operations Sgt. Maj. (and Brigade full timers) all played major roles in the dog tag presentation success.

As Peterson made the walk from parking lot to pohaku, the formation was called to attention. After a brief introduction, Peterson was given two sets of dog tags. One set was for him and a second was given to his wife, in case he lost his new pair. (An audible laugh rumbled from the formation.) The chains for the Tom Peterson pair belonged to a 29th IBCT member who took it off his neck, minutes before Peterson arrived. When told that the chains belonged to a current Brigade Soldier and that they were with him when he was deployed to Afghanistan, the veteran chains, connecting the new dog tags to a Vietnam Veteran had exponentially become more valuable to Peterson.

"So this chain has gone through a different war," Peterson said. "I will treasure them for the rest of my life."

Along with the two sets of dog tags, the pin from the 2017 Commemoration with TAG "Mahalo", Peterson was also presented with two 29th IBCT patches. One OCP pattern patch and one color version from the old Class A uniform. Finally, he was given a commander's coin from Col. Macaraeg.

The usually shy Peterson then shared his story with the formation. His wife was amazed that he would stand in front of a formation and speak at all. He discussed the day of his mobilization, his old unit, and what it was like when he returned from war.

"I've never had anybody welcome me home," Peterson said. "No one greeted me when I got back, this was the first greeting that I have gotten."

Those words resonated with all of the Soldiers who were present and there were some tears in the ranks. They knew, at that exact moment, that they were a part of something special.

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A fighter pilot with the 199th Fighter Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard gives the traditional Hawaii "Shaka" to say hello on his way to takeoff at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Jan. 16, 2018 as part of Sentry Aloha Exercises. The 199th Fighter Squadron is part of the 154th Wing, which is the largest Air National Guard wing in the nation. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. James Ro)

Sentry Aloha puts fighter integration to the test

154th Wing Public Affairs - Story by Senior Airman Orlando Corpuz - Sunday, February 4, 2018

The Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) has completed its first large-scale "SENTRY ALOHA" fighter exercise of 2018. The training sorties ran from Jan. 10 to Jan. 24 in and around the airspace surrounding Hawaii.

SENTRY ALOHA is an ongoing series of exercises hosted by the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Wing. It aims to provide the ANG, Air Force and DOD counterparts with multi-faceted, joint venue, fighter integration training that incorporates current and realistic training to equip the warfighter with the skillsets necessary to fly, fight and win.

According Maj. Kenneth Peterson, Sentry Aloha exercise director for the 154 WG, the scenarios put a premium on integration.

"One of the most valuable aspects of SENTRY ALOHA is the ability to bring together a wide range of air assets," said Peterson. "We're able to work out and hone the skills and procedures needed to effectively integrate 4th and 5th generation air assets."

SENTRY ALOHA exercises are conducted by the HIANG several times a year. This SENTRY ALOHA iteration involved close to 1000 personnel and just over 40 aircraft from six other states.

"Large scale exercises such as SENTRY ALOHA are complex and require a good amount of planning and coordination," Peterson said. "From logistics and support functions to the maintenance operations that keep the aircraft air and combat ready. All aspects of the air enterprise are put to the test and as result receive invaluable training from the experience."

Visiting units included tanker support from Oklahoma and Iowa, F-16 Fighter Falcons from Alaska, F-15 Eagles from California, an E-3 Sentry (AWACS) from Oklahoma as well as U.S. Navy F/A-18 Hornets. The visiting aircraft took part

in simulated combat sorties with F-22 Raptors flown by the HIANG's 199th Fighter Squadron and active duty 19th Fighter Squadron.

Over 400 sorties were flown, accounting for nearly 800 hours of flight time during the two-week exercise.

"Everyone involved played a huge role in making this Sentry Aloha a success," said Peterson.





Army National Guard hosts an NCO training maneuver on one of its ranges (Photo by Tech Sgt. Andrew Jackson)

A win-win for natural resources, Hawaii Army National Guard in the Aloha State

By Rita Hess, USAEC Contractor March 6, 2018

Stretching across several tropical island sites, the Hawaii Army National Guard installation encompasses 1,300 total acres. Some locations are home to rare, threatened, and/or endangered ecosystems and species, which can make managing these areas an immense challenge.

However, the Hawaii Army National Guard Natural Resources Conservation Program was successful enough to earn a 2017 Secretary of the Army Environmental Command award for its efforts to find the right balance between managing unique and fragile ecosystems with important training activities.

"Training areas in Hawaii are valuable resources for our Army National Guard," said Maj. Gen. Joe Logan, Hawaii's State Adjutant General. "Our HIARNG Environmental office has done a phenomenal job by not only caring for our installation by protecting native species and cultural sites but also virtually ridding our properties of invasive plants."

"We have units deploying in 2018, and the critical work they have accomplished has kept maneuver areas clear and our Soldiers can maintain their readiness and train on our own land," said Logan

Taking a different approach than previous attempts, the NRC Program focused on one invasive species at a time and targeted seed sources -- specifically for miconia, albizia, kiawe, and strawberry guava.

The past two years saw complete removal of all mature miconia trees and a renewed focus on juveniles and seedlings. This allowed HIARNG to transition from treatment to monitoring. The elimination of adult trees slashed herbicide use by 95 percent.

Next, the NRC Program turned to albizia, which can quickly overtake the installation's vehicle corridors and pass-through areas. The tree grows over 100 feet tall, but high winds can easily uproot it, causing power disruptions and road barricades. The program removed 4,000 adult and juvenile albizia trees over the past two years and now considers this invasive species as fully controlled.

At Kekaha Firing Range, nearly 20 percent of the training site was overrun by long-thorn kiawe, an invasive, noxious tree that can grow to 30 feet tall with long thorns capable of piercing shoes and truck tires. Over the past two years, approximately 5,000 plants were removed; each was capable of producing thousands of seeds per year.

People enjoy strawberry guava fruit. Feral pigs do, too, which contributes to the trees' spread. Working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the NRC Program introduced a biological control agent using a scale insect, *Tectococcus ovatus*, to reduce fruit production.

Eradicating invasive and/or non-native species means less pesticide use and more accessible training land. It also benefits wildlife that relies on native forests, such as the endangered Hawaiian hawk and Hawaiian hoary bat. The NRC Program's success was due in large part to its use of goat and sheep grazing.

This cost-and-resource-effective approach slashed herbicide use, safeguarded sensitive habitat, and enabled re-opening 46 acres of the Keaukaha Military Reservation for training. About half of the site's 504 acres are endangered lowland wet forest ecosystems, which are thriving in harmony with military readiness activities due to the NRC Program's

innovative approach to ecosystem management.

Use of the animals began in 2016 on 46 acres with a portable paddock and a herd of 194 animals. The goats and sheep clear an average of one acre a day, including terrain that is difficult for machines to access. Grazing herds also reduce fire fuel loads, thereby minimizing interruptions in training. Elephant grass grows at a rate of 1 foot per week with the rainy conditions of KMR, so keeping areas cleared for Soldier training is essential.

The NRC Program also partners with Invasive Species Committees, University of Hawaii, U.S. Geological Service and U.S. Department of Agriculture to ensure invasive species management goes hand in hand with forest restoration, data collection and wildlife habitat improvement. The overall goal of the NRC Program is to reduce the impact of invasive species on military training land while improving the health and longevity of the once native ecosystems.

Many installations could easily adopt similar strategies for invasive species management. Indeed, avoiding the cost and the risks of herbicides and returning acreage to training access more quickly seems a definite win-win for natural resources and for Soldiers at the Hawaii Army National Guard.

"The innovative techniques and the dedicated staff of the HIARNG Environmental office have saved the department money and preserved Hawaii's installations," said Karl Motoyama, Environmental Program Manager. "We are working to both prepare our Soldiers for their missions and to be responsible stewards of our lands for our future generations."



Hawaii Army National Guard CH-47 Helicopters assigned to the Company B, 1st Battalion, 171st Aviation Regiment are rolled on to a commercial shipping vessel. March 19, 2018, Honolulu Harbor (U.S. National Guard Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jackson)

Hawaii Army National Guard Aviation Unit readies for deployment

HI-DOD Public Affairs - Story by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jackson - March 19, 2018

As the Hawaii Army National Guard's Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 171st Aviation Regiment prepared for an upcoming deployment, it was time to break down the CH-47 helicopters that had been assigned to the unit for the past four years. The helicopters were flown into a commercial shipping port in Honolulu, Hawaii, where they were partially disassembled, in preparation for shipment to the continental United States. The helicopters will be reassigned to Army National Guard Aviation units in the States, who are returning from deployment. The B-171st Aviation Regiment was assisted in the process by their sister unit, the Bravo Company, 777th Aviation Support Battalion, who utilized a portion of their annual training to support this large iron move.

"We're bringing the aircraft to the port, took the blades off of 'em, gonna put 'em on a ship, and they're heading to San Diego," said 1st Sgt. William Rogers, Company B, 1st Battalion, 171st Aviation Regiment. "That's how we're gonna get 'em there,

they're either gonna go by air, or they're gonna go by ship. Tonight's operations is basically load 'em on the ship. So all the work that we've been doing, to get 'em up, get 'em fixed, fly 'em down here, today is like the last of our Phase One."

Once the cargo heavy-lift aircraft were ready for shipment, the Soldiers carefully loaded them onto a commercial shipping vessel in a choreographed operation, focusing on the safety of Soldiers and equipment. This type of asset reallocation is a cost-saving measure by the National Guard Bureau, where deploying units fall in on equipment already in the deployed location. It also ensures that helicopters assigned to Guard units in the States are properly maintained throughout their deployments.

"We're ready to go, to do what we normally do. We're gonna fly, we're gonna do our mission. We're gonna fly it safe, and my concern is to bring all my soldiers back home safely," said 1st Sgt. Rogers.



A pair of Hawaii Army National Guard CH-47 Helicopters assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 171st Aviation Regiment approach Honolulu Harbor Pier #1. March 16, 2018. (U.S. National Guard Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jackson)

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Soldiers with the Hawaii Army National Guard's Company B, 1st Battalion, 171st Aviation Regiment disassemble the unit's CH-47 helicopters in preparation for an up-coming deployment with assistance from their Soldiers from their sister unit Company B, 777th Aviation Support Battalion. (U.S. National Guard Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jackson)



Tech. Sgt. Westley Loignon, 103rd Rescue Squadron para-rescuer and jump master, instructs his team to jump off a C-17 Globemaster III March 4, 2017, off the coast of Oahu, Hawaii. The jump training was held with members of Hawaii Air National Guard's 204th Airlift Squadron in an effort to test their long-range search and rescue capabilities. In this training scenario, the two squadrons teamed up to practice the rescue of a downed astronaut crew. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Linzmeier)

New York, Hawaii Airmen prepped for astronaut recovery

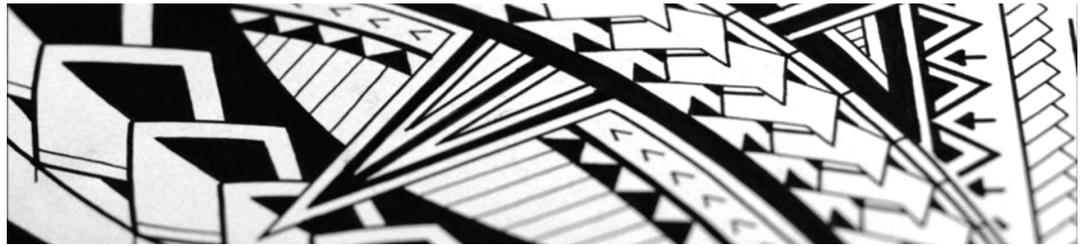
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Members of the New York and Hawaii Air National Guards pushed their search and rescue capabilities to new heights off the coast of Oahu Mar. 4, during a simulated mission to recover adrift astronauts.

The training scenario was held to ensure rescuers are ready to support NASA operations.

In the event of a major space-system malfunction, astronauts have the option to prematurely return to earth via ballistic reentry, a procedure in which a small capsule detaches from the spacecraft and descends with the aid of parachutes. Should this happen, the ANG is called in to aid the astronauts.

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What can the IG do for you?

Courtesy Story by, Lt Col Jiovani



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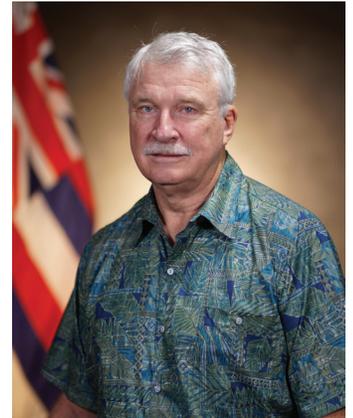
Welcome Aboard!

New HI-EMA Administrator named

Retired U.S. Navy Captain Thomas Travis has been appointed to serve as Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA). A former national security analyst and the contributing author and senior editor of foundational studies on Operation Iraqi Freedom and the U.S. Government response to Hurricane Katrina, Travis replaces Interim Administrator Brig. Gen. Moses Kaoui Jr. His first official day in the position was March 14, 2018.

"I am pleased and honored to accept the position of Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency," Travis said. "And grateful to Maj. Gen. Logan and Governor Ige for giving me this opportunity. I look forward to guiding the agency in building our capacity to respond to disasters and enhancing public trust. I also want to acknowledge the hard work of those who came before me in fostering an agency with great people and strong potential."

Maj. Gen. Logan praised Travis's qualifications to lead the agency in a period of rebuilding. "Mr. Travis has proven himself a strategic thinker and strong leader," Logan said. "Throughout his career, both military and civilian, he has brought to



bear, a clear vision of the path to effective performance and quality results. I trust him to deliver the same results for HI-EMA and our state."

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Travis most recently resided in Tucson, Arizona, but has previous ties to Hawaii, having lived in Kapoho, on the Island of Hawaii from 2011 to 2016. He also served on various submarines at Pearl Harbor from 1977 to 1991.

After retiring from the U.S. Navy, Travis worked as an Assistant Director at the Joint Advanced Warfighting Program, Institute for Defense Analyses and most recently as the Studies Director, Joint Center for Operational Analysis, U.S. Joint Staff.



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Joint, Combined CBRN Exchange

HI-DOD Public Affairs - Story by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jackson - March 22, 2018

The Hawaii Army National Guard recently played host to a Joint Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Exchange at its regional training institute in Waimanalo. During the exchange, representatives from the Active Duty Army assigned to the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, along with a Navy representative from the Armed Forces Radio Biology Institute, and members of the Washington National Guard's 10th Civil Support team, briefed military members from Japan, Thailand, and the Philippines, along with active duty soldiers from the 25th Infantry Division on best practices of working in a possible contaminated environment. The participants also gained hands-on experiences conducting sweeps to detect nuclear contamination and with emerging technologies in detection and identification.



Lt. Dustin D. McCormick, 10th Civil Support Team, Survey Team Leader demonstrates a the operation of a radiation detector for military members from Thailand and a 25th Infantry Division Soldier during a recent joint Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear (CBRN) exchange at the Hawaii Army National Guard's Regional Training Institute in Waimanalo. March 22, 2018. (U.S. National Guard Photo By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jackson)

"Mainly, we cover our radiation type of detections, basic radiation physics, radiation effects on the human body, the medical effects, and then of course we try to get them at the end, to understand," stated Navy Lt. Nathan Tuoch, Armed Forces Radio Biology Institute. "We do an FTX, and then at the end, to accumulate all that knowledge into a full-scale exercise."

The two-week exchange covered a myriad of different topics regarding CBRN response with well-defined goals.

"The overall goal would be to strengthen communication between these organizations," said Sgt. Darren Munhole, Washington National Guard's 10th Civil Support Team. "And also to come away from this week with a better understanding for those who hadn't received training and

The state partnership program aims to build the capability and relationships between the nation's military's first responders and other tactical areas of operations.

"We have within Washington State, a state partnership with both Thailand and Malaysia," said Maj. Wesley Watson, Washington National Guard's 10th Civil Support Team "The Thailand connection has been going on for the past 20 years. The cooperation between the Army-Air Force elements, has a skill set that helps to enhance and be a force multiplier for our organizations. In a incident where we do have to respond to a new 'rad' scenario, we understand what capabilities are from each of our partner organizations, ensuring the safety of our responders, our Airmen and Soldiers. They complete the mission, execute it in the support of our national security, and come home at the end of the day."

education on some of the nuances of radiological threats and how to mitigate, detect, identify, assess, and assist their own local first responders."

This exchange also provided members of the Washington National Guard the opportunity to grow its partnership with Thailand. The National Guard has a unique program where most state's National Guards are partnered with a country's military.



Sgt. Darren Munhole, survey team member with the Washington National Guard's 10th Civil Support Team oversees military members from Thailand as they practice identifying radiological fields from test sources during a recent joint Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear (CBRN) exchange at the Hawaii Army National Guard's Regional Training Institute in Waimanalo. March 22, 2018. (U.S. National Guard Photo By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jackson)

Detachment 1 leads MEDCAP exercises, emphasizes disaster preparedness

154th Wing Public Affairs - Story by Senior Airman Orlando Corpuz - Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Approximately 40 members of the Hawaii Air National Guard Detachment 1, 154th Medical Group travelled to Nevada to lead a Medical Capabilities [MEDCAP] exercise Jan. 26 to Feb. 2.

The exercise was conducted with counterparts from the Nevada Air National Guard and California Air National Guard and was designed to validate the capabilities of the respective medical units.

Hawaii, California, and Nevada are partners in Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA] Region 9. The exercise marked the first time the three Region 9 partners were able to train together at the same time.

"It's very rare that we get these opportunities to work together and focus specifically on medical capabilities," said Lt. Col. James Faumuina, commander, Det 1, 154 MDG. "This is an excellent opportunity for us to practice how we can respond in support of a civilian incident."

One of the many objectives of the exercise was to evaluate the procedures that would

be employed when assisting civilian authorities and organizations with domestic disaster response.

"The key with our capability is that our airmen are qualified to work within a civilian incident," Faumuina said. "They can integrate with many parts of the civilian emergency response system."

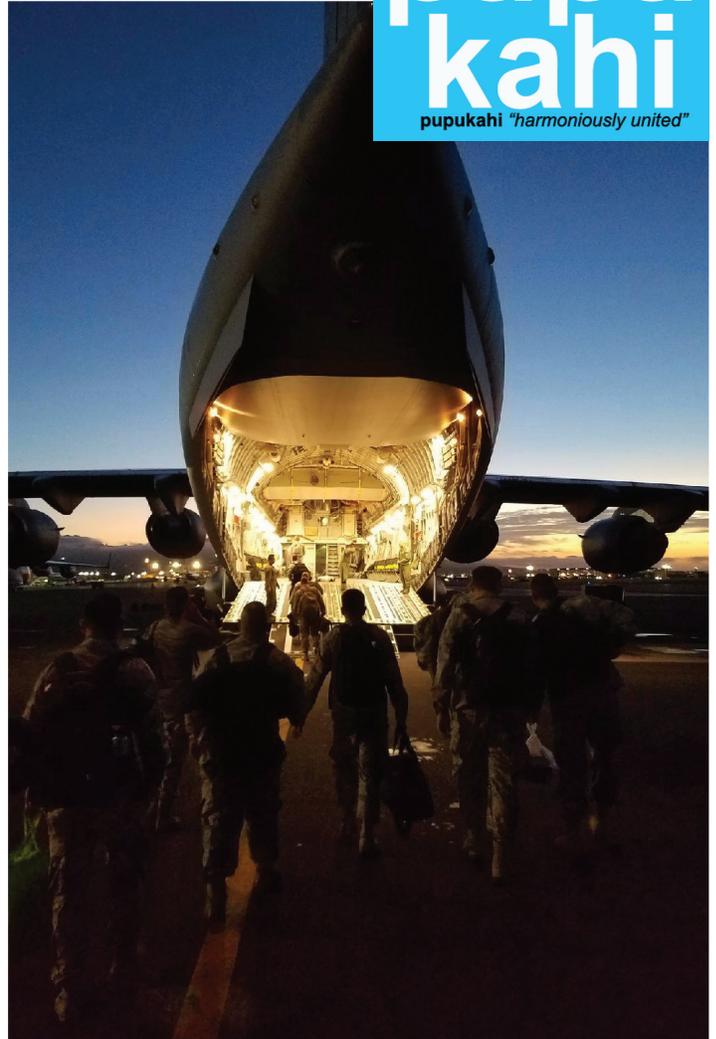
According to Faumuina, recent natural disasters brought a re-focus on military support to civil authorities.

"If you look at what happened just recently in Puerto Rico, many of the resources coming into territory were coming in from far away. We can plug into the incident response to enhance the response capability," Faumuina said. "In Hawaii, we need to have these capabilities since we are so far away."

Two primary locations were utilized during the training events. Search and Extraction Rescue training was facilitated at Federal Fire Department facilities in Nellis, Air Force Base while classroom instruction and certification courses were held at the North Las Vegas Readiness Center.

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Airmen from the 154th Medical Group, Detachment 1, board a C-17 Globemaster III assigned to the 204th Airlift Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Jan. 26, 2018. The medical airmen were headed to Nevada to facilitate a FEMA Region 9 field training exercise with partners from the California and Nevada Air National Guard. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Capt. Sanders Sandoval)

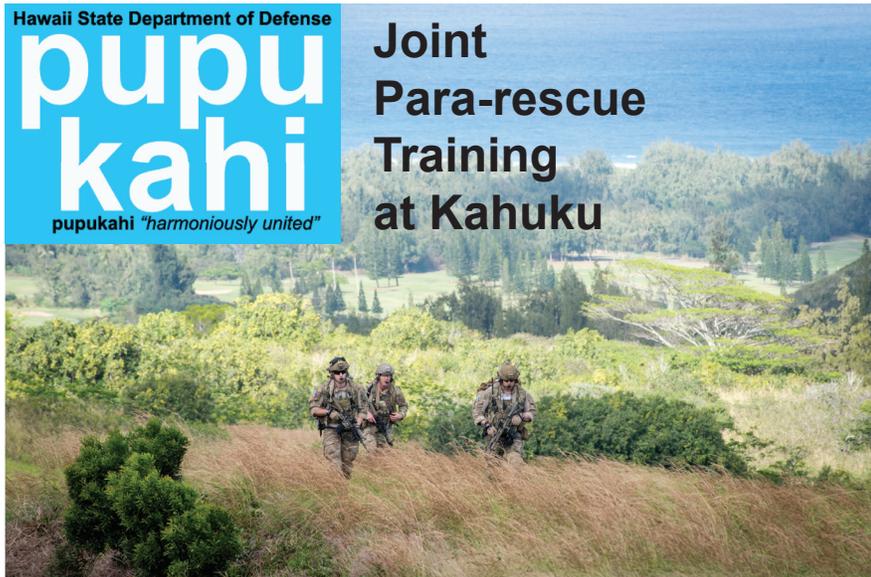


An airman rappels down a building while team members look on from above during search and extraction training as part of a Medical Capabilities exercise conducted Jan. 28, 2018 in North Las Vegas. During the exercise Air National Guard medical units from Hawaii, California, and Nevada practiced the skills and procedures needed during a coordinated emergency response involving the FEMA Region 9 partners. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Orlando Corpuz)



Senior Airman Nicklaus Young, an aerospace medical technician with the Detachment 1, 154th Medical Group, dons his gas mask at a Medical Capabilities exercise held in North Las Vegas, Jan. 27, 2018. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Orlando Corpuz)

Joint Para-rescue Training at Kahuku



Soldiers of Bravo Company, 1-171st Aviation, Hawaii Army National Guard alongside Airmen of the 212th, Rescue Squadron, Alaska Air National Guard conducted para-rescue training at Kahuku, Hawaii January 15, 2018. This is the first time both units trained together incorporating Chinook CH-47 helicopters and para-rescue training in preparation for upcoming deployments. (U.S. Army National Guard Photo by Sgt. Amanda Gerlach)



Two Airmen assess a mock casualty.



Staff Sgt. Matthew J. Steible assesses a mock casualty.



Staff Sgt. Matthew J. Steible walks away from the CH-47 after transporting a mock casualty.



Hawaii defenders build partnerships at Patriot South 18

154th Wing Public Affairs - Story by Senior Airman - John Linzmeier - Friday, February 16, 2018

Imagine this, major earthquake registering 7.7 on the richter scale strikes a town called Aloha City in Perry County, Mississippi. There are reports of high amounts of injuries, casualties and major infrastructure damage throughout Aloha City. As criminal activity is on the rise in rural areas, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency are getting to the point of being overrun. There isn't enough law enforcement support to respond to the looters and to help those injured civilians in those hard to reach places. The Governor of the state of Mississippi has declared Perry County a Federal Emergency Area, and enacted an Emergency Message Action, asking for support of outside states and local, state and federal agencies to respond to the area affected.

Disasters like this happen all the time, which is why approximately 1,000 participants from federal, state and local entities came together for this year's iteration of exercise Patriot South, held Feb. 13-15, in the Gulfport, Mississippi area.

In this particular training scenario, the Hawaii Air National Guard 154th Security Forces Squadron flew 4,200 miles to join Mississippi law enforcement's call-to-arms.

Upon the triggering event of Patriot South, the catastrophic 'earthquake,' the Airmen from Hawaii united with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Special Response Team at Camp Shelby, Miss, where they were unofficially deputized for all purposes of the training events. Over the next three days, the Airmen served as much-needed backup for the

responders in a series of trials, such as supply delivery, medical care, search and rescue, VIP escort, crowd management and even herding cattle in order to clear an airfield.

"Based on my experience of working with active duty Airmen, the training we went through felt very realistic," said Airman First Class Marvin Bumanglag, 154th SFS fireteam member. "Some parts got really stressful, but as long as we stayed in communication with each other, we were able to handle each situation they threw at us. It also helped me get to know the people I work with better and now I've got a lot more trust and confidence in them."

Each training activity was carefully planned to mimic an actual emergency event which occurred during the past year.

In order to bring each crisis scenario to life, security forces Airmen from the 129th Rescue Wing, California, played out the roles of injured victims, aggressors, general public and VIPs.

While the two units haven't collaborated before, one of the largest advantages of the civilian-military police team was its diversity of experience. Several of the MDWFP members hail from military backgrounds and have been recognized as one of the best team of trackers in the nation. Out of the 94 Security Forces Squadrons in the ANG, the Guardsmen of the 154th have the highest deployment rate of all, and many of its Guardsmen have civilian careers as police officers and other emergency management agencies. Throughout the exercise, participants had plenty of opportunities to share their

expertise and learn something new from their new partners.

"It's remarkable how we only met each other a few days ago, but our teams just gelled together like they've been working together for their past ten to fifteen years," said police Capt. Dale Bell, MDWFP SRT chief. "This experience has definitely been a bridge builder between the Air National Guard and the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; a complete win-win for the state and the country."

Exercises like this also serve as a valuable opportunity for junior Airmen to step up and take the helm of higher-ranking responsibilities, such as operating the law enforcement operations center and leading a fireteam. Senior Master Sgt. Clifford Ramson, 154th SFS exercise evaluator, said it's common for leaders to be replaced due to other taskings and field-related injuries, making important for all Airmen to always be ready to fill the shoes of their superiors.

After four months of planning and three days of intensive crisis-management, the exercise came to a successful close.

Just like the unpredictable events the responders overcame in Patriot South, ANG units across the nation and U.S. territories are standing by to lend a hand to their neighboring states and active duty components around the world. Whether it's an earthquake, blizzard, flood, or tsunami, they have the unique role and capability to help those in need at a moment's notice.



Master Sgt. Robert Kim, Vice Troop Commander for Patriot South exercise, looks over a map of their training grounds with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Special Response Team to plan their next steps for the exercise, Feb. 13, 2018, at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Patriot South focuses on increasing the understanding of coordination, policies, and procedures required in conducting a Joint-Inter-Agency Domestic response. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. James Ro)



Tech Sgt. Tashalynn Willing, 154th Security Forces Squadron fire team member, puts on personal protective equipment during Patriot South exercise, Feb. 15, 2018, at Camp Shelby, Miss. The participating Airmen were temporarily 'deputized' by local police in order to serve as back-up support through the events of a simulated earthquake. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. James Ro)

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Pfc. William I. Brady of 3rd Platoon, Alpha Troop, 1st Squadron, 299th Cavalry Regiment simulated treating a casualty during the Best Warrior Competition at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii Mar. 3, 2018. The Best Warrior Competition recognizes Soldiers who demonstrate commitment to the Army Values, embody the Warrior Ethos, and represent the Force of the Future. (U.S. Army National Guard Photo by Sgt. Amanda Gerlach)

2018 Best Warrior Competition



Sgt. William A. Chea of 1st platoon, Bravo Troop, 1st Squadron, 299th Cavalry Regiment simulates calling in a 9-line medical evacuation during the Best Warrior Competition at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii Mar. 3, 2018. (U.S. Army National Guard Photo by Sgt. Amanda Gerlach)



Sgt. William A. Chea of 1st platoon, Bravo Troop, 1st Squadron, 299th Cavalry Regiment watches Sgt. David C. Westman of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment change a tire during the Best Warrior Competition at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii Mar. 3, 2018. (U.S. Army National Guard Photo by Sgt. Amanda Gerlach)



Hawaii Army National Guard Pfc. William I. Brady of 3rd Platoon, Alpha Troop, 1st Squadron, 299 Cavalry Regiment and Staff Sgt. Krysta M. Waters of the 111th Army Band are announced as the Enlisted and NCO winners of the Best Warrior Competition at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, March 4, 2018. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Matthew A. Foster/ Released)

154 SFS drills in Gulfport Mississippi, charges for *PATRIOT SOUTH*

154th Wing Public Affairs - Story by Senior Airman John Linzmeier - Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Members of the Hawaii Air National Guard 154th Security Forces Squadron spent their drill weekend practicing new apprehension and self-defense techniques with other law enforcement professionals Feb. 10-11 at Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center, Mississippi to certify in taser training and a combative knife fighting certification course.

The classes were led by agents from the Mississippi Military Law Enforcement Department and were just the start of many events during a *PATRIOT SOUTH* 2018, Domestic Operations Exercise.

“The taser training is all about giving officers another tool to keep the public and themselves safe and minimize serious bodily injury of a combative, hostile or someone posing a deadly force situation,” said Police Capt. Benjamin Mitchell, MMD standards and evaluations flight chief. “It also teaches them to think critically and helps them understand what means of force is most appropriate in different situations.” After the participants became well-versed with the proper-handling of the taser and the

various scenarios which it could be used in, several of the students volunteered to endure the effects of the aser themselves.

“Getting tazed was like getting hit by a train,” said Airman 1st Class Anndora Haraguchi, 154 SFS fireteam member. “It made me fully understand what these things are all about and why we handle them with such care. We had an amazing instructor and I’m just glad he was able to share all of his years of experience with us.”

The combative knife fighting certification training challenged the Airmen to apply new self-defense techniques. The curriculum entailed approximately a dozen life-threatening scenarios involving a hostile knife attacker. Participants quickly learned how to use surrounding objects to their advantage and neutralize the ‘assailant.’

As a law enforcement arm of the Air National Guard, the 154th Security Forces Squadron Defenders must always be ready to support other emergency management agencies should the need arise. 154 SFS Superintendent, Chief Master



Airman 1st Class Anndora Haraguchi, 154th Security Forces Squadron fireteam member, fires a taser at a target as part of a taser-safety course Feb. 10, 2018, at Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center, Mississippi. The training was led and one of the several activities leading up to Patriot South, a domestic operations training exercise focused on preparing for any and all challenges faced during a natural disaster. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Linzmeier)

Sgt. Melvin Yamamoto, said these training events are crucial toward maintaining a skill to protect and serve the community.

“This training is highly valuable for us because it gives our defenders an opportunity to incorporate critical skills that will help them accomplish the mission, build confidence and find out if this career field is really what they want to do,” said Yamamoto. “From the moment they stepped on that jet, I was very proud to witness leaders emerge in all directions.”

Many of the Patriot South scenarios stem from real world events and were planned specifically so that police from various backgrounds can collaborate and share their wealth of

experiences.

The 27-member team of military police is comprised of well-seasoned police with years of operational and deployment experience and also newer Airmen who still have their whole career ahead of them. For some of the participants, this is the furthest away they’ve ever been from home.

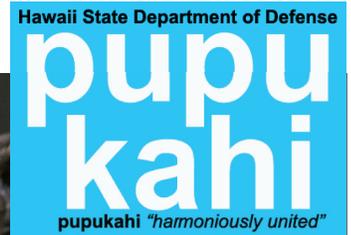
“I think being in an environment outside Hawaii and on a different training ground will provide more of a realistic scenario because it’s not an environment our NCOs or Airmen are used to,” said Senior Airman Angelica Midgley, 154 SFS fireteam member. “In Mississippi, we are able to challenge ourselves in different conditions. I’m really excited for it.”



Master Sgt. Jose Alveida (left), 165th Air Support Operations Squadron, provides instruction to members of the 154th Security Forces Squadron and the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Special Response Team Feb. 12, 2018, at Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center, Mississippi. Alveida taught various life-saving practices from the Tactical Combat Casualty Course, such as administering tourniquets, quick-clots and a method of needle decompression in order to treat a sucking-chest wound. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. James Ro)



Airman 1st Class David Lovell, 154th Security Forces Squadron fireteam member, gets stunned during a taser certification course Feb. 10, 2018, at Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center, Miss. Tasers are used to temporarily cause neuromuscular incapacitation that contracts the muscles, causing them to lock up making the individual unable to move. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Linzmeier)



Congratulations Brig. Gen. Moses Kaiwi



January 16 2018, a promotion ceremony was held for Brig. Gen. Moses Kaiwi Jr. at the Governor's residence at Washington Place. General Kaiwi is assigned as the Director of the Joint Staff for the Hawaii National Guard. Gen. Kaiwi has served in the HIARNG for the past 35 years.

Hawaii Army National Guard Aviation gets New Hangar



The Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG) conducted a Maile Lei untethering ceremony at the new Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF) at Kalaeloa on Thursday, January 11,

2018. The Kalaeloa AASF will be used for the maintenance of, and flight operations for, the CH-47 Chinook, the UH-60 Black Hawk, and the UH-72 Lakota.

Aloha Master Sgt. (ret) Steve Lum



Mahalo, Stephen Lum. Steve retired from the State of Hawaii Department of Defense after 32 years of service. His service the the Hawaii Army National Guard spanned 30 years and two deployments (Bosnia, and Afghanistan). During his retirement celebration a clip that Hawaii News Now broadcast in December was played. During his time at HI-DOD PA, Steve headed the print layout of the Pukupahi and the DOD Annual Report, along with holiday cards, newsletters, announcements and many other photography assignments. He was also known for the hand-made decorations that adorned many of the departments doors through out the year at DOD HQ. Steve's plans for retirement include travel with his wife and reorganizing his home. Mahalo for your service Steve!

Dog Tags - Concluded

in front of them, than they could've anticipated. It went from being a "nice ceremony" to be a part of, to "I was lucky to be there and honored to welcome back a 29th Brigade Vietnam veteran."

Peterson then viewed the 29 names of Soldiers from the 29th who never made it home on the memorial pohaku. He found someone that he knew, he was in Peterson's unit in the Brigade. He also viewed the second pohaku that lists the names of those heroes who have fallen since the Brigade's mobilization in 2004 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The day ended with a two-hour tour of the Readiness Center and some "talk story" sessions with the Petersons and his friends. Peterson thoroughly enjoyed all the historical displays and

promised Col. Macaraeg and Sgt. Maj. Moore that he would send them an autographed copy of his book. The Colonel said that the book would proudly be added to their display.

So with answering one phone call, the Hawaii Army National Guard was able to right a wrong and present one of their own with something that he will treasure for the rest of his life. Dog tags may be just one of the physical items Tom Peterson takes home to Corvallis, Oregon, but the warm Aloha shared with him from the 29th IBCT will also be on that chain close to his heart.

"It was great to finally be honored in such a way that made me feel really important," said Tom Peterson.



Continued - Astronaut Recovery



New York Air National Guard Airmen from the 103rd Rescue Squadron, board a C-17, March 4, 2018, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. The New York Airmen teamed up with members of Hawaii Air National Guard's 204th Airlift Squadron to practice their search and rescue capabilities in a scenario entailing the recovery of fallen NASA astronauts. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Linzmeier)



Tech. Sgt. Westley Loignon, 103rd Rescue Squadron para-rescueman and jumpmaster, prepares his life support equipment aboard a C-17 from the 204th Airlift Squadron March 4, 2017, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. As a jumpmaster, Loignon's team depends on his experience and leadership to ensure everyone safely lands in the targeted drop zone. In this training scenario, the Hawaii Air National Guard and New York Air National Guard teamed up to practice the rescue of a downed astronaut crew. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Linzmeier)



New York Air National Guard Airmen from the 103rd Rescue Squadron step toward the rear of a C-17 during an astronaut recovery training scenario March 4, 2018, off the coast of Oahu, Hawaii. This is the second consecutive year the New York Airmen trained with the Hawaii Air National Guard's 204th Airlift Squadron to improve their search and rescue capabilities. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Linzmeier)

The outbound-response team is comprised of para-rescue Airmen from NYANG's 103rd Rescue Squadron and a local aircrew from the 204th Airlift Squadron. For training purposes, the responders were 'alerted' of an inflight emergency when the spacecraft entered earth's atmosphere. Upon notification, the rescue Airmen geared-up and assembled for their pre-flight briefing.

Both teams were pushed to react at an accelerated pace to replicate the urgency of an actual downed aircraft.

"We specifically wanted to induce high levels of stress into this training," said Maj. Britton Komine, 204th Airlift Squadron pilot and mission planner. "So when we actually are called out for a rescue scenario, contingency mission or even to fight a war, then we are absolutely ready to operate under adverse circumstances and we're still going to be combat effective."

Unlike normal flight operations, the response team has very little time to spare, as the fallen astronauts can land virtually anywhere in the Pacific Ocean.

Aircrew from the 204th Airlift Squadron had a C-17 Globemaster III prepped for flight the day prior. This made it possible for the Airmen to take off relatively quickly upon receiving notification of the emergency. The onboard para-rescue Airmen, also known as PJs, specialize in recovering downed aircrews from otherwise unreachable areas. Each member is also a trained paramedic and able to treat a wide-range of injuries before taking the victim to higher medical care.

While the main objective of the training was to recover astronauts, the participants also completed several other readiness objectives. Each



loadmaster, PJ and pilot involved has an important series of tasks which must be completed for them to stay qualified in their field of work.

During the flight, 204th AS loadmasters practiced dropping resupply bundles for the first time in Hawaii. This method is used to rapidly deliver medical supplies, food or any other equipment to those in need.

The HIANG's C-17s were built to take on multi-faceted missions such as this. With its wide array of capabilities, members of the 204th can deliver troops and cargo around the world at a moment's notice, to include the transport of ambulatory patients for aeromedical evacuations and large amounts of disaster relief supplies for humanitarian aid missions.

This has been the second year in a row the two squadrons collaborated for a simulated rescue mission. In addition to the recovery training, the two squadrons spent the following two days, March 4-5, practicing high-altitude low-opening jumps above Kaneohe Bay.

"I believe the 103rd RQS of the NYANG and 204th AS of the HIANG are at the tip of the spear for readiness of this potential real-world mission," said Maj. Edward Boughal, 103rd RQS combat rescue officer. "This exercise specifically identifies the strategic value of employing Guardian Angel [CROs and PJs] from C-17 aircraft providing a Global Reach capability to Air Force Rescue."

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Governor David Ige addresses some of the students who were recognized for their performance in the CyberStart program.

Governor Ige and Cybersecurity Manager for Hawaii's Department of Defense Named Winners of the SANS Institute's 2017 Difference Makers Awards

BETHESDA, Md., Dec. 5, 2017 / PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- SANS Institute today announced Governor Ige and the Cybersecurity Manager for Hawaii's Department of Defense Reynold Hioki have been named among the winners of the 2017 SANS Difference Makers Award. The Difference Maker Awards were created to honor the unsung heroes in cyber security whose innovation, skill, and hard work have resulted in real successes in information security.

"The cybersecurity talent among Hawaiian students is impressive. Reynold Hioki and the leadership of Cyber Hawaii did a spectacular job at giving students in Hawaii a chance to discover their talent – in some cases their hidden talents. Kudos," said Alan Paller, National Program Manager, U.S. CyberStart and Director of Research, SANS Institute.

Governor Ige was recognized for his efforts help find, motivate, and develop the state's next generation of cyber security talent by bringing the CyberStart pilot program to students in Hawaii. CyberStart is a forward-thinking skills program designed to inspire the next generation of cyber security professionals while identifying talented young Americans. In addition to providing a unique learning opportunity and scholarships for students, the program can lead to job growth and improved cyber security in Hawaii.

The CyberStart pilot program was managed by Mr. Hioki with help from Arnold Kishi and IT and security leaders at the University of Hawaii. In just two weeks the team signed up 317 Hawaii students. Of the nearly 3,300 students competing from seven states, eight Hawaii high school and college students were in the overall top 50 nationally;

22 Hawaiian students won scholarships for more advanced education in cybersecurity. Hawaii had a far larger number of high scorers and scholarship winners on a per capita basis than any of the other states.

Participant Nicholas Shaw, a junior at Mililani High School sent a note to Governor Ige saying, "I would like to thank the Governor who sponsors the CyberStart program. After this past month I can truly say that my skillset and grasp of a wide amount of the topics covered and tested in the competition has expanded. The program has given me a platform to jump from and compete in future CTFs. I insist that you all continue to sponsor and improve this competition so that many others like myself can be inspired and feel confident in exploring the deeper realms of cyber security."



Philippine Air Force Brig. Gen. Antonio Ramon Lim, commander, 5th Fighter Wing, PAF and U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Scott Oka, commander, 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard discuss the capabilities of the KC-135 Stratotanker, Sep. 22, 2017, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI. The exchange was part of the National Guard's State Partnership Program which builds relationships through military-to-military engagements in support of defense security goals. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Orlando Corpuz)

HIANG Completes Fifth Year of Air Defense Exchanges with PAF

154th Wing Public Affairs
 Story by Senior Airman Orlando Corpuz

Hawaii Air National Guard air defense experts recently completed a Subject Matter Expert Exchange [SMEE] with counterparts from the Philippine Air Force [PAF], marking the fifth straight year the HIANG has partnered with the PAF to exchange ideas on air defense as the Southeast Asian country goes through a military modernization effort.

The exchanges took place during the months of August and September and began with HIANG airmen traveling to several locations in the Philippines to discuss various air security concepts with the PAF.

While there, HIANG airmen interacted with various levels of the rank and file of the PAF: from airmen just beginning their military careers to senior leaders from some of the highest levels of the PAF organization.

For the first time since the exchanges have been taking place, Brig. Gen. Gregory S. Woodrow, commander, 154th Wing was a part of the in-country team to lend some general officer expertise and credence.

"We (United States) work hard to strengthen our alliances throughout the Pacific," said Woodrow. "The best way to do that is to pursue relations at the personal level as we educate and encourage each of our allies in their quest for better defense.

According to Maj. Colin Yoshimitsu, a mission crew commander with the 169th Air Defense Squadron and engagement planner for the SMEE, having the general officers of the two Air Forces meet during the exchanges represents a leap forward and a maturing of the relationship.

"The program has evolved in that our senior leadership have volunteered to be more engaged with the leaders of the Philippine Air Force. Ultimately, we need the support of leadership on both sides for both organizations to move forward." Yoshimitsu said.

The SMEE was part of the National Guard's State Partnership Program [SPP] which links a state's National Guard with the armed forces or equivalent of a partner country in a cooperative, mutually beneficial relationship.

As the partnership progressed through the five years of engagements, so has the

level of interaction and topics of discussion.

"Our partnerships has evolved and has grown with new objectives throughout the years," said Yoshimitsu. "We began our first year of the basic mission of the Hawaii Air National Guard and the Operation Noble Eagle mission we accomplish at the 169th Air Defense Squadron. In subsequent years we have expanded the SMEE to include focus on training, procedures, checklists, maintainers, and flight medicine."

The exchanges involved table top discussions, question and answer sessions as well tours and surveys of the varying components that make up an air defense system.

While visiting Clark Air Base, the HIANG team took in a tour of the PAF's FA-50 Light Attack Aircraft. The FA-50 is a hallmark of the Philippine Armed Forces modernization efforts.

"As the Air Defense Command of the Philippine Air Force focuses on their upgrade and modernize their new air defense system, the HIANG team has centered the Subject Matter Expert Exchanges from the tactical arena to the operational and strategic." Yoshimitsu said.

Tours and exchanges were not geographically exclusive to the Philippines. PAF personnel were also able to tour HIANG operations when the SMEE moved to Hawaii.

"The state partnership program really grows out of an alliance that we have with the Philippine Air Force and it's symbolic of our strong relationship across the Pacific." Woodrow said.



Airmen from the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron are greeted by family, friends, and fellow airmen upon returning home to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii after a six month deployment to the CENTCOM AOR, Oct. 30, 2017. In total, approx. 90 airmen and three KC-135 Stratotankers assigned to the Hawaii Air National Guard unit deployed in support Operation Inherent Resolve. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jackson)

Hawaii Air Refuelers Arrive Home

154th Wing Public Affairs
 Story by Senior Airman Orlando Corpuz - Friday, November 10, 2017

Airmen from the Hawaii Air National Guard and three KC-135 Stratotankers recently returned home following a six-month deployment to the Middle East in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

Airmen and aircraft from

the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, along with Maintenance and support personnel from the 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 154th Maintenance Squadron returned over the course of a week with the first group of airmen and aircraft arriving on October 30 and a second group celebrating the homecoming on November 5.

Deployment durations for individual Airmen ranged from more than two months

to six months. In all, more than 90 HIANG airmen deployed during the six month period.

While deployed the airmen refueled U.S. and other coalition aircraft striking ISIS targets in Iraq and Syria.

“It’s what we train for every day,” said a returning 203 ARS boom operator. For security purposes the HIANG is not releasing the names of any of airmen that deployed. “We forward deploy around

the world and give gas when needed.”

The aircrews flew more than 300 missions, offloading more than seven million pounds of fuel to just over 600 aircraft, and in the process logged in over 2100 flight hours.

Aerial refueling is essential to U.S. air operations around the world. The refueling allows fighter jets and other aircraft to remain over the battlefield longer, which allows greater support to U.S. and coalition forces fighting on the ground.

“Air refueling is one of the most vital portions of the effort over in the Middle East that we are performing,” said a returning 203 ARS pilot. “Without air refueling, basically nothing can get done.”

Just as with all deployments, team work played a vital role in mission success.

“We had great camaraderies there’s lots of great people over there in the Middle East right now serving our country.” a 203 ARS pilot said.



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The Hawaii State Department of Defense family got into the holiday mood starting with the annual Christmas Tree trimming event followed by the Christmas luncheon.

In addition to the DOD family bonding and feasting on local foods and donated deserts, there was the second annual BoCCe Ball tournament (run by TSgt. Andy Jackson), Songs and music by the 'Three Brothers from Different Parents' (BG Ken Hara, Chief (W4) "JP" Paraoan and Kameron Omizo) and the distribution of raffle prizes.



The more than ten two person teams faced off in elimination rounds the end with the TAG Team winning it all by inches was MG Joe Logan and his aide LTC Bill Flynn.

More than 140 personnel from the department attend this year's event. Deserts and prizes were donated for all or most to enjoy.





U.S. Congresswoman and Hawaii Army National Guard Member Tulsi Gabbard speaks about the history of the Natatorium during the Veterans Day ceremony hosted at the World War I Memorial Co-sponsored by the Hawaii World War I Centennial Task Force.



Brig. Gen. Gregory S. Woodrow conducts a troop review of the Hawaii Air National Guard's Royal Guard, Honolulu, Hawaii, Nov. 16, 2017. Woodrow was participating in a ceremony commemorating the re-creation of the Hawaii Air National Guard's Royal Guard, a unique Honor Guard where select airmen perform ceremonial duties at various events throughout the year, and stand as symbols and reminders of the HIANG's heritage and history. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Orlando Corpuz)



Right to Left: Adjutant General Arthur Logan, Governor David Ige, and Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell salute a wreath honoring veterans during the Veterans Day ceremony hosted at the Hawaii State Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Kaneohe.



Members of Hawaii National Guards 203rd Air Refueling Squadron perform a FOD walk on the morning of December 7th, before the base-wide remembrance activities.



Staff Sgt. Shelby Rivera and Lt Col. Philip Lancaster, 19th FS Commander being interviewed by Hawaii News Now morning anchor Steve Uyehara, on Dec. 7 2017 where they discussed the history of Joint Base Pearl Harbor - Hickam and their motivations for serving.

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381st HING BIRTHDAY BALL



Maj. Gen. Arthur J. Logan delivers opening remarks during the Hawaii National Guard Birthday Commemoration at Honolulu, Hawaii Dec. 15, 2017 at the Hawaii Convention Center. The birthday ball celebrated 381 years of the Hawaii National Guard. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Amanda H. Gerlach)



Guests sing "The Army Goes Rolling Along" during the Hawaii National Guard Birthday Commemoration at Honolulu, Hawaii Dec. 15, 2017 at the Hawaii Convention Center. The birthday ball celebrated 381 years of the Hawaii National Guard.



Maj. Gen. Arthur J. Logan receives an award during the Hawaii National Guard Birthday Commemoration at Honolulu, Hawaii Dec. 15, 2017 at the Hawaii Convention Center. The birthday ball celebrated 381 years of the Hawaii National Guard. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Amanda H. Gerlach)

DOD New Hires: Sept 2017 - Dec 2017

Eff Date	Name	Position Title	Division
09/01/17	Banasihan, Paul	Shift Leader	YCA
09/05/17	Minor, Elizabeth	Oct06KiholoBayEQPlanner	HIEMA
09/18/17	Valinda Hayes-Martinez	Veterans Svcs Counselor III	OVS
09/18/17	Jarren Soong	General Laborer II	Maintenance
09/25/17	Antolin, Kevin	Cadre - Kulani	YCA - Hilo
10/02/17	Joshua Anthony	Counselor - Kulani	YCA - Hilo
10/02/17	Travis Mundon	General Laborer II	Maintenance
10/05/17	Justin Faulker	Placement Mentor Coordinator	YCA
10/05/17	Kelly Saloricman	Nurse Assistant	YCA
10/16/17	Peralta, Quezon	Information Technol Spclt IV	HIEMA
10/16/17	Glenda Buis	Office Assistant IV	154th CES
10/16/17	Evan Law	Information Technology (Sr. Analyst)	CIO
10/16/17	William Palama	Building Maintenance Helper	154th CES
11/01/17	Wendy Shigemoto-Broxson	Office Assistant III	HIEMA
11/01/17	Elizabeth Minor	Civil Defense Planner	HIEMA
11/01/17	Bayron, Jerome	Cadre	YCA - Kalaeloa
11/01/17	Filisi, Saifoloi	Shift Leader	YCA - Kalaeloa
11/06/17	Richard Rapoza	Public InforMAInton Officer	HIEMA
11/14/17	Bagaoisan, Aldrich Clyde	EMCS Assistant	ASO
11/16/17	Ellis, Felicity	Cadre - Kulani	YCA - Hilo
11/16/17	Santos, Ronald	General Laborer II	Maintenance
11/16/17	Stephanie Alfonso	Office Assistant III	OVS / HSVC
11/16/17	William Spray	Administrative Svcs Offer I	ASO
12/01/17	Jerald MAIava	General Laborer I	Maintenance
12/01/17	Andrade, Michelle	Medical Assistant - Kulani	YCA - Hilo
12/07/17	Hollis, Gabrielle	Cadre	YCA - Kalaeloa
12/18/17	Oku, Kelli-Ann	Office Assistant IV	HIANG



DOD New Separations: Sept 2017 - Dec 2017

Eff Date	Name	Position Title	Division	Action	Yrs of Svc*
9/2/17	Castro, Rene	Cadre	YCA-Kalaeloa	Resinged	
9/7/17	Thomas, Michael	Cadre	YCA-Kalaeloa	Resinged	
9/14/17	Alvarez, Shawn-Michael	General Laborer I	MAInt	Resinged	
9/22/17	Hutton, Ciara	Secretary III	ASO	End of appointment	
10/13/17	Roldan, Alison	Office Assistant IV	154th CES	End of appointment	
10/20/17	Pumares, Estelita	Contracts Assistant I	Eng	Transfer to DAGS	
10/25/17	Shikany, Natasha	Instructor	YCA-Hilo	Resinged	
10/31/17	Yamada, Reggie	Engineer V	Eng	Resinged	
11/1/17	Soisson, Catherine	Veterans Services Counselor	OVS/Maui	Resinged	
11/3/17	Hoopii, Carrie	Secretary	YCA-Hilo	End of appointment	
11/3/17	Espinosa, George	Asst Director, YCA	YCA-Hilo	End of appointment	
11/17/17	Lafaale, Smith	Equipment Operator II	MAInt (burial team)		Resinged
11/25/17	Jackson, Jason	Shift Leader	YCA-Kalaeloa	Resinged	
11/30/17	Tumpap, Aurelio	Facility Management Rep I	FMO	Resinged	
11/30/17	Ledward, Roland	Tractor Operator	MAInt	Retire	30 yr
12/30/17	Wagatuma, Wayne	Maintenance Technician - Kulani	YCA - Hilo	Retire	4 yr
12/30/17	Lum, Stephen	Information Specialist III	PAO	Retire	33 yr
12/30/17	Maki, Lloyd	Architect VI	Eng	Retire	27 yr
12/30/17	Inouye, Cathy	Secretary II	HIARNG	Retire	37 yr

* (Retire only)

HING AGR Retirees, Sept 2016 - Dec 2017

Name	Action	Date	Unit	Years of Service
SFC Ventura	Retirement	30-Nov-17	111th AB	
SFC Jones	Retirement	29-Dec-17	HR SGT / HRO	
SFC Emayo	Retirement	31-Dec-17	RRB	
SFC Pimentel	Retirement	30-Apr-18	Rec & Ret NCO, RRB	
CW5 Kinoshita	Retirement	31-May-18	CCWO, JFHQ	

HING Technician Hires, Sept 2016 - Dec 2017

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09/03/2017	Santos Iii, Lawrence F.	Aircraft Mechanic	
09/03/2017	Mehm, Jamie R.	Aircraft Pneudraulic Systems Mechanic	
09/03/2017	Ibara, Scott T.	Electronic Integrated Systems Mechanic	
09/17/2017	Sabado, Romeo J.	Financial Management Technician	
09/17/2017	Dupont Jr, Rod L. K..	Supervisory Financial Specialist	
10/01/2017	Ooka, Ryan M..	Nondestructive Tester Supervisor	
10/01/2017	Nalus, Briana D..	Human Resources Assistant	HI Ang HQ
10/01/2017	San Diego, Jordan A..	Packer	154 LGR SQ
10/01/2017	Velasco, Micah J..	Materials Handler	154 LGR SQ
10/01/2017	Kaoiwi Jr., Moses .	Director, Joint Staff	
10/15/2017	Dela Cruz, Beau Y.	Aircraft Electrician	154 AMX SQ
10/15/2017	Quioko, Julie Q..	Theater Aerospace Operations C2 Specialist	109 AOG Gp
10/15/2017	Martin, Michael T.	Heavy Mobile Equipment Mechanic	154 LGR SQ
10/15/2017	Meyer, Kyle K.	Aircraft Mechanic	154 MAI SQ
10/15/2017	Corpuz, Orlando M.	Audiovisual Production Specialist	154 Wing Wg
10/15/2017	Rivera, Eric A.	Aircraft Mechanic	154 AMX SQ
10/15/2017	Mastromarino, Linsey L..	Supply Management Specialist	
10/29/2017	Dehne, Alexander C.	Emergency Management Specialist	154 Ceg SQ
10/29/2017	Lum, Lisa A.	Theater Aerospace Operations C2 Specialist	109 AOG Gp
10/29/2017	Iannone, Emily C.	Intelligence Operations Specialist	109 AOG Gp
10/29/2017	Tanitomi, Kevin H.	Aircraft Mechanic	154 AMX SQ
10/29/2017	Ganitano, Jason G..	Aircraft Mechanic	Joint Force HQ - HI
10/29/2017	Madarang, Eric A..	It Specialist (Systems Administration)	Joint Force HQ - HI
11/12/2017	Salinas, Roger L..	Powered Support Systems Mechanic	291 CC SQ
11/12/2017	Agpaoa, Breyhanna S..	Human Resources Assistant	154 MSQ Gp
11/12/2017	Ingenluyff, Sean G..	Electronic Integrated Systems Mechanic	154 AMX SQ
11/12/2017	Sykes, Courtney L..	Motor Vehicle Operator	Joint Force HQ - HI
11/12/2017	Dela Cruz, Anna Marie A..	Materials Examiner And Identifier	Joint Force HQ - HI
11/26/2017	Stewart Jr., Kevan A..	Production Controller (Electronics)	169 ADF SQ
11/26/2017	Anes, Raynell K..	Logistics Management Officer	154 AMX SQ
11/26/2017	Angay, Jacob K..	Combat Support Flight Chief	291 CC SQ
11/26/2017	Nielsen, RebeCCA A..	It Specialist (Network)	291 CC SQ
11/26/2017	Chun, Jason E..	Automotive Mechanic	154 LGR SQ
11/26/2017	Arroyo, Calvin M..	Electronic Integrated Systems Mechanic	154 AMX SQ
11/26/2017	Parsley, Sarah B..	Flight Engineer (Instructor)	109 AOG Gp
11/26/2017	San Nicolas, Kaanoialohaanakupuna P..	Aircraft Electrician	154 MAI SQ
11/26/2017	Lairsey, David K..	Aircraft Mechanic	154 AMX SQ
11/26/2017	Bodnar, Dylan J..	Electronic Integrated Systems Mechanic	154 AMX SQ
11/26/2017	Mira-Naeole, Coleman I..	Electronic Integrated Systems Mechanic	154 AMX SQ
11/26/2017	Madiro, Taylor J..	Aircraft Mechanic	154 AMX SQ
12/11/2017	Coloma, Jaydeen V..	Production Controller (Acft)	154 Mxo Ft
12/11/2017	Nunes, Corwin A..	Intelligence Operations Specialist	154 Oss Ft
12/11/2017	Sabog Jr., Rueben C..	Supply Technician	154 LGR SQ
12/11/2017	Flores, Eron L..	Aircraft Engine Mechanic	154 MAI SQ
12/11/2017	Galvez, Alvin V..	Aircraft Mechanic	Joint Force HQ - HI
12/11/2017	Sato, Kenneth C..	Aircraft Mechanic	Joint Force HQ - HI
12/11/2017	Pasaylo, Vic Matthew J..	Aircraft Mechanic	Joint Force HQ - HI
12/11/2017	Pa, Nicholas R. K..	Aircraft Mechanic	Joint Force HQ - HI
12/11/2017	Taman, Aileen .	Aircraft Propeller Mechanic	Joint Force HQ - HI
12/11/2017	Pasion-Soriano, Joshua R..	Aircraft Mechanic	Joint Force HQ - HI
12/11/2017	Tsuda, Brant K..	Aircraft Mechanic	Joint Force HQ - HI
12/11/2017	Gamboa, Mike C..	Aircraft Mechanic	Joint Force HQ - HI
12/11/2017	Kanui, Nolan K..	Aircraft Mechanic	Joint Force HQ - HI
12/11/2017	Umeno, Daryl-Jeffrey E..	Aircraft Mechanic	Joint Force HQ - HI
12/11/2017	Macklin, Daniel I..	Aircraft Pneudraulic Systems Mechanic	Joint Force HQ - HI
12/11/2017	Huynh, Phuc V..	Maintenance Test Pilot	Joint Force HQ - HI
12/11/2017	Odland, Steven K..	Maintenance Test Pilot	Joint Force HQ - HI
12/11/2017	Pate, Sean Martin J..	Fuel Distribution System Wkr	Joint Force HQ - HI
12/11/2017	Batungbacal, Trent E. N..	Aircraft Mechanic	Joint Force HQ - HI
12/11/2017	Nakamura, Kekoaalii K..	Production Controller	Joint Force HQ - HI

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10/16/17	COL	MACARAEG ROY JUNATAS	HHC, 29TH SEPARATE INF BDE
10/16/17	SSG	SEGAWA JOHN JIRO SATORU	CO D (MI), 227TH BEB
10/20/17	LTC	BARKSDALE GORDON IRVIN JR	2D BN, 298TH REGIMENT, RTI
12/1/17	SGT	PAJARILLO ROLAND NATHANIEL	BTRY B, 1ST BN, 487TH FA
12/15/17	SSG	TUMPAP AURELIO PASCUA II	DET 1 CO A, 3D BN, 140TH AVN



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10/1/17	SSgt	ARAKAKI, KELSEY R.	169 ADS
10/1/17	TSgt	BRAY, ADAM C	169 ADS
10/1/17	A1C	DACUYCUI, JERIKA ANNE S	169 ADS
10/1/17	SSgt	DOMINGO, JOSEPHEDISON R	169 ADS
10/1/17	MSgt	FERMIN, WILBERT J	169 ADS
10/1/17	SSgt	KAM, BRANDON T.	154 OSS
10/1/17	TSgt	KAMAKELE, BLAZE K	169 ADS
10/1/17	A1C	KANAHELE, KEILAH F.	169 ADS
10/1/17	SSgt	KEAHIOLALO, SHAZE K	169 ADS
10/1/17	A1C	LEE, JUSTIN S.	169 ADS
10/1/17	SrA	LONG, DUSTIN A	169 ADS
10/1/17	SSgt	MATTIMOEDIXON, JEANIELLE H. U.	169 ADS
10/1/17	SrA	MAURICIO, CRYSTAL L. A.	169 ADS
10/1/17	SSgt	MCCULLOR, DAMIEN L	169 ADS
10/1/17	TSgt	MCMILLANCHAU, JAMES A	169 ADS
10/1/17	SrA	MIELKE, NAINOA T	169 ADS
10/1/17	A1C	NAKAMURA, JAKE T.	169 ADS
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10/1/17	SSgt	RAMSEYER, RIKI K	169 ADS
10/1/17	SSgt	RANADA, JENNIEROSE S	169 ADS
10/1/17	MSgt	SALVADOR, DARILYN R.	169 ADS
10/1/17	MSgt	SAMALA, AMBROSE P	169 ADS
10/1/17	TSgt	SAMSON, MICHAEL F	169 ADS
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10/1/17	SrA	SCHWEITZER, JORDAN K.	169 ADS
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10/1/17	MSgt	TANAKA, GREGG Y	169 ADS
10/1/17	SrA	ZENG, PETER Z.	169 ADS
10/23/17	SSgt	CARSON, BREANNA M A	169 ADS
11/1/17	MSgt	CHONG, RANDY Y.	169 ADS
11/1/17	MSgt	DEPERALTA, RON C.	169 ADS
11/1/17	MSgt	VALENCIANO, SELWYN	169 ADS
11/6/17	TSgt	VILLA HASHIMOTO, VERNAL K.	169 ADS
11/26/17	MSgt	LOPEZ, KENNETH K	154 AMXS
11/26/17	MSgt	RIVERA, CLARENCE A	154 AMXS
11/26/17	SrA	SONAN, JUSTIN K	154 AMXS
12/1/17	MSgt	COOPER, JOSEPH G.	169 ADS
12/1/17	SMSgt	LANE, ROBERT J.	169 ADS
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