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A Chiefs Way To Lead

State of Hawai'i, Department of Defense, Public Affairs Office / Story by Rachel Blaire / Friday, June 28th, 2024

After nine months of intensive training, dieting, and mental preparation Command Chief Master Sgt. Zandra Fox will be showcasing her fitness results in an upcoming fitness competition at the end of July. Whether it's leading through example or leading through philosophy, Chief Fox wants to make an impact on those serving in the Hawai'i National Guard today.

Leadership can come in many forms, but for Chief Fox the leader she aims to be follows a few key ideas.

She states "Treat people like people. Do things with respect, kindness, and be genuine. When you remember where you came from, and why you are doing what you're doing, you can never go wrong."

Becoming a leader doesn't happen overnight, and certainly when Chief Fox joined the service, she didn't have any leadership aspirations.

"When I graduated high school, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do, like other 18-year-olds. So, I decided to do community college, while working as a Certified Nurse's Aide. One day, my father asked what do you want to do and I was like I don't know, so he suggested joining the military," she said. "I ended up reenlisting

time and time again as the structure was good for me."

It wasn't until Chief Fox started interacting with education and training that she decided to cross train to help Airman go from basic military training to technical training, and provide education counseling for the next nine years.

"I just loved it. Helping an airmen get through school and seeing when they get back, the transformation from shy and reserve to confident in themselves," she said.

Finding that guidance and mentorship can be difficult. Prior to being an E-7 Chief Fox didn't even think to ask about needing a mentor.

"What happened is as E-7 you get stuck, you have to decide 'do I want to get promoted', change jobs, etc. so therefore you get a mentor." She said "My most instrumental mentor was as a retired Chief Master Sergeant when I lived in Texas. He really pushed me to think about my future. He was very encouraging. 'Sometimes you don't know your own potential, sometimes our mindset can hold us back', I don't think I'd be good at that. He encouraged me all the time to put in for opportunities, as you never know what's going to happen. I think from there my

mindset changed to 'anything is possible, if you're ready for it.'"

Chief Fox's latest opportunity as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader has led to challenges and rewards.

"I have really enjoyed just meeting soldiers and airmen. This is a unique position because we can now go and have actual conversations with airmen and soldiers about life," she said. "I love recognizing the soldiers and airmen we have in the Hawai'i National Guard. There is much talent here, it is impressive. When you really get to know your people, the skills, and what they can bring when they put their uniform on. It's amazing."

Just recently Chief Fox has been having conversations that led to sharing about her upcoming fitness competition.

"People are like 'what are you doing', they've seen me around like, 'oh you look different,'" she stated. "I knew that I wanted to get healthier, get back in that routine of taking care of myself."

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Chief Fox mentioned how this journey began.

“It started with a bootcamp class, a good community, I felt really comfortable. It was just fun working out,” she said.

Some of the women from the boot camp class wanted to do the fitness competition, so three of them signed up, including Chief Fox.

“What I’m learning is the more that people see me, the more that they ask me questions. They actually say that it inspires them to now seek their health journey,” she said.

Chief Fox has a new perspective when it comes to improving fitness.

“Anybody can really do it!” she said.

According to Chief Fox regardless of the style of leadership, there is a key point to focus on.

“Being in a leadership role is a privilege, a privilege to not squander,” she said. “Wearing this uniform is a privilege, having a particular rank is a privilege, so do the best you can every day. But know you might not be able to do your best every day that’s okay, you just move on to the next day.”

For the airmen and soldiers, Chief Fox wants you to remember one key point.

“We are more than just this uniform, out of the uniform don’t forget yourself. Remain true to who you are,” she said.

Chief Fox entered the National Physique Committee Ikaika Classic in July. It was her first competition, and she took home some hardware, placing in multiple categories.

3rd Place- Women’s Bikini, True Novice
2nd Place- Women’s Bikini, Novice A
5th Place- Women’s Bikini, Masters 35+7th
Place- Women’s Bikini, Open Class A
1st Place- Women’s Bikini, Armed Forces
(pictured)



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Office of Veterans' Services New Kapolei Counseling Location

State of Hawai'i, Office of Veterans' Services / Story by Jayme Nagamine

On April 8, 2024, the Veterans Affairs Pacific Islands Health Care System (VAPIHCS) opened the Daniel Kahikina Akaka Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) on Franklin D Roosevelt Ave in Kapolei. The Office of Veterans' Services (OVS) has three counselor offices in the new Akaka VA CBOC. These counselors help with filing disability claims to the VA (initial, new, supplemental, increase, higher level review and appeals) advocate veterans concerns, counsel benefits, provide informational referrals and claims submission, and offer VA forms and appeals assistance.

To make an appointment with the counselors at the Akaka VA CBOC, please call 808-433-0420. Once assigned a counselor, they will contact you to schedule an appointment. The Office Assistant can take care of the motor vehicle exemptions and provides the property tax forms, a program through the City & County. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and they are closed from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. for lunch. The counselors are accepting Walk-Ins from Tuesday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The most senior counselor, Mrs. Mele Sene-Whitehead, before working for OVS, she worked at U.S. VETS as a

Case Manager for Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) assisting veterans at risk of losing their homes and dealing with homelessness. Born and raised on the island of American Samoa she graduated from the University of Hawai'i in Hilo in Psychology. Her passion is helping people, especially veterans and their families as she is from a military family herself. Mele is the daughter of Vietnam War Veteran who served in the U.S. Marine Corps, and a spouse of a Retired U.S. Army Veteran.

Mrs. Carolyn Visoria is one of the Veterans' Services Counselors. Prior to working for OVS, she spent four years at U.S. VETS Barber's Point working as a Case Manager and Team Lead for SSVF. She graduated from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa in Public Health in 2016 and spent seven years working at local non-profits before joining the OVS team in 2023. As the daughter of an Army veteran, Carolyn is dedicated to serving veterans, their families, and the local community.

Mrs. Sabrina Kēpa'a who is also a Veterans' Services Counselor, has worked within state, federal, and non-profit organizations for over 20 years to help individuals and families become self-sufficient. During her previous role, she was an advocate assisting veterans

with obtaining benefits, employment, and permanent housing. Both of Sabrina's grandfathers were veterans, and she believes every interaction, whether positive or negative, teaches valuable lessons, specifically spread kindness, as you never know what others are going through. Sabrina is deeply rooted by her faith, Hawaiian values and believes cherishing moments with loved ones is what truly matters.

The Daniel Kahikina Akaka VA CBOC was completed on budget and on time. The \$130 million, 88,675 square-foot multi-specialty outpatient clinic will provide primary, mental health care, x-ray, laboratory and diagnostic services, pharmacy, and specialty care for Veterans on O'ahu. There are an estimated 15,000 Veterans living on the west side of O'ahu, for which this new clinic means easier access to VA care.

The new facility is part of a larger plan to expand services in the Pacific Islands. The Kona CBOC will also move to a larger location, and other clinics are seeing renovations or expansions across the islands.

If you would like to transfer your care from Spark Matsunaga Clinic, located at Tripler to the new Akaka VA CBOC in Kapolei, please call 1-800-214-1306.

Announcing the Hawai'i DOD Podcast



Boots, Wings and More...

The State of Hawai'i, Department of Defense has a brand-new podcast that is up and running. It is called the "Na Koa Exchange: Boots, Wings and more..." and is available for streaming on Apple podcast, Spotify, YouTube Music and a video version is up on YouTube. This new venture will feature conversations about leadership, HIDOD themes, historical narratives, veteran talks, Guard and state employee features, recommendations for life, and more. If you have ideas or suggestions for podcast topics, please email the State Public Affairs Office at hi.dod.pa@icloud.com.

Our first series features the HIDOD Command Senior Enlisted Leader, Command Chief Master Sgt. Zandra Fox. The series is called the "Chief's 9"; it has nine episodes on Chief Fox's initiatives that feature Guardsmen "talking story" and sharing insights. Give the podcast a listen as a whole host of topics about leadership and life in the Hawai'i National Guard is discussed. As this is our first attempt into the podcast genre, please pardon the learning process as the podcasts progress!



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Statewide Wildfire support in July



A Blackhawk crew supporting fire suppression on the Maui Crater Road fire. Pictured L-R: CW3 Paul Angeleo, SGT Roland Gacayan, SGT Alvin Galvez, CW4 Paul Clements.





Multi-Cultural and Family Day

State of Hawai'i, Department of Defense | Public Affairs Office | Story by Rachel Blaire | Saturday, April 20th, 2024

Soldiers, Airman, DoD civilians, and family members of the Hawai'i National Guard (HING) had an opportunity to participate in Multi-Cultural and Family Day (Spousal Appreciation) at the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team's assembly hall on Saturday, April 20, 2024.

Family Day (Spousal Appreciation) is all about showing appreciation for our amazing spouses who support guardsmen every day. While Multi-Cultural is all about celebrating the many different cultures throughout the HING.

"Any chance we can get to get both army and air and families all out together to do anything like this is a tremendous win for the entire organization," said Maj Gen Joseph R. Harris, II, commander of the Hawai'i Air National Guard.

The day begin with an enlightening speech by Ramsey Taum, who spoke about how to effectively integrate place based, culture based, indigenous and Native Hawaiian cultural values and principles into everyday business. This speech set the tone for the rest of the day,

which featured many different activities for all ages to enjoy.

The different units each created booths on different cultures within the pacific, to help individuals understand and appreciate different perspectives. By coming together to celebrate all the different cultures throughout the HING, it maximizes guardsmen perspectives and experiences highlighting that diversity is a strength.

Competition was quite fierce for which unit had the best cultural booth, with the top 3 being awarded a gift basket and bragging rights. Third place went to Joint Force Headquarters Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment for their display on Fiji, second place went to the Hawai'i Air National Guard for their display on Korea, and first place went to the 298th Regiment, Multi-Functional Training Regiment for their display on Hawai'i.

Mrs. Deborah Gier, the State Equal Employment Manager of the HING, who planned this event noted the importance of diversity within the HING.

"The purpose was to educate our force on the many different cultures within our organization and throughout the communities we serve and recruit from," said Gier. "Diversity is a strength, but only if we maximize our perspectives and experiences."

In addition to the cultural displays, there was much for guardsmen and their families to do from bounce houses and face painting to static displays of vehicles and helicopters. On-stage the entertainment continued with music by the 111th band "Drive On" and the MC, retired Chief Warrant Officer "JP" Paraoan kept everyone engaged.

While snacking on pupus, performances from a trio of hula dancers and the accompanying musicians delighted guardsmen and their families. However, it was the Philippine Folk Dance in which several of the HING Youth Challenge cadets participated in that got many on their feet cheering along.



Hawai'i Army National Guard and Liko Nā Pilina Earth Day 2024

State of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Army National Guard Environmental Office / Story by Craig Blaisdell

On Saturday, April 27, 50 volunteers joined the Hawai'i Army National Guard Environmental Office and Liko Nā Pilina (budding [or growing] new partnerships [or relationships]) at the Keaukaha Military Reservation (KMR) located in Hilo, on the island of Hawai'i for an outplanting and plant-based dye workshop in celebration of Earth Day.

Participants came from all different backgrounds, including the Hawai'i Army National Guard, students for University of Hawai'i Hilo (UHH), Hawai'i Community College (HCC), and Hawai'i National Guard Youth Challenge Academy (YCA), as well as community members and university faculty and staff.

All together, volunteers planted 338 seedlings of native and non-invasive introduced plants. Among the 24 different species planted were alahe'e, kōpiko, 'ōhi'a, kukui, avocado, 'ōhi'a 'ai, neneleau, and many more

Plants were placed along escape road where it intersects the historic Puna Trail. This successful planting day is another step towards the goal of restoring the lowland wet forest that once thrived in the area.

By clearing out invasive species and replacing them with native and non-invasive introduced plants, The Hawai'i Army National Guard Environmental Office Conservation Staff, along with the assistance of Liko Nā Pilina, is working to establish a forest that is more resilient against encroachment from invasive plants.

Over the years, these plants will grow to create an invasive-free canopy, facilitating further recruitment of native seedlings, increasing native biodiversity, protect threatened and endangered species, and reduce invasive species management costs and control efforts.

Events like this not only help reforest the area, but also encourage people to learn about and engage with the plants and see how they can contribute to lowland wet forest restoration in other areas

To unwind after the outplanting, participants regrouped at the KMR greenhouse to work with the plants in another way: by creating dyes! Many native and canoe plants are traditionally used to dye kapa (a traditional Hawaiian barkcloth made from the wauke plant [paper mulberry]), and today are used for a variety of artistic and practical purposes.

Volunteers were given the opportunity to color fabric with dyes made from milo fruits, which produced a rosey red color, and hau flowers, which created a grayish-green color. There are so many ways in which to connect with our amazing plants, and Liko Nā Pilina was glad to show volunteers a couple of those ways.

It was a wonderful celebration of Lā Honua (Earth Day) working with the 'āina (land) and building pilina (relation, or connection) with Hawaiian plants.

Species	# Planted
Alahe'e	70
Monkeypod	3
Noni	13
Kukui	13
Māmaki	12
Kamani	7
'Ōhi'a	22
Mango	1
Hala	10
Kolea	11
Kōpiko	42
'Ohe	8
Avocado	35
'Ōhi'a 'ai	23
Kou	7
Milo	27
A'ali'i	8
Hibiscus	1
Hau	4
Hapu'u	2
Neneleau	6
Ice Cream Bean	6
Cacao	4
Maile	3



U.S. Air Force Maj. Allison Delos Santos, 154th Security Forces Squadron commander, showcases the 2023 Air National Guard Security Forces Outstanding Air Reserve Component Unit Award, April 6, 2024 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawai'i. The 154th Wing Security Forces Squadron was awarded the 2023 Air National Guard Security Forces Outstanding Security Forces Unit of the Year. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Roann Gatdula)

Hawai'i ANG Defenders Named Top Security Forces Air Reserve Component Unit in U.S. Air Force

154th Wing, Hawai'i Air National Guard | Story by Tech. Sgt. John Linzmeier | Friday, April 12, 2024

Hawai'i Air National Guard defenders from the 154th Security Forces Squadron have earned national accolades, securing the 2023 Security Forces Air Reserve Component Unit Award.

This recognition comes at both the National Guard Bureau level and the Air Force level, highlighting the squadron's exemplary achievements in security operations, international collaboration, and community support.

The prestigious award recognizes exceptional security forces units that have demonstrated outstanding achievements in areas such as mission support, air base ground defense operations, and impact toward security.

"2023 was an extremely successful roller coaster ride for the unit," said Senior Master Sgt. Ryan Schreiner, 154th SFS logistics and readiness senior enlisted leader. "It was a year that warranted support from families, leadership, and the various support functions of the Wing (shout out to Aunty Lorna). All three ensured we thrived. Families kept us grounded, leadership kept us focused and support functions reminded us that our families were good to go, our service was appreciated and a safe place to decompress existed with them."

As the year kicked off, 154th SFS members were already engaged in a major international defense operation in the Africa Area of Responsibility. From August 2022 through May 2023, deployed defenders collaborated with forces from 13 host nations in Operation Juniper Shield. Armed personnel

protected more than 1 billion dollars of warfighting assets and conducted more than 30 joint combat patrols beyond installation boundaries.

Their contribution to the Anti-terrorism Force Protection mission in the region during the same period ensured the safe travel of military and U.S. contract personnel, protecting over 30,000 U.S. military, contractor, and coalition personnel, and safeguarding billions of dollars in high-value assets.

A pivotal and defining moment of the 154th's achievements came through their exceptional response to the most devastating wildfire in Hawai'i's history, which struck Lahaina, Maui. From August 12 to December 31, during a period of profound crisis, the squadron mobilized alongside federal and civilian law enforcement agencies. Their concerted efforts resulted in the protection of more than 3,000 structures and secured 9.3 square miles, offering crucial support to the community's recovery process.

"The response to the Lahaina wildfire was a resounding success if you look at the team's preparedness, deployment, and integration with federal and local enforcement agencies," said Chief Master Sgt. Ricardo Namoca, 154th SFS security forces manager. "A textbook displayed of remarkable coordination and efficiency on both sides. Some of our defenders have very close ties to Lahaina. Collectively it felt more of a responsibility to help rather than a job."

Their efforts ensured the safety of over 9,000 residences was made

possible by the squadron's high level of mission readiness and commitment to public safety and disaster response. Moreover, the squadron's collaboration with six federal and local law enforcement agencies accommodated a short-notice visit by the President of the United States to Lahaina demonstrating their ability to rapidly establish complex security operations in support of a national initiative.

Throughout 2023, the squadron's involvement in community and base activities showcases their commitment to service beyond their security duties. Volunteer Airmen provided lead security for the Hawai'i National Guard-hosted 2023 Adjutant General Association of the United States Conference. Members also supported the Hawai'i Police Department's annual Elementary School Junior Traffic Police Officer Competition, participated in the Shop With A Hero holiday event and the Toys for Tots Hawai'i program.

These initiatives, coupled with their contribution to the Family Fun Halloween event in Lahaina, illustrate the squadron's dedication to fostering community spirit and support, especially in the aftermath of the devastating wildfire.

Defenders tackle the unique challenge of shifting among varied roles within one career field—law enforcement, riot control, active shooter education, to jungle defense—all requiring distinct mindsets, rules, and equipment. According to Schreiner, the potential for grave errors looms if disciplines are confused,

emphasizing the necessity for adaptability. He noted that this adaptability doesn't come easily, but 154th SFS Airmen sought out this line of work, because they know it's not easy.

"I believe character gives them the strength to overcome," said Schreiner. "Their character drove them to pick a [career field] that works long hours, is physically demanding and results in Regularly Scheduled Drills that leave you filthy and exhausted. It takes specific characteristics to volunteer for that, and I believe that is where most of our Defenders derive strength, it's who they are."

The 154th SFS's multifaceted achievements, from leading critical international operations to providing essential community support, exemplify the highest standards of the Air Force Security Forces. Their recognition with the 2023 Air Force Security Forces Unit Award is a fitting example of their exceptional performance and steadfast commitment to both national security and community resilience.

"The Security Forces career field is far from glamorous to say the least; gratifying only to those dedicated to serve and protect," said Namoca. "Our culture fosters mutual support and a deep sense of responsibility towards each other, serving as our collective strength and driving force to overcome any challenge. I couldn't be more proud of how our team worked together to accomplish so much this past year."



Hybrid planting, partnerships drive success in tropical forest restoration in Hawai'i

By Thomas Milligan U.S. Army Environmental Command June 7, 2024

Battling direct threats to fragile native ecosystems while simultaneously working with partners on ambitious replanting projects are just two of the programmatic successes of the Hawai'i Army National Guard and its Natural Resources Conservation team (HIARNG NRC).

The HIARNG NRC team was awarded the Secretary of the Army Environmental Awards Program Natural Resources Conservation, small installation category for this work and for exemplary conservation efforts.

Craig Blaisdell, HIARNG natural resources supervisor who oversees the NRC program, said that in all, the HIARNG has more than 1,300 acres of tropical environment training areas and facilities. That this acreage has improved ecosystem vitality, but also added land available for training purposes. Blaisdell said while the training areas include many diverse ecosystems, the main challenge in each has a common thread.

"Throughout all the training sites the most consistent challenge has been eradicating invasive and non-native species that continually threaten precarious ecosystems and impede training access, while simultaneously reestablishing thriving forest systems," Blaisdell said. "To that end, our NRC program has implemented a multi-faceted approach that has

focused on hybrid habitat creation over the past two years. As a result, among training lands where every acre is precious, the HIARNG is achieving holistic benefits at the ecosystem level that enhance training capabilities."

"I am very proud of the work and accomplishments of our Hawai'i Army National Guard's NRC team," said Brig. Gen. Stephen Logan, HIARNG commander. "By eradicating invasive plants and establishing resilient hybrid forests, we're protecting the native ecosystem and preserving our training area. It's a true win-win that adds value to our overall readiness."

Blaisdell said that using multi-faceted approaches is necessary in the complex tropical environment, and the team has embraced the approach. The hybrid planting focuses on establishing resilient hybrid forests on the islands, with a blend of native endemic, indigenous, and Polynesian introduced species that will achieve carbon sequestration goals. Scientists at the University of Hawai'i, Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry USDA Forest Service, and Stanford University were instrumental in developing the hybrid approach, which HIARNG began implementing two years ago.

This replanting program is part of HIARNG's cooperation with the One Trillion Trees project, an international effort designed

to help battle climate change. In addition, the NRC is using these hybrid planting strategies to deal with the extensive loss of the native 'ōhi'a trees to disease -- replacing the threatened native species with a more sustainable ecosystem of plants.

Blaisdell said the NRC team joined several partners in the Liko Nā Pilina project (which translates to budding of new relationships) to help track and battle the Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death (ROD) fungal disease, a threat to native 'ōhi'a trees and the tropical canopy they help to create. The team, working with the university and Liko Nā Pilina partners, created a propagation program growing trees for out planting at the installation and achieved 90% survival rates one year after planting and increased seedling recruitment by the native species.

"University of Hawai'i researchers and students assist with the propagation and planting of seedlings for the installation and maintenance of restored forest stands. The U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Geological Survey have assisted in monitoring for the 'ōhi'a disease and in addressing the invasive species impacts that occur," Blaisdell said. "These close working relationships help maintain the HIARNG's regulatory compliance as well."

Another group of invasive species that pose a threat at the installation are plants like the

longthorn kiawe, albizia and miconia, which can cause habitat degradation for the endangered Hawaiian hoary bat and native bird species. The invasive plant species crowd out the natural habitat and vegetation that these native species rely on.

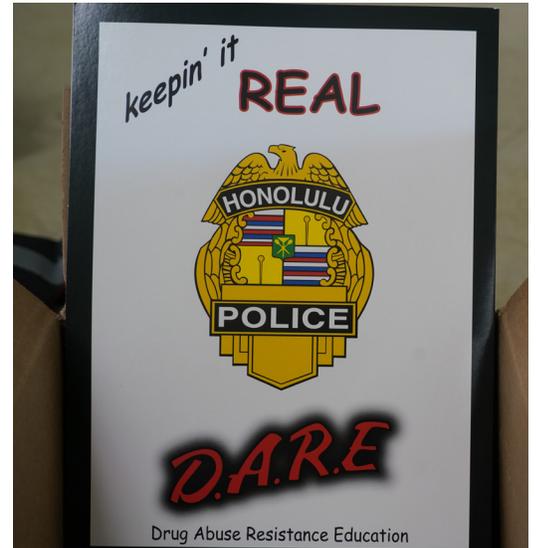
"The Big Island Invasive Species Committee and the Kaua'i Invasive Species Committee have been critical partners in targeting these invasive species and preserving habitat," said Blaisdell, adding that these partnerships and others will be reflected in a five-year update of the installation's Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan that will begin next year to build on the success of past efforts.

"The invasive species and 'ōhi'a preservation proactive programs have allowed us to monitor the ecosystem and after many years of concerted effort, we have been able to wind down the intensity of invasive plant eradication," Blaisdell said, "including a major reduction in the use of pesticides needed to control the invasive species."

"Hawai'i Army National Guard has a beautiful tropical setting, and our Natural Resources Conservation team has built both the plans and the relationship to protect and preserve the ecosystem, which in turn has created more land availability for military training opportunities," Blaisdell said.

The Hawai'i National Guard Counter Drug program graduates its first D.A.R.E. program.

In a joint effort with the Honolulu Police Department, the Hawai'i National Guard Counter Drug program recently graduated its first Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program graduated 80 5th Grade students from Kauluwela Elementary School.





U.S. Soldiers assigned to the 297th Engineer Detachment Firefighting team, 103rd Troop Command, Hawai'i Army National Guard pose for a photo in front of a simulated wrecked vehicle in Pearl City, Hawai'i, May 05, 2024. The firefighting team conducted two mission essential tasks of deploying a supply line and vehicle extrication. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. John Schoebel)

Hawai'i's 297th Engineer Detachment Firefighting Team Conduct Mission Essential Training with Joint Base Lewis-McChord Observer Coach Trainer

117th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment (Hawai'i) | Story by Sgt. Justin Nye | Sunday, May 5, 2024

PEARL CITY, Hawai'i - The Hawai'i Army National Guard's 297th Engineer Detachment Firefighting Team conducted mission essential tasks and training during their May inactive duty training here while under observation from a Fire Chief Observer, Coach, and Trainer (OCT) from Joint Base Lewis Mcchord (JBLM), Washington.

Sgt. 1st Class Kimberly Lopez, a Fire Chief OCT assigned to 3-364 Brigade Engineer Battalion, 189th Infantry Brigade, 1st Army, made her first trip to Hawai'i to mentor the 297th Firefighting team's training operation to help build training paths and provide resources.

"Coming out here is a real honor," said Lopez. "I'm trying to help in any way I can to be an asset to them."

Sgt. John Segawa, station chief for the 297th Engineer Detachment Firefighting Team, Hawai'i Army National Guard, shared insights into the specific training.

"We conduct firefighter training once a

quarter to maintain skills and remember why we joined the National Guard," said Sagawa. "This weekend we conducted two training sessions: The forward and reverse lay, as well as simulated vehicle extrication."

Seven firefighters participated in the weekend's training mission. The firefighter team included a plugman, two drivers, a lead firefighter, two nozzlemen and the station chief.

"The training is for lay operations which is essentially connecting the fire hydrant to the fire truck, so that ample amounts of water can be supplied to the engine," said Segawa. "Then the truck itself transfers the pressure into the truck to put out the fire."

The reverse lay scenario training was to deploy 200 feet of hose line from the hydrant to the nozzle discharge with a time of under five minutes.

"Firefighters train to respond to crashes, rescue operations, medical emergencies and stranded isolated personnel," said Segawa. "Our

primary mission as a firefighter is to protect people, property and equipment."

Lopez explained her role as the only fire chief observer, coach and trainer in the Western Region.

"I want to help create more training exercises and get them focused on what's going on to help get them where they need to be and provide more resources," said Lopez. "In the firefighting world, certifications are hard to come by, especially being remotely located, so I'm just trying to help be a better asset."

At the conclusion of the training, Lopez was impressed with the quality of training completed throughout the weekend.

"I think it's great to see them coming together to share their wealth of knowledge, growing and coming up with their own training plans," said Lopez. "To see that, especially in my line of work, it gives me this warm and fuzzy feeling because that's what you want to see."



U.S. Soldiers and soldiers of the Singapore Armed Forces cheer together during the opening ceremony for Exercise Tiger Balm 2024 at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, May 6, 2024. Bilateral exercises such as Tiger Balm increase interoperability with our Singapore partners through shared experiences and tough realistic training. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Cpl. Casandra B. Ancheta)

Exercise Tiger Balm 24 Continues its Legacy

117th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment (Hawai'i) | Story by Cpl. Casandra Ancheta | Thursday, May 16, 2024

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. - U.S. Soldiers and soldiers from The Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) participated in Exercise Tiger Balm 24 at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, May 6-17, 2024.

Exercise Tiger Balm 24 is the longest-running bilateral exercise between the U.S. Army and SAF continuing the legacy and enduring partnership between the two nations. Legacy is defined as something that is transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor from the past.

"Exercise Tiger Balms foundations has been built upon 42 iterations, and it is those pillars on which our objectives this year will be supported," said U.S. Army Col. Tyson Tahara, exercise co-deputy director and Chief of Staff of the Hawai'i Army National Guard (HIARNG).

HIARNG Soldiers have participated in multiple iterations of the exercise, with each iteration bringing new relationships and opportunities for professional development.

"I know that there are many

HIARNG Soldiers who have participated in multiple iterations of Tiger Balm and have developed not only professional, but true and lasting personal relationships that I witnessed over the past four years," said Tahara.

U.S. Army Lt. Col. Phoebe Inigo, the exercise lead planner assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Joint Force Headquarters, HIARNG, has participated in six iterations of Tiger Balm.

"It's always an honor to be part of the planning team because I get to reconnect with Singapore friends from the past," said Inigo. "I'm still in touch with my counterpart from 2009 as well as many other SAF soldiers from previous exercises."

The Soldiers participated in cultural exchanges and took the time to bond and understand each other throughout the exercise.

"It's always a pleasure to work with the SAF, we share many similarities in culture so I've always connected really well with my counterparts," said Inigo.

The bonds that are created throughout the exercise are always present through every iteration of Tiger Balm.

"Since being assigned as the co-deputy exercise director four years ago, I witnessed the enduring partnership from the cancellation of Tiger Balm 2020 and the conducting of a virtual exercise in 2021," said Tahara.

Persevering through challenges, the continued relationships and bonds between the two nations continue to remain strong.

Singapore Armed Forces Col. Oh Chun Keong, Chief of Staff for the 6th Singapore Division/ Headquarters Sense and Strike recounted the countless times during planning meetings Tahara would be pulled to the side to greet people he had met in previous exercise iterations.

"These stories of enduring relationships are not unique and were built with their counterparts in previous editions of exercise Tiger Balm," said Keong. "I encourage all participants to build new relationships with their

counterparts."

Exercise Tiger Balm has evolved from being a planning exercise to a brigade-level command post, including multi-domain warfighting concepts and operations.

"We have seen much expansion in scope, complexity and realism to further strengthen our competency, integration and friendship together," said Keong. "I am confident that exercise Tiger Balm will continue to grow throughout the years and be the platform that brings defense relations between our two armies to the next level."

The closing ceremony signifies another successful exercise highlighting the continued interoperability and the solidifying bonds and readiness between the two nations will improve.

"Having a better understanding of each other and our capabilities will increase our long-lasting relationships that transcend beyond this exercise," said Tahara.



Hawai'i Army National Guard State Partnership Program medical representatives Maj. Ryan Ruiz and 1st Sgt. Aaron Pitts, hold a medical working group with Tentara Nasional Indonesia Lt. Cdr. Ronny Basirun Simatupang, Indonesia Armed Forces Surgeon General Headquarters staff officer and emergency nurse, and other joint partners May 6, at Jakarta Indonesia. The two nations gathered to continue Bilateral Defense Discussions to develop mutual training initiatives for an ongoing series of multinational training events. This Mid-Term Review aimed to build upon foundational initiatives from the previous gathering in December 2023, by assessing the progress of defense goals across a multitude of warfighting and emergency-response competencies. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. John Linzmeier)

Hawai'i's SPP brings medical expertise, continuity to Bilateral Discussions with Indonesia Partners

154th Wing, Hawai'i Air National Guard | Story by Tech. Sgt. John Linzmeier | Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Medical professionals from the Hawai'i National Guard's State Partnership Program (SPP) supported a security cooperation exchange in Jakarta May 6-7, as part of ongoing Bilateral Defense Discussions between the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM) and the Tentara Nasional Indonesia (TNI).

This exchange served as a Mid-Term Review for the previous event held between the two nations, with the last gathering taking place in Hawai'i last December.

The assembly of leaders and career-field experts from both nations served as a valuable platform for partnered militaries to evaluate their progress in enhancing each other's defense capabilities. Additionally, this continuation fostered an interactive forum where participants could refine bilateral training plans and pinpoint essential operational competencies for future integration efforts.

Throughout the two-day event, medical professionals from the Hawai'i Army National Guard and their TNI equivalents dedicated their time together to build up mutual training initiatives. These initiatives will be prioritized during numerous other bilateral training events that take place annually, further strengthening the bond between the two nations.

As Hawai'i's dedicated partner in the SPP,

Indonesia has a longstanding relationship with Hawai'i Guardsmen and shares a similar need for robust emergency response services to provide aid in the face of common natural disasters.

Maj. Ryan Ruiz, a full-time nurse and SPP representative for the exchange said there is much to learn from TNI's capabilities in responding to disasters such as volcano eruptions, cyclones, tsunamis and earthquakes. This sense of preparedness was underscored on the morning of the conference when a minor quake was felt throughout Jakarta.

In order to support TNI's desired growth trajectory, the event's medical discussions were centered around enhancing Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCC) and Combat Life Saver proficiencies among Indonesian Forces.

"It's clear that Indonesia has an appetite to grow their TCCC program and become self-sustaining," said Ruiz. "We were fortunate to have brought the Hawai'i Army National Guard's senior medic with us on this trip and it helped us identify some of their specific needs to move forward. This assessment also helped reaffirm that Indonesia is likely well ahead of other partners in their program, giving us a clear path of completing a few more steps to have them reach their medical goals."

Of the twelve medical exchanges the U.S. has planned to conduct with the TNI this year, three have already been completed, giving opportunity for the majority of the year's training plan to directly benefit from the MTR discussions. Some of these training objectives are proposed to be integrated into Super Garuda Shield, the large-scale and annual training exercise between the two nations.

Hawai'i's SPP facilitated numerous TCCC-based bilateral training events with the TNI since the early 2000s. Maj. Ryan Ruiz emphasized that the National Guard's longstanding relationship with the Indonesian military has been instrumental in accelerating several defense objectives. He added that the enduring relationship promotes familiarity and trust among colleagues over the years, and in some instances, it transcends the beyond the duty uniform.

This sense of familiarity was evident among some INDOPACOM participants, who attended as more than just civilian leaders. Several have also forged partnerships during their service as National Guard members. The MTR's facilitator was no exception. Brandon Torres, who played a key role in planning and

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Introducing the newest Youth Challenge Academy Kalaeloa Staff:



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SPC Afaefe, Cadre



Youth Challenge Graduate Jaeden Ono received the first Col. Ron Han Scholarship at the Youth Challenge Kalaeloa graduation at the Waikiki Shell on Jun. 14, 2024. Graduate Ono will use his \$2,500 scholarship to attend Leeward Community College and major in Information and Computer Science. The late Col. Ron Han served Hawai'i as the director of the State Office of Veterans' Services for over a decade. Col Han passed away in August of 2023.

Pictured from L-R is YCA Kalaeloa Director Sina Atanoa, Graduate Jaeden Ono, and Director of the Civilian Military Program Division, Brig. Gen. (Ret) Bruce Oliveira.

SPP Med continued

facilitating the discussions, is dually active in supporting SPP exchanges in his National Guard capacity, holding the U.S. Army rank of colonel. Ruiz also shares multiple backgrounds in building relationships with the TNI, having just recently completed a two-and-a-half-year tour in the INDOPACOM's surgeon general's office, where he also supported several SPP events.

While English was the primary language spoken during this event, many conversations were held in the Indonesian language, spoken from the beginner level to complete fluency. The latter includes the translation expertise of U.S. Army National Guard Sgt. Aditya Utoyo, a logistics specialist who was raised in Jakarta, sharing the same heritage as his TNI peers.

Cultural similarities were also seen during the bilateral discussions and continued to be observed even after the work day concluded. Both parties exchanged gifts, donned Hawaiian 'Aloha attire' and similar Indonesian 'Batik shirts,' showcasing their mutual respect and appreciation for each other's cultures. The simple act of praying and giving thanks before sharing a meal highlighted the shared values that extended beyond their professional roles, further demonstrating a sense of camaraderie and mutual understanding.

"I want to say thank you to the U.S. and especially to the Hawai'i National Guard (HING) because the HING has many programs that can support us especially for empowering our medical capacity," said TNI Lt. Cdr. Ronny Basirun Simatupang, Indonesia Armed Forces Surgeon General Headquarters staff officer and emergency nurse. "We discussed a training plan for our trainers in Tactical Casualty Combat Care. As you may know, in Indonesia, we have many personnel, but what we really need is more instructors. Hopefully, we can build an introduction to TCCC and make a qualified team of trainers and do a field exercise together. That would be very helpful outcome."

At the conclusion of the event, bilateral teams of specialists meticulously compiled their shared notes and formulated a working plan to most effectively proceed in reaching specific benchmarks and goals together. In addition to valuable progress in the medical sphere, other dedicated working groups made significant strides in Logistics, Intelligence, Communications, Education and Special Programs, and Training and Exercises.



Diving Deeper: Hawai'i Maintenance Officer sharpens 'Tip of the Spear' mentality in Military and Spearfishing

154th Wing, Hawai'i Air National Guard | Story by Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Brown | Thursday, May 30, 2024

1st Lt. Virginia Ying immersed herself in the art of spearfishing upon her relocation to Hawai'i 11 years ago.

"I started spearfishing on my second day here, and I soon realized that there weren't many women involved in the sport. It felt like less than five percent, but I persisted because of the thrill and challenge," said Ying. "Regardless of your diving experience, you can always push yourself to dive deeper or target different species; it's a continuous personal challenge."

In 2021, Ying decided to turn her passion into her profession to address the lack of Asian American female-owned representation in the industry.

"The spearfishing community is predominantly male, so I aim to cater to females and families," she said.

She has since become an advocate for promoting safe spearfishing practices and environmental stewardship. Sustainability holds paramount importance within Hawai'i's spearfishing community.

Ying said that spearfishers frequently come across invasive species that cause harm to the ecosystem and, through their responsible actions, can help manage these threats. This aspect of spearfishing plays a crucial role in protecting Hawai'i's environment by offering a means to control invasive species that are negatively impacting the ocean.

Ying showcased her prowess at the National Freshwater Spearfishing Tournament held at

Lake Powell, Utah, where she secured second place with her team.

"Through spearfishing, I've learned to challenge myself beyond perceived limitations," said Ying. "Initially, I never imagined diving to the depths others could achieve."

Being a second-generation Asian American means Ying had the honor of being raised with the values of her Taiwanese heritage from her parents, as well as reaping the benefits of opportunities that being an American has given her.

"Having both worlds collide has created a melting pot of cultures and experiences that shaped me to be an open-minded, opportunistic, and passionate person," Ying said. "To me, being Asian American means to be hard-working, having high expectations, and thriving on ambition that makes me resilient and proud to be Asian and American."

Ying has demonstrated resilience both in spearfishing and her military career, serving as a maintenance officer for three distinct airframes and contributing to emergency operations at the mayor's office following the Maui wildfires, reporting to the Adjutant General.

"Adaptability is crucial in spearfishing, as conditions are ever-changing," said Ying. "This trait has proven invaluable in my military journey, adapting to new airframes and responding to crises in Maui."

Across air, land, and sea, Ying embraces challenges, pushing herself to new heights.



Hawai'i Air National Guard Lt. Col. Christopher J. Mayor, commander of the 154th Civil Engineer Squadron, describes the Multi-Capable Airman concept to the Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Kenneth S. Hara, during Pacific Warriorz 2024 exercise at Bellows Air Force Station, Waimanalo, Hawai'i April 7, 2024. The primary objective of the exercise was to conduct movement, beddown and base recovery efforts after a simulated airfield attack. The competencies applied throughout the training event developed multi-capable Airmen, improved readiness, and strengthened partnerships among active, guard and reserve partners. (Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Robert J. Cabuco)

Exercise Pacific Warriorz: Hawai'i Civil Engineer Airmen Develop Multi-Capable Skills

154th Wing, Hawai'i Air National Guard | Story by Senior Airman Robert Cabuco | Monday, June 3, 2024

Airmen from the 154th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) performed Rapid Airfield Damage Recovery (RADR) training at Bellows Air Force Station on April 7, during exercise Pacific Warriorz 2024.

The primary objective of the exercise was to conduct movement, beddown and base recovery efforts after a simulated airfield attack in order to improve readiness and strengthen partnerships within the unit and additional participants from the U.S. Air Force's active and reserve components.

This year, the exercise evolved to incorporate and enhance the Multi-Capable Airmen concept, enabling participants to develop skills beyond their usual professional scope and apply new competencies across various roles.

"We are trying to improve on our mindset to develop multi-capable Airmen by incorporating every participant's [Air Force Specialty Code, or career field]," said Maj.

Raymon LaFleur, Chief Executive Office of the 154th Civil Engineer Squadron and Exercise Director for Pacific Warriorz. "This gives everyone a taste of the various roles each AFSC plays in the exercise."

During the simulated airfield attack, Airmen were provided a scenario where a 'suspicious chemical' was released into the battlefield. The Emergency Management team, comprised of guardsmen from the 154th CES, reservists from the 624th Regional Support Group, and active duty service members from the 647th Force Support Squadron, were tested on their ability to adapt to the scenario.

"We had pre-established power routes, when suspicious chemicals were released," said Senior Airman Angelblayze Padilla, an emergency management planner from the 154th CES. "We pivoted and performed runner routes to assess what was out there and report back to leadership.

The Airmen were directed to don various degrees of Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear in response to the chemical release."

The exercise aims to bolster the partnerships between the guardsmen, reservists and active duty whose missions support the same recovery efforts in the airfield. The guardsmen and reservists benefitted from the interaction with active duty.

"Drill is often spent catching up with administrative readiness requirements, so we don't practice as often as our active duty counterparts with the equipment required to perform the mission," said Padilla. "It was really nice because they came into the exercise with a lot of experience. They gave us reminders and tips on how to perform and how the equipment works. They had an active-duty Airman who was on top of things all the time. It was a good thing they were with us."

After the simulated attack, the

increased involvement and number of trained Airmen during the surge of recovery efforts exponentially increases the rate of success and reduces the time it will take to return friendly aircraft into the fight.

The Explosive Ordnance Disposal team from the 154th CES also participated in the exercise. They play a critical role in the RADR mission as they are responsible for clearing the impacted areas of ordnance and providing the green light proceed with airfield repairs.

"It's very important to train with our [total force] counterparts as we often do downrange," says Senior Master Sgt. Kareem Fuertes, from the 154th Civil Engineer Squadron's Emergency Management Team. "They train together to develop the cohesiveness required to maximize their performance in the field and get our airframes back into the fight."

State of Hawai'i Department of Defense Foodbank Success

The State of Hawai'i Department of Defense (HIDOD) rallied together again for this year's Hawai'i Foodbank campaign and met the goal set. The food and money collection drive began in February and ended in mid-May. The goals set by the organizing committee, Administrative Services Office (ASO), the State Human Resources Office (SHRO) and the Public Affairs Office, were \$1,500 for monetary donations and 1,500 pounds for food donations. HIDOD was informed by the Hawai'i Foodbank that \$2,924 and 2,207 pounds of food were collected.

"The committee worked hard but it was the employees of HIDOD who stood out," said Jeff Hickman, Director of Public Affairs. "They did a great job spreading the word and coordinating the multiple donation pick-ups and drop offs."

Food donations are inspected and sorted by Hawai'i Food Bank volunteers and then distributed to their network of more than 200 food partner agencies, who use it to prepare meals for those in need or to

supplement the larger deliveries they receive from us. All food donated goes directly into the community.

The largest HIDOD donating division this year was the Hawai'i Air National Guard (HIANG).

"Mahalo HIANG for the outstanding effort during drills and then getting those canned goods to the Hawai'i Food Bank," Hickman said.

There was an internal HIDOD competition that was held during the drive. It was the Canstruction Contest, where offices used cans that were going to be donated to create a sculpture. Our two winners were the Hawai'i National Guard Joint Staff (Octo-Can1) and the SHRO (pineapple). Both offices received a small prize and bragging rights for the year. Mahalo to HIDOD ASO Rusty Spray and Team for the gift certificates!

The Hawai'i Food Bank was very appreciative and thanked us for our efforts. Let's do it greater next year!



The Hawai'i Air National Guard (HIANG) participated in the Dept of Defense Hawai'i Food Bank drive that began on February 17, 2024 and ended on May 17, 2024. In total, the HIANG collected over 1500 lbs of canned/dried goods and \$850 in monetary donations. "Mahalo to all the volunteers from HQ HIANG, 154 WG, 201 AOG, & 298 ADG for their efforts and time in stamping out hunger in Hawai'i. I reached out to our HIANG ohana and volunteers sprung into action, providing collection points at their designated units" said Darrell Bactad, HIANG POC. "I am very grateful to all that donated to the HIANG Food Bank Drive and those that volunteered to support the cause. Your generosity and selfless service to our community makes me proud and thankful to be a member of the HIANG", said Maj Gen Harris, Commander, Hawai'i Air National Guard. CMSgt Mey Martin, State Command Chief, also added, "Volunteers are an important piece of the Hawai'i Food Bank operation, providing access for these services. Your generosity and contributions shows that you truly care about our Ohana's in the communities."



A formation of U.S. Air Force aircraft, including an A-10 Warthog and F-16 Fighting Falcon from the Air National Guard Air Force Reserve Test Center, an F-16 from the 177th Fighter Wing, an F-35A Lighting II from the 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, and an F-22 Raptor, operated by the 199th and 19th Fighter Squadrons, assemble during exercise Sentry Aloha 24-2 June 6, 2024, above the island of Hawai'i. This iteration of the exercise involves approximately 1,060 participants and more than 40 aircraft from nine states, which operated out of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Marine Corps Base Hawai'i, and Onizuka Kona International Airport, Keāhole. The Hawai'i Air National Guard's 154th Wing has hosted the exercise for more than 20 years to provide tailored, cost-effective and realistic combat training for total-force Airmen and other Department of Defense services. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. John Linzmeier)

Hawai'i Air National Guard hosts Sentry Aloha 24-2: Joint Forces Synchronize for Combat Readiness

154th Wing, Hawai'i Air National Guard | Story by Tech. Sgt. John Linzmeier | Saturday, June 15, 2024

The Hawai'i Air National Guard's (HIANG) 154th Wing concluded the latest iteration of its ongoing fighter exercise, Sentry Aloha 24-2, on June 12 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

This National Guard Bureau training event brought together more than 1,000 participants from nine states and four service branches throughout two weeks, providing essential combat training to joint and total-forces units.

Aircraft operations were staged and held across geographically separated locations on both the islands of Oahu, Hawai'i.

Visiting fighter and attack aircraft included A-10 Warthogs and F-16 Fighting Falcons from the Air National Guard Air Force Reserve Test Center (AATC), F-16s from the 177th Fighter Wing, F-35A Lighting IIs from the 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron. These aircraft joined the 154th Wing's locally based F-22 Raptors, operated by the 199th and 19th Fighter Squadrons.

This year's iteration was built around a concept known as distributed mission planning and operations, enabling participants to operate with heightened levels of autonomy as warfighters accomplished a series of combat objectives. Maj. Michael 'Deuce' Oliver, Sentry Aloha Exercise Director, said this strategic

shift challenged them to employ decentralized and flexible practices in dynamic combat environments while facing the threat of advanced enemy aircraft.

Daily training sorties focused on air-to-air combat, featuring large-scale combat simulations against adversarial forces, 'red air,' and integration with friendly, 'blue air,' forces.

Several scenarios included blue air fighters protecting A-10 aircraft conducting air-to-ground strikes. These operations took place on the Pohakuloa Training Area on Hawai'i Island, with Airmen from the 25th Air Support Operations Squadron on the ground coordinating close air support strikes with the escorted Warthogs.

In addition to the air-to-ground strikes, maritime strike missions were conducted alongside the U.S. Navy, having both scenarios incorporating the support of a U.S. Marine Corps MQ-9A from Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Squadron 3. The UAV's advanced airborne sensors and communication node provided intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance information to both red and blue air participants throughout the training.

Throughout each training objective, the Hawai'i Air National Guard's 169th Air

Defense Squadron (ADS) diligently monitored and relayed battlespace information. They upheld command and control to ensure real-time situational awareness and coordinated responses to evolving threats.

"Exercises like this are exactly what we need to allow us to operate at a much larger scale and as a joint force," said Tech. Sgt. Kukila Carreira-Manin, 169th ADS weapons director. "This also gave us an opportunity to integrate with more expeditionary Air National Guard members from [continental United States], such as the 128th, 116th, and 109th Air Control Squadrons, as well as 3d Littoral Anti-Air Battalion (LAAB) Marines stationed at Kaneohe Bay and Marine Air Control Squadron-4 out of Okinawa, Japan. We're not going to win the fight as a single branch. We as military members on all levels must continue to work together as one to ensure we are relevant and ready in the race for Great Power Competition."

Fighter activity was maintained through air-to-air refueling by local and visiting tanker aircraft, including KC-135 Stratotankers and KC-46A Pegasus airframes. C-130 aircraft

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U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Walter R. Ross Jr., delivers the certificate of retirement to Col. Cesar V. Pudiquet at the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Readiness Center in Kapolei, Hawai'i, June 28, 2024. Pudiquet enlisted in the Hawai'i Air National Guard in 1986 and transferred to the Hawai'i Army National Guard in 1999, completing 37 years and 10 months of service before retiring. Pudiquet served in multiple state response missions to include commander of Task Force Kauai, supporting the 2018 Wainiha Flood Emergency; commander of Task Force Hawai'i, supporting the 2018 Kilauea volcanic eruption; commander of Task Force Maui during the COVID-19 response; and the J4 - logistics officer for the Joint Task Force 5-0, supporting the Maui wildfire response in 2023, making him one of only a few HIARNG officers to command troops on every county within the State of Hawai'i. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. John Schoebel)

Colonel Cesar V. Pudiquet Retires After 37 Years of Hawai'i National Guard Service

117th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment (Hawai'i) | Story by Sgt. John Schoebel | Friday, June 28, 2024

KALAELOA, Hawai'i - After 37 years and 10 months of military service, U.S. Army Col. Cesar V. Pudiquet retired from military service with the Hawai'i Army National Guard (HIARNG) at the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Readiness Center.

Only one of a few officers in the HIARNG to command troops during state emergencies in every county of Hawai'i, Pudiquet reflects on an incredible career.

"Just so you folks know, I wasn't planning on having a ceremony of this size," said Pudiquet at his ceremony. "However when I talked with retired Colonel Timothy Fujino, he said, 'we don't get to Colonel without people along the way taking care of us,' and that's all it took because if there is one thing we don't do enough in this profession, is thank people who supported us throughout [our career]."

Pudiquet enlisted in the Hawai'i Air National Guard in 1986. After graduating from the Academy of Military Science at McGhee-Tyson Air Base in Knoxville, Tennessee, he was commissioned

as a second lieutenant.

Pudiquet transferred to the HIARNG in 1999, serving in a multitude of positions of increased responsibility over the next 25 years, most notably as the company commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 29th Brigade Support Battalion during a combat deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III, the J4 logistics officer for the Hawai'i National Guard Joint Staff, deputy commander of the 298th Regional Training Institute and most recently as the HIARNG deputy chief of staff for logistics.

"There's only one place in this world that would allow a son born to immigrant parents [from the Philippines], wear their military uniform, be responsible for millions of dollars in equipment and be in charge of Soldiers of all different races, ethnicities and religions," said Pudiquet. "Only one place, only in America, The United States of America."

Pudiquet also served in multiple state response missions to include the commander of Task Force

Kauai, supporting the 2018 Wainiha Flood Emergency; commander of Task Force Hawai'i, supporting the 2018 Kilauea volcanic eruption; commander of Task Force Maui during the COVID-19 response; and the J4 - logistics officer for the Joint Task Force 5-0, supporting the Maui wildfire response in 2023.

"I'd like to thank the U.S. Army and the Hawai'i Army National Guard for all of the opportunities and the blessings it has afforded me and my family," said Pudiquet. "Yes I have missed some anniversaries, birthdays and significant events, but I would not trade the experiences and the relationships that I gained throughout my career."

His military schools include Air Force Communications Systems Officer Course, Air Force Supply Operations Course, Combat Communications Survivability Course, Quartermaster Officer Advanced Course, Support Operations Course, Combine Arms and Services Staff Course, Intermediate Level Education Course, Joint Logistics Course,

Joint Task Force Staff Course, Fiscal Law Course and Casualty Notification and Assistance Course.

Before closing the ceremony, Pudiquet thanked his first heroes, his parents.

"They came to Hawai'i barely understanding and speaking English," said Pudiquet. "But with their dedication, hard work, perseverance, and sacrifices, their kids and grandkids are now living the American dream."

Pudiquet's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, Air Reserve Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, Air Force Basic Training Ribbon, and the Hawai'i National Guard Commendation Medal.



Members of the 154th Medical Group Detachment 1 (DET1) and USAR Team Members from across the nation gather June 6, 2024, during the FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Medical Specialist Course at Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Training Center in Livermore, Calif. The course provided critical hands-on training in urban search and rescue operations, enhancing the participants' readiness for real-world emergencies. (courtesy photo)

Hawai'i Air National Guard Medical Professionals Excel at National FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Course

154th Wing, Hawai'i Air National Guard | Story by Tech. Sgt. John Linzmeier | Sunday, July 7, 2024

Members of the 154th Medical Group Detachment 1 (DET1) successfully participated in the 2024 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Urban Search and Rescue (USR) Medical Specialist Course, from June 1-7, held at the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Training Center in Livermore, CA.

The annual course is hosted by California Task Force 4 in the East Bay area of Northern California and brings together some of the most experienced Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) professionals from around the nation to hold lectures and navigate through a plethora of hands-on training in a realistic field-training environment.

Lt. Col. Hiura, 154th Medical Group (MDG) DET1 mission commander, said that the course is a rare and privileged opportunity to train alongside USAR Task Forces from all over the nation, with the 24 Hawai'i Air National Guard (HIANG) members joining in as the only military participants.

Its world-class instructor cadre includes physicians, rescue firefighters, paramedics and veterinarians who have deployed in response to the Oklahoma City bombing, Sri Lanka

Tsunami, Haiti Earthquake, Hurricane Katrina, the Tsunami that struck Tōhoku in Japan, events of 9/11, the recent 2022 Surfside apartment collapse in Florida and many other disasters.

Students became proficient with patient packaging and extrication in confined spaces, ingress and egress of collapsed structures and medical management of crush injury. They also practiced emergency surgical airways, intubation, ventilator management and field amputations on real tissue samples.

This marked the third consecutive year of having DET1 members attending as students, having three enrolled, and its second year with DET1 members participating as instructors. Maj. Jason Habu, 154th MDG DET1 Search and Extractions Rescue Operations officer-in-charge and one of the two instructors from DET 1, emphasized how the course's realism and intensity mirrored real-life disaster scenarios.

"The class was a physically intense experience where you're crawling around in a live rubble pile extricating live patients," said Habu. "Imagine exerting yourself trying to reach a patient, then having to treat and extricate them while being drilled by a medical doctor on how and why you

are providing certain medical treatments."

Further integrating into this year's course, 19 other members from DET1 also attended to fulfill the needs of an on-scene Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT). This mobilized unit provides pre-hospital treatment and rapid-response medical care during public health and medical emergencies.

Master Sgt. Kyra Santos, a 154th MDG DET1 aerospace medical technician and DMAT participant, stated that standing up this capability was only possible because the men and women of DET1 bring a wide variety of medical and emergency response backgrounds from their civilian and military roles, ranging from administrative support and medics to nurses and physicians.

Portions of the course included a simulated mass casualty scenario, where attendees extricated and treated simulated patients using live actors and mannequins. These patients were then transported to the DET1 treatment team for triage, treatment, and stabilization.

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variants from the Air Force Reserve Test Center and the 129th Rescue Wing delivered logistical supplies necessary for operations in remote locations, ensuring continued support and operational capability.

Throughout the exercise, AATC tested a developing communication system with airframes like the KC-135, known as Link 16, which facilitates seamless data exchange between aircraft and other sensors. This real-time information sharing capability significantly enhances situational awareness and coordination. The integration of Link 16 on atypical aircraft like tankers during the exercise demonstrated the potential to revolutionize communication strategies in combat scenarios, ensuring more efficient and effective mission execution.

Despite a smaller footprint of 'Hawaiian Raptors' due to off-island deployments, the exercise succeeded in minimizing the impact on general aviation at Honolulu International Airport by dispersing aircraft across multiple locations. This dispersion added complexity to the operations, showcasing the capabilities of conducting distributed planning and ensuring secure communications, provided by members of the HIANG's 291st and 292nd Combat Communications Squadrons and National Guard augmentees from around the nation.

Key achievements included numerous mission commander upgrades and mission qualification training for the participating fighter squadrons.

Sentry Aloha remains a critical element of combat training, offering invaluable opportunities for total-force Airmen and other DoD services. As the exercise concludes, the lessons learned and skills honed will significantly bolster the readiness of the 154th Wing to support several security initiatives throughout the Indo-Pacific Theater and beyond, ensuring comprehensive preparedness for all involved.

"We've gotten quite a lot done over the past two weeks and are glad to see that many are walking away with some significant milestones checked off," said Oliver. "Our hope is that the immense value gained from these experiences will inspire everyone to return for more opportunities to fly with us, the Hawaiian Raptors, again for more world-class training."



HIANG Medical continued

A Hawai'i Air National Guard Trauma Treatment Team from the 154th Medical Group Detachment 1 attends to a patient June 6, 2024, at Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Training Center in Livermore, Calif. The team demonstrated advanced medical procedures in a simulated disaster scenario as part of the 2024 FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Medical Specialist Course. (courtesy photo)

The training utilized rubble piles made from live materials, adding an element of realism with the potential for shifting as simulated victims were egressed. This level of authenticity was so realistic that an actual USAR rescue team was on standby during the training to respond in case of a real-world collapse.

In addition to the realistic scenarios, the training schedule was designed to match the intensity of a real incident. Students and instructors alike put in 12–16-hour days, often starting at 7:30 a.m. and finishing close to midnight.

This grueling schedule culminated with a final 18-hour exercise, with a scenario that involved a simulated 8.4 earthquake that resulted in structure collapse with multiple casualties and survivors requiring extrication, medical management and transport.

"This course was challenging to our Hawai'i Air National Guard (HIANG) members because, out of a class of 36, our three were the only military members," said Habu. "The class is usually only open to USAR Task Force Team Members, which typically include firefighters and physicians. Our members stick out like sore thumbs, but their great attitudes and hard work made them successful. Because of these attributes, we have been invited back to participate in this training as students and adjunct instructors, which is an honor for us."

Currently, the State of Hawai'i does not have an

assigned FEMA USAR Task Force and DET 1 is helping to fill this void in the event of a disaster or catastrophic event that involves Search and Rescue operations. Detachment 1 is one of 17 Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Enhanced Response Force Package medical units in the U.S. and the first to have five certified FEMA USAR Medical Specialists.

DET1's mission is to deliver scalable responses to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, explosive, and disaster medical emergencies worldwide. Holding this training event alongside civilian emergency response counterparts significantly enhanced their capabilities and preparedness, as such collaboration is crucial because teamwork and coordination are expected in real-world crises.

Hiura said that DET1 has been fostering a strong relationship with the FEMA USAR Training Coordinator for more than seven years to ensure seamless integration and joint preparedness efforts.

"Attending these specific courses allows our members to learn the latest life-saving measures and guidelines from medical professionals who are the subject matter experts in this field," said Hiura. "Many of these skills learned are perishable if not used or practiced. I believe our DET1 Airmen will be more prepared to make a difference in saving lives if Hawai'i experiences a major disaster."



Philippine Air Force pilots welcome U.S. Air Force pilots from the 199th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, following a successful inaugural landing during the Marine Aviation Support Activity 24, at Basa Air Base, Philippines, June 13, 2024. The 199th EFS is comprised of 19th and 199th Fighter Squadrons known as the Hawaiian Raptors based out of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawai'i. MASA is an annual Philippine-U.S. military exercise focused on mutual defense, strengthening relationships, and rehearsing emerging aviation concepts. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mysti Bicoy)

Hawaiian Raptors Make Historical First Landing at Basa Air Base

154th Wing, Hawai'i Air National Guard | Story by Master Sgt. Mysti Bicoy | Thursday, June 13, 2024

BASA AIR BASE, Philippines – The Hawaiian Raptors from the 199th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron made a historic first landing at Basa Air Base, Philippines on June 13, marking a significant milestone in U.S.-Philippine military relations.

This inaugural landing occurred during the Marine Aviation Support Activity (MASA) 24, an annual Philippine-U.S. military exercise focused on mutual defense, relationship strengthening, and the rehearsal of emerging aviation concepts. MASA 24 encompasses a range of interoperability training events consistent with the Mutual Defense Board-Security Engagement Board.

The Hawaiian Raptors, based out of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's 154th Wing, Hawai'i Air National Guard, are currently deployed in the area

of responsibility. Maj. Jared Fujii, 199th EFS project officer, working closely with U.S. Marine Air Control Group 38 and the Philippine Air Force's 5th Fighter Wing, planned and executed the movement of F-22 Raptors, personnel, and equipment from Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, to Basa Air Base.

"The integration was very successful," Fujii emphasized. "Two U.S. F-22 Raptors seamlessly integrated with the Pacific Air Force's (PAF) three FA-50 fighter aircraft from the 5th Fighter Wing (FW), allowing us to conduct tactical flights through the challenging terrain of the Luzon Low-Level Tactical Training area. This combined operation not only demonstrated our interoperability but also strengthened our partnership with the PAF and the U.S. Marines, showcasing our combined warfighting capability to operate in complex environments."

In addition to conducting operations to enhance cooperation and interoperability between Philippine and U.S. forces, participants engaged in various subject matter expertise exchanges (SMEE) across various military disciplines.

Maj. David Jung, 199th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (EFS) pilot-physician, led a SMEE focused on low-level tactical flying with the 5th FW. This event was particularly notable as PAF members expressed keen interest in the Tactical Letdown maneuver—an advanced technique enabling rapid altitude descent from 20,000 to 500 feet.

"Due to its complexity, a flight simulator was utilized to demonstrate the maneuver, highlighting the challenges posed by ground rush effects encountered during high-speed descents," said Jung. "This exchange not

only facilitated participant skill enhancement but also stressed the practical benefits of collaborative learning and capability development in challenging operational environments."

These interactions not only improve combined operational capabilities but also build upon lasting friendships and connections, strengthening the partnership between both countries.

The historic landing of the Hawaiian Raptors at Basa Air Base (AB) demonstrates the growing bond and enhanced military cooperation between the U.S. and the Philippines. As both nations continue to engage in joint exercises like MASA 24, they emphasize their commitment to mutual defense and regional security.



U.S. Air Force Maj. Jennifer Nuanes, 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron director of operations, conducts a Maintenance Subject Matter Exchange with the Philippine Air Force during the Marine Aviation Support Activity 24, Basa Air Base, Philippines, June 13, 2024. Enhancing interoperability between the U.S. and Philippine air forces contributes to the long-term advancement of our nations' shared interests. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mysti Bicoy)

HIANG and PAF Forge Stronger Ties in Innovative State Partnership Event

154th Wing, Hawaii Air National Guard | Story by Master Sgt. Mysti Bicoy | Tuesday, June 11, 2024

BASA AIR BASE, Philippines
— In a significant step towards strengthening bilateral military cooperation, members of the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) participated in the first Aircraft Maintenance State Partnership Program (SPP) event with the Philippines Air Force (PAF) at Basa Air Base, Philippines, on June 11-14.

The exchange coincided with exercise Marine Aviation Support Activity (MASA) 24, an annual Philippine-U.S. military exercise focused on mutual defense, strengthening relationships, and rehearsing emerging aviation concepts.

Maj. Jared Fujii, 199th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron project officer for MASA 24, saw a unique opportunity to enhance bilateral cooperation by coordinating an SPP event.

“The strategy to integrate with the PAF was extremely well received by the PAF, as they are gearing up for a deployment,” said Fujii. “By aligning the SPP event with MASA 24, we maximized our resources and created a synergistic platform for collaboration, supporting our commitment as state partners.”

Participants from the PAF’s 5th Fighter Wing, 430th Aircraft Maintenance Group, and HIANG’s 154th Wing engaged in comprehensive discussions covering various aspects of deployment. Topics included deployed cargo requirements, aircraft management, logistics, personnel coordination, and the intricacies of planning large-scale deployments. These discussions allowed members to gain deeper insights into fighter operations, airlift support, and overall aircraft maintenance management, providing opportunities to modify and adopt new practices that can empower warfighters.

The event also highlighted the ongoing bilateral discussions aimed at enhancing the PAF’s fighter deployment capabilities and strategic operational infrastructure. This collaboration is expected to bolster the long-term operational readiness and strategic reach of both forces.

PAF Maj. Reden Apepe, the director of operations of 430th Aircraft Maintenance Group, emphasized the significance of the timing of this exchange, aligning with their preparations for exercise Pitch Black, a large-scale multinational air combat training exercise.

“This SMEE occurred at the perfect time, as we are preparing for exercise Pitch Black,” said Apepe. “Maj. Nuanes and the HIANG team provided expert knowledge on aircraft safety and maintenance processes.”

Additionally, the event featured a bilateral community outreach initiative where members of the HIANG and PAF volunteered at a local orphanage in the Philippines.

“The outreach effort orchestrated by Master Sgt. Mysti Bicoy, highlighted the commitment of both forces to humanitarian efforts, fostering goodwill and the spirit of Aloha among the 36 children and the five-person all-volunteer staff at the orphanage,” said Maj. Jennifer Nuanes, SPP team lead. “The smiles and laughter we saw on the children’s faces were overwhelming,” Nuanes continued. “It reminded us all of the simple yet profound difference we can make in people’s lives, even with small acts of kindness.”

Nuanes emphasized the exceptional role and deep cultural connections brought by Chief Master Sgt. Wendell Villanueva, the senior enlisted leader of the 154th Maintenance Group, in orchestrating the event. As one

of the few remaining service members who experienced the historic eruption of Mount Pinatubo at Clark Air Base over 30 years ago, Villanueva has been building strong relationships with the PAF and the local community for decades. His local connections extend to the family he married into in the 1980s, and his career-field expertise has been invaluable in ensuring seamless coordination.

“Through a history framework built by Chief Master Sgt. Villanueva, the event went beyond mere information exchange; it fostered a deeper understanding and mutual respect between the HIANG and PAF,” said Nuanes. “From logistical planning to facilitating discussions and workshops, his leadership was instrumental in making the event a success.”

Hawaii and the Philippines share a unique bond through the State Partnership Program, which connects National Guard units with foreign militaries to foster long-term security relationships and enhance international cooperation. Established in 2000, this partnership is the longest-standing in the Indo-Pacific region.

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NAME_LAST	NAME_FIRST	TO_POSITION_TITLE	TO_POSITION_ORG_LINE
MADAMBA	TRAVIS JAMES	SURFACE MAINTENANCE REPAIRER	CSMS 2 - HI
YANCEY-IOKIA	SAVANNAH	PUBLIC HEALTH TECHNICIAN	MEDICAL SERVICES
BIONDINE III	ROBERT	AIRCRAFT SURVIVAL FLIGHT EQUIPMENT REPAIRER	AIRCREW FLIGHT EQUIPMENT
MWAREY	STAN	SURFACE MAINTENANCE REPAIRER	CSMS 2 - HI
PAGDILAO	ANJELICA MAE	AIRCRAFT SURVIVAL FLIGHT EQUIPMENT REPAIRER	AIRCREW FLIGHT EQUIPMENT
MIRAL	LARSON	AIRCRAFT SURVIVAL FLIGHT EQUIPMENT REPAIRER	AIRCREW FLIGHT EQUIPMENT
LEFOTU	FLORENCE	HR SPEC	HRO
COZLOFF	DOUGLAS	AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	MAINT OFFICER
MATRO	ELLIS	MOBILIZATION READINESS OFFICER	JOINT FORCE HQ - HI
BARABICHO	BILLY BOY	ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN (CIVIL)	CIVIL ENGINEERING OPSOVHD
LINDSHIELD	CHRISTOPHER	PHYSICIAN (AEROSPACE MEDICINE)	MEDICAL SQUADRON COMMAND
COMORPOSA	JEREMIAH DHIN	SURFACE MAINTENANCE REPAIRER	CSMS 1 - HI
JEROLAMAN	RYLEE	SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST	JOINT FORCE HQ - HI
LI	ZHIXIN	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST (CUSTSPT)	JOINT FORCE HQ - HI
NAKASHIMA	TANI	SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST	JOINT FORCE HQ - HI
SORIA	MICHAEL	HEAVY MOBILE EQUIPMENT MECHANIC	VEHICLE MAINT FLT
POORE III	CHARLES	CHAPLAIN	JOINT FORCE HQ - HI
CASTRO	IVORY	SUPPLY TECHNICIAN	1-299 CAV RSTA
CAGUIOA	JASPER ED	MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR	GROUND TRANSPORTATION
THAMMAVONG	SELANONG	IT SPECIALIST (CUSTSPT)	CLIENT SERVICE CENTER
RAQUEDAN	MADDEX AUDRICK	MATERIALS HANDLER	MATERIEL MNGT
PAREL	MARIA ALEXANDRIA	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ANALYST	FINANCIAL MNGT
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MARSHMAN	CHEYNE	AIRCRAFT ENGINE MECHANIC	FLIGHT-LEVEL MANT. SUPERVISION
TORDA	JERIAH	AIRCRAFT PNEUDRAULIC SYSTEMS MECHANIC	KC135-M ACFT HYDRAULIC SYS
SAECHAO	DEANNA	PRODUCTION CONTROLLER (AIRCRAFT)	PLANS, SCHEDULING & DOCUMENTATION
AVALOS	LINZIE	HEALTH TECHNICIAN	MEDICAL SERVICES
LEHUA	NAINOA	AIRCRAFT LOADMASTER (INSTRUCTOR)	FLIGHT CREWS
MOLESTINA	JOSE	AIRCRAFT LOADMASTER (INSTRUCTOR)	FLIGHT CREWS

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Employee	Hire Date	Position Title	Program
Loando, Alyxandra (NTE 6/30/2024)	4/29/2024	Assistant Mentor Coordinator	YCA / Kalaeloa
Duarte, Makana	5/1/2024	Office Assistant III	HIARNG / FMO
Garrett, Nathan	5/1/2024	Information Technology, Band B (System Admin) (SR22)	HIEMA
Suiso, Skylar (NTE 12/31/2024)	5/6/2024	Project Specialist (Wildfires)	HIME
Kusaka-Milho, Melanie	5/16/2024	Office Assistant III	HIRANG
Lee, Jack (NTE 12/31/2024)	5/16/2024	Operatons Specialist Chief (Wildfires)	HIEMA
Ohara, Michelle (NTE 6/30/2025)	5/16/2024	Grants Account Clerk	HIEMA
Ling,Thomas (NTE 6/30/2025)	5/16/2024	Accountant (COVID19)	HIEMA
Oshiro, Sandra	5/20/2024	Office Assistant IV	HIARNG / FMO
Salvador, Trigg	5/22/2024	Office Assistant III	HIARNG / ENV
Reyes-Huynh, Rachel	6/3/2024	Environmental Health Specialist II (Hazard)	HIARNG / ENV
Gier, Koanuokamaulioa (NTE 6/30/2025)	6/3/2024	EMPG Information Technology Specialist	HIEMA
Taiacal, Natasha	6/3/2024	General Laborer I	HIANG / 154th CES
Arima, Miles (NTE 6/30/2025)	6/3/2024	EOC Warning Officer	HIEMA
Maglione, Ethan (NTE 12/31/2024)	6/3/2024	Project Specialist (Wildfires)	HIEMA
Kawamura, Brent (NTE 12/31/2024)	6/3/2024	Office Assistant (Wildfires)	HIEMA
Parizal, Richard (NTE 6/30/2025)	6/10/2024	Assistant Director YCA	YCA / Kalaeloa
Alamodin, John (NTE 12/7/2026)	6/17/2024	Director, Office of Vet Svcs	OVS
Castillo, Raphael (NTE 6/30/2025)	6/17/2024	EOC Warning Officer	HIEMA
Park, Keleolani	6/17/2024	Office Assistant III	OVS / HSVC
Kauanui, Jedi	6/17/2024	Environmental Health Specialist II (Water Quality)	HIARNG / ENV
Mori, Tnelta	7/1/2024	Office Assistant III	HIARNG / FMO
Kawakami, Susan	7/1/2024	Accountant IV	ASO / Fiscal
Songserm, Somnuk (NTE 6/30/2025)	7/1/2024	Commadant	YCA / Hilo
Ford, Collin (NTE 12/31/2024)	7/1/2024	Project Specialist Lead (Wildfires)	HIEMA
Ibuos, Merna	7/16/2024	Office Assistant IV	HIANG / 154th CES
Herbert, William (NTE 4/30/2025)	7/16/2024	GIS Specialist	HIARNG / FMO
Pumares, Estelita (NTE 4/30/2025)	7/16/2024	Design & Project Assistant	HIARNG / FMO
Tinaza, Michael (NTE 6/30/2025)	7/16/2024	Assistant Commandet	YCA / Kalaeloa
Paouole-Wilbur, Faumuina Alekanekelo (NTE 6/30/2025)	7/16/2024	Shift Leader	YCA / Hilo
Padello, Kelii (NTE 6/30/2025)	7/22/2024	Communications Specialist	HIEMA

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