

01/27/2016 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii -- The Hawaii Air National Guard unit officially known as Detachment 1 Headquarters 154th Medical, put its skills into practice with other HIANG components and with units from the Hawaii Army National Guard during a Collective Training Exercise held at Kalaeloa, Hawaii, Mar 23-24.

The exercise was designed to test the combined group's capabilities as the Hawaii National Guard's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package [CERF-P].

For the newly formed HIANG medical unit, this was the first Collective Training Exercise since being officially stood up in November 2015.

"The standing up of the new unit is part of the Air National Guard Surgeon General initiative to refit the homeland defense mission it undertook in response to the global war on terrorism." said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. James Faumuina, Det 1 HQ 154 MDG interim commander. "17 teams throughout the country were originally dual tasked with the CERF-P medical mission."

Under that dual tasking, the CERF-P medical mission in Hawaii was originally carried out by the HIANG's 154th Medical Group; in addition to the CERF-P mission was tasked with supporting

more than 2500 HIANG members and ensuring that its more than 400 flying class personnel remain medically current.

The development of the ANG CERF-P mission required independent units devoted solely to the CERF-P mission. As a result 10 new CERF-P medical teams were added and the 17 original teams were stood up as independent units.

"It became evident that to conduct this mission it cannot be a dual tasking and it has to be dedicated with 24/7 response capabilities." said Faumuina.

Core functions of the new unit are to provide search and rescue medical response, trauma treatment, and incident triage support. Many of the Guardsmen in the new unit come from civilian medical or first responder professions.

"As it turns out having a Defense Support to Civilian Authority mission like CERF-P requires the military members to have mirror civilian responder qualifications" said Faumuina.

Essentially the exercise involved the collective CERF-P entity responding to a simulated chemical disaster; Hawaii Army National Guard Search and Rescue and Decon teams worked in concert with HIANG communication, causality support and medical units.

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# **Commanders Perspective:**

# **Aloha Warriors!**

In a few months the 154th Wing will begin a new journey under new leadership. As both Col Woodrow and I depart, we can't be more proud of our Airmen and how all of you stepped up and took on each challenge we were faced with. Our Air Force's relevancy is truly dependent on our Airmen. I want to thank all of our commanders and supervisors for the outstanding job in getting to know your Airmen better.



That being said, we can never let our guard down. We need to continue to be vigilant in taking care of our Airmen because when you least expect it, an opportunity will present itself to test your courage and willingness to step up and do the right thing. Just this past week I was briefed on an incident that was truly disturbing, we almost lost an Airman; he was close to taking his own life.

As the story unfolded, I asked myself, "How did this happen?" This situation brought to light how toxic leadership, unchallenged, can affect a whole unit.

We all need to take ownership in caring for our Airmen—accountability starts at your level and it takes courage to stand up for what's right and to use resources such as the Inspector General's Office to correct a wrong.

When I met with this Airman and his wife last week, their frustration had peaked as they have been struggling for the past two years to get help. It was apparent from the minute I introduced myself that this Airman was suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). I have learned from past experience with Airmen who had PTSD that although it's an invisible injury, it is very real and volatile!

The Wing failed this Airman. Let's put aside all finger pointing, this ultimately falls on my shoulders. Although we are far from fully rectifying this situation, I feel confident we now have the right individuals in place and a clear vector in how we will proceed in caring for this Airman and his family.

Like so many of our Airmen, this story is about a hard charging Airman, energetic and full of life who loves the military and has deployed a couple of times. One day a senior commander drops by his home station unit to talk to all the Airmen. It was here when our Airman got the chance to share his thoughts with this senior commander. The senior commander heard some things that concerned him so he brought it to the attention of the unit commander in hopes the unit commander would address it properly. Unfortunately, this is where this story takes off in a bad direction. Because you see, it was also during this same time period where our Airman started to exhibit signs of PTSD that neither he nor anyone else detected, i.e., the invisible injury.

When the unit commander later approached this Airman about the conversation he had with the senior commander, his approach was not to understand the

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# **Commanders Perspective: - Continued**

problem or to find a way to make things better; rather, the unit commander took the incident personally and retaliated against the Airman. The unit commander went out of his way to make things difficult for this Airman and the unit members didn't help matters as they shunned him and told him 'you don't air dirty laundry' to senior commanders. Rather than just roll over and listen to something as ridiculous as that, this Airman continued to stay strong and do his very best for the unit. As time wore on, he noticed changes within him and it was getting more difficult to shake it off.

Following his second deployment, this Airman's personality changed at both work and at home. He started to exhibit fear, anxiety, mistrust and social isolation. As a result, his family and work suffered. His home was in jeopardy due to missed mortgage payments, his wife was at her wits end as she was doing everything to keep the family together and to get her husband much needed help. He started to feel suicidal. Thank God, one Airman recognized something was wrong and stepped up to help his wingman. I truly believe this man saved our Airman's life.

It took almost 4 years for our Airman to be diagnosed with PTSD. In spite of this, the unit commander refused to sign the Line of Duty (LOD) further delaying the care that this Airman required. Determined, this Airman and his unbelievably strong wife started the long battle in asking for help...let me repeat that, we had an Airman and his wife 'Asking' our Wing for help! Days turned into weeks, weeks turned into months and now, two additional years later it has reached my level and we are now working through all the AFI's to get this man and his family the help that they deserve. We may lose this man from our organization, but, I'm praying he will give us another chance because I know the majority of our Airmen in the HIANG are outstanding and that we have just a small percentage of misguided leaders and Airmen. It has been my goal these past few years to seek out these individuals and help them get back in line.

The reason that I'm sharing this story with you today is because unbeknownst to me, this incident was happening right under my nose. This is after years of preaching to all of my commanders and supervisors to get to know your Airmen and to treat them with dignity and respect. It's disheartening to find out how a whole unit could be so disconnected from where we are going as a Wing and as an Air Force.

As you just read, the fear of reprisal, retaliation and retribution is real and it's happening. Together, we can stop this, but it's going to take some courage and trust---when an Airman is being mistreated, make a difference and speak up---don't let that opportunity slip by---you may just save an Airman's life.

As the saying goes, "It takes a village to raise a child." I believe it holds true for our Airmen too, it takes a Wing to raise an Airman... both our enlisted force and our officer force. We all have to be invested and take ownership in caring and raising our Airmen.

Be a good Wingman and Have your Wingman's back----I have your back!



# A Reflection: Into the Wilderness

Chaplain Daniel L. Leatherman

Henry David Thoreau wrote in Walden, "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived."

When we turn on the television, there are a number of reality shows that put people in the "wild" with little or nothing at all, and they are expected to survive, even perhaps accomplish a task. The wild is a place of darkness, hardship, and despair. In the Gospels we are told that Jesus also went into the wilderness ~ a barren and inhospitable place to fast and pray, where he was confronted by Satan, and rested assuredly on the promises of God.

A journey into the wilderness is a journey into the wild. The wild is not a place that you have much control over; in fact, often in relation to it, you are pretty small. The month of February was epic for big wave surfers. The prestigious Eddie Aikau surf contest was held in Waimea Bay. I could not resist watching a few heats via the live on-line stream. The waves were huge and the surfers looked so small. They were in their element, but they were in the wild ~they were in the wilderness.

We are frightened and fascinated by the wilderness; a barren and desolate place ~ a place devoid of any redemption and bereft of life itself. We call a "wilderness journey" a time of hardship.

But the wilderness is also that place where we find the Holy.

If God is to be found anywhere, God is found in the wilderness. Although Thoreau does not seek a religious experience in the woods, his desire is ponetheless a deeply spiritual one.

There are times in life when we cannot avoid the desolation of the wilderness in our lives ~ grief and loss, change and transition, confusion and hopelessness. Still, there are times when we willingly enter into the wilderness. Why? Perhaps for the same reasons as Thoreau; to discover something about ourselves and the life we live; perhaps there is where our heart is most receptive to the Holy.

We all need an intentional journey into the wilderness. I invite you to enter into the times and places where your soul can be in dialog with the Divine. Where are the wildernesses, or the wild places, in your life in which you find spiritual strength and nurture? Is it hiking the forest or the coast; surfing a break; sitting in a pew in a church or temple; in prayer or meditation; reading a book; working out; staring at the stars in wonder? Go there and be not afraid. God, however we understand God to be, can be found there. For the wilderness is not a place of dry abandonment, but a place where there is ample room for an encounter with the Sacred.

# **Order of the Sword**

Michael D. Gabster, CMSgt, HIANG Command Chief, 154 Wing Aloha All,

There will be an "Order of the Sword" ceremony on April 17th at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel at the Convention Center 201 Tallapoosa Street Montgomery, Alabama in honor of the Director, Air National Guard Lieutenant General Stanley E. Clarke III. He will become the thirteenth ANG officer to receive the Order of the Sword.



The Order of the Sword was established by the Air Force enlisted force to recognize and honor military senior officers, colonel or above, and civilian equivalents, for conspicuous and significant contributions to the welfare and prestige of the Air Force enlisted force, mission effectiveness as well as the overall military establishment. Th Order of the Sword is patterned after two orders of chivalry founded during the Middle Ages. In 1522, King Gustavus the First of Sweden enjoined the noblemen commissioned by him to appoint officers to serve him. Those appointed were the accountants, builders, craftsmen, teachers, scribes, and others responsible for conducting the ordinary daily affairs of the kingdom. The system worked so well it was incorporated into the Swedish Army as a way to establish and maintain a cohesive, disciplined, well-trained force for protection of lives and property in the kingdom.



These NCOs would honor their leader and pledge their loyalty by ceremoniously presenting him with a sword. The sword, a symbol of truth, justice, and power rightfully used, served as a token for all to see and know that here was a "leader among leaders". This ceremony became known as the "Royal Order of the Sword." It was passed through the ages, coming to America about the time of the Revolutionary War. The practice of awarding a sword lay dormant for many years. The only known instance of its use was in the 1860s when General Robert E. Lee was presented a sword by his command. The "Royal Order of the Sword" ceremony was revised, updated, and adopted by the NCOs of the United States Air Force in 1967. The Order of the Sword is the highest honor and tribute the enlisted corps can bestow upon an individual.

The following named personnel in the Hawaii Air National Guard are promoted in the unit indicated (HI ANG) and as a ResAF to the grade indicated effective and with DOR indicated below. Authority: AFI 36-2502

# **ENLISTED PROMOTIONS**

UNIT	RANK	NAME	EFF DT
154 MXS	CMSGT	VILLANUEVA, WENDELL	01-Oct-15
154 AMXS	MSGT	CHING, DUSTIN	01-Oct-15
297 ATCS	MSGT	MARIANO, MATTHEW	01-Oct-15
154 LRS	MSGT	MYLONAS, CHRISTINA	01-Oct-15
154 MSG	MSGT	TAM, KATHERINE	01-Mar-15
201 IS	MSGT	ROJAS, YESSENIA	01-Mar-15
154 MXS	TSGT	CABEL, BRICEL P	01-Apr-16
154 MXS	TSGT	BETTENCOURT, EVERETT K	01-Apr-16
154 MDG	TSGT	CANIONERO, SHAWN L	01-Apr-16
154 MXS	SSGT	DUVAUCHELLE, JARICK V	11-Mar-16
154 MXS	SSGT	CABANERO, JENSEN T	11-Mar-16
154 MXS	SSGT	GRIFFIN, TYLER A B	01-Apr-16

### **OFFICER PROMOTIONS**

	1LT	KANAHELE, JEREMY	04-Oct-15
297 ATCS	1LT	RAFAEL, BRIAN	04-Oct-15
154 AMXS	1LT	HO, KENNETH	04-Oct-15
169 ADS	1LT	LINCOLN, ELIJAH	04-Oct-15
169 ADS	CAPT	GUILLERMO, NORMANKALANI	16-Dec-15
169 ADS	CAPT	KAI, GORDAN	16-Dec-15
204 AS	MAJ	KAHIKINA, PRESTON	19-Nov-15
204 AS	LTC	MATSUDA, KENNETH	18-Dec-15
154 MDG	LTC	THOMPSON, STUART	01-Oct-15
154 MDG	LTC	JICHA, JAMIE	01-Oct-15
154 MDG	LTC	FAUMUINA, JAMES	02-Nov-15
154 WG	LTC	WILLIAMS, JAMES	17-Feb-16
169 ADS	LTC	LUM, JEFFREY	17-Feb-16
154 MXG	COL	HARRIS, JOSEPH	02-Nov-15
154 MSG	COL	SHIGETA, KURT	18-Feb-16

# Launa'Ole

# **Above All Others**

In 2001, the Launa'Ole awards were born. For the past 15 years we've held the Launa'Ole awards and our reputation continues to grow world-wide. Our nominees and award recipients and every one of our HIANG airmen, are part of a seven decade-long legacy. From humble beginnings to becoming an organization without rival.

Below are the 2015 nominees.



# The Nominees for the Outstanding Airman of the Year are:

Senior Airman Eric Brown, 291st Combat Communications Squadron Senior Airman Jennierose Ranada, 169th Air Defense Squadron Staff Sergeant Luna, 201st Intelligence Squadron Senior Airman Marco Mendez, 154th Force Support Squadron Senior Airman Reid Suzuki, 154th Comptroller Flight

# **Nominees for Outstanding Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year:**

Staff Sergeant Kobayashi, 154th Logistics Readiness Squadron Master Sergeant Namumnart, 169th Air Defense Squadron Technical Sergeant Sharon Pasion, Headquarters Hawaii Air National Guard Staff Sergeant Tiffany Peiler, 154th Medical Group Technical Sergeant Robert Rabacal, 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Technical Sergeant Kevin Baza, 201st Intelligence Squadron Technical Sergeant Visconti Christman, 109th Air Operations Group Staff Sergeant Gregory Otake, 154th Medical Group

# Nominees for Outstanding Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year are:

Master Sergeant Alfred Kalani, 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Senior Master Sergeant Christopher Perez, Headquarters Hawaii Air National Guard Master Sergeant Ricardo Namoca, 154th Security Forces Squadron Senior Master Sergeant Jermaine Speed, 201st Intelligence Squadron Senior Master Sergeant Carl Martin, 154th Wing Headquarters

# **Nominees for the First Sergeant of the Year are:**

Master Sergeant Priscilla Caluya, 154th Logistics Readiness Squadron Master Sergeant Lane Martin, 297th Air Traffic Control Squadron

# Nominees for Outstanding Company Grade Officer of the Year are:

Captain Nhut Dao, 154th Civil Engineering Squadron 1st Lieutenant Gordon Kai, 169th Air Defense Squadron 1st Lieutenant Allison Delos Santos, 154th Comptroller Flight Captain Larin Wong, 109th Air Operations Group Captain Jonathan Patterson, 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Captain Timothy Hiura, 154th Medical Group

# The Nominees for Outstanding Field Grade Officer of the Year are:

Major Ivan Aguirre, 154th Civil Engineering Squadron Major Elzadia Kaina, 154th Medical Group Major Kaiali'i Kahele, 109th Air Operations Group Major Michael O'Donnell 169th Air Defense Squadron Major Jesse Park, 154th Wing Headquarters Lieutenant Colonel Francis Shen, 109th Air Operations Group

# The Nominees for Outstanding Unit are:

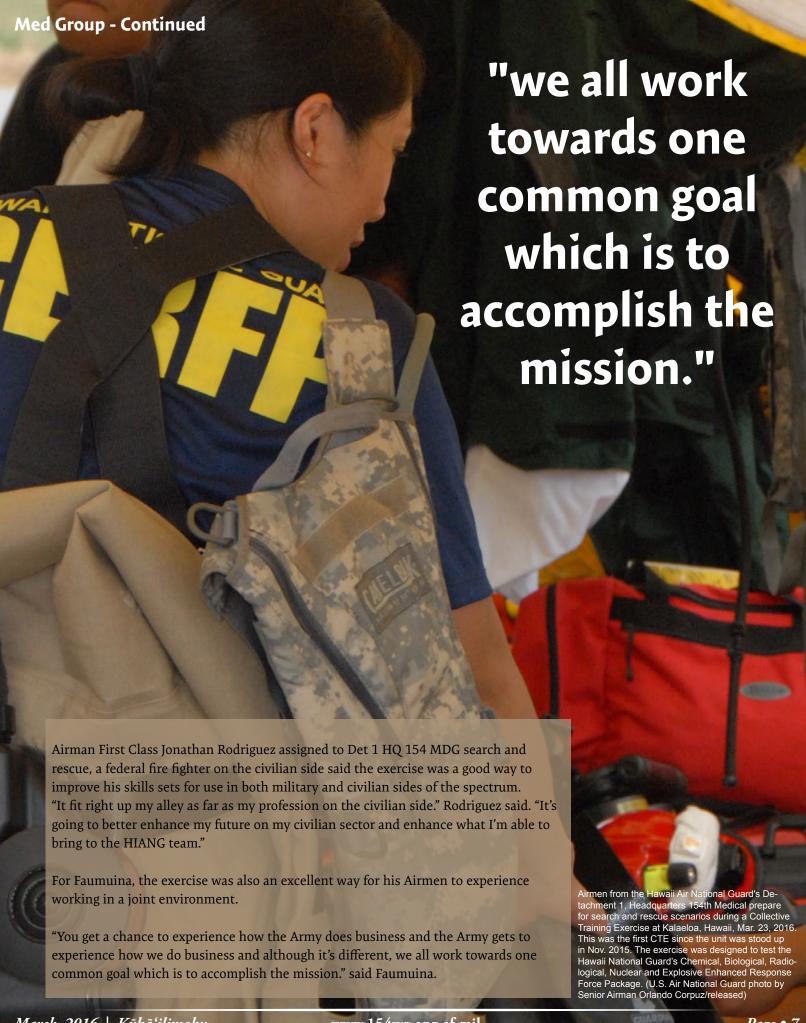
169 Air Defense Squadron 154th Comptroller Flight

# The Nominees for Winning Team Are:

C-17 Airdrop Initial Cadre Team, Hawaii National Guard C-17 AMXS Production Team

### The Nominees for Service Team Are:

154th Wing, Sexual Assault Prevention & Response (SAPR) Program



# Mentor-ship (The Key to Our Future Success)

SMSqt Monte P. Hokoana

154th Wing Human Resource Advisor

According to AFMAN36-2643, Air Force Mentoring Program, mentoring is an essential ingredient in developing wellrounded, professional, and competent future leaders. The overall goal of mentoring is to help Airmen (civilian, enlisted, and officer) reach their full potential, thereby enhancing the professionalism of the Air Force. The key to the mentoring process is the direct involvement of commanders, directors, and supervisors in the professional development of their people. Mentoring is an ongoing process for building a professional relationship that fosters communication concerning careers, competencies, behavior, and organizational missions. Mentorship is a relationship in which a person with greater experience and wisdom guides another person to develop both personally and professionally. This relationship will help achieve mission success and motivate Airmen to achieve their career objective. Mentoring promotes a climate of inclusion that can help foster and develop the diverse strengths, perspectives, and capabilities of all Airmen. Benefits for Mentoring are: 1) Improved morale and unit cohesion, 2) Enhanced professional and work-related personal development,

3) Increased mastery of the institutional and occupational competencies, 4) Enhanced capacity to translate core values and strategies into productive actions, and 5) Greater engagement and retention of Airmen with the right competencies.

Mentoring our Airmen is a lot like parenting our children. One of my favorite parenting scriptures says, "a child left to himself brings disgrace." The scripture is essentially saying that it is our responsibility as parents to raise our children and lead them in the way that they should go. We do this by coaching and mentoring them through life. The military is no different than the parentchild relationship. Our Airmen will be our future leaders and without the proper mentoring, what does our future look like? The only way we can retire and sleep in peace knowing that our military is taking care of business is by coaching and mentoring our Airmen for success while we are here with them. Although few in numbers, I am glad for the mentors in my life who helped me reach success. In our line of business we can't afford to be No. 2. Mentoring our Airmen for success is our



# **DD FORM 214**

Why you should apply for a DD Form 214 if you meet the qualifications? A DD Form 214 reflects a member's service characterization, eligibility for Re-enlistment, and the reason for separation. It is also a key document to take advantage of the following benefits and entitlements.

responsibility. Happy Mentoring!

- Veteran Affairs Programs
- Home Loans
- Tri-Care Select
- Compensation and Pension
- Survivor Benefits
- Hospital and Medical Benefits

- Life Insurance
- Burial Benefits
- Post 9-11 and G.I. Bill Qualifications
- Reemployment Rights
- Unemployment Insurance
- Veteran's Preference

Please contact your Unit CSS for more information on the New DD Form 214 process.

# Who Can You Trust

I think it'd be safe to say that the question, "Can I trust you?" is more often a thought, because if someone were to straight out ask "Can I trust you?" some (maybe many) of you may feel offended. People don't really think about the question, until an experience or situation makes one feel as though trust has been compromised. Most would agree that trust is an essential part of successful relationships. Let's look at how you determine to trust others and what contributes to others trusting you. What does trust look like in your relations at home, work, school, groups or other organizations that you and your family belong to? In a perfect society, trust would never be compromised, but we are human and make mistakes. However, in general we have the ability to choose to adopt a character of trust.

The below acronym best represents my thoughts on the word "Trust", what it means to be trusted, and what it takes to trust others. I hope it resounds well with you too.

(Definitions can be found on on-line by Oxford Dictionaries.)

Tfor "Trustworthy"- able to be relied on to do or provide what is needed or right.

 ${f R}$  for "Respect"- a feeling of deep admiration for someone or something elicited by their abilities, qualities, or achievements.

If for "Understanding"- sympathetically aware of other people's feelings; tolerant and forgiving.

S for "Sincere"- free from pretense, deceit or hypocrisy; proceeding from genuine feelings; heartfelt or wholehearted.

Tfor "Transparency"- as it pertains to behavior implies openness, communication, and accountability. It is a metaphorical extension of the meaning of a "transparent" object, one that can be seen through. In other words, nothing is hidden.

One who exemplifies Kina'ole - which means to do the right thing, in the right way, at the right time, in the right place, to the right person, for the right reason, with the right feeling.

Trust and respect often go hand-in-hand. Bob Whipple of Leadergrow Inc. (http://www.leadergrow.com/articles/78-trust-and-respect-) poses two questions when addressing organizations:

"Can you respect someone you don't trust?" and "Can you trust someone you don't respect?"

Engage in some self-reflection and after doing so, you will know if you are in a position to be seen as one who is both respected and trusted.

I challenge you to ruminate on the word "TRUST." What does "Trust" mean to you? What do you expect from someone you trust? Do you mirror your expectations of others when it comes to others trusting you? Are there changes you can make to create trust? How can you make amends when trust is broken? What does it mean to "choose" to trust someone?

I believe that as human beings we start with good intentions, to trust and respect, and to be trusted and respected. However, sometimes that path of intention goes off track, for whatever reasons. But it's never too late to make things right, to be Kina'ole. If you're a pro at trust, congratulations keep up the good work! For everyone else, practice makes us (closer to) perfect! So with that... "Can I trust you?"

It'd be great to hear from you! Send us an email, drop us a line or stop by to chat

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# **Chain of Concern Corner - National Guard Children**

Lorna Souza

Whether a Guard member leaves for training, schools or on a deployment, separation can cause a number of changes in your family life. Daily tasks like taking the kids to school or extracurricular activities can be stressful even when both parents are home but can be daunting tasks when a parent is suddenly alone. Parents, Grandparents and even older siblings have to assume many roles and it can be a constant whirl-wind of juggling responsibilities. I think many Guard members and their Ohana would agree that military life can be full of constant emotional highs and lows. We are so proud of our Guard members and the contribution they are making to our country but at times we can feel anger and rage for being left behind or alone with the burden of family responsibilities. Change can be puzzling for a child and they may show signs of separation anxiety, fear and anger. As the departure time grows closer the child might detach and withdraw from the service member. It's important for parents to remember that children worry about both their parents and often children feel responsible for stresses in their family home. A rollercoaster ride of emotions such as fear, sadness, love, worry, frustration and joy can be very normal at any given point in a day when your loved ones are gone. Dealing with these emotions can be very difficult for adults and children but know that most children are resilient and do well with change. You don't need to fight the storm alone we have many Military and community resources to assist you.

I would like to introduce our Hawaii National Guard Child and Youth Program Coordinator Michelle Nieves:

As the Lead Coordinator for the Hawaii National Guard Child and Youth Program (CYS) Michelle K.T. Nieves has been supporting guard families in Hawaii for five years. Michelle attended the University of Phoenix and holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Business Administration. Before coming to the National Guard Michelle worked at the Department of Education for nine years in various areas from Substitute Teacher to Parent Community Networking Center Coordinator (PCNC). Michelle has a son that is currently attending Kapiolani Community College.

Child & Youth Services (CYS) develops, implements, and provides services to families with school aged children through all phases of deployment. CYS works with various agencies on all islands to provide community resources and youth services that help in the physical, mental, and educational development of Guard children across the state of Hawaii. Various activities are scheduled on Oahu all year long at little or no cost to attend.

More information can be found on her CYS Website about upcoming events and provided services. <a href="http://hawaiiguardohana.org/child-and-youth-services.php">http://hawaiiguardohana.org/child-and-youth-services.php</a>

Michelle K.T. Nieves Lead Coordinator

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Here are a few tips, websites and programs that can help your keiki with military challenges.

School: It is very important to inform teachers and counselors of any changes.

Physical Problems: Monitor headaches and stomach aches- many children express anxiety through physical aches.

Communication: Find ways to communicate with parents through email, social media, text, video, There are many apps available (Tango, Viber, Skype...)

Consistency: Keep consistency in your daily routine, children need structure plus routines can release some anxiety from the other changes in their life.

# Websites:

http://www.militaryonesource.mil/ http://www.militaryfamily.org/ http://www.military.com/ http://hawaiiguardohana

Hawaii Air National Guard Airman & Family Readiness Program Manager 808-341-7608 or 808-387-8815 E-mail lorna.souza@us.af.mil

# Child and Youth Service Event Calendar FY15-16



STEM Event (Ages7-16) January 16, 2016

Teen Leadership Camp (Ages 12-17) February 27, 2016

Youth Day Camp (Ages 7–11) March 12, 2016

April 15-17 2016 State Youth Symposium (Ages 12-17)

Teen Day Camp (Ages 12-17) May 14, 2016

Annual CYS Camp (Ages 7-11)

Annual Teen Summit (Ages 12-17) June 20-24 2016

Region 9 Youth Symposium (Invitation Only) July 28- Aug 1 2016

Contact Michelle Nieves CYS Lead Coordinator for more information at michelle.k.nieves.ctr@mail.mil or 672-1439





Visit our website for more information and applications to these events. Additional resources are also available about childcare grants and scholarships. Scan this QR Code to access them.

June 6-10 2016

# **Five Major Aircraft Accidents in One Year**

by MSqt William Tapper



1949: It was the third year of the HIANG. In the first three years, we went from zero aircraft to forty-two. The first aircraft received, a B-26C, was on 19 March 1947. By the end of FY49, we had 27 F-47Ns (and 58 being reclaimed), four B-26Cs, five T-6s, and two C-46Fs. When the HIANG units were first organized on 10 September 1946, we had 353 personnel assigned. At the end of FY 1949, there was still only 352!

In 1949, the third year of the HIANG, the units completed their first regular Air Force Operational Readiness Test, today known as an ORI. It was a 96 hour continuous test that measured the new HIANG to Air Force standards. The score was one of the highest ever received by an ANG organization. The rating was so high, it led to the HIANG receiving the Spaatz Trophy, named for Gen. Carl A. "Tooey" Spaatz, a WWI ace and the first Air Force Chief of Staff. The highest unit flying award, it was presented annually to the overall outstanding flying unit in the entire Air National Guard.

Also in 1949, dawn fighter patrols started, the HIANG supported Red Cross disaster relief, carried 180,758 pounds of freight and 1,452 passengers in the annual freight runs, and began work to reclaim 79 F-47s received from a discontinued fighter group at Wheeler Field. And, again, this was all

done with 352 assigned HIANG members, in the third year of the HIANG! Imagine the wear and tear on our newly formed HIANG. Imagine the constant struggle with growing pains. There was surely a lot of pride in ownership of such an amazingly difficult undertaking, but it came at an enormous price:

1Lt Frank Smith flew an F-47 on a routine training flight when his engine stopped and caught fire at 10,000 feet. His cockpit filled with smoke and flames. Lt Smith suffered 2nd and 3rd degree burns but survived. The aircraft did not.

Capt Frank Harlocker used too much power running up engines for a preflight. The tail rose up and the propellors hit the ground. The propellors and engines suffered major damage. In another instance, Capt Harlocker's engine cut out during take-off due to malfunction. He crash

landed on the last 1,000 feet of the runway. Again, there was major damage to the aircraft but none to himself.

1Lt George Harris was unable to lower a landing gear and had to do a belly landing. He sustained no injury. And 1Lt Raymond Gladding, to avoid a collision on landing, landed long and used excessive braking, causing his aircraft to nose-up. Again, major damage to the aircraft, but no injury to the pilot.

In the five major aircraft accidents that year, all had survived. And despite the setbacks, the HIANG was recognized as the most outstanding flying unit in the ANG. Our Airmen had learned so much while also setting the bar for all other ANG units - and for us today!



# April 2016: Sexual Assault Awareness Month





Sun	Mon	Tue	Med	ᆴ	Ē	Sat
March 19th: Splash Bash: Believe in Our Community @ Naalehu Community Center, 10am—2pm	28 (3/28 to 4/1) UH West Oahu [respect] Campaign	29	30	Hawaii Island Mayor CAN Proclamation & Beyond the Bystander: Standing Up for Children@ Aupuni Cen- ter, 8:30-9:30 am	Children Exposed to Violence Training, Maui Beach Hotel, 8am-4pm Teal Ribbon Day/No More Challenge, Waianae CAT	<b>2</b> Ford Island Bridge Run, SAAPM Information Table, 7am
m	4 Maui Mayor's CAN Proclamation, 9am; SA Awareness © UHMC Great Lawn, 1.1am-2pm; Maui Mayor Proclamation © UHMC-Great Lawn 2:00pm UH Manoa SAAM Kickoff, Paina Building, 11.2:30 "Shots" © LCC, Noon	<b>5</b> 4/4 thru 4/8: UH Manoa: 1 in 5 Flag Display, Varney Circle & Irespect! Campaign "Shots" @ WCC, 3:30pm Can I Kiss You? @ COM- PACFLT/Sharkey Theater, 8-9:30am	6 Wear Blue Day Kauai City Council Certifi- cate/KPD: Start by Believing County Council Rm, 8:30am Mayor's CAN, SA, and Alco- hol Awareness Proclamation YWCA, 11:30am "Shots" @ Kauai CC, Noon	<b>7</b> "Shots" @ Kapiolani CC and UH Manoa	<b>8</b> East Hawaii Family Fun Night, Sangha Hall, 3-7pm	9 Valley Isle Keiki Fest, UHMC-Great Lawn, 11am-4pm Kauai Parent Child Fair, Kukui Grove Center, 9am-1pm
10	Film: The Mask You Live In, UH Hilo-UCB Room 100, 5:00pm Kauai Health Information Table Display @ Walmart (4/11 to 4/15)	Honolulu Mayor/City Council Proclamation @ Council Chambers, 1:00pm "Shots" @ UH Hilo Athletics Dept.	<b>13</b> Planting a Pinwheel Garden @ Kauai District Health Office, 10am	14	15 3rd Annual First Responders Summit @ Hickam Memorial Theater, 8am-4pm (RSVP) Keiki Spring Fest, Waianae District Park, 8:30-1.pm Take Back the Night, HPU, 5:30pm	16 30th Annual SPIN Conference, UH Campus Center, 8:30am-3:30pm 6th Annual SAAPM Ride Against Sexual Assault, Keehi Lagoon Beach Park, 9am
17	L8 Kauai Health Information Table Display @ K-Mart (4/18 to 4/22)	<b>19</b> SAAPM Information Table © NCTAMS PAC (Wahiawa Annex)	<b>20</b> Kauai Walk a Mile @ Kukui Grove Center, 5pm	<b>21</b> Molokai SA/CAN Community Event, 9am-2pm SAAPM Information Table @ PACOM, 11-1	Governor's SAAM Proclamation (Limited Attendance)	23
24	25	26	27 Waianae CAT, Kauai & Hawaii Island: Denim Day (Show your support by wearing jeans) SHARP Fair, Schoffeld Barracks, 9am-3pm	Stand Against Racism @ Ha Café Lihue, 5pm HTY and SATC's Rally for [respect] @ Tenney Theatre, 4-8:30pm	29 Denim Day (Show your support by wearing jeans) "Shots" @ UHMC	30

<sup>\*</sup>The 2016 SAAM Calendar was developed in partnership with the Hawaii State Department of Health and the Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children's Sex Abuse Treatment Center.

# **HIANG-I.NFO**

# **HIANG Events:**

Launa'ole Outstanding Airmen of the Year Awards Ceremony, Sunday, April 3, 2016. 1330 at The Hickam Officer's Club

# **Announcements:**

# Launa'ole

**Bus Service Location and Times**: Bus services will be provided to transport members to and from the Officers' Club on Sunday, April 3, 2016. There will be two locations for pickup and drop off: The HIANG DFAC (located by the 154 FSS & 154 MDG) and the Bishop Point Parking Lot (located next to the harbor where the ships dock). Pickup times will start at 1245 and will continue to run sequentially until the event starts at 1330. Drop off will commence as soon as the ceremony concludes.

**Student Flight members** report to DFAC NLT 0700 Saturday. Those selected for DFAC duty will be committed to supporting DFAC both days. Remaining Student Flight not used for DFAC are to return to their units. Student Flight personnel selected for Launa'Ole support are to report to the Hickam Officer's Club NLT 1230 on 3APR.

# **Volunteer**

The HNGEA is looking for a motivated member to fill in as the Secretary. Send interests to MSgt Mandy Mahuka at mandy.mahuka@us.af.mil

# **Readiness**

If you are deploying for 90 days or more, the Yellow Ribbon Program attendance is mandated by law. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a Yellow Ribbon Event, please contact Charlie Yoshimoto at 808-382-4316 or <a href="mailto:charlivee.yoshimoto.2.ctr@us.af.mil">charlivee.yoshimoto.2.ctr@us.af.mil</a>

Medically Ready? Check you IMR: <a href="https://asims.afms.mil/imr/MyIMR.aspx">https://asims.afms.mil/imr/MyIMR.aspx</a>

HING Financial Advising (Free) Oahu – email Jeff Alameida <a href="https://hipfc1@mflc.zeiders.com">hipfc1@mflc.zeiders.com</a> Neighbor Islands – email Rhonda Bowden <a href="https://hipfc2@mflc.zeiders.com">hipfc2@mflc.zeiders.com</a>

BAH rates for 2016 have been released. To calculate BAH rates go to <a href="http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bahCalc.cfm">http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bahCalc.cfm</a>

# Workshops/Classes:

# **Leadership Training**

Leadership Development Courses via TFLDP (Total Force Leadership Development Program)

Free to attend, sign ups via: <a href="https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-DP-PC-15/PLDreg/Registration/Registration.aspx">https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-DP-PC-15/PLDreg/Registration/Registration.aspx</a>

EPR Lunch and Learn will be conducted at the OG Auditorium during Sunday RSD, from 1130-1300. Printing a copy of the ACA and EPR forms and bringing your lunch is highly recommended.

# **Defense Travel System (DTS) training**

email 154WG154CPTFalo@us.af.mil

# **Fitness Training**

For future PTL A/B classes and BEWELL classes please email HPARC Fitness for assistance.

Their contact information is 15mdg.hparcfitness@us.af.mil DSN: 448-6180.

# **Retirement Briefing**

ABC-C will be conducting a Retirement Briefings via DCS on Thursday, April 14, 2016. CSRS will be conducted at 0800-100 CENTRAL TIME, while FERS will be conducted at 1300-1600 CENTRAL TIME. Link to DCS here <a href="https://conference.apps.mil/webconf/1553">https://conference.apps.mil/webconf/1553</a>

The Air Force Culture and Language Center is offering a free 3 credit course applicable towards completion of a CCAF degree. Summer 2015 "Introduction to Cross-Cultural Communication" enrollment window is 5-18APR. Class dates are 28APR-3APR Check website for more info and enrollment procedures. <a href="http://culture.af.mil/enrollmentwindow.aspx">http://culture.af.mil/enrollmentwindow.aspx</a>