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### REFOCUSING PRIORITIES

**Brig. Gen. Gregory Woodrow** 

154th Wing Commander

The Chief of Staff of the Air Force's #1 focus area is the revitalization of Air Force Squadrons. He is encouraging us as Airmen and leaders to develop better squadrons, better Airmen, and better

warfighting. You'll often hear many Senior leaders comment that their best assignment was when they were squadron commanders. I wholly agree with this statement. The squadron is where it all happens. It's as the CSAF states, "where readiness is generated and sustained, where Airmen and families thrive, and where the missions of the Air Force will succeed."

encourage all Squadron Commanders, and members, to be bold and take the initiative. Take responsibility for your squadron, for its culture, for having FUN. If you're waiting for your Group Commander, or worse, your Wing commander, to lead or set the agenda and task you, you're lagging the fight. You have my

full faith and confidence, as leaders and airmen, to do the right thing, so move out! I have your back.

Our Wing top priorities fall right in line with this concept of revitalizing our Squadrons.

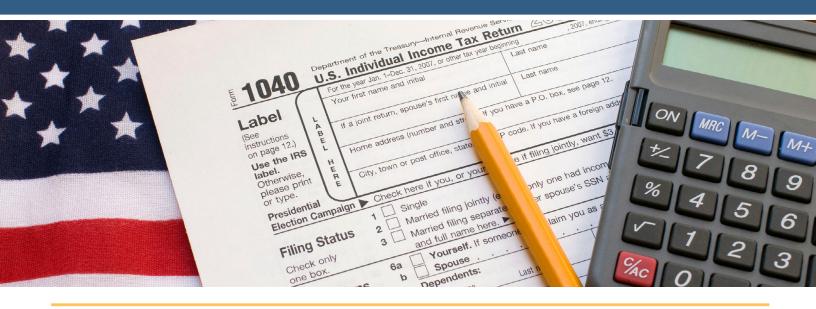
### **WING PRIORITIES:**

- · Ensuring combat mission readiness
- · Taking care of our Airmen
- Doing less or finding ways to do things better and more efficiently

Living through these priorities day by day can guarantee success in meeting the CSAFs #1 focus. I encourage you to find ways to help your squadron succeed by engaging your squadron leadership, recommending best practices, advocating for family activities and ensuring that those that deserve recognition get recognized. Have pride in your squadron and do what you can to ensure that when you leave, you leave it better than how you found it. That's all we can ask.



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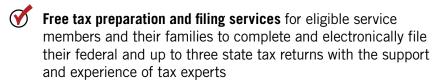


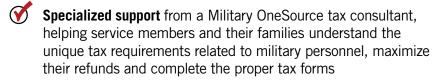
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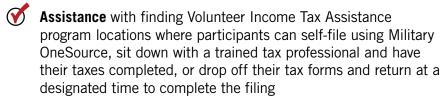
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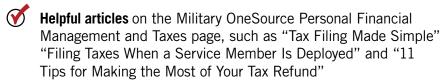
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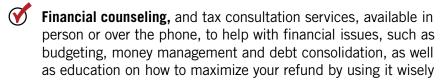
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## 199TH FIGHTER SQUADRON RECOGNIZES DEDICATION

by Tech. Sgt. ANDREW JACKSON

Hawaii Department of Defense Public Affairs

02/12/2017 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii -- The Hawaii Air National Guard's 199th Fighter Squadron and the active duty 19th Fighter Squadron, collectively known as the Hawaiian Raptors, recently held their first Dedicated Crew Chiefs ceremony.

During the ceremony, each pilot presents their aircraft's dedicated crew chief with a ceremonial chock and an F-22 Raptor patch.

Each aircraft assigned to the 199th Fighter Squadron and 19th Fighter Squadron has a dedicated crew chief. Those Airmen play an integral part in the maintenance of their aircraft.

"I think we're lucky, honestly, to be a part of this organization and this fifth generation jet." said Staff Sgt. John Severino, Raptor Crew Chief with the 15th Maintenance Squadron.

The pilot's and crew chief's names are also emblazoned on the side of the jets they fly and look after in honor of the dedication to their aircraft.

The Hawaiian Raptors are a Total Force Intergration (TFI) unit combining the efforts of both guard and active duty airmen.

"Being a crew chief with a TFI unit is a great experience," said Tech. Sgt. Russell Mesinas, F-22 Raptor Crew Chief with the 154th Maintenance Squadron. "We can learn from each other to make this jet combat ready and ready to fly."

"One team, one fight." said Mesinas.





### HIANG CELEBRATES TOP PERFORMERS

Article by Tech. Sgt. ALISON BRUCE-MALDONADO 154th Wing Public Affairs

02/12/2017 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii -- The Hawaii Air National Guard recently recognized its top airmen and units of 2016 during an awards ceremony held at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

A standing room only crowd comprised of fellow airmen, dignitaries, family and friends packed into the Hickam Officer's Club on February 12, 2017 for the annual Launa Ole Awards celebration.

The award ceremony honors a select group of HIANG Airmen and units who receive nominations from leadership for outstanding achievement over the past year.

Hawaii Governor David Ige, who was in attendance with wife Dawn, delivered the opening remarks.

"It truly is your commitment to serve the State of Hawaii and the United States of America that allows our citizens to lead a life of freedom, pursuit of liberty and democracy," Ige said. "I want to thank each and every one you for allowing us the privilege of living in the United States of America".

Launa Ole means "beyond comparison" or "without peer." The first HIANG awards ceremony was held in February 1999 at the Outrigger Prince Kuhio Hotel in Waikiki. It wasn't until 2001 that the annual awards ceremony was officially named the Launa Ole awards. That year, the ceremony was also held at the Hickam Officer's Club.

Senior Master Sgt. Monte Hokoana, who regularly advises on mentorship issues as the 154th Wing Human Resource Advisor, says awards

ceremonies such as the Launa Ole awards are an important milestone in the mentorship continuum.

"Awards programs such as the Launa Ole are important from a mentorship standpoint in that it provides some validation of a successful past mentorship," said Hokoana. "All successful airmen have at some point in their careers had someone teaching and leading them along the way."

Airmen were nominated into one of the following individual awards in either the drill status or full-time categories: Outstanding Airman of the Year, Outstanding Non-Commissioned

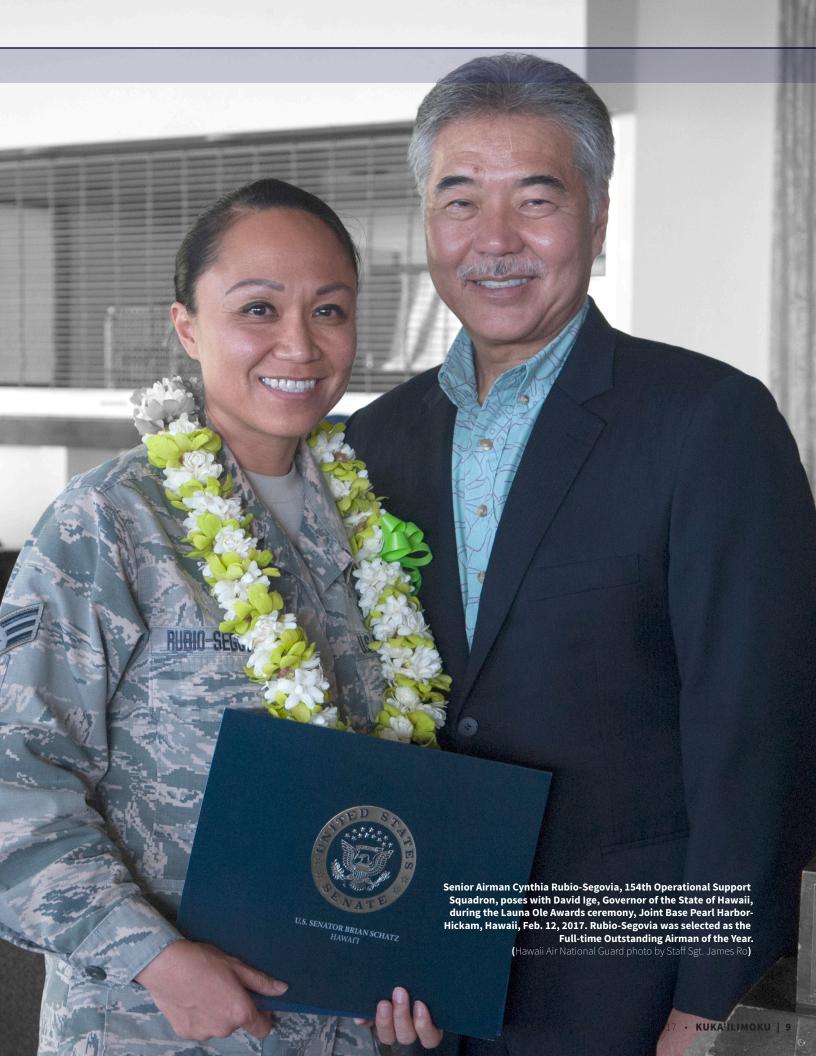
Officer of the Year, Outstanding Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year, Outstanding Company Grade Officer of the Year, and Outstanding Field Grade Officer of the Additional award categories included Honor Guard of the Year, Winning Team of the Year and Outstanding Unit of the Year.

The Enlisted winner were also submitted for national level awards with the Air Force and National Guard Bureau.

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- SENIOR MASTER SGT. MONTE HOKOANA

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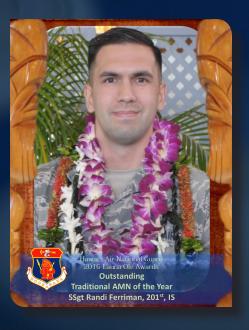






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### A REFLECTION: INTO THE WILDERNESS

Article by Chaplain DANIEL L. LEATHERMAN 154th Wing Chaplain

Aloha Kākou,

When we turn on the television, there are a number of 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. We are frightened and fascinated by the wilderness. For Christians who observe the holy season of Lent, the Lenten journey is a time of reflection and self-examination. It is often described as a season of entering the wilderness. In such a wilderness we come face to face with ourselves- our sins, our mortality, and our faith.

We think of the wilderness as barren and desolate ~ 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.

What was true for Jesus was also true for Moses, the prophets and God's people throughout the ages. 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 nonetheless 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 something ourselves and the life we

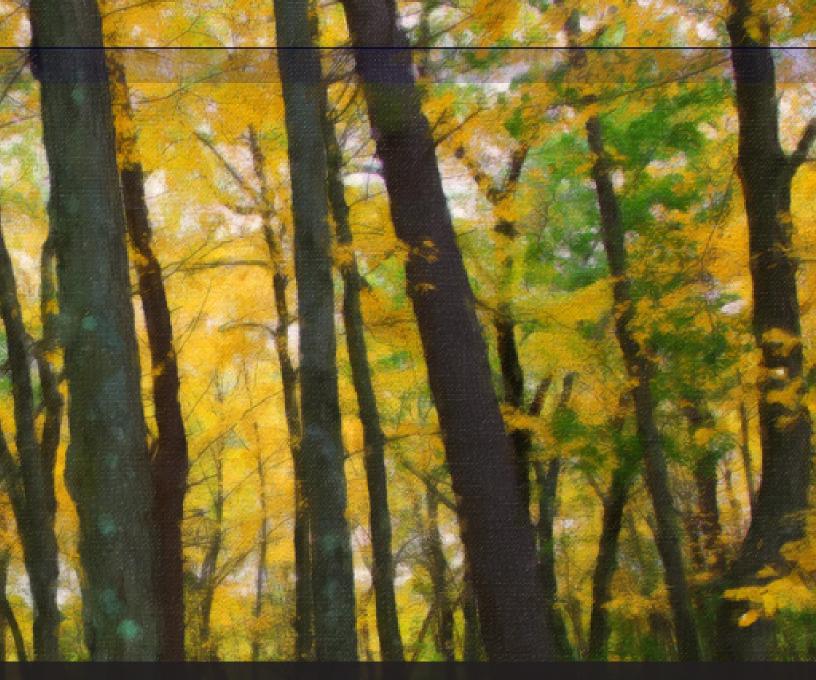
returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry.

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit,

-LUKE 4:1-2

Regardless of your faith tradition, see this

time as an invitation to quiet the soul, to pay more attention to those things that nurture our better selves and thus make us better people. 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; reading a book; working out; staring at the stars in wonder? Go there and be not afraid. For the wilderness is not a place of dry abandonment, but a place where there is ample room for an encounter with the



"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."

Henry David Thoreau, Walden





### COMPTON RETIRES

03/01/2017 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii - Major Gen. Mike Compton retires after 34 years of service ending his career as the Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander, Pacific Air Forces, JBPHH. Compton has a wide variety of Air Force experience. He is an Air Force civil engineer and has flown both fighters and mobility aircraft in combat. He served as the Title 10 commander for over 400 HIANG

members activated after 9/11.

Compton was the Chief of the conversion office to create the first classic associate unit in the Air National Guard and he served on the activation teams for the HIANG CK-135, C-130 and C-17 airframes.

Prior to his final assignment, Compton was the Mobilization Assistant for the Director of Strategic Plans and Policy at US Pacific Command.







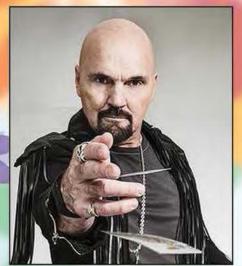




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Contact Michelle K.T. Nieves CYS Lead Coordinator for more information at michelle.k.nieves.ctr@mail.mil or 672-1439





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### **SPRING BREAK** MAKEOVER FOR THE MIND

Article by KANANI KRAFFT 154th Wing Director of Psychological Health

hat comes to mind when thinking of Spring Break? Some common answers may be, "School is out for a week!" "Who's going to watch the kids?" "Yes! No traffic!" "We're going on a family vacation!" "I wish I had enough leave to be out for one week..." "Time to Spring clean the house!" etc. Well how about Spring Break and Spring Cleaning of the mind? I came across an article, Spring Break Makeover for the Mind written by Jean Lawrence and thought to share excerpts and quotes from the article as well as some of the main points.

Lawrence quotes Judith Orloff, MD, assistant professor of clinical psychiatry at UCLA, "I think we are in an epidemic of exhaustion and stress.... This leads to a joyless, tense life."

A strong statement that unfortunately most people can relate to in some way. Yelling at loved ones, isolating ourselves, drinking too much alcohol, immersing oneself in social media, avoiding relationships... may seem normal or "okay" but these are our own reactions based on our mind and body systems. We must recognize this, identify not-so-positive patterns and commit to building new patterns. Let Spring be the starting point—a new beginning, a chance for self-reflection and setting ourselves up for success in life.

Start with looking inside your own head! Lawrence writes, "Negative thoughts, Orloff says, are a major stressor, and we (not the kids, boss, bank balance, or nightly news) are stressing ourselves."

Lawrence goes on to say, "Don't get sucked in, stay clear of energy vampires! Orloff identifies the

following: The Drama Queen can wear you out, she says, with the daily performances. The Sob Sister is constantly airing grievances. The Constant Talker requires your constant listening. And The Blamer is always criticizing you or the people around you." So clear your mind, recognize these leeches and break free!

Technology can be an overwhelming stressor. So take mini breaks from technology throughout the day! Lucky we live and work in Hawaii! Take advantage of the fresh air, warm weather and beautiful scenes that surround us. Take a quick walk outside to breathe in fresh air. Look outside your window and identify things that you are thankful for. Turn from your computer and take deep breaths to clear your mind.

Count your blessings- Gratitude. "The secret of Happiness is to count your blessings while others are adding up their troubles." ~William Penn

At Master Resiliency Training, I learned that there is a highly scientific approach toward understanding the methods and techniques in having the greatest likelihood of increasing a sense of well-being and happiness and identifying which of them may work best for you. Gratitude will help you to counteract the tendency to pay more attention to bad events or stressors. So, count your blessings daily. Start with counting three today and share them with someone!

Now that you've learned some tips to overcome stress and negativity, start your Spring Break and Spring Cleaning of your mind today! Your friendly DPHs welcome your thoughts.

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USAF Expeditionary Operations School (2016). Master Resilience Trainer Course. Foundational Resilience Skills. Counting Blessings- Gratitude.

### This month in HIANG History

by Master Sgt. WILLIAM TAPPER

154th Wing Historian

We take a look back in time to some of the significant events that happened in the HIANG during Marchs of past.

### March 19, 1947

The first HIANG aircraft was received, a B-26C, #433. By the end of the fiscal year, the HIANG possessed two AT-6s, four B-26s, one C-46, and two L-5s.

### March 11, 1987

The first two F-15 Eagle fighters arrived at the 199th FS.

### March 25, 1994

The 154th Local Area Network (LAN) was completed by the 154th Communications Flight.

### March 6, 1967

The 201st CCGP started out as the 201st Mobile Communications Squadron (MCS) and activated Mar 6, 1967. The initial duty station was at Battery Selfridge. The 109th ACWS was deactivated.

### March 17, 1993

The 203rd ARS conducted its first operational flight with the KC-135R Stratotanker.

### March 1, 2000

All 154th WG aircraft were painted the "HH" unit identifier on their tails.

### AROUND THE HIANG



















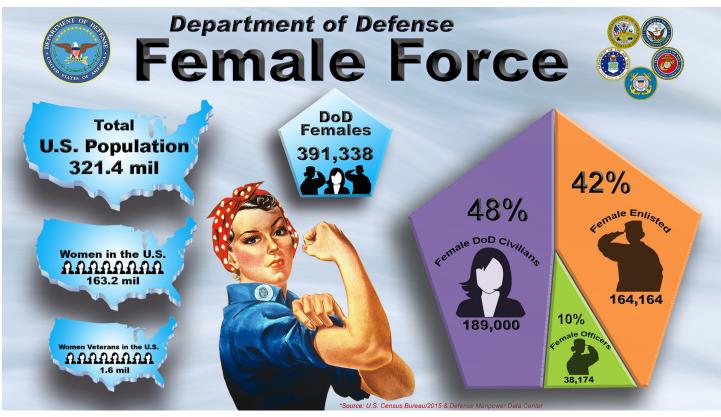












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