



# KŪKA'ILIMOKU

154th WING HAWAII AIR NATIONAL GUARD | JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM

## TOP AIRMEN RECOGNIZED AT LAUNA'OLE AWARDS

## MISSION PERSISTS IN FACE OF COVID-19

- 204TH AS SAVES TWINS
- HAWAIIAN RAPTORS IN SINGAPORE
- JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF VISIT HIANG AIRMEN





# Inside KŪKĀ‘ILIMOKU

April  
2020

## STAFF

### COMMANDER

Brig. Gen. Dann S. Carlson

### PAO

Capt. Justin Leong

### PA STAFF

Master Sgt. Mysti Bicoy

Tech. Sgt. Alison Bruce-Maldonado

Tech. Sgt. Tabitha Hurst

Staff Sgt. James Ro

Senior Airman Orlando Corpuz

Senior Airman Robert Cabuco

Senior Airman John Linzmeier

Published by

154th Wing Public Affairs Office

360 Mamala Bay Drive

JBPHH, Hawaii 96853

Phone: (808) 789-0419

## Kuka'ilimoku SUBMISSIONS

### Articles:

- Articles range from 200 to 2,000 words. All articles should be accompanied by multiple high-resolution images.
- Include first names, last names and military ranks. Always verify spelling.
- Spell out acronyms, abbreviations and full unit designations on first reference.

### Photographs:

- Highest resolution possible: MB files, not KB.
- No retouched photos, no special effects.
- Include the photographer's name and rank, and a caption: what is happening in the photo, who is pictured and the date and location.

This funded Air Force newspaper is an authorized publication for the members of the US military services. Contents of the Kuka'ilimoku are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the US Government, the Department of Defense, and the Department of the Air Force or the Hawaii Air National Guard. This publication is prepared, edited and provided by the Public Affairs Office of the 154th Wing, Hawaii 96853-5517. Telephone: DSN/ (315) 789-0419 / (808) 789-0419. Send submissions, comments or suggestions internally to the PAO and staff 154wg.pa.publicaffairs@us.af.mil. The punctuation of the name of this publication was researched by the Indo-Pacific Language Department at the University of Hawaii. All photos are United States Air Force photos unless otherwise noted.



4



6



9



22

**Pueos Aeromedevac infants around the globe** | Page 4

**JCS leaders visit HIANG Airmen** | Page 6

**MDG distributes medical supplies** Page 8

**Kanikapila Revival** | Page 9

**Group enlistment held at ACET** | Page 10

**Launa'ole Awards** | Page 12

**Raptors Soar at Singapore Air Show** | Page 16

**Highschool 'Explorers' visit HIANG** | Page 18

**Sentry Aloha, Pacific Raptor bring DACT** | Page 20

**Legal Matters** | Page 24



## 154TH WING ADAPTS TO COVID-19

HIANG 'Ohana,

In these challenging times, the spread of COVID-19 has placed an extraordinary burden on each member of our community. The daily lives of most men, women and children continue to be severely impacted, as the highest standards of hygienic care and physical distancing are practiced around-the-clock.

More than ever, family members, dearest friends and fellow colleagues are relying on the attentiveness, support and strength of their closest wingmen, such as you or I.

In addition to the rising call of personal responsibilities in daily life, HIANG Airmen are standing up to uphold a high state of mission readiness, both toward our federal war-fighting capabilities and capacity to support the State of Hawai'i throughout this ongoing emergency.

Over the past several weeks, the command team and I have witnessed Airmen and HIANG civilians accomplishing remarkable things as they adapt to recently implemented changes, such as isolating critical personnel, dividing units into separate cohorts, and aggressively following CDC recommendations.

While our environment around us is changing rapidly, there's always one thing that remains and will always be unphased – my complete and irrevocable confidence in you and the collective HIANG Force.

While absolute certainty isn't necessarily a flourishing commodity these days, and you may find yourself seeking more assurance of our direction, then I would humbly ask you to look-no-further than the contents of this publication.

If you were to take a moment and reflect on the memories and pictures of the Launa'ole Awards Ceremony or the Kanikapila revival event, before physical distancing made its way into our lives, you are bound to notice one of our most precious strengths. There you'll see emotion, pride, connection, devotion and pure enthusiasm in the faces of all our family members.

For me, this strength can only be summarized in one word; and that word is **unity**. Col. Shigekane and I have discussed this concept extensively, and throughout both our Air Force careers, neither of us have seen a team that **unites** and takes care of one another as the HIANG does.

Even while we are no longer maintaining shoulder-to-shoulder distance with one another, we've seen no indication that our strong bonds have faded in the least.

We must rely on our **unified** connections more than ever and maintain them with the same care that we do with our world-class airframes, because all our airpower combined is nothing without the Airmen who carry out our critical mission.

More challenges are likely to come our way in the months to come, and no-matter how daunting or unfamiliar they may seem, we must always remember that overcoming extraordinary challenges is our bread and butter here in the HIANG; it's the very reason why we exist as a force-for-good, why we train, and why we strive to do our best every single day.

During this time of adversity, I am overwhelmingly proud to serve alongside you all, because I know that this 'Ohana is always here for each other and we are here for our community.

In the coming days and weeks, I anticipate more of you will be called by the Governor's to aid in the response.

We are counting on each commander, each supervisor and each Airmen to remain vigilant and continue to look out for one another.

Don't hesitate to reach out for help and help guide others toward our many available resources; medical, financial, religious, psychological health, and family readiness, all are ready to support you and your 'Ohana.

Mahalo for remaining strong and **united** as we press forward together!

Danno



**Brig. Gen. Dann S. Carlson**  
154th Wing Commander





# PUEOS AEROMEDEVAC INFANTS AROUND GLOBE

By Senior Airman John Linzmeier

An aircrew from the 204th Airlift Squadron returned home March 31, after completing a 41-hour aeromedical-evacuation mission which brought prematurely born twins to higher medical care.

The twins, Parker and Laine McFall, were born February 17 at 30 weeks in Daegu's Yeungnam Medical University Medical Center, Republic of Korea, near their family's U.S. Army home station. Without an available neonatal care facility at any military hospitals within the region, the only option was to transport them to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Maryland,



**Baby McFall examines his surroundings at the 51st Medical Group hospital March 30, prior to being transloaded onto a C-17 Globemaster III.**

Photo by Staff Sgt. James Miller

nearly 7,000 miles away.

In order to safely make the journey from South Korea to the east coast, the airlift crew, comprised of Hawaii Air National Guard Airmen and a pilot from the 15th Wing, stopped at Kadena Air Base, Japan, where Neonatal Critical Care Air Transport Team and equipment was loaded onto their C-17 Loadmaster III.

Both, the medically augmented airlift team and the McFall family converged at Osan Air Base, ROK. Prior to boarding the aircraft, the family was medically cleared and protected from the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak.

While airlift professionals are trained to carry out each mission with the same high-levels of focus, one loadmaster found himself to be more inspired than usual. Master Sgt. Brandon Sarceda, a father of two prematurely born twins, lived through the same crisis and couldn't help his feelings of empathy and nostalgia. Sarceda said he hoped that sharing his personal story with the McFall family would help encourage them throughout the ordeal.

"Seeing how delicate this mission was, yeah, it really hit me when I spoke to the father, which reminded me of us back when," said Sarceda. "But once again, we all pushed that to the side, did the job, carried and pushed some heavy equipment up and down that ramp."



Photo by Staff Sgt. James Miller

The C-17 and its precious cargo departed for Maryland March 29, with a fuel stop at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. Within 16 and-a-half hours of leaving South Korea, the McFall family finally arrived at Joint Base Andrews, a short drive away from the Walter Reed Medical Center, where long-term neonatal care awaits.

At the helm of the aircraft, Capt. Justin Sato, 204th AS pilot, said he also related to strong family values as the mission was carried out.

"I think for any aeromedical mission we always want to help in any way possible," said Sato. "I try to take it

from a perspective of 'what if that was my family' and that always motivates me to get the job done."

While the fundamental aspects of training missions and real-world missions are more-or-less the same for aircrew, it's moments that impact lives which make it all worthwhile.

"As far as execution goes," said Sarceda, "this mission is no different than any other mission throughout my career; a little more 'chicken-skin,' yes, but we somehow manage to push aside all that, and finish strong. This is our job, zero tolerance for error, and this is what Pueos live for."

**204th Airlift Squadron Airmen, Master Sgt. Brandon Sarceda, Senior Master Sgt. Kale Barney, Maj. Kalei Ho'opai, Capt. Justin Sato, Tech. Sgt. Sean Chang, and a member of the 535th AS, 1st Lt. Andrew Lightsinn, celebrate their arrival at JBPH-H, March 31, after completing a 41-hour aeromedical-evacuation mission.**



Photo by Senior Airman John Linzmeier



# TOP LEADERS JOIN HIANG AIRMEN THROUGHOUT DRILL WEEKENDS



GEN. JOSEPH LENGYEL, CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU AND MEMBER OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, SPENT TIME WITH WING LEADERSHIP, TOURED HIANG WORKSPACES AND SPOKE TO AIRMEN FROM A VARIETY OF CAREER FIELDS FEB. 8. DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD TO HELP AIRMEN BETTER UNDERSTAND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES, PATHS OF PROFESSIONAL GROWTH, GOAL SETTING AND THE FUTURE OF THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD. THE VISIT WAS HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HIANG'S SPACE CONTROL SQUADRON OPEN HOUSE, WHICH PREMIERED INFORMATION ABOUT A NEW UNIT, TO BE ESTABLISHED ON KAUAI ISLAND. AS THE CHIEF OF NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, LENGYEL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING MORE THAN 453,000 ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL ARE ACCESSIBLE, CAPABLE AND READY TO PROTECT THE HOMELAND A PROVIDE COMBAT-READY RESOURCES IN TIMES OF NEED.



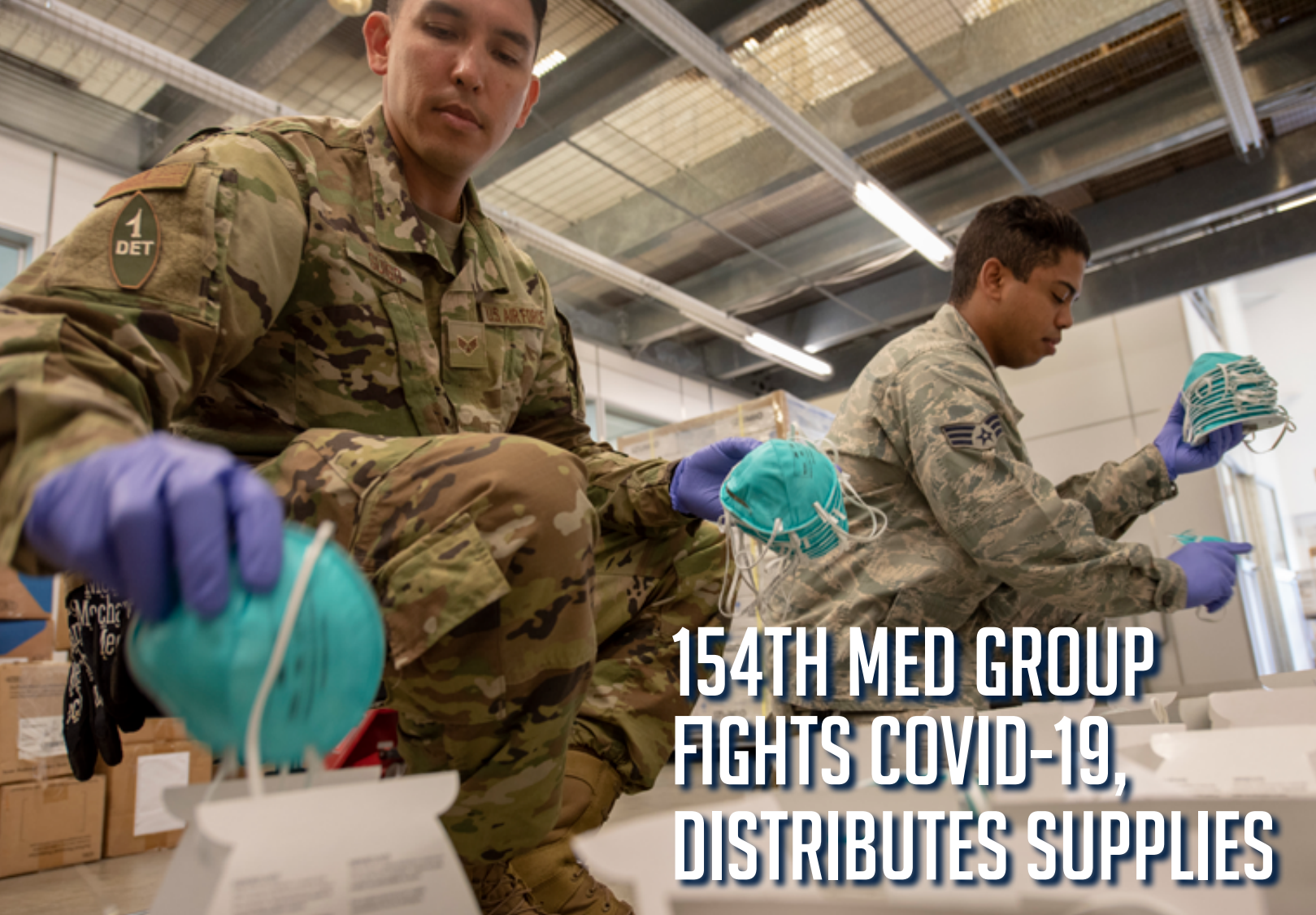
# VICE CHAIRMAN OF JCS WRAPS UP USO TOUR



VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF GEN. JOHN E. HYTEN, SPENT QUALITY TIME WITH SOME OF THE HIANG'S TOP PERFORMING AIRMEN TO BOOST MORALE AND LEARN ABOUT THEIR MISSION SETS MARCH 7. THE VISIT WAS HELD DURING THE INDO-PACIFIC COMMAND'S USO TOUR, WHICH INCLUDED AN ENTOURAGE OF PROFESSIONAL ENTERTAINERS, TO INCLUDED COMEDIANS SCOT ARMSTRONG AND MATT WALSH, ACTOR BRAD MORRIS, COUNTRY MUSIC BAND LOCASH, MMA FIGHTER ILIMA "ILIMANATOR" MACFARLANE AND DJ J. DAYZ. THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF IS THE NATION'S SECOND-HIGHEST-RANKING MILITARY OFFICER, RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEEING JOINT MILITARY REQUIREMENTS, REPRESENTING THE MILITARY IN NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL DEPUTIES MEETINGS, AND PERFORMING OTHER DUTIES AS DIRECTED BY THE CHAIRMAN.

Photos by Senior Airman John Linzmeier





## 154TH MED GROUP FIGHTS COVID-19, DISTRIBUTES SUPPLIES

Senior Airmen Benjamin Suiso and Andrew Tolentino, 154th Medical Group medics inspect and inventory masks prior to distribution to medical organizations across Hawaii, April. 2. Airmen and Soldiers from the Hawaii National Guard have been activated to State Active Duty to assist with Hawaii's COVID-19 response.



Senior Airman Benjamin Suiso and Staff Sgt. Joey Paulino 154th Medical Group medical Airmen explain the mask inspection process to Hawaii Lt. Gov. Josh Green April 2. Green, who was appointed by the Hawaii Governor David Ige to be the health care liaison for the State of Hawaii, was surveying the medical warehouse where Suiso and Paulino were assigned to assist civilian authorities with inspection and distribution of medical supplies.



Staff Sgt. Joey Paulino, 154th Medical Group health services manager passes medical supplies to an awaiting civilian medical representative April 2. Honolulu, Hawaii. Paulino was assisting civilian authorities with the distribution of medical supplies at a Honolulu area medical warehouse.



# HIANG OHANA GATHERS FOR KANIKAPILA REVIVAL

Story By Tech. Sgt. Alison Bruce-Maldonado

*The Hawaii Air National Guard kicked off its Kanikapila Revival event at Hangar 13, March 7. More than 100 Airmen enjoyed food and beverages, provided by senior leaders as they celebrated at the end of the Saturday duty day.*

*The 154 Operations Support Squadron and 203rd Air Refueling Squadron volunteered to set-up and host the event at the hangar.*

*"Big mahalo to everyone who helped kickoff our Kanikapila Revival," said Col. James S. Shigekane, 154th Wing vice commander. "This will be the start of what we hope will be a regular practice on drill weekends."*

*Kanikapila literally defined, kani means sound and pila means any stringed musical instrument or to play music. Uniformly, it simply means to gather together and play music.*

*"It was apparent that everyone was having a great time," said Shigekane, "and it was so great to see everyone celebrating who we are as a culture, as a unit and as 'Ohana!"*

*Wing leadership spearheaded having the revival in the hopes that participants would see this as a chance to celebrate the HIANG's rich heritage, culture, and most importantly, each other. The event was held to celebrate why Airmen serve, why they succeed, and why they excel at their unique mission sets.*

*The eventual plan is to rotate the celebration from unit to unit in the future, with hopes of encouraging more units to hold similar events.*

*"Our greatest strength lies in the bonds we form between us," said Shigekane. "The most beautiful attributes of Hawaii lie in our people, our culture, and our aloha."*





# GROUP ENLISTMENT A HIGHLIGHT DURING ACET CONFERENCE

By Senior Airman Orlando Corpuz

“I, do solemnly swear, that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the State of Hawaii.”

The phrase, part of the Oath of Enlistment, is a common occurrence as individuals utter the words that represent the beginning of military service in the Hawaii Air National Guard and the United States Air Force.

What’s not so common, is the oath being done en masse, a group enlistment of sorts. Where more than one individual speaks those solemn words of commitment to nation and state...at the same time.

One such group enlistment occurred on Jan. 31, as seven recruits took the first steps in officially becoming Airmen in the Hawaii Air National Guard.

Col. James Shigekane, 154th Wing vice commander administered the group Oath of Enlistment as part of the HIANG’s participation in the Hawaii Association for Career and Technology Education [Hawaii ACTE] Conference held Jan. 30-31 at the Hawaii Convention Center.

“This particular group of new Airmen was diverse, they were of all ages, some straight from high school, some with college educations, some with established careers,” Shigekane said. “What they all had in common was their desire to be part of something larger than themselves, a desire to



**Col. James Shigekane 154th Wing vice commander administers the Oath of Enlistment to a group of new recruits during the Hawaii Association for Career and Technical Education conference, Jan. 31. The group enlistment was a highlight of the HIANG’s participation in the Hawaii Association for Career and Technical Education Conference which seeks to match employers with prospects seeking out highly technical and high-demand careers.**

defend our nation, and a desire to serve our state as citizen airmen in a new, challenging, and vital capacity.”

Hawaii ACTE is the Hawaii state chapter of the Association for Career and Technical Education and is the primary professional association for those involved in career and technical education. Part of Hawaii ACTE’s goal is to prepare youth and adults for high-skilled, high-demand careers and connect them with the employers searching for them.

Participation in the conference was led by the HIANG recruiting team which aimed to get the word out on the benefits of joining the Hawaii Air National Guard.

“The goal was to provide and network with major University of Hawaii and Department of Education educational influencers (teachers, counselors, administrators) in the technical trades,” said Tech. Sgt. Christopher Fredeluces Hawaii Air National Guard recruiter. “We participate in these types of events to promote and provide awareness of the HIANG mission and function to the community and public and to develop networking and relations with direct influencers in order to locate and recruit highly qualified applicants to provide continuous and essential manning for the HIANG.”

This year’s conference was the second straight year the HIANG has participated in the event and marked its first as a gold sponsor, enabling it to have a higher degree of interaction with conference participants.

“Being a gold sponsor signifies the importance the HIANG places in partnering with the Hawaii ACTE and with what they do concerning the education they provide to our local students.” Fredeluces said.

HIANG recruiters manned booths interacting with members of business and industry while guest speakers such as husband and wife duo from the HIANG gave presentations to conference participants.

For Shigekane, the participation in the conference was all about family.

“Ohana unites us, supports us, motivates us, inspires us, and loves us,” Shigekane said. “Ohana is central to our culture, it is central to our society, and it is the most important part of who we are as individuals as well as together as a cohesive team. It’s a huge factor of why I joined the HIANG and I hope this group of new recruits feel or come to feel the same way.”

Photo by Senior Airman John Linzmeier



**March 8, marked a special occasion for Command Chief Master Sgt. Carol Orr, 154th Wing Command chief, and Chief Master Sgt. Lei Moniz, Wing Control Center superintendent, who re-enlisted together, under the officiation of their wing commander, Brig. Gen. Dann S. Carlson.**





## TOP PERFORMERS RECOGNIZED AT LAUNA'OLE AWARDS

More than one thousand Airmen cheered and clapped as they watched their fellow Airmen being recognized during the Hawaii Air National Guard's 2019 Launa'ole Award ceremony March 9, at Club Pearl on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

During the opening remarks, Col. Dann S. Carlson (now Brig. Gen.), 154th Wing commander, congratulated all of the nominees for their accomplishments. As the new wing commander, Carlson also spoke on his appreciation of the wing-at-large.

While the best-of-the-best HIANG award nominees sat among an enthusiastic crowd of military dignitaries, family and friends,

fellow Airmen clamored to show support and congratulate the winners for their exceptional achievements over the past year.

Of note, the perpetual Kaleo Nui Award, Kaleo Nui means "the loud voice," was presented to the unit which demonstrated the most spirit at the event for the second year-in-a-row, the 154th Medical Squadron. Congratulations to our medical personnel for a great job!

The Launa'ole Award ceremony has been held annually for the past 44 years and was officially renamed to Launa'ole in 2001, meaning "beyond comparison" or "without peer."

Photos by Senior Airman John Linzmeier and Master Sgt. Mysti Bicoy



# TEAM AWARD WINNERS







# INDIVIDUAL AWARD WINNERS





# HAWAIIAN RAPTORS REPRESENT USAF AT SINGAPORE AIR SHOW



Maintainers from the 154th Maintenance Group service an F-22 Raptor during the Singapore Airshow 2020

Photos by 2nd Lt. Sam Eckholm



Story by 154th Wing Public Affairs

The Hawaiian Raptors participated in Asia's largest aviation event Feb. 11-16, during the Singapore Airshow.

The occasion marked the second time F-22 Raptors had been displayed at the location and first time both U.S. stealth fighters were presented together, to include F-35B Lightning II's from the Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 121.

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam airframes, normally operated by the 199th and 19th Fighter Squadrons, were flown by the F-22 Demo Team, which joined a contingent of other service members from the Pacific Air Forces Command. The demo team typically uses jets from the closest F-22 squadron in relation to the shows they are attending, a concept known as "Raptor Nation."

"It takes a team to make events like these happen, and we are excited to work alongside the men and women from Hawaii to safely execute the mission," said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Emanuel Knowlton, F-22 Demo Team superintendent.

While the gravity-defying aerial maneuvers were likely the

most memorable parts of the Raptor demonstration, the show also served as an opportunity to enhance our international partnerships with the dozens of countries who were also represented at the show.

For U.S. Air Force Maj. Josh Gunderson, the Singapore Airshow was the first time he flew the demonstration profile as pilot and commander of the F-22 Demo Team. "It's an absolute honor to kick off our 2020 season in such a spectacular location, and we are humbled to be a part of an event that showcases the strong partnership between the United States and Singapore," Gunderson said.

*A U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III sits at the static display area during the Singapore Airshow 2020 near the Changi Exhibition Center, Feb. 11. The Singapore Airshow is an opportunity for the U.S. to demonstrate combat capabilities through static displays and aerial demonstrations.*

*A total force aircrew from the C-17 Demo team and Hawaii Air National Guard gather during the first day of the Singapore Airshow, Feb. 11.*







# HIGH SCHOOL 'EXPLORERS' LEARN ABOUT HIANG CAREERS

*High school students gather around a KC-135 Stratotanker from the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron during a flightline tour.*

*High-school students from around the island received a flight line tour March 10, as part of the Ka Ho'okele "The Navigator" Explorers Program. Fighter, tanker and airlift pilots and aircrew members hosted static displays of JBPH-H's heavy aircraft, the KC-135 Stratotanker and the C-17 Globemaster III. The annual mentorship program provides hands-on learning about aspects of the aviation industry. Each week, students get the opportunity to learn about different career paths they can pursue, such as aircraft maintenance, avionics, sheet-metal, air-traffic control, piloting and virtually every aspect of the commercial airline industry. The course is crafted to provide students with career opportunities, leadership experience, life skills, character education and a means to give back to their community. The result is a program of real-world aviation-centric career experiences that help youth grow, develop and make a decision on whether they are a fit for a career in aviation.*



*High school students learn about the HIANG mission during a welcome briefing, hosted by the 199th Fighter Squadron.*



*Tech. Sgt. Makaio Roberts, 204th Airlift Squadron loadmaster speaks to high school students inside a C-17 Globemaster III.*

## AIRMEN SHARE EXPERIENCE DURING CAREER DAY



*An F-22 Raptor pilot answers air refueling questions for high school students while underneath a KC-135 Stratotanker.*

Photos by Senior Airman John Linzmeier

*Hawaii Air National Guard photojournalists visited Kaimiloa Elementary School March 13, to share their career experience with students throughout the morning periods. Airmen discussed the values of journalism in the military, answered questions about their lifestyles and provided hands-on demonstrations with camera equipment.*





# SENTRY ALOHA 20-1 BRINGS BACK FIGHTER INTEGRATION

Story by 154th Wing Public Affairs



More than 1000 personnel from the U.S. Air Force's active, national guard and reserve components participated in the decade's first Sentry Aloha exercise Jan. 8-22, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The air-to-air combat exercise, designated as Sentry Aloha 20-1, is hosted by the Hawaii Air National Guard and designed to train Airmen from around the country in a joint and interoperable venue on a large scale.

By incorporating more than 35 aircraft, the participating units demonstrated their abilities to equip, launch, engage, refuel and monitor warfighters within the training airspace. California Air National Guard F-15 Eagles from the 194th Fighter Squadron teamed up with the local 'Hawaiian Raptors,' a total-force unit comprised of the HIANG's 199th FS and active duty's 19th FS, in a series of training sorties.

Together, they practiced combat scenarios against this iteration's 'aggressors,' the F-16 Fighting Falcons from the 18th Aggressor Squadron, based out of Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska.

"When you put Eagles and Raptors together in air-to-air combat, we basically build on each



Photos by Senior Airman John Linzmeier



other's strength," said Lt. Col. Pete Weidner, 144th Fighter Wing alert commander, "and it's more than one plus one equaling two - it's more like one plus one equals five."

The 128th Air Refueling Wing's KC-135 Stratotankers from General Mitchell ANG Base, Wisconsin, also provided a pivotal, war-fighting role. Tanker aircraft provided in-air refueling to all three fighter jets.

As pilots performed battle tactics, command information was channeled through an E-3 Sentry, which monitored aircraft activity within the battlespace. The airborne warning and control aircraft is operated by aircrew from the 960th and 970th Airborne Air Control Squadrons, from Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

Flying squadrons rely on mass-training opportunities such as Sentry Aloha to test and improve warfighting-skills with partnered units to ensure air superiority in any possible conflict. Mission planners consider every-possible variable when designing exercise details to include transportation, logistics, maintenance, weather, scheduling, health requirements, fighter capabilities and more.

"Sentry Aloha provides a unique opportunity for 'fourth-gen' units that are deploying in to JBPH-H in that they're able to operate in '5th gen' fighter integration with the

F-22 Raptors," said Lt. Col. Matthew Ohman, Sentry Aloha exercise director.

"Fighter integration in dissimilar air combat, simply put, is when they operate together and are on the same team that synergistically they achieve better results than alone."

While the primary goal of Sentry Aloha is to develop proficiencies of fighter pilots, the professional development of Airmen of every level is necessary in order for the exercise to become a complete success.

Airman 1st Class Nate Johnsen, a maintainer from the 128th ARW, discovered how the exercise environment provides more experienthanjustisdrillweekends.

"I'm a traditional guardsman back home," said Johnsen, "so being out here in a deployment situation is more interesting because you have one or two [Stratotankers] going out every day."

With a seemingly-endless body of water surrounding Hawaii, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam has been deemed an optimal training location due to its unique geography and expansive base resources.

"The location has perfect weather for flying, in excess of 300 days a year," said Weidner. "That, and frankly, it's a desirable location for the troops to come out here. You get great training."





# STEALTH AIRPOWER MULTIPLIED IN PACIFIC RAPTOR

By Senior Airman John Linzmeier

More than 600 U.S. Air Force guardsmen, reservists and active duty Airmen completed a new fighter exercise Feb. 7, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, featuring the integration of the world’s most advanced, fifth-generation airframes. This first iteration of Pacific Raptor began on Jan. 23, and entailed twice-daily takeoffs of F-22 Raptors and F-35A Lightning IIs, followed by F-16 Fighting Falcons, which took on the notional role as adversaries during each training mission.

Designated as Pacific Raptor 20-1, the exercise’s training activities focused on simulating air-to-air and air-to-surface combat sorties.

“The most exciting and beneficial parts of Pacific Raptor were the ability to integrate with the F-22 and train to an advanced threat, replicated by F-16s,” said Maj. Justin Miller, 63rd Fighter Squadron pilot and exercise planner. “It was a fantastic opportunity to add multiple layers of complexity and degraded operations to our training and work to bring together ‘fifth-gen’ fighter assets to solve an advanced tactical problem.”

The F-16 aviators, also called ‘Aggressors’ from the 18th Aggressor Squadron, based out of Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, prepare pilots to face a variety of new combat scenarios. Not only do they specialize in emulating tactics which are likely to be faced in a real battle space, but their aircraft set apart by a coat of foreign-styled paint schemes. While Hawaii-based Raptor pilots, comprised of Air National Guard and active duty Airmen from the 199th and 19th Fighter Squadrons, normally train alongside other more traditional airframes, this is the first time they combined their capabilities with other Air Force stealth fighters while on island.

“We designed the exercise so that everyone will walk away with a better understanding of the way their mission-design-series (fifth generation aircraft) will integrate and complement the other,” said Miller, “as well as a common understanding of tactics, limitations and advantages of our respective platforms.”

Similar to the Hawaiian Raptors, the F-35As, assigned to Luke AFB, Ariz., are maintained and operated by total-force Airmen, to include reservists from the 944th Fighter Wing



In-flight photos by Master Sgt. Mark Sindiong



and active duty Airmen from the 56th FW. All participating fighter airframes received in-air refueling from KC-135 Stratotankers from the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron to help pilots achieve critical training objectives. Replenishing fuel while flying is a fundamental necessity for fighter aircraft, as it extends range and flying time indefinitely. Throughout the training, the 169th Air Defense Squadron provided additional layers of planning, tactics and command and control. Battle managers in the ADS have a unique capability to monitor the air space around the Hawaiian islands at all times, helping to shed shed light within the designated battle space. At a moment’s notice, they can relay all available information to an on-scene commander and

channel orders to pilots in the air. Pacific Raptor is designed to build off the pre-established momentum and infrastructure of a similar and long-standing exercise, Sentry Aloha, which concluded one week before Pacific Raptor began. By scheduling Pacific Raptor directly after Sentry Aloha, mission planners reduced travel and logistics expenses while maximizing progress toward annual training requirements. Unlike the Sentry Aloha, which has been led by the Hawaii Air National Guard’s 154th Wing, Pacific Raptor is planned and carried out by representatives from each participating fighter squadron.







# Legal Matters

## Planning for Death & Taxes

By Maj. Michael Cashman, 154th Wing Legal Office  
Deputy Staff Judge Advocate

With the tax season upon us, what could be a more appropriate time revisit your estate plan? Still today, when we hear the term “estate plan” many think of those folks seen on the vintage TV show, Robin Leach’s “Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous” (alright millennials, google it). Not so much anymore.

A well-coordinated estate plan permits use and enjoyment of your property during your lifetime and then passes the property to your chosen beneficiaries in the manner you wish, with the least amount of cost and time. You may find yourself asking “does it costs money to give my property to who I wish after I pass?” Yes, ‘fraid so. Sometimes lots of it. If you pass without an estate plan, you still get one; but it is one written by the government. Do I have your attention now?

Four Basic Estate-Planning Documents Everyone Needs:

### 1. Last Will and Testament and Revocable Living Trust

Regardless of your financial situation, marital status, and family situation, you should have a will. A will is the basic estate planning tool that ensures your

property is distributed to the individuals or organizations you choose after your death. Will substitutes (i.e. nonprobate assets) are often used to supplement the will, take advantage of tax laws, and ensure liquidity at the testator’s death. Examples of nonprobate transfers include property passing by beneficiary designation such as insurance, property owned jointly with the right of survivorship, gifts, and trusts. Without a will, the laws in the state in which you are a resident will make these decisions for you. It also means a lengthy and protracted probate process.

#### *What is Probate?*

Probate refers to a type of state court. Just as criminal courts deal with criminal matters and civil courts deal with civil matters, probate courts deal with matters of the estate. In some states these courts are combined. In others they are separated. The probate process transfers title in property from the decedent to his or her heirs and beneficiaries. The probating of a will permits a court to supervise the transfer of assets from the decedent to her heirs. Besides transferring the title to property, the probate



**The 154th Wing  
Legal Office offers free  
services, to HIANG  
beneficiaries, to include  
Wills, Trusts, Power of  
Attorneys and more.**

**For more information  
or to set up an  
appointment, call (808)  
789-0416**

process is also used to notify creditors of the death of the decedent and require them to submit claims against the estate within a certain period of time; provide for the filing of final tax returns, and to qualify guardians and fiduciaries.

Keep in mind, however, that a will alone cannot keep your property out of probate court following your death. Nor does a will offer the best protection for you and your assets if you’re incapacitated. If you have substantial assets, including real property, you will likely need to execute a revocable trust to protect your heirs from costly probate proceedings and to ensure that minor beneficiaries, and other beneficiaries with special needs, inherit your assets in a trust to best protect their well-being.

### 2. Financial Power of Attorney

A durable power of attorney appoints an individual to act as your agent regarding financial matters and is important to have if you are ever incapacitated or otherwise unable to access your own funds. Your agent has the authority to transact business in your name, including but not limited to selling/purchasing property, opening/closing financial accounts, making investment decisions, filing/settling lawsuits, and entering contracts. A power of attorney can be crafted based upon your needs. It can be general, providing wide powers; or limited to a special need, such as signing for household goods. It can take effect immediately; or springing, taking effect upon the occurrence of some preconditioned event, like incapacity.

### 3. Beneficiary Designations

Some assets do not pass into your trust or probate estate. Examples of assets that are typically not probated or transferred into your trust include life insurance policies, most retirement accounts, and some investment or financial accounts. Likewise, the state of Hawai’i has special laws that allow you to avoid probate by designating certain property to transfer upon your death. You must, however, designate a beneficiary to inherit the property before you pass. Failing to

designate a beneficiary typically means your estate receives the asset to distribute according to your will or the state’s intestate laws, which may be contrary to your wishes and may have adverse tax effects.

### 4. Living Will: Advance Health Care Directive or Medical Power of Attorney

An advance health care directive or medical power of attorney gives an individual the authority to make medical decisions for you if you are unable to do so yourself. A medical power of attorney prevents the court from making health care decisions for you or choosing someone whom you may not agree with to make these decisions for you.

These documents, sometimes called a “living will,” also deal specifically with end-of-life and life-sustaining medical procedures and treatment. For instance, if you do not wish to have a feeding tube inserted if you are terminally ill, you can direct your doctors not to do so in a living will or medical directive. You can also name someone to carry out your wishes regarding life-sustaining care. These documents can remove a substantial amount of stress off your family’s shoulders as they try to decide whether to “pull the plug.” If you’ve executed a health care directive, they do not need to guess whether you want life-sustaining medical care or not.

This article was not designed to provide legal advice, but merely as a primer of the topic. A comprehensive estate plan also ensures your loved ones are taken care of and account for possible incapacity or disability. Think of estate planning as a final element of your retirement plan.

For Hawaii Air National Guard beneficiaries seeking for more information, please contact the 154th Wing Legal Office and set up an appointment, or if you have many members of your unit with questions, contact your chain of command and ask our office to provide a more comprehensive brief during your next commander’s call.