



SPECIAL EDITION

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ANNIVERSARY

CONTINUING A PROUD LEGACY

Our 75th Anniversary of the Hawaii Air National Guard provides us all a chance to honor our past and reflect on how far we have come. Our organization has grown into one of the largest and most diverse family of units in the Air National Guard. We have undergone numerous changes in weapons systems, personnel, and structure – much more than anyone could have imagined 75 years ago.

In just the last 25 years, the Hawaii Air National Guard has helped pioneer Total Force Integration when we gave up our C-130 Hercules for new C-17 Globemasters and formed the first Air National Guard associate unit in the United States Air Force. Later, when we gave up our F-15 Eagles, we used our expertise in Air Defense and Total Force Integration to transform older F-22s into the most capable F-22 squadron available.

Today we look back and see our proud history in air defense, combat communications, sector defense and air battle management, air operations, air traffic control, intelligence, domestic response operations at home and traditional global reach, global lift, and global strike operations all over the world. With all that in view, we can see an organization more capable to project and sustain combat air power than most countries. And those capabilities have been used in Hawaii to protect and defend its citizens from every natural or man-made disaster in the last 75 years.

Today's Hawaii Air National Guard owes its successes to the people before us who set a benchmark of excellence and established the proud legacy we now carry forward. Our units

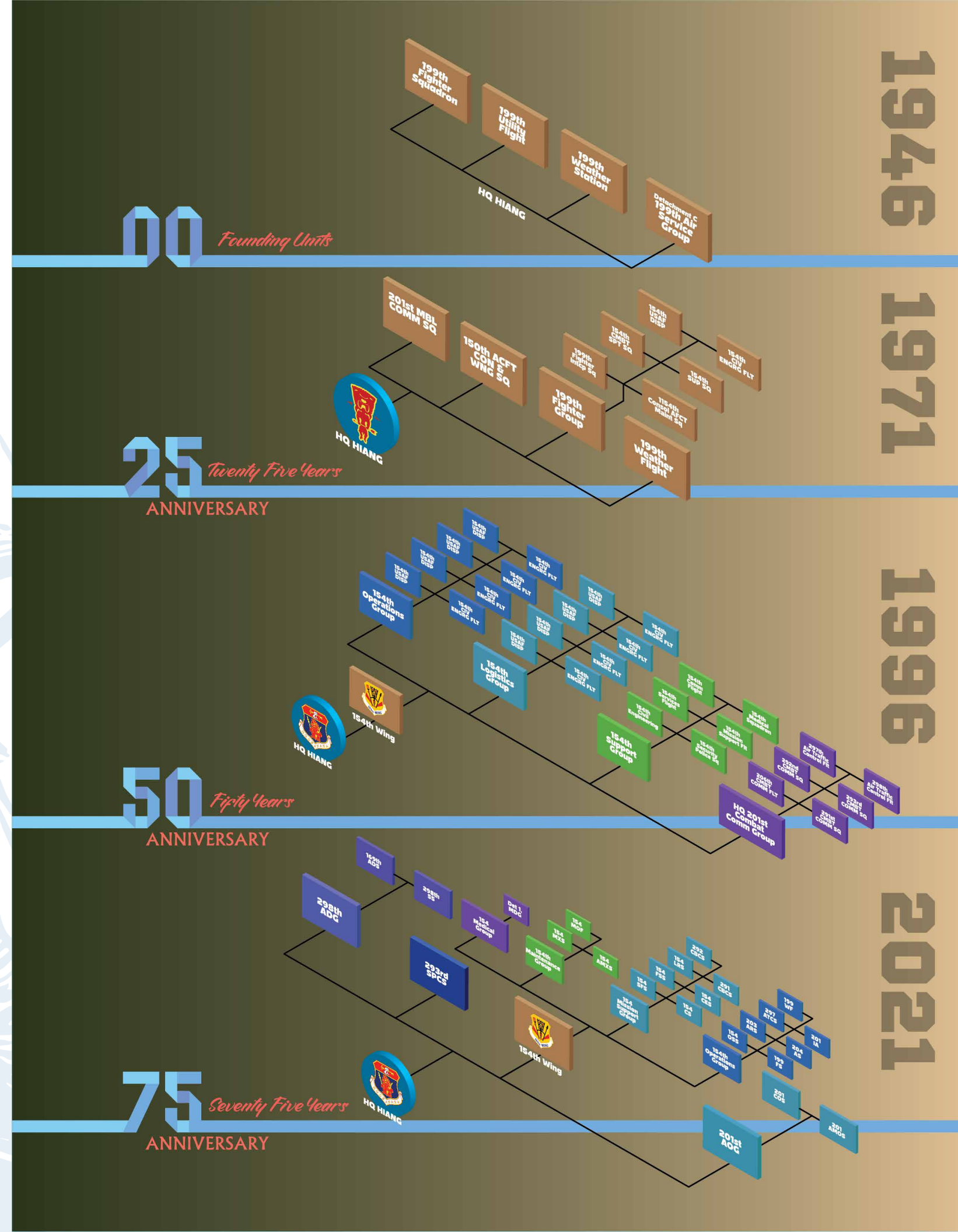
have participated in every United States Air Force contingency operation for the past 25 years. Today our diverse Airmen are serving honorably and courageously wherever called. They stand ready to fulfill our obligations to our state and nation in the Pacific and throughout the world.

All of you have shaped and molded the Hawaii Air National Guard into what we are today. New missions are starting in Space Electronic Warfare, Cyber Defense, Explosive Ordinance Disposal and more new missions are coming. We continue to grow and evolve to be ready to provide whatever our state and nation need us to provide from our very special and important location.

Be proud of those before us and what we have inherited from them. Be proud of what you have all contributed to the Hawaii Air National Guard. The past, the present, and the future starts and ends with each and every one of you, your families and the many friends of the entire HIANG 'Ohana.



Brig. Gen. Joseph R. Harris II
Commander, Hawaii Air National Guard



LOOKING FORWARD

The Hawaii Air National Guard's (HIANG) culture is rooted in our heritage to protect and defend Hawaii against enemies. Seventy-five years ago, before the founding of the United States Air Force, the HIANG was born out of a small militia of state volunteers who operated out of Belows Air Field. Since then, our membership has grown tenfold and we've participated in all wars and major contingency operations. We've operated 11 airframes, including transitioning from the first generation P-47 Thunderbolt fighter to our current fifth generation fighter, the F-22 Raptor. We've also expanded our capacity from a force comprised of 100% Guardsmen to a Total Force Enterprise working along-side our Active Duty counterparts in our daily operations.

We stand ready to mitigate disasters and to deter threats and aggression, ensuring the stability of our state, nation, allies, and partners. From our four founding units of the 199th Fighter Squadron, Utility Flight, Weather Flight, and Air Services Group, the 154th Wing has grown to four Groups, 15 Squadrons, and two Flights. We are now one of the largest and most complex Wings in the Air National Guard. In recent years, our accomplishments include but are not limited to:

- Mitigating the effects of a global pandemic to ensure the health and safety of our Airmen and our community.
- Winning the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, which highlights how our commitment to our values translates to excellence and flawless execution of our mission.
- Securing democracy at the U.S. Capitol after the January 6, 2021 insurrection.
- Serving in overseas contingency operations that support our allies, responding to natural disasters.

-Strengthening partnerships with our Active Duty counterparts, multiple levels of government, international allies, and our local community.

-Spearheading the development of the ever changing way in which we must operate in the future through Agile Combat Employment (ACE).

As we look toward the future of our force, we are confident that our Airmen will continue to carry on our proud traditions and culture, and perpetuate our legacy of honor as we evolve and grow. For the first time, we have an enlisted corps lead by all female leaders, which emphasizes that our diversity makes us a stronger, more unified and unrivaled force. Our new alert facility is a shining example that provides a solid foundation to continue our 24/7 alert mission as we face new challenges in a constantly changing world.

Our 'ohana is the bedrock foundation from which we gain strength to carry forward and support our mission now and into the future. We will continue to train and be mission ready for the next fight. I have no doubt that our present and future generations will continue the legacy of the Hawaii Air National Guard.



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



154TH WING



Today, the **154th Wing** stands as the largest and most complex Wing within the Air National Guard. While most of its home-based operations are carried out within a 180-acre complex, it manages to generate more airlift, tanker and fighter airpower than the arsenals of entire nations. In collaboration with additional HIANG units, members of the 154th Wing are charged to patrol the skies within the world's largest area of responsibility, provide state-wide disaster relief to the most remote of populations, and answer the nation's call throughout global conflict and peacetime operations.

With the 154th Wing's headquarters located at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, its mission is to generate quality air power, at home and while deployed. Comprised of nearly 1,900 full-time and part-time Airmen, it is the largest HIANG organization, consisting of a headquarters element, four groups, 15 Squadrons, and two flights.

The 154th Wing was initially formed as the 154th Fighter Group on Dec. 1, 1960, fourteen years after the HIANG received its federal recognition. The six original units that comprised the Fighter Group were the 154th Fighter Group, the 154th Air Base Squadron, the 154th Materiel Squadron, the 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, the 154th USAF Dispensary, and one of the original HIANG units, the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron.

The current **154th Wing Staff Agency** provides the Wing with various support functions, to include the Wing Administration, Advanced Program Office, Wing Control Center, Inspector General, Information Protection, Judge Advocate, Manpower and Organization, Plans and Programs, Public Affairs, Religious Services, Safety, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, and a Comptroller Flight. It also includes a longstanding air-combat exercise program known as Sentry Aloha, which hosts large-scale training events alongside Total-Force, Joint and Bilateral partners from all over the globe.



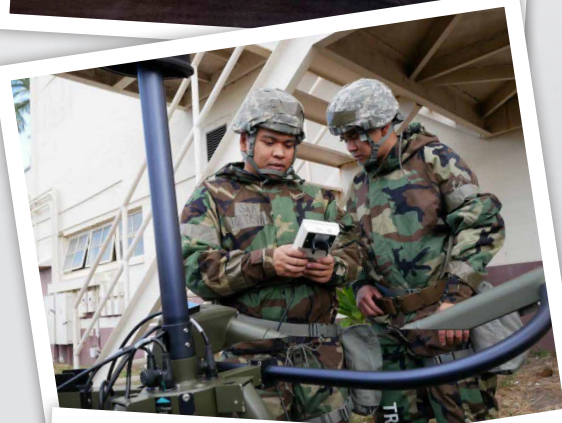


MISSION STATEMENT:

Provide organized, trained units to protect Hawaii's citizens and property, preserve peace, and ensure public safety in response to natural or human-caused disasters. Provide operationally ready combat units, combat support units, and qualified personnel for active duty in U.S. Air Force in time of war, national emergency, or operational contingency.



154TH OPERATIONS GROUP



The 154th Operations Group provides command and staff supervision for seven operational squadrons in support of combat readiness. Its unique set of fighter, tanker and airlift capabilities are regularly called upon to enhance total-theater air mobility and provide for homeland defense support. In times of natural disasters and operational emergencies, 154th OG platforms have saved lives through aeromedical evacuation, rapid delivery of humanitarian relief packages, pandemic dispatch of vaccines and support personnel, and mass evacuation for populations impacted by destructive forces.

203rd Air Refueling Squadron: The Squadron has operated KC-135R Stratotankers since 1993, which provide in-theater air-to-air refueling resources for Pacific Air Force and enhance worldwide deployment to augment other theaters of operations. For the past 11 years, the 203rd ARS 'Hoku Tails' have continuously sustained one-two taskable KC-135s for PACAF, flown tens of thousands of hours, and offloaded millions of pounds of fuel to ensure INDOPACOM power projection.

204th Airlift Squadron: The Squadron flies C-17 Globemaster IIIs, renowned as the world's most versatile airlift platform. The 204th AS 'Pueos' routinely fly with active-duty partners in a Total-Force capacity, operating as an associate unit with the 15th Wing's 535th Airlift Squadron. In 2021, the 204th AS expanded its mission set to offer rescue capabilities for NASA's Commercial Crew Program, providing contingency and standby rescue packages for manned-space flight throughout the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.



August 25, 2010: The last F-15 training sortie, marking the end of an era for the 199th FS, 22 years of Eagle flying.

July 9, 2010: F-22 arrival ceremony for the first F-22 newly assigned to the 199FS to arrive at JBPHH.

2010 - Present: Yearly tanker deployments supported to Al Udeid AB, Qatar and Andersen AFB, Guam in direct support of multiple contingency operations.

August 20, 2014: Dedication Ceremony for the "Daniel K. Inouye Fighter Squadron Operations and Aircraft Maintenance Facility." A C-17, tail # 5147, was dedicated to the deceased Senator Daniel Inouye. It has been named 'Spirit of Daniel Inouye.'"

2019: Additional Raptors from Tyndall Air Force Base Arrive at JBPH-H, growing the Hawaiian Raptor Fleet.

2021: Tanker and Airlift assets support Operation Capital Response with 24-48 hours' notice on three separate occasions. Seven jets and 35 aircrew respond.

July 2021: 204th AS employs rescue mission set during NASA's first manned launch within the Commercial Crewed Program. Pueos deliver ongoing contingency support for human space travel, posturing rescue packages throughout world's largest bodies of water.





199th Fighter Squadron: As one of the HIANG's original units that was activated 75 years ago, the 199th FS now operates the newest aircraft within the HIANG's inventory, delivering the world's most advanced fifth-generation air superiority aircraft – the F-22A Raptor. The squadron is an active associate unit, with active-duty partners from 19th Fighter Squadron. Together, as the 'Hawaiian Raptors,' total-force aviators remain on-call and ready to respond on a 24/7 basis. Through this unique alert mission, the Hawaiian Raptors have been able to deter, intercept and neutralize any aircraft that poses a threat to the State of Hawaii.

201st Intelligence Squadron: Provides prompt, precise intelligence enabling warfighters to safely engage and achieve global objectives. The 201st processes and analyzes raw electronic intelligence data, and prepares both operational and technical electronic intelligences reports and studies.



154TH OPERATIONS GROUP

297th Air Traffic Control Squadron: A geographically separated unit which operates out of Haleakala Airport. Its ATC mission provides rapid deployment, operation, and maintenance of Air Traffic Control and landing systems to ensure safe, efficient flying operations in both deployed and non-deployed environments.

154th Operations Support Squadron: Supports all elements of flying operations, offering vast knowledge in the areas of weapons and tactics, plans, ground command and control systems. OSS Airmen are vital to the success and fulfillment of all prescribed flying missions.

199th Weather Flight: A foundational unit that has served the HIANG since 1947. 199th Weather Flight extends its weather forecasting capabilities to joint partners in the Hawaii Army National Guard's 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. Their predictions determine when command will launch recovery and relief efforts.





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154TH MAINTENANCE GROUP



154th Maintenance Group: Responsible for ensuring combat ready F-22A Raptor, KC-135R Stratotanker, and C-17A Globemaster III aircraft are available to the combatant commanders in support of air superiority, global strike, and rapid global mobility missions.

154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron: Provide aircraft launch, recovery, loading, and sustaining capabilities for more than 40 airlift, tanker and fighter aircraft in support of INDOPACOM and national security objectives. The unit also provides 24/7 Operation Noble Eagle support in defense of the Air Force's largest area of responsibility.

154th Maintenance Operations Flight: Provides administration, analysis, training, and programs and resources necessary to support the Maintenance Group's production effort. MOF Airmen monitor and develop long-range strategies of fleet management, ensure effective utilization of available resources, and optimize support to aircraft requirements and operational events. They also provide effective fleet management resulting in consistent availability of quality aircraft to meet operational requirements.

154th Maintenance Squadron: Provide support to the 154th Wing in meeting all of its operational requirements. Providing quality maintenance service for the 199th Fighter Squadron, 19th Fighter Squadron; 203rd Air Refueling Squadron; 204th Airlift Squadron, 535th Airlift Squadron; and the 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. The Maintenance Squadron is a total integrated force providing combat ready Airmen, equipment, and organizational support, enabling mission ready aircraft for contingency and peacetime operations throughout the Pacific and other USTRANSCOM AOR's.



2006: Hickam's first C-17 Globemaster III, delivered 27,000 pounds of recovery equipment to Kauai, after a dam collapsed, isolating thousands of residents and tourist along the island's north shore.

2009 - Present: F-22 movements to Al Dafrah AB, UAE, Gwang-ju AB, South Korea, Iwakuni AB, Japan, Andersen AFB, Guam, Tyndall AFB, FL, Savannah, GA, JBER, AK, Nellis AFB, NV, and Hill AFB, UT.

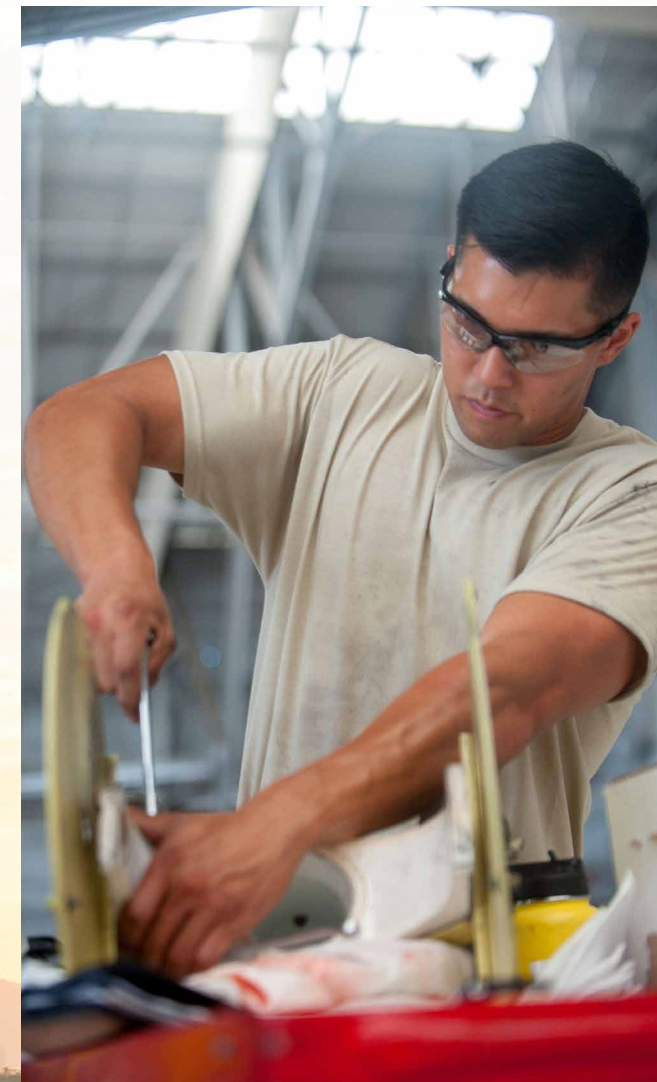
2010 - 2015: Supported Operations Enduring Freedom, Kyrgyzstan/Turkey, Neptune Falcon, Ariz., Inherent Resolve, UAE, Noble Eagle, Team Spirit.

2010-2016: AEF deployment of KC-135 aircraft and personnel to Al Udiad AB, Qatar.

2014: 154th MXG participates in first Agile Combat Employment movement at Wake Island.

2021: KC-135 Block 45 Aircraft Modification implemented, modernizing fleet of Tanker aircraft.

2021: KC-135 Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures (LAIRCM) installs.





MISSION STATEMENT:

The 154th Maintenance Group is responsible for generating and sustaining combat airpower across three weapons systems, the F-22 Raptor, the KC-135 Stratotanker, and the C-17 Globemaster. The 154th Maintenance Group is also responsible for providing combat ready Airmen, aircraft, and equipment in support of various state and federal missions.



154TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP



154th Mission Support Group: Provides world-class peacetime and wartime mission support for the 154th Wing and the total joint force through logistics, engineering, base/deployable communications, security, contracting, personnel support and services.



154th Logistics Readiness Squadron: Ensures HIANG Airmen receive mission essential logistics support at home and are equipped to support abroad contingencies. It provides for home station operations, and offers fuel, transport, operations to sustain mission-critical sortie generation. Vehicle operations specialists were called upon to provide the transportation needs of thousands of activated Airmen and Soldiers throughout the recent Operation Capitol Response.



154th Civil Engineer Squadron: Provides a wide range of base rapid repair and construction services to a forward operating base. It also programs, plans, and executes the maintenance of all HIANG facilities. The Squadron recently helped to beddown mission assurance to critical 154th Wing facilities through the integration of renewable energy resources and oversaw the construction of the HIANG Detachment 1 Facilities in Kauai. Now CE Airmen are working to stand up the first Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit in support of HIANG assigned aircraft.

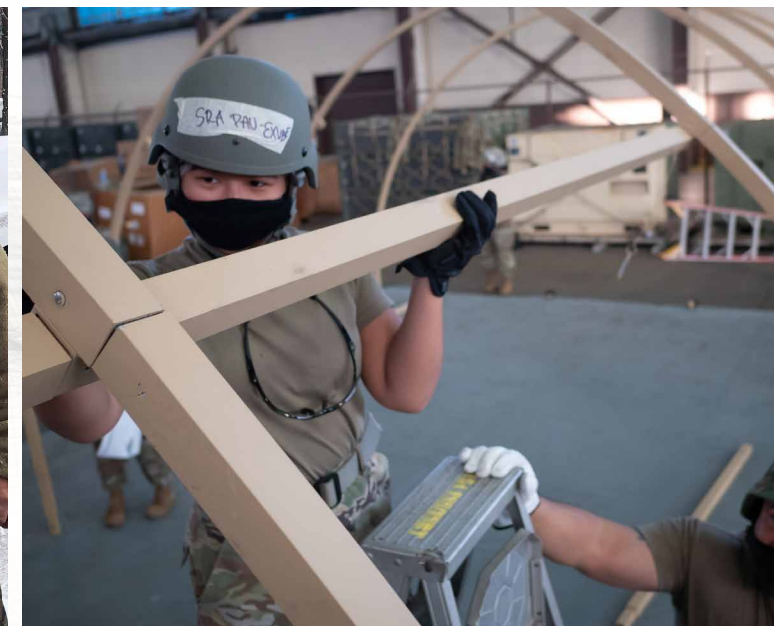


2011: CES Executed over \$300M worth of construction to beddown the F-22s starting in 2011 and Space Control Detachment in Kauai.

Services Airmen increased feeding operations capacity by 40 percent, validated Disaster Response Mobile Kitchen Trailer.

2021: Combat communications Airmen participated in Gema Bhakti, a joint, bilateral exercise promoting positive military relations and increased cultural awareness with partnering countries in the USINDOPACOM region.

2022: 154th CES stands up the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight in support of HIANG assigned aircraft.





154TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP



154th Security Forces Squadron: All 154th SFS members are in mobility positions and deployable, to provide base security, resource protection and combat arms training worldwide. The 154th SFS Airmen are some of the most deployable outfits of defenders within the ANG. In the past year, Airmen have supported the State of Hawaii's covid-relief measures in Task Force Reserve and provided a security detail in Washington D.C. in response to the January 2021 attacks on the U.S. Capitol.

154th Communications Squadron: The 154th CS manages, maintains fixed communication assets in the HIANG, including secure and unclassified computer networks, telecom and public address systems, base station and land mobile radios.

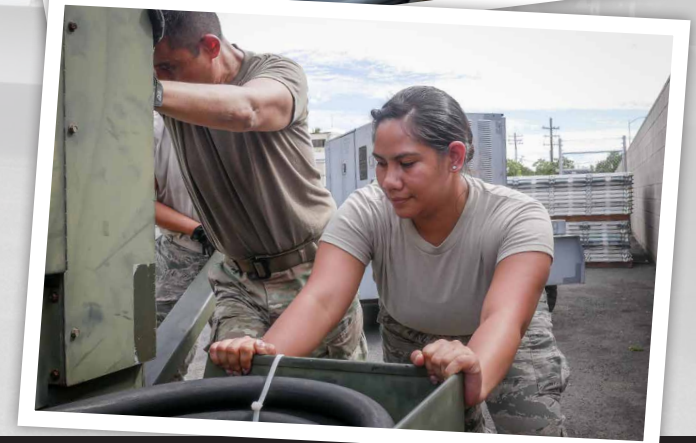
154th Force Support Squadron: The 154th FSS structure is intended to streamline processes, maximize customer service, and reduce costs of maintaining separate organizations. FSS personnel support our education and training, manpower and personnel needs, family services, fitness cell operations, and sustainment functions through its Services Team.

In addition to providing nourishment to members of the 154th Wing on each drill weekend, the 154th FSS Services Team gained a new mission set with it's Fatality Search and Recovery Team, enabling key personnel to support FEMA and engage in natural or chemical disasters.

The Airmen also maintain a disaster relief mobile kitchen trailer, a deployable kitchen which can feed 1,000 people in need. The trailer is postured for the State's needs for crisis scenarios and is readily available for local training operations.

291st Combat Communications Squadron: The 291st CBCS is a geographically separated unit, based out of Hilo, Hawaii. 'Combat Comm Airmen' specialize in installing computer and telephone networks, high frequency radio systems, administering network security operations and tactical cyber operations for combat enablement. Specialists in the unit have been called upon to the demands of a high-deployment tempo, supporting deployments such as Operation Iraqi Freedom, Freedom Sentinel and the European Defense Initiative.

292nd Combat Communications Squadron: The 292nd CBCS is also a neighbor-island GSU, located in Kahului, Maui, offering similar mission sets to its sister squadron, the 291st. It is involved in deploying, operating and maintaining strategic emergency communications anywhere in the world in both peacetime and combat environments.





MISSION STATEMENT:

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154TH MEDICAL GROUP



2007: Progressive milestone – with Master Sgt. Dawn Wahinekapu selected as new Health System Specialist, 154th MDG's fulltime roster is comprised of all-female staff for the first time.

2008: First-ever CERF-P exercise partnering with HIARNG members evaluated by 5th Army trainers at Diamond Head in a rainstorm.

2009: First-ever excellent ratings awarded to 154th MDG during Wing Operation Readiness Inspection and Health Service Inspection.

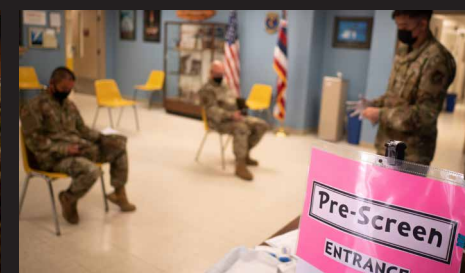
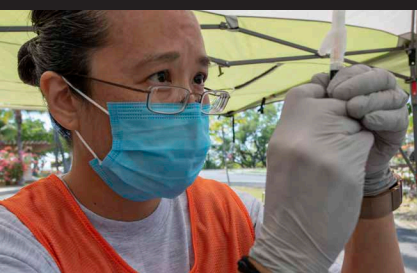
2012: The 154th Medical Group had their Health Systems Inspection and passed with an Outstanding scoring a 92.

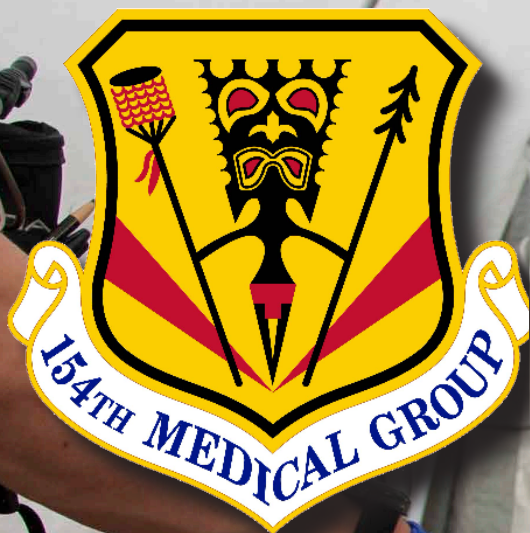
2020: Present – Medical professionals launch COVID-19 advisory line, providing up-to-date guidance for HIANG members.



154th Medical Group: Provides the HIANG with fixed and deployable medical and dental resources, including support for geographically separated units. The group plans, organizes, operates and evaluates a comprehensive system of health care, accounting for a mission-ready fighting force. Throughout the rise of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 154th MDG radically adapted their daily operations and capabilities to mitigate and reduce the effects of disease for HIANG Airmen and family members. Medical professionals played a vital role in educating the force with current medical advisories, administering life-saving vaccinations, helping leaders to foster a safe-working environment and tracking and providing guidance for members who require immediate medical attention.

154th MDG, Detachment 1: The 154th MDG's geographically separated medical unit, operating out of Wheeler Army Airfield. The outfit offers a unique joint response capability, known as a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High-Yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package (CERF-P). CERF-P specializes in rapid response to crisis while integrating with joint partners from the Hawaii Army National Guard, as well as regional packages from neighboring states.





MISSION STATEMENT:

***Optimize Hawaii Air National Guard medical readiness
to execute our state and federal mission.***



HQ HIANG



Headquarters HIANG: The coordination for the Hawaii Air National Guard's support of state and federal missions is conducted by HQ HIANG, located at Fort Ruger, near Diamond Head. In performing its state mission, the HIANG provides organized, trained units to help protect Hawaii's citizens and property, preserve peace and ensure public safety in response to natural or human-caused disasters. Its federal mission is to provide operationally ready combat units, combat support units and qualified personnel for active duty in the U.S. Air Force in a time of war, national emergency, or operational contingency.

Headquarters staff functions include personnel, intelligence, operations, logistics, strategy and plans, communications, state air surgeon, chaplain, recruiting/retention, judge advocate and executive support.

Members of HQ HIANG, and subordinate units, have also coordinated decades of training alongside allied militaries, as part of the State Partnership Program. The HIANG routinely conducts bilateral exchanges with its international partners from the Republic of Indonesia and the Republic of the Philippines, ensuring that all parties are more prepared to respond to crisis and integrate their capabilities whenever called upon.

Within Fort Ruger's joint complex, Headquarters Airmen conduct daily operations alongside Hawaii Army National Guard Soldiers. The two services have the ability to respond together as an integrated task forces in support of statewide or national emergencies. In recent years, Airmen and Soldiers have been activated together in response to lava flows on the Island of Hawaii, local floods and hurricane watches, Operation Capitol Response and the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic.



JOINT TASK FORCE



Joint Task Force: When disasters threaten the community's safety, Hawaii National Guard Airmen and Soldiers are postured to respond together and provide aid to the public as a cohesive force. The potential for hurricanes, earthquakes, flash floods, tsunamis and lava eruptions make the Hawaiian Islands susceptible to adverse and unprompted impacts – this is in why guardsmen routinely prepare to alleviate the community during such events.

Throughout hurricane watches, members are often activated alongside Hawaii Emergency Management Agency personnel and other state civil authorities to rapidly deploy humanitarian aid-resources. But during longstanding emergencies, such as the series of lava flows on the Island of Hawaii and the COVID-19 pandemic, the State Department of Defense activates Joint Task Forces, bringing forward Air and Army service branches to maximize their impact.

Servicemembers were united in Joint Task Force activations during the Puna lava flows in 2014 and 2018 to support the Hawaii County Civil Defense. Guardsmen assisted the community with evacuation efforts, monitoring air quality, providing patrol details, prepared aerial extraction methods and assisted in providing detailed information to the public and the many families directly affected by the eruptions.

Beginning in March of 2020, over 1,200 Airmen and Soldiers from the HING answered the call to support the state to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 while meeting the general public's needs such as safety, security and community health protection. The Joint Task Force positioned service members throughout the state to conduct medical supply and equipment inventories, warehouse supply management, personal protective equipment distribution, COVID-19 testing and temperature screening, assist with the Safe Travels Hawaii Program, contact mapping, Department of Health processes, and more.





2008 - Activation of the 109th Air Operation Group, propelling the HIANG into an operational war fighting mission and offering a larger tactical skillset for the DoD's strategic mission.

October 2009 - Supported Indonesia Humanitarian Assistance Response Operations in the 613th AOC/IRD. Ensured deployed USAF Humanitarian Assistance Ready Response Team (HARRT) received real-time intelligence support—HARRT provided support to approximately 2,000 displaced Indonesians September - October 2009 – Humanitarian Relief effort in American Samoa supported. coherent operational plan shaped to employ tactical expertise for myriad of non-military requirements.

2010 - First AOG member to deploy in support of the 609 AOC. Staff Sgt. Nancy Destin returned from 3-month deployment in Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Mar – July 2011: Members of the AOG supported Operation Tomodachi in response to the tsunami disaster in Japan.

2013- Personnel expand mission capabilities with national and global partners through participation in Balikatan, Talisman Saber and Operation Damayan.

2015: AOG members participated in PACOM's exercise event of the year, Pacific Sentry 15. Joining force of 3,000 participants Support raises critical readiness items for PACAF and PACOM wartime mission execution.



201ST AIR OPERATIONS GROUP



201st Air Operations Group: The only Air National Guard augmentation unit that is co-located with their active-duty unit, the 613th Air Operations Center. The group was activated in 2016 with a mission to organize, train and equip Airmen at the operational level of Command and Control to provide combat mission ready warfighters to the AOC Weapon System and Hawaii National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters.

Together, the Total Force units provide command and control of real-world air, space and cyber operations in the Pacific Theater for Commander of Air Forces forces and coalition for the Joint Forces Air Component Commander. In the event that operations exceed the 613th's capabilities, HIANG Airmen will be immediately available to supplement USAF requirements. 201st AOG Airmen include pilots, navigators, air battle managers, flight nurses, intelligence specialists, and cyber operators.

201st Air Mobility Operations Squadron: Provides tactical and strategic airlift, aerial refueling, and aeromedical expertise in support of the USINDOPACOM Joint Forces Air Component Commander theater air and space operations.

201st Combat Operations Squadron: Provides command and control battle management operations capabilities. Highly trained professionals in the squadron use radar control and monitoring systems to analyze battle spaces and transform the complex circumstances into a clear picture, giving war fighters the insight needed to make their next move.



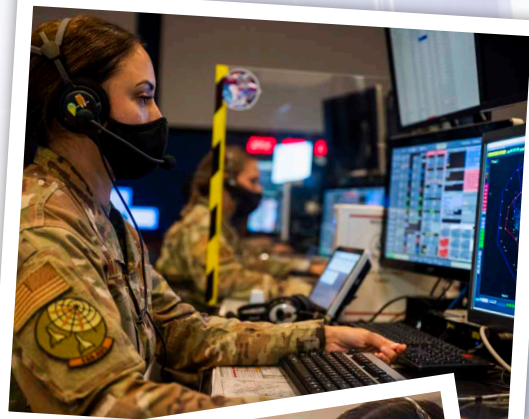


MISSION STATEMENT:

Organize, train and equip Airmen at the operational level of Command and Control to provide combat mission ready war-fighters to the AOC Weapon System and Hawaii National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters.



298TH AIR DEFENSE GROUP



298th Air Defense Group: has robust capabilities to detect, monitor, identify and intercept airborne objects that may pose a threat to the Hawaii Air Defense Region (HADR) and Guam Air Defense Region (GADR). It's full-time mission that is actively engaged in daily operations, monitoring the air space in the Hawaii and Guam region.



169th Air Defense Squadron: provides air surveillance, identification, weapons control and air battle management capabilities for air defense of the Hawaiian Islands and Guam. The unit is responsible for tracking and identifying all traffic flying into and around the HADR and GADR. In coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration, if the 169th ADS is unable to identify air traffic by radio, electronic or other means, the Air Defense Director may scramble Hawaiian Raptor alert fighters to visually identify air traffic and take appropriate measures.



298th Support Squadron: operates and maintains radar sites at Mount Ka'ala, Oahu, and at Kokee Air Force Station, Kaua'i. These radar sites are linked to the Pacific Air Defense Sector facilities at Wheeler Army Airfield, Oahu, where 24-hour air surveillance of HADR and GADR is provided.



2006 - Battle Control System – Fixed (BCS-F) replaced the FYQ-93 Joint Surveillance System to provide next generation air defense capabilities.

September 2008 - 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron assisted recovery of U.S. Coast Guard helicopter crash by providing archived radar data for investigative analysis by the US Coast Guard.

December 2009 - Hawaii Region Air Operations Center's initial participation in a National Presidential air defense mission. POTUS Temporary Flight Restriction enforcement execution resulted in partnerships established with FAA, USSS, and USCG.

2013 - Distributed Missions Operation system acquired to provide simulated relevant and realistic training opportunities in the absence of live fly training missions.

October 2020 – 169 ADS awarded 2019 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.





MISSION STATEMENT:

*Provide the CDRUSINDOPACOM / COMPACAF
with the means to detect, monitor, identify,
intercept, and if necessary destroy airborne
objects that pose a threat to the Hawaiian
and Guam Air Defense Region.*



ROYAL GUARD



The Hawaii Air National Guard's Royal Guard traces its roots to the mid-19th century. Originally, the Royal Guard served as a prestigious bodyguard element, tasked to protect the Royal Family of The Kingdom of Hawaii. Outfitted in colorful blue and white uniforms and white pith helmets, the team would carry out security details, similar to the United States Secret Service, however, in a more ceremonial and formal capacity.

The unit provided their services to the Royal Family until it was disbanded on Jan. 19, 1893, upon the overthrow of Queen Lili'uokalani.

Nearly 70 years later, Col. Walter F. Judd, the 199th Fighter Squadron commander at the time, received consent to organize and form up a new, evolved, and assimilated Royal Guard team as an all-volunteer unit under the Hawai'i National Guard. In alignment with the original guard's heritage, its cadre was comprised of devoted members of Hawaiian decent. The new Royal Guard received official recognition on January 20, 1963.

Today, the HIANG Royal Guard continues to express pride in Hawaiian heritage and preserve the tradition of the Monarchy's Hawaiian militia. Its primary function is to provide an honor and color guard unit, uniformed and equipped in a similar manner of the original Royal Guard, carrying out each command in the Hawaiian language. The Royal Guard carries State of Hawaii colors for official functions as desired by the commander in chief of the HIANG, the governor of Hawaii, the adjutant general of Hawaii and the commander of the Hawaii Air National Guard.

Each year, the team posts a ceremonial watch on the grounds of the country's only palace. Members of the unit go to great lengths to maintain period-correct uniforms, even refurbishing original helmets all on volunteer hours. The contributions of the Royal unit helps citizens and guard members to connect to their unique place in history, serving as reminders of the heritage and legacy of their forebearers.

HONOR GUARD



Only a small portion of Airmen are selected to take on the role of ceremonial guardsmen, as they are expected to uphold the highest standards of professionalism, discipline, and military bearing. Members of the HIANG Honor Guard Team are charged to represent Air Force heritage and preserve the legacy of veterans at funeral services throughout the Hawaiian Islands.

New Ceremonial Guardsmen attain certifications through training phases that take them from basic movements to the ability to perform the Color Team movements, the six-man flag fold, pall bearing duties, firing party duties and the ability to coordinate the minimum three-man veteran detail. The certification training takes place over the course of eight-hour practice days, equaling 40 hours, after which a certification is awarded.

The current Honor Guard superintendent, Tech. Sgt. Darrell Bactad, has remained active as a participant, trainer, recruiter and mentor, within the outfit since it was first established in April 1999.

In addition to regular ceremonial functions, such as Change of Commands and military retirements, the Airmen pay solemn tribute to HIANG members who have passed on, as well as recovered POW-MIA members who are returned home from past conflicts.

This prestigious team is comprised of all volunteers, who adopt and maintain a high standard lifestyle of dedication and self-sacrifice. The understanding of that Honor, Duty and Sacrifice are of the utmost importance motives in what they do. It is their duty to give back to those who have served.





MISSION STATEMENT:

"The mission of the HIANG Honor Guard is to represent Airmen to the American Public, and the people of Hawaii."

"Ho'ohie Me Ka Hanohano"



