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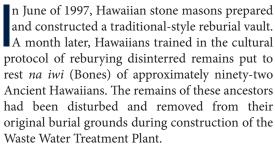
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## HALEALOHA HALEAMAU

House of Aloha, House of Eternity

Story by Chief Master Sgt. Michael Gabster 154 Wing Command Chief



The United States Navy provided the funds and land for the reburial platform with the intent to perpetuate an understanding and appreciation for the site as a wahi pana (Sacred Place). Named Halealoha Haleamau (House of Aloha, House of Eternity), it stands as a memorial to the kupuna (Ancestors) who have gone before us and is a reminder to protect and honor the legacy of the original peoples of these islands in perpetuity.

The reburial platform is located near the Fort Kamehameha Waste Water Treatment Plant on



Hickam Field in the ahupua'a of Moanalua on the Island of O'ahu. It stands among the keawe trees, housing our Hawaiian ancestors who were buried in this area long ago. These kupuna were removed beginning in 1991 during the expansion of the Waste Water Treatment plant. By 1995, a total of seventy-seven sets of remains were dug up during construction. Fifteen additional sets of remains were already stored in the Bishop Museum that were removed from the area at an earlier time.

Throughout the course of construction at Fort Kamehameha, Native Hawaiian organizations led by Hui Malama I Na Kupuna O Hawai'i Nei and the O'ahu Island Burials Council sought the return of the remains so they could care for and protect them as culturally appropriate. Though the sanctity of Native Hawaiian remains is acknowledged and repatriation of such remains is legally protected





under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), six and a half years passed before these Hawaiian ancestors were returned.

Today, working with NAVFAC archeologist Mr. Jeff Pantaleo, M.A., the HIANG Chiefs Counsel and the First Sergeants Counsel along with other volunteers clean the burial vault every few months. When you are there, you get the feeling that there

is a line attached to you that stretches back to those ancient warriors. That feeling fills you with pride and the knowledge that you are a part of a proud heritage. It is a humbling experience and a great way to honor and remember those who have come before us. Ask your Chief or First Sergeant if you are interested in volunteering, they will know the date of our next clean-up. Mahalo

#### 2017! Bringing in leadership changes

## 154 OSS CHANGE OF COMMAND

Article by

Tech. Sgt. ALISON BRUCE-MALDONADO

154 Wing Public Affairs, Staff Writer

During the month of January, the Hawaii Air National Guard saw several changes in command leadership. On January 7, 2017, Lt. Col. Troy C. Cullen assumed command of the 154th Operations Support Squadron during a ceremony at the Base Operations "Red Carpet", located at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

Cullen previously served as a KC-135 Stratotanker pilot in the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron. During a recent interview Cullen expressed some of his thoughts on being a new commander and some of the goals he'd like to achieve.

"The 154th Operations Support Squadron is my first opportunity as a commander. I want to thank Brig. Gen. Woodrow and Col. York for giving me this opportunity to lead the men and women of the OSS. I am very honored and excited to be the commander. It is a position I do not take lightly and will execute to the best of my ability.

My goal is to make the Operations Support Squadron the best squadron in the Operations Group. I intend to do that by Sustained Pookela (Excellence) Through Focused Synergy. I will work alongside of my personnel garnering all of our strengths to make the OSS provide exceptional and agile air operations support that will enable combat effectiveness for the resilient warfighters of the 154th Wing. There are always going to be obstacles along the way and we (the OSS) will use these obstacles as opportunities to succeed.

I grew up here, typical local boy, and I surfed, still surf in Ewa Beach, now White Plains. I use to watch all the planes flying over into Honolulu airport. Watching all the planes fly overhead inspired me to be a pilot and I remember telling my friends, one day I too will fly planes. I achieved that dream when I was commissioned in the Air Force and became an aviator.

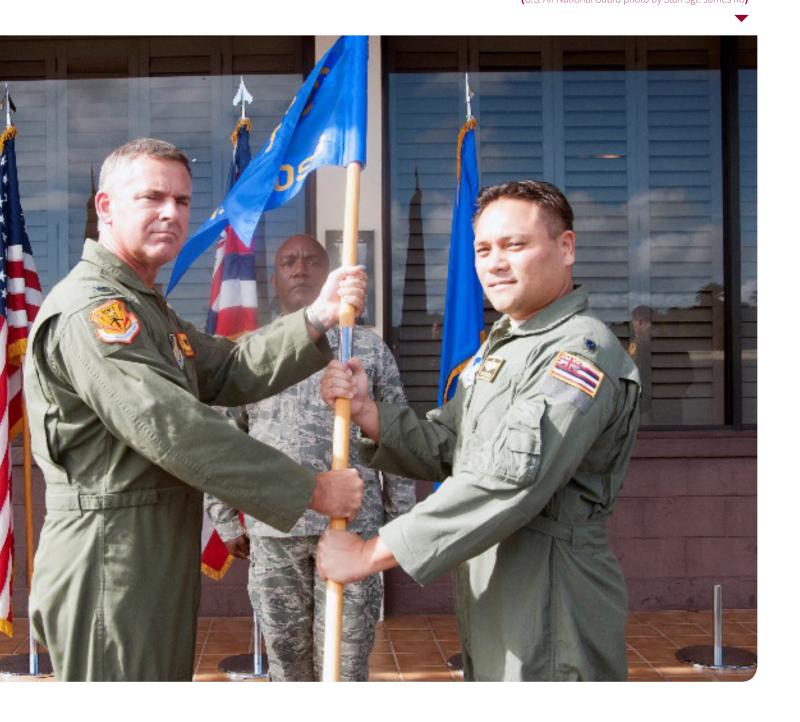
In the Air Force, I was stationed all over the mainland. I would continuously fly through Hawaii and would go into Base Ops, where my office is at the moment. I would look at all of the Hawaii patches. This made me yearn even more to come back to Hawaii. I always felt a need to come back to Hawaii and when I finally joined the Hawaii Air National Guard I was so overjoyed to be here and dreamed of one day becoming a commander. Guess what, dreams do come true. I am living proof and if you have the determination, dedication and discipline your dreams will come true too!"

Reading the units Mission Statement: "To provide superior and agile air operations support, enabling combat effectiveness for our fellow military warfighters", it is clear that Cullen is ready to lead the 154 OSS.



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Troy C. Cullen is surrounded by family and friends after taking command of the 154th Operations Support Squadron, during a ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii on 7 January, 2017. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. James Ro)

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col., Troy C. Cullen, receives the guide on from Col. John P. York, Commander, 154th Operations Group. The ceremony took place at the Base Operations Red Carpet at **Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, January 7, 2017.** (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. James Ro)



#### 2017! Bringing in leadership changes

## 154 MSG CHANGE OF COMMAND

Article by

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154 Wing Public Affairs, Staff Writer

In another ceremony on Jan. 8, 2017, Lt. Col. Christopher A. Jarrett was promoted to the rank of Colonel in Hangar 19 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. In a ceremony immediately following his promotion, he assumed command of the 154th Mission Support Group. The commander of the Mission Support Group is responsible for over 500 support professionals in the LRS, CES, SFS, FSS, CF, CBCS(3) and Contracting, in addition to the oversight of over \$200 million in F-22 military construction.

The following are his own words and insights on becoming the new 154 MSG commander:

"It is an incredible honor to continue to serve in the Hawaii Air National Guard as the Commander of the Mission Support Group. My time in the 154th Wing has been an amazing experience and I am excited to continue in this new role."

When asked what his goals are as the new commander, Col. Jarratt responded, "My most important goal is to ensure that I and the rest of the leadership provide the authorities and resources that the men and women of the MSG require in order to do their incredibly important jobs. Not a day goes by where I am not reminded of the critical role that the MSG airmen play throughout the wing, the joint base, the state, and the Air Force and I want to make sure they have the required tools to excel. Additionally, my goal is for us to work together as an organization to identify faster and more efficient ways to conduct business so that we can spend more time dedicated to accomplishing the mission.

My family and I feel truly blessed to be part of such a great HIANG team. Despite limited resources, we are able to accomplish astonishing things together and I am proud to serve with you!"



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Christopher A. Jarratt, newly appointed Commander of the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Mission Support Group, is pinned by family members during his promotion ceremony to the rank of Colonel, in Hangar 19 on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii on Jan. 8, 2017.

(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Alison Bruce-Maldonado)

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Christopher A. Jarratt, Commander from the Hawaii Air National Guard's 169th's Air Defense Squadron, receives the oath of office from 154th Wing Commander, Brig. Gen. Gregory S. Woodrow during his promotion to Colonel on January 8, 2017 in Hangar 19 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Alison Bruce-Maldonado)







## The Boeing E-3 Sentry arrives at SENTRY ALOHA

Article by

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JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, **HAWAII** – A sentry is someone or something that guards or watches against intrusion or unwanted activity.

The E-3 Sentry is essentially that due to the nature of what it does. The E-3 or more commonly known as the AWACS (Airborne early warning and control) is an aircraft that provides communications, allweather surveillance, command, and control. These capabilities are what has given it the nickname the "Sentry."

During Sentry Aloha 2017, two E-3 Sentry aircraft were brought over from Oklahoma's 513th Air Control Group and 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron, along with over 150 airmen both Active duty and Air Force Reserve to maintain, operate, and fly the planes during the exercise. These airman and aircraft have brought new training experiences to Sentry Aloha because this is the first time an AWACS has joined the exercise.

These capabilities are valuable training experiences that previous participants in past Sentry Aloha exercises have not been able to utilize





until now. This gives valuable training to the crew members on the AWACS as well..

"This is better than what we can get on a regular weekend so this is, in a lot of ways Red Flag level for us with the amount of quality training we get and everyone is doing more than what they're used to doing," said Maj. Matt Heckman, Air Battle Manager for the 513th ACG.

Pilots of various other airframes such as the F-16 Fighting Falcons, F-18 Hornets, F-22 Raptors, and KC-135 Stratotankers were also a part of the exercise that involved the AWACS.

"We're going to have an area for this scenario and the good guys will be on one side west of the airspace and the bad guys will be simulated east of the airspace," said Senior Master Sgt. Jay Harris, Command and Control, 513th ACG. "The objective is that we can see the whole picture and the good guys can't see the bad guys and the bad guys can't see the good guys which means we'll have to tell them exactly where to go and how to accomplish the mission," said Harris

Inside the aircraft the E-3 has many consoles in rows for the crew members to accomplish tasks. These tasks range from

contact identification, classification, to airfield management, or leading fighters through the hostile airspaces. They provide all these services to surrounding aircraft including fighters and refuelers, as well as ground forces.

The AWACS brings a lot of combat potential and real time knowledge of the current situation to the fight. The potential along with all the capabilities this aircraft has to offer definitely earns it the nickname of the "Sentry."

## DIRECTOR OF THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD **SAYS ALOHA**

Article by

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01/28/2017 - HONOLULU, Hawaii -- Lt. Gen. L. Scott Rice, Air National Guard Director, and members of his staff recently visited the Hawaii Air National Guard at some of its locations.

The two-day tour started at the F-22 maintenance and operations facility on January 25th. He was briefed on the capabilities and missions of the 154th Wing, the largest and most complex wing in the Air National Guard. Its role in the security posture of the Pacific area of operations was also discussed.

"We need to focus on the integration of the three aspects (Active Duty, National Guard, Reserves) of the Air Force working well together to move us in the 21st century so that we can respond to the future threats to world security," Rice said.

Rice took the opportunity to meet with Airmen throughout the Hawaii Air National Guard as he toured guard facilities on Joint Base Pearl HarborHickam, Wheeler Army Air Field, and on Keaukaha Military Reservation on the Island of Hawaii.

"It is good that he visited because he can see all the missions that the Hawaii Air National Guard is comprised of," said Senior Master Sgt. Carol Orr. "It's great for him to see what we are capable of doing in coordination with our active duty counterparts."

Airlift was provided by a variety of Hawaii Army National Guard aircraft allowing the General and his staff to make the most of the short time in Hawaii.

The visit was concluded with an "all call" where he addressed some of the issues facing the guard, answered questions, and recognized some of the HIANG'S outstanding performers.

"I manage a program to train, organize, and equip our force to match the Air Force mission for mission and provide capability that's very cost-

> effective and capture all the experience that you represent here," Rice said.



Lt. Gen. L. Scott Rice, Air National Guard Director and Chief Master Sgt. Ronald C. Anderson, Command Chief Master Sgt. for the Air National Guard pose for a quick selfie at Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii, January 26, 2017 Rice and Anderson were in Hawaii visiting members of the Hawaii National Guard.

(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew



## 13 EAS ARRIVES IN THE PHILIPPINES

Sets up Eagle Vision for bilateral exchanges

Article by

**Tech. Sgt. JAMES STEWART** 

Headquarters Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

01/18/2017 - CLARK AIR BASE, Philippines -- Typhoons, tsunamis, floods and even mudslides, the Asia-Pacific Region is well-acquainted with the devastation wrought by natural disasters. As populations increase among many Pacific nations, the need for disaster preparedness and response continues to grow. The U.S. and its Pacific allies and partners frequently train together to address the growing need for readiness. When a disaster occurs, readiness can protect and restore the lives of millions of Pacific residents.

Readiness is the exact reason the 13th Expeditionary Air Squadron, a joint team of U.S. Airmen and Soldiers, traveled to Clark Air Base, Philippines. The team brought with them a ground-based satellite imagery system, called Eagle Vision, a collection manager from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii and geospatial and imagery analysts from Ft. Shafter, Hawaii. The unit deployed to conduct a Pacific Air Forces Subject Matter Expert Exchange mission together with Philippine Air Force members. The SMEEs will focus on using geospatial satellite imagery, acquired by Eagle Vision, to support Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief efforts.

"Eagle Vision can move all over the world, we can set up our system anywhere and start pulling down imagery from commercial satellites," said Chief Master Sgt. Reid Tsubota, Eagle Vision Superintendent with the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Wing from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"The HADR applications of this system are

incredible. In fact, this is our fourth time here in the Philippines. In 2006 we were initially supporting exercise Balikatan when the Southern Leyte mudslides occurred here. Using Eagle Vision we were able to to provide the Marine Corps' first responders imagery that ultimately helped in the recovery and relief efforts," Tsubota said.

During this fourth visit, Tsubota and his team of 15 Guardsmen, assigned to the 154th Wing at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, will work alongside their Philippine counterparts during a series of exchanges focused on the HADR uses Eagle Vision offers. The two-week long Eagle Vision SMEE will culminate with a table-top exercise where Philippine and U.S. military members will simulate a HADR response to a typhoon, a disaster the Philippines experiences. A series of smaller engagements will take place leading up to the simulation. These events are meant to help the military members from both nations discover ways to work better together.

"The U.S. and Philippines have been allies for a long time. HADR is one of the cornerstones of our alliance. And as history has shown us, time and time again, natural disasters will occur in the Pacific. Lives will be impacted and



U.S. Air Force Capt. Jay Munechika, Eagle Vision 5 officer-in-charge, pushes a pallet while unloading cargo after arriving at Clark Air Base, Philippines, Jan. 14, 2017. The cargo contains the components of ground-based commercial satellite imagery system named Eagle Vision. Munechika and approximately 15 other U.S. Airmen and Soldiers deployed to the Philippines to support a Pacific Air Forces **Subject Matter Expert Exchange with the** Philippine Air Force. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. James Stewart/Released)



the U.S. and Philippines will come together to bring life-saving aid to those in need," said Lt. Col. Peter Day, the 13th Expeditionary Air Squadron's commander, leading the Eagle Vision team.

"When we think about delivering aid, most of us think about medicine, food, water and so on. What we sometimes overlook is how aid gets to the people. There's a tremendous effort taking place behind-the-scenes. That's where Eagle Vision shines," Tsubota

According to Tsubota, Eagle Vision provides decision-quality information. Commanders and organizations providing HADR support can use Eagle Vision's imagery for a variety of purposes including: selecting ingress and egress routes for aid; predicting the air mobility requirements of an airfield, such as viability and capacity, for receiving relief; or ascertaining the extent and magnitude of damage caused by a disaster.

"Eagle Vision excels at providing accurate readings. During the Leyte mudslides we outlined before and after images of the affected area. The change detection helped direct resources to the hardest hit locations with the greatest need," said Master Sgt. Chad Tedrowe, an Eagle Vision Data Integration Segment engineer.

Eagle Vision uses commercially available satellites to capture scenes. Scenes are acquired from commercial satellites SPOT6 and SPOT7 and consist of 60 by 60 kilometer swathes where each pixel represents one and a half meters of ground area. Scenes are detailed and customizable to meet mission requirements. Additionally, scenes

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- CHIEF MASTER SGT. REID TSUBOTA



Air Force Master Sgt. Eric Martin (left), Tech. Sgt. Kyle Kikuchi (center) and Staff Sgt. Joel Fernandez (right), level a downlink antenna, Clark Air Base, Philippines, Jan. 15, 2017. Martin, Kikuchi and Fernandez are Eagle Vision team members who are deployed to the Philippines to support a Pacific Air Forces Subject Matter Expert Exchange mission. The team will work with Philippine Airmen to share how satellite imagery can help enhance Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief efforts common in the Asia-Pacific. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. James

> can include data integration such as geographic coordinates or elevation down to an individual pixel level of detail.

Sharing Eagle Vision's HADR applications is the main focus of the 13 EAS's mission while at Clark. Throughout the next two weeks, U.S. Airmen and Soldiers will exchange experiences for collecting, processing, and analyzing the satellite imagery Eagle Vision captures with their Philippine partners.

"Our ultimate goal is to build and leave our friends in the Philippine Air Force a collection of products and capabilities that will help them when responding to natural disasters. The PAF is already engaged and experienced at providing relief, Typhoon Nina is the latest example. When the next typhoon hits, the U.S. and Philippines will be comfortable using Eagle Vision together to get aid where is it needed the most," Day said.

The U.S. Air Force has five Eagle Vision systems. Eagle Vision is the Air Force's only releasable unclassified, commercial deployable satellite imagery downlink ground-station. The system is operated and maintained by a variety of Air Force specialties, making it self-sustained capability with only the need to contract diesel fuel.

Eagle Vision has been deployed to support Pacific HADR operations in India, Japan, Thailand, and the Philippines.

## **EAGLE VISION EXCHANGE**

'Focuses' on U.S. and Philippines military-to-military relationship

Article by

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01/24/2017 - CLARK AIR BASE, Philippines --U.S. Secretary of Defense James Mattis recognized the impact strong alliances make on national security when he stated in his recent message to DOD employees "that no nation is secure without friends." In the week leading up to Mattis's message, a team of U.S. and Philippine service members met at Clark Air Base, Philippines, for a series of bilateral Subject Matter Expert Exchanges (SMEEs) concentrated on strengthening military-to-military relationships between the two countries.

The Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Wing deployed its Eagle Vision ground-based satellite imagery system alongside Soldiers from the U.S.

Army's 5th Engineer Detachment Geospatial Planning Cell and 500th Military Intelligence Brigade. The Airmen and Soldiers met with 15 Philippine intelligence specialists to train together.

"While we are here in the Philippines our concentration is on the many ways our two nations can use satellite imagery to support Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HA/DR) operations," said Tech. Sgt. Geofroy Erese, Eagle Vision's Data Integration Segment non-commissioned officer-incharge.

Eagle Vision is a tool the U.S. Air Force uses to acquire unclassified, commercial satellite imagery. According to Erese, satellite imagery can make



Chief Master Sgt. Reid Tsubota, Eagle Vision superintendent, leads a group of Phillipine Air Force members on a tour of the Eagle Vision work site, Clark Air Base, Philippines, Jan. 16, 2017. Tsubota and the Philippine Airmen are participating in a Subject Matter Expert Exchange by the U.S. Air Force. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. James Stewart/Released)





a tremendous impact on the success of HA/DR operations.

"Your decision-making is only as good as the information you have. If you have old snapshots of an area then you might not know how to best get relief and aid to the people counting on you. We wanted to share the value of this information with our allies in the Philippines," said Erese.

Eagle Vision has supported several bilateral training activities over the last decade. Balikatan is the most notable bilateral training activity between the Philippine and U.S. armed forces. In years past, the Philippines' military has used maps and products produced by Eagle Vision during the training activity.

The ongoing SMEEs, with their HA/DR focus, provide the Philippine and U.S. service members an opportunity to explore and discuss techniques for gathering satellite imagery and then apply the information operationally.

"These abilities will be very useful for us in our operations. Especially to support HA/DR. Typhoons are a major influence in our country and the Philippines Air Force is relied upon to deliver relief goods. Using this advanced intel will help us support relief and rescue operations in making decisions on where and when to deliver aid," said 1st Lt. Giovanni Macuro, a flight chief with the Philippines Air Force's 306th Air Reconnaissance Squadron.

Satellite imagery acquisition and analysis are the main topics the U.S. and Philippine service members have discussed over the past week.

"First you need the imagery, which Eagle Vision provides, then you need to make sense of what you've got. I'm doing my part to share what I know with our allies here," said Spc. Antonio Martin, a geospatial engineer.

Martin, an Atlanta, Ga., native and who is overseas for the first time in his career, led a discussion about ArcGIS, a geographic information system software suite used for mapping and providing geographic information.

"I demonstrated some of the ways I compile data for commanders and how that information can become a resource for HA/DR missions," Martin said.

Martin's software demonstration is well-timed. The Philippines Air Force has used ArcGIS for the past three years and is looking to expand its number of personnel skilled and experienced with the software.

"I thought we'd be using a lot of open-source resources like Google Earth for example. I was excited when I found out they are familiar with the



software I use. I knew we'd have a lot to share with each other. In my opinion working together and learning from each other is the best way enhance our relationship. It's like a brotherhood. Brothers may not always see eye-to-eye, but when there's a mission to accomplish we come together to help each other out," said Martin.

The SMEE will conclude this week with a capstone table-top exchange that simulates Typhoon Haiyan. In 2013, Haiyan caused over 6,000 fatalities in the Philippines. The relief response included more than 18,000 personnel, 844 vehicles and 31 aircraft. The team's goal is to build upon the relationships forged during the SMEEs and practice advanced methods both nations can use when responding to natural disasters in the Asia-Pacific



A group of U.S. and Philippine Air Force service members pose for a group photo after concluding a two-week Subject Matter Expert Exchange, Clark Air Base, Philippines, Jan. 25, 2017. Throughout the SMEE military members from both nations trained together using satellite imagery provided by Eagle Vision to enhance their combined readiness when conducting Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief operations common in the Asia-Pacific. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. James Stewart/Released)

A combined group of Philippine and U.S. service members participate in a geospatial mapping software demonstration, Clark Air Base, Philippines, Jan. 20, 2017. The group is participating in a twoweek long Subject Matter **Expert Exchange (SMEE). Throughout the SMEE** military members from both nations will train together using satellite imagery to enhance their combined readiness when conducting **Humanitarian Assistance** and Disaster Relief operaions common in the Asia-Pacific. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. James Stewart/Released)



## SECURITY FORCES HEAD TO DESERT ONE MORE TIME

Article by Senior Airman ORLANDO CORPUZ 154th Wing Public Affairs

02/20/2017 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii -- In Tech. Sgt. Manly Souza's mind, it's all part of the job. One he understood would be needed of him when he first joined the U.S. Air Force and the Hawaii Air National Guard. It's a sacrifice that many U.S. Service Members undertake during the course of their careers.

Souza and twelve other members of the 154th Security Forces Squadron recently left Hawaii for a deployment to the Middle East and the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

For Souza, the deployment marks the sixth time he will have embarked on a Middle East tour of duty.

"I feel like it's my job. It's a contract that I need to fulfill," Souza said. "I enjoy being in the Hawaii Air National Guard and I look forward to doing my 20."

The deployment is in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel.

The 154 SFS is part of a long list of HIANG units that have been called upon to deploy in support of a contingency operation. For the 154 SFS the calling is of a high frequency.

"Since 9/11, this unit has often times sent several teams out in one year to several different locations. Sometimes as much as two to three deployments in one year." said 154 SFS Super Intendent, Chief Master Sgt. Melvin Yamamoto.

According to Yamamoto the deployment is the fifteenth time in as many years the unit has sent its members to the desert.

The experience level of the deployed airmen runs a wide range. From seasoned deployers such as Souza, to airmen near the start of their Air Force commitments; for eight members of the team, the deployment is their first.

"The sacrifice isn't so much for me, but for the personnel I'm taking," said Souza. "Many are sacrificing time with their families...time spent with their children that cannot be recuperated is a major factor when it comes to the word sacrifice."

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The airmen are scheduled to return back to Hawaii sometime after summer.

The CENTCOM AOR encompasses the area of Southwest Asia and most of the Middle East. Due to operational security reasons and host nation sensitivities the exact country where the airmen are deployed is not being released.

#### 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 past year's Februarys.

#### February 1950

Territory of Hawaii moved from the Honolulu Armory to Ft. Ruger.

#### February 1954

The first F-86E Sabrejet arrived via a U.S. Navy carrier.

#### February 1958

The first F-86Ls began to arrive. They replaced the F-86Es due to their ability to operate at night and in all weather.

Dimanche

#### February 1967

Mobile 201st The Communications Squadron was activated and the 109th ACWS was deactivated.

#### February 1993

The 203rd ARS was activated.

#### February 1997

The 154th LG was the first HIANG unit to have an Internet Web Page.

#### February 2006

C-17 Globemaster III. The first to arrive was piloted by active duty and HIANG members.

**DID YOU KNOW?** 

#### HIRING FREEZE

#### Officials announce civilian workforce hiring freeze

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES RECENTLY IMPLEMENTED A HIRING FREEZE ON CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES. WHILE DUAL-STATUS MILITARY TECHNICIANS AND AGRS ARE EXEMPTED BY THE LAW, OTHER CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ACTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO THE HIRING RESTRICTIONS. PLEASE CONTACT THE HRO OFFICE IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REQUIRING THE HIRING OF NON-DUAL TECHNICIANS.

### **AF EVOLVES POLICIES** TO ACCESS MORE TALENT, MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARDS

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Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

01/10/2017 - WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Air Force announced new policies on dress and appearance with regard to tattoos, as well as changes to service medical accession policy Jan. 9.

These changes result from a review of Air Force accessions policies directed by then Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James in 2016.

"As part of our effort to attract and retain as many qualified Airmen as possible we periodically review our accessions policies," she said. "In this instance, we identified specific changes we can make to allow more members of our nation to serve without compromising quality. As a next step in this evolution, we are opening the aperture on certain medical accession criteria and tattoos while taking into account our needs for worldwide deployability and our commitment to the profession of arms."

Authorized tattoos on the chest, back, arms and legs will no longer be restricted by the "25 percent" rule, while tattoos, brands or body markings on the head, neck, face, tongue, lips and/or scalp remain prohibited. Hand tattoos will be limited to one single-band ring tattoo, on one finger, on one hand. The hand tattoo change ensures the ability to present a more formal military image when required at certain events and/or with dress uniforms. Current Airmen with existing hand tattoos that were authorized under the previous policy will be grandfathered in under the old policy standards.

A recent review of Air Force field recruiters revealed almost half of contacts, applicants and recruits had tattoos. Of these, one of every five were found to have tattoos requiring review or that may be considered disqualifying; the top disqualifier was the 25 percent rule on "excessive" tattoos. The new policy lifts the 25 percent restriction on authorized tattoos to the chest, back, arms and legs, opening up this population for recruitment into the Air Force.

Tattoos, brands and body markings anywhere on the body that are obscene, commonly associated gangs, extremist and/or supremacist

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- AIR FORCE SECRETARY DEBORAH LEE JAMES

organizations, or that advocate sexual, racial, ethnic or religious discrimination remain prohibited in and out of uniform. To maintain uniformity and good order and consistent with Air Force Instruction 36-2903, "Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel," commanders will retain the authority to be more restrictive for tattoos, body ornaments and/or personal grooming based on legal, moral,

safety, sanitary, and/or foreign country cultural reasons.

The new tattoo policy is effective Feb. 1, 2017. Further implementation guidance will be released in an addendum to the policy guidance.

The Air Force's periodic review of medical accession standards and advancement of medical capabilities prompted policy changes with respect to waivers concerning common conditions that have routinely disqualified prospective Airmen from service: eczema, asthma and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Waivers for eczema, asthma and ADHD currently constitute the highest volume of requests from Air Force recruiters. Additionally, current Air Force accession policy with respect to pre-service marijuana use is not reflective of the continuing legalization of marijuana in numerous states throughout the nation.

"We are always looking at our policies and, when appropriate, adjusting them to ensure a broad scope of individuals are eligible to serve. These changes allow the Air Force to aggressively recruit talented and capable Americans who until now might not have been able to serve our country in uniform," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody.

While medical accession standards are standardized across the Services, the Air Force has modified some of its more restrictive service policy, or established specific criteria to streamline and standardize waiver processes to increase the number of qualified candidates entering service. These changes include:

#### **ECZEMA**

Select candidates medically classified as having mild forms of eczema will be processed for a waiver. Certain occupational restrictions may be applied to secure personal and mission safety.

#### ADHD

Candidates who do not meet the standard of never having taken more than a single daily dosage of medication or not having been prescribed medication for their condition for more than 24 cumulative months after the age of 14 will be processed for a waiver if they have demonstrated at least 15 months of performance stability (academic or vocational) off medication immediately preceding enlistment or enrollment and they continue to meet remaining criteria as outlined in Defense Department Instruction 6130.03.

#### **ASTHMA**

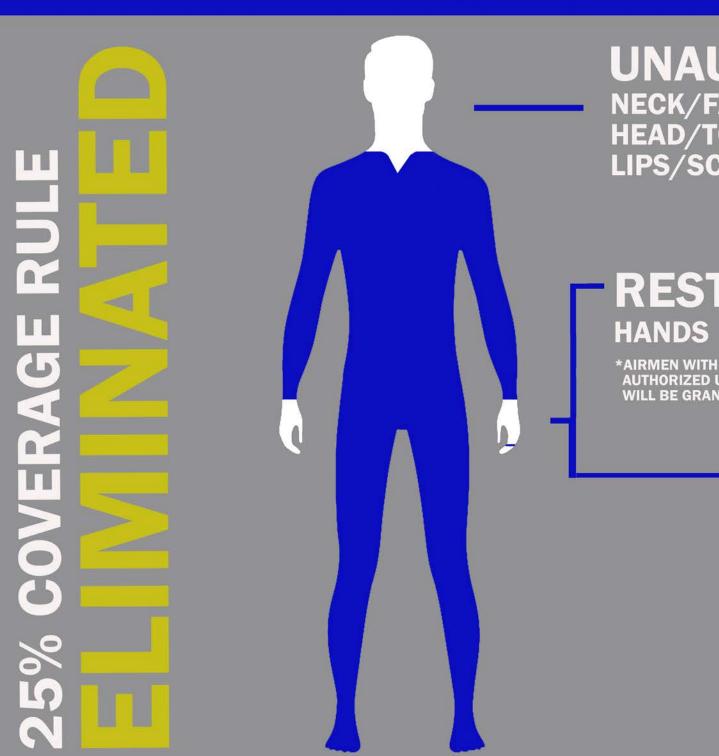
The Air Force will use the Methacholine Challenge Test to provide an objective measure of candidates with an ambiguous or uncertain history of asthma. Candidates who successfully pass this test will be processed for a waiver.

### PRE-ACCESSION MARIJUANA USAGE

The revised policy will remove the service prescribed numerical limitations on prior use of marijuana when determining accession qualifications. In accordance with DOD standards, a medical diagnosis of substance-related disorders or addiction remains medically disqualifying for service. Additionally, any legal proceedings associated with pre-service use will continue to be reviewed and adjudicated separately and may be disqualifying depending on the nature of the offense(s). The Air Force will maintain a strict "no use" policy. An applicant or enlistee will be disqualified for service if they use drugs after the initial entrance interview.

The waiver process changes are effective immediately. The Air Force continues to work with the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the other services to review existing medical accession standards to allow the highest number of qualified individuals possible to serve.

"Among the fundamental qualities required of our Airmen is being ready to fight and win our nation's wars. These accession standards ensure we maintain our high standards while bringing more consistency to our policies," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein. "As medical capabilities have improved and laws have changed, the Air Force is evolving so we are able to access more worldwide deployable Airmen to conduct the business of our nation."



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#### UNAUTHORIZED CONTENT

RELATED TO GANGS/EXTREMIST & SUPREMACISTS ORGANIZATIONS ADVOCATING SEXUAL/RACIAL/ETHNIC/RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION

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## HISTORICAL VISIT WITH A **TUSKEGEE AIRMAN**

n February 3, the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor paid tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen and the vital role they played during World War II with a special presentation by decorated WWII Tuskegee Airman Pilot Col.onel Charles McGee. Col.onel McGee spoke about his experiences during the "Hangar Talk" to Hawaii's youth and the public. The presentation was geared towards youth entitled, "In His Own Words," and was a verbal journey by Col.onel McGee, of his experiences during WWII.

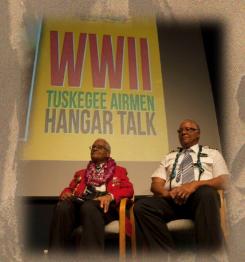
Who are the Tuskegee Airman? The Tuskegee



Airmen were pioneers who fought racial prejudices to fly and fight for their country during WWII. On their official website it states "Tuskegee Airmen" refers to the men and women, African-Americans and Caucasians, who were involved in the socalled "Tuskegee Experience", the Army Air Corps program to train African Americans to fly and maintain combat aircraft. The Tuskegee Airmen included pilots, navigators, bombardiers, maintenance and support staff, instructors, and all the personnel who kept the planes in the air.

Prior to 1940, African Americans were prohibited from flying for the U.S. military. Even in light of extreme racism, African Americans fought to defend their country, which led to the formation of an all African-American pursuit squadron based in Tuskegee,

Alabama, in 1941. That is how they became known as the Tuskegee Airmen, and how they eventually overcame segregation and prejudice to become one of the most highly respected fighter groups of WWII. Their dedication to defending the freedom of all Americans and their acts of heroism paved the way for full integration of the U.S. military. Tuskegee Airmen completed more than 1,500



On 3 February, 2017, Col. Charles McGee (left) is the quest speaker at the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor "Hangar Talk" on Ford Island, Col. McGee visited Hawaii for the museums **African American History Month** celebration. He is joined by his son (right) retired USAF Capt. Ron McGee. (Photo credit by Tech. Sergeant Alison Bruce-Maldonado, Hawaii Air Guard)

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## R Y 2 0 1 6 HISTORY MONTH

#### A HISTORIC MOMENT



On 3 February, 2017, Col. Charles McGee (center) is the guest speaker at the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor "Hangar Talk" on Ford Island. Col. McGee visited Hawaii for the museums African American History Month celebration. After his presentation, Col. McGee was greeted by another Tuskegee graduate, Letitia Bryant, U.S. Army Lt. Col., (USARPAC) G1. (Photo credit by Tech. Sergeant Alison Bruce-Maldonado, Hawaii Air Guard)

After the presentation Col. McGee was greeted by another Tuskegee graduate, U.S. Army Lt. Col. Letitia Bryant. LTC Bryant responded to a few questions about meeting one of her heroes. "I graduated from Tuskegee University July 29, 1994, and Last week was actually the third time I met him, but this is the first time we spoke after one of his speaking engagements. Each time is like the first time though. To be in the presence of a living legend and have my daughter have the opportunity to hear him speak of the many challenges he faced and overcame, was just phenomenal. I was so inspired by his humbleness despite so many accolades and accomplishments. It was such an honor because without his actions as well as other who paved the way for military integration, I wouldn't be where I am today".



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missions.

Col. McGee began his military service as one of the Tuskegee Airmen in the 332nd Fighter Group. His career in the U.S. Army Air Corps and U.S. Air Force spanned 30 years and 3 wars. Named as one of the many "famous Tuskegee Airmen" Col. Charles McGee, flew fighter airplanes in combat in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, and accumulated a total of 409 combat missions, one of the highest totals of any USAF pilot, but not the highest. During his military career, Col. McGee was awarded the Legion of Merit with Cluster, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Bronze Star and the Air Medal (twenty-five times).

During the presentation, Col. McGee stated "Well even with that performance, in 1945 when coming home, coming down the gangplank it was blacks this way, whites this way, still segregation".

The historical significance of the Tuskegee

Airmen is that they were the first black pilots in American military history, and by performing well in combat, proved that they fully deserved the same opportunities offered to white pilots and servicemen. Their record encouraged the Air Force to integrate before the other services. The Tuskegee Airmen provided role models for others, demonstrating how determination and persistence can overcome many obstacles. They risked their lives for their country even at a time when they were denied equal opportunities, and their actions helped open the door of equal opportunity to others of their race. In recognition for their World War II service, the Tuskegee Airmen were collectively awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by President George W. Bush in March 2007, after it had been approved by Congress in 2006.



### TRACKING STATION

#### **Events**

Yellow Ribbon Pre-Deployment Event Feb 25, 2017 POC Charlsyee Yoshimoto

Hawaii National Guard Association **Golf Tournament** 

Mar 3, 2017. 1230, Coral Creek Golf Course POC Maj. Jason Matsuoka

Yellow Ribbon Pre-Deployment Event May 20, 2017 POC Charlsyee Yoshimoto

#### Workshops/Classes

AROWS Training February 11, 1330, OG Training Room POC Staff Sgt. Crystal Mokiao

**SABC Rodeo Instructor training** and refresher course February 11, 0830, MDG training room POC Lt. Col. Nathaniel Duff

Defense Travel System (DTS) Training POC 154WG154CPTFalo@us.af.mil

PTL and Be-well classes POC 15mdg.hparcfitness@us.af.mil

#### **Announcements**

154th MDG M-50 and respirator fit testing The 154th Medical Group now offers respirator and M-50 gas mask fit testing during the week, by appointment only. Fit testing will be conducted at 154 MDG, Bldg 3417, and to schedule an appointment, email Mr. John Bolton at john.bolton.6.ctr@us.af.mil or call 448-8226 ext 444-6425.

For RSD weekend appointments, contact TSgt Wesley Barlow or SrA Ericka Ronduen at 448-8226 option 9.

#### **CARTOONIST WANTED**

Do you like to doodle? Do you like to draw? Contact us at 154WG.PA.PublicAffairs@us.af.mil for more information.





## CHECK 3 : G.

**Senior Master Sgt RONALD MORI** 

154th Wing Safety Office

#### Three Simple and Quick Questions to Assess Any Activity



hat is Check3 GPS? This question popped up in your head when you noticed the life size posters in the DFAC.

In a nutshell, it is a quick and easy method to perform risk management for all your activities, especially when you are not at work. The "GPS" does not represent a navigation aid but an acronym to help assess the risk in any activity. G-Gear, P-Plan, S-Skills.

Following this approach allows a quick review of your activity to highlight any issues or hazards that can be corrected prior to performance of the activity.

For example, "G" or gear may take into account personal protective equipment, your vehicle, or availability of drinking water. "P" or plan will help you take into consideration time, weather, emergency contact, and deviations. "S" or skills takes into account your health and experience level with the activities.

Use Check 3 to assess your activities! It could save you a lot of grief!

#### **AIRMAN'S COMPASS**

Did you know that the Airman and Family Readiness Program includes a Personal Financial Counselor (PFC) who can help you and your family manage your personal finances, resolve financial issues, and reach long-term goals such as buying a home, education, and planning for retirement?

The PFC provides FREE, private, and confidential financial consultions on a wide range of personal finance topics including:

- Developing a budget and making it work
- Debt repayment plans and how to use www.PowerPay.org
- Referral to a vetted credit, housing, or bankruptcy counseling agency (www.NFCC.org)
- Credit report review (www.annualcreditreport.com), credit repair (especially for security clearance) and access to your FICO credit score: https://www.saveandinvest.org/free-credit-score-and-analysis-tool
- Savings and investing to include the types of vehicles that are available (i.e. mutual funds for IRAs, 529s)
- Understanding TSP and 401Ks
- Tax return review and withholding, investment, and military specific tax implications Armed Forces' Tax Guide: https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p3.pdf

To discuss these topics or address any other personal finance questions or concerns, contact your HIANG PFC: Bethy Vallejo at (808) 238-8111 or PFC2.HI.NG@zeiders.com.



#### 2017 MILITARY SAVES WEEK IS FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> - MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>

Military Saves, a component of the nonprofit America Saves and a partner in the Department of Defense's Financial Readiness Campaign, is an annual awareness campaign that seeks to motivate, support, and encourage military families to save money, reduce debt, and build wealth. As part of this campaign, all Service members, their families, and civilian employees are encouraged to take the Military Saves pledge https://militarysaves.org/for-savers/savings-tools-and-resources/take-the-pledge.

Taking this pledge will provide members a link to their FREE FICO credit score and credit report. This would be a great opportunity to make an appointment with your PFC to review your report and make any necessary repairs.

STOP BY THE MILITARY SAVES TABLE AT THE FSS DFAC THIS COMING DRILL ON SATURDAY, FEB 11TH FROM 1030-1330 TO TAKE THE PLEDGE AND SIGN UP FOR YOUR FREE FICO CREDIT SCORE!!!



#### Your Resource Sheet for all your Guard needs. Visit us at HawaiiGuardOhana.org for more information and program updates.

#### Updated: January 2017

#### ARMY RESOURCES

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808-844-6455 or

808-383-1038

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Dee Sawyers

808-672-1512

**HIARNG Drug Testing Coordinator** 

SSG Barry Asberry

808-672-1505

**HIARNG Prevention Coordinator** 

Gail Tamaribuchi

808-672-1516

**Psychological Health Coordinator** 

Janet Covington

808-295-7818

**Behavioral Health Provider** 

Yumi K. Panui

808-844-6571

Hawaii National Guard Chaplain/

**Strong Bonds** 

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808-844-6482

**HIARNG SARC** 

**CPT Nathan Masunari** 

888-SAPR-101

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**CPT Christine Rosalin** 

808-844-6049

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Laura Cooper

808-844-6572

**Family Readiness Support** 

Assistant (FRSA) 29th IBCT

Yasuyo Nix

844-6573

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**Trainer** 

Karl Flores

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**Pathways Program** 

Deborah Nakashima 808-630-0128

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**HIANG SARC** 

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Bonds

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Health

Barbra M Kanani Krafft

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HIANG

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**HIANG Yellow Ribbon** 

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#### **Support Resources**

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**TriCare Beneficiary Education** 

Representative

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Maui, Molokai and Lanai

Harmonie Borden

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29th IBCT Kalaeloa

Jared Espinda

808-672-1441

**Troop Command Pearl City** 

Traci Kaopua

808-672-1438

David Ferreira

**Armed Forces Reserve Center** 

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**Kealakekua Armory** 

(Kona, Big Island)

Lora Scott

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Milton Oshiro

808-844-6738

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State Equal Employment Manager

LT Col Laura Soares

808-672-1321

**Military OneSource** 

1-800-342-9647

**Transition Assistance Advisor** 

Tim Fujino

808-672-1250

**Personal Financial Counselor** 

Oahu

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808-238-8111 (HIANG)

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808-260-6832

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808-672-1439

**Military Funeral Honors** 

Vilisoni Kotobalavu

808-672-1749

**Survivor Outreach Support** 

Coordinator

Catherine Ignacio

808-655-7171

**Local Veteran Centers** 

Oahu (Kapi'olani): 808-973-8387

Oahu (Kapolei): 808-674-2414

Kauai: 808-246-1163

Hawaii: 808-969-3833

Maui: 808-242-8557

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#### **AROUND THE HIANG**











































## City & County Satellite Vehicle Registration Office

(Effective 9 Feb 17)

The vehicle registration office has relocated from Club Pearl to the old Hickam Visitor Control Center, near O'Malley gate. The DMV office is open Monday through Friday 0830 to 1600 and closed for lunch from 1200-1300. Service is available by appointment only for all military personnel, their family members and civilian personnel with base access.

Services provided included the following: All vehicle transactions; initial registration for vehicles previously registered in another jurisdiction (i.e. out of state, out of country, foreign); out-of-state permits; transfer of ownership; replacement of Hawaii plates and/or registration emblems; duplicate Honolulu titles and registrations; ordering of special plates, veteran plates, organizational plates; junking and storage.

#### For more information visit:

https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrh/installations/jb pearl harbor hickam/om/city---county-of-honolulu-pearl-harbor-satellite-vehicle-registr.html

#### To Schedule an appointment visit:

https://jbphhwindow1.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php



