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An F-22 Raptor fighter aircraft departs for a combat sortie from an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, Dec. 11, 2015. The Raptors performing alongside other coalition aircraft on nearly every combat sortie they fly. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kentavist P. Brackin/released)

Isle-based pilots take to the sky against IS

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While much of Hawaii rings in the new year with some relaxation today, F-22 Raptor pilots and maintenance crews from the Hawaii Air National Guard and active duty Air Force continue to take the fight to the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq.

There was some connection with home on Christmas, and the group of more than 200 Hawaii maintenance personnel and pilots is halfway to home on their six-month deployment to the Middle East.

“This was the first time for me missing Christmas. However, thanks to a great WiFi connection here and my wife supporting from back home, I was able to enjoy seeing my kids open their presents on Christmas morning,” a lieutenant colonel and pilot in the Hawaii Air Guard said in an email. “I had flown two United States flags on my first combat sortie for my daughters, and it was touching to see their heartfelt responses opening those gifts.”

Hawaii National Guard spokesman Lt. Col. Chuck Anthony asked that the crew member’s name not be used because of the “high visibility of being an F-22 pilot” and Islamic State’s use of social media to threaten service members and their families.

“The F-22s have been pretty instrumental in taking out a lot of high-value targets,” Anthony said.

At the midpoint of the deployment, the Hawaii fighter and strike aircraft have flown more than 100 sorties in combat or in a combat support role, dropping more than 130 GBU-32 1,000-pound bombs in Syria and Iraq.

“We have generally been tasked to target and destroy Daesh (another term for Islamic State) training camps, vehicle-borne improvised explosive device manufacturing and storage facilities, fighting areas, various Daesh headquarters facilities and Daesh-controlled oil distribution capabilities,” said the pilot.

The Air Force isn’t disclosing the number of Raptors in the theater, but a previous deployment involving a Florida unit included six F-22s. The Hawaii stealth fighters are the only F-22s in the region, Anthony said.

The majority of those deployed are from the Hawaii Air Guard, with active duty airmen from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam rounding out the contingent. The base from which the aircraft operate also wasn’t revealed due to host-nation sensitivities, Anthony said. - >Continued on Page -4

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Aloha 154th Wing Ohana. I am pleased to ring in the New Year with the revival of the Kūkā'ilimoku and the warmest "Mahalo" to all of our Airmen and civilians for being safe over the holidays. You are our greatest asset! To all of our

deployed personnel taking care of business and those that could not be here with us, thank you for your sacrifice.

As we start 2016, and look at the challenges that are ahead of us, I must stress the importance of relevancy - that the greatest tool we have to stay relevant is our people. Every day, in your respective careers fields, you see the inefficiencies, you know where we can improve and you know how this great Wing can become even better. I challenge all of you to communicate with your supervisors and leadership and I challenge leadership to promote an environment that fosters a culture of effective and reciprocal communication.

We must also not forget that we, Active, Guard, Reserves and civilians are all part of the same Air Force, with a singularity of purpose. We are stronger, more ready and more capable as one. We fight, deploy and are held to the same standards together and we all represent the Air Force when scrutinized by the public eye. We must move forward together.

As always, I am extremely proud of all of you and grateful for your service and commitment. Looking forward to another great year!

Mahalo

Brig. Gen. Braden Sakai



Members of the Hawaii Air National Guard join 200 Lanakila Meals on Wheels volunteers in preparing over 700 meals for home bound elderly on the Island of Oahu Christmas Morning. Lanakila Pacific is a non-profit organization that builds independence for thousands of people living challenged lives. (U.S. Air National Guard Photo, By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jackson, Hawaii Air National Guard Public Affairs.)

Hawaii Air National Guard helps spread Christmas cheer

By Senior Airman Orlando Corpuz - 154th Wing Public Affairs

HONOLULU - With much of Hawaii still asleep early on Christmas morning, a group of Hawaii Air National Guard Airmen and their families joined over two hundred volunteers at Lanakila Pacific's Meals on Wheels program.

The volunteers were there to help cook, plate, and deliver Christmas day meals to some of Honolulu's citizens in need.

"We [HIANG] serve the state [Hawaii]," said Senior Master Sgt. David Sala, 154th Logistics and Readiness Squadron Material Management superintendent. "We look at this as an opportunity to give back always, to serve the community."

HIANG members also assisted at November's Thanksgiving meal effort. This year marks the eleventh year HIANG members and family have volunteered at the meal program.

"We volunteer knowing that the less fortunate will be able to enjoy a hot meal without worries. When you return home from this event, you have a warm feeling knowing that they too can share in the good times," said Sala.

Lanakila Meals on Wheels provides meal delivery to Honolulu's senior citizens and adults with disabilities. According

to officials, the program provided almost 260,000 meals to over 2,000 senior over the course of last year. Thanksgiving and Christmas day events each delivered over 700 meals to senior citizens in need.

"About two hundred volunteers help with the Christmas meal program," said Lyn Moku, Lanakila Meals on Wheels Program director. "We could not provide this service without the help of our volunteers, many of whom have volunteered with us for years."

With a home delivery program, group dining program at sixteen locations across Oahu, and a paid staff of only 20, success of the meal program depends on a steady stream of volunteers throughout the year.

HIANG members' kids were also part of the volunteer effort, manning juice stations and helping with plating.

"Gifts of time, expertise and resources will make all the difference in the lives of our seniors and their families. We cannot do this alone, we cannot leave our seniors alone, said Moku.

This year's Special Hawaiian Christmas menu included Pork Lau Lau, Kalua Turkey and Cabbage, Chicken Long Rice, Sweet Potato and Haupia.

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Aloha!

We are honored to be a part of the 154th Mental Health Team...

The Psychological Health Program provides confidential non-medical consultation, resources, and referrals for National Guard members and their family members when dealing with difficult situations that may be related to military/deployment, work, home, family, relationships, school and new transitions (e.g. retirement, loss, new beginnings, etc.).

The first step to resiliency is often the hardest – recognizing when you need help. Seeking help through the Psychological Health Program allows you to create strength, empower change, and improve personal resilience. Our team is staffed by two licensed health care professionals who will provide appropriate services to fit your individual needs. For assistance, please contact your mental health team by phone, e-mail, or walk-in. Their office is located at the OG Bldg. #3382, 2nd Floor. Office hours: M-F 0800-1600 and during UTA.



Fighting IS - Continued

The Hawaii Raptors “have dropped ordnance on every combat mission we have flown over Syria and Iraq,” the 199th Fighter Squadron pilot said. “While there, we have also used our sensors to contribute to the overall situational awareness of the strike package.”

He added that the Raptors have been “performing extremely well in combat.” The Air Force previously said it is the first operational deployment for the state’s F-22s.

The primarily air operations the United States has undertaken in Operation Inherent Resolve have resulted in 7,018 strikes in Iraq and Syria as of Dec. 22, the Pentagon said. Other coalition members conducted 2,023 strikes in that time.

On Tuesday, Col. Steve Warren, the Operation Inherent Resolve spokesman, said during a Pentagon teleconference that over the past month, 10 Islamic State leadership figures were killed in airstrikes, including Charaffe al Mouadan, a Syrian-based Islamic State member linked to Abdel Hamid Abaaoud, the Paris attack cell leader.

Many of those missions were conducted by Predator and other drones, but not exclusively, Warren said. “I don’t have the breakout (of aircraft), but they were all done from the air,” he said.

The number of missions flown per week by the Hawaii Raptors has varied depending on the availability of other coalition aircraft in the theater, the Hawaii pilot said. Some weeks that means flying once or twice, but at others times it’s been four to five times in either a two-plane or four-plane formation of Raptors.

“When we’re not flying on combat missions, we also

perform combat support missions nearby or conduct training with Navy or (other) air assets in the area,” the pilot said.

“Contributing to the fight against Daesh has been rewarding,” he said. “It’s a great feeling to be able to use the Raptor and the skills we have been honing in preparation for this deployment.”

The level of stress is “surprisingly not high,” he added. Pre-deployment training in the air and with a simulator provided “a good baseline for the level of intensity we have been facing.”

The stealth aircraft generally fly higher than all the other aircraft in the strike group, the lieutenant colonel said. “That provides us a pretty good buffer away from the ground in the case of anti-aircraft artillery. And our sensors, stealth and speed help us avoid being targeted by any surface-to-air missile systems while flying in Syria.”

The combat sorties are generally between five to six hours long with multiple air refuelings, mostly at night. One of the maintenance officers on the deployment said crews “are performing superbly.”

“We train for scenarios like this daily back home to develop our wartime skills,” the officer said. “Now, we’re using those same skills in a wartime environment to perform wartime missions. It’s a testament to the core values instilled in each of our airmen.”

The pilot said co-workers back home “have been a huge support to us. They are unsung heroes. They have been performing the (F-22) homeland defense mission 24/7 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam with fewer pilots and maintenance personnel than what they are used to having.”



Judd was a prolific researcher/author. He wrote: *Palaces and Forts of the Hawaiian Kingdom* (1975), *Kamehameha* (Hawaiian bicentennial library, Vol. X, 1976), *Let us go: The narrative of Kamehameha II, King of the Hawaiians 1819-1824* (1976), *Hawaii's Military Heritage: Polynesian to Annexation* (1977), *Warfare in Hawaii 1772-1782* (1978), and *Hawaii Joins the World* (1999)

HIANG History to Now

by Lt. Col. Charles Anthony - HIANG Headquarters PAO

Every history of the Hawaii Air National Guard should begin with Col. (Ret.) Walter F. Judd, who in my opinion has done more to preserve our heritage than any other individual. Quite simply, Col. Judd is one of those giants whose shoulders we all stand upon today. Col. Judd traced his family's lineage to among the first missionary families who settled in Hawaii in the 1820's. His great-grandfather was Dr. Geritt P. Judd, who was a physician, translator and advisor to King Kamehameha III (He was also the founder of what became Punahou School). Col. Judd's grandfather, Albert F. Judd, served as an officer in the King's Army until 1871. His grandfather also served the kingdom in the House of Representatives, the House of Nobles, as King Liholiho's attorney general and as chief justice of the Hawaiian Kingdom Supreme Court.

Walter Judd was educated at Punahou School. He then enlisted in the Hawaii Guard in 1939 and was assigned to Co. K, 299th Infantry (Molokai). He was mobilized on Oct. 15, 1940 with the rest of the Hawaii National Guard as WW II loomed on the horizon. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in November 1942 and was assigned to the 35th Infantry. In 1943, Judd transferred to the Army Air Corps and served as a B-11 Bomber navigator in the European Theater for the remainder of WW II. He earned numerous awards including the Distinguished Flying Cross with three oak leaf clusters, Meritorious Service Medal, four Air Medals, EAME Service Medal (European-African-Middle Eastern campaign), with three service stars, and World War II Victory Medal.

After returning home from the war, Judd became one of the original members of the newly created Hawaii Air National Guard on Sept. 10, 1946. The new first lieutenant was originally assigned to the 199th Fighter Squadron. He served in various positions at the 154th Composite Group until moving to HIANG Headquarters at Fort Rucker as an executive officer, in 1963. While at Rucker, he completed *HIANG 25 (1946 to 1971)*, a compilation of the first quarter century of the Hawaii Air Guard's history. In 1963 he was the driving force to recreate the Ceremonial Royal Guard, modeled after King David Kalakaua's personal guard. More than five decades later, the Royal Guard continues to post the guard at Iolani Palace to celebrate the king's birthday every year on Nov. 16, and is a familiar sight at parades and ceremonies throughout the state.

Walter Judd is also credited with saving Iolani Barracks from demolition in the 1960's. Built in the 1870's during the reign of King Kamehameha V, the barracks were originally located on the site where the State Capitol now stands. Plans called for knocking down the barracks to make way for the new capitol, but Judd led the effort to have the barracks moved piece-by-piece to its current location next to Iolani Palace. (Incidentally, Iolani Barracks was the location of the first HIANG formation in 1946.) In the 1970's, he set his sights on the restoration of the Iolani Palace and served as the chairman of the restoration committee.

Judd retired from the HIANG in 1973 after serving a total of 35 years in uniform. He passed away in 2000 at the age of 81. September 2016 will mark the 70th anniversary of the HIANG.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER:

The Wedged Leaf and the new year

by Chaplain (Lt Col) Leah Boling Have you ever experienced getting in your car, turning on the ignition, starting down the road, and suddenly notice there is a leaf wedged on one of the windshield wipers?

You turn on the wiper to hopefully dislodge the leaf, only to discover the leaf becomes wedged even deeper. Of course, while this is going on, it starts raining, so you continue using the wiper with a perfectly wedged leaf, creating uneven streaks across the windshield that just so happens to be directly in your line of sight. You keep wishing you could grab that leaf. Your feelings range from irritation to annoyance to anger. You promise yourself as soon as you arrive at your destination, the first thing you are going to do as you step out of the car is finally remove that leaf. Three days have gone by and the leaf is still in your windshield wiper!

Life is sometimes like the situation described above. Many times in our journey, we find ourselves stuck-in relationships, jobs, church, personal goals, tradition, habits, etc. We promise to get out of this "mess" as soon as possible. We promise not to do it again. We prioritize this and that, but days go by, and we are still wedged in the same spot! Bad habits

could be one of the reasons why we get stuck. Another reason may be that we are just darn lazy. Another potential reason may be that we just don't know how to get ourselves out of the situation. To "unstuck" ourselves, we must first recognize why we are "stuck" in a situation and then determine if we want to get "unstuck." Finding a solution will be much easier once we recognize these two key elements.

As we prepare for the New Year, this may be a good time to explore whether or not there are things we need to get ourselves "unstuck" from to start the year fresh and rejuvenated. I understand habits are hard to break, but if these habits get in the way of us living successfully, we need to recognize if we are "stuck" and find ways to get "unstuck." As Mark Twain says, "Do something every day that you don't want to do; this is the golden rule for acquiring the habit of doing your duty without pain." Who knows, you may find yourself out of that mess you were in.

HIANG Events

HIANG-i.NFO

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

The next Yellow Ribbon Event is scheduled for 16 January 2016 at 0730 in the 154 DFAC. Contact Charlie if you would like to register.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

HING Financial Advising (Free) Oahu - email Jeff Alameida hipfc1@mflc.zeiders.com
Neighbor Islands - email Rhonda Bowden hipfc2@mflc.zeiders.com

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

Airlift/Tanker Association Annual Scramble Golf Tournament Jan 14 @ Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course*Proceeds benefit U.H. ROTC Scholarship*
POCs - Master Sgt. Randy Stinnnett randy.stinnnett@us.af.mil
Master Sgt. James Bishop james.bishop@us.af.mil

Workshops/Classes:

Defense Travel System (DTS) training email 154WG154CPTFalo@us.af.mil

Profession of Arms Center of Excellence - Enhancing Human Capital Seminar

DATE/TIME: 11 Jan, 1100-1600 (Gen population / spouses)
13 Jan, 1100-1600 (Leadership / Sr. Enlisted)
14 Jan, 0800-1300 (Gen population / spouses)

LOCATION: Hickam Theater on Kuntz Ave.

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