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A Hawaii Air National Guard ground crew member marshals out a KC-135 Stratotanker for departure in route to their deployment to Southwest Asia to join the 18-nation air coalition in the fight against Daesh, Feb 05, 2016 Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt Andrew Jackson /Released).

203rd Air Refueling Squadron to help fuel fight against Daesh

154th Wing Public Affairs - Story by Senior Airman Orlando Corpuz - Monday, February 8, 2016

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii - More than 50 members of the Hawaii Air National Guard based at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam have deployed to Southwest Asia to join in the fight against Daesh.

Three KC-135 Stratotankers belonging to the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, along with flight and maintenance crews and other support personnel, left JBPHH this weekend for Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar.

While deployed, the main mission of the 203rd ARS will be to provide aerial refueling to coalition aircraft in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

"The primary mission of giving gas to the receiver" that's what we're doing," said a 203rd ARS deploying crew member. "That's our bread and butter there in the AOR [area of responsibility]."

The unit joins an 18-nation air coalition against Daesh as part of a four month Air Expeditionary Force rotation.

According to U.S. Central Command, Daesh is operationally on the defensive in the areas where the Coalition is operating and supporting indigenous ground forces, primarily in Iraq and Syria.

Aerial refueling allows for extended range and persistence of Coalition air operations in Iraq and Syria, enabling the Coalition aircraft to maintain a 24/7 presence over areas Daesh operates in, holding targets they value at risk.

"You never know who you are going to meet out there as far as receiver aircraft," said the 203rd crew member. "When we have a certain mission there's all the safety precautions that we use as far as altitude and de-confliction" so that right before they take gas we're in a safe position and everyone is set."

The unit has deployed to the US CENTCOM AOR numerous times. This most recent deployment is similar to a rotation during the summer and fall of 2014.

While the 203rd ARS is just starting its deployment, another HIANG unit, the 199th Fighter Squadron, with its F-22 Raptor aircraft and airmen is just past the halfway mark of its assignment in the Southwest Asia. The 199th FS and active duty 19th FS deployed to the US CENTCOM AOR in September.

US CENTCOM AOR encompasses the area of Southwest Asia and most of the Middle East.

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Command Chief Message: We don't need a fourth Air Force Core Value!

by Command Chief Michael Gabster

Aloha All,

It is my honor and privilege to be your new wing command chief. I'd like to take a few minutes of your time to talk about our core values and persuade you that a fourth Air Force core value is not needed. For the past couple of years, Senior Air Force leadership discussed adding a fourth core value "Respect". The discussion began because of recent scandals in the service such as sexual assault and cheating. Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James said "We need dignity and respect for all - and that includes combating sexual harassment and assault." Respect, however, has broader implications than just the sexual assault realm," said Gen. Mark Welsh III, Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force. "Everybody in our Air Force should feel respected; they should feel critically important to what we do, because they are. They should feel included in your organization and the mission. And we should all recognize that diversity is very clearly a strength of this Air Force and will take us to places that we could not have gotten to without it."

I believe that we have a problem in the Air Force. I also believe that this problem will not be fixed by adding another core value. We need to recommit ourselves to being world class Airmen and embrace our existing core values. Respect is inherent in being an Airman and within our existing core values.

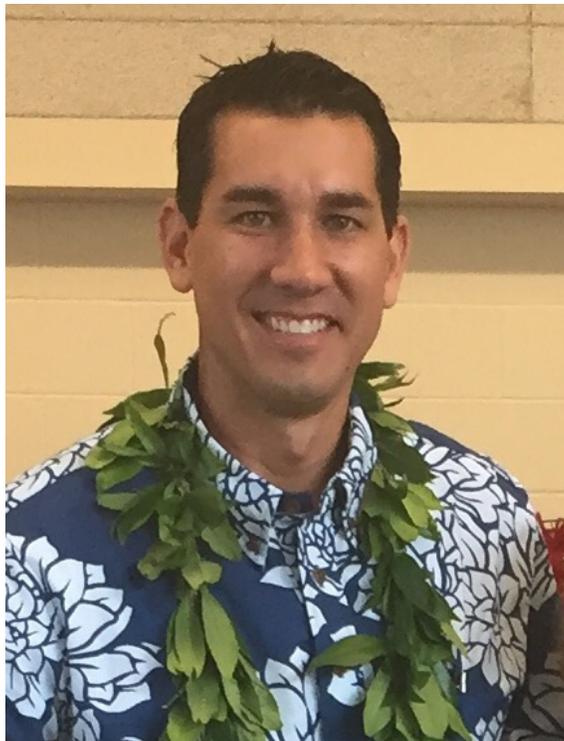
Our first core value "Integrity First", reminds us to do the right thing all the time, whether people are watching or not. Harassing, humiliating, ridiculing or assaulting another human being is never the right thing to do. Even our jokes can be offensive or harmful. We have an obligation to ensure that we do not cross the line from funny to offensive. If we are offended we must speak up, if we observe offensive or demeaning conduct, we must speak up. Ignoring anything that could harm another Airman is a deliberate failure of our first core value.

Our second core value "Service before Self", reminds us of our duty to our nation, the Air Force and our fellow Airmen. Our Airman and missions are too important to allow selfishness to interfere with anyone's ability to fully service. No one should ever be made fun of, or made to feel bad about their race, religion, gender or sexual orientation. That is not who we are.

Our third core value "Excellence in All We Do", reminds us to be the best Airmen we can be. It drives us to continue to make ourselves and those around us better. When we fail by allowing a fellow Airman to be hurt emotionally, physically or sexually, we are deliberately throwing them away. We damage them and their potential to serve; we fail our unit, the mission and the nation.

Gen. Welsh directed wing commanders and major command leaders to discuss the possible change among their airmen, and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James Cody polled airmen during his base visits. "The response was overwhelming, to leave it at three core values, so we're going to leave the core values the way they are." said Welsh.

By doing the right thing, protecting others from harm, by elevating the needs of the nation and all who serve with us above personnel desires, and by striving for excellence for ourselves and others, we cannot only eliminate the need for a fourth core value, we can eliminate sexual assault, harassment, discrimination and make our Air Force and nation both better and stronger.



Governor Ige appoints Kaiali'i Kahele to late father's seat in state Senate

Released by the Office of the Governor of the State of Hawaii

HONOLULU, Hawaii - Gov. David Ige has appointed Kaiali'i (Kai) Kahele to his late father's state Senate seat. Sen. Gil Kahele represented Senate district one which encompasses the greater Hilo area, when he died on Jan. 26, 2016.

"Kai has extensive community support and is committed to completing the work of his father. He has a broad vision for the future of this district and for all of Hawai'i Island that will serve his constituents well," said Gov. Ige.

"I thank the high-quality candidates who were willing to serve and the Senate district one Nominating Committee for working so quickly to get the names to me," he said.

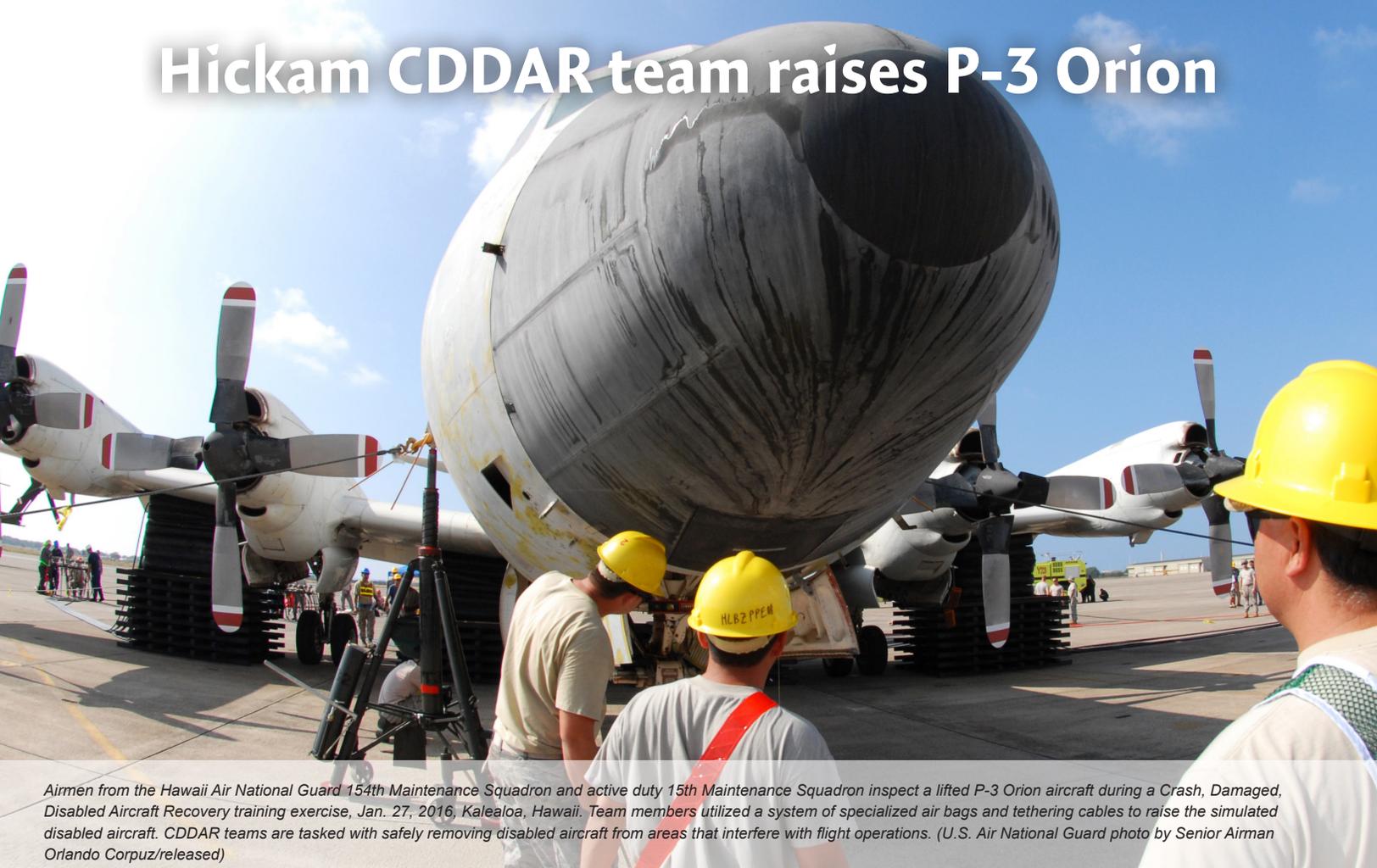
"My father led by example, and community service was part of my life for as long as I can remember. I am honored to carry on his legislative initiatives. In addition, I intend to focus on job creation by strengthening workforce opportunities and small business in Hilo and the state, and I will continue to be a strong advocate for Hawai'i Community College and UH-Hilo," Kahele said.

Kahele is a U.S. Air Force Maj. in the Hawai'i Air National Guard and C-17 Globemaster pilot. He is also a pilot with Hawaiian Airlines, a UH-Hilo adjunct faculty member and the executive director of the nonprofit Pa'a Pono Miloli'i. In 2015, Kai was a crew member on the Polynesian Voyaging Society's canoe Hikianalia.

Kahele is a graduate of Hilo High School and UH-Manoa where he earned a B.A. in education while playing on the UH-Manoa Men's Volleyball team as an outside hitter. He was named Most Inspirational Player in 1997.

Kahele will take office once the state senate qualifies him and administers the oath of office.

Hickam CDDAR team raises P-3 Orion



Airmen from the Hawaii Air National Guard 154th Maintenance Squadron and active duty 15th Maintenance Squadron inspect a lifted P-3 Orion aircraft during a Crash, Damaged, Disabled Aircraft Recovery training exercise, Jan. 27, 2016, Kalealoa, Hawaii. Team members utilized a system of specialized air bags and tethering cables to raise the simulated disabled aircraft. CDDAR teams are tasked with safely removing disabled aircraft from areas that interfere with flight operations. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Orlando Corpuz/released)

154th Wing Public Affairs

Story by Senior Airman Orlando Corpuz

KALAELOA, Hawaii - Airmen from the Hawaii Air National Guard 154th Maintenance Squadron (MXS), and active duty 15th MXS successfully completed a lift of a P-3 Orion Aircraft Jan. 27 at Kalaeloa Airport.

Lifting of the P-3 was part of an annual training exercise for Hickam's Crash, Damaged, Disabled Aircraft, Recovery (CDDAR) team.

"It [CDDAR] is a team of highly trained and specialized maintainers who work to quickly remove and recover a disabled aircraft with the goal of minimizing additional damage," said Maj. Brian S. Mix, 15th MXS commander. "By doing so we can re-open the airbase or airport as quickly as possible while hopefully maintaining the aircraft in such a condition that it can be fully repaired and returned to service."

Once investigative and safety operations have been completed, the CDDAR team utilizes a wide range of techniques and equipment to safely remove a disabled aircraft.

"The team's capabilities cover the full spectrum of incident responses from simply towing an aircraft out of the dirt to lifting it off the ground with specialized air bags and cranes," said Mix.

Lifting the P-3 required close coordination and constant communication between the personnel operating five separate lift bag stations and six tethering positions. The exercise provided

an opportunity for both initial and recurrent training as well as the inspection of CDDAR equipment.

"The P-3 lift included challenges such as multiple lift stations, wing angle, weight and balance, and multiple team coordination," said Chief Master Sgt. Edward Essman, 154th MXS Aircraft Maintenance manager. "Assigned team chiefs for the training had to safely coordinate the stations to evenly lift the P-3 to a working height that would allow a successful recovery."

According to Essman, no one lift or recovery operation is the same; each situation requires a tailored approach.

"Every scenario is different so what type of aircraft, where the incident occurred and what type of incident happened would factor into our response posture," said Essman. "In most instances, we would be responding with the crash investigators and help them preserve any evidence to be used in their investigation."

In addition to guard and active duty airmen, exercise participants included Army, Coast Guard and civilian personnel.

"Total force integration enjoyed here is important," said Essman. "We enjoy working and training with multiple services and are able to share lessons learned and improve response capability by building off each other's knowledge."

According to Essman, Hickam's CDDAR team has been called to respond to a few real world instances. In each of those cases,



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training such as January's P-3 lift has proven invaluable.

"Few functions require more precise individual and team actions, yet are provided even fewer occasions in which the individual and team can become proficient through actual hands on experience," said Essman.

Naval Air Museum Barbers Point provided the decommission P-3 aircraft used in the exercise.

Airmen from the Hawaii Air National Guard 154th Maintenance Squadron and active duty 15th Maintenance Squadron check the stability of landing gear on a lifted P-3 Orion aircraft during a Crash, Damaged, Disabled Aircraft Recovery training exercise, Jan. 27, 2016, Kalealoa, Hawaii. Hickam's CDDAR team is comprised of highly trained and specialized maintainers who work to quickly remove and recover a disabled aircraft with the goal of minimizing additional damage. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Orlando Corpuz/released)

Airman's Compass

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

Our Guard Ohana is important to the mission of the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG). HIANG Family Program is committed to helping families remain strong by providing the services necessary to ensure our Guard Ohana feels supported and connected. Every Month in the "Chain of Concern Corner" I will be highlighting a variety of support services in the effort to meet your needs. Some of the military and community-based family service organizations provide financial assistance, emergency assistance, educational resources, job search, employment resources, marriage enrichment and more. This month we will be highlighting the many Hawaii National Guard and JBPHH social media tools that can keep you informed.

HIANG Family Program facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/hiang.familyreadiness?ref=flnm>

HIANG Family Program Website

<http://www.hawaiiguardohana.org>

JBPHH Website:

<http://www.greatlifehawaii.com>

Hawaii National Guard website:

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Highlights on Health

By *Jacy L. Campbell, Psychological Health Specialist*

Have you ever heard the phrase, "People live their lives by their stories?"

A person's story will emphasize how one views their perception of time. There are three segments of time: past, present, and future. A person's story can reflect their past experiences by constantly communicating to others their feelings about how they "Could have, should have, and would have" done things differently if they had a second chance and time was reversed.

Someone who continues to communicate regret, dissatisfaction, and unhappiness because of a past situation, may feel "stuck" and have difficulty moving forward in their life. Past experiences can be of great value if we learn from our experiences and apply new knowledge to the present time.

On the other hand, a person who continually talks about how happy they would be and could be in the future may say things such as, "When I find the time, I will..", "When I have the money, I plan to.", "I will make changes in my life when..", or "Things will get better, if only.."

Many times the ones who procrastinate or postpone things will seldom make changes because there may not be a sense of urgency, or the value of the goal may not be a priority. The most ideal stance one can prepare for is on this very day, the present. A person who communicates that they are important and the things they do are valuable may greatly impact others.

Everything we do involves either verbal or non-verbal communication. Being aware of how we communicate in the context of time, can help us to reorganize our thoughts, assess ourselves, or adjust our stories. What segment of time do you want to focus your attention on?

The Psychological Health Program can help you create strength through personal resiliency. For confidential counseling and information, please contact:

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HIANG Historian : Tora Story

by MSgt William T. Tapper

Surprise!

If you've seen the 2015 film, Aloha, you likely recognized a lot of Hickam Field and some familiar aircraft in the film. Military in Hawaii have been spotlighted a lot recently, in films such as Aloha, Battleship, and Pearl Harbor. But there is one film that credited the HIANG in an unorthodox way, casting four pilots from the 199th, two of which were commanders of the 154th, as the Japanese pilots attacking the U.S. military in Hawaii.

The 1970 Japanese-American war film, Tora!, Tora!, Tora!, was a blockbuster film that accurately and vividly displayed the attack on Pearl Harbor. It was a joint venture, with both Japanese and American directors. The intention was to be accurate in acknowledging both sides of the battle. Hickam Field was again spotlighted in this film, obviously along with Pearl Harbor. But in this film, Hickam Field Information Center drops the ball, allowing the Japanese to have nearly complete surprise in the attack. True to life, there was no happy ending.

In the film, the Japanese Zero fighters, "Kate" torpedo bombers, and dive bombers were actually modified T-6 Texans, which were flown by 199th pilots from 1946 to 1947. A few 199th pilots that had experience with the T-6 were still around when the film was being produced. Col. James R. Ashford, Col. Robert B. Maguire, Maj. Kenneth J. Costa, and Maj. William T. Klopp were selected and casted to be the Japanese pilots tasked to attack Hickam Field and the Pearl Harbor Fleet. In the film, they got the job done for Japan. But in real life, those pilots got the job done for the HIANG, the nation, and the state. Col. Maguire was the first 154th Group Commander in 1960 and was succeeded in 1962 by Col. Ashford. Previously, Lt. Col. James R. Ashford was 199th Commander, from 1955 to 1960. And BG Maguire, after the film, became HIANG Commander, from 1973 to 1976.



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154th Wing Commanders:

<u>Rank/Name</u>	<u>Period of Command</u>
Col. Robert F. Maquire	Dec 60 - Sep 62
Col. James R. Ashford	Oct 62 - Jul 78
Col. John S.W. Lee	Aug 78 - Dec 89
Brig. Gen. Michael H. Tice	Dec 89 – Oct 00
Brig. Gen. Albert P. “Putt” Richards Jr.	Oct 00 - Dec 03
Brig. Gen. Peter S. Pawling	Dec 03 – Jun 09
Brig. Gen. Joseph K Kim	Jun 09 – Mar 11
Brig. Gen. Braden K. Sakai	Mar 11 - present

HIANG gets first “Intel Patch”

By Maj Brad “Strait” Pactol, Chief of WG Weapons

On December 19, 2015, Capt Todd “SHIBTU” Munesue became the first HIANG Intelligence Officer to graduate from the US Air Force Weapons Instructor Course (WIC). Capt Munesue was among 106 Air Force officers and enlisted personnel to graduate as part of class 15B.

The USAF Weapons Instructor Course is approximately 22 weeks long and trains tactical experts and leaders of Airmen skilled in the art of integrated battle-space dominance across the land, air, space and cyber domains. The curriculum provides graduate-level instructor courses that provide the world’s most advanced training in weapons and tactics employment. During the course, students receive an average of 400 hours of graduate-level academics and participate in demanding combat training missions. The weapons school consists of 18 Weapons Squadrons at eight locations across the country that train Airman from 25 different aircraft and weapons systems. WIC graduates are trained to live by the simple creed of “Build, Teach, Lead.”

A Weapons Officer is sometimes called “the Patch” by others in their unit because of the distinctive Weapons School Graduate patch that they are authorized to wear on the utility uniform. Capt Munesue is assigned to the 154th Operations Support Squadron as “the Intel Patch” where, according to 154 OSS Senior Intelligence Officer Capt Sara “Gillette” Pactol, “He will be using what he learned at Weapons School to work with other (154 WG) Weapons Officers to make the training that Intel provides to our Airmen more realistic and relevant.” Capt Munesue joined the HIANG as an enlisted Intelligence Specialist in 2002 and has participated in multiple deployments in support of operations in PACOM and CENTCOM. His unique combination of wide ranging experience, and newly acquired expertise, set the foundation for an invaluable resource that will enhance the combat effectiveness of the HIANG.



2016 National Defense Act Contains Education and GI Bill Changes

Courtesy Story from Military.com

The 2016 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) was signed into law by President Obama on November 25, 2015. There are many education and GI Bill changes in the new law, we will cover a few of the major changes here.

THE RESERVE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (REAP) GI BILL IS ENDING

According to the law, the REAP program ended on the date the law was signed, November 25. However, those people who currently or previously were in the REAP program have until November 25, 2019 to use their benefits. According to the VA, around 13,700 people used REAP in fiscal year 2014, the most recent date for which they provide data. The number of people using REAP has been declining around 25% annually since the inception of the Post-9/11 GI Bill in 2009 since most recipients are eligible for both programs and the Post-9/11 GI Bill is far more generous.

RESERVE REINTEGRATION PROGRAMS

Reservists and Guard Members will get more reintegration and quality of life training before during and after activations, mobilizations, and deployments. They will now receive four paid training sessions.

One pre-mobilization session focusing on preparing eligible individuals and affected communities for the rigors of activation, mobilization, and deployment.

One mid-deployment session focusing on helping them cope with the challenges and stress associated with mobilization, decreasing feeling of isolation during mobilization, and preparing them for the challenges associated with reintegration.

Two post-deployment sessions focusing on:

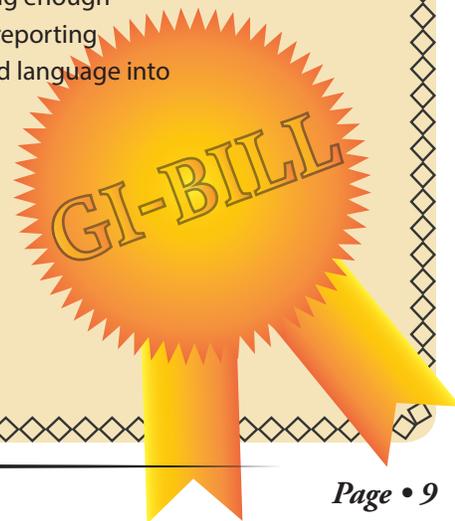
- reconnecting them with their families, friends, and communities;
- providing information on employment opportunities;
- helping them deal with the challenges of reintegration;
- ensuring they understand what benefits they are entitled to and what resources are available to help them overcome the challenges of reintegration; and
- providing a forum for addressing negative behaviors related to operational stress and reintegration.

EXPANSION OF EDUCATION COUNSELING DURING OUTBRIEFING

Congress feels there is not enough training on the various education opportunities available to veterans during the required Transition Assistance Program (TAP) training. This is evidenced by numerous GAO reports that say the military and VA aren't doing enough to help separating members transition to civilian life, and numerous veterans reporting problems finding work after leaving the service. To that end, they have inserted language into the law to require TAP training to include:

- Preparation for higher education or training.
- Preparation for career or technical training.
- Preparation for entrepreneurship.
- Other training options as necessary.

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NO MORE UNEMPLOYMENT WHILE GETTING THE GI BILL

Congress was surprised and upset to learn that many veterans were receiving free tuition at school, a housing allowance to pay all their housing costs, \$1,000 a year book stipend from their GI Bill and then turning around and drawing unemployment. This was a loophole in the law nobody saw coming and apparently quite a few people took advantage of, enough to cause Congress to insert language into the law prohibiting the receipt of unemployment benefits while receiving the Post-9/11 GI Bill.



Lt. Col. Ryan Endo, Lt. Col. James Faumina, Lt. Col. Jamie Jicha and Lt. Col. Stuart Thompson from the 154th Medical Group pose together during their joint promotion and pinning ceremony, Jan. 10, 2016, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The officers were given Lei, a tradition in Hawaii for greetings, honor, friendship, and to recognize accomplishment. (Courtesy Photo)



Chief Master Sgt. Paul K. Kamakawiwoole administers the Chief's Oath to Chief Master Sgt. Broc Richardson during a promotion ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Jan. 9, 2016. Chief Master Sergeants make up only two percent of the total enlisted force of the Air Force. (U.S. National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Robert Cabuco/released)



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Damon L. Pescaia, (then) commander of the 154th Operations Group, passes the 204th Airlift Squadron guidon to Lt. Col. Robert T. Chowhoy, new commander of the 204th AS during an assumption of command ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Jan. 9, 2016. The exchange of the unit colors is a tradition symbolizing the acceptance or transfer of command. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Robert Cabuco/released)



U.S. Air Force Col. Joseph Harris, commander of the 154th Maintenance Group, is pinned by Brig. Gen. Braden Sakai, commander of the 154th Wing, and his wife, Sara, during his promotion ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Jan. 10, 2016. Harris celebrates 31 years of service with the Air Force. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Robert Cabuco/released)

HIANG Events:

Yellow Ribbon Employment Workshop

February 29, 2016, 0800-1200, Kalaeloa, 299th CAV, Bldg 1898, Classroom

RSVP by 25FEB2016 POC: SFC John Balmonte 808-672-1801, SSG Kevan Stewart 808-844-6287

Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association 2016 Bowling Fundraiser

Saturday, March 26th 6-9 PM, JBPHH Bowling Center (Team Check-in Starts at 5pm)

Open to everyone. Register before March 22nd

POC: MSgt Mandy Mahuka, Phone: 808-448-8146 ext 1,3 Email: mandy.mahuka@us.af.mil

Please join MSgt Alberto Fuentes at the car wash fundraiser for the 2016 Knucklebuster Awards Banquet. Looking for 8 volunteers per shift at the Navy Fleet Reserve on Friday, February 26, from at 0900-1600. Mark your calendars and if you can't volunteer, take your vehicle (s) to the Navy Fleet Reserve to be washed for a donation. Please contact MSgt Fuentes via email to sign up. Alberto.fuentes@us.af.mil.

The times are:0900-1200, 1100-1400 and 1300-1600.

Announcements:

Student Flight Assembly: Report to DFAC NLT 0700 Those not selected for KP duty will report to FTAC (First term Airmen's Center) by PME Center/Hickam Dining Hall off Kuntz NLT 0745.

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 charlysee.yoshimoto.2.ctr@us.af.mil

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>

For future PTL A/B classes and BEWELL classes please email HPARC Fitness for assistance.

Their contact information is 15mdg.hparcfitness@us.af.mil DSN: 448-6180.

Workshops/Classes:

Leadership Development Courses via TFLDP (Total Force Leadership Development Program)

1 Mar: Everyone Communicates, Few Connect

2 Mar: The Power of One

Free to attend, sign ups via: <https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-DP-PC-15/PLDreg/Registration/Registration.aspx>

EPR Lunch & Learn: Resumes Sunday UTA @ Hanger 13, 1130-1300.

Download ACA and AF Form 910/911 via e-pubs/AF Portal -Bring lunch

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

The 154 MDG will be hosting another SABC ESR "Rodeo" Instructor Training Course during February UTA. The class will be held on Sunday, 21 February 2016 between 0800 and 1200 hrs in the 154 MDG training room. Please get approval from your SABC unit monitor and RSVP Maj Duff: Nathaniel.duff@us.af.mil