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154th Wing, Hawaii Air National Guard • Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Introducing General Woodrow

Excerpts from Brig. Gen. Gregory S. Woodrow's speech at his pinning.

"Today is not about me... Today is an acknowledgment, an affirmation, or even celebration of the continuing evolution and vitality of our Hawaii National Guard organization - and the important role it plays in executing foreign policy for our nation, and safeguarding the citizens of our great state. What we do is important. It matters...

For those of us in service, very few of us are actually on the pointy end of the stick .... flying down range in enemy territory, like our Raptor brothers who just accomplished a six month stint in the desert, making life difficult for ISIS, or hauling gas and supplies and people to wherever the warfighter needs.

Most of us are in the business of providing essential support in the form of communication, intelligence, security, finances, medical care, maintenance, administration ... and on and on .... Support that is every bit as important as the trigger puller - without it there would be no trigger puller. The end result is that we, as an organization, the HING, provide an essential service that supports and protects our nation, and the free world: we are a national foreign policy instrument, used to enforce our UNITED STATES national influence the world over, and safeguard our way of life. In addition, we're an essential tool for the Governor when he needs reinforcement at the state level. Like humanitarian assistance (think Iniki), APEC, or Puna Lava flow.)

I have learned to take great pride in what we do, because what we do is meaningful, it makes a difference, and there is no greater professional calling than the profession of arms.

The other thing I'd like to highlight, and share, is the pride I have in our Hawaii Guard culture we are an Ohana, a family, and that is something, as a full-time Guardsman, I've been well acquainted with these many years. The feeling of being a professional family. The nature of our Guard Ohana was firmly underscored for me last year when I was in a nasty bicycle accident and, taken to the OR across the street at Queen's. It was very frightening for my family, as well as Brig. Gen. Sakai and Col. Ota who were first on the scene at the OR and witnessed more trauma than they bargained for.

When Tracy recalls the events to me, because I remember very little of the first days, she is overwhelmed with emotion recalling your support - a Queen's Medical Center OR waiting room overflowing with Hawaii National Guard members--the outpouring of love, and help, and presence. So many of you here today lent your support to our family at that time, with visits, with notes, flowers, balloons, cards, food, countless Facebook messages, and prayers and, so we carry a debt of gratitude and thankfulness to this great organization and I promise to do everything within my power to continue that proud tradition.

So thank you for your service, be proud of what you do for our nation, and state, and each other, because it matters."

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Honoring the fallen
Memorial Day 2016

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National Guard Teen Summit June 20-24 2016

Child and Youth Services will be hosting its

ANNUAL TEEN SUMMIT

for Ages 12-17 at Camp Mokuleia from June 20-24

This camp will focus on "Leading by Example"

Teens will partake in five fun days of leadership skill building, teambuilding activities, communication skills, a community service project and be certified in both FIRST AID and CPR.

Cost to attend the camp is $35.00, applications available on the HawaiiGuardOhana.org Website under Child and Youth Services. Please contact Lead Coordinator Michelle Nieves at michelle.k.nieves.ctr@mail.mil for more information or to sign up today.

child & youth program
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SIGN UP NOW!! 24 SLOTS AVALIABLE !!

Deadline for submission with payment is JUNE 17

Interisland travel for teens 13 to 17 is available

Sometimes you have to yell.

Story and Photos by Tech. Sgt Andrew Jackson

The Hawaii National Guard recently hosted a demonstration of its Long Range Acoustic Device for local first responder agencies.

"Basically we could use it for riot or crowd control or in the event the Civil Support Team (CST) or Chemical Biological Nuclear Enhanced Response Force-Package (CERF-P) had a decontamination mission we could give direction on how to assemble for the decontamination line," said Sgt. Maj. Ronald Oshiba. "Any type of large crowd situation we would be able to speak or issue prerecorded instructions."

The LRAD is a device that allows the Guard to make announcements over great distances with very little attenuation or distortion in a targeted manner, and it can be used in a variety of disaster scenarios.

"We have deployed the units in several situations but no need arose to use it. We have a couple devices forward deployed right now in case a situation arises. We have it readily available," said Oshiba. "The advantage of these systems is the distance. It is a very clear and directional acoustics, where a bull horn would be distorted and is not as long-range. So we could employ the LRAD from a safe distance. Like in a riot situation we could control the riot from a safe distance instead of needing to be right upfront with the crowd."

The Hawaii National Guard has four LRAD units assigned to areas through-out state and are planing on expanding the employment of the light weight mobile devices.

Servicemember Auto Loan Company Ordered to Pay $3.28 Million for Illegal Debt Collection Tactics -

from Maj. Eytalis Hawaii Air National Guard JAG

The Hawaii and Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Acts provide servicemembers with significant rights and protections when it comes to debt collection. As demonstrated below, these acts can result in large payouts to you when your rights are violated.

Late last year the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) filed an administrative order against Security National Automotive Acceptance Company (SNAAC), an auto lender specializing in loans to servicemembers, for engaging in illegal debt collection practices. The order requires the company to refund or credit about $2.28 million to servicemembers and other consumers who were allegedly harmed, and pay a penalty of $1 million. The CFPB alleged that the company:

Exaggerated potential disciplinary action that servicemembers would face: The CFPB alleged that the company routinely exaggerated the potential impacts of a delinquency on servicemembers' careers. The company told customers that their failure to pay could result in action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, as well as a number of other adverse career consequences, including demotion, loss of promotion, discharge, denial of re-enlistment, loss of security clearance, or reassignment. In fact, these consequences were extremely unlikely.

Contacted and threatened to contact commanding officers to pressure servicemembers into repayment: The company buried a provision within the fine print of contracts saying that it could contact commanding officers about servicemembers' debts. The company suggested that the servicemembers were in violation of military law and other regulations and threatened to notify their commanding officers about the purported violations.

Falsely threatened to garnish servicemembers' wages: The company implied to consumers that it could immediately commence an involuntary allotment or wage garnishment. But such consequences could not or would not occur because, through the military pay system, involuntary allotments are only processed once a judgment by a court is obtained. The company would threaten to pursue an involuntary allotment before it had even determined whether the servicemember would be sued.

Misled servicemembers about imminent legal action: In many instances, the company threatened to take legal action against customers when, in fact, it had not determined whether to take such action.

As demonstrated above, SNAAC systematically took advantage of servicemembers; often times in violation of federal law. These violations may not have been immediately apparent to servicemembers because frequently servicemembers are uninformed of their rights. For example it is against the law for a collection agency to contact your employer or commander for the purposes of disclosing that you have a debt. Similarly, a collection agency cannot attempt to collect a debt via a post card or via any other piece of mail that states or implies that you owe a debt. Such practices could subject the collection agency to fines and civil liability.

If you believe that you are being subjected to unlawful debt collection practices or for more information please contact me at 448-8101 extension 444-6514 or visit the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau at http://www.consumerfinance.gov/.

Military Promotion June 2016

RANK:	NAME:	TO:	EFT DATE
SRA	AMEMIIYA, CAIN S.	SSGT	1-JUN-16
SRA	JOHNSTON, SKY K.	SSGT	1-JUN-16
SRA	MABINI, ELDEN S.	SSGT	1-JUN-16
SRA	CORPUZ, CHRISTOPHER R.	SSGT	1-JUN-16
SRA	CHU, HYURN H.	SSGT	1-JUN-16
SSG	FERREIRA, GARRICK K.	TSGT	1-JUN-16
SSG	BLANTON, ERICA M.	TSGT	1-JUN-16
SSG	ZAMUDIO, JENNIFER M.	TSGT	1-JUN-16
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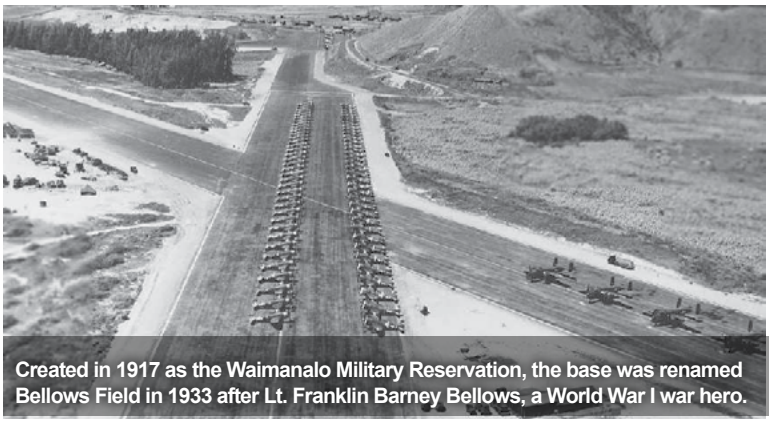

Created in 1917 as the Waimanalo Military Reservation, the base was renamed Bellows Field in 1933 after Lt. Franklin Barney Bellows, a World War I war hero.

Safety Moment

Check Three
Gear • Plan • Skills

ARE YOU READY?

CHECK 3 ... THREE SIMPLE AND QUICK QUESTIONS TO ASSESS ANY ACTIVITY

Gear
Plan
Skills

DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT GEAR?

DO YOU HAVE A GOOD PLAN?

DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT SKILLS?

Obligate Symbiotic Relationship - *by MSgt William Tapper*

According to Wikipedia, symbiosis is defined as "close and often long-term interaction between two different biological species… Some symbiotic relationships are obligate, meaning that both symbionts entirely depend on each other for survival." Without a doubt, the HIANG was a different species to Hickam Field, but we have quickly and decisively developed a symbiotic relationship, one that is certainly obligate, as much today as in the beginning.

In 1935, the Army Air Corps, tasked with developing a new airfield on Oahu, purchased the land that would become Hickam Field for a whopping $1,095,544. By World War II, Hickam Field became central to the defense plans for the Pacific and the Hawaiian Air Force was beefing up forces to prepare for possible hostilities. Unfortunately, the aircraft at Hickam were being parked close together to better secure them from sabotage. So, when Japan attacked on December 7, 1941, 76 out of the 146 aircraft in commission for the Hawaiian Air Force had been destroyed. The defense of the Pacific was cut in half that day, while a strong deterrent became even more critical. The United States became vulnerable like we had never been before. We prevailed, however, and Japan surrendered on the deck of the Battleship Missouri about four years later, September 2, 1945. Less than a year after that, with troops still returning home from the fight, Hawaii Governor Ingram Stainback ordered the Hawaii National Guard established, forming the 199th Fighter Squadron, 199th Utility Flight, and 199th Weather Station. On November 4, 1946, these first of our HIANG units were federally recognized. They were to become the deterrent necessary to prevent another attack.

HIANG operations were initially out of the Honolulu Armory, but, within the year, had begun moving to Bellows Field. There, the HIANG started receiving aircraft and training to Fly, Fight, and Win! Bellows Field was quickly deemed not feasible, however, because of its geographical location and the poor conditions of the roads. Guard members had difficulty making it to drill and supplies had to be continually flown to and from Hickam Field. By May of 1947, the HIANG was looking for a new home and by September they had it, the old 19th Troop Carrier Squadron area of Hickam Field, which included a couple of hangars and some wooden shacks that made it through WW II.

Hickam Field was officially activated September, 1938, three years after the land was purchased and three years before it was attacked. Construction was still in progress and all operations were still fairly new. When Hickam Field became home to the HIANG, the base was only nine years old and had already been ravaged by Japan in a war that ended only two years before. Hickam needed the HIANG for survival. And the HIANG was formed as a result of WW II, deemed necessary for the defense of Hawaii, moved around with a purpose but without a home, until the perfect home was found. In Hickam Field, the HIANG found a partner, a relationship built on survival, where the HIANG has successfully filled the role of deterrent ever since.

HIANG-i.nfo

Announcements:

Policy requires all returning deployers to attend a Yellow Ribbon Post event. Please pass on the word to ALL unit members who have returned from deployment within the past 6 month. Yellow Ribbon events are scheduled for June 11th in the 154 DFAC and June 25th also at the 154 DFAC. Families are HIGHLY encouraged to attend and sitters will be provided on site. Lunch will also be provided for all participants. Registration is required; please follow the links below.
For more information contact Charlie Yoshimoto at 808-382-4316 or charlsyee.yoshimoto.2.ctr@us.af.mil

June 11 event registration:
June 25 event registration:

Student Flight members report to DFAC NLT 0700 Saturday. Those selected for DFAC duty will be committed to supporting DFAC both days. Remaining Student Flight not used for DFAC are to return to their units.

Workshops/Classes:

Leadership Development Courses via TFLDP (Total Force Leadership Development Program) Free to attend, sign up here.

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

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.

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

Fitness Assessment:

As of 1 Apr 16
RSD PT TESTERS (SUN only):
UTA Testers report to the 154th Medical Group. Wear proper PT attire. Bring: CAC, FSQ, AF Form 4446, AF Form 422 or 469, if applicable

ACTIVE DUTY PT TESTERS (during the week day): Bring all of the above including Active Duty orders, Form 105, and "Be Well" certificate (if failed last FA) to Hickam Fitness Center FAC (HIK Gym) Doors open 30 minutes prior to test time, arrive early!

Medical/Dental:

Physicals conducted SAT UTA; report in PT gear.
Hep B Vaccine: Email notification; 1 year to complete series of (3) shots.
Check your own IMR readiness: https://asims.afms.mil/webapp/AppDir.aspx
Web Health Assessment (WebHA): attached to your ASIMS
Dental Form: DD 2813 – Department of Defense Reserve Forces Dental Examination Form.
IMMUNIZATION HOURS: Walk-in 0800-1430 SAT UTA unless otherwise advertised. Avoid 0800-1030 (busy hours).
LAB HOURS: 0800-1350 SAT UTA

203rd Air Refueling Squadron recently hosted Members Asia Pacific Center for security studies for a static tour.