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HIANG members show up for Cop On Top

Story by **Airman 1st Class Robert Cabuco**

HONOLULU, Hawaii. - Service members from the Hawaii Air National Guard gathered at this year's 15th Annual Cop on Top Fundraiser at the Keeaumoku Walmart to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics Hawaii athletes. For 72 hours straight, from Aug. 25-27, guardsmen greeted shoppers and collected donations that support athletes with intellectual disabilities.

This year's fundraiser had officials atop 14-foot scaffold, where they will stayed for three consecutive days to inspire others to contribute to the cause. Since 2001, Cop on Top has raised more than \$2,462,430 to benefit Special Olympics Hawaii.

Special Olympics Hawaii provides year-

round sports training and competition opportunities to more than 3,900 athletes across the state each year. The average cost to serve an athlete is approximately \$756 a year.

"Cop on Top celebrates our partnership with local law enforcement and is one of the Law Enforcement Torch Run's biggest fund raisers of the year," said Nancy Bottelo, Special Olympics Hawaii president and CEO. "Its thanks to the support of these wonderful officers who give so selflessly of their off duty time that we are able to support our athletes year-round, free of charge."

This is the seventh year that HIANG airmen have showed to support this event.



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Senior Airman **ORLANDO CORPUZ**

Philippine command and control technicians manually plot incoming aircraft coordinates on a light board at Wallace Air Station, Philippines, Aug. 31, 2016.

HIANG shares air defense expertise with Philippine Air Force partners

Story by **Senior Airman Orlando Corpuz, 154th Wing Public Affairs**

09/30/2016 – JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii – Air Defense was the primary topic of discussion during a recently completed subject matter expert exchange (SMEE) between the Hawaii Air National Guard and Philippine Air Force counterparts.

The SMEE was a result of the HIANG airmen executing the National Guard's State Partnership Program. Through SPP, the National Guard conducts military-to-military engagements to support defense and security cooperation around the world.

"Given the complexities of today's environment, you need to have international partners" said U.S. Air Force Maj. Colin Yoshimitsu, Mission Crew Commander with the 169th Air Defense Squadron. "During these engagements we exchange knowledge and experiences with our Philippine Air Force counterparts. They learn from us and we learn from them. It's through this sharing that we are building a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship".

The month long exchange involved

reciprocal visits to the respective countries and commenced on August 19th when a team from the HIANG traveled to the Philippines for what would be a seventeen day operation at multiple sites throughout the Southeast Asian country.

Basa Air Base, a roughly two and half hour drive northwest of Manila was the first major stop for the HIANG team.

Military modernization efforts by the Philippine government includes the acquisition of the South Korean developed, FA-50 fighter aircraft. With its 8000 foot runway, the newly acquired fighter could one day be based out of Basa.

At Basa, the team worked with PAF units tasked with operating and maintaining the FA-50.

A bonus for the team came in the form of a coincidental crossing of paths with U.S. Secretary of the Air Force, Deborah Lee James, who was at Basa for a separate, unrelated engagement.

"The team really worked hard to accomplish the mission and represent the U.S. Air Force in a professional manner and

to meet Secretary James while we were there was one of the highlights of the experience" Yoshimitsu said.

After completing the five day SMEE at Basa, a four and half hour drive north took the HIANG airmen to Wallace Air Station where the PAF maintains and operates multiple radar sites.

While at Wallace the team was able to witness a demonstration of intercept and command and control operations during a simulated air incursion of Philippine air space.

"I was really impressed with PAF's command and control," said Master Sgt. Joseph Salvador, a loadmaster with the 204th Airlift Squadron and Hawaii Air National Guard State Partnership Program coordinator and planner. "Their equipment is not as modern as ours, but it is still capable. As the PAF goes through their modernization efforts, it's really going to be interesting seeing their air defense operations grow and evolve."

Although the overarching theme of the SMEE was air defense, other topics of discussion included cyber security and aerospace medicine. According to Salvador, the SMEE was an important way to learn the issues the PAF face.

"Exchanges such as these are invaluable in understanding what our international partners are going through. These engagements build upon each other. We are constantly trying to tailor the program to best address some of those challenges they experience," Salvador said.

With reciprocity built into the program, the HIANG hosted a contingent of PAF air defense experts visiting Hawaii in September.

While in Hawaii the PAF group was able to tour HIANG operations at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam as well as some of its geographically separated units.

PAF members departed Hawaii on Sep. 17 marking the completion of the 2016 engagement.



Philippine Air Force members are given a tour of Hawaii Air National Guard F-22 Raptor facilities during a State Partnership engagement at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Sep. 16, 2016. The National Guard's State Partnership Program matches a state's National Guard with a partner country to build capacity and security cooperation.

(U.S. Air National Guard Photo by **Senior Airman Orlando Corpuz**)





A U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III from the Hawaii Air National Guard's 204th Airlift Squadron, locks in to the boom of a KC-135 Stratotanker from the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron in the airspace around Hawaii during sunset, Sep. 13, 2016. In total, four pilots on the C-17 took turns linking up to the boom to practice air refueling readiness.

*(U.S. Air National Guard Photo by **Airman 1st Class Stan Pak**)*

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Leaving A Legacy

Story by **Chaplain Daniel L. Leatherman, 154th Wing**

In the Old Testament Book of Deuteronomy it is written, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise." (Deuteronomy 6:5-7) Here, the commandment is to establish a legacy of teaching the values of the community to the generations that come after them. The instruction is to leave a legacy.

Legacy. A simple definition of legacy is something that is left behind for someone else. For most of us we think of legacy as something handed to us from the "olden days." But legacy is more than something that is old. A legacy is a valuable gift.

When we think about "legacy systems" we often think about things that are obsolete. But when it comes to people, leaving a legacy is vital to the survival of a family. Whether that be your own family or as a member of our organizations. We have been shaped and formed by those who

have come before us and those around us. Theirs is the legacy we inherited and whose legacy continues to live in and through us even now.

What is your legacy? Legacy is about character. It is about your relationships with other people. A legacy is not just a thing or a relic from the past.

As members of the National Guard we participate in a legacy of service to our communities and to this nation that goes back to its founding. Each of us has an opportunity to leave something in our wake, something of value for the next person.

What are the traditions and who are the people who have shaped you, and what will you leave behind? What will your legacy be to your children; to your family; to the people and organizations you serve?

As the great poet Maya Angelou said, "At the end of the day, people won't remember what you said and did; they will remember how you made them feel in your presence. A legacy is not something we leave for people. It is something we leave in people."



Little Things Count

Story by **Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Mori, 154th Wing Safety Office**

Do any of these scenarios sound familiar?

1. A puddle of oil on the floor from a leaking forklift. No one had poured absorbent on the spill because it was "too small to worry about." However, it wasn't too small to make a passing employee slip and fall when he didn't notice it.

2. A box of supplies was left on the floor in front of a shelf, instead of being stored properly. Employees in the area walked around it dozens of times before someone finally tripped over it.

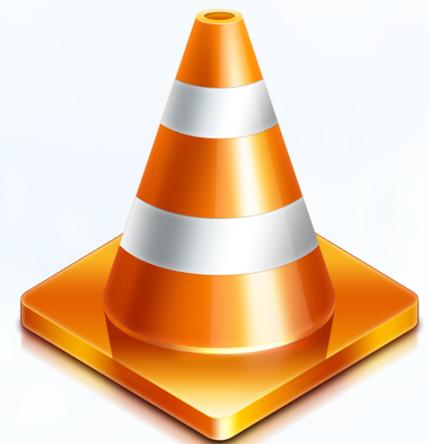
3. A ladder was placed in front of an outward-opening door for "just a minute" to change a light bulb. An employee coming

through the door knocked over the ladder with the person on it resulting in injuries to both.

All of these accidents could have been prevented just by doing "little things". We often ignore or don't take time to fix "little things" that we think are trivial because we are "too busy".

To protect ourselves and fellow employees from preventable injuries, we need to pay attention to our surroundings and address potential hazards as we find them. Little things do count.

Safety Always.



Hawaii Air National Guard meets with TRANSCOM commander

Story by **Airman 1st Class Stan Pak**

09/11/16 JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii – The Hawaii Air National Guard recently met with U.S. Air Force Gen. Darren W. McDew, commander of the U.S. Transportation Command (TRANSCOM).

The visit began with a meet and greet with various leadership and members of the 154th Wing. McDew was given a presentation on the current status of the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron and the 204th Airlift Squadron. Brig. Gen. Gregory S. Woodrow and McDew also discussed many different topics about the 154th WG and the two squadrons.

A tour was conducted of the 204th and the 203rd facilities. Along with the tour, many airman and officers met with and spoke directly with McDew about their experiences as members of the HIANG.



U.S. Air Force Gen. Darren W. McDew, U.S. Transportation Command commander, greets and meets members of the Hawaii Air National Guard at the 204th Airlift Squadron facilities on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

(U.S. Air National Guard Photo by **Airman 1st Class Stan Pak**)



U.S. Air Force Gen. Darren W. McDew, the U.S. Transportation Command commander points out names of Hawaii Air National Guard members that he recognizes on the wall of the 204th Airlift Squadron's heritage room on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Sep. 11, 2016. McDew is a command pilot with over 3,300 hours of flight time and has flown many different airframes ranging from the C-130 Hercules to the KC-135 Stratotanker.

(U.S. Air National Guard Photo by **Airman 1st Class Robert Cabuco**)

Green Dot aims to eliminate violence

Story by **Airman 1st Class Stan Pak**

09/23/16 JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii – The Hawaii Air National Guard strengthens anti violence education with the Green Dot training.

The Green Dot program is a new training regimen that is being integrated into the total Air Force. The initiative aims to give people the power to demonstrate their individual commitment to ending violence.

“Green Dot is a violence prevention and awareness program focusing on a bystander approach,” said Senior Airman Ryan Buffett, Command Post Controller with the 154th Wing command post, and Green Dot coordinator. “It focuses on combating all violence, not just limiting itself to one form.”

Green Dot is replacing the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program in the Air Force.

“The Air Force has been looking for a violence prevention program to replace SAPR, as it was not getting the results that the DoD wanted,” Buffett said. “Green Dot statistically has the best results so the Air Force decided to adopt this program for the next five years. In short, Green Dot is Air Force wide and we are the only branch out of all the military components using it.”

One of the things the training started out with was talking about barriers which prevents Green Dot success.

“The program allows people to acknowledge barriers within their personalities that would prevent them from intervening or helping someone who is about to or has suffered from violence,” said Buffett. “Once people have acknowledged their barrier, we then teach techniques to

get around those barriers and make a difference.”

The idea behind Green Dot is that just raising awareness of violence is not enough and that only a cultural change sparked by many will be the catalyst required to stop violence.

“Aside from violence, social media is the biggest culture we have and we saw how it could change... simply taking two minutes or less to put in an email and password,” Buffett said. “We can take that same approach to combating violence if everybody does one small thing.”

With the Green Dot program in effect the Air Force hopes to lower violence by 50 percent over the next five years. The goal is to have all active-duty, Guard, and Reserve airmen trained in Green Dot by Dec. 31, 2016.

“I believe in the program and believe that we can change the culture,” said Buffett. “Remember, ‘No one has to do everything... everyone must do something.’ As long as everyone does their part, we can win.”



Members from the Hawaii Air National Guard present the results of their group exercise during the Green Dot training at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Sep. 23, 2016.

(U.S. Air National Guard Photo by Airman 1st Class Stan Pak)



Members of the Hawaii National Guard list down “barriers” that may prevent someone from intervening or helping during a situation, at the Green Dot training at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Sep. 23, 2016.

(U.S. Air National Guard Photo by Airman 1st Class Stan Pak)



NGB Senior Enlisted Advisor visits HIANG

Story and photo by **Spc. Paul Berzinas, 117th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment (Hawaii)**

09/16/2016 – HONOLULU, Hawaii -- The purpose of the visit was to engage with Hawaii guardsmen and to discuss the organization's climate, issues and culture with its senior enlisted leaders.

"It's really important for the Army and Air National Guard here in Hawaii to see that their senior enlisted leaders are well-connected at the national level," said Brush.

Brush's main concern is the health and well-being of the men and women of the National Guard.

"The Chief of the National Guard Bureau needs to know that you guys are highly motivated, highly committed, and if you guys have issues I'll report those back to the chief," said Brush. "The health of the force is my primary responsibility."

"The guys wearing the stars and the enlisted working for them really care for us and they're here for us if we need them," said Command Sgt. Maj. Dana W. Wingad, Hawaii Army National Guard command sergeant major.

Brush said the importance of this responsibility is reiterated by Brush's supervisors in the Pentagon.

"When I first applied for this position I went through a three-phase interview process," said Brush. "The last part of this



process is when I sat down with General Grass, and he told me that I had to stay connected to the field."

Brush recognizes that the state of Hawaii's unique location is the reason for the Hawaii National Guard's diverse responsibilities.

"Hawaii is uniquely situated, not just geographically, but also because of its mission set," said Brush.

Brush goes on to explain that Hawaii lends manpower and logistical support to the ever-evolving geopolitical climate.

There has been a shift of resources from the Middle East to Asia, and Hawaii provides strategic support for that effort, said Brush.

This places a high demand for professionalism and diligence on the Hawaii National Guard, and Guard units across the country.

"I need you all to do your job as best you can, because you guys are truly making a difference," said Brush.

The same is true for National Guard units across the United States as well, as Brush describes the increasing demand for the National Guard.

"When the Chief of Staff of the Army comes out and says he needs the Guard now more than ever, he's not lying," said Brush.

According to Brush, the Guard brings unique service members to the table, each with unique professional experience to go with their military experience.

"We've got great operators, we've got great experience, and then we have civilian experience on top of that," said Brush.

Ultimately, Brush hopes that the Soldiers and Airmen he interacts with when he visits National Guard units understand their value as a part of the organization.

"We don't have many people in the National Guard, and each person has to count for something," said Brush. "So when I come out and engage with the states I want these individuals know that what they do matters."



U.S. Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt. Mitchell O. Brush the Senior Enlisted Advisor of the National Guard Bureau converses with Chief Master Sgt. Broc Richardson and Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Perez, both from the Hawaii Air National Guard at a social get together dinner at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Sep. 15, 2016.

(U.S. Air National Guard Photo by **Airman 1st Class Stan Pak**)

SUICIDE PREVENTION



Need to talk?

- Preparing for a deployment?
- Looking forward to reuniting with your loved ones?
- Taking care of yourself?
- Are your finances in order?
- Access private local non-medical counseling at no cost.


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STOP SUICIDE

Suicide Prevention Awareness

Story and photo by **Randy Dela Cruz, Sports Editor, Ho'okele**

09/11/2016 - Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii -- The Suicide Prevention Awareness fair was held on 11 September 2016, UTA weekend. Representatives from various HIANG and DOD support agencies including Family Readiness, Psychological Health, Chaplains, Yellow Ribbon, Military One Source, Tricare, Military and Family Life Counselors (MFLC), and Financial Readiness were on hand to answer questions and educate our Airmen about the various support services available to them and their families.

This Wellness Fair is done in conjunction with September being National Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month. The message going out to all our troops in all branches of service is that “help is here” and that asking for help is a sign of strength. Every member of our organization is valuable. As part of the HIANG ‘Ohana, all of our airmen are part of an extended family. We work alongside people for years, where our children call them “auntie” or “uncle”. When someone dies by suicide, the effects are long lasting for those who are left behind. Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem.

Suicide is a complex and multifaceted issue. There are

numerous causes and reasons that lead people to contemplate and commit suicide. Our goal is to ensure that there are resources available to our unit members and their families to help prevent suicide. There are people 24/7 who can help. Military One Source 800-342-9647 or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 800-273-8255 are but two examples. Our Psychologists and the Chaplains can also be reached through the command post.



Let's Talk

by **MSgt Michael Dinneen**,
154th Wing Chapel Superintendent

What is Suicide Prevention?

Suicide Prevention is a term that is used for a program that seeks to eliminate suicides by sharing information on what signs to look for in wingmen and how to react to them.

What would you tell incoming Airman about Suicide Prevention?

I would tell incoming airmen to never underestimate how powerful seemingly insignificant actions can affect your wingmen. If one thing you learn in this briefing helps you to ask the right question at the right time, it is well worth your time.

What would you like to add?

I would add, please share the information you learn about suicide prevention with your friends and family. My nephew committed suicide when he was nineteen. In speaking with his mother she told me about some things that he did that were classic signs that he was in trouble. Could he be alive today if someone would have asked him if he was thinking of killing himself? We will never know.



Albertpaul Romero

Airman 1st Class

1. What do you do for fun?

I work out three to five days a week, I like going to the beach, watching movies, and eating out. I play basketball when I have time with friends.

2. When did you join the HIANG?

Enlisted in May 20th, 2014. My wife is also in the guard and she was the one that convinced me to join.

3. What is your career goal?

To learn as much as I can to benefit the unit, and basically help my fellow airmen become successful.

4. What is your civilian job/full time job?

I'm a full-time technician for the guard as a security specialist. I help maintain the unit's readiness, serve as the unit health monitor, and take care of most of my units health requirements. I help my supervisors complete various assignments.

5. What did you want to be when you grew up?

I wanted to be a pilot when I was younger. I still want to be able to fly in the future, but we'll see how it goes.

6. What is the best part about your job?

The best part about my job, I would say, are the people and my supervisors. They take really good care of me. They're always there to guide and take care of me.

7. Anything personal?

I just want to thank my wife for convincing me to join the Hawaii Air National Guard. I believe that it was the best decision of my life.



154th Communications Squadron Redesignation and Change of Command

Questions and answers with outgoing commander **Maj. Glenn Hayase, 154th Communications Squadron**

1. Why was the re-designation necessary for the 154th Comm Flight/Squadron?

The redesignation reflects the increase in scope, operations intensity and duration, and mission capability placed on the 154th Communications Flight in recent years. The transfer of Eagle Vision personnel, equipment, and capability, in addition to tactical state and federal communications missions thrust the 154th Communications Flight into an entirely new and vastly different mission set from a standard ANG communications unit with a sole base communications mission. A squadron, as opposed to flight, designation best characterizes the unit's span of responsibilities and operations, size, and complexity of multiple high-demand missions. A squadron designation empowers the 154th Communications Flight and creates parity with units (squadrons) of similar operational and administrative authorities. The flight designation simply was no longer an accurate depiction of the unit, given the total contribution, diversity and required availability levied on us.

2. What would you like to say to incoming Airman about the legacy of the 154 Communications Squadron or former Comm Flight?

The redesignation from Flight to Squadron is a recognition of our contribution to the collective mission. However, it does not change how we should or do approach our service to the State and Nation; we have a responsibility to be the best citizen-soldiers possible. Take heed to what General Goldfein, current Chief of Staff of the Air Force, calls the "beating heart of the Air Force"-- The Squadron. Not "unit" or "flight" but squadron. Squadrons set and enforce standards, create the environment where the right things are fostered (warfighting excellence, esprit de corps, thriving Airmen and families). The 154th Communications Flight has a reputation leading the way technically and professionally- whether it is being the first to test and successfully implement new technologies or navigating joint base and TFI relationships, the rest of the ANG looks to us for guidance. There is no doubt this will continue into the future.

3. Would you like to add any other comments?

There are a lot of things to be very excited about with the 154 CS: State Partnership Program engagements, Comm Squadron-Next initiatives, and new technologies to name a few. The 154 CS has the leadership, airmen, fortitude, environment and positive attitude to make it all happen, all in support of our State and national objectives. Believe in yourselves!



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Francis T. Shen from the Hawaii Air National Guard accepts the unit flag from Col. Duke Ota to stand up the 154th Communications Squadron.

(U.S. Air National Guard Photo by Airman 1st Class Stan Pak)





TRACKING STATION

Events

Yellow Ribbon Event
 Oct. 15, RTI at Bellows
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<https://www.yellowribbonevents.org/Events/KioskRegistration.aspx?Mode=AddNew&Id=93fafdc7-8ffd-8cd8-54e8-11e64478f86c>

HNGEA Annual General Membership Meeting
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Workshops/Classes

Defense Travel System (DTS) Training
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PTL and Be-well classes
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SOC Educational Benefits

Story by **Master Sgt. Albert Alvarado JFHQ**

If you're considering going to college, you may want to consider attending a military friendly participant of the Service member Opportunity Colleges (SOC).

According to the SOC website, www.soc.aascu.org, SOC was created in 1972 to provide educational opportunities to service members experiencing trouble completing college degrees due to their frequent moves. SOC functions in cooperation with the Department of Defense (DoD) and Active and Reserve Components of the Military Services to expand and improve voluntary postsecondary education opportunities for service members worldwide. It is funded by DoD through a contract with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). The contract is managed for the DoD by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES).

The SOC Program is a cooperative civilian and military effort designed to link service members to institutions that provide high quality education while maximizing the proper award of academic credit for military training and experience, and alternative testing, and facilitating the transferability of credits, so service members can reach their educational goals

and the goals of the Services.

The idea is to mitigate the loss of college credit when transferring between schools to accommodate PCS moves and deployments. When researching the member school, SOC will tell you the "all, some, or none" CLEP credits, or "testing out" policy, and will also tell you the "all, some, or none" credit transfer policy on credits earned through military service, such as CCAF or those earned from sister services as posted on the American Council on Education Joint Service Transcript.

Another good feature of SOC is that for those military members who have dependents that must travel with them, SOC extends the courtesy to them as well. The program requires an applicant to sign a SOC contract between the "home" school and the service member spelling out the responsibilities of both. The service member is obligated to take six credits at the "home" school, and if need be, take courses at any of the other participating schools to finish program requirements and ultimately graduate from the "home" school. Keep in mind that many of the over 1,800 participating schools offer online courses.

SOC schools in Hawaii:

- Argosy University-Hawaii
- Chaminade University of Honolulu
- Hawaii Pacific University
- Heald College-Honolulu
- Honolulu Community College
- Kapiolani Community College
- Leeward Community College
- Remington College Honolulu Campus
- University of Hawaii Maui College
- Windward Community College



AROUND THE HIANG







The KC-135 first rolled off the Boeing assembly line in 1956.
The HIANG currently operates and maintains a squadron of eight KC-135s.

Logo artwork by McConnell Air Force Base

