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Message from COMMAND

E PLURIBUS UNUM (OUT OF MANY, ONE)

by Brig. Gen. **GREGORY S. WOODROW**, 154th Wing Commander

I am a fan of pluralism, diversity, mixing it up with those that aren't like me. How could I be anything different? Studies from Northwestern, Stanford, Maryland, and Colombia show that if your team is diverse, they will make better decisions, and be more efficient. Of course, it won't feel more efficient. People with different backgrounds and perspectives question your assumptions. They'll make you rethink your beliefs, validate and justify them, as you will theirs. However, the end result will be a more logical, fact-based, and well thought out plan.

What does pluralism look like? Look around the HIANG. Look around your office...I'm very proud of our diverse ethnicities, races, genders, ages, orientations, and beliefs. It's a sign of a healthy organization. Of course we can do better. Like the Air Force, we're only 20 % female, and certain AFSCs are well below that. We should strive to reflect the population we come from. How do we become more diverse? If you're in the recruiting business, and I hope you all consider yourselves HIANG recruiters,

be sensitive to anything in the process that may inadvertently discriminate. Encourage and educate family, friends, and potential future members of the HIANG. Don't let outdated cultural norms rule the

day – we truly are an equal opportunity employer.

Thomas Friedman recently wrote an editorial in the New York Times entitled “Charlottesville, ISIS, and us”, which made me beam with pride. As he accompanied Gen. Goldfein and Secretary Wilson on a visit to Al Udeid Air Base, he was feeling removed. Political riots were heating up back home in Virginia, and he was half way around the world. But then he realized a connection, as he wrote after one look at the airmen of Al Udeid and his traveling party, “. . .and you realize immediately why we are the most powerful country in the world. It's not because we own F-22s. And it surely isn't that we embrace white supremacy. It's because we embrace pluralism. It's because we can still make out of many, one.” Then he noted our Air Force Chief is of Eastern European Jewish descent, and our Secretary is one of the first women to graduate from the Air Force Academy. Her top aide is an African American female Lt. Col. The base commander is of Armenian descent, and his deputy is of Lebanese descent. The targeting team lead in the Combined Air Operations Center, whose last name is Ito, has parents from Cuba and Mexico. Two Russian linguists, who coordinate with Russia when we fly over Syria, are from Russia and Ukraine. And the intel briefer was a Capt. Yang. Friedman wrote: “The very reason America is the supreme power in this region is that the U.S. military can take all of those different people and make them into a fist.”

Friedman would say the same thing about the HIANG. E Pluribus Unum. That should make you beam with pride.



FIANG HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF EFFORTS

by Tech. Sgt. **ALISON BRUCE-MALDONADO**, 154th Wing Public Affairs

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii - A C-17 Globemaster III aircraft from the 204th Airlift Squadron, departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam early on September 1, 2017, as part of the nation's Hurricane Harvey relief effort. The C-17, carrying two flight crews and maintenance personnel (16 Airmen in total) was scheduled to fly to Memphis International Airport in Tennessee. From there they were scheduled to transport relief supplies to the hurricane-damaged areas around Houston, Texas. Hurricane Harvey is one of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history.

The Hawaii Air National Guard received the request for assistance on August 31, 2017 from the National Guard Bureau and was prepared to depart just after dawn the next day.

State of Hawaii Governor, David Y. Ige, and Hawaii National Guard leadership were on hand to bid Aloha to the flight crews and maintenance personnel.

"I'm very proud of our Hawaii National Guard Airmen who were able to generate this mission on

very short notice," said Ige. "Hawaii stands with our brothers and sisters in Texas and I know the crew will be bringing the Aloha Spirit to a lot of people who are in great need right now."

The crews transported relief supplies such as generators, tactical shelters, medical supplies and field kitchens from National Guard units from other states.

The 204th Airlift Squadron is one of three flying units within the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Wing, the largest and most complex wing in the entire Air National Guard. The Guard is tasked with being ready for war or any other operational contingency overseas and well as disaster response here at home.



FORCE



Hawaii Air National Guard members from the 204th Airlift Squadron return from a Hurricane Harvey relief mission at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Sept. 10. The mission involved the tactical airdrop of generators, a mobile hospital and an ambulance among a long list of relief supplies.

(Photo by Senior Airman Robert Cabuco)



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HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD HAZMAT SPECIALISTS SHARPEN SKILLS

by Senior Airman. **ORLANDO CORPUZ**,
154th Wing Public Affairs

**PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE FACILITY
BARKING SANDS, Hawaii, Sept. 1, 2017** — Hazmat specialists from the Hawaii National Guard's 93rd Civil Support Team, brought their unique capabilities here to participate in Kauai County Exercise 2017, Aug. 28-30.

A joint hazard assessment team member takes hazmat instrument readings in a simulated hot zone during Kauai County Exercise 2017 at the Pacific Missile Range Facility in Kauai, Hawaii, Aug. 29, 2017. JHAT teams are tasked with gathering intelligence and environmental conditions in hazmat hot zones. Hawaii Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Orlando Corpuz

Hawaii National Guard Hazmat Specialists



harpen Skills on Garden Isle

The exercise is a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, explosive threat and response exercise. The three-day training event tested the coordination between federal, state, county and non-governmental units responding to natural or man-made hazmat incidents.

A host of first responders ranging from Kauai County Police and Fire departments, Hawaii Department of Health, Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kauai Emergency Management Agency, and National Guard civil support teams from Hawaii, Guam, Alaska and Utah came together to practice and validate the tactics, techniques, and procedures needed to effectively respond to a real-world CBRNE incident.

Civil support teams are joint Army and Air National Guard units designed to support local, tribal, state and federal emergency response organizations in the event of a large-scale terrorist attack or where specific technical capabilities to identify CBRNE materials are required. They also have access to other technical and analytical experts who can assist, if needed.

COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

“We are here to support the first responders in the event of a catastrophic event,” said Air Force Lt. Col. Alvin Sato, commander of the 93rd CST. “By working collaboratively together with the first responders ... the more times we work with them the more times we understand each other’s strength and weaknesses.”

Incident command during a domestic CBRNE event would fall to civilian authorities. It’s the job of the 93rd CST and the 57 other CST units spread throughout the nation to support civil authorities by identifying CBRNE substances, assessing current and projected consequences, and advising on response measures.

Large exercises such KCE17 are held throughout the year within different counties with planning starting one year in advance.

Hawaii National Guard Hazmat Specialists Sharpen Skills on Garden Isle

The Pacific Missile Range Facility, with its large area and multitude of structures allowed exercise planners to develop complex and challenging

scenarios. Simulated drug cooking labs, hostile personnel, and bunkers with possible anti-personnel traps were some of the challenges posed to first responders.

NEXT-LEVEL TRAINING

“The exercise gave us the opportunity to push our new guys as well as our seasoned personnel,” said Air Force Tech. Sgt. Noah Raymond, a recon team leader with the 93rd CST. “It allowed all of us to bump up to another level and experience new positions and situations that we aren’t necessarily use to.”

As the science officer for the 93rd CST, Army Capt. Sean Cripps analyzed the data and intelligence collected by the joint teams sent into hot zones.

“My main duty is to provide technical advice on the hazards that are found and interpret the meaning and significance,” Cripps said. “I look at the downrange readings, the instrumentation data that’s collected, intelligence data and synthesis that into the ‘so what’ component... what is the impact of this to our public and to the response effort.”

KCE17 also included tabletop and demonstration sessions between the various agencies.

According to Cripps, being able to work with agencies from multiple levels was a valuable part of the experience.

“This is a great opportunity for us to work with our first responder community from the county, state, and federal levels. This is important because we always want to work with people before something actually happens,” he said.

The 93rd CST is made of eighteen Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers and four airmen from the Hawaii Air National Guard.

A Kauai County firefighter briefs first responders on the simulated hazmat conditions found during Kauai County Exercise 2017 at the Pacific Missile Range Facility in Kauai, Hawaii, Aug. 30, 2017.
(Hawaii Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jackson)





A joint hazard assessment team member takes hazmat instrument readings in a simulated hot zone during Kauai County Exercise 2017 at the Pacific Missile Range Facility in Kauai, Hawaii, Aug. 29, 2017. JHAT teams are tasked with gathering intelligence and environmental conditions in hazmat hot zones.

(Hawaii Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Orlando Corpuz)

CIVIC LEADERS VISIT

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, AUG 18, 2017 - 154TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP HOSTED AN F-22 RAPTOR STATIC DISPLAY WITH CIVIC LEADERS AND EMPLOYERS FROM VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AROUND THE ISLAND.





154th Wing Priorities

Wartime MISSION

Readiness

- Technical Competence
- Medical Readiness
- Physical Readiness "Fit to Fight"
- Ancillary Requirements
- Family Readiness

- Get to know your people, their spouse and their kids
- Listen and make an effort to be a good mentor
- Take the time to learn about their goals and dreams
- Communicate clear performance expectations
- Give honest feedback and mentor them to succeed
- Encourage professional development and advancement
- Reward them for a job well done

Taking CARE of Airmen

Doing LESS

- Take a hard look at the things we do and ask yourself, "How much does it contribute to priorities 1 & 2 above?"
- If the answer is none or very little and the task is not required by law, then identify it to your supervisor/commander and maybe, just maybe we can get rid of it.



Child and Youth Service Event Calendar FY 17-18



Dates are subject to change based on availability and more event will be added based on funding.

Service Member and Me Dance (All Ages)	November 18, 2017
STEM Event Robotics (Ages 7-18)	January 13, 2018
Teen Leadership Camp (Ages 12-18)	February 24, 2018
Hilo Camp at KMC (Ages 7-18) (HILO ONLY)	March 19-22, 2018
State Youth Symposium (Ages 12-18)	April 13-15, 2018
Annual Teen Summit (Ages 12-18)	June 8-12, 2018
Annual CYS Camp (Ages 7-11)	July 8-12, 2018

Contact Michelle K.T. Nieves CYS Lead Coordinator for more information at michelle.k.nieves.ctr@mail.mil or 672-1439



Visit our website for more information and applications to these events. Additional resources are also available about childcare grants and scholarships. Scan this QR Code to access them.

Service Member and Me Dance



Join us Saturday 18 November 2017 for the
Service Member and Me Dance, to be held at BLDG 19
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dance with your child. Door Prizes, Photo Booth and
Entertainment for your enjoyment.

Cost to attend \$5.00 per person.

Contact Michelle Nieves at
michelle.k.nieves.ctr@mail.mil

for more information



See You There!

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HAWAII AIR NATIONAL GUARD WRAPS UP SOFTBALL TITLE

by **RANDY DELA CRUZ**, Sports Editor, Ho'okele

Despite a good 9-2 overall record in the regular season, practically no one suspected that the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) would bring home the hardware from the 2017 Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam championship softball tournament.

Seems that people forgot that, like clockwork, the HIANG has developed a habit of winning it all every two years.

Capt. BJ Kalaiki beats the throw at second base.

The team, with players dating back to 2001, won the title in 2013 and 2015. So, fitting the pattern, the softball gods must have ordained the HIANG to walk away with the trophy in 2017.

In a powerful exhibition at the plate, the HIANG rapped out 18 hits, which included a launch over the left-field fence by Senior Airman Darby Ventura, to trounce Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, 16-0, on July 30 in a mercy-rule win and claim the 2017 softball championship at Millican Field, JBPHH.

"This is actually the first time that we had the whole squad," HIANG team captain 1st Sgt. Danny Hiyama said. "During the season it was hard to put a team together, but I called the guys up and said make sure you make it out for this one. We needed this one. We needed to show everybody that the HIANG is back."





HIANG SOFTBALLERS FLY HIGH IN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Story by **154 Wing Public Affairs Staff**

Photos by **1st Lt. Krista McDonald**, Illinois Air National Guard PA

HIANG softballers took their talents on the road to O'Fallon, Illinois where they competed in the 52nd Annual ANG National Softball Tournament, Aug 16-19.

HIANG teams represented well. Placing near the top in five divisions.

Women's Open and Men's 45+ combined with other ANG units and placed second and fourth respectively. In the Men's Open, 35+, and co-ed divisions, the

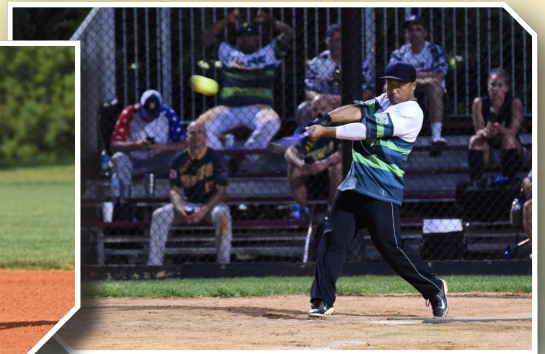
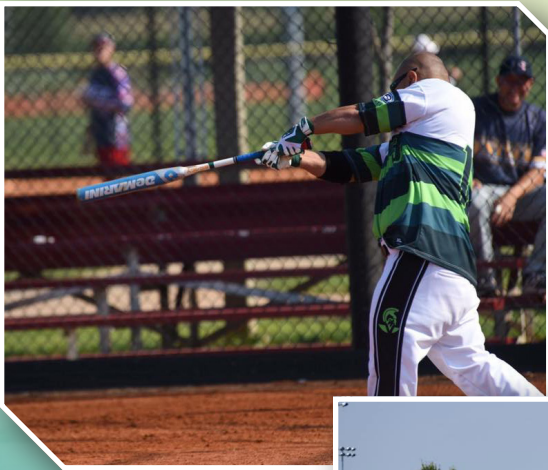
HIANG had enough airmen to field HIANG exclusive teams. Each of those teams placed in the top 10 of their respective divisions.

Senior Airmen Ashelle Acosta from the 154th Civil Engineering Squadron demonstrated a Hawaii power surge as she took home top individual honors as the Women's Homerun Derby Champion.

If you're interested in joining the HIANG softball teams please contact

Master Sgt. Daniel Hiyama from 154th Aircraft and Maintenance Squadron.

"The HIANG Softball team is still going strong winning 2010 Hickam Intramural Softball, and then winning the 2013, 2015 and 2017 JBPHH Intramural Softball Leagues," said Hiyama. "We are looking for new ballers to come out and play for the HIANG to keep the tradition going!"



MEN'S 45+ WAS A COMBINED TEAM AND THEY TOOK 4TH



HIANG Roster:
SSgt Joesph Gamponia, 164 ADS; SSgt Brian Won,
169 ADS; TSgt Gary Won, 169 ADS; MSgt Lance
Takasawa, 154 LRS; Ret CMSgt Ron Malae

WOMEN'S OPEN WAS A COMBINED TEAM AND THEY TOOK 2ND



HIANG Roster: SrA Ashelle Acosta, 154 LRS;
TSgt Kauai Miranda, 154 AMXS; TSgt Rena Sumibcay,
169 ADS; SSgt Kelsey Arakaki, 169 ADS

WOMEN'S HR DERBY CHAMP SrA Ashelle Acosta, 154 CES



AMAZING STREAK OF HIANG CHAMPIONSHIPS CONTINUES

Story and Photos by: **RANDY DELA CRUZ**, Sports Editor, Ho'okele

To say that the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) intramural volleyball squad is a dynasty is actually quite an understatement.

Since winning their first volleyball championship back in 2002, the team entered last week's title matchup against the 15th Operations Group (15 OG) looking for their 16th consecutive first-place trophy.

In a battle of two first-place teams, the HIANG, champions of the Gold Division, squared off against the 15 OG, champs of the Blue Division. It was a winner-take-all showdown on Aug. 24 at Hickam Fitness Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Showing that the HIANG is not anywhere near slowing down, the team blitzed the 15 OG in straight sets, 25-9 and 25-9, to walk away with yet another championship trophy to add to their showcase.

"It's the same for me. It's like another day," said HIANG team captain Tech. Sgt. Stephen Lorenzo, who is the only member of the squad to play in all 16 championships. "But for some, they know the history, but this is their first win."

Perhaps feeling the need to lead by example, Lorenzo came out on fire and smashed back-to-back kills in helping HIANG take a 6-0 run right off the bat in set one.

Lorenzo went on to pick up two more kills and two blocks in the first set alone. The second block finished off the first set in an easy 25-9 win.

Fellow hitter Staff Sgt. Alan Michael

Warner also added three kills, while setter Senior Airman Braden Park, who was back after being on TDY for a month, didn't miss a beat in feeding the team's big guns.

The HIANG's first set win was so dominating that the team gave up only point at a time and didn't allow the 15 OG to string any scores back-to-back.

"That was thanks to Braden," Lorenzo said. "He's the commander out there. He's the one who makes the call and he chooses the hitters that comes out."

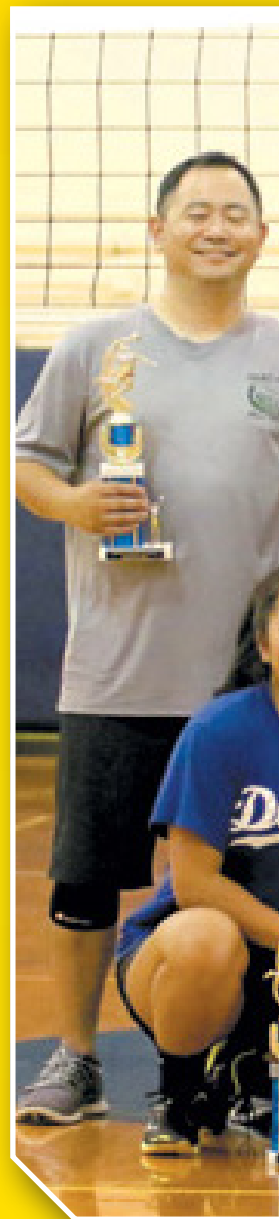
Park said that while he felt a little rusty at first, it didn't take long for him to feel right at home among his teammates.

"It was rough at first. I was getting the cobwebs out," Park said. "I tried my best and my teammates helped me out a lot out there. They make me look good."

The second set proved to be more of the same, as the HIANG broke away from an early 3-3 tie to score four straight points for a 7-3 advantage.



Tech. Sgt. Stephen Lorenzo hammers a shot through the 15 OG defense.





From there, HIANG out-scored the 15 OG 10-5, and when Warner served up an ace, the team's lead ballooned up to double digits at 18-8.

Following the ace, Lorenzo and put down another kill and Lt. Col. Rick Cox got a block, before Warner added his second ace for a commanding 21-8 lead.

"Right from the start, I just said let's play our game," Lorenzo said. "We were just trying to make it hard for them (15 OG) to win. We minimized our mistakes and then giving the ball, as hard as we can, to them, so that they would have a hard time setting."

As the only member with 16 titles to his name, Lorenzo, who at age 40, said that he's not sure how long he can keep playing the game he loves.

Although he still looks to be at the top of his game, he said that it gets harder every year and he knows he'll have to hang it up sooner or later.

"I actually have a limit coming up close," he said. "I actually feel the age and 40 is pushing it. Can I do it until I'm 50? I don't know. As long as you keep exercising, it doesn't hurt as much and you can keep going."

For now, Lorenzo said he'll enjoy this year's championship and hopes the HIANG can do it again next year.

"I hope we get a chance next year," he said. "I'll give my hardest effort and let the chips fall where they may. I feel like we have to earn it. Even though we may be favored, it doesn't matter. We still have to earn it."

154TH MAINTENANCE SQUADRON WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER

by **Staff Writer**, 154th Wing Public Affairs

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii -- U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Henry Kaufman Jr. took command of the 154th Maintenance Squadron in a ceremony held on August 6, 2017 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

Kaufman previously served as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer with the 154th Maintenance Group.

As a civilian, Lt. Col. Kaufman is employed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security office of Immigration

and Customs Enforcement.

Prior to joining the Hawaii Air National Guard in 2000, he served in the United States Marine Corps as a second lieutenant, assigned to the 1st Radio Battalion, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. He's held multiple positions such as platoon commander, intelligence watch officer, operations officer, as well as detachment commander for the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit.



HAWAII AIR NATIONAL GUARDSMEN WIN PACAF QUARTERLY AWARDS

by **Staff Writer**, 154th Wing Public Affairs

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii -- Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) honors two Hawaii Air National Guardsmen in the PACAF quarterly awards ceremony for the 2nd quarter (April-June 2017) at Headquarters PACAF.

Maj. Dane H. Minami, a member of the 154th

Wing Inspector General's Office, was named the Headquarters PACAF Officer Guard/Reserve Member of the Quarter. Minami serves as the Deputy, Integrated Defense Future Operations Branch, PACAF A4S Security Forces Division.

Master Sgt. Friedrich B. Gebauer, from the 154th Logistics Readiness Squadron, was named Headquarters PACAF Enlisted Guard/Reserve Member of the Quarter. Gebauer serves as PACAF's Directorate of Air and Cyberspace Operations.

The inclusion of a Guard/Reserve category in PACAF's awards program is representative of a favorable climate for air reserve component augmentation at the MAJCOM level.

PACAF operates as a Total Force Integration (TFI) organization which combines Active Duty, DAF Civilians, Guard, Reserve and Contractors together to accomplish a mission.

"Just to be nominated is an honor and I am extremely humbled to have been selected for this award," said Minami. "I am fortunate to be part of a great team here on staff and to have superiors that are willing to put in the effort to recognize their troops."

There are many Guardsmen and Reservists currently on staff at PACAF and "there is no perceivable differentiation between regular active duty and the MPA augmentees" says Minami.

The opportunity to work full-time at the headquarters level gives a different perspective and set of experiences that Guard members don't normally get at the unit level.

"The best part is that you get to bring that experience back into the HIANG" said Minami.



HIANG COMPLETES FIFTH YEAR OF AIR DEFENSE EXCHANGES WITH PAF

by Senior Airman **ORLANDO CORPUZ**, 154th Wing Public Affairs



09/22/2017 – JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii – Hawaii Air National Guard air defense experts recently completed a Subject Matter Expert Exchange[SMEE] with counterparts from the Philippine Air Force [PAF], marking the fifth straight year the HIANG has partnered with the PAF to exchange ideas on air defense as the Southeast Asian country goes through a military modernization effort.

The exchanges took place during the months of August and September and began with HIANG airmen traveling to several locations in the Philippines to discuss various air security concepts with the PAF.

While there, HIANG airmen interacted with various levels of the rank and file of the PAF: from airmen just beginning their military careers to senior leaders from some of the highest levels of the PAF organization.

For the first time since the exchanges have been taking place, Brig. Gen. Gregory S. Woodrow, commander, 154th Wing was a part of the in-country team to lend some general officer expertise and credence.

“We (United States) work hard to strengthen our alliances throughout the Pacific,” said Woodrow. “The best way to do that is to pursue relations at the personal level as we educate and encourage each of





our allies in their quest for better defense.”

According to Maj. Colin Yoshimitsu, a mission crew commander with the 169th Air Defense Squadron and engagement planner for the SMEE, having the general officers of the two Air Forces meet during the exchanges represents a leap forward and a maturing of the relationship.

“The program has evolved in that our senior leadership have volunteered to be more engaged with the leaders of the Philippine Air Force. Ultimately, we need the support of leadership on both sides for both organizations to move forward,” Yoshimitsu said.

The SMEE was part of the National Guard’s State Partnership Program [SPP] which links a state’s National Guard with the armed forces or equivalent of a partner country in a cooperative, mutually beneficial relationship.

As the partnership progressed through the five years of engagements, so has the level of interaction and topics of discussion.

“Our partnerships has evolved and has grown with new objectives throughout the years,” said Yoshimitsu. “We began our first year of the basic mission of the Hawaii Air National Guard and the Operation Noble Eagle mission we accomplish at



the 169th Air Defense Squadron. In subsequent years we have expanded the SMEE to include focus on training, procedures, checklists, maintainers, and flight medicine.”

The exchanges involved table top discussions, question and answer sessions as well tours and surveys of the varying components that make up an air defense system.

While visiting Clark Air Base, the HIANG team took in a tour of the PAF’s FA-50 Light Attack Aircraft. The FA-50 is a hallmark of the Philippine Armed Forces modernization efforts.

“As the Air Defense Command of the Philippine

Air Force focuses on their upgrade and modernize their new air defense system, the HIANG team has centered the Subject Matter Expert Exchanges from the tactical arena to the operational and strategic.” Yoshimitsu said.

Tours and exchanges were not geographically exclusive to the Philippines. PAF personnel were also able to tour HIANG operations when the SMEE moved to Hawaii.

“The state partnership program really grows out of an alliance that we have with the Philippine Air Force and it’s symbolic of our strong relationship across the Pacific.” Woodrow said.

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