



Guard to stand-up new Intel Squadron

by Lt. Col. Kurt Shigeta and Lt. Col. Reynold Hioki

Looking for a new challenge? Something a little bit different? Know a foreign language or would like to learn a new one? As part of the Air Force's Total Force Integration initiative, the Hawaii Air National Guard will be taking on a new mission called Signals Intelligence, or SIGINT (pronounced sig-int).

This mission will be structured around a HIANG Intelligence Squadron comprised of Intelligence Specialists, 1NXs, who will be responsible for translating intercepted foreign voice communications, signals analysis, SIGINT fusion, analysis and reporting.

The HIANG unit, to be called the 201st Intelligence Squadron will stand up on Apr. 1, 2008, and will be what's called a "Classic-Associate unit." As an associate unit, the 201 IS will provide trained individuals to augment the active duty's 324th Intelligence Squadron at Hickam Air Force Base.

For positions requiring a language, the language specialties will be focused on the Pacific region, most likely Chinese (Mandarin), Korean, and Indonesian. Training

for this specialty will be broken down into two primary segments; approximately one year, 63 weeks, to learn the language in Monterey, Calif., and approximately five months to learn how to be an Intelligence Specialist. As a result, the training to be a Signal's Intelligence specialist will take about a year and a half. After that, the training to become mission qualified begins at home station on Oahu.

The duty locations will be split between working at a National Security Agency/Central Security Service-Hawaii in Kunia, where the hands on work will be performed, and at Hickam Air Force Base where ancillary and other required training will be performed.

Both full-timers and traditional members are being sought, with a mix of seven full-time Active Guard Reserve positions and 37 traditional positions. In order to be considered for a full-time position, the applicant must be fully-qualified in the Air Force Specialty Code, and pass a security background investigation.

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Senior enlisted conference focuses on change

by Capt. Regina Berry and Master Sgt. Kristen Stanley

"Remember that people watch us and model our behavior. Do the right thing even when no one is looking," said Lt Gov James "Duke" Aiona during the Hawaii Air National Guard Senior Non-Commissioned Officer conference Oct. 26 at the Nehelani Conference Center on Schofield Barracks.

The message from the Lt Gov was a message to the Senior NCOs who shoulder the responsibility of mentoring and being role models for the younger Airmen.

"Mentor, improve ourselves, as

well as do the day-to-day jobs," said Maj. Gen. Darryll D.M. Wong, Hawaii Air National Guard commander and conference guest speaker. "Then ask yourself, what else can we do?"

The SNCO conference theme, "Tomorrow's Changes for Today's Airmen" centered around

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photo by Master Sgt. Kristen Stanley

HIANG senior leaders greet Lt. Gov. James "Duke" Aiona at the SNCO Conference on Schofield Barracks.



Commander's Call: We're a warfighting Wing

by Brig. Gen. Peter S. "Skipper" Pawling, Commander 154 WG

How do you feel you did during the October drill Joint Initial Readiness Response Exercise with the 15th Airlift Wing? Have you identified your weaknesses? Your strengths? As a Wing, we didn't do as well as I had anticipated, but I'm not disappointed. I think the

lessons learned that came out of this Joint IRRE are invaluable in assisting us with our ORI preparation. That is what an exercise is for. It's for us to identify what we need to work on, where we need to improve. If our goal was to use this exercise to identify our shortfalls and our strengths, then I think we can say the IRRE was a success. We now know what works, what doesn't work; more importantly, we're using the information and pushing forward.

One result of the Joint IRRE is the Ability to Survive and Operate training that is being held this weekend. The active duty primarily focused on getting their folks through the training on Thursday and Friday and our Wing members should be rotating through this drill weekend. The ATSO Joe is what we're calling it, and it allows our members to visit various stations to refresh their skills in areas such as Self-Aid Buddy Care and CBRNE training. The ATSO Joe will allow us to jointly accomplish mass training certification required for Survival Skills course and SABC.

The last comment I have regarding the IRRE and preparing for this upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection is a reminder for you all to make sure that you take care of your personal readiness. We are a warfighting Wing and combat readiness should be our priority, which ties directly into PERSONAL READINESS. Personal readiness is YOUR responsibility. Although the commander and UDM are responsible in ensuring that you are all accomplishing your personal readiness, ultimately the responsibility is yours.

There are some people that I would like to congratulate, Lt. Col. Steve Suafilo, for recently taking command of the 204th Airlift Squadron and Lt. Col. Gary Teed for taking command of the 154th Civil Engineering Squadron. I have full confidence they'll do a great job in their new command positions.

The holidays are upon us and I encourage you all to have fun but more importantly to be safe. In past issues of the Kukailimoku I have stressed that off base related accidents are one of the biggest risks for our members and family members. As the holiday season comes in to full swing, please ensure that you and your family are remembering to stay focused on safety.

Recently our 203rd Air Refueling Squadron deployed more than 100 personnel to Turkey for an AEF rotation. We also currently have 154th Security Forces and Civil Engineering members deployed to the Central Command Area of Responsibility. My thoughts and prayers to them and their families.

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Take a moment, reflect and give thanks

by **Command Chief Master Sgt. Robert S.K. Lee III, 154 WG**



In 1621, after a very harsh winter, Governor William Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving to commemorate the harvest reaped by the pilgrims who had settled in Massachusetts just the year before. This day of thanksgiving was celebrated as a traditional English harvest feast with the Wampanoag Indians. Not until 1893, when

President Abraham Lincoln gave his Thanksgiving proclamation declaring the last Thursday of November, did this holiday become official.

As we begin this month of Thanksgiving, our Wing has been and continues to be as busy as ever with inspection readiness requirements, deployments, new mission preparations, training, training, training and not to mention doing our jobs on top of that. With our current Ops tempo, it's difficult to sometimes take a

moment, a breather and reflect on those important things in our lives that we are thankful for. In concert, we all work toward a common goal, which is our mission, to maintain well-trained, well-equipped units available for prompt mobilization during war and provide assistance during national emergencies (such as natural disasters or civil disturbances).

The heartbeat of this organization is made up of every single member working in unison to make positive things happen. It is to our family and friends, and to each other that we owe the gift of "thanks," thanks for caring to lead, assist, teach, learn and support one another. We live in the land of the free where freedom has a price that is being paid everyday by those who chose and choose to make the sacrifices for others. Let's all make the time to give "thanks" at every opportunity, not just in this month of "Thanksgiving," but all year round. To the men and women of the Hawaii Air National Guard, I thank you for what you do to keep our organization viable and ready to serve when called. I thank your families for their support and sacrifice, and I thank our past members for paving the way through sacrifice and perseverance.....Let's Roll!

Jumping into the leadership role

by **Lt. Col. Scott Hoadley, 169 ACWS**

So, you've decided to take the plunge and have stepped up to the plate as a manager and leader. You have been interviewed and the position you have strived so long to attain is now yours. What now? What can you do to prepare in order to be effective in your new leadership position? Do you have a clear cut plan for your time in office? Do the personnel who serve above, below and along side you have definable expectations and goals from you?

There is an expression that goes, "Short term pain equals long term gain." How does this apply to leadership?

Here is the scenario: You have accepted the management position and recognize that there are goals to be met, improvements that can be made, changes that need to be affected etc.

The short term pain is all about defining what the mission requirements are and how to meet those requirements, and then constructing a plan to clearly define your

goals and policies prior to ever entering the new office. If you take the time to do this and impart this information as your first action, you will remove all questions or doubt about your goals, management style, mission focus or policies.

Think of the technical schools you've attended, chances are academics were front loaded, giving you the necessary knowledge base as the course transitioned into the practical phases. The same concept applies here. If your co-workers know and understand your policies and leadership style, they are already in lock-step as you move forward with mission taskings. This will be the long term gain as now there is no question about the basics in the minds of others during your tenure

IMVHO (For the elderly or acronym challenged: In My Very Humble Opinion) it is up to you to set the tone and lead by example. This is where the rubber really hits the road. As supervisors, it will be up to you to deal with all issues, good,

bad or indifferent. The expression lonely at the top comes to mind, but if you have followed paragraph one this will have been expected and is a moot point.

Historical perspective will help in the decision making process, remember to tap legacy. Seek the wisdom of those who came before you as you set the course for positive change. If there are doubts or questions in your mind, never forget that resources are available everywhere.

We serve in a large, complicated and vigorous organization that is second to none. We are fortunate in that through leadership, past and present, we continue to move forward and maintain the excellence that is the HIANG's continuing legacy.

I urge all personnel to step up to the plate, give it 110% and lend your own special talents to support and continue this legacy. The rewards are great and the Hawaii Air National Guard deserves no less. Mission first, people always.





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News Briefs

National Guard Birthday Ball

The Hawaii National Guard is hosting a Birthday Ball on behalf of the National Guard's 371st birthday. The event is scheduled for Dec. 22, at the Sheraton Waikiki at 5:00 p.m.

Hawaii Army and Air National Guard members and retirees are invited. Formal attire: Military Best Dress, civilian coat and tie. The cost is: E4 and below \$40, E5-E7 \$50, E8-O-3 & W01-CW3 \$60, O-4 and above & CW4 and above \$70 (including VIP guests). Spouses prices are the same as the respective rank.

To purchase your tickets, please contact the following POCs:

154 WG: Senior Airman Ryan Yung, 448-7255

201 CCG: Master Sgt. May Agcaioli, 448-7616

HQ HIANG: primary - Mr. Jared Espinda, 733-4231; alternate - Maj. Sharnell Valeho, 733-4230

All money is due by Dec. 2.

Mask Fit Testing

The Bioenvironmental Engineer shop will be conducting gas mask fit testing Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. instead of Wednesday evenings, and on UTA Sundays from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Please email Lt. Col. Erik Wong or Master Sgt. Patrick Calio with your desired date and time to make an appointment. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the 154th Medical Group web page, but until then, email your appointment requests to Lt. Col. Wong or Master Sgt. Calio.

Bring your mask, filter canister and mask inserts (if required.)

October Promotions

Promoted to TSgt (E-6)

154 AMXS White, Frederic J.

Promoted to SSgt (E-5)

154 MXS Cabuhat, Adrian D.

154 MXS Ibara, Scott T.

154 MXS Murata, Casey Y.

154 MXS Saguibo, Lee A.

169 ACWS Samson, Michael F.

154 MXS Vilamor, Frederic S.

154 MXS Vongsavath, Somcahn



Taking command



photo by Staff Sgt. John Yano

Col. John Torres congratulates Lt. Col. Stephen Su'a-Filo on his new position as commander 204th Airlift Squadron. The 204th is a classic associate unit with the 15th Airlift Wing's 535 AS.

Lt. Col. Stephen Su'a-Filo assumed command of the 204th Airlift Squadron from the outgoing commander, Lt. Col. E. Scott Kimsey, at the C-17 Operations Facility Sept. 9, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

After his speech, Lt. Col. Kimsey was given a standing ovation in appreciation of his service. Lt. Col. Su'a Filo transfers from the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron and is looking forward to his new role as commander.

Mid-career retirement seminar

The Federal Civil Service Mid-career retirement seminar will be held Dec. 4, in the Hawaii Army National Guard Multi-Purpose Room at Fort Ruger from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and on Dec. 5, at the same location also from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The seminar is open to all federal technicians with 10–15 years of service, who have not previously attended this seminar. Seating is limited to 30 people per class.

To register, please submit an SF 182, with first line supervisor signature of approval. You can RSVP to Chief Master Sgt. Debra Brownhill at debra.brownhill@us.army.mil or fax to 672-1225. The deadline to register is no later than Nov. 15.

CES gets new commander



Lt. Col. Gary Teed assumes command of the 154th Civil Engineering Squadron, Oct. 12, at a ceremony presided by Col. Stanley Osserman, 154th Mission Support Group commander.

**154 WG
Drill Dates
Dec. 1-2, 2007
Jan. 5-6, 2008**

Chaplain's Corner: *What happened to Thanksgiving?*

by Maj. Daniel Leatherman, Chaplain



Ok, I have a complaint. Maybe I'm out on a limb all by myself, but whatever happened to Thanksgiving? I am a regular shopper and it was as early as September that I began to see Christmas decorations and gifts going up on store shelves. Now it seems that Thanksgiving is merely a short pause before the real season begins. It's not even the Christmas season anymore, it's the Season of Rampant Commercialism.

While growing up, I remember learning the importance of the Thanksgiving holiday- it was a time to give thanks to God for all the gifts of life, love, and family. To be certain, it was a holiday that was rooted uniquely in American history and culture when the people who would eventually be called Pilgrims celebrated among Native Americans an autumn festival of food, feasting, and praising God. These settlers to the New World were Puritans who came to the Americas to escape religious persecution back in England.

Later, following the Revolutionary War, George Washington, in a *Thanksgiving Proclamation* designated a national thanksgiving holiday specifically so that people may offer thanks to God for the opportunity to form a new nation. The national holiday that we now enjoy was established by President Lincoln, as the last day in November and President Franklin D. Roosevelt set the date for the fourth Thursday in November in 1939. Since the days of President Lincoln every US president has made an official Thanksgiving

Though it too is a national holiday, Christmas Day (December 25) is on its own a Christian feast day, Hanukah is a season of light and unique to Judaism. Still, among the most sacred of American holidays, is Thanksgiving. The Wednesday before Thanksgiving is one of the busiest travel days of the year and for good reason, for despite the homage to rampant commercialism, we are and continue to remain thankful for all of God's gifts to us. We travel far and wide to be with family and friends. Some go to monumental efforts to be at their destination by Thursday. We invite strangers into our homes, hosting an Airman, or volunteer our time and talent to feed the homeless a hot meal. Thanksgiving is just that: GIVING THANKS. May you and your family embrace the holiday season, not with checkbook or credit card at the ready, but with an open heart - open to God's gifts of family, friends, and loved ones. Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP SERVICES

General Protestant Service

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., UTA Sundays, Bldg. 3416, 2nd floor, Na Koa Conference Room.

Catholic Services

5:00 p.m., Saturdays, Nelles Chapel
10:00 a.m., Sundays, Chapel Center

Jewish Services

7:30 p.m., Fridays, Pearl Harbor Aloha Chapel on Makalapa Road.

For **Buddhist, Muslim or other faith groups**, call either the Wing Chaplain's office at 448-7275 on drill weekends or during other times the Chapel Center at 449-1754.

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change.

"As senior enlisted leaders, we don't have to look far to see our environment is rapidly changing," said Command Chief Master Sgt. Denise Jelinski-Hall, the State senior enlisted advisor. "As leaders, it is our responsibility to manage change for our junior enlisted leaders."

With the HIANG's continuous changes and efforts to remain relevant here in the Pacific, that responsibility for the SNCOs is even more critical.

"It's important for this group to understand that the next generation will be the group to operation-

alize our vision," said Maj. Gen. Wong.

Maj. Gen. Wong identified the facilities utilization board, manpower and the Air Force Smart Operations 21 as issues that we're dealing with at this moment.

The most significant future changes he said were the Air Operations Center being a future mission for the HIANG, a new Intelligence Squadron, the KC-135 Stratotanker plus up of four additional tankers, a possible air defense mission detachment on Guam and also the biggest change to occur on Kauai with the 154th Air Control Squadron and split operations for the 293rd Combat Communications

Squadron.

"Continue to look and think ahead, future relevance is key," said Maj. Gen. Wong.

"Our senior enlisted leaders are the communicators for the Hawaii Air National Guard - we must be strategic with what we say and how we say it," said Command Chief Master Sgt. Jelinski-Hall.

As Mr. Rex Jones, the State's Equal Employment Opportunity Manager stated in his presentation during the conference, "The right message, the right media, the right audience and the right time. Now go out - embrace change and be strategic with your delivery! Remember, change is good!"

Maintain good vision

by Lt. Col. John Traettino, 154 WG/SE

Since 1992 the Air Force has experienced 88 mid-air collisions with 92 fatalities, including 25 civilians. Most collisions have occurred during day VMC within five nautical miles of an airport below 3000 feet AGL (VFR Pattern) and a third are during cruise.

Often the cause of mid-air collisions is the result of vision problems. Atmospheric conditions (lighting and color of objects), optical illusions, fatigue, age, and lower oxygen levels (as demonstrated in the altitude chamber) can all affect vision. Ergonomics and aircraft blind spots are also big players.

Multiple scanning techniques exist in an effort to minimize the negative impact of objects or incidence that can affect visual acuity. One example of a scanning technique is the "block method." The block method calls for the pilot to fixate every 10-15 degrees for one to two seconds to allow focus on distant objects and detect motion. Remember to focus on an object greater than six feet to avoid "Empty Field Myopia" and to help you see those distant targets. Scan by moving your head, not just your eyes. Local flight doctors and physiologists have more information about these scanning techniques. Pilots should take the time to discuss the scanning techniques with the local flight doctors or physiologists.

These scanning techniques have been developed to help avoid mid-air collisions. In addition, information on military mid-air collision avoidance can be found at

www.seeandavoid.org. The website was created for the Department of Defense to provide a one-stop shop for civilian pilots to find information on military MACA. The website is now the Air Combat Command standard for MACA.



HIANG members honored

by Lt. Col. William Petti, 154 MXG

Two Hawaii Air National Guardmembers were honored as C-17 maintainers of the quarter at a recent 15th Maintenance Group Commander's Call here.

Master Sgt. Wendell Villanueva, 154th Maintenance Squadron and Staff Sgt. Jonathan Fukumoto, 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron were selected as the top Guard C-17 maintainers.

Honored as the Guard Technician Supervisor of the fourth Quarter for Fiscal Year 2007, Master Sgt. Villanueva provided excellent fuel shop support for both Hickam's C-17s and various transient aircraft. His actions were partially responsible for Hickam's C-17 worldwide departure reliability rate of 96.8 percent with over 10,400 hours flown.

Staff Sgt. Fukumoto was selected as the HIANG Technician of the fourth-Quarter. He was one of the highly selected chosen individuals to be a member of the first ever Hickam Total Force Team entering the Air Mobility Rodeo Competition. Ultimately, Team Hickam succeeded in securing the "Best in Short field Landing" and scored in the top three in several notable competitions.

Congratulations to these fine performers!



courtesy photo

Master Sgt. Wendell Villanueva receives congratulations.



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Staff Sgt. Jonathan Fukumoto receives congratulations.

NCOA: "Reblueing," recapturing a sense of pride

by Tech. Sgt. Abraham Timas, 154 AGS

CDC or PME? I know that question is rarely asked by Guardsmen because the CDC is a lot more convenient. I'm here to give you some reasons why you should ask that question.

I was recently afforded the opportunity to attend the Hickam Non-Commissioned Officer Academy. That's one reason why you should ask yourself CDC or PME because you can attend PME right here on the island. If you would rather not attend school here on Island, there

are PME schools all over the country providing you the opportunity to travel.

Another reason for "Reblueing" is to recapture that feeling you had after 9/11. Remember that feeling? Proud to be American. Ready to defend your country no matter what! NCOA gives you back that feeling of being a part of the Air Force. Along with "reblueing," you have the good fortune of being a proud representative of the Hawaii Air National Guard.

The most important reason, in my opinion, is to inform you of your

duties as an NCO. You can read it in AFI 36-2618 or in your Course Nine, but to live it for six weeks is an extremely different experience.

Yes, getting promoted to Staff Sergeant or Technical Sergeant means more money but that promotion also comes with a lot of responsibility. The NCOA gives you the hands on training to successfully carry out that responsibility. Next time you dread the thought of having to open up that CDC or nod off while trying to read it think about this, I could get this training in a better learning environment at PME.

See it through; finish what you started

by *Rex Jones, EEO*

READY: As my wife, Tracy, stood at the starting line for this year's Chicago Marathon, every runner knew that the day would be vastly different from other autumn days. Not only did she need to run the 26.2 miles ahead of her, but she would have to do so while the temperature was expected to be in the 80's with high humidity. It would truly be a test of her endurance.

As many of you know by now, the race was called off due to the heat, lack of liquids to keep the participants hydrated on the course, and an overextended emergency crew due to the vast number of runners who needed medical attention. So, when she saw the difference in the number of runners who signed up for the marathon and those who finished the race, it made her think of perseverance. Not just any per-

severance, but perseverance that generally only our troops endure, after "rucking up" 100lbs or more, in desert heat that most have never experienced before.

SET: In any sport, you work hard to meet a goal. You sign up for the race, compete and hopefully cross the finish line to receive your medal. Sometimes, the training or racing conditions are less than ideal. It may rain or be extremely hot, or you may even be ill. You may pull a muscle, get bumped, or worse, get knocked down during the run. In the end, you may find yourself having to walk or even crawl to the finish line. The Chicago Marathon experience emphasizes the trait of perseverance. Tracy had to ask herself, "Do I have what it takes to get through the hot and humid times during the run? Should I simply choose not show up for the race even though

I paid and did the training? Am I prepared to walk a while in order to get through a rough spot if necessary? While many in society draw their motivation from athletes and movie stars, Tracy chose to draw her motivation, on that particular day, from the part of our population that chose to serve their country in the military.

GO: For the Chicago Marathon that day, it didn't matter where you finished. Everyone that chose to stick-it-out until the race officials closed the course still got the medal—Tracy's run ended when she was on mile 20. What I mean is hours and minutes didn't matter that day. In the end, the participants were rewarded for persevering. The message is simply this; if you're going to commit to a something, see it through until it is finished.

Commanders enhance meaning of "Team Hickam"

by *Staff Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin*

Team work, all for one, one for all, it's all about Total Force. Today, Total Force is being exemplified by the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Wing and the active duty's 15th Airlift Wing, as Team Hickam comes together to ensure mission success.

As the old saying goes, deployment is a question of when not if, and "when" hit the 15 AW Sept. 1, as three squadron commanders received orders to deploy. As a result, three commanders from the 154 WG are filling the shoes of the three deployed 15 AW commanders.

We get to know each other better, and filling in at the 15 AW helps build one family.

Lt. Col. Robert Nagamine
Chaplain 154th Wing

Lt. Col. Dave Molinaro, 154th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander is filling in at the 15th Logistics Readiness Squadron; Lt. Col. Charles Moose, 154th Security Forces commander, is filling in for the 15th Security Forces commander; and Lt. Col. Robert Nagamine, 154 WG chaplain is at the 15th Airlift Wing's base chaplain's office.

"It's clear that being a member of the Hawaii Air National Guard means you're a member of "Team Hickam" and I'm no longer surprised when I see new synergies evolve between the 15th Airlift Wing and the 154th Wing," said Brig. Gen. Peter S. Pawling, 154th Wing commander.

We get to know each other better, and filling in at the 15 AW helps build one family, said Lt. Col. Robert Nagamine, 154 WG chaplain. "The best benefit is establishing a working relationship to include socializing and fellowship," added Lt. Col. Nagamine.

"A lot of good things are going on at the base chapel," said Lt. Col. Nagamine. I want to support them and help them accomplish their programs, added Lt. Col. Nagamine.

"We couldn't do it without Lt. Col. Nagamine," said Maj. Dave DePinho, 15th Airlift Wing, chaplain.

It's great that the 15th has the confidence and trust in our members to do the job, and that we have members willing to keep our professional link with the 15th connected, said Brig. Gen. Pawling.

Part of filling the void left by deployed personnel is the 154 WG commanders opportunity to become better acquainted with 15 AW operations as "Team Hickam" prepares for an upcoming Joint Operational Readiness inspection.

"As we prepare for our first joint ORI, I can only see this as a win-win for both Wings, because it will

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For those new to the Intel AFSCs, traditional positions will be the means to enter this new AFSC, with qualification for full-time opportunities once fully-qualified in the AFSC.

The Job Vacancy Announcements for the full-time positions are projected to be posted in December, with a targeted placement in April 2008.

Individuals interested in traditional positions or general information should contact Senior Master Sgt. Bridget Komine at 733-4228, or e-mail her at bridget.komine@hihick.ang.af.mil.

TEAM

help streamline and accelerate the planning and development of many of our processes," said Col. Stanley Osserman, 154th Mission Support Group Commander.

This is wonderful preparation for the ORI, I get to know both sides of the team and can more easily pull a chaplain team together for the ORI, said Lt. Col. Nagamine.

It's great that Lt. Col. Dave Molinaro, Lt. Col. Charles Moose and Chaplain Nagamine stepped up to the task," said Brig. Gen. Pawling. "I am proud to see three members of our Wing holding leadership positions at the 15 AW while their members are deployed," added Brig. Gen. Pawling.

Traumatic Injury Protection Under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and Durable Powers of Attorney

Did you know that in addition to your Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, you also have TSGLI? Effective 1 December 2005, every service member who has SGLI coverage also has Traumatic Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance or TSGLI at no extra cost.

TSGLI is a traumatic injury protection rider under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) that provides for payment to any member of the uniformed services covered by SGLI who sustains a traumatic injury that results in certain severe losses.

Payment for covered losses is between \$25,000 and \$100,000 depending on the loss directly resulting from the traumatic injury. The traumatic injury need not occur on the battlefield.

However, TSGLI pays benefits only to the injured member. Many traumatic injuries may leave the member incapacitated. TSGLI benefits do not automatically flow to a spouse, parent, or other person in such a case. If the member has not named an agent in a durable power of attorney, payment of the benefit to a member's spouse or other dependent would require the costly and time-consuming legal guardianship process.

For additional information regarding TSGLI, contact the 162 FW Legal Office and/or visit the Department of Veterans' Affairs website at: <http://www.insurance.va.gov/sgliSite/TSGLI/TSGLI.htm>

