

154th MEDICAL SQUADRON



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Dec. 1, 1960

154th USAF Dispensary

154th Tactical Hospital

154th Medical Group

154th Medical Squadron, May 1994

STATIONS

Hickam AFB, HI

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Maj. Claude V. Caver

Maj Casimer Jasinski June 1, 1970

Dr. Walter Chang

Lt. Col. Norberto Baysa

Lt. Col. Gildo Soriano

Col. Norberto Baysa

Col. Myron L. Tong,

Lt. Col. Stanley K. Sato

Col. Brett A. Wyrick

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

In October 1962 154th USAF Dispensary vigorously supported OPERATION SWALLOW, a community effort to control polio this same month.

The 154 USAF Clinic administered flu vaccines and TB skin tests to the patients of Waimano Home.

The 154th Tactical Hospital's first off-island summer camp was to Kokee, Kauai, in 1978. Halfway up Mt. Kokee the bus carrying all the personnel got stuck in a ditch. Luckily, a 4-wheel jeep stopped and hauled the bus back on the road.

With the dedication of Building 3400, the dispensary relocated from that "old hut" to the back half of the third floor sharing space with the USAF advisors and the Combat Support Squadron. With the addition of mobility and medical readiness training, Dr. Walter Chang assumed command during this period of dynamic growth and change.

Back in 1986, the unit was designated as the 154th Tactical Hospital and was commanded by Lt. Col. Norberto Baysa. The hospital was in the throws of robusting from a 52 person unit to a 73 person unit with a new wartime mission to support a second echelon medical facility. Name changes seem to be in, keeping with the changing wartime mission. When the 154th Tactical Hospital was redesignated as the 154th Medical Squadron in May 1994, patient retrieval and generation unit taskings were added to the second echelon personnel package tasking. There also have been three commanders. Lt. Col. Gildo Soriano, Col. Norberto Baysa (who returned to the unit for a year from his post as State Air Surgeon) and Col. Myron L. Tong, the unit's current commander. Col. Tong is the first non-physician commander in the history of the unit.

The 154th Medical Group's annual training event to Robert C. Byrd Training Center, in West Virginia, provided the hazardous materials training and certification of the medical component of the CERF-P mission, as well as fulfilling many of the recurring medical training requirements. The training culminated with a mass casualty exercise incorporating the local West Virginia Youth Challenge Cadets as simulated casualties.

The 154th Medical Group organized three Medical Innovative Readiness Training (MIRT) opportunities during the year. The MIRTs were conducted in partnership with the State Department of Health and visiting Guard and reserve units from the mainland. Medical personnel provide free health screenings, physicals and eye and dental exams for school children and low-income residents in Waimanalo, the leeward coast and in Kahuku. The August 2008 MIRT in Kahuku helped set the stage for a large-scale community-based disaster exercise at Kahuku Hospital as part of the annual Makani Pahili drill in June 2009. The exercise, involving hundreds of Hawaii National Guard troops, State and county first-responders as well as community volunteers, was the largest ever disaster drill conducted for a North Shore community.



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