

154 SERVICES FLIGHT



MISSION

LINEAGE

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STATIONS

Hickam AFB, HI

ASSIGNMENTS

154 Mission Support Group

COMMANDERS

Cpt Kay D. Sgagias

Cpt Phillip Radford, Apr 1991

Cpt Melissa Y. J. Zen, Jun 1994

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HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, in dexter chief an ipu Or wreathed at its neck with maile leaves Vert surmounted in base with a calabash Brown highlighted Bronze debruised in sinister base by a poi pounder Argent, all within a diminished border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "154 SERVICES" in Yellow letters Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "KULIA I KA NU'U" in Yellow letters. **SIGFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The ipu, a gourd drum used in the ancient Hawaiian hula, represents tradition, honor, history and harmony. The maile leaves, a fragrant vine used for special occasions, reflect growth and adaptability. The calabash, a Hawaiian bowl made of wood, depicts unity. The poi pounder, a tool made of lava rock, stands for the unit's focus on basic needs.

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OPERATIONS

The 154th Services Flight has truly been through a decade of change, transition and restructuring to meet worldwide demands as well as locally. We have evolved from the Combat Support Squadron's Food Service section to the Services Flight of today. This transformation increased the mission focus from fixed facility food services to a mobility and worldwide deployable team capable of providing support in Mortuary Affairs, Search and Recovery, Billeting and Laundry. As of the early 1990's the Services mission has increased once again entailing the MWR (Morale Welfare and Recreation) program.

Food Service is broken down to field conditions and fixed facility. Each arena supports the basic necessity of food and water to deployed forces. Field conditions is the most challenging and yet overlooked as a small facet of mobility. Food services is the heart of field conditions and the sustaining of forces.

The new consolidated support facility will provide a much awaited and needed dining facility capable of meeting the support needs of the 154th Wing customers. It will consist of new technologies and equipment providing the proper facility and proper equipment capable of meeting the customer needs in the coming years. As we anxiously await the "show piece of the Pacific", the flight sets their focus on the Hennessey Trophy as the outstanding food service establishment in the Air Force. A lot of memory and repair will remain with Bldg 3400 Room 2A, our old dining hall.

The mortuary affairs mission is an arena of peacetime capability as well as wartime capability. During peacetime, mortuary affairs is providing support to all military members, dependents and the Next of Kin on duty, off duty and retired, and the entitlements applicable to the passing Guard member. During wartime. Services provide teams of personnel capable of receiving and immediately processing those remains of US military members and foreign military members to the nearest Aerial port for shipment and proper identification.

Also under the same realm of responsibility and closely tied to mortuary affairs is the Search and Recovery operations which is also a peacetime and wartime mission. Close coordination with various agencies involved during an aerial mishap, Services teams will assist with search, plotting and recovery of personal property and human remains. Upon recovery of remains, all efforts are made through identification labs and professionals trained to properly identify human remains. Personal property is used to assist identification and returned to Next of Kin.

Field laundry operations are in support of deployed forces of large quantities requiring organizational laundry support. The basic deployed equipment is the PLU or Palletized Laundry Unit, UNIMAC and commercial washer and dryer units, which are self contained units and capable of sustaining forces under field conditions. Lodging operations are under field conditions that are closely tied to Civil Engineering functions during bed-down planning and establish camp layout, design and shelter of personnel. During peacetime or deployed to another military installation, Services teams maintain the Billeting office and operations.

Very similar and closely tied to Billeting is the MWR mission. Providing services of fitness, recreation and morale building operations. This function is very large and different from each military organization. Some of the functions include clubs, gyms, recreation centers and activity centers as some of the more popular functional areas.

Operating from the aging dining hall designed to accommodate only 125 guardsmen, the flight services approximately 700 customers per day during the UTA. The flight is made up of all traditional guardsmen headed by SMSgt Harry Teramoto, Food Service Superintendent and MSgt. Bernard Song, Dining Hall Supervisor.

Throughout the nation, Services was established to maintain these basic military needs in 1986 as the Prime RIBS (Ready In Base Services). March 27, 1988, TSgt Stanley Tanigawa is the first RIBS technician hired, trained at Eglin AFB, Florida and tasked to establish the RIBS program at the Hawaii Air National Guard. July 1988, twenty four Services personnel primarily trained as cooks attended BRAAT (Base Recovery After Attack Training) with the 154 CES.

Focus on the mobility program made great leaps and bounds which was heavily tested during the Hurricane Iniki Relief efforts in September 1992. Probably the greatest test of our capability to support our disaster preparedness plans and family support networks came with the sudden and quick reactions during the aftermath of the hurricane. Hurricane Iniki was the highlight of

the decade providing valuable lessons of planning and validating training. Teams worked extremely well with the Mobile Kitchen Trailer establishing distribution points at Princeville, Kauai in joint effort with Army National Guard teams. Services deployed continuously, but lightly to fulfill biennial requirements of Silver Flag (formerly known as BRAAT) in Okinawa, Japan.

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