119 SERVICES FLIGHT

MISSION LINEAGE 119 Services Flight **STATIONS** Fargo, ND **ASSIGNMENTS** Mission Support Group **COMMANDERS HONORS Service Streamers Campaign Streamers Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers Decorations EMBLEM** MOTTO **NICKNAME OPERATIONS** Members of the N.D. Air National Guard's 119th Medical Group and 119th Services Flight participated in and supported Operation Tropic Care 2012 Kauai earlier this year. This groundbreaking, first-in-series field training provided more than \$2 million in health services to 10,292 uninsured and underinsured residents of Kauai, Hawaii. "Field training, such as Tropic

Care 2012, is priceless," said Senior Master Sgt. Belinda Reep, who serves in the 119th Medical Group and took part in the mission. "It goes far beyond just training and personal gain it

builds teams and communities. It is invaluable in building relationships that enhance military operations and future missions for our Airmen." The Tropic Care medical humanitarian team was comprised of 335 military members representing 27 units across the U.S. Armed Forces. Despite flash floods there, the members of Tropic Care 2012, along with the Kauai District Health Office, provided free care from Feb. 28 through March 9 at three outreach clinics across the rural island. Medical, dental and eye care were provided at All Saints Episcopal Church in Kapaa, Kauai Community College in Lihue, and the Kauai Soto Zen Temple Zenshuji in Hanapepe. "It was wonderful to be a part of something bigger than just me and what we do here at the 119th Wing," said Tech. Sgt. Lisa Reich. Master Sgt. Michelle Nicklay, who also took part in the trip, agreed. "I was putting smiles on the faces of others, but they put a bigger smile on my face," she said. "They were so appreciative and grateful of the care we gave." The State Governor's Office expressed appreciation to the service members helping in Kauai by hosting a traditional luau for them. "The gratitude and thankfulness was overwhelming and felt by everyone involved in this training operation," Reep said.

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