

154 COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT

MISSION

LINEAGE

154 Communications Flight, 31 Oct 1994

STATIONS

Hickam AFB, HI

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

1LT Victor Talamoa Jr.

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

154 Communications Flight was originally formed in July 1987, with one officer and 28 enlisted people, providing day-to-day telecommunications support for the Hawaii Air National Guard as the Base Support Element. The 154 Mission Support Flight, at the time of Federal Recognition, was an Air Force Communications Command gained unit, but when the Air Force Communications Command was deactivated, the gaining command became PACAF. The flight consisted of a command section, data operations, ground radio maintenance, and visual information. The data operations section was responsible for the Unisys System 11, which was connected to the Base Level Computer at the 1947 Communications Group at Hickam Air Force

Base. The ground radio maintenance provided routine and periodic maintenance for the 154 Composite Group land mobile radios and air to ground radios in the Combat Alert Center. Visual information provided still photographic support and limited support with Beta format video equipment. In October 1989 the 154 Communications Flight received its first commander as there had not been an officer on board at the time of Federal Recognition.

The future of the 154 Communications Flight is bright as the Air National Guard Readiness Center at Andrews Air Force Base has recently added 4 full-time technician positions to support the many new systems the 154 Communications Flight has installed. Additional new systems are being funded and downward directed by staff agencies: one such system is the Command and Control Information Processing System, C2IPS, which is being funded by the Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base. This system maintains the scheduling information of all Air Mobility Command aircraft throughout the world, and it will include the scheduling information for the 203 ARS.

Local Area Network, or LAN, was only talked about in years past as a program the HIANG would like to implement. The newest challenge put forth by Maj. Gen. Richardson and Brig. Gen. Rodrigues was the implementation of a HIANG-wide LAN system. Lt. Col. Kyle E. Breedlove and CMSgt. Holland F. Tang of the 154th Communications Flight were tasked to implement the new system. In June, 1994, LAN connectivity was confirmed and operational, with all HIANG units able to communicate with each other via fiber optic cables, modems and new computers. The computer age was now upon us in full swing.

With new technology providing additional telecommunications capability, the work has become increasingly complex for the 154 Communications Flight. The additional Hawaii Air National Guard Golden Anniversary of the Air National Guard Warrior Network now provides video teleconferencing via a down link from a satellite. The signal from the down link will eventually be transmitted throughout the Hawaii Air National Guard compound, as well as connecting to our units at the main base. The 154 Communications Flight will also be installing telephone switches at Hickam AFB, which will provide the capability of transmitting voice, data and image throughout the Hawaii Air National Guard units at Hickam Air Force Base as well as to the units at Hilo and Maui.

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