

# **204<sup>th</sup> AIRLIFT SQUADRON**

## **LINEAGE**

204th Airlift Squadron, Oct. 31, 1994

## **STATIONS**

Hickam AFB, HI

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

### **Mission Aircraft**

C-130

C-17

### **Support Aircraft**

## **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS**

## **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES**

## **UNIT COLORS**

## **COMMANDERS**

LTC Stephen Su'afilo

LTC E. Scott Kimsey

LTC Gregory S. Woodrow

LTC Edwin R. Miyahira

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Maj. Gen. Richardson announced that the 204th Airlift Squadron would activate during the last quarter of fiscal year 1994 with a full squadron of C-130Hs. The HIANG welcomed two brand new C-130H3 which came to us right off the assembly line. This was the first time in the HIANG's history that aircraft from the factory would be assigned to the unit.

Then finally, the 204th Airlift Squadron was born. The following named individuals were Charter Members of this newly formed unit: Lt. Cols Edwin R. Miyahira, Roy K. Sakata, Maj. Kevin D. Garcia, Clyde Y. Torigoe, Capts, Kenneth N. Bailey, James Y Yuki, Stanley L Snow, Derrick Doyle, Terrance Ganiko, Timothy Fujino, and Mike Compton. 1Lt. Scott Ginn, 2Lt. Mark Sanvold, SMSgt. Howard Hironaka, MSgts Alan R. Ogata, Samuel K. P. Wong, TSgts Melvin N. Enoki, Bryan E. Asato, Henry K. J. Chang, Anthony H. Wong, Jr., Kathy Fritz, Patrick Mooreland, Robert Block, Karen S. Gary, Gordon Lau, SSgt Wallace Horibata, SrA Christopher Abbott and Anthony Ilagan. The following named 154th Group individuals were attached to the 204th AS for flying duties: Lt. Col. Patrick S. Oka, Capt. E. Scott Kimsey, MSgt. James A. Aea, Thomas Narvaez. The much awaited moment arrived in August when an entourage of Hawaii Air Guard representatives arrived at Lockheed's C-130 Marietta Plant in Marietta, Georgia to witness the official roll out of our brand new C-130H3, 93-2041.

Aircraft 93-2041 was transferred to the HIANG on the 40th anniversary of the first flight of the C-130. One month later, our second C-130H3, tail number 93-2042 rolled off of the assembly line. In September, aircraft 93-2041 was flown home, after an initial acceptance inspection at Cheyenne, Wyoming. The aircraft was proudly flown home by Lt. Col. Ed Miyahira, Maj. Clyde Torigoe, Capt. Scott Kimsey, MSgts Alan Ogata and Sam Wong.

In May, we once again participated in the airlift of PACRES 95. This airlift was to transport 55 members of the HIARNG to Melbourne, Australia and returning with Members of the Royal Australian Army Reserve. The mission once again transited American Samoa. Crew members consisted of Lt. Col. Frank Tantsits, Capt. Stan Snow, Jim Yuki, Terry Ganiko, MSgt. Alan Ogata and Sam Wong, TSgt Karen Gary. In November Capt. Ken Bailey, Jim Yuki, Tim Fujino, TSgt Bryan Asato, SSgt Todd Knight, MSgts Sam Wong, Jim Aea and TSgt Karen Gary spent three weeks at Oklahoma City flying various airdrop missions with the 137th AW. The mission was successfully completed with crew members receiving mission qualifications and instructor upgrades.

In February of 1996, MSgt. Sam Wong and TSgt Karen Gary completed the U. S. Army Joint Airborne Inspection course held at Ft Lee, Virginia. And in March, a crew, consisting of Cols Tom Gresch, Jerald Aoki, Capt. Tim Fujino, MSgt. Sam Wong, TSgts Karen Gary and Gordon Lau departed on a 5 day TDY to deliver 27,000 lbs. of construction material to the Island State of Truk (Chuuk) of the Federated States of Micronesia. The TDY made stops at Johnston Island,

Kwajalein Atoll, Pohnpei and Wake. The construction materiel was being delivered to the USAF Civil Action Team (CAT). The CAT was TDY for 8 months to Truk doing various construction projects on the island as part of the United States Nation Building project. Involved in April's events were Maj. Kevin Garcia, Capt. Alvin Alana, Lt. Col. Clyde Torigoe, TSgt Gordon Lau, MSgt. James Aea, and SSgt Darren Morris who participated in tactical airdrop flying training at the 145th AW, Oklahoma City, OK. Their flying training included CDS, and heavy equipment airdrops as well as flying various low level routes.

Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear or High-Yield Explosive-Enhanced Response Force Package participated in a joint exercise called COYOTE CRISIS involving, the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region IX, local civilians and military teams. During the exercise, the teams practiced working together to respond to large scale emergencies and disasters. The 154<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, which makes up most of the CERF-P, worked with the California Army National Guard to decontaminate, triage, and treat 200 patients in three hours with minimal manpower while members of our 204th Airlift Squadron used one of Hawaii's own C-17 to evacuate 29 patients. The mission provided the medical and airlift personnel with hands on training of air evacuation procedures. Air Guard responds to Kauai flooding CERF-P members, along with numerous other HIANG members, also participated in disaster relief and recovery after the Kaloko Dam breach and the intense flooding that occurred on Kauai, March 2005. The CERF-P sent their search and extraction team, which was made up of 154th Civil Engineer and Medical Squadron members. Members of the 204th Airlift Squadron also participated in the disaster relief by delivering approximately 27,000 pounds of recovery equipment to Kauai on board a C-17 to thousands of isolated residents and tourists along the island's north shore.

The year also brought the first C-17 the Hawaii Air National Guard Spirit of Hawaii, to Hickam Air Force Base, Feb. 8, 2006. The Spirit of Hawaii was the first of eight C-17 to make Hickam its home as part of the first active duty and Air National Guard classic associate units. The Hawaii Air National Guard and the 15th Airlift Wing began developing a working relationship with the arrival of the C-17 simulator, the opening of the C-17 Maintenance Complex, the first 15 AW C-17 refuel, and the completion of the first C-17 Home Station Check. With the acceptance of the C-17, the HIANG said farewell to the C-130 after 20 years of service. The last C-130 departed Hickam, Feb. 15, 2006.

In 2006 the 206<sup>th</sup> deployed to Guam for PACAF micro-channel airlift supporting states of Palau, Pohnpei, Truk and Kosrae. Also in 1996, the squadron deployed to Korea flying airdrop mission in support of US and Korean Navy SEALs.

2008 The 204th Airlift Squadron C-17 flight crews flew missions to numerous locations, including Thailand, the Philippines, and perhaps most notably, to China. The May 2008 flights to Chungdu, China, were to airlift emergency supplies following the devastating Sichuan Province earthquake. Feedback from Chinese authorities strongly suggests that the flights have helped foster positive relations between the U.S. and China as well as clearly demonstrate the HIANG's ability to quickly ease the suffering of people in need virtually anywhere around the world.

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