

Hawaii Travel Trip Summary Report

Purpose: Commissioners, Mr. Lamont and Mr. Chandler to meet with USARPAC, Hawaii Governor, Hawaii and Guam TAGs and site visit 25th ID to gather information for the NCFA study.

Attendees: Commissioner Lamont, Commissioner Chandler, Mr. Von Heerigen, Governor Ige, Mr. Schindler, Ms. Emerson, LTC Hartvigsen, Mr. Thomas; USARPAC: GEN Brooks (CG USARPAC), MG Bilton (DCG-N), MG McCaffrey (Chief of Staff), MG Brock (Cdr 311th (USAR)), Mr. Lee (9th MSC (USAR)), Mr. Lee (351st Civil Affairs Command (CACOM)), MG Hara (DCG HIARNG), BG Guerrero (Guam TAG), BG Logan (Hawaii TAG), BG Ulises (USARPAC G-3), and COL Mitchell (196th Inf Bde).

Key events and discussion points:

1. NCO and Field Grade Officer information sessions (E7-E9 and 03-05). On 28 May, two sessions conducted with 2nd Bde/ 25th ID and USARPAC personnel. Key themes were:

- a) Policy changes- proposed manning, training, equipping and retention changes.
- b) AC/RC integration- combined AC and RC training events
- c) Force generation- recommend development of more multi-compo units
- d) ARI- General consensus with AC keeps Apaches and RC to get Blackhawk.

2. Hawaii Governor visit, Hawaii TAG and Guam TAG meeting.

a) Hawaii TAG:

- Equipment and modernization should mirror the active component
- Sustain personnel end strength of the ARNG
- Continue the Operational Deployment of the ARNG
- Predictability of rotations is important.
- Long term relationships developed thru the partnership program

b) Guam TAG:

- The Marines will station 5000 Marines on Guam
- THAAD Unit on Guam because of proximity to Japan and Korea
- Issues of available training areas
- Guam provides casualty assistance across the area.
- Air Craft in the inventory for MEDIVAC, Search, Rescue and other capabilities
- Very few AC soldiers will move from AC the ARNG because of the location and lack of “ties” to the island.
- No MEPs on Guam

3. CDR USARPAC meeting. On 29 May, Commissioners conducted an office call with GEN Brooks and roundtable discussion. Key themes were:

- a) Size and Force Mix: analyze the current threats and responsiveness capabilities
- b) Total Army: AC/USAR/ARNG Integration. Theme of GEN Brooks is multi-compo. All USARPAC exercises include the USAR and ARNG. Develop policies and practice for AC, USAR, and ARNG coordination with ASCC to include State Partnership program requirements.
- c) Pacific Pathways: prioritization of manning; BCA funding capacity; impacts to readiness, modernization, and limited use of exercise funding.
- d) ARI: Good with current plan, USARPAC will have five different battalions. Without ARI plan, will increase the transportation costs by not cascading into the Pacific. USARPAC believes part of the debate that ARNG retains combat capability. The day to day missions do not call for Apache's but the day to day missions will need AH-64s for strategic depth.

4. Follow-up actions and proposed RFIs.

- a) RFI: Rapid Mobilization Initiative background information
- b) RFI: PACOM exercise cost and funding prior to and for Pacific Pathways
- c) RFI: Army Mobilization certification statics (not certified, extended training periods, etc.)
- d) RFI: What is the NG State force structure and funding prioritization decisions process? Who in NGB is the approving authority and how HQDA is integrated into the process.
- e) RFI: USARPAC's emphasized the inclusion of the ARNG and USAR in their training exercises and partnership engagements. How many training exercises did USARPAC execute in FY14? How many partnership engagements did USARPAC execute in FY14? What were the number of Active, ARNG and USAR units in each exercise? How many soldiers, broken out by component participated in each of those exercises?