

UNITED STATES ARMY, PACIFIC
WELCOMES YOU TO THE



CH-47F

“Chinook”

EQUIPPING CEREMONY



Sequence of Events

Welcome

*Invocation **

*Arrival of the Official Party and
Playing of Honors **

*National Anthem and Hawaii Pono'i **

Remarks by LTG Francis J. Wiercinski

Remarks by MG William T. Crosby

Presentation of Unit Posters by Mr. Mark Ballew

Hawaiian Blessing of the Aircraft by
Kahu Kordell Kekoa

*Benediction **

*Playing of the Army Song and
Departure of the Official Party **

**Please Stand*



Lieutenant General Francis "Frank" Wiercinski, is a native of Dickson City, Pa., and is a 1979 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. Commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry, he has commanded at every level – Rifle and Scout Platoon Leader, through two-star command. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (1992), at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and the U.S. Army War College (1998), at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

In addition to Rifle Company Command in the 25th Infantry Division (1983-1984), LTG Wiercinski commanded the 6th Ranger Training Battalion stationed at Eglin AFB, Fla.

(1995-1997). His combat operational commands include: Ranger Company Command in the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment during OPERATION JUST CAUSE, in Panama (1989-1990); Brigade Combat Team Commander, 3rd Brigade "RAKKASANS," 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), during OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, and OPERATION ANACONDA, Afghanistan (2001-2002); and as the Deputy Commanding General – Multinational Division-North, during OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq (2006-2007), as part of the 25th Infantry Division's combat deployment.

He also has served as the Deputy Regimental Commander, 75th Ranger Regiment (1998-1999), Fort Benning, Ga.; the Deputy Commanding General (Support), 25th Infantry Division (2005-2006); and as the Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Pacific (2007-2008), Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

His key staff assignments included: Operations Officer (S3) at both the Battalion and Brigade level (1993-1995); Deputy Chief of Staff (G3) of the 101st Airborne Division (AASLT) (1999-2000); Director of Regional Operations, Special Operations Division, (J3) The Joint Staff (2002-2003); and as the Principal Director, Near East-South Asian Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense (2003-2005).

LTG Wiercinski most recently served as the Commanding General of U.S. Army-Japan and I Corps Forward, stationed at Camp Zama, Japan (2008-2010), and has just returned as the Acting Senior Commander for Fort Campbell, Ky.

In addition to other awards and decorations, he has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal with "V," the Combat Infantryman's Badge with Star, the Master Parachutists Badge with Bronze Combat Jump Star, and the U.S. Army Ranger Tab. LTG Wiercinski also has been awarded the "Order of the Rising Sun – 2nd Degree," Government of Japan, and the Meritorious Service Medal of Canada.



MG William T. (Tim) Crosby assumed duties as the Program Executive Officer, Aviation on 12 December 2008.

MG Crosby entered the Army as a Field Artillery Officer after graduating from The Citadel in 1979 and was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division serving as Fire Support Team Chief, Battalion Fire Direction Officer, Special Weapons Officer, and Battery Executive Officer.

Following this assignment, MG Crosby entered flight school at Fort Rucker, AL where he was awarded his aviator wings in May of 1982. Upon completion of flight school, MG Crosby attended the CH-47 Transition and was assigned to the 205th Aviation Company in Mainz Finthen, West Germany where he served in successive positions as Flight Platoon Leader, Executive Officer, and Operations Officer.

MG Crosby then returned to Fort Rucker to attend the Aviation Officer Advanced Course, was awarded a Research and Development Functional Area, and was assigned to the U.S. Army Aviation Development Test Activity in January of 1986 conducting developmental flight testing on CH-47, UH-60, and fixed-wing aircraft.

In February of 1990, MG Crosby returned to Europe to command the VIIth Corps CH-47 unit and deployed his unit to Southwest Asia to participate in Operations Desert Shield and Storm. He commanded the unit for just under two years followed by an assignment as a battalion executive officer. Following staff college, MG Crosby was assigned to PMO Comanche in 1993, where he held the positions of Logistics Management Officer, Assistant Program Manager (APM) for Training and Simulation, APM for MANPRINT, and APM for Test and Evaluation.

MG Crosby left Comanche in June of 1996 to serve as a Weapons System Program Evaluator in the J8 Directorate of the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. After a two year tour on the Joint Staff, he was assigned to serve as the first Product Manager for the Improved Cargo Helicopter Program, now known as the CH-47F.

MG Crosby attended the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base and earned a Masters Degree in International and Strategic Studies. While at War College, he was selected for promotion to Colonel and was selected to be the Project Manager for the Army's Cargo Helicopter Program.

MG Crosby completed his tour of duty as the Army's Cargo Helicopter Project Manager and conducted a change of charter on 24 August 2006. He was immediately reassigned as the interim Project Manager for the newly formed Armed Scout Helicopter Program Office on 25 August 2006 and remained in that position until the command slated Armed Scout Helicopter Project Manager arrived on 17 October 2006. He then served as the PM Reset charged with integrating the effort to Preset and Reset the aircraft going to and returning from combat deployment. In May 2007, MG Crosby became the Deputy Program Executive Officer, Aviation.

He was promoted to the rank of major general in February 2011. MG Crosby is married to the former Janice McIntosh from Sumter, South Carolina. They have three children: Rebecca, Sara and Will.

B Co., 3-25 Aviation Regiment History

Company B, 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, was constituted on 1 February 1967, in the Regular Army, as Headquarters Company, 214th Aviation Battalion at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. The unit was inactivated 22 January 1973 at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

Redesignated on 1 July 1981 as the Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Company, 214th Aviation Battalion; the unit was assigned to the 9th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. The unit was again inactivated on 15 September 1986 at Fort Lewis, Washington.

The company was relieved from assignment to the 9th Infantry Division on 16 August 1987 and was concurrently reorganized and redesignated as the 214th Aviation Regiment, a parent regiment under the United States Army Regimental System, with the Headquarters located at Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii.

In March 2004, the company deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom V, returning to Hawaii in March 2005. The company deployed four aircraft in support of Humanitarian Relief Operations after the October 2005 earthquake in Pakistan, concluding operations and redeploying to Hawaii in December 2005.

The company was redesignated as Bravo Company, 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, on 23 February 2006 and deployed to Iraq in July 2006 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08. The Hillclimbers flew over 10,200 combat hours during the deployment, supporting 156 air assaults in support of the 25th Infantry Division and Iraqi Security Force in Northern Iraq and Baghdad.

Most recently, Bravo Company deployed to Iraq in September 2009 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 09-11. The Hillclimbers continued to set the standard, flying over 8,300 combat hours in only eleven months, directly contributing to the responsible drawdown of forces in Iraq.

B Co., 1-171 Aviation Regiment History

Hawaii Army National Guard Aviation traces its lineage back to the armies of the kings of Hawaii. Aviation began for the Hawaii Army National Guard in 1947 and continued through 1965 with small detachments for L-2 and L-19 Bird Dog fixed-wing aircraft and the OH-23 Raven helicopters which supported the unit's headquarters. These aircraft were flown for artillery spotting, observation, and light utility duties.

From July 1973 through 1981, Headquarters, Hawaii Army National Guard Aviation flew the U-8 and U-21 fixed-wing support aircraft. Troop E (AIR), 19th Cavalry, was activated in April 1973 with the AH-1G Cobra helicopter gunship, OH-58 Kiowa scout/observation helicopters, and UH-1H Iroquois (Huey) transport helicopters. Aircraft maintenance was provided by the 293rd Aviation Maintenance Company.

Between 1981 and 1986 Troop E (AIR), 19th Cavalry, flew the improved AH-1S Cobra helicopters carrying the TOW missile which replaced the aging AH-1G aircraft. The 293rd Aviation Maintenance Company became the 1293rd Aviation Company (Combat Support), flying 23 UH-1H Huey transport helicopters.

In October 1986 Troop E (AIR), 19th Cavalry, and the 1293rd Aviation Company combined forces to become the 193rd Aviation Regiment (Attack Helicopter) later becoming 1st Attack Helicopter Battalion, 193rd Aviation Regiment, in order to align with the U.S. Army Regimental Aviation System.

On 2 October 1986, 1st Battalion, 193rd Aviation Regiment (Attack Helicopter) was deactivated and Company C, 1st Battalion 193rd Aviation Regiment, was fielded with 16 CH47D Chinook helicopters, and Company B, 1st Battalion 193rd Aviation Regiment, AVIM (Aviation Intermediate Maintenance), were organized and activated. The unit was later reorganized as Company C, 193rd Aviation Regiment on 2 September 1995.

In March 2004, Company C, 193rd Aviation Regiment deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II, returning to Hawaii in March 2005. Following a successful deployment, on 8 November 2006 the unit was reorganized as Company B, 1-171st Aviation Regiment, whose wartrace higher headquarters, the 1st General Support Aviation Battalion, 171st Aviation Regiment, is located at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Georgia.

Company B, 1-171st Aviation Regiment has actively conducted operations in response to state emergencies, including water-bucket missions in support of firefighting efforts on Maui and Molokai, and post-earthquake disaster relief and airlift support on Maui.

Most recently, Bravo Company mobilized to deploy to Afghanistan in August 2010, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom 10-11. The Voyagers were geographically dispersed in four locations across two Regional Commands. Within a ten-month period, the Voyagers continued to "Strike While The Iron Is Hot," flying over 1,180 general support missions and over 250 missions in direct support of conventional and non-conventional forces' deliberate operations. The unit logged over 6,500 combat flight hours, transported over 7.5 million pounds of internal and external load cargo, as well as over 68,750 passengers, directly contributing to the increased success of the International Security Assistance Force in creating a stable and more secure Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Hawai'i Pono'i

Hawai'i pono'i,
Nānā i kou mo'i,
Kalani ali'i,
Ke ali'i.

Hawai'i's own true sons,
Be loyal to your king,
Your country's liege and lord
The chief.

Hawai'i pono'i,
Nānā i nā ali'i,
Nā pua muli kou,
Nā pōki'i.

Hawai'i's own true sons,
Look to your chiefs,
The children after you,
The young.

Hawai'i pono'i,
E ka lahui ē,
'O kāu hana nui
E ui ē.

Hawai'i's own true sons,
People of loyal heart,
The only duty lies
List and abide.

Hui:

Makua lani ē,
Kamehameha ē,
Na kaua e pale,
Me ka ihe.

Chorus:

Father above us all,
Kamehameha e,
Who guarded in the war,
With his spear.

ARMY SONG

First to fight for the right,
And to build the nation's might,
And the army goes rolling along
Proud of all we have done
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army goes rolling along

Then it's hi, hi, hey!
The Army's on its way
Count off the cadence loud and strong
For wher-'er we go, you will always know
That the Army goes rolling along