



## Biography

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### Brigadier General Braden K. Sakai

Brigadier General Braden K. Sakai is Commander, 154th Wing, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. He is responsible for the implementation, maintenance and oversight of all Wing programs, as well as providing mission support to subordinate Wing Unit Commanders and other attendant units on four geographically separated Hawaiian Islands. The 154th Wing represents the major air component organization of the Hawaii National Guard. It is the largest Wing in the United States Air National Guard, with approximately 2,000 officers and enlisted personnel. The 154th Wing operates and maintains the C-17A, KC-135R and F-22A. In partnership with the 15th Wing, the 154th Wing employs Total Force combat and peacetime support to operations across the State of Hawaii and throughout the world.



General Sakai was commissioned in the Hawaii Air National Guard in October 1984 through the Academy Military Science at McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base, Knoxville, Tennessee. He is a Command pilot with approximately 3,700 total flying hours in the F-22, C-17, F-15, C-130 (dual qualified), F-4, and both the T-37 and T-38.

#### EDUCATION

1983 Bachelor of Arts in Education, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Manoa, Hawaii  
1997 SOS, by correspondence  
2000 ACSC, by correspondence  
2005 Air War College (AirWC), by correspondence  
2011 Advanced Joint Professional Military Education  
2012 SLOC, by in residence

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. August 2011 - May 2016, Commander, 154th Wing
2. May 2016 - October 2016, Chief of Staff, Honolulu, HI

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: Approximately 3,700

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38A/B, F-4C, F-15A/B/C/D, C-130, C-17A and F-22A

## **AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device and one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster

Combat Readiness Medal with one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters

National Defense Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Silver Hourglass

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Pistol)

Air Force Training Ribbon

Hawaii State Active Duty Ribbon

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

1986 F-4C Academic Award

1988 F-15 Outstanding Graduate

1995 Unit Compliance Inspection Outstanding Performer

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant Oct. 18, 1984

First Lieutenant Mar. 8, 1987

Captain Feb. 2, 1990

Major Oct. 18, 1997

Lieutenant Colonel Oct. 19, 2001

Colonel Mar. 12, 2009

Brigadier General May 17, 2012

(Current as of February 2017)