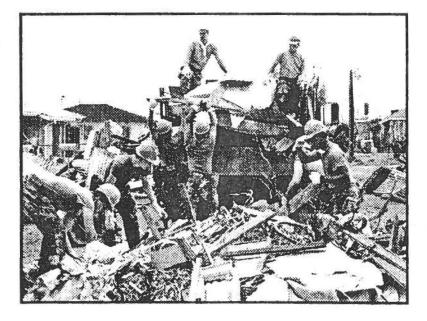


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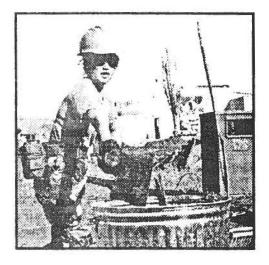
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Operation Garden Sweep











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Hurricane Iniki relief efforts continue. The response of all members of the 154th COMPG called to duty, or volunteering for duty in the wake of the storm was outstanding. My thanks to each and every one of you for answering the call, making the personal sacrifices I know were made, and coming to the aid of the people of Kauai. Our involvement will not be soon forgotten; by them or by us.

Here at home, in spite of the focus on the relief effort, preparation for the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection of the 154th COMPG has continued. The Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE), a dress rehearsal, is now scheduled for the period November 2 thru 9. Thursday, November 5; Friday, November 6; and Monday, November 9 are designated annual training days for the 154th COMPG. A successful exercise will require maximum participation on those days. We expect the exercise events to mirror as closely as we can predict what's in store during the inspection in December and January. The annual training requirement for December/January should be limited to Friday, January 8. Key personnel can expect additional annual training requirements to be identified by their commanders.

This has been an extremely busy and demanding year for the 154th COMPG. The upcoming inspection will be the culmination of it all and our opportunity to redemonstrate our potential to HQ Pacific Air Forces. "THINK OUTSTANDING", has been our motto. An overall EXCELLENT for the inspection is our goal. I believe it's attainable, but need everyone's commitment to do it. Mahalo.



Social Actions

by TSgt. Carswell Ross

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BUSINESSMAN AND A BUSINESS WOMAN*

A businessman is aggressive; a businesswoman is pushy.

He's good on details; she's picky.

He loses his temper because he's so involved in his job; she's bitchy.

When he's depressed (or hung over) everyone tiptoes past his office; she's moody, so it must be her time of the month.

He follows through; she doesn't know when to quit.

He stands firm; she's hard.

His judgments are her prejudices.

He is a man of the world; she's been around.

He drinks because of excessive job pressures; she's a lush.

He isn't afraid to say what he thinks; she's mouthy.

He's closed-mouthed; she's secretive.

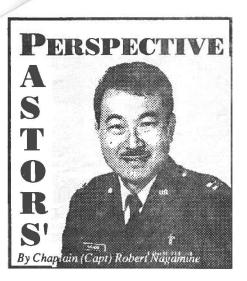
He exercised authority diligently; she's power mad.

He climbed the ladder of success; she slept her way to the top.

He's a stern taskmaster; she's hard to work for.

*Guides to nonsexist language—Words & Women, New Language in New Times and The handbook of Non-sexist Writing, For writers, editors and speakers, both by Casey Miller & Kate Swift.

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It seems like only yesterday that we were at September's UTA. Our involvement in Operation Garden Sweep and other relief efforts filled a major portion of the time between last month's and this month's drill.

Our 154 Composite Group did such a wonderful job in helping the people of Kauai. The Scripture that says "love your neighbor as yourself" was so superbly lived out. With Operation Garden Sweep, about 500 of our personnel helped clean the Lihue area of trash and debris. A big mahalo to those who worked very hard under the hot sun cleaning up trash and debris (also thanks to those who helped to support the effort).

But actually Operation Garden Sweep was only one of the many parts of our work. Our people were in other areas helping the relief effort. For more than two weeks, our Food Services people were in Princeville feeding thousands of people. The days were long for them. Our Civil Engineers were helping people left and right repairing homes, as well as repairing the 154 ACS roof. Our Security Police people were at the Lihue airport doing an essential job of securing areas. Their presence prevented looting and other

criminal activity. And, we must not forget those working behind the scenes at the Group's area. There were people doing a great job, working overtime, but not seeing the visible results of their efforts. They weren't fortunate to receive the blessing of someone from Kauai saying a heartfelt "thank you".

Everyone who helped in the effort on Kauai was blessed by the reception the Kauai people gave us. Kauai people were happy that we were there to show them that we care. They came out to greet our people with water, cold drinks and other refreshments. Some felt bad because they didn't have anything to give but words of thanks. They didn't realize that it felt good for us to be able to do

Interdenominational Worship Service How about getting your Sunday UTA off to a great Start? An interdenominational worship service is held every Sunday UTA at 8:00 am in the Group Dining Room. It is open to everyone. See you there!

something for them, our friends and ohana on Kauai.

The work that needs to be done on Kauai is still great. It will be a while before we all can rest. Currently, there are about 50 volunteers on Kauai at the various distribution centers, Civil Engineers continuing their valuable work, 28 people repairing roofs and our Security Police wrapping up their job well done. May God richly bless you for helping our friends and family on Kauai. Let's continue to pray for them because the road to recovery is tough.

For the Family

Thank you for your generosity to the Kauai people. On September's drill weekend, our 154th Composite Group's Kauai relief effort called "Hurricane Iniki Relief" was a success. According to SMSgt. Doug Abe, the cochairman of the project with MSgt. Fred Higa, \$662 and more than 5 pallets of non-perishable goods, clothing, propane tanks and many other emergency items were donated by you to the cause.

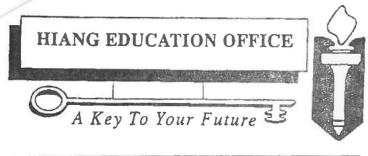
Special appreciation is also felt for those who volunteered their time to help receive donations at our four collection points within our group. Many or all of the people helping were from our family support groups: Kathie Abe, Elaine Higa, Jocelyn Rayray, Josie Rayray, Pricilla Paulino, Tessie Saito, Marlow DeRego, Laura Hirao, Karen Hirao, Karen Morimoto, Jennifer Higa, Valerie Higa, Vance Higa, Ann Snakenburg, Lennie Calvan, Barbara Yadeo-Petti, Kathy Hudson, Wendy Abe, Carolyn Kuwana, Keris Kuwana, and Kristie Kuewa. Also providing support were TSgt. Dennis Dung, TSgt. Meryle Odgen-Lessard and SSgt. Paul Tanaka. (Hopefully this list of helpers is complete. If we failed to list someone, it's not intended.)

Much of our donations received will be sent to our HIANG ohana on Kauai. This effort is currently in the works. Since many of the items that the Kauai people need aren't available on



And now a word from our Commander: Mahalo and aloha to all those who supported and participated in "OPERATION GARDEN SWEEP" last month. Those who deployed to Kauai for the cleanup effort as well as those who remained at Hickam to coordinate the deployment of personnel and equipment worked many long hours to get the job done. Kudo's to Maj. Dave Snakenberg who coordinated the deployment of personnel and equipment from Hickam AFB to Kauai the entire week we were there. Much mahalo to the supervisory personnel who planned and coordinated the clean-up effort on the island. Hat's are off to all those who actually did the clean-up as they worked long and hard to get the job done. The end result was an outstanding 1064 truckloads of rubbish, garbage and debris from various areas of the island during the 4-day effort. The effort put forth did not go unnoticed as the people of Kauai, as well as the Governor and State Civil Defense staff had high praise for the clean-up operation. "Camp Opala" housed more than 500 Air Guard personnel who had to endure cold showers, yummy MRE meals, mosquitoes, ants and heat. No major injuries occurred, which is a credit to all who were there. For those who never had an opportunity to live in a tent city, it was quite an experience and one that will not soon be forgotten. The camaraderie and can-do attitude of all the people who participated was outstanding, and we as Commander's were certainly proud to have been a part of your team. Again, mahalo and aloha to you all for a job well done...LTC Michael Melich.....And now for news of the Squadron...Congrats to Gordon Lau (Quality Assurance) and Russel Miyamoto (Avionics Maint) on their recent promotion to TSgt. and SSgt., respectively... The Flight Line welcomes back honor graduate A1C Patrick Balbas who recently completed aircraft mechanic school with flying colors...Good luck to AB Abraham Timas and Amn Melvin Salangdron (Avionics B-Shop) and Amn Thomas Davis (PMEL) as they are off to basic training and tech school. Make sure you all got your longjohns...Hanging up his combat boots after more than 37 years in the HIANG is TSgt. Gary Fujii as he has decided to retire and take on the

civilian life...The welcome mat goes to AB Leanne Brown as she joins our folks in the NDI shop...Congrats to TSgt. Allen Kimura as he was recently presented with a check for \$\$\$\$ for a suggestion he submitted which saves the Air Force thousands of dollars in manhours. When is the party??? The Flight Line folks welcome AB Terrance Ito who should be off to BMT and tech school soon...Good luck goes to SrA Stan Domen as he is off to AMS in Knoxvill, Tennessee. He'll be back in 6 weeks as 2Lt. Domen, Admin OIC...Congrats to SSgt. Geri Lee as she has been hired as the Maintenance Analyst for the 203rd ARS. Mahalo to Geri as she assisted TSgt. Yvette Miraflor in the Admin office taking care of the State active duty requirements for the folks who were activated...The Maintenance Control folks welcome SSgt. Henry 'Teeger' Brooks to the Job Control office. Great to have you aboard... If anyone lost a pocket knife on Kauai, see 1st Sgt. Doug Abe. In fact, if you lost any personal items, see Doug. Much mahalo to the 154th CAM Sq Family Support Group for their outstanding effort in collecting donations and money for the hurricane victims. Through their efforts, pallets of fresh fruits and vegetables were also sent to Kauai as we were returning home...We still have volunteers on Kauai manning distribution centers, and now we have folks like MSgt. Jerry Gapol and TSgt's Carl Martin and Bill Cruz helping the Kauai residents put tarps on their roofs...Don't forget our CAM Sq Recognition Night on October 9 at the Halekoa Hotel. Tickets are almost gone, so if you were planning to go, see your supervisor. You may already be too late, but see you next year. Also, don't forget to get your tickets for the HIANG Awards Banquet to be held on November 20 at the Hickam Officer's Club. I heard there will be videos of Operation Garden Sweep put together by the photo guys. Should be a good show...Many of us who helped in the Kauai clean-up still have vivid memories of the devastation and destructive power of Hurricane INIKI. As we walked the streets, picking up trash and household debris, it was like walking through a war zone. The spirit of the Kauai people, though, was amazing. They were very appreciative of the effort put forth by the active and reserve forces, even providing lunch and giving workers soda and other beverages to show their appreciation. They are on the road to recovery, although it will be a slow one, but their smiles and friendliness will leave a lasting effect on us all. Good luck to them all...Finally, "Defeat is nothing but education; nothing but the first step to something better." (Author unknown)......fhiga



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RIGHTS, RIGHTS, DO I HAVE RIGHTS?!!

As you all know, we were STATE activated in September. Yes, those who toted the bag, lifted the bale and shuffled the paper, have rights concerning your civilian job. Being state activated is different from being FEDERALLY activated. If you don't know what your rights are, they may need to be clarified for your individual situations. The following are the state laws concerning state active duty.

a. Section 121-43, HRS. This law protects guardmembers from any punitive actions by their employers should the guardmember absent him/her self from work to attend ordered assemblies, drills and exercises.

b. Section 378-2 (4), HRS. This law specifically states that to violate Section 121-43, HRS, is an unlawful discriminatory practice. The Judge Advocate, to the Adjutant General, has put together information on your rights and hopes to make it available to affected persons. If you have any questions or problems concerning employee rights, the point of contact is Major Gunderson at 734-8245. If you feel that you have been treated unfairly because of your activation, you may file a complaint with the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission at 586-8640 (Oahu) or 1-800-468-4644, ext. 6840 (neighbor islands).

Congrats !

TSgţ. Gary L. Witt of the 154th Security Police Flight graduated from the Air National Guard Non-Commissioned Officer Academy on September 10, 1992 at McGhee Tyson Airport, Tennessee. TSgt. Witt distinguished himself and was awarded the ANG NCO Academy Distinguished Graduate Award for class 92-7. Beeline

by TSgt. Laura Masuda

Preventing Occupational Disease

Occupational disease in most part is preventable. Prevention is facilitated by awareness of occupational health problems in the job area, controlling the hazards, protecting themselves from these hazards, and following regulations and standards.

Prevention is concentrated in two areas: the workplace and the worker.

Administrative, engineering, and substitution methods control the workplace hazards. Administrative control involves changing work practices, such as wetting asbestos before removing it rather than handling it dry. Engineering controls involve installing exhaust systems that remove hazardous particles in the air or to enclose the hazardous area. Substitution is replacing the hazardous material with a non hazardous one and still accomplishing the job.

There are four preventive measures for the workers that potentially reduce the damage from the workplace hazards without removing the source of the problem. Education/training of the potential hazards of the job is essential. The worker needs to know what the hazards are so he can protect himself. Use of personal protective equipment, such as respirators, earplugs, gloves, and protective clothing helps to protect the worker. Administrative measures followed by the employer is essential such as rotation of workers or following guidelines of government regulations. Screening for early detection of disease will aid in placing workers with certain jobs.

The more the worker knows about the hazards in the workplace, the easier it is to protect himself from the ill effects of the hazards that could lead to an occupational disease.

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BAKED HAM PINEAPPLE SAUCE STEAMED RICE ASPARAGUS SPEARS FRUIT CRISP

SNACK LINE CHEESE / MUSHROOM BURGERS FRENCH FRIES



Members of our local Family Support Group. Photo by TSgt. Solomon Ford

Family Continued from page 3.

Kauai, we must purchase the items on Oahu before sending them.

Other donations have already been sent. On Saturday, September 26, family support members from our 154 Composite Group sent 600 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables to Kauai. Just this past Friday, two truckloads of food and supplies from our collection during last drill were sent to the Food Bank.

Thanks again to those who gave!

Hurricane Iniki probably won't be the last disaster to hit Hawaii. There likely will be more in the future. Let's try to be better prepared for the next time. Being a member of a family support group may be a good way to link up and receive help or help others in a disaster situation like Iniki.

If your spouse or family member would like to join a family support group, please contact your unit.



CBPO Connection

by MSgt. Iris Kabazawa

Hats off to all who volunteered for the Hurricane Iniki Relief. Thank's also to those of you who expressed their concern for my family on Kauai. I thank God everyone's all right.

Last week, Sgt. Hye Harper and myself went to Osan Air Base, Korea for a week of CPCS training. That's Combat Personnel Control System, or our mobility computer system. The workshop was very intense and proved to be a learning experience. Of course, shopping was great too.

We've got a new face in CBPO; welcome to SSgt. Dorene Bosco, formerly of the Connecticut Air Guard. She took June Kline's place in DPMQ.

SERVICE DRESS HEADGEAR: Effective October 1, 1992 (FY93), the male service dress cap and female service dress hat became an optional clothing item. The flight cap will now become the mandatory service dress headgear for both men and women.

During the August Mobility Exercise, we noted much improvement on the Mobility Processing Unit. The greatest discrepancies, however, still remain with your DD Form 93 (Emergency Data). Twenty four of you failed to change your Emergency Data in a timely manner. Please, if you have any change in your personal data, come in and update your DD Form 93 at your earliest convenience.

HING Golf Tournament

Date: Monday, October 19, 1992 Place: Klipper Golf Course, Kanehoe MCAS Registration: 11:15 - 12:15pm Time: 12:30pm Shotgun Start Entry Fees:

E-5 and below \$35.00 E-6 to O-3 \$39.00

O-4 and above \$40.00 Buffet dinner and awards

presentation will be immediately afterward at the Staff_c NCO Club, located adjacent to the pro shop.

Deadline for receipt of entry forms and monies is October 5, 1992. Make checks payable to Roy Matsuoka. Please send entry form and payment to Roy Matsuoka, 154 CAM/MAW.

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Legal Line

by Maj. James T. Itamura

"Here's Looking At You, Iniki!" - Views of a Kauaiian

Thursday night, September 10th, I went to sleep planning to go camping the next day. I had absolutely no concern about the hurricane watch I had heard about on the radio.

Friday, September 11th, I awoke at 5:15 am, planning to put in a half-day at the office, then pack up and go camping at Anini beach. As I was brushing my teeth, I heard the wail of sirens. What the heck? The radio says the hurricane will probably hit us. I am incredibly naive, and kind of excited about everything.

At 11:30 am, it's still calm: variable breezes, overcast, nothing unusual. We hear that winds are sustained at 145 miles per hour and .3. The hurricane is upgraded to category 5—the TV goes out.

At 12:50 pm, big gusts come and go. At 1:05 pm, the power goes out. At 1:37 pm, the wind has a sound I've never heard before—like an F-15 throttling up for takeoff; windows pulsate, glass louvers, though shut tight, are bent by the wind, and rain is shooting into the house like it's coming from a hose. I watch my carport roof start to flap up and down. My big avocado tree and two other full-size trees come crashing onto the house uprooted. KSSK says Oahu is at .3 and out of danger. I laugh as I hear people call the station asking when their cable TV is going to come back on. I can see two of my neighbors losing their roofs, and I'm wondering what my roof looks like. Debris fills the sky, swirling around like a flock of different-sized birds.

At 5 pm, the wind slows a bit, but is still strong (it must be the eye). I venture out—roof missing some paper; two trees are leaning on the house. I look up the hill and see two new houses missing their top floors, and debris strewn down the hillside. I run to my neighbor's house. He's lost half of his roof. "Come on over, Tom," I called. "Nah, we're okay; we still have two dry rooms!" He's nuts, I think to myself. His girlfriend has her bicycle helmet on. I wave to my other neighbor about 75 yards down the road. He looks okay.

At 5:38 pm, the wind picks up again. Typically, the hedges out in front, which were pressed down, pointing west, are now pointing east as the wind comes from the exact opposite direction. At 7:45 pm, no wind; light drizzle. The smell of freshly cut vegetation lingers.

Everyday since then has been bright and sunny. For two days after Iniki hit, we had no water. This was a major concern, even though we loaded up every receptacle we could. Planning toilet flushes became routine (it takes about 3 buckets each!). Each time I ventured out in my car, I took a couple of 5 gallon buckets. Power lines and poles are on the ground everywhere. Some people are picking things out; others just sit in the rubble, obviously dazed.

Now, three weeks later, most of us don't have electricity. Cold showers in the dark are routine. Ice is still like gold. I never in my life thought I would own a generator, but my sister-in-law sent one from California. Generators are the new status symbol on Kauai, so my refrigerator now makes ice and I have one electric light. I did a load of wash, too! We're slowly getting back to normal.

Epilogue. I can't imagine the chaos if the Turks came over to Oahu, instead. Kauai has 50,000 people, and there's a sense of community there, of helpful-.ness—standing in lines, letting people make left turns at intersections, helping your neighbor fix his roof, sharing food, lodging, etc. Honolulu has 850,000 people. How could such a city have dealt with something like that? Anyway, you saw the panic lines at the stores, gas stations, etc., and the traffic jams. Kauai people are pretty good about emergency supplies. I had candles, a propane lantern, an ice chest, some D-size batteries, and a flashlight. Believe me, these items are like GOLD after a hurricane passes because you won't be able to buy any anywhere! Give yourself future peace of mind and stock up. Also, I recommend changing over from electric stove to gas.

Promotions

Hats off to the following individuals who were promoted/appointed to the ranks shown effective on the dates indicated:

154 CAMS

TSGT GORDON R. LAU1 OCT 92
TSGT GERARD C. LUM1 OCT 92
SSGT RUSSEL H. MIYAMOTO1 OCT 92
154MSS
SRA ERIC L. LAA19 SEP 92
154MSF
TSGT NEAL A. GIMA1 OCT 92
154RMS
TSGT SHERRY TORRES1 OCT 92
SSGT KIMMY M. LAUDERDALE1 OCT 92
169ACWS (FXD)
TSGT PATRICIA A. GANABAN1 OCT 92
SSGT GEORGE P. EGLORIA, JR1 OCT 92

DACOWITS Visits the 154 COMPG

by Maj. Susan Higgins

Despite a significant reduction in HIANG members present for duty on Oahu last drill, several of those left took advantage of the first visit to our organization by a member of DACOWITS, The Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. Ms. Elizabeth Burkhart, who lives in Kihei, flew in for a whirlwind tour of the 154th units and to meet with servicewomen (and men) to discuss topics concerning force utilization, career opportunities and quality of the life issues. Ms. Burkhart is one of about 35 council members who are nominated by the White House, Members of Congress, DOD officials, or other DACOWITS members and appointed by the Secretary of Defense for a three year term.

Ms. Burkhart was provided a command briefing by Col. Tice and a background briefing on women in the Hawaii Air National Guard by Capt. Ann Greenlee, the newly appointed Chief of Social Actions. This was followed by a trip to Wheeler AAS where Lt Col. Oka and Lt. Okamoto provided a tour of the 169th ACWS operations.

Ms. Burkhart then met with members of the unit to discuss issues of concern. There was some lively discussion over uniform items, uncomfortable combat boots (for those who only get to wear them occasionally), the lack of adequate small sizes in clothing sales stores, the frequent uniform changes and the cost involved, plus the high cost of uniforms for officers (who must purchase their own) when compared to a Guard member's annual pay.

It was generally agreed by the unit members that the quality and availability of training for women was excellent and certainly not gender related. An overall cut in funding for formal school slots was noted as a detractor from the ideal.

6Sgt. Pak Ganaban, who has been around the **military** for some time, commented that this was her **first time encounter** with anyone from DACOWITS. Ms. Burkhart assured her that the committee had been around since 1951, and many of the improvements in the quality of life that she had observed throughout her years in service were the results of DACOWITS initiatives.

An equally diverse discussion followed at the 203rd ARS briefing room, (if you haven't visited this excellent facility, you should) where members of the Hickam units had gathered to meet with Ms.



Ms. Elizabeth Burkart, DACOWITS Representitive Photo by TSgt. Soloman Ford

Burkhart. Although the numbers were small, the questions were varied and the subjects diverse. The combat exclusion, medical care, enlistment standards, • equitable utilization of women, equal opportunity training, benefits and the sexual harassment climate were all touched upon. Several women commented that the meetings were not at all what they had expected, and they were very pleasantly surprised at the tone and content.

As for Ms. Burkhart, as I dropped her off at the airport in time to get back to Maui to cast her primary vote, she remarked that her visit with us had proved a very positive experience. She told me that she has developed a sense of when things are not well within the equal opportunity environment of an organization. She did not sense this with us; indeed she felt very strongly that we were more of a family than any other unit she had visited.

Should you have any comments, **suggestions or q**uestions, please forward them to:

OASD (FM&P) MM&PP, DACO**WITS** The Pentagon, Room 3D769 Washington, D.C. 20301-4000

Royal Guard

Attention All Royal Guardsmen and all interested part-Hawaiians. We will be having our practice session today at 2:00pm on the makai side of building 3415 (Supply). Please be prompt. We have a lot to prepare for our 29th anniversary on November 16. Again, we welcome all interested male guardsmen of Hawaiian descent to join us.

Group Supports Iniki Relief

Hurricane Iniki relief efforts by the 154th Composite Group continue. Members of the 154th CAMS, 154th CES and the 154th SPF are still on Kauai along with members of the 169th ACW assisting in the cleanup and restoration of the Garden Isle.

The 154th Services Flight was activated on Saturday evening, September 11th. On Sunday afternoon, they were airlifted by the California Air National Guard to Kauai to assist with providing food and other needed services at Lihue Airport, Vidinha Stadium, Princeville, Kilauea and Hanalei.

Upon arrival, the troops encountered mass destruction and confusion. Despite living in austere conditions, the flight assisted in security, the transportation of passengers to Oahu, the relocation of food and water and supplies to various warehouse locations and feeding hundreds of people. The people on Kauai were so grateful to see the Air National Guard there. The looks and expressions of gratitude were worth more than money or awards, according to TSgt. Camara and his fellow food service specialists.

A lot of food was processed, inspected and cleaned before it was even prepared. With the assistance of local vendors and restaurants, approximately 1,000 breakfasts and 1,000 to 1,200 dinners were prepared and served within a week.

After 9 days of dining with MREs, the local community and restaurants donated a 65-pound pig, and 20 pounds of beef, chicken and shrimp to provide the troops with a luau for their efforts. SVF personnel served the meal to 72 military members and 40 civilians.

Thanks to their excellent training and equipment, along with their strong sense of pride and duty, the mission of the 154th Services Flight was a tremendous success. On September 25, 1992, all personnel came home, and today, we're eating some real food! You don't believe me? Check the menu. Thanks, guys and gals!

On Saturday, the 19th of September, the 154th Tac Hosp was asked to assist. Four volunteers, under the direction of Lt Col. Judith Fadrowsky, along with Capt. (Dr.) Richard Ando, Jr., who rearranged his patient schedule so he could come, flew to Kauai on Tuesday morning with medical supplies to provide first aid at Vidinha Stadium near Lihue. When they got there, they expected to have to prepare the area to make it suitable as a first aid station, but the small contingency didn't quite expect to find dirt and mud on walls! Before they could set up, they had to 'go back in time' and really clean the area. By late Tuesday afternoon, it was spotless.

During their four-day 24-hour stint, they saw at least 150 individuals that came in with small puncture wounds, scrapes, and small cuts. Several people came in for treatment of eye irritation due to so much dust exposure. The more severe cases, such as possible fractures, severe bleeding, etc. were referred to Wilcox hospital.

Col. Fadrowsky was very pleased with how well the troops used their training and took good care of themselves. "It could have been a lot worse", she said. "We were anticipating back injuries, heat stroke, sunburn, dehydration, and other related injuries, but because our people were trained and prepared, we simply didn't see any of this. Our people were careful to take breaks and drink plenty of water; and with the potential for tetanus, I think this experience gave our people good reason to make sure their immunizations are up-to-date," the Colonel said.

She said, the thing that most impressed her was the camaraderie and the caring shown by everyone. Most of the troops there were on orders, few were volunteers, but once the need was realized, there was a real cooperative team effort.

The few photos in this issue provide only a small picture of the tremendous job done by the Hawaii Air National Guard. The media might not have given the HIANG the recognition it deserves, but you know who you are, and your neighbors on Kauai know who you are. The great effort by the 154th Composite Group was much appreciated. Hats off to everyone! The state of Hawaii should be proud of their men and women in uniform that answer "the call" in her time of need.

