

Pupukahi Distribution

The **Pupukahi** is the quarterly newspaper of the State Department of Defense. For many years, the department mailed the newspaper to retirees who had provided their mailing addresses. However, the State's fiscal situation has driven the department to cut the funds for mailing.

The Public Affairs Office will begin an electronic distribution of the **Pupukahi** starting with the next quarterly issue. Retirees will receive an e-mail announcing the availability of the current issue and an electronic link to the State Department of Defense's website www.hawaii.gov/dod. The construction of the website is on going and the Public Affairs Office continues their work on the site.

I plan to share my e-mail list with the Public Affairs Office because it will provide more opportunities for retirees to keep abreast with National Guard matters. Eventually, retirees can view current issues of the **Pupukahi**, the **Kukailimoku**, 154th Wing's monthly newsletter; and **Retiree News**. There are plans to set up an archive for these three newsletters. The website provides an opportunity to post pictures of special events, something I have not been able to do in **Retiree News** because of file size limitations.

If you received this e-mail notice directly from **Retiree News**, you are on one of my e-mail lists. At last count, there are close to 900 addresses receiving **Retiree News**. I know there are concerns about the security of your e-mail address. I have continued to restrict the distribution of your e-mail address.

The Public Affairs Office has stated that they will not share your addresses. For years, they have the mailing address for all those retirees who received the Pupukahi by mail. They have never shared those addresses with anyone.

"Opt Out" Opportunity. Saying all of that, if you do NOT want your e-mail address shared with the Public Affairs Office, please reply to this email. Can I get any "Opt Out" replies by March 1, 2009? Thanks!