

Na Kahu

the guardians



From left to right CSM (Ret.) Kahalehoe, PFC Toy, Maj. Gen. Wong, Maj. Gen. Chavez and CMSgt Lee cut the birthday cake.

The Hawaii National Guard celebrated the National Guard's 376th anniversary on December 7 during a Birthday Ball at Hilton Hawaiian Village. The Guard soldiers and airmen surveyed the storied history of the National Guard and Hawaii's unique role in that institution. The 111th Army Band, Hawaii Army National Guard, provided entertainment. Lt. Gov. (now Senator) Brian Schatz, Congresswoman-elect Tulsi Gabbard and Adjutant General Major General Darryll D.M. Wong, shared holiday messages of gratitude and inspiration during the evening. <http://on.fb.me/WNTWI9>



The Hawaii National Guard helped commemorate the life of late Senator Daniel K. Inouye during ceremonies on Dec 22 and 23. The 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery performed a 19 gun salute and the 199th Fighter Squadron provided an F-22 Missing Man flyover. (shown above) <http://on.fb.me/Tv1PI5>



Gen. Herbert "Hawk" Carlisle commander of the Pacific Air Forces seen here touring battery 407, recently visited the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense headquarters. During his visit he met with commanders from the Hawaii Army and Air National Guards to discuss interoperability issues and plans for future roles and missions. Gen. Carlisle was also briefed on the Youth Challenge Academy, and Office of Veterans Services and toured the State Civil Defense Headquarters inside Diamond Head Crater. <http://on.fb.me/YUGCG4>



Hawaii National Guard search and rescue experts are sharing their wealth of knowledge of interagency operations, and the latest in rescue techniques as a part of the State Partnership Program with the Philippines. The goal of the partnership is to improve military and civilian interoperability, while increasing the capabilities of partner nations to effectively respond during times of disaster. Read more: <http://www.dvidshub.net/unit/HI-DOD-PAO#.UN-4JoonjnXc#ixzz2GNnzuFI8>

Hawaii's Youth Challenge Academy recently graduated classes from their Kalaeloa and Kulani campuses. More than 150 cadets graduated the program this cycle and received their high school diplomas. Each cadet has been paired with a volunteer mentor and will receive an additional year of guidance. Many cadets will go on to community college, or join the military.