Hawaii National Guard search and rescue Soldiers recently participated in the first ever search and extraction training event between the US and Chinese militaries. During the three day disaster management exercise search and extraction professionals got a chance to learn from each other while working hand in hand in a simulated disaster environment. Previous engagements involved planning and table top strategy sessions.

This the first time rescuers from the two nations have had chance to work together in a field environment.

The overall theme of this years exercise was “Natural disasters threaten all countries”. These two nations have proven that they can work together during a international natural disaster to insure the survival of as many victims as possible. See Video

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Hawaii’s Royal Guard - Fifty Years of Heritage.

Recently one unique unit of the Hawaii Air National Guard celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. The Royal Guard is a special honor guard in the Hawaii Air National Guard where select members perform ceremonial duties at various events throughout the year. The Royal Guard was originally a unit of military palace guards in the Kingdom of Hawaii before it was overthrown in 1893. They where reestablished on November 16, 1963 marking beloved 19th century monarch King Kalakauka’s birthday celebration. Members of the unit go to great lengths See Video

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Honoring those who have served.

Pictures from the Governor’s Veterans Day ceremony at Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, by Andrew Jackson