

HNGA 1974 WINNERS

The Hawaii National Guard Association held its annual banquet on November 23 at the Kaneohe Marine Officers' Club. This year, association members and their ladies dined on steaks with all the trimmings and later danced to the music of a National Guard combo.

The officers of the Army Guard's 487th Field Artillery almost took it all during the awards portion of the program. Major Louis W. Perry, Jr., commander of the 487th, captured the association's award for being selected the most Outstanding Field Grade Officer in the Hawaii Guard, while one of his unit commanders Captain Guy T. Watanabe, was chosen as the Guard's most Outstanding Company Grade Commander. Captain Watanabe commands Battery C, which is located in Kaneohe.



Major Perry is also the association's vice-president and the man responsible for putting the whole evening's affair together.

Major General Valentine A. Siefertmann made the presentation of awards.

The association also recognized Captain William Spillane (HANG) as the Outstanding Officer for 1974, and Captain Melvin Morris (HANG) was awarded the James Y. Sato Trophy.

Col Francis A. I. Bowers, Jr., (left), commander of the 298th Field Depot, and Col John E. Aiona, Jr., 29th Infantry Brigade commander, exchanged commands during a ceremony in October at Diamond Head crater. Attending the ceremony were MG Valentine A. Siefertmann, State adjutant general; MG Harry W. Brooks, Jr., 25th Infantry Division commander; BG E. M. Yoshimasu, deputy adjutant general; and BG Frederick A. Schaefer III, commander, HARNG.



Guard honors four

Diamond Head crater was the center of festivities in September.

Another rock-fest?

Not this festivity was one honoring four men who had served long, meritorious years in the Hawaii Army National Guard.

The first of the four officers to be honored was retiring Colonel Clyde W. Woods, Jr.

Col Woods has been with the Hawaii Army Guard since 1949, when in order to join he voluntarily took a grade reduction to captain.

Col Woods was discharged from the United States Marine Corps as a major after duty in the Pacific during World War II.

He then came to Hawaii and became part of the Guard unit as the commander of the First Battalion, 298th RCT.

Since then he has served in several command positions, now retiring from his command of the 298th Field Depot.

As part of the ceremonies he was decorated with the National Guard Commendation Medal for his meritorious service to the Hawaii Army Guard.

As the ceremonies came to a close, those present learned that it was Col Woods' birthday as the band played "Happy Birthday" and a medley of songs from down south. Col Woods hails from Mississippi.

Others honored and decorated were Col Jack B. Hilburn, Col Alvin Majoska, and LtCol Robert Neves.

All three were decorated with the National Guard Commendation Medal.

Col Hilburn has been the Army advisor to the Hawaii Army Guard since 1969.

He is being transferred to Fort Dix, New Jersey, as coordinator of the 2nd Readiness Group.

Col Hilburn says he'll miss Hawaii and the "great group of men in the Guard," and plans to retire here some day.

Col Alvin Majoska is being transferred to the Army Reserve.

He has served in several command positions in the Guard with 27 years of service.

LtCol Robert Neves was also retired at the ceremonies.

Hawaii guardsmen receive 5.5 percent pay hike

All National Guardsmen received a 5.5 percent pay hike which took effect on October 1.

The raise is a result of legislation aimed at keeping federal salaries in line with private industry.

The 5.5 percent hike also covered federal civil servants as well as military personnel.

The new National Guard pay scale for all ranks is detailed in a chart contained on page 7 of this issue of the PUPUKAHI.

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FOCUS on the Guard

New PX/BX Procedures:

Guardsmen and their spouses may use post/base exchange any day of the month under new Department of Defense regulations which recently went into effect.

Essentially, the new plan consists of a locally-produced certificate signed by the guardsman's commander to authenticate the holder's active participation in the unit and authorizing exchange use for a specified number of days.

Earlier this year, the House Armed Services Committee okayed a Defense Department proposal that would extend unlimited exchange privileges to guardsmen and reservists on the basis of one day of exchange shopping for each two training assemblies.

The Department of the Army, action agency for implementation, drafted the certificate that permits the exchange to date-stamp the card each day it's used.

With guardsmen "drilling" an average of six days per quarter, a Guard member now may choose which six days he'd like to shop.

The National Guard Association of the U.S. and the Department of Defense were instrumental in having the "drill days only" privilege amended.

Both the association and Defense Department advocated full privileges to guardsmen any day, but the House Committee non-concurred.

Guard Call-Ups

Dramatic increases in National Guard involvement in civil disturbance assistance and disaster relief were recorded in fiscal 1974, when more than 39,600 guardsmen were called up in 206 separate incidents.

In Hawaii selected members of the 29th Infantry Brigade were called to active duty during the fall of 1973 to help State officials search the Hawaii State Prison for weapons, drugs and other contraband goods.

The largest increase was in civil disturbance control, which doubled over the previous year and was due primarily to the truckers' strike in January.

Call-ups in 18 states to assist in 25 incidents brought 21,139 guardsmen to state active duty. Eleven of the call-ups were for the truckers' strike, three for blockades, four for prison disorders, two for firemen's strikes, two for school and hospital strikes and three for potential disturbances.

Disaster call-ups increased about 20 percent over fiscal 1973, but the 18,522 guardsmen required to meet natural emergencies decreased slightly over previous years.

Guardsmen were called to assist during 181 natural disasters and other emergencies in 37 different states.

Most disaster call-ups were for floods, tornados and forest fires. Other emergency assistance included search-and-rescue operations, food and water delivery, traffic control and debris removal.

Since 1965, more than 395,000 guardsmen have been called up for assistance during nearly 400 civil disturbances alone.

In a report prepared in December 1973, the National Association of Attorneys General concluded that performance of National Guardsmen has been "outstanding" while serving as the nation's best-prepared force to backup civil authorities during civil disturbances.

Women Can't Take Combat Training

Although great strides have been made in bringing women into the National Guard, the National Guard Bureau says women cannot be assigned to Category I combat units or take combat arms training.

In a Bureau letter, Major General Charles A. Ott, director of the Army Guard, noted that WAC officer attendance at basic or advanced courses offered by infantry, armor, field artillery or air defense schools is in violation of Army policy.

Mission Not Allowed

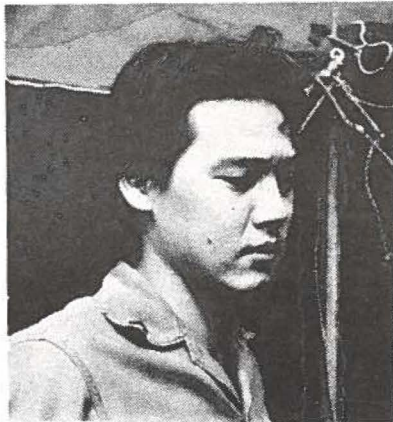
While military support to civil authorities is still encouraged, guardsmen cannot participate in disaster or disturbance duty when on annual training or drill status without National Guard Bureau approval.

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Pupukahi poll Guardsmen comment on Kent State

Last month in Cleveland, Ohio, a U.S. District Court judge acquitted eight Ohio National Guard enlisted men for the 1970 slaying of four Kent State University students during a protest on the United States' policy in relation to Cambodia.

It marked the final chapter to a public controversy that some think hurt the public credibility of all National Guardsmen.



Harvey Yasuda

Capt. Jay Fung, 12th AG: "I think the decision is great, but I'm sure everybody is going to have mixed emotions about it . . . You can't make an officer responsible for everything in the world. He can't stop everything an enlisted man does."



Jay Fung



Marcelino Sagon

Lt Bill Gross, 12th AG: "You can't convict them just because the public wants a conviction. Like you were throwing crumbs to the tigers . . . I really can't say if they were guilty or not. I wasn't there and I don't know the exact circumstances. I do think this shows a need for control of officers because the men are going to follow the officers and it's important they get the proper directions."



Bill Gross



Hebert Miyazaki

Predictably, the local guardsmen reacted favorably to the decision. Some, however, had their reservations.

But the most interesting note in this random poll was how some guardsmen weren't even aware of what happened in the event and needed a full explanation. And a few, of course, had that fear that they would be punished if they spoke out, so their reaction was a polite, "no comment."

Here are a few of the opinions:

Sgt Harvey Yasuda, 12th AG: "Being a National Guardsman, the decision was probably good for morale. The older generation will probably look favorably on it. The younger generation probably will not. I just hope the slate is wiped clean now."

First Sgt Marcelino Sagon, 12th AG: "The decision is a big push for guardsmen, but whether it's right or wrong, I don't know. A lot of people are still going to have a salty taste. I just hope the Guard people learned something from this."

SP4 Herbert Miyazaki, HHC, 29th Brigade: "In a sense I'm glad they were acquitted. At this time, everyone is being set free — Nixon, draft resistors — so why not. If anyone should have been convicted, it should have been the officers."



PX fashion caters to young buyers

By Ben Kalb

It used to be kind of a joke among young people in the military that if they ever wanted to get in fashion for a Lawrence Welk concert or a night with Guy Lombardo, all they have to do was go to their neighborhood post exchange (PX) to do their shopping.

But that, as the man said, is what USED to be.

Now, even in Hawaii, where fashion has been known to be from six months to a year behind the rest of the country, anybody fortunate enough to have a military ID card is now fortunate enough to have a chance to get some fashionable clothes — clothes that really are in style. And most important, clothes that are cheaper than those in most, if not all, of the retail stores in the State.

But before you rush right down with your drill check, be advised that not every PX is really with it when it comes to clothes.

Most of the PX's are moving ahead, but some are still a little behind times, clothes-wise.

It's the Pearl Harbor Base Exchange in Moanalua Shopping Center that carries the really fashionable clothes.

Prior to writing this article, this reporter checked with three clothing stores in Honolulu to get an idea of what specifically was "in."

"Air brush," "silk screen" "platforms," "European look," "casual suits," were some of the terms most frequently used.

It was with quite a bit of surprise, then, when I saw the same names and fashion designs at the Navy BX.

Not just imitations — but the exact same top-name brands — and at lower prices.

The man responsible for all this is Ron Schaeffer, senior buyer for the Navy Exchange, who came to his present job with a few new ideas in mind about nine months ago.

Schaeffer recently returned from a fashion buyers show in California, where only five military facilities were invited.

The main reason the Pearl Harbor store was invited is because it's the biggest single-story BX in the world, and quite naturally does a lot of business.

The place even sells puka shells.

"We cater to the young buyer," says Schaeffer. "When we bring in merchandise for the young guy, the store can't hold on to it. We sell out fast."

This reporter can attest to that.

When a light blue casual suit attracted my eye, I asked to buy one. "Sorry," said Schaeffer after doing some checking. "we sold out of the pants."

Schaeffer put in a new line of leather goods such as sandals, key chains, etc. and within a week, 87 percent of the stock had been sold.

The main reason the Navy store is doing so well is that Schaeffer has the autonomy to buy and sell as he chooses. Most of the other PX stores have a centralized buyer, so they can get things in quantity at a cheaper rate. The only problem is that the centralized buyer seems to be behind the times. Not to mention that he's based in Dallas, which isn't exactly the fashion capital of the world.

"I can buy a line on Monday and if it doesn't sell, I can cut it off on Tuesday," says Schaeffer.

But, the old-style dressers who like that super straight pant leg and would rather have a solid white shirt rather than one with flower designs or pictures of movie stars on it, can still get what they want.

"We still carry all the basics, but we don't carry them in depth like we once did," says Schaeffer.

Ah yes, the military is changing with the times. Why before you know it, you may find military barber shops replacing barbers with hair stylists.

Worked his way up . . .

Lt Robert Fishman worked his way up the position of deputy manager of Hawaii's new sports stadium by being in the movies. But don't get the idea he was an actor. Fishman got his start by being a theater manager.

Fishman, who is administrative assistant to Adjutant General Valentine A. Siefermann when serving with the National Guard, began his new stadium job (second in command to Mackay Yanagisawa) in November.



"I'm really looking forward to this job, but I admit I'm a little scared," says Fishman. "I tend to put the stadium on a pedestal. I compare a stadium manager to a small town mayor. It's going to be a great challenge to make it something people can be so proud of they'll want to show it off to tourist friends as if it were their own living room."

Fishman doesn't have any experience with stadiums or arenas, but his qualifications include the management of movie theaters in Los Angeles and in Honolulu.

He was raised in Los Angeles, went to UCLA for three years and came to Hawaii in 1968 to get a degree in political science from the University of Hawaii. After one year of grad school at UCLA, Fishman returned to Hawaii to manage a theater. He also became active in politics and government.

He worked for the re-election of Governor John A. Burns in 1970, was a research assistant for one State committee and was assistant director of protocol for the Governor's office.

He joined the Guard in 1971 as an information specialist with Company A, 29th Brigade. He then transferred to the 117th Public Information Detachment, where he was also granted a direct commission from a specialist's rank to a lieutenant. Earlier this year he moved to his position in the adjutant general's office.

Prior to accepting the stadium's position, Fishman was the administrative assistant to Senate President David McClung and was a vice president of Budar Advertising.

With all his background one might tend to say that his new job was a political gift, but Fishman shies away from that label.

"I really never expected to be hired. The first time I even considered it was late June when Mackay and I were on that fact-finding trip to the mainland. In fact, Mackay suggested I apply for the number one position."

Fishman's main duty will be to represent management in the stadium's business with the various agencies and departments of the government. He will also assist in the overseeing operations.

Because he had spent a lot of time with government, Fishman never spent much time keeping up with sports. Now, he says that will surely change.

"Sports has an aura to it for some reason," says Fishman. "It's just a great thing to be around."

To Quote . . .

"... With current manpower reductions in the active Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines, the Commander-in-Chief must, of necessity, place continuing reliance on the readiness of our National Guard and Reserves. And I intend to put muscle behind this program.

"Peace . . . depends upon the strength and readiness of our defenses. And I will support every sensible measure to enhance the morale and combat readiness of our armed forces.

"America is not the policeman of the world, but we continue to be the backbone of a free world collective security. . ."

—President Gerald R. Ford, addressing the 75th Annual Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars August 19, 1974.

Waiawa armory will house three HARNG units

The Waiawa Armory, which will house three units of the Hawaii Army National Guard, was officially open for business last month after ribbon cutting and dedication ceremonies.

The armory, located in Waiawa Gulch between Pearl City and Waipahu, was actually finished in August at a cost of \$640,000.

Calling the armory their home will be Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 298th Field Depot; the 298th Engineer Detachment and the 227th Engineer Company.

The 227th had previously been housed at Ft Ruger and the other two used the Waiawa Armory as their base.

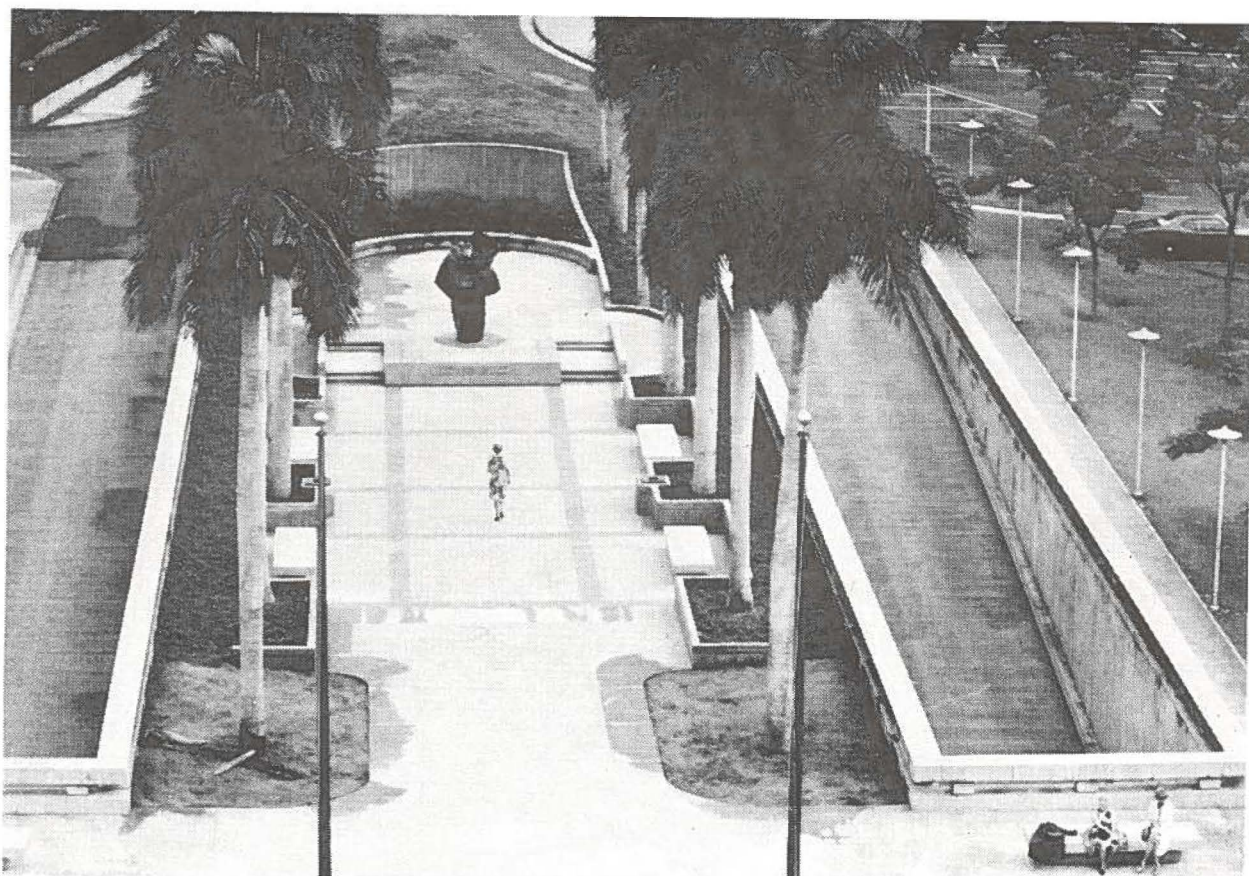
The armory, which is a little more modern than other military installations, has a built-in firing range, maintenance facilities and an auditorium that can be closed off into small meeting rooms or opened up for large assemblies.

Attending the ceremonies were State Adjutant General Valentine A. Siefertmann; Brig Gen Frederick A. Schaefer III, commander, Hawaii Army National Guard; and Col Clyde W. Woods, the armory's design engineer.

Col Francis A.I. Bowers, commander of the 298th Field Depot, was host for the dedication, and Col Alexis T. Lum was in charge of the troops.

Performing at the opening was the 111th Army National Guard Band.

The new armory is one part of the Department of Defense's long-range construction plan for Oahu.



Hawaii's new Armed Forces Memorial, a part of the State Capitol complex, was dedicated on Veterans' Day. The new memorial's focal point is the eternal flame which springs from a sculpture by local artist Bumpei Akaji. The memorial was the end result of a project initiated by the Pacific War Memorial Commission.



DUNCAN DECLARES

By Duncan Chang

Red faced department. In our last issue, pretty Lori J. Ogawa was omitted from the list of winners of the Enlisted Association scholarships. Lori is the daughter of Richard Y. Ogawa, retired 154th CAMRON NCO and a current associate member of the Association. Lori attends the University of Hawaii and is a business major. The scholarships were handed out by CMS Mitsuo Kobayashi during a luncheon at Haiku Gardens.

Move over Nickalus, Miller and Trevino. HANG's Jim Oshiro scored a hold in one at Makaha's East golf course. Jim used a #4 iron on the 213 yards, par 3 course. Witnessing the shot on September 28 were BG E.M. Yoshimasu, LTC (Ret) Masato Sugihara, MSG Sheldon Imai and SSG Masayuki Watanabe.

The colors of the fame 298th Artillery Group were cased and retired in a deactivation ceremony at Pennsylvania recently. Representing Hawaii were BG E.M. Yoshimasu, Col John M. Becker (298th Group commander), Col Melvin Alencastre (air defense supervisor), CSM William Duncan, Jr. (Group CSM), ISG Edgar Alexander, MSG George Cho, MSG Vincente Duran and MSG Lester Nakaichi performed outstandingly as the color detachment.

Bigger drill checks for newly promoted LTC George Kawatachi, LTC Richard Settsu, Major David Howard and Capt Jeff Okazaki, HANG.

Congratulations are in order to SFC's Richard Y. Fukunaga and Melvin Chock. They were the distinguished graduates of the Hawaii Military Academy-Non Commissioned Officers School for 1974. Dick is a member of HHC, 298th Field Depot and Mel belongs to the 298th Engineer Detachment.

Welcome to Virginia Okamoto. She's the new State employees personnel management specialist, who'll solve all your problems. Drop in and give her some.

Welcome home Sgt's Tom and Kauahi (HANG). They just performed a maintenance assistance visit to Thailand.

Congratulations to MSG Yoshiaki Kanekuni (HARNG), Quality Salary Increase; Mrs. Ethel Chock, Mrs. Sharla Kamoto, Mrs. Emma Tom, Mrs. Jeanette Yoshimori and Ms. Sanae Fujimoto, all received Sustained Superior Performance Certificates and cash awards. Sanae was also cited for her splended 2,883 accumulated sick leave record. Twenty-year Service Awards were presented to SFC Jonah Hema, SFC Carlos Medeiros, SFC Joseph Nakoia, SSG Henry Lum, Jr., and SSG Frank Murakami.

Christmas - 1974

Jesus Christ came that we might enjoy life more abundantly. He did not come just for a select few. His presence in the world sanctified the whole universe, all of creation and blessed all of mankind.

Christmas is a season which gives us time to recall the initial impact He made 2,000 years ago and allows us the opportunity to be grateful for His real presence today.

His spirit will be with us forever. We need never fear losing Him. He will never leave us. His spirit of joy, peace and love is revived at Christmas and remains part of man's gift as much as we desire of His goodness.

May Christmas 1974 be a real encounter between you and Christ that His spirit may become an integral part of your throughout your life.

Captain Larry Takao
29th Brigade Chaplain

HANG loses MSgt Ritter

The Hawaii Air National Guard lost one of its original members when Master Sergeant (Retired) Frederick H. Rittmeister passed away on August 10.

Rittmeister enlisted in 1946 when the Air Guard was first being formed. He was assigned to the 199th Utility Flight, one of four newly established units.

In 1971, Rittmeister was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding and devoted service to the Hawaii National Guard.

Before his retirement, Rittmeister was employed as a structural technician with the 154th Civil Engineering Flight. His death leaves CMSgt Robert D.W. Choi, 154th CAM Sq, as the last original member of HANG that is still an active enlisted member.

With the Holiday Season and the beginning of a New Year almost upon us, it is appropriate to reflect on the results of our efforts during 1974.

We saw tremendous improvement in our management concepts and combat capability this year. Recognition of outstanding and devoted service to the Department by talented and loyal members of the organization finally reached a level commensurate with the demonstrated professionalism of our team.

This year also produced one of the most distinguished training years for the Hawaii Army National Guard as it achieved a 100 percent of its scheduled Army Training Tests. Twenty-nine units were rigidly tested by Army teams and all twenty-nine successfully passed.

Our Air National Guard units are also to be commended as they were once again declared capable of performing the ever important role of air defense for our beloved islands.

Both divisions also increased their level of strength to one of the highest in the history of the Guard. One of our hardest working but seldom recognized division is the State Civil Defense. They provided continuing and effective assistance to our citizens when the State of Hawaii was struck by the elements of nature.

The combined efforts of each of you contributed immeasurably to the tremendously successful year of 1974. This team effort assures me that we have the people necessary to maintain a viable organization.

Pauline and I would like to share with you and your families both our gratitude and sincere best wishes for a most happy and safe Holiday Season.

VALENTINE A. SIEFERMANN
Major General, HANG
Adjutant General

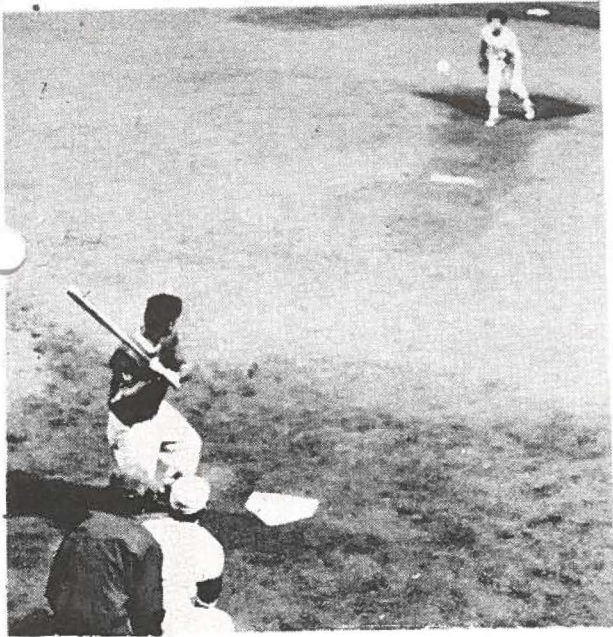
298th Field Depot Wins Oahu title

The real battle in this year's Hawaii National Guard's Oahu Slow Pitch Championship was for second place.

It was really no contest for the Oahu title.

The 298th Field Depot rolled over all opposition and finished with an unblemished 7-0 record.

The 298th defeated the 169th ACW, 5-4; topped the 154th "B" team, 18-14; edged the Provisional Bn, 19-18; stomped the 487th Field Arty, 22-3; beat the 201st MCS, 11-4; then defeated the 154th "A" Squad, 6-4, and closed out the season with a 22-8 romp over the 159th Service Bn.



In that game against the 159th, the winners were led by Gilbert Monma, Paul Canne and Mike Rawlins with four hits each and Doug Tanaka with three hits.

Rawlins, Monma and Robert Nakamura each hit homers for the winners.

The Provisional Battalion tied the 154th "A" with

a 5-2 record for second place, but the Provisional unit won the playoff, 12-5.

The 298th and the Prov Bn advanced to the state championships.

Following the top three teams were 159th SB (4-2-1), 201 MCS (3-4), 169th (1-5-1) and the 154th and 487th (1-6).

New Pay Rates

NEW DAILY MILITARY PAY RATES (FOR ONE UTA)

Effective Oct. 1, 1974

RANK	2 or less	YEARS OF SERVICE												BAQ W/O Dep.	BAQ W/ Dep.	
		2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22			26
OFFICERS																
0-8	72.40	74.57	76.34	.....	.....	82.04	.....	85.90	.....	89.47	93.36	96.94	100.00	.....	243.00	303.90
0-7	60.15	64.26	.....	.....	67.12	.....	71.03	.....	74.57	82.04	87.68	.....	.....	.....	243.00	303.90
0-6	44.59	49.00	52.19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53.96	62.50	65.70	67.12	71.03	77.02	223.50	272.70
0-5	35.66	41.89	44.77	.....	.....	.....	46.14	48.60	51.85	55.74	58.94	60.71	62.85	.....	209.10	252.00
0-4	30.07	36.59	39.06	.....	39.76	41.53	44.35	46.85	49.00	51.13	52.55	.....	.....	.....	188.70	227.40
0-3	27.94	31.23	33.38	36.94	38.70	40.10	42.25	44.35	45.44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	167.10	206.40
0-2	24.35	26.61	31.96	33.03	33.72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	146.40	185.40
0-1	21.14	22.02	26.61	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	114.90	149.40
OFFICERS WITH MORE THAN 4 YEARS' ENLISTED SERVICE																
0-3	.....	.....	.....	36.94	38.70	40.10	42.25	44.35	46.14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	167.10	206.40
0-2	.....	.....	.....	33.03	33.72	34.49	36.59	38.01	39.06	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	146.40	185.40
0-1	.....	.....	.....	26.61	28.41	29.47	30.53	31.60	33.03	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	114.90	149.40
WARRANT OFFICERS																
W-4	28.46	30.53	.....	31.23	32.66	34.09	35.51	38.01	39.76	41.17	42.25	53.65	45.10	48.60	182.10	219.30
W-3	25.88	28.07	.....	28.41	28.75	30.86	32.66	33.72	34.79	35.83	36.94	38.36	39.76	41.17	164.10	202.20
W-2	22.66	24.05	.....	25.22	26.61	28.07	29.12	30.18	31.23	32.32	33.38	34.44	35.83	.....	144.60	183.30
W-1	18.88	21.65	.....	23.45	24.50	25.57	26.61	27.70	28.75	29.82	30.86	31.96	.....	.....	130.80	169.80
ENLISTED																
E-9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32.33	33.07	33.82	34.60	35.36	36.06	37.96	41.64	138.00	194.40
E-8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27.13	27.89	28.63	29.38	30.14	30.85	31.61	33.46	128.70	181.80
E-7	18.94	20.44	21.20	21.94	22.70	23.41	24.15	24.91	26.04	26.77	27.52	27.89	29.76	33.46	110.40	170.40
E-6	16.36	17.84	18.58	19.35	20.09	20.83	21.58	22.70	23.41	24.15	24.53	.....	.....	.....	101.10	158.40
E-5	14.36	15.64	16.39	17.10	18.22	18.96	19.72	20.44	20.83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	97.80	146.40
E-4	13.81	14.58	15.43	16.64	17.29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	86.10	128.10
E-3	13.28	14.01	14.57	15.14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	76.20	110.70
E-2*	12.78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	67.50	110.70
E-1*	11.47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63.30	110.70

TO USE CHART: Multiply the number of four-hour training assemblies performed by the pay rate shown for rank and years of service. Example: Four UTAs equals average drill pay. Basic Allowance for Quarters (BAQ) is authorized during annual training, full-time training duty, and whenever on active duty. Amounts shown are monthly rates. Divide by two to determine BAQ for 15-days annual training.

* No longevity step — Pay grades E-1 and E-2 do not increase with added years of service.



Francine joins the Army . . . Guard! An employee with the Bank that says 'yes,' Francine said 'yes' when her Dad, CW3 Phillip Gaboya, asked her to join the Guard. Francine, having completed her basic and advanced training, is now attending drills with her dad at HHC, 298th Field Depot. (Below) Airman Donna Culman happily at work during a drill weekend with HANG. Donna really feels the Guard and the "guys" in her unit are great.

63 women join the Hawaii Guard

One of the greatest changes in the Hawaii National Guard in years has been the welcome addition of women in our ranks. Not only is the scenery around the armory more attractive, but the atmosphere is changing too: drilling is no longer a weekend with the guys.

At the present time there are very few women, percentage-wise, in both the Air and Army Guard. The Air Guard has 33 ladies of whom four are officers. That puts them ahead of the Army Guard, who has 30, all enlisted. However, plans for the first women's OCS classes are on the drawing board, and hopefully next year, the Army Guard will graduate its first "female" louie.

The Hawaii NG being the truly liberated organization it is, our ladies are doing all types of "nifty" jobs. The days of the woman behind the desk are fast disappearing. Kauai has three ladies in the 150th ACW Sq, all air traffic controllers. Sgt Eileen Camat, Sgt Janet Cox and Amn Linda Brooks, are all presently attending AIT at Keesler AFB in Mississippi. Maui is also proud of PV2 Wendy Kostka, who recently returned from Ft Ord as a supply clerk.

The first father-daughter team in the Army Guard is CWO3 Phillip Gaboya and his lovely daughter (PV2 Francine. Although of different ranks, they have lots of fun comparing notes on the Army from both sides of the fence. Francine is with the 298th Field Depot as a computer key puncher; CWO3 Gaboya is technician with OMS #4.

The Air Guard has Capt. Meriem Saromines, now away at training, who will be a nurse and social action officer upon her return. Joanne Chone, 154th CAMRON Sq, is a newly enlisted recruit who will be leaving for jet engine mechanic training shortly. How liberated can you get?

The 299th Medical Company has perhaps the most women; five including SP4 Lionila Angelias. Armed with her blood pressure reading kit, she checks out recruits as well as annual physicals for those of us who are already in. Now that the medical company has so many attractive ladies, physicals and testing won't be so hum-drum, right gang?

Of course the 117th has its own horn to toot about women in the Guard. They got the first woman in the Army Guard, and then decided if one was good, two is twice as good. Presto! PFC Sandra Mascoto is now the jovial clerk-typist for the PIO. Her sharp sense of humor and never-ending smile really perks us up!

The Air Guard has CPT Meriem Saromines, now away at training, who will be a nurse and social action officer upon her return. Joanne Chone, 154th CAMRON Sq, is a newly enlisted recruit who will be leaving for jet engine mechanic training shortly. How liberated can you get?

Although the number of women in the HNG is growing rapidly, only selected units can accept women. Combat and combat support units cannot, for obvious reasons. That leaves only Category III units, however, there are quite a few vacancies up for grabs.

Are women accepted as members of the team? Amn Donna Culman answers, "All the guys in my squadron are really great. When I came for the first drill, they went out of their way to help me get settled and feel like a member of the team. They could have just ignored me, but they didn't. They treat me like any other member of the gang, and it makes me feel good."



Guard
celebrates
338th
birthday



WASHINGTON, D.C. (NGAUS) — The National Guard — the nation's largest, oldest and readiest reserve military force — marked its 338th Anniversary this fall.

First organized in 1636 in Massachusetts, militia units fought five long wars against the French, Spanish and American Indians before they fired the fateful shot heard around the world at Concord Bridge on April 19, 1775.

Militiamen and minutemen, the predecessors of the National Guard, turned the tide of the Revolution at Saratoga in 1777, and went on to fight with equal distinction in all future U.S. wars.

Of the eight best American divisions that fought in World War I, according to a high German commander, six of them were National Guard divisions. In World War II more than 330,000 National Guardsmen in 18 divisions fought with honor.

The modern militia — the 500,000 men and women of the National Guard — are at the highest level of readiness in history, providing 46 percent of the Army's front-line combat elements and equally substantial support to the Air Force.

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Airman of the Year

Master Sergeant Howard A. Okita is the 1974 Hawaii Air National Guard's Airman of the Year. MSgt Okita is a member of the Supplies Management Branch, 154th Supply Squadron.

Captain Clinton R. Churchill, 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, was presented the HANG Outstanding Interceptor Pilot Award for his SUPERIOR performance during Fiscal Year 1974. In 1973, Capt Churchill was the winner of the 199th FIS Profile Competition attaining a near perfect score (one miss) throughout a full year of intercepts.

Cited for his "positive can do" attitude and willingness to accept responsibilities, Capt Churchill was also selected for his professionalism in his performance of duties.

Major General Valentine A. Siefermann made the presentations.



churchill is outstanding pilot



Acting Governor George R. Ariyoshi congratulates LTC (Ret) Albert W. Duval after an armory on Kauai was dedicated to Duval. MG Valentine A. Siefermann, State adjutant general, looks on approvingly.

154th Fighter Group seeks weapons officers

A major drive for 28 weapon systems officers to serve the new F4C aircraft is being conducted by the Air Guard's 154th Fighter Interceptor Group.

The new two-seat aircraft will replace the current squadron of F-102's in one year, and the Air Guard is looking for both rated WSO's and candidates for WSO training at the ANG Academy of Military Science.

There are several ways in which both prior and nonprior service personnel may qualify, according to Col James R. Ashford, 154th Fighter Interceptor Group commander.

Under the PALACE CHASE program, active duty residents of Hawaii who are qualified WSO's may be granted an "early out" to join the Air Guard.

Other candidates must either be officers or meet the qualifications for the ANG Academy of Military Science and be within age limitations for attending WSO school.

Prior service personnel rated WSO will generally be accepted at the grade held at last separation, up to and including major.

The newly weapons officers can expect an active life while with the unit. Col Ashford added:

"The 154th FIG is one of the few Guard units performing an active duty mission. And our mission assured candidates that they will be serving with a highly professional ready unit — the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron."

Interested parties should contact the 154th FIG Sq CBPO NCOIC, MSgt Darryl Ho at 449-5701 or 449-5684 for complete details and applications.

No-fault coverage required for all

By Lt Bud Bowles

If you now drive a car without insurance you'd better obtain a policy immediately.

Drivers caught operating a vehicle without "no-fault" insurance are subject to fines of \$1,000 per violation.

Under the State's new "no-fault" law, insurance is required of every owner of a vehicle.

Vehicles without such insurance cannot be registered and must have their registration and plates turned in to the County Director of Finance.

The law has its benefits:

— Fast payment of medical and wage loss benefits without regard for blame in an accident can now be made. Insurance companies must pay within 30 days after proof of loss has been supplied.

— Delays of payment of basic benefits due to court battles and legal entanglements will be eliminated.

— All injured persons receive payment.

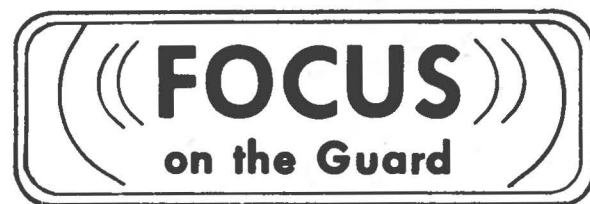
People with insurance had their policies automatically converted to "no-fault" by their insurance companies when the new law went into effect September 1.

Insurance companies cannot refuse to sell no fault policies provided the individual has a driver's license and pays the premium.

The same policy applies to cancellation or refusal to renew policies.

For more information call an insurance agent or company, or contact the State of Hawaii Insurance Division on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. p.m.

The Insurance Division is located at 1010 Richards Street (Kamamalu Building). The telephone number is 548-5450.



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MSgt Sheldon K. Imai, was presented the Chief's 50 Award in ceremonies at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Major General LaVern E. Weber, chief, National Guard Bureau, presented MSgt Imai with a bronze plaque for his outstanding recruiting record for the Army National Guard.

MSgt Imai and his wife, Hazel, flew to Washington, courtesy of the National Guard, to attend the presentation ceremonies.

The couple spent four days touring the nation's Capitol, with 52 other top recruiters and recruiters from the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

The Chief's 50 Award is presented annually to the top Army National Guard recruiter from each state.

MSgt Imai is the in-service liaison for the reserve components.

He is presently stationed at Fort Shafter and has been a member of the Hawaii Army National Guard for 24 years.

Medical Benefits:

Here's a reminder for guardsmen regarding medical assistance and benefits while in training.

Members of the HARNG are entitled to medical care for treatment of injuries incurred while on active duty training.

Army Guard technicians who are injured in the scope of their Army National Guard civilian employment are entitled to medical care under the Federal Employee's Compensation Act.

Further medical care benefits are enumerated in AR 40-3.

As far as restrictions are concerned, medical care is not authorized for disease contracted or injuries received at times other than drill periods. Care is also not authorized for disease or injuries incurred while enroute to or from drills.

Ombudsman Program

Getting hassled by your employer because of the time you spend with the National Guard? "Ombudsman" can help smooth things out.

Ombudsman, a program established by the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, was begun to help resolve any misunderstandings employers have about an employee serving in the National Guard or Reserves.

Direct "eyeball-to-eyeball contact" at the local level, is arranged between your employer and a prominent, Guard-knowledgeable member of the community, a committee member said.

The committee has found that most employers are extremely cooperative when they learn about the importance of today's Guard and Reserves. More than 300 advisory members and key Guard and Reserve leaders are participating in the Ombudsman project across the country.

A meeting can be arranged with your boss by writing: Ombudsman, Employer Support, Arlington, VA 22202.

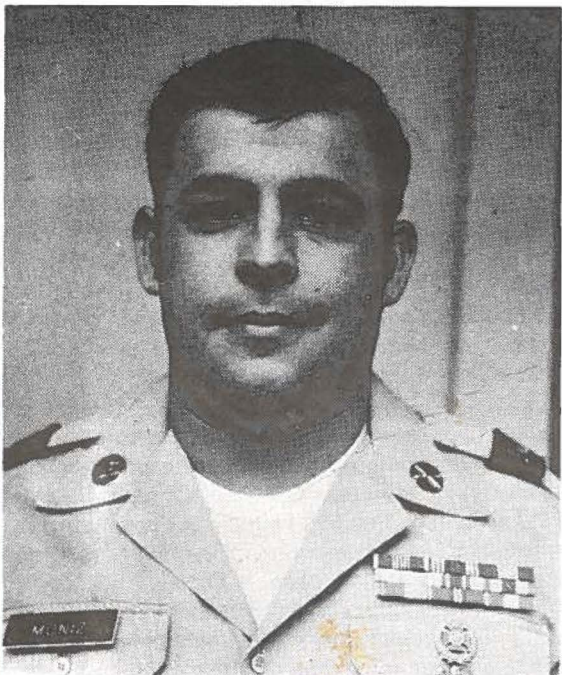


Our model of the quarter is pretty Linda Green from the Patricia Stevens Modeling Agency. Linda is also regarded as one of the town's top female vocalist.

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Moniz named outstanding 'Guardman'



—Al Moniz, Jr.—

They insist on calling him "acting" first sergeant. Moniz has been in for 10 years and in January, it will be a full 11 which means he only has a year or so to go and he'll lose that "acting" tag.

"The guys in the unit accept me as first sergeant," says Moniz.

"They don't consider me 'acting.'"

"I've been associated with this unit as long as almost anybody in it now.

"It's been a pretty good experience for me.

"And any pressure that there may be is taken off me by the other NCO's."

Sergeant First Class Alfred Moniz, Jr. is the "first sergeant" for Battery C of the 487th Field Artillery, but because he doesn't have enough of that time-in-grade, he's considered the "acting" first sergeant.

Sgt Moniz, who was named Guardsman of the Year for 1974, has been struck with that thing some call "asterick-itis."

Roger Maris got "asterick-itis" when he broke Babe Ruth's home run record for one season, but because he had played in eight more games that season, some person put an asterick by his name and record.

He is the first sergeant, plain and simple, and he has been for the past two years, but because of his lack of time-in-grade, somebody put an asterick, of sorts, by his name.

Moniz, 31, is a grad of St. Louis and spent one-and-a-half years at the University of Hawaii.

He played football at St. Louis and was on the wrestling team for his short stay at UH.

Prior to becoming 1st Sgt, he was chief of the firing battery.

"He's done a good job recruiting and his performance of duty is superior," says Capt Guy Watanabe, who wrote one of the letters recommending Moniz for the Guardsman of the Year honor.

In addition to his regular duties, Moniz and the rest of the unit volunteer their time to help out a Kaneohe cub scout troop.

He also spends about two days a week playing in baseball leagues, including representing a National Guard team.

He sells safety and fire protection equipment for his civilian occupation.

He also spends at least three days a week at the Guard Armory, either getting in some recreation or talking over future drills or planning some volunteer action.

"Since I'm not full time, I need to come down here (to the unit) a lot, so I don't get behind in getting any information."

That shows a lot of enthusiasm, which is surely needed if one is to become a Guardsman of the Year.