

en. Yoshimasu to retire Sept. 1

Col. Ito promoted to deputy AG

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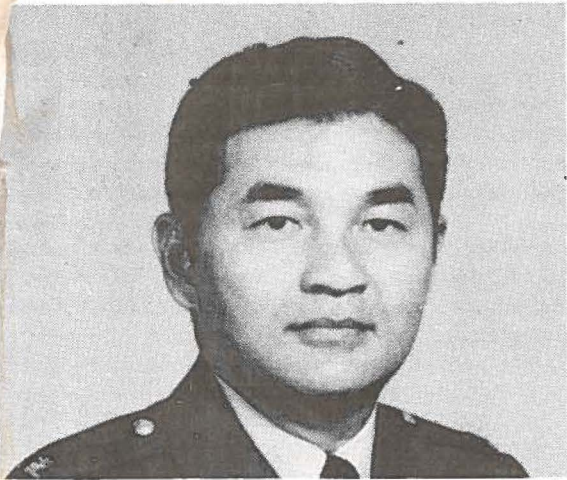
Col. Thomas Ito, currently on active duty as the United States property and fiscal officer (USPFO) for the State, will be elevated to deputy adjutant general Sept. 1, Maj. Gen. Valentine Siefertmann announced this month.

Ito will replace Brig. Gen. Edward M. Yoshimasu who will retire this fall after 37 years of service.

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Yoshimasu, 59, was appointed deputy adjutant general (DAG) July 16, 1974

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Col. Thomas Ito



Brig. Gen. Edward Yoshimasu



Pupukahi: Harmoniously united

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ARTILLERY HOOK-UP — A 25th Division Chinook hovers as Hawaii Army guardsmen hook up one of their 105mm Howitzers during a recent joint airmobile exercise with their regular Army counterparts. Turn to pages 6-7 for more details. (Hawaii Army Guard photo by Sp5 Dennis Fujii).

Air Force honors 169th ACW Sq.

By Dennis Fujii
PAO, Associate Editor

WHEELER AFB, Oahu — The Hawaii Air National Guard (HANG) held an award ceremony to honor the 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron (ACW Sq.) as the first HANG unit to receive a superior award from the Air Force.

The 169th ACW Sq. was awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious service in support of military operations from July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1975.

During this period, the citation said, personnel of the squadron successfully operated the Pacific Air Forces' Weapons Controller Requalification Course.

This training program has been essential in providing highly qualified weapons controllers for active duty units within the Pacific command.

"The exemplary ability, professionalism, and devotion to duty displayed by members of the 169th ACW Sq. reflect great credit upon themselves, the Hawaii Air National Guard, and the United States Air Force," the citation said.

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2900 guardsmen to attend AT '76

By 2Lt. Bud Bowles
117th PID Staff Writer

FORT RUGER, Oahu — Members of the Hawaii Army National Guard (HARNG) will be attending Annual Training (AT '76) from Aug. 7 - 21.

There will be several important changes in training during AT '76 for Army Guardsmen. Units of HARNG will be training alongside the active duty members of the Army's 25th Infantry Division (Inf. Div.).

"In carrying out the roundout program, working with the 25th Div. units is one of the most important factors," said Lt. Col. Manuel DeMello, training and operations officer for the Army Guard.

"In the past, Army Guardsmen's training was supervised by special Army advisors. This year's training will be different with Army Guardsmen working alongside their 25th Div. counterparts," added Col. DeMello.

The Army Guard will be training throughout the State under different conditions.

The 1st Battalion (Bn.) 487th Field Artillery (Fld. Arty) will train with the 25th Div.'s Fld. Arty. The 400 members of the 487th Fld. Arty will be spending their third year at Pohakuloa Training Area, a mountain goat's paradise, on the saddle of Mauna Loa and Mauna Kea, halfway between Hilo and Kona.

"This is the only area in the Hawaiian Islands where they (the 487th) can fire to their maximum range. The full utilizations of their weapons allow the troops to match weapons to find which are their strongest guns," said Col. DeMello.

Another unit that will be traveling to the Big Island for AT '76 is Troop E, 19th Cavalry (Cav.). Troop E will train with 4 Cav. from the 25th Div. and will take their evaluation test during the second week at AT '76.

The 293d Maintenance Co will be stationed in Hilo at Kilauea Military Reservation supporting Troop E's helicopters with maintenance work.

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Members of the 169th ACW Sq. stood proudly in unit formation May 16 as Maj. Gen. Charles C. Pattillo, vice commander-in-chief of Pacific Air Forces, attached the award ribbon to the unit's flag.

Military dignitaries attending the ceremony included Maj. Gen. John J. Pesch, director of the Air National Guard, National Guard Bureau; Maj. Gen. Valentine A. Siefertmann, adjutant general, State of Hawaii; and Col. Arthur U. Ishimoto, commander, Hawaii Air National Guard.

Also attending the ceremony were Brig. Gen. Edward M. Yoshimasu, deputy adjutant general, State of Hawaii, and Col. Bob R. Elliott, Air Force senior advisor, 326th Air Division.

Lt. Col. Donald M. O'Day, commander of the 169th ACW Sq. said, "Members of the unit dedicated themselves to upgrading and maintaining a high level of proficiency in the training program, and I am extremely proud of them."

"And to requote the award citation, 'The exemplary ability, professionalism, and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 169th ACW reflect a great credit upon themselves,' and it is gratifying to know this as their new commander," concluded O'Day.

AG discusses joint staff functions

By Dennis Fujii
PAO, Associate Editor

State Adjutant General Valentine A. Siefertmann recently discussed the formation of a new joint staff to assist him. The announcement was made at the Hawaii Army National Guard (HARNG) management conference held at the Tripler Officers' Club. The adjutant general discussed the reasons for the formation of the staff, and also its functions.

The organization of the staff and guidelines for its operation were discussed in a separate briefing (see accompanying article) by Major Gerald J. Silva, former department public affairs officer who was appointed by Siefertmann as the organization's first chief of staff.

Gen. Siefertmann began with a discussion of his responsibilities as Department Head, including the management of the three major and diverse divisions; the Air Guard, the Army Guard, and State Civil Defense. He cited the increasing complexity of decision making, as well as, "the increasing amount of time that I was spending at my desk at the expense of getting out into the field with our people."

Siefertmann then talked about the three functions of the staff. They include:

1) Developing and/or approving major plans, policies, and programs at the departmental level.

2) Evaluating major plans, policies and projects developed by elements of the department to determine their total impact within the department.

3) Providing a knowledgeable, responsive monitoring and control capability to assure that policy is being followed within the department.

The adjutant general stressed two things that the joint staff is *not*. "It is not an overall staff for the Hawaii National Guard. It is my staff to provide me with assistance in the form of feedback and recommendations, and it is not designed to duplicate or absorb existing division command or staff responsibilities," he said.

Siefertmann concluded his briefing by listing his expectations of the new organization. "I expect to be able to make more efficient and better decisions, and I expect to make these based on additional points of view — points of view other than mine and those of the people involved in program execution.

"But most of all, I expect to find myself with more freedom from my desk and the chance to feel the pulse of the Guard at its heart — at the armories and in the field."

The adjutant general closed his remarks by stating two goals in staff operation. "We will apply the best principles of military organization to our work, and we will work to complement the efforts of HANG (Hawaii Air National Guard) and HARNG.

"By doing this, we will link their efforts together at the top of our department.

New chief outlines staff organization

By Dennis Fujii
PAO, Associate Editor

The mission, organization, and guidelines for operation of the new joint staff were outlined by its Chief of Staff, Major Gerald J. Silva at the recent Hawaii Army National Guard (HARNG) management conference.

Silva, former department public affairs officer, began with the staff's mission. "Our mission," he said, "is to provide needed staff services to the Adjutant General's Office, and we are solely responsible to the direction of that office."

The staff was designed, he said, to be a flexible organization to meet the particular needs of the adjutant general, and capable of being task organized or realigned as necessary to meet changes in the department or changes in the needs of its chief executive.

Silva also discussed the considerations for selection of staff members. "First of all, we select people who are qualified for the positions, and people who can contribute positively to the staff. Second, we selected people whom, we felt, would benefit from

an assignment at this level — an assignment with the broad overview and staff responsibilities inherent at the adjutant general's level."

Silva cited the benefits he had derived from his own five-year assignment as the department's public affairs officer as well as his short assignment at the National Guard Bureau.

"I feel that these assignments broadened my perspective greatly, and I feel that they were an investment that will benefit the department as well as the kind of investment that should be made in other officers."

He continued his discussion of selection factors by saying, "We also looked at compatibility between potential staff members' full-time jobs and assignments to the staff.

"We had to be sure that no officer would be placed in a situation with possible conflicting loyalties — loyalty to a subordinate division because he or she is a full-time employee of that division — and loyalty to the adjutant general because of the staff assignment.

"Finally, we wanted to insure that the staff represented a cross section of our people — Army and Air Guard, fulltime and non-fulltime, men and women."

Silva then discussed the organization of the staff. It is presently divided into two separate levels, a personal staff and a level that equates roughly to a coordinating staff.

The personal staff is responsive directly to the adjutant general and deputy adjutant general. It includes the aides, inspector general's section, equal employment opportunity officer, staff judge advocate's section, and public affairs officer.

The announcement of the aide, 1Lt Gail Worak, caused several comments. Lieutenant Worak, who will also serve as the women's advisor to the adjutant general, is the first woman to serve as a general's aide in the National Guard.

The coordinating staff, supervised by the chief of staff, includes a secretary of the general staff with an administrative and personnel capability, an operations section, a logistics section and a management information and systems analysis section.

The chief of staff then discussed guidelines for staff operation. He cited two documents that were in the final stages of staffing; the first outlining command and staff relationships, and the second, an S.O.P. for operations.

The S.O.P. will include a description of each staff section's responsibilities, a section on conduct — both personal and operational — and a series of administrative annexes. The documents are expected to be completed well prior to the HARNG annual training.

Yoshimasu retires after 37 years

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Since joining the Guard 25 years ago, Ito has held positions at every level of command including a four-year tour at the Pentagon as Air Defense Staff Office for the National Guard Bureau.

When asked how he feels about his new job, Ito replied: "I'm looking forward to the challenge of the job and contributing as much as I can to the efficiency and professionalism of the department.

The retirement of Yoshimasu as the State Department of Defense's number two man was announced June 17 by Siefertmann who spoke highly of the outgoing General.

"I want to acknowledge the tremendous contributions he has made throughout his career as a soldier, a staff officer, and finally as the deputy adjutant general (DAG) for the State of Hawaii.

"Among other things, he was responsible for the effective initiation of the roundout program which has greatly increased the readiness of the Hawaii National Guard and improved the already excellent relationship between the Guard and the active Army.

Yoshimasu, affectionately known as "Gen. Y.," has had a long career of dedicated service to the country and the State of Hawaii.

His career began 37 years ago when, in June 1939, he received his commission as a second lieutenant.

He served as a member of the famed 442nd "Go For Broke" Regimental Combat Team and the 100th Battalion from 1943 to 1945.

From active duty, he spent a year with the reserve force. His Hawaii Army National Guard (HARNG) career began with his appointment as a captain in April, 1947.

His first assignment was to help organize Company A, 1st Battalion (Co. A, 1st Bn.). He continued to achieve and was promoted to brigadier general on Mar. 12, 1971.

This promotion was a milestone not only because of the rank itself, but because he is only the second Japanese of American ancestry to achieve this distinction.

About his career, the General said, "It has been an enjoyable and most challenging and rewarding 37 years of commissioned service.

"I owe all the thousands of men who served with me and for me a great debt of gratitude . . . without them I would not have succeeded."

He commented, "I'll still be around the department for a couple of months. After that, I plan to do things I want to do, like travel."

Surely, after 37 years, he deserves to be able to travel and do what he wants to do.

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"I joined and I did it"

By SP4 Johanna Duclayan
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"JOIN THE ARMY GUARD! FEMALES 18-35 YEARS OF AGE, THE ARMY GUARD NEEDS YOU!!"

Does this sound like a standard recruiting poster blurb?

How many times have you passed a poster like this and never gave it a second thought?

Well, I did many times. I thought it was the right type of organization for younger women to join; younger women with no obligations to job, husband and/or children.

So, from that view point, I never pursued the issue.

The idea now seems so far away.

Today, I can proudly say that even though I'm 31 years old, married, with three children (10, 9, and 7 years old), and employed in a secure job, I am in the Army National Guard. I went through the Army's basic training and passed!

I voluntarily enlisted in the Hawaii Army National Guard in September of 1975. This was after being influenced by the varied programs and job trainings that were offered. All you can handle for the mere price of giving a few hours a month to your unit for a specific number of years.

I was also informed that if I accept this offer, I would have to go through basic training for seven weeks at a training center for women on the mainland and that I had the opportunity to attend Advanced Individual Training (AIT) for my qualified Military Occupational Skill (MOS).

But, because of my civilian skill (licensed practical nurse, with experience in working in a hospital and training school for the mentally retarded, private hospitals, and presently working as a psychiatric aide), I was qualified to enlist under the Civilian Acquired Skills (CAS) program.



Rochelle Duclayan, 10 year old daughter of Sp4 Johanna Duclayan, receives a warm hug from her mother.

Under this program I was ordered to active duty for the period of basic training and then returned to my home unit to assume my National Guard status.

The thought of leaving for that long a period of time was really the hardest to accept and to adjust to, not only for me but for my whole family. During the months prior to my leaving, we psychologically prepared ourselves for that actual separation.

During those months prior to separation, it helped me to voice my anxieties, my fears of not knowing what to expect out of basic training and my doubts as to whether or not I might be able to perform as well as the younger women in training with me.

For the individual members of my family, the separation would be a time without that special person who yells at them, scolds them, referees their fights, gets them ready for school and work, cooks their meals whenever they want to eat, washes their clothes, and cares for them and loves them.

We all knew, though, that we could and would survive because we had set a goal, and we would work together to accomplish this.

To attend basic training, with or without AIT, you, yourself, have to be psychologically prepared to follow through, must be in good physical condition, and should be striving to reach your goal — what do you want out of this training?

Basic training will affect you in whatever way you want it to — your attitude plays an important role during this time of decisions and desires. If you're trying to escape and you think the Army will help solve your problems, think again. The Army's main function is to train you and prepare you to do a job.

If you're joining with the idea of being trained and are willing to learn and pursue, then by all means — join.

Then some day you can proudly say "I joined and I did it."

HANG authorized optional uniform



The old and the new

By Maj. Christopher Jay
Civilian Personnel Officer

"Is he a cadet from the Air Force Academy?" "I thought he was a foreign military dignitary." "What airlines does he fly for?"

These were some of the remarks made by surprised and inquisitive Hawaii Air National Guard personnel who, for the first time, have seen the new optional 1550 epaulet long sleeved shirt.

Wearers of this new commodity, Majors Chris Jay and Ron Silva, like the greater formal appearance it gives but also feel the long sleeves and tie make it a bit warm for our tropical climate.

They say it's great if you can stay inside an air-conditioned building all day long.

The uniform, to be worn with board ranks and a tie with Air Force tie tack or clip, is intended to be the compromise between the 1550 short sleeved shirt and the 1549 dacron-wool blouse.

Enlisted personnel wear small chevrons or stripes on their sleeves.

Rita Asbell, sales representative at the Exchange Military Clothing Section, tells that people generally buy one shirt just to have it in the military wardrobe.

So, for that extra touch of elegance, why not one on for size.

201st aids Guam in PACAF operation

HICKAM AFB, Oahu — The 201st Combat Communication Group (CMBTCG) recently demonstrated their ability to quickly deploy personnel and equipment to assist the Pacific Air Force (PACAF) in the first emergency mission for the Air Guard group.

Shortly after typhoon PAMELA struck Guam, the 201st CMBTCG received an urgent call from Headquarters, Pacific Communications Area, requesting a AN/TRM-26 TACAN, a navigational aid for aircraft, to replace the equipment damaged by PAMELA at Anderson AFB, Guam.

A scramble to locate the equipment and the most qualified TACAN technician, TSgt. Roy Yamasaki, followed. The TACAN was located in Hilo and was flown back to Honolulu.

When checked, the equipment was found to be defective.

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Guardsmen train with performance

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Kilauea Military Reservation will be going through a facial uplift through the efforts of the 298th Engineers Detachment (Eng. Det.). The renovation will be the work of the 50 plumbers, electricians and talented craftsmen of the 298th Eng. Det.

On the other end of the island chain, the 29th Infantry Brigade will train with 2d Brigade from the 25th Div. at Schofield Barracks as well as the 227th Engineer Co., the 829th Maintenance Co., the 229th Medical Co. All HANG units will work with their active Army counterparts.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 297th Supply and Service Battalion (Sup & Svc Bn) will get across the Blue Pacific to Yakima, Washington, for their annual training. They will participate in a combined Army/Navy/Air Force war game — "Brave Shield."

The 297th Sup & Svc Bn will work with Army personnel from the 593d Support Group, Ft. Lewis, Washington, in providing the support for the more than 10,000 personnel participating in the war game.

An added note of interest during the war game is that both armies will be utilizing a laser device. It is attached to vehicles, aircrafts and tanks. When a laser beam (which is a light ray) hits the device attached to the vehicle, a smoke bomb or explosion device will go off, indicating a hit.

Guardsmen will also be training under the Army Training and Evaluation Program (ARTEP), the Army's version of management by objectives.

The ARTEP, designed by the Dynamic Training Board at Ft. Benning, GA., is another program that Col. DeMello feels will make the training more interesting for the troops as well as rewarding to the soldier and the guardsmen.

Col. DeMello said this is achieved because the person is given a task to complete under specified standards instead of a given amount of hours in the classroom.

"For example, a compass reading course might require a soldier to spend eight hours in classroom training and two hours in the field," he said.

"The new program doesn't put time requirements down, but specifies what a soldier has to learn about the compass and the requirements he should be able to fulfill once he has completed a given exercise.

"This is the year we see performance with training. Performance oriented training will be more rewarding than ever before," concluded Col. DeMello.

Chief of staff

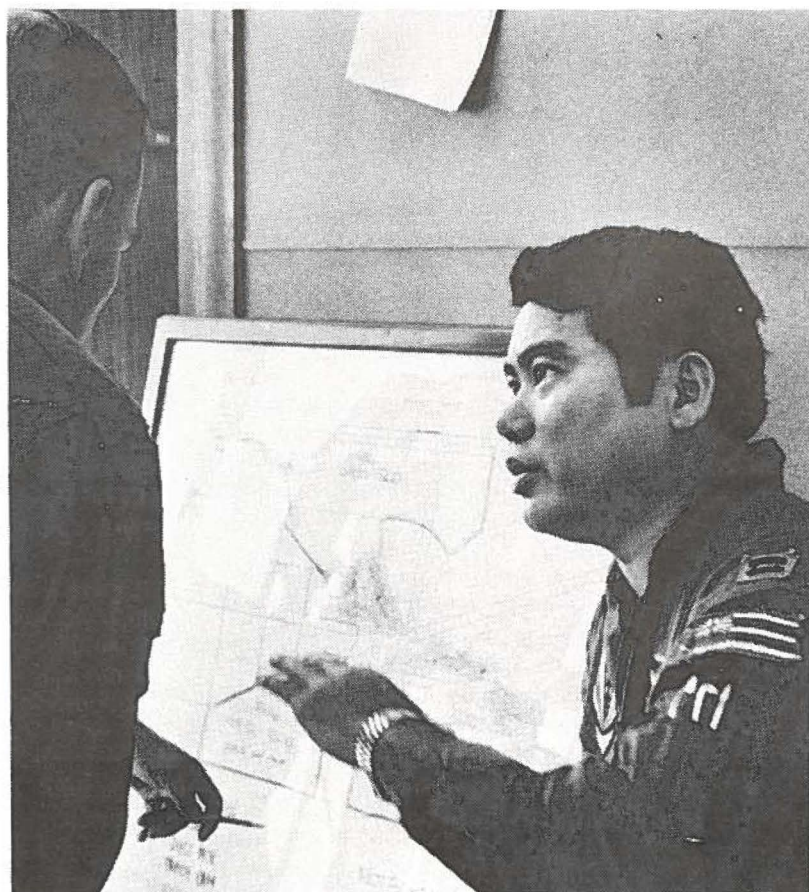
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"We realize that the last thing you need is another series of bodies and entourage drifting through your areas, competing for your attention and then asking why you're having difficulty doing your jobs. We realize the problem exists, and we will work to minimize it," he said.

The new chief of staff concluded his briefing by saying, "Briefings like this one are fine, but the bottom line is performance. You'll understand us better as time goes by, not because of what we say, but by what we accomplish."



Capt. Mike Tice briefs pilots on weather conditions.



Capt. Ed Miyahiro (right) is briefed on the day's mission.

Joy of flying . . .

By 1Lt. Gregg K. Kakesako
117th PID Staff Writer

I have jumped out of perfectly good airplanes (that is with a parachute), spent a few hours piloting a helicopter and even taken lessons in soaring, but that was nothing compared to my recent participation with the Hawaii Air National Guard's 199th Tactical Fighter Squadron's (TFS) orientation with the F-4 Phantom jets just assigned to the unit.

The 199th TFS now has 13 of these two-seater jets in their inventory.

Lt. Col. Edward V. Richardson, 199th TFS commander, told the "Pupukahi" he hopes to have 18 by September, bringing the unit up to full strength.

The more than 36 pilots assigned to the Air Guard unit are now undergoing orientation courses at either Luke Air Force Base in Arizona or George Air Force Base in California.

"All of our alert requirements will be handled with the F-102's until we have been fully converted," Richardson said.

"We are shooting to be operational late this year. More planes will be received later on this summer or in the fall, and our problem now is to get them operational as soon as possible so our pilots can get up into the air and become qualified.

"I don't want to say we don't have problems. We do, but everyone is working hard to fulfill our mission."

Which brings me back to "my recent mission" which was to accompany two F-4 Air Guard pilots as they conducted a routine training mission over the Pacific waters between Kauai and Oahu.

Even before getting off the ground there was an orientation for me to go through on the necessary safety steps to take in case I had to leave the aircraft before it landed.

Then outfitted in a flight suit, a Mae West vest, a helmet and a 40-pound parachute, I accompanied Capt. Ed Miyahira to the F-102 on the pad at Hickam Air Force Base for the training mission.

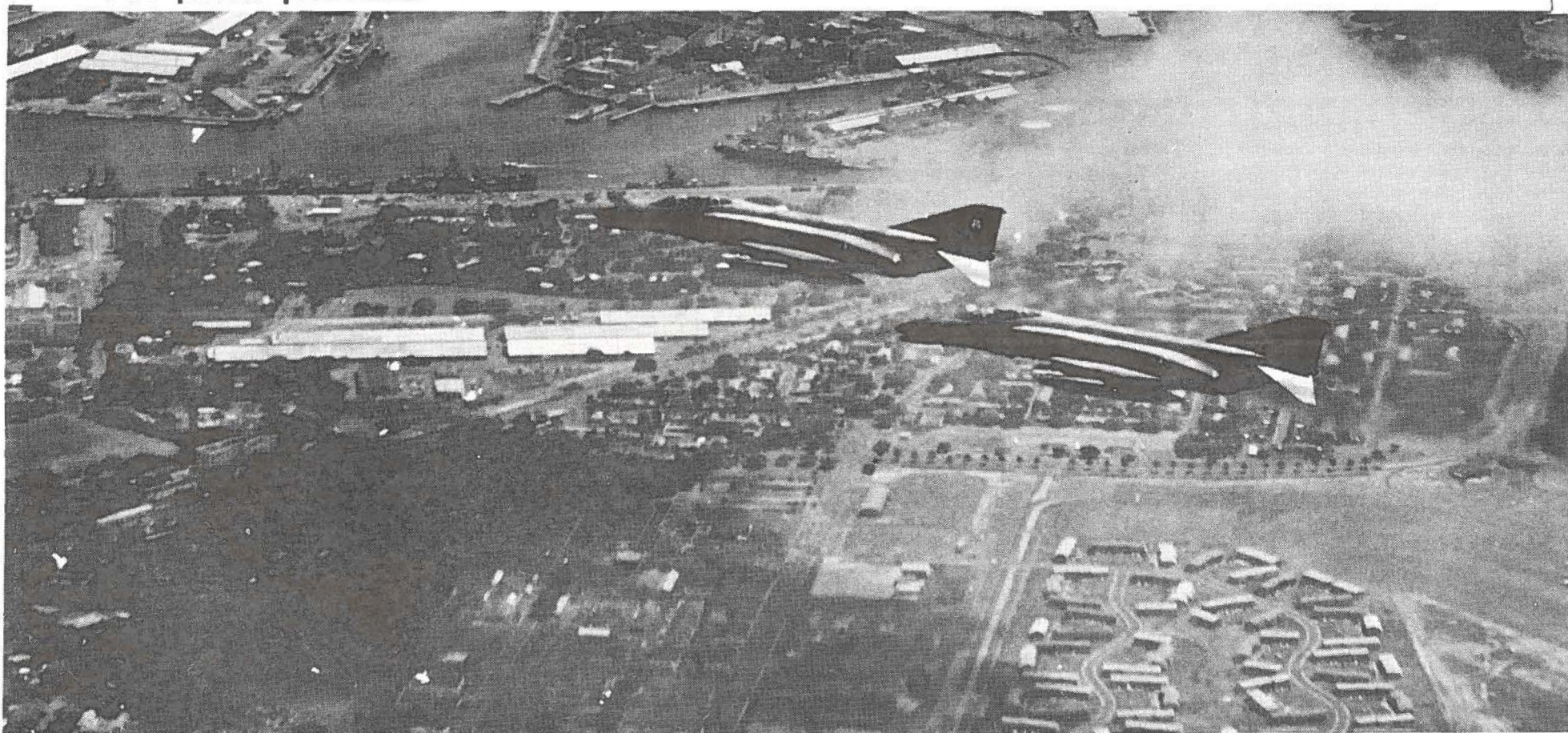
Climbing into the cockpit of the F-102 is akin to being strapped in a tiny sports car. Not a space is wasted.

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Transmitter failure result in F-4 escort.

Story and Photos by 1Lt. Gregg K. Kakesako
117th PID photo journalist



Two F-4 Phantoms make a pass over Pearl Harbor

HANG marks 20 years of air defense

By Lt. Col. Paul Mori
201st Combat Comm Gp

A lifetime to come, some fond memories for others. It is not generally realized that on July 1 of this bicentennial year, the Hawaii Air Defense system operated by the units of the Hawaii Air National Guard (HANG), will have been in operation for 20 years.

However, there is a group of hardy men, some still in the HANG, who vividly remember how it all began 20 years ago.

At exactly 1 a.m. July 1, 1956, the duty controller at the remote radar station in Kahuku declared on the hot line to the 7th Air Force Control Center that the Punamano Air Defense Direction Center of the Hawaii Air National Guard was operational.

That is how it all started, the beginning of 20 eventful and fulfilling years of outstanding service to the Air Force and the State of Hawaii by the 109th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron (ACW Sq), 169th ACW Sq., 150th ACW Sq. and units of the 154th Fighter Interceptor Group (FIG).

That unceremonious yet significant event also marked a breakthrough.

It was the first time that the Air Force assigned an active air defense mission to a unit of the Air National Guard. The many subsequent decisions to assign active defense missions to the ANG undoubtedly were influenced by the success and economy of our early air defense operation in Hawaii.

Capt., now colonel and Air Guard commander, Arthur U. Ishimoto was able to design and put together the whole operation with a shoestring budget and extremely austere conditions saving the Air Force many dollars.

Guard salutes . . . America

July 4, 1976, 11:00 a.m. — The sounds of the crowd blanketed the carnival site. People were laughing, children were running. Suddenly the air was shattered by a resounding explosion. Everyone came to a stand-still — people were silent, children reached for their parents' hands. The first sound was followed by another and another, echoing throughout the community . . .

Battery C, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery, just contributed to America's bicentennial festivities by kicking-off the Kaneohe community celebration with a 50-gun salute using the 105mm Howitzer.

This was but one bicentennial event that the Hawaii National Guard participated in.

The Guard began its official observance of the 200th Anniversary in March when the 111th Army Band, Hawaii Army National Guard (HARNG), was a part of the Girl Scouts' Bicentennial Parade.

The band continued its red, white and blue review on the Big Island during the 4th of July weekend.

The Royal Guard joined the birthday celebration, too.

Members of all National Guard units were active participants in "Johnny Horizon '76", an environmental action campaign to clean up America for the 200th birthday sponsored by the Hawaii State Jaycees Bicentennial Commission.

This community service participation in the various bicentennial activities was fitting tribute to the original militiamen, who, together with our founding fathers, made the anniversary possible.

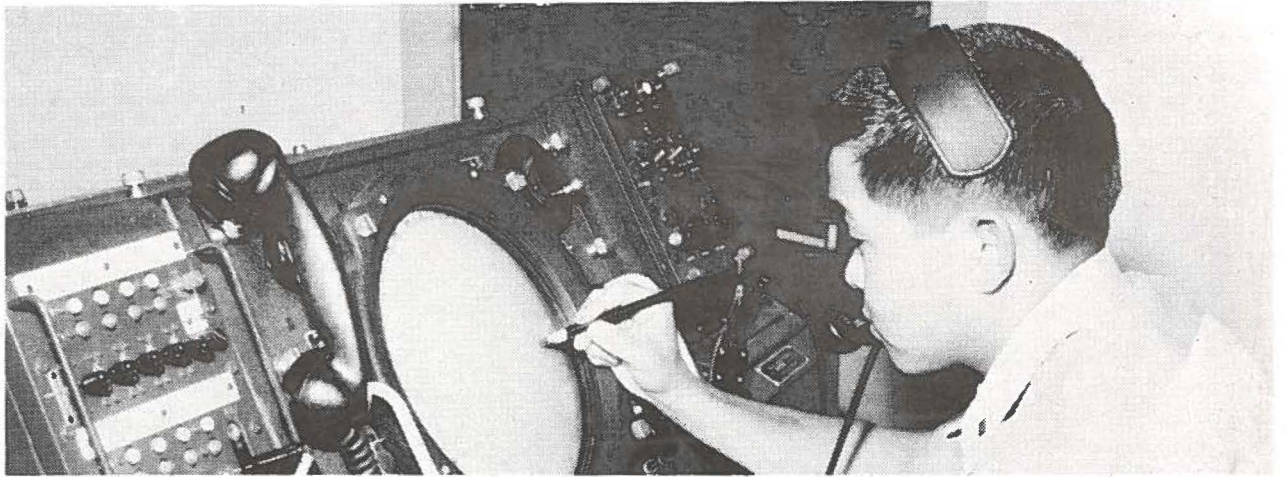
201st aids Guam

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The two components which were defective, were replaced by parts which were flown in from the 202d Air Tactical Communications Flight on Kauai.

The rest was routine for the "can do - will do" men of the 201st who have participated in dozens of deployments throughout the Pacific Area and the World.

The TACAN was airlifted, together with a pickup truck, by an Air Force C-141 jet to Guam that same afternoon. Yamasaki performed his mission outstandingly and won high praises for himself and the men who supported him to make it a successful mission.



PLOTTING AN INTERCEPT — A young lieutenant (now lieutenant colonel) Paul Mori plots an intercept at the Air Guard's old Punamano defense center.

The site, an old World War II radar station, was located high on a hill overlooking what is now the Kuilima Hotel. At the beginning, it could best be described as desolate and windy. It had no trees, one outhouse and no place to lunch.

The lack of funds today is reminiscent of the austere funding of that period. Under the circumstances, Ishimoto, the station's first commander, and his five original weapons controllers, Capt. Frederick Hemmings, Sr., Capt. Harold Lee, 1Lt. (Lt. Col) Paul S. Mori, 1Lt. (Lt. Col.) William E. Mossman, and 1Lt. (Lt. Col.) Donald M. O'Day performed commendably.

Others of the original group who also performed commendably and who are still with us today are Sgts. James Akamine, (Maj.) Jiro Arakaki,

Yoshiaki Daikoku, Ralph Endo, Richard Fukui, Harold Hirayama, Francis Hosaka, Herbert Kuratsu, David Langsi, Franklin Muraki, Walter Nishihara, (Maj.) John Oshiro, (Capt.) Gerald Revuelto, Walter Sugiyama, Charles Tanaka, Amos Wikoli, and (Maj.) Walter Watanabe.

There were others that have left the Guard since and one that is listed as MIA — Wing Ding. He was only a poi dog but he was loved by all. He served for many years with devotion and distinction as the best security guard of all.

To the pioneers and to all of those who followed in their footsteps to make their contribution towards the Hawaii Air National Guard's achieving an outstanding and most enviable record, congratulations on your 20th anniversary.

'Coming in on a wing...'

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And the comparison can be carried even further when trying to describe what a flight in a fighter jet feels like — it's like riding in a foreign sports car as compared to a luxury Cadillac Eldorado or Mark IV Continental.

Breathing pure oxygen, we followed the two F-4 Phantoms to the edge of the runway for another pre-flight check . . . and then we were off.

In my desire to record the take-off on film, I didn't even realize until several minutes into the flight that we had left the ground. I had been concentrating on the two fighters in front of us trying to get the best photos possible and completely forgot my own "butterflies."

Within minutes we were at 15,000 feet speeding along at 270 knots and high above Leeward Oahu.

The flight was to take 90 minutes I had been told.

The jet, which I was riding, was to be the target aircraft — an unidentified, perhaps unfriendly fighter or bomber, trying to break through Hawaii's defense system.

After breaking away from the two F-4 Phantom fighters, Miyahira, my guide and pilot, headed for the channel between Kauai and Oahu and simulated an attack on Oahu.

The two F-4 fighters were guided to the target by ground controllers — all Hawaii Air National Guardsmen drilling that weekend.

The silence of flight was broken periodically with transmissions from the ground as the pilots were directed to the "target" and then pilot's reply: "Alpha's got a Judy."

This I was told was one of the fighter pilots responding that he was taking the intercept or would seek the target.

After six intercepts, it was time to go home.

Too soon for me since I was just getting comfortable and enjoying the flight.

A minor mishap occurred when Miyahira's transmitter went dead minutes before landing.

We could receive transmissions but were unable to send.

Accompanied by the two F-4 fighters, Miyahira, who has been flying with the Air Guard for the past six years, skillfully landed the aircraft and taxied back to the pad.

He noted that to stay proficient an Air Guard pilot must fly at least six times a month — or at least once a week.

Of the approximately 36 pilots with the Air Guard, 10 are full-time.

"The others come from all walks of life," Miyahira said.

"There are airline pilots, school teachers, computer programmers, engineers and even one pilot who is the director of personnel for the State Department of Education," Miyahira added.

"About 70 percent of those who join the Guard want to fly."

It's not hard to understand why.

Maui news

WAILUKU, Maui — Maj. Shigeto (Mustard) Murayama, commander 1st Bn 299th Inf, congratulates Capt. Walter Pierson, newly appointed commander of Company C. Capt. Pierson, a black belt Karate instructor, replaces Capt. Glenn Perry.
Maui Army Guard Photo





A Hawaii Army guardsman directs the landing of a 25th Division helicopter.

150 guardsmen airlifted

Army-Guard exercise termed successful

By 2Lt Bud Bowles
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Oahu — For the first time in the history of the Hawaii Army National Guard, an entire field artillery battalion was moved by helicopter on June 5, in a joint air mobile exercise with members of the 25th Infantry Division.

The purpose of the joint Army and Hawaii National Guard exercise was to move the men and equipment of the Guard's 487th Field Artillery under simulated battlefield conditions.

With the help of the 25th Infantry Division's Chinook helicopters, 150 men and 12 howitzers and personnel carriers were carried in 27 loads. The entire operation took two hours.

Once in place, the howitzers were also fired by the 487th.

Col. John Aiona, Jr., commander of the 29th Infantry Brigade, said the exercise is "the kind of training we want to do."

"We've learned to handle the equipment, and now we can train at the highest level with the assistance of the 25th Division."

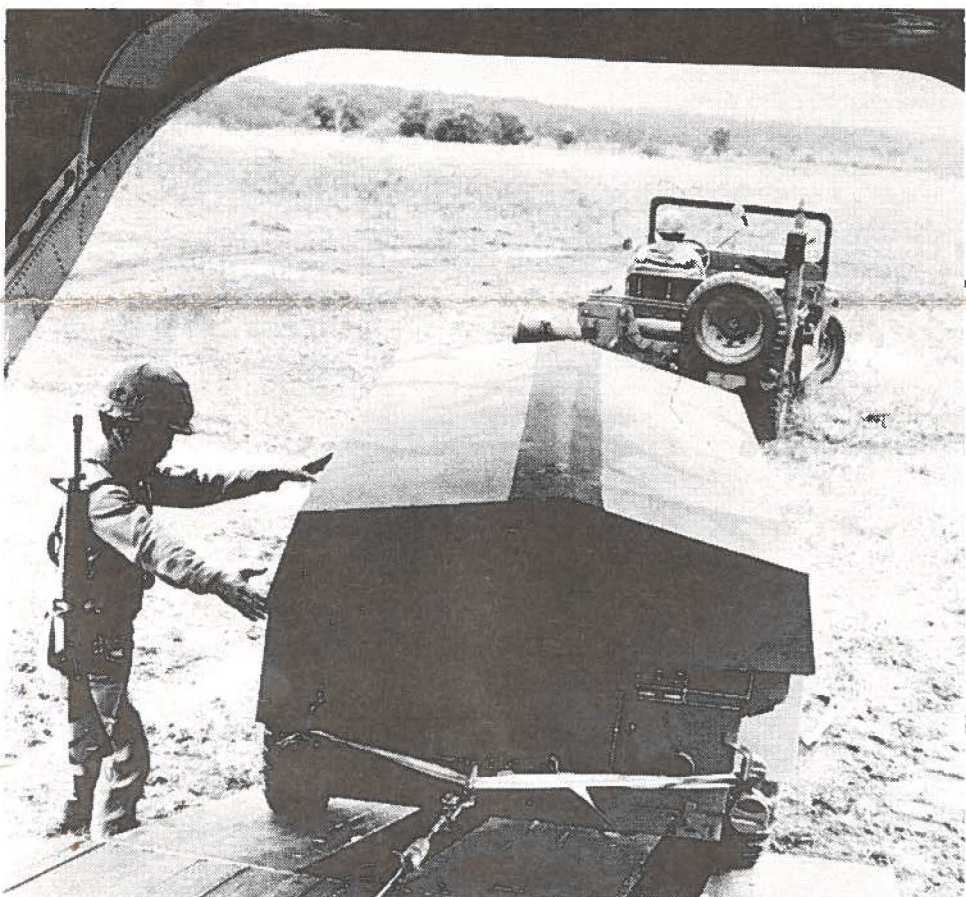
The Hawaii Army National Guard's 29th Infantry Brigade, when called to active duty, would become the third infantry brigade of the 25th Infantry Division under the Army's roundout program.

"Today's exercise shows how effective the roundout program can be," said Aiona. "In this exercise, the active Army provided the Guard with helicopters, military instructors and coaches, but it was the Guard who did all the work."

"Today's exercise shows that we can perform successfully with our regular Army counterparts."

Maj. Louis Perry, Jr., commander of the 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery, observing the entire mobile operation in an Army Guard helicopter reflected his feelings about his men:

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Easy does it as an Army guard jeep and trailer are loaded.



Ready to move out.



Hawaii Army guardsmen wait to board the 25th Division's chopper.



Pvt. Clarence Kilaulani passes a howitzer round.



Successful hook-up and lift-off.



Sighting in on the target.

Largest joint air mobile operation in Guard history

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"In this battalion, we have but one team to train. There is no second string and on the day of the 'big game,' no one sits on the bench.

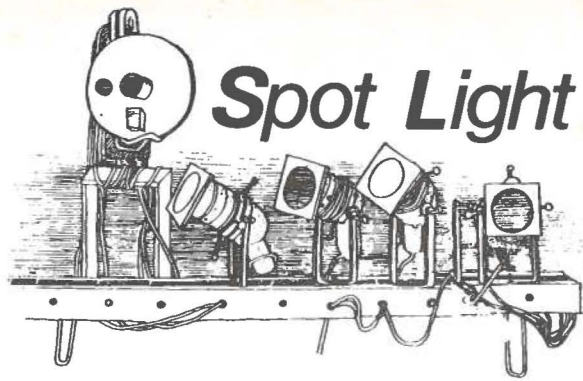
"The air mobile operation was highly successful with only one minor incident. This operation was the largest air mobile operation that the 25th Infantry Division ever participated in.

"It took a lot of coordination on the part of Army Guardsmen and the 2/11 Field Artillery from the Division," added Perry.

Concluding, Perry added, "They (his men) really were motivated for this type of field training because they are willing to accept the challenge and secondly, but most important, because they're professionals."



Army Guard artillerymen watch as a 25th Division chopper delivers one of their howitzers.



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The Army Guard received a call from NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU and was notified that the 1ST BN, 487TH FIELD ARTILLERY was selected as the BEST BATTALLION IN THE PACIFIC REGION (REGION 9). The 487th will be presented with the MILTON RECKORD AWARD in August at the Annual NGAUS conference . . . congratulations!!!

The AIR GUARD has their people traveling and just returning are Maj. JAMES IWAMURA, CMSgt. LIBERT YAP, and MSgt. RONALD IZUTSU from the 154th Sup Sq returning from Ogden, Utah and Nevada . . . Lt. Col. RICHARD FURUNO from the 154th Fighter Group returned from Sheppard AFB, Texas . . . Capts. MICHAEL TICE and MELVIN MATSUI from the 199th Fighter Squadron returned from Elmendorf AFB, Alaska . . . CMSgt. ROBERT CHOI, and MSgts. TOM KATO and HAROLD DEMELLO, JR., from the 154th CAMRON returned from Luke AFB, Arizona and George AFB, California . . . SMSgts. IVAN ADANIYA, RICHARD MILES, MSgts. THOMAS ARAKI, GEORGE PADILLA, IGNACIO GABRIEL, JR., and TSgts. HERBERT TAKEUCHI, VALENTINE WONG, also from the 154th CAMRON returned from 183d TFG in Springfield, Illinois . . . and the 201st Combat Communications Group has also been sending their personnel to support Air Force activities . . . like SSgts. BRYAN MUTA and HAROLD SCOGGINS left for Taegu AB in Korea . . . SSgts. EDMUND HYUN and GARY YANAGIHARA returned from Iwakuni, Japan . . . SSgts. RICHARD MOBLEY and RAYMOND KODANI will return from Kadena AB, Japan later this month . . . not bad for a day's traveling!!!

Traveling out to the Neighbor Islands . . . 2Lt. ERNESTO RIBUCAN from Maui's 1st BN recently accepted his direct commission as a lieutenant . . . congratulations!

The Army Guard also announced the following awards . . . Maj. TSUTOMU UENO, HNG 25-Year Service Bar . . . SP5 WILLIAM MONIZ, HNG 20-Year Service Bar . . . WO1 GERALD SHIGEMURA, SFC HARRY APANA, JR., SSgts. OWEN ABE and JOHN SANTIAGO, JR., were awarded the HNG 15-Year Service Bar . . . congratulations to all!!!

Congratulations go out to Capt. MICHAEL CHOW, 199th TFS, selected for the HANG OUTSTANDING INTERCEPTOR PILOT AWARD . . . Capt. STEVEN OKA, 169th ACW Sq., selected for the GEORGE T. MIKI MEMORIAL TROPHY and to AIC YVETTE HOPKINS, 154th CAMRON, selected for the HANG AIRMAN AWARD . . . Congratulations!!!

Just a brief note to those expected to attend ANNUAL TRAINING 76 at SCHOFIELD BAR-RACKS . . . don't forget to fill out your temporary private vehicle registration before camp.

The Hawaii Air Guard recently promoted the following individuals . . . SSgts. GAVIN YAMADA, DEAN NAKAZAKI, BERNALDO VILLANUEVA, SR . . . TSgts. ROY ISHIBASHI, EDWARD ANE, MONTE MITCHELL, MATHIAS THORNLEY . . . Sgts. ALFREDO CANOPIN, CHRISTOPHER DERAMOS, GLENDA GARCIA, GLENN ABE . . . AICs MICHAEL VEGAS, JACQUELINE JAKAHI, MICHAEL MCKEAGUE, ROBERT VIERRA, WAYNE MARTINSON, WAYNE PARUGINOG, CHRIS YAMAMOTO, and AMN THALIA KEAO . . . Congratulations to all!!!

The following announcements of Federal recognitions have been received by the HAWAII ARMY GUARD . . . Maj. WILLIAM AHUNA . . . Capts. WAYNE ORIDE, FREDERICK ROBELLO, ARTHUR UGALDE, CLAUDE ISHIDA, LAWRENCE SOENEN, ROYDEN KIMOTO, WORLDSTER LEE, GERALD OGDEN, LLOYD SODETANI, DONALD STRAPP . . . ILts. GAIL WAROK, NOBUO KIWADA, COLIN MIYAKE . . . 2Lts. ELIJAH AH SING, LANSING KAKUZU . . . CW4 STANLEY KOMATA . . . CW3s RONALD FEITEIRA, MAURICE SOUZA . . . CW2s THOMAS BOHANNAN, ROLAND GOHMERT III, LLOYD MOORE . . . and WO1 RALPH BENITO . . . Congratulations to all!!!

Congratulations go out to former MSgt. HAROLD SHINSATO . . . recently receiving his promotion to SERGEANT MAJOR.

The State Maintenance Shop (CSMS #1) presented the Spark Plug Award to SSgt. RUBEN KAHANUI and SFC JAMES CHITANI for the months of May and June, respectfully . . . and during the Annual Oahu Fleet Safety Organization Vehicle Roadeo, held on June 19 at Pier 40, SFC GEORGE TOM placed first in the pickup truck class. SFC TOM KIDA and SFC JONAH HEMA also took part in the roadeo. The purpose of the roadeo is to further the driving safety on the highways . . . congratulations!!!

To end my article for this issue with a note lifted from the 154TH CAMRON newsletter. The subject is "Dear John" letters. The story begins . . . A GI stationed in Germany received a "Dear John" letter from his sweetheart telling him that she was going to marry a sailor and to please return the photograph she gave him. He was so broken up over the news that his buddies decided to avenge him.

They collected photos from every GI and shipped an enormous crate full of them to the fickle girl. When she opened the crate, the accompanying note read: "Please pick out your picture and return the rest to me — I don't remember which one is yours." . . . PAU!

During Hawaiian vacation

Pesch participates in HANG celebrations



AWARDS CEREMONY — Maj. Gen. Charles C. Pattillo, vice commander-in-chief of Pacific Air Force, attaches the Air Force's Outstanding Unit ribbon to the Hawaii Air Guard's 169th Sq.'s flag. (Photos by Dennis Fujii)

Major Gen. John Pesch, the director of the Air National Guard, National Guard Bureau (NGB), took time out from his Hawaiian vacation in May to participate in three Hawaii Air National Guard (HANG) events.

Pesch spent only part of his island holiday being a tourist with his wife.

He spent the other part participating in official HANG functions — a ceremony in which the Air Guard's 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron (ACW Sq) received the Outstanding Unit Citation from the Air Force; a reception during which Dr. Claude V. Caver, colonel (ret.), received a Meritorious Service Plaque from NGB; and a general military training (GMT) session for the 150th ACW Sq highlighted by their annual "hukilau."



INFORMAL MEETING — Maj. Gen. John J. Pesch, director of the Air National Guard Bureau at the Pentagon, (left) chats with Lt. Col. Donald M. O'Day, commander of the 169th ACW Sq.

During the ceremony for the 169th ACW on May 16, Pesch gave a brief address in which he emphasized the importance of this occasion as an example of how the Total Force Policy can effectively function.

On May 18, the General and Mrs. Pesch flew to Kauai to attend the 150th ACW Sq's annual three-day summer camp and traditional "hukilau."

Upon his departure, he assured everyone that the two of them were well rested and had enjoyed their vacation to the fullest.

Mrs. Pesch commented, "It's been so perfect, it's like a dream. I still can't believe that I've actually visited Hawaii."