

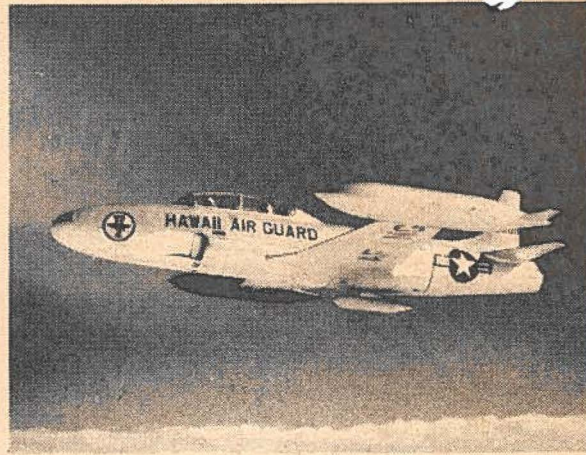
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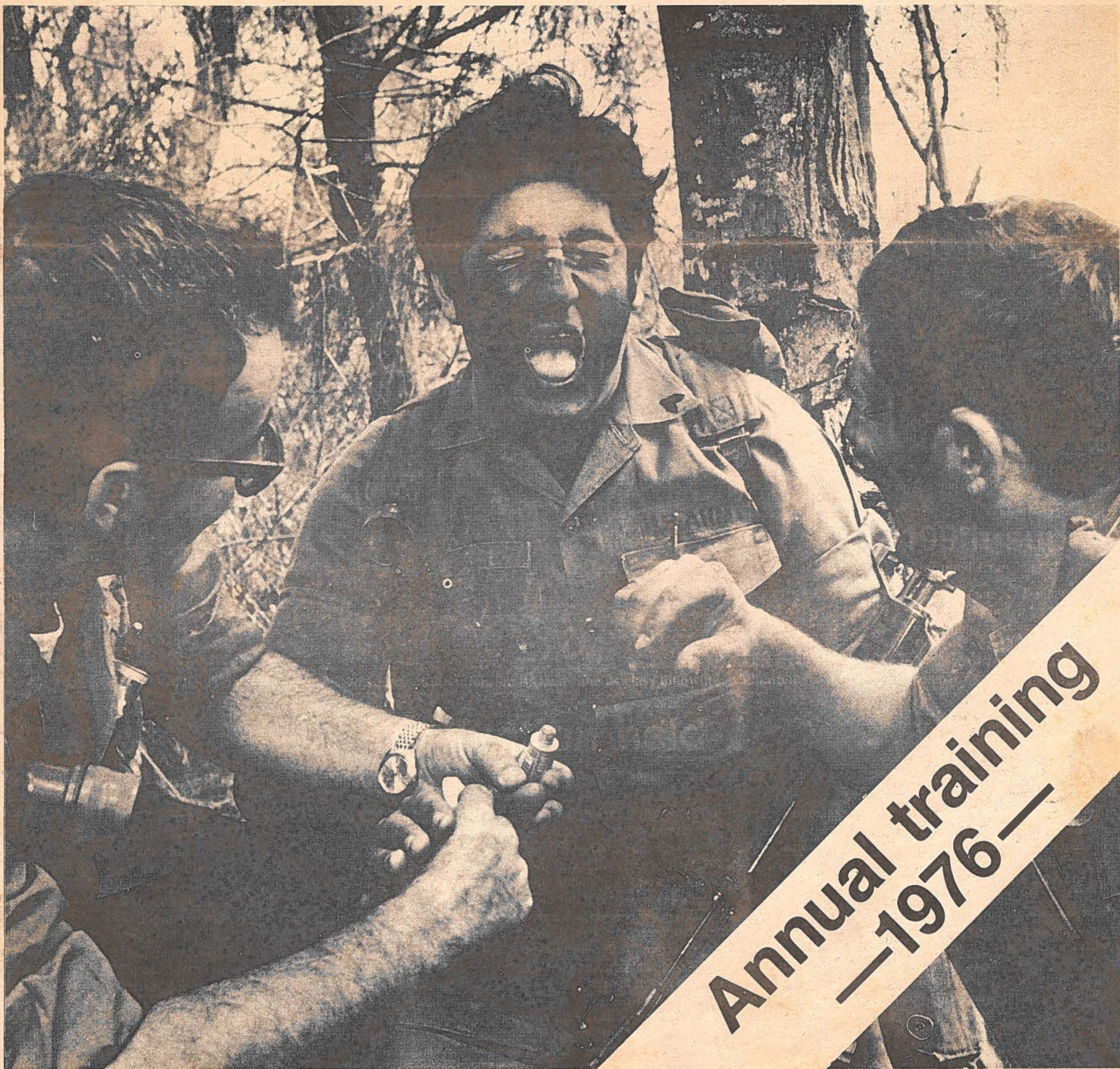
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Exchange authorization letter to change

Hawaii Air and Army National guardsmen and women entitled to exchange privileges will not need a letter of authorization after Sept. 1, 1976. Thereafter, they will be able to use their ID card and their leave and earning statement (LES).

The change was made to help relieve the administrative burden upon unit commanders who furnished quarterly letters of authorization.

Qualified guardsmen and women will be authorized one day of military exchange privileges for two drills of inactive duty training. The LES indicates the number of drills attended. Guard personnel may delete all other information on the LES form except for the name, date issued and number of drills performed.

Hawaii honors war heroes

By Capt. Sascha Saromines
Editor

Sgt. Leroy Mendonca, PFC Herbert K. Pililaau, SFC Rodney J. Yano, SSgt. Elmelindo R. Smith, PFC Terry T. Kawamura. These are the names of Hawaii's sons who gave their lives in actions above and beyond the call of duty.

Determined to complete their mission at all costs, they died so others might live.

These five men received America's highest award — the Medal of Honor.

On Aug. 21 — Hawaii's Admission Day — these men and their memories were honored in ceremonies dedicating the Hawaii Acre in the Medal of Honor Grove in Valley Forge, PA.

In his dedicatory address, Maj. Gen. Valentine A. Siefermann, adjutant general of the State of Hawaii, commented that, "These Americans may have fallen on the field of battle, but their spirits and their souls

must survive in us — and help sustain us in maintaining the principles they fought so hard to preserve."

The focal point of the Hawaii Acre was a seven-foot high monument carrying the official state seal and a plaque listing Hawaii's medal recipients.

Col. Thomas S. Ito, deputy adjutant general, unveiled this memorial marker.

Each medal holder was further recognized by a marker placed near a growing tree planted in his honor within the acre.

The Medal of Honor Grove at Freedoms Foundation is a 52-acre tract of natural woodland divided evenly among the 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia.

With the dedication ceremony, Hawaii joined 31 other states whose wartime heroes are honored at the Valley Forge site.

199th WF superstars shine

By Sgt. Leslie K. Matsuura
Administrative Specialist
199th Weather Flight

Imagine an office full of people faster than "The Bus," more powerful than a rubbish truck, and able to leap tall quonset huts in single bounds.

Got the picture?

Well, maybe the 199th Weather Flight isn't quite that fantastic, but they're getting closer every day.

The 199th, already proud of its string of honor awards, and its involvement in Total Force Training, now adds another link to this brilliant chain.

Two members of this illustrious unit have recently received their undergraduate degrees from the University of Hawaii.

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HANG 30 — a celebration to remember

By Capt. James B. Wiley
HANG Communications Officer

The Hawaii Air National Guard (HANG) will celebrate its thirtieth birthday with a "HANG-30" luau Nov. 6 at 6:00 p.m., at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center. Traditional Hawaiian food, entertainment, and a variety of ethnic and cultural attractions will be featured.

Members, past members, and friends of HANG are invited to attend. Tickets are available at \$8 per person from project officers in each HANG unit.

Like the regular Air Force, HANG began as a part of the Army.

On Aug. 3, 1946, Governor Ingram M. Stainback signed an executive order establishing four Army Air Force units with an authorized strength of 353 personnel.

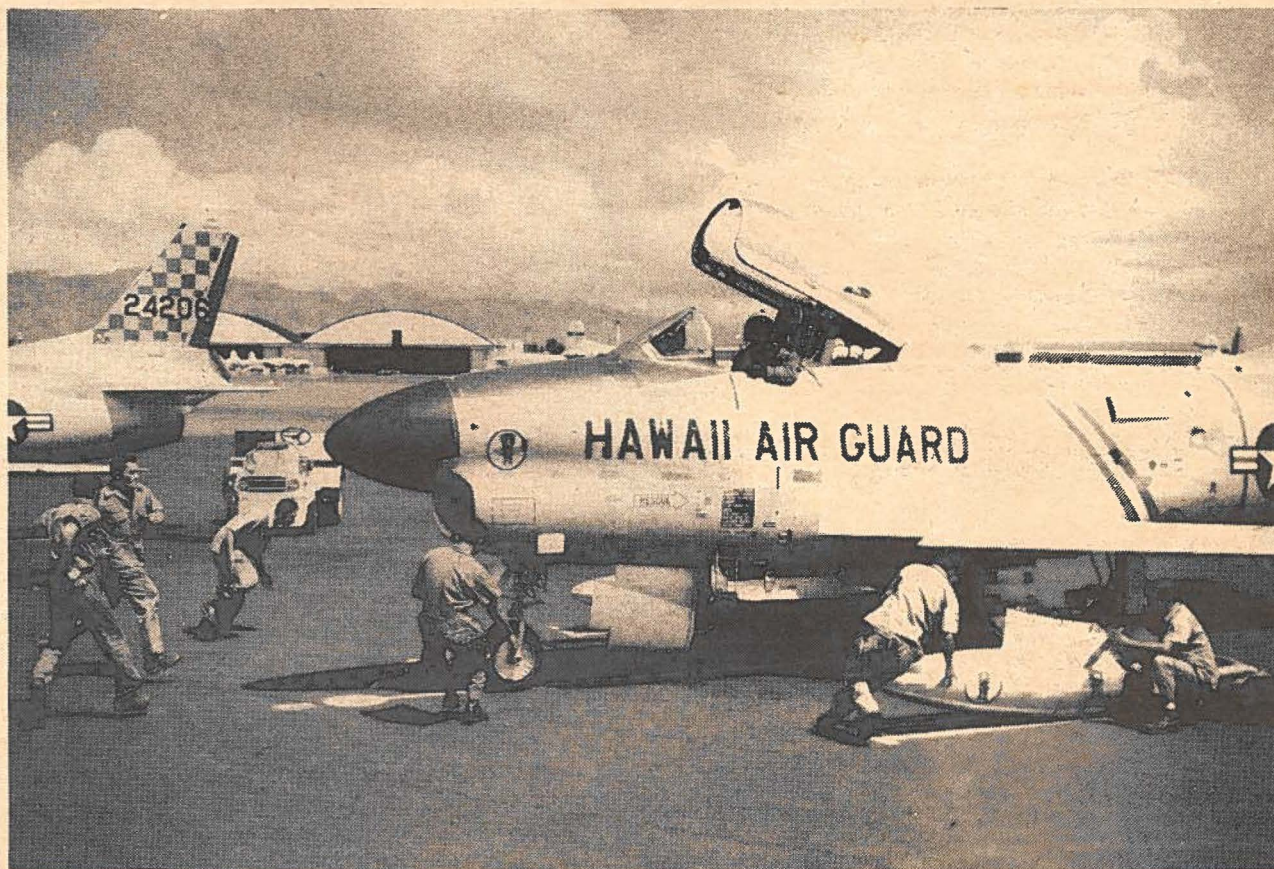
On Nov. 4, 1946, Federal recognition was granted to the units after a roll call showed 74 personnel present for duty.

Two of the units formed that day are still active — the 199th Fighter Squadron and the 199th Weather Station (now a weather flight). Two of the people present at the first roll call are still present for the rolls — CMSgt Robert D. W. Choi, a charter member of HANG, and Maj. Gen. Valentine A. Siefermann, who was an active duty captain awaiting separation in order to join the Guard.

By the end of 1946, the air units had settled into facilities at Bellows Field and were concentrating on organizing and recruiting. The first aircraft, a B-26C, did not arrive until Mar., 1947. On July 9, 1947, the first mission aircraft, a P-47N Thunderbolt, was delivered.

HANG's radar mission began in 1950 with the recognition of the 109th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron (ACW Sq). The current ACW mission is handled by the 169th ACW, founded in Oct. 1956, and the 150th ACW, formed in 1961.

Jet aircraft came into the HANG inventory in 1954 with the delivery of the F-86 Sabre Jets. They in turn were replaced by the F-86L in 1958, the F-102 Delta Daggers in 1960 and the F-4C Phantoms just this year.



SCRAMBLE—SCRAMBLE—Scramble on down to your HANG unit and pick up your tickets to be a part of the celebration—the 30th anniversary of HANG.

The growing importance of the air defense mission was emphasized in 1960 by the organization of the 154th Fighter Interceptor Group to oversee a broad range of aircraft related activities to include administration, supply, maintenance, and medicine. This unit has recently been redesignated as the 154th Tactical Fighter Group.

The last current organization in HANG to be created was the 201st Combat Communications Group. Formed as a squadron from the 109th ACW in 1967, the unit brought tactical air base capability to HANG.

It has recently been upgraded to a group with component units already at Hilo and Barking Sands, and future plans include units at Kona and Kahului.

In thirty years the Hawaii Air National Guard has progressed from the Bellows encampment without aircraft to a multi-mission organization with modern equipment and over 1,600 personnel. More than 7,000 men and women have served in HANG over its lifespan.

The HANG-30 Committee hopes to see many of the 7,000 on the evening of Nov. 6 for the HANG-30 luau.



Maj. Donald M. Oura and staff.

Oura takes command of 1st Bn

Maui holds command ceremony

By Dennis Fujii
Associate Editor

WAILUKU, Maui — Maj. Donald M. Oura is a man who likes challenges. This is one of many traits which led to his selection as the new battalion commander of the Army National Guard on Maui.

Maui-born Oura began his military career in 1960 upon the completion of the Infantry Officers Course at Ft. Benning, GA. Oura received his B.A. in physical education from the University of Hawaii in 1959.

His military career has taken him from Ft. Benning, GA. to Panama in the Army's Special Forces and through two tours in Vietnam. During one of his tours in Vietnam, Oura commanded a company of the 25th Infantry Division, now stationed at Schofield Barracks, Oahu.

Oura assumed command of the 676 men and women of the Maui-based 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry in August from Maj. Shigeto "Mustard" Maruyama.

Maruyama is now the 29th Brigade's liaison officer to the 1st Battalion.

Oura, an outdoors person, has hiked throughout Maui. He has back-packed extensively through the west Maui Mountains and Haleakala.

When asked what will be the first challenge he'll be undertaking, Oura replied, "Recruiting for my units on Maui."

"And I feel people are more receptive towards recruiting when a sound foundation is laid in the community by various community projects."

One of the community activities that the Maui Army Guard is now undertaking is sponsoring Explorer Post 299 which received the George R. Carter Perpetual

Award last year as the Outstanding Explorer Post for the County of Maui.

"Some of the men from the Maui Guard units like SFC George Abe and SFC Stanley Emmsley, serve as advisors and devote a lot of time taking the youngsters hiking, camping and even familiarizing them with the military" commented Oura.

Even with his extensive military education (infantry training, ranger and airborne to Command and General Staff College), Oura admits, "As the new commander of the 1st Battalion, education is still a continuing process, and I'm sure I'll be learning a lot from my men."

Oura, who has served 12 years with the active Army and four years with the Hawaii Army National Guard, has earned the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Senior Parachute Badge, and a Ranger Tab.

Oura is married to the former Katherine Nishiyama from Kahului and has two children — a son and a daughter.

Col. John Aiona, Jr., commander of the 29th Infantry Brigade, expressed his thanks to Maruyama for his leadership. "During 'Mustard's' tenure as the commander of the 1st Battalion, the battalion reached its highest personnel strength level," commented Aiona.

"I'm confident that Maj. Oura will continue this outstanding performance and will go on to lead the 1st Battalion to its highest level of readiness, strength and training," concluded Aiona.



A MEMORABLE MOMENT—Maj. Shigeto "Mustard" Maruyama (right) views the men under his command for the last time as the former commander of the 1st Battalion. Brig. Gen. Frederick Shaefer III, commander of the Hawaii Army Guard and Col. John Aiona, Jr., 29th Brigade commander, observe the change of command ceremony.

Takemoto selected outstanding employee

By Dennis Fujii
Associate Editor

His name is Yutaka Takemoto, and he has been employed by the Department of Defense since July 1958. Takemoto is not just an employee, he was recently selected as the Outstanding Employee of the Year by the Department.

Born in Kona, Takemoto has worked as a drafting technician for the Engineering and Facilities Maintenance located in Diamond Head Crater since he began working for the Department.

Takemoto has consistently exceeded all the performance requirements of his position. During the past fiscal year, he performed the remarkable feat of doubling his production to meet the corresponding increase in engineering projects with no additional assistance. He was singly instrumental in saving the Department approximately \$31,500 by increasing his personal efforts.

During a recent Department of Defense luncheon, Takemoto was presented the Adjutant General's Award by Maj. Gen. Valentine A. Siefertmann, adjutant general, for being the outstanding employee of the Department. His name was then forwarded as the Department's nominee for the Governor's Award of Distinguished State Service.

On a sunlit Friday in August, Takemoto, along with the nominees from the other state departments and agencies, gathered together at the Iolani Palace Bandstand for the annual Governor's Award.

Gov. George R. Ariyoshi personally thanked Takemoto for his exemplary performance record.

Following the ceremony, friends and co-workers congratulated Takemoto for his accomplishments.

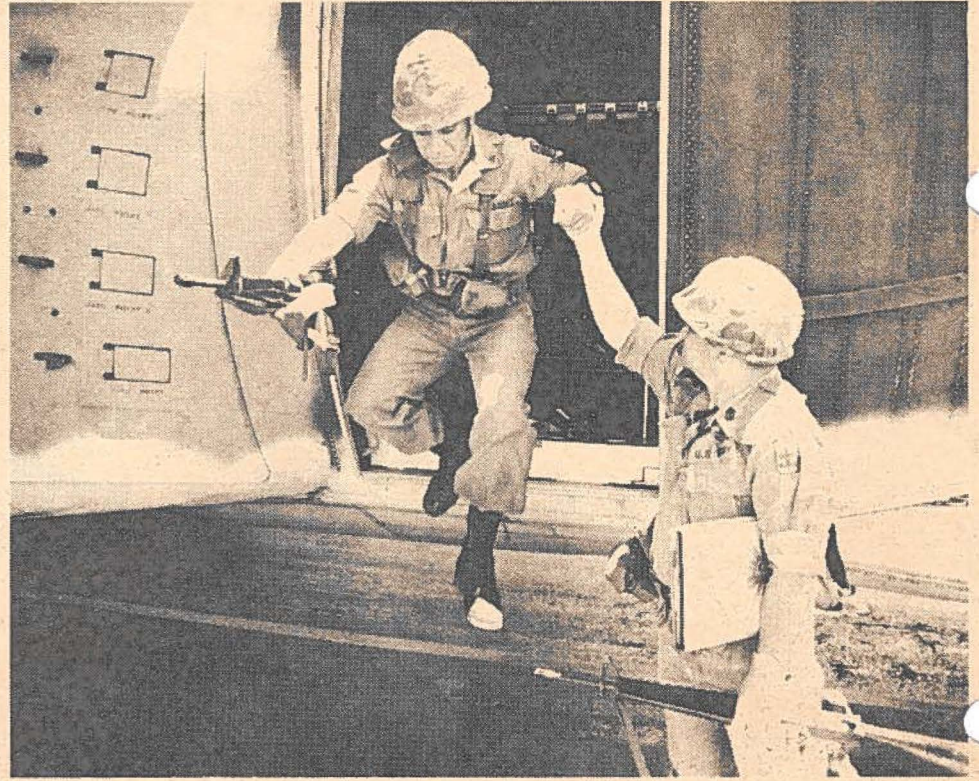


TIME FOR A SMILE—Gov. George Ariyoshi congratulates Yutaka Takemoto following the ceremony honoring outstanding State employees.

AT-'76 termed successful



Climbing down the "tough one" at East Range.



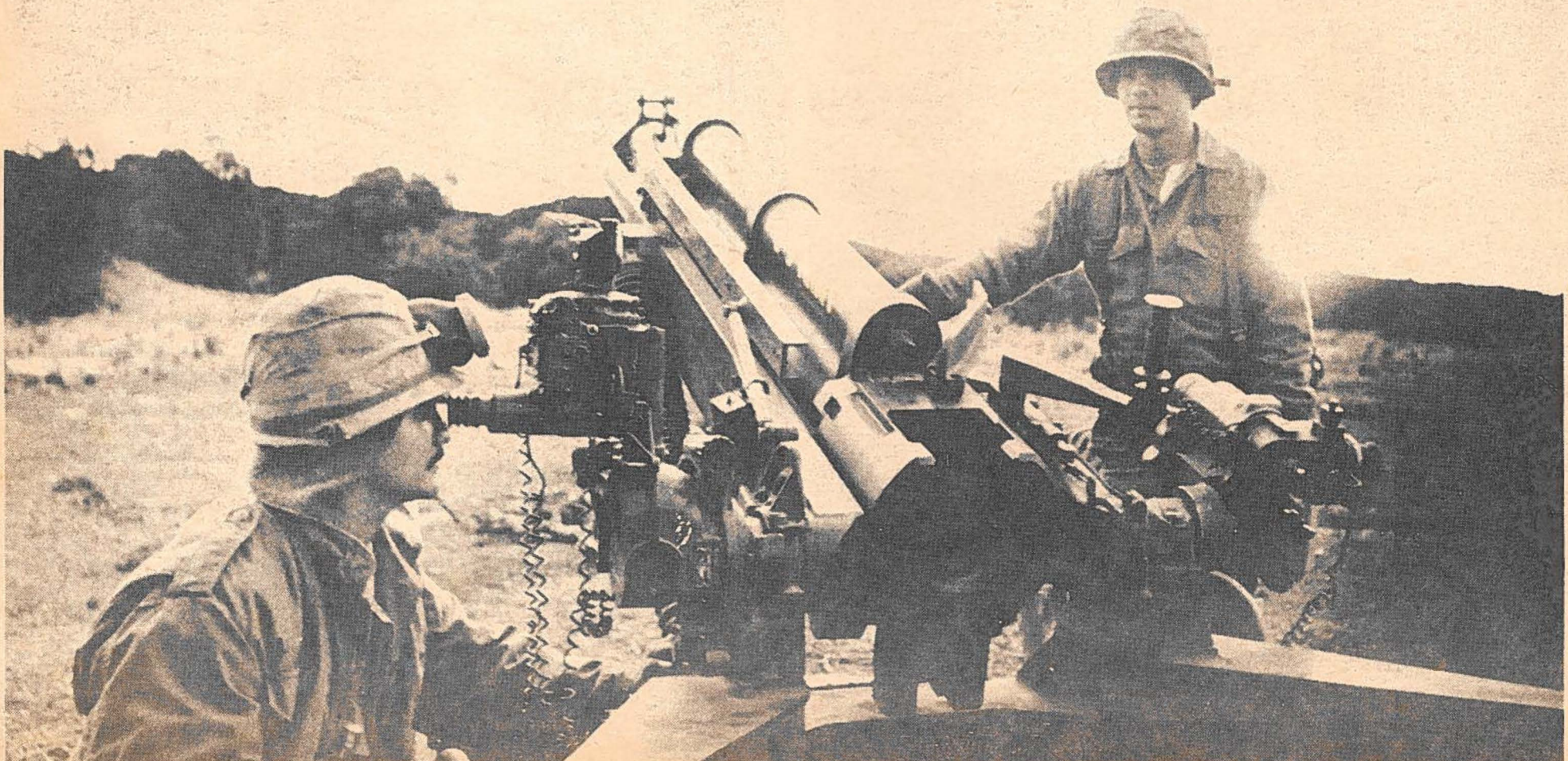
The first big step of annual training.



Adjusting the old hard hat before getting back to work.

Cover photo—It hurts no matter what island you are from. Annual training photos by—1Lt. Gregg Kakesako, Spec. 5s Dennis Fujii, Dean Hoofnagle and Lloyd Kurashima, 117th Public Information Detachment, HARNG.

Setting the sights for an accurate 105mm howitzer fire.



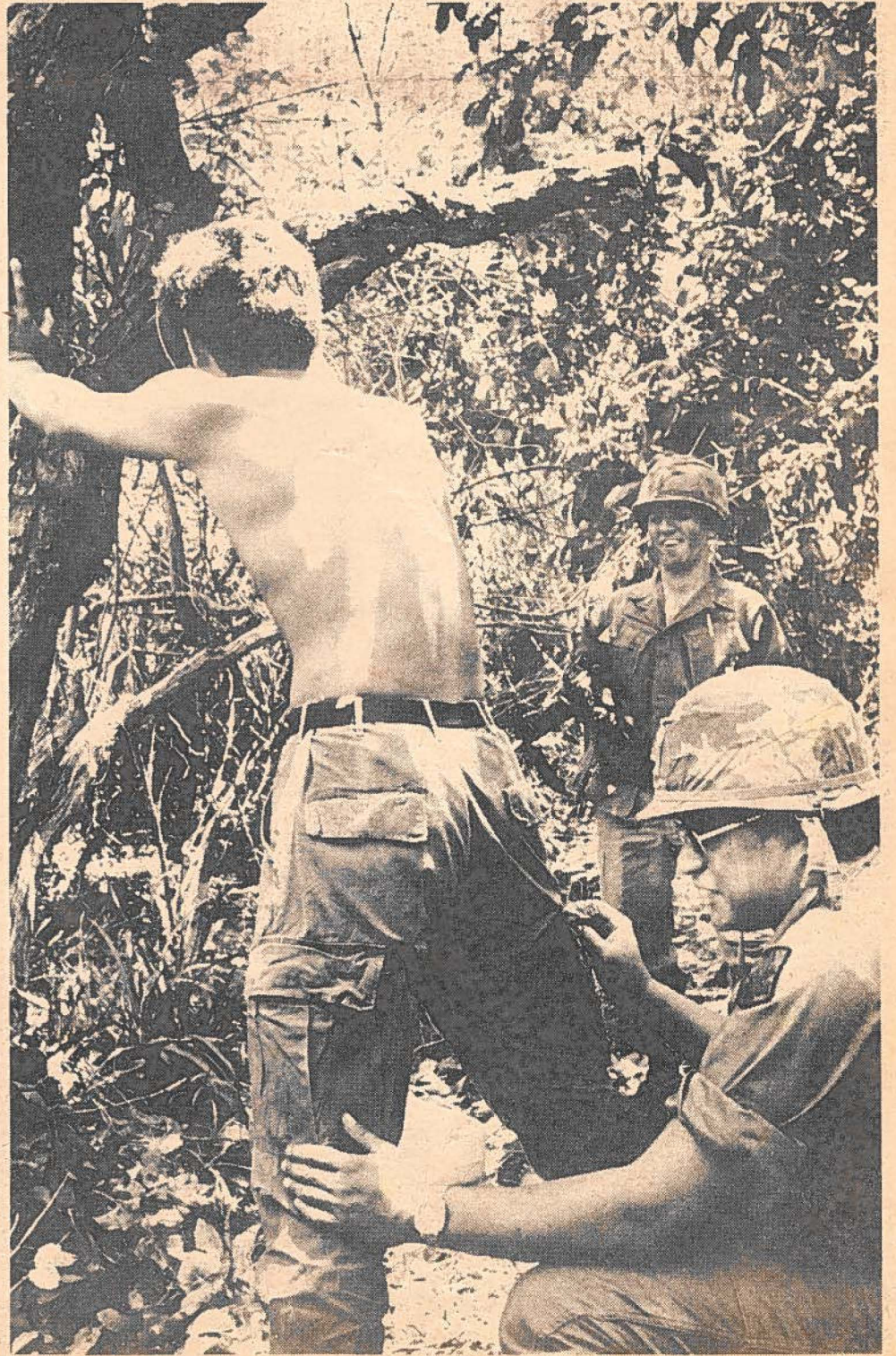


A Guard's M-60 machine gun team is ready and set for any action.

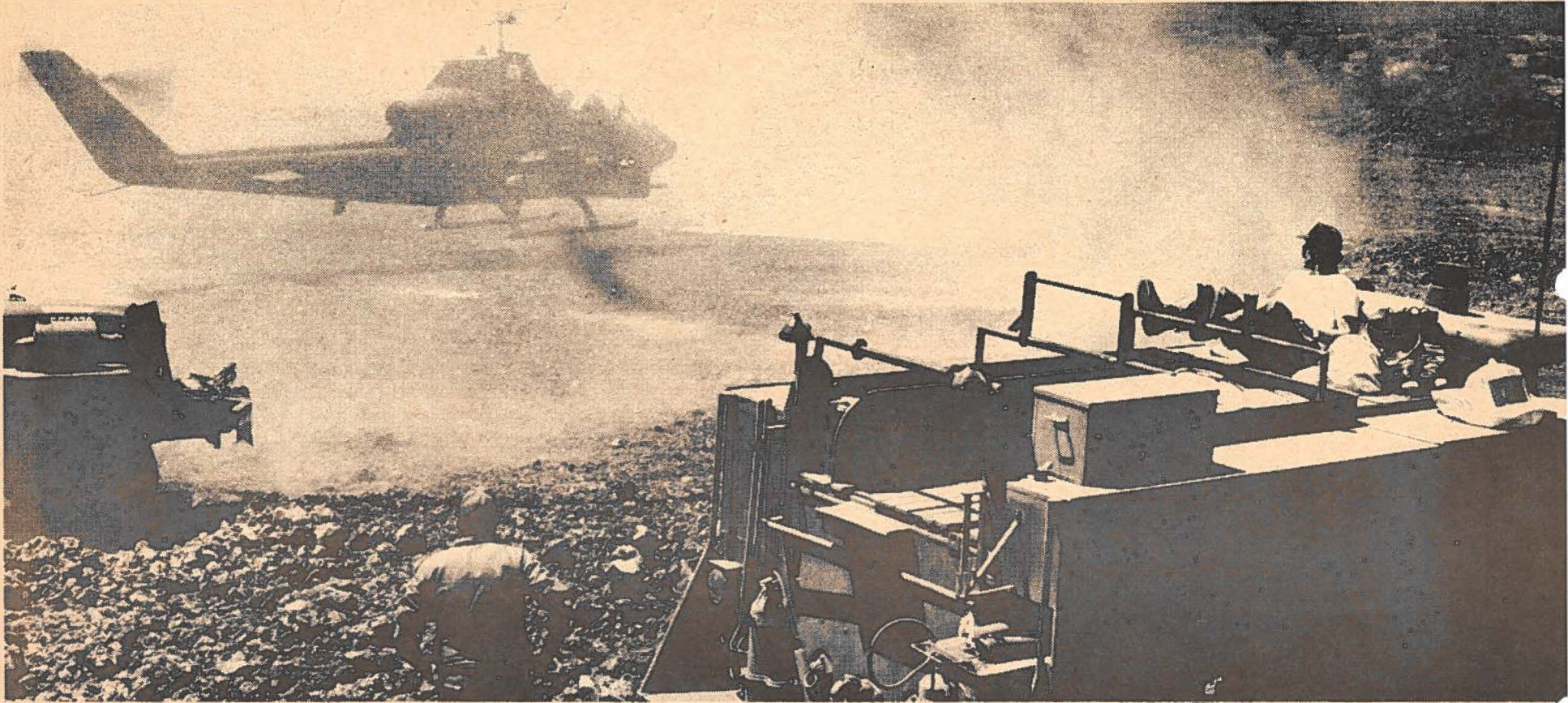
Guardsmen train alongside 25th Div



Capt. Joseph Carreira, Btry B of the 487th Field Artillery, gives a last minute briefing to his unit at Pohakuloa.

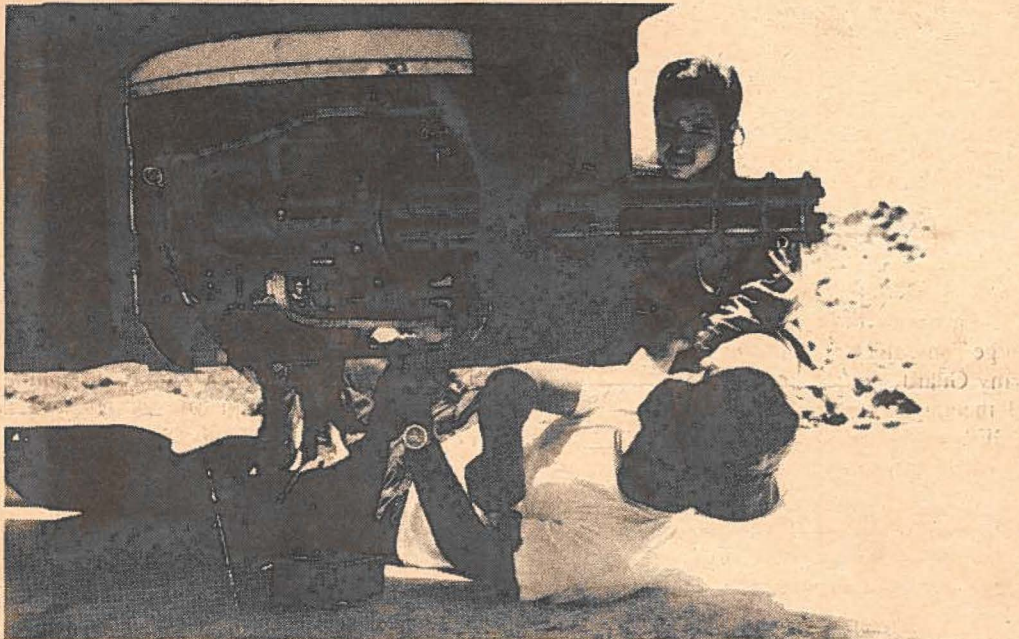


Simulating a search.



Service crew members of Troop E wait as the dust-kicking Cobra touches down after a successful firing flight.

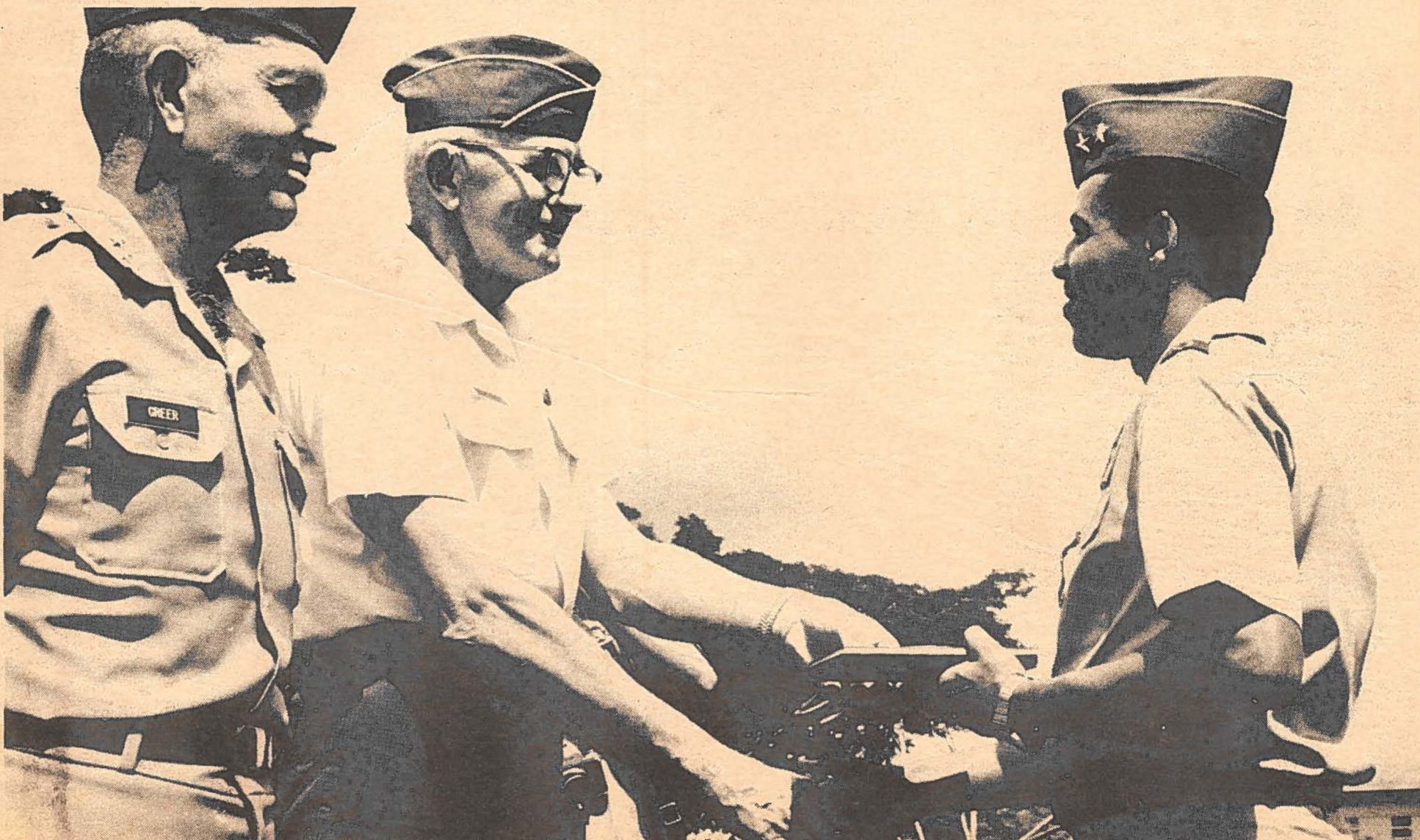
29th Brigade — shining example of Round-out



Just one more round and this Cobra is ready to go.



Members of the Kauai and Maui Guard catch up on hometown news.



Maj. Gen. Valentine A. Siefermann, adjutant general (center), presents Maj. Gen. Harry W. Brooks, Jr., former commander of the 25th Infantry Division (right) with the National Guard Bureau Award for Meritorious Service for his support of the Hawaii Army Guard.

154th hosts Guard families

By Maj. Eddie Anderson
Information Officer

154th Tactical Fighter Group

The Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Tactical Fighter Group (TFG) held a "Family, Friends and Employers Open House" Aug. 15, 1976 at the Hickam AFB to show-off their new facilities and new jets.

"We considered this open house more of a family day. It gave our guardsmen and women an opportunity to personally show their family, friends, and employers just what they do in the Air Guard," said Col. James Ashford, commander of the 154th TFG.

More than 2,000 people attended the festivities. The guests visited the newly constructed shops, observed demonstrations and looked at numerous displays.

Youngsters and oldsters alike crawled in, around and under a display of military aircraft from the various services.

"This function also gave the Guard members a chance to familiarize part of the community with how the organization operates," Ashford said.

"Professor Fun" was on hand to entertain the youngsters while parents inspected the newly arrived F-4C Phantom jet fighters. The F-4C will be replacing the aging F-102 Delta Dagger which the Guard has been flying since 1961.

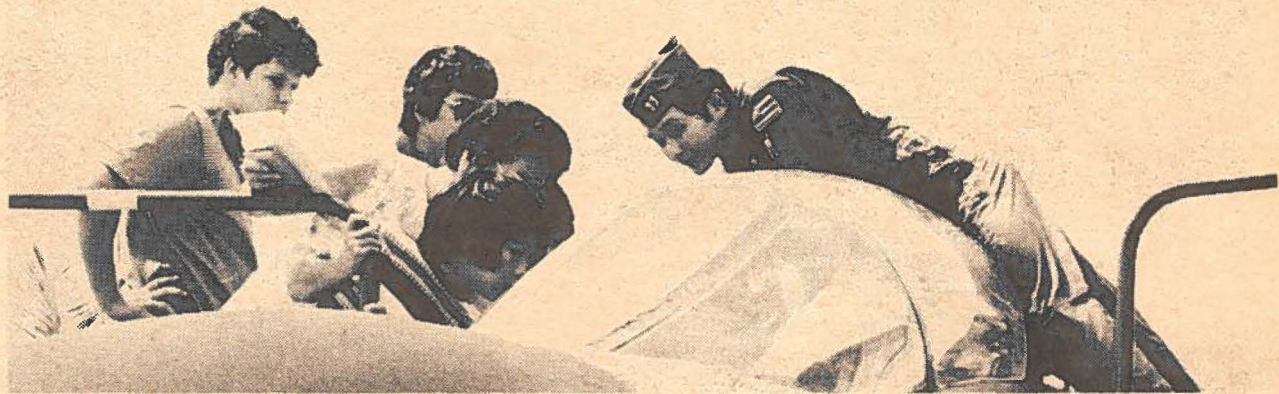
Air Guard jet aircraft saluted the crowd with a flyover at 10:40 a.m.

Hobbyists displayed a number of scale model radio controlled aircraft and later flew them for the public on the taxiway, fronting the Air Guard facility.

During the noon hour, the 111th Army National Guard band played while the throngs enjoyed a free lunch, courtesy of the Air Guard.



Families and friends of Air Guard personnel enjoy viewing Air Guard equipment.



Enlisted association elects officers

By Dennis Fujii
Associate Editor

HOT NEWS FLASH — JUST OFF THE PRESS — Members of the Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association (HNGEA) are now entitled to a 10% discount off any regular priced merchandise at several local men's and women's clothing stores.

This is one of many benefits and programs that the HNGEA is doing for you, its members.

If you are between the ranks of E-1 through E-9, you qualify to join.

In June, the HNGEA held a general membership meeting to elect officers and council members.

Outgoing president, MSgt. Wayne Soma, introduced the new president and his officers. They are:

CSM Isayas Santa Ana — President
MSgt. Thomas Sato — Vice President
MSgt. Wayne Soma — Secretary
MSgt. Donald Leong — Treasurer

Also elected that night were the council members to represent the Air and Army National Guard.

SSgt. Theodore Ganade and SMSgt. Kozen Kaneshiro will represent the Air Guard and CSM Wil-

liam Duncan, Jr., SSgt. Matthew Heneralau, 1Sgt. Saburo Miyasaki, SFC Lawrence Mun, MSgt. Francisco Tabar, SFC George Tom, and SFC Shoniro Yano will represent the Army Guard.

The association will meet in Sept. to select delegates to represent the HNGEA at the 5th Annual NGEA Convention being held Sept. 26—Oct. 1 in Pennsylvania.

Locally, the enlisted association will be working with the officer's association (HNGA) to push for legislation that will benefit Hawaii's guardsmen and women.

The tuition assistance program is one benefit for which the associations will be lobbying to have passed by our legislators.

The HNGEA is also working on legislation that will benefit the Guard nationally.

The scholarship program is sponsored annually by the association. Each year, members and dependents of members are selected by an academic board to help with tuition cost.

Another program which is being planned and sponsored by the association is a "goodwill" golf tournament.

The HNGEA is an active and exciting association. It is made up of people just like you and me with one single thought in mind — help make the Guard better.

If you are interested and would like to find out more, contact any ranking enlisted man or woman.

You may just find this association worth your time.

FCU available to drill personnel

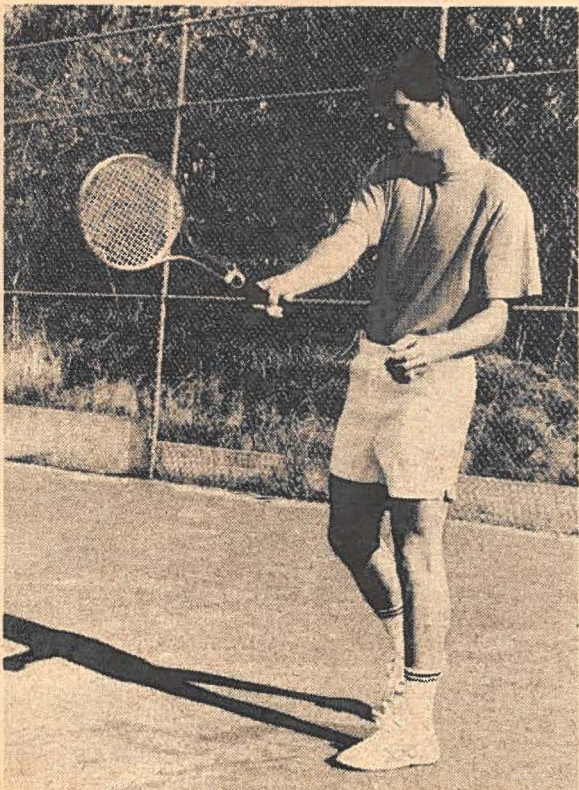
FORT RUGER, Honolulu — All drill status Air and Army guardsmen on Oahu are now eligible to join and participate in all the Hawaii National Guard (HNG) Federal Credit Union's programs.

The HNG Federal Credit Union offers guardsmen and women a variety of loans ranging from auto loans to home improvement loans. It also offers traveler's checks as a free service and auto insurance. For those either buying or selling a used car, check with the credit union on the current blue book price to help you make a fair deal.

The HNG Federal Credit Union is located in Bldg. 18, at Fort Ruger. You can obtain a membership card from the credit union office or from the poster at your unit.

Guardsmen and women can have their drill checks mailed to the credit union. Contact your AST (Army) or military pay branch representative to mail your check to the HNG Federal Credit Union.

Air guardsman receives award



201st Tennis Superstar

By Maj. Chris Jay
Civilian Personnel Officer

He is an Air Guard staff sergeant with 12 years service to his credit.

He is a college senior and maintains an A- grade average.

He is a husband.

He is a father.

He coaches sports and participates in intramural programs.

He works at the Polynesian Cultural Center.

He is an athletic director at Brigham Young University (BYU).

He has just received a \$140 athletic award.

Who is this seemingly untiring person; this man who has the energy to participate in so many activities and maintains such a high degree of excellence?

His name is Daniel D. L. Kalama.

Kalama, a telephone equipment installer specialist in the 201st Combat Communications Group, was the recent recipient of an athletic award for educational purposes.

A non-profit tennis organization, Tennis Jus for Fun (TJFF), Inc., sponsored this award that was based on athletic interests and endeavors. The award was specifically for members of BYU as a gesture of gratitude for courtesies the club received from the University.

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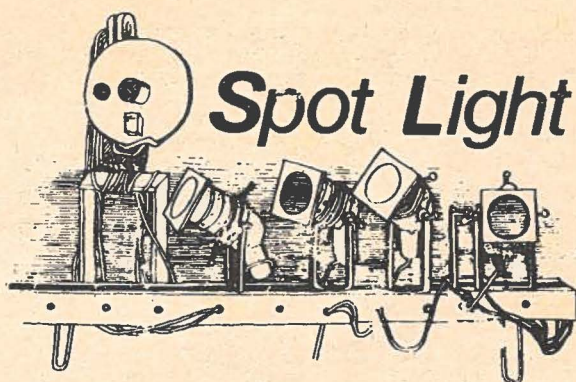


The Army Guard wrapped up another year of annual training and as the dust settles down, we find many of the Army Guard's personnel receiving awards and promotions . . . SSgt. THOMAS CHOCK was selected as the Guardsman of the Year for being the most outstanding enlisted man for calendar year 1975 and Spec. 4 ALDON NAKO was selected as the HARNG Soldier of the Year as the most outstanding man in the rank of E4 or below.

SSgts. RICHARD ANDRADE, ROBERT CABASUG and EDWIN VINCENT, JR. recently returned from Ft. Benning, GA, after completing Officer Candidate School. Upon completing their course, all three received their commissions as 2Lts. . . . congratulations!!!

While we're on the subject of commissions . . . the following individuals received their Federal recognition . . . Lt. Col. LOUIS PERRY, JR., Maj. VINCENT NISHINA, Capt. DON ARAKAKI, Capt. WILLIAM NIITANI, and CW3s RUDY DELA CRUZ and RONNIE HOPKINS. Congratulations to all!

The Guard has constantly been on the go and so have its personnel . . . forever being promoted . . . Amns RODNEY WONG, GREGG STAFFELBACH, RAYMOND PRIMACIO, DOUGLAS AWANA, BRENDA MENCHACA, PAMELA EILER, MICHAEL MCKEAGUE, ROBERT VIERRA have been promoted to airman first class . . . AIC ALFREDO CANOPIN, JR., CHRISTOPHER DERAMOS, GLENN ABE, GILBERT LUM, JACK UHRIG, WANDA HUMPHREYS, CHARLES BAILEY, PATRICK WATASE and RONALD ODA, have been promoted to senior airman. Spec. 4s PAUL ABILEY, DESMOND BENEVIDES, MICHAEL CARVALHO, WILLIAM KAHAKUA, TOMAS PAREL, KEITH ENANORIA, FELIX GUERPO have been promoted to sergeant. Sgts. LORENZO RUIZ, CHARLES GRACE, ARTHUR MANDAQUIT, MANUEL CORDEIRO and Spec. 5 ROY AOKI have been promoted to staff sergeant. SSgt. ROGER NAPOLEON was recently promoted to sergeant first class. TSgt. ROY YAMASAKI was promoted to master sergeant. SFC ISAMU OYA was promoted to master sergeant. Congratulations to all!!!



By Dennis Fujii
Associate Editor

Traveling down the dusty trails of Pohakuloa and up the steep winding hills of the Kahukus . . . we find the illustrious 117th Det's photographers and writers . . . humping it and eating all that good stuff that the infantryman eats as well as dust . . . traveling to the Big Island we also find the staff of the 117th but this time with the addition of the "Air Guard's Photographers" . . . TSgt. ROY KAWAMURA . . . I'm curious, Roy, did you enjoy the "C" rations??? . . . also accompanying Roy was Sgt. KAREN PETERSON.

The 297th Supply and Service Company recently returned from the other side of the Pacific Ocean — Yakima, WA, after a commendable participation in the joint Army/Air/Navy exercise — Brave Shield. After hearing all the war stories, PFC NORIE ONEHA and Pvt. 2 KEHAULANI KALUHIOKALANI jumping out of the Air Force C-130 while on-boarding passengers had to also jump on as the plane still taxied is a different twist. The Air Force keeps trucking on . . .

On the isle of Maui, Maj. DONALD OURA recently became the new commander of the 1st Battalion. Maj. Oura assumed the command from Maj. SHIGETO "MUSTARD" MARUYAMA, who has been assigned as the 29th Infantry Brigade's liaison officer to the 1st Battalion. Congratulations, Don!!!

Maj. ROLAND MERSON, JR., 1Lt. ROY SANCHEZ, CW4s THOMAS SEE, JR., HERMAN BLISS, CW2 ROY HINOKAWA, 1Sgt. WATARU HAMAMOTO, SFCs JACK MAKUAKANE, SHIGERU FUJIMOTO, GEORGE TOM, Platoon Sgt. JAMES KAOLOWI, SFC STANLEY EMMESLEY, SSgts. ALAN MARTIN, DANIEL PETERS, ALFRED WILLIS, Sgts. ROBERT INOUE, GLENN SALES, DENNIS KAMAKANA, and Spec. 4 NORMAN REMIGIO have all received the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service.

Maj. THOMAS SHIMABUKU, Spec. 4s CLARENCE CHUN, ALAN ICHIRIU, and DENNIS TAKESHITA received the Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal for meritorious service rendered to the Hawaii Guard.

The following individuals have received the Hawaii National Guard Service Medal:

25 YEARS

Col. CHARLES WILLS, JR., Lt. Col. HENRY HARA, Platoon Sgt. FRANCIS MAULIOLA, SFC NICHOLAS HOTTENDORF, and SSgt. JOHN RAYMOND.

20 YEARS

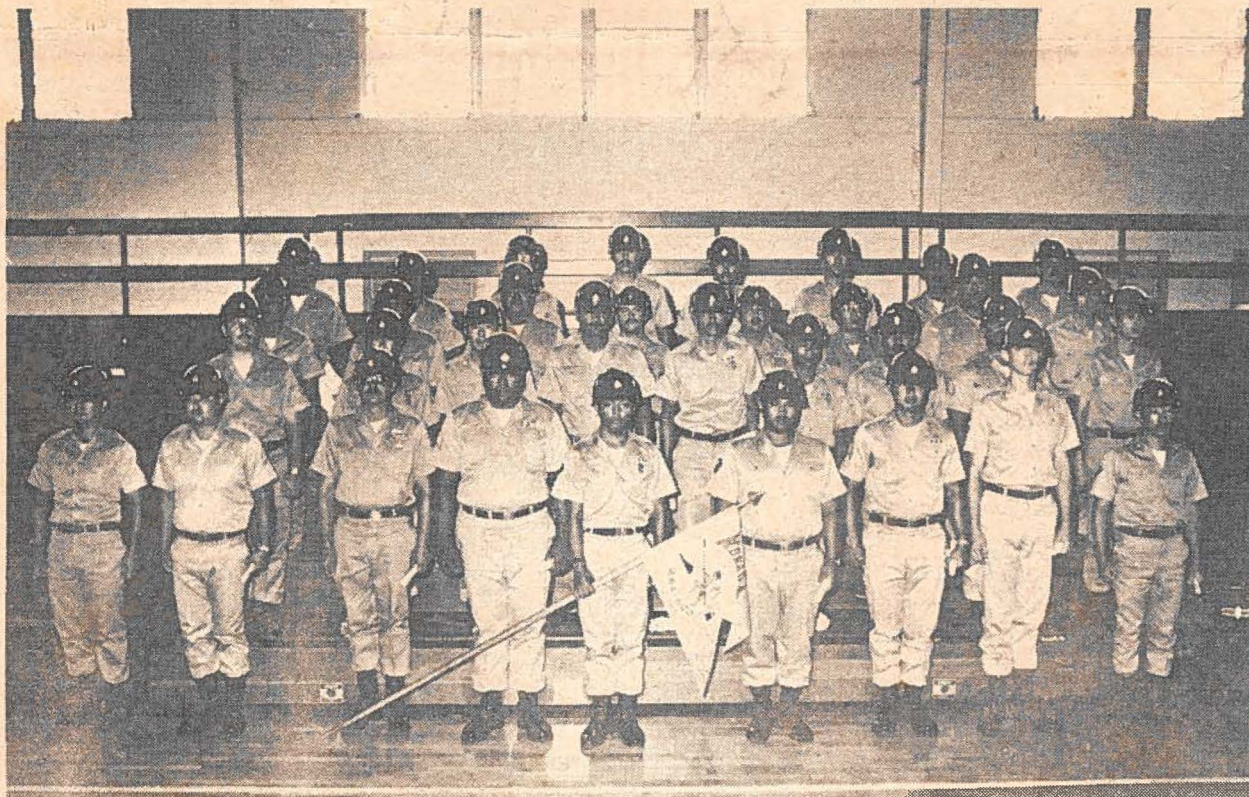
Col. CHARLES WILLS, JR., Platoon Sgt. JOHN MIRANDA, SFC JAMES RAPOZO, SSgts. ISABELO CABRERA, EDWARD CAMARA, RICHARD CHING, WILLIAM KAHLBAUM, MAYNARD KWOCK, EDWARD LAPINID, and ROBERT PAOA.

15 YEARS

Col. CHARLES WILLS, JR., Platoon Sgt. CASTLE WAIOLAMA, SFCs RANDOLPH MELEMAI, JOHN VEGAS, ALBERT WAGNER, SSgt. JOHN KAU and Spec. 5 ROBRIL TINGCANG.

10 YEARS

Capt. ZENON WONG, SFC THEODORE DUDOIT, SSgts. JAMES REIS, ROBERT CASTRO, STEPHEN MAGLENTE, DIONICIO PARONG, JR., GARY SHUMAN, RONALD SILVA, Sgts. DENNIS KAMAKANA, GABRIEL KAPUNI JAMES and Spec. 5 MELVYN MURAOKA, LUKE OCTAVIO and Spec. 4 GILBERT REYES.



ATTENTION—NCO class 2-76 stands at attention for the last time as class following graduation.

NCO graduation held

By Sp5 Lloyd Kurashima
117th PI Det.

The Hawaii Army National Guard's Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) Academy held two graduation exercises in July — one held on July 11, the other on July 31. The latter was for the first class that went through a concentrated, 15 day course that will be offered once a year during the summer.

Eight members of the Guard (four from each class) received top honors, with the top two receiving the Adjutant General's Trophy. Spec. 4 Ervin D. Lee, and Spec. 5 Roy Fusato, the distinguished graduates, received the trophies for their overall performance and academic excellence. Lee is from the 298th Engineer Detachment and Fusato is assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 29th Brigade.

Others who were also given special recognition for their outstanding performance were SSgt Alan Sarceda

and Spec. 5 James Ilae of 227th Engineer Company, Sgt. Robert Chock of Battery C, 487th Field Artillery, Sgt. George M. Yonamine of the 829th Maintenance Company, Spec. 5 Eric T. Ogata, 293d Service Company, and Spec. 4 Mark K. Masunaga of 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry.

The class that graduated July 31 was the first to go through a special concentrated 15-day course offered only during the summer.

"In addition to the honors bestowed on the top four graduates during the ceremony, each was further recognized by the Army Guard with a promotion," said Lt. Col. Alvin S. Cabrinha, Academy commandant.

The Academy has been in existence since 1971, and the latest ceremony marked the thirteenth graduation exercise.

Air guardsmen

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Kalama is presently a senior at BYU pursuing his studies in the fields of physical education and industrial arts.

His wholehearted participation and interest in sports was readily apparent when members of TJFF screened the applicants for this special award.

The many activities of SSgt. Daniel D. L. Kalama indeed require motivation, initiative, spirit, energy, and enthusiasm.

These are qualities of any good team member, and we certainly are glad to have him as a member of our National Guard team.

199th superstars

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TSgt. Blaine K. Tsugawa, the unit's chief observer, received concurrent bachelor degrees in zoology and meteorology.

For two year, Tsugawa, a prior service transfer via the Palace Chase Program, has been an employee of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. This month he became an employee of the National Weather Service.

Tsugawa said he ultimately would like to pursue a master's degree in business management.

Sgt. Leslie K. Matsuura, one of the lesser deities in the weather flight, also graduated recently with a bachelor's degree in English.

He is presently the manager of the Control/Credit Office at Parkview GEM/Ala Moana. His plans call for a return to graduate school for advanced degrees in his major, and possibly obtaining a bachelor's degree in biology to compliment some work he is doing at the Waikiki Aquarium.

As the administrative specialist for the flight, Matsuura provides the major moving force in the office. Without his able guidance, nothing would ever be accomplished.

And so, the weather flight rolls on — and on — and on. But don't any of you other airmen out there despair. Just because you can't do these things doesn't mean you're any less important — in the Hawaii Air National Guard, WE ALL BELONG . . . keep plugging, gang!!!