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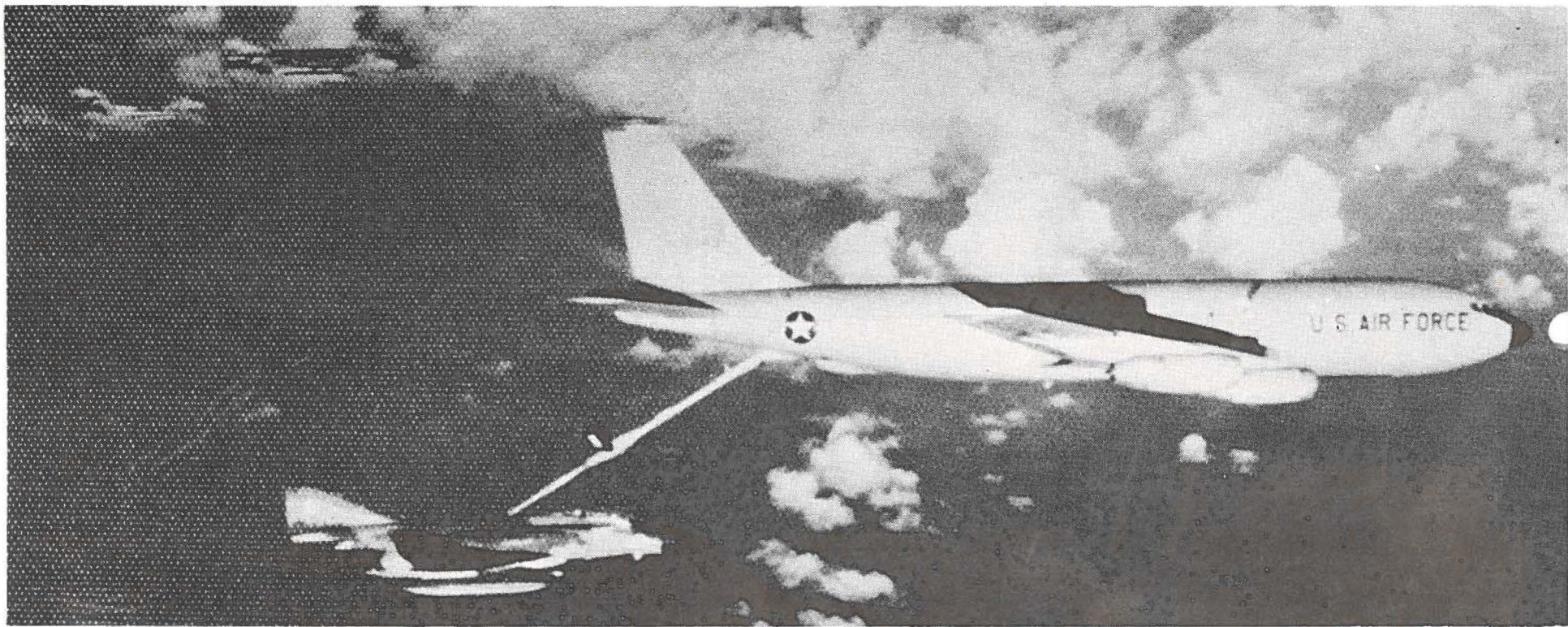
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Will we guard tomorrow?



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Gassing Up Over the Pacific Ocean at Sunset—photo by Capt. Garritt Osborne.

199th TFS masters mid-air refueling

by Maj. Gar Pilgrim
199th Tactical Fighter Squadron

The Hawaii Air National Guard (HANG) reached another milestone in the F-4 conversion. In only six days, from Feb. 16-17 and Feb. 29 through March 5, thirteen HANG aircrews made a total of 217 successful hookups with a KC-135 air refueling tanker.

This is no small feat. It requires smooth and precise formation flying with the KC-135 while a boom operator attempts to connect a fuel line between the two planes. Once the connection is made, fuel is pumped into the F-4 at a rate of 3900-4200 pounds per minute. One wrong move could mean two planes and thousands of pounds of fuel coming together in disastrous results.

The successful hookups clearly demonstrate the high caliber of flying skills in the 199th Tactical Fighter Squadron aircrews.

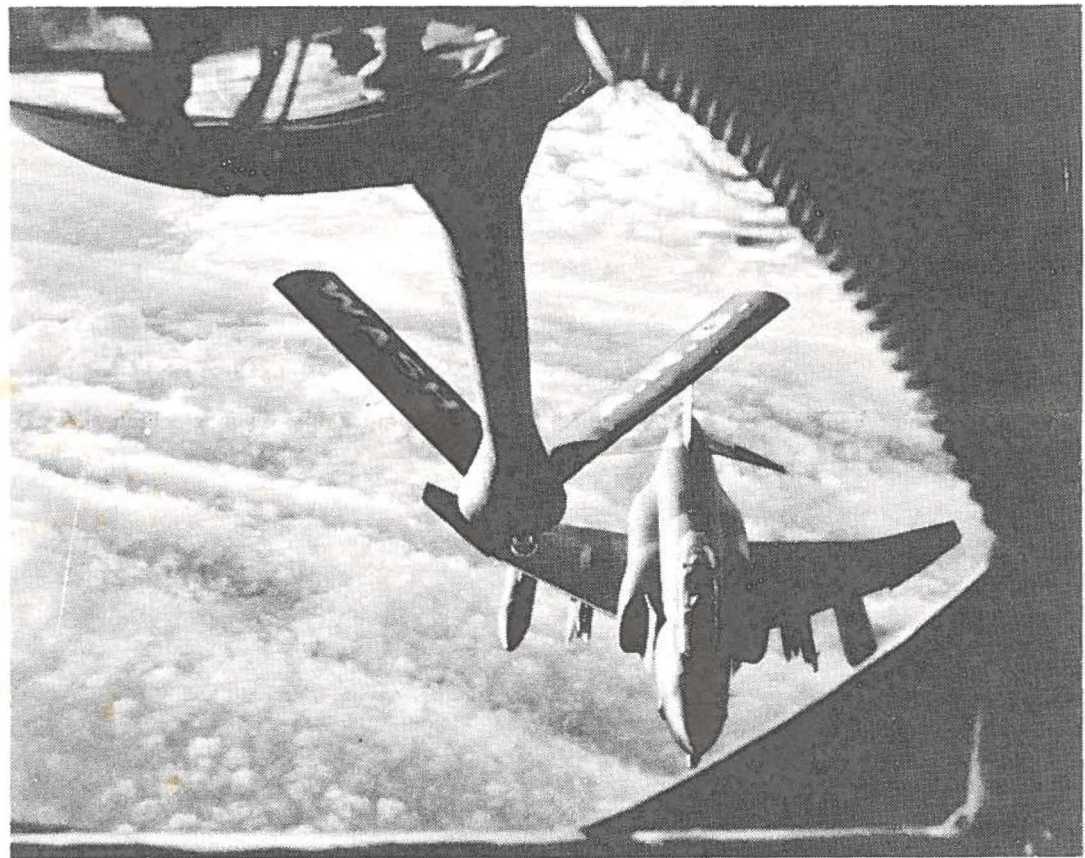
With the new air refueling capability, the Hawaii Air Guard can react within hours to any situation around the world by deploying the versatile F-4 Phantom.

To accomplish the air refueling training, the Hawaii Air Guard worked with two other Air Guard units. During the Feb. 16-17 training, a KC-135 refueling tanker from the 132d Air Refueling Squadron in Bangor, Maine, supplied the air refueling services and during Feb. 28 through March 5 period, a KC-135 tanker from the 115th Air Refueling Squadron in Spokane, Washington, was used.

During the most recent air refueling training, conducted in the week of May 2-6, an additional thirteen aircrews made successful hookups with the 115th Air Refueling Squadron, Washington Air Guard tanker.

The air refueling training went much faster and smoother than anyone had anticipated. Colonel Bob Elliott, acting commander of the 326th Air Division and Air Force advisor to the Hawaii Air Guard, summed up the training by saying, "They did a fine job! In fact, this is the best example of intensive training and accomplishment I've seen outside of a combat situation."

To date, all pilots have been qualified in the air refueling training, and by the end of June, the Air Guard expects to have all weapons systems officers qualified.



Hooking Up—photo by 1stLt. Gregg K. Kakesako

Women enlist in Guard's NCO program

by Sp4 Judith Lau
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Four enlisted women of the Hawaii Army National Guard are making history at the Hawaii Military Academy.

Privates First Class Leonora Delardo, Joyce Gallarde, Cynthia Costanios, all from the 292d Supply and Service Company, and Specialist Four Johanna Duc-layan from the 229th Medical Company are the first female candidates to be enrolled in the Noncommis-

sioned Officer class at the Academy.

Training at the Academy is the same for the young women as the men except in two areas. The first is the slightly modified physical training and the second is the training they receive for support roles in combat related exercises.

In academics and drill and ceremony, the training expectations are the same for the women as they are for the men.

What motivated these women to sign up for the rigorous training?

PFC Gallarde said, "I was curious. I wanted to know first hand what was involved in the training." All women agreed on one point. It was a challenge they couldn't resist.

HNGA selects awardees

At the recent HNGA meeting, the following individuals were honored: Capt. Eric W. K. Tom—Outstanding Company Grade Officer; LTC Louis W. Perry—Outstanding Field Grade Officer; CW3 Maurice A. Souza—Outstanding Warrant Officer; and Capt. Jerald K. Aoki—recipient of the James Y. Sato Memorial Award.

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29th Brigade Memorial Day Services held

Members of the Hawaii Army National Guard paid tribute on May 22 to the 29 men who died in Vietnam.

In its annual Memorial Day services, the Army Guard's 29th Infantry Brigade honored comrades who were killed while the Brigade was on active duty.

The annual memorial service was held at the Brigade's headquarters on 22nd Avenue in Kaimuki.

BrigGen. Frederick A. Schaefer III, commander of the Hawaii Army National Guard, delivered the memorial address.

During the ceremony, Schaefer laid a wreath honoring the Brigade's fallen comrades.

The Brigade was called to active duty during the Pueblo crisis and served from May 13, 1968 to Dec. 12, 1969.

The 29 men who were killed in action, included members of the 100th Battalion, which was part of the Brigade during its period of activation.

The sounding of "Taps" concluded the half-hour ceremony.



Guardsmen perform deeds on the Big Island and Oahu

Three members of the Hawaii Army National Guard were recently acknowledged for deeds performed which reflect great credit upon themselves as well as the Hawaii National Guard.

The Army Commendation Medal was presented to Specialist 4 Bruce Van't Groenewout, a medical specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion from Hilo. He had shown outstanding professionalism in administering immediate medical attention when a mishap occurred during night maneuvers in the Pohakuloa Training Area.

Sp4 Van't Groenewout was recommended for the medal by Major Vernon Campbell, chief of the U.S. Army Readiness Team on Hilo, who received the medical treatment after falling into a deep lava crater.

Campbell, who received multiple lacerations, cuts and bruises, recommended Van't Groenewout for the medal. "Van't Groenewout distinguished himself by dedicated and meritorious service while serving as a field medic. His quick and precise assessment of injuries with his calm efficiency in administering immediate medical attention was outstanding," remarked Campbell.

Van't Groenewout also simultaneously reported the incident to his supervisors, personally directed the evacuation to Hilo Hospital, accounted for all of Campbell's field equipment, and prevented panic which would have resulted in injuries to other soldiers in the dangerous area.

Campbell continued by saying, "These acts were accomplished under totally adverse conditions... a very dark night in a dusty and extremely cold lava field."

A second medal, the Hawaii National Guard Medal for Merit, was presented to Staff Sergeant Alexander Carvalho of Company B, 2d Battalion also from Hilo.

SSgt. Carvalho distinguished himself by heroically saving a little girl's life after seeing the girl struggling and sinking in the Wailuku River behind the Hilo Armory.

According to the letter of recommendation signed by Lieutenant Colonel Henry S. Hara, commander of the 2d Battalion, "Without hesitation or consideration for his own personal safety, Carvalho dove into the strong river current and saved the frightened girl from drowning.

"Upon reaching the panic-stricken girl, Carvalho kept her head above water for precious minutes until his son, secured and threw a rope to his father, allowing both persons to be pulled to safety."

The girl was pulled to safety first, then in the ensuing moments to help Carvalho out of the water, the girl left the area. The identity of the girl saved by Carvalho remains unknown.

But his deeds did not go unrecognized. Council members from the County of Hawaii adopted a resolu-

tion acknowledging Carvalho's performing an unselfish, courageous and kind act.

Highlighting the presentation to Carvalho was the awarding of the Guard's Medal for Merit.

Sergeant Henry Aki, a member of the Guard's Military Police Platoon, climbed down the steep embankment to retrieve Kenneth, the son of Army Staff Sergeant Ken D. Otterline stationed at Schofield Barracks.

"Aki did an excellent job in bringing Kenneth out of the gulch adjacent to McNair gate. He used proper first aid procedures and went beyond the call of duty in carrying the boy up and out of the gulch. It was a job well done," said Sergeant Stephen Groff, patrol supervisor.

Kenneth and three companions were returning from a fishing trip when he fell backwards climbing out of the gulch. His companions climbed out of the gulch and notified the MPs located at McNair gate.

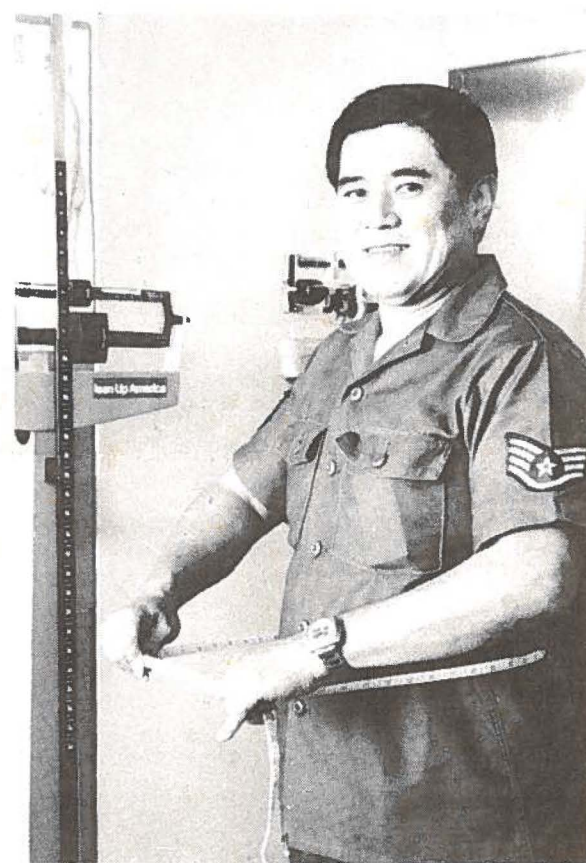
Aki, training with the 25th MPs during his weekend drill, was dispatched to the scene. Arriving at the scene, Aki made two trips down the gulch. First to locate the child and second to bring Kenneth up on a stretcher. Privates Kevin Kaiser and Mark Cartier from the 25th Infantry Division assisted Aki in the rescue.

Kenneth was airlifted by helicopter to Tripler Army Medical Center for X-rays and treatment. He was released from the hospital Sunday morning and has been reported to be in good condition since then.

Kauai guardsmen pick up public image

Fifteen members of the 150th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron (ACW Sq.) got together on April 9 to clean up the highways of west Kauai. A ten-mile stretch was cleaned up, with most of the litter consisting of beverage cans. Staff Sergeant Alwyn Kakuda, chairman for the clean up said that "the highways would be quite clean if it weren't for all the empties thrown on the sides of the road." In all, about 70 bags of litter were picked up by the group.

This project was done as a community service project for the unit. The squadron is increasing its community service projects during the Air Guard recruiting drive to gain more public exposure. The unit was also involved in the restoration of the scoreboard at Waimea Ball Park and the installation banquet for the Bureau of Professional Women. A volleyball tournament is being planned in the near future.



SSgt. Harold Oshiro

HANG it up for fat

by Gail K. Warok
Editor

Staff Sergeant Harold Oshiro is one person who has really gained by losing!

If you knew him before, you wouldn't even recognize him now. Well, if you're ever down at the 154th Food Service Section, be sure to drop by and see that trim, good-looking cook.

Harold just recently lost 80 pounds because of the HANG Commander's all-out war on obesity. Once an Air Guardsman gets on HANG's "Fat Man" list, he must weigh in every month and show some progress in weight reduction.

"I was just getting tired of going down there to weigh," said Harold, "so I decided to do it all at once." He made that decision in December of last year.

Going from size 46 pants to his present size 37, Harold reports feeling great. "I've got so much more energy... it was one of the best things I could have ever done."

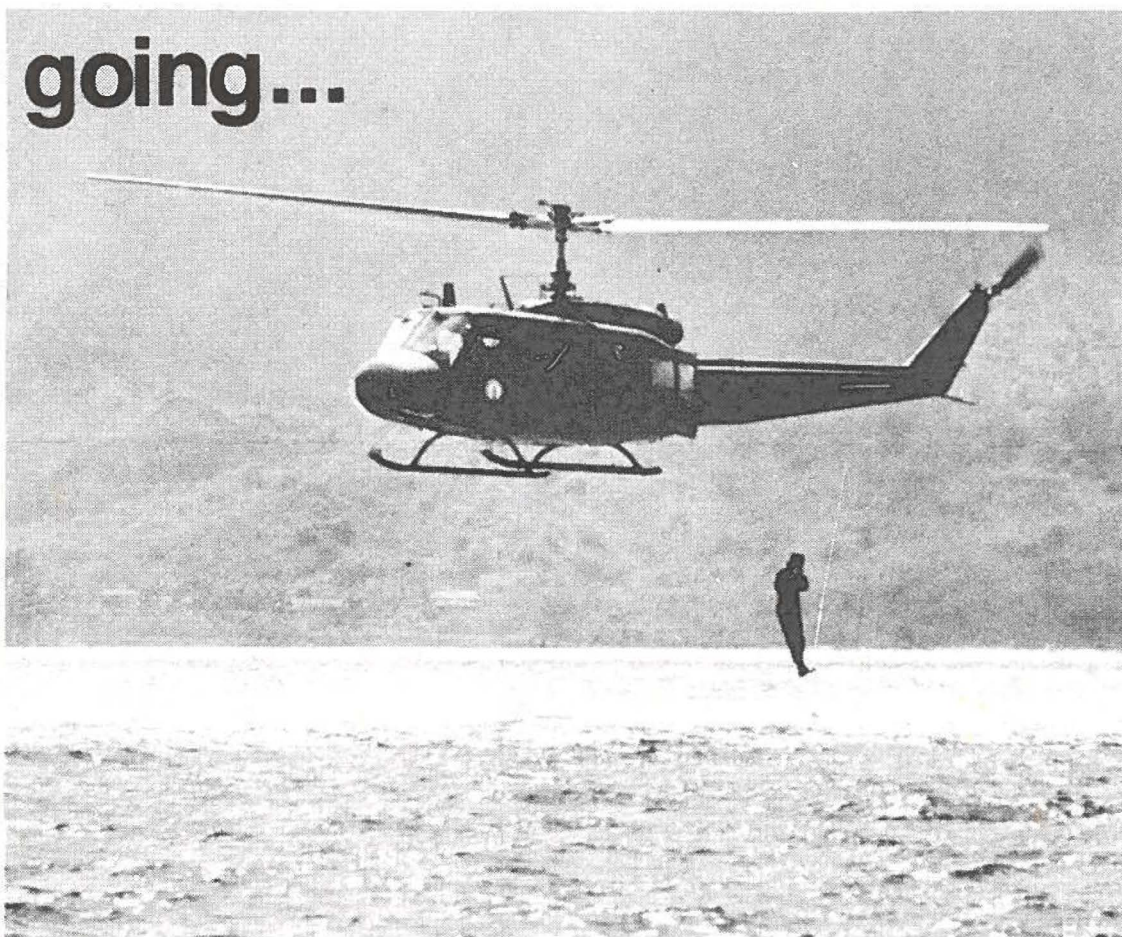
Congratulations, Harold. You're an example for all of us.

Going...



Capt. Bernard Watson, Troop E Commander

going...



Rocking the Boat

gone



Aviators undergo water safety training at Kaneohe

Members of the Hawaii Army National Guard recently participated in an aviation survival and safety exercise at Kaneohe Bay in April.

Army Guard aviators, crew members and personnel whose job necessitates frequent flying underwent an intensified two-phase training program. The training was accomplished with personnel, equipment and facilities from both the 3/4 Cavalry, 25th Infantry Division, and the Kaneohe Marine Corps.

A major emphasis was in water survival techniques needed after ditching out of a helicopter.

The initial phase of training took place at Richardson Pool in Schofield Barracks. The instructors from the 3/4 Cavalry separated swimmers and non-swimmers during a "drown-proofing" exercise. The exercise, first done in swimwear, was later repeated in full flight gear.

The second phase of water survival training occurred at Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station. Guardsmen were dropped from an Army Guard helicopter to the water 15 ft. below. Marine swimmers waited below to assist the Guard aviators. In the water, guardsmen practiced emergency techniques such as inflating life preservers and using life rafts.

Marine personnel aided in the exercise further by providing a CH-46 helicopter to hoist the guardsmen out of the water.

Other survival and safety activities that took place were Army-sponsored classes in survival training and first aid. As protection against possible head injuries, helmet inspections also were made to insure proper wear and fit of helmets.

The entire survival training exercise, performed in accordance with Army regulations, was done to maintain high safety standards in the aviation program of the Hawaii Army National Guard.



A Kaneohe Marine assists Sp5 William Miller, right, with the inflation of his water wings minutes after being dropped into the water.

Aviators maintain high standards



On His Way Up



Easy Does It

Photos by 1stLt. Gregg Kakesako and Sp5 Dennis Fujii



MajGen. LaVern E. Weber, chief of National Guard Bureau, discusses training in the field with Sp4 Albert Makanani and PFC Pago Pago Saliga, both from 227th Eng. Co.

The Guard's Future: proposed changes may significantly affect the Hawaii National Guard

by Gail K. Warok
Editor

The question of our future as members of the National Guard is being considered right now at the national level. Some definite changes in organization and structure for the entire reserve components may soon be taking place.

The Department of Defense is conducting a review of its National Guard and Reserve forces in preparation for an upcoming presidential meeting on this matter. One of the purposes of this meeting seems to be the discussion of the practicality and acceptability of alternatives to the present reserve system.

A recent NGAUS newsletter stated that DOD analysts doing the review are considering three proposals which would greatly change the National Guard:

1. Restructuring the Army's Reserve Components by merging the United States Army Reserve into the Army National Guard.

2. Restructuring the Air Force's Reserve Components by merging the Air National Guard into the United States Air Force Reserve.

3. Eliminating those Reserve Component units that are not needed for deployment within 60 days after their active duty call-up, and those units that cannot be equipped with modern equipment.

The impact of these three proposals on our future is profound. If these proposals were to be adopted, the Air National Guard would no longer be under State control. Yet, the Army Guard would greatly expand its ranks.

At a recent Air Guard commanders' conference, reaction to these proposals was basically unfavorable. Also, at our local HNGA meeting, a resolution was passed opposing absorption of the Air National Guard into the Air Force Reserve.

Their main contention was that a division of military strength (to include both Army and Air) between the Federal and State Governments provides a check-and-

balance system. This was provided for in Article I of the Constitution, which gave individual states the authority to maintain their own militias.

An important lesson can also be learned from history. Just about every dictatorship that has ever evolved developed in a country whose entire military might was under the control of the central government.

These are some very cogent reasons for objecting to these proposals. How you feel about it and what you decide to do about it is your decision.

But there is no doubt that the future of the National Guard throughout the United States and even in Hawaii is going to be profoundly influenced. Maintaining strength and readiness will be key factors in the ultimate analysis.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following resolution was passed at the recent HNGA meeting because of an interest in the future of the Guard.)

RELATING TO OPPOSING THE ABSORPTION OF THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD INTO THE AIR FORCE RESERVE

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution prescribes that the states may form their own militia and that this provision is the basis for the existence of the National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the Governors of our sovereign states are the commanders-in-chief of their Air National Guard forces and rely upon them to perform critical domestic actions during natural disasters and civil disturbances; and

WHEREAS, the Air National Guard has amply demonstrated that its citizen airmen role represents the best mix of active force and reserve force readiness training by serving with distinction during all the wars and most recently during the Korean and Southeast Asia crises; and

WHEREAS, the Air National Guard takes its roots from the individual states and communities throughout our Nation, and its ability to recruit and retain personnel because of this identification far exceeds that of the Air Force Reserve; and

WHEREAS, the Air National Guard is an integral part of the militia system that predates the birth of our Nation and has served our Nation honorably, faithfully, and with effectiveness and efficiency attested to by the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve have distinct and specific missions in relation to the Total Force Policy, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawaii National Guard Association go on record as opposing any action to have the Air National Guard absorbed by the Air Force Reserve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the National Guard Bureau, the Secretary of Defense and the United States Guard Association.

Schaefer announces retirement

by Sgt. Kin Lo

117th Public Affairs Detachment

Brigadier General Frederick A. Schaefer III, commanding general of the Hawaii Army National Guard (HARNG), will retire in Sept. 1977. It will mark the end of 35 years of military service, 32 of which have been in HARNG.

Born and raised in Honolulu, Schaefer graduated from Punahou High School and Cornell University. Through ROTC training at Cornell, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1942.

He was called to active duty and served with the 25th Division and the 66th Infantry Division during World War II. He remained on active duty until 1945. He then joined the Hawaii Army National Guard and served as an infantry battalion commander, an infantry regimental commander and an anti-aircraft artillery group commander.

Schaefer was promoted to brigadier general in Jan. 1959, and assumed command of the 29th Infantry Brigade. He served as brigade commander until Feb. 1960, at which time he became commanding general of HARNG and assistant adjutant general (Army), State of Hawaii.

In May 1968, he volunteered to take command of the 29th Infantry Brigade, HARNG, on its being called for active duty. He was later transferred in Jan. 1969 to the 4th Infantry Division and assigned as assistant division commander. In July 1969, he was assigned to the 9th Infantry Division once again in the capacity of assistant division commander. In Oct. 1969, he was reassigned as commanding general of the 29th Infantry Brigade.

The 29th Brigade was demobilized in Dec. 1969, and returned to State status. At that time, Schaefer was reassigned as commanding general, HARNG, and assistant adjutant general (Army), State of Hawaii.

Reflecting over his 32 years in HARNG, Schaefer said, "We have some of the greatest individuals in the Guard and this, above all, will I miss upon my retirement. Serving with them has given me the satisfaction of having been in one of the most outstanding Army Guard units in our country."



BrigGen. Frederick A. Schaefer III

Army Guard plans unique Annual Training

Annual Training 1977 (AT 77) for members of the Hawaii Army National Guard (HARNG) will be a dynamic training session.

Roundout units under the 29th Infantry Brigade, the 829th Maintenance Company and the 229th Medical Company will train under a new concept of operation.

AT 77 for these units will be conducted in a command environment which will closely resemble an actual mobilization.

During past AT, Roundout units have always turned to Headquarters, HARNG (HQ HARNG) for direction, supervision and guidance. This year, the 29th Inf Bde will look to the 25th Infantry Division command group for direction, supervision and guidance. In other words, Roundout units will operate as subordinate companies of the battalions they round out, and will process all requests through Division channels.

HQ HARNG will augment the 25th Inf Div staff with officers and they will function as an integral part of the 25th Inf Div.

Another major change which may pose some confusion is that AT 77 will be held between Aug. 6-27. To clarify this point, units will still be performing two weeks of AT. The only difference is that units will be grouped together into two groups. The first group will hold AT from Aug. 6-20. The second group will hold their AT from Aug. 13-27.

The two groups are broken down into the following: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 297th Supply and Service Battalion, 12th Administrative Company, 329th Quartermaster Company, 291st Maintenance Company, 293d Service Company, 229th Medical Company, 1154th Transportation Company, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry, and Troop E, 19th Cavalry, will hold their AT between Aug. 6-20 at Schofield Barracks.

The 2d Battalion, 299th Infantry, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 159th Service Battalion, 292d Supply and Service Company, 829th Maintenance Company will hold their AT between Aug. 13-27 at

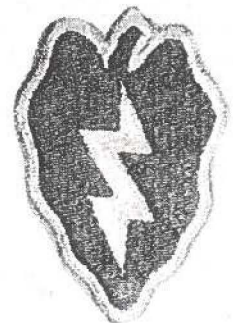
Schofield Barracks. The 298th Engineer Company and the 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery, will also be holding their AT between Aug. 13-27 only at different locations. The 298th will be at the Keaukaha Military Reservation in Hilo, and the 487th will be at the Pohakuloa Training Area.

There are also several units with a totally different annual training schedule. The 227th Engineer Company will begin their AT on July 2 and return on July 16. Return? Yes, their annual training will be held at Camp Roberts, California. The Hawaii Military Academy will hold their AT 77 from July 16-30 at the Koko Head facility. The 111th Army Band and the 117th Public Affairs Detachment provide support for AT on a year-round basis.

All in all, AT 77 should be a challenging experience for all involved with putting the concept of Roundout into practice during training. Other states in the mainland will be looking to Hawaii to see how this concept works.



ROUNDOUT



(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article is the original letter which clearly explains the intent and responsibilities for the concept of operation for AT 77.)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

SUBJECT: 25th Infantry Division and Hawaii Army National Guard Concept of Operations for Annual Training 1977

1. PURPOSE. This memorandum establishes the 25th Infantry Division and the Hawaii Army National Guard (HARNG) Concept of Operations for Annual Training in 1977 (AT 77) and the command relationship between the 25th Infantry Division and HARNG roundout units during AT.

2. APPLICABILITY. This memorandum applies to Hawaii Army National Guard units that round out the 25th Infantry Division upon mobilization. The command relationships contained within this memorandum are applicable only during AT 77.

3. GENERAL. In order to provide the 25th Infantry Division and the 29th Infantry Brigade, HARNG, the opportunity to conduct AT 77 in a command environment which will closely resemble an actual mobilization, the following policies will be implemented.

a. The Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, will exercise operational control of the 29th Infantry Brigade and all roundout units.

b. 29th Infantry Brigade will look to the 25th Infantry Division command group for direction, guidance and supervision. The 229th Medical Company, 829th Maintenance Company, 227th Engineer Company and Troop E, 19th Cavalry, will operate as subordinate companies of the battalions they round out. Similarly, 1st Battalion, 487th Artillery, will operate as a subordinate unit of the 25th Division Artillery. All requests for support/assistance will be routed through 25th Infantry Division channels.

4. 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION.

a. During AT 77, the 25th Infantry Division will be responsible for the operational direction, supervision and evaluation of all HARNG roundout units.

b. The Division will provide the Commanding General, HARNG, periodic status reports on HARNG roundout units. A final overall report of evaluation of HARNG roundout units will be provided the Adjutant General of Hawaii upon completion of AT 77.

c. All assistance and support for the roundout units will be provided by the 25th Infantry Division.

5. HAWAII ARMY NATIONAL GUARD.

a. The Commanding General, HARNG, will function as a special assistant to the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division.

b. The relationship of Commanding General, HARNG, with Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, Division ADC's, CofS, and the Commander, 29th Infantry Brigade, and other roundout units will be as determined by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division.

c. HQ HARNG will, as desired by the Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, augment the 25th Infantry Division staff with officers of equal or lower grade than the individuals they will be working with in the 25th Infantry Division staff

agencies (command sergeant major, secretary general staff, G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, chaplain, JAG, IO, etc.). These officers will function as an integral part of the 25th Infantry Division.

d. During AT 77, the HARNG roundout units will assume their mobilization roles within the 25th Infantry Division. They will receive all guidance and process all requests through Division channels. This relationship will exist from the time roundout units arrive at their respective AT sites until noon of the last Friday of AT 77 (6-19 and 13-26 Aug 77).

e. Commander, HARNG, retains command of all nonroundout units assigned to the HARNG.

6. Specific items of agreement are listed on Inclosure 1.

Specific Items of Agreement

1. Under the direction of Commanding General, United States Army Support Command, Hawaii, Annual Training (AT) plans will be coordinated between Hawaii Army National Guard (HARNG) (including Commander, 29th Infantry Brigade) and 25th Infantry Division staffs and published by HARNG.

2. Commanding General, HARNG, will be provided with the opportunity to evaluate 29th Brigade activities from periodic reports provided by Division and periodic visits with the Division or Assistant Division Commander or as coordinated with the Division Commander.

3. Advance Detachment remains under the control of HQ HARNG until arrival of troops.

4. Logistical and administrative requirements for roundout units will be handled by HQ HARNG before and after AT. During AT, the 25th Infantry Division will be responsible for all administrative and logistical support of roundout units with the exception of pay. Any of these requirements that are peculiar to the National Guard will be forwarded through the Division to the appropriate HARNG staff section for action.

5. Incremental costs incurred by 25th Infantry Division units in support of roundout units will be reimbursed by funds allotted to USASCH. Procedures and items covered are contained in the Memorandum of Understanding, dated 27 May 1975, subject: Support of Training of USAR Troop Unit and HARNG Roundout Units. Divisional units must contact the Division G-4, who will ascertain the availability of affiliation funds from the Resource/Program Manager of the Directorate of Reserve Affairs, HQ USASCH, prior to furnishing support covered in the MOU. Reimbursement procedures for items furnished to HARNG units (roundout and nonroundout) are covered in USASCH ISSA No. 76092-HAW-026.

6. The roundout units will be under the operational control of the 25th Infantry Division from the time they arrive at respective AT sites until noon the second Friday or AT.

7. Staff Visits by HARNG Personnel to Roundout Units:

a. HARNG personnel augmenting Division staff: As determined by CofS, 25th Infantry Division.

b. Other HARNG personnel: Visits will be fully coordinated with the 25th Infantry Division and, where possible, will be conducted jointly with Division personnel. During these visits, HARNG staff will avoid any actions which might be construed as providing direction, guidance or supervision.

8. Disciplinary problems will be the responsibility of CG, HARNG.

(Signed by:)

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Spotlight

...about people and events

by Dennis Fujii
Associate Editor

Have you been fatigued lately???... Well, the latest word is that the jungle fatigues which were issued to Army Guard personnel will be phased out in the near future.

Those fatigues, with the numerous roomy pockets, were made for use in the Pacific Tropical zone. Since they are considered organizational items, the 25th Infantry no longer authorizes their use.

According to MSgt. George Tanaka, service stock manager, United States Property and Fiscal Office, personnel owning them must turn them in, but no specific date has been set for the turn-in.

While we're on the subject of clothing... I have some good news... the end to the ironing blues is in sight... wash and wear Khakis, as well as wash and wear fatigues will be issued, as the old cotton ones are used up and wear out. According to MSgt. George Tanaka, the older CKC's are accountable and must be turned in at some point in the future.

For the sixth straight year, the 154th Tactical Fighter Group were visited by children and advisors from Alaska's Unalakleet Day School. Members of the 154th Supply Squadron assisted with individual contributions and "love time." Cultural interchange and lasting friendships resulted from this very worthwhile community service project.

Attention all photographers!!!... The National Guard Bureau and the National Guard Association of the United States are again co-sponsoring a nationwide photo contest open to all Guard personnel.

The contest is open to amateur and professional photographers who are members of the Army and Air Guard.

There will be four \$150 cash prizes and four \$75 cash prizes. Only photographs taken between July 1, 1976 and Aug. 1, 1977 will be eligible for entry.

This is your chance to gain recognition for your efforts and enable your sponsors to update their photographic libraries. This helps to maintain well-rounded selections of pictures for internal use and to meet photographic requirements of reporters, editors and other information media.

Deadline for entries is Aug. 1, 1977. For further information, contact the Public Affairs Office at Ft. Ruger.

During the recent State Legislative session legislative resolutions were adopted honoring the promotions of BrigGen. Thomas Ito and BrigGen. Arthur Ishimoto and the retirement of BrigGen. Edward Yoshimasu. Authors for the resolutions were House Representative John Carroll and State Senator Joe Kuroda.

Did you know that the "Marathon Man" is a member of Air National Guard? Capt. Stephen R. Berg, 201st Combat Communications Flight, is one of three ANG athletes in the country who has been selected to run in the 1977 Interalled Confederation of Reserve Officers Pentathlon championship at Fort Meade, Maryland. If he wins, he could go on to London and Sweden for further competitions. Good luck, Capt. Berg!

Awards???... This is definitely the issue for awards... SSgt. Rudolph Dela Cruz was selected as the Guardsman of the Year... Sp4 Alvin Kyono was selected as the HARNG Soldier of the Year... Congratulations!!!

The Air Guard recently awarded MSgt. Howard Ward with the Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal... while the Army Guard has also awarded the Commendation Medal to Col. Joseph Parlas, senior Army advisor, and SSgt. Franklyn Silva, enlisted advisor to the 1st Bn. and Maj. Larry Walton.

Army Guard personnel also to be awarded are:

HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD COMMENDATION MEDAL

1stLt. Richard Matsumoto	Sgt. Vernon Maxwell
PlatSgt. Filemon Nanod	Sgt. Howard William
SFC Louis Stibbard	Sp5 Jeffrey Moses
SSgt. Gerald Wade	Sp4 Michael Matsukawa
HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD MEDAL FOR MERIT	
MSgt. Hiroshi Ota	Capt. Wayne Oride
Sgt. Lawrence Carvalho	1stSgt. Danny Hisao
Capt. Joseph Carreira	SFC Harry Apana

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (1st OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

Capt. Walter Shiroma SSgt. Fred Debusca

Awards also led to money... Mrs. Myrtle Javier, CSMS #1, and Ms. Faith Nagata, USPFO, both received a monetary award in recognition for sustained superior performance which clearly exceeded the standards for satisfactory performance in the majority of duties which are critical to the total job... Mrs. Sandra Murayama, HQ HANG, and Mr. Robert Biondine, USPFO, received a quality salary increase which is a step increase in addition to the regular within-grade pay increase.

Civil Defense prepares State for tsunami

by Fred C. Pugarelli
State Civil Defense

Gov. George R. Ariyoshi recently requested improvements in the local Hawaii tsunami warning system, and his request was approved by the administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Washington, D.C.

The Tsunami Warning Center of the National Weather Service, along with the State and County Civil Defense agencies, operates an extensive siren and Civ-Alert emergency broadcasting system here in the islands.

When you do receive a tsunami warning, you must assume a dangerous series of waves are on their way.

Tsunami prediction is not an exact science due to the large number of variables involved. But history shows that when the great waves strike, they claim the lives of those who have ignored the natural or official warnings.

In Hawaii, 173 persons were killed by the April 1, 1946, tsunami, and 61 in the May 23, 1960, tsunami. In view of our expanded population and tourist boom, tsunamis of these magnitudes today could conceivably threaten thousands of people who are on the beaches of all our islands.

State Civil Defense recently installed 12 tsunami seismic trigger gauges which automatically alert officials when a local earthquake occurs that is 6.5 or higher on the Richter scale.

Local earthquakes of such a magnitude are considered capable of generating tsunamis with waves of 40 feet and higher.

CD officials say the public should keep these points in mind:

—A tsunami is not a single wave, but a *series* of waves. Stay out of danger areas until an "all-clear" is issued by competent authority.

USPFO upgrades computer system

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The Automatic Data Processing Branch, USPFO for Hawaii, completed an upgrade of the computer system from card to magnetic tape during April and May. With the assistance of personnel from the National Guard Bureau (NGB) Computer Center, the NGB standard systems for technician payroll, logistics, and fiscal accounting were converted. The military personnel system conversion will be accomplished in June.

The conversion to magnetic tape provides the ADP Branch with increased storage memory, large file permanent storage capability on tapes, compact record handling, and storage for high-speed data processing.

—A tsunami may hit one area with extremely small waves, but then cause giant killer waves in another area. Do not be lulled into a false sense of security because you have heard the waves in such and such a place were only one foot!

—If a tsunami, hurricane or other major natural disaster should ever threaten Hawaii's shores, a steady tone would be sounded on the Civil Defense sirens.

James T. McClellan, State vice director of Civil Defense, notes, "The steady tone means you should turn on your radio, just as you should turn on your radios for less severe disasters to listen to Weather Service, Police, Fire and Civil Defense Advisories."

Civil Defense programs featuring emergency information would then be broadcast to the public on all radio stations.



Damages to Hilo after tsunami of May 23, 1960.

Advisor salutes 201st CCG

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I am a 40-year-old Anglo-Saxon protestant (WASP) and I am in the minority.

What, you may say, WASP's are the majority!

Not in the 201st Combat Comm Gp. they're not.

In 40 years I've never seen anything like the racial make-up of the 201st.

The commander is a Japanese-American. The first sergeant is a Chinese-American. The air traffic control ops officer is a Portuguese-American. In fact 95 percent of the personnel are descendants of Japanese, Chinese, Portuguese, Africans, Samoans, Filipinos or Hawaiians.

The last group is of course the tip-off to the location of the 201st. The 201st is a part of the Hawaii Air National Guard and I am an Air Force technical advisor (air traffic control).

I had been told prior to this assignment that on occasion I would probably feel uneasy. This would be due to being a "minority" for the first time in my life in my native land. My informers were correct.

During my first month on the job I did feel uneasy. Although I realized we were all American citizens and no one was trying to make me feel uncomfortable, I nevertheless felt "different." There seemed to be a comradeship that I was not a part of. I found however that I was excluding myself, no one was doing it to me. Therein lies the lesson I learned.

I have had a life-long interest in sociology and psychology, and I often wondered if indeed people could live and work in harmony or is that just a "liberal" dream.

Some of you may remember a commercial a few years ago where the announcer said, "They said it couldn't be done, but (name of product) has done it!" Well, in this case we could insert the 201st for the name of the product.

Race is not an issue here. The men and women are proud of who their ancestors were but it is a quiet pride not a loud blathering offensive kind.

These men and women have showed me and taught me some lessons without, I'm sure, knowing what they did. What have they taught me?

A man is a man, what he looks like makes no difference. People are judged on merit because trying to judge by race is impossible, there are just too many ethnic mixtures.

I must tell you, my fellow airmen, this is a good feeling. No one blames another because of past perceived offenses that forefathers did to one another. As the pet Rik Masten wrote, "...that was my father, that was not me, and I will not hang in my family tree."

People are people. Martin Luther King said he hoped his children would be judged by the "content of their character not by the color of their skin."

Why should a man's heritage or ethnic makeup have any bearing on his character?

The next contact you have with a person of a different race think character not color. If we could all try this, we may find that the world is made up of rainbows.