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During Easter recess

AG, congressional delegation discuss guard

State Adjutant General, Major General Valentine A. Siefertmann and deputy, Brigadier General Thomas S. Ito met with members of Hawaii's Congressional delegation in April to discuss issues and legislation affecting the State Department of Defense.

Generals Siefertmann and Ito met with Representative Daniel K. Akaka and Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Spark Matsunaga in an informal session held at the Prince Kuhio Federal Building. They outlined some of the legislation and federal regulations adversely affecting the National Guard and also discussed the status and preparedness of Hawaii's Guard units.

Some of the subject areas addressed during the meeting included tort liability/Federal Tort Claims Act —

National Guard personnel, membership incentives for reserve components, National Guard Technician Act of 1968 and the land acquisition at Kahului Airport on Maui by the State of Hawaii.

The Congressional delegation met with local government leaders and heard their concerns, specifically in areas requiring Congressional action.

The delegation met with county council members and administrators on Oahu, Maui, Hawaii, and Kauai. On Oahu, the delegation met with Governor Ariyoshi and his Cabinet, Senate and House members, Federal law enforcement officials, immigration and U.S. Customs staff members.

The delegation has conducted these meetings every year for the past three years.



CONGRESSIONAL VISIT — Maj. Gen. Valentine Siefertmann, left; and Brig. Gen. Thomas Ito discuss issues involving the Hawaii National Guard with U.S. Rep. Daniel K. Akaka and U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye.

Guard deploys to Asia, Europe

Hawaii Air and Army National Guard personnel are becoming worldwide travelers. Some of their travels include:

- Korea, the 201st Combat Communications Group has just returned;
- Korea, the 291st Maintenance Company has just returned;
- Guam, the 154th Composite Group will deploy in June;
- Philippines, the 154th Composite Group will deploy in June;
- Germany, the 292nd Supply and Service will deploy in July.

Air Guard members of the 201st CMBTCG have returned to warm and sunny Hawaii from the snow flurries of Korea (see 201st story).

Army Guardsmen from the 291st Maint. Co. have just returned from Camp Carroll where they spent their annual training performing "hands-on" training by completely overhauling 2½ and ¼ ton military vehicles as well as performing Quality Control Inspections.

Select members of the 154th Composite

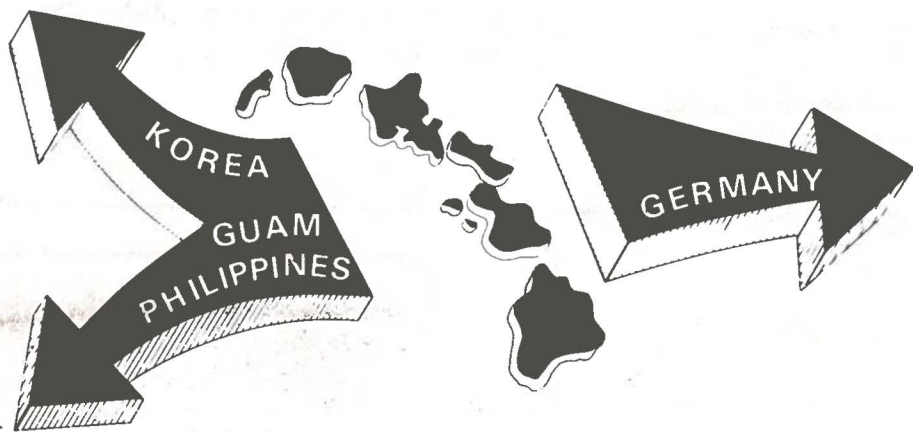
Group, to include the 150th and 169th Aircraft Warning and Control Squadrons, 199th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and other support units of the group will deploy to Guam and the Philippines early this summer.

The three stage, multi-phased deployment will take the Air Guardsmen to Andersen Air Force Base and Mt. Santa Rosa Radar Facility in Guam from June 1-10, and to Clark Air Force Base and Wallace Air Force Station in the Philippines from June 6-24.

In July, Army Guard members of the 292nd Sup and Svc Company will deploy to Mannheim, Germany for their two weeks of annual training.

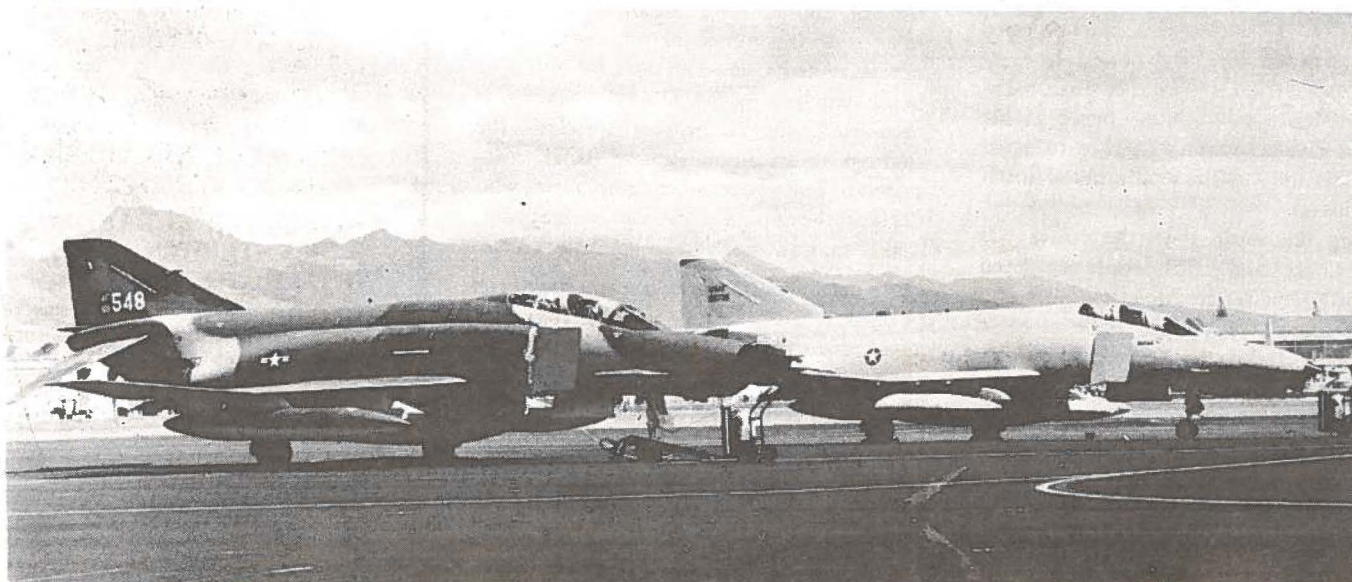
The bakers, laundrymen, petroleum section, as well as other smaller sections of the 292nd will support the 51st Maintenance Battalion.

Annual training for the remaining units in the Army and Air National Guard will remain pretty much the same as in previous years.



WORLD-WIDE DEPLOYMENT — Hawaii Air and Army National Guard Units are on the Go! Korea, Guam, Philippines and Germany are just the beginning.

New look, more planes, more people for Hawaii Air National Guard



SO LONG TO THE "LIZARD LOOK" — The Hawaii Air National Guard's FC-4 Phantoms will soon be painted with a new color scheme.

The 199th TFS, an air-to-air combat unit, will be changing from the familiar camouflage OD green and brown to an overall light grey. Pictured are two similar model F-4s, camouflage green in foreground and light grey in back. This paint conversion is part of an Air Force change for all air-to-air fighter units.

In addition, the HANG will also be expanding with six more FC-4Cs, as well as 111 military positions and eight full-time civilian positions in FY 1980. 117th PAD photo by SFC Wayne Iha.

Financial Planning — Part I

EDITOR'S NOTE — The following article is reprinted with permission from the Spring '79 issue of *EVERYBODY'S MONEY*, the Credit Union Magazine for consumers published by the Credit Union National Association, Inc.

Do you live from hand to mouth? Spending aimlessly each month until there's nothing left — even for necessities?

If so, you're not unusual, but you're not getting the most of your dollar, either.

And contrary to what you may think, it's probably not a higher income that's needed. More likely what you need is a savings and spending plan, a strategy to increase your income without asking for a pay raise.

Actually, a spending plan is a more comfortable term for budget. But don't flinch. We're not talking about a budget in the old-fashioned sense of pinching pennies and denying all wants. Rather it's a simple, logical plan to get you the things you want.

Keeping tabs on spending

Keeping control — Only if you know where your money's going can you direct it where you want to. Today that sort of control is more important than ever. With the cost of living going up faster than most people's incomes, you need a financial plan just to stay even.

You need one for the future, too. If your family is like everyone else's, you have goals. Maybe it's a college education for the kids, a trip to the mainland or around the world, or a vacation home in the woods. A plan will help you achieve these desires. Money that's earmarked isn't so easily spent foolishly.

Expect unforeseen expenses

Planning also protects you against unforeseen expenses, such as medical emergencies, by making sure there's money in reserve.

A family affair — Budgets often fail because they don't fit a family's particular needs. A workable financial plan must meet your situation, not the neighbors'.

If a standardized budget doesn't suit you, throw it out and develop your own plan. What you come up with should reflect your family's goals and priorities.

This is the time for you and your spouse to sit down with the kids and discuss the type of lifestyle all of you want.

Compromise if necessary. If you can establish common goals you'll be more willing to make the sacrifices necessary to achieve them. Without a consensus, especially between husband and wife, your plan won't work.

Plan for the future

Think ahead — The further into the future you can plan, the better. Big dreams — the ones that seem impossible now — are often easier to save for than little dreams right around the corner. A plan that's mapped out for several years will tell you exactly where you want to be and what you have to do to get there.

Draw up a long-range schedule. Include your goals, the amount you need for each one, target dates, the years you have to save and the amount you'll need to put aside each year.

Take into account inflation and how that will affect your savings. Consider job security. Are you likely to be making more or less money five years from now?

Desires surpass means

And don't forget that no matter how much your income, your desires probably will always surpass your means. You just have to make up your mind what you're going to give up for the things you really want.

Income vs outgo — Once you've mapped out your goals, you're ready to compare income with outgo. First determine your annual disposable income. That's the amount you have left after such items as taxes, social security and union dues are deducted from your paycheck.

Next, add any interest money from savings accounts and investments. If you receive overtime pay and can depend on it regularly, include it. But

don't anticipate income you don't yet have, such as a raise or year-end bonus. Count only what's certain.

To help you come up with an accurate estimate, look up last year's tax statement; it will give you an idea of how much income you've been living on.

Next convert your total income into a monthly figure.

Now you're ready to list expenses for the coming year. Get out last year's cancelled checks and receipts and reconstruct as best you can where all the money went. This exercise alone can be a real eye-opener and lead to improved spending patterns.

Another way to come up with a list of expenses is to keep a detailed record for several weeks of where you spend your money. (This doesn't need to be continued once you have a good idea of expenses.)

Divide expenses by 12

Allocations will include groceries, house mortgage and maintenance, or rent, real estate taxes, electricity, heat, telephone, clothing, car payments and up keep, insurance (a separate category for each kind), installment debts, savings and investments, and entertainment. Divide these expenses by 12 for a monthly figure.

Next subtract expenses from income. You now have a realistic picture of your finances. If you still have money left after expenses, you're doing better than most people.

But if you're not one of the lucky ones, your expenses will outweigh income. In that case, some adjustments will have to be made.

Part II — Next Issue

The conclusion of the article will appear in the next issue of the PUPUKAHI. Highlights of Part II include: preparing a Net worth statement, trimming expenses and analysing your lifestyle.

Big Island residents accept disaster; life returns to normal as disaster subsides

by Bill Roome
CD Information Specialist

"I've lived in Hilo for nearly 40 years and the recent February rains were the worst I have seen, but most of the people I know will rebuild or replant and go on as before," reflected Ed Tanaka, a Big Island resident.

Residents of the Big Island are philosophical about disasters. And with good reason! They have suffered devastating blows from tsunamis, had many of their public structures indiscriminately dissected by earthquakes and been forced to abandon their homes because of a temperamental lady named Madame Pele.

So when the latest disaster struck — the steady February rains that caused flooding in many parts of the county — Big Island residents took the setback in stride. According to Charlie De Meo, State Civil Defense administrative officer, most of the people who applied for assistance were optimistic and eager to return to their normal ways of life.

During February, severe rains caused damage to many agricultural fields, homes and public structures in the Hilo, Puna and Hamakua area. In a single 24-hour period, a

record 22.3 inches of rain fell in the Hilo area.

Due to the copious amounts of rain, on March 7 President Jimmy Carter, at the request of Governor George R. Ariyoshi, proclaimed the County of Hawaii a major disaster area, and a State Civil Defense disaster assistance team moved into Hilo. Once the State Civil Defense team had conferred with State and county officials and representatives from a federal assistance team, a disaster assistance center was opened at the National Guard Armory in Hilo to assist individuals and families who suffered flood-related losses.

During the seven days the center was open (March 13-19), 329 people registered for various low-interest loans, grants and other means of assistance. Some of these programs included tax advice, temporary housing, business and personal loans, American Red Cross assistance and the Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program.

Although the majority seeking assistance requested state and federal tax advice, a surprising number of people (140 applicants) sought relief under the Individual and Family Grant Program. Originally, State Civil Defense estimated that approximately

60 people would apply for the program.

Under the IFG Program, victims who have disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs, and who cannot qualify for any other means of assistance, can apply for a grant totaling upwards of \$5000.

The program works as follows: Once a victim has applied for a grant, a caseworker interviews the applicant and verifies the necessary items, listed on the application, as being damaged by the disaster. Once this is completed, the caseworker forwards the findings to an administrative panel, comprised of State government employees, who decide if the applicant qualifies for the grant, and if so, how much he or she will receive.

To date, not all of the applicants have been processed, but a sample of those that have been processed include grants for an automobile, school books for a Big Island student and a \$5000 grant to assist in rebuilding a house. De Meo estimates that all the applications will be processed by June.

Yes, it is true, disaster relief programs can never replace the anguish and sorrow caused by the loss of personal property but the programs do make it possible to get a fresh start in returning to a normal way of life.



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229th overcomes obstacle course



YOU GOT TO BE KIDDING — Pvt. 1 Lydia Acevedo of the 229th Medical Company seems to look in disbelief as Sp5 Woodrow Taylor, 25th Medical Battalion, instructs Army Guard personnel during a litter obstacle course. The wall is six feet high; Acevedo is five feet.



It's dark in there.

by Sp4 Tom Clements
117th Pub. Affairs Det.

HONOLULU, Hawaii — Barbed wire, a six-foot high wall, steep hills and a sewer pipe spelled trouble for the 229th Medical Company during a recent training session at Schofield Barracks.

Advisors from the 25th Division's Charlie Company, 25th Medical Battalion put the Guard members through a solid day of training, including a difficult obstacle course.

After a morning filled with classes on aeromedical evacuation, ambulance loading and transportation of the wounded, the predominantly female medical company tackled the infamous obstacle course.

Teams of four moved through the obstacle course delicately carrying a stretcher over and under barbed wire, over a wall, up a steep hill and through a pipe. The course included other obstacles that would have been difficult enough even without the stretcher.

Moral was high during the obstacle course phase as the members of the Guard unit usually gave themselves a round of applause when a team finished the obstacle course. One girl shyly asked an advisor if she could walk around the six-foot wall.

Specialist 5 Pete Neu of the 25th Division said the tough obstacle course is used as one of the qualifications for the Army's Expert Field Medical Badge.

Besides tackling the obstacle course, the 229th Medical Company learned many different ways of making an improvised stretcher, or "litter," as the medical companies call them.

It was not an easy day for members of the 229th, but it was a day for learning about themselves and the importance of belonging to a medical company.



UP AND OVER — Hawaii Army Guard medic, PFC Virginia Acosta, scales a littler obstacle course wall during recent training exercises conducted by the 25th Infantry.

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Re-employment rights passed

Legislators postpone tuition bill action

Senate Majority Leader Joseph Kuroda, a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, is confident that the Legislature next year will approve a bill that would grant University of Hawaii tuition waivers for National Guard and military reserve personnel.

The measure, long sought by reserve and National Guard officials as a recruiting and retention tool, passed the State House of Representatives this year.

It was then sent to the State Senate where it won the approval of the Higher Education Committee and was referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

Kuroda, D-4th Dist. (Leeward Oahu-North Shore), said Ways and Means Chairman Benjamin Cayetano has given him his word that the tuition waiver bill will be reported out of his committee and sent to the Senate floor for a vote.

In a letter to John Bellinger, chairman of the U.S. Army Civilian Advisory Group, Kuroda said he was told by Cayetano that Ways and Means Committee action could occur as early as the second day of the 1980 session.

"This year, the Senate decided not to act on any tax or fee exemption bill because of the 'hold-the-line'

fiscal policy which was implemented by both the House and Senate money committees," Kuroda said in his letter to Bellinger.

Under the provisions of the House bill the University Board of Regents would waive all tuition fees for any qualified enlisted person, warrant officer and company grade officer from lieutenant to captain as long as the applicant is an active member of the Hawaii National Guard, or serving in a reserve component of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

The tuition waiver could only be applied towards undergraduate studies as long as the applicant was a member of a reserve unit. It would not cover University summer sessions.

The Legislature, however, this year did approve a bill that would protect the jobs of National Guard members who are placed on temporary State active duty.

The bill, which has already been signed in law by Governor George R. Ariyoshi, is similar to federal law which protects the re-employment rights of National

Guard members who are called to federal active duty by the president during times of national emergency.

The new law, Act 5 of the 1979 Legislature, will mean that a person returning from National Guard service must be restored to the position formerly held or to a position of like seniority, status and pay if the member still is qualified to perform the duties of the position.

If guard members are disabled during their State active duty mission, they must be offered employment in other positions which they are qualified to fill and which will provide them with seniority, status and pay equal to that of their former positions.

A report, prepared by the Senate Human Resources Committee, notes that "besides the 15 days of annual training required of all Guard persons, members of the Guard have been ordered to State military active duty by the Governor on 13 separate operations/missions during the past five years."

"They have been called on for disaster assistance, law enforcement and various other humanitarian missions," the committee reported.

PACAF inspections:

by Maj. Gar Pillgrim
Public Affairs and Education Officer

The Pacific Air Forces operational readiness inspection (ORI) team slammed into the 154th Composite Group early and hard at the April drill. They hit the Air Guard with the toughest kind of inspection PACAF can throw at flyers, maintenance crews and radar controllers.

The result: "A superb performance. Without a doubt, the HANG is now considered to be among the best units in PACAF and the Air National Guard." Those were the words of congratulations expressed by a beaming Brigadier General Arthur U. Ishimoto, HANG commander.

The ORI involved men and women hustling back to their units on two successive recalls (early Saturday and Sunday mornings) at Hickam, as well as to the 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Wheeler AFB, Oahu, and the 150th AC&W Sq., Kokee Air Force Station, Kauai. In addition, the guard members' Air Force counterparts at the 326th Air Division, collocated with the 169th at Wheeler, also had to respond to their role as Air Force command and control agency for Hawaii's air defense.

The ORI team conducted two days of intensive evaluation and testing of various operational capabilities, including quality of maintenance, efficiency and response capability of weapons crews, proficiency of aircrews and radar controllers and general performance of support personnel at all three bases. According to the PACAF inspectors, the results "met or far exceeded Air Force standards in all areas of evaluations."

And once again the Air Guard's maintenance of the F-4C Phantom jet fighter was singled out as "well above average," especially compared with similar fighter units throughout the Pacific area.

Not one to be constricted by PACAF phraseology, 154th COMPGp Commander Colonel John S.W. Lee offered a bit more glowing evaluation: "It's super! You guys have done a terrific job!" Lee's remarks were echoed and amplified by Major General Valentine A. Siefermann, adjutant general for Hawaii, who said, "the terrific results of the ORI show that the total force concept — teamwork between the Air Guard and the Air Force — really works. My hat is off to all of you."

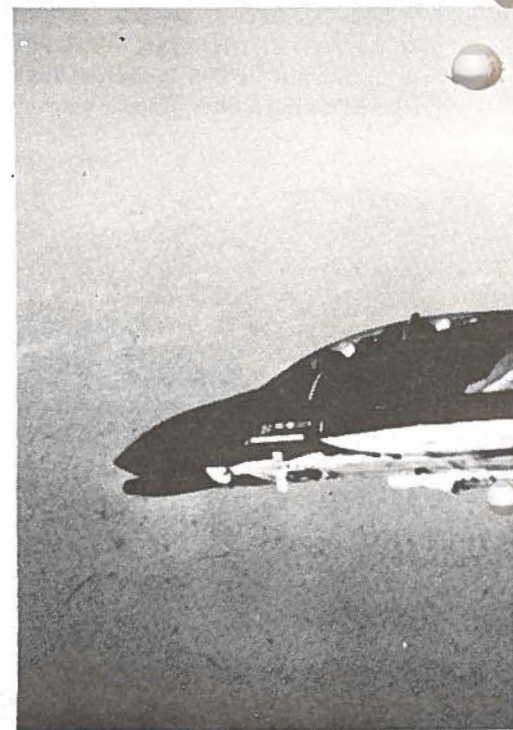
But perhaps Colonel Richie Kunichika, 154th deputy commander for operations, summed it all up in the shortest and sweetest way: "You people did 'Some Good' on this ORI. That's the only way to put it. You're all really 'SOME GOOD!'"



Brig. Gen. Alfred M. Miller, PACAF IG, asks questions. HANG photo by SSgt. Solomon Ford



169th AC&W radar operators plotting an intercept. HANG photo by Capt. Eric Kanja.



F-4 Phantom returns home after a successful in



Opinions

by Capt. Wayne Yamasaki
HQ, HANG

EDITOR'S NOTE: Capt. Wayne Yamasaki circulated through the 154th Composite Group asking Air Guardsmen for their points of view about the Air Guard's recent Operational Readiness Inspection. The question was, "Were you surprised with the excellent ORI rating your section received?"



Capt. Mike Chow

Capt. Mike Y.M. Chow, 199th TFS, Pilot. No, everybody felt confident that we could do as well as we did. We were ready. Morale was really up just prior to ORI. It was satisfying to have gone through the frustrations and growing pains of conversion (from F-102 to F-4) and to have someone on the outside tell us that we have been doing well.



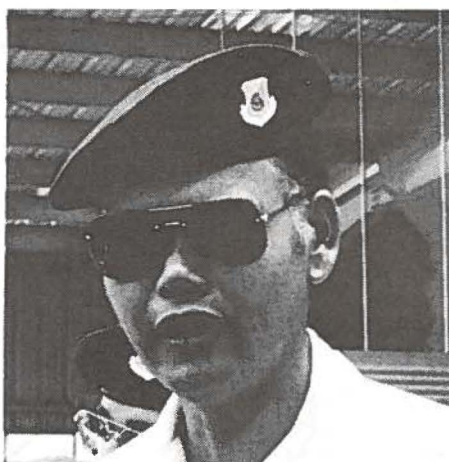
Capt. Mel Matsui

Capt. Mel Matsui, 199th TFS, Weapon Systems Officer. No. It didn't come as a surprise. It was expected! We all had an inkling about how well we did unofficially, but the official word came several days later.

MSgt. Thomas F. Hirao, 154th CAMRON, Weapons Mechanic. No. Everybody pitched in down to the lowest-ranking airman . . . We worked long hours. We had some indication that we should . . . that if we didn't get at least excellent, there would be a whole bunch of disappointed people! This was the first time we got rated so high even though the majority of the guys in our section are new enlistees and this was their first ORI.



MSgt. Thomas Hirao



MSgt. Glendon Nunes

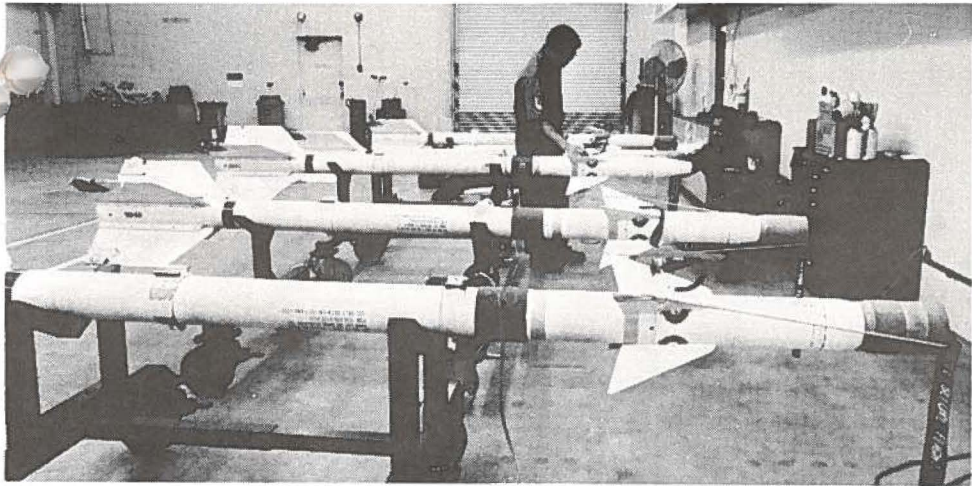
MSgt. Glendon N. Nunes, 154th Security Police Flight. Yes. We were hoping for it but we didn't know what we were going to get. I've been in for almost 19 years. This was the first time we had an excellent rating in our section. We were all anticipating a strict ORI so everybody was preparing for it months in advance.

SrA Gorden W.S. Yee, 154th Cmbt Spt Sq. Cook. No, not really, because we really worked hard. There was a lot of effort. There was a lot of running around. We served breakfast, and we served Headquarters, which we don't normally do on a drill weekend. It feels good that we did a good job.

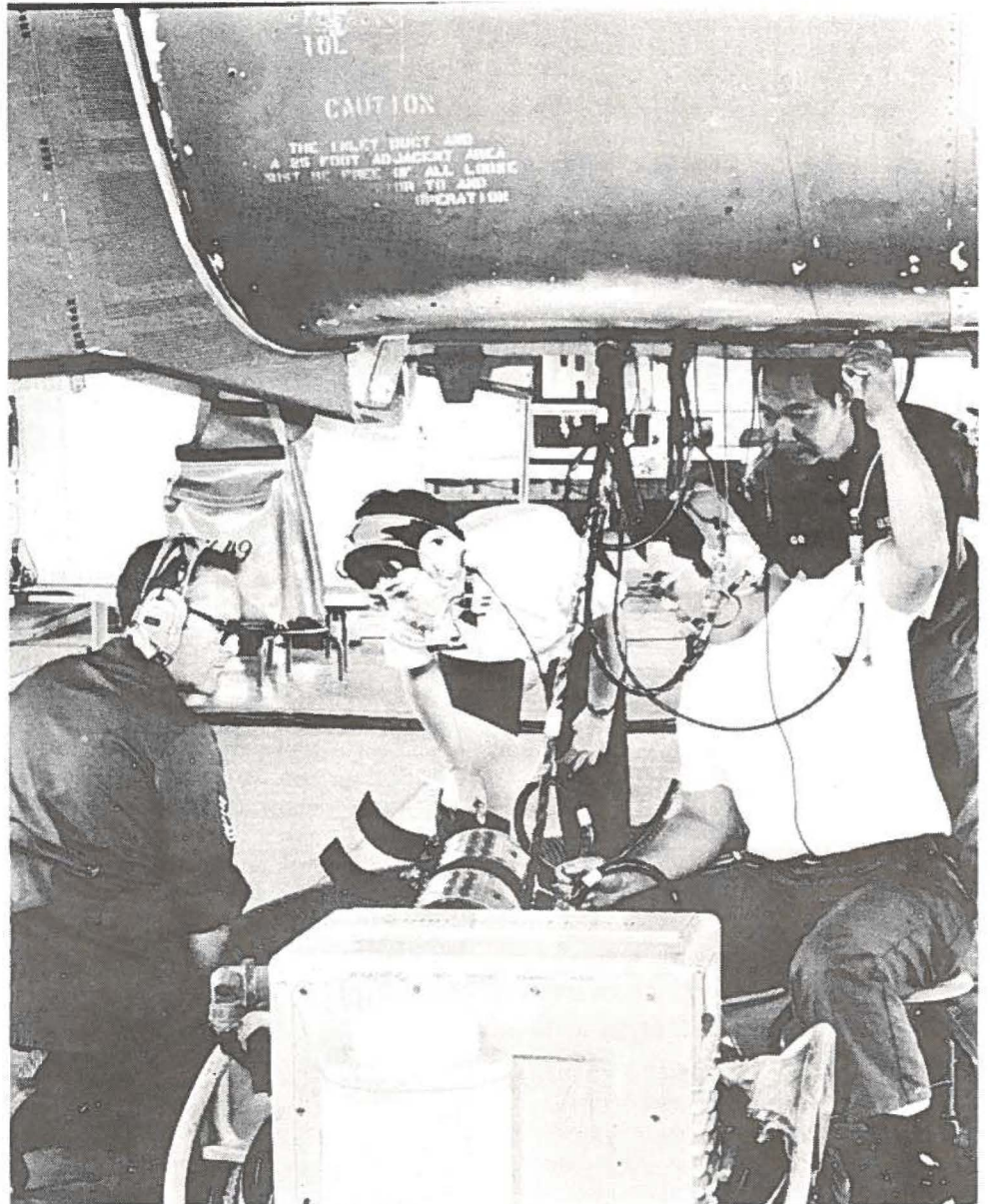


SrA. Gorden Yee

154th Composite Group gracefully hurdles toughest ORI; IG says HANG Meets or far exceeds Air Force standards



Sidewinder missiles get pre-loading check. 117th PAD photo by SFC Wayne Iha.



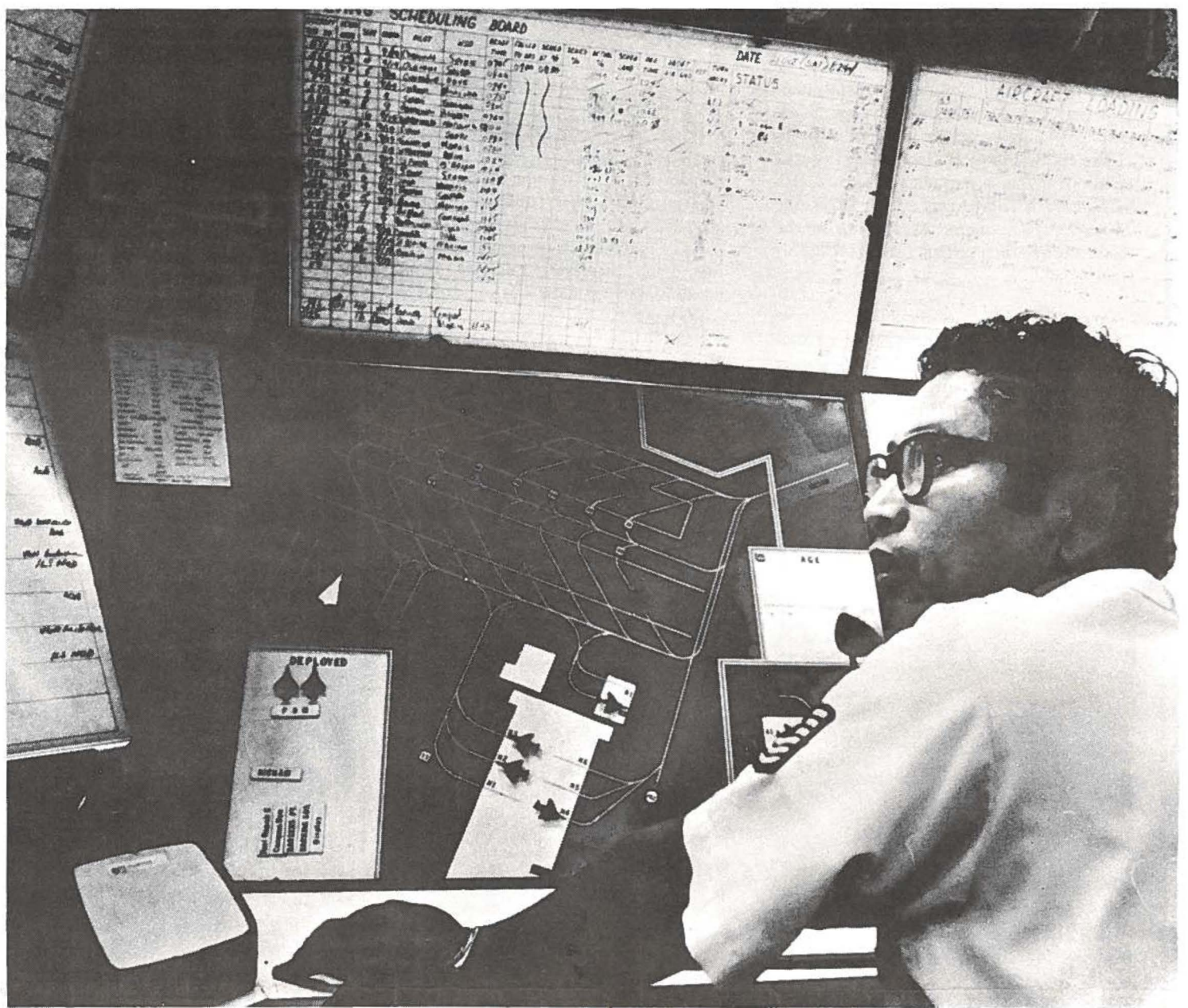
PACAF inspector evaluates Avionics/Weapons testings. HANG photo by SSgt. Solomon Ford.



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ons team loaders shoulder a sidewinder missile. 117th photo by SFC Wayne Iha.



Maintenance Control Supervisor MSgt. Rudolph Q. Luat scans aircraft status board. 117th PAD photo by SFC Wayne Iha.

1st Bn training intensifies competition

by Sp5 Judy Lau
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The Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry, is unique in that it's made up of units spread out over four different islands: Oahu, Maui, Kauai and Molokai. The Combat Support Company of the 1st Bn., 299th Inf. has six platoons. Two of the platoons are on Molokai, while the other four are on Oahu. It's a specialty-type operation. Every platoon does its own thing.

The Heavy Mortar Platoon, the Redeye Platoon and the Antitank Platoon of the 1st Bn., 299th were preparing themselves for an ARTEP and the SQT at Schofield Barracks on Oahu recently.

There's a lot of action at the mortar platoon because they fire live rounds. The maximum range of the mortar is 5,000 meters or over 3 miles. When the squad leader yells, "FIRE," a boom thunders in your eardrums, and in 20 to 30 seconds, on the distant hills, a gigantic cloud forms and grows at an amazing speed until the breeze gently dissipates it into thin air. When you deal with live rounds, there has to be precision. Tension is in the air. You can feel it, and it's exciting.

The Redeye, of course, is a heat-seeking missile that can detect and destroy aircraft. It has a range of approximately 3,000 meters or about 2 miles. Each two-man team — (the



'HANG ROUND' — Members of Hawaii Army Guard's 1st Bn, 299th Inf. heavy mortar platoon sharpen their marksmanship skills.

team chief and the gunner) — man a redeye. There are 5 teams in all. Platoon Sergeant Ronald Ayonon, who asked for my ID before he would talk to me, said the work is exciting. "You've got to know what you're doing and you have to work very closely with your team chief." Map reading, communications, tactical knowledge, camouflage, recognition of aircraft, rapid target engagement, all come into play if you want to become an expert missileman, he said. Maybe one reason why Ayonon and his men take so much pride in their specialty is that the spirit of competition is always there. Every drill the teams compete with each other. This summer, they're looking forward



ONE AWAY — 1st Bn's Combat Support Company fires a live mortar round during recent training exercises at Schofield Barracks. 117th PAD photos by Sp5 John Atkinson.

to competing with three other units.

The Antitank Platoon is not to be outdone either. Their weapon, too, is sophisticated and yet it can be mounted and unmounted quickly. When its infra-red tracker sees a target through its optical site, within seconds, a rocket motor starts up in the missile and will propel the missile toward the target if the trigger is depressed, said Platoon Sergeant John Adolpho. The automatic missile guide has a 95 percent capability of hitting its target accurately on the first try, Adolph added.

"Everything I've seen about the TOW I like. I'm impressed by it. No armor made today, even by the Russians, can stop the

TOW. One round of the TOW can penetrate 21 inches of steel even at maximum range," explained the platoon sergeant. And, in an amusing side, Adolpho added, "people always think the infantry soldier has to hump the mountains, but the TOW and even the mortar platoons get to RIDE, not walk."

After talking to these soldiers, I couldn't help but think of ol' Vic Morrow in the TV series COMBAT. No kidding, it was the same kind of fierce, determined pride and dedication that makes me skip a heartbeat in admiration. I guess I'll never find this kind of guts and glory behind my typewriter.

Community service

Army guard excavates Mokauea island pond

by Dennis Y. Fujii
Editor

HONOLULU, Hawaii — Members of the Hawaii Army National Guard, aided by heavy construction equipment, recently continued with the excavation of a two-acre fish pond on Mokauea Island in Keehi Lagoon.

The Hawaii Army National Guard's participation in this community service project was part of a Total Army effort to assist the Mokauea Fishermen's Association in the restoration of their coastal fishing village off Sand Island.

Army Guardsmen of the 298th Engineer Detachment, the 829th Maintenance Company and the 292nd Supply and Service Company began to work as they continued to dig through the coral reef.

Army National Guard scoop loaders and a

rock drill were utilized. A bulldozer from the Army's 65th Engineer Battalion from Schofield was also used by the Army Guardsmen.

The National Guard and Army equipment was moved out to the island on a Landing Craft Utility vessel provided by the Army's 5th Transportation Company.

In April, Governor George R. Ariyoshi, Brigadier General John E. Aiona, Jr., commander of the Hawaii Army National Guard, and other military dignitaries attended the official groundbreaking ceremony. Following the ceremony, members of the Army Reserve's Engineer battalion began removing debris and soil down to the coral level.

The Hawaii Army National Guard's participation in this community service project will benefit the community culturally, but it also provides the guard members with valuable "hands-on" training.



BLESSING MOKAUEA ISLAND — Lt. Col. Charles C. Sperow, chief of staff, WESTCOM; Col. Walter Tagawa, 9th Corp (Aug.) U.S. Army Reserve commander; Brig. Gen. John Aiona, Army Guard commander; Gov. George R. Ariyoshi; two Mokauea Island residents; and Sgt. Herm Puahi participate in groundbreaking ceremonies on the Keehi Lagoon island. U.S. Army photo.



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT — The Hawaii Army Guard's 298th Engineer Detachment assist in the restoration of Mokauea Island fishing village. 117th PAD photo by Sp4 Tom Clements.



OLD HAWAIIAN FISHING VILLAGE, U.S. Army photo.

201st outstanding performance overcomes adverse Korean weather

by 2nd Lt. Kathy Berg
201st CMBTCG IO

HICKAM AFB, Hawaii — Members of the 201st Combat Communications Group, Hawaii Air National Guard, packed parkas and bunny boots again this year and headed for Korea to participate in Team Spirit '79.

According to the Republic of Korea/United States Combined Forces Command (CFC) in Seoul, the annual exercise, held from March 1-17, permitted military forces of the two allies to gain experience in joint and combined defensive operations. Active and Reserve forces from dozens of Pacific and Mainland locations combined their talents and equipment to make this huge exercise a success.

Set up for operation

The major Air Force locations involved in Team Spirit '79 were Osan, Kunsan, Taegu, and Kwangju Air Bases, where US Air Force facilities exist. In addition, US forces practiced setting up bare base operations at two ROK Air Bases, Suwon and Kimhae.

It was at Suwon, located north of Osan, where the 201st Combat Comm. Gp. from Hawaii had responsibility for the bare base communication operation. About 100 Hawaii Guard members participated in the exercise, with about 70 in country at any one time. Although the exercise itself was held March 1-17, communications support was needed from the 201st from February 17 through March 24. Because of the length of the deployment, two teams were organized and rotated half-way through the exercise. Major David F. Howard of the 201st Com-

bat Comm. Sq in Hilo commanded the first team; Lieutenant Colonel Paul S. Mori of Hq 201st Combat Comm Gp commanded the second.

The weather in Korea proved to be as diverting as the exercise. Conditions varied from sunny days in the high 50's, to drizzling rains, to temperatures with sudden snow and chilling winds.

Tours to a palace

Other diversions were provided by the Korean government in tours to Suwon and Seoul. These included tours of factories, a folk village, a palace, a castle, and the Korean Broadcasting System. Songtan, the town just outside Suwon, provided fascinating shopping and an opportunity to meet the Korean people.

Members of the 201st returned from Korea with good feelings about the job they did and the experiences they had. In comparing Team '78 experience with Team Spirit '79, Chief Master Sergeant Walter Furuyama said last year's exercise found the Hawaii contingent far South in Korea where Americans were not very common and the "Hawaiians were referred to as 'same-same,' being oriental in origin.

Aloha in Korea

This year we were called Hawaii people. Hawaiians, being openhearted and very generous in nature, showed respect for the Korean people, and of course, they all loved us too," Furuyama added.

The unit was presented with a unique memento from the 10th Fighter Wing of the ROK AF with whom they worked so well at Suwon. And the 201st, in the best Hawaiian tradition, brought pineapple and aloha wherever they went.



KOREA DEPLOYMENT — Amn. Gladys Rosenbush, left; SrA. Cody Nakasone; and MSgt. Jim Roland were among the 100 members of the Hawaii Air Guard's 201st Combat Communications Group who participated in March's joint services exercise — "Team Spirit '79."



TEMPORARY HOME — It's not Hickam Air Force Base, but Suwon Air Force base in South Korea where the 201st CMBTCG spent nearly a month providing communication services.



travel log

Korea, snow impresses 1st time visitors

by Capt. Gwendolyn A. Leidemann
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"It's snowing outside!" That news spread quickly through the olive-drab tents, sending their fatigue-clad inhabitants racing outdoors. The sun was shining, but down came the wet clumped flakes of snow, clinging to my glasses, the tents, and the ground only briefly before ending their tenuous existence. This snow was a belated visitor to an already waning winter. We took photos of Hawaiians meeting snow for the first time, happily becoming children in Korea.

Korea: it's a name that conjures up a confusing montage of images — images of an unresolved war, of nations divided both physically and intellectually, of petty negotiations on the DMZ, of senseless and brutal deaths, of TV's MASH, Hawkeye and Radar. And now, added to those images is the Hawaii Air Guard at Team Spirit '79, in Osan and Suwon, Korea.

My first impressions came on the first day as a passenger in an Air Guard truck travelling from Suwon Air Base to Osan Air Force Base.

I thought of how much the countryside reminded me of the rural South and my home state of Alabama. In the winter, rural Alabama was a dismal place, with brown grass and shanty towns, whose buildings had needed paint for more years than I could remember. Its roads were travelled by thru-traffic, moving quickly and purposefully, stopping for little but gas.

I often wondered what the people in those little towns did at night, when everything was dark, besides merely await another day that was the same as the last.

So it seemed the same in Korea, yet different. For this is a country with a history measured in thousands of years, rather than hundreds. A country divided, still close to the edge of war, its nightly curfew reminds you of the reality of war. An almost surrealistic image of an armed Korean Guard walking his post on a foggy night lingers in my memory.

In the daytime its people are busy, many walking briskly with purpose along the road, wearing red cheeks and school uniforms and traditional Korean dress and modern Western dress.

Its roads carry an amazingly varied combination of traffic, from slow-moving farm tractor-trailer combinations and heavy-duty bicycles, all precariously overloaded with goods; to fast-moving buses, taxis and military and civilian trucks, all effectively dodging the many pedestrians, who seem oblivious to danger.

At night its towns become meccas for American GIs, either compressing a year's shopping into a few nights on the town, or haunting the clubs for Korean exotica to populate their fantasies.

A tour to a modern textile factory, said to be second in size only to Burlington Mills in the U.S., offers a modern counterpoint to the age-old scene of a woman sewing sale goods late in the evening in a small shop in Songtan. These dark shanty towns near Suwon and Osan Air Bases contrast sharply with the bright and modern high-rise city of Seoul. It's a tantalizing combination of the past and the present, the old and the new, all in one place, in one country.

The people are apologetic, both about the lack of western-style conveniences in their land and about their limited command of the English language.



LIQUID SUNSHINE? — MSgt. George Kawaguchi, left; TSgt. Matt Thornley; Sgt. Donna Hara; TSgt. Moke Henderson; MSgt. Harvey Maeda; and TSgt. Mel Tominaga are so surprised by the Korean snow that one Hawaii Air Guardsman even greeted the flurries in zoris. USAF photos by TSgt. Tom Utts.

The presence of Americans, who have greater discretionary income and who rarely know any of the Korean language, emphasizes these disparities remorselessly. Yet the Koreans are an unusually kind and uncommonly polite people, anxious to have Americans like them and their country.

And those Americans who do not automatically associate being different with being inferior, do like them and appreciate their ability to speak English, however limited. These are the Americans who realize that the charm of Korea lies in its being

different and not western.

I'm not sure that Koreans realize that fact, but I do know that they are very aware and proud of their history. And the preservation of their unique heritage will insure they remain forever Korean.

Team Spirit was more than a military exercise. It was and is a unique chance for Americans to experience a totally different culture. I know that I will never forget my all-too-brief visit there, and I would gladly return to that hauntingly familiar yet wonderfully different land of Korea.

Spotlight

by Dennis Y. Fujii

DRATS TO THE AIRLINE STRIKE

Hawaii Army National Guardsmen had to cancel their trip to compete in the FORSCOM Western Region Machine Gun Competition which was held at Fort Ord, California, due to the on-going airline strike.

Maybe better luck next year.

DOD EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

All State Department of Defense employees, to include drill status Guard members, are eligible to join the Hawaii Department of Defense Employees' Association.

The association offers to its members a low cost life insurance program and a separate cancer insurance program with an intensive care option.

All current and retired State employees, Federal technicians and drill status Guard members are eligible to become members of the Hawaii Department of Defense Employees Association with a one-time application fee of just \$2.

Considering the fast-rising cost of living, the only safeguard for the financial protection of your family could be an effective and thorough life insurance program.

For further information contact, Master Sergeant Yoshiaki (Jack) Sasaki at the USPFO, telephone 737-5424.

SEEING TRIPLE, TRIPLE, TRIPLE . . .

Captain Richard McCabe, commander of the 227th Engineer Company at Waiawa will soon have his hands full or should I say have an eyeful.

Lieutenant Colonel Rudolph Thomas recently swore in a set of triplets into the Army Guard and they are assigned to the 227th.

Lawrence, Daryl and Derek Correa, identical in many features, will be leaving for basic in June.

Staff Sergeant Roy Espiritu, HARNG recruiter, talked all three into joining the Guard at the same time.

SSgt. Espiritu is the person you want to thank, Captain McCabe!!!

PACOM PRAISES 201st

Brigadier General David E. Rippetoe, Jr., commander of Pacific Communications Area, the gaining command of the 201st Combat Communications Group, recently sent a letter to the Adjutant General, Major General Valentine A. Siefermann, praising the men and women of the 201st for their outstanding performance during Team Spirit '79 (see 201st story).

Despite the adverse weather (the Hawaii folks loved the snow), the job they did was superb, reflecting real credit not only upon the Hawaii Air Guard but on the entire Guard force, the letter went on to say.

Also singled out were Colonel Paul Goya, Group commander, and Major Dave Howard, commander of the 201st unit on the Big Island.

Nice pat on the back!

A PROJECT TO NOTE

A reminder to all Guard members, June 7 is the deadline to turn in your questionnaire sheet on PROJECT NOTE '79 to your units.

Sponsored by the National Committee for Employers Support of the Guard and Reserves, the Hawaii PROJECT NOTE (Name Of The Employer) is designed to help out members of the Hawaii and Air National Guard as well as members of other reserve components.

So don't forget to turn in your questionnaires.

TROPHY WINNER ANNOUNCED

The 293rd Service Company, headquartered at Wheeler AFB, was selected to receive the Commanding General HARNG Trophy for achieving the highest percentage increase in assigned strength for calendar year 1978. Congratulations!!!!

RETIREMENT NOTE

Military legal assistance is available to Hawaii National Guard retirees age 60 and over with 20 or more years of service. Dependents and widows/widowers are also eligible.

Legal assistance officers are available for consultation and assistance on personal legal problems "of civil nature." Routine actions handled by legal assistance officers include landlord-tenant relations, wills, purchase of automobiles, powers of attorney, tax counseling, etc.

Legal assistance officers cannot advise you on matters pertaining to private business pursuits.

FORMER GUARDSMEN IN NATO

In the February issue of the NATIONAL GUARD magazine, two former members of the Hawaii Army National Guard were highlighted.

General William A. Knowlton and Lieutenant General George G. Cantlay, Jr. both serve on the highest military committee in NATO, the Military Committee.

During their duty with the Hawaii National Guard back in 1938-39, both served in Company E, 298th Infantry Regiment as PFCs.

At least there's hope for me, now all I got to do is be appointed to West Point and maybe I too could follow in their footsteps.

ARMY GUARD TO THE RESCUE

When heavy rains, flooding and bad road conditions damaged parts of the Big Island in February (see CD story), an Army Guard helicopter and flight crew were called to State Active Duty to air evacuate a Big Island resident in urgent need of medical attention.

Captain Victor Chun, Chief Warrant Officer Ed Spencer and Sergeant Ronald Ueda flew the lifesaving mission from Pahala Hospital to Hilo Hospital, where the patient received kidney dialysis treatment.



PADDLING RIGHT ALONG, the Air Guard canoe club will be entering more races this year. In fact, club members are looking forward to the purchase of a new \$5000 koa canoe. A highly placed mystery donor has pledged \$500 of his own money to assist the club when and if the club raises their first \$1000. Anyone wishing to contribute to the HANG canoe club can forward their donation to MSgt. Wayne Soma at the 154th Combat Support Squadron at Hickam.

Air guard offers bonus ; similar to Army guard

HONOLULU, Hawaii — The Hawaii Air National Guard is now offering, for a limited time, education/monetary bonuses for enlistment and extension/reenlistment in select military skills.

Stan W. Hong, a 1978 graduate from Leilehua High School, recently became the first person to enlist in the Hawaii Air Guard, taking advantage of the new enlistment bonus.

By authorization of Congress, the Hawaii Air National Guard can now offer an enlistment bonus, educational assistance and extension/reenlistment bonus to Air Guard members assigned selected military skills in the Air National Guard.

Hong, presently a freshman attending the University of Hawaii, will leave Hawaii for basic training and individual skills training this summer and will be back in time to continue with his education at the university this fall.

Under the extension/reenlistment bonus program, the Hawaii Air National Guard extended Staff Sergeant Arthur K. Ledward, Jr. for three more years.

SSgt. Ledward, assigned to the 154th Security Police Flight, is a security specialist and has been an Air Guardsman for over eight years.

The incentive bonuses are similar to those being offered by the Hawaii Army National Guard.

The enlistment bonus will pay \$1,500, paid out during the enlistment term. At the completion of his initial active duty training and with the awarding of his military skill, Hong will be presented \$750. He will be awarded \$200 at the satisfactory completion of the second and third years. A final payment of \$350 will be awarded to Hong with the satis-

factory completion of his fourth year.

The educational assistance bonus will provide 50% of educational expenses for members going to an accredited school, with a maximum of \$500 within a 12-month period and a total of \$2,000 for the term of enlistment.

Only one of these bonuses is available at the time of recruit's enlistment.

To be eligible for the educational and monetary bonuses, a person must enlist for six years, must not be of prior service, must be a high school graduate and meet other enlistment criteria.

The extension/reenlistment bonus will pay \$1,800 for a six year extension/reenlistment and \$900 for a three year extension/reenlistment.

One half of the bonus will be paid on the first day of the guardsman's new term and \$150 will be paid upon the satisfactory completion of each year of his reenlistment.

To be eligible for the extension/reenlistment bonus, a person should not have previously received an extension/reenlistment bonus for service in the Selected Reserve; is not reenlisting or extending to qualify for a civilian position where membership in the Reserve is a condition of employment; and must have been a member of the Guard for a minimum of one year at the time of reenlistment or extension.

The availability of funds and positions are limited. Positions in two military skill areas: munitions systems and aircraft armament, are open under the enlistment bonus; and with the extension/reenlistment bonus, three military skill areas: munition systems, aircraft armament and security police are open.

New guard hires placed on 2yr. duty

by Maj. Don Orton
Technician Personnel Officer

The National Guard Bureau recently initiated programs in which the Hawaii Air and Army National Guard will test their abilities to attract qualified guard members to full-time employment in lieu of technician hires.

Authorized technician positions may be filled by guard members who meet the qualifications established by the National Guard Bureau. Military members who are employed will be placed on full-time military duty for a period of two years under the

provisions of Title 32, U.S. Code, Section 503. Under these programs those placed on military duty will be paid according to their military grade and longevity and are entitled to those benefits provided all military members.

Military employment opportunities will be advertised in job vacancy announcements as is done in the technician programs now. Currently, technicians are not permitted to convert their positions to military status.

Details on these programs may be obtained by contacting the appropriate military personnel office — HANG. CBPO, 449-5701 or HARNG G1, 737-6744/8439.