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## Calendar

**May 19, Saturday**

Armed Forces Day, Hawaii National Guard displays at Hickam Air Force Base, Oahu and General Lyman Air Field on the Big Island.

**May 25, Friday**

State DoD Women's Career Development Seminar, Outrigger Prince Kuhio Hotel, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**May 25-June 10**

Arizona Air National Guard trains with Hawaii Air National Guard.

**May 24-June 9**

154th Tactical Hospital deploys to Michigan.

**June 3, Sunday**

Commander in Chief's Review, Diamond Head Crater, 10:00 a.m.

**June 3, Sunday**

169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron Family Day, Lanikuhonua, West Beach, Oahu.

**June 16-30**

154th Civil Engineering Squadron deploys to Japan.

**June 30, Saturday**

Hawaii Army National Guard Aviation Safety Conference.

## Hawaii Guard soldiers train in Korea

SEOUL (USFK) — A cold 35 degree but clear night recently welcomed more than 1,100 Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers who arrived at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

It was a marked contrast to the balmy mid-80 degree tropical climate Hawaii's citizen-soldiers are accustomed to, but the Army Guard soldiers were prepared for the change.

Their arrival in the Republic of Korea to participate in Team Spirit '90 reflected more than a year of planning and coordination, including a deployment to Oregon last August.

Led by Brig. Gen. John R. D'Araujo

Jr., commander of the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate), the Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG) contingent included:

- More than 400 soldiers of the 2nd Bn., 299th Inf., from the island of Hawaii.
- Nearly 60 soldiers from Troop E, 19th Cavalry from Wahiawa.
- Nearly 100 combat engineers from the 227th Engineer Company in Waiawa on the island of Oahu.
- More than 151 soldiers from the 29th Support Battalion in Honolulu.
- A composite group of 17 HIARNG

soldiers from the islands of Kauai and Maui.

- Some 20 helicopter aviators, mechanics and support personnel from Honolulu and Hilo; and more than 130 soldiers from the headquarters element of the 29th Inf. Bde. (Sep.).
- And 27 soldiers from various units who served as exercise controllers.

During Team Spirit '90, a joint-combined field training exercise, the brigade served as one of the 25th Infantry Division's (Light) main attack

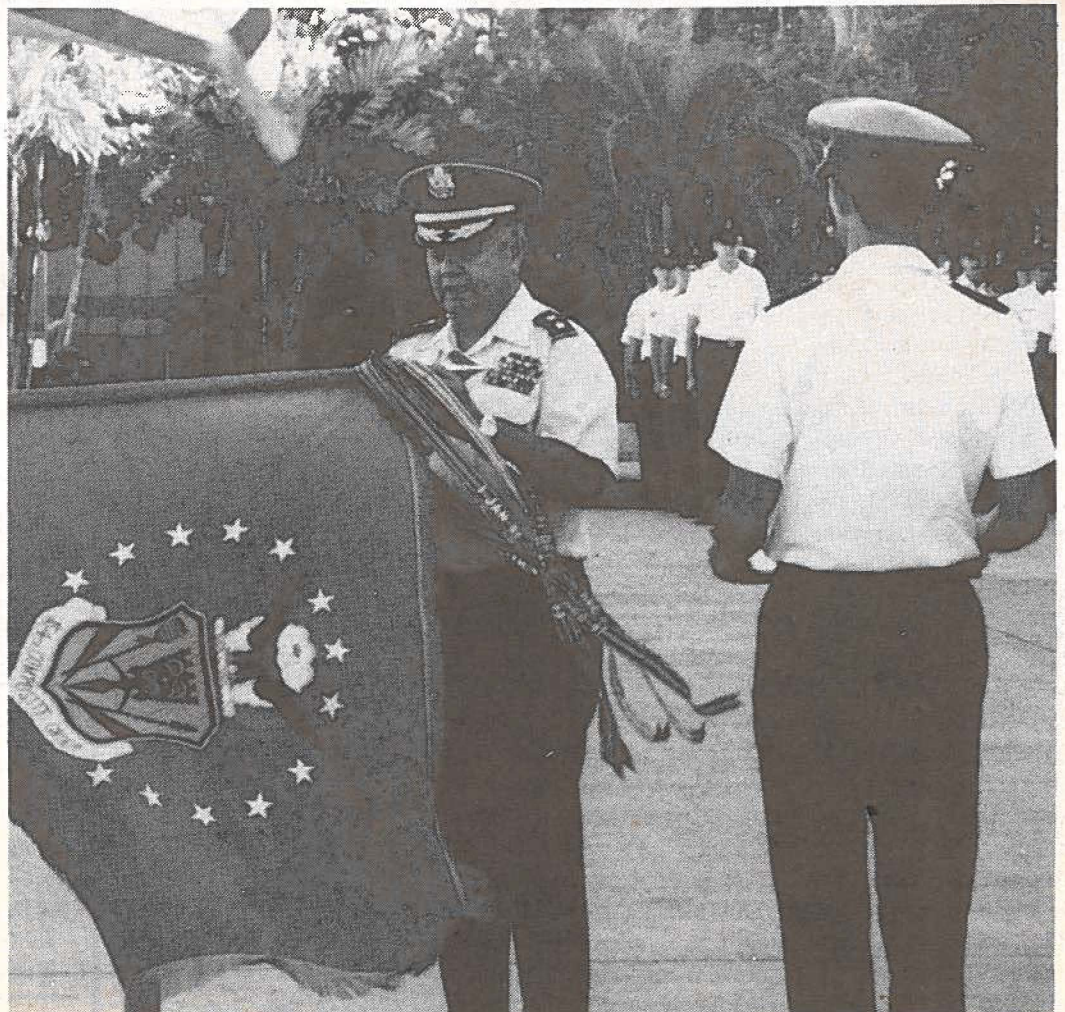
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## Hawaii Air Guard captures 5th Outstanding Unit Award

Maj. Gen. Alexis T. Lum, state adjutant general, places the fifth Outstanding Unit Award streamer on the 154th Composite Group's colors, Feb. 4. The Hawaii Air National Guard unit received the award from the U.S. Air Force at ceremonies held at their Hickam Air Force Base facility.

The Group was recognized for its outstanding mission performance while maintaining the highest level of combat readiness. The 154th was also commended for attaining superior and safe results during four major deployments and while hosting deployed units, among other achievements.

The 154th received its first Outstanding Unit Award in 1979 followed by awards in 1985, 1987, and 1989.



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**Maj. Gen. Alexis T. Lum**  
The Adjutant General

# Command Notes

Welcome home to the more than 1,100 Army Guard soldiers who deployed to the Republic of Korea for Team Spirit '90. Everyone did an outstanding job and demonstrated that the national guard can mobilize, deploy and fight when called upon.

The 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) headquarters, the 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, and the 29th Support Battalion were part of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) during the exercise. Along with three attached Republic of Korea (ROK) battalions, the Hawaii Army Guard organization was the division's main effort and was extremely successful in overcoming a numerically superior armored force. They also demonstrated that cohesion, teamwork and high morale are critical combat multipliers. Secretary of the Army Michael Stone, during his stopover in Hawaii, told me that he saw all of these factors at work when he visited the brigade in Korea.

Team Spirit also provided a comprehensive test of the brigade's mobilization and war fighting plans. The deployment of 950 soldiers represented the largest mobilization of the brigade since the Vietnam call-up in 1968. The three-week duration of the exercise also made it the longest peace-time deployment.

The 292nd Supply and Service Company, with more than 110 soldiers, also performed annual training in Korea. They provided combat service support for I Corps and the 25th Infantry Division (Light). Twenty-seven soldiers from various Army Guard units also

served as controllers for the exercise. Like the troops of the brigade, the leaders and soldiers who participated in Team Spirit received valuable training in all aspects of their wartime missions. Significantly, they gained experience in the demanding and dangerous arena of combat operations and tactics under adverse climatic conditions.

The brigade's and the 292nd's success during Team Spirit was due primarily to the outstanding efforts of the officers and soldiers in the units, the Army Guard headquarters staff and support elements who "made things happen." I commend all of you for your hard work and attention to detail. You did your share to make Team Spirit a highly successful and beneficial exercise and were safety conscious throughout the training.

While the soldiers were deployed to Korea, the Army Guard headquarters operated a 24-hour Family Assistance Center. The center received numerous telephone calls from family members and provided information or coordinated with internal or external agencies to alleviate problems and concerns.

I appreciate and applaud our Guard families for being responsible and taking charge of family business in the absence of their soldier-spouses. Thank you for your many sacrifices, understanding and patience. Our families are true patriots.

In the months ahead, we will be recognizing the employers of Guard members who have been supportive in the past. I encourage all of the soldiers who deployed for Team Spirit to submit, through their chain of command, nominations for Employer Support of the Guard and reserve awards/certificates.

The 154th Composite Group of the Hawaii Air National Guard earned its fifth Outstanding Unit Award from the U.S. Air Force. The unit's record of

combat readiness is unequalled and reflects the commitment and dedication of its members to perform its vital mission of providing for the air defense of Hawaii. I'd like to express my appreciation to all the members of the 154th for their support and loyalty. Keep up the good work.

Congratulations to Sgt. 1st Class Samuel L. Kanoe and Spec. Clifford K. Chee, from Troop E (Ground), 19th Cavalry, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) for being selected as the Hawaii Army Guard's NCO and soldier of the year, respectively. Both are drill-status soldiers and dedicated countless hours of their personal time to prepare for and represent the Hawaii Army National Guard at the U.S. Army Western Command competition for NCO and soldier of the year. Thank you, your families, and loved ones, for putting forth such an outstanding effort.

Although the events of the last few months give the impression that World Peace is becoming a reality, our requirement for maintaining high levels of readiness remains. As the standing Army and Air Force are reduced because of budgetary constraints, the role of the National Guard becomes more essential. This is the way it should be. Our country's founding fathers envisioned maintaining a small standing army. This was based on the precept that the several states would provide reinforcements from their militia if the Nation was threatened.

A wise person once said, "the most difficult time is when an evil nation is trying to reform itself." In essence, times of change are dangerous and the expectations of the people in a country undergoing change can be extremely stressful. Above all, empires don't crumble with dignity. There is no question that the next few years are going to be dangerous and we as citizen-soldiers must be ready for any eventuality.

## Military News

### State tax withheld from inactive duty pay checks

Hawaii is one of more than 30 states that began mandatory withholding of state income tax from National Guard and Ready Reserve pay, effective Mar. 1.

Earning statements will reflect withholding according to the member's legal residence. The state tax exemption claimed will be the same as the federal exemption.

Other states and territories participating in the program are Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts (Reserve only), Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Arizona and Missouri have voluntary state tax withholding upon written request but are not involved in the present program.

### Army Air Force Exchange polices change

The main exchanges at Hickam Air Force Base, Schofield Barracks, Hale Koa and Schofield's Shoppette are open 24-hours, seven days a week. The expanded hours policy has been in effect since Feb. 15.

The expanded hours are the result of customer acceptance of the holiday season 24-hour operation, according to **Ben Davis**, general manager, AAFES-Hawaii.

Expanded hours will also begin for Schofield's military clothing sales and furniture mart, remaining open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week.

Coupons, however, went down in value on Jan. 29, when AAFES announced that its Monday Double Coupon Day program now has a maximum 50-cent ceiling. Coupons over 50 cents WILL NOT be doubled. Also, a free item will be doubled only if the item cost is 50 cents or less. This management policy change is in keeping with normal practices in retailing, according to the policy directive.

### Family care plan changes

Interim Change No. 101 to AR 600-20, Sept. 13, 1989, has been distributed.

DA Form 5341-R (Family Care Plan Counseling) and DA Form 5305-R (Family Care Plan) have been revised.

New forms (with a letter of instruction) have been added: DA Form 5841-R (Special Power of Attorney for Guardianship) and DA Form 5840-R (Certificate of Acceptance as a Guardian).

Units should begin to complete forms immediately. Additional guidance and instruction will be provided by G-1 staff.

### Black nameplate standards reaffirmed

Only last names are authorized on the black nameplates worn on Class A and B uniforms. Headquarters, Department of the Army, reaffirmed the Army Regulation 670-1: wearing of nameplates with flags, insignia, rank, etc., are not authorized.

### Chief warrant officers must retire at age 60

The new "commissioned" status of chief warrant officers will not allow them to remain on active status beyond age 60. "Grandfathered" and other specific guidance will be reviewed, case by case.

### Air Force utility uniforms

The Battle Dress Uniform (BDUs) are the mandatory utility uniform, effective Oct. 1, for all Air Force officers and airmen. The regulation includes active and Re-

serve Component personnel.

BDUs will replace the olive green fatigues, which may not be worn after Sept. 30, 1990.

The olive green field jacket may be worn until Sept. 30, 1992, by which time it will be replaced by the BDU field jacket through attrition.

Undershirts (either V-neck, U-neck, crew neck T-shirts, or athletic-style shirts) will be worn with all fatigue uniforms, by men and women. If the undershirt shows, it must be white, green, or brown.

Please direct any questions to Hawaii Air Na-

tional Guard Personnel Affairs at 449-5669.

### USO opens family and community center in Waikiki

USO Waikiki Family and Community Center opened its doors in November 1989.

The center, in Maluhia Hall, Fort DeRussy, is open to all active and Reserve Component members and their families.

An authorized military identification card is required for access into the facility.

For more information, call 836-3351.



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# Troop E soldiers win top enlisted awards

Sgt. 1st Class Samuel L. Kanoe and Spec. Clifford K. Chee, Troop E (Ground), 19th Cavalry, won top honors recently as the 1990 Hawaii Army National Guard Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of Year, respectively.

This is the second consecutive year a Troop E soldier has won the NCO division. Staff Sgt. Bryan Agena was last year's winner.

Chee, 22, helped the Hawaii Army National Guard retain its hold on the U.S. Army Western Command (WESTCOM) Reserve Component Soldier of the Year award for the fourth consecutive year.

The program is judged by an active and Reserve Component sergeants major board at WESTCOM. The competition also includes soldiers from the Alaska and Guam Army Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve headquartered in Hawaii.

Both soldiers will receive the Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal and special trophies. In addition, Chee will receive a Meritorious Service Medal



Kanoe

and a \$1000 U.S. Savings Bond from WESTCOM.

Kanoe, 30, joined the military in the delayed entry program a year before graduating from Kaimuki High School in 1978. He joined the Guard in 1986,



Chee

after more than 8 years of active duty.

Currently, he serves as a platoon sergeant. His duties include military occupational specialty-related training and assisting the platoon leader in tactical deployments.

He is married to the former Esther Mendoza.

He is a pool attendant at a Waikiki hotel and his hobbies include working on cars, running, and playing basketball.

Kanoe's awards and badges include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award), Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (2), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon (2), Air Assault Badge, and Expert Rifle Badge (M161A).

Chee graduated from Maryknoll High School in 1985, and joined the Guard a year later. He serves as a scout's gunner. He is presently attending Kapiolani Community College. His hobbies include hiking, reading, Tae Kwon Do, and volleyball.

His awards include the Army Achievement Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Air Assault Badge, and expert badges for the M161A rifle and M203 grenade launcher.

# Morris assumes command of 201st CCGP

Col Melvin C. Morris assumed command of the Hawaii Air National Guard's 201st Combat Communications Group from Col. Ernest T. Shima, Mar. 31. The ceremonies were held at the Air Guard's Hickam Air Force Base facilities.

Honolulu-born Morris, 50, has served as the deputy commander of the 201st since November 1980. He enlisted in the Air Guard in March 1957, prior to graduating from St. Louis High School in June 1958. After eight years of night school he received a bachelors degree in general studies, with a major in accounting from Champlain State University in 1980.

Morris served 10 years with the 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron in various positions including drill-status radar maintenance technician, full-time air technician (master sergeant in 1959), and communications-electronics maintenance officer (direct commission to first lieutenant in 1967).

In 1976, he moved to the Air Guard headquarters as chief of communications-electronics. The job functions were moved to the 154th Composite Group in 1979.

He joined the 201st in 1980 and was promoted



Brig. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, assistant adjutant general, Air, passes the colors of the 201st Combat Communications Group to the new commander, Col. Melvin C. Morris, as retiring commander, Col. Ernest T. Shima, looks on.

to colonel on June 10, 1986.

His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Readiness Medal, and Humanitarian Service Medal.

Morris is married to the former Brenda J. Brilhante of Honolulu. They have three children: Dwayne, Darren, and Celeste.

Shima, 54, retired after more than 32 years of

military service. The colonel served as commander of the Communications Group since Oct. 1, 1980.

Shima was born in Koloa, Kauai, and graduated from Kauai

High School in 1953. He received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the University of Hawaii and was commissioned a second lieutenant through the Reserve Officer

Training Corps in 1957. He was promoted to colonel May 1985.

Shima is married to the former Lenore H. Nakama of Honolulu. They have two daughters: Lori and Jan.



# HIANG Hawaii Air National Guard

## F-15 flight simulator saves tax dollars

It might not be the *real thing*, but the Air Guard's new F-15 flight simulator is saving the government millions of dollars.

"The flight simulator can play the part of three to eight \$20 million jet-fighters," said Lt. Col. Kenneth Wicks, 154th Composite Group deputy commander for operations. "It saves 1500 pounds or 2300 gallons of jet fuel per number of aircraft in the scenario."

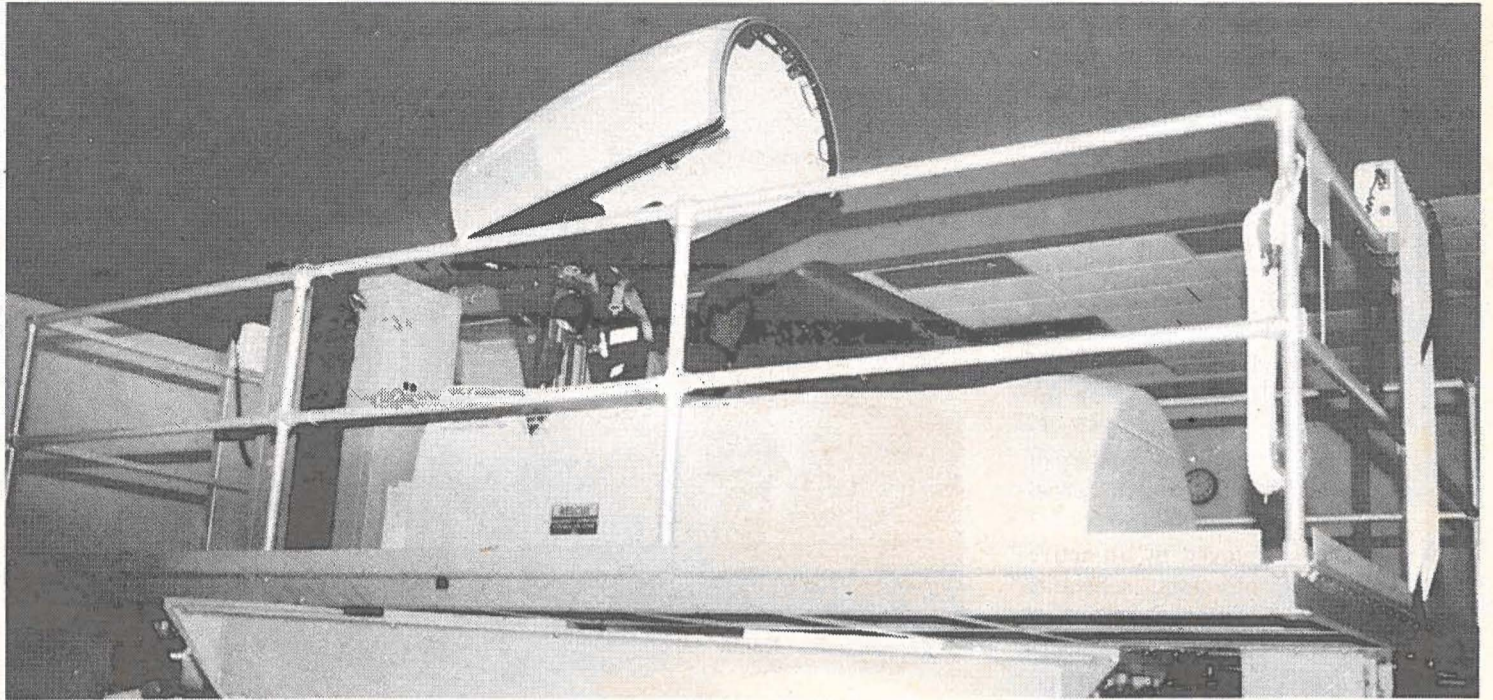
In an hour and a half, a pilot can fly up to 20 passes verses two to three in actual air training. The simulator is available six days a week, two sessions per day, rain or shine.

Built in 1979, the simulator cost \$1.5 million and has been modified to meet current F-15 standards.

The simulator, located at Hickam Air Force Base, is in a specially constructed \$4.5 million building. Four computers, a technician control and monitor console, and a pilot cockpit are the major operational components of the simulator.

The system was brought to Hawaii from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. in July 1989.

Three civilian technicians and a quality assurance representative from the Hawaii Air National Guard operate the facility. James R. Eick, site manager, and technicians Jeff and Kathi Phelps, from AAI Engineering Support, Incorporated, operate and maintain the simulator. They also assembled the simulator when it arrived in September 1989.



**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT** — Future Hawaii Air National guard pilot John Hall test his reflexes in the \$1.5 million F-15 flight simulator at Hickam Air Force Base.

"Simulator technicians are required by contract to keep the system 95 percent operational," said Eick.

"I make sure the civilian staff upholds the terms agreed to in the government contract," said Master Sgt. Raymond Choy, quality assurance representative from the Composite Group.

"It doesn't take the place of actual combat," added Wicks, "but, it gives us a chance to go through the emergency procedure checklist and precautions and actions to take in a variety of situations."

Instrument flying, adverse conditions, combat tactics, night, and weather are some of the situations tested.

Every six months, the pilots are tested and evaluated by the squadron's flight instructors. The pilots are briefed prior to their simulated flight on the intelligence available, scramble time, and combat air patrol (CAP) mission.

Following the briefing, the pilots fly their "mission" and are critiqued by a technician for practice flights and a flight instructor for graded flights.

"The simulator is an invaluable tool. It keeps our pilots mission-ready," said Lt. Col. Michael Tice, commander of the Composite Group. "Many scenarios may not happen in their careers, but the simulator affords pilots the opportunity to hone their emergency and evasive action skills, should the need arise."

*Story and photo by Stephen M. Lum*

## Security is increased at Air Guard facilities

The Hawaii Air National Guard increased the protection of their high-value assets (aircraft) in compliance with an Air Force directive Jan. 15.

The Commander in Chief Pacific Air Forces directed the 15th Air Base Wing to upgrade the Air Guard's aircraft parking

ramp to a "C" priority restricted area.

The National Guard Bureau advised the Guard to take whatever actions needed to comply with the new security requirements.

Upgraded security include:

- Restricted Area

Badges are required on personnel and vehicles entering and exiting the flightline; control entry points are the only accessways

- Personnel without a valid badge or unescorted should be challenged and if necessary, reported to

the Security Police

- All personnel with valid badges may escort someone into the area unless the unit is mobilized, undergoing an inspection, or involved in an exercise ("E" badge); under those conditions the ramp is upgraded to a

"B" priority restricted area; the alert facility is on a "B" priority restricted area at all times

- 15th Air Base Wing increased the patrol of the Air Guard ramp area
- Movement of aircraft reporting and posting

of guards will eventually be part of the upgrade

Taking security seriously is an inconvenience, but the new requirements are meant to protect our valued assets, which include you.

*By Capt. Stan Osseman*



## HNGEA

Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association

The Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association (HNGEA) Executive council and council members this year are:

**Executive Council**  
**Staff Sgt. Jan K.N. DeRego**, 154th Resource Management Squadron, president  
**Master Sgt. Wayne Y. Soma**, 154th Mission Support Flight, vice president  
**Tech. Sgt. Carl J. Simmons**, 154th Mission

Support Squadron, secretary  
**Master Sgt. Elvin Nishioka**, Headquarters HIANG, treasurer

**HIANG Councilmembers**  
**Master Sgt. Ken Enoki**, 291st Combat Communications Squadron (Hilo)  
**Master Sgt. Ed Omine**, 292nd Combat Communications Squadron, (Maui)  
**Master Sgt. Al DeRego**, 154th Consolidated

Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (Oahu)  
**Tech. Sgt. Bernice Pharr**, 154th Composite Group (Oahu)

**HIARNG Councilmembers**  
**Sgt. 1st Class Americo Morris**, Co. A, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (Kauai)  
**Sgt. 1st Class Arthur Sampaga**, Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (Hilo)

**Staff Sgt. David Aponte**, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)

**Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) Area 7 Director: Tech. Sgt. Bertram Narita**, 293rd Combat Communications Squadron (Oahu)

**Senior Enlisted Advisors HIARNG: Command Sgt. Maj. Clement Hew HIANG: Chief Master Sgt. George Asato**

Projects for calendar year 1990:

- Membership drive, January - December
- 113rd NGAUS Conference (1991), preparation and assistance
- Fundraiser
- EANGUS Conference: Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 21-25
- HNGEA Conference: Kahului Maui, October
- \$1,000 Scholarship Program
- A Night with the Governor, May

In closing, may we look forward to another successful year of benefits. There is no other organization that is greater than this organization.

HNGEA is a proud name with a good purpose. We should all belong to this great organization and dedicate ourselves to achieve its goals.

*By Staff Sgt. Jan DeRego, president*

# Community Service

## Superkids celebrate 10th competition

Big Island Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers continued their support in the American Lung Association of Hawaii's tenth "Superkids Plus" competition, Feb. 10.

More than 60 Hilo soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, prepared the grounds surrounding their armory at the Keaukaha Military Reservation. The volunteer soldiers also served as group leaders, timers, and scorekeepers for more than 400 young athletes.

Competition, which was preceded by a children's parade, included a potato sack race, 50-yard dash, and softball throw. Adults also participated in a four-mile walk/run before the start of the events.

"Superkids Plus" was open to all Big Island children between six and 12 years old. The children obtained financial pledges that will help the American Lung Association in community education programs relating to tobacco

smoking, marijuana, lung disease, and air pollution.

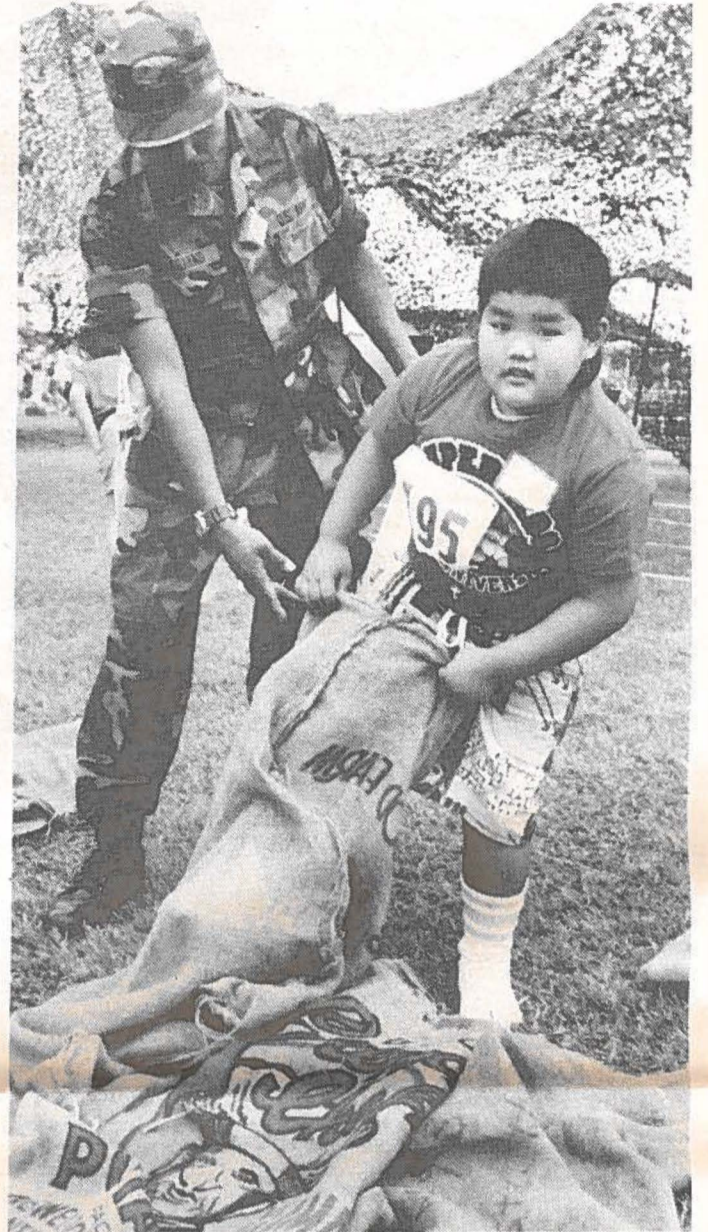
The fund-raising event was highlighted by an autograph session featuring New York Mets pitcher **Sid Fernandez** and sportscaster **Howard "Dash" Dashefsky**. Dash is this year's "Superkids Plus" honorary chairman.

The top "Superkid" was 12-year old **Guy Corpuz** of Hilo.

*Story and photos by Sgt. Lance M. Kamisugi*



**FINAL SUPERKID INSTRUCTIONS** — Sgt. Earl Iwata explains the softball toss scoring to Joanne Nagahira. The two Hilo residents helped the American Lung Association of Hawaii raise funds for the tenth Superkids Plus competition.



**IN THE BAG** — Michael Izumi of Pahoa gets a helping hand from Cpl. Eduardo Dagarag, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry.

## Great Aloha runners assisted by Guard soldiers

More than 38 Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers provided support for the 6th Annual Great Aloha Run, Feb. 19.

Gov. **John Waihee** started the run at 6:45 a.m. with the help of a five-man gun crew from the 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery and one 105mm Howitzer.

Soldiers from the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) and Troop Command served as medics, litter bearers, and communications personnel. They were positioned at three aid stations along the 8.2 mile route from the Aloha Tower to the Aloha Stadium.

The Headquarters State Area Command provided communications equipment (three portable radios) at the three stations.



**STARTING OFF WITH A BANG** — A gun crew from the 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery, provided the "starter's gun" for the Great Aloha Run.

Sgt. Margaret Pace

Sgt. George Yano



**WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT** — Secretary of the Army Michael P.W. Stone (without helmet) gives soldiers from the Hawaii Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, words of encouragement and stresses the importance of the reserve forces during a visit to the Republic of Korea.

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forces. Brig. Gen. D'Araujo commanded a combined force of more than 4,000 HIARNG, 25th Infantry Division (Light) and Republic of Korea soldiers assigned to the 29th Inf. Bde. (Sep.).

Republic of Korea Army assets assigned to the brigade included two infantry battalions, one armored task force, one engineer battalion, and 205mm (Towed) and 155mm artillery battalions.

Elements of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) assigned to the brigade during the exercise included 100 military intelligence specialists and a Vulcan and Stinger missile platoon.

Despite initial problems where nearly 60 percent of the brigade's critical equipment and vehicles were delayed in getting to the assembly point, the spirits of the island soldiers were high.

"The move was good and the morale of the soldiers was good," said Lt. Col. John Hao, the brigade's executive officer.

"Boy, the nights there were cold!" remarked Spec. Pedro Lagutan, Co. C, 2nd Bn. 299th Inf., a farmer from Pahoa on the island of Hawaii.

"It was about 10 times colder than we're used to."

"Despite the rain the last several nights and muddy fields, the spirits and morale of the soldiers were high," observed Sgt. Rodney Lucas from Hilo.

This was the first time since 1968, when the unit was called to active duty

for service during the Vietnam conflict, has the brigade moved such a large group of people and equipment on an overseas deployment, Hao said.

"Training in a foreign country is great — people are motivated and you get to know how to prepare for a deployment," said Staff Sgt. Thomas Parel, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Inf. Parel is employed by the Hamakua Sugar Plantation.

The HIARNG medical section worked for five consecutive months giving shots, physicals and updating medical records of brigade soldiers in preparation for the deployment, Hao said.

"Coming to Korea is enjoyable," said Spec. Gregory Galan, who lives in Kohala on the island of Hawaii and works for the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel.

During its 1989 annual training deployment to Camp Rilea in Astoria, Ore., members of the brigade's Big Island battalion used the exercise to review personnel records and other materials that would be needed for Team Spirit.

All the Hawaii soldiers returned home by Mar. 28.

The 2nd Battalion is one of two infantry battalions assigned to the brigade. The commander of the battalion is Lt. Col. Delbert Nishimoto who took over in May 1988.

*Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Dennis Y. Fujii*



**ESCORT HONORS** — (from left) Lt. Col. Delbert Nishimoto, commander of the 2nd Battalion Infantry, escorts Secretary of the Army Michael P.W. Stone, and Brig. Gen. John R. D'Araujo, commander of the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate).

**FIVE O'CLOCK SHADOW** — 1st Lt. Darryl Lindsey, 2nd Battalion, shaves during a break in the action.

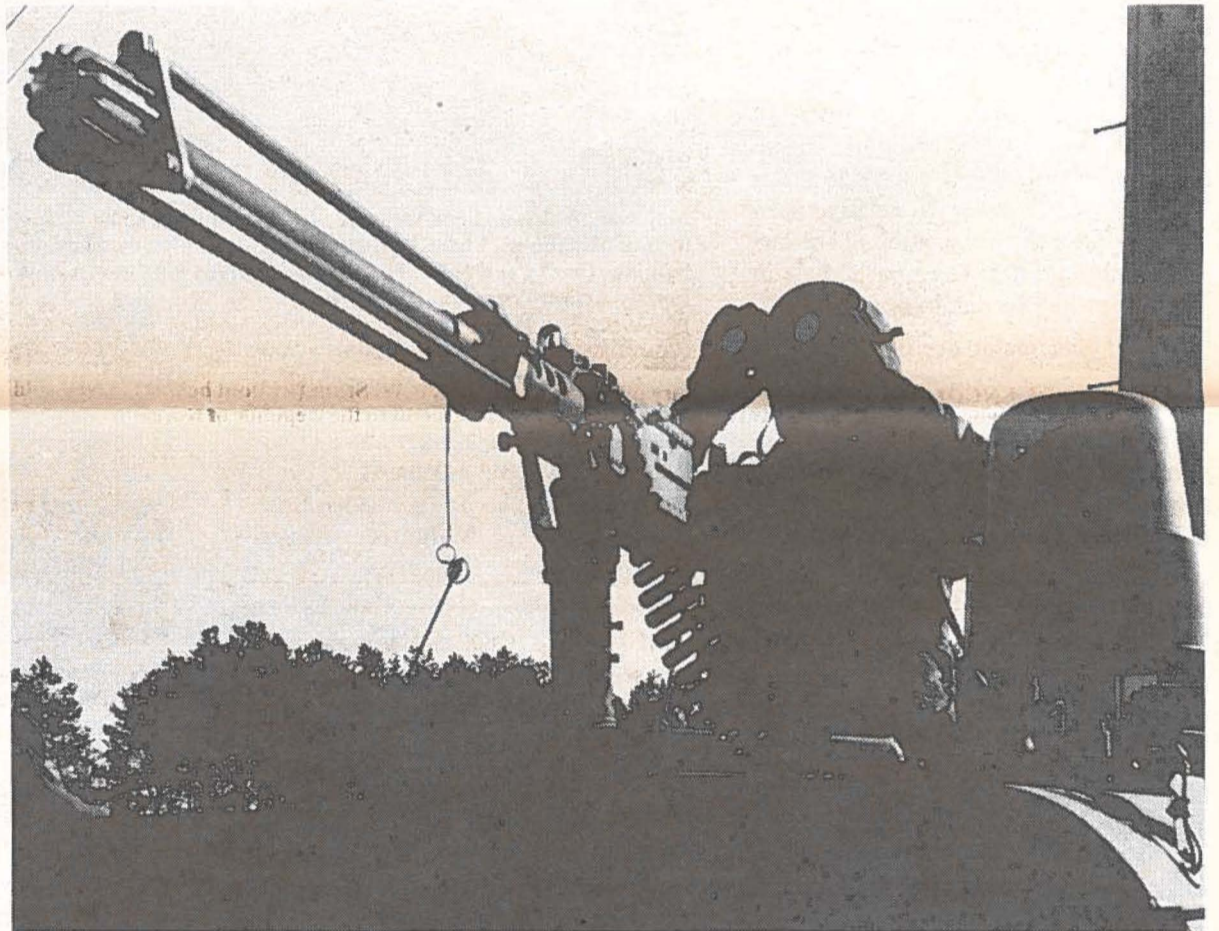




**EAGER HANDS** — Spec. Paul Asato, a crew chief in the 29th Infantry Brigade's aviation section, hands out corn chips during a brief layover in a river bed.



**CAMO-MAKEOVER** — Spec. Tom Hirai of Hilo applies camouflage prior to going into "battle."



**ENEMY IN SIGHT** — Sgt. Lui Moefu, Company D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry, searches for opposing forces.



**HOME SWEET HOME** — Capt. Deborah Andrews, 29th Support Battalion, joins the hundreds of Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers returning to the warm climate of Hawaii.

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# Family Action Program

## Coordinator's

### corner

By David H. Price  
State Family Program Coordinator



As I write this column, I am thinking that it would be hard to imagine a busier period than right now for our Family Action Program. We began three years ago as a funded program, having little in terms of resources, but much in terms of the vision of Major General and Mrs. Lum. They envisioned a system whereby the families of Guardmembers would be better informed and better prepared to cope with separations and other personal costs of Guard service. They envisioned a program in which families could be involved with the Guard in a partnership in which everyone benefits. We have come a long way toward that vision, and as the Team Spirit deployment pointed out so clearly, our Family Action Program is working and working well.

The cornerstone of our program remains our Family Support Group (FSG) network. We now have 26 FSGs throughout the state. Three have been formed since the publication of the last Pukupahi and in time to participate in Team Spirit. (See list in box below.)

In another major decision, the state adjutant general has directed the organization of a state-level action and advisory team, known as The State Team. This council-type activity meets periodically to consider the overall Family Action Program and to assist in



Maj. Gen. Alexis T. Lum, the state adjutant general and his wife, Momi, pose with the newly formed State Team. Deanna DeMello (front left, next to Mrs. Lum), Cheryl Mandaquit, Paulette Chaves, Marcelina Keiser (second row), Iris Kauhane, Linda Nagai, Elizabeth Taga, Irwette Santiago (back), and Arline Harris (not pictured) will serve as an advisory and action group that will increase family member involvement in the Family Action Program.

planning and carrying out its various programs. Every island is represented. If you have suggestions for improving our program, you can contact any of these folks. Here are the members:

Deanna DeMello Team Leader, State Volunteer Representative

- Paulette Chaves Member-at-Large
- Arline Harris Molokai Representative
- Iris Kauhane Oahu Representative (Army)
- Marcelina Keiser Maui Representative
- Cheryl Mandaquit Hawaii Representative
- Linda Nagai Oahu Representative (Air)
- Irwette Santiago Kauai Representative
- Elizabeth Taga Member-at-Large

The State Team held its first meeting in Honolulu on March 1, 1990. Our Family Action Program is very fortunate to have the services of these fine volunteer leaders. We look forward to seeing the team in action.

It has been a great three years for me, working for your Family Action Program. You have come a long way in building our organization and it's evident that the program envisioned by Major General and Mrs. Lum is being recognized as a reality today. Give yourself a big round of applause. You did it!

### Family assistance center keeps families in touch

March saw the largest single overseas deployment of the Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG) since its call-up for Vietnam in 1968. More than 1,100 soldiers from the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate), the 292nd Supply and Service Company and other HIARNG units conducted annual training for the three weeks in Korea.

The soldiers' families were not neglected while their loved ones were away. Maj. Gen. Lum directed that a state-level Family Assistance Center (FAC) be established and run 24-hours-a-day throughout the time the Guard-

members were away. Lt.Col. Roy Yamashita, HIARNG's Recruiting and Retention Manager, managed the operation of the FAC which was manned by Officers and NCOs from the State Area Command (STARC).

Army Guard Family Support Groups (FSG) throughout the State organized and refined their "telephone trees" so that information and news could be disseminated to families as necessary. Key persons (leaders) within the FSG identified problem situations as they occurred and referred them to the FAC for resolution. All sorts of situations came up during the three weeks, from sickness and deaths to births and requests for financial assistance.

Two factors worked together to make the system work as well as it did. First, the officers and NCOs manning the FAC were real professionals, handling sensitive situations with tact, mutual respect, and urgency. Second, much credit goes to the volunteer family members, who gave so unselfishly of their time and hard work to set up a support network to which all family members of deployed Guard members had access. This team spirit proved that the Hawaii Guard has forged a real partnership with its families, a partnership which points out clearly that in Hawaii... The Guard Takes Care of Its Own.

Family Support Group	Affiliated Unit	Key Person
OHANA O'KA IKAIKA COMPANY A (KEEAU)— FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP	292nd Supply & Service Co. Co. A, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry	Iris Sunio Joni Kaoiwi
E MAKAAALA OHANA	Headquarters & Headquarters Co., 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry	Janet Watarida

Some of our volunteer key persons who organized the first FSGs have turned over their leadership responsibilities to others. We owe these folks our appreciation for taking that first step in helping us to get organized. And we extend our thanks and congratulations to those volunteers who have stepped into their predecessors' shoes. Here's a rundown of the changes:

Family Support Group	Affiliated Unit	Former Key Person	Key Person
HUI KAKO'O OHANA	Headquarters, 29th Support Battalion	Emmarose Fredericks	Sharon Ah Nee
E PUU KAH ME KEKUPA'A	129th Signal Detachment	Donna Benzon	Miriam Balalo
KA PO'E HA A'NEO E MALAMA	Headquarters & Headquarters Co., 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) & Troop E, 19th Cavalry	Paulette Chaves	Collen Dela Cruz and Leilinda Suyemoto
NA OHANA KAKOO O KOKEE	150th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron	Leimomi Crowell	Ethel Kauahi
E HOOLAKO MAU	291st Combat Communications Squadron	Gwen Thornley	Nancy Gabriel
LOKAHI MAKOU	298th Air Traffic Control Flight—Kauai	Ginny Hori	Gloria Acain
HE KUKUI NO KA OHANA KOA	HIARNG - Molokai	Jo Manaba	Arline Harris
HANALIKE ONIPAA HONOKAA	Co. C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry	Annette Vincent	Conchita Leslie
BRAVO IKAIKA KA OHANA	Co. B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry	Cheri Mandaquit	Elise Tom

Again, Mahalo, to all of the folks listed above. You can be proud of your service. You led the way, not only in our state, but also for the Guard nationwide. With your continued support, we can keep Hawaii in the forefront of family action.





# People

The Hawaii Army National Guard personnel office (G-1) has two new personnel clerks. They are **Spec. Lisa A. Lunasco** and **Karen Kagawa**.

**Lunasco** processes personnel action reports and correspondence. She enjoys hula, swimming, running, biking, and any excuse to get out of the house. Her husband is **Staff Sgt. Frank K. Lunasco**, a section chief with Battery B, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery.

**Kagawa** processes officer transfers, promotions, and separations. She enjoys the movies and theater productions.

**Spec. Derek G. Wong**, a heavy mobile equipment repairer, and **Spec. Douglas K. Becker**, electronics mechanic, joined the Combined Support Maintenance Shop Number 1 staff.

**Wong's** duties include repair and maintenance of vehicles and heavy mobile equipment for the Army Guard. He is a drill-status combat engineer with the 227th Engineer Company. He enjoys dirt-bike riding, four-wheeling, and hunting.

**Becker** repairs and aligns electronic equipment for the Army Guard. He is a radio repairer with Company B, 29th Support Battalion, during drill days. His varied interests include darts, music, camping, and gardening.

**Sgt. Charles A. England** is an aircraft mech-

anic at Hilo's Limited Army Aviation Support Facility Number 2. He joined the Guard after active duty service in Kentucky and Germany as a helicopter crew chief. He enjoys surfing, exploring new areas, and deep sea fishing.

Joining the full-time Army Guard staff are **Capt. Michael L. Tarpley**, **Sgts. Kenneth T. Inouye** and **Matthew J. Lum**, and **Specs. Migdalia Gale** and **Alan Benzon**.

**Tarpley** is the full-time administrative officer and drill-status company commander for the Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry in Maui. His leisure moments are spent farming, shorecasting, reading, traveling, and hunting.

**Inouye**, a supply clerk with the 111th Army Band, assists the unit administrator with the day-to-day administrative tasks for the band and the 117th Public Affairs Detachment. When the band's french horn player/supply sergeant is not marching, he pursues his hobbies: hiking and camping. He and his wife, **Janet**, have a daughter, **Samantha**, 2 years old.

**Lum** is the Big Island aviation section's supply clerk. He and his wife, **Sandra Lynn**, have four children: **Kimberly**, 21; **Melani**, 17; **Briony**, 1; and **Brittany**, 1 month. When he's not busy raising a family, he makes home improvements and

goes hunting or fishing.

**Gale** is Troop Command's full-time supply clerk and drill-status supply sergeant. She is married to **Caster D. Gale** and spends her off-duty hours raising her one year-old daughter, **Desiree**.

**Benzon** is a new clerk typist with the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate). His interests vary from cooking to sports. He and his wife, **Donna**, have a son: **Alan Jr.**

**Sgt. Maj. Rodney N. Correa** is the new contracting specialist at the U.S. Property & Fiscal Office. He screens and processes purchase requests and contract requirements for Hawaii National Guard units.

If **Correa's** name sounds familiar, it is because he was a fixture at the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Civil Engineering Squadron. The former chief master sergeant will become a warrant officer after completing the nine week warrant officer school. He presently serves as a drill-status operations sergeant for the Headquarters State Area Command.

**Correa** and his wife, **Carolyn**, have three children: **Sandra**, 23; **Spencer**, 21; and **Shelly**, 20.

He spends his leisure hours fine-tuning his golf game.

Also on board in the Crater is **Lynn L. Orita**, a voucher examiner who processes commercial accounts and travel. She

and her husband, **Gerald**, returned to Hawaii from jobs in Boulder, Colo.

**Cynthia K. Yee**, a personnel actions clerk with the Support Personnel Management Office, came to the department from Fort Shafter. She collects miniature magnets and enjoys an occasional walk through a shopping mall. She and her husband, **Patrick**, have two sons: **Gavin** and **Darren**.

**Staff Sgt. Bonifacio Garalde Jr.**, and **Sgts. Tammy G. Brown** and **Karen S. Cary** have joined the 154th Composite Group's full-time staff.

**Garalde** is the C-130's aircraft mechanic and assistant crew chief. He worked for the U.S. Air Force and Hawaiian Airlines. When time permits, he enjoys playing water sports and volleyball. His aircraft interests will soon bring him to pilot the controls of a private plane.

**Brown** is a career development training technician. She assists Guard personnel with their career progression, education and testing. When she's not playing raquetball with her husband, **Roddey M. Brown III**, she is raising her two year-old Cockateil, **Sonny**. Other after-hours activities include anything from windsurfing, surfing, skiing, flying, running, or reading a Robert Ludlum spy novel. She also finds time to spend with the

"special" children of Hawaii at activities like the Special Olympics.

**Cary** works in the warehouse and stores, receives, and issues supplies and equipment in the material storage and distribution branch of the base supply. She is married to **Brian Cary**. Her off-duty interests include softball and mountain biking.

**Sgt. Charles D. Goo** is a radio maintenance and electronics mechanic at the 297th Air Traffic Control Flight. The Barbers Point Naval Air Station mechanic's duties include trouble-shooting equipment, as well as performing periodic inspections, repairs and modifications to equipment. Golfing, fishing, diving, kneeboard skiing, camping, and motorcycle riding top his list of after-duty activities.

Retirements and resignations have given State Civil Defense a new look.

**David Rhoads**, **William Norris**, **Harry Ehara**, **Steven H. Helela**, **Derick K.H. Wong**, and **Jane N. Tanaka** join the Civil Defense staff.

**Rhoads** takes over as the radiological plans officer in charge of developing and maintaining plans and procedures essential to the radiological defense program. He and his wife, **Barbara**, have a son, **Steve**, 31. Sailing and golfing occupy his leisure hours.

**Norris** is the assistant population protection planner. His responsibil-

ities include continuity of government, relocation/in-place sheltering, economic controls, and logistical support before, during, and immediately following disasters. He and his wife, **Sharon**, have one son, **Sean Patrick**, 21. The Army retiree's nautical interests include scuba diving and building wooden ship models.

**Ehara**, **Helela**, and **Wong** are radio technicians. They install, trouble-shoot, modify, and repair communication equipment including mobile, VHF/UHF, portable radios, recorders and pagers.

**Ehara**, a former Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard technician, can be seen after-hours at the bowling alley, golf course, or a University of Hawaii sports event. He and his wife, **Silvia**, have six children: **Laura**, 35; **Penny**, 33; **Cheri**, 31; **Carol**, 29; and **Harry**, 27.

**Helela** was an Air Force technician. His recreation activities include running, playing tennis, and skiing.

**Wong** is a recent electronic school graduate. He enjoys drag racing and water sports.

**Tanaka** is a clerk stenographer. She and her husband, **James**, have three children: **James Jr.**, 26; **Jamie**, 21; and **Jason**, 9.

## Oyama continues to serve in retirement

He's been in uniform from "small-kid-time." First in a sailor suit while attending kindergarten, then the junior police officer blues and whites in elementary school and later, Boy Scout blues and beiges and Army greens.

**Lt. Col. Raymond Y. Oyama**, 60, retired from the Hawaii Army National Guard, Dec. 27, 1989, after more than 38 years of military service.

Honolulu-born Oyama graduated from Kaimuki High School in 1947 and attended the University of Hawaii for four years. He studied civil engineering and received a commission as a second lieutenant through the Reserve Officer Training

Corps in 1951.

He served two years on active duty, including a combat tour in the Republic of Korea. He later joined the Hawaii Army National Guard in 1953.

His commissioned officer highlights include command of Company C, 1st Battalion, 298th Infantry and service as commandant of the Hawaii Army National Guard's Officer Candidate School (OCS). During his 12 years on staff and as commandant, the OCS was selected the top school of its type in the nation for five of those years.

Oyama's organizational skills were utilized over the last 16 years as

supply officer at various brigade and battalion levels. He last served with the 297th Supply and Service Battalion in the grade of chief warrant officer four.

Oyama and his wife, **Minnie**, have a daughter, **Pamela**, and a son, **Raymond Jr.**

His dedication to duty continues as he spends some of his retirement hours coming in to advise unit supply sergeants.

He also will spread his "leisure" time volunteering his services to the Boy Scouts, Kaimuki High School Alumni, and the Palolo Elementary School Parent and Teacher Association.



**SERVICE BEYOND THE CALL** - Maj. Gen. Alexis T. Lum, state adjutant general, awards Lt. Col. Raymond Y. Oyama with the Meritorious Service Medal, as Oyama's wife, Minnie, looks on.

# Sports

## Fun run brings friends and family together

"I love it. I loved finishing. It was a great run," said Nancy Rawlins, the first woman to cross the Warrior Fun Run finishing line. Nancy is the wife of Col. Michael E. Rawlins, U.S. Property and Fiscal Office. After winning in the female division in 24 minutes, 42 seconds, she said, "I loved the race. It's also a nice way to bring families together."

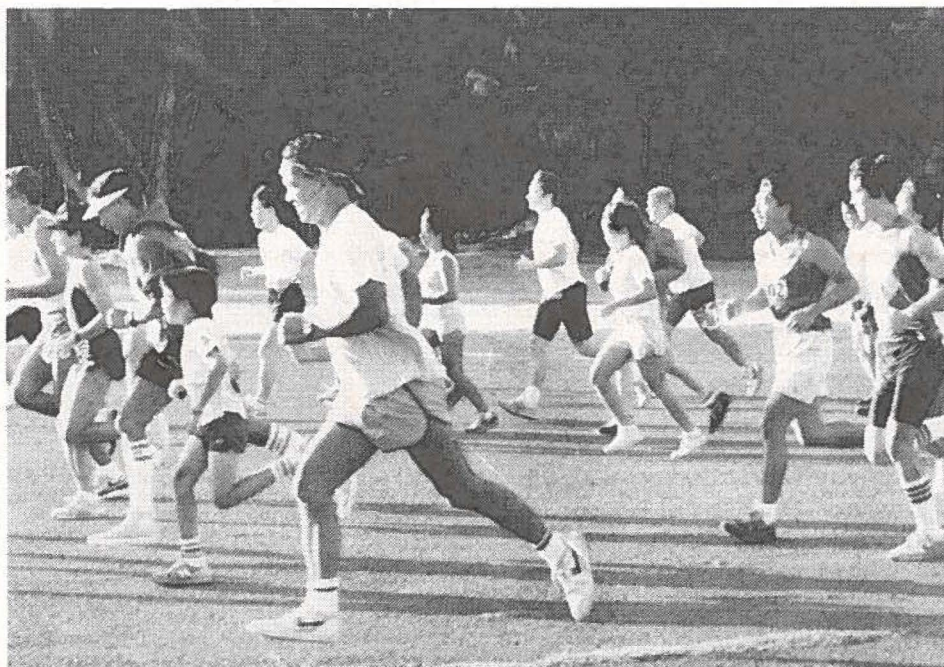
"She couldn't have finished without me," said Col. Rawlins, "I was right behind her all the way." He attributed his wife's winning to his fine coaching. He clocked in at 25 minutes, 12 seconds.

The fun run's first finisher was Staff Sgt. Lew M. Alba, 129th Signal Detachment, whose winning time was 23 minutes, 46 seconds. He returned home from Team Spirit in the Republic of Korea only three days before the race.

"I think I did quite well despite the 'jet lag,'" said Alba. "I enjoy this run because it really is a good way to meet our National Guard family."

The 3.6 mile Warrior Fun Run, sponsored by the Hawaii Army National Guard, was held April 31, at Bellows Air Force Station in Waimanalo. It's organized by the Hawaii Military Academy Officer Candidate School (OCS) classes as a training project and an avenue to help boost morale and esprit de corp within the Guard.

"I enjoyed the run and I feel that it is an excellent project for the candidates," said Col. Gerald J. Silva, chief of staff, Hawaii Army National Guard. "Aside



**NICE DAY FOR A STROLL**—A cool and clear Hawaii sunrise greets the Hawaii Army National Guard's annual Warrior Fun Run participants at Bellows Air Force Station, Waimanalo.

from that, it is a good family event. It brings out all ages for a day in the sun. It's really good to see that."

Sgt. 1st Class Ross Hoopai, 1st Battalion, 193rd Aviation, brought along his 15-year-old daughter, Kristi, again this year. He wanted to beat her in the race that she won over her dad last year. "Well, at least I beat her this year," said Hoopai.

With challenges aside, Hoopai felt the run was great in bringing out family

members from the various units.

Sgt. Keith Yamasaki, also from the 193rd, was there to challenge himself.

"Every race I run, I try to better my time," said Yamasaki. "I ran this race slower than last year, but the main goal, to finish the race, was accomplished."

Aside from the fun and morale boost for the officer candidates, families and Guard soldiers, the fun run is also held for training experience.

### Officer candidates experience large scale planning

"The fun run is an excellent learning experience for the officer candidates," said Maj. Claude T. Ishida, assistant commandant at the Hawaii Military Academy. "The candidates are tasked to organize an event which involves the entire Hawaii Army National Guard. It allows them to be involved in a big event, and if mistakes are made, they are without severe consequences."

"It has helped us on many different levels," said Candidate Arnold K. Iaea, OCS class president and overall coordinator for the event. "We are responsible for every aspect of this race and thus we did all the planning for the run. We coordinated between the various units to get the support we needed for the race."

Iaea added, "This event has given the entire class a very practical experience in dealing with a project affecting more than just our class."

In addition, the HMA OCS class was also tasked to get sponsors for the race, who in turn provided door prizes and T-shirts.

As the day drew to a close, the candidates agreed that a major project in their training was completed. Overall, the fun run was exactly as its name stated, fun.

Story and photo by Spec. Jonathan M. Shiroma

## Hawaii Guard members test their marksmanship skills

Ready on the right? Ready on the left? The firing line is clear. Commence firing!

Eight Hawaii National Guard members tested their combat marksmanship skills at the U.S. Marine Corps Pacific Division Matches, Feb. 6-14.

The Hawaii Army National Guard members included Lt. Col. Vern T. Miyagi, Chief Warrant Officer Frank K.F. Ho, Sgts. 1st Class John S. Gibo and Henry H. Yamada, and Staff Sgts. Stephen H.J. Sui and Steven P. Young. The Hawaii Air National Guard members were Capt. Marvin T. Matsuda and Tech. Sgt. Galen Yamada.

The competition was held at the Marine Corps' Puuloa Rifle Range, Ewa Beach. It was open to military and civilian contestants and included more than 100 Marines and civilians. Competitors fired the new standard service weapons: M-16A2 rifle and M-9 (Beretta) 9-mm pistol.



**TARGET PRACTICE** — Hawaii Air National Guard's Tech. Sgt. Galen Yamada squeezes off a round at the U.S. Marine Corps Pacific Division Matches in February.

All weapons, ammunition, and miscellaneous gear were provided at no charge by the Marine Corps. Many Guard members fired both weapons for the first time.

Each competitor was issued the same weapon and gear for the duration

of the match. "We were able to familiarize ourselves with one weapon," said Galen Yamada. "And we had a choice of using our own firing jackets, gloves, and target scopes or the government issued gear."

"The Marines provided superior hands-on train-

ing on the new M-16A2 the Guard is scheduled to receive," said Miyagi, comptroller for the U.S. property and Fiscal Office.

"The shorter grip of the semiautomatic double-action pistol will take getting used to," said Gibo. "We (Guard competitors)

agreed the .45 caliber pistol still is a weapon to be reckoned with."

Miyagi and Galen Yamada finished in the top half of the rifle and pistol competition, respectively. Both agreed that all Guard members should take advantage of the Marines' yearly

matches to hone their basic combat firing skills.

Those interested in future matches should call Lt. Col. Miyagi at: 735-0325.

Story and photo by Stephen M. Lum

## Awards

Members of the Hawaii Army and Air National Guard were recently presented with awards in recognition of their outstanding performance.

### Legion of Merit:

Col. Ernest T. Shima, 201st Combat Communications Group

### Meritorious Service Medal:

Lt. Col. Raymond Y. Oyama, former member of HHD, 297th Supply & Service Battalion  
Lt. Col. Wayne J. Yamasaki, Headquarters, Hawaii Air National Guard  
Chief Warrant Officer Harry S. Iha, Headquarters, State Area Command (-Dets. 1, 2 & 3)  
Chief Master Sgt. Stanley S. Kodama, 154th Resource Maintenance Squadron  
Sgt. 1st Class Henry C.W. Choy, Headquarters, State Area Command (-Dets. 1, 2 & 3)  
Sgt. 1st Class William K. Manoa Jr., HHC, 29th Support Battalion

### Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal:

Capt. (0-6) Joseph R. Sailer, United States Naval Reserve  
Capt. Keith P. Kunichika, 154th Resource Management Squadron  
Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jerome E. Nowicki, Headquarters, State Area Command (-Dets. 1, 2 & 3)  
Tech. Sgt. Leonard A. Rapozo, 150th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Samuel L. Kanoe, Troop E, 19th Cavalry  
Spec. Clifford K. Chee, Troop E, 19th Cavalry

### Hawaii National Guard 1968 Federal Service Ribbon:

Sgt. 1st Class Pelarin D. Bacos Jr., former member of Company C, (-Det. 1), 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

### Army Commendation Medal (Second Oak Leaf Cluster):

Sgt. 1st Class Charles L. Pieters, Headquarters, State Area Command (-Dets. 1, 2 & 3)

### Army Commendation Medal:

Capt. Alan S. Igarashi, Headquarters, State Area Command (-Dets. 1, 2 & 3)  
Sgt. 1st Class Leighton Y.C. Siu, Headquarters, State Area Command (-Dets. 1, 2 & 3) Hawaii Army National Guard

### Army Achievement Medal:

Spec. Lorna M. Aguinaldo, Company A (Admin.), 29th Support Battalion  
Spec. Joseph R. Burdett, Jr., Company A (Admin.), 29th Support Battalion  
Spec. Malcolm K.L. Chun, Company A (Admin.), 29th Support Battalion  
Spec. Chris N. Kaminaka, Company A (Admin.), 29th Support Battalion  
Spec. Scott S.S.H.Y. Oshiro, Company A (Admin.), 29th Support Battalion  
Spec. Steven Y. Yonamine, HHSB, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery  
Staff Sgt. Dennis R. Agbisit, Company D (Maint.), 29th Support Battalion  
Staff Sgt. Francis T. Aihara, Company A (Admin.), 29th Support Battalion  
Staff Sgt. Howard T. Goya, Company D (Maint.), 29th Support Battalion  
Staff Sgt. Raymond Goya, Company D (Maint.), 29th Support Battalion  
Staff Sgt. Howard M. Knapp, Company D (Maint.), 29th Support Battalion  
Staff Sgt. Gordon K. Naehu, Company D (Maint.), 29th Support Battalion  
Staff Sgt. Arthur A. Nieto, Company D (Maint.), 29th Support Battalion  
Staff Sgt. Rodney Yamasaki, Company D (Maint.), 29th Support Battalion  
Staff Sgt. Chang K. Yoo, Company D (Maint.), 29th Support Battalion

Sgt. Carol U. Bacos, HHC, 29th Support Battalion  
Sgt. Bryan H. Kimura, Company D (Maint.), 29th Support Battalion  
Sgt. Ralph T. Taniguchi, Company A (Admin.), 29th Support Battalion  
Sgt. Gary T. Zukeran, Company A (Admin.), 29th Support Battalion

### Air Force Commendation Medal (Second Oak Leaf Cluster):

Chief Master Sgt. Walter T. Furuyama, 293rd Combat Communications Squadron

### Air Force Commendation Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster):

Senior Master Sgt. Lawrence M. Sugihara, 150th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron  
Senior Master Sgt. Clifford Wong, 154th Composite Group  
Tech. Sgt. Edward M. Ane, 154th Security Police Flight  
Tech. Sgt. Allen K. Kepaa, 154th Resource Management Squadron

### Air Force Commendation Medal:

Maj. Michael Y.M. Chow, 199th Tactical Fighter Squadron  
Cpt. James H. Hikita, 154th Mission Support Squadron  
Senior Master Sgt. Felix Abear, Headquarters, 201st Combat Communications Group  
Master Sgt. Randall T. Hiyane, 154th Resource Management Squadron  
Master Sgt. George M. Okuma, Headquarters, 201st Combat Communications Group  
Master Sgt. Robert R. Ulin, 201st Combat Communications Group  
Master Sgt. Melvin W.J. Wong, Headquarters, 154th Composite Group

Tech. Sgt. Preston C. Nishie, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Mark R. Tokunaga, 292nd Combat Communications Squadron

### Air Force Achievement Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster):

Capt. Arnold W. Balthazar, 199th Tactical Fighter Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Nathan R. Kum, 293rd Combat Communications Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Melvin F. Raposo, 298th Air Traffic Control Flight

### Air Force Achievement Medal:

Maj. Rondald D. Haar, Headquarters, 201st Combat Communications Group  
Senior Master Sgt. George I. Hayashi, 293rd Combat Communications Squadron  
Master Sgt. Ronaldo M. Javier, 150th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron  
Master Sgt. Kenneth H.Q. Young, 154th Mission Support Flight  
Tech. Sgt. Xavier F. Ignacio, 298th Air Traffic Control Flight  
Tech. Sgt. David K. Naito, 154th Resource Management Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Myron M. Yamaki, 293rd Combat Communications Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Kent K. Yamauchi, 298th Air Traffic Control Flight  
Staff Sgt. Benny Q. Castro, 154th Resource Management Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Melvin J. Matsuhara, 293rd Combat Communications Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Van K. Warren, 298th Air Traffic Control Flight  
Sgt. Ted K. Okino, 298th Air Traffic Control Flight

## Soldiers recognized for community service

### Wright serves for the right reasons

**Maj. Benjamin Wright Jr.**, automatic materials officer for the 29th Support Battalion, was sworn-in last July as a member of the Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances.

The ceremony was held at the House of Representatives chambers at the State Capitol.

Wright, a lieutenant with the Honolulu Police Department, was appointed by Gov. John Waihee. His commission expires June 30, 1992.

### Miyamoto honored by the Boy Scouts

**Maj. Bert K. Miyamoto**, Headquarters State Area Command, re-

ceived the "Silver Beaver" award given by the Boy Scouts National Court of Honor. The award is given to a Scout leader for distinguished service to youth within the council in 1989. He and a distinguished group of community leaders were recognized for their service to the Aloha Council, Boy Scouts of America, Jan. 31.

Miyamoto serves as the Army Guard's Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Officer during drill and a bus driver for MTL, Inc., full-time. He is a volunteer scoutmaster for Troop 540 (Kamehameha area). He and 14 other Aloha Council volunteers, including **Gov. John Waihee**; the Catho-

lic Church's **Bishop Joseph A. Ferrario**; and retired Honolulu Police Department Chief of Police **Douglas G. Gibb**, were recognized at the ceremony.

### Army engineers win cooking award

The 227th Engineer Company, Hawaii Army National Guard, received a Meritorious Service Award Plaque and citation from **Maj. Gen. Donald Burdick**, director of the Army National Guard, National Guard Bureau, in September of last year.

The engineer's mess section was selected as the U.S. Army Western Command's winner of the

21st Phillip A. Connelly Awards Program for Excellence in Army Food Service, Reserve Component Field Kitchen Cate-

gory (Army National Guard).

**Maj. Gen. Alexis T. Lum**, the adjutant general, added his

congratulations and gratitude for the outstanding food service.

## Hanapepe Armory is dedicated

The Hawaii Army National Guard dedicated a new armory at Hanapepe, Kauai, Jan. 27.

The new facility replaced the original 1939 wooden armory which suffered extensive damage during Hurricane Iwa in 1982.

**Gov. John Waihee**, **Mayor JoAnn Yukimura**, **Maj. Gen. Alexis T. Lum**, **Brig. Gen. John R. D'Araujo Jr.**, and **Capt. Wallace Hogan** performed the symbolic untying of a

Maile lei to officially open the armory. **Rev. Kaleo Patterson** of Kapaa Hawaiian Church blessed the armory.

The old armory building, which was repaired in 1984, has been deeded to the County of Kauai for eventual use as a community center.

Planning for the new armory began in 1983 with the design phase of the project starting a year later. The 23,417 square foot building houses Com-

pany A, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry. It provides space for offices, supply and storage, an indoor assembly hall, modern classrooms, kitchen facilities and an indoor rifle range.

The nearly \$2.6 million project was funded by the federal and state governments. **Wilson Okamoto and Associates** designed the armory and supporting facilities. **Kauai Builders** was the primary construction contractor.

## Summer sports schedule

### Annual Ahi tournament

The 150th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron will host its annual Goodwill Ahi Tournament, June 20-22.

- Entry fee: \$250 per boat
- Applications with full payment of entry fee due April 30
- Awards Banquet: \$25 per person, headcount due May 1

- Late applications accepted until May 25 with a late fee of \$50
- Signed waiver and release form by all participants due June 1
- Tournament rules and information available at all Hawaii Air National Guard units
- 150th AC&WS points of contact are Master Sgt. Lester Matsu-shima and Tech. Sgt. Napua Sugai

### Softball tournaments

Three slow pitch softball tournaments are scheduled this summer. Games will be played at Hickam Air Force Base's Earhart (Area 61) softball complex.

- Hawaii Air National Guard Central District Softball Tournament, June 22-24: eight teams

- Hawaii Air National Guard State Softball Tournament, July 7-8: top five Central District teams battle for Air Guard championship
- Hawaii National Guard State Slow Pitch Softball Tournament, Aug. 17-19: the organizers would like to field seven Army Guard and five Air Guard teams in the

double elimination tournament.

Team uniforms are optional, but are encouraged for identification and to foster team morale.

Team managers are requested to turn-in team rosters to **Chief Master Sgt. Cornwall S. Matsuoka**, tournament chairman, 449-8031, Headquarters, 154th Composite Group/MAI,

Hickam AFB, no later than June 20.

Interested participants may contact **Master Sgt. Richard Tabe**, Army Guard, 737-8550/8803 or **Master Sgt. Larry Kauleinamoku**, Air Guard, 449-5545.

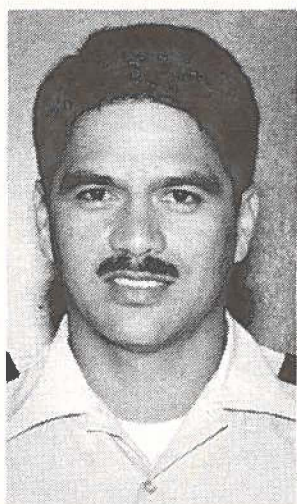
# Recruiting & Retention

## Hilo recruiter awarded Master Recruiter Badge

Staff Sgt. Calvin K. Naipo Jr., a Hawaii Army National Guard recruiter, was recently awarded the Army National Guard Master Recruiter Badge. He is the first Hawaii Army Guard recruiter to earn the badge in his first two years on the recruiting force.

The badge is awarded to recruiters who achieve their recruiting mission for two periods of 12 consecutive months. The federal fiscal year (October - September) is the 12 month recruiting period.

Naipo, a member of the Guard since 1983, joined the recruiting force November 1987. After a month of recruiting school he returned home to his Hilo duty station with 10 months left in the



Naipo

fiscal year. In 10 months he exceeded his 12 month quota and won the Chief's 50 Award for 1988.

The Chief's 50 recognizes the state's top recruiter. The Chief 50 winners are honored by the Chief of the National Guard Bureau at a dinner in Washington, D.C.

In 1989, Naipo was again Hawaii's Chief 50

winner. This time he accomplished his mission in 11 months. He took one month off to complete the Primary Leadership Development Course.

He has maintained a standard of excellence for two consecutive years," said Maj. Walter K. Kinoshita, induction officer for the Hawaii Army Guard Recruiting and Retention Office, "and has demonstrated his ability and perseverance."

Naipo is active in the community and is involved with the Hospital Ministry. He visits and prays for people in the hospital.

He is married to the former Daveann K. Richards. They have three children: Keone, Calvin III, and Ikaika.

His leisure activities include running, weight lifting, fishing, and reading the Bible.

## Civilian education changes and initiatives

The Army Continuing Education Tuition Assistance funds for Army Reserve Components have been deleted from the Department of Defense Fiscal Year 1991 budget submission to Congress.

More than 40 Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers who attend private colleges, pursue graduate degrees, or other programs financed through ACES will be required to finance their education through other means.

In addition, there are some changes pertaining to the Montgomery GI Bill. Capt. Michael Wong, HIARNG civilian education officer, will go out to the field with specific information pertaining to these changes in the near future.

## Air Guard officer positions open on all islands

The Hawaii Air National Guard is seeking qualified enlisted personnel to fill the void in the junior officer ranks due to promotions and retirements.

Basic qualifications for commissioning:

- Education: bachelors degree, provide certified college transcripts
- Age: 17 to 34, must be commissioned before age 35, processing may take 12 months or more
- Examination: pass Air Force Officers Qualifying Test and physical examination
- Pass a three officer board interview
- Security clearance

201st Combat Commu-

nications Group openings:

- 2 - air traffic control operations officers at Hilo, Hawaii and Barking Sands, Kauai
- 2 - communication-computer systems engineer officers at Hilo, Hawaii and Kahului, Maui.

1 - communication-computer systems officer at Barbers Point, Oahu

1 - transportation officer at Hickam Air Force Base, Oahu

1 - information management officer at Hickam Air Force Base, Oahu

150th Air Traffic Control & Warning Squadron openings:

- 7 - air traffic and air weapons directors at Kokee, Kauai

# Army Guard opens Kalihi Recruiting Office



**OPEN DOOR POLICY**—Sgt. 1st Class David R. Junk (left) and Staff Sgt. Lawrence J. Sagaysay follow-up recruiting leads at the recently opened Hawaii Army National Guard Kalihi recruiting office. The office is located one block from the Kalihi Shopping Center in the International Savings Building on King Street.

The office services the Salt Lake/Airport and Kalihi area and assists neighbor island stations with

their interisland contacts.

The staff, along with Sgt. 1st Class Leighton Y.C. Siu, Area Noncommissioned Officer-in-Charge, redecorated their new home on weekends and after business hours. Junk designed the graphics that enhance the office walls.

Other store-front recruiting offices are at the Windward Shopping Center, behind Foodland and in Pearl City, near Pearl City Tavern.

## Training Schedule

Listed below are the inactive duty training dates for all Hawaii Army and Air National Guard units. Dates for subordinate units are the same as their parent headquarters, unless otherwise indicated.

All dates are subject to change.

	April	May	June
HQ, STARC, Hawaii Army National Guard	7-8	5-6	23-24
29th Infantry Brigade (Sep.)	7-8	19-20	23-24
Det. 1, HHC 29th Inf. Bde. (Sep.)	21-22	19-20	23-24
227th Engineer Co	21-22	5-6	23-24
Troop E, 19th Cavalry	21-22	19-20	23-24
1st Bn. 299th Inf	7-8	5-6	23-24
2nd Bn. 299th Inf	21-22	19-20	23-24
1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery	7-8	4-6	23-24
29th Support Bn.	21-22	5-6	16, 23-24
Troop Command	7-8	19-20	23-24
1st Bn., 193rd Aviation	7-8	5-6	23-24
292nd Supply & Service Co	21-22	19-20	23-24
HQ, Hawaii Air National Guard	1, 7	5-6	2-3
154th Composite Group	7-8	5-6	2-3
199th Weather Flight	7-8	19-20	23-24
201st Combat Communications Group	1, 7	5-6	2-3

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