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August 27-28

Army National Guard Softball Tournament.

August 28, Sunday

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September 5, Monday

Labor Day, state and federal holiday.

September 23-25

Hawaii National Guard State Softball Tournament, Hickam Air Force Base, Earhart Field.

September 17, Saturday

Primary election.

September 24, Saturday

Family Support Conference, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Hilton Hawaiian Village.

October 10, Monday

Founder's Day, federal holiday.

October, 15-16

Basketball tournament.

October 16, Sunday

Governor's Review, Diamond Head Crater.

October 21, Friday

Military Retiree Golf Tournament, Leilehua Army Golf Course, 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 449-9896.



Hawaii and California Army National Guard aviation mechanics assemble UH-60 Blackhawk blades at Hickam Air Force Base, July 19.

Blackhawks arrive to replace Hueys

Four Hawaii Army National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters arrived at Hickam Air Force Base via C-5 Galaxy transport, July 16. The helicopters will be stationed at General Lyman Field in Hilo, Hawaii, by the end of 1994.

The Blackhawks were unloaded from the belly of the huge transport Saturday evening. They were then flown Monday morning to Wheeler Army Airfield for air crew training.

The Hawaii Army National Guard is upgrading its equipment and taking on additional mission capabilities. The Blackhawks will replace the Army Guard's UH-1H Iroquois "Huey" helicopters as the existing Combat-Enhanced Capability Aviation Teams (CECATs) in Hilo con-

vert from utility detachments to an aeromedical unit.

The 40-member medical detachment is expected to be fully operational by Sept. 1, 1996.

During wartime, the new unit's mission will be the immediate evacuation of casualties from the combat zone to medical clearing stations. During peacetime, the unit will provide support for units at Pohakuloa Training Area and other joint military and multinational training exercises within the state.

The unit could also provide humanitarian assistance throughout the state in the event of fires, floods or other natural disasters, and limited aeromedical assistance on the island of Hawaii during unit training assemblies and other National Guard training events.

Chinooks and C-26 dedicated

A dedication ceremony for the Hawaii Army National Guard's CH-47D Chinook helicopters and C-26 Metroliner fixed-wing aircraft was held at Wheeler Army Airfield, June 4.

The Chinooks are part of the Guard's Company C, 193rd Aviation.

U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Akaka, Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson and Maj. Gen. John F. Cowings joined the Hawaii National Guard family to welcome the new aircraft.

Lt. Col. Eugene H.B. Young, Hawaii Guard state aviation officer and program

master of ceremonies, was assisted by the 111th Army Band and 193rd Aviation color guard.

In a letter to the Guard, Gov. John Waihee extended his greetings and

aloha to everyone gathered at the dedication and blessing ceremony. The governor noted that the aircraft will be a welcome addition to the Hawaii Guard's (Continued on page 5)



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha

BLESSED EVENT -- Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Akaka, Brig. Gen. Eugene S. Imai, and Capt. Benjamin Fuata assist Rev. Eli Carter during the Hawaii Army National Guard's CH-47D/C-26 dedication ceremony at Wheeler Army Airfield, June 4.

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Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson
The Adjutant General

In our efforts to modernize and prepare the Hawaii National Guard for the future, we have found ourselves in the busiest phase in our history. We have done tremendous work in the past year, but we still have more work and training to complete in the months ahead.

I first want to congratulate everyone who worked so diligently to make the dedication of the Korean-Vietnam War Memorials an overwhelming success. On July 24th the State Department of Defense performed a great service to the veterans of the Korean and Vietnam Wars and to the families of those whose names are inscribed in the pedestals of the memorials. The dedication was a very special, very moving experience for those in attendance and I believe our determination

and persistence really made a difference.

The ceremony made me reflect on the sacrifices made by Hawaii's military personnel in general and by the Hawaii Army National Guard's 29th Infantry Brigade in particular. 29 soldiers from the brigade and the Reserve's 100th Battalion, 442nd Regiment gave their lives in Vietnam. They were among the finest citizen-soldiers our state ever produced and it is only fitting that the Hawaii Guard should have played such a major role in the ceremony.

I have received numerous compliments on the way the HING conducted itself and I want to thank you all for a job well done. (A complete article on the memorials dedication will appear in the next edition of pupukahi).

Only one week before the dedication ceremony, the HIARNG received the four UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters that will be used in the new aeromedical detachment. Our crews are already training with the active duty Army at Wheeler Army Airfield and are on their way to becoming fully operational by September 1996.

The CH-47 crews also continue to train and we expect the arrival of an additional seven Chinooks next summer.

The HIARNG is also beginning the process of converting

the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) into one of 15 Enhanced Readiness Brigades in the nation and we are going forward with plans to move the brigade and other support units to Barbers Point in the 1997 time frame.

The Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Group will soon be undergoing a major reorganization to conform to the active Air Force's new structure.

A roll out ceremony for the HIANG's two brand new C-130H Hercules transports will take place at the Lockheed manufacturing plant in Marietta, Georgia on August 18. The aircraft for the 204th Airlift Squadron will then be flown to Wyoming for an acceptance inspection before arriving in Hawaii in September.

By the end of September, the HIANG will also have picked up four more KC-135R Stratotankers for the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron and a total of six F-15s from the 199th Fighter

Squadron will have been transferred to a unit on the mainland.

We must be especially conscious about safety as we go through this period of transition. Problems should be reported to your supervisors immediately, so we can solve these issues as quickly as possible.

The HING will also be starting the first session of our new Youth Challenge program at the Hawaii Military Academy facilities at Bellows Air Force Station.



Stephen M. Lum

WHAT A RELIEF!! -- Gov. John Waihee is joined by state senators and representatives, state Department of Defense staffers and Hawaii National Guard members during the signing of Senate Bill 2889. The new law provides HING members relief from civil liabilities when they are called for state active duty. It is a state version of the Federal Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act.

In addition, we are planning for the governor's review in Diamond Head crater in October, and at about the same time frame, we are planning to dedicate the Hawaii Medal for Valor at the tomb of the unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

As I mentioned earlier, this could very well be the busiest time in our history. It will take everyone's hard work and vigilance to insure that we can proceed through this period of transition safely and successfully.

Departmental news

Clinton nominates Baca for NGB Chief

President Bill Clinton has nominated Maj. Gen. Edward D. Baca, New Mexico National Guard's adjutant general, to become the new National Guard Bureau chief.

Baca, 55, was nominated May 3 and is awaiting U.S. Senate confirmation.

Combined Federal Campaign kick-off set for Oct. 4

The State Department of Defense is leading this year's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) fund drive. The campaign will be kicked-off at a rally, 9:30 a.m. Oct. 4 at Aloha Stadium. The campaign will run thru Nov. 3. CFC contributes its resources to assist various charitable organizations both locally and nationally. There are 64 federal agencies in Hawaii employing 80,000 workers contributing to CFC. The Hawaii National Guard

is the eighth largest. The goal of this year's campaign is to have every federal employee contribute at least one hour's pay per month. Lt. Col. Walter Y. Kinoshita is CFC project officer for the HING. The CFC facilitator is Col. Melvin Ida at (USPFO) 732-0302.

Undergraduate Pilot Training Board (UPT)

The 154th Group is seeking applications from qualified individuals, both male and female, for its annual UPT board. The board will select primaries and alternates for FY96 UPT classes.

The following are minimum UPT board requirements:

- by federal law, pilots must be United States citizens;
- must have a bachelor's degree or have met the requirements to graduate with a bachelor's degree prior to meeting the board;
- eye sight: 20/20 or better (uncorrected);

- must have taken the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test;

- must complete the Academy of Military Science (AMS) and enter UPT prior to age 27 1/2. For the board, your birth date must be after April 1, 1969;

- must be administered and successfully pass a Flying Class I physical if selected.

If you are interested or need additional information, please call the 154th MSSQ recruiters at 449-5601. Their mailing address is 154 MSSQ/DPR, 306 Harbor Drive, Hickam, AFB, HI 96853-5517.

SGLI rates go up

Servicemen's Group Life Insurance premiums increased July 1 from 8 cents per \$1,000 of coverage to 9 cents.

Officials said this increase is necessary to maintain cash reserves at required levels. Service members who have the automatic \$100,000

coverage will see premiums rise from \$8 per month to \$9.

GI Bill celebrates 50 years

After 50 years of helping veterans obtain the financial assistance needed for quality education and affordable housing, the GI Bill is still going strong.

The bill was enacted June 22, 1944, as part of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act to ease the transition of World War II veterans into civilian life.

By taking advantage of the GI Bill, over 8 million WWII veterans were able to go to college or learn a trade. The bill has also afforded veterans the opportunity to buy a home through the Department of Veterans Affairs loan guarantee program.

Today, the GI Bill is widely accepted as the most important veterans' legislation

ever passed and is credited with paving the way for an unparalleled period of U.S. economic growth and development.



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Spotlight

Takesue, Hawaii Army Guard's first female master sergeant

Story and Photo By Deborah M. S. Murray

If you ask Master Sgt. Charlene H. M. Takesue her formula for success she will say she succeeded by being persistent and having her family's support.

She made Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG) history July 15, when she became the only woman in HIARNG history to be promoted to the rank of E-8.

She was pinned by Brig. Gen. Myles M. Nakatsu, deputy adjutant general, and her husband, Charles Takesue.

She is now numbered with three Hawaii Air National Guard E-8 role models: Senior Master Sgt. Debra Brownhill, 154th Civil Engineering Squadron; Senior Master Sgt. Pamela Goya, 154th Resource Management Squadron; and Senior Master Sgt. Patti Winterschmidt, of the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron.

Takesue works with the Recruiting and Retention Office, a detachment of Headquarters, State Area Command. She serves as a military entrance processing station liaison and senior guidance counselor.

She was lauded by Lt. Col. Walter Y. Kinoshita, HIARNG Recruiting and Retention Manager, as "a very dedicated and decisive leader."

"Takesue's personal commitment to excellence has contributed directly to the efficiency, effectiveness, high mo-

rale, and professionalism of the Recruiting and Retention Force."

Takesue joined the Guard Aug. 20, 1974. During her almost 20-year Guard career she has received numerous awards including the Meritorious Service Medal and Army Commendation Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster).

During her tenure in the Guard, she has taken numerous military education courses in recruiting. She graduated from the University of Hawaii, majoring in Japanese.

She is a member of the National Guard Enlisted Association, Moanalua Elementary Parent/Teacher Association and the Salt Lake Community Association.



HISTORY MAKING EVENT-- Charlene H. M. Takesue made HIARNG history when she became the only woman to make the rank of E-8. Brig. Gen. Myles Nakatsu and her husband, Charles, bestowed the honors.



Aloha United Way



To all State Employees of the Department of Defense:

This year's Aloha United Way campaign will run from Aug. 16, 1994 to Oct. 31, 1994. Our 1994 departmental goal is \$13,000. In the current economic climate, we will need to work extra hard to achieve this goal.

Our departmental coordinator is Lt. Col. Jerry M. Matsuda, Contracting and Engineering Officer, our representatives are: Mr. John Bartlett, State Civil Defense; Ms. Cris Teramoto, Public Affairs Office; Ms. Cathy Siu, Office of Veterans Services; Lt. Col. Richard Shimomura, Executive Support Office; Ms. Cris Moku, Hawaii Army National Guard; Ms. Thelma Yonehiro, Hawaii Air National Guard; Ms. Alice Roseberry, Engineering Office; Ms. Clarice Chung, Environmental Office.

Please give your representatives all the support you can for this program, see you at the chili party September 23!

Major General Edward V. Richardson, Adjutant General

Community

Youth ChalleNge Program to gear up in September

By Deborah M.S. Murray

Thanks to \$4 million in funding from the National Guard Bureau (NGB), the Hawaii National Guard's Youth ChalleNge Program is expected to begin operating Sept. 27, according to 1st Lt. Tamah-Lani Nakamoto, National Guard Youth Challenge program coordinator. The funding was part of an appropriations bill submitted by Hawaii Senator Daniel Inouye and approved by Congress.

"We are really lucky that Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson is 100 percent behind this program," Nakamoto said, adding, "26 other states are waiting for the program. We are fortunate to have been awarded the program in Hawaii."

The Youth ChalleNge program is a NGB funded program to provide at-risk youths with the values, skills, education and self-discipline needed to succeed as productive citizens.

Hawaii Guard officials are actively seeking youth program participants; 48 full-time staff members; volunteers to serve as mentors; and local business owners interested in providing jobs for youths who have success-

fully completed the program.

The program was developed by NGB as a means of getting the Guard actively involved with the local community. It is offered in two phases: Phase I is a residential component that includes a high school completion program, life coping skills, citizenship, leadership, physical fitness training, health, and community projects and activities. Phase II is the post-residential mentorship program.

The mentorship phase continues for about a year after the corpsmembers graduate. Mentors are tasked with offering guidance and encouragement to youths to help them succeed.

"We are looking for people who really want to help these kids," said Nakamoto.

To staff the program for the September start-up, the guard is seeking to hire a director and deputy director, coordinators, instructors, counselors, recruitment/placement coordinator, assistant squad leaders (which are guard positions), cook, security guard, a secretary and clerk typists. Interested applicants should complete a state employment application and

send it to Department of Personnel Services, 3949 Diamond Head Road, Honolulu, HI 96816-4495. For additional information, call 732-3944.

Guard members are needed to provide manpower to get the proposed Youth ChalleNge facility ready for program participants. Nakamoto also said that program officials will be using Hawaii Military Academy at Belmows Air Force Station as an alterna-

tive site for the first cycle of the program, which runs from Sept. 27 to Feb. 26, since the Luahalei site is not expected to be operational until March 1995.

Aside from employees, Hawaii Guard and community involvement, program officials are in need of surplus furniture and equipment, to use for the Youth ChalleNge program.

For more information, contact 1st Lt. Tamah-Lani Nakamoto at 732-2341.



Time is running out

Help make a contribution to Hawaii's youth!

Support the National Guard's Youth ChalleNge program

JOBS AVAILABLE

FURNITURE DONATIONS NEEDED

For more information, call 1st Lt. Tamah-Lani Nakamoto

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World War II Commemoration

Guard commemorates WWII Three students win trip to D.C.

By Nancy S. Chappell

The Hawaii National Guard recognized three Hawaii high school students, July 4, for their first place finishes in the Guard's World War II commemorative essay contest.

The students, Ryan T. Imamoto, of Kaiser High School; Katy Stenger, of St. Joseph School and Erika Hartle-Schutte, of Waiakea High School, were awarded a trip to Washington, D.C. July 17-22.

The awards were presented during a ceremony at Ala Moana Shopping Center that capped off a weekend of activities organized by the Guard to commemorate the war's 50th anniversary.

The D.C. trip and a \$200 U.S. savings bond went to the first place finishers in each of three essay categories. Second prize was a \$150 savings bond and a two-night stay at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.



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U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye, U.S. Representative Neil Abercrombie and Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state adjutant general, were on hand to congratulate the winners of the Hawaii National Guard's World War II essay contest at Ala Moana Shopping Center July 4.

The 111th Army Band provided World War II era music prior to the ceremony and also performed July 2-3. Displays throughout the weekend included authentic World War II uniforms and equipment, modern equipment used by the Hawaii National Guard,

a blood pressure check station, World War II posters, exhibits from the 442nd veterans organization, Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Hawaii Army Museum and U.S.S. Bowfin museum, and the winning World War II essays.



Ben Tamashiro, a veteran of World War II's famed 100th Battalion, also known as "Harry" from the Bank of Hawaii television commercials, talks with Cyrus Chun (center) and Sheldon Tyau (right) of the Hawaii Historic Arms Association. Chun and Tyau are modeling authentic World War II era army uniforms. Posters from the era are hung in the background.

Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha



Capt. Curtis H. Mataushige Capt. George A. Murakami, 1st Battalion, 193rd Aviation, helps a small visitor to the Guard's aviation display at Ala Moana Shopping Center try on a helmet used by Guard helicopter pilots.

Set up under the Department of Defense's nationwide commemorative program, the Hawaii National Guard's World War II commemorative committee will sponsor three events during each year of the war's 50th anniversary.

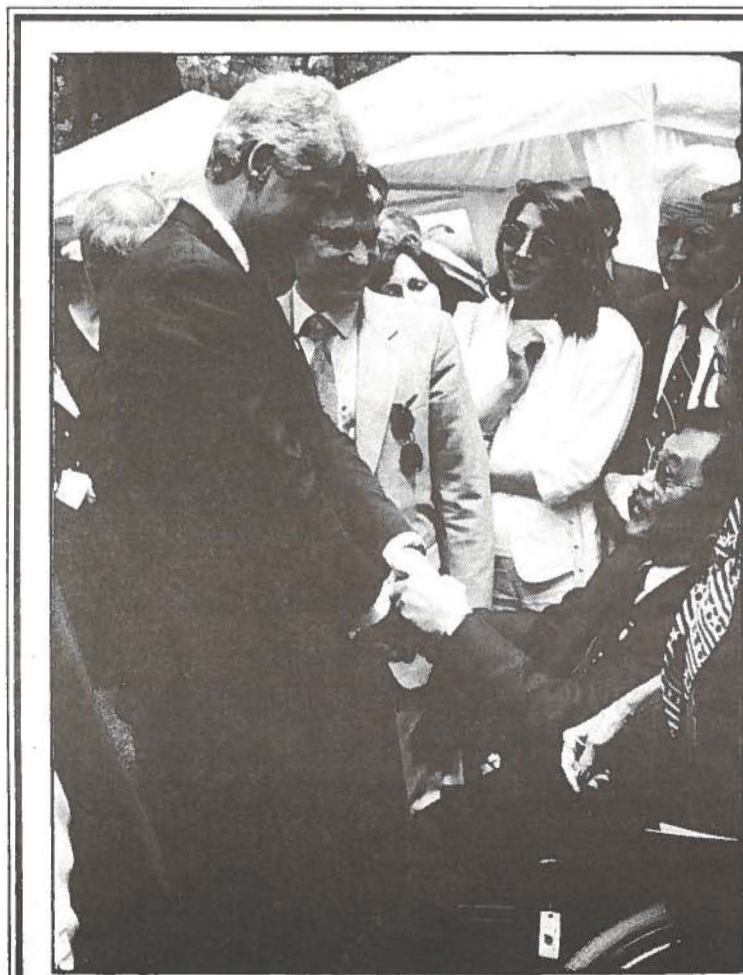
More than 370 students entered the essay contest, which was open to high school students throughout the state. Entrants were required to write an essay on one of three topics related to the war.

As awards ceremony keynote speaker, U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye remarked on the confidence he had as a soldier during the war in the workmanship of his fellow Americans who built equipment for those on the front lines. He said that those who worked at home in factories, gave blood and made bandages should be honored along with those who fought the war.

U.S. Representative Neil Abercrombie and Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson also spoke. Richardson cited three reasons for holding the contest, "to pay tribute to our veterans of World War II . . . to remind ourselves of the incredible feats that are possible when a nation pulls together all of its capacities and focuses on a common goal . . . and to perpetuate the lessons learned during World War II by educating the future leaders of our nation."

Ben and Gloria Tamashiro, Bank of Hawaii's "Harry and Myra" were masters of ceremonies. Ben Tamashiro is a veteran of World War II's famed 100th Battalion.

Prizes were made available by donations from American Airlines, American Life and Casualty Insurance, Bank of Hawaii, First Hawaiian Bank, the Hawaii National Guard Enlisted and Officers Association, Hawaiian Airlines, Hawaiian Electric Industries, Hilton Hawaiian Village, McDonalds Restaurants, Oceanic Cable Vision and SATO Travel. Nishi Catering, Kaneohe Bakery and A to Z Rental provided refreshments for a reception prior to the ceremony.



D-Day remembered

Hawaii veteran Alfred "Freddy" Los Banos, a member of President Clinton's American Battle Monuments Commission, met with the president while in Europe to tour the American military cemeteries in Rome, Anzio, Florence, Paris and Normandy and attended ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, June 6.

Los Banos is very active in Hawaii veterans' issues through his work with the Office of Veterans Services Advisory Board and Korean-Vietnam Memorials Commission.

State Civil Defense

DOD tests hurricane preparedness in May

(HONOLULU) In the early afternoon of Tuesday, May 24, the National Weather Service posts a hurricane warning for "Makani Pahili," a strong storm which has been dogging the island chain for days. Packing 120 mph winds with gusts nearing 150 mph near the center, "Makani Pahili" is an intense hurricane whose imminent force will impact the entire state.

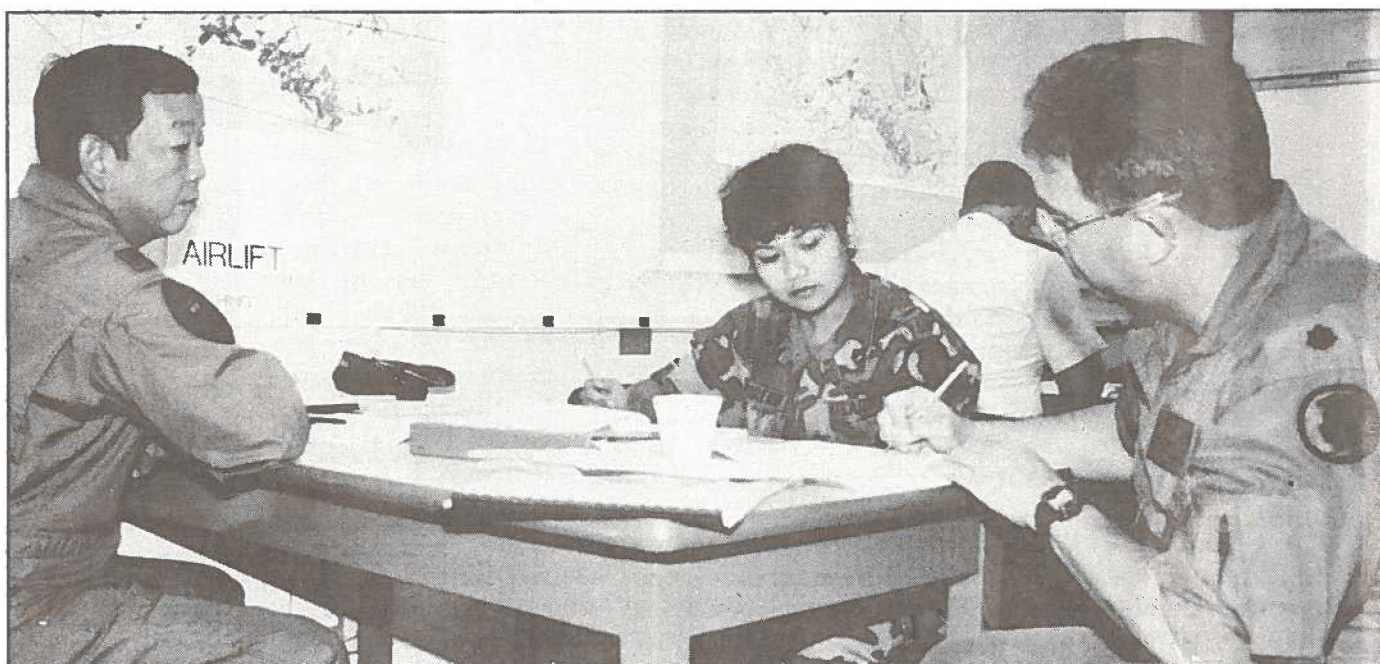
This was the scenario which tested the statewide civil defense system, May 26. Disaster response and recovery agencies pitted operations and procedures against a simulation which tested strengths and pinpointed weakness.

The exercise involved 100 participants from state and county government, the Hawaii National Guard and other branches of the military, local businesses, and volunteer organizations.

The half-day exercise was staged in preparation for the hurricane season (June through November). "Makani Pahili" is a pre-check to validate disaster plans at all levels.

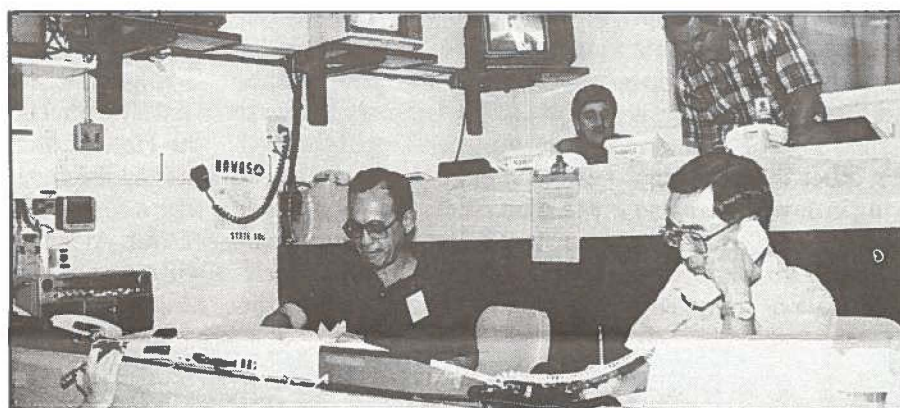
Local hospitals and healthcare agencies also participated in the exercise to test mass casualty and trauma handling capabilities. An outdoor staging area was set up at Kapiolani Park for triage and airlift transport to local hospital emergency rooms.

Exercise "Makani Pahili" helped fine-tune statewide readiness skills for hurricane response and recovery, focusing on dealing with the immediate aftermath of a storm causing massive damage and casualties, the likes of which the state has yet to experience. The exercise, coupled with lessons learned from Hurricane Iniki, will help strengthen and maintain a flexible emergency response and recovery base vital to restoring Hawaii's social and economic health after an emergency.



Stephen M. Lum photos

AIRLIFT COORDINATION -- (Left to right) Lt. Col. Roy K. Sakata, 199th Fighter Squadron, and Sgt. 1st Class Edna Nazareno and Lt. Col. Orlan L. Peterson Jr., 1st Battalion, 193rd Aviation, plot possible airlift scenarios during hurricane preparedness exercises at the Hawaii National Guard emergency operating center located in Battery 407 in Diamond Head Crater, May 26.



OPERATIONS CENTRAL -- State Civil Defense staffers; and federal, state and county representatives practice hurricane preparedness at the SCD emergency operating center located at Birkhimer Tunnel in Diamond Head Crater.

Chinooks -continued from page 1

capabilities. He also congratulated the Guard on its world speed record award for twin turboprop aircraft. (The record was set as the C-26 was flown to Hawaii from the mainland.)

Richardson, state adjutant general, read a message from U. S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye, who was instrumental in helping the Guard obtain the Chinook helicopters.

"I was pleased to support your effort in obtaining these valuable resources. The dedication of these additional aircraft represents the beginning of a new era in which the Hawaii National Guard services to the local communities of this state will be vastly expanded," stated Inouye.

In his speech, Richardson stressed, "The next decade will be one of great change and great opportunity for the National Guard in Hawaii. Aviation will be a major factor in this change. Many people here today have been instrumental in making these changes happen. I want to thank each of you for your efforts, not only for those of us who are in the Guard today, but also on behalf of those who will serve during the next two de-

acades. Those soldiers and airman will benefit, our state will benefit, and our nation will benefit."

U. S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka marked the event saying, "The addition of CH-47s significantly strengthens the Guard's capacity as a multi-faceted resource in Hawaii, providing a wide range of impressive capabilities from transporting troops

and materiel to Pohakuloa Training Area, to crisis response during emergencies, to fire suppression. The CH-47 will be an invaluable asset on which we can depend."

Company C will have 16 Chinook helicopters and 201 personnel by the end of fiscal year 1996. It replaces the 1st Battalion, 193rd Aviation (Attack) and

its AH-1S Cobra gunships, OH-58 Kiowa observation helicopters and UH-1H Iroquois (Huey) utility helicopters.

The Boeing International Chinook will enable the HIARNG to play a more versatile role, serving the community during peace and supporting troops during war. The Chinook is an all-weather me-

dium lift helicopter that can touch down on land or water, day or night. It seats up to 33 combat-equipped troops, and lifts an internal or external load of 26,000 pounds. The helicopters can transport personnel and cargo for combat, combat support and combat service support operations. It can also carry 24 litters to help transport mass casualties in medevac operations.

Company C will have the capability to support the fire department in fire fighting by transporting 2,000 gallon buckets of water.

Company C receives maintenance support for its helicopters from Company B, 193rd Aviation Intermediate Maintenance (AVIM). Company B will also provide: backup aviation maintenance support to division and corps assigned aircraft; aviation repair parts; supply support to corps aviation units, including aircraft armament and avionics; and direct exchange support for selected repair parts for divisional AVIM parts.

Company B is the first Army Guard unit in the country to have a support role to units in the Pacific.



Staff Sgt. Stephen M. Lum

FIRST CLASS TRAINING -- Sixteen graduates from a three-week CH-47D Chinook helicopter maintenance course pose for their class picture, July 1 (also included in the photo are full-time 1st Battalion, 193rd Aviation staffers and class instructors). Half of the aviation mechanic class were drill-status personnel including Sgt. Brian Conant who aced the class with perfect scores on all the exams.

Hawaii Army National Guard



Brig. Gen. Eugene S. Imai
Commander, HIARNG

The 1994 "season" for Annual Training (AT) has started on an extremely good note.

The 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery performed its AT at Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA) in June. The weather was beautiful save the period that I visited. I seemed to have brought the rain up from Hilo. Despite the rain, the spirits of the men were outstanding, and the training I observed was super. The gun sections were going through section certification, and the men in the various sections were really up to the challenge. They understood the standards and the criteria for evaluation. As I've said in previous articles, this gives our soldiers a challenge which is fair and understood, and they re-

spond by being more than up to the task. Of note was the gun section out of Battery A led by Sgt. Leonard H. Ventura. They displaced their gun in under 4 minutes. For those of you unfamiliar with this accomplishment, let me give an abbreviated description of the task. Displacing requires packing the various equipment, pulling up at least four of the three-foot stakes which hold the gun plate to the ground, cranking down the wheels of the howitzer, hooking up the gun to the two-and-a-half ton truck, clearing the camouflage net from the truck, and pulling out of the emplacement. To do all of this under four minutes is super, and Ventura and his men have much to be proud of. The other sections performed well. I commend them all for their spirit and performance.

Company B (Maintenance), 29th Support Battalion traveled to Sagami Army Depot in Japan, and they had plenty of work waiting for them. The soldiers made the best of this opportunity (the first time this unit has trained outside of Hawaii), and they performed in a super manner. The soldiers report that other than the high cost of living in Japan, they had a super time getting "culturally oriented." The 297th Supply and Services Battalion completed

PRIMED AND READY

Sgt. Talosa Iuta, ammunition team chief and Sgt. Elia Leiu, section chief, prime an artillery round. The 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery soldiers are training at Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island of Hawaii.



Spec. J.T. Tanimoto

their AT, June 25. In addition to conducting a field training exercise, AT provided much needed time to prepare for the conversion of the 292nd Supply and Service Company to an aviation intermediate maintenance company.

Remaining units of the HIARNG performed their AT during in July and August, or are performing their AT on a year-around basis. The balance of the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) performed their AT at Schofield Barracks, PTA, or at Camp Rilea, Ore. The Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 129th Signal Detachment, and the balance of the

29th Support Battalion were at Schofield, and the Troop E, 227th Engineer Company, and 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry were at PTA through July 30. The 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry traveled to Rilea in late July. 1st Battalion, 193rd Aviation will continue its conversion from an attack battalion to a medium lift company, the 298th Engineer Detachment will construct needed improvements at the Hawaii Military Academy, the 451st Aviation Detachment will support the brigade, the 452nd Aviation Detachment will continue its transition planning to a medical evacuation

detachment, and 25th Division Rear Tactical Operation Cell will continue their participation in the Tropic Lightning series of exercises. The 111th Army Band and the 117th Public Affairs Team will be providing continuing morale and welfare support throughout this period that they do so well.

It's a "full plate" of activities which offers our soldiers a challenge and opportunity at the same time. As in the past, and based on the performance of the early units, I'm positive that all of our units will be up to the challenge, and take this opportunity to really shine.

Hawaii Air National Guard



Brig. Gen. David M. Rodrigues
Commander, HIANG

Our 17th annual Hawaii Air National Guard Commanders Conference was held at the Maui Inter-Continental Resort from June 22 thru June 24. Once a year, the senior leadership of the HIANG, along with representatives for Pacific Air Forces command and the National Guard Bureau, takes time out from their busy schedules to gather and do a reality check on the HIANG. We look at how we are doing as well as consider where we want the HIANG to go in the future. The theme for this year's conference was "Leadership Focus: Posturing for the Future."

We were fortunate to have Gen. Robert Rutherford, PACAF commander, join us at the con-

ference. Representatives of the NGB also participated in the discussions.

Gen. Rutherford gave us his thoughts on what was going on in Asia. He covered not only military issues but economic and political themes as well. The United States does more trading with the Pacific Rim countries on an annual basis than any other region of the world. Asia is important to the economy of the United States. During the executive session, Gen. Rutherford praised the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron for the progress that unit made within the past year. He did not expect the 203rd to progress as rapidly and as well as they have. He further stated that the 203rd will provide him a valuable, much needed in theater asset. We all know how hard the people in the squadron have been working on their activation. It's always nice to be recognized by someone outside of HIANG. Kudos to the men and women of the Refueling Squadron.

Recruiting and retention was a "hot" topic at the conference resulting in 17 initiatives to strengthen this important program. Two of the initiatives really appealed to me. The first, we asked the NGB to consider

revising some of the physical requirements in different Air Force Speciality Codes. We feel that some of these requirements are unrealistic in some of our specialty codes literally makes it impossible for a female applicant to qualify for particular jobs. The Air Defense Artillery act passed by Congress several years ago along with new OSHA initiatives, have removed many of the traditional lifting requirements in various trades. If we can get the Bureau and the Air Force to do the same, many AFSCs will become easier for female applicants to qualify for. I think this is important to our future recruiting success.

The second initiative was something called distance learning. This initiative will link many of our facilities across the country electronically. This will allow us to conduct training by satellite where students at remote locations, like Hawaii, are linked by both voice and video to an instructor at a central location like the Guard Bureau. Just imagine the opportunities this will bring. It certainly will make it easier for our people, both officers and enlisted personnel, to attend Professional Military Education classes because in residence classes are hard to come by. Let's keep our eye on this initiative and see how far it

develops in the years to come. The applications seem unlimited.

At the close of each conference, I acknowledge people who will be leaving us in the coming year. This year, I recognized Col. Clint Churchill, HIANG chief of staff, and Lt. Col. Roy Matsumura, 201st Combat Communications Group Headquarters logistics staff office. I have had the privilege of serving with both these men for many years. Their contributions to the Hawaii Air National Guard have been many. We thank them for all their years of faithful service. We wish them well in their retirement. They will be missed but not forgotten.



1st Lt. Charles J. Anthony

GETTING READY - One of eight Hawaii Air National Guard F-15s gets a last check before deploying to Alaska for Cope Thunder Exercises, July 13. The plane has three external fuel tanks mounted for the long trip to Alaska.

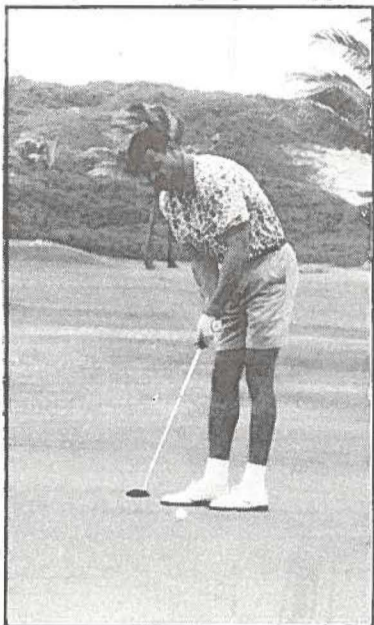
Sports

Baker and Shimabukuro win Hawaii Guard Golf Tournament

Story and photo by Deborah M. S. Murray

The 1994 Hawaii National Guard (HING) Golf Tournament was a great success June 6, at the Klipper Golf Course, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

The winners of this year's HING tournament were: Mrs. P. Pasha Baker, state chairman of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, and Specialist Garrick Shimabukuro, Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Battalion, 193rd Aviation, 1st place;



Sergeant First Class Bert Hamakdo, Headquarters Company, 29th Support Battalion, and Gabe Aio, 2nd place; and Maj. Greg Burgess, Headquarters State Area Command, and Nao Iwata, third place. Numerous door prizes were also awarded, including a trip to Las Vegas won by Sgt. Kenneth Higashionna.

The tournament was designed to promote fellowship and fun among HING members. Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state adjutant general, participated and was on hand to present the winning team trophies during a ceremony at the 19th Puka recreation facility. Lt. Col. Don Arakaki served as chairman of this year's tournament.

(Left) Lt. Col. John Penebecker competes in the HING tournament.

201st CCGP are HIANG's Central softball champs

By Chief Master Sgt. Cornwall S. Matsusaka

The 201st Combat Communications Group (Oahu) softball team captured the 1994 Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) Central Slow Pitch Softball Tournament with a 4-0 record.

The three-day, double elimination tournament was sponsored by the HIANG with 13 Oahu-based teams. They scrambled for the top four positions in an attempt to qualify and participate in the 1994 Army-Air Hawaii National Guard State Softball Tournament.

The State Softball Tournament is scheduled for Sept. 23-25 at Hickam Air Force Base's Earhart Field. This tournament will consist of five Army

Guard teams, four Air Guard teams and one top HING team from Kauai, the Big Island and Maui.

In the championship game, the 201st out scored runner-up COMBOs 11 to 3. Staff Sgt. Lance Watanabe, Senior Airman Dave Bonifacio, Staff Sgt. Floyd Zakabi and Staff Sgt. Jon Divine contributed to the 201st CCGP offensive punch while the entire team played a solid defensive game.

The 201st CCGP team consists of Staff Sgt. Ivan Uwaine (manager), Senior Master Sgt. Galen Nakahara (Coach), Staff Sgt. Watanabe, Senior Airman Bonifacio, Staff Sgt. Divine, Airman 1st Class Ray Kaanga, Staff Sgt. Jeff Mitsuda, Tech.

Sgt. Ricky Torrijos, Airman 1st Class Ray Chang, Capt. Nahaku McFadden, Sgt. Robin Tuaniga, Staff Sgt. Zakabi, Airman 1st Class Liz Sabog, Staff Sgt. Dave Sala, Sgt. Wayne Iida, Airman 1st Class Shane Kayatani, Staff Sgt. Lee Sonomura, Senior Airman Ed Tote, Airman Dewayne Sprinkel.

The following top four teams will represent the Air Guard in the annual Army Air Hawaii National Guard State Tournament: 1st place 201st CCGP (Oahu), 2nd place 154th COMBOs (B), 3rd place 154th CAMS (A), and the 4th place 203rd AREFS (A).

All four teams were presented trophies by Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state adjutant general.



Stephen M. Lum

RAINBOW WINNERS -- Bob Wagner and Chris Smeland, University of Hawaii football coaches are presented the Jack Baker Golf Tournament Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve trophy by P. Pasha Baker, the ESGR state chair, May 12.

Highlights

Air pistol team places third in national competition

The Headquarters State Area Command (HQSTARC) Air Pistol Team represented the Hawaii National Guard in the Chief National Guard Bureau Air Pistol National Championship held in Bismarck, N.D., May 20 to May 24. The team finished third in the nation behind teams from Rhode Island and West Virginia.

The HQ STARC team qualified for the national championship by winning the state championship and then placing fourth in the qualifying round. Only the top five State teams in the nation qualified for the competition in Bismarck are invited to the national shoot-off.

In individual competition, John Gibo finished in a four-way tie for 5th place. Other members of the team were Vern T. Miyagi, Ronald S. Katto, and Constancio U. Soliven.

Rifle team wins gold medal at '94 Aloha State Games

The Hawaii National Guard Composite Rifle Team won the 1994 Aloha State Games High Power Rifle match held at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, June 19-20. They beat out competitors from two Marine Corps teams to win the match.

Shawn H. Kono took the silver in the overall championship, missing the gold by one point (476 points, 12x). Jeffrey O. Clegg took the bronze with 472 points, 14x. Team members: Vern T. Miyagi, HQSTARC, team captain; Jeffrey O. Clegg, 203rd Air Refueling Squadron; Galen M. Yamada, 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, coach; Hubert M. Chang, HQ STARC; Shawn H. Kono, Company B, 29th Support Battalion; and William A. Kissenberger, 292nd Combat Communications Squadron.

Taking home medals were:

Gold: Clegg, 200-yard rapid fire, Clegg, 300-yard rapid fire Chang, overall/expert Miyagi, 200-yard slow fire/expert Kono, 500-yard slow fire/expert
Silver: Kono, 200-yard slow fire Kono, 200-yard rapid fire
Bronze: Chang, 200-yard slow fire Clegg, 500-yard slow fire

Ahi Tournament

The 150th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron Goodwill Ahi Tournament was launched from Kauai's Port Allen Small Boat Harbor, June 29. More than 100 participants fielded 22 teams, including six from Oahu and one from Alaska.

The largest Ahi was caught by the 154th Group team at 196 pounds. The Poi Dogs team, aboard the *Ulili*, held onto the 2nd largest Ahi at 173 pounds for a mere 10 minutes before the Kumu Sniffers knocked the Poi Dogs into unranked third place.

A banquet was held on Saturday at the Outrigger Kauai Hotel where awards were presented.

Special thanks for the efforts of the volunteer tournament crew go to: Juan Lorenzo, Iris Kabazawa, Harvey Maeda, Bill Tabe, Rolando Espinosa, and Mary and Dennis Takemoto.

Final results:

28 Ahi, 3 Marlin, 9 Mahimahi, 5 Ono, 19 Aku, 8 Kawa Kawa, 2 Papio and one Barracuda.

Daily jackpot winnings (heaviest fish, catch of the day):

Wednesday: Bruce Takekuma, 150th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron - heaviest Marlin at 472 pounds
Timo Batis - 3.5 pound Kawa Kawa
Thursday: Richard W. "Soupbone" Kashiwabara - 262 pound Marlin
Timo Batis - 15 pound Mahimahi
Friday: Wayne P. Wakeman, 199th Fighter Squadron - 175 pound Ahi

Overall winning honors:

Largest Ahi: 154th Group team - 196 pounds, aboard the *Kilileo*, Team members: Howard Sato, Mike Kang, Kenji Masuoka, and Darren Morris.

Largest Ahi/Handicap Division: Li'l Dipper team on board the *Li'l Dipper II* - 150 pounds, Team members Dwayne Higashi, Cliff Tsuyama and Doric Remata.

2nd Largest Ahi: Kumu Sniffers team - 175 pounds, on board the *Lianne K.* Team members: Wayne Wakeman, Robby Robinson, Dale Tengan and Jeffrey T. Namihira.

Largest Marlin: 154ACS/B team - 472 pounds, aboard the *Hallelujah*. Team members Bruce Takekuma and Andy Arakawa.



The Hawaii National Guard Composite Rifle Team Needs You!!

HING Women

To develop a team which equally highlights the skills of male and female Guard members, the rifle team is actively recruiting women who want to improve their weapons qualification scores.

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Hubert Chang at HQ State Area Command, Hawaii Army National Guard

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Awards and recognition

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

Meritorious Service Medal

Brig. Gen. David M. Rodrigues, HQ HIANG

Lt. Col. Larry A. Kumata, 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron

Lt. Col. Roy A. Matsumura, 201st Combat Communications Group

Lt. Col. Gary L. Peters, 154th Group

Maj. William C. Benton, 199th Fighter Squadron

Chief Master Sgt. Melvyn M. Taira, 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Galen A. Nakahara, Headquarters 201st Combat Communications Group

Master Sgt. George M. Mishina, 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Air Force Commendation Medal

Col. Norberto Baysa, HQ HIANG (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

Col. Clinton R. Churchill, HQ HIANG (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

Lt. Col. Clarence N. Fukumoto, HQ HIANG (Third Oak Leaf Cluster)

Lt. Col. Jerry M. Matsuda, HQ HIANG (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

Lt. Col. Nelson E. Jones, HQ HIANG (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

Lt. Col. Edwin A. Vincent Jr., 203rd, Air Refueling Squadron (Second Oak Leaf Cluster)

Lt. Col. Wesley K. Young, HQ HIANG

Maj. James A. Gerimonte, 154th Group

Maj. Clarence J. Gunderson Jr., HQ HIANG (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

Maj. Ford A. Chinen, HQ HIANG

Capt. Randall Tom, HQ HIANG

Chief Master Sgt. James M. Akamine, 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron (Second Oak Leaf Cluster)

Master Sgt. Eliapo Colosse Jr., 154th Resource Management Squadron

Master Sgt. Gary A. Momohara, 154th Resource Management Squadron

Master Sgt. Edwin H. Takahashi, 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Tech. Sgt. Lester K. Nagamine, 154th Tactical Hospital

Tech. Sgt. Jerome K.P. Nakachi,

154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Alan S. Sumitomo, 196th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

Staff Sgt. Andrew M. Hayes, 154th Group (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

Sgt. Robert E. Smith, 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance

Hawaii National Guard Medal for Merit

Brig. Gen. Raph V. Locurcio, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division

Chief Warrant Officer Joseph J. Windsor Jr., Range Training Branch, Kaneohe Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Tech. Sgt. Galen M. Yamada, 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal

Lt. Col. Walter Y. Kinoshita, HQ STARC (-Dets 1, 2, & 3)

Maj. Blane O. Ogata, HQ STARC (-Dets 1, 2, & 3)

Sgt. Benjamin Pojan, 291st Maintenance Company

Master Sgt. Alfredo T. Remata, 298th Air Traffic Control Flight



Deborah M.S. Murray

Brig. Gen. Raph V. Locurcio receives the Hawaii National Guard Medal for Merit from Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general. Locurcio, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division commander, was presented the award in recognition of his assistance during the Hurricane Iniki recovery operations.

Health and Fitness

Make physical fitness part of your normal routine

By Melvin Partido

Hawaii Army National Guard Safety Office

You know that exercise can enhance and lengthen your life, but you can't seem to find time to consistently work out. Promoting fitness in your lifestyle means setting priorities, sneaking extra activity into daily routines, and scheduling fitness time as you would other important events.

Health is the most precious gift we have; and deciding to stay fit and healthy is our way of protecting this gift.

You can become physically fit by exercising just 20 to 30 minutes, three times a week. Isn't it worth your time to make fitness a priority in your life? Five minutes of movement adds up to a more active lifestyle. To activate your daily routines, try some of these tips:

1. Take the stairs whenever possible (or walk a few flights and take the elevator).

2. Park your car at the far end of the parking lot.

3. Hand-deliver messages rather than picking up the phone.

With a little creativity, you'll find dozens of ways to increase the amount of movement in your daily routines.

Schedule your fitness time as you would an important meeting. Many business people have traded the "business lunch" for an exercise session at the gym. Why not mix business with pleasure: walk on your lunch hour, or instead of a coffee break, try a stretching break. Rather than joining friends for drinks, get together for a game of softball or a vigorous walk. Whatever you decide to do, make it part of your daily routine.

By setting aside 20 to 30 minutes three times a week for vigorous activity,

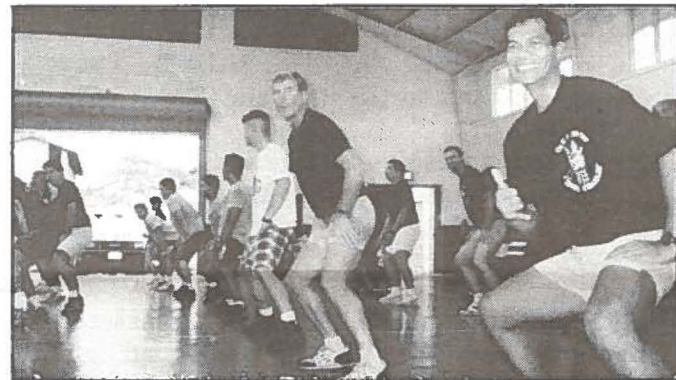


Photo by Staff Sgt. Aureliano Ramos

GETTING FIT AND TRIM --- Maui's Hawaii Army National Guard's (HIARNG) 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry soldiers perform aerobics during February's physical training activities.

and by sneaking extra activity into your daily routines, you can become fitter, happier, and more productive.

The State Department of Defense promotes fitness by giving federal technicians (military as well as competitive service) and Air National Guard Active Guard/Reserve personnel the opportunity to exercise. Nautilus equipment is available in building 306-A for employee use. The available equipment includes numerous weight machines, a stair stepper and inclines for sit-ups. To use the equipment you must be certified by attending a briefing by Headquarters State Area Command personnel. The 30-minute brief is conducted by Sgt. First Class Wayne Kimura, of the Headquarters State Area Command Supply office.

For more information, call Sgt. First Class Kimura at 737-8625.

Drug testing mandatory for Hawaii National Guard

Drug testing programs for the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) and Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG) have proved to be successful and effective in eradicating drug abuse in the Guard.

When the HIARNG Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program first began, only aviation units were tested. Now all units are subject to the test.

"The G1 office tests units on a random basis. Under this program, a soldier may be tested more than once a year," according to Maj. Jana Wolf.

The HIARNG takes this program seriously. Since testing began, there have been soldiers who tested positive. They included officers and enlisted, full-time and drill-status soldiers, and they were discharged. Individuals refusing to take the test have also been discharged.

The HIANG also conducts random

tests for alcohol and illegal drug use. Tests are conducted every drill weekend, according to Maj. Ann Greenlee, HIANG's social action officer.

The HIANG has not had any guard members testing positive for several years, said Maj. Greenlee. Guard members who test positive for illegal substances are processed for discharge, she said.

If soldiers seek help through the Army Guard system before the day they are tested, no punitive action will be taken. However, there are specific requirements involved, including successful completion of an approved rehabilitation program at the soldier's expense. Clean tests must occur thereafter.

For more information about the HING drug testing program, contact the HIARNG, G1 Section, at 737-6744 or the HIANG representative at 499-2782.

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.

Hawaii Army National Guard	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
HQ, STARC, HIARNG	--	10-11	1-2
29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)	6-7,13	3-4	1-2
227th Engineer Company	6-7,13	17-18	1-2
Troop E, 19th Cavalry	13-14	10-11	1-2
1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery	13-14	10-11	1-2
Battery A	13-14	11	
1st Battalion, 299th Infantry	20-21	10-11	1-2
2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry	13-14	10-11	1-2
29th Support Battalion	13-14	10-11	1-2
Company C	13-14, 20	10-11	1-2
Troop Command	6-7	10-11	1-2
1st Battalion, 193rd Aviation	20-21	17-18	1-2
297th Supply & Service Battalion	6-7	10-11	1-2
12th Personnel Service Company	20-21	10-11	1-2
Hawaii Air National Guard	20-21	10-11	1-2
HQ, Hawaii Air National Guard	20-21	10-11	1-2
154th Group	20-21	10-11	1-2
201st Combat Communications Group	20-21	10-11	1-2