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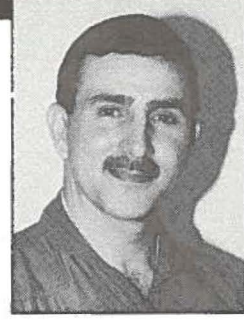
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Calendar

February 19, Monday
President's Day, federal and state holiday.

March 26, Tuesday
Prince Kuhio Day, state holiday.

April 5, Friday
Good Friday, state holiday.

April 19-21
Volleyball tournament, time and place to be announced.

May 18, Saturday
Armed Forces Day.

May 27, Monday
Memorial Day (observed), federal and state holiday.

June 11, Tuesday
Kamehameha Day, state holiday.

July 4, Thursday
Independence Day, federal and state holiday.

August 16, Friday
Admission Day, state holiday

September 2, Monday
Labor Day, state and federal holiday.

Air Refueling Squadron completes Deny Flight mission over Bosnia-Herzegovina

By 1st Lt. Charles J. Anthony

Members of the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard have completed their mission supporting Operation Deny Flight. The third, and final Hawaii Air Guard KC-135R Stratotanker involved in the operation returned to Hickam Air Force Base, Nov. 16. Deny Flight is the NATO effort patrolling the no-fly zone of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Members of the 203rd, the 154th Maintenance Squadron and the 154th Aircraft Generation Squadron deployed to Pisa Air Base, Italy, beginning Oct. 14. All of the personnel are part of the 154th Wing.

The Hawaii Guard personnel worked as a team with members of the Ohio Air National Guard supporting the multinational forces in the theater. The 203rd tankers flew daily missions, refueling U.S. Air Force Fighter jets as well as aircraft from NATO allies such as Belgium, Turkey and France patrolling the no-fly zone. "Because those fighter aircraft were there protecting people on the ground, it meant that a few more children made it home from school and a few more moms and dads made it back from the marketplace, alive," said Lt. Col. Edwin "Skip" Vincent, 203rd



commander. Ninety-four personnel from the 154th Wing participated in the five week deployment. Hawaii Air Guard personnel who participated in Operation Deny Flight were on federal active duty status, under the operational control of U.S. Air Forces, Europe.

NATO aircraft have flown more than 42,000 combat sorties in support of Operation Deny Flight which began April 12, 1993.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED -- A Hawaii Air National Guard KC-135R Stratotanker refuels an MC-130 Hercules aircraft over the Adriatic Sea. The 203rd Air Refueling Squadron tanker provided fuel for NATO aircraft flying the no-fly zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina. Photo by Senior Airman Mark A. Sindiog

Fighters fly drug interdiction mission in Panama

By 1st Lt. Charles J. Anthony

Fighter pilots and support personnel from the 199th Fighter Squadron, 154th Maintenance Squadron and 154th Aircraft Generation Squadron, returned from their second "real world" deployment this year, Dec. 3 and 4. Beginning Oct. 20, members of the 154th Wing deployed to Howard Air Force Base, Panama, in

support of Operation Coronet Nighthawk.

The operation was part of a drug interdiction program using Air National Guard units to intercept and identify unknown aircraft attempting to enter the United States. Information gathered during intercept missions was forwarded to U.S. Customs officials, who then alerted U.S. law en-

forcement officials of the approaching aircraft. Apprehension of all suspects was conducted by civilian law enforcement officials. The number of scrambles and intercepts conducted by the 199th fighter pilots is not publicly releaseable.

"We didn't go over there expecting to completely stop the flow of cocaine coming into the country," said Maj.

Conal J. Brady III, fighter squadron pilot. "But we did make a dent in it and made it a lot harder for the drug runners."

Another pilot, Maj. David M. Lilly, gave credit to the federal, state and local law enforcement agencies involved. "We were just part of an over-all drug interdiction operation, that's (Continued on page 7)

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Command notes



Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson
The Adjutant General

1995 was yet another banner year for the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense. Despite a cut in State funding, due to the budget crisis, the department still completed a long list of accomplishments that benefited the people of America, Hawaii and in various locations around the world.

Hawaii Guard supports worldwide missions and disaster relief

In January and February, the Hawaii National Guard was designated as the lead State agency for Mission Aloha, the effort supporting victims of the Kobe, Japan, earthquake. The Hawaii Guard organized transportation from the various collection centers and delivered 72 tons of donated items to Honolulu International Airport.

Beginning in November, Mission Aloha II, was launched to assist the victims of Typhoon Angela in the Philippines. Once again, the Hawaii Guard helped move relief supplies, more than 64 tons, for that effort.

The Hawaii Air National Guard participated in four "real world" contingency operations, more than any other year in Hawaii Air Guard history. In January, members of the 154th Group returned from Operation Provide Comfort II, patrolling the northern no-fly zone of Iraq. In July, personnel from the 201st Combat Communications Group deployed to Wake Island for Joint Task Force Prompt Return '95, the U.S. State Department operation to repatriate more than 130 Chinese nationals discovered in the hold of the fishing vessel. The 201st provided voice and data communications circuits within the task force area and provided satellite communications from Wake to Oahu. The 203rd Air Refueling Squadron spent five weeks in October and November refueling NATO fighter aircraft patrolling the no-fly zone of Bosnia-Herzegovina and F-15s from the 199th Fighter Squadron participated in Operation Coronet Nighthawk, intercepting drug runners from South America. (Details on those two missions are included in this issue).

In May, personnel from the

169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron travelled to Saudi Arabia to assist that country install an automated air defense system for the Royal Saudi Air Force similar to the Hawaii Regional Operations Control Center at Wheeler Army Airfield.

The Hawaii Army National Guard deployed to Australia, California, Oregon, Alaska and the Big Island for annual training this year. Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano had a first look, as the new commander in chief of the Hawaii National Guard, at the Guard soldiers training at Pohakuloa Training Area in July. Also of great significance, the Hawaii Army Guard's 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) was restructured into its Enhanced Readiness Brigade configuration in September and B Company, 193rd Aviation, began providing aviation maintenance and repair to active duty's USARPAC aviation aircraft. The Hawaii's aviation maintenance company is now the only National Guard unit in the nation directly supporting active-duty Army aircraft.

Department leads Hawaii State WW II remembrance activities

The State DOD was the organizer of the highly successful "Hawaii Remembers" show at the Waikiki Shell, one of the events commemorating the

50th anniversary of the end of World War II. The Office of Veterans Services and all of the departmental divisions made it a night to remember and assisted in many of the other events held throughout the weekend of Sept. 1-3.

State Civil Defense continues proactive disaster preparedness

In 1995, the State Civil Defense and the U.S. Department of Defense initiated the development of the Pacific Disaster Center on Maui. The center will use the Maui super computer to bring new information products to emergency managers in the Pacific. The disaster center will help federal, state and local governments prepare for and respond to natural disasters and human-caused environmental problems.

Veterans services expanded

The Office of Veterans Services continued its support for a wide range of veterans activities, ceremonies, events, programs and projects in 1995. In addition to the previously mentioned support for the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II commemorative events, the OVS also dedicated the final phase of the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery on Memorial Day, and secured funds to up-

grade facilities and expand veterans cemeteries on Hawaii, Kauai, Maui and Molokai and to develop new cemeteries in Kona and on Lanai.

Youth Challenge Program starts third class

The Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Program graduated a total of 98 corpsmembers from two classes in 1995 and started a third. In February, the first class of 40 corpsmembers completed the program at Hawaii Military Academy, Bellows Air Force Station. In March, Youth Challenge moved to Barbers Point Naval Air Station. The second class of 58 corpsmembers graduated in August. The third class, now with 85 corpsmembers, began in September.

Throughout 1995, members of the State DOD trained for their federal and state missions and carried out their responsibilities towards the residents of Hawaii and the nation in an exemplary manner. I am extremely proud of the accomplishments, too numerous to list, performed over the past year and I am looking forward to an even better year in 1996. My wife, Celia, and I wish all of you and your families, the very best throughout this new year.

Departmental news

Ceremonies honor Maj. Gen. D'Araujo

Maj. Gen. John R. D'Araujo, Jr. was honored with an awards ceremony

and retirement parade, Nov. 28.

The awards ceremony was held at the Army National Guard Readiness Center, Arlington Hall,

10:30 a.m., with a parade later that day at Fort Meyer, in Arlington, Va.

Maj. Gen. D'Araujo, National Guard director, recently announced his

December retirement. Maj. Gen. Russell C. Davis, commanding general, District of Columbia National Guard, has been approved as the vice chief of the Na-

tional Guard Bureau. Adjutants General from every state had the opportunity to extend their regards to Maj. Gen.

D'Araujo by forwarding awards, letters of appreciation and memorabilia to be displayed at the ceremony site.

Reserve drill pay effective Jan. 1, 1996 - 2.4 percent raise, awaiting final approval by Congress and Pres. Clinton

Grade	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
Commissioned officers															
O-10	238.19	246.57	246.57	246.57	256.04	256.04	270.22	270.22	289.55	289.55	308.94	308.94	308.94	328.18	
O-9	211.10	216.63	221.25	221.25	226.87	226.87	236.31	236.31	256.04	256.04	270.22	270.22	270.22	289.55	
O-8	191.20	196.94	201.61	201.61	216.63	216.63	226.87	226.87	236.31	246.57	256.04	262.35	262.35	262.35	
O-7	158.87	169.68	169.68	169.68	177.29	177.29	187.56	187.56	196.94	216.63	231.53	231.53	231.53	231.53	
O-6	117.75	129.37	137.85	137.85	137.85	137.85	137.85	142.54	165.08	173.50	177.29	187.56	193.90	203.42	
O-5	94.18	110.58	118.23	118.23	118.23	118.23	121.80	128.37	136.97	147.22	155.65	160.38	165.98	165.98	
O-4	79.38	96.67	103.12	103.12	105.03	109.66	117.15	123.73	129.37	135.06	138.77	138.77	138.77	138.77	
O-3	72.77	82.48	88.18	97.56	102.23	105.89	111.63	117.15	120.02	120.02	120.02	120.02	120.02	120.02	
O-2	64.33	70.25	84.41	87.24	89.05	89.05	89.05	89.05	89.05	89.05	89.05	89.05	89.05	89.05	
O-1	55.85	58.13	70.25	70.25	70.25	70.25	70.25	70.25	70.25	70.25	70.25	70.25	70.25	70.25	
Commissioned officers with more than four years' active duty as an enlisted member or warrant officer															
O-3E	0.00	0.00	0.00	97.56	102.23	105.89	111.63	117.15	121.80	121.80	121.80	121.80	121.80	121.80	
O-2E	0.00	0.00	0.00	87.24	89.05	91.87	96.67	100.37	103.12	103.12	103.12	103.12	103.12	103.12	
O-1E	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.25	75.06	77.82	80.64	83.44	87.24	87.24	87.24	87.24	87.24	87.24	
Warrant officers (for Army, Navy, Marine Corps)															
W-5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	128.27	133.13	136.98	142.75	
W-4	75.16	80.64	80.64	82.48	86.23	90.03	93.81	100.37	105.03	108.72	111.63	115.23	119.09	122.80	
W-3	68.31	74.10	74.10	75.06	75.93	81.49	86.23	89.05	91.87	94.62	97.56	101.37	105.03	105.03	
W-2	59.83	64.73	64.73	66.61	70.25	74.10	76.91	79.73	82.48	85.38	88.18	90.95	94.62	94.62	
W-1	49.84	57.15	57.15	61.92	64.73	67.50	70.25	73.15	75.93	78.76	81.49	84.41	84.41	84.41	
Enlisted members															
E-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	87.44	89.40	91.42	93.52	95.62	97.47	102.58	106.58	112.57	
E-8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	73.32	75.43	77.41	79.42	81.52	83.38	85.43	90.45	94.48	
E-7	51.19	55.27	57.30	59.32	61.34	63.29	65.32	67.36	70.40	72.40	74.40	75.38	80.44	84.44	
E-6	44.04	48.01	50.00	52.13	54.09	56.03	58.09	61.08	63.00	65.03	66.02	66.02	66.02	66.02	
E-5	38.65	42.07	44.11	46.03	49.06	51.06	53.07	55.03	56.03	56.03	56.03	56.03	56.03	56.03	
E-4	36.04	38.07	40.31	43.42	45.14	45.14	45.14	45.14	45.14	45.14	45.14	45.14	45.14	45.14	
E-3	33.97	35.83	37.25	38.73	38.73	38.73	38.73	38.73	38.73	38.73	38.73	38.73	38.73	38.73	
E-2	32.69	32.69	32.69	32.69	32.69	32.69	32.69	32.69	32.69	32.69	32.69	32.69	32.69	32.69	
E-1	29.16	29.16	29.16	29.16	29.16	29.16	29.16	29.16	29.16	29.16	29.16	29.16	29.16	29.16	



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Hawaii Guard participates in Veterans Day events

By Spc. Jonathan M. Shiroma and PAO staff

With the picturesque Koolau Mountains in the background -- the fifth annual Veterans Day Ceremony took place at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe, Nov. 11. It was a time to pay homage to the many service members who stood in defense of the United States over the years.

"It is fitting that we observed this final commemorative ceremony marking the fiftieth anniversary of end of the World War II here in Kaneohe," said Maj. General Edward V. Richardson, adjutant general.

"For it is here in the Pacific," Richardson adds, "that the United States was thrust into this global conflict."

Richardson also noted that many of the veterans who participated in the ceremony have become familiar faces to him since commemorative events began four years ago. Dozens of veterans from various wars the U.S. was involved in gathered for the ceremony.

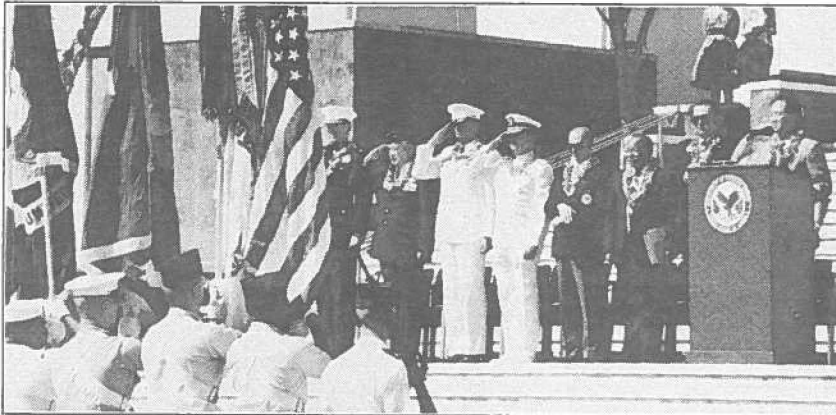
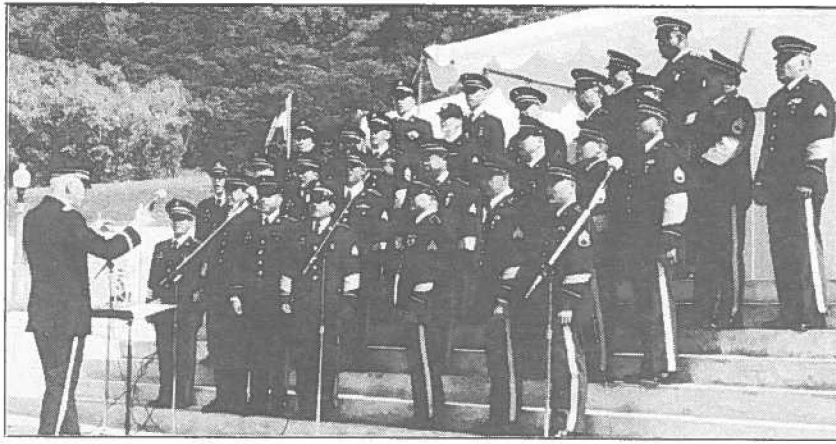
One of those veterans was John Haverty who served in the U.S. Navy.

"I think that we as Americans need to remember World War II and the bombing of Pearl Harbor," said Haverty.

"It taught us that we must always be alert and to not be caught with our guard down."

Haverty also noted that service members back then did not necessarily enjoy their work, however, they realized the need to defend their country.

Lt. Gov. Mazie Hirono was on hand for the event as she delivered the keynote address. A joint services color guard and the ceremonial Royal Guard opened the ceremonies and they were promptly followed by



FINAL HONORS-- Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general, joins military VIPs salute 6 Veterans Day ceremonies held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, Nov. 11. Photo by Deborah M.S. Murray photo

a contingent of veterans groups who presented their organizational flags. A U.S. Marine Corps 21-gun salute and a fly-over by Hawaii Army National Guard's CH-47 Chinook helicopters concluded the observances. Prelude and ceremonial music was provided by the Hawaii Guard's 111th Army band.

At the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, Nov. 11 the final World War II commemoration ended with the tolling of 50 church bells at exactly the eleventh hour, of the eleventh month and the eleventh day.

GIVING OUR BEST -- Hawaii Army National Guard's 111th Army Band (left) and Hawaii Air National Guard's Kauai units color guard (below) assist in Veterans Day celebrations on Oahu and Kauai in November. - Photos by Sgt. Lance M. Kamieugi and Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha



The State Department of Defense's contribution to the ceremony included appearances by Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general; Robert C. Viduya, director of the Office of Veterans Services and a missing man flyover by Hawaii Air National Guard F-15s.

Veterans Day activities got an early start on Kauai, Nov. 4. Maj. Gen. Richardson served as the parade's grand marshal and the event included color guard and marching units from Kauai's Air National Guard.

Year in review: Hawaii National Guard 1995

There were a number of Hawaii National Guard deployments, training highlights and other significant events not mentioned elsewhere in this issue that deserve recognition in the pupukahi Year in Review:

In January, members of the 292nd Combat Communications Squadron deployed to Thailand for "Cope Tiger" exercises. Others from the 201st Combat Communications Group deployed to Thailand in April for "Cobra Gold '95". Later 201st deployments included "Northern Edge '95" in Alaska in May

and "Hammer Eagle '95" at Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington, in June.

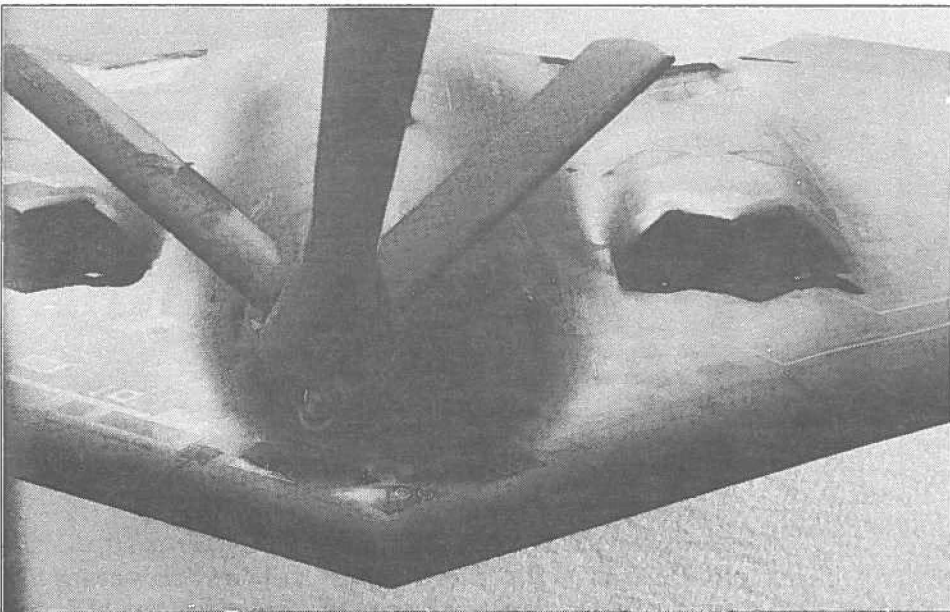
In March, two pilots from the 199th Fighter Squadron were scrambled in the middle of the night to help rescue three people whose plane was about to ditch in the ocean north of Maui. Lt. Col. Kimo Kelly and Maj. Wayne Wakeman marked the plane's location, then helped vector a Coast Guard C-130 to the area. The crew of the downed plane was eventually picked up by a merchant vessel.

In April, the fighter squadron and support crews deployed to Tyndall Air

Force Base, Fla. for "Combat Archer" exercises. The deployment was the first opportunity for HIANG fighter pilots to fire live missiles since the conversion to F-15s under the Multi-Stage Improvement Program (MSIP). April also marked the return of 203rd Air Refueling Squadron personnel to Iceland to stand alert with U.S. Air Force F-15s. The following month, another refueling squadron KC-135 tanker flew into the interior of China on a general officer Capstone mission. The flight into the city of Dalian, marked the first time since World War II that a U.S. military aircraft had seen the



EAGLES TO THE RESCUE -- Lt. Col. Kimo Kelly and Maj. Wayne Wakeman, F-15 pilots stand at the Hawaii Air National Guard alert pad. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Wayne Pontes



A STEALTHY MISSION -- A KC-135R Stratotanker from the Hawaii Air National Guard's 203rd Air Refueling Squadron refuels a B-2 Bomber September 95. Photo by Capt. Dano Robinson

interior of the People's Republic of China. In June, the 154th Medical Squadron deployed to Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, for training, while at about the same time, the 154th Civil Engineer Squadron conducted annual training at Kadena Air Base on Okinawa, Japan. More "Year in Review" items are highlighted on pages 4 and 5.

Hawaii National Guard pictorial year in review

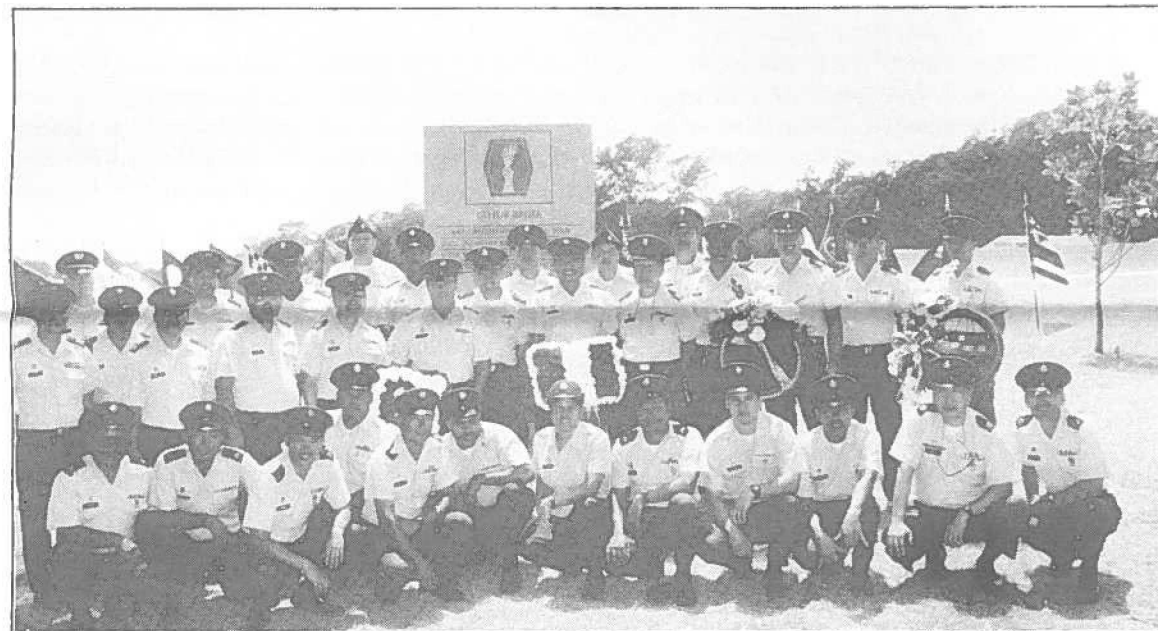
For the Hawaii National Guard 1995 can be characterized as the year of change.

Changes occurred for the Hawaii Army National Guard in the form of deactivations and reconfigurations to prepare the way for the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) to be recognized as an enhanced readiness brigade.

Colors of the 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry; Troop E, 19th Cavalry; 297th Service and Supply Battalion, and 292nd Supply and Service Company were retired.

The 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, was reorganized with units on Kauai, Oahu, Maui, Molokai, and the Big Island of Hawaii.

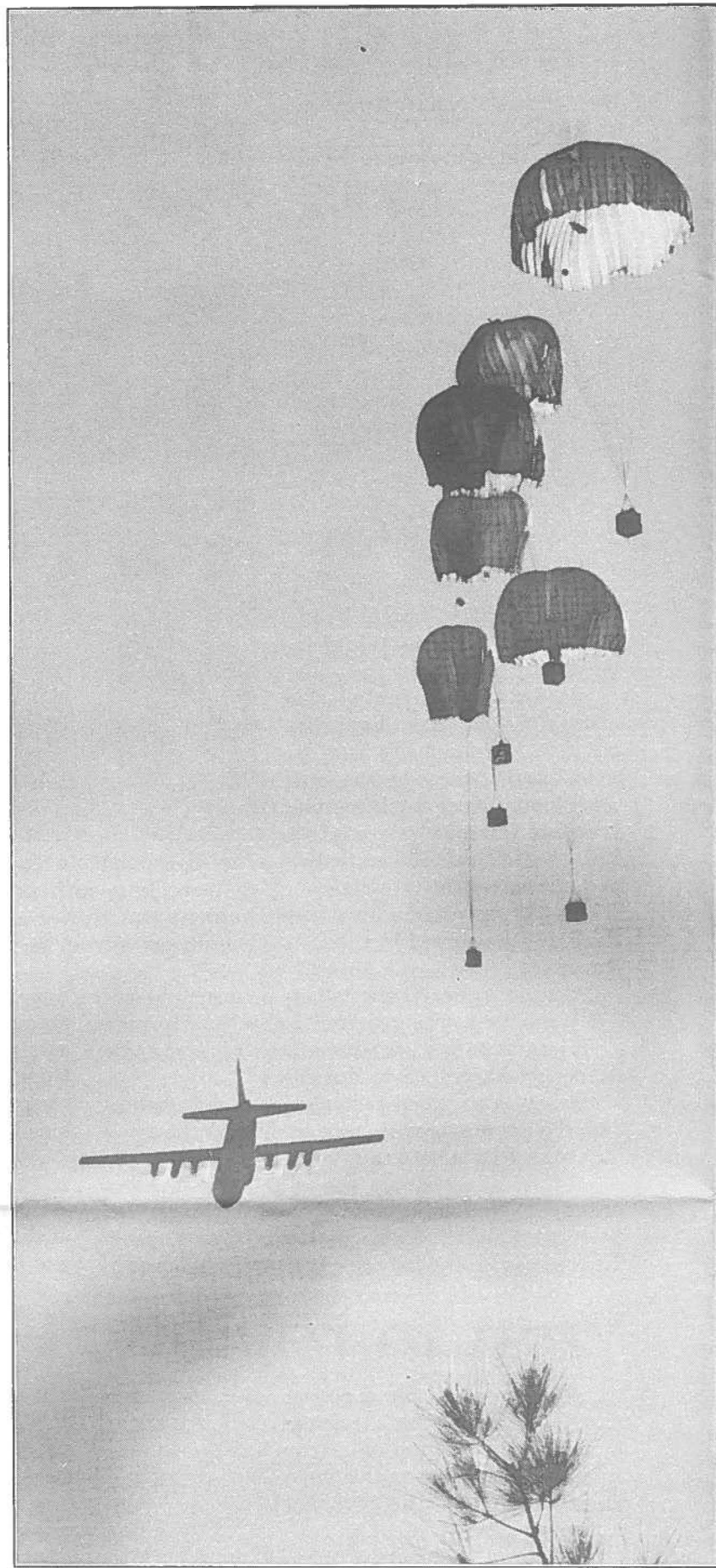
The 193rd Aviation units completed their transition from an attack helicopter battalion to a medium lift unit (Company B) with CH-47D Chinook helicopters and an intermediate aviation maintenance unit (Company C). The Big Island's 451st and 452nd Aviation Detachments were replaced by the Medical Combat Enhanced Capability Aviation Team (CECAT) with four UH-60A Blackhawk helicopters.



HOME AWAY FROM HOME -- The Hawaii Army National Guard's 111th Army Band flew to Camp Shelby, Miss. to support the U.S. Army Reserve's 100th Battalion reunion at the camp they went to basic training, June 1995. The band continued their support of the World War II commemoration activities. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha



COLD AS ICE -- Tech Sgt. Gary Mau prepares to refuel Air Force F-15 aircraft over Iceland, May 1995. Mau is a boom operator with the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark M. Ueunten



CHUTES -- Hawaii Air National Guard aircrews from the 20 Squadron practice their first tactical airdrop training over Barracks' East Range in October 1995. The training was in conjunction with C-130H Hercules aircraft and crews from the Air National Guard. Hawaii Air National Guard photo



FOUND IT -- Staff Sgt. Kevin Tuttle discovers a hidden container under the back seat of a car crossing into the U.S. From Mexico military police officer with the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) at the Otay Mesa Border Inspection Station in San Ysidro, C 1995. Photo by Sgt. Lance M. Kamisugi



FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING - (Left) Hawaii Army National Guard aviation and medical units practice airlifting tactical ambulances at Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island of Hawaii during annual training '95. This was the first time Company C (Medical), 29th Support Battalion, soldiers have hooked-up to a helicopter. The CH-47D Chinook helicopter is from the Guard's Company C (Medium Lift), 193rd Aviation.

Photot by Sgt. 1st Class David Aponte



HELPING HANDS -- Staff Sgt. Herman W.S. Lau, a loadmaster from the 204th Airlift Squadron, straps down donated supplies for homeless veterans on Maui. The C-130 Hercules airlift unit transported selected supplies collected by veterans and dropped off at the Office of Veterans Services to sites also on the Big Island and Kauai. Photo by Stephen M. Lum



WATCHFUL EYES -- Spc. Alfred Dannog of Kauai's 299th Infantry unit stands guard with his M-60 machine gun at the Pohakuloa Training Area of the Big Island. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha



FINAL FAREWELL -- Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery fire an artillery salute to Staff Sgt. Tate Kahakai, who lost his life in a helicopter accident, while on a search and rescue mission for a lost hiker in July 1995. Kahakai was a Honolulu Police Officer and a member of the artillery unit. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class David Aponte

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Hawaii Army National Guard



Brig. Gen. Eugene S. Imai
Commander, HIARNG

My family and I hope that each and every one of you had a joyous and safe holiday season. The holidays are a time when we all turn inward and focus on the good fortune that we enjoy. It is also a time when we devote more time to our families, and thank them for all of the support they have given us throughout the year. This is especially true for soldiers of the Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG). I know of very few soldiers who are able to accomplish their tasks within the amount of time provided during drills. As a result, additional time, both compensated and non-compensated, is spent on HIARNG functions and this prevents soldiers from spending time with their families. Without the support of all your families, you would not be able to spend the time you do on HIARNG functions, and the HIARNG would be a less effective organization. So my family and I would like to send a big mahalo to you and your families for your past efforts, and ask for your continued support in the coming year.

As we start the new year, we are faced with blessings and challenges. Through the hard work of many people, HIARNG units are structured and equipped to allow us to effectively meet both our state and federal missions well into the 21st Century.

The 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) is one of only 15 Enhanced Readiness Brigades in the nation, and training to improve its readiness is well underway. The Brigade is "ramping up" for its rotation through the Joint Readiness Training Center, the premiere training center for infantry units and progress has been readily apparent. The Brigade certainly has challenges, with units stretching from American Samoa and Saipan in the West to California and Oregon in the East.

Our aviation units are making steady progress in their conversion from an attack helicopter battalion, to an Aviation Intermediate Maintenance (AVIM) Company and a Medium Lift Company. We have received 11 of our 16 authorized CH-47 "Chinook" helicopters, and have begun to service the active army in the maintenance of their helicopters.

Our other smaller units are also doing well, with units such as the 25th Division Rear Tactical Operations Center earning a reputation with the 25th Division as an outstanding unit, and the 111th Army Band continuing to perform in an outstanding manner. The band is very excited about moving into its new facility, one truly fitting for a unit of this caliber.

Our facilities picture is also improving, with the comple-



TENDER LOVING CARE -- King David Kalakaua era field piece receives a final polishing by the Combined Support Maintenance Shop #1 technicians who restored the 1880s Austrian "cannon." (Left) Sgt. 1st Class Daniel W. Murakami, Sgt. Scott Sheldon, Sgt. 1st Class Ross P. Gilfoy, Chief Warrant Officer Paul N. Kahunahana, and Staff Sgt. Bennett V.L. Labuguen were five of the ten Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers working on the Molokai Armory destined field piece. More on the restoration and new armory will be covered in the next pupukahi. Photo by 1st Lt. Charles J. Anthony

tion in late 1995 of an armory on Moloka'i, an extension to the Waiawa Armory, a Regional Training site, Maintenance facility, and with land being designated and planning dollars being appropriated for facilities at Barbers Point.

The major challenge facing the HIARNG is the retention of our soldiers. As the army, including the Guard and Reserves, downsizes, only the most effective units will survive. Our effectiveness is being severely tested by the high turnover of soldiers. In order to be an effective unit, we must be properly manned, trained and equipped. As discussed earlier, the equipping of our units is no longer a major problem, and this will certainly enhance our training options. Our strength levels are cur-

rently very good, however, enough indicators of potential problems are appearing which require our immediate attention. The key to retention is leadership and training. Our soldiers need to feel good about the time spent in the HIARNG. Training needs to be challenging, exciting, and meaningful. This is a tall order, and all leaders must contribute to achieving this. The leaders I am referring to are not limited to the commanders and NCOIC's. Leaders from section or fire team leaders up to commanding general are all responsible to meet this challenge. We need to do everything possible to insure that we retain our valuable soldiers in our units.

The challenge is a big one, one which I am positive can

be met. The HIARNG is not unlike the utilities - electric, gas, water, telephone companies. During the period of regulation, they had a "captured market." We had the draft. With deregulation, they have had to compete in the marketplace and be competitive or perish. We have the volunteer army, and if we cannot maintain our strength, our units will be deactivated. Much more attention is placed on the needs of the customers by the utilities. We need to also be very concerned about our "customers," our soldiers. We need to insure that we "take care of our troops."

So I'm looking forward to another outstanding year, and with your help, we will be able to count even more blessings next holiday season!

Citizen soldier comes to the rescue

By Spc. Jonathan M. Shiroma

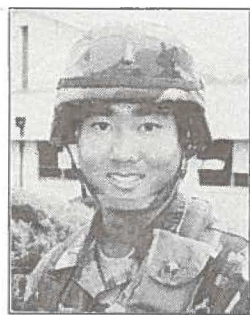
For many people the typical description of a National Guardsman is: an individual who trains one weekend and month and two weeks a year playing war games.

Little do they know that these extraordinary men and women have been involved in numerous missions--on and off duty--to literally save lives and protect the public's well-being.

One such example is 2nd Lt. Dwayne Hamasaki.

Hamasaki, a medical officer with 2nd Battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, in Hilo, saved the life of a Big Island woman who got caught in a strong current when a large wave caused from a south swell, swept her into the water.

Ray Kitamori, made it to shore, but his wife, Edie, got caught in the surf and her lifeless body was found floating about 40-feet from shore in the midst of a strong current churning away at the shoreline.



Hamasaki

got Kitamori to shore and with the help of another lifeguard, they performed two man C-P-R and revived her. The two lifeguards were praised for their efforts and Hamasaki was lauded a hero for risking his life in the high-surf to save Mrs. Katamori. The Hilo native, a senior studying Marine Science at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, was quick to downplay all the attention this rescue has brought him.

"I was just doing my job, that's what I get paid to do."

"To be honest with you, I was scared, the waves were big and this woman had no pulse," said Hamasaki, who works as a lifeguard of the Big Island of Hawaii.

Hamasaki

Hawaii National Guard volunteers needed for Great Aloha Run detail

The Hawaii National Guard will play an integral role in the staging of the Great Aloha Run, Feb. 19.

The Guard has been asked to support the annual 8.25 mile run through Honolulu by firing a howitzer to start the race, providing medical aids, and other duties. The Hawaii Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery will start the race and medical personnel from the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Medical Squadron and the HIARNG's 29th Support Battalion are tasked with providing medical assistance. Ap-

proximately 150 volunteers are needed serve as marshals, assisting at water stations and other miscellaneous duties.

The uniform for the day for this event will be BDUs. Individuals interested in participating should check with their chain of command to see if they can split train or request that they be placed on IDT without pay, for retirements points only.

For more information about volunteering contact Maj. Gregory Burgess in the HIARPOMS office at 737-3355

Hawaii Air National Guard

Fighter pilot earns prestigious award

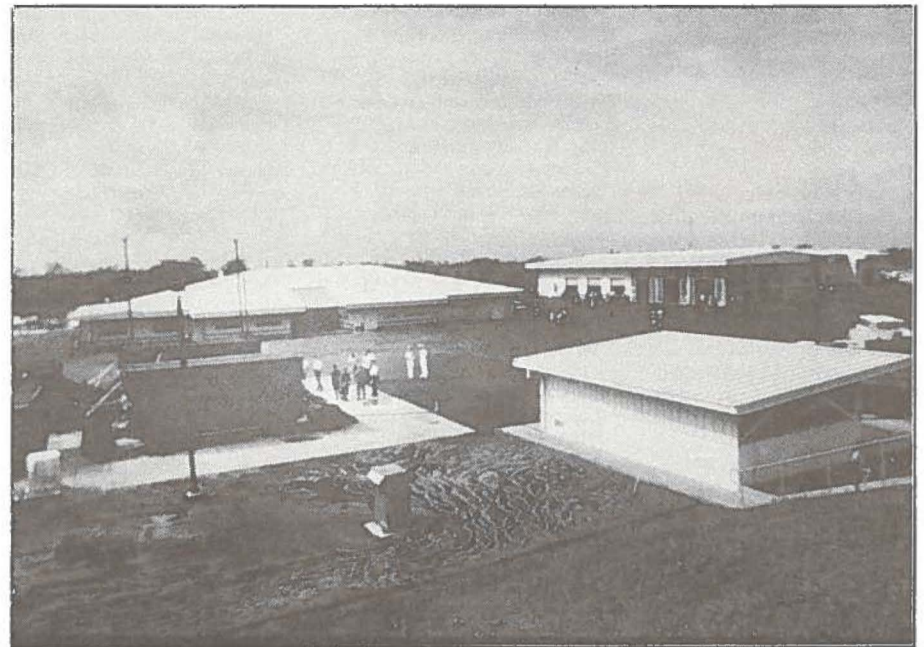
Lt. Col. Arnold W. Balthazar, instructor pilot for the 199th Fighter Squadron has been awarded the Lt. Gen. Claire Lee Chennault Award. The Air Force Association recognizes him as the outstanding aerial warfare tactician in the entire Air Force. This is the first time in history that it was presented to a member of the Air Guard. The award was presented for Balthazar's work in bringing night vision goggles to the tactical F-15 arena. The 199th was the test team for his project.



Balthazar

Balthazar joined the Hawaii Guard in 1989. He has been attached to the Air National Guard Air Force Reserve Test Center (AFRTC) in Arizona since 1992. Between April 1, 1994 and March 31, 1995, he made enormous contributions to the integration and employment of unique systems and tactics development while serving as the F-15 director for the AFRTC in Tucson, Ariz.

Balthazar is the only individual in the Air Reserve Component responsible for F-15 Operational Test and Evaluation, Tactics Development and Evaluation, and special projects. He provides this service for all six F-15 fighter units in the Air National Guard which represents almost one-third of all F-15s in the Combat Air Forces. In this role, he made advances in three major areas: night combat operations, electronic warfare, and the introduction of space-derived information into the cockpit.



POINTMAN -- Hawaii Air National Guard's Forward Air Control Point facility at Barking Sands, Kauai, was dedicated Dec. 3, 1995. The \$8.5 million facility will serve as the jumping off point for the 154th Aircraft Control Squadron's world-wide mobility mission. Photo by Staff Sgt. Delmar F. Galicinao

Royal Guard helps celebrate Kalakaua's birth

By Deborah M.S. Murray

The Hawaii Air National Guard's ceremonial Royal Guard went back to its roots Nov. 16 to honor King

David Kalakaua on the anniversary of his 159th birthday.

Marching double file to the beat of the Kalakaua March they thrilled a crowd of onlookers that crowded the Iolani Palace grounds for the annual November event.

They were reviewed by Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, adjutant general, and Quentin R. Kawanakoa, as descendants of Hawaii's royal family looked on.

The event also marks the Royal Guard's 31st anniversary. The guard was organized Jan. 20, 1963, when Col. Walter F. Judd, a retired officer Air Guard officer and member of a kamaaina family, spearheaded the unit's recreation. The Royal Guard of today is a revival of the Royal Palace Guard formed by Kalakaua in the late 1800s. Back then, it was an elite group of 50 men from which the king's bodyguards were picked.

All commands were called out in Hawaiian. The Royal Guards marched from the Iolani Barracks to the front of the

palace, where they were inspected by Richardson and Kawanakoa. The uniforms worn by the Royal Guard are replicas of those used by the Palace Royal Guard down to the gold-colored buttons, that were cast from originals worn in the 1800s.

After the inspection, the guard marched to three of the gates at Iolani Palace and posted a guard at each.

ROYAL TRUST Kapena Moku (captain) Senior Master Sgt. Randall K.H.M. Lum, (right) stands next to Gregory A.J. Lum-Ho Jr. who is carrying a Schellenbaum (bell tree) and Tech Sgt. Norton Molina.



ROYAL ASSISTANCE -- Hawaii Air National Guard's ceremonial Royal Guard prepares for inspection during ceremonies celebrating the 159th birthday of King Kalakaua at Iolani Palace, Nov. 16. --Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha



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been going on for a number of years, to stem the flow of drugs from South America to the U.S. mainland." Lilly added that the deployment was very satisfying for him. "We helped keep drugs off America's streets--that's what we're in it for. I don't know what our future plans are, but I would definitely look forward to doing this again."

Officials involved with Coronet Nighthawk say the operation has netted at least \$100 million dollars worth of drugs every year since its inception. The interdiction mission has been the responsibility of the Air National Guard since August 1990.

CHECKING-IN -- Master Sgt. William F. Aberilla, crew chief and Capt. Braden K. Sakai, F-15 pilot, confer on flight plans.



HIGHLY MAINTAINED -- The maintenance crew of 154th Wing pose next to one of the F-15 aircraft they kept operational during Operation Coronet Nighthawk at Howard Air Force Base in Panama. Photos by Tech. Sgt. Wayne Pontes

Awards and recognition

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

Legion of Merit

Lt. Col. Don Arakaki, HQ State Area Command (-Dets 2 & 3)

Meritorious Service Medal

Col. Myron N. Dobashi, HQ 201st Combat Communications Group (1st oak leaf cluster)

Col. Melvin C. Morris, HQ HIANG (2nd oak leaf cluster)

Col. Dennis A. Kamimura, 103rd Troop Command

Lt. Col. Roy A. Cornella, 291st Combat Communications Squadron

Lt. Col. Judith L. Fadrowsky, 154th Medical Squadron

Lt. Col. Bert T. Kumabe, 297th Air Traffic Control Flight

Lt. Col. Michael J. Melich, 154th Maintenance Squadron

Lt. Col. Norman M.W. Pang, 103rd Troop Command (1st oak leaf cluster)

Lt. Col. Peter S. Pawling, 154th Group

Lt. Col. Roy C. Smith, 298th Air Traffic Control Flight

Lt. Col. Eric W. K. Tom, HQ State Area Command

Sgt. 1st Class Gerald J. Espiritu, HQ 103rd Troop Command

Sgt. 1st Class Julianne R. Thomas, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry

Sgt. 1st Class Milton W.M. Yee, Company D, 1st Battalion 299th Infantry

Staff Sgt. Anacleto Heloca, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry

Master Sgt. Aloysius L. Witzell, III., HQ & HQ Company, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)

Army Commendation Medal

Maj. Ronald S. Katto, HQ State Area Command (-Det 2 & 3) (2nd oak leaf cluster)

Master Sgt. Edward V. Llanos, HQ

State Area Command (-Det 2 & 3) (2nd oak leaf cluster)

Master Sgt. Charlene Takesue, HQ State Area Command (-Det 2 & 3) (1st oak leaf cluster)

Sgt. Maj. Leighton Y.C. Siu, HQ State Area Command (1st oak leaf cluster)

Sgt. 1st Class Herberito Quintana, HQ State Area Command (-Det 2&3) (1st oak leaf cluster)

Maj. Matthew N. Nagasako, HQ State Area Command (3rd oak leaf cluster)

Staff Sgt. Keith T. Arakaki, 111th Army Band

Spc. Kande K. Almond, HQ State Area Command

Air Force Commendation Medal

Lt. Col. Blaine I. Izuka, 201st Combat Communications Group

Master Sgt. Annarene R.K. Blair, 201st Combat Communications Group (1st oak leaf cluster)

Tech. Sgt. Russell T. Abe, 169th Air Control and Warning Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Samson J. Achuela, 169th Air Control and Warning Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Carswell J. Ross Jr., 154th Wing

Staff Sgt. David P. Adams, 154th Wing

Staff Sgt. Kurt C. Iwasaki, 293rd Combat Communications Squadron

Staff Sgt. Rogelico C. Tucay, 154th Mission Support Flight (1st oak leaf cluster)

Staff Sgt. John A. Rash, 169th Air Control and Warning Squadron

Army Achievement Medal

Lt. Col. Kmerick Y. Kaneshi, HQ & HQ Detachment, State Area Command

Lt. Col. Kelvin K. Ogata, HQ & HQ Detachment, State Area Command

Chief Warrant Officer

Maj. Clara K. Furbayashi, HQ & HQ Detachment, State Area Command

Chief Warrant Officer Edmund Y. Okada, HQ & HQ Detachment, State Area Command (1st oak leaf cluster)

Sgt. Major Nathan M. Watanabe, HQ & HQ Detachment, State Area Command (1st oak leaf cluster)

1st Sgt. Calvin K. Hamachi, Det. 2, HQ State Area Command (1st oak leaf cluster)

1st Sgt. Todd T. Muraoka, HQ & HQ Detachment, State Area Command (3rd oak leaf cluster)

Master Sgt. Wendell M. Hatami, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry

Master Sgt. Harry C. Miller, Det. 2, HQ State Area Command (2nd oak leaf cluster)

Sgt. 1st Class Danny V. Antoque, Recruiting and Retention, 1st oak leaf cluster

Sgt. 1st Class David T. Ferreira, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st oak leaf cluster)

Sgt. 1st Class Wesley A. Kim, HQ & HQ Detachment, State Area Command

Staff Sgt. Bryan H. Kimura, Company B, 29th Support Battalion (4th oak leaf cluster)

Staff Sgt. William K. Malakaua, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (2nd oak leaf cluster)

Staff Sgt. Tulafale Tulafale, Det. 2, HQ State Area Command (2nd oak leaf cluster)

Staff Sgt. Chang K. Yoo, Company B, 29th Support Battalion

Sgt. Roland R. Alejo, Jr., Company B, 29th Support Battalion

Sgt. Edmund K. Daniels, Company B, 29th Support Battalion

Sgt. Felomina O. Alviar, Det. 2, HQ State Area Command (3rd oak leaf cluster)

Sgt. Christina Burgess, Det. 2, HQ State Area Command (1st oak leaf cluster)

Sgt. Neemoe I. Hagedorn, Company C, 29th Support Battalion

Sgt. Howard M. Knapp, Company B, 29th Support Battalion (1st oak leaf cluster)

Sgt. Melson K. Naula, Det. 2, HQ State Area Command (1st oak leaf cluster)

Sgt. Resurreccion T. Taylor, HQ State Area Command (2nd oak leaf cluster)



MISSION ALOHA III

Hawaii Air and Army Guard personnel unload food products at the Hawaii Foodbank. Food and other household items were gathered from Hawaii state agencies all over Oahu during the holiday season. Guard personnel also dropped goods at the Community Clearinghouse. The Hawaii Guard also supported Mission Aloha drives in 1995 for disasters in Kobe, Japan, and the Philippines. Photo by Stephen M. Lum

Spc. Kande K. Almond, HQ State Area Command (1st oak leaf cluster)

Spc. Ionatana Ala, Company B, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry

Spc. Belynn Aquino, HQ State Area Command (1st oak leaf cluster)

Spc. Anthony J. Azevedo, Company A, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry

Spc. Ronald Batula Jr., 111th Army Band (2nd oak leaf cluster)

Spc. Jaylene K. Foo, Det. 2, HQ State Area Command (1st oak leaf cluster)

Spc. Renee A. Martin, HQ & HQ Detachment (-) (1st oak leaf cluster)

Spc. Victor U. Peltier, HQ & HQ Company, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) (2nd oak leaf cluster)

Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal

Lt. Col. Gary M. Hara, 103rd Troop Command

Lt. Col. William H. Wade, California Army National Guard

Maj. Raymond Jardine Jr., 103rd Troop Command (1st Bronze Kahili)

Capt. Laura J. Soares, 12th Personnel Service Company

Capt. William R. Spray, HQ & HQ Company, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)

Sgt. Maj. Michael Mendoza, Strength Maintenance Command, California Army National Guard

Sgt. 1st Class Dean Hiramoto, HQ State Area Command (-Dets 2 & 3)

Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Pollick, HQ State Area Command (-Det 2 & 3)

Sgt. Albert K. Kamealoa Sr., Battery C, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery

Sgt. Resurreccion Taylor, HQ State Area Command (-Dets 2 & 3)

Drug Demand Reduction poster contest held

The 1995 "Drug Use is Life Abuse" poster contest was won by nine year old Kendrick Kunichika. The poster contest was designed to involve National Guard family members in the Guard's Drug Demand Reduction Program through awareness and recognition. The contest was a fun learning experience that provided an opportunity to express sentiment and commitment to a drug free life that we National Guard families share.

Family members 11

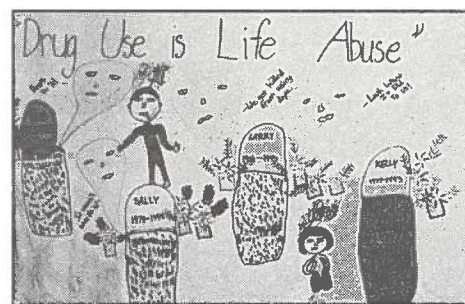
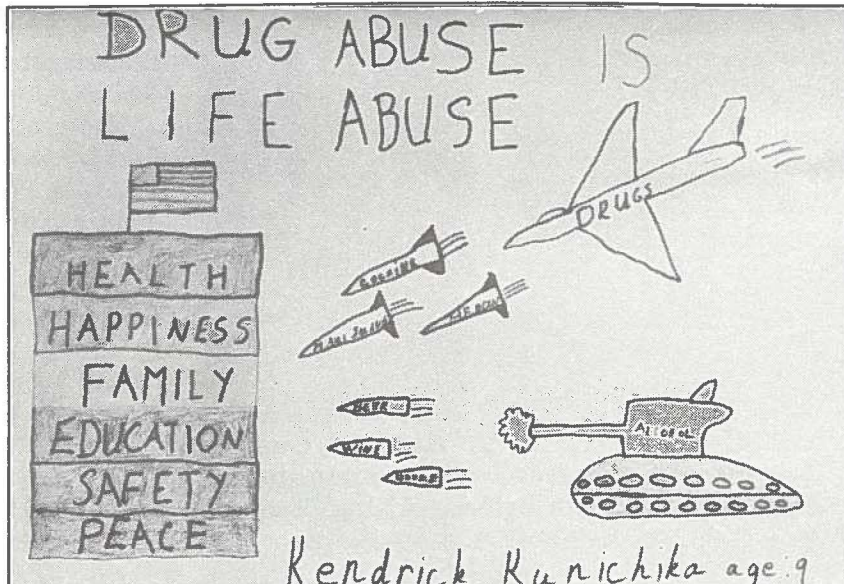
years old and younger competed in the poster contest.

Other entrants in the poster contest were second place winner Andrea Wong and other entrees Pauline Kunichika and Andrew Wong. Proud Hawaii Air National Guard parents are Maj. Keith Kunichika, and Tech. Sgt. Russell Wong and Staff Sgt. Nanette Wong from Hilo.

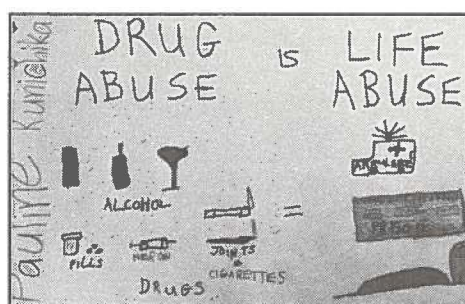
All entrees received a certificate of appreciation, signed by Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the

adjutant general and a miniature picture of their poster. Kendrick and Andrea received a \$50 savings bond from the drug demand reduction program. Kunichika also received a plaque from the National Guard Bureau.

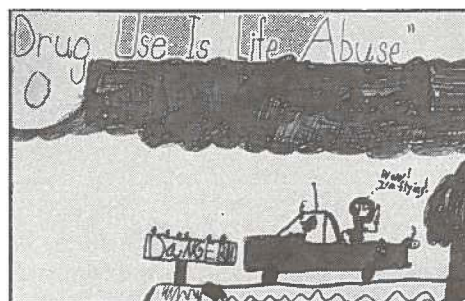
The Guard Bureau is plans to make the contest an annual event so encourage your youths to get involved. The point of contact for our Drug Demand Reduction Program is Capt. Tamah-Lani Nakamoto at 808-733-4229 on Oahu.



Andrea Wong (top left)



Pauline Kunichika (top right)



Andrew Wong (bottom right)

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.

	Feb.	March	April
Hawaii Army National Guard			
HQ, STARC, HIARNG	3-4	2-3	13-14
29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)	10-11	2-3	6-7
227th Engineer Company	3-4	2-3	6-7
1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery	10-11	8-10	12-14
103rd Troop Command	3-4	2-3	6-7
25th ID (L), D-RTOC	3-4		13-14
193rd Aviation	10-11	9-10	6-7
Medical, CECAT	10-11	2-3	13-14
RAID	10-11	2-3	6-7
Hawaii Air National Guard			
HQ, Hawaii Air National Guard	3-4	2-3	13-14
154th Wing	3-4	2-3	13-14
201st Combat Communications Group	3-4	2-3	13-14