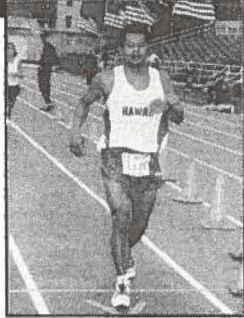


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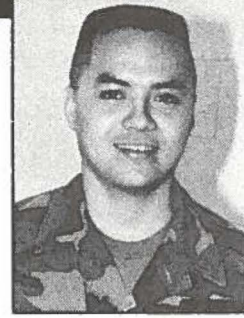
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Calendar

June 30, Sunday

Dedication for Ordnance Training Battalion, Hawaii Army National Guard Regional Training Site-Maintenance, 103rd Troop Command headquarters in Pearl City's Waiawa Industrial Park. Program begins with a musical prelude, 9 a.m. with the program starting at 9:30 a.m.

July 4, Thursday

Independence Day, federal and state holiday.

August 16, Friday

Admission Day, state holiday

August 24, Saturday

Na Koa Ku Makani "Warrior standing against the Wind", a picnic to promote a drug-free lifestyle. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bellows Air Force Station.

September 2, Monday

Labor Day, state and federal holiday.

September 27-29

Softball tournament, Hickam Field, time to be announced.

October 14, Monday

Discoverers' Day, federal holiday.



Pvt. Ryan N. Branigan takes aim with a M60 machine gun while Spc. Paul K.P. Kagawa covers him. The two Honolulu residents are part of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, Hawaii Army National Guard, participating in annual training at Schofield Barracks. -- Sgt. Lance M. Kamisugi, 117th Public Affairs Team

Pvt. Marlon Bermudez (below) of Keaau applies camouflage face paint prior to going on an operation with Hilo's Headquarters and Headquarters Company 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry. Bermudez, a medic and student at Hilo Community College, is among the Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers who performed annual training in late May. -- Sgt. 1st Class Wayne Iha, 117th Public Affairs Team

299th Infantry soldiers train at Schofield

By Spc. Jonathan M. Shlroma

Summer time. When the living is easy. If only it were so for the more than 400 soldiers of the Hawaii Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, as they left the comforts of home and their civilian jobs for annual training, Saturday, May 18.

These citizen soldiers, from the five major islands of Hawaii, got down and dirty as they spent two weeks sharpening their infantry skills at Schofield Barracks and various locations on Oahu.

Less than a year ago, the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) made the transition into an enhanced readiness brigade. This elite distinction means that island soldiers must be prepared to deploy anywhere in the world within 90 days should they be activated for federal duty. This restructuring eliminated the Guard's 1st battalion and consolidated the Brigade's two battalions into one.

"This really is the first time we are all training together as the new 2nd Battalion," said Capt. Richard Matsumoto, the battalion's intelligence

officer. "Since we now have a company on each island under this new command, it is easier for us to identify our strengths and weaknesses." Matsumoto works as a meat cutter for Sack-N-Save Supermarket in Hilo.

"This year, we have returned to basics," said 1st Sgt. John Kahalahoe of the battalion's Charlie Company based in Kahului, Maui. "What this means," he says, "is that all soldiers will go through infantry exercises including individual thorough platoon tasks just as if they are learning it for the first time." Kahalahoe explains this helps in that everyone is brought to the same level and works from the ground up.

"There are many things we need to know as soldiers," said Staff Sgt. Lemuel Magayam of Kona, "but most importantly, we need to be proficient in our soldiering skills." Magayam says that's why the rehearsing of exercises are incorporated into training. "This way, we can see what we did wrong and learn from our mis-



takes and hopefully, the next time we go through a certain exercise, we would have improved."

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Command notes



Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson
The Adjutant General

It can be very exciting to be at the forefront of change. In recent years, we have seen a number of plans introduced, such as the Bottom Up Review, which outlines what direction the U. S. military will take. Gen. John Shalikashvili, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has just released the military's blueprint for the beginning of the 21st Century. The document is called "Joint Vision 2010" and offers some insight into how the U.S. will fight future conflicts. Some of the plan's concepts include: Dominant maneuver--the ability of air, land

and sea forces to be extremely flexible and mobile, operating from widely dispersed locations. Precision engagement--a system of stealthy, high-tech weapons, which can quickly and accurately locate and hit targets, then collect battle damage assessment while protecting U. S. forces. Full-dimensional protection--using space-based technologies, advanced missile defense, sea power and information management to protect U.S. forces. Focused logistics--combining information, logistics and transportation technologies to rapidly shift forces on or near the battlefield. This force of the future will need to be computer literate, highly trained and mobile. One point of interest is that Gen. Shalikashvili does not single out any service branches, placing an emphasis on jointness. Hawaii National Guard personnel need to review this plan and help position our organization for the future, and train our soldiers and airmen to be able to handle new requirements. Within the State Department of Defense, we are helping to facilitate this by modernizing our facilities, equipment and computers. Later this month, we will be dedicating the improved Hawaii Army National Guard Regional Training Site Maintenance (RTS-M) facility

in Pearl City. The mission of the Ordnance Training Battalion at the RTS-M will be to train active-duty and reserve component personnel for mobilization. The Hawaii Army National Guard will be installing the Reserve Component Automation System or RCAS in the very near future. RCAS is a

nationwide computerized management information network, which allows soldiers to perform administrative support and mobilization planning and execute taskings more quickly and efficiently. This will increase productivity and provide soldiers more time to prepare for training. The HING is among the first states to receive the updated version of RCAS with greater flexibility and security measures. The RCAS will be linked with the Air Guard's LAN and the Pacific Disaster Center's (PDC) computers, forming a departmental information network. Our goal is to increase the com-

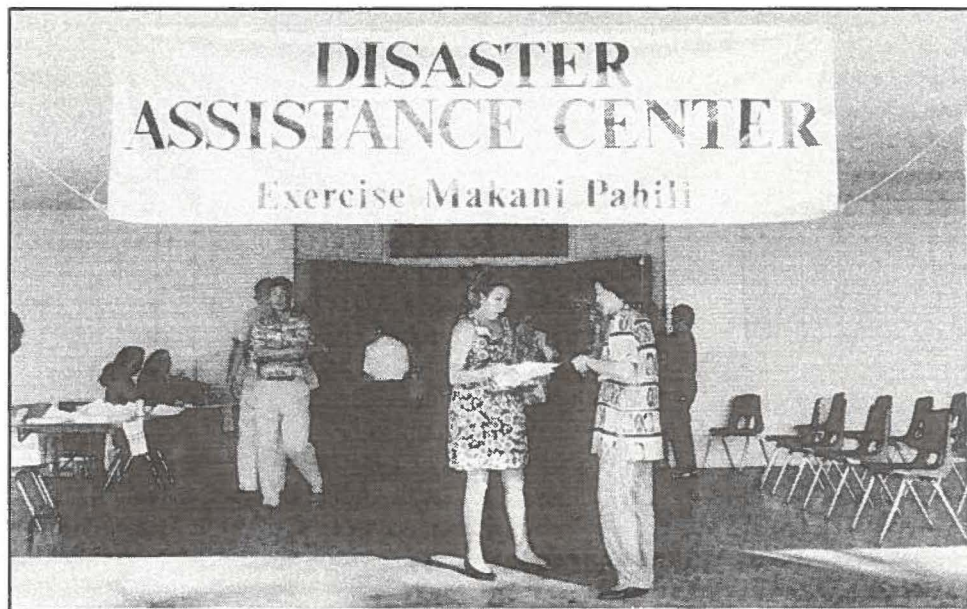
puter training of our personnel, including drill-status soldiers and airmen.

As this issue is going to press, four members of the 117th Public Affairs Team are preparing to deploy to Bosnia in support of Operation Joint Endeavor. The Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers will be documenting the peacekeeping activities of the NATO implementation force (IFOR) in Bosnia. Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Lum, Sgt. Lance Kamisugi, Spc. Erik DeRyke and Spc. Eraina Andes must endure the sometimes difficult conditions of the war-torn country as well as separation from family and

friends. They have been activated for up to nine months. We wish them all the very best as they help support U. S. military efforts overseas.

The first members of the Hawaii National Guard to deploy for Operation Joint Endeavor were members of the Air Guard's 297th Air Traffic Control Flight. A total of six HIANG personnel will rotate through Taszar, Hungary, directing NATO aircraft in the area. (See the complete article on page 7.) Yet another example of Hawaii National Guard personnel performing

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A mock Disaster Assistance Center was set up at the 22nd Avenue Armory for a Civil Defense preparedness drill, May 3-9.

Departmental news

Awards offered for increasing HIARNG recruitment

In an effort to achieve and maintain a 3278 personnel strength goal for fiscal year 1996, the Hawaii Army National Guard is instituting the Commander's Challenge Program.

Under the program, State Department of Defense and HIARNG employees are eligible to receive awards for referring individuals who actually enlist in the HIARNG. The program will run from April 1996 to Dec. 1997 and all enlistments must occur within this time period. Officer referrals are also counted in the incentive program.

For referring one, two and three enlistees, participants will receive a mug and mat,

soft-sided briefcase, and Leatherman tool, respectively. Individuals who refer three individuals who enlist, will receive all three awards.

HING offers parental training

Two programs are offered by the HING under its Drug Demand Reduction Program that give families instructions on living drug-free and providing safe passage for their children.

The programs are called Parent to Parent-Parenting for Safe and Drug Free Youth and Safe Passage training.

For information, contact Tech. Sgt. Kathy Fritz at 733-4229 or 733-4230.

DDR/Counterdrug sponsors picnic

The HING's DDR/

Counterdrug programs are sponsoring a picnic, Saturday, Aug. 24, to help promote drug-free living.

The event is scheduled for Bellows Air Force Station from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The theme is "Na Koa Ku Makini" (Warriors standing against the wind.) For more information, call the Counterdrug office at 737-9450 or DDR at 733-4229.

7th Annual statewide Food Drive results

The State Department of Defense nearly doubled the amount of food donated to assist Hawaii's hungry this year with a grand total of 8621 pounds of food and \$515 in cash donated as compared to 4637 pounds last year.

The drive was part

of a statewide effort to assist the Hawaii Food Bank.

The largest combined totals for food and cash came from the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG). They contributed a total of 4456 pounds. The Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG) contributed 2918 pounds.

March of Dimes WalkAmerica campaign results

The State of Hawaii Department of Defense exceeded its goal this year raising \$1,688 to help the March of Dimes prevent birth defects.

The March of Dimes Campaign started Jan. 24 and ended April 13 with a 6.7 mile walk that included a total of 5,000 participants, including 12

State DOD employees. To date, \$170,000 was raised for the campaign.

For information call the Pacific Chapter March of Dimes at, 536-1045.



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for their state and country.

Last month, the State Department of Defense conducted its annual Civil Defense preparedness drill. This year's Makani Pahili exercise (see page 5), focused on the federal, State and county coordination. Several hundred agencies and thousands of people, including all federal agencies that provide support to the people of Hawaii participated. We activated the Senior Executive Coordination Group at the State Civil Defense EOC. We were briefed on the weather situation, preliminary damages reports and for the first time, used the Pacific Disaster Center's damage estimation model to provide anticipated damages and relief supplies that would be needed. The Hawaii Chapter of the American Red Cross was very active during the exercise to include setting up a model disaster shelter with orientation briefing for the public. One highlight of the drill was the establishment of a Disaster Assistance Center (DAC). All programs normally offered by FEMA, the State, counties and private

non-profit agencies were represented. For the first time, a new concept for Hawaii, the establishment of an "Insurance Service Center" collocated with the DAC, was practiced. The exercise also reinforced two very important aspects of the Hawaii National Guard: firstly, that our state mission, which makes us unique from all other reserve components, is just as important as our federal mission and secondly, that joint training between the Army Guard and Air Guard is essential to accomplishing our goals. The Army Guard and Air Guard together are the State's militia, responsible for protecting Hawaii's citizens and property in the event of a natural disaster or civil disturbance. My thanks to all who worked very hard to make this exercise a success.

Congratulations go to Jimmy Iha and the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Program, which was recognized with the Federal Organizational Excellence Award on May 22. The Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board recognized teams or groups of



Senior Master Sgt. Debra A. Brownhill

Jimmy Iha, director of Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Program, poses with federal recognition award nominees Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Yoshino, Chief Warrant Officer Albert Suzuki, Master Sgt. Leonard Tam and Lt. Col. Gary Peters, after receiving recognition at the Annual Federal Awards Luncheon.

employees for significant acts, services or achievements that affect the successful accomplishments of their organization's mission. The Youth Challenge Program was selected for providing Hawaii youths with a second chance to attain their high school diplomas and become productive members of society. They are performing a great service for the people of Hawaii and are recognized as one of, if not the very best, Youth Challenge Program in the nation.

I also want to take this

opportunity to thank everyone who testified at the legislature for the Tuition Assistance Program. It was a total team effort, which resulted in its passage. The measure will help keep the Hawaii National Guard a strong and viable organization. As we go to press, the bill is awaiting Governor Cayetano's signature.

On another matter, I want to reinforce that we, every officer and enlisted member, are all promoters and recruiters for the Hawaii National Guard. I urge

all of you to "get the word out" on who we are and to actively seek out new recruits. As the U.S. military continues to draw down, planners will be looking for areas to cut. The units that are at full strength will have the best chance of being retained.

As an organization, we have much to be proud of. We truly are among the premier National Guard units in the country, but we will have to consistently look for new and innovative ways of accomplishing our state and federal missions.

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make the most out of our two weeks of training," said Staff Sgt. Adams Bulosan who is with Kauai's Alpha Company. "Our men already know this when they head into the field and they make it a point to train hard in order to get the most bang for their buck while they're on AT." When Bulosan is not training with the troops, he works as an electrician for Tri-Young Electrical in Lihue.

Other highlights of this year's AT included several road marches, some stretching close to 10-miles at a time. While this may not seem to be very long, but with the additional weight of a rucksack and all the equipment packed on a soldier's back, the task was sometimes very challenging.

Aside from providing training for soldiers, the Hawaii Army National Guard also provided an up-close and personal look into what Guard members do while on AT for civilian employers. During their trip to Schofield, the employers viewed live-fire demonstrations and participated in a CH-47 Chinook helicopter orientation flight to see the Guard's air assault and re-supply capabilities.

"Our soldiers really did an excellent job," said Lt. Col. Melvin Tamaye, battalion commander. "They've been highly motivated and they showed they could really kick some butt while training."



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha, 117th Public Affairs Team

Spc. Richard Cua (left) of Kula and Staff Sgt. John Tumbaga (right) of Kahului, Maui, are prepared for action as they participate in annual training exercises with the Hawaii Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry. Cua and Tumbaga are members of the Guard's Charlie Company based on Maui.

The soldiers wrapped up training, Saturday, June 1, when they returned to their civilian jobs and families.

"Being in one battalion has presented some changes in training,

however, it has not changed our mission within the Guard and that is to be ready for battle," said Staff Sgt. Rego Erorita, a truck driver for Big Save Supermarkets on Kauai. "I find that the best thing

we can do when there is a change in the way we train is to keep our troops informed." Erorita explains that when you establish and maintain good communication skills, it alleviates confusion and enhances training.

"My expectations have been met," says Pvt. 2 James K. Perreira of Haliimaile after experiencing AT for the first time with the Guard. Perreira, who works for Armitage Construction Company, describes his training as "real-life". "It's great to be able to use what I learned and not have a drill sergeant yelling down your throat. Also, the support I have been getting from my fellow soldiers has been a motivating factor."

For Staff Sgt. Regan K. Pelekai of Kahului, his 12th AT training was filled with both old and new experiences.

"We may be doing some of the same exercises we've done in the past, however, some of the old routines now have new names or a new way to execute them. That makes training anything but routine," said Pelekai.

Pelekai also welcomed the many new faces he saw at this AT. "It's important for us older soldiers to pass on our mana'o (thoughts) to these younger guys cause that's the only way they're gonna learn. My middle name is "Kumu" and that means teacher, so I like to teach what I know."

Hawaii Army Guard engineers build facilities in Panama

By Stephen M. Lum

Forty-one soldiers from the Hawaii Army National Guard's 298th Engineer Detachment spent two weeks in April building better relations with our Latin American neighbors in Panama. The Diamond Head-based engineers assisted in the construction of two schools as part of the humanitarian assistance/civil action exercise "Nuevos Horizontes '96 - Panama" or "new horizons."

Hawaii Army Guard engineers worked in humid 90 degree weather to build a new school in La Gloria, a remote village northeast of the Panama Canal, in the Bocas Del Toro province. The vertical engineering projects (buildings are vertical verses roads and bridges, which are classified as horizontal engineering) was one of nine schools and medical clinics being built or repaired in the region.

The 298th Engineers, whose mission is the provide facilities engineering at fixed installations and to be able to provide organizational maintenance of organic equipment, deployed without their heavy equipment. Personnel include carpenters, masons, electricians, plumbers, heavy equipment operators, drivers, and mechanics.

Good construction starts with a solid foundation and the Hawaii Guard engineers were tasked with accomplishing that task by laying the concrete slab and tile.

The heavy equipment operators and drivers were kept busy hauling gravel, grating the grounds, and mixing concrete. The gravel was used to back fill (level) the frame the carpenters laid for the foundation of the new Bella Vista School. The electricians and plumbers cross trained with carpenters and masons to complete the laying of the concrete slab.

"We were joined everyday at the job site by a medic (who could speak Spanish) and three men from the village," said Staff Sgt. Jonathan Funtanilla, 298th training NCO. "The medic made sure we did not suffer from heat ex-

haustion or sunburn. They encouraged us to wear hats and sunscreen, drink lots of water, take breaks, and to stay in the shade whenever possible. Camouflage pattern scarfs were worn by many to shade their necks from the burning sun rays of the Panamanian skies."

The three local villagers worked side by side with the Hawaii Guard carpenters and masons, hauling lumber and pounding nails.

The 298th Engineers were not required to bring any heavy equipment, but the rebar bender they decided to bring proved invaluable when building the rebar frames of the 114 by 56 foot concrete slabs.

Everyday after school at noon, about 12 children would hang out at the job site. According to Funtanilla, the engineers would take their noon lunch break and often times they'd end up giving some of their lunch away to the kids.

Evening rains slowed the drying of the concrete," said Funtanilla, "so the North Dakota Army Guard project officer decided to fly us to a second location to lay the foundation for the Valle Risco School." Sixteen soldiers were rotated in and out for two days, flying via CH-47 Chinook helicopter. The Hawaii engineers flew over with needed construction supplies and personnel to help the Waco, Texas, engineers lay a concrete slab.

The rain delayed concrete setting prevented the 298th from laying tiles, but the Hawaii engineers kept productive by preparing the Bella Vista site for the next engineer team. They stacking concrete tiles at staging areas on the slab.

"We spent our evenings cooling off by taking three to four showers," said Funtanilla, "until we discovered the pool."

"A couple of the guys brought ukuleles," said Sgt. Eugenia S. Gansit, "and our hooches became the entertainment capital of the engineering encampment, as troops from the other



MAKING IT STRAIGHT AND LEVEL - - Honolulu resident and Hawaii Army National Guard Sgt. Kenneth Kaaina levels a cinderblock wall by tapping it with this trowel. Kaaina and other soldiers with the 298th Engineer Detachment helped construct a 3,300 square-foot school building at Bella Vista, Panama, during annual training.

(Photo taken by Staff Sgt. Jack McNeely, of the West Virginia Army National Guard)

states joined us for after hours relaxation."

The base camp had the usual video and game room for after hours amusement, but the live music really bonded the troops," added Funtanilla.

Before they left La Gloria, the engineers distributed 50 stuffed animals, donated by Spc. Michelle T. Pangelinan, to the local kids. Pangelinan, a University of Hawaii student, was not able to join the deployment team because of school. The stuffed toys, all her own, were accumulated over the years.

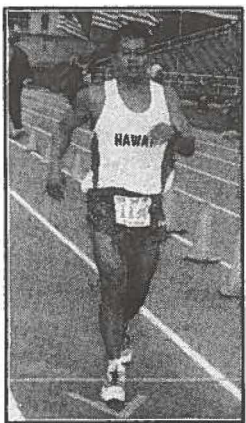
Also, Sgt. Gansit, one of two Hawaii Guard females to deploy, gathered the uneaten MRE (Meals-Ready-to-Eat) food packets and left them with a neighboring family before the Hawaii Army Guard engineers returned home, April 21.

Nuevos Horizontes, which began in January, will continue through June. National Guard and other reserve com-

ponent personnel from 20 states and U.S. territories are rotating through Panama every 15 days. More than 6,000 U.S. military personnel will participate in the exercise over a six-month period. Nuevos Horizontes is a peacetime exercise designed to provide training opportunities to reserve components, while promoting continued good relations between the United States and Latin America. The exercise objectives are to build new roads, bridges, schools and medical clinics, and drill fresh water wells. Structures are being built to meet more stringent building standards and to withstand the harsh tropical environment.

Nuevos Horizontes '96 is the latest of a series of reserve component engineering exercises that have taken place in Latin America. The exercise is at the invitation of the Panamanian government and is sponsored by U.S. Southern Command.

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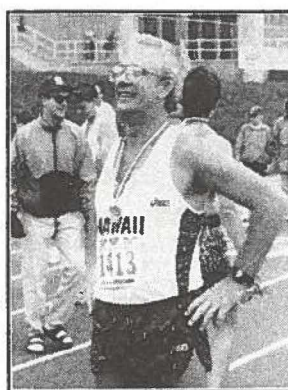


Tech Sgt. Robert Myint, HIANG.

HING participates in NGB Marathon trials

Two members Hawaii National Guard (HING) participated in the National Guard Bureau Marathon Trials/Lincoln Marathon, in Lincoln, Neb., May 5.

Participating from the Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG) was Spc. Norman R. Ledgerwood, of the 227th Combat Engineering Company and for the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) Tech. Sgt. Robert Myint, 31, who is assigned to the 154th Maintenance Squadron.



Spc. Norman Ledgerwood, HIARNG.

The 35 runners who finished the race with the best times are tapped for the All-Guard team.

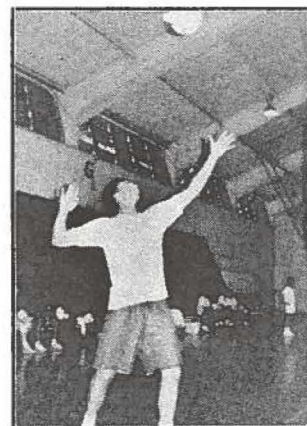
In his full-time position Myint serves as a avionics technician with the HIANG.

Myint placed 200th overall and 101st for his NG standing in the race with a time of 3:21:53.

Ledgerwood, 48, a resident of Kailua, is employed full-time as an industrial engineer at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.

Ledgerwood placed 249th overall and 113th as his NG standing, clocking in at 3:27:32.

HING volleyball tournament results



Volleyball action at Fort Ruger.

The Hawaii Air Guard (HIANG) was the overall winner of the HING Volleyball Tournament, April 26-28. They won both first and second place in the women's division, while the Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG) took the master's division. The 154th Communications Flight took the men's division title and the co-ed trophy was picked up by the members of the 292nd Combat Communications Squadron.

Family Support Program



Maj. Martha "Marty" St. Louis
State Family Support
Coordinator

Maj. Martha "Marty" N. St. Louis, joined the full-time staff at Hawaii National Guard Headquarters as the new Family Support Coordinator April 8. St. Louis, currently works with the Guard in a drill-status roll as plans officer with the G-3 office, is excited about her new position with the Hawaii National Guard.

"As the incoming coordinator, I hope to re-energize the program, making it very visible and active for both the Hawaii Army and Air Guard," said St.

Louis. As the former commander of the 448th Chemical Detachment she helped start her unit's Family Support Group while a member of the Colorado Reserves. Some of her other accomplishments in the family support field include active duty service as the military liaison for the 82nd Airborne Division's Family Support Group.

"Now, as the State Coordinator, I hope to take those experiences as well as my experiences as project coordinator in the civilian planning field and apply them to this new role as part of the HING."

She added, "With the guidance of the Adjutant General, I plan to implement and manage programs and activities designed to increase the overall preparedness of HING families to cope with the unique realities of Guard service. Increasing family preparedness helps increase unit preparedness and the overall ability of the guard to complete its state and federal missions."

She joined the Hawaii Army National Guard Jan. 95 as a plans officer with Headquar-

ters State Area Command. Prior to that assignment, she served for more than a year with the Colorado Reserves 448th Chemical Detachment and for two years with the 1st Maneuver Training Command as an observer/controller.

St. Louis has come a long way since enlisting in the Texas Army National Guard in 1979 as a medic. She began her college education at the University of Texas in Austin where she received her commission as a 2nd Lt. She completed her bachelor of arts at the University of Mississippi where she served in the Mississippi Army National Guard.

From 1984 to 1985 she served in Sinai, Egypt, with the U.S. Army's Multi-national Force & Observers and with the 82nd Airborne Division where she finished her active duty tour as a 1st Lieutenant.

Hui Laulima: Family of helping hands



A message from the Family Support Coordinator:

In my short tenure as coordinator, I have found much support and enthusiasm for the program, especially from the dedicated volunteers who make up the State Team, headed up by JoAnne Yamamoto. JoAnne took on the role as head volunteer and State Team Leader at last year's annual conference. She has made herself available to me as a resource of information and insight about the program and as the conduit to the State Team. Thanks Jo Anne!! Also, thanks to Cheri Mandaquit, the past State Team Leader, for dropping by the office to meet me and provide her words of advise and

support. Meeting the State Team at my first Team Meeting, April 20, made me realize the team has a wealth of talent and energy and undying support for the HING. I look forward to working with them and becoming a vital part of the team! Also, special thanks go to the G1 and Recruiting and Retention for their interim role in support of the Family Program between coordinators!!

Upcoming Events

Aug. 15 - 18 -- National Family Program Conf., Denver, Co.

Sept. 14 - 15 -- State Family Program Annual Conference, Outrigger Prince Kuhio, Waikiki

State Civil Defense

Makani Pahili '96 Exercises test disaster preparedness

By Barbara Hendrie

In a statewide full-scale exercise held in all counties over May 3-9, hundreds of agencies and thousands of participants sharpened skills for response to a hurricane. The event was staged prior to the start of Hawaii Hurricane Season, which runs from June through Nov. yearly.

Dubbed Makani Pahili '96, this year's exercise used a scenario giving participants hands-on practice from buildup to early recovery. Hawaiian for hurricane, Makani Pahili made "landfall" near the center of the island chain. While all islands felt some effects of the storm, those closest to the eye received the heaviest impact. This scenario was designed to focus on agency actions for a watch and warning, as well as meeting the needs of disaster victims.

What made Makani Pahili unique was the focus on recovery issues. A disaster Field Office was set up to give federal, state and local agencies a detailed look at the Federal Response Plan. The plan is set in motion by a major disaster and calls for all levels of government to work together under the umbrella of 12 emergency support functions. These functions combine to address immediate care for victims and restore community lifeline services and communications.

Also added this year was an exercise segment of the Disaster Assistance Center. Centers are set-up as needed to

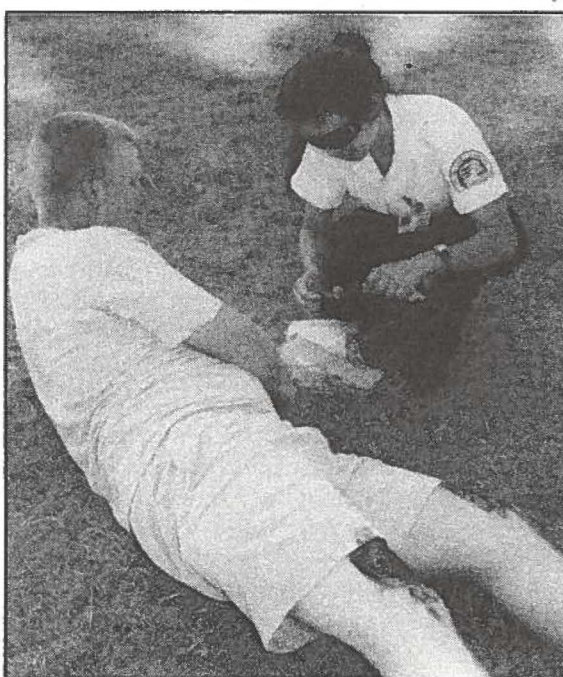
house disaster aid services in a single location. Low interest loans for repairs to homes and businesses, insurance and financial aid, and human services are a sampling of items usually housed in the Disaster Assistance Center. Playing the role of disaster victims, over 100 volunteers were processed through the center to give agencies a first-hand look at operations.

Another special segment of Makani Pahili '96 was the Healthcare Association of Hawaii mass casualty exercise. Four sites of Oahu served as staging areas for treatment of victims and transport to hospital emergency rooms. Thirteen participating hospitals treated 250 victims brought in by ambulance and helicopter. The mass casualty exercise was part of annual hospital accreditation.

The exercise was sponsored by Hawaii State Civil Defense with scenario assistance from the National Weather Services.

"I'm impressed by Hawaii's efforts and levels of participation", said FEMA RIX director Shirley Mattingly, here to observe the exercise.

On completion of May's exercise, participants began to evaluate performance results. These reports will be used to improve plans, procedures and operations which help keep Hawaii prepared to respond to the hurricane threat.



County, State, and Federal Emergency Response Teams participate in a mass casualty exercise at Kapiolani Park as part of the State Department of Defense exercise, May 3-9. Make-up was used to simulate injuries. The active duty "actors" added to the scenario by making the training exercise more life-like.

Hawaii Army National Guard



Brig. Gen. Eugene S. Imai
Commander, HIARNG

The Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG) is in the midst of its Annual Training period, and exciting plans have been made to provide not only meaning, but exciting training for the various units of the command.

298th Engineer Detachment build up Panama

The 298th Engineer Detachment traveled to Panama in April to build foundations for two classroom buildings, and performed so well that they were ahead of the schedule established for them by the local command. The soldiers of the unit were excited by the chance to not only "show off" their skills, but to construct some facilities which will serve the people of Panama long after they have

departed for home. I'm sure that some of the soldiers of the 298th would like to return to Panama someday to see how "their" schoolhouse has helped educate the children of that community.

HIARNG training

A platoon from Company A, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (Hanapepe, Kauai), was the first unit to have a chance to train at the premier light infantry training facility in the U.S., the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) in May. The soldiers from Company A served as a security platoon in one of the brigades of the 25th Infantry Division (Light). They were facing "world class" opposition forces, and were given the best light infantry training available in the Army. The soldiers looked sharp, were eager, and excited by the opportunity.

The Air Defense Artillery Platoon from the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) will be training in Alaska in July as part of the Cope Thunder Exercise. This platoon, whose mission is to protect the Brigade against enemy aircraft with ground to air Stinger missiles, will have the chance to test their skills, and to work side by side with allies from the Japan Ground Self Defense Force and the British special services.

1st Battalion, 487th trains in Washington

The 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery, will be training at the Yakima Training Center



in Washington in June, and will be visited by employers as part of the Employer Support to the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Bosslift. The 487th continues to improve its proficiency with their new M119 105mm Howitzers and IFSAS fire control system.

Elements of Company B, 193rd Aviation Battalion, the Aviation Intermediate Maintenance (AVIM) company, supported the Cobra Gold exercise in Thailand during the months of April and May.

The balance of the 29th Brigade trained on Oahu with the 2nd Battalion 299th Infantry training in May, and the Headquarters and Headquarters

Company, the 29th Support Battalion, the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry and the 227th Engineer Company will be training in July. Remaining units of the 103rd Troop Command will be providing aviation and other support in the 29th Brigade.

The leaders of the HIARNG have planned a complex schedule of training, and one which I feel will provide our soldiers with challenging and valuable training opportunities.

Farewell to Lt. Gen. Robert Ord

Let me take this opportunity to bid a fine aloha to a real

CHECKING THE SIGHT-- Spcs. John Wentworth (left) and Wes Basinga, (right) of the Hawaii Army National Guard's Company B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry mortar platoon train at Schofield Barracks during Annual Training '96.

Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha, 117th PAT

supporter of the HIARNG, Lt. Gen. Robert Ord, commander of the U.S. Army Pacific. Gen. Ord relinquished his command in a May 30 ceremony at Fort Shafter. He has been steadfast in supporting the HIARNG during his tenure first as Commander of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) and then as commander of USARPAC. His leadership in implementing the Directed Training Affiliation (DTA) while division commander resulted in outstanding support of the 29th Brigade, and set Hawaii's program as an example for the rest of the nation to follow. We will miss him, and wish him the best in all of his future endeavors!

NCO and Soldier of the Year



Sgt. Ricardo D. Santos is awarded the Outstanding HIARNG NCO of the Year Award by Lt. Gen. Robert Ord, Commander, USARPAC

By Stephen M. Lum

Sgt. Ricardo D. Santos and Spc. Fred P. Agag are the Hawaii Army National Guard NCO and Soldier of the Year for 1996.

Hawaii-born Santos was nominated by his former unit, commanded by Maj. Jon E. Harlan, Company C (Medical), 29th Support Battalion, for his

professionalism as the unit's aide/evacuation NCO.

"Santos is a role model for younger soldiers," said State Command Sgt. Maj. James K. Kahalehoe Jr. "He is a professional in his appearance and performance."

After graduating Kaiser High School in 1984, Santos attended California Lutheran College, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in physical education in 1986. "My military career began with a Texas Guard medical unit in 1988," said Santos, "and after completing medical specialist and

practical nurse courses, transferred to the South Carolina Guard. I moved back to Hawaii in November 1994 and joined the Army Guard's medical company."

In March, he joined the Recruiting and Retention Office as a full-time strength manager.

The 31-year old sergeant and his

wife, Raquel, live in Honolulu. Athletically inclined Santos, enjoys fishing, mountain biking and triathlon events.

"I'd like to thank

the medical unit personnel, like Sgt. 1st Class David Aponte," said Santos, "for keeping me well informed and prepared for the Guard competition."

The full-time recruiting position gives me an opportunity to serve my nation at home."

Spc. Agag, a personnel records specialist, 12th Personnel Service Com-



Spc. Fred P. Agag is awarded HIARNG Soldier of the Year by Lt. Gen. Robert Ord.

pany, 103rd Troop Command, joined the Hawaii Guard in 1987, a year after graduating from McKinley High School.

"Specialist Agag is an outstanding soldier with a very positive attitude," said Kahalehoe. "He is always willing to accept additional responsibilities and completes all tasks in a professional and efficient manner."

Agag was born in the Philippines in 1968 and immigrated to Hawaii at the age of six. He worked at a fast food chain during high school and was employed at Safeway prior to coming on board full-time with the Hawaii Army Guard personnel records branch last September.

"I originally was convinced to join (Continued on page 8)

Hawaii Air National Guard



Brig. Gen. Dwight M. Kealoha
Commander, HIANG

Four months as commander of the HIANG and its obvious that we have--great people, a superb mission and added value to the nation and Hawaii.

Communication

I've only been here for four months. Yet our HIANG suffers from a problem that many other large organizations also suffer--failure to communicate! It's not an intentional act: but its effects can be and often are debilitating to those not in the know. Whether it's not hearing about promotion opportunities, job vacancies, changes in policies, or the future of work, our people perform better when they are kept informed. They feel part of the organization. If we are an OHANA then all leaders and supervisors must work to get the information out to our people.

People

Mahalo to Col. Jeff Okazaki who retired from the Guard. Jeff did a tremendous job in the HIANG and particularly as Commander of the 201st Combat Communications Group, leading it to superb ratings during its ORI, training its

future leaders, and ensuring it was relevant to the changing times. A real professional, he leaves a superb legacy of excellence and performance.

Congratulations to Col. Myron Dobashi, the new commander of the 201st Combat Communications Group. Myron is no stranger to the 201st as he has been part of the unit's leadership team and will continue the great tradition of excellence.

Mahalo to Lt. Col. Mel Matsui, who retires in July from the Guard and relinquishes command of the 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron. Mel took over the squadron that needed solid direction and leadership, and he delivered! He has the squadron doing very well meeting its daily commitments and working to assume the entire air sovereignty mission from the active force. No surprise that he was recently recognized by the Hawaii National Guard Association as its Field Grade Officer of the Year.

Units in action

"Sentry Aloha" was accomplished in May between our 199th Fighter Squadron and the 162nd Fighter Wing from Tucson, AZ. It was an opportunity for our F-15s to fly dissimilar air combat tactics as opposed to going against our own F-15s. They were able to accomplish multi-ship training against the 162nd's F-16s and even had the chance to incorporate the contracted Lear jets into the training.

The 154th Air Control Squadron took its MCE equipment to the field in May to exercise its people through mobility, deployment, and operations in a field environment. This training is essential to their readiness commitments.

Our 204th Airlift Squadron is providing valuable assistance to Army, Army Guard, and

Marine ground forces. Their ability to provide timely airlift to these units has helped get them to training areas like PTA on the Big Island, airdrop support through the JA/ATT program, and moving their units to summer training. This in addition to trying to get the unit fully mission ready. I had the opportunity to join one of their crews for their first night drop mission in Hawaii, and was able to see their professional approach and capabilities first hand. Congratulations to the 292nd Combat Communications Squadron--the 1996 HING mixed volleyball champions!

Community value

We all know that our people give of their time and energy to our community in so many different ways. They serve as mentors in the Youth Challenge Program, volunteer in schools and community affairs, and all so much to Hawaii. In most of these instances, our people do not ask for anything in return, and are even embarrassed when singled out for thanks. However, we recently had a call for assistance that deserves attention and our mahalo. Not long ago a non-profit organization called to ask if the HIANG could send a couple of fighter pilots to Kapiolani Hospital where a youngster was suffering from cancer. Capt. Branden Sakai and Lt. Col. Wayne Wakeman responded quickly, visited the youngster, and made his day! Thanks!

Our profession

I am starting to be asked about my views on standards. Here it is: We have standards that are part of our profession. These are not negotiable; we live by them! From basics like the proper wear of the uniform and saluting, to how we operate

like following rules in the operation of our aircraft. I expect our people to operate like the professionals I know they are. For example, I have seen situations where supervisors are reluctant to put people on the weight management program because they would like to be nice and cut them some "slack". This is not the way to operate. Our standards are for everybody, to be applied consistently and fairly. Ours is a voluntary membership--if you want to be part of the best, know and live by our standards.

Beyond Hawaii

We are all aware that our pace of activities--OPTEMPO--has accelerated over the past year as the active force continues to go in two divergent directions; downsizing while assuming more overseas commitments for presence. The only way in which the active force can accomplish this is to depend on the Guard and Reserve to help meet those commitments. However, unless you "stand back" and take a broad look, you will not appreciate the extent of our operations--which is similar to other Guard units.

- Operation Joint Endeavor in Hungary has personnel from the 201st Combat Communications Group involved.

- Exercise Cobra Gold in Thailand was supported by our Communications personnel from the 201 CCG. Airlift within Thailand was being provided by an aircraft and crews from the 204th Airlift Squadron.

- Standing alert in Iceland is an aircraft and crews from the 203 Air Refueling Squadron.

- Providing air refueling support in exercise COMMANDO SLING was aircraft and crew from the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron.

- Performing readiness train-

ing are personnel from the 154th Civil Engineer and 154th Services Flight Squadrons as part of SILVER FLAG in Korea.

- Two of our 199th pilots helped upgrade F-15 pilots at Kadena in night vision goggles operations.

This is only a snapshot of the activities our people are involved in--no matter when you take the picture the result will look the same. We need to get used to this pace. As the U.S. is committed to more operations overseas, the Guard and Reserve will be asked and expected to do more. With a full-time force of 25 percent of our total manning, we have to find smart ways to get the job done--otherwise we will be stretched to the limits.

On the horizon

- HIANG Commanders Conference is scheduled for July 10-13 on Kauai.

- Quality Air Force Assessment is still scheduled for Sept. 5-12. Not sure yet what the format will be; quality or quality/compliance. PACAF/IG is working the checklists for the compliance portion; their progress will determine the character of their visit with us.

- HIANG 50th, scheduled for Nov. 16, will celebrate the 50th year of our HIANG. It's tentatively set for the Waikiki Sheraton ballrooms and the committee is hard at work making all the parts come together at the same time.

- BOSSLIFT is scheduled on June 19.

The future?

- A perspective from a technology futurist:

"Every thirty months a dollar's worth of computer buys twice the processing power; computers will match human skills and intelligency by 2088."

Hawaii Air National Guard deploys to Tazsar, Hungary

Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Lum

Airmen from the Hawaii Air National Guard are deployed to Tazsar, Hungary, in support of Operation Joint Endeavor. Their mission is to help control the skies of the NATO peacekeeping force flying over Bosnia. Air traffic controllers and communications equipment repair technicians from the 297th Air Traffic Control Flight and 154th Air Control Squadron volunteered for the overseas mission.

Two controllers from the 297th based at Barbers Point Naval Air Station, Staff Sgts. William Woods and Jusserand Ramos, departed April 7, for the four-day radar controller's course at Andrews Air Force Base, then on to Hungary.

From their mobile radar van in

the non-combat zone of Hungary, Woods and Ramos control the flight patterns of MIG-21s, C-12s, C-17 transports, and U.S. Army helicopters.

Both sergeants joined the Hawaii Guard in 1992 after active duty tours.

While on active duty, Woods, 26, served as a communications equipment maintenance technician at Lindsey Air Station, Germany, during Desert Storm. The part-time scuba instructor, is scheduled for a 60-day tour in Hungary. He returns this summer to the U.S. to support exercise Century Vision, held in Wisconsin. Ramos, 27,



Woods



Ramos

returns earlier (after a 45-day tour) to attend military schooling. He is married, with one son.

Tech. Sgt. Charles D. Goo, a full-time ground radio communications maintenance technician with the 297th, left April 18, for a 60-day tour. His dad, retired Master Sgt. Benny Goo was the 199th Fighter Squadron's flight simulator NCOIC during the F-102 Delta Dagger and F-4C Phantom jet era.

Staff Sgt. Robert J. Warren, joined them in May after his semester ended at Leeward Community College. He'll also attend the radar controller's course at Andrews AFB before deploy-

ing for his 45-day tour in Hungary.

Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Said, a ground radio technician from the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai-based-154th Air Control Squadron, left May 24, for a 139-day tour.

Master Sgt. Raymond W. Chang Jr., a full-time navigation aids radio technician from the 297th, leaves for a 60-day tour in June. The navigation aids tech maintains the signal direction beacon.

The controllers and maintenance technicians are attached to the 254th Combat Communications Group, based in Springfield, Ohio. The 254th is the lead communications unit in this phase of Operation Joint Endeavor.

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.

Meritorious Service Medal

Col. Jeffrey H. Okazaki, 201st Combat Communications Group (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Lt. Col. James T. Lambeth, HQ & HQ, 2nd Battalion Bn, 299th Infantry
 Lt. Col. Patrick H. Nam, 154th Medical Squadron
 Sgt. Maj. Raymond M. Gibo, HQ & HQ Company, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)
 Master Sgt. Anatalio Cabrido, 154th Maintenance Squadron
 Master Sgt. Richard M. Kashiwabara, 154th Air Control Squadron
 Master Sgt. Walter R. Soh, HQ, State Area Command (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Sgt. First Class Albert Domingo, HQ, State Area Command (-Dets 2, 3, & 4) (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Army Commendation Medal

Maj. Bruce E. Oliveira, HQ & HQ Company 29th Support Battalion
 Maj. Placido D. Valenciano 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry Battalion (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Capt. Melanie L. Aman, HQ, State Area Command (-Det. 2 & 3)
 Capt. William Spray, HQ & HQ Company, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Capt. Suzanne P. Vares-Lum, HQ 29th Support Battalion (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster)
 1st Lt. Wesley H. Tanji, HQ, State Area Command (-Det. 2 & 3) (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Sgt. 1st Class Dean Norwood, HQ

State Area Command (-Det 2 & 3) (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Y. Yoshino, Recruiting and Retention Office (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Staff Sgt. Rhonda Akima, Company C, (Medical) 29th Support Battalion (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Staff Sgt. Alan Lucas, 227th Engineer Company
 Staff Sgt. Ray Resurrection, Company D, 1st Battalion 299th Infantry Brigade
 Sgt. Douglas K. Becker, Company B, 29th Support Battalion
 Sgt. Clifford Chee, HQ & HQ Company 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)
 Sgt. Benjamin B. Sadiarin, HQ & HQ Company, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)
 Spc. Lance Taufaasau, Company D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry Brigade

Air Force Commendation Medal

Lt. Col. Jerry Bona, 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron
 Lt. Col. John M. Dudley 154th Wing (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Senior Master Sgt. Francis H. Shinsato, 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron
 Tech. Sgt. Roger A. Davis, 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Senior Airman Carl. G. Salaski, 154th Aircraft Generation

Army Achievement Medal

Master Sgt. Lew M. Alba, HQ & HQ Company, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Staff Sgt. Yale K. Alama, HQ & HQ Company, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)

Staff Sgt. Jose Herrera, HQ & HQ Company, 29 Infantry Brigade (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Sgt. George R. Paasch III, Hawaii Army National Guard Combat Enhanced Capability Aviation Team (Medical)
 Sgt. Dino Rodrigues, HQ & HQ Company 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)
 Sgt. Benjamin B. Sadiarin Jr. (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Sgt. Shane R. Siers, HQ State Area Command
 Pfc. Eraina V. Andes, 117th Public Affairs Team
 Pvt. Bertrand A. Eden, HQ & HQ Company, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)

Air Force Achievement Medal

Capt. Peter W. Ching, 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron (First Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Staff Sgt. Galen H. Kuwamoto, 154th Logistics Squadron (First Oak Leaf Cluster)
 Senior Airman James C. McKee Jr., 154th Logistics Squadron

Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal

Col. Henry J. Davies, Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces
 Col. Newton W. Terry, III, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces
 Lt. Col. Patrick Casey, 150th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron
 Lt. Col. William W. Josephson, 154th Wing
 Capt. Tracy J. Sakai, 293rd Combat Communications Squadron
 1st Lt. Ross A. Barcarose, 201st Combat Communications Group
 Master Sgt. Edward Martinez, 15th Communications Squadron



Deborah M. S. Murray

Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state adjutant general, pins the HING Medal for Merit on Lt. Gen. Robert L. Ord during a luncheon in his honor, May 17.

Soldier of year--continued from page 6

the Guard by my uncle, retired Sgt. Rudy Agag, Company A (Supply and Transportation), 29th Support Battalion" said Agag, "with the intent of utilizing the educational

benefits, but my increasing duties as grocery manager never left me time to take advantage of the benefits."

He and his wife, Minette, had their first

child in January. The Honolulu resident's interests include running, playing basketball, watching movies, singing karaoke, and playing with his newborn son, Kory.

HING completes "Cobra Gold '96" exercises

Members of the Hawaii National Guard (HING) deployed to Thailand for "Cobra Gold '96" exercises. A total of 54 personnel from the 201st Combat Communications Group: five from the 204th Airlift Squadron, and five soldiers from Company B, 193rd Aviation, Hawaii Army National Guard, were involved in the exercise.

Cobra Gold '96, (April 29 to May 24), was one of the largest training exercises involving U.S. forces in the Pacific this year. The joint/combined exercise included land and air operations, combined naval operations, amphibious operations and special operations.

201st Combat Communications Group personnel from Hilo, Kahului, and Hickam Air Force

Base provided local area and satellite communications in support of U. S. Marines. The 201st Combat Communications Group has primary responsibility for combat communications within the Pacific Air Forces (PACAF).

The Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers from Company B, 193rd Aviation, provided helicopter maintenance support to the active-duty Army's 68th Aeromedical Detachment.

The 204th Airlift Squadron, which flies C-130 "Hercules" transport aircraft, provided tactical airlift support.

Hawaii National Guard personnel deployed to Thailand beginning April 20.



The Hawaii Air National Guard's Ceremonial Royal Guard stands at attention at the State Capitol while Adm. Joseph W. Prueher speaks at the opening ceremony for Hawaii Military Week.

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.

	July	Aug.	Sept.
Hawaii Army National Guard			
HQ, STARC, HIARNG	--	10-11	7-8
29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)	13-14	10-11	7-8
2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry	13-14, 19	17-18	6-8
Company B	12-14	16-18	6-8
227th Engineer Company	6-7, 21	--	7-8
Company B, 29th Support Battalion	6, 19	24-25	7-8
1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery	20-21	10-11	13-15
Battery A, B, and C	20-21	10-11	13-15
103rd Troop Command	13-14	3-4	7-8
298th Engineer Detachment	13-14	10-11	7-8
25th ID (L), D-RTOC	6-7	3-4	7-8
HHD, 12th Personnel Service Battalion	13-14	10-11	7-8
193rd Aviation	20-21	24-25	7-8
Medical, CECAT	6	10-11	7-8
RAID	6	10-11	7-8
Hawaii Air National Guard			
HQ, Hawaii Air National Guard	13-14	10-11	7-8
154th Wing	13-14	10-11	7-8
201st Combat Communications Group	13-14	10-11	7-8



AIRTOAIR--A boom from a KC-135 belonging to the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, refuels a U.S. Navy F/A-18 Hornet from the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Independence, over the Pacific Ocean, east of Taiwan, March 19, 1996.