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## Calendar

January 1, Wednesday  
New Year's Day

January 20, Monday  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
(federal holiday)

January 25, Saturday  
Youth Challenge Program  
(YCP) Class 97-5 Graduation

February 9, Sunday  
Begin YCP Class 97-6

February 17, Monday  
President's Day (federal  
holiday)

February 22, Saturday  
HING Fun Run

March 26, Wednesday  
Prince Jonah Kuhio  
Kalaniana'ole Day (state  
holiday only)

## Operation Kokua: HING leads joint effort to help flood victims

By Spc. Jonathan M. Shiroma

As the sun rose on Tuesday, November 5, it seemed everyone was ready for the day. After all, it was general election day '96 and after months of campaigning, candidates and voters were ready to head to polling places to cast their votes.

That's when mother nature pulled a surprise, a surprise that even caught meteorologists off guard.

A weather system comprised of thick and heavy rain clouds had begun to move over the islands from the south... specifically over Kauai and Oahu and it seemed as if in perfect unison, as the doors of the polling places opened, so did the floodgates.

The rain came down in droves throughout the day, not letting up for even a brief period. Governor Cayetano even extended voting hours by an hour at some polling places as a result of the rains.

The elections lasted one day. The rain lasted two weeks.

In its aftermath, the floods caused millions of dollars of damages especially in the Waianae, Leeward and Haleiwa sections of Oahu. (See Kokua on page 3)



Hawaii Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Solomon Ford

**NO EASY TASK** -- Members of the Hawaii Army National Guard use plenty of elbow grease to help remove some of the refuse and debris clogging streams and river beds that contributed to the overflow and resulting flood around the Waianae Coast.

## Orient Shield '97 more than just an exercise

Story and photos by Sgt. Curtis Matsushige

More than 450 Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers from Kauai, Maui, Oahu and the Big Isle left the warmth of Hawaii to for two-and-a-half weeks of training in the cold and mountainous Hijyudai Training Area in Kyushu, Japan in operation Orient Shield. This was the first time a battalion sized National Guard unit deployed to train with the active Japanese Army.

"We proved that the bilateral association does work," said Lt. Col. Melvin S. Tamaye, commander of the 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, Army National Guard and commander of Task Force 2/299 as the unit was designated during its annual training in Japan.

On arrival, TF 2/299 bunked in large General Purpose Medium tents. Fortunately, the Japanese were cordial hosts, and placed floor boards in these 20 man tents, separating the soldiers from the moisture and cold. But not for long.

The soldiers were soon marching out to the field carrying their pup tents or shelter-halves, that would be home for the next few days of functional training. As the companies set up their pup tents they were extra careful.

"They got poison brown snakes and poison ivy," said Staff Sgt. William Malakaula, of Company B, from Kona.

(See Shield on page 4)



**LONG TRAIN** -- First Sgt. John Thompson of Company B, Kona of the 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry Battalion and Capt. Masakazu Ichinose of the 40th Regiment Japan Ground Self Defense Force convoy Officer-in-Charge survey the tail end of a bilateral convoy.

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# Command Notes



**Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson**  
The Adjutant General

As 1996 comes to a close, I can confidently state that it has been a challenging and rewarding year. Our department diversified further, we supported the nation globally and we continued to provide for the safety and welfare of our people. Let me recap some of the significant things we accomplished this year and address the changes in store for the future.

In February 1996, we dedicated

the Pacific Disaster Center (PDC) located at the Maui Research and Technology Center in Kihei. Using the world's most advanced earth monitoring satellites and computing systems, the PDC provides information and data that will enable disaster planners in Hawaii and throughout the Pacific to manage relief and recovery operations much more effectively. In 1997, new initiatives at the PDC will enable us to do things that were only dreamed of just a few years ago. We are currently working on the development and enhancement of early warning sensors that will more accurately predict tsunami wave heights. Another initiative is to develop the capability to predict new volcanic eruptions and potentially new lava flows on the Big Island.

The Regional Training Site Maintenance (RTSM) at Waiawa was dedicated in June, and new initiatives at the facility will increase our quality of life for years to come. At the RTSM computer center, we will open up computer classes to

our soldiers and airmen. These classes will enable our forces to better compete for promotions in their military and civilian careers. We plan to start with this new training initiative in January. Working in conjunction with the Family Support Program Coordinator, we hope to eventually open computer skills, reading and language classes to HING family members as well. It is an exciting plan that will benefit our Hawaii National Guard Ohana.

I'd like to acknowledge the Counter Drug and Drug Demand Reduction (DDR) programs for their work this year. In August, we held "Na Koa Ku Makani", a drug free awareness rally at Bellows Air Force Station. The Counter Drug and DDR sections have instituted a number of programs, such as Parent To Parent training, that are having a positive impact on our community.

In September, we held the Family Support Program annual conference at the Outrigger Prince Hotel in Waikiki. I'd like to thank the State and team volunteers as well

as everyone who participated. The two day event was a great success.

October saw the installation of the new FPS 117 radar at the 150th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron at Kokee on Kauai. Completion of the radome is expected in early January.

In early November, the Barbers

Point Reuse Commission forwarded its recommendation to Governor Cayetano concerning the future of a reliever airport at Barbers Point. I'd like to extend my thanks to all of those who testified at the numerous hearings and provided assistance in other ways.

Beginning November 5, record-



117th PAT photo by Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha

**DAMAGE SURVEY -- Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano, Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, and City Councilman John Desoto assess flood damage to the rural neighborhoods of the Waianae Coast during Operation Kokua.**

## Departmental news

### New legislation allows more points, retired pay

The amount of retired pay a reservist can earn increases under new legislation allowing credit for more inactive-duty training points. Points are used to calculate retired pay for Air National Guard members and Air Force Reservists.

The Fiscal 1997 National Defense Authorization Act provisions signed into law Sept. 23 increased the maximum inactive duty points creditable toward retirement from 60 to 75 in any one year of service. Inactive duty points are earned by completing inactive for training periods and completing extension course institute courses. The 15 membership points, which are annually awarded to members for maintaining active reserve status, are also considered in the inactive duty points category.

The new law does not contain retroactive or grandfathering provisions. That is, it will not affect arc members with their retention/retirement (R/R) year ending before Sept. 23, 1996.

However, it immediately affects Air National Guard members and reservists who earned more than 60 inactive duty points in the (R/R) year that ended on or after Sept.

23, 1996. These individuals can earn up to 75 inactive duty points toward retirement in any R/R year ending in September 1996, and all future years of service.

### Army ROTC Scholarships

Hawaii National Guard members who are enrolled or planning to enroll in college and are interested in becoming commissioned officer are invited to apply for an Army ROTC scholarship. Applications for two-year Reserve Forces Duty scholarships and three and two year general scholarships will be available from December 1996 to February 1997.

Army ROTC scholarships are merit scholarships awarded in the annual amounts of \$12,800, \$9,000, and \$5,000. In addition to the scholarship, each winner receives a \$450 annual allowance for books and an additional monthly stipend of \$150.

Scholarship eligibility criteria include: U.S. citizenship, age, medical qualification, academic status, and physical standards.

Army ROTC scholarships can be used at the following schools on Oahu: University of Hawaii-Manoa or West Oahu, Chaminade University of Honolulu, Hawaii Pacific

University, or Brigham Young University-Hawaii Campus.

Please contact Maj. Kent Tsutsumi at 956-7766 for additional information and a scholarship application.

### Change to Carlson Wagonlite Travel's hours of operation

Effective 15 October 1996, the hours of operation for Carlson Wagonlit Travel will be: Hours of operation: 7:30 a.m. - 12 noon 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (closed 12 noon - 1:00 p.m.) Monday - Friday (closed on Federal holidays) Telephone: (808) 739-2746 FAX number: (808) 739-2747 Location: Diamond Head Crater, Building 303

### Ready Reserve Mobilization Income Insurance Program

The enrollment processing for the Ready Reserve Mobilization Income Insurance Program (RRMIIP) has been extended by NGB to December 29, 1996. Unit commanders must ensure that the Ready Reserve Mobilization Income Insurance Certificate (DD Form 2746) forms are completed for all soldiers except those who are ineligible to enroll (Section 3:

Ineligibility Rules, NGB-ARPP Memorandum, SAB dtd 21 Aug 96).

Soldiers who want to continue with the insurance coverage must complete DD Form 2746 and RRMIP Payment Authorization. These forms must be submitted to G1 office, ATTN: CW4 Shigemura.

Contact CW4 Shigemura at 737-6744/8439 for more information.

### HIARNG traditions and culture

The esprit de corps in the Guard is instilled in the minds of its members through the traditions and history it has established. With that in mind, the HIARNG Historian section was formed to assist the units in gathering, documenting, and presenting the history of the Guard units.

The historian section is currently searching for names of Hawaii National Guard members who have two or more generations serving in the Guard. The section is also looking for any distinguished members from the 1940s to 1960s who want to share their experiences and memorabilia. If you would like to share your ideas, information, photographs and memorabilia, or if you have

any questions for the history section, call Major Jeffrey Pang at 732-1266.

### State DOD on the World Wide Web

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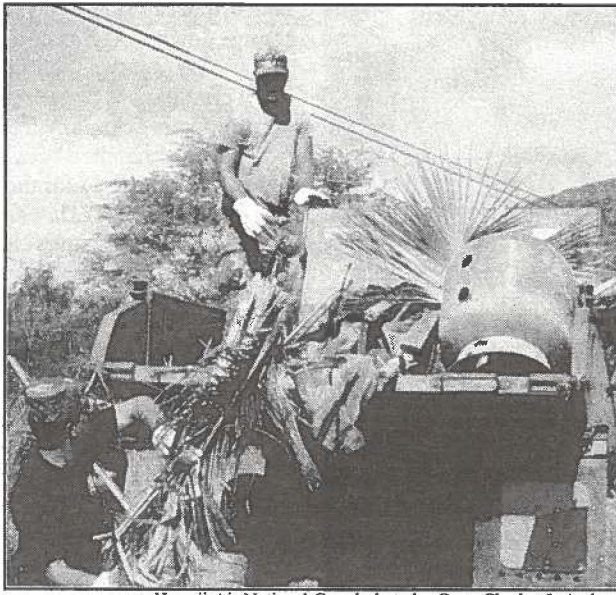
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setting torrential rains caused a serious landslide in Makaha and flooding in areas of Oahu's north shore and Waianae coast. HING personnel assisted with Governor Cayetano's tour of flood damaged areas, drew up emergency evacuation plans for Makaha Valley Towers in case of another landslide, and delivered Department of Health flyers to area residents. Governor Cayetano tasked the Hawaii National Guard (HING) to lead and coordinate "Operation Kokua", the major cleanup of Waianae, Maili, Nanakuli and Haleiwa following the severe flooding in these areas. The Operation Kokua task force, commanded by the 201st Combat Communications Group's Col. Myron Dobashi, put together a formidable team. It was a great joint effort involving a large HING contingent, State, City and County, and active-duty military personnel. For two consecutive weekends, the operation cleared storm debris, flood damaged household items and hazardous materials that could pose a health, sanitation and environmental threat to area residents. Almost 750 truckloads, or about 1.8 million pounds of debris and rubbish was hauled away from flood-soaked neighborhoods. The cleanup was a huge success and I am very proud of the tremendous response from all of those who volunteered for the State Active Duty mission. Acknowledgments go to team leaders Col. Dick Hastings, Lt. Col. Ray Jardine and Maj. Greg Burgess. Well done!

The November 11 Veterans Day ceremony at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe went very well. The Office of Veterans Services, program participants and the Hawaii Youth Challenge Program deserve recognition for their efforts.



Hawaii Air National Guard photo by Capt. Charles J. Anthony

**LOAD 'ER UP! -- Airmen of the Hawaii Air National Guard pitch in to aid in Operation Kokua, the state's joint recovery/clean up effort to the flood drenched residents of the Waianae Coast.**

The HING assisted with President Clinton's trip to Hawaii in mid-November. Hawaii Army National Guard CH-47 helicopters were used to transport news media and White House support staff from Hickam Air Force Base to Bellows AFS, while Hawaii Air National Guard KC-135s refueled National Command Post Aircraft. The Command Post aircraft deploy when the President travels overseas. HING personnel also helped coordinate security with civilian law enforcement

agencies.

On November 16, the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) celebrated its 50th anniversary. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made the anniversary banquet and other activities such a great success. I also want to commend all members, past and present, who helped make the HIANG a world class organization. I especially want to acknowledge all of the retirees who paved the way for the HIANG in the early days. Even though they had to contend with lack of funding and second-hand equipment, they still managed to accomplish their mission well. My hat's off to them for all that they accomplished to get us to where we are today. Thanks also go to the 111th Army Band for its participation.

We look forward to the graduation of Youth Challenge class 97-5 on January 25. Currently, there are 93 corpsmembers enrolled in the program.

Finally, during this holiday season, I want to convey my heart-felt appreciation to everyone who worked so hard during the past year. Throughout 1996, members of the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense participated in real-world missions, which included Operation Provide Comfort II, patrolling the northern no-fly zone of Iraq; Operation Joint Endeavor, the peace-keeping effort in Bosnia and Operation Desert Strike, the cruise missile strikes on Iraq in September. Our men and women also trained for other federal and state responsibilities and made other significant contributions to our community, State and nation. My wife, Celia, and I wish you and your families, the very best throughout 1997. Thank you for a job well done!

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Help was needed and needed fast. Residents in the flooded areas had swimming pools in what was once their living rooms.

President Clinton arrived in Hawaii on Nov. 14 for a brief vacation and saw the direct results of the floods.

Upon request of Governor Cayetano, the President declared the state a major disaster area, providing \$5 million for emergency relief. That's where the Hawaii National Guard stepped in.

Operation Kokua was set up to help affected residents in the flooded areas. Mission: Clear and remove debris and hazardous material left in the wake of the most destructive flood since 1987.

A volunteer force of Hawaii National Guard soldiers and airmen, state, city and county personnel, and active duty soldiers and sailors would spend the next two week ends cleaning up the effects of the flood.

"I felt bad for these people," said PFC Alan Pascua, "And that's why I volunteered to help, it gives us a chance to do something for the community, for those who were less fortunate than others. Especially with the holidays approaching." Pascua is with the 298th Engineering Detachment and as a civilian works as a construction worker.

"Although it means giving up a couple of weekends, it feels good to help these people out," said SPC. Donald Thigpen of 2nd platoon, 227th Engineering. "Personally, I wasn't affected too much by the floods, so to see what happened to others makes me feel bad. If

we can make life better for them just a little bit, it's worth it." Thigpen is self employed in civilian life.

Earlier, the state health department had issued several health advisories including one that warned of the dangers of stagnant water which could breed diseases such as hepatitis and leptospirosis.

"I have instructed my men to wear safety gear to prevent them from getting into direct contact with these viral threats," said Staff Sgt. Dennis Vigue, a platoon Sgt. with the 227th Engineering Detachment. "Rubber gloves and protective masks are being issued to all personnel in order to ensure safety," he said.

With that, the soldiers and airmen took to the highways and byways to help residents with a variety of events including picking up debris and shoveling away mud.

"We are so grateful to these men and women who are helping us out today," said Nanakuli resident Jennie Donner. Donner's home was one of the many devastated by the floods. "Just seeing them come out and help people they don't know, that touches us. That's the real spirit of aloha."

"We definitely needed the help," said Quinn Robinson, whose home is located right next to the Hakimo Bridge. "The water was gushing so bad, it over flowed and came into my yard and brought everything from everywhere. We tried to clean as much as we could, it was just too much for us," he said.

## New Commander at 29th SIB

The citizen soldiers of the 29th Infantry Brigade, (Separate), Hawaii Army National Guard got a new commander in a ceremony on the lawn of the 29th Brigade Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Sunday, November 3, 1996. Col. Dennis A. Kamimura (back to camera) receives the brigade guidon from Maj. Gen Edward V. Richardson while Brig. Gen. Edward L. Correa, Jr. observes.

Col. Kamimura takes command of one of the country's 15 enhanced readiness brigades with its units located on Oahu, Maui, Kauai Hawaii, Molokai, Oregon, and California. He was formerly the commander of the 103rd Troop Command located near the Pearl City Industrial complex. Kamimura brings 27 years of military experience to his new assignment.

In his civilian job, he is the Licensing Administrator for the Division of Motor Vehicles and Licensing.

The outgoing Brigade commander is Brig. General Edward L. Correa, Jr., who became the commander of Hawaii's Army National Guard on August 11, 1996. Col. Glen I. Sakagawa assumes command of the 103rd Troop Command.





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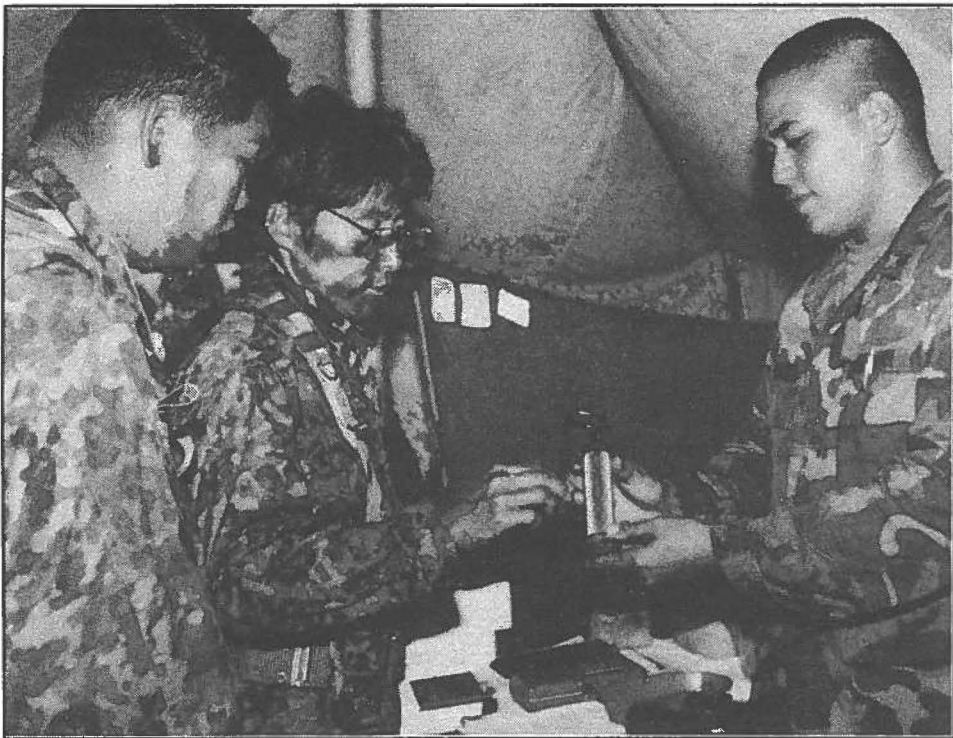


Photo by Sgt. Curtis Matsushige

**AND THIS IS** — Spec. Ernest Akiona of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, Hilo, a part-time teacher shows his medic counterparts of the Japan Ground Self Defense Force the Oto-ophthalmoscope. The instrument is used to examine the eyes and ear canal.

The units were briefed on safety, so leather gloves, sleeves down and use of an entrenching tool or shovel was the order. Some soldiers wore bandannas and scarves over their camouflaged faces to protect themselves from the unfriendly vegetation and the more hostile freezing cold that first greeted the soldiers the moment they arrived in Hijyudai.

During the functional training Hawaii Guardsmen and Japan Ground Self Defense Force, as the Japanese Army soldiers are called, met and trained together in the field environment. Each Hawaii National Guard company was teamed with a company of the 40th Infantry Regiment Japan's Western Army.

At first there was a language barrier, but as the soldiers worked together, communications between the soldiers improved.

"After all, we're infantry, and actions speak louder than words," said Spec. Edwin Rivers of Company D, anti-tank unit of Wahaiawa, Hawaii. Soldiers other's shared trained together in small unit tactics. Hawaii and Japanese units displayed their weaponry.

## "There was good terrain and awesome training"

Hawaii Army National Guardsmen from Hilo demonstrated the Dragon, a hand held missile similar in idea, but smaller than, the old bazookas of WWII.

Delta Company soldiers from Wahaiawa showed their skill on the TOW (Tube Launched, Optically Wire Guided) missile hitting two out-of-four bulls eye at about 5,000 meters: Not bad, considering they were using 20-year-old training ordinance. During meals, the soldiers exchanged foods and got to taste each other's rations. One Hawaii Guard soldier was surprised and happy to find Vienna sausage in the Japanese canned rations. The sausage was a little smaller, but the taste was right-on!

One fine example of bilateral training occurred on the last day of functional training. A mortar team made of Hawaii Army National Guard 2nd Battalion soldiers from the Big

Island, and Japan Ground Self Defense Force executed a fire mission sending high explosive rounds down range. The fire mission went well and both teams had a tremendous look of accomplishment on their faces.

"The Japanese are very disciplined," said SPC Cheyenne Perry of Headquarters and Headquarters Company from Milolii on the Big Island

The units marched back to base camp for one day of preparation and maintenance before returning to the field for the field training exercise or war games.

During the FTX, Hawaii Guard companies executed attack and defense maneuvers. The Japanese defended one flank and mixed light armor with their missile and infantry assets. Japanese combat engineers detonated large simulators, laid mine fields and constructed

## "We learned a lot from the Japanese and gained a lot of respect for the Japan Ground Self Defense Force"

obstacles and barriers.

A unique situation occurred during the war games. One platoon of the Hawaii Army National Guard was recruited into being the Opposition Forces, or OPFOR. The soldiers of Company D's TOW gunners dressed in dark greens and "fought" against their buddies.

To simulate realism, the soldiers wore MILES, or Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement Systems gear. The MILES system simulates shooting a weapon and soldiers wear detectors which register a laser hit.

Together, the units developed tactical and technical proficiency to a high level.

The Task Force was augmented by Hawaii National Guard teams from the 227th Engineers, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery FIST (Fire-in-support Teams), 29th Support Battalion, Medics from the 325th Army Reserve Field Hospital, and interpreters from the California



Photo by Sgt. Curtis Matsushige

**RIGHT THERE** — Cpl. Richards Simms of Company C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry from Maui shows his Japanese counterpart, Sgt. 1st Class Kazuyoshi Sadamatsu the ins and outs of the M203 Grenade Launcher at the VIP display at Camp Hijyudai in Kyushu, Japan.



Photo by Sgt. Curtis Matsushige

**SPECIAL EYES** — Sgt. Rodger Palaan of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry from Lihue, Kauai shows his Japanese counterpart Sgt. 1st Class Teruo Yonekura of the 19th Infantry Regiment his long eyes while Sgt. Lilipe Constante, also of Lihue, looks on. Sgt. Palaan is an electrician with Amfac Sugar Plantation and Sgt. Constante is a truck driver for Big Save markets.

National Guard and Utah Army Reserve.

Fort Lewis Regional Training Brigade provided evaluators and trainers, and Hawaii's 25th Infantry Division, based at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, provided a company of OPFOR soldiers.

"We learned a lot from the Japanese and gained a lot of respect for the Japan Ground Self Defense Force," said Lt. Col. Tamaye. "They demonstrated their discipline, are highly skilled and have a tremendous organization."

"Valuable lessons learned," said Lt. Col. Tamaye, "Coordination is a key, it must be done effectively so that we can support each other in time of need." He summarized the Orient Shield exercise by reemphasizing that the bilateral association does work and that training was accomplished without major injuries.

As Spec Fernando Fronda of Company C, warehouse worker from Kahului, Maui put it "There was good terrain and awesome training."

Another part of the bilateral training was the home visit. Soldiers participating, in Orient Shield were able to meet with Japanese citizens in Kyushu.

Hawaii Guardmembers were given the opportunity to have dinner in a Japanese home on the first and last days of the exercise. The comments of the soldiers and the host accentuated the value of the experience.

"The Japanese are different and nice," said Spec. Laureano Santiago, Company A from Kekaha, Kauai, a machinist with Amfac.

"It's something like Hawaiian style but more disciplined," said Spec. Jerome Akiona of Company C, Maui.

"I came to Japan and discovered the Aloha Spirit," said Command Sgt. Major Arthur W.K. Mandequit, TF Command Sgt. Major from the Big Island after a home visitation.

Many soldiers enjoyed their home visit so much, they wish they could return for a second visit. Families in turn requested that the Task Force soldiers stay beyond the allotted time.

The bilateral training with the Japan Ground Self Defense force was a successful and memorable experience from both the military and cultural aspect.

"I learned more this annual training than ever before," said Spec. Rey Cabico of Company A who lives in Hanamaulu, Kauai.

"The Japanese culture is good, the soldiers do good bilateral training and I would like to do this again," said Sgt. Janelito Corpuz of Company C from Lahaina, Maui, a building maintenance person for Kapalua Land Company.



# HIARNG's AVIM facility provides valuable service to military community

Story and photos by 1st Lt. Steve C. Lai

In an innovative move to secure the future of Army aviation for the Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG), aviation officials have capitalized on a unique combination of timing and events leading to the formation of HIARNG's Company B, 193rd Intermediate Aviation Maintenance (AVIM) facility. It has the distinction of being the only Army National Guard AVIM in America with a non-division support mission to active component helicopters. In this case, the 25th Infantry Division and 45th Support Group helicopters.

"In fact, the AVIM supports all Army helicopters in Hawaii," said Captain Benedict Fuata, commander, B Company, 193rd Aviation, located at Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF#1), Wheeler Army Airfield. The concept bridges the gap between the active component and HIARNG and solidifies the "Total Force" concept.

"We are here to service the active component," he said.

The benefits from this active component/

HIARNG benefits from jobs created. The AVIM and its staff positions are fully-funded by the active component. The unit is currently staffed by 27 full-time technicians and staff support.

Missions with the active Army provide experience in actual mission requirements and more hands-on experience, training that carries over to the unit's inactive duty training mission. During drill the AVIM's mission is to provide support for the Combat Enhanced Capability Aviation Team (CECAT), Reconnaissance and Interdiction Detachment (RAID), and C Company (Medium Lift) 193rd Aviation. The AVIM provides maintenance support above Aviation Unit Maintenance (AVUM) and below depot level repairs.

Lt. Col. Orian Peterson, director of AASF #1, credits Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state adjutant general, for supporting plans to bolster the future of Army aviation in the Hawaii National Guard. In September 1995, Peterson realized a combination of events were occurring that would adversely impact the manning strength and perhaps the future of the 193rd.

Wheels started turning when word got to Peterson that the U.S. Army's E Company, 214th AVIM (corp), at Wheeler was soon to



**THESE ARE THE HEART OF THE BLACKHAWK**—Specialist Joe Coltes (R), Engine Mechanic for the HIARNG's B Co. 1/1 93 explains engine work he is performing to Capt. Benedict Fuata, commander of the unit.



**ROTARY WINGS**—Sgt. Michael Pray (L), and Spc. Warnee Bagay, Aircraft Mechanics of HIARNG's B Co. 1/1 93 perform end-of-phase maintenance checks on a CH-47 of the U.S. Army's 25th Infantry Division.

HIARNG arrangement works both ways. The active Army receives continuity because National Guard personnel do not rotate to other duty stations and can therefore provide a consistently high-level of maintenance because of low personnel turnover. The

be downsized. Realizing the HIARNG would not be acquiring Apache helicopters for an Attack Aviation Battalion, and that 500 mobilization day (inactive duty training (IDT)) soldier positions could be lost, he formulated a plan to invigorate Army Guard aviation

mission requirements that would allow HIARNG aviation at Wheeler to pick up where the active component was reducing its forces.

The AVIM takes on what C Company, 25th AVIM, the 25th Division's own maintenance facility, considers as overload. The HIARNG AVIM also fills-in where there is a lack of expertise, equipment, or personnel in the active component. It is estimated that the conversion from active component to National Guard cuts tax payer costs by \$21 million per year.

Mission requirements on the AVIM enables the flexibility of training dates which enhances retention. "The unit can accommodate soldiers on any given weekend with split training and year around annual training who may have conflicting personal or job commitments," Fuata said.

"This ability to accommodate results from the fact that the AVIM has a consistent work load from the active component."

On April 15 through June 5, 1996, five members of Company B, 193rd Aviation deployed to Thailand to participate in Operation Cobra Gold supporting the 68th Medical Detachment.

"This was a chance to participate in realistic aero-medical support mission (training)scenarios," said Staff Sgt. Larry Schuster, of Maili Kai, head inspector and full-time technician. Schuster credits "a sense

of urgency" and the ability of his soldiers to adjust to a foreign environment. The exercise was a valuable opportunity to integrate with the active Army. It proved that "HIARNG personnel are ready and willing." Company B, 193rd is planning to participate in a number of missions in FY97. Deploying overseas with the active component gave the AVIM soldiers a chance to show their counterparts what they could do.

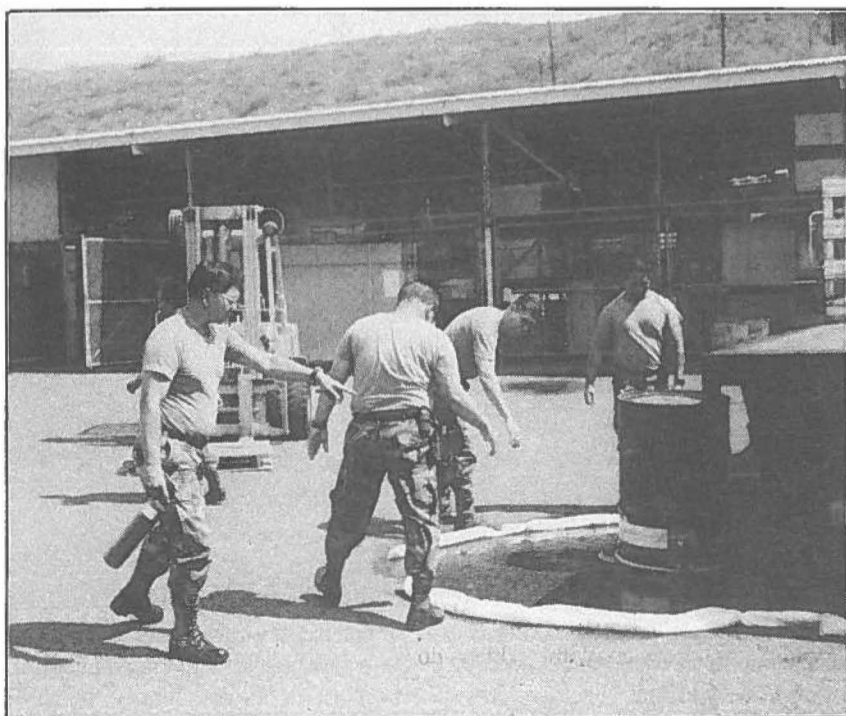
"We work harder to dispel the myth that National Guard personnel are less trained, and less motivated than our active component counterparts," explained Staff Sgt. Jay Higa, electronics mechanic.

"I was skeptical at first, but they came through very well," said Capt. Bob Bolton, commander for the deployment and executive officer for the 68th Medical Detachment (RG).

"They (AVIM personnel) were pushing all things aside to get the job done."

Another soldier offered this explanation; "We have no training distractions," said Schuster. Unlike the active component personnel who must perform soldier training, i.e. common task training, junior leadership training, and non-aviation maintenance details; "all AVIM personnel use the time in a given work day to concentrate strictly on the job."

If, overtime, the AVIM concept takes root as current indications show, it may someday become adopted by other states.



## Hazardous Material - Guard members trained to respond

In meeting compliance with Army regulations, the HIARNG environmental office initiated a hazardous material incidental spill response exercise. The spill scenario allowed personnel to practice spill response to quantities generally less than 55 gallons.

The spill drill was held in conjunction with the on-site refresher training on initial response to hazmat incidents conducted on Oahu, Hilo, Maui, and Kauai during the month of September.

The fire department's first responders were invited to observe the drill, introduce themselves to unit leaders, and performed a pre-emergency plan of HIARNG maintenance and aviation facilities. Their participation provided an excellent opportunity to develop a better working relationship towards mitigating hazmat emergencies and understanding the response capabilities of each facility.

Training was completed by 212 Federal and State employees, including Air Guard personnel on the neighbor islands.

**IT'S A WHOPPER!** — Hawaii Army National Guard members (L-R) Spec. Gary Costales, Command Sgt. Maj. Francisco Latorre, Jr., Sgt. Carty Raquedan, Sgt. 1st Class Leslie Yamamoto, Spec. Albert Makanani, and Master Sgt. Al Wong hurry to contain a simulated spill when this 55 gallon drum "fell" off its pallet while being loaded on a flatbed truck. The exercise was an annual awareness refresher course on hazardous waste operations and emergency response, or HAZWOPER.



# Hawaii Air National Guard



Brig. Gen. Dwight M. Kealoha  
Commander, HIANG

## MELE KALIKIMAKA and HAOULI MAKAHIKI HOU!

1996 has been a busy and fast paced year for all of the HIANG. We more than fulfilled our state and federal missions this year thanks to the superb performance of our people.

Our units have been all over the world contributing in a multitude of ways. We have people still deployed to Taszar, Hungary supporting Operation Joint Endeavor. Our communicators have supported exercises in Thai-

land and Korea demonstrating their flexibility and expertise. Our flying units have patrolled the no-fly zone in Northern Iraq, sat alert in Iceland, supported NATO forces in Germany and Italy, and provided airlift service throughout the Pacific. Our people were on the leading edge in training active duty flyers. This was no small feat, as three of our squadrons are still striving to achieve full operational readiness status, one is transitioning to assume a larger mission, and one will

be drawdown. Another is still awaiting formal word on its future within the Air Guard. And if that wasn't enough we also went through a Quality Air Force Assessment and an Initial Response Readiness Exercise.

When the call came to help our local communities on the Leeward coast, our people didn't hesitate. We had more volunteers than needed to help make Operation Kokua a success for the people of Maili, Waianae, and Makaha. In so doing our people demonstrated their

flexibility to take on any mission, federal or state, and perform in an outstanding manner.

We celebrated the HIANG's golden anniversary in November. 50 years of excellence! We honored the retirees who built the HIANG and established its credibility. Today our people reinforce that credibility and reputation through their performance. As we told our retirees, the HIANG is in great hands with today's guardsmen and women.

So please take the time to

think back over the past year. Remember those who serve and have served. Take time to tell your families how important they are; reinforce friendships on and away from the job. It's our time to be thankful that we live in the greatest nation, best state, and belong to a wonderful ohana the Hawaii Air National Guard!

**WISHING ALL OF  
YOU JOYOUS, HAPPY,  
AND SAFE HOLIDAYS  
AND ONLY THE BEST  
FOR 1997!**

## Hawaii Air National Guard supports Desert Strike deployment

During Operation Desert Strike, KC-135 tankers, flight crews and maintenance personnel from the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron (203 ARS), Hawaii Air National Guard, stood 24-hour alert at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, to assist with the rapid movement of U.S. Air Force aircraft to the Persian Gulf region.

On September 11, 1996, the Pentagon announced that F-117A Stealth Fighters and B-52 bombers, capable of carrying air-launched cruise missiles, were deploying to the Persian Gulf region in response to an Iraqi missile attack against two U.S. Air Force F-16s flying over the northern no-fly zone. That night, two KC-135 tankers from the 203 ARS, were called into action to help get U.S. forces into position as quickly as possible. On very short notice, the tankers were scrambled to refuel two B-52H bombers transiting from Barksdale AFB, Louisiana, to Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean. The late night rendezvous, east of Hawaii, enabled the B-52s to fly non-stop to Diego Garcia within striking distance of southern Iraq. The next morning, one 203 ARS tanker got airborne to refuel a C-141 transport carrying a support package for the deploying B-52s that came through the night before.

The "air bridge" across the Pacific Ocean, provided by the 203 ARS, saves the U.S. Air Force valuable time and expense by enabling aircraft to fly from the U.S. mainland directly to Asia and points further west.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Wayne Pontes  
**ORIGINAL AIR GUARD MEMBERS** — Jubilation filled the air at the Hawaii Air National Guard's 50th anniversary, Nov. 16, 1996, Sheraton Waikiki, as some of the airmen who were part of the HIANG's inception gathered for the festivities. Present were: COL. Walter Judd, Chief Master Sgt. Robert Choi, Maj. George Harris, Lt. Col. George Duncan, Maj. Paul Duvachelle, Lt. Col. Russel Smith, and Senior Master Sgt. Richard Lee.



## Wind beneath my wings

Hawaii Army and Air National Guard members of B Company, 193rd Aviation (Medium Lift) and the 291st Combat Communication Squadron, respectively, performed a joint training operation 19-20 September, 1996, at Keaukaha Military Reservation, Hilo, to practice the interoperability of using the Army CH-47 Chinook to sling load large Air Guard communication equipment.

117th PAT photo by Sgt. Thomas Sites.

## Tice Promoted to Brigadier General

Brig. Gen. Michael H. Tice, commander of the 154th Wing, Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG), received his one-star rank during a pinning ceremony at the State Capitol, Oct. 29, 1996. Hawaii's newest general was pinned by Gov. Benjamin Cayetano, Commander in Chief of the Hawaii National Guard, and Tice's wife, Joanne. Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, State Adjutant General, presided over the ceremony.

Tice, 53, has served as the commander of the 154th Wing, headquartered at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, since December 3, 1989. His promotion to Brig. Gen. was effective Sept. 25, 1996.

The 154th Wing is a six-time recipient of the Air Force

Outstanding Unit Award. The 154th has deployed (twice) to Incirlik, Air Base, Turkey for "Operation Provide Comfort 11", patrolling the northern no-fly zone of Iraq; to Pisa, Air Base, Italy for "Operation Deny Flight", refueling NATO aircraft patrolling the no-fly zone of Bosnia; and participated in "Operation Desert Strike", cruise missile strikes in Iraq, in September 1996.

Brig. Gen. Tice graduated from Punahou School in 1961 and graduated from the University of Oregon in 1965. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Hawaii Air National Guard in 1967. His assignments have included 154th Fighter Interceptor Group Chief of Standardization Evaluation, 199th

Tactical Fighter Squadron Assistant Operations Officer, and the 199th Tactical Fighter Squadron Operations Officer. Tice is a Command Pilot and has accumulated 3,900 hours of tactical fighter flying time during his career in the HIANG, 900 of which are in the F-15. His military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster; Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster; and Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

He is married to the former Joanne Rising, from Maul, a high school and college classmate. They have two children, Marc and Kimberly.



**FIRST STAR** -- Brig. Gen. Michael H. Tice was pinned his new rank by governor Benjamin J. Cayetano in a ceremony attended by his wife Joanne, mother Wilma, and Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson.



# Quality Notes



**Lt. Col. Fred Fogel**  
Quality Advisor

During the months of December and January the Hawaii Air National Guard will participate in a nation-wide survey of organizational culture and leadership. The Air National Guard's Productivity and Quality Center developed the survey in 1996. One of the 201st Communications Group's very own, Capt Wes Forgey, was instrumental in formatting the survey for electronic distribution. The HIANG will use the Local Area Network to launch the survey and collect response data. No forms, no #2 pencils, no manual data entry!

The culture part of the survey measures the way people in the organization generally think and act, and how the organization operates. The leadership part of the survey focuses in five areas: environment, job satisfaction, mission, communications and quality. Participation voluntary and all responses confidential.

ANG/PQ will compile the data and distribute national results to all states. Around the same time each year the survey will return for a repeat performance. The intent is to make this an integral part of the DoD improvement effort. Deployment in other DoD divisions is strictly voluntary, but the HIARNG is reviewing the possibilities. Mahalo to all the participants and the leaders who will make changes in response to the results.

## New Contracting and Engineering Officer

The State DOD welcomes Lt. Col. (Ret.) Joe Ah New to his new position as Contracting and Engineering Officer. Joe was formerly an engineer with the Department of Transportation Airports Division. He also flew the F-4 Phantom and was a former commander for the 199th Fighter Squadron. His interests include: Golf, Little League coaching, and is an avid UH athletics fan. Joe, his wife Barbara, and his family reside in Kaneohe.



# Family Support Program



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

My first nine months as the State Family Program Coordinator has flown by, but with the Adjutant General's guidance and tremendous volunteer support, many positive things have been happening with the Hawaii National Guard's Family Program. I would like to recap what has been going on and what plans we have for the coming year.

Newcomers Briefs are being held every few months for the 154th Wing and 201st CCS, HIANG, which are excellent forums

for presenting the Family Program to new members of the units. Pre-MOB Family Support briefings for HIARNG units that requested them in June and July and during Family Days during December drill were also effective ways to keep the family as well as the unit members informed of what happens during and how to prepare for mobilizations and deployments.

The Family Program State Team participated in the Makani Pahili hurricane exercise and Guard Lift '96 in May. Family Support Group members volunteer to help Recruiting & Retention personnel staff the Family Assistance Centers activated during state disasters for deploying Guard members and help keep all Guard family members informed. Guard Lift '96 gave the State Team an opportunity, along with employers of 2-299 Infantry Battalion Army Guard members, to see the unit in action during their Annual Training. The "hands-on" demonstrations with the MILES equipment and range firing with the M16 had several of the spouses and employers ready to sign up for more exciting training!

The State Team participated in the National Guard Bureau Regional Training Workshop in Denver, Colorado and Na Koa Ku Makani, a drug-free family day, both in August; they worked diligently to prepare for the Family Program Annual Conference in September and provided their volunteer efforts on the decorations committee for the HIANG 50 celebration. Certain members also volunteered for the Sesquicentennial Celebration of Washington Place.

The Family Program hosts monthly meetings of the State Team, allowing all island representatives to meet on a regular basis and plan upcoming events for the State. These team members are all dedicated volunteers who give of their personal time and special innovative efforts that go "above and beyond" to help ensure the Family Program is a success. My heartfelt thanks go out to all the State Team members: Jo Anne Yamamoto, head volunteer; Yvonne Landreth (Army), Liz Santa Ana (Army) and Joyce Silva (Air), Oahu representatives; Marilyn Tolentino (Air), Hawaii representative;

Bobbie Agena (Air), Kauai representative; Kanani Kahalehoe, Maui/Molokai representative; and past head volunteers, Cheri Mandaquit and Liz Taga. Master Sgt. Rose Vendiola, represents Air Guard Retention, and Senior Master Sgt. Carl Simmons represents the Air Guard Recruiting. Lieutenant Col. Stan Keolanui and Staff Sgt. Palmyra Hethcote represent the Army Guard Recruiting & Retention office. A special thanks additionally goes out to Mrs. Cecilia Richardson, Mrs. Gail Imai, and Mrs. Johanna Correa for their support of and participation with the State Team as key command spouses.

Parent to Parent Training with the Drug Demand Reduction (DDR) staff and the Family Program has been an enlightening and rewarding experience. The DDR staff, Capt. Tamah-Lani Nakamoto, 2nd Lt. Manny Carlos, Tech. Sgt. Kathy Fritz and Staff Sgt. Alan Bergeson, has been instrumental in involving the Family Program in this important and vital training. Classes are ongoing on Oahu and neighbor islands, helping to educate Guard families and the community on family and drug reduction issues. Contact the Family Program office at 732-1823 or the DDR office at 733-4230 for more information on upcoming class dates and times.

Family Team Building is another dynamic course of training also available to Guard Families and units. In keeping with the readiness need to keep our families educated and informed, not only in support of the Guard but in their everyday lives, this program provides training for a way of life that prepares everyone to function at their highest level, in any situation, with minimal outside support. It is designed to help improve personal and family preparedness which enhances the overall Hawaii National Guard readiness. Three levels of training, encompassing newcomers to the HING as well as those with years of HING experience, are presented in approximately 50 hours of informative and interactive classes. These classes can be scheduled to meet unit training schedules and should incorporate the Family Support Groups. We can also "train the trainer" and create certified trainers down to the unit level to facilitate these classes. College credit is obtainable for both students and facilitators, as an added incentive for volunteers who want to become more informed and involved. Contact the Family Program office at 732-1823 for more information on how you can get your unit and family members on the road to readiness and self-sufficiency as part of the Hawaii National Guard Team!

The Family Program Annual Conference held 14-15 Sept. '96 at the Outrigger Prince Kuhio, Waikiki was a successful two days of information, keynote speakers, and workshops to promote the Hawaii National Guard Family Program. The next conference is scheduled for 19-20 April 1997. Please pass any issues you would like addressed during this conference to your Family Support Group key volunteers or unit points of contact so that we may be sure to cover all issues.

## Hui Laulima:

### Family of Helping Hands



Registration packets and further information will be coming to units and key volunteers sometime in late January 1997.

Helping to meet the needs of the family member is an important part of the everyday quality of life for the soldiers and airmen in the Hawaii National Guard. A Financial Readiness Council, a Vocational Resource Listing and tutorial services are just a few ways the Family Program in conjunction with the Hawaii National Guard Association, the Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association and the Ordnance Training Brigade are working to better the quality of life for our Guardsmen and their families.

Families are such key part of the Hawaii National Guard Team! If you haven't already checked out your unit's Family Support Group or if you need help in getting your family support program energized, call me at 732-1823 or from the neighbor islands at 1-800-732-6964. You Can make a difference!

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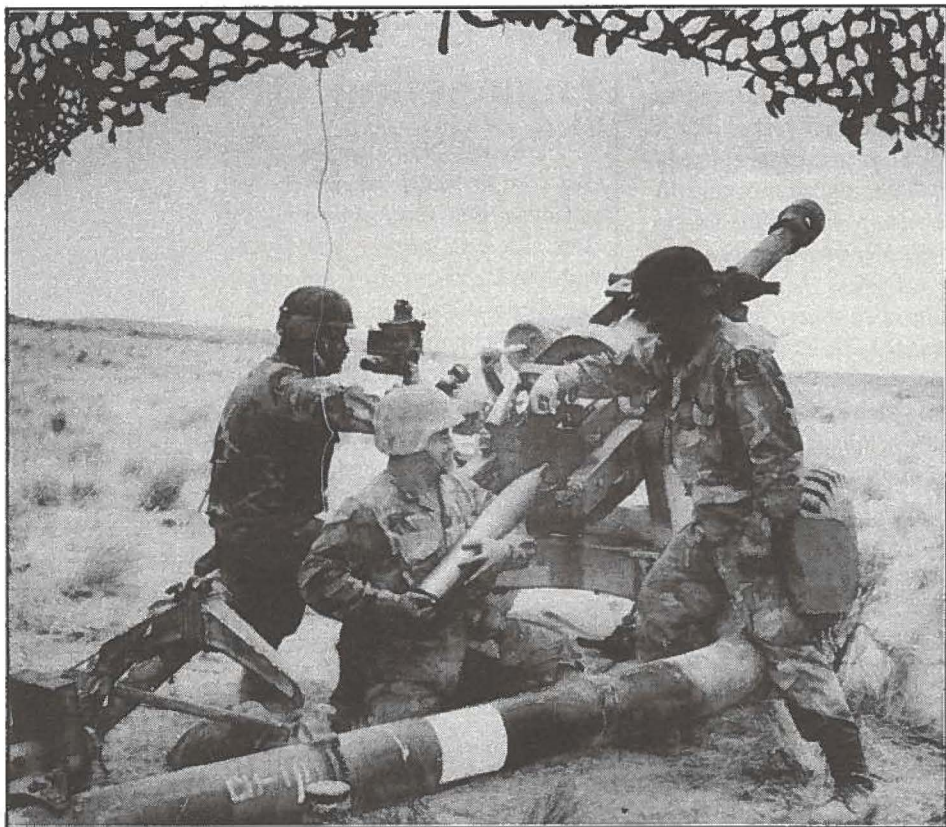
Working to meet the needs of the family member through the Family Program is a high priority of our Adjutant General. A Financial Readiness Council, a Vocational Resource Listing and a Tutorial Program are just a few of the services he has authorized the Family Program to participate in. The Hawaii National Guard Association, the Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association and the Ordnance Training Brigade will be working in concert with the Family Program to help ensure these programs are a success.

All these programs and events planned for this coming fiscal year can work to accomplish a better quality of life for the soldiers and airmen of the Hawaii National Guard. Families are such key part of the Hawaii National Guard Team! If you haven't already checked out your unit's Family Support Group or if you need help in getting your family support program energized, call me at 732-1823 or from the neighbor islands at 1-800-732-6964. You Can make a difference!

**"Many positive things have been happening with the Hawaii National Guard's Family Program."**



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**FIRE MISSION**—Members of the 1st Battalion 487th Field Artillery's Charlie Battery prepare to load an HE (high explosive) round into their 105mm howitzer during a live fire mission. Loading the round is Pfc. Tiai Matau (center) while Pfc. Tala Atimalamala (right) opens the breech. The gunner (left) is Pfc. Willie Uivaa.



**AMMO MAN (R)** — Sgt. Curtis Miyashiro, a member of Charlie Battery of the 1st Battalion, 487th Infantry, readies another 105 mm HE round for his gun crew. Miyashiro is one of 240 Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers participating in annual training exercises at the Yakima Training Center in Washington State.

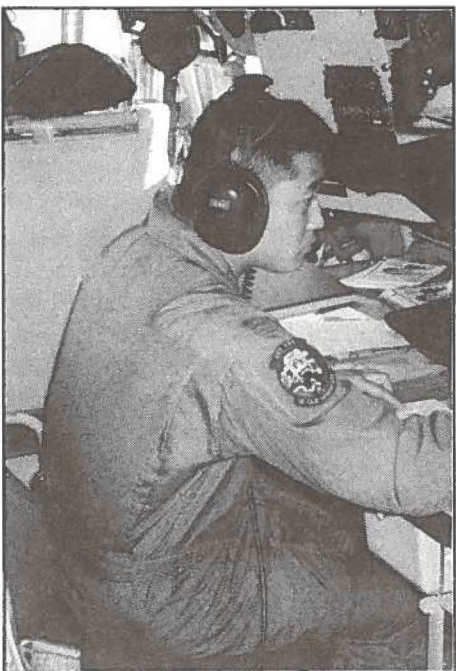


**PUTTING ON WAR PAINT (above)**—1st Lt. Robert Isidro, a member of the 1st Battalion 487th Field Artillery applies camouflage paint to Herbert Yim, Administrator for the Lanai Community Hospital. Looking on is Mike Zablan, Assistant Fire Chief for the Honolulu Fire Department. Yim and Zablan are participating in the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Bosslift to visit the field artillery unit as they train at the Yakima Training Center in Washington State.

117th PAT photos by Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha.

## HING participates in Cope Thunder

Story and photo by Sgt. Jim Young



**KC-135NAVIGATOR**—2nd Lieutenant Scott S. Oka helps keep his aircraft on course on the way to Eielson AFB, Alaska.

Airman from the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron (203 ARS) and 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron (169th ACWS), Hawaii Air National Guard and soldiers from the Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Platoon, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) deployed in July to Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska for "Cope Thunder" exercises.

Cope Thunder provides a realistic training environment that simulates the first few weeks of a major war-time contingency. Soldiers and airman are put to the test, training up to 12-16 hours per day under simulated combat conditions. The 203 ARS deployed to Alaska with three KC-135 tanker aircraft and 63 personnel. The ADA platoon deployed with 34 soldiers.

Flying an average of four missions per day, the 203rd ARS tankers refueled US

Air Force, Navy, Marine, and multi-national fighter aircraft for the exercise.

The 203rd routinely provides aerial refueling services for the Air National Guard and for virtually all types of US Air Force, Navy and Marine fixed-wing aircraft.

While in Alaska, the air defense platoon trained in a field environment with its Stinger anti-aircraft missiles. If called to active-duty during a war or other contingency, the mission of the ADA would be to shoot down incoming enemy aircraft using the shoulder-mounted Stinger missile system.

"Training under these conditions is very important for our airmen. Cope Thunder provided a critical tactical training for our crews enhancing their ability to survive and operate in a tactical air combat environment," said Lt. Col.

"Skip" Vincent, 203rd commander.

"During this Cope Thunder, 203rd mission planners ran the tanker operations for the entire exercise. This is the first time a visiting unit has done that. According to Cope Thunder cadre, tanker operations planning was outstanding and effective. Both cadre and 203rd mission planners gained valuable experience which contributes to our combat capability," said Lt. Col. Vincent.

"Here in Alaska, we have been doing a lot of air defenses for different positions, and have been receiving realistic training with the Air Force and the foreign air forces. We have been doing live tracking, simulated engagements with the Stinger weapon systems and actually doing Stinger missions," said Spc. Joshua Hale, ADA platoon gunner.

## 487th Field Artillery trains at Yakima Training Center

Story and photo by Spec. Jonathan Shiroma

More than 240 soldiers of the Hawaii Army National Guard's 1st Battalion 487th Field

Artillery took to the ranges of the Yakima Training Center, Washington on Saturday, June 15th, for their two weeks of annual training (AT).

Located on the eastern slopes of the Cascade Mountain Range and the banks of the Columbia River, the Yakima Training Center is used by active and reserve units for artillery, armor and infantry training.

"The Yakima range was chosen because of its unique terrain features not found in Hawaii," said Lt. Col. Bruce Spear, commander of the 487th's four battery units based in Wahiawa, Oahu.

"For many of our soldiers, Hawaii train-

ing sites like the Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA) on the Big Island have become all too familiar," he added.

Spear explains that this poses a problem because soldiers have memorized land features and do not use their navigational skills.

"This training opportunity will broaden our versatility if and when we are called to defend our country."

The mission of the 487th at this AT was to sharpen their firing skills with the British made 105mm Howitzer cannon that they received last year.

With more than 260,000 acres of land, the Yakima Training Center provides a vast area for units like the 487th to fire their cannons.

The Hawaii soldiers returned to their families and their civilian jobs on Saturday, June 29th.

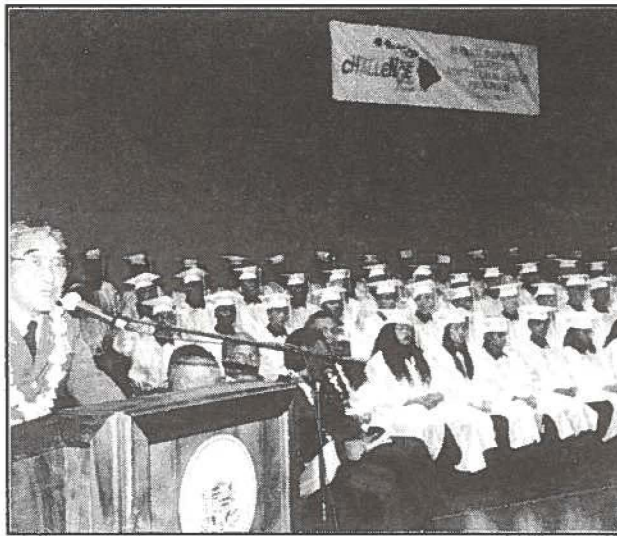


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## DOD Manager of the year



Lt. Col. Edwin Miyahira was chosen by the State Department of Defense as its nominee for state Manager of the Year. Miyahira commands the 203rd Air Lift Squadron. He was chosen from among his peers for consistently meeting or exceeding the heavy load of requirements placed on his unit. An awards ceremony was presented by Governor Benjamin J. Cayetano and Lieutenant Governor Mazie Hirono at the State Capital to recognize candidates from the other participating departments. James Iha was the recipient of the Adjutant General's award for distinguished state service.



ITS A NEW BEGINNING -- for 70 Corpsmembers of Youth Challenge Class 96-4 as they partipate in commencement exercises at Leeward Community College, July 26, 1996. This was also the last graduating class headed by Col. (ret) James Y. Iha (left), Director, prior to his much deserved retirement.

11 7th PAT photo by Sgt. 1 st Class Wayne Iha



## Respiratory Protection Training

At least three million American workers wear respirators on the job everyday; yet, workers suffer 66,500 severe exposures to airborne hazardous substances each year. These exposures can lead to skin irritation, loss of vision, permanent respiratory damage, cancer, heart disease, and other chronic illness.

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To prevent these illnesses and injuries, the HIARNG Safety and Occupational Health Office contracted the services of Ms. Lynn L. Lonzanida of the U.S. Army Center for Health, Promotion and Preventive Medicine Activity, Aurora, Colorado. Ms. Lonzanida was in town to conduct a series of "Train the Trainer" courses for federal and state ground and aviation full-time staff managers, foremen and supervisors and refresher training courses for federal and state employees who are required to wear a respirator.

The courses covered hazardous atmospheres one may face on the job, respirator types and selection, the HIARNG's written respiratory protection plan, medical evaluation, fit-testing, respiratory maintenance, inspection, decontamination, storage and recordkeeping.

## Karaoke Competition



Singers from the Hawaii Army and Air National Guard squared off in a head-to-head competition on KITV's Hawaii Stars, which aired Sunday, August 25. Singing their hearts out for the judges were Staff Sgt. Lambert Lum, Sgt. Nolan Santa Ana, and Spc. Samuel Hesch of the Army and, Tech. Sgt. Blane Kato, and Staff Sgts. David Heuliff and Allison Bruce-Maldonado warbled for the Air Guard. The Army Guard took home the over-all winner's trophy. Doing it his way is Sgt. Nolan Santa Ana, a percussionist, guitarist and arranger for the 111th Army Band.

Photo by Capt. Charles Anthony

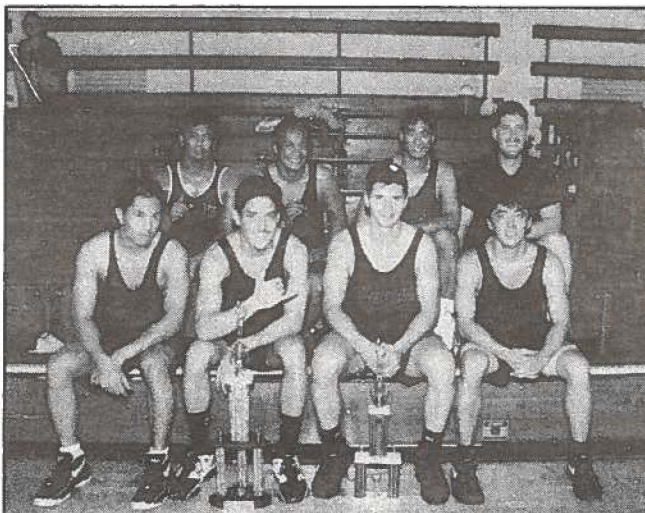


CHANGE OF COMMAND—Brig. Gen. Eugene Imai passes the HIARNG guidon to State Command Sgt. Major James Kahalehoe during a change of command ceremony on the HHC Brigade lawn Aug. 11, 1996. Maj. Gen Edward V. Richardson observes as Brig. Gen Edward L. Correa Jr. assumes command of the HIARNG.

117th PAT photo by Sgt. 1 st Class Wayne Iha



A FIRM FOUNDATION – The Hawaii Army National Guard's 227th Engineer Detachment uses heavy machinery, September 21-22, 1996, to move earth at Waiawa Correctional Facility to assist in the preparation of a concrete foundation and subsequent tent structure to house additional inmates. Governor Cayetano directed the facility to increase capacity, adding 50 beds and a drug treatment program.



HING BASKETBALL TOURNAY CHAMPS - Weapons on target: Members of the Hawaii Air National Guard's winning basketball team soak in the lime light at Ft. Ruger gym, October 19, 1996 after theydefated the soldiers of the Army Guard team with a flurry of well place shots to take the HING trophy.

HING photo by Sgt. Thomas Sites



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## 29th Infantry Brigade (S) conducts July AT

No one needs to tell the soldiers of the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) it was a hot summer. Soldiers in both Hawaii and California performed their maneuvers across 'tierra caliente' in temperatures fluctuating in the 90s. The heat and humidity, though, didn't put a damper on spirits for Hawaii's Army Guard members during Annual Training 1996.

An addition to the 29th SIB, under the enhanced brigade configuration, is the 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry located in Modesto, California. A handful of soldiers from Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 29th SIB were on hand to participate in the training July 13-27 in the dry and dusty expanses of Ft. Hunter-Liggett, California. "The conditions here are a good preparation for JRTC (Joint Readiness Training Center)," said Master Sgt. Aloysius Witzell, NCOIC of the Brigade Tactical Command Post (TAC.) "I'm very proud of the support we've provided for these exercises and the



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Wayne Iha, 117th PAT

**SPINNING A WIREY WEB**—Sgt. Ernesto Nicolas, of the 227th Engineer Company, unrolls barbed wire used to help protect the battalion tactical operations center (TOC).

level of involvement that we participated in."

Meanwhile, back on Oahu, the soldiers of HHC, 29th SIB set up their Tactical Operations Center (TOC) at McCarthy Flats, Schofield Barracks to participate in a Command Post Exercise (CPX) with the 25th Infantry Division. The CPX is designed to develop the Brigade's organizational and operating efficiency at all levels of command. Battlefield information is collected at the TOC and presented to the brigade commander who provides guidance in the execution of the decisions and orders process.

The Army Guard's 227th Engineers (Combat) were also in force at Schofield Barracks during AT'96. The engineers started their AT with a course in drown-proofing at the Schofield Barracks pool and culminated with platoon level missions in minefield breaching and tank ditches.

"The highlight of our AT was platoon level training with the Readiness Training Division (RTD) and the Readiness Group," said SFC Ian Ross, full-time readiness NCO for the 227th Engineers.

The HIARNG's 29th Support Battalion deployed to Mokuleia on July 20 which meant two weeks of hard-core tactical exercises.

Located on the northern end of Oahu, Mokuleia is known for its beautiful beaches, polo matches, hang-gliding and parachuting adventures. That, however, was not the Mokuleia the soldiers came to know as they participated in their AT. Instead, the soldiers took to the bush near Dillingham Airfield to do combat with the enemy which included not only the Opposing Forces (OPFOR) but insects



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Wayne Iha

**FIELD EXERCISES**—Specs. George Salunga, of Wahiawa and Christopher Pierce, of Kailua provides perimeter security for the 29th SIB TOC during AT'96, McCarthy Flats, Schofield Barracks.

and the sweltering summer heat.

"All told, we have over 300 soldiers participating in this AT," said Sgt. 1st Class Mark Dela Cruz, a full-time Guard member of the battalion's Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC). "I would say that everyone is functioning very well and I see a lot of motivated individuals giving their all for training."

With paratroopers and beachgoers just a stone's throw away, it would seem that the distractions would be great, however, the soldiers of this battalion kept their mission in



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Wayne Iha, 117th PAT

**WE STOP THE ENEMY HERE**—Sgt. 1st Class Harold W. Doe, Battle NCO for the 29th Infantry Brigade (S) updates battle data to Lt. Col. James Cavaco, the brigade S-3, at field training exercises, AT-'96.

mind and that was to complete a successful two-weeks of AT.

"We have to make the most of our two weeks on the field," said Spc. Mario A. Cabigon also with the HHC. "Unlike our active-duty counterparts, we don't have months and months to go over our skills and that is why we try to really stay focused on what we are out here for." In civilian life, Cabigon works at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. The 29th Support Battalion's primary mission is to backup infantry units in the field. This includes providing food, transportation, medical and communication support. One section that had its work cut out for it was the battalion's Alpha water section. They provided all of the drinking water for this AT by

drawing salt water from the ocean and desalinizing it for consumption.

According to Company A's (water section) Sgt. Thomas Rodrigues, who works for

Catholic Services for the Elderly in his civilian life, the section draws water from the ocean off of Mokuleia Beach and sends it through a filtering system to take out the salt. It is then stored in a rubber tubelike storage tank and sent back into the filtering system for a second time.

"If we were drawing water from a fresh water source, it wouldn't take this long," says Rodrigues, "but since it is from a saltwater source, just to be sure, we send the water through the system a second time." After the salt is removed, the water is ready to drink.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Wayne Iha, 117th PAT

**EMERGENCY FLOATATION**—Sgt. Joselito Boxa (L) and Sgt. Marshall Tokuda of the HIARNG's 227th Engineer Co. inflate their BDU trousers to use as field expedient floatation devices during a water survival course at the Schofield Barracks pool.

"In the course of 24-hours, we can produce up to 6,000 gallons of fresh water," said Spc. Ely Macadangang who is employed by the City and County of Honolulu's Wastewater Management Department outside of Guard duty. "With the water-buffaloes coming in and taking 500 gallons at a time, we have our work cut out for us," he says. Despite that, Macadangang explains that he and five other soldiers are keeping up with the water demands.

On the communications end of the battalion, HHC Signal Officer 1st Lt. Henry N. Sakata says all systems have been running smoothly.

"We haven't had many problems communicating via the tactical operations center," (TOC) says Sakata.

The 29th Support Battalion soldiers finished their AT on August 3.



**MORTAR MAN**—Spec. Peterson Nunez of Mortar Platoon, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry readies his mortar prior to firing. Nunez is a truck driver for Cypriano Trucking in Waimea.



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## Picnic and fun part of HING plan to promote drug-free living

Story and photo by 1st Lt. Steve C. Lai

The Hawaii National Guard's Counterdrug Support (CDS) and Drug Demand Reduction (DDR) programs invited all members of the Army and Air National Guard to participate in an extravaganza called "Na Koa Ku Makani," Saturday, Aug. 24, Bellows Air Force Station, Waimanalo.

The event featured live entertainment with guest appearances by Frank Delima, George Kuo, Joanie Komatsu, Kimo Kahoano, and a host of other local entertainers. Fun, sun, and free food

were also provided courtesy of the Guard. Translated, "Na Koa Ku Makani" means "Warrior standing against the wind." "What it really means is the Guard against drugs," said Lt. Col. Gervin Miyamoto, Counterdrug Coordinator. The wind symbolizes the adversity of drugs, he said. "The event is an effort to recognize Guard and family commitment against drugs," he added.

This event is one of several awareness activities conceived by Miyamoto as a way to combat drugs in the ranks. It is also an indication of the direction that Miyamoto brings to his new position as counterdrug coordinator. Prior to coming aboard in March, Miyamoto served 25 years with the Honolulu Police Department and was involved in several areas there including: SWAT, narcotics/vice, criminal investigation, and the organized crime unit. His last assignment was serving as assistant to Honolulu Chief of Police Michael Nakamura.

"I'm very community oriented," said the 1971 Hawaii Military Academy Officer Candidate School graduate. Miyamoto began his military career in 1968 when he began working at one of the now defunct Nike Hercules batteries. In 1982, he joined the Air Guard and was commander of the 154th Security Police Flight, until 1994. Miyamoto's motivation is "To make a difference to one or a lot of kids." His



**TELL 'EM WE'RE HERE TO HELP --** Brig. Gen. Dwight Kealoha (R) and Lt. Col. Gervin Miyamoto speaks with Kimo Kahoano, one of the emcees for the HING's Na Koa Ku Makani drug-free awareness and support festival.

vision is for the Guard to be drug-free through prevention and awareness programs.

"I want to establish training awareness classes for commanders to recognize and help their soldiers and airmen who need help in this area." Currently, the Counterdrug Program is developing a partnership with the Family Support Program in the effort to better service Guard members and their families.

"Like a hand in a glove," is how Miyamoto describes his transition from law enforcement officer to HING Counterdrug Coordinator. But not long after coming aboard Miyamoto

realized his job wasn't so easy. He realized that attitudes and perceptions on

substance abuse need revitalizing.

"I spent a lot of my effort changing old paradigms."

He credits Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state adjutant general, with much of the support.

Because of his prior experience and close ties with the community, Miyamoto is able to recognize the requirements of law enforcement officials and make the best use of Guard resources to assist them. In addition to marijuana eradication and drug interdiction support, recent examples of the Counterdrug program's expanding support mission, is assisting federal, state, and local law enforcement agents (LEAS) such as the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and the FBI's Domestic Terrorist Committee, with improving the quality of their audio/visual presentations.

### "What it really means is the Guard against drugs"

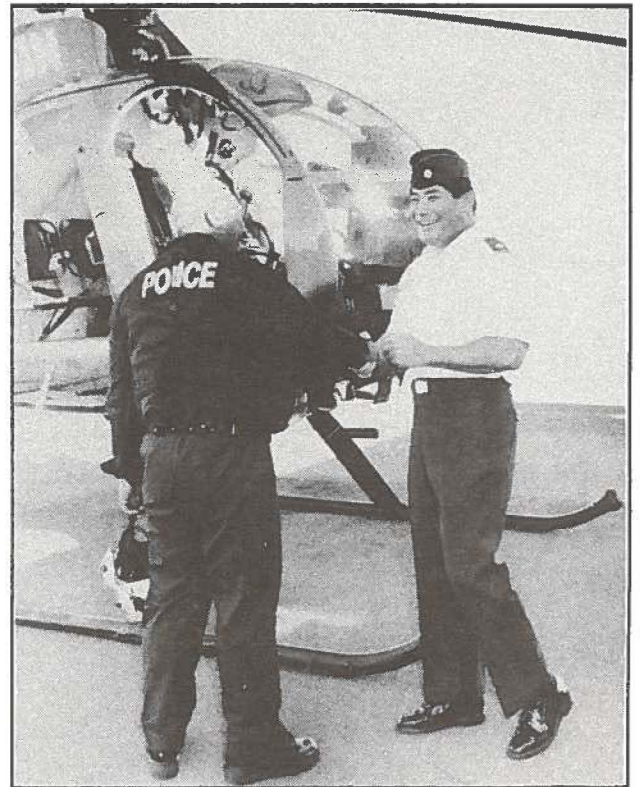
Counterdrug support has also recently been extended to the State Public Safety Narcotics Enforcement division and even closer to the grassroots level by becoming involved with HPD's Juvenile Gang Task Force, Crime Intelligence Organization, and the Western Intelligence System.

The future calls for more Guard participation in community projects. Keep an eye open for law enforcement support in playground construction, the Boy Scouts Explorers Post Program, Hawaii National Guard Association and Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association participation in drug prevention programs. Federal regulations mandate that all requests for Counterdrug Support have a law enforcement nexus.

The HING DDR program, under the umbrella of the CDS, is also making a difference in the lives of Hawaii's youth.

"We want to go into the community more than we did before," said Capt. Tamah-Lani Nakamoto, DDR Administrator. One of Capt. Nakamoto's ongoing projects is: "Parent to Parent" training. This training is a series of sessions available free to all Guard members and parents of the students of the Youth Challenge Program to better understand and cope with the dynamics of the parent/child relationship.

"The big focus is on kids," she said. Her program will



**FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES—** Hawaii National Guard Counterdrug Support Program Coordinator Lt. Col. Gervin Miyamoto (R) greets former Army Guard member Leroy Chung of the Honolulu Police Department's Specialized Services Division, Helicopter Section. The HING Counterdrug Program supports the HPD's Grass Detail with qualified Guard members in the war on drugs.

continue its statewide outreach with law enforcement officials to help schools and educate students how to create a drug free learning environment. To date, the DDR program has touched the lives of 100,000 students throughout the state. For more information, contact Capt. Nakamoto at 733-4230.



**NEW ZEALANDERS AGAINST DRUGS --** The Maori Youth Ambassadors and other top local entertainers perform for Guard members and their families emphasizing drug awareness and prevention.



## HIARNG's new training facility dedicated

Story by Capt. Charles J. Anthony

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha

The Regional Training Site-Maintenance (RTS-M) facility in the Pearl City Industrial Park was dedicated on June 30. The RTS-M is responsible for all ground maintenance training in the Hawaii Army National Guard, the reserve components and the active-duty forces in Hawaii.

The Ordnance Training Battalion, which operates the facility, is currently expanding into the field of logistics training and plans call for the addition of transportation training courses.

The unit then will be able to provide training for all three combat service support functions.

The maintenance section has the potential to repair almost any wheeled vehicle, tracked vehicle or generator.

"Besides the invaluable instruction provided to Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers, the RTS-M provides another vital link between the Guard, the other reserve components and the active-duty forces," said Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state adjutant general, at the dedication ceremony.

"Last year, the RTS-M serviced almost 400 personnel from the National Guard, as well as the civilian sector, the active-duty and other reserve components.



# Veterans Day



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**PRIDE, DUTY, AND HONOR** – Members of the HIANG Royal Guard present the colors during the Veterans Day ceremony at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe, Nov. 11, 1996. More than 300 veterans, military personnel, Youth Challenge Corpsmembers, and members of the public attended the ceremony.

## Training Schedule

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

Hawaii Army National Guard	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
HQ, STARC, HIARNG	11-12, 25	8-9	8-9
29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)	11-12	8-9	8-9
2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry	11-12	8-9	8-9
227th Engineer Company	11-12	8-9	8-9
1st Battalion, 487th Field	11-12	22-23	7-9
Artillery Battery A, B, and C			
103rd Troop Command	11-12	1-2, 22	1-2
298th Engineer Detachment	11-12	1-2	1-2
25th ID (L), D-RTOC	11-12	8-9	1-2
HHD, 12th Personnel Serv. Det.	11-12	1-2	1-2
193rd Aviation	11-12	8-9	1-2
Medical, CECAT	10-12	1-2	1-2
RAID	10-12	1-2	1-2
<b>Hawaii Air National Guard</b>			
HQ, Hawaii Air National Guard	11-12	8-9	8-9
154th Wing	11-12	8-9	8-9
201st Combat Communications Grp.	11-12	8-9	8-9

## 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

Lt. Col. Edwin E. Chung-Hoon, 154th Logistics Group

Major James O. Eiffert, 154th Operations Support Flight

Chief Master Sgt. Melvin Kauahi, 150th Aircraft Warning and Control Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Samuel M. Saffery III, 154th Logistics Group

Senior Master Sgt. Ronaldo M. Javier, 150th Aircraft Warning and Control Squadron

1st Sgt. Alexander A. Halemanu, Company B, 193rd Aviation (AVIM) (1st OLC)

Sgt. 1st Class Roy Espiritu, HQ State Area Command

Master Sgt. Roselina B. Vendiola, 154th Mission Support Squadron/Mission Personnel Flight

Master Sgt. Valentine O. Wong, Jr., 154th Maintenance Squadron

Master Sgt. George J. Kawaguchi, 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron

Staff Sgt. Evelyn E. LaPuente, Company B, 193rd Aviation

Tech Sgt. Apolinario Ilagon, 154th Maintenance Squadron

Tech Sgt. Lionel R. Calvan, 154th Maintenance Squadron

### Army Commendation Medal

Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M.W.S. Lum, 117th Public Affairs Team, (4th OLC)

Sgt. Lance M. Kamisugi, 117th Public Affairs Team, (4th OLC)

Sgt. Wayne T. Miyata, 117th Public Affairs Team, (7th OLC)

### Army Achievement Medal

Spec. Jonathan Masaki Shiroma, 117th Public Affairs Team

Spec. Erik B. DeRyke, 117th Public Affairs Team

Staff Sgt. Tommy Hirai, HQ STARC (-)

Staff Sgt. Charles A. Patterson, HQ STARC (-)

### Air Force Commendation Medal

Staff Sgt. James A. Shepherd, 199th Weather Flight

Tech. Sgt. Roberta K. Akana, 293rd Combat Communications Squadron

Master Sgt. Wendall Y.H. Mann, 293rd Combat Communications Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Edwin T. Doi, 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron (1st OLC)

Master Sgt. Alfredo Baron, Jr., 154th Logistics Squadron (2nd OLC)

Senior Master Sgt. James K. Puu, Jr., 154th Logistics Support Flight (1st OLC)

Chief Master Sgt. Richard Deveas, 154th Logistics Group (2nd OLC)

### Air Force Achievement Medal

Staff Sgt. Obed Sniffen Jr., 154th Logistics Group

Tech. Sgt. Richard K. Riehn, 154th Operations Support Flight

Senior Airman Kaleo J. K. Young, 154th Operations Support Flight

### Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal

Sgt. Michael A. Ramirez, HQ STARC

Sgt. Ricardo D. Santos, HQ STARC (-)



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**WHERE CREDIT IS DUE** – Members of the Hawaii Army National Guard's color detail lead a procession of veterans and guard members pass the reviewing stand where Maj. Gen Edward V. Richardson reviews the troops during a celebration, Nov. 9, 1996 at Kapaa, Kauai.

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