

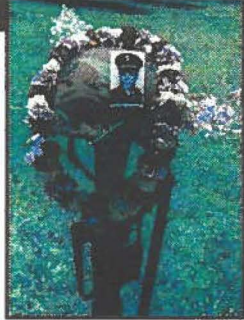
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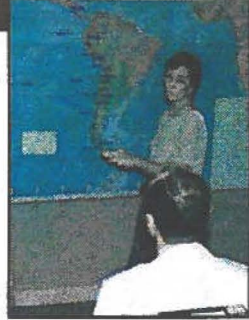
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## Calendar

### September 5-7

National Guard Association of the United States General Conference, Milwaukee, Wis.

### September 7, Monday

Labor Day, federal and state holiday.

### September 19, Saturday

Election Day, State Primary.

### September 24, Thursday

Governor's Awards, Capitol Grounds, 1:30 p.m.

### September 25-26

Hawaii National Guard Softball Tournament, Hickam Air Force Base.

### October 12, Monday

Founders Day, federal holiday.

### November 3, Tuesday

Election day, state offices closed.

### November 11, Wednesday

Veterans Day, federal and state holiday. Ceremony at Hawaii State Veteran Cemetery, 1 p.m.

### November 26, Thursday

Thanksgiving Day, federal and state holiday.

### December 25, Friday

Christmas Day, federal and state holiday.

## Brigade paves road to Joint Readiness Training

By 2nd Lt. Jonathan M. Shiroma

It may be a year away, but like any world class team preparing for a high-profile event, the Hawaii Army National Guard's 29th Separate Infantry Brigade has begun training for what is known as the "Superbowl" of tactical exercises, JRTC.

In June of 1999, the 29th will travel to the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, La., for three weeks of grueling training.

"This will be the most realistic type of training on the battlefield, with the exception of war, our Hawaii soldiers will have to date," said Brig. Gen. Dennis A. Kamimura, 29th Brigade commander. "That's why it is so important that we train hard and fast during annual training (AT) this year."

According to the JRTC mission statement, "JRTC provides tough, realistic combat-like conditions across a wide range of likely tactical operations and mission rehearsal exercises capable of fully integrating into higher level exercises and scenarios."

With that in mind, more than 3,000 Hawaii Guard soldiers made the trek to the Pohakuloa Training Area, known as PTA on the Big Island, this June for two weeks of AT. Approximately 1,600 of these soldiers were from the brigade.

"What we are doing is going over all of what we train for during our weekend drills, because when it comes right down to it, the more we practice, the better the outcome once we get to JRTC," said Spc. Scott K. Nakamura. Nakamura is a member of the brigade's antitank platoon's Company D, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, based in Wahiawa, and works for Long's Drugs in Kaneohe in his civilian life. "We are all looking forward to the JRTC challenge and, hopefully, we will do well."



Sgt. Lance M. Kaisugi

"What we are learning is that we need to function as a team," said Sgt. William Liboy, another member of Co. D. Liboy, who works for the City and County of Honolulu as a maintenance man in his civilian life, says that this unity keeps the morale within his platoon high. "We are highly motivated and we are ready to move out and react at any time."

PTA is located in the middle of Mauna Loa and Mauna Kea. Its desert-like terrain, unforgiving lava rock formations, numerous hills and open ranges provide great training opportunities for soldiers. While many of the Hawaii-based soldiers are quite familiar with PTA, it does present a unique challenge if you are training here for the first time as in the case of nearly 500 California National Guard soldiers with the 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry.

"This is foreign terrain and that's what JRTC is going to be, and so, it's good to get use to having to adapt to things that you're not expecting and so I see this as a good training opportunity," said Spc. David Bryson, a lab technician for Lenscrafters in Sacramento in civilian life.

Staff Sgt. Lanny Barnes, also with the 184th, says it is important for California sol-

diers to train in foreign and unfamiliar terrain. "It's difficult, but being in the military, you have to adapt and overcome," said Barnes, who works as a full-time adult corrections officer at the Dublin Federal Penitentiary, Calif. "We are motivated to train hard and well here in Hawaii since next year at this time, we will be at JRTC and that's where we prove ourselves and we want to go there to kick butts and not get our butts kicked."

With all that motivation in the air, it doesn't hurt to hear some encouraging words from the Hawaii Guard's commander in chief. Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano paid a visit to the troops during this AT and was very impressed with the training.

"I am very proud of the HIARNG. Wherever I go, I always hear such good things about our civilian soldiers and I know that they worked hard during these two weeks," said Cayetano who was accompanied on the trip by Lt. Gov. Mazie Hirono. Together, they visited various units, fired the 105 millimeter howitzer and even had MRE's with the troops for lunch."

"Many island residents don't realize just how hard these soldiers train, but I know everyone knows that the guard provides a valuable service to the community when they are needed such as the case of Hurricane Iniki," said Cayetano.

Of course, many other units aside from the infantry, performed their annual training at PTA this year. Medics, administration, motor pool and the mess crews all played an important role in making up this outstanding group of soldiers.

AT '98 was a training success and will serve as more than a memory for the entire brigade. The road of JRTC is just around the corner and will no doubt present a tremendous challenge for our leaders and soldiers... but as long as these soldiers keep the brigade's motto "Ka Oihana Mamua"



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha

**NEW NA KOA TEAM MEMBER - Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano (right), Lt. Gov. Mazie Hirono and Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general receive an artillery briefing from Lt. Col. Stanley R. Keolanui Jr., 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery commander, at Pohakuloa Training Area on the island of Hawaii.**

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# Command Notes

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



try Brigade's Vietnam call-up clearly deserves such a success.

The ceremony was a very touching event for the veterans in attendance. We have an obligation to remember the accomplishments of the dedicated individuals who came before us.

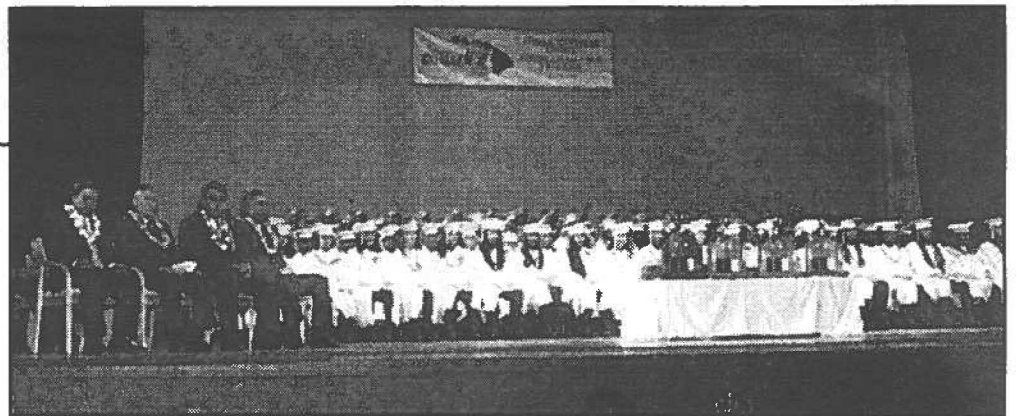
First-class events such as the one held at the Brigade headquarters, May 17, go a long way towards honoring our deserving veterans and help perpetuate our Hawaii National Guard legacy.

**Kudo to federal awards winners, nominees**

Kudos to all our 1998 federal awards nominees who were recognized at the annual luncheon in May, especially to Lt. Col. Gervin K. Miyamoto.

Miyamoto, the counterdrug support officer for the Hawaii National Guard, received the federal award for exceptional public service.

He is credited for leading the development of the Hawaii Guard's Na Koa Crime Watch program, which entails neighborhood security watch and community policing. Under his leadership, 3,600 Hawaii Guard members and their families voluntarily reinforced existing security watch programs including park walks, community cleanups and graffiti paint outs. Miyamoto also developed the youth basketball Lokahi Project to promote partnership between the Hawaii



Sgt. Thomas E. Sites

## ChalleNGe Program gives second chance

Ninety-seven Hawaii National Guard Youth ChalleNGe corpsmembers graduated in June, at Leeward Community College. Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano, Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general, Joe Padilla, National Guard Bureau-Public Affairs and Col. Michael E. Rawlins, the deputy adjutant general, help Class 98-8 celebrate their completion of the five-month residency program. Nearly 600 corpsmembers have completed the program since its inception in September 1994.

Guard, Big Island youths and the police department.

Our nominees included Gary Shimabukuro, State DOD security guard, for citizen of the year; Lt. Col. Richard S. W. Young, chief facility management officer for manager/supervisor of the year; Maj. Craig N. Ishizaki, 297th Air Traffic Control Squadron commander, for military officer of the year; Chief Warrant Officer Gerald S. Shigemura, military personnel specialist, for professional, administrative and technical employee of the year; Sgt. 1st Class Dean Norwood, incentives/Montgomery G.I. Bill manager, for enlisted service member of the year; Sgt. Scott K. Sheldon, artillery repairer, for trades and craft employee of the year; Staff Sgt. Margaret U. Tatum, military personnel technician, for clerical and assistant employee of the year; and 111th

Army Band, for organizational excellence. My congratulations to all of you for a job well done!

**Drug abuse policy reinforced**

Finally, I want to address our departmental drug policy. We have an existing drug policy intended to maintain the high standards of behavior, performance and discipline that are required for successful mission accomplishment.

I expect unit commanders to reemphasize our departmental policy at unit formations and commander's calls.

Just one drug positive is one too many, and I need everyone's help in getting the word out to our soldiers, airmen and staff.

A copy of the departmental policy should be posted on all unit/activity bulletin boards.

I want to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations to all our soldiers who recently completed their annual training exercises on the Big Island.

I had the opportunity to visit and meet with many of you at Pohakuloa Training Area, when I accompanied Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano and Lt. Gov. Mazie Hirono, in June. Everyone was in high spirits and conducted themselves in a highly professional manner.

The governor relayed to me how impressed he was with the high caliber of our personnel.

The Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers in the field received very high marks from the active-duty Army evaluators.

Once again, the Hawaii Army Guard has demonstrated that it has a close working partnership with the active component.

**29th Brigade '68 call-up commemoration successful**

My thanks go to those who helped make the 30th anniversary of the 29th Separate Infan-

**DOD family helps welcome "Mighty Mo"**

I want to also extend my thanks to everyone who worked very diligently on the welcoming ceremony for the USS Missouri.

The Hawaii State Department of Defense was called in at the eleventh hour to assist with the ceremonies and we helped pull it all together.

Besides the F-15 flyover by the 199th Fighter Squadron, Hawaii National Guard soldiers and airmen assisted with security and traffic control, escorted dignitaries, handled protocol and put together the program.

Personnel from the Office of Veterans Services took good care of veterans from all services in attendance.

"Mighty Mo" was given a homecoming welcome that a ship of her historic stature

# Departmental News

**Total Force ID cards go green update**

Identification (ID) cards for all active and Reserve active status U.S. military personnel will now be the same color — green.

This initiative, was effective since June 4.

It calls for changing the color of the Reserve active status forces ID card (DD Form 2 - Reserve) from red to green.

Reserve active status forces include members of the Selected Reserve, Individual Ready Reserve and active Standby Reserve.

Only the color of the card held by these members of the Reserve components will change; there will be no associated changes to current service benefits, privileges and entitlements.

The green cards will be phased in over five years as current cards expire, as soldiers/airmen are promoted, as they reenlist, or in the event the individual changes his or her name.

ID card-issuing service is available on a by appointment basis at the ID card-issuing facility at Fort Ruger and Fort Shafter for Hawaii Army Guard soldiers and Hickam Air Force Base for Hawaii Air

Guard airmen.

When Guardmembers are called to active duty for more than 30 days, they will receive new cards with the word "active" printed on them.

**Air Force tattoos, body piercing authorizations clarified**

Air Force Instruction 36-2903 prohibits, in or out of uniform, unauthorized tattoos/brands or body piercing anywhere on the body that is defined as obscene, or advocates sexual, racial, ethnic or religious discrimination.

Tattoos/brands or body piercing that are prejudicial to good order/discipline, or of a nature that tends to bring discredit upon the Air Force are prohibited in or out of uniform.

**Tattoos**

Any member obtaining unauthorized tattoos will be required to remove them at their own expense.

Using uniform items to cover unauthorized tattoos is not an option. Members failing to remove unauthorized tattoos in a timely manner will be subject to involuntary separation.

Inappropriate (military image): excessive tattoos/brands will not be exposed or visible (includes visible through the uniform) that exceed 1/4 coverage of the exposed body part and those visible above the collarbone when wearing an open-collar uniform.

Members should not be allowed to display excessive tattoos that would detract from an appropriate professional image while in uniform. Commanders should use these guidelines in determining appropriate military image and acceptability of tattoos displayed by members in uniform.

Air Force members with existing tattoos not meeting an acceptable military image should be required: (1) maintain complete coverage of the tattoo using current uniform items (e.g. long-sleeved shirt/blouse, pants/slacks, dark hosiery, etc.) or (2) volunteer to remove tattoo(s), depending on the circumstances.

Commanders may seek Air Force medical support for voluntary tattoo removal.

Failure to observe these mandatory provisions and prohibitions by active duty Air Force members, U.S. Air Force reserve on

active duty or inactive duty for training and Air National Guard members in federal service, is a violation of Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Members who receive tattoos/brands not meeting these standards after publication of the interim change are required to initiate removal of such tattoos upon notification by their commander at their own expense (may not use Air Force medical center for removal).

Members not complying with these requirements will be subject to disciplinary action for failure to comply with Air Force standards and may be involuntarily separated.

**Body piercing**

In uniform: members are prohibited from attaching, affixing or displaying objects, articles, jewelry or ornaments to or through their ear, nose, tongue or any exposed body part (includes visible through the uniform).

Exceptions in uniform: females are authorized to wear one small spherical, conservative, diamond, gold, white pearl or silver

pierced/clip earring per earlobe.

Earring should fit tightly without extending below the earlobe (exception: connecting band on clip earrings), the earrings worn in each earlobe must match.

In civilian attire off duty on a military installation: members are prohibited from attaching, affixing, or displaying objects, articles,

jewelry or ornaments to or through their ear, nose, tongue or any exposed body part.

Exceptions: piercing of earlobes by women is allowed, but should not be extreme or excessive.

The type and style of earring worn by women in civilian clothes on a military installation should be conservative and kept within sensible limits.



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# Hawaii Guard females bring units into 21st Century

By Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum and Sgt. Lance M. Kamisugi

## Kabazawa promoted to senior enlisted rank

Newly promoted Chief Master Sgt. Iris T. Kabazawa has come a long way from being a visitor from telephone company to becoming the personnel superintendent at the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Mission Support Flight. The Hawaii Air Guard has also come a long way since she joined in 1972. At that time, Kabazawa, of Kaneohe, was one of only two women in the Hawaii Air Guard.

Today, there are more than 300 females in Hawaii's 2,500 member Air Guard.

Kabazawa, raised in Waimea, Kauai, is the Hawaii Air Guard's senior enlisted female and its first female chief master sergeant (equivalent to the Army's sergeant major).

Her 26 years with the Guard began with a visit to a friend's part-time workplace (154th Composite Group in the 1970s) at Hickam Air Force Base. The next thing Kabazawa knew, she was off to basic training and a full-time job in the personnel office.

"When I joined, the positions for women were traditional," said Kabazawa. "Today, with the no-combat barrier removed and the expansion of the Hawaii Guard, there are more career opportunities open for women."

"Iris is one of the good ones," said Maj. Ronald P. Han Jr., 154th Logistics Squadron commander. "She's one of the finest people I've met since joining the Hawaii Air Guard five-and-a-half years ago. She deserves to be chief, because as far as I'm concerned, she's been doing the work of one for some time."

"Computers have helped streamline the paper trail, but they'll never replace old-fashioned personal service," said Kabazawa who is not a stranger to hard work and long hours.

To get away from the day to day paperwork, Kabazawa likes to fish at her favorite secret fishing spot with husband, Roy; working with the enlisted association; or volunteering at the Hawaii Foodbank.



2nd Lt. Vincent Maloney-Cui

**PAY-CHECK — Chief Master Sgt. Iris T. Kabazawa, the Hawaii Air National Guard's personnel superintendent, reviews the personnel records for accuracy and currency.**

## Akima becomes medical first shirt

Hawaii's Army National Guard equal opportunity reached new firsts with the June promotion of Rhonda M.K. Akima to first sergeant of Company C, 29th Support Battalion.

She joins the select company of five other females who made history in the Hawaii Army Guard: Linda Lee Woolf Stevens (first enlistment - August 1973), Capts. Barbara Sanders and Jeanette Sumi (first officers - August 1973), Gail K. Warok Oura (first direct commission to first lieutenant - December 1975) and Charlene H.M. Takesue (first master sergeant - July 1994, first sergeant major - August 1997).

Akima, of Kahaluu, was pinned by her father, Joseph Akima and Maj. Steve Logan at the battalion headquarters in Honolulu. Her mother, Janet was also in attendance.

After graduating from Castle High School in 1981, she became interested in a military career while working as a student aide at Kaneohe Marine Air Base. "I really feel that everyone should do their part for this country," said Akima. "So I went to the recruiting office in the Fall of 1981 and joined the Army." Her first duty station was in Stuttgart, Germany.

Akima enlisted as a clerk in the Hawaii Guard's medical company in 1987. She became interested in medicine and went to school to become a preventive medicine sergeant in 1989. She has built a good rapport with soldiers working with her the past 10 years, according to Sgt. Rafael C. Ped, a soldier who worked with Akima for 10 years in the ambulance platoon.

"She knows her job, is a good leader, and gets you motivated," said Ped. "If you are assigned to guard duty, you want to go be-

cause she makes you feel good about doing that task," added Ped, a medical lab technician for St. Francis-West. "She takes care of you, can relate to you, and creates good morale among the soldiers."

The transition is important to the company, which is scheduled to participate in the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk. "Akima will accomplish many positive things for this company," said Sgt. 1st Class David Aponte, the previous first shirt. "She has the soldiers behind her."

Besides having the support of her comrades, Akima is full of confidence and looks forward to her new assignment.

"It is definitely an advantage to have experience working with different platoons because you have a better understanding of their functions," said Akima. "I was feeling comfortable as the platoon sergeant so this opportunity presents new challenges."

One thing is certain, when Akima encounters these challenges, she will often reflect on how the late Sgt. Maj. Harry T. Nishida, one of her mentors, might have taken care of business.

"Sgt. Maj. Nishida was very positive, very professional," said Akima. "We would talk about soldier's stuff. I could always ask for his advice on certain situations. And as he always said, lead by example."



Sgt. Lance M. Kamisugi

**FIRST THINGS FIRST — First Sgt. Rhonda M.K. Akima (right), new enlisted leader of Company C, 29th Support Battalion, discusses a mission with Staff Sgt. Ruth P. Osborne at the Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Isle of Hawaii in June.**

# Tuition assistance helps Hawaii soldier become doctor

By Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum

Bradley K. Lee always wanted to be a doctor. In May, the Hawaii Army National Guard first lieutenant received his medical degree with the help of Hawaii National Guard tuition waiver and tuition assistance programs.

His dream began while growing up on the Big Isle of Hawaii. His pet dog was hit by a car and was not expected to recover. Lee nursed the dog to full recovery a year later. He continued his humanitarian efforts throughout this youth, saving injured animals such as ducks, chickens, goats and pigs. His future goal — to become a veterinarian.

At the encouragement of his father, Lee enlisted in the Hawaii

Guard in 1986 as a junior at St. Joseph's School in Hilo. He attended basic training during the summer of his junior year and advanced training after graduating high school.

He enrolled at the University of Hawaii and the Reserve Officer Training Corps program in 1987. While attending the university, he also kept his Hawaii Army Guard membership, drilling with the 29th Separate Infantry Brigade's headquarters. Lee said between his \$225+ drill pay checks and the Hawaii Guard's tuition waiver program, he was able to finance his education and minimize the financial



Lee

burden on his family.

After graduating in 1992 with a biology degree and receiving his commission to second lieutenant, Lee was assigned as the brigade's medical platoon leader. Lee's interest in the medical field was rekindled working with Hawaii

Guard doctors Lt. Col. Nathan A.K. Wong and Lt. Col. Charles K. Sakamoto. Between the routine physicals and treatment of minor injuries, Lee talked story with the doctors about his future and decided on a career in family medicine. "He's a good kid, very conscientious," said Sakamoto, "he'll make a good doctor."

The lieutenant was accepted in the John A. Burns School of Medicine. The UH medical school uses a four-year problem-based learning program that gives students a hands-on approach to learning. In problem-based learning, students follow actual cases (problems) and interact with patients rather than straight lecture-conference discussion style teaching.

Lee figures his college education has cost about \$80,000 so far, including \$36,000 for four years of medical school. Thanks to the Hawaii Guard education programs, his student loans have only been about \$16,000.

Between school and the Guard, Lee said he's gotten the best of both worlds. "The Guard has given me

practical and medical knowledge," said Lee. "I'm especially thankful to retired Staff Sgt. Edward Tilson, who has been a great mentor. Tilson (medical platoon noncommissioned officer) has helped me grow as a leader and has helped me to keep my focus on the medical field."

"The Guard has been my second family. I've been able to travel, meet people, and get an education through the Hawaii Guard. My wife, Marlys, and I will be living in Merced, Calif., where I will do my three-year residency. I plan to return to Hawaii and the Hawaii Guard. I want an opportunity to give back to an organization that has given me an opportunity to get a great education."

# Guard members are encouraged to sign up for tuition assistance

The Hawaii National Guard (HING) members must have their forms in by the Oct. 4 deadline, to qualify for the State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for the Spring 1999 semester.

The State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) was enacted by Act 291, Session Laws of Hawaii 1996. This program provides State edu-

cational assistance to eligible HING members.

To qualify, a HING member must be captain (03) or below in rank, enrolled in a University of Hawaii campus as a classified student, taking regular Fall and Spring semester courses (excluding Summer, extension, and special courses), and a bonafide resident as determined by the

University of Hawaii. As required, the adjutant general has the authority to decide if additional criteria is needed to efficiently administer the program.

The TAP can be used with other educational entitlements such as the Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 1606). TAP applications for the Spring 99 term are currently being accepted.

Qualified HING members must submit their TAP applications to their unit.

During the Spring 99 school year, Guard members enrolled in a 4-year university may receive 50 percent TAP funding, while qualified HING students enrolled in community college may receive 100 percent funding, if they meet all criteria.

All enlisted applicants for the TAP must have an enlistment contract with their estimated termination of service (ETS) after the end of the Spring 1999 semester. Unit commanders are reminded that when they certify an applicant, they are verifying that the applicant has met all criteria established in Policy Directive 1996-2. Unit

commanders are also advised to counsel applicants that under Policy Directive 1996-2, since tuition assistance recipients are responsible for tuition costs for late class withdrawals and (or) dropped classes.

For additional information about the State TAP, contact James Y. Toyama, executive support officer, at 733-4260.





# Brigade commemorates '68 call-up

## Finally... Recognition

Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano ties a mobilization streamer on the 29th Separate Infantry Brigade colors, during the 30th commemoration of the brigade's activation during the Vietnam war.

Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha

By 2nd Lt. Jonathan M. Shiroma

Thirty years may have gone by, but the memories of May 13, 1968 are still very clear for the soldiers of the Hawaii Army National Guard's 29th Separate Infantry Brigade.

On that date, more than 4,000 Hawaii Army Guard soldiers were activated into federal duty and thrown into one of the most controversial wars the United States has ever been involved with... Vietnam.

More than 1,100 would eventually deploy to Southeast Asia and 29 soldiers would lose their lives while serving their country.

"We must never forget those who fought so bravely and ultimately gave their lives for their country," said Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano, commander in chief of the Hawaii National Guard, during the 30th commemoration of the activation ceremony held at the brigade's headquarters. The governor thanked all those who had come to honor the Guard's fallen heroes, especially the families of soldiers like 1st Lt. John K. Kauhahao, who died saving his platoon and Spc. 6 Thomas T. Horio, who was a prisoner of war.

The governor also tied on a mobilization streamer to the 29th Brigade's colors, in recognition of the '68 call-up.

In his welcoming remarks, Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general and Vietnam veteran, reflected on the mood

and events of the days leading up to the activation. "We are here to give a real welcome home to you, the soldiers, who served gallantly and brought distinction to their units, community and family," said Richardson.

The Hawaii Guard soldiers received the first notified of their activation by local morning radio show personality Hal 'J. Akuhead Pupule' Lewis, said Richardson, an F-102 Delta Dagger pilot who flew escort missions for bombers in Vietnam. "The day after Christmas 1968, I took a flight for Vietnam... along with six brigade soldiers... also on to assignments in Southeast Asia. They were part of the silent majority — those who answered the call when their country needed them."

Twenty-nine M-16 rifles, planted in the ground with battle helmets fixed on top, lined the sidewalk leading up to the headquarters, a symbol of the soldiers who died during the Vietnam activation.

"It still hurts, to remember my friends who died in those killing fields," said one Vietnam vet who did not want to be identified. "I lost two of my very best friends because of the war, yet, I'm proud to say they gave their all despite how unpopular the war was back home."

"It really woke me up," said Chief Warrant Officer Paul N. Kahunahana about the activation. "There was so much opposition, but we were called to do our job and that's what we did. It made us realize that we had



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha

**FAREWELL ONCE MORE** — Retired Brig. Gen. Frederick A. Schaefer III and his wife, Evelyn, salute the 29 fallen heroes of the 29th Separate Infantry Brigade who died during the unit's activation.

to depend on each other to make it through," he said. Kahunahana works full-time with the Hawaii Army Guard's vehicle and equipment maintenance shop.

"I remember that day so well," said retired Brig. Gen. Frederick A. Schaefer III, who served as the commander of the brigade during the activation. "We were all at Fort DeRussy's Kuroda Field... there was a whole lot of leis, loved ones... a lot of Aloha."

But Schaefer pointed out, the grim reality was some of the soldiers would be off to war, in the midst of public protests

and demonstrations.

"There was a lot of tension in the air," said Schaefer, "but through it all, I believe our Hawaii soldiers, for the most part, served their country well and gave their all for the cause."

Now, in 1998, Schaefer says, the Hawaii Guard's Vietnam activation should serve as a reminder to the next generation of soldiers.

"Being ready is the key to all the training you receive during drill status because you never know when a potential hot spot will erupt and an activation ordered," said Schaefer.



Sgt. Lance M. Kamisugi

**WITH A SONG IN HIS HEART** -- Arthur DeFries bursts out in song in tribute to his brother Spc. 4 Gaylord K. Defries. Gaylord, a 299th Infantry soldier activated with the 29th Separate Infantry Brigade, died in service to his country.



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha

**THANKS FOR HIS SERVICE** — Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano shares a moment with Mrs. Shirley Ikeuchi, the widow of 1st Lt. John K. Kauhahao, while Mrs. Vicky Cayetano and others also walk along the roll of honor.



# Disaster preparedness could save lives, property

By 2nd Lt. Gina M. Williams

**E**xercise MAKANI PAHILI, an annual statewide disaster exercise, is a practice for disaster that helps Hawaii's National Guard, State Civil Defense, government and civilian agencies be better prepared to respond to a real hurricane emergency. This year's exercise took place in May at various locations around the entire state of Hawaii.

The exercise provides an opportunity for the organizations to interact, review tropical cyclone preparedness and evaluate activities supporting response to a hurricane event.

For newcomers to the exercise, it is was a chance to learn about weather patterns, forecast and warning systems and technology for assessing hurricane damage.

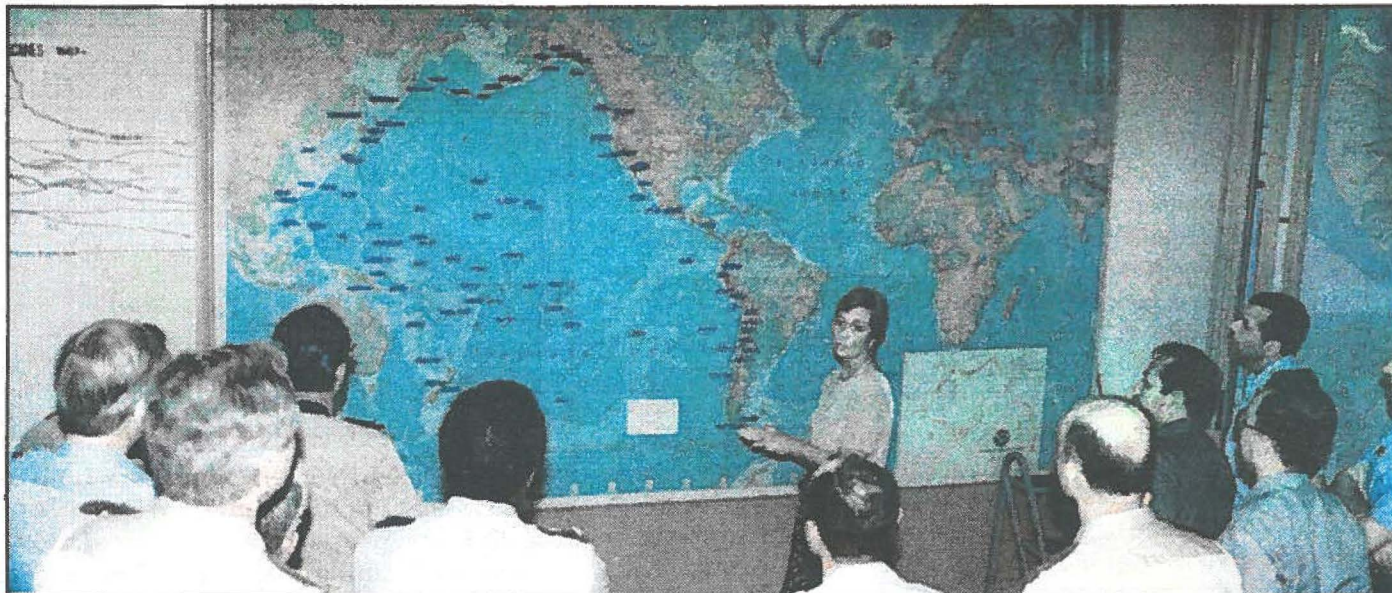
Designed to be as realistic as possible, the exercise is done in "real-time" over a period of five days and simulates events ranging from emergency television broadcasts by State Civil Defense to mass casualty exercises. Even hurricane "Makani" itself was designed by the Pacific Disaster Center to travel in an unusual South to North pattern and then swerve west just in time to strike the island of Kauai.

Upon notice of the hurricane warning, Hawaii National Guard members mobilized at Battery 407's

emergency operations center (EOC) located in Diamond Head Crater to respond to requests

for military support. At the same time, State Civil Defense personnel prepared to handle massive incoming phone calls from counties about to be inundated by Makani's wrath. Both facilities operate around the clock.

"During this year's exercise, the Hawaii Guard Joint Emergency Operations Center was manned to conduct a 24-hour joint operation," said Col. Vern T.



Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum

Miyagi, officer in charge of the EOC. "We covered storm tracking; alert notifications and protection actions; joint task force organization, state active duty mobilization and pay actions; damage assessments; mission tracking, and support missions to county and state civil authorities."

Hawaii's hurricane season is June through November. By holding the exercise in May, before the season starts, the State Department of Defense has time to develop ways to better assist the community in the long run.

"Our response time is more efficient and our anticipation of damage assessment can be done in shorter response," said Miyagi,

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— Col. Vern T. Miyagi

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as technology progresses. One of our biggest tools that just came in is the Pacific Disaster Center."

Even the emergency broadcast system at State Civil Defense is now digital technology. By using computer modeling, Civil Defense can have a head start on fire indexes and precipitation patterns that will affect the severity of a disaster, even down to the finite construction of single family



Tech. Sgt. Wayne Pontes

Hawaii Air National Guard C-130H cargo aircraft simulated mass casualty evacuation procedures with ambulances during hurricane Exercise MAKANI PAHILI, May 1998.

homes and damage estimates in dollars, according to Barbara Hendrie, State Civil Defense public information specialist.

"We have a real-time video feed, interactive video and even coordination with Oceanic Cable for broadcasting updates and storm tracks," Hendrie explained. She also cautioned that exercise is so realistic that one must be careful when updating the televised video feeds because the information may accidentally be live broadcast into a neighborhood.

For Hawaii residents that don't have access to television during disaster warnings, Civil Defense has about 300 outdoor sirens to broadcast warnings. The televi-

sion and outdoor systems are used simultaneously, but some of Hawaii's coastline is still unreachable by these methods. This is where Civil Defense relies on old fashioned technology.

"The Civil Air Patrol is part of our early warning system, not just for hurricanes but for other disasters," explained Hendrie. "Their aircraft are equipped with loudspeakers and they literally fly over and broadcast warnings. We have a lot of coastline that isn't covered by sirens so the aircraft does come in handy."

Another asset to the State DOD during disaster is the partnership we have established with the active military services.

Individual Guard members who didn't have the opportunity to participate in this year's Exercise MAKANI PAHILI can still prepare themselves to respond better to emergencies by ensuring their families are taken care of long before a hurricane even starts. "Once their families are prepared, they are on standby," said Maj. Leslie Bise, the joint staff plans officer for Exercise MAKANI PAHILI. "If activated, they are more ready to assist civil authorities knowing their families are safe." He also recommended, "be prepared for movement. It's no different than being mobilized for federal service."

## Proactive procedures minimize environmental hazards

Story and photo by Capt. Steve C. Lai

Part of serving our state as soldiers of the Hawaii Army National Guard also means protecting and preserving the land in which we occupy and train.

The National Guard Bureau environmental office inspection team came in March to evaluate and document the Hawaii Army Guard's Environmental Compliance Assessment System (ECAS) compliance posture with federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations.

Team members from NGB and the Colorado-based firm Engineering-Environment Management (e2M) reviewed and validated Hawaii Guard's approach to environmental compliance and stewardship in 13 areas. The areas included air emissions, cultural resources, hazardous material/waste, natural resources, pesticides, petroleum-oil-lubrication (POL) management, solid waste, storage tanks, toxic substances, wastewater, wa-



ter quality and other environmental issues. "Although we came out looking pretty good from this inspection, we need to remem-

**NO FUELIN. AROUND — Sgt. 1st Class Roland Abregano and Spc. Kevin Asato, from Company C (Medium Lift), 1st Battalion, 193rd Aviation, check the fuel lines of their aviation fuel tanker. Other proactive environmental protection measures include parking the 2,500-gallon capacity tanker in a protective berm that can capture up to 11,000 gallons of fuel in the event of a spill.**

ber that protecting our (training) environment is an ongoing practice," said Paul Lyden, HIARNG ECAS manager. Throughout the inspection, the team found significant improvements from previous years and from previous internal compliance assessments. Twenty-eight major Hawaii Guard facilities on Oahu and the neighbor islands were evaluated.

"We've seen some very positive signs," said Jim Dederick, senior project manager for e2M. "The national average is five find-

ings (discrepancies) per facility. Hawaii's 42 findings, or 1.5 per facility, is close to complete compliance."

Dederick credits Hawaii's success to its command emphasis on environmental issues.

"The difference is an outstanding hazardous waste management program.

Hawaii has a very talented, well organized and confident environmental staff working hard to make a difference," Dederick said.

Hawaii is one of the nation's top three states in compliance with the big three management protocols: hazardous waste, POL and wastewater. Nearly half of those findings were in the areas of hazardous waste and POL management.

"The goal now is for Hawaii Guard members to maintain this high level of compliance, to continue to follow and implement established plans and procedures," said Dederick, "to seek where and how to improve and to continue to build awareness among soldiers."





## Hawaii Army National Guard

Brig. Gen. Edward L. Correa Jr.  
Commander, HIARNG

### Guard remembers Vietnam call-up

Hawaii Army National Guard's 29th Separate Infantry Brigade soldiers took time from their busy pre-annual training schedule to salute their fallen comrades. I'm glad we held the event. The 30th commemoration gave us an opportunity for soldiers, past and present, young and old, and families and friends to keep alive the memory of those who gave their lives in service to our country.

### Han wins USARPAC soldier of the year

Congratulations to Hawaii Army National Guard's enlisted soldier of the year, the medical company's Spc. Mi Soon Han who was selected as the U.S. Pacific Command Reserve component soldier of the year. She

competed against Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve soldiers from Alaska, Guam and Hawaii.

During her acceptance speech, she ad-libbed her way through an impromptu thank you for the opportunities the United States and the military has given her, a young Korean immigrant female. The other three active and reserve soldiers gave their prepared speeches on Army values.

Rather than subject the audience to more of the "same," Han expressed how living in America has given her opportunities to attend college, pursue a medical degree and a military career.

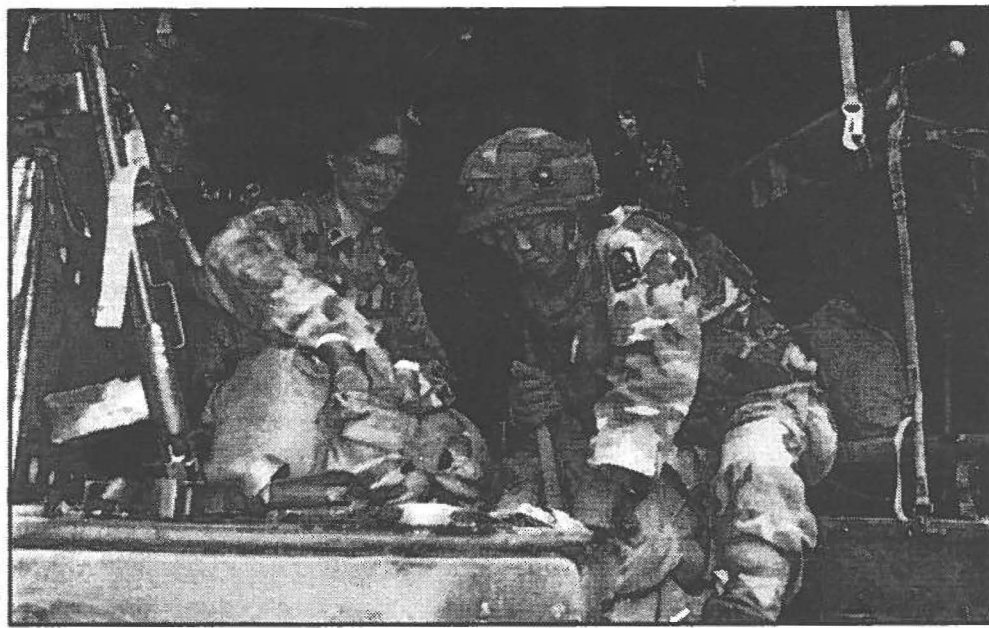
Han and Staff Sgt. Iven T. Sugai, Hawaii Guard noncommissioned officer of the year, were honored in Washington, D.C. along with soldiers from the two other Army National Guard regions recently.

### Lava Brigade prepares for JRTC

The 29th Separate Infantry Brigade is going to the Joint Readiness Training Center in Louisiana — that's a decision that no commander makes lightly.

It just isn't cost effective use of our resources unless a unit demonstrates a proper level of proficiency prior to deployment. For the 29th Brigade, it means lethal platoons, effective fires, command and control, a staff that can produce a timely and reasonable order, and a log capability to feed its parts on time and at the right place.

Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general, decided after annual training last year that the brigade was going to JRTC. He determined that the performance demonstrated during AT '97 ambitious training schedule leading to JRTC placed the brigade on a path for success. He was right.



Sgt. Lance M. Kamisugi

**TOP OF THE LINE** — Specialists Le Kim Lee and Mi Soon Han, 1997 and 1998 U.S. Pacific Command Reserve Component Soldiers of the Year respectively, prepare their medical aid bags during annual training at Pohakuloa Training Area. Both Company C, 29th Support Battalion soldiers are pre-med students at the University of Hawaii.

AT '98 demonstrated the 29th Brigade's resolve to stay on course. They performed extremely well. It was the strongest signal and the ultimate expression of our soldiers will to be trained and ready to fight and win.

Our enhanced brigade included units from Troop F, 82nd Cavalry, Oregon; 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry, California; and Companies B and C, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, American Samoa, as well as the Lava Brigade's JRTC task force units from Penn-

sylvania, Alabama and Washington Guard.

Critical to the 29th Brigade success at AT '98 was the support provided by active duty:

- 196th Training Support Brigade, U.S. Army Pacific - Training Assessment Model evaluation
  - 1st Training Support Brigade from Colorado - conducting lanes training
  - 501st Infantry, 25th Infantry Division (Light) - providing opposing forces
- Special kudos to out Hawaii Guard units:
- 103rd Troop Command

that moved our soldiers safely on so many missions.

The CH-47D Chinook helicopter and C-26 Metroliner, as well as the Hawaii Air National Guard's C-130 Hercules aircraft crews that moved thousand of troops from Honolulu to Hilo and Pohakuloa Training Area.

- Headquarters State Area Command staff that ran base camp and provided logistical support that allowed the brigade to focus on training.

In all it was a team effort that paid off.

## Hawaii Air Guard meets in Kauai for commanders' conference

By Lt. Col. Fred Fogel

The Hawaii Air National Guard held its annual commanders' conference at the Sheraton Kauai in July.

In a departure from previous conferences, seventeen senior NCOs attended along with forty-four unit commanders and other officers from the Hawaii Guard. Among the forty guests, distinguished visitors and presenters were Adm. Joseph W. Prueher, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command; Gen. Richard B. Myers, Pacific Air Forces commander; Lt. Gen. William M. Steele, U.S. Army Pacific commanding general; Maj. Gen. Tandy K. Bozeman, California's adjutant general, Maj. Gen. John H. Fenimore V, New York's adjutant

general; and Brig. Gen. Craig R. McKinley, Air National Guard deputy director.

The commanders' conference provided an outstanding opportunity to network with senior decision makers from other organizations, weigh initiatives that have an impact on the HIANG's strategic plan, and come to agreement on group planning issues. Kauai Mayor Maryanne Kusaka welcomed attendees to the Garden Isle. Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, Hawaii's adjutant general, opened the conference with his thoughts on the challenges and opportunities facing the Hawaii Air National Guard. Adm. Prueher addressed Pacific command issues. Gen. Myers talked on the future of PACAF. Lt. Gen. Steele presented USARPAC challenges. Brig. Gen. McKinley looked into the future of the Air National

Guard. And the TAGs from California and New York addressed state initiatives.

The morning of the second day saw presentations on PACAF plans and programs, the ANG budget, operations in the Pacific, ANG operations, professionalizing the net, ROPMA and personnel issues, and counter drug initiatives. In the afternoon the commanders from the 154th Wing and 201st Combat Communications Group rolled up their sleeves and resolved a number of local planning issues. The day ended with a dinner reception and presentation by Dennis Chun, chairman of Hawaii Studies at Kauai Community College, and Col. Patrick Aiu on traditional Hawaiian voyaging.

On the last day the senior leaders convened in a separate executive session. The general

session heard presentations on the planning and scheduling document, force management and the draft HIANG strategic plan. Lt. Col. Gervin Miyamoto provided an update on the HING Counterdrug Program. The conference ended with breakout groups addressing improvements to the draft strategic plan.

Thanks to the many units and staffers who helped make the conference a success, including the 204th Airlift Squadron C-130 aircrew, Hawaii Army Guard's C-26 aircrew, 154th Air Control Squadron and the Headquarters, HIANG.

Overall the 21st conference was well received and reflected favorably on the advance planning of Headquarters personnel. The support and cooperation of many different units helped make it a success.

### Hawaii Air Guard assist in total force mission:

## RIMPAC '98 demands test Hawaii Air Guard's readiness

By Deborah M. Sanders Murray

With its mission to protect the skies over Hawaii, the Hawaii Air National Guard is playing an integral part in Rim of the Pacific '98 or RIMPAC '98.

RIMPAC is the largest exercise conducted by the Navy's Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet (CINCPACFLT) this year.

HIANG units involved with RIMPAC '98 include the 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron, 154th Air Control Squadron, 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, 199th Fighter Squadron and 204th Airlift Squadron.

The 169th mission of ensuring that all aircraft flying in Hawaii's airspace is identified has taken on a new meaning during

RIMPAC. RIMPAC has intensified the Hawaii Air Guard's air defense mission because there are more aircraft to identify, according to Maj. Morris Miyose, mission crew commander for the Hawaii Regional Operations Control Center (HIROCC) at Wheeler Army Airfield.

To accomplish its mission, the 169th must coordinate with the U.S. Navy's Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility, Pearl Harbor, to make sure that all aircraft are identified and can squawk the proper identification codes.

The 154th Air Control Squadron on Kauai provides mission capabilities similar but mobile. The squadron worked as an opposing force to the Navy SEALs in defense of their

radar equipment.

Miyose said that his four crews, or more than 75 airmen are assisting in the exercise by providing air control services for the HIANG's 199th Fighter Squadron's F-15 Eagles that are flying sorties throughout the exercise.

Capt. Stan W. Hong, training officer and pilot with the fighter squadron, said that the 199th support during RIMPAC is very vital. "If we were not here, they would be hurting," Hong said explaining that the unit expects to fly more than 120 sorties during RIMPAC.

The fighter squadron is flying its F-15 Eagles against U.S. Navy F-18 Hornets and F-14 Tomcats serving as the Red Force (bad guys) and the Blue Force (good

guys) in various war scenarios. The sorties include missions that employ the use of night vision goggles. In 1994, the 199th Fighter Squadron made history by becoming the first unit ever, active duty or National Guard, to fly F-15 sorties with the NVGs.

The F-15s are also being employed as escort for C-130s flying missions between Oahu and Hawaii.

RIMPAC has provided the Hawaii Guard's 203rd Air Refueling Squadron's 62 members a paramount opportunity to train and refuel aircraft that they normally would not have the opportunity to refuel, according to 1st Lt. Sandra M. Hoggan, a navigator with the refuelers. In addition to these duties the 203rd has taken on the added responsibility

of briefing incoming tanker crews providing flight plans and other information needed to help ease transition of the visiting tanker units during the exercise. The 203rd will be flying about 25 sorties.

The numerous sorties have given the media and other non-flight crew personnel an opportunity to fly orientation missions.

The 204th Airlift Squadron moved eight Hummers and 16 U.S. Marines from Kaneohe, Oahu, to the Big Island of Hawaii in July and are scheduled to bring them back in August, according to Tech. Sgt. Darren R. Morris, a loadmaster with the 204th. He said most of their support in past years has been movement of troops from Kaneohe.





# Hawaii National Guard Family Program

Maj. Martha St. Louis  
State Family Support Coordinator

volunteer session included informational deployment and reunion presentations by Navy Family Service Center counselors and an inspirational testimonial by Mervyn Kitashima. We continue to work together to help improve the quality of life of Hawaii National Guard soldiers and airmen and their families...that's what we're all about!

### Financial readiness council established

The Family Program, Hawaii National Guard Association (HNGA) and Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association (HNGEA) have chartered the Hawaii National Guard Financial Readiness Council as authorized and initiated by General Richardson.

The council's mission is to provide each member of the National Guard and their families the highest level of education and information relating to financial readiness.

The financial readiness workshops are organized to educate Hawaii Guard members and their families of their existing benefits and the ability to participate in present, as well as future, benefit programs. In today's tough economic climate, living paycheck to paycheck is not unusual for most of Hawaii's families.

With the adjutant general's guidance, the Guard associations have cultivated the "power of the group" to offer lower cost insurance programs with value added special features that are not available on an individual purchase contract. You may request a workshop for your unit or Family Support Group (FSG) by contacting the State Family Program Coordinator at 732-1823.

### Call-up ceremony gets family support

As a way to thank the valiant soldiers who were called to duty for their country in Vietnam with the 29th Separate Infantry Brigade in 1968, FSGs helped in the 30th Commemoration of the call-up at the Brigade Headquarters, May 17. With donations from the HNGA and HNGEA, volunteers from Kapoe' Haaheo e' Malama, Headquarters, 29th Brigade's FSG and Hui Ka Ko'o Ohana, 29th Support Battalion's FSG provided the refreshments for the over 300 attendees of this memorable event.

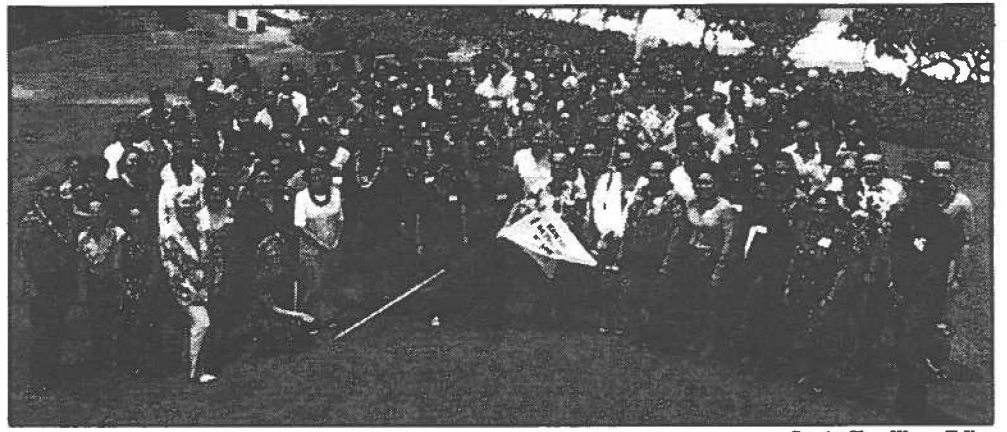
The dedicated volunteers included Barbara Alama, Paulette Chaves, Bobbie Kito-Hong, Faye Kaliikuli (and her three children!), Harriet Kuni, JoAnne Yamamoto, Bernie Murakami, Wai Yee Sin, Rose Mary Cavaco, and Francine Swedberg. The adjutant general signed Certificates of Appreciation to present to these very special volunteers.

### Spouses tea with Hawaii's First Lady

The First Lady of Hawaii, Vicky Cayetano, invited military family members to a thank-you tea on May 12 at Washington Place as part of Military Appreciation Week. The HING was represented at the tea by family members Celia Richardson, JoAnne Yamamoto, Bobbie Kito-Hong, Harriet Kuni, Cathy Abe, Joyce Silva, Bernie Murakami and JoJo Correa.

### Group provides refreshments to deploying soldiers

Family Support Groups from the 29th Separate Infantry Brigade Headquarters and 29th Support Battalion pro-



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha

**KEEPING IT ALL IN THE FAMILY** - Attendees at the annual family support conference pose for the yearly family portrait at Turtle Bay Hilton in April.

## Hui Laulima:

### Family of Helping Hands

vided a hearty send-off and refreshments to the Pohakuloa Training Area-bound soldiers at the Hickam Air Force Base airhead, June 13. Units were welcomed back by enthusiastic family members at the end of the training, too, with lots of food and long-awaited smiles and stories! These same FSGs plan to support the 29 SIB's Joint Readiness Training Center D-360 Workshop, July 25-26. In doing so, these families not only support the Brigade in its training exercises, but they learn more about deployments and what happens when their Guardsmen prepare for and participate in these important unit readiness events.

that will involve a spouse orientation flight. The event is planned for July 25 at the squadron and will include an orientation to the unit, FSG information and a unit party afterwards. Child care reimbursement will be provided for family members by Family Program funds in order to help make this a true family event.

### Program available to support

Include Family Program and Family Support Group information as part of your family days and unit get-togethers. Contact the State Family Program coordinator at 732-1823 to help coordinate. Additionally, pre-MOB Family Support briefings for any HING unit that requests them are effective ways to



keep the families as well as the unit members informed of what happens during deployments and how to prepare for mobilizations and reunions.

Air Guard has ongoing alert missions, and Army Guard soldiers are preparing for training at the Joint Readiness Training Center in Louisiana. Include family readiness and mobilization preparation in your unit training schedules and FSG agendas.

Our HING units are constantly on the go, and we need to make sure our families are prepared.

### Spouses getting orientation flight

The 204th Airlift Squadron is planning a FSG event



**FIRST MESSAGE** - Hawaii's First Lady Vicky Cayetano greets the military spouses at Washington Place during Hawaii Military Week in May. Spouses, wives and husbands were invited for tea and a tour of the governor's home.



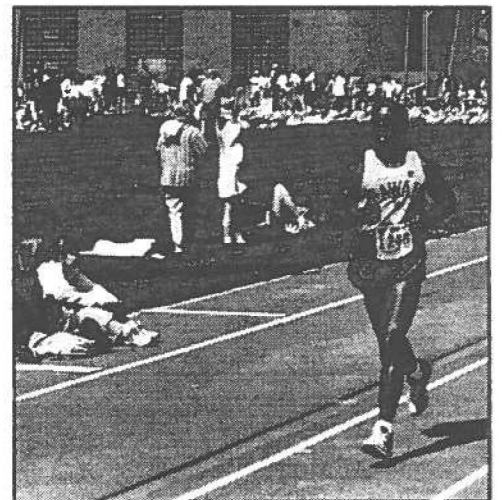
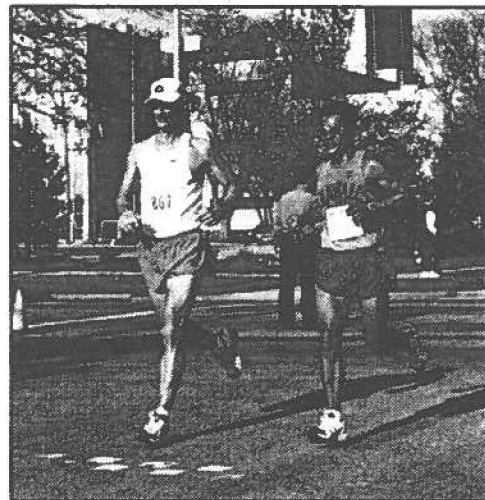
Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum

## Sports news



Capt. Charles J. Anthony

**WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS** - 1998 Hawaii National Guard Volleyball Tournament Masters Championship Team members from the 154th Air Control Squadron: Maj. Glenn Kagawa, Senior Master Sgt. Ron Javier, Senior Airman Roy Yokotake, Capt. Marc Gonsalves, Staff Sgt. Oscar Sagucio, Staff Sgt. Steven Carvalho and Tech. Sgt. Mike Akama.



Nebraska Army National Guard

**AIRMEN FLYING ON THE GROUND** - Tech Sgt. Robert T. Myint (left photo) and Staff Sgt. Warren T. Williams (right) compete in the 15th annual National Guard Bureau Marathon, held May 3. The two Hawaii Air National Guard airmen finished 52nd and 143rd in a field of 211 National Guard runners at the Guard Marathon, held in conjunction with the annual Lincoln Marathon in Lincoln, Neb. Myint, 33, an avionics technician with the 154th Maintenance Squadron, finished with a time of 3 hours, 4 minutes and 36 seconds. Williams, 36, an operations superintendent with the 293rd Combat Communications Squadron, completed the run in 3 hours, 44 minutes and 15 seconds.



# 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.

**1998 U.S. Pacific Command Reserve Component Soldier of the Year**  
 Spc. Mi Soon Han, Company C (Medical), 29th Support Battalion

**Meritorious Service Medal**

Col. Dennis C.H. Kim, HQ State Area Command (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Lt. Col. Edwin R. Miyahara, 204th Airlift Squadron  
 Maj. Michael C.K. Wong, HQ State Area Command (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Command Sgt. Maj. Arthur W.K. Mandaquit, HQ & HQ Company, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
 Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey O. Clegg, 154th Maintenance Squadron  
 Sgt. 1st Class Gordon K. Doo, HQ State Area Command  
 Sgt. 1st Class Mark T. Shiraishi, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery  
 Sgt. 1st Class Reynold K. Tamayei, HQ State Area Command  
 Sgt. Margaret U. Fernandez, HQ State Area Command

**Army Commendation Medal**

Maj. Darren Carpenter, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Capt. Robin K. Lau, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Capt. Robert W. Leshner, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Capt. William R. Spray, 29th Support Battalion  
 Sgt. 1st Class Robert J. Myers, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
 Sgt. Kande K. Almond, HQ State Area Command (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Sgt. Elva A. Schaben, 299th Military Intelligence (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Spc. Belynn P. Aquino, HQ State Area Command  
 Pvt. Sheldon N. Gaison, HQ State Area Command

**Air Force Commendation Medal**  
 Chief Master Sgt. Tsutsui

Seiichi, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

**Army Achievement Medal**

1st Sgt. Paul T. Agena, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 1st Lt. James A. Faleafini, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (4th Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 1st Sgt. Sean K.N. Omatsu, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
 2nd Lt. Raphael Obieta, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery  
 Chief Warrant Officer Ray K. Shiramuzu, HQ & HQ Company, 29th Support Battalion (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Master Sgt. Rex N. Brun, HQ & HQ Company, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade (4th Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Master Sgt. Timothy Morrill, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Sgt. 1st Class Gary Kuakini, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery  
 Staff Sgt. Patrick A. Cambra, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Staff Sgt. Mark Fujimoto, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Staff Sgt. Phillip M. Umali, Company D, 299th Infantry (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Sgt. Alan Benzon, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Sgt. Roberto Galdiano, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Sgt. Edmundo Gascon, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Sgt. Craig Naipo, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery  
 Sgt. Thomas Oboardi, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Sgt. Robert L. Shufoord, HQ & HQ Company, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade  
 Sgt. Iven T. Sugai, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Sgt. Marshall Tokuda, 227th Engineer Company (-) (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Spc. Shannon Custidio, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Bat-

talion, 487th Field Artillery (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Spc. Bryan M. Doo, HQ & HQ Company, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
 Spc. Arthur K. Gacutan, HQ & HQ Company, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
 Spc. Wilger A. Mazzini, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Spc. Steven Nishimura, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Spc. Kendall K.H. Oshiro, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery  
 Spc. Daniel Omori, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery  
 Spc. Cheyenne H. Perry, HQ & HQ Company, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Spc. Gary W. Silva, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Spc. William C. Reed, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Spc. Bradley M. Valenzuela, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)  
 Spc. Howard Wong, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery  
 Spc. Francis K. Yanagi, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery  
 Spc. Paul Y. Yamamoto, HQ & HQ Company, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
 Pfc. Eufemio B. Longboy Jr., Battery B, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery  
 Pvt. Sean E.K. Riley, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery

**Hawaii National Guard Medal for Merit**

Col. Bernard K. Koch, HQ Pacific Air Forces  
 Lt. Col. Gervin K. Miyamoto, Hawaii National Guard Association

**Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal**

Col. Henry W. Urstadt, 8th State Military Support Office, Hawaii HQ, 9th Regional Support Command  
 Maj. David M. Meinhold, TSB Pacific, Combat Arms Battalion  
 Maj. Thomas D. Taylor, 169th Brigade (Training Support Brigade-Hawaii)  
 Capt. Suzanne P. Vares-



**RECOGNITION — Lt. Col. Daniel R. Oshiro accepts a Certificate of Recognition from Neighborhood Board No. 34 - Chair Maeda Timson. The certificate, signed by Mayor Jeremy Harris, Neighborhood Commission executive Secretary Benjamin J. Kama Jr. and Timson, and a commendation signed by Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano were present to the Hawaii National Guard for the efforts of the CH-47D Chinook helicopter crews fighting the recent brush fires in the Makakilo area.**

Lum, 229th Military Intelligence Company

1st Sgt. Ernest N. Chang Jr, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (2nd Bronze Kahili)  
 Senior Master Sgt. Donald T. Hashimoto, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron  
 Staff Sgt. Pamela C. Yashiki, 203rd Air Refueling Squadron

(initial, 1st-4th Bronze Kahilis)

Staff Sgt. Jimmy C. Barrientos, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
 Staff Sgt. Roel R.A. Galinta, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
 Staff Sgt. Constancio U. Soliven, HQ State Area Command  
 Pfc. Daniel Alvarez, Company C, 193rd Aviation (initial & 1st Bronze Kahili)  
 Pfc. Jeremiah B. Hayes, Company C, 193rd Aviation (initial & 1st Bronze Kahili)  
 Pfc. Dædra N. Nakooka, Company C, 193rd Aviation (initial & 1st Bronze Kahili)  
 Pfc. Tyson J. Perry, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (initial & 1st Bronze Kahili)  
 Pfc. Kassi L. Tokuhisa, Company C, 193rd Aviation  
 Pvt. Lorraine E. Adams, Company B, 193rd Aviation  
 Pvt. Dorylyn V. Andres, Det. 4, HQ State Area Command  
 Pvt. Jonathan A. Boyes, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
 Pvt. Felipe O. Burgos, Com-

pany B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry

Pvt. Anson J. Caeres, Company C, 193rd Aviation  
 Pvt. Jason H. Chang, HQ & HQ Company, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)  
 Pvt. Anthony A. Espina, HQ & HQ Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery  
 Pvt. Ernest K. Hapenny, Company C, 193rd Aviation  
 Pvt. Randi C. Ishikawa, 103rd Troop Command  
 Pvt. Markanthony O. Julian, HQ & HQ Company, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)  
 Pvt. William K. Kahele, Company C, 29th Support Battalion  
 Pvt. Lynn Y. Lupton, HQ State Area Command  
 Pvt. Jason R. Price, HQ & HQ Company, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)  
 Pvt. Christopher R. Querbral, Company A, 29th Support Battalion  
 Pvt. Rodrigo C. Rindon, Company B, 193rd Aviation  
 Pvt. Allen S. Santamaria, Company A, 29th Support Battalion



## Safety talk

Capt. Arnold Iaea  
 Safety Officer, Hawaii Army National Guard

### Motor vehicle safety

If you own a car or truck that you feel has a safety defect, you should not only contact your dealer or repair shop for diagnosis and repair, you should also report the problem to the Hotline at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The DOT Auto Safety Hotline specializes in gathering information about safety problems in motor vehicles and equipment and is your chance to help identify these problems which sometimes lead to recalls. The Hotline can be dialed toll free at 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236).

In operation since 1975, the DOT Auto Safety Hotline is the Agency's single point of contact, where you can obtain information about motor vehicle safety, child safety seats, vehicle importation and certification, and air bags. You may also speak with a consultant who will file a report on your vehicle's safety defect and provide you with recall and other valuable information. All of these services are available by mail or fax from the Hotline and through the Internet at [www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline) where you can now file your safety defect report online.

If you or your unit would like to participate in a DOT Auto Safety Hotline outreach program or order free literature, contact Captain Iaea at the State Safety Office at 733-4105 or link directly to the Internet Hotline for more information.

## Training Schedule

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

Hawaii Army National Guard	Aug	Sep	Oct
HQ, STARC, HIARNG	8-9	12-13	3-4
29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)	1-2, 15	12-13	3-4
2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry	1-2	12-13	3-4
227th Engineer Company	1-2	12-13	3-4
299th Military Intelligence Co.	1-2	12-13	3-4
1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery	8-9	11-13	3-4
29th Support Battalion	1-2	12-13	3-4
103rd Troop Command	7-9	12-13	3-4
25th ID (L), D-RTOC	7-9	12-13	3-4
HHD, 12th Personnel Service Det.	8-9	12-13	3-4
Co. B (AVIM), 193rd Aviation	1-2, 8-9	12-13	3-4
Co. C (Med. Lift), 193rd Aviation	7-9	12-13	3-4
Medical, CECAT	8-9	12-13	3-4
RAID	8-9	12-13	3-4
HQ, Hawaii Air National Guard	8-9	12-13	3-4
154th Wing	8-9	12-13	3-4
201st Combat Communications Group	8-9	12-13	3-4