

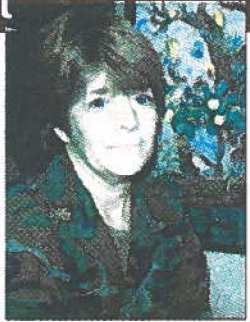
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Calendar

November 11, Thursday

Veterans Day, ceremonies at National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, 9 a.m.; at Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe, 1 p.m.; and veterans cemeteries on Kauai, Maui and Hawaii.

November 16, Tuesday

Posting of the Guard at Iolani Palace, Ceremonial Royal Guard.

November 25, Thursday

Thanksgiving Day, federal and state holiday.

December 7, Tuesday

Pearl Harbor missing man flyover (HIANG F-15s), U.S.S. Arizona Memorial, 7 a.m.

December 11, Saturday

National Guard Birthday Ball at Hilton Hawaiian Village Tapa Room; picture taking, cocktails & music at 5 p.m.; formal program starts at 5:45 p.m.

December 12, Sunday

HING Youth Challenge Program graduation, McKinley High School Auditorium, 1 p.m.

December 14, Tuesday

National Guard's 363rd birthday.

December 24, Friday

Christmas Eve, federal and state holiday.

December 25, Saturday

Christmas Day.

Hawaii Guard leadership sets example, taking Anthrax shots

Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general, has decided to set the example for all Hawaii National Guard soldiers and airmen to follow regarding anthrax vaccines. Because anthrax could be used as a battlefield weapon, the Secretary of Defense has deemed it a requirement for everyone in the U.S. military.

Since 1970, when the anthrax vaccine was approved by the FDA, there have been no reports of long-term adverse health effects from the vaccine. Only .01 percent of the one million anthrax shots given to Department of Defense personnel so far have produced an adverse reaction and those few reactions were temporary. This is an exceptionally low rate of reaction for any vaccine, according to medical personnel administering the inoculation program.

"It is a matter of educating for our



Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general, get an Anthrax shot in May. Lt. Col. Wes W.K. Young administers the TAGs shot.

Col. Myron N. Dobashi, Hawaii Air National Guard commander, is given his shot by 1st Lt. Nelson Pagurayan.



soldiers and airmen. Anthrax is a deadly bacteria. It is our responsibility to protect our people from certain death if they are exposed to anthrax either on the battlefield or from an act of terrorism," said Richardson. "The vaccine is the only safe and effective

way of doing that. If I thought the shots weren't absolutely safe, I would not ask our soldiers and airmen to take it."

To be protected against anthrax, personnel receive six shots over an 18-month period, then a yearly booster.

Guard assists beyond Hawaiian air space

By Capt. Charles J. Anthony and Stephen M. Lum

This summer Hawaii National Guard continued its far-reaching community service missions.

Cancer patient aided

A 203rd Air Refueling Squadron KC-135R Stratotanker supported a mission of mercy to an isolated Antarctica location in early July. The Hawaii Air National Guard tanker provided mid-air refueled of a C-141 Starfighter flying medical supplies to Dr. Jerri Nielsen, 47, who discovered a lump in her breast and couldn't be evacuated until October.

She is one of more than 40 men and women at the National Science Foundation's Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, which is 3,200 miles from New Zealand. The successful drop of six pallets of medi-



cal and other supplies took place in minus 80 degree cold. She was evacuated back to the continental U.S. by the New York Air National Guard.

Big Island brushfire suppression supported

Two Hawaii Army National Guard UH-60A Blackhawk helicopters assisted Hawaii County fight brushfires in South Kohala and Ka'u in early August. The HIARNG aerial fire suppression was a coordinated effort

with the Division of Forestry and Wildlife, the State Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Pohakuloa firefighters. Over a period of two days, the HIARNG UH-60s flew 171 sorties and dropped 99,000 gallons of water on the brushfire, which threatened to burn an area that contains numerous endangered species of plants found in and around PTA. The effort saved most of the endangered species area west of PTA and stopped the fire

— Stephen M. Lum photo

from progressing to the east, north and south.

Johnston Atoll safety assessed after hurricane

A Hawaii Air National Guard C-130H Hercules cargo aircraft was among the military aircraft used to evacuate 1,054 people from the Hurricane Dora endangered Johnston Atoll to Honolulu in August. Three days later another Hawaii Guard C-130 flew chemical reconnaissance and assessment teams back to Johnston to check out the damage the hurricane may have caused. The 204th Airlift Squadron was part of a team of Air Force and Navy aircraft to fly 150 personnel back to the 2-mile long national wildlife refuge and chemical weapons disposal plant, located 824 miles southwest of Honolulu.

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Command Notes

Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson
The Adjutant General

Defense, Ed has performed a variety of task that range across the full spectrum of emergency management. Ed is a retired U.S. Army colonel with 26 years of service. We wish Ed well in his new assignment and we wish Roy well as he begins his retirement.

Weapons of Mass Destruction symposium held

I want to commend everyone involved with the Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) symposium and Western State Adjutants General Conference, which was held here from Sept. 22 to 25. The POMSO Section (Plans & Operations Military Support Office) did an outstanding job facilitating the symposium, which brought in WMD experts from Sandia and Los Alamos National Labs.

The WMD symposium brought together the adjutants general, or representatives, from 15 western states and territories and officials from county, state and federal agencies to learn the latest information on technology that can be used to combat WMD.

It was also an opportunity to share information and discuss issues related to National

Guard WMD Rapid Assessment/Initial Detection (RAID) teams. Hawaii is one of 17 additional states that are in the running to receive funding for a 22 personnel full-time RAID team.

The visit to the Pacific Disaster Center also went well and demonstrated the capabilities we have in the Pacific Region for disaster mitigation and relief and recovery operations.

Anthrax shots given

The story and photos on the front cover of this edition deals with the issue of anthrax inoculations. There has been some misinformation circulating about the vaccine, so I decided to begin my series of anthrax shots to clearly demonstrate that they are safe.

Nearly one million anthrax shots have been given to DoD personnel with very few adverse reactions, making the anthrax vaccines one of the safest series on record. We know that terrorists and rogue states have the capacity to use anthrax as a weapon of mass destruction.

Unfortunately, we live in a potentially dangerous world. A chemical or biological attack could come on the battlefield, or it could happen on the main-

land or here at home.

The vaccine is the only known way of preventing sure death if exposed to anthrax spores. If anyone still has questions or concerns about the anthrax series, I urge you to talk to your commander, first sergeant or your unit medical personnel.

National Guard associations

I now want to address an issue that is of vital importance to the future of the Hawaii National Guard. Without organizations such as the Hawaii National Guard Association (HNGA) and the Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association (HNGEA), we would not be enjoying the same benefits that we have today.

HNGA and HNGEA are the Hawaii Chapters of the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) and the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS).

These associations are the voice of the National Guard and work to improve the lives of all National Guard soldiers and airmen. For example, NGAUS and EANGUS were instrumental in having commissary privileges doubled from 12

to 24 per year. Unfortunately, not everyone in the Hawaii National Guard understands the importance of being a member of these organizations.

I urge everyone who cares about quality of life issues for our soldiers and airmen to support the HNGA and HNGEA.

DoD family asked to give to community organizations

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support for the Aloha United Way (AUW) and Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) fund drives.

The CFC runs from Sept. 24 to Nov. 4. Last year, the Army and Air National Guard raised \$157,780. That figure is proportionally far ahead of most other federal agencies that participate in the CFC. This year, we set a goal of \$159,422 and as we go to press we have collected nearly \$163,000 in pledges. Outstanding job!

Our State employees participate in the AUW campaign. Last year, we raised \$17,404. This year we topped that by raising \$20,365. AUW and CFC contribute to 109 local and national organizations that help Hawaii's citizens.

Nearly half of Hawaii's citizens benefit from one or more of these charitable or community-based organizations. Your contributions can make a tremendous difference in the lives of your relatives, friends and neighbors.

First of all, I want to say mahalo and aloha to Roy Price, who has retired after 12 years as the vice director of State Civil Defense.

Since 1987, Roy has assisted with four Presidential Disaster Declarations and several State disaster declarations. Before joining the State Department of Defense team, he was a colonel in the U.S. Army with more than 36 years of military service.

In service to his country and State, he consistently provided professional leadership and personal concern for the welfare and safety of our community. Roy will be missed but he leaves the day-to-day State Civil Defense operations in good hands.

Ed Teixeira has replaced Roy, on an interim basis, as the vice director. Prior to this appointment, he was the disaster assistance planner at State Civil Defense. In his three and a half years with State Civil

Departmental News

Hawaii National Guard associations membership drive

Strong and active officer and enlisted National Guard associations, both at the national and state levels, are essential for the continuation of National Guard initiatives. Important issues such as maintaining our tuition assistance program; obtaining additional full-time manning; increasing funding for military schools; 100 percent increase of visits to the commissary; and funding for our move to Barbers Point are actively pursued.

Our strength and effectiveness lie in our members. We must have strong and viable association if we are going to face upcoming challenges and be successful in keeping the National Guard a full partner in the Total Force. Leaders should be setting the example. Our organization contributes

much to educating the public about the vital role of the National Guard as part of America's Army and Air Force.

To those who are already members, you should encourage others to join and participate. It is the responsibility of leadership at all levels to instill a sense of professionalism and responsibility in unit members and to regularly discuss professional issues that promote and enhance the readiness and quality of life of the National Guard. We must strive to inform Guard members about the pride of being a part of the team that fights for benefits and privileges for all Guard members.

Benefits & privileges include:

- State-sponsored life insurance program
- Retirement benefits
- Space available travel
- State tuition assistance program

- 24 commissary privileges per year
- Unlimited PX visits
- New equipment (CH-47Ds, KC-135s, UH-60s, etc.)

Join and be an active member:

- Attend National Guard conferences & meetings
- Call and/or write your congressmen and state legislators on issues you feel to be important
- Volunteer your time to serve on the various association committees and advisory groups
- Keep yourself informed on the issues affecting your future and the future of our National Guard.

As I share these observations, I am fully aware that the choice of membership is a personal matter. Whether members of NGAUS and HNGA or not, all members of the Guard perform an invaluable service. Membership in these associations is a value added that can result in greater personal satisfaction through efforts of behalf

of all Guard members. As leaders, we set the example and take care of our soldiers and airmen.

Now, today, as I write these words, decisions are being made and policy is being formulated that will determine what our Army and Air Force will look like in the 21st Century.

The question is will the National Guard continue to maintain its role as a full partner in the Total Force of tomorrow? I have no doubt, as the future unfolds, that America will need you and the National Guard more than ever.

With your help, and that of your fellow officers, working together on both the state and national levels, we will ensure that our National Guard remains a true partner in the defense and security of our nation.

— Lt. Col. Raymond Jardine Jr., HNGA President

Enlistment, Retention Bonus

- Enlistment bonus for high priority units, CAT 1-111A effective Nov 1999 - Mar. 31, 2000 **\$8000**
- Enlistment bonus for critical skill, CAT 1-111B effective Nov 1999 - Mar. 31, 2000 **\$5000**
- Six year retention bonus for 29th SIB effective Feb. 1, 2000 **\$5000**
- Enlistment & reenlistment student loan repayment **\$10,000**

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Hawaii National Guard Birthday Ball

363rd birthday of the National Guard

Saturday • December 11 • Hilton Hawaiian Village • Tapa Ballroom
Military: Best service dress uniform • Civilian: Semiformal (coat w/open collar shirt)

Make reservations by November 30 • Call your unit commander or representative
Only 1,400 seats available

Formal picture taking 1700 Dinner 1900-2000
Cocktails & music 1700-1745 Dancing 2000
Program 1745-1900

Rank	Cost	Guest
E1-E4	\$20	\$20
E5-E7	\$30	\$30
E8-E9	\$35	\$35
WO-CWO3	\$40	\$40
CWO4-CWO5	\$45	\$45
O1-O3	\$40	\$40
O4-O5	\$50	\$50
O6-O8	\$55	\$55
Civilian	\$40	\$40

Warriors remembered for place in Hawaii Guard history

By Stephen M. Lum

This summer the Hawaii National Guard said aloha to two of its well known sons: Maj. Gen. Robert L. Stevenson and 1st Sgt. Edgar W.K. Alexander.

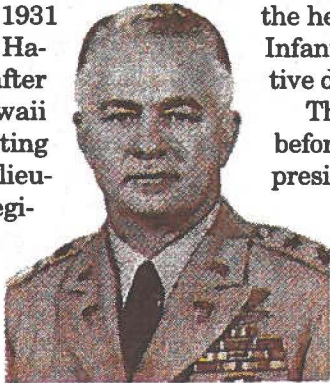
Maj. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general, represented the Hawaii National Guard at the funerals.

TAG in 1960s

Stevenson, Hawaii's tenth adjutant general, who served from December 1962 to July 1966, died Aug. 1. He was 84.

The Honolulu born general, enlisted in 1931 as a member of 298th Infantry Regiment, Hawaii Army National Guard. In 1937, after graduating from the University of Hawaii with a degree in engineering and completing ROTC, he was commissioned a second lieutenant. He returned to the 298th, the regiment he would go on to command nine years later.

Stevenson, then a captain, was called to active duty and served with the 25th Infantry Division in the South Pacific during World War II. His five active duty years included combat tours in Guadalcanal, New Georgia and Luzon, where he earned the Legion of Merit, Silver Star and promotions to colonel.



Stevenson

In 1946, he return to the command the 298th Regimental Combat Team, and later served as chief of staff. Stevenson went back to private enterprise in 1957, as an executive for Home Insurance Company (now First Insurance Company) and retire from the Guard in 1958.

He was called out of retirement in December 1962 when he was appointed by Gov. John A. Burns as adjutant general.

In 1966, during his tenure as adjutant general, the Hawaii Army Guard was designated as a Selected Reserve Force. Training was stepped up by 50 percent and two years later, on May 13, 1968, at the height of the Vietnam Conflict, the 29th Infantry Brigade was placed on Federal active duty.

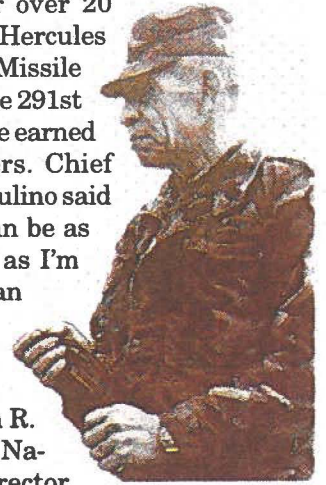
The general served for almost four years before returning to First Insurance as vice president and a year later as president.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Fidler Stevenson; daughter Bobbie Naukana; son, Jack; seven grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren and a sister.

Maintenance unit's top sergeant respected

First Sgt. Edgar Alexander, who retired in January 1985 after more than 38 years of military service, died July 29. He was 74.

Alexander served as a Hawaii Army National Guard first sergeant for over 20 years, first with old Nike Hercules missile's Battery B, 1st Missile Battalion and then with the 291st Maintenance Company. He earned the respect of his soldiers. Chief Warrant Officer Alfred Paulino said Alexander often said 'I can be as mean as I want, as long as I'm fair' and he was both mean and fair' and most of the soldiers respected that style.



Alexander

Retired Maj. Gen. John R. D'Araujo Jr., former Army National Guard Bureau director and 29th Infantry Brigade commander, said when he was an officer joining the 291st, Alexander told him he would require some training from him before I could expect to function as an officer in "his" unit. "Alec helped me a great deal in my personnel and professional development. I am grateful for having the experience of knowing...observing ...and learning from him."

Alexander said when he retired, he'd miss the Guard, but he would miss the troops more."

He is survived by his wife, Mary; children, Edgar Jr. (Hawaii Air Guard member), Steve, Randolph, and Donna; five grand children; two brothers, and two sisters.

103rd Troop Command starts millennium under new leadership

By Pfc. Brandon D. Bocanegra and Stephen M. Lum

Newly promoted Col. Gary M. Hara received the 103rd Troop Command guidon from Gen. Edward L. Correa Jr. during change of command ceremonies held at Wheeler Army Air-



HAND-OFF — Col. Gary M. Hara accepts the symbolic guidon of command from Brig. Gen. Edward L. Correa Jr., the Hawaii Army National Guard commander. The new 103rd Troop Command leader took the helm in September.

field in September. Stepping down from the reigns was Col. Glen I. Sakagawa.

Hara, who works full-time as the Hawaii Army National Guard's Army Aviation Support Facility No. 1 commander, joined the Guard in April 1970. He earn a bachelor's degree in business administration from Chaminade University. After receiving his commission in 1973, he was assigned as a platoon leader in one of his father's companies, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry. Other assignments included command of Troop E, 19th Cavalry and 1st Battalion, 193rd Aviation.

Hara, a master aviator with more than 4,500 accident-free flying hours, is qualified to fly the OH-58 Kiowa observation, UH-1 Iroquois utility, AH-1 Cobra attack and CH-47 Chinook medium lift helicopters; as well as the C-26 Metroliner 18-passenger airplane.

In addition to routine flying, Hara has flown numerous brushfire fighting missions, most recently on the Waianae Coast and Molokai.

The Big Island soldier continues a family legacy. His dad, Lt. Col. Henry



HARA . . . HARA -- Col. Gary M. Hara, new commander of 103rd Troop Command is join by his Hawaii Army National Guard family, dad, retired Lt. Col. Henry S. Hara, and brothers, Capt. Kenneth S. Hara, Sgt. 1st Class Dennis J. Hara and Staff Sgt. Larry M. Hara.

S. Hara, commanded the 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry for more than 13 years, while his uncle, Col. Horace S. Hara, closed out his military career as the Hawaii Army Guard's assistant chief of staff for logistics (G4) in 1993.

Hara's younger brothers are presently serving in his command. His youngest brother Capt. Kenneth S. Hara is the drill-stratus commander of the headquarters detachment of 103rd Troop Command and full-time physical security and training officer for the 103rd. Sgt. 1st Class Dennis J. Hara is part Troop Command's lo-

gistics section and works full-time at Army Aviation Support Facility No. 2 in Hilo. Staff Sgt. Larry M. Hara is a member of Company B (Aviation Intermediate Maintenance), 193rd Aviation, at Wheeler, and also works full-time at the Hilo aviation facility.

Hara's major awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal.

His is married to the former Diane Shigeoka. The reside in central Oahu with the son, Jarett and daughter, Jayne.

C-130 aircrews survival training prepares for worst case scenarios

By Maj Tracey J. Saiki

Fifteen C-130 aircrew members from the 204th Airlift Squadron found themselves rafting the rough ocean waters, being parachute dragged along the beach, and then finding their way through the woods - all in a day's work - at Bellows Air Force Station, in July.

Combat survival training ensures aircrew members maintain proficiency in their skills in the event of an aircraft emergency. "We saw the need and the opportunity to create a localized in-house training experience," said Staff Sgt. James S. Munoz, 204th life support technician. By thinking "outside the box," these life support technicians put their innovative ideas into



AIRCREW SURVIVES WATER — 204th Airlift Squadron crew practice water survival procedures with their life support staff.

motion with assistance from 199th Fighter Squadron and 203rd Air Refueling Squadron life support technicians, and the expertise from the U.S. Army special forces. The first-

time use of Bellows presented a more challenging and realistic environment - rolling surf, dense foliage and vertical terrain.

The morning began with

aircrew members being "put to the test" in post ditching, raft to shore (individual and 20-man life raft) scenarios. In the situation of a parachute landing, members learned how to release themselves from a windblown parachute while being dragged across the ground.

So now you're on land. How do you know where you are? How do you find your way out to a safe location? The afternoon training involved plotting terrain maps, establishing compass coordinates, and learning communications signaling and evasion techniques.

"In situations like these, you only get one chance," said Maj. Gregory H. Grigson, instructor navigator. "This day

reminded me of the importance of being prepared and getting in the habit of checking all your equipment."

Like most flying units, performing large group unit training is often difficult because of the operations tempo. "I felt it was important to schedule at least one training event this year, in which most of us, including me, could participate in together enhancing our squadron's unity and camaraderie," said Lt. Col. Phil Tokunaga, squadron commander. "Our life support folks did a superb job! Their planning, preparing and implementing this effort has pioneered a new path in combined water and land survival training."



Practice, preparation for worst case scenario

Col. Vern T. Miyagi (left photo) observes the proceedings from the command post of the weapons of mass destruction chemical field exercise held at Aloha Stadium in May. The exercise was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense's Soldier Biological Command and Oahu Civil Defense. Honolulu City and County firefighters (right) practice decontamination procedures at field exercise held in the stadium parking lot.

— Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum photos



EXECUTIVE BLESSINGS — State and county officials observe the official unveiling of the Light Armored Vehicle at the Honolulu Police Department Headquarters in downtown Honolulu.



Light armored vehicle dedicated

Story and photos by
Capt. Charles J. Anthony

Crime fighters in Hawaii have a new ally, the Hawaii National Guard's Light Armored Vehicle (LAV-25). The LAV, nicknamed *Kaho'malu*, the protector was dedicated at Honolulu Police Department headquarters in May.

The LAV-25 will be maintained by the Hawaii Guard and made available to federal, state and county civilian law enforcement agencies as a protective vehicle during emergency operations.

The 12-ton, eight-wheeled, all-terrain, all-weather vehicle has night vision capabilities. It can be transported via C-130 to the neighbor islands and is fully amphibious with a few minutes preparation. The \$900,000 LAV-25 was obtained from the New Mexico

National Guard with the support of Maj. Gen. Melvyn S. Montano, New Mexico adjutant general.

Hawaii National Guard officials stress that the armored vehicle will be used for defensive measures. "This Light Armored Vehicle could be used in hostage situations such as what occurred in Pacific Palisades in October 1998," said Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, Hawaii adjutant general. "At the time, the Hawaii National Guard provided Kevlar Humvees to help evacuate preschool children and residents from the area. Kevlar can protect personnel to a certain degree, but a Light Armored Vehicle is even better."

Dignitaries included Lt. Gov. Mazie Hirono, Maj. Generals Richardson and Montano, U.S. Attorney Steve Alm and Honolulu Police Chief Lee Donohue.

Guard engineers repair high school track

Story and photo by
1st Lt. Jeffery D. Hickman

In these tight budget times, the Hawaii National Guard brought welcome relief to the State Department of Education's Wallace C. Farrington High School. A recent local news article noted that Farrington leads the State public schools with fa-

cilities needing more than \$10.1 million in repairs.

The Farrington High School track received a major face lift thanks to the Hawaii National Guard engineers. For three weeks in June, Army and Air Guard members made the trip to the Kalihi high school and resurfaced its cinder track.

This Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) provides the National Guard soldiers and airman with realistic training and an opportunity to perform a needed service for the community at minimal cost to the State of Hawaii.

Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Civil Engineer Squadron cleared the grass

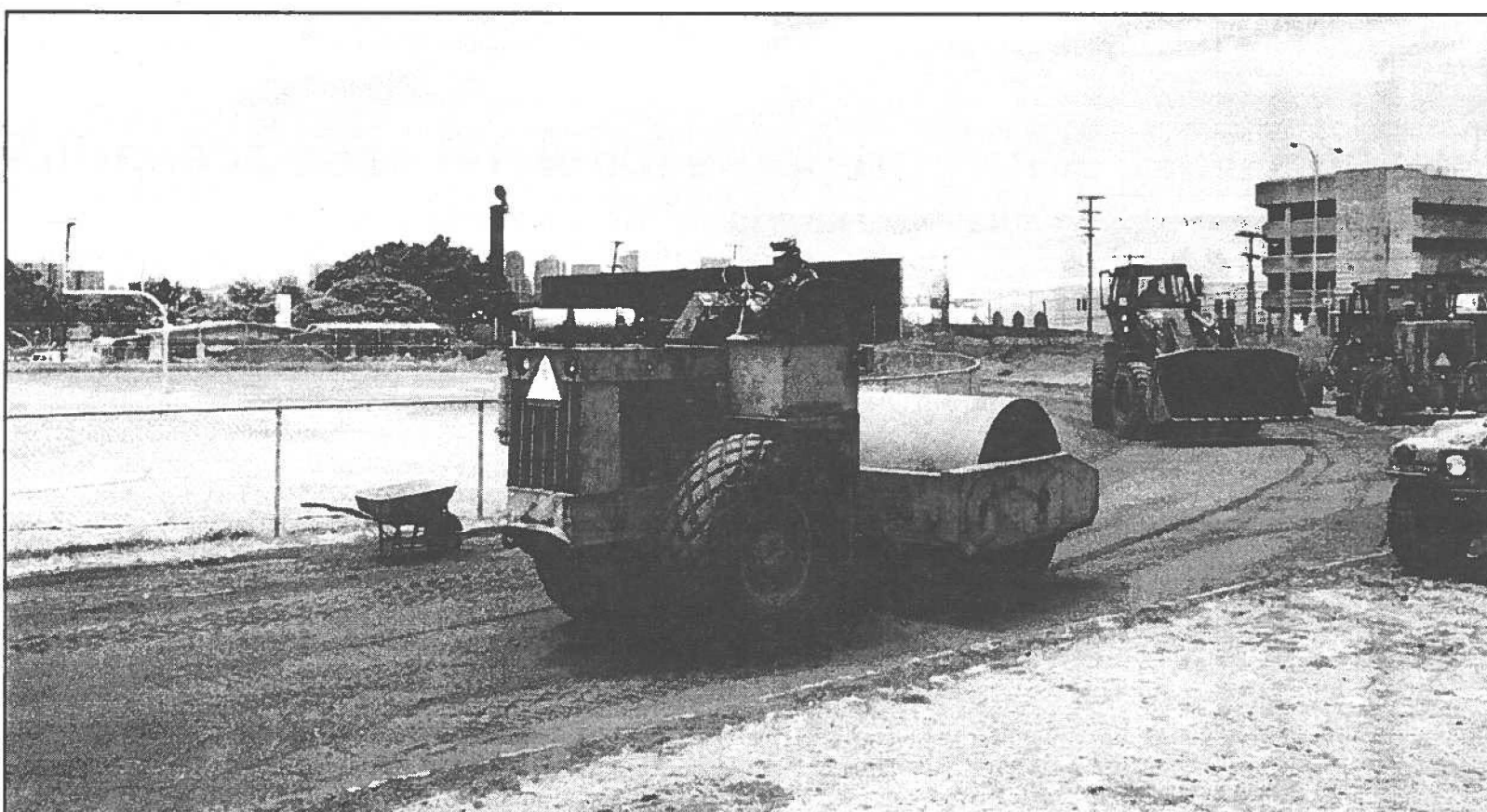
and excess dirt off of the track and graded the existing surface during the first week. For the next two weeks the Hawaii Army National Guard's 298th Engineer Detachment cleared off the last of the grass and filled and graded the cinder surface until it is fully functional for the Farrington student athletes.

Before the joint community service project began, the track surface had bumps, holes and dips throughout. And a large portion of the track was covered with grass so overgrown that it had to be cut before the cement edge lining the facility could be seen.

"We're very thankful," said Agenhart Ellis, Farrington's athletic director. "For over eight years the track has been in disrepair. Through the efforts of State Sen. Norman Mizuguchi and the Hawaii Guard we were able to open this fall with a first class track."

"We've built roads before, but this was the first time we worked on a track," said Spc. Ben Antoque. "This was a good project for us, it gives our guys an opportunity to get some training on our machines."

The 298th had three vehicles on site helping with the cinder application: a scoop loader to place the cinder, a roll grader to spread the cinder and a roller vibrator to smooth the surface. The final touches were accomplished with rakes evening out the cinder along the edges.



Soldiers from the 298th Engineer Detachment, Hawaii Army National Guard, even out the track at Farrington High School before resurfacing and paving it.

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ENEMY IN SIGHT

Spc. Mello Vallente, Detachment 1, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, looks through his thermal sights to check the area for opposing forces soldiers. The Hawaii Army National Guard soldier, from the Big Island of Hawaii, kept mission ready by drinking lots of liquids in the hot and humid Joint Readiness Training Center site located in Fort Polk, La.

— Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha photo



JRTC facts

More than 5,200 soldiers participated in JRTC Rotation 99-08.

2,900 of those were 29th Separate Infantry Brigade soldiers (includes California, Oregon, Minnesota and American Samoa).

There were more than 180 distinguished visitors during the rotation, ranging from senior military leaders to Congressional members and state and local officials.

27 states, three territories and two allied countries took part.

The Lava Brigade took part in the second rotation in JRTC history to complete mission without a major class A to E accident. Hawaii's active duty 25th Infantry Division (Light) was the first.

Lava Brigade returns from Louisiana

By Spc. Wendy R. Cook

The conflicts in the world today are increasingly changing from limited war to peacekeeping operations like Bosnia, Somalia and Haiti. For the Army to adapt to such missions and to prevent the fatal mistakes from happening, it needed to train its soldiers, not just in basic war, but in peace, civil unrest, natural disasters and other emergencies.

Hawaii deploys to Cajun country

Soldiers from the Hawaii Army National Guard's 29th Separate Infantry Brigade were deployed in June to the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) at Fort Polk, La. JRTC is the Army's premiere infantry training center for combat and peacekeeping operations.

Since learning of the JRTC rotation five years ago, the brigade intensified training and preparations to boost their readiness for the mission.

The scenarios were based on a U.S. task force being sent to a small island nation to help them face an invading military force.

The mission of the 29th Brigade and counterparts, or BLUFOR, was to restore democracy to the fictitious island nation of Cortina while putting the opposing force of the rebel army, or the opposition force (OPFOR), to rest. The OPFOR was played by active duty soldiers stationed at Fort Polk.

The Brigade had nine days on offensive and defensive maneuvers in the country. The first five days were movement to contact, where the troops started the occupation of Cortina, and the final four days were on the defensive from OPFOR attacks.

Even though the brigade is larger than the OPFOR battalion, it fought a smaller, quicker force that guarded its own turf. The situation simulated the conflicts and peacekeeping operations the Army is involved in today. The brigade's mission: to overcome, learn and improve against obstacles they face.

JRTC Rotation 99-08 has international flavor

The combined task force, nicknamed the Lava Brigade, included soldiers from U.S. Army's National Guard, Reserve and active components in 27 states; U.S. territory soldiers from American Samoa (Company C, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry (U.S. Army Reserve), Guam and Puerto Rico; allied soldiers from Australia and Lithuania; and airmen from the Hawaii Air National Guard's 199th Weather Flight.

Training experience tested

"JRTC provides the soldiers with the most challenging training experience they can ever receive short of combat. The more we can create a training environment like JRTC, the

better the 29th and reserve units will be for it," said Col. Joseph J. Chaves, 29th Brigade deputy commander. "The soldiers were given the opportunity to learn a lot of things. It's important now to continue to build and grow from their experience."

Post JRTC remarks

Now that the mission is over and soldiers are back to work at home, the brigade can look to some highlights. They deployed to Louisiana, ran the mission, and redeployed in less than three months, including the shipping of equipment and vehicles. The soldiers of the Hawaii Guard had no heat casualties, no small feat with the soaring temperatures and humidity in Louisiana and they received excellent reviews in the AARs. They can also look forward to a return to JRTC in the next four to eight years.

"The soldier in the trenches, at the platoon and company level, they've always done their job," said Brig. Gen. Dennis A. Kamimura, 29th Brigade commander. "JRTC put to the test our ability to coordinate at full brigade level. One of the objectives of the opposing force was to capture my command's tactical operations center and the brigade support area. However, they didn't get through. I attribute it to all the troops and leaders."

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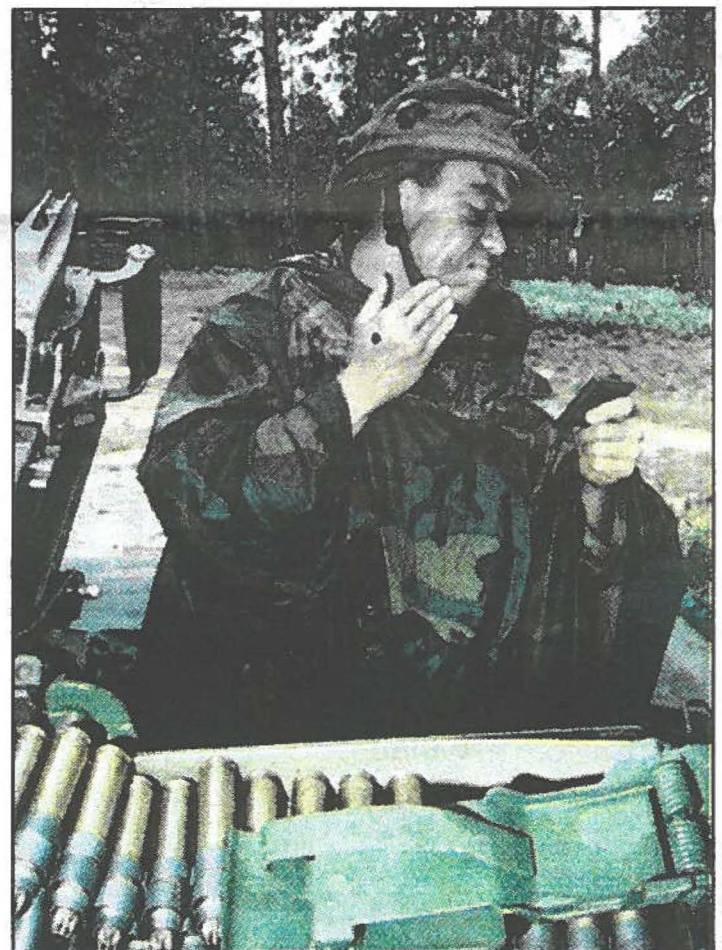
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D-DAY PLANS SHARED — Lt. Col. Mark E. Logan, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade's operations officer, uses the sand table to brief Brig. Gen. Samuel Thompson III, Fort Polk and JRJC commander, Col. Joseph J. Chaves, brigade deputy commander; and Brig. Gen. Dennis A. Kamimura, brigade commander, while going over the battle plan at the Intermediate Staging Base, Alexandria, La. *Spc. Wendy R. Cook*



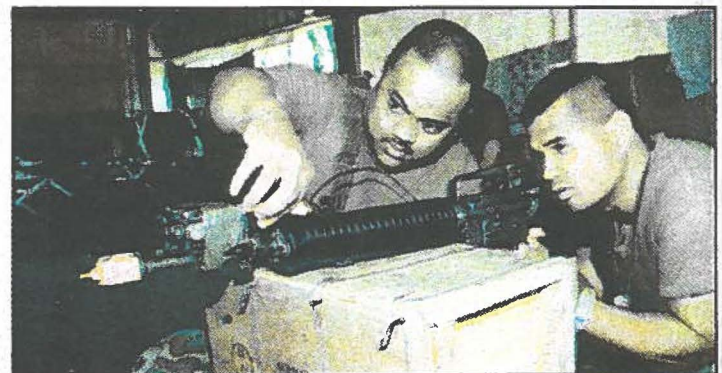
EXECUTIVE BLESSINGS — Lt. Gen. Russell C. Davis, National Guard Bureau chief, joins Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general, and KC-135R Stratotanker crew greet the first Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Bosslift to observe their workers/soldiers train at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La. Staff Sgt. Gregory Genenbacher, 1st Lt. Maria L.S.L. Liu, and Capt. Michael J. Perry from the Hawaii Air National Guard's 203rd Air Refueling Squadron flew the ESGR group directly to Louisiana. *Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha*



OREGONIAN BROTHERS — Pvt. Anthony R. Alig, F Troop, 82nd Cavalry, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade, applies camouflage before rolling out on a mission. *Sgt. Lance M. Kamisugi*



IMPLEMENTING BATTLE PLANS — Sgt. Jeremy Chang, D Company (Oahu), 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, completes a radio check. *Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha*

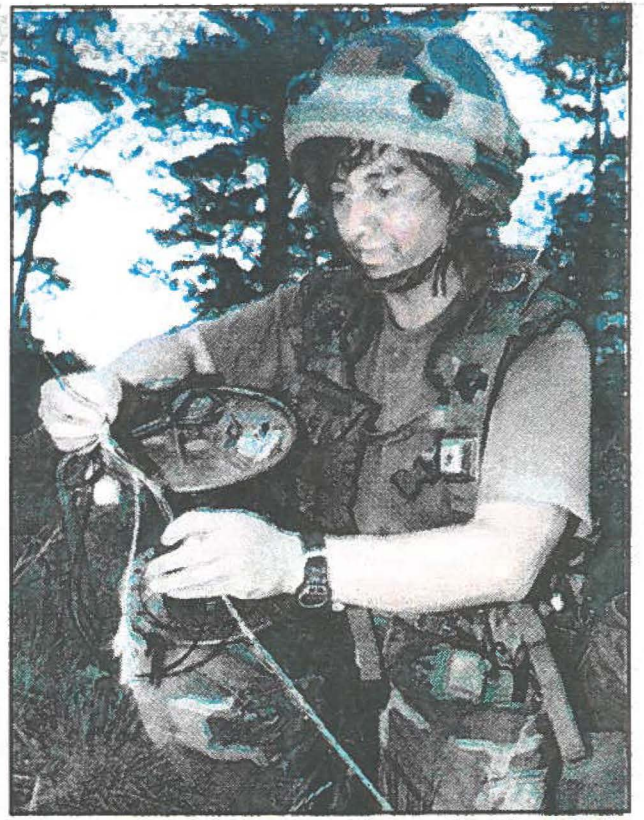


ZEROING-IN — Spc. Daniel Ablao, adjusting the laser site on Spc. Lucio Ramos' rifle. Both soldiers are from the Big Island's Company B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry. *Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha*



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CALIFORNIA CONNECTION — Lt. Col. Lawrence A. Haskins, 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry Regiment, is interviewed by the *World News Network*, the civilian media in the Box played by actors.



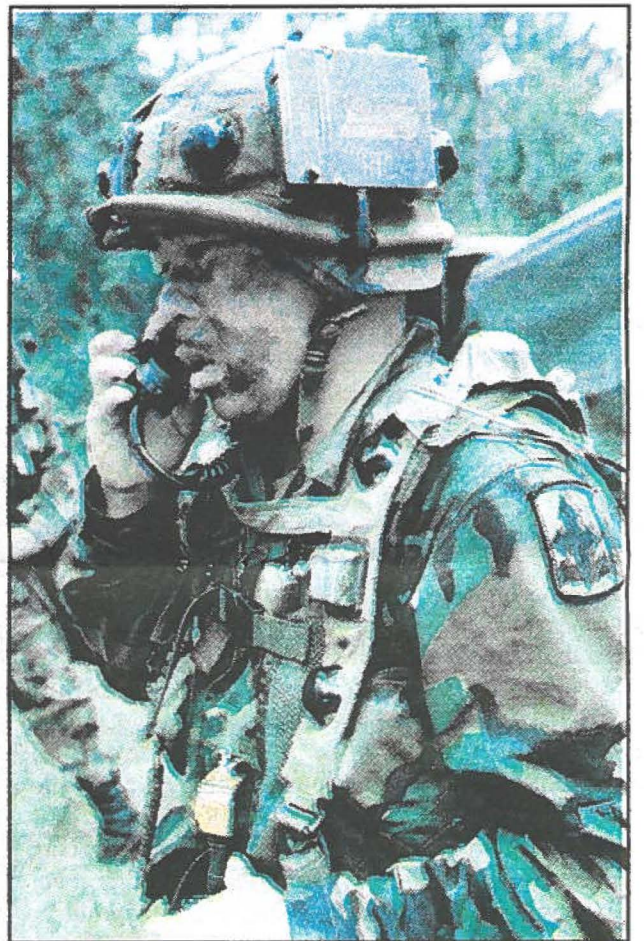
Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha

LINING UP COMMUNICATIONS — Pfc. Maria Hudson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade, lays communications line for the brigade tactical operations center (TOC).



Sgt. Curtis H. Matsushige

LOVELY HULA HANDS — Master Sgt. Blossom Logan, Staff Sgt. Georgette Olinger-Sakai, Capt. Laura Soares and Capt. Tamah-Lani Nakamoto were a few of the performers at the Hawaiian style appreciation event hosted by Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the Hawaii State adjutant general, for the soldiers of JRTC Rotation 99-08 at Alligator Lake, Fort Polk, La. The event also included Samoan and Tahitian dancers, several musical performances and Hawaiian food; poi, kalua pig and lomilomi salmon. Musicians and entertainers were from various Hawaii Army and Air Guard units.



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha

RADIO CHECK — Spc. Orlando Palafox, an infantryman with Company B, Detachment 1, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, calls in a situation report to headquarters.



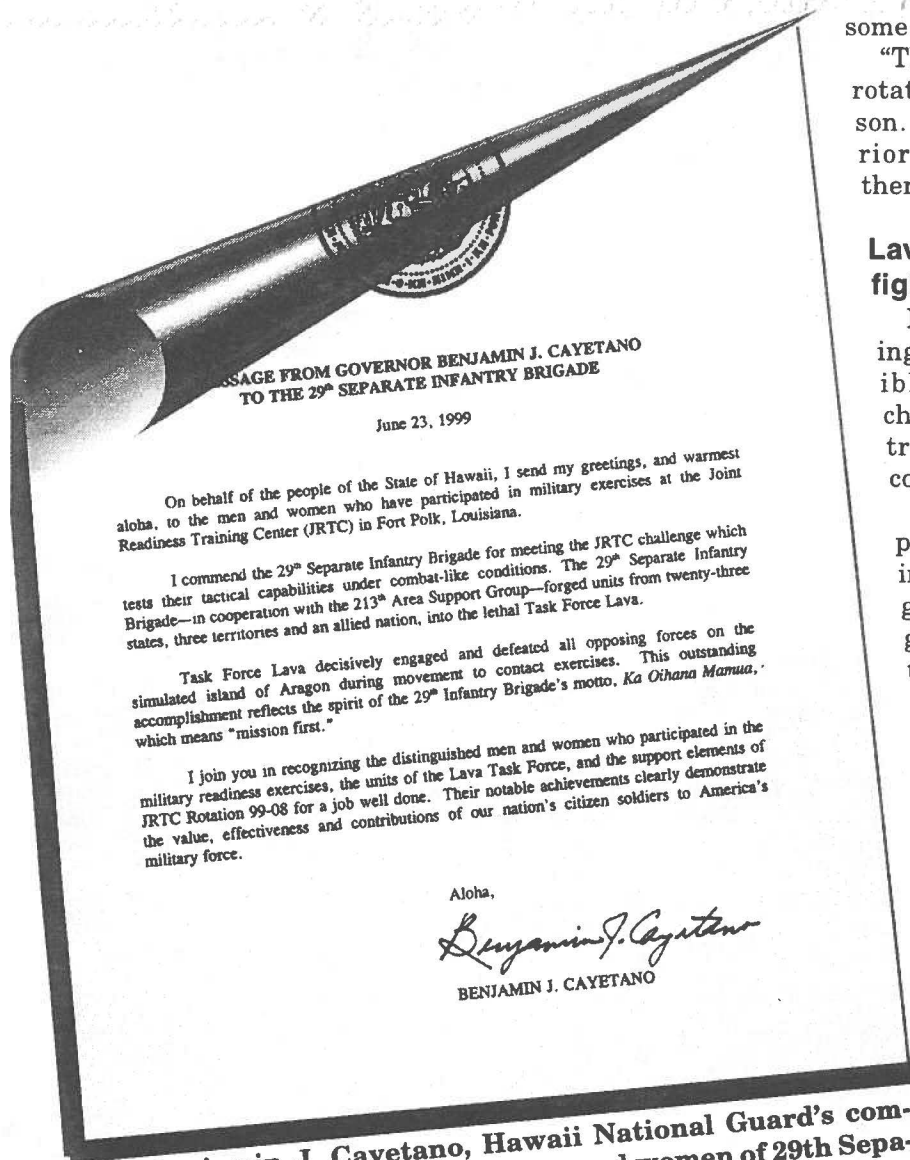
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HAWAIIAN ALOHA — Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, with State Command Sgt. Maj. James K. Kahalehoe Jr. (his right), join the soldiers of the 29th's Lava Brigade in singing "Hawai'i Aloha" at the appreciation event.



Sgt. Curtis H. Matsushige

MUSICAL MOMENT — 1st Lt. Jared I. Sproat and Sgt. 1st Class Louis "Moon" Kaukaihi, performed several musical numbers at the Appreciation event.



MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO
TO THE 29th SEPARATE INFANTRY BRIGADE

June 23, 1999

On behalf of the people of the State of Hawaii, I send my greetings, and warmest aloha, to the men and women who have participated in military exercises at the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) in Fort Polk, Louisiana.

I commend the 29th Separate Infantry Brigade for meeting the JRTC challenge which tests their tactical capabilities under combat-like conditions. The 29th Separate Infantry Brigade—in cooperation with the 213th Area Support Group—forged units from twenty-three states, three territories and an allied nation, into the lethal Task Force Lava.

Task Force Lava decisively engaged and defeated all opposing forces on the simulated island of Aragon during movement to contact exercises. This outstanding accomplishment reflects the spirit of the 29th Infantry Brigade's motto, *Ka Oihana Mamua*, which means "mission first."

I join you in recognizing the distinguished men and women who participated in the military readiness exercises, the units of the Lava Task Force, and the support elements of JRTC Rotation 99-08 for a job well done. Their notable achievements clearly demonstrate the value, effectiveness and contributions of our nation's citizen soldiers to America's military force.

Aloha,

Benjamin J. Cayetano
BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO

Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano, Hawaii National Guard's commander in chief, recognizes the men and women of 29th Separate Infantry Brigade and the rest of Task Force Lava for meeting the challenges of the Joint Readiness Training Center in June.

some more, they would have gone."

"The 29th Brigade was a great rotation," said Brig. Gen. Thompson. "They exhibited a great warrior spirit, I'm very proud of them."

Lava Brigade adjusts fighting scenarios

Experts agree the key to doing well at JRTC is being flexible and willing to make changes after an AAR and the training the unit does before coming to Fort Polk.

"They (29th Brigade) have a plan that's focused on fighting in the box, they are very aggressive. They have a very good field craft at the level of the individual soldier and small unit leaders. This is very important, if the soldiers at the lower level are up to par then it's very easy to teach them other tasks," Hawley said. "My advice to soldiers coming through the rotations is to study, study your CTT (common task training) and soldiers tasks, the Brigade obviously did this and this is very important to unit success."

The JRTC rotation lasted three weeks, with preparation, operations and recovery. Taking an additional week away from the soldiers' families and employers.

Employers visit troops at JRTC

To combat misunderstanding between civilian employers and the soldiers, the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) created the Boss Lift to help employers understand what the Guard and Reserves are all about. Each year soldiers may nominate their employer to join the Boss Lift. The lift flies employers to the area where soldiers are performing annual training for about three days. The lift includes some interesting activities such as firing a M-16 rifle, watching live fire missions, tours of the area, eating an MRE, seeing the living conditions and seeing their soldiers in action. For many employers this was the first chance they had to get a good look at the National Guard and many say the lift helped them to develop a greater understanding for their soldiers when they need time off to serve.

This year for the first time, a Bosslift toured JRTC. "It means a lot to my employee that I came on the Boss Lift. It shows my support to him. He wants me to come out and see what he does and what the Guard is all about," said Greg Kawasaki of the Waipahu Post Office whose employee is Sgt. Francisco Santos, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery. "Basically they are the ones who protect us. He's keeping us safe, that's the main thing I look at."

This year the lift was flown to JRTC by the Hawaii Air Guard's 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, where they were greeted by Brig. Gen. Samuel Thompson III, Fort Polk and JRTC commander. They were given

several briefings, a trip to the Fort Polk Army Airfield to see foreign aircraft and an MRE lunch at Alligator Lake and a bus trip through the box to see the soldiers during the exercise. The evening included a Cajun meal hosted by Brig. Gen. Edward L. Correa Jr., Hawaii Army National Guard commander.

"JRTC has truly been a crossroad to the Brigade's future," said Correa. "It's been a real opportunity for soldiers to strengthen their respect for each other, for their leaders, and especially their battle buddy."

"The Lava Brigade was recognized as only the second rotation in JRTC history to complete the exercise without a major class A to E accident. Last year, Hawaii's 25th Infantry Division (Light), our active duty training partner, was the first to earn the safety certificate."

After action reviews are key to learning experience

The battle was played out complete with casualties, Prisoners of War, logistical and other support operations. Each soldier, vehicle and weapon was fitted with Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System (MILES). The soldiers who were hit were considered casualties and were sent to the Aid Station and vehicles hit were considered damaged and out of commission. Like any conflict, the opposing forces could also make use of captured weapons, people and vehicles. The weapons and vehicles could be used by the capturing force and the soldiers were sent to a POW camp where they filled sandbags and sorted trash until the end of the nine days.

At the end of the nine day exercise the Lava Brigade was given a final comprehensive after action review (AAR) on safety, number of casualties, number of objectives met and how well combat and support missions were run. During the field exercise, each unit was accompanied by an Observer/Controller (O/C) who oversaw the battle and advised those units based on what they saw.

"For the BLUFOR it has been a real difficult fight. The first day there wasn't a lot of action because they were coming into an area that was already secured. But by the second and third days they were receiving some pretty rapid contact down Artillery and Youngstown Roads," said Lt. Col. Steve C. Hawley, senior maneuver observer/controller who assists the brigade commander and operations staff. "We do not grade the rotational units. There is no pass or fail about this training. We will deliberately stress the organization at their weak points until it fails. This makes them stronger. It's a lot like weight training. You lift until you reach muscle failure; you're sore but after a day resting those muscles you stressed are stronger than last time. We try to look at what we can do in the future as an organization. If they are going to make mistakes and take casualties we'd rather have them make it here so we can work on it."

The JRTC rotational exercise are similar to the real world, except after every confrontation between the BLUFOR and OPFOR there is usually an AAR with the O/Cs and even the OPFOR contributing.

"The Guard and Reservists that come through on rotations do make some simple mistakes," said Sgt. John E. Goforth, 1st Battalion, 509th Airborne Infantry, OPFOR soldier. "But they correct those mistakes as soon as we point them out, unlike an active unit that is usually a little more stubborn to change. The Guard and Reserves still have a lot more combat veterans that are actually a very experienced senior leadership, this helps them a lot."

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"We've grown so much during our road to JRTC," said Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the Hawaii State Adjutant General. "Before we even showed up at Fort Polk, we had already proven our ability to work as a team. The teamwork and the attitude of our troops was simply outstanding. They did a wonderful job. We are really proud of them."

"I think the defensive battle was a significant highlight, we had the brigade fighting a motivated enemy and doing very well," Chaves said. "The 29th did outstanding, I think we surprised a lot of people and exceeded any expectations the JRTC operational group had for a reserve component unit. Our mobilization readiness is also at a much higher level than it was prior to JRTC. I think the brigade in the future needs to work harder on fighting as a combined arms team so we can fight better as a team. The soldiers were motivated. If we told the soldiers they could go back out and fight the OPFOR



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha
FINGER PAINTING — Sgt. Maj. Timothy Galbiso, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade's operations noncommissioned officer in charge, reapplies camouflage before the day's mission.



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha
INTERNATIONAL TEAM MATES — Two Aussies lay undercover on perimeter guard. One Infantry rifle platoon from Australia augmented the Lava Brigade rotation. An Australian platoon trains regularly with the 29th Separate Infantry Brigade during annual training.

Soldiers can save lives in combat

By Spc. Wendy R. Cook and
1st Lt. Jeffery D. Hickman

The military is a not only life-style, but also a job that can expose many soldiers to dangerous elements: working with heavy equipment, hazardous duty, training accidents and even combat. With so many soldiers and such a high ratio of medics, how do soldiers in need get the care that saves their lives or even just prevents a serious injury? They train regular soldiers to become combat lifesavers.

The Combat Lifesaver Course was designed by the Army to help with the limited number of medical services and personnel during combat scenarios.

Soldiers with any military occupational specialty can train to be a medic. The primary mission of the combat lifesaver will always be their combat mission; however, when the battle dictates, they are able to provide basic medical care to the members of their team or squad. It's recommended that at least one member of a squad be trained as a combat lifesaver. They do not replace the combat medic, they are there to assist that medic in providing care and the evacuation of the casualties.

"Medics cannot be everywhere, these people are vital to our (medics) cause," said course instructor Staff Sgt. Wendell S. Lewis,

Company C, 29th Support Battalion. "You can see that they (combat lifesaver candidates) want to learn. Their motivational level never drops, even when they were getting dirty, they don't slow down."

Fifty-five soldiers from the Hawaii Army National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserves finished the last requirements of the Combat Lifesaver Refresher Course, which included a block of classroom instruction, an obstacle course and administering an intravenous injection (IV) to his or her buddy.

The litter obstacle course at East Range, Schofield Barracks is about a quarter of a mile long. A distance that seems short and easy, but that's not so when one is carrying a litter with a casualty on it through a trench, under wire, in the mud, over two walls, up and down steep escarpments, over a shaky bridge and through

a tunnel with instructors screaming. All the while,rotechnics; smoke, grenade and artillery simulators are blasting off to give the feel of a real combat scenario.

"It's not every-day you'll find a clean area like a classroom, in combat you'll have a situation like this," said Sgt. 1st Class Vaughn Amoroso, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 29th Support Battalion, a student in the course. "With this type of environment, with all the simulators and the obstacle

"Medics cannot be everywhere, these soldiers are vital to our cause."

— Staff Sgt. Wendell S. Lewis



Spc. Wendy R. Cook

CHOCOLATE RESCUE —Sgt. 1st Class Milton Yee and Sgt. Adolphus Cabras, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, lead the litter out of a muddy trench on the obstacle course at East Range, Schofield Barracks. Both were students in the Combat Life-Saver Course.

course, you get more real training than in a classroom. It's more lifelike."

When the soldiers finish the obstacle course they were wet, muddy and tired. However, they still had one task to complete before they became recertified as combat lifesavers. Each soldier candidate must give their buddy an IV in field conditions, a task that had more soldiers nervous than the tiring and stressing obstacle course.

"I'm impressed, I think that they retained all of the training that they received before. From what I saw, it looks like they either practiced or perfected it," Lewis said. "They will never forget the training they received today."

Maui Guard soliders go "down under" in July

By Pfc. Brandon T. Bocanegra and
Sgt. Lance M. Kamisugi

This summer 55 Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers got a little taste of "down under" by deploying to Australia to participate in a training exercise with Aussies of the 6th Royal Australian Army Regiment.

Company C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry out of Maui, was chosen to represent the Hawaii Army National Guard in Exercise Pacific Reserve at Shoalwater Bat Training Area, Queensland, Australia.

'98 Louisianan training successful

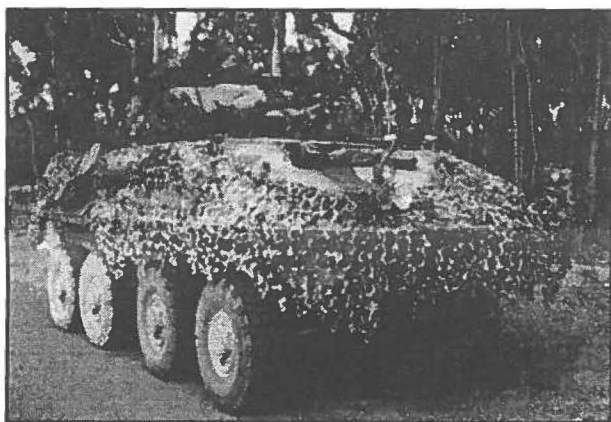
The Hawaii Guard sent the Maui unit to participate along with other Guard units at Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC), Fort Polk, La., as the opposition force against soldiers from the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions, active duty components.

"We took them apart," said Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth D. Manuel, Company C readiness noncommissioned officer. They successfully used hit and run tactics against the airborne units until they regrouped and pursued the Guard soldiers. They were eventually pinned down, facing 10 to one odds, but "Hawaii's Best" held their position, eliminating targets that strayed too close until the 82nd sent one large, final wave across.

This achievement was followed by an evaluation of the infantry companies from three battalions. The companies were tested on common tasks such as preparing for combat, executing an assault, employing fire support, maintaining operation security and treating/evacuating casualties.

"Charlie Company scored well, displaying great teamwork and enthusiasm in meeting objectives," Manuel said.

Based on Charlie's accomplishments, it was chosen to deploy to Australia rather than return to JRTC this year with the rest of the 29th Separate Infantry Brigade. The company also sent



a 22 volunteers to Fort Polk with the 29th Brigade to augment the task force.

"Down under" tactics differ

The contingent sent to Australia was composed of two modified, reinforced rifle platoons with a headquarters support cell.

The Pacific Reserve is an exchange program designed to strengthen bonds of friendship and understanding between the U.S. and Australian soldiers. In return the Australian Army sends one rifle platoon to train with Hawaii Guard soldiers annually.

"The objectives of the exercise were "... to develop an appreciation for the tactics used by the U.S. Army and enhance military experience and knowledge in a different training environment," said Manuel.

"The training was excellent. We were hosted very well and the coordination between the Australian and U.S. armies worked in a timely manner," said Staff Sgt. Roderick L. Cabacungan.

"The Australians were cool," said Spc. Jesus C. Sijalbo, Maui infantryman. "They were tall, the average soldier was six feet tall."

The Australian soldiers had equipment similar to the Guardsmen, but it was built proportionally for them and their environment.

"They had scopes on their mini-machine guns, which were similar to our

DOWNUNDER TRANSPORTATION—Staff Sgt. Roderick L. Cabacungan, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, trains in Queensland, Australia. The Maui soldiers were opposing force troops during Spring 1998 annual training at the Joint Readiness Training Center.

SAWs (Squad Automatic Weapon)," said Sijalbo. "Their Styres are a lot like the M-16s, but instead of a selector lever, the rate of fire is controlled by the amount of pressure on the trigger. It's mean."

To prepare for the Australian deployment, Charlie endured some rigorous training in the months before hand. In May they conducted a live fire exercise at Schofield Barracks, becoming the first guard unit to participate in a live-fire on that trench warfare range. The training they experienced was similar to the drills they had been practicing. However, this exercise was designed to familiarize the soldiers to new situations and settings.

"We had to learn to move tactically their way," said Sijalbo. "They have a different fighting style, for a different terrain. There's a lot of wilderness. They don't have ranges like we do, they just find an area they like, set up flags and make their own ranges."

"The region was hilly and forested," said Manuel. "Its similar to Kula (Maui). It's winter over there right now so it was really cold too. It wasn't a problem for our boys though, but the terrain proved a problem with transporting supplies."

"Logistically it was a challenge, supplying across a river," said Cabacungan. "The Australians had an excellent support system, but in all my career, I had never used a river to resupply. We first

began by ferrying supplies, vehicles and equipment across with pontoon boats. Then we had to deal with the tide. The river made 20 to 30 foot changes throughout the day. We had to readjust our plan, using a makeshift rope pulley to pull the supplies across, it was something to see."

The exercise lasted 12 days in the field, during which the soldiers completed several types of training. It included day and night fire squad defense shoots, blank squad attacks, platoon ambushes and live fire sneaker practice with an individual, paired and platoon groups.

Families, employers supportive

The annual training proved to be a beneficial, learning experience for the soldiers, but it was also hard to put their civilian lives aside for those with jobs and families. But most employers understand how valuable and important of a role the Guard soldiers plays.

"It becomes a burden on my wife, she needs to make adjustments," said Cabacungan. "But she supports the Guard all the way."

"Our general manager, Thomas Steinhauer, is very supportive of the National Guard and the military," said Staff Sgt. Scott A. Cribbes who is the director of purchasing for the Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea. "He has always allowed me to fulfill my Guard obligation. He even donated our Christmas party table cloths last year."

Even with the strains on their civilian lives, many of the troops still thought this was some of the best training they had ever received in the Guard and the time was well worth it. In addition, they thought the opportunity of training away from Hawaii is more than just to improve soldiering skills.

"Training in Australia is also a cultural experience for these soldiers," said Capt. Paul S. Tamaribuchi, the company commander. "It may be a once in a lifetime chance to go on a deployment

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Guard preserves wetland on firing range

By Wendy R. Cook

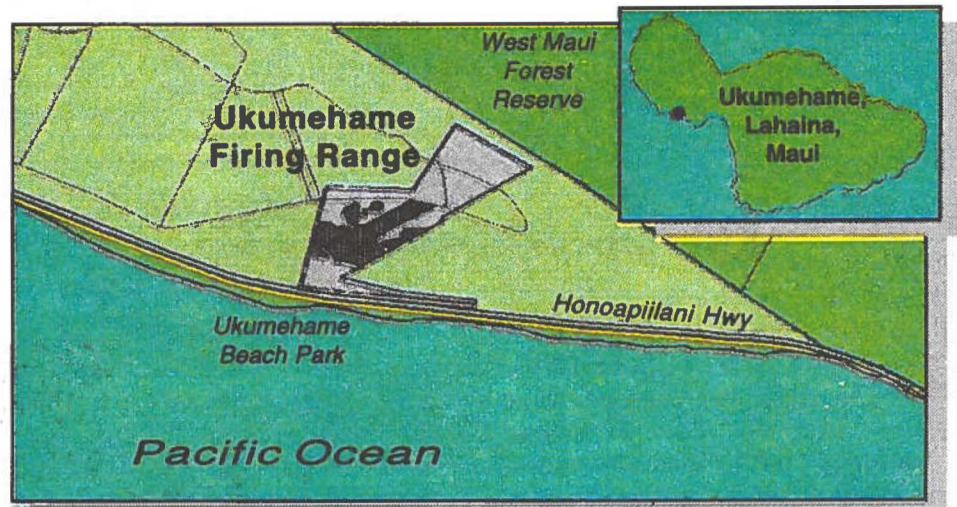
When the Hawaii Army National Guard started construction of the Ukumehame Firing Range on Maui in 1988 they never thought they'd run into so many problems. What initially started out as a few environmental compliance issues snowballed into a big swampy mess. But by going back to correct the problems the soldiers and personnel from the Environmental Office they say actually make improvement on the land.

After the State received the land in 1986 they got the go-ahead to start the construction of the range. When they initially started to grade the land they scraped off the topsoil from the surface and built up berms along the sides of the lane. Unfortunately, because of a high water level in the area, the lane started to fill up with runoff water and it then officially became a wet land. All wetlands are covered under the Clean Water Act. To make matters worse not only had it become a protected wetland but also several endangered water birds began settling in the area, mainly the Hawaiian Stilt, who prefer the mudflat and shallow wetland areas. The berms also became a problem. They had no vegetation, after a few heavy rains they began to erode and contaminating the water. That one small project just became three rather large environmental issues.

Environmental Section assess compliance solutions

The Guard and the Environmental Office's first step was to assess the situation and find a solution that is legal and beneficial not only to the Guard but the environment. The question was how was the Guard going to be able to protect the land but also use the land for its intended use of a firing range.

"We try to incorporate the Army Guard's training needs into our environmental plans. We just want to bring the range into compliance. This should go hand in hand with their original objective for the use of the range," said Trae Menard, ecosystems manager. "When they originally got the EO for the range, part of the stipulation was that they would landscape the area anyway. That would be the environmental compliance need to eliminate the erosion."



To bring the compliance issues into order the National Guard has decided to maintain the area as a wetland by planting seeds of native wetland plants. They will also have started to seed the berms this fall to eliminate the erosion. They also hope to have a well drilled within the year for irrigation and firefighting purposes. Fire also has been a major concern for the range with so many plants and grasses susceptible to brush fires.

Land impact to be minimized

"We want to minimize the Guard's impact on the land. If all this is done properly and there is continual maintenance there probably will be no impact," Menard said. "Our presence of a firing range increases the probability of a fire but drilling the well is a control to fight any possible fires. This has been an interesting project, we have had to think laterally and consider all the objectives in order to create a final situation that benefits everybody."

Officer made "find of the century"

By Spc. Wendy M. Hirasa

With the Millennium approaching, not many can claim that they made the find of this century, but one Hawaii National Guard soldier holds that title.

In 1973, while on a scientific expedition to study the unexplored Koolau Forest Reserve ecosystem on the island of Maui, Tonnie L.C. Casey and her other team members sighted the Po'o uli, the only previously unknown bird discovery of this century. Casey, who is now a major in the Hawaii Army National Guard's environmental office, was the ornithologist, a branch of zoology that studies birds, with the eight-person team of University of Hawaii undergraduate students working on a National Science Foundation grant in the forest reserve above the Waihoi Valley from May-November 1973.

As first describer, Casey was given the honor of naming the bird. "I followed the tradition of naming Hawaiian birds by their physical characteristics," she said. "I called it *Melamprosops phaeosoma*, meaning black face, brown body."

"I also wanted to give the bird a Hawaiian name and asked Mary Kawena Pukui, Hawaiian linguist at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, for help. Pukui named the bird, Po'o uli, which means black head (black mask)."

The Po'o uli is about the size of a sparrow and has only been found on Maui in altitudes of 5,000 to 7,000 feet. Casey said there are only three living birds presently known, but a search for others continues. Casey went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and a Masters in Zoology and Entomology at Colorado State University.

She began her military career with the U.S. Army in 1984 and came to the Army National Guard in 1991. She became a helicopter pilot so she could gain easier access to remote areas to study the birds.

Casey commanded the Hawaii Army Guard's



Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum

Maj. Tonnie L. Casey, an environmental officer with Headquarters State Area Command, Hawaii Army National Guard, discovered the only bird of this century on Maui. The Po'o uli is illustrated on the Hawaiian rainforest poster by Sheryl Ives Boynton in 1988.

Combat Enhanced Capability Aviation Team (CECAT) before joining the environmental section in 1998. For the past ten years she's primarily flown the Vietnam-era UH-1H Iroquois (Huey) troop carrier helicopter.

Presently, she is part of the Hawaii Army Guard environmental protection program, which deals with how National Guard training affects the environment. Her advice will help with the safe construction of training lanes for the infantry units, ensuring minimal damage to the plants and animals. Casey also plans to help units educate

troops to become environmentally sensitive to how their operations affect the environment.

As a civilian, she is a wildlife biologist for Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate lands. Her duties include conservation of endangered species of plants and animals, which include dealing with weed problems and predator control of herbivores and small mammalian predators, such as mongooses, rats, feral cats, as well as mosquitoes as disease carriers.

Casey also surveys birds in a cooperative relationship with the State Division of Wildlife, U.S. Fish & Wildlife service and the Peregrine Fund (TPF). TPF supports the raising of endangered bird species from eggs. Young chicks that have been captively reared have also been successfully released back into the wild.

In her civilian position, Casey has just completed an aerial rodenticide drop on the Big Island of Hawaii. It is an experimental project six years in the making, designed to eradicate the small mammal populations to help the endemic plants and animals to survive and thrive. It's based on a technique she learned from her New Zealand colleagues.

Hawaii is still rich with wildlife even though 40 percent of the native Hawaiian bird species have become extinct since the state's discovery in 1778 by Captain Cook. Unfortunately, Hawaii has the negative distinction of being the "extinction capitol of the world," more than all other states in the Union.

Casey has dedicated her life to the conservation and preservation of Hawaii plants and wildlife as a Guard member and as a civilian.



Hawaii National Guard Family Program

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

Agena and Joyce Silva participated in the Big Island Na Koa Ku Makani Drug-free Family Day and Community Event in August.

Readiness workshop also held in August

Also in August, the State Family Program Coordinator and Head Volunteer, Kanani Kahalehoe, participated in the Reserves Family Readiness Workshop at KMC. Family PIE (Preparation, Information, Education) was the theme for the Kauai Island and Maui Island Family Program Workshops on Sept. 18 and 25, respectively. Family member volunteers received information on subjects such as the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Act and Wills, De-

ployment and Reunion Preparation, Employer Support, Financial Readiness, and Family Care Plans and Benefits. The Coordinators for the two events were Bobbie Agena, Kauai Island Representative and Kanani Kahalehoe and Carol Manuel, Maui Island Representatives. Thanks also go to the great presenters including Maj. Chris Thomas, Ms. Cassie Kepler, Master Sgt. Miles Moriyama, Staff Sgt. Gerald Usegawa, Mr. Kozen Kaneshiro, Capt. Elsa Rosales-Chapman and retired Sgt. Maj. Gus Fuentes.

State Team plans for new year

The latest State Team Advisory Meeting was

held in October, at the Family Program Office meeting area. Family Program is involved in the preparation and planning of the upcoming special National Guard event: the 363rd birthday celebration of the National Guard! The event will be held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Dec. 11. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in this celebration. Look for future information on potential Family Program training that may also be a part of that special event weekend!

Family Support Group resource for keeping informed

Include Family Program and Family Support Group information as part of your family days and unit get-together. Contact the State Family Program Coordinator at 732-1823 to help coordinate. Additionally, pre-MOB Family Support briefings for any HING unit

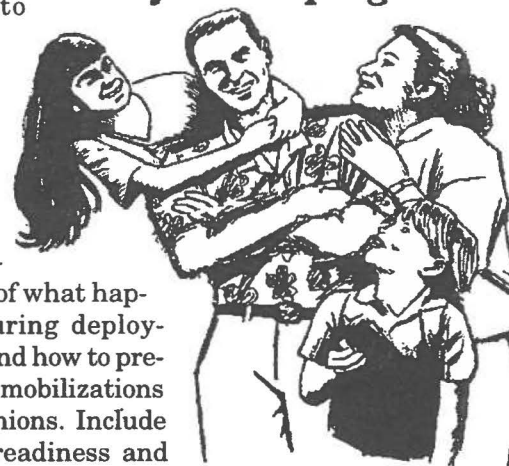
that requests them are effective ways to keep the family as well as the unit members informed of what happens during deployments and how to prepare for mobilizations and reunions. Include family readiness and mobilization preparation in your unit training schedules and FSG agendas.

Family office, phone call away

Contact the Family Program office at 732-1823 or from the neighbor islands at 1-800-732-6964 for more information on how you can get your unit and family members on the road to readiness and self-sufficiency as a part of our vital Hawaii National

Hui Laulima:

Family of Helping Hands



Guard Team! Training and resources for your families are just a phone call away. Look for your Hawaii National Guard "purple magnet" with important phone numbers for every HING family from your Family Support Group soon!

The important numbers on the magnet include the Family Program Office numbers above, plus the Red Cross Emergency Contact # during deployments, 473-3155.

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Company B is Hawaii Army National Guard's aviation intermediate maintenance (AVIM) unit. It is the only Guard unit in the nation that maintains and services active duty and Guard aircraft full-time. The supply section maintains an inventory of more than 180 items, value over \$400,000.

The headquarters supply section of the field artillery unit lead by Sgt. 1st Class Ivan S. Felix and Staff Sgt. Manuel E. Viduya won the Modified Table of Organization Equipment (MTOE) Company without Property Book award.

Company A (Supply and Transportation: Staff Sgt. Amy A. Aguil received an honorable mention.

Airlift Squadron earns Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

Hawaii Air National Guard's 204th Airlift Squadron was presented the Air Force Outstanding unit award in August for exceptionally meritorious service July 14, 1996 to July 13, 1998. The 204th provided superior airlift and airdrop support through out Hawaii, the Pacific Air Forces and beyond. Tactical airdrop squadrons are usually activated with the support of an aerial port squadron, but this was not available to the 204th. Through coordination with the U.S. Army based on Oahu, resourceful squadron members turned this potentially show stopper obstacle into a win-win situation, enhancing loading and retrieval training for the Army and making the squadron's airdrop mission a reality. In its first 20 months as an operations tactical unit, the Airlift Squadron achieved the highest operations/personnel tempo of all 24 Air National Guard C-130 squadrons. Throughout this increase in mission diversity and frequency, the squadron has maintained its standing safety record with two more years of accident-free flying.

Maintenance Squadron, Paty win federal awards

Each year Hawaii's Federal Executive Board honors outstanding federal

employees and organizations, who exemplify the best in government service. The Hawaii National Guard nominated candidates for six categories and walked away with two of the awards.

The 154th Maintenance Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard, won the Exceptional Community Service award. The squadron demonstrated excellence, volunteerism and community service inherent to National Guard values. Recognized for hours of voluntary work for various community organizations. The squadron also "adopted" Royal Elementary School in Honolulu, and wired the classrooms and offices for internet and telephone capability, supported fun fairs and beautification and maintenance projects for the students. Lt. Col. Terel A. Hudson, squadron commander, and Senior Master Sgt. Irvin Yoshino represented the 154th at the presentation.

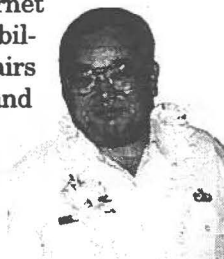
William W. Paty Jr., chairman, Military Affairs Council, Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, was recognized as Citizen of the Year. Paty is a dynamic leader who clearly enhanced the relationship between the military, state and civilian communities. He worked jointly with the active components, Guard/Reserve, private sector and the public to foster favorable attitudes toward the military in Hawaii. He consistently set examples for others to emulate.

Our other nominees were:

- Sandra A. Hashimoto, *military pay technician, Hawaii National Guard for Federal Employee of the Year (Professional, Administrative, Technical);*
- Reconnaissance and Interdiction Detachment (RAID), *Hawaii Army Na-*



Hudson



Yoshino



Kanda

tional Guard, for Federal Organizational Excellence Award;

- Lt. Col. Ronald R. Swafford, *Hawaii Army National Guard's environmental manager, for the Federal Manager / Supervisor of the Year;*

- Chief Warrant Officer George M. Yonamine, *Hawaii Army National Guard pilot, for Military Officer of the Year*

Civil Defense earns TAG awards

Larry M. Kanda and State Civil Defense's Emergency Satellite System Project Equipment Installation Team were recognized at the Governor's Awards Program in September. Kanda and the team received the Adjutant General's Awards for Department of Defense employee and team of the year.

Larry M. Kanda is the state hazard mitigation officer, special planning office, Civil Defense Division

Kanda has been instrumental in developing, implementing and administering significant mitigation projects which have reduced the overall hazardous risks in the state. His involvement in fostering

interagency coordination at the federal, state, county and private sector levels have helped to bring the mitigation planning community together, resulting in a partnership to eliminate costly overlaps and wasteful competition for scarce interagency funding resource. Due to his efforts, \$5 million in Federal Hazard Mitigation Grant funding has been awarded to support mitigation efforts and have resulted in improved protection of our citizens' lives and the preservation of property from a major disaster.

Emergency Satellite System Project Equipment Installation Team, Howard T. Ishida, Thomas C. Simon, Leonard M. Nagashima, Norman M. Ogasawara and Tameichi Kusakabe from the Telecommunications branch, headed by George F. Burnett, was the DOD team of the year.

This seven-member team brought a major communication upgrade to fruition by replacing obsolete equipment and improving the communications infrastructure to aid response and recovery efforts. This resulted in cost savings of \$150,000 and generating a potential operating savings of \$10,000 annually.

(Information compiled by 1st Lt. Jeffrey D. Hickman, Spc. Wendy R. Cook, Pfc. Brandon T. Bocanegra, and Stephen M. Lum)



Stephen M. Lum

TEAM WORKERS — Tameichi Kusakabe, Leonard M. Nagashima, Howard T. Ishida, George F. Burnett, Norman M. Ogasawara, Roy C. Price Sr. (retiring State Civil Defense vice director), Thomas C. Simon, and Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general, celebrate the Emergency Satellite System Project Equipment Installation Team's award.

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.

Aviation Intermediate Maintenance: AVIM
Battalion: Bn.
Battery: Btry.
Brigade: Bde.
Combat Enhanced Capability Aviation Team: CECAT
Company: Co.
Detachment: Det.
Hawaii Air National Guard: HIANG
Hawaii Army National Guard: HIARNG
Headquarters: HQ
Headquarters & Headquarters Company: HHC
Hawaii National Guard: HING
Oak Leaf Cluster: OLC
Reconnaissance & Intrastate Detachment: RAID
Regional Training Institute: RTI
Squadron: Sqd.
State Area Command: STARC

Meritorious Service Medal

Lt. Col. James S. Cavaco Jr., HQ & HQ Co., 29th Support Bn.
 Lt. Col. Theodore A. Daligdig, HQ & HQ Co., 29th Separate Infantry Bde.
 Lt. Col. Stanley R. Keolanui Jr., HQ & HQ Service Btry., 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery (2nd OLC)
 Lt. Col. Mark E. Logan, HQ & HQ Co., 29th Separate Infantry Bde.
 Lt. Col. Bruce K. Minato, 154th Aircraft Generation Sqd.
 Lt. Col. Allen K. Shinsato, HQ HIANG
 Lt. Col. Kenneth M. Tenno, HQ & HQ Co., 29th Separate Infantry Bde.
 Lt. Col. Darryll D.M. Wong, 154th Operations Group
 Lt. Col. Neil Yamashiro, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry
 Maj. Edward K. Chun-Fat Jr., HQ & HQ Co., 29th Separate Infantry Bde.
 Maj. Benedict H. Franks-Ongoy, HQ & HQ Service Btry., 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery
 Maj. Ted H. Lusk, HQ & HQ Co., 29th Separate Infantry Bde.

Maj. Martha N. St. Louis, HQ & HQ Co., 29th Separate Infantry Bde.
 Chief Warrant Officer Ralph U.C. Benito, HHD, 103rd Troop Command
 Command Sgt. Maj. Arnold R. Galacia, HQ & HQ Co., 29th Separate Infantry Bde.
 Chief Master Sgt. Alfred DeRego, 154th Maintenance Sqd.
 Master Sgt. Justin J.L. Fo, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
 Master Sgt. William F. Hue, HQ STARC (2nd OLC)
 Chief Master Sgt. Dwight C. Cluff, 154th Maintenance Sqd.
 Chief Master Sgt. Leo S. Nakano, 201st Combat Communication Group
 Master Sgt. Robert E. Stinson, HHD, 103rd Troop Command (1st OLC)
 Senior Master Sgt. Wayne Y. Uchima, 169 Aircraft Control & Warning Sqd.
 Sgt. 1st Class Robert H. Nagao, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
 Sgt. Melson K. Naula, HQ, 298th Regiment, RTI

Army Commendation Medal

Capt. Sonny W. DelToro, 298th Regiment, RTI (1st OLC)
 Sgt. 1st Class Orino S. Antolin, HQ, 298th Regiment, RTI (2nd OLC)
 Sgt. 1st Class Emilie M.A. Bagayas, 298th Regiment, RTI (1st OLC)
 Sgt. 1st Class James Chow Hoy, Det. 4, Medical Det., HQ STARC
 Sgt. 1st Class Clyde K. Mole, HHC, 29th Support Bn.
 Sgt. 1st Class Calvin K. Okamoto, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
 Staff Sgt. Calvin Oakzaki (HQ STARC (1st OLC)
 Sgt. James C. Lucas, HQ STARC
 Sgt. Monica M. Montayre (HQ STARC (1st OLC)

Air Force Commendation Medal

Senior Master Sgt. Moses K. Akana, 297th Air Traffic Control Flight
 Senior Master Sgt. Leslie T. Asada, 201st Combat Communications Group
 Master Sgt. Francis K. Akana, 297th Air Traffic Control Sqd.
 Master Sgt. Bruce T. Hara Jr., 291st Combat Communications Sqd.

Tech. Sgt. May L. Agcaoli, HQ HIANG
 Tech. Sgt. Angelina Fleenor, HQ HIANG
 Tech. Sgt. Lawrence M. Yanigasawa, 291st Combat Communications Sqd

Army Achievement Medal

Capt. Jeffrey D. Hong, HQ STARC
 1st Sgt. Pacifico Quel, Co. A (-Det. 1), 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (1st OLC)
 Sgt. 1st Class Eugene J. Calabrese, HQ STARC (9th OLC)
 Sgt. 1st Class Raymond L. Ganotise, HQ STARC (3rd OLC)
 Sgt. 1st Class Melvin Partido, HQ STARC
 Staff Sgt. Carolyn Fraser, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Bde.
 Staff Sgt. Palaie T. Gaoteote, 1st Bn., 298th Regiment, RTI
 Staff Sgt. Phillip J. Kamakea, Det. 1, Co. A, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (4th OLC)
 Staff Sgt. Steve A. Tyler, HQ STARC (2nd OLC)
 Sgt. James Day, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Bde. (1st OLC)
 Sgt. Allen Kaohimaunu, Co. B, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (2nd OLC)
 Sgt. Patrick Pastor, 298th Regiment, RTI (1st OLC)
 Spc. Derek M. Correa, HQ, 298th Regiment, RTI (2nd OLC)
 Spc. Roy P. Tuua, Co. C (Medical), 29th Support Bn.
 Spc. Edy J. Pagala, HQ STARC (3rd OLC)
 Pfc. Teresa T. Chambre, Det. 4, Medical Det., HQ STARC
 Pfc. Marciel S. Manago, HQ, 298th Regiment, RTI (1st OLC)
 Pvt. Randy L. Malacas, Det. 4 (Medical), HQ STARC
 Pvt. Craig T. Arakaki, Co. C, 193rd Aviation

Hawaii National Guard Medal for Merit

Lt. Col. Paul S. Hilton, Hawaii National Guard Association

Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal

Capt. Robert S. Dixon, 1st Bn., 196th Infantry Bde.
 Elizabeth Taga, State Advisory Team Volunteer (HING Family Support Group)

Federal, State awards recognition

Three supply units win Department of the Army awards

The Supply Support Activity, Company B, 193rd Aviation; and Headquarters and Headquarters Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery; won two of Chief of Staff, Army Supply Excellence's nine National Guard awards. Hawaii was among the 44 active Army, National Guard and Reserve presented awards at the ceremony held in Alexandria, Va., in September.

Company A (Supply and Transportation), 29th Support Battalion, received an honorable mention.

Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, lauded the winners and said they were the ones taking care of business in the units, but challenged them to think about making the commander and first sergeant more knowledgeable about supply... train them better



Hawaii Army National Guard FIELD ARTILLERY SUPPLY SUPERIORITY — Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki and Maj. Gen. Charles C. Cannon Jr., acting Deputy Chief of Staff, logistics, congratulate Staff Sgt. Manuel E. Viduya and Sgt. 1st Class Ivan Felix for their first place finish in their division of the CoS Army Excellence Awards.

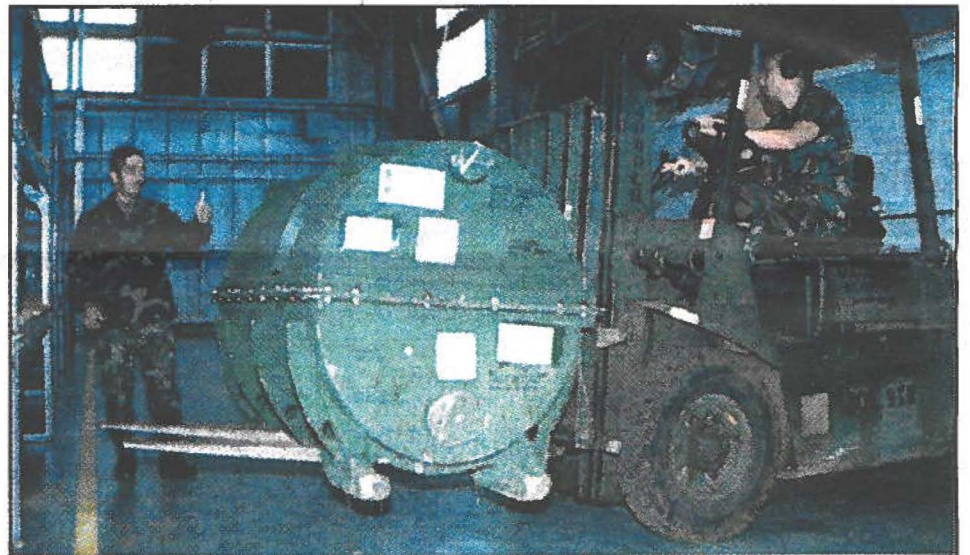
so they can make your corner of the Army a little better.

The awards were based upon an inspection of files, computers, vaults, services, maintenance, physical security, clothing, records, and hand receipts. Documents were checked for accuracy and proper authorization. Actual organization equipment inventories were checked

for identical matches in recorded inventories.

The aviation unit's supply section won the regional U.S. Army Pacific and national Department of the Army, Supply Support Activity (Small) award. Their 30-member section is led full-time by Staff Sgt. Rolando D. Domingo and Sgt. David P. Perez.

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AIR SUPPLY — Staff Sgt. Rolando D. Domingo and Sgt. David P. Perez, Company B, 1st Battalion, 193rd Aviation, store new inventory in the intermediate aviation maintenance unit's supply warehouse. The aviation unit's supply section won the regional U.S. Army Pacific and national Department of the Army, Supply Support Activity (Small) award.



Safety talk

Capt. Arnold Iaea
 Safety Officer, Hawaii Army National Guard

Fire Prevention

Here are a few tips that will help reduce your fire risks.

Smoke alarms

They save lives. Majority of home fires that kill people happen at night. If you're asleep, the smell of smoke won't always wake you. In fact, smoke and poisonous gases can put you into a deeper sleep. Inexpensive home smoke alarms can wake you in time to escape—cutting your chances of dying nearly in half. Smoke alarms do save lives.

E.D.I.T.H.

Exit Drills In The Home. Most people are ill-prepared if fire breaks out in their home. Don't be a fire victim—plan ahead.

Survival is simple

You can survive a fire in your home if you know what to do and respond in time.

- Install working smoke alarms and keep them in working order.
- Make an escape plan and practice it.
- Consider installing an automatic fire sprinkler system in your home.

Plan your escape

- Draw a floor plan of your home. Mark two ways out (include windows) of every room.
- Agree on an outside meeting place. Pick a spot in front of your home so you can count heads and inform the fire department if anyone is missing.
- Make your exit drill realistic. Pretend that some exits are blocked by fire and practice using alternative escape routes. Pretend the lights are out and that some escape routes are filling with smoke.

Be prepared

Know how to open doors and windows. Make sure everyone can unlock all doors and windows quickly, even in the dark. Find out if children can reach and operate deadbolts and window locks.

For more information on protecting your family from fire and other hazards, call your State Safety & Occupational Health Manager, Capt. Arnold Iaea at 733-4105 or 733-4109.

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	Dec	Jan	Feb
HQ, STARC, HIARNG	4-5	8-9	5-6
29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)	4-5	8-9	5-6
2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry	4-5	8-9	4-6
Company A, B, & C	4-5	8-9	4-6
Company D	4-5	8-9	4-6
227th Engineer Company	11-12	8-9	5-6
1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery	4-5	8-9	4-6
29th Support Battalion	4-5	8-9	11-13
103rd Troop Command	4-5	8-9	12-13
Co. B (AVIM), 193rd Aviation	4-5	8-9	12-13
12th Personnel Service Detachment	4-5	7-9	5-6
HQ, Hawaii Air National Guard	4-5	8-9	5-6
154th Wing	4-5	8-9	5-6
201st Combat Communications Group	4-5	8-9	5-6