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Calendar

June 10, Saturday
Youth Challenge graduation, Leeward Community College auditorium, 2 p.m.

June 12, Monday
Kamehameha Day (State holiday observed).

June 17, Saturday
5th Regimental Combat Team Memorial dedication at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, 11 a.m.

June 25, Sunday
50th Anniversary of the Korean War ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, 9 a.m.

June 23-25
HING TAG Camp 2000 for DoD HING youths, ages 8-14, at Camp Timberline, Makakilo.

July 4, Tuesday
Independence Day, holiday.

July 22-23
Hawaii Joint Family Program Conference, National Guard and Reserves, location TBD.

July 27, Thursday
Korean War Armistice Day at the Korean War Memorial, State Capitol grounds. Time to be announced.

July 27-31
NGB Family Program National Workshop, Nashville, Tenn.



MISSION POSSIBLE — A California Air Guard C-130 Hercules aircraft transports government officials, detainees and equipment from Kahului Airport to Oahu in support of the drug bust.

Guard supports largest drug bust in Maui history

Story and photo by
Capt. Charles J. Anthony

In the early morning hours of May 4th, federal agents from multiple law enforcement agencies swooped down upon dozens of targets in Lahaina and Wailuku, Maui, effectively shut-

ting down the largest drug-trafficking operation on the Valley Isle. The drug raids would not have been possible without the assistance of the Hawaii National Guard and its Counterdrug Coordination Office.

Two C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft

from the 204th Airlift Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard, provided the airlift for nearly 150 agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration, FBI, U.S. Marshals; Immigration and Naturalization Service; Alcohol, To-

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DOD honors Hawaii Army Guard environmental program

The Hawaii Army National Guard's Environmental Program received the fiscal 1999 Secretary of Defense Environmental Security Award for Natural Resources Conservation, small installation category. Hawaii Army Guard's environmental office representatives, Melissa Dumarán and Trae Menard, accepted the award from the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon ceremony in April. Hawaii's program beat out all other military branches in its category this year, while garnering an unprecedented three national awards including recognition from the National Guard Bureau and Department of the Army.

Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera honored the Hawaii Guard in January with his own Secretary of the Army Environmental Award.

He recognized the Hawaii Guard for providing realistic military training on 34 sites throughout the Hawaiian Is-



WHERE CREDIT IS DUE — Maj. Gen. Edward L. Correa Jr., the adjutant general, Lt. Col. James D.H. Bacon, and U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Akaka join Melissa Dumarán and Trae Menard from the Hawaii Army National Guard environmental office, in the celebration of winning the Secretary of Defense Environmental Security Award for Natural Resources Conservation.

lands, while protecting a wide variety of species and promoting sustainable practices in land use.

The program is responsible for some of the most biologically diverse lands in the United States.

Maj. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, the Army chief of staff for installation management, praised the Hawaii Guard for its achievement in

both competitions, saying "the Hawaii Army National Guard competed against the best people and organizations in the Department of Defense and captured the top award in its category. They exemplify the National Guard Bureau's commitment to environmental stewardship."

The land managed by the Hawaii Guard contains at

least 33 rare, threatened or endangered species and five distinct habitat types.

Nearly 40 percent of all plants and animals on the endangered species list reside in Hawaii, many of which are not found anywhere else in the world.

The Hawaii Guard is faced with the challenge of balancing the needs of its 3,100 members to achieve realistic military training while still protecting the sensitive ecosystems of the Hawaiian islands.

A panel of nonmilitary and Army natural resources management experts, including representatives from the Nature Conservancy and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, judged competitors for the Natural Conservation award.

In addition to outstanding program management, the Hawaii Army National Guard demonstrated technical expertise in support of military readiness and community partnerships.

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Command Notes

**Maj. Gen. Edward L. Correa, Jr.
The Adjutant General**

North and South Korea, where the war began months before. Our soldiers and Marines had to fight pitched battles against a numerically superior enemy, without proper weapons, equipment and cold weather gear. Only remarkable courage and strong determination kept our forces, including many from Hawaii, going in those dark days of the war. Their valiant efforts helped to save the people of South Korea and ultimately reestablish peace and prosperity in Asia. We can never, ever do enough to honor the legacy of our Korean War veterans, but for the next three years, we will show a token of our appreciation by recognizing them with solemn ceremonies and special events. A ceremony will be held at Punchbowl, at 9:00 a.m., on June 25th. I encourage all of you who can make it to attend. As soldiers and airmen of this modern era, we all need to recognize that we are standing on the shoulders of the veterans who came before us. They deserve our attention and respect. (Other related events are covered on page 6).

We marked Memorial Day weekend with a number of ceremonies at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl; the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe; the Eternal Flame, across from the State Capitol and elsewhere to pay tribute to our veterans who have served our State and nation.

This year, special emphasis was placed on honoring our Korean War veterans. June 25th marks the 50th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. On that date in 1950, North Korean forces attacked south without warning and quickly overran the army of South Korea. In July 1950, U.S. troops entered the war and held the North Korean army at bay until reinforcements could arrive. In September 1950, a U.S. led United Nations force repelled the North Korean attack and by the end of October, it had pushed the communist forces all the way to the Chinese border. In November, the situation became critical as hundreds of thousands of Chinese soldiers poured into Korea. Our forces fought their way south, back to the 38th parallel, the dividing line between

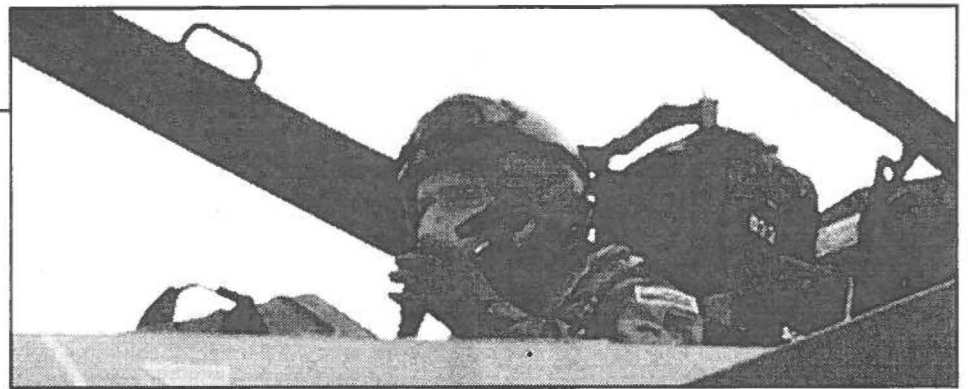
officers' professional organization that is the local chapter of the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS). Together, HNGA and NGAUS help to keep issues of importance to National Guard members and their families at the forefront of national policy debate. Thanks in part to the efforts of the HNGA and NGAUS, Guard members have seen the number of annual commissary visits go from 12 to 24 and Guard force structure has remained strong. In Hawaii, the HNGA helps support initiatives such as the University of Hawaii tuition assistance program and State tax credit. I want to thank HNGA president, Lt. Col. Raymond Jardine, Jr., for his outstanding work in bringing the organization up to full strength. I also want to thank each and every officer who has joined HNGA, and I encourage our enlisted members to join the Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association (HNGEA), which is also working for the benefit of Hawaii's National Guard soldiers and airmen.

Changes to Hawaii Air Guard leadership

Big changes are coming to the Hawaii Air National Guard leadership in the coming months. Brig. Gen. Michael H. Tice, commander of the 154th Wing, has been selected as the new reserve forces mobilization assistant to the commander in chief,

Officer association reaches goal

I am very gratified to report that for the first time in Hawaii National Guard history, we have virtually full membership in the Hawaii National Guard Association (HNGA). The HNGA is the



Tech. Sgt. Wayne G. Pontes

EAGLE HAS LANDED — Maj. Gen. Edward L. Correa Jr. returns from his inaugural Hawaii Air National Guard F-15 Eagle flight in May.

U.S. Pacific Command. Congratulations go to Brig. Gen. Tice, who will be promoted to major general after he assumes his new duties at Camp Smith, in July. A nationwide search for his successor has already begun. Col. Walter K. Kaneakua Jr. retired as the wing vice commander on June 1st to take a position with Aloha Airlines. The selection process to find Kaneakua's replacement began in early June. Both he and Tice have been outstanding contributors to our organization, and they will be greatly missed.

Mahalo to fighter squadron

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Hawaii Air National Guard's 199th Fighter Squadron for showing this Army "ground pounder" what it takes to soar with the eagles. In

May, I was given the opportunity to fly in the unit's two-seater F-15 Eagle on a training mission. It was certainly one of the biggest thrills of my military career, and it clearly demonstrated the professionalism of the HIANG. My hats off to the pilots, controllers and ground crews who guard Hawaii's skies and keep the HIANG one of the premier fighting forces in the Total Force.

Kudos to our environmental team

I want to add my congratulations to Lt. Col. Ronald R. Swafford and the other members of his environmental team. Being selected to receive the Secretary of Defense award means that our Army Guard environmental program is the best of the best throughout the entire Department of Defense - active duty, Guard or Reserve -

in its category. This is the first time in the history of the Hawaii Army National Guard that it has garnered an award of this caliber. Outstanding effort!

Kudos to Youth ChalleNGe Academy

Finally, I want to congratulate the Youth ChalleNGe Academy for capturing the 1999 National Guard ChalleNGe Program Organizational Award for Physical Fitness. Our Youth ChalleNGe Academy bested all others in promoting opportunities in physical activities, fitness and sports for its corpsmembers. Fifty-one percent of eligible graduates earned the Presidential Award given by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. Forty-two percent of our corpsmembers earned the National Award.

Departmental News

Annuities for certain military surviving spouses criteria changes

According to Public Law 106-65, Section 656 changed the eligibility criteria for reserve surviving spouses applying for the annuity known as "Annuities for Certain Military Surviving Spouses," also known as "Forgotten Widows".

To qualify, the deceased reserve member must have:

- a. Completed at least 20 qualifying years of service toward retirement;
- b. Been married to the applicant on date of death; and
- c. Died before Oct. 1, 1978.

If an applicant qualifies, annuity payments are retroactively paid with an effective date of Dec. 1, 1999, in the amount of \$174.76. For more information, applications and help, contact the retirement services office of the nearest military installation.

Red Cross emergency phone number status quo

National Guard and Reserves should still use the same number at

Pearl Harbor for Red Cross emergency calls: (808) 473-3155.

The emergency number for Hawaii armed forces, as reported in a recent Hawaii Army Weekly article, does not

apply for the reserve components whether they are on inactive of active status, according to Lt. Col. Martha "Marty" St. Louis, the State Family Program coordinator.

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bacco and Firearms, U.S. Customs Service, and the IRS from Oahu to Maui for the raids.

Under the cover of darkness, the C-130s landed at the airport in Kahului, Maui, where the federal agents then boarded Hawaii National Guard vehicles for transport to the Hawaii Army Guard Armory in Kahului. "The support from you folks (the Hawaii National Guard) was the best service imaginable. The whole operation was amazingly smooth, like clockwork," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas Muehleck. "This operation would not have happened without the Hawaii National Guard. The use of the armory alone saved the federal government \$1 million," said Muehleck. The armory had been prepared for use as the staging area where the predawn raids were launched. Following the arrests of more than 50 suspects, the

armory was then used as a processing and detention center until the suspects were flown to Honolulu to face prosecution.

"We've supported numerous missions before for various federal, State and county law enforcement agencies," said Capt. William "Rusty" Spray, the Counterdrug planner for this operation, "but this is the first time we've ever done anything on this scale."

In addition to airlift and ground transportation, Hawaii Guard personnel provided supplemental security, logistics support, communications and two Spanish-language translators. The C-130s from the Hawaii and California Air National Guards flew eight round-trips between Oahu and Maui in support of the Counterdrug operation. More than 50 Hawaii National Guard soldiers and airmen were involved in the operation.



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Hawaii Guard helps change a life

Gangsta turn around

Story and photo by Sgt. Lance M. Kamisugi

(Editor's note: The subject of the following article asked that pupukahi not use his last name due to his past circumstances. He allowed the Hawaii National Guard to tell his story in hopes that it may help others in similar situations.)

The Hawaii National Guard stresses the importance of family values by providing Family Support Groups and other means to help members cope with the demands of being in the National Guard. There was a time before joining the Hawaii Army National Guard when Luke, an administrative specialist for 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery, followed another set of values and received support from a different kind of family. That family was his fellow gang members in Kalihi.

Luke moved to Hawaii from the Philippines at the age of 14 and had no knowledge of the English language. "It was hard being a freshman at Farrington High School with no friends," said Luke. "I guess not fitting in at school made me jump at any chance to hang out with a group of guys."

Hanging out meant drinking and doing drugs at a certain location in Kalihi according to Luke. "The gang I was in didn't look for any trouble like people may believe," said Luke. "I think being part of a gang gave me a secure feeling that I belonged and that was important to me at that time."

After one year belonging to a gang, Luke learned English and gradually integrated into the social circles in high school. "I joined the basketball team and that

commitment made me choose academics over the gang," said Luke. "I needed to maintain a 2.0 grade point average in order to participate on the basketball team so I spoke to the gang leader, and he supported my decision of leaving the gang to focus on school."

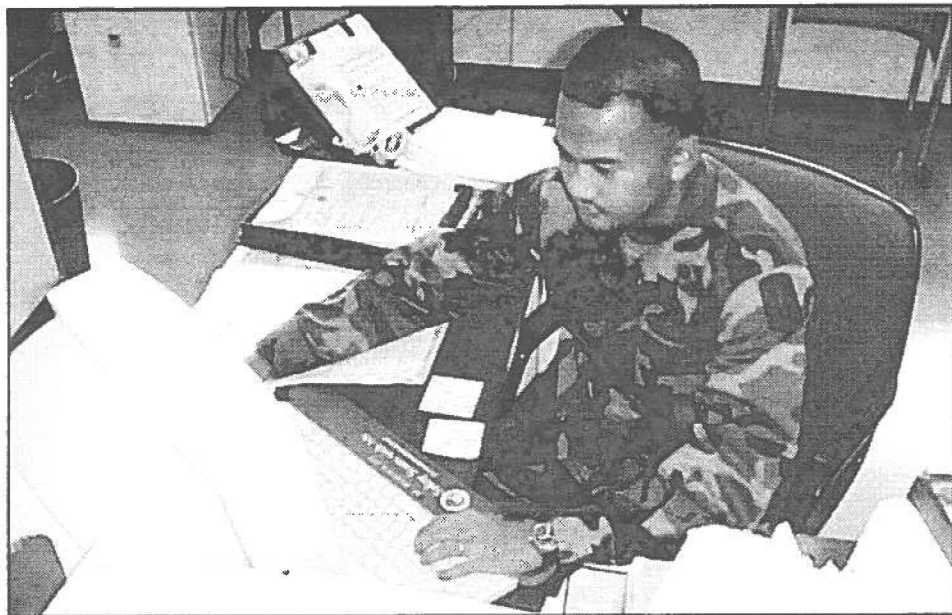
All was well until Luke's graduation from high school took away basketball. Unfortunately, Luke went back to the life of drinking and doing drugs. "I started hanging out at the parks until 3 o'clock in the morning almost every other night for about two years," said Luke. "I wasn't part of any gang, but I also wasn't doing anything with my life."

Ironically, basketball again played a role in leading Luke down the right path. "I saw a Hawaii Army National Guard banner at the Stan Sheriff Center while attending a University of Hawaii basketball game and thought 'what have I got to lose?'" said Luke.

Luke didn't listen to those who told him that the military was too hard, and it would be a waste of time. "All I heard was that they treat you like a prisoner in basic training," said Luke. "It wasn't like that at all,"

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— Luke, former gang member



Hawaii Army National Guard soldier "Luke" begins his new career as a full-time administrative specialist with the Guard.

he added, "The military taught me to be responsible, to use my head, and to survive in every day life. The National Guard gave me everything I needed to pursue my goals," said Luke. "I used the tuition assistance program to attend Honolulu Community College and the G.I. Bill to attend Heald Business College and learn some computer skills."

Those skills helped Luke qualify for a full-time position in the National Guard as an administrative specialist. "I couldn't believe it when I got the job," said Luke. "I just think back a few years when my life was in disarray and how lucky I am to be in the position I am now."

Luke is optimistic for his future. "I feel that I'm headed in the right direction and the support from my unit and my wife have been tremendous," said Luke. "I'll never go back to that (gang) life-style again."

He won't need to. He'll be starting his own family as his wife is expecting a baby this summer.

Top Hawaii Army Guard enlisted soldiers from aviation unit

By Sgt. Wendy M. Hirasa

The 193rd Aviation has once again landed the Hawaii Army National Guard's noncommissioned officer and soldier of the year awards. Staff Sgt. Ronald S. Oshiba, avionics communications equipment repairer supervisor, Company B (Aviation Intermediate Maintenance), is the NCO of the year, and Spc. Felimon P. Marcos, unit supply specialist technician, Company C (Medium Lift), is the soldier of the year.

Family traditions prepared Oshiba for military life

Oshiba was born and raised on the island of Hawaii in a second-generation Japanese family that stressed traditional cultural values. These values formed the essential backbone that guided and helped to prepare him for his life in the military, said Oshiba. He entered the active Army in 1988 after graduating from Waiakea High School to help him with his future goals. "I didn't come from a family with a lot of money, so the military afforded me the opportunity to learn something that I was passionate about," he said. As a young boy, he liked to work with his hands and loved electronics so he naturally chose avionics communications equipment repairer as his military occupational specialty.

After completing a six-year tour in the active Army, he enlisted in the Hawaii Army Guard in 1994. He was hired as a full-time technician in the avionics shop at Wheeler Army Airfield.

In his 12-year military career, Oshiba was able to apply his training in real world missions in his deploy-

ments to include Exercise COBRA GOLD in Thailand and Operation DESERT SHIELD and Operation DESERT STORM in Saudi Arabia.

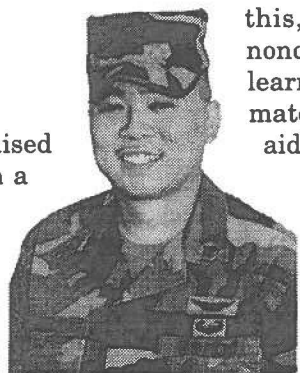
To prepare for his recent award of NCO of the year, he gives this advice to anyone striving to follow in his footsteps, "study hard and find good mentors to guide you." The time and effort you commit to this will only serve to make you a better person, he said.

If he didn't receive the award, he said he would still have walked away a winner. "Just going through this, and especially being a noncommissioned officer, I relearned all the different skills material like leadership, first aid, and all the other subjects you memorize for the boards. I learned the material so well that I am now more competent and able to help and teach others," he said.

According to Master Sgt. David C. Wallace, who has known Oshiba since 1995, they chose a great soldier for this honor. "Oshiba has a strong work ethic and is fully dedicated and committed to the guard. What sets him above and beyond is his leadership skills. Not only does he have superior knowledge of his field, he is blessed with the ability to teach other soldiers," said Wallace. Oshiba is blessed with the love and support of his wife, Robin, and 11-year-old daughter, Ryann. His hobbies include breeding American pit bull terriers and big game fishing.

Dreams come true

"To me, this is not just a job, but a dream come true," said Marcos, who joined the Hawaii Guard at the age of 34.



Oshiba



Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum

HAWAIIAN STARS — Brig. Gen. Clarence M. Agena receives his general's stars from his wife, Mona, and his commander in chief, Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano, at pinning ceremonies held in May.

Just four years later being awarded the soldier of the year was icing on the cake. His emotions are mixed as he is overwhelmed by the award. "I'm excited, nervous and honored to receive this award and being able to represent my unit," he said.

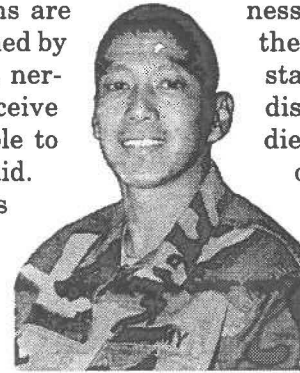
Marcos was nine years old when he came to Hawaii from the Philippines and became a U.S. citizen. This dream of joining the military was put on hold for such a long time because he had family to take care of. He was eager to join the military because he said it motivates him and the competitive spirit is alive. "I wanted the opportunity to be the best in something, and the military rewards you for your effort," he said.

"Marcos is a nice person, an all-around and dedicated individual,"

said 1st Sgt. Russell L. Bishop. "He participated at the Joint Readiness Training Center, helping the brigade, and did an outstanding job." Marcos is a very disciplined and motivated soldier, "he always scores a 300 on the Army physical test."

In addition to joining the guard for the love of it, it has also provided him with opportunities to enhance his professional career. He is presently employed at GTE Hawaiian Telephone as an office assistant. The training and experience he receives in the guard provides him with skills to succeed and excel in his civilian position.

Marcos is married to Madelyn and has been blessed with two daughters, Jenna, 2, and Anna, 8. He likes running and playing basketball in his free time.



Marcos

Maintenance company hones skills at Camp Dodge, Iowa

By Pfc. Brandon T. Bocanegra

Iowa — Annual Training in this state might sound like as much fun as watching the corn grow there. The Midwest just does not have the flare of other places Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers have traveled to in the past such as California, Japan or Australia. For over 100 members of Company B, 29th Support Battalion, solitude amidst the rustic, little towns and cornfields provided an ideal place to focus on their training. Rising out of the flatlands is the National Maintenance Training Center (NMTC) at Camp Dodge, the foremost maintenance training center of the National Guard.

In May, the soldiers deployed to Camp Dodge with the goals of developing leadership, strengthening their primary military occupational specialties, cross-training in similar fields and, most importantly, learning how to function more effectively as a company. The unit was also brought up-to-date with a rotational training plan designed by the Forces Command to improve and fine-tune maintenance units. This includes a possible deployment to Italy next year to test their training. Givenway the soldiers performed at Camp Dodge, passing the test seems very likely.

Leadership development practiced

"The team leaders really took charge," said Capt. Lynn Ishii, the commander of the maintenance company. "All of the soldiers hit the ground with a lot of motivation and it is evident by their work."

By the company's second day of training, they were already three days ahead of the average unit's schedule. Soldiers attribute their motivation and high level of activity to the environment of Camp Dodge.

"The facilities are excellent," said Sgt. Michael Romeo, one of the company's team chiefs. "The workshop alone is worth the trip." He emphasized that it is important to train in a well-equipped environment where soldiers can focus on the jobs they are trained to do. "I am not worried about guard duty or digging foxholes. I can focus on training my soldiers," he said.

The smooth completion of those jobs was the basis of the entire operation according to the NMTC's pyramid plan. The plan stresses the strong communication between leaders and developing individuals' areas of expertise and responsibility. Soldiers repair, inspect, troubleshoot, rebuild and replace vehicles and equipment in accordance to standards rather than time. Senior soldiers are charged to supervise the jun-



Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum

TIGHTEN-UP - Spc. Kimberly Gongob, a fuel handler with Company B, 29th Support Battalion, cross trains a mechanic at the National Maintenance Training Center, Camp Dodge, Iowa.

iors in performing the tasks as well as teach them to perform more advanced work. Good communication and knowledge sharing gives every soldier a better understanding of the entire operation and what their role is.

"Working with a large group takes a lot of patience and understanding, but the big picture is that we work pretty good together," he said. "My guys are not going to rotate, leaving me to re-train another. In my eight years on active-duty, no one who I worked with ever called me by my first name. When you have this type of family environment, you care more about getting your work done."

The training at Camp Dodge not only brought the Hawaii soldiers closer together, but it was also a reunion with a California slice detachment of the unit.

"We are just one big, happy family," said Spc. Harold Harris, a Hawaii soldier. "The California soldiers are hard workers. They come prepared to do the job."

Company B's understanding of the pyramid plan and ability to complete their work efficiently brought praise from the company's officers as well as Camp Dodge's.

Ishii said, "Our section sergeants have shown their expertise, and the soldiers have an outstanding attitude and motivation. We are building our credibility here."

"There is an awful lot of talent in this unit," said Lt. Col. Dennis Danielson, the NMTC commander. "Most units do a decent job of the mechanical stuff but struggle with the leadership. Leadership is vital to a company-run shop compared to one that just does one or two work orders at a time. The Hawaii guys are great at it."

He continued by saying, "if leaders are knowledgeable in these areas: individual jobs, orders, forms and paperwork, the larger picture of operations and mission goals; the mechanics should be running at 100 miles an hour as soon as they get here."

Danielson called this a "turn-key" training environment. It is the NMTC's mission to provide this for general and direct support maintenance units to train collectively, meaning a setting that is fully-prepared and equipped for a unit to begin operation immediately, according to Danielson.

First class facilities promote positive training environment

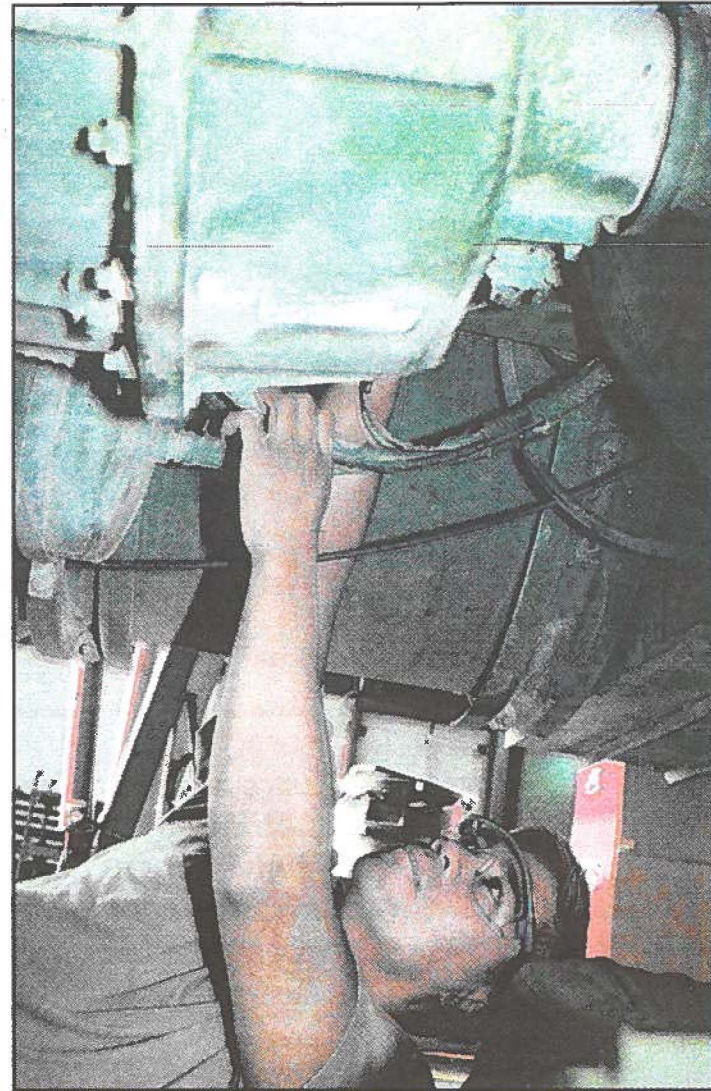
The maintenance shops are constantly filled with a stockpile of vehicles and equipment from active-duty stations such as the National Training Center in California and the Joint Readiness Training Center in Louisiana. Resources for the maintenance are available to the unit as soon as it arrives. As the work is conducted, supplies for future jobs are shipped in, leaving the proper resources for the next project and further units that come to train.

Primary emphasis is on training

"The NMTC is the only place in the world whose primary emphasis is on training," said Danielson. "Training is the priority here. Cost and production are complimentary, but it has all been efficient so far."

However, some minor problems arose due to the soldiers' unfamiliarity with the workshops. Regardless, the soldiers were appreciative once they got organized.

"Training in this maintenance shop can get slow because we often need to improvise in a different work environ-



Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum

TRANSMISSION TRAINING - Spc. Joseph O. Alpuro, a mechanic with Company B, replaces a transmission line during annual training 2000 at Camp Dodge.

ment," said Sgt. Terry Hirano. "Working in a shop is an advantage from working in the field. The soldiers are more willing to cooperate and train. With a great attitude like this, we are capable of improvising."

Improvising involved cross-training the soldiers in fields outside their primary MOS, which involved dedicating more time to coaching and mentoring junior soldiers and delegating responsibility to junior leaders.

Sgt. Eddie Saringan said, "by cross-training, we give our knowledge to the soldiers of the future. First we train people under their MOS and then we train them in other ways." Saringan contributed by cross training Spc. Dominic Manding, a truck driver, in welding and general maintenance.

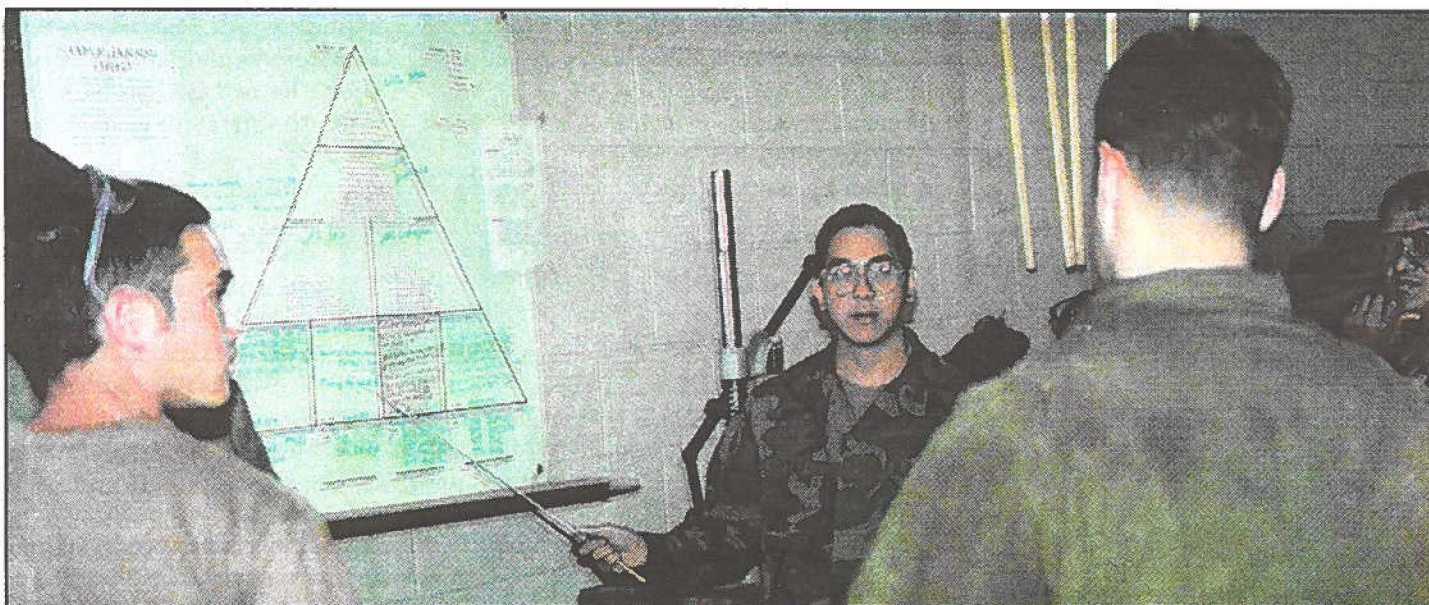
"Since a maintenance unit has individuals trained in many separate fields, cross-training allows a soldier to fix almost any problem on the spot," said Hirano. "Knowledge in specific areas is furthered by learning the fundamentals of technical manuals," he said.

"The training here is doctrine-based," said Danielson. "What we do here is simplify the training doctrine and make it more efficient. We take all the rocket science and bust it into bits and pieces. Frankly, it works pretty good."

Combining technical manuals, training strategies and guidance from senior soldiers allowed the soldiers to become qualified in higher levels of work as well as more confident.

Harris, who trained to do the next level of work, said, "there is a good feeling that comes from providing soldiers with safe vehicles."

By establishing this confidence and familiarity in their work, Company B can walk away from Camp Dodge with a sense of accomplishment. And, though many soldiers are excited about an opportunity to test their skills in Italy, most look forward to deploying to Camp Dodge again.



Pfc. Brandon T. Bocanegra

PYRAMID POWER — 2nd Lt. Nathan Tyau uses the pyramid chart to break down the maintenance mission requirements during close of day after action briefings at Camp Dodge.

Malama i Ka Aina Koa

"Preserving the soldier's land"

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Hawaii Army National Guard Environmental Office

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Caring for our aina (land) mission continues

By Spc. Wendy R. Cook

Steps are taken to restore Diamond Head Monument

In celebration of April's annual Earth Day, 150 youth volunteers, 25 Guard members and another 25 volunteers gathered at Fort Ruger alongside the slopes of Diamond Head to help clean the monument.

The Hawaii Army National Guard Environmental Office sponsored the event not only to clean but also to make people aware about conservation efforts. The volunteers cleared weeds, dead foliage and garbage off the slopes. They planted native Hawaiian plants and spread mulch to keep the invasive plants out of the areas and give the native plants a chance to grow. The youth volunteers from Youth Environmental Services (YES) mainly worked on the upkeep of the Peace Gardens, a garden planted last year by children from all over the world in an effort to show a worldwide partnership in conservation. They also weeded, planted and placed rocks along the walkway through the garden.

"The turnout was great; we achieved our objectives. We wanted to weed the area and remove the invasive, spread mulch to pervade aliens and the reinvasion," said Trae Menard, an environmental specialist with the Hawaii Army Guard. "It's a great way to get our message out; we want to conserve Hawaii's legacy by conserving plants and animals that are native to Hawaii."

The volunteers this year were treated to a hot dog lunch and gathered to sign an Earth Day 2000 poster that has been put on display. The volunteers also had some help from Hawaii's Lt.



Sgt. Wendy M. Hirasa photos

STUFF-IT — Hawaii Army National Guard volunteers Sgt. 1st Class Dean Norwood and Sgt. Antonio R. Savella clean the slopes near Battery Harlow during Earth Day 2000, in April.

Gov. Mazie Hirono, who came and worked alongside the children at the Peace Garden.

Because Earth Day is an annual event, plans are already in the works at the Environmental Office for next year's celebration. Anyone interested in future activities can call the office at 808-733-4214 for information.

Waimanalo stream cleaned by military, school children

In environmental conservation, the Hawaii Army National Guard has had to take on a few new partnerships. One area in particular is Bellows Air Force Station and the surrounding community of Waimanalo.

The Waimanalo or Puha Stream has been identified as a priority area under the National Clean Water Action Plan.

Due to the population growth in the area, erosion and polluted storm water runoff has increased. Forty to sixty percent of the pollution to the environment is from runoff. Things like manure and fertilizer also run into the water and cause algae to grow. Native fish and plants have a hard time competing with the algae because it smothers the native vegetation.

triggers joint planning and redesign in the flood control structures of the area.

"By working with the Marine Corps on the watershed project, it's the first step in a long line of interagency involvement," said Trae Menard, Hawaii Army Guard ecologist. "It's essential to protect the watershed of Waimanalo; its going to be an extremely productive partnership. We share a boundary with the community of Waimanalo, the Marines and the Air Force, incorporating all the military entities is important to protect the environment."

Not only have the military services been combined to start this project, but the inclusion of the local community was also essential. Waimanalo citizens have long been concerned about the watershed in the area and how the military's training use impacted their lands.

"The streams are polluted but repairable, the public wants them repaired, if they are given attention they will be repaired," said Dr. Diane C. Drigot, the senior natural resources management specialist at Kaneohe Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Environmental Compliance and Protection Department. "This is the spark to ignite the start of the planning inside and outside the fence line of Bellows. We are launching an idea that we hope will grow."

"Everyone plays a role in damaging watershed so everyone plays a role in repair. We want to show a positive dem-

onstration to get the community involved. We need to teach every person on how to show and share something positive about the community."

After learning of the project, the grade school teachers around Waimanalo became interested in getting their students out and involved. They started combined school ecology projects and planting native Hawaiian vegetation and using field trips such as the watershed project as hands-on training for the students. Some of the techniques that have been proven to stop erosion is to plant native vegetation because it traps the runoff and filters out the pollution. In May, 50 fourth grade students from Waimanalo Elementary took a field trip to Bellows where they planted native vegetation around the stream to lessen the erosion. Another project with an afterschool program from Pope Elementary continued the project a week later. They plan on getting the children interested in the environment, the ocean and the wetlands, and hope to do additional planting for erosion control.

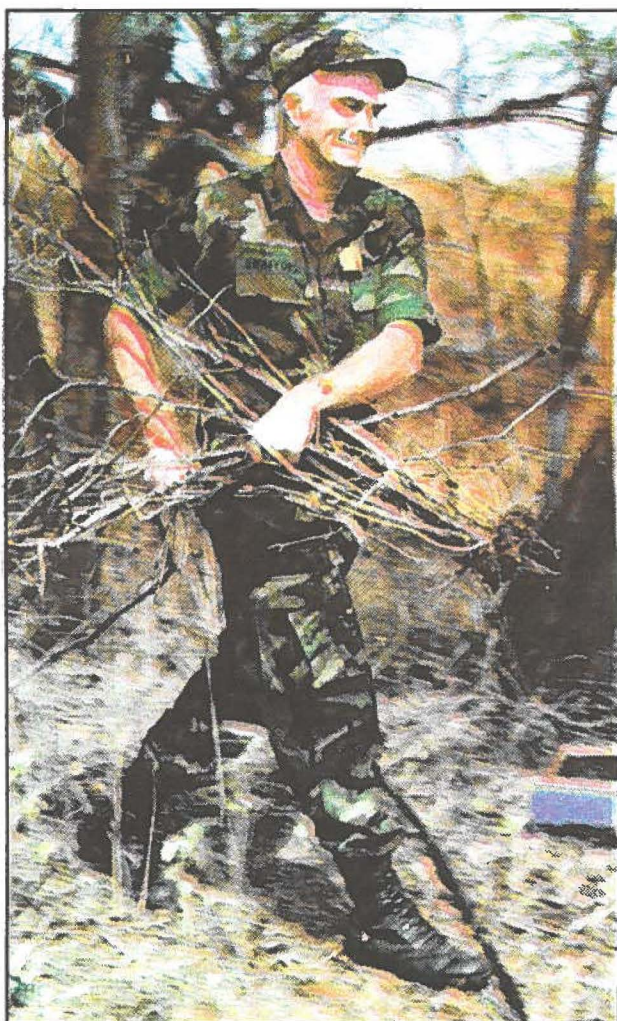
"Right now, the students are studying the Hawaiian culture and learning how to restore the land with native plants," said Nalani Koch, teacher at Waimanalo Elementary. "We want to work on restoring the streams."

"This is actually fun and good, it can help the world and environment, it helps both at the same time," said Curtis Mauiola-Eidman, fourth grader. "Because you get to learn about plants and experience it. Before I thought it was boring then when I started to plant it was more fun."

"We have to change our habits on how we handle the land," Drigot said. "How do we change their deeply embedded habits and get them to change? We start with the youths, they are the future custodians of the environment."

In addition to restoring the polluted lands, the project has also spawned improved relations with the civilian community around the training area which had before not been happy with the military's impact to the area.

"We want to continue training here, but we want to give something back in exchange for using the land," Drigot said. "We are not going to invade the training area; you can have a training area and an environmental restoration together with good planning."



LEADING BY EXAMPLE — Lt. Col. Ronald R. Swafford (far left), Hawaii Army National Guard environmental protection specialist, clears debris from the historic World War I era constructed Battery Harlow.



TEAM EFFORT — Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers (above) from the HQ State Area Command; 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry; and Company C, 29th Support Battalion, pause before joining the more than 150 volunteers (students, families and friends) to clear brush and debris at Battery Harlow.

Veterans past, present are remembered, honored

Story and photo by Derek Inoshita

For many Americans, Memorial Day marks a single day to honor the courageous contributions and sacrifices made by American veterans throughout history. One solemn day of thoughtful appreciation and reflection upon how their lives and those of their families might have been different without the brave service of men and women in uniform.

Memorial Day, however, is only one of many significant occasions occurring in the next few months, dedicated to honoring our nation's most valiant citizens.

Prisoners-of-War, Missing-in-Action troops remembered

POW/MIA Recognition Day was commemorated April 9, paying homage to the heroic of sacrifices made by American Prisoners-of-War and those Missing-in-Action. Ceremonies were held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl and included a 21-gun salute and a missing man fly-over by Hawaii Air National Guard F-15 Eagle jetfighters.

Addressing an audience of local veterans, their families, and a special contingent of American Ex-Prisoners of War from around the nation, Brig. Gen. R.E. Parker, Jr. outlined the importance of remembering our veterans, saying "payment on the eternal debt that we owe these brave warriors . . . can only be paid by the honor we give and teach our children to give." Echoing this sentiment, a special tribute was given by Consulate General Ji Doo Lee of the Republic of South Korea to veterans of the Korean War. "The world," he said, "must highly value the sacrifices and pride of these soldiers who fought to protect freedom and democracy."

Hawaii military honored in week-long event

Also honored recently was Hawaii's military. The 15th Annual Hawaii Military Appreciation Week was celebrated May 12-21.

The 10-day event was held "to honor Hawaii's servicemen and women for all they do to maintain peace and order," said Stanley Hong, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. "We appreciate their total commitment to 'duty, honor, country', and for the personal sacrifices that they endure in the service of their country."

Included among the many Hawaii Military Appreciation Week events were displays of vintage military vehicles and equipment; the Fourth Annual Triathlon/Duathlon at the Marine Corps Base - Hawaii; and, a concert by a combined military band comprised of musicians from the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and the Hawaii National Guard in honor of Hawaii's Korean War veterans.

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Annual memorial ceremonies held in May

- No Greater Love Candle-lighting ceremony at the Governor's Office, with the U.S. Marine Corps, May 22;
- Sunset memorial service at the Eternal Flame, Veterans of Foreign Wars, May 28;
- Candlelight ceremony at Punchbowl, Vietnam veterans, May 28;
- The Mayor's Memorial Day ceremony at Punchbowl, featuring the Hawaii Guard 199th Fighter Squadron's F-15 Eagles and Battery C, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery's 105mm Howitzers, May 29; and
- The Governor's Memorial Day ceremony at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, featuring the Hawaii Guard's ceremonial Royal Guard, 111th Army Band, and Youth Challenge Academy, May 29.

Korean War ceremonies in June, July

June will be a very special time for many veterans across America. June 25 will mark the 50th Anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War.

North Korean forces invaded South Korea, June 25, 1950, sparking off three years of vicious combat. Hawaii-based units were among the first to respond to the crisis. More than 2,000 Hawaii troops served proudly in Korea, more per capita than from any other state in the union. The number of troops was four times higher than the national average. Hawaii had the highest casualty rate per capita in the nation.



ETERNAL MEMORIES — Veterans of Foreign Wars color guard retires the colors following sunset memorial services at the Eternal Flame, May 28.

5th Regimental Combat Team memorial to be dedicated

One of the first Hawaii-units to enter the war was the 5th Regimental Combat Team.

Primarily composed of soldiers from Hawaii, the regimental combat team was called to action in July 1950 during the earliest and most chaotic days of the Korean War.

Throughout the course of the war, the combat team fought bravely and without fail despite heavy casualties, inadequate training, limited supplies and harsh environmental conditions, earning the respect and admiration of its fellow units.

In honor of the team's courage and dauntless fighting spirit, the 5th Regimental Combat Team Memorial will be unveiled and dedicated at Punchbowl on Saturday, June 17, at 11 a.m.

Governor proclaims June Korean War veterans month

In honor of all who fought in the Korean War, Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano proclaimed the month of June as "Korean War Veterans Month."

Often termed as America's "Forgotten War," Cayetano said that the sacrifices made by those who fought in the Korean War would not be forgotten.

On June 25, the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War will be commemorated in a ceremony at Punchbowl at 9 a.m..

This ceremony will be one of many taking place across the United States and in the Republic of Korea in appreciation of the courageous sacrifices made by those who proudly served their country.

More information on the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War and local veterans' events can be found on the internet at <http://www.dod.state.hi.us/ovs>.

Hawaii Guard band performs at fourth annual event Twilight Tattoo continues military musical tradition

By 1st Lt. Jeffrey D. Hickman

With precision and pride, the Hawaii Army National Guard's 111th Army Band graced the Kuroda Parade Grounds at Fort DeRussy as one of the bands participating in the fourth annual Twilight Tattoo.

Through the American, British and Austrian military bands, the tattoo ceremony has evolved through the years to become a goodwill spectacle for the public and military alike.

Historical origins explained

It started off like many other military traditions, with its origin beginning in Europe. The word "tattoo" is derived from the Dutch word "tap-toe" which means "turn off the taps." Soldiers would head into town after a long day to frequent their favorite drinking establish-



ment. When it was time to return to the barracks, a drummer would enter each pub and sound the appropriate drum cadence. The soldiers would then follow the drummer from one establishment to the next. By the time the drummer returned to the barracks, he had quite a procession behind him. Over time, the drummer was replaced by a bagpiper; and, the evening ritual eventually became a formal military function.

Event culminates months of practice

Over 1,500 people lined the parade field and observed the six bands march out and perform as the Waikiki dusk painted the backdrop. Other bands in attendance included the host 25th Infantry Division *Tropic Lightning* Band, the Pacific Fleet Band, the Marine Forces Pacific Band, the Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawaii and the Air Force Band of the Pacific.

Hawaii's own 111th Army Band has been practicing for this event since late Decem-

ber. They performed for the Tattoo in 1998. On and off the field during the Tattoo, one could see the camaraderie between the bands. Even though some band members never met before, a friendship was born because of their common bond.

Members of the unit enjoy showcasing their marching talent with the armed forces. Selected members also were a part of the annual joint military band concert held in May during Hawaii Military Appreciation Week at the historical Hawaii Theatre.

HIGH STEPPIN'

Led by drum major Staff Sgt. Lambert T.L. Lum, the 111th Army Band performs at Fort DeRussy's Kuroda Field in March. The Hawaii Army National Guard band, commanded by Warrant Officer Curtis Y. Hiyane, played for the second time at the fourth annual Twilight Tattoo.



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha



Hawaii National Guard Family Program

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

Family workshops spread information

By Pfc. Brandon D. Bocanegra

Hardship and sacrifice come with serving our nation's military. The members of the Hawaii National Guard know this well, balancing a civilian life while performing their military duties as well. While Guard members are protecting our state and providing that warm blanket of freedom we sleep under every night, they, too, need to be comforted and supported; that is what their families and friends are for.

Many family members provide our service members with the support they need and do their share to help the family when deployments and training come up. This can wear heavily on the family, but sharing it with those in similar situations can ease the burden. This is what the Family Support Group is for.

Island Workshops include extended family

Members of the statewide Family Support Group, Hui Laulima, or Family of Helping Hands, conduct island PIE-Preparation, Information, Education workshops during this Year of the Family 2000. The all-day workshops are comprised of multiple pre-

sentations on Guard benefits: Readiness at home in support of Readiness at the Unit, Financial Education, Legal Information, and other areas as requested by the families and Family Support Groups in the area. Each workshop includes a luncheon with guest speakers from all walks of life.

"Our Maui island workshop did very well," said Kanani Kahalehoe, Maui support group representative. "We had not only a good turn out of people, but a variety as well."

"It's beautiful when you see not just spouses, but mothers, sons and girlfriends eager to help out," said Maj. Martha "Marty" St. Louis, the State family program coordinator. "The Family Support Group goes beyond just the spouses."

Filling the seats with newcomers is one of the family program's primary goals. It goes along with their family pie principle, meaning that everyone contributes to the batch of ideas and when the project is finished, they serve out the slices of combined information, said Kahalehoe.

Speakers at the workshop share information on the benefits military families are entitled to, including:

- Legal advice for Guard members and their dependents
- Support groups for deployments
- Insurance benefits and aid

• General rundown of basic benefits

FSG mission, programs explained

Another goal is to explain the FSG's mission and the programs they run.

The Family Program's main focus is on generating neighbor island support by coordinating informational workshops.

"Information is power," said St. Louis. "By preparing the families, we are making units more capable of performing their missions. It's the families that keep soldiers in the National Guard."

Communication with family stressed

Retired Sgt. Maj. Gus Fuentes, one of the guest speakers at the Maui

Workshop, said a key factor to having a good military career was good communication and support from spouses. He stressed that good communication goes beyond just listening and sharing points of view, but understanding what is going on.

"Show interest in what the soldiers do. They need to feel that what they are doing is important; but, don't communicate to your husbands and boyfriends, communicate with them."

In addition to good communication, the Hui Laulima does compensate family members for their further contribu-

tions to the organization and their families. For participating in projects with the FSG, reimbursement programs are available to cover traveling, child care, telephone calls and writing newsletter expenses.

"So far (the support), has been really good," she said. "The volunteers work really hard putting out info and getting feedback; but, we need more of a joint effort between the Air Force and Army."

The Hui Laulima, like any progressive organization, continues to grow and redefine itself. Currently, the organization is made up of smaller family support groups from the National Guard units on each island. Each island elects a representative who brings issues to the advisory council on Oahu; but the foundation of this comes from drawing more support from families to match the growing importance of the Guard's mission.

"We are deploying and performing more and more," said St. Louis. "They all have the same interests at heart. Their strength becomes our strength."

The unity within the FSG flows strong, but the source of that power comes from the families of the soldiers. Just like a family, the FSG is only as strong as its members are. To keep the FSG healthy and running, and capable of enduring through possible deployments, it needs the kokua of us all.

Being able to share experiences of Guard life with other family members really helps at the island workshops.

Neighbor Island Family Support Group Activities

The Family Support

Group for the 154th ACS, Kauai, recently received a thank you letter from the Department of the Air Force Foreign Liaison Division, Washington, D.C., for their hospitality during a February Air Attache' Corps visit. Ninety-

four representatives from 40 countries, ranging from Algeria to Venezuela, received fresh flower leis and "goody bags" of local treats and aloha from the FSG volunteers of Na Ohana Ki'ai 'O Kauai. Key volunteers who participated were Karen Kelley, Dixie Faildo, Autumn Faildo, Elizabeth Faildo, Eden Gonsalves, Rose Wong and Roberta Agena.

For information call

For information about the FSG, please 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 Guard Team. Training and resources for your families are just a phone call away. Make sure you have your Hawaii National Guard "purple magnet" with important phone numbers for every HING family.

The important numbers are the Family Program Office numbers above, plus the Red Cross emergency contact number during deployments, 473-3155. As of May, this Red Cross emergency number is only for the use of National Guard and Reserve members

here in Hawaii.

Workshop schedule, seminars, camps

• June 23-25: HING Youth Camp 2000. First youth camp for DOD HING youths, ages 8-14,

Hui Laulima: Family of Helping Hands



at Camp Timberline in Makakilo.

A parent information overview will be conducted at the drop-off registration site, Kalaeloa parking lot in front of the Youth ChalleNGe Galley/Gym, June 23, 4 p.m.

Registration forms were distributed to units — a few camper slots are still available. Contact the Family Program Office for more information.

• July 22-23: Hawaii Joint Family Program Conference, Nat'l Guard & Reserves, Ala Moana Hotel, Oahu.

• July 27-Aug. 1: NGB Family Program National Workshop, Nashville, Tenn.

• Aug. 3-6: Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, Hilo.

• Aug. 21-25: DOD Worldwide Family Matters Workshop, Phoenix, Ariz.

• Aug. 22-25: Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, Oahu.

• Sept. 16: Kauai Island Family Program Workshop, location TBD.

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Sgt. Ormond R. Braman, 111th Army Band
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Sgt. Charles Y. Hokama, 111th Army Band
Sgt. Jonathan M. Kimura, 111th Army Band
Sgt. Lynn M. Kuda, 111th Army Band
Sgt. Anthony G. Marks, 111th Army Band
Sgt. Stephen N. Omatsu, 111th Army Band

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Spc. James M. Kimoto, 111th Army Band
Spc. Adrian S. Munalem, 111th Army Band
Spc. Brent K. Rubio, 111th Army Band
Pfc. Richard J. Ahn, 111th Army Band
Pfc. Jordan R. Silva, 111th Army Band
Pfc. William J. Thompson IV, 111th Army Band
Sandra T. Kuiuoka, State Of Hawaii, DOD
Cynthia K. Yee, State of Hawaii, DOD
Olivia S. Yee, State of Hawaii, DOD

Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal
Col. Orlan L. Peterson Jr., HQ STARC
Lt. Col. Raymond Jardine Jr., HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade (2nd Bronze Kahili)
Lt. Col. Blaine O. Ogata, HHC, 29th Support Battalion (3rd Bronze Kahili)
Lt. Col. Michael C.K. Wong, HQ STARC (2nd Bronze Kahili)
Lt. Col. Wayne N. Yoshioka, HQ STARC (1st Bronze Kahili)
Maj. Kerry K. Oshiro, HQ STARC
Maj. Martha N. St. Louis, HQ STARC
Maj. Alan S. Igarashi, HQ STARC
Capt. Jeffrey A. Kawakami, 227th Engineer Company (-Det. 1)
1st Lt. Jared I. Sproat, HQ STARC
Chief Warrant Officer Keith H. Kubota, HQ STARC

Command Sgt. Maj. Vernon A. Nakasone, HQ STARC
Sgt. Maj. Leighton Y.C. Siu, HQ STARC
Senior Master Sgt. Carl J. Simmons, HQ HIANG
Sgt. 1st Class Gary H. Hashimoto, HQ STARC
Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum, HQ STARC (1st Bronze Kahili)
Master Sgt. Clifford A. Sagara, 154th Civil Engineer Squadron
Tech Sgt. Baldwin D. Ojerio, 154th Aircraft Generation Squadron
Tech Sgt. Raymond Vegas, 154th Civil Engineer Squadron
Sgt. Ronald Batula Jr., 111th Army Band
Sgt. Mark S. Kubota, HHSB, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery
Alaska National Guard Commendation Medal
Warrant Officer Curtis Y. Hiyane, 111th Army Band

1st Sgt. Roy J. Miyahira, 111th Army Band
Sgt. 1st Class Melvin N. Miyashiro, 111th Army Band
Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha, 117th Mobile Public Affairs Det.
Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum, 117th Mobile Public Affairs Det.
Sgt. 1st Class Kazuhiko Sunabe, 111th Army Band
Staff Sgt. Lambert T.L. Lum, 111th Army Band
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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.

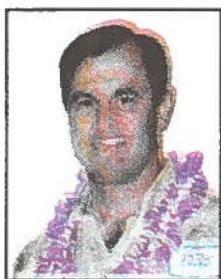
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 HHC
 Headquarters & Headquarters Service Battery: HHSB
 Oak Leaf Cluster: OLC
 Reconnaissance & Intrastate Detachment: RAID
 State Area Command: STARC

Legion of Merit
 Brig. Gen. Dennis A. Kamimura, HQ STARC
 Brig. Gen. Clarence M. Agena, HQ STARC

Meritorious Service Medal
 Col. James R. Carpenter, 298th Regiment-Regional Training Institute (2nd OLC)
 Col. Claude T. Ishida, HQ, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (2nd OLC)
 Col. Myron L. Tong, 154th Hospital Squadron
 Lt. Col. Matthew N. Nagasaki, HQ STARC
 Lt. Col. Lance Y. Okihara, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
 Lt. Col. Lincoln C. Yamashita, HQ 298th Regiment-Regional Training Institute (1st OLC)
 Maj. Danielito V. Dagdagan, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade
 Capt. Brook T. Akana, HHSB, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery
 Capt. Woodrow L. Arakawa, HHC, 29th Support Battalion (2nd OLC)
 Capt. Laura J. Soares, HQ STARC
 Command Sgt. Maj. Samuel J. Lono, HHC, 29th Support Battalion
 1st Sgt. Wallace E. Yoshida, Co. D, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry
 Chief Master Sgt. Harold G. DeMello Jr., 154th Maintenance Squadron (1st OLC)
 Chief Master Sgt. Roland F. Tang, 154th Communications Flight
 Master Sgt. Herberto Quintana, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
 Master Sgt. Richard Tanaka,

HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade (1st OLC)
 Senior Master Sgt. Stanley C.S. Leong, 154th Aircraft Generation Squadron
 Sgt. 1st Class Palmyra K. Hethcote, HQ STARC
 Sgt. 1st Class Parker K. Kaneakua, HQ, 298th Regiment-Regional Training Institute
 Sgt. 1st Class Virgine A. Kanoa, HHC, 20th Support Battalion
 Sgt. 1st Class Elizabeth K. Kenui, Ordnance Training Battalion, Regional Training Site-Maintenance
 Sgt. 1st Class Luke D. Octavio, Co. A, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry
 Sgt. 1st Class Michael T. Sato, HHC, 29th Support Battalion (2nd OLC)
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 Sgt. 1st Class Ronald J. Yi, HHC, 29th Support Battalion
 Master Sgt. John S.K. Chun, 154th Logistic Support Flight
 Master Sgt. Dan T. Kiyohiro, 154th Logistics Support Flight
 Master Sgt. Noreen G.T. Lucuab, 154th Logistic Support Flight
 Master Sgt. Howard I. Nonaka, 154th Maintenance Squadron
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 Sgt. Keith Becker, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade

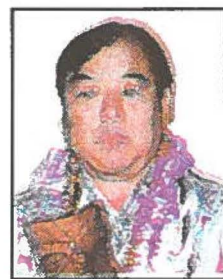
Army Commendation Medal
 Maj. Judith A. Mullen, Det. 4, Medical Det. (2nd OLC)
 Capt. Sonny W. DeToro, 298th Regiment, Regional Training Institute (1st OLC)
 Capt. Jason Matsumura, HQ STARC
 Capt. Byron V. Root, Det. 4, Medical Det. (4th OLC)
 1st Lt. Jeffrey D. Hickman, HQ STARC
 1st Lt. Arthur Sampaga Jr., Det. 4, Medical Det. (1st OLC)
 Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Y. Murota, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
 Master Sgt. Harry C. Miller, HQ STARC (3rd OLC)
 Master Sgt. Alvin P.H.H. Wong, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
 Sgt. 1st Class Antonio Lopez-Perez, HQ STARC (4th OLC)
 Sgt. 1st Class Russel S. Nakahara, HQ STARC
 Sgt. 1st Class Haines B. Rego, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
 Sgt. 1st Class Paul Taniguchi, HQ STARC (4th OLC)
 Staff Sgt. Francine R. Fukunaga, HQ STARC
 Sgt. Albert Makanani, HQ



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Hawaii Air Guard awards presented at yearly banquet

Field Grade Officer:

Lt. Col. James A. Drake, 199th Fighter Squadron

Junior Officer:

1st Lt. Basil M. Badley, 154th Communication Flight

Senior Noncommissioned Officer:

Master Sgt. Preston C. Nishie

169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

Noncommissioned Officer:

Tech. Sgt. Neil M. Uehara

297th Air Traffic Control Flight

Outstanding Airman:

Senior Airman Anthony T. Ramirez
 297th Air Traffic Control Flight

Outstanding Unit:

203rd Air Refueling Squadron

Winning Team Award:

154th Logistics Group

Service Team Award:

154th Aircraft Generation Squadron and
 154th Logistics Squadron

STARC (1st OLC)
 Sgt. Balentin Meza, Det. 4, Medical Det.
 Spc. Dickson. O. Dechoso, HQ STARC

Air Force Commendation Medal

Maj. James T. Yuki, 204th Airlift Squadron (2nd OLC)
 1st Lt. Basil M. Badley, 154th Communications Flight
 Master Sgt. John M. Botelho, 154th Communications Flight (2nd OLC)
 Master Sgt. Aurora K. Lee, 154th Mission Support Flight
 Tech Sgt. Darren R. Morris, 204th Air lift Squadron
 Tech. Sgt. Kyle S. Okaneke, 154th Communications Flight
 Tech. Sgt. Mark M. Ueunten, 154th Communications Flight (1st OLC)
 Staff Sgt. Nicholas J. Hensz, 154th Maintenance Squadron (1st OLC, posthumous)
 Senior Airman Dane H. Minami, 154th Communications Flight

Army Achievement Medal

Maj. Kari Jo Coll, HQ STARC
 Maj. Paul K. Nanamori, HQ STARC
 Maj. Jeffrey A. Pang, HQ STARC
 Maj. Richard D. Perron, HQ STARC
 Capt. Jeffrey D. Korando, HQ STARC
 Capt. Clayton H. Mitsui Jr., HQ STARC
 Capt. Tracey M. Sakamoto, HQ STARC
 Capt. Laura J. Soares, HQ STARC

Capt. Wayne A. Yamashita, HQ STARC (3rd OLC)
 2nd Lt. Vincent A. Maloney-Cui, HQ STARC
 Master Sgt. Lawrence T. Andrews, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
 Sgt. 1st Class Darrell T. Fujii, HQ STARC (2nd OLC)
 Sgt. 1st Class Garrett H. Iha, HQ STARC (4th OLC)
 Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha, 117th Mobile Public Affairs Det. (2nd OLC)
 Sgt. 1st Class Dean Hiramoto, HQ STARC (5th OLC)
 Sgt. 1st Class Wade N. Reeves, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
 Sgt. 1st Class William A. Rose, HQ STARC
 Sgt. 1st Class Bobby Sambrano, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
 Sgt. 1st Class Leslie H. Yamamoto, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
 Staff Sgt. John Aquino, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
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 Staff Sgt. Constancio U. Soliven, HQ STARC (4th OLC)
 Sgt. Nicholas D. Harris, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
 Sgt. Kenneth K.K. Kawaauhau Jr., HQ STARC (3rd OLC)
 Sgt. Armando Vazquez-Valentin, HQ STARC
 Sgt. Thomas C. Mitchell, HQ STARC

Spc. Kellyne M.H. Capuano, Det. 4, Medical Det.
 Spc. Wendy R. Cook, 117th Mobile Public Affairs Det. (1st OLC)
 Spc. Jon E. LaCaille, Det. 4, Medical Det.
 Spc. Carty R. Raquedan, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
 Spc. Altan M. Shimabukuro, HQ STARC
 Pfc. Douglas C. Barbieto, Det. 4, Medical Det.
 Pfc. Vivianne G. Capco, Det. 4, Medical Det.
 Pfc. Ji Young Kim, Det. 4, Medical Det.
 Pfc. Jonathan L. Markham, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery
 Pfc. Mataifono Poto, HQ STARC
 Pfc. Michael J. Trice, Det. 4, Medical Det.
 Pvt. Lisiare M. Akau, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery

Air Force Achievement Medal

Master Sgt. Brian A. Tom, 154th Wing (3rd OLC)
 Master Sgt. Gary Momohara, 154th Wing (1st OLC)
 Tech Sgt. Kelly Ann M. Ardo, 154th Wing (1st OLC)
 Tech Sgt. Randolph T. Juan, 154th Wing
 Tech Sgt. Cesley A.M.T. Mahalul, 154th Wing
 Tech Sgt. Alan S. Sunitomo, 154th Wing (1st OLC)

Hawaii National Guard Medal for Merit

Col. Joseph J. Chaves, HQ STARC

Col. (Ret.) Edward T. Teixeira, State Civil Defense
 Lt. Col. Ford A. Chinen, HQ HIANG
 Lt. Col. Ronald R. Swafford, HQ STARC
 Lt. Col. Keith H. Tanouye, HQ STARC
 Maj. Kenrock K.S. Higa, HQ STARC
 Maj. David C. Snakenberg, 154th Maintenance Squadron
 Warrant Officer Curtis Y. Hiyane, 111th Army Band
 Chief Master Sgt. Douglas Y. Abe Sr., 154th Wing
 1st Sgt. Melvin N. Miyashiro, 111th Army Band
 Master Sgt. Alan M. Kataoka, HQ STARC
 Senior Master Sgt. Debra A. Brownhill, HQ HIANG
 Sgt. 1st Class Hubert M. Chang, HQ STARC
 Sgt. 1st Class Louis R. Kaukahi, HQ STARC
 Sgt. 1st Class Kazuhiko Sunabe, 111th Army Band
 Master Sgt. Blossom P. Logan, HQ HIANG
 Master Sgt. Vivian C. Tsutsumi, HQ HIANG
 Staff Sgt. Kandee K. Almond, HQ STARC
 Staff Sgt. Keith T. Arakaki, 111th Army Band
 Staff Sgt. Ronald E. Ching, 111th Army Band
 Staff Sgt. Warren Y. Imada, 111th Army Band
 Staff Sgt. Lambert T.L. Lum, 111th Army Band
 Staff Sgt. Sanford H. Masada, 111th Army Band

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Safety talk

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Meals-Ready-To-Eat heaters hazards

There have been incidences pertaining to hazards associated with the use of our MRE heaters. The heaters, included in all MRE pouches, are used to thaw or heat MRE meals. Users should be aware of the heat and burn hazards associated with the use of these heaters. Components of the MRE heater include the bag and a heating element. Users should pay close attention to the "warning" label printed on the bag. Being aware of these hazards can protect you from unnecessary injury or illness.

- Vapors released by activated heater contain hydrogen, a flammable gas. Do not place an open flame in the vapor.
- Vapors released by activated heater can displace oxygen. Ventilation system is operating or a top hatch or door is open.
- Hot water leakage can burn and cause a cold-weather injury. Use caution if carrying activated heater in pocket.
- After heating, the heater bag and MRE pouch will be very hot. Use caution when removing MRE pouch from bag.
- Discard heater and bag after use. Do not drink the water remaining in the bag or use it in food items.
- Use of MRE heaters aboard military aircraft is prohibited due to the presence of hydrogen vapors (flammable) being released from these heaters.

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	Jul	Aug	Sep
HQ, State Area Command (STARC)	8-9	5-6	9-10
29th Separate Infantry Brigade	8, 28-30	12-13	9-10
2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry	15	4-6	8-10
Co. A, B, C, & D	15-16	5-6	8-10
227th Engineer Co.	15-16	5-6	9-10
229th Military Intelligence Co.	8-9	5-6	9-10
1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery	15-16	-	9-10
29th Support Battalion	8-9	5-6	9-10
103rd Troop Command	8-9	5-6	9-10
25 Inf. Div. Det.-Rear Ops. Cell	8-9	-	9-10
12th Personnel Service Det.	8-9	5-6	9-10
Co. C (Med. Lift), 193rd Aviation	23	5-6	9-10
Hawaii Air National Guard			
HQ, Hawaii Air National Guard	8-9	5-6	9-10
154th Wing	8-9	5-6	9-10
201st Combat Communications Group	8-9	5-6	9-10