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**Calendar**

**December 25, Sunday**  
Christmas Day.

**December 26, Monday**  
Christmas Day, federal and state holiday observed.

**January 1, 2001, Sunday**  
New Year's Day.

**January 2, Monday**  
New Year's Day, federal and state holiday observed.

**January 16, Monday**  
Martin Luther King Day, federal and state holiday.

**January 14 - February 1**  
227th Engineering Company deployment to the National Training Center, California.

**February 19, Monday**  
President's Day, federal and state holiday. Great Aloha Run, from Aloha Tower to Aloha Stadium.

**March 26, Monday**  
Prince Kuhio Day, state holiday.

**April 7-8**  
HING Family Program Annual Conference and Awards Banquet—Registration packets will be out in January.

**April 13, Friday**  
Good Friday, state holiday.

**May 29, Monday**  
Memorial Day, federal and state holiday. Ceremonies at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl and the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery.

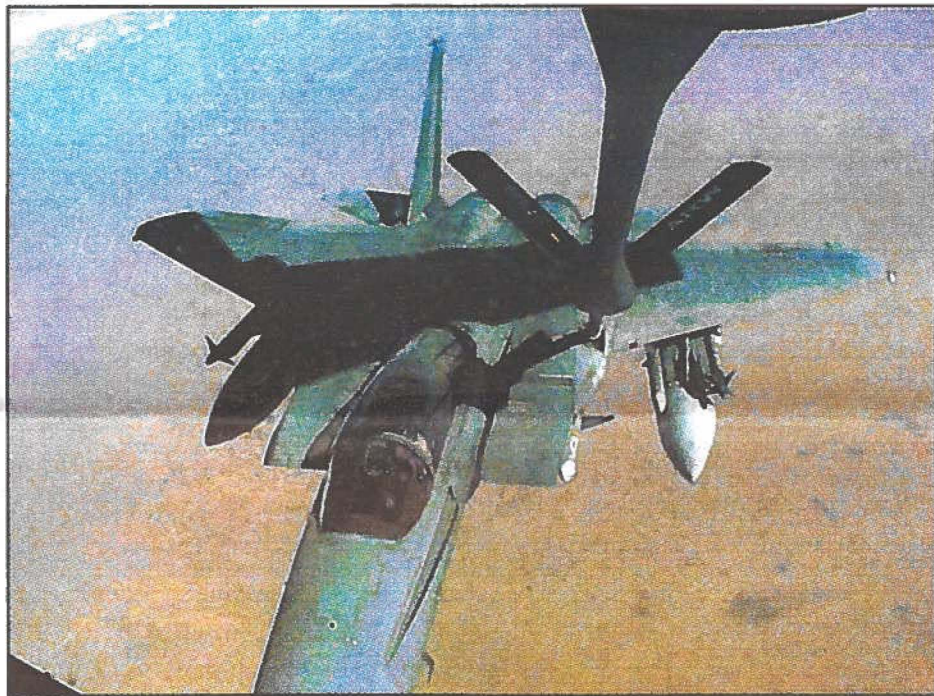
## Allied operational missions take Hawaii Air National Guard to Balkans, Persian Gulf

By Capt. Charles J. Anthony

Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) personnel have been deploying to several far-flung places of the world, mostly with little fanfare, as they participate in Aerospace Expeditionary Forces nine and ten. As part of AEF 10, 204th Airlift Squadron flight crews and maintenance personnel from the 154th Aircraft Generation Squadron have deployed to Germany; 154th Security Force Squadron personnel have gone to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey; videographers from the 154th Communications Flight have practiced their skills while at Aviano Air Base, Italy; and, a forecaster from the 199th Weather Flight helped provide weather reports to flyers at Incirlik.

"We provided entry control and close boundary security for aircraft on the flightline as well as mobile patrols," said Staff Sgt. Dulcie Hale, one of 26 members of the Hawaii security force who deployed to Turkey between Oct. 22 and Nov. 17. "Everything was exactly the same compared with the active-duty. We were treated very well by active (Air Force) personnel, and we worked side-by-side with security forces from Lackland and Nellis," said Hale, who had prior service with the active-duty Air Force before joining the Hawaii Guard.

Allied aircraft have been flying patrols over the northern no-fly zone of Iraq as part of Operation NORTHERN



U.S. Air Force

**DESERT FUELING -- Hawaii Air National Guard F-15 Eagle jetfighter refuels during Operation SOUTHERN WATCH in November.**

WATCH. The 154th SFS members were restricted to base for the first two days at Incirlik because of Threatcon Charlie measures in place, but they were able to take in some limited sight-seeing the last few days they were in Turkey.

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## Big Island soldiers cleanup after flood

By 1st Lt. Jeffrey D. Hickman and Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum

Residents of Hilo district have two reasons to be thankful for this season, the rain stopping and the Hawaii National Guard.

**Operation HO'ALA (restore)**

Big Island Guard soldiers from Company B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry were called into action to conduct a cleanup of debris in Waiakea Uka, Hawaii, after rains caused ma-

yor floods in the area. Hawaii Army Guard aircrews from the newly reorganized Company D, 207th Aviation unit, flew their UH-60 Blackhawks to assist in the aerial damage assessment, rescue 15 stranded tourists and brought election ballots to the stranded residents of Pahala. The reconnaissance missions included Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) representatives, Sam Callejo, the governor's chief of staff, and Guard photo and video teams.

Hilo and Kona Guard soldiers and airmen from the 291st Combat Communications Squadron assisted the Ha-FLOOD — continued on page 6

**RAPIDS RAGE -- Hawaii Army National Guard reconnaissance photo, from a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter, shows Hilo's rivers overflowing and destroying a road.**

Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha photo



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# Command Notes

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

showed that the Hawaii Air National Guard is ready and able to contribute to the Total Force.

I especially want to thank the members of the 199th Fighter Squadron, 154th Maintenance Squadron, and 154th Aircraft Generation Squadron who deployed to Southwest Asia in the predawn hours the day after Thanksgiving. The holiday season is a time when it's especially appropriate for families to be together. Our HIANG members volunteered for the Operation SOUTHERN WATCH mission, despite the hardships, so that others from the active duty could be with their families. Volunteering for that deployment was a tremendously selfless act, and I want to say to our own family members how much your understanding is appreciated. Again, a big mahalo goes to our professional soldiers and airmen!

### Kudos for gifts of Aloha

My thanks go to everyone who contributed to our departmental Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and Aloha United Way (AUW) fund drives. As we go to print, the total amount of CFC contributions and pledges is over \$178,000. That's within striking distance of reaching our goal with a few packets still outstanding. Our AUW team collected



*Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum*

**HAWAII'S STATE TEAM 2000 - Jane Yamamoto, Shirley Zhai, Paul Lyden, and Clarice Chung (not pictured Shelly Ichishita) of the Hawaii Army National Guard Environmental Office, pose with Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano, Lt. Gov. Mazie Hirono, and Maj. Gen. Edward L. Correa Jr., at the Governor's State Awards ceremony.**

more than \$17,300 in contributions and pledges. When the call went out to help local charities through CFC and AUW, our people came through. Contributing to CFC and AUW clearly demonstrates that we care for our community.

### Recognition for environmental efforts

My congratulations go to the Hawaii Army National Guard's Environmental Office. This year, they received just about every state and national-level award there is for excellence. They added another

major award on Oct. 6, when Governor Cayetano and Lt. Gov. Mazie Hirono presented Lt. Col. Ron Swafford's team with the 2000 Governor's Team of the Year award. Team members are Shirley Zhai, Jane Yamamoto, Paul Lyden, Shelly Ichishita, and Clarice Chung.

Speaking of environmental awards, I want to also congratulate Capt. Charles Anthony, our departmental Public Affairs Officer, who was recently awarded the National Guard Bureau's Certificate of Commendation for the best Environmental Public

Affairs program in the nation. Capt. Anthony received the award from Lt. Gen. Russell C. Davis, chief of the National Guard Bureau, during the annual NGB Public Affairs conference held in October in Anchorage, Alaska. Capt. Anthony was cited for working tirelessly to increase public knowledge of the National Guard's programs that have had a very positive impact on the environment.

My wife, Jojo, joins me in wishing everyone of you a safe, healthy and Happy New Year!

**A**s the holiday season and the New Year approach, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our State of Hawaii, Department of Defense team members who contributed so much in 2000.

What a year it's been. It started off with a rather uneventful Y2K changeover, but the Big Island was hit with a major natural disaster in November (see story on page one), which just goes to show that we never know when or where a disaster is going to strike. That makes it imperative to always be prepared to respond to our vitally important state mission.

Our soldiers and airmen who participated in the Big Island operation performed in a professional manner and greatly enhanced the reputation of the Hawaii National Guard within the communities affected. We have clearly demonstrated that we are capable of fulfilling our federal mission as well. Annual Training '00 showed that the Hawaii Army National Guard is an integral part of the Total Army team, while AEF deployments (see story on page one)

## Departmental News

### Civilian educational program updated

**By Maj. Gary Littlefield**

Been thinking about a college degree? Now, more than ever, the Guard can help you achieve that goal. The educational benefits that Hawaii National Guard members can draw upon provides a good headstart toward funding your college degree. As a member of the Hawaii Guard, college is certainly within reach.

The Hawaii Guard State Tuition Assistance Program or TAP, as it is commonly known, provides 100 percent tuition assistance at any University of Hawaii community college. If you are attending a four-year University of Hawaii college, such as UH Manoa, UH West Oahu, or UH Hilo, you can apply for 50 percent tuition assistance. Currently, this program is helping over 520 Army Guard members achieve

their college degree. It's a tremendous benefit for our Army Guard members and can also be an important selling tool in recruiting others into the Hawaii National Guard.

If you are attending a private college, then the National Guard Bureau (NGB) tuition assistance program can help. This program provides 75 percent tuition assistance, not to exceed \$100 per semester hour (sh), for undergraduate and \$170 per semester hour for graduate degrees, up to 15 semester hours per year.

The NGB TAP can also be used with the State TAP if you are receiving 50 percent tuition assistance at UH Manoa, UH West Oahu, or UH Hilo. Using both the NGB and State TAP programs will cover approximately 75 percent of the total tuition cost.

In addition to the State TAP program, assistance

is also available through the Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR), Chapter 1606. The basic monthly assistance for full-time college attendance is \$263 per month. This amount is prorated for part-time college attendance. This program is further sweetened by the MGIB-SR "kicker." The Kicker provides an additional \$200 per month. Check with your unit representative to determine if you are eligible for MGIB-SR benefits. They can also inform you if you qualify for the "kicker."

Don't have time to go to college but want to earn your degree, then, check out the Army National Guard Institute at [www.arngi.org](http://www.arngi.org). Here, you'll be able to get useful information on the many programs that allow you to earn a degree without classroom instruction. Many of these courses are offered through the

Internet or through the DANTES distance learning program.

For enlisted soldiers, you can also take advantage of the Student Loan Repayment Program. This is an enlistment option and benefits for non-prior service enlistees in any military occupational skill (MOS). To receive the benefit you must have existing student loans at the time you enlist or reenlist for six years. You can receive up to \$10,000 plus interest to help pay back any college education loans. See your unit representative for further details and qualifications.

In the Hawaii National Guard, education really pays. Learn more about these many educational benefits by calling your Unit Readiness NCO and the Educational Services Officer, Maj. Gary Littlefield, (808) 733-4131, and get on the fast track to success.



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**MEASURE UP TO THE TASK --** BJ Itoman and brother, 1st Lt. Ryan Itoman, could become the first brother-sister pilot combination in the Air National Guard.

## From court to cockpit

Story and photo by  
Capt. Charles J. Anthony

**BJ** Itoman is a young woman who needs to challenge herself. She has been driven to excel for almost as long as she can remember. Now the former University of Hawaii Na Wahine basketball standout is taking on, perhaps, the biggest challenge of her life, as pilot trainee for the Hawaii Air National Guard. Itoman, a 1999 UH graduate, has been selected to become a C-130 Hercules pilot with the 204th Airlift Squadron at Hickam Air Force Base. BJ Itoman is very well known locally for her exploits as a member of the Wahine team from 1995-1999, but she wasn't entirely sure what she wanted to do after graduation. A shot with the Womens National Basketball Association did not work out, and she considered working in the field of physical therapy, before deciding against it. But then, her brother, 1st Lt.

Ryan Itoman, an F-15 Eagle fighter pilot with the 199th Fighter Squadron, kept touting the benefits and excitement of flying. That was it—she set her sights on becoming a pilot with the HIANG. "I can see that there are similarities between sports and the military—the discipline, and working as a team," said BJ. "My brother exposed me to the challenges of aviation. I decided that's what I wanted to do as well," she added. "She has all the qualities that make a good pilot—she's smart, determined and tough," said Ryan. Although Ryan has faith in his sister's abilities, he's taking measures to improve her chances of succeeding while at UPT (undergraduate pilot training) by helping her study at home and encouraging her to get her private pilot's license. Once BJ is commissioned and completes pilot training, Hawaii will be the only state in the country to have a brother and sister who are Air National Guard pilots.

## "Computers for School Program" gets boost from communications flight

Story and photo by  
Capt. Charles J. Anthony

A handful of computer technicians from the 154th Communication Flight, part of the 154th Support Group, are handling virtually the entire "Computers for Schools Program" within the State. Since January 1999, the Communications Flight has provided more than 300 surplus computers to 39 different schools in Hawaii. Another 68 computers, most of them *Gateway 133's* with first generation *Pentium* processors, are currently being prepped for delivery to eight more local schools in late January 2001. Hawaii Air National Guard personnel volunteer their time for the program, working after hours or on weekends.



### Volunteers make sure computers are functional

Staff Sgt. Shannon Ferreira first started using computers when she was in intermediate school on Maui. Now, she is the unit's team leader, helping the next generation of Hawaii's school students acquire computer skills. "There is a lot of hard work involved. It was especially tough when we first started the program," said Ferreira. "I was putting in an extra full Saturday each month and a lot of extra hours after work in order to get the computers ready for delivery; but when you see the positive reactions and smiles from the students and teachers, it makes it all worthwhile." Ferreira still volunteers an extra hour almost every day toward the *Computers for Schools Program*. Senior Airman Neil Fujinaga and Senior Airman Valerie Fortin are also members of the Comput-

**GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY ---** Staff Sgt. Shannon Ferreira, a technician with the 154 Communications Flight, boxes refurbished computers to distribute to Hawaii schools.

ers for Schools team, under the supervision of Capt. Marcus Badley, flight commander. It was Badley who recommended to the unit that they make the *Computers for Schools Program* their ongoing community service project. "We service computers as part of our mission. There is a great need for computers in our schools. Making *Computers for Schools* our community service project was a natural fit," said Badley.

Before a computer leaves the Communications Flight, the HIANG airmen make sure the computer is in working order. If it's not, they may cannibalize parts from another computer to fix the problem, and, because the computers were once used by the HIANG, a military organization, the hard drives must be

"sanitized." Occasionally, the unit will even trouble shoot problems with the school's computers, which involves picking up the computer, fixing the problem, then returning it to the school.

### Donations to schools meet with Presidential Executive Order guidelines

The Hawaii Air National Guard has been assisting Hawaii's school children learn computer skills with the donated equipment under provisions of President Clinton's Executive Order 12999, signed in April 1996. The Defense Information Systems Agency at the Gunter Annex, Maxwell Air Force Base, authorizes the transfer of the computers from the HIANG to the Department of Education.

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# WATCH — continued from page 1

The 204th Airlift Squadron deployed to Ramstein Air Base, Germany and flew resupply missions for the NATO peacekeeping operation in the Balkans. "Our crews flew missions that took us through towering mountain peaks of the Alps and into fog shrouded valleys of Sarajevo and Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Skopje, Macedonia, to name a few," said Chief Master Sgt. Sam Wong, 204th chief loadmaster. "Every aspect of the operation allowed aircrews and maintainers alike, the opportunity to integrate with our active duty counterparts, as well as with crews from the Alaska and West Virginia ANG C-130 units," said Wong. All missions were flown on time and no cancellations were experienced due to maintenance. Maintenance and life support staff worked 12-hour shifts to ensure that the aircraft was always ready for the next mission. "Working with maintenance personnel

from other units proved to be a unique learning experience," said Staff Sgt. Paul Kalama. "We were able to exchange processes and ideas in our maintenance functions, which allowed us to function as a team."

The largest and most visible deployment for AEF 9 involved approximately 250 members of the 199th Fighter Squadron, 154th Maintenance Squadron and 154th Aircraft Generation Squadron who deployed to the Persian Gulf region around Thanksgiving with a scheduled return date of Dec. 14. F-15 pilots from the 199th are currently providing defense for coalition aircraft enforcing the southern no-fly zone of Iraq, as part of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. "This operation is helping to keep Saddam Hussein in check. Saddam Hussein is an angry and frustrated man because he has tried to shoot down a coalition flyer for the past ten

years, but he has not been able to," said Maj. Rojo Johnson, a 199th fighter pilot. "We're going to do everything we can to ensure that all of our people come back safely," added Johnson, who led the main body of airmen who departed Hickam Air Force Base on Nov. 24. "Our maintenance folks have been doing an outstanding job keeping our jets flying and the required maintenance work completed on time," said Lt. Col. James "Bat" Drake, the detachment commander. "We have been filling all our taskings plus getting in a few training sorties here than there when the mission allows the break." said Drake.

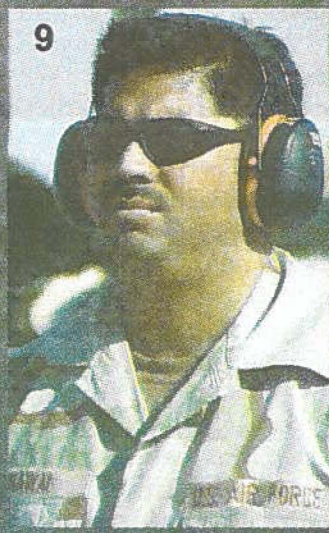
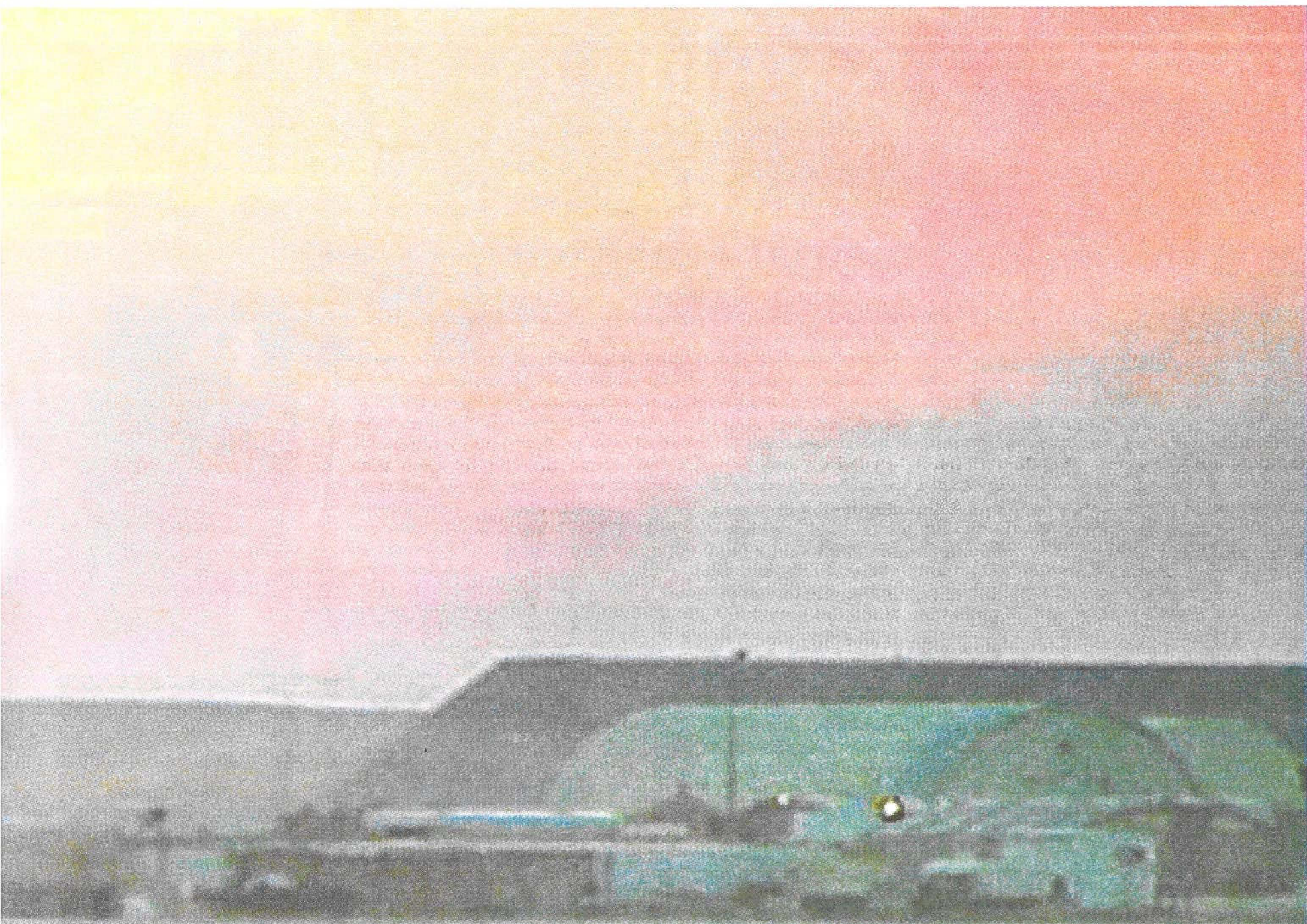
**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Due to the U.S. and host nation diplomatic agreement, U.S. military units are not authorized to announce the exact location(s) where our units deployed for AEF. Therefore, all references in the pupukahi are generic, such as "Persian Gulf region."



- 1) Sunrise in the Persian Gulf (background photo).
- 2) Senior Airman Warren Fujimoto.
- 3) Arming missile.
- 4) Camp headquarters is marked with Hawaii State flag.
- 5) Flight crews load missiles.
- 6) Maj. Jeffrey "Sumo" Namihira prepares for mission.
- 7) Senior Airman Jorena Young and Staff Sgt. Joseph Salvador, lift support staff, check the parachute pack/ejection system prior to launch.
- 8) Staff Sgt. Richard Nawai Jr.
- 9) Sunshades: temporary parking spots where aircraft wait and get minor maintenance prior to takeoff.

Senior Master Sgt. Miles Moriyama photos







# Mālama i Ka Āina Koa

"Preserving the soldier's land"

No. 5

Hawaii Army National Guard Environmental Office

October -December 2000

## Cultural, environmental sensitivities play role in logo design, office motto

In July 2000, the Hawaii Army National Guard Environmental Office commissioned local artist Nicholas Black to design a logo for the environmental program that was as unique as the program itself. Using information provided by the environmental staff, Black combined the elements of strength and stewardship by embodying the spirit of the program in a decorated and adorned warrior figure. In the design, he brandishes the spear - a simple but effective tool and one of many that helps him protect the land he surveys. In the foreground, representing our natural resources is the endangered 'ohai, a rare Hawaiian plant located at Kanaio Training Area, Maui. Above the plant are Hawaiian petroglyphs representing our

stewardship of the many cultural resources found on HIARNG training lands. In the background and in the view of our warrior is an ancient stone emplacement representing our Guard facilities, statewide. Diamond Head Crater resides in the far background symbolizing the high level of visibility that all efforts at preserving our environment has in the state of Hawaii.

Office motto  
**Malama i Ka Aina Koa**

"Preserving the soldier's land"

Sgt. 1st Class Louis "Moon" R. Kauakahi, from the Hawaii National Guard's Human Resources Of-

fice and co-founding member of the world famous Makaha Sons musical group, helped ensure that the proper Hawaiian grammar and spelling were used for our motto.



## FLOOD

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waii County Civil Defense in disaster relief. The Guard's mission included over 100 truck loads of debris. Living rooms, driveways, and streets were cleared of natural debris, and, household items that were damaged by the torrential rainfall. The 120 Big Island soldiers loaded 55 5-ton trucks of debris in Hilo alone.

Hawaii County Civil Defense Administrator, Bill Davis, expressed his thanks for a job well done. "We certainly appreciate all the efforts that have been done not only by the state, but by the Guard," Davis said.

The cleanup started during the November drill weekend and carried over to the next couple of days. During the weekend, more than 100 soldiers participated in the relief operation and during the week, they had over 40 soldiers a day volunteering for duty.

Spc. Tobey Duldulao of Company B, summarized the feelings of all the Guard members participating, "It's good to help the community in a disaster like this."

In the Kawaihina area of Waiakoa Uka, Lawrence and Sharon Moyer share an opinion of the relief efforts provided by the Hawaii Army National Guard, "They are fantastic!" The Moyers experienced first hand the destructive and devastating power of this most recent flood. This is their third flood since 1979, this time they have insurance, but it still caught them by surprise.

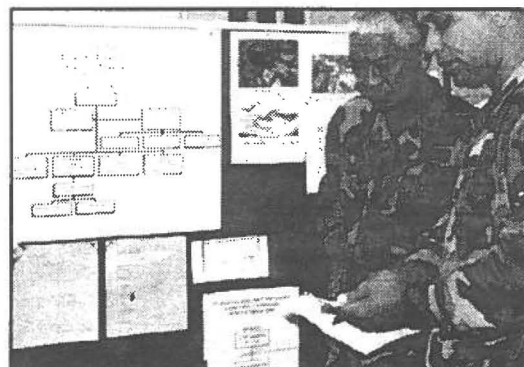
"By 1:00 in the morning, the water was door knob high, finally it broke through the shutters and washed through the house," explained Mr. Moyer. Their backyard is now covered with three feet of mud, rock, street and other debris from the neighborhood. The road that borders their backyard collapsed all the way to the center line. Guard members spent a lot of time on the Moyer residence. The driveway needed to be shoveled clean, and a couple of truck loads were filled from this house alone. It didn't go unnoticed.

"They have done a good job of cleaning up, I'm very happy . . . more than happy, thank you so much," said Mrs. Moyer.

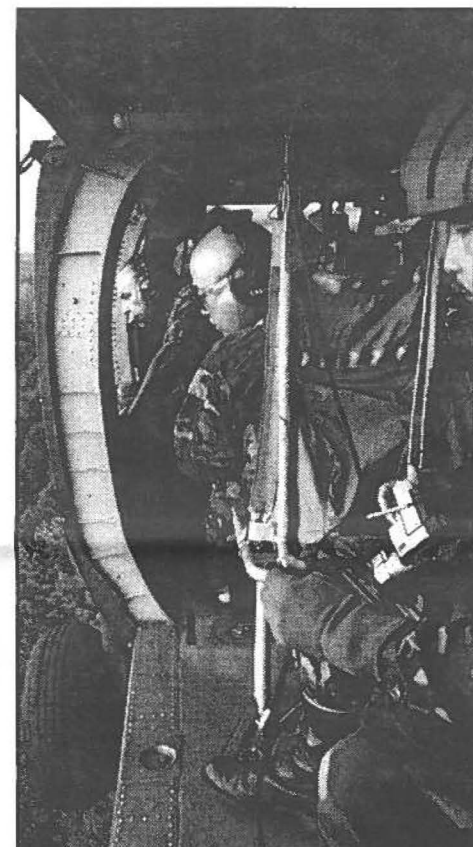
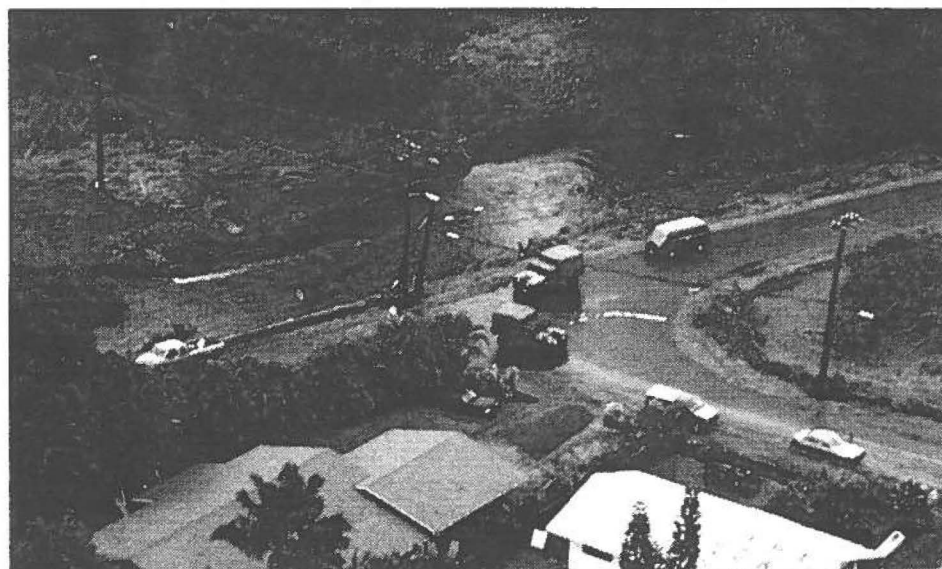
The efforts by the Hawaii Army National Guard were not limited to clean

up duties. A UH-60 Blackhawk was employed to fly FEMA representatives over the flood damaged area. Fifteen tourists were stranded in the Wood Valley area of the Big Island held up in a temple. The Guard used two two-and-a-half ton trucks to evacuate the group and brought them back to Hilo. Once the group reached civilization, they expressed relief.

Sgt. Mark Mengibin, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, "We actually like this kind of stuff and try to do our best to help everybody out."



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha photos  
**PROBLEM SOLVING** — Col. Claude T. Ishida, task force commander, and Maj. Darryl Lindsey, Keaukaha facility commander, evaluate the request for assistance from Hawaii County.



**AERIAL RECON AND TRAFFIC CONTROL** — Brig. Gen. Clarence M. Agena (above), the deputy adjutant general, takes a video reconnaissance team out to survey the damage wrought by the Hilo flood, while Hawaii National Guard vehicles (left) detour traffic around damaged roads.



**SAFE AT LAST** — Stranded tourist offload from a Hawaii Army National Guard truck in Hilo. The tourists were evacuated from the Wood Valley area of the Big Island.





# Hawaii National Guard Family Program

Lt. Col. Martha "Marty" St. Louis Wong  
State Family Support Coordinator

The State Family Program Coordinator has a new last name . . . Wong! I recently increased my personal family support by getting married over the Thanksgiving holidays. Help me out if you see me by asking me my name . . . it's quite a transition from St. Louis to Wong! And I *weally* want to get it *wight* not *wong*!!

## Family Support becomes Family Readiness

Family Support Group has been the name used by family member volunteers who wish to support and be supported by their National Guard unit. However, to keep up with the ever-changing times, and the importance of unit and family readiness, the name has now changed from Family Support Groups (FSGs) to Family Readiness Groups (FRGs).

If you have not received a copy of the "Mission: Readiness, A Personal Guide for National Guard and Reserve Members," contact your unit FRG (FSG) or the State Family Program Coordinator to get your copy. The guide explains that personal readiness is everyone's responsibility. It takes time and effort to make sure your loved ones are ready for family separations, whether it's due to training, deployment or mobilization. That effort is rewarded with the peace of mind that comes from knowing your loved ones and your property are secure. Every National Guard or Reserve member can ben-

efit from making plans and arrangements for:

- care of loved ones
- financial matters
- legal matters
- medical needs

Readiness can improve your quality of life!

So . . . get ready . . . whether you are young or old, married, single or a parent, the best way to get ready for life with the National Guard is to read and complete the worksheets in this Readiness Guide. Do it today . . . while time is on your side!

## National Military Week recognition

Thanks to all the unit CDRs and unit military POCs for families and State Team members who nominated families to receive special recognition packets in celebration of National Military Family Week, Nov. 20-26. Recognizing families as an integral part of our unit readiness and well-being is important and worth the effort. Thanks for your support! If you are a commander or military POC for families in your unit who wants to learn more about how you can recognize and reward our HING family member volunteers, contact the SFPC for more information.

## Units have seasonal family gatherings

Santa was showing up all over the HING during the December drill weekend when unit Christmas functions and family days were being conducted. A special thanks goes out to Family Program State Team member "elves", JoAnne Yamamoto, Harriet Kuni, Barbara Yadao-Petti, Kimo Palakiko, and Marilyn

Tolentino for taking time away from their families and units to participate in and present Family Program briefs for other HING units.

## UPCOMING DATES worth marking on your calendars:

- Jan. 14 - Feb 1, 2001 - 227th Engineering Company deployment to the National Training Center
- Jan. 20 - Family Program State Advisory Team meeting
- Feb. 19 - Great Aloha Run
- Apr. 7-8 - HING Family Program Annual Conference and Awards Banquet—Registration packets will be out in January . . . CDRs and Military POCs are invited to the Apr. 8 date, so check your training calendars to ensure you can participate during the drill weekend. Family Member volunteers, will have a personal training and sensing session on Readiness on Apr. 7 including some special guest speakers and awards banquet that evening.
- May 19 - Family Program State Career Day...more details to follow!
- Jun. 8-11 - 2nd Annual HING Family Program Youth Camp, Oahu. All island family members, ages 8-14 are invited. Pre-registration packets will be provided at the Fam-



Lt. Col. Martha N. St. Louis Wong  
**FAMILY PLANNING**—JoJo Correa (right), the adjutant general's wife, shares her commitment to the State Family Program at the Maui island workshop.

ily Program Annual Conference in April.

For information about the Family Program or Family Readiness Groups (FRGs), please contact the **Family Program office at 732-1823 or 1-800-732-6964**, nationwide. We can help 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 # **during deployments, 473-3155**. As of 1 May 00, this Red Cross Emergency number is only for the use of National Guard and Re-

serve members here in Hawaii.

## Workshop schedule, seminars, camps

- June 23-25 - HING Youth Camp 2000. First annual youth camp for DOD HING youths, ages 8-14, 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, 1600, 23 June 00. 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, National Guard & Reserves, Ala Moana Hotel, Oahu.
- July 27-Aug. 1: NGB Family Program National Workshop, Nashville, Tenn.
- Aug. 3-6: 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, Hilo.
- Aug. 21-25 - DOD Worldwide Family Matters Workshop, Phoenix.
- Aug. 22-25: 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, Oahu.
- Sept. 16: Kauai Island Family Program Workshop, location TBD.



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha  
**FAMILY FUN**—Families and soldiers from 103rd Troop Command enjoy a family day at Wheeler Army Airfield facilities during the holiday season in December.

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Spc. Alexander L. Devera, Co. B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (2nd OLC)  
Spc. Sean M. Dodge, FST, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery  
Spc. David M. Eli Jr., Co. A, 29th Support Battalion  
Spc. Ritchie P. Faumuina, Co. A, 29th Support Battalion  
Spc. Rely Fernandez, RST, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (1st OLC)  
Spc. Guy I. Fukumoto, HHC, 29th Support Battalion (1st OLC)  
Spc. Andrew J.S. Gabriel, Co. D, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Spc. Sheldonalexander N. Gaison, HHC, 29th Support Battalion  
Spc. Randy C. Gruspe, Co. A, 29th Support Battalion (1st OLC)  
Spc. Lemuel S. Illastron, Co. A, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Spc. Jamie T. Imai, HHC, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Spc. Alvin Kalama, HHC, 29th

Support Battalion  
Spc. Randy Lofton, HHC, 29th Support Battalion (2nd OLC)  
Spc. Patrick K. Loo Jr., Co. A, 29th Support Battalion  
Spc. Ely L. Macadangdang, Co. A, 29th Support Battalion (1st OLC)  
Spc. Jeffrey R. Madriaga, HHC, 29th Support Battalion  
Spc. Shaka U. Malufau, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (1st OLC)  
Spc. Christopher A. Mina, Co. C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Spc. Eric R. Miyasato Jr., HHC, 29th Support Battalion  
Spc. Denial Moncada, Co. D, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Spc. Wesley H. Nakama, Co. C, 29th Support Battalion  
Spc. Emily M. Nalley, 29th Support Battalion  
Spc. Larry D. Nartatez,

Battery A, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery  
Spc. Bryan B. Parman, HHSB, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery  
Spc. Norman I.K. Peleholani, Co. A, 29th Support Battalion, (1st OLC)  
Spc. William Phillips, HHSB, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery  
Spc. Maria Regina C. Ramos, HHC, 29th Support Battalion  
Spc. Brandon Sean F. Quinsatt, Co. C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Spc. Meinert K.H. Sheldon, Co. A, 29th Support Battalion  
Spc. Johnathan J. Spatig, Co. A, 29th Support Battalion  
Spc. Michael A. Ramirez, Co. B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Spc. Christopher C. Traya, Co. A, 29th Support Battalion  
Spc. Kevin L. Turley, HHSB, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery  
Spc. Alexander S. Ubiadas, Co. A, 29th Support Battalion  
Spc. Mello G. Vallente, Co. B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry

Spc. Bryan K. Yonaha, HHC, 29th Support Battalion  
Spc. Dean M. Yoneda, Co. C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Pfc. Lenore T. Antonio, HHC, 29th Support Battalion  
Pfc. Jared Balela, HHC, 29th Support Battalion  
Pfc. James Black, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade  
Pfc. Maurice Blackwell, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade  
Pfc. Anthony B. Constantino, Co. A, 29th Support Battalion  
Pfc. Kaaumoana B. Davis, Co. B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Pfc. Curtis C. Erese, HHC, 29th Support Battalion  
Pfc. Nalei K. Furtadopiko, Co. B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Pfc. Lovey A. Kamelamela, HHC, 29th Support Battalion  
Pfc. John K. Keohulua II, Co. C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Pfc. Alan B. Ladines, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery  
Pfc. Jefferson M. Mayo, Co. B,

2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Pvt. Kyle K. Mederios, Co. D, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Pfc. Stephen K. Nakamura, 29th Support Battalion  
Pfc. Chrisinger D. Quiba, HHC, 29th Support Battalion  
Pfc. Genesis L. Russell, Co. B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Pfc. Wesley C. Sermons, Co. B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Pfc. Clifford G. Villanueva, Co. A, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Pfc. Henry H. Waiiau, HHC, 29th Support Battalion (1st and 2nd award)  
Pfc. Jensen K. Wong, HHC, 29th Support Battalion  
Pvt. Guillermo S. Bolu Jr., Co. C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Pvt. Rodney J. Edwin, Co. B, 29th Support Battalion  
Pvt. Richard S. Kamoku, Co. B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Pvt. Vernon W.S. Kim, Co. A, 29th Support Battalion  
Pvt. Richard K. Kinchoy, Co. C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry

Pvt. Eric J. Loughlin, Co. B, 29th Support Battalion  
Pvt. Dan F. Miyasato, Co. B, 29th Support Battalion  
Pvt. Gerald H. Suzuki, Co. C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Pvt. Alikea S. Aguiar, Co. A, 29th Support Battalion  
Pvt. Daniel K. Bulatao III, Co. B, 29th Support Battalion  
Pvt. Richard V. Dias, Co. A, 29th Support Battalion  
Pvt. Joseph K. Duhaylonsod, Co. B, 29th Support Battalion  
Pvt. Mariesly A. Ramos, HHC, 29th Support Battalion  
Pvt. Wendell K. Reyes, Co. A, 29th Support Battalion  
**Hawaii National Guard Medal for Merit**  
Master Sgt. Kurtis T. Mabe, 103rd Troop Command  
**Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal**  
Col. Louis H. Albrecht, HQ STARC



# 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  
Company: Co.  
Detachment: Det.  
Hawaii Air National Guard: HIANG  
Headquarters: HQ  
Headquarters & Headquarters Company: HHC  
Headquarters & Headquarters Service Battery: HHSB  
Oak Leaf Cluster: OLC  
Reconnaissance & Intrastate Detachment: RAID  
State Area Command: STARC  
Recruiting & Retention Office: RRO

**Legion of Merit**  
Col. Joseph J. Chaves, HQ STARC

**Meritorious Service Medal**  
Col. Theodore A. Daligdig III, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade (2nd OLC)  
Lt. Col. Leslie I. Bise, HQ STARC (2nd OLC)  
Lt. Col. James C. Butts, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade  
Lt. Col. Raymond Jardine Jr., 103rd Troop Command (2nd OLC)  
Lt. Col. Russell Miyake, HQ STARC  
Lt. Col. Blane O. Ogata, HQ STARC  
Lt. Col. Ronald R. Swafford, HQ STARC (1st OLC)  
Maj. Kenneth S. Hara, 103rd Troop Command  
Capt. Gene V. Williams, HHC, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Chief Warrant Officer Troy Eck, CMR 416  
Master Sgt. William C.S. Park, 2nd Battalion, 298th Regiment  
Sgt. 1st Class Janell A. Balatico, 12th Personnel Service Det.

Sgt. 1st Class Wade N. Reeves, HQ STARC

## Army Commendation Medal

Lt. Col. Patrick J. Casey, HQ STARC  
1st Lt. Onesimo R. Francisco III, HHD, 103rd Troop Command  
Sgt. 1st Class Yale K. Alama, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade (1st OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Alan J. Kahanu, RRO, HQ STARC (1st OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Charles L. Pieters, RRO, HQ STARC (5th OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Heriberto Quintana, RRO, HQ STARC (2nd OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Jose M. Miramontes, 12th Personnel Service Det.  
Sgt. Leif E. Anderson, 298th Engineer Det.  
Sgt. Johnny C. Agoo, Co. D, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Sgt. John Andoe, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade (1st OLC)  
Sgt. Matthew B. Battle, Co. C, 193rd Aviation (1st OLC)  
Sgt. Keith Becker, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade  
Sgt. Gilroy A. Butler, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (1st OLC)  
Sgt. Maria V.C. Cajandab, 12th Personnel Service Det. (1st OLC)  
Sgt. Pantil A. Elizaldy, 93rd Civil Support Det. (2nd OLC)  
Sgt. Rae Deanne Esau, Co. D, 29th Support Battalion  
Staff Sgt. Rochelle Flores, 154th Operations Support Flight  
Sgt. Jonathan B. Kimura, 111th Army Band (1st OLC)  
Sgt. Vaosa Lesu, HHD, 12th Personnel Service Det.  
Sgt. Balentin Meza, Det. 4, Medical Det.  
Sgt. Gilbert Aquino Jr., HHC, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Sgt. Travis M. Wong, HHC, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Cpl. Stan M. Acedo, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade (2nd OLC)  
Cpl. Quintin K. Quinories, HHC,

2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Spc. Dorylyn K. Adress, Det. 4, Medical Det.  
Spc. Nicanor R. Anastacio Jr., HHC, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Spc. William C. Ancheta Jr., 12th Personnel Service Det.  
Spc. Corrine M. Anotlin, HQ STARC  
Spc. Benancio Antoque III, 298th Engineer Det.  
Spc. Stoddard F. Binder, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade  
Spc. Christian Calavera, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade (1st OLC)  
Spc. Modesto C. Cabanizas, Co. D, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Spc. Rowena P. Dacayan, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade  
Spc. Allan Fields, Co. B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Spc. Robert R. Harrington Jr., HHC, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (2nd OLC)  
Spc. Joseph T.K. Kephart, HHC, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Spc. James M. Kimoto, 111th Army Band (2nd OLC)  
Spc. Kenneth A. Lorenzo, HHC, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Spc. Troy S. Olivera, HHC, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Spc. Joshua M. Pina, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade  
Spc. Ronald A. Puaala, Co. D, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Spc. Bryan N. Tanudra, 298th Engineer Det.  
Spc. Whitney V. Velez, Co. B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Spc. Tyrone K. Vesperas, HHC, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Spc. Gerald T. Viera, Co. D, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (4th OLC)  
Spc. Alsen Joel L. Viquelia, Co. A, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Spc. Dean M. Yoneda, Co. C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Pfc. Dustin J. Amaral, HHC, 2nd

Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Pfc. Jerry P. Bonilla, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade  
Pfc. Ryanmichael N. Manuel, HHC, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Pfc. Petercarl K. Mickelsen, Co. C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Pfc. Lowen L. Puou, HHC, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Pfc. Val B. Sebala, Co. D, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (2nd OLC)  
Pfc. Dayne M. Tsunozumi, Co. D, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (2nd OLC)  
Pvt. Natasha A. Ariola-Dunston, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade

**Air Force Commendation Medal**  
Staff Sgt. Kevin A. Flores, 154th Aircraft Generation Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Laura A. Hutchinson, 154th Medical Squadron (1st OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Arnel F. Turla, 154th Aircraft Generation Squadron

**Army Achievement Medal**  
Capt. Suzanne P. Vares-Lum, HQ STARC (4th OLC)  
1st Lt. Joel S. Manibog, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (2nd OLC)  
1st Lt. Henry N. Sakata, HHC, 29th Support Battalion  
2nd Lt. Joseph R. Burdett Jr., 103rd Troop Command (1st OLC)  
2nd Lt. John T. Ichikawa, Co. D, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Chief Warrant Officer Alan Sakamoto, Det. 4 (Medical)  
Command Sgt. Maj. John Y. Yakushiji, 103rd Troop Command  
1st Sgt. Paul A. Confer, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (6th OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth D. Manuel, Co. C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (4th OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Aaron R. Pollick, RRO, HQ STARC (6th OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Mark T. Shiraiishi, RRO, HQ STARC (4th OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Gary Tamondong, Co. B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Domingo T. Tubana Jr., Battery B, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (4th OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Norman A. DeMello, 93rd Civil Support Det.  
Staff Sgt. Ronald Abergas Sr., Co. A, 29th Support Battalion (1st OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Joshua T. Amano, Co. C, 29th Support Battalion (2nd OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Jimmy Barrientos, RRO, HQ STARC (2nd OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Timothy J. Bonnette, Co. B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Staff Sgt. Karl W. Delos Reyes, Co. B, 29th Support Battalion  
Staff Sgt. Joseph J. Doria Jr., Co. B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Staff Sgt. Eugenia S. Gansit, HHC, 29th Support Battalion (1st OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Bernardo C. Garcia,



Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey H. Ko, Hawaii Army National Guard's 12th Personnel Service Detachment, received the National Guard Association of the U.S. Valley Forge Cross for Heroism for saving a man's life after an air catastrophe, in June 2000.

Co. B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Staff Sgt. Francis L. Guerrero, HHC, 29th Support Battalion (2nd OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Shawn H. Kono, Co. B, 29th Support Battalion  
Staff Sgt. Randy Lum, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (2nd OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Melvin K. Masaki, HHD, 12th Personnel Service Det. (2nd OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Suzanne Mathias, RRO, HQ STARC (1st OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Manuel A. Moniz, Co. B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Ernie B. Pigao, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (5th OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Edelmiro Rodriguez Morales, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (6th OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Andre I. Tai, Co. C, 29th Support Battalion (2nd OLC)  
Sgt. Warren J. Abe, HHC, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Sgt. Ismael B. Castro, HHC, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Sgt. James Hightower, Co. A, 29th Support Battalion  
Sgt. Burl H.K. Hirashima, HHC, 29th Support Battalion (1st OLC)  
Sgt. Jon Kaina, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (2nd OLC)  
Sgt. Torrey P. Pedersen, HHC, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Sgt. Eddie Resinto, Co. A, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Sgt. Arthur F. Sagon, 298th Engineer Det.  
Sgt. Rogelio A. Sison, Co. A, 29th Support Battalion (1st OLC)  
Sgt. David Stevenson, Co. A, 29th Support Battalion (2nd OLC)

Sgt. Vivao F. Tauveve, 93rd Civil Support Det. (3rd OLC)  
Sgt. Herbert H. Vierra, Co. A, 29th Support Battalion  
Sgt. Florencio O. Viloria, HHC, 29th Support Battalion (1st OLC)  
Sgt. Roy T. Yamada, Co. C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Cpl. Eldred Dioquino, Co. D, 2nd Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (2nd OLC)  
Spc. Genes S. Agbayani, HHC, 29th Support Battalion (1st OLC)  
Spc. Gloria C. Agron, 117th Mobile Public Affairs Det.  
Spc. Lawrence A. Almazan, HHC, 29th Support Battalion  
Spc. James Azeka, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade  
Spc. Joel B. Ballesteros, 298th Engineer Det.  
Spc. Joy Battulayan, HHC, 29th Support Battalion  
Spc. Urban E. Bolibol, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade  
Spc. Jonathan A. Boyes, Co. B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Spc. Delbert L. Brewer, Co. A, 29th Support Battalion  
Spc. Noah V. Briones, HHSB, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (1st OLC)  
Spc. Fabian M. Bugtong, Co. C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st and 2nd award)  
Spc. Felipe O. Burgos, Co. C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry  
Spc. Christian Calavera, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade  
Spc. Heather Cherry, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade  
Spc. Ha H. Chi, Co. B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Spc. Paul N. Darby, HHC, 29th Support Battalion (1st OLC)

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## Safety talk

Maj. Arnold Iaea  
Safety Officer, Hawaii Army National Guard 733-4105/09

### Fire safety

Fire Station 6 had already responded to Sam Kukui's house as he arrived home that afternoon. Fierce heat and flames radiated to the adjacent

residential dwellings. Fire quickly swept from the first floor kitchen to the second level, destroying most of their home while threatening other residences. Fire moved quickly into the ground floor den where Sam kept his steel guitar and koa wood ukuleles. These were valuable treasures that were passed down by his father's, father. Sam Kukui never thought a fire would break out at his home. "I was careful. I didn't even let anyone smoke at my house," he says. Now, Sam realizes that he didn't do all that he could have to keep his family and their property safe. Like Sam, many people don't think enough about fire safety. Some 4,000 Americans die in fires, and \$4 billion worth of residential property is damaged annually. About 370,000 homes are fire scenes each year, and about 80 percent of deaths from fire occur in homes, according to the National Fire Protection Association. An overwhelming number of the victims are children and the elderly.

### Hot Tips for Fire Safety

- ♦ Install smoke alarms on every level of your home so that family members can hear them wherever they are.
- ♦ Never disconnect smoke alarms or borrow the batteries.
- ♦ Create a home escape plan. Practice it.
- ♦ Never smoke in bed or when drowsy.
- ♦ Wear clothes with short or snug sleeves while cooking so that they won't catch fire.
- ♦ Keep matches and lighters up high, well away from children.
- ♦ Keep combustible materials, such as kitchen towels and newspapers, away from heat source, such as candles, burners and portable heaters.
- ♦ Have professionals check the fireplace and furnace annually, and clean if necessary.
- ♦ Don't overload electrical circuits.
- ♦ In case of fire, leave your home immediately. Don't try to save anything. Call the fire department from a neighbor's house.

### Did You Know?

Smoke alarms won't last forever. Replace them every 10 years.

For more information or training and consultation assistance, feel free to call the Safety and Occupational Health Office at 733-4105/4109.

## 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	Jan	Feb	Mar
HQ, State Area Command	6-7	3-4	3-4
29th Separate Infantry Brigade	6-7	3-4	3-4
227th Engineer Co.	6	3-4	3-4
29th Support Battalion	6-7	9-11	3-4
1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery	6-7	10-11	9-11
103rd Troop Command	6-7	3-4	3-4
Hawaii Air National Guard			
HQ, Hawaii Air National Guard	6-7	3-4	3-4
154th Wing	6-7	3-4	3-4
201st Combat Communications Group	6-7	3-4	3-4