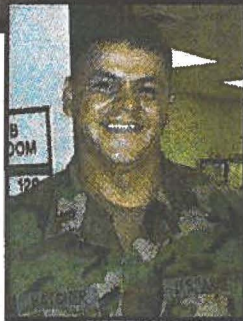


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**November 3, Saturday**  
Kauai Veterans Parade, Kapaa, Kauai.

**November 11, Sunday**  
Veterans' Day ceremonies at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, 9 a.m., and the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, 1 p.m.

**November 12, Monday**  
Veterans Day holiday for federal and state.

**November 16, Friday**  
King David Kalakaua birthday, ceremonial Royal Guard post guards at Iolani Palace, 11 a.m.

**November 19, Monday**  
50th Anniversary of the Korean War Golf Tournament, Leilehua Golf Course, Registration at 10:30 a.m. for a 12 noon, shotgun start.

**November 23, Thursday**  
Thanksgiving Day, federal and state holiday.

**December 8, Saturday**  
Hawaii National Guard Christmas Concert, Hale Koa Beach (between the Army Museum and Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki), 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**December 15, Saturday**  
Hawaii National Guard Youth CHALLENGE Academy graduation, Peal City Cultural Center, 11 a.m.

**December 25, Tuesday**  
Christmas Day, federal and state holiday.

**January 1, 2002 Tuesday**  
New Year's Day, federal and state holiday.

## Hawaii National Guard protects lives, performs humanitarian missions

By Maj. Charles J. Anthony

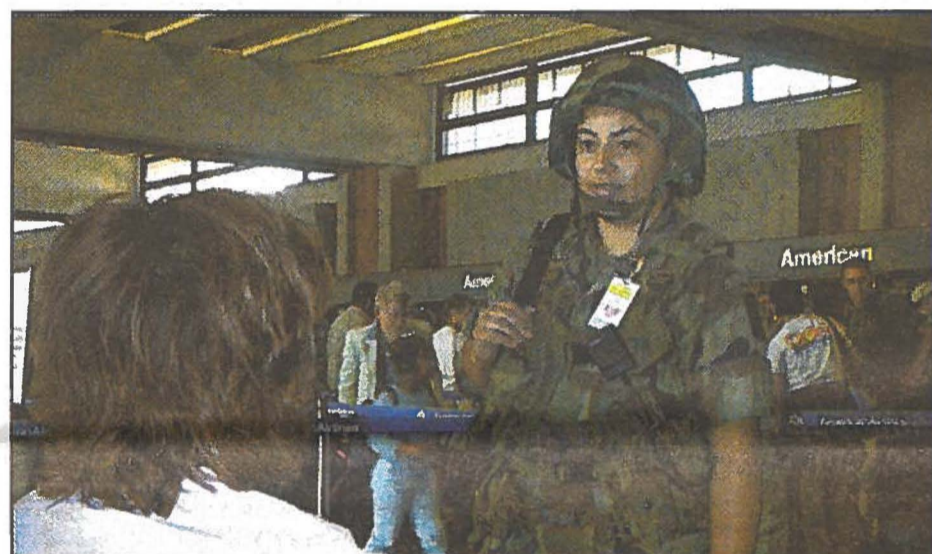
The Hawaii National Guard became actively involved in supporting missions related to the terrorist attacks at New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon almost immediately after the tragic events began to unfold.

### Air Guard flies into action

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, shortly after 7:00 a.m., the 199th Fighter Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard, launched two F-15 Eagle fighter jets, under the direction of Pacific Air Forces (PACAF), to escort civilian airliners still in the air into Honolulu International Airport. Then, about an hour later, two more F-15s and a KC-135 Stratotanker from the Hawaii Guard's 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, were launched in support of the protective mission. The aircraft were scrambled as a precautionary measure to ensure the safety of Hawaii's residents, and as always, in performance of its around the clock air defense mission, Hawaii Guard controllers from the 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron were monitoring the airspace above the Hawaiian Islands.

### Guard soldiers augment airport security

That morning, Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano announced the partial activation of the Hawaii National Guard and a Quick Reaction Force was assembled at Honolulu International



**SECURITY BLANKET** - Sgt. Margaret A.R. Lathrop, from the 29th Support Battalion, consoles a mother whose child is flying off to military basic training. Lathrop is one of the many Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers placed on State Active Duty to augment Honolulu Airport security shortly after the Sept. 11 disaster.

Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum photo

Airport to assist civilian law enforcement agencies with supplemental security. After Honolulu International Airport reopened on Thursday, Sept. 13th, Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers were clearly visible at curbside and within the terminal to act as a deterrent against any further attacks.

On Oct. 7, Army Guard returned to the airports on an expanded mission to include beefed-up security at airports on all major islands. The teams will be staffed with many soldiers who have volunteered. The acti-

vation is project to last at least six months.

### Stratotanker flies blood samples to Washington state

On Sept. 12th, a KC-135 Stratotanker from the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, flew a mission to McChord Air Force Base in Washington state. On board the aircraft were boxes of blood samples destined for a testing facility in Puget Sound, Wash., where nearly all donated blood must be tested before it can be used. The blood had been collected by the Blood Bank of Hawaii in response to the terrorist attacks.

Hawaii Air Guard personnel and aircraft have been at the ready to fly humanitarian or protective missions on a moment's notice since the time of the terrorist attacks. "We're more than happy to go and do our part," said the 203rd's Lt. Col. Steve Su'a-Filo.

**ON GOING MISSION**  
Hawaii Air National Guard aircraft train for their air defense mission over the Hawaiian Islands. A KC-135R Stratotanker refuels F-15 Eagles.

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# Command Notes

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

**W**e have all been shocked and saddened by the terrorist attacks of September 11th, now we must do all we can in our nation's fight against terrorism. On the front page of this issue, we highlight some of the ways in which the Hawaii National Guard has already assisted in that effort. No doubt, we will be doing even more in the weeks and months ahead. America faces a well-organized and sophisticated enemy. We owe it to ourselves — and as President Bush has said — to all future generations, to stop it, eliminate it and destroy it at its core. We in the Hawaii National Guard are part of that plan — from patrolling the airport, to flying protective missions, to helping control Hawaii's airspace. I want to thank all of our soldiers and airmen who are working very diligently to help protect our State and nation.

### Leadership changes

Changes are coming to the Hawaii Army National Guard's leadership. Brig. Gen. Glen I. Sakagawa will be leaving the 29th Separate Infantry Brigade, effective Nov. 1. Brig. Gen. James R. Carpenter will take over as the commander of the Brigade and Brig. Gen. (HI) Clarence

"Mert" Agena will assume command of the Hawaii Army Guard as he fulfills his duties as the deputy adjutant general. Col. Raymond Jardine was recently promoted and will continue to be the brigade's deputy commander. I want to take this opportunity to say a big mahalo to Gen. Sakagawa for his many important contributions to the HIARNG.

### Giving with aloha

I want to address two very worthy charitable campaigns that are happening this season: the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and the Aloha United Way (AUW). The CFC is the annual campaign for federal employees to raise funds for more than 100 agencies that help Hawaii residents. The AUW is the equivalent campaign for State employees. A shortened AUW campaign ran until Sept. 12, in which our department raised more than \$13,000. The CFC goes from Sept. 24 to Nov. 2. I ask everyone to help in whatever way they can to make this year's CFC as successful as possible.

### Message to new leaders

I would like to close by sharing with all of you remarks I delivered to OCS Class 39-01 during its graduation ceremony in August: I was asked to talk a little about leadership, and I can think of no better subject for this occasion, for leadership is the heart of everything we do and every success we experience. First and foremost, leadership begins with a commitment to excellence. It's about being all you

can be. It is about arming our soldiers with the proper tools for success and a lifetime of growth. If striving for excellence is not up front and personal on our agenda, we're just going through the motions. We're wasting our time. All that we do would have less meaning and, therefore, less relevance to our soldiers.

Our top priority — the one nonnegotiable contract with the people of America is to fight and win our nation's wars, and our contract with the people of Hawaii is to protect them from harm in the event of natural or human-caused disasters. This is an awesome responsibility. You may live to see retirement without seeing battle or getting involved in a State emergency, still you must always be getting ready for it as if you knew the hour and the day. Readiness is our product, and every soldier counts. So what you do and how you do it is important to me. It has to be. It will have a profound impact on our ability to train soldiers and grow leaders. You see, that's what we do every day—train soldiers and grow leaders.

It takes 18 years to grow a brigade commander and a brigade sergeant major. It takes significant courage and stamina to see things through. But, always remember, you are working with outstanding people.

We entered the new millennium as the strongest and most respected military in the world and the country with the strongest economy. You cannot achieve great nation status nor have the world's strongest economy without having the strongest military. You can't do it — you can't get there without it. On any given day, 28,000 soldiers are deployed

worldwide looking after this country's interests and maintaining stability. What would it mean if we weren't the strongest military in the world feared by our enemies? What would happen in Asia — in North and South Korea, India and Pakistan, China, Taiwan — even Japan. How about Indonesia, Europe, Africa, Iran and Iraq — and it goes on. That's why I started this talk asking for a commitment to excellence — excellence in soldiering — nothing less.

You can't lead people without a vision. Soldiers are the center of our foundation and have a need and absolute right to know where you want to be in the future. Focus on the end-state — then figure out how to get there. Every soldier needs to share the same vision with you. If it is to be shared, it must be accessible, easily understandable, embraceable — and achievable. After all, soldiers are the agents of the vision.

Perhaps, the most important attribute about leadership is values. Values are the foundation from which we draw our purpose, direction and character — the most essential ingredient of enlightened leadership, especially military leadership. Values are the core of everything we are and do. They are the basis of our efforts to build an organization where we do what is right, treat others with dignity and become all we can be. In short, it requires a basic humanity from which stems the loyalty of subordinate to leader that underlies the spirit of great units. I remember in my early days as a company-grade officer, a commander

that everyone disliked and feared. When he would visit, we never knew how things would turn out. To his credit, that officer had well-stated priorities and clear standards. But his untrusting and adversarial approach to officers, NCOs, and soldiers alike and his emotional outbursts in front of the troops did nothing to create the energy and confidence units needed. He would arrive, check those things he had mandated, and if any small thing was out of order, launch into a tantrum that sometimes involved throwing things around the motor pool or yelling at soldiers and sergeants. None of us thought that officer could lead us in combat.

I also remember the day our division commander visited us. He had great military bearing and exuded quiet confidence. He stressed standards but spoke to us in a way that recognized our standing as soldiers. I'll never forget my motor sergeant coming up to me when the division commander departed. Looking at the party leaving the area, he said quietly though tellingly, 'Now there's an officer and that's the way we want you to be.'

Finally, some last pieces of advice. You were selected because you have already exhibited these characteristics to some degree. Don't forget what brought you to the dance — don't change the way you play the game — be yourself, just resolve to get better. And as you perform your duties, remember, the fun is in getting there, not in arriving.

Be bold, take risks, challenge current thinking. Good luck. I'll be watching you. God Bless."



**Drive runs  
Sept. 24  
to  
Nov. 2**

## Departmental News

### State Tuition Assistance Program changes

Effective Spring semester 2002 (Jan-May 02), the State TAP will be paid to Hawaii National Guard soldiers and airmen in good standing at the end of the semester and only for courses completed. Guard members should be aware of this upcoming change so they can begin making financial preparations. More detailed information regarding this change will be forthcoming. For more information, call

Capt. Michele Hall, the Hawaii Army Guard's education services officer, at 733-4133/4131 or e-mail her at: [michele.hall@hingham.mil](mailto:michele.hall@hingham.mil)

### Life insurance free for qualifying dependants

Effective Nov. 1, the Veteran's Opportunity Act of 2001 extends the life insurance coverage to spouses and children of members insured under the Servicemember's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) program. Service members with SGLI, will automatically insure

spouses up to the maximum \$100,000 depended upon the amount of servicemember's coverage. Premium rates will be deducted from soldier's Leave and Earning Statement (LES). Dependent children (certain criteria applies) under the age of 18, or under the age of 23 and are full time students are covered at \$10,000 at no cost.

See you unit orderly room for more details and applications.

### Draft Board members needed


The Selective Service System wants to hear from men and women in the community who might be willing to serve as members of local draft boards.

Local board members are uncompensated volunteers who play an important community role

closely connected with our nation's defense. If a military draft becomes necessary, approximately 2,000 Local and Appeal Boards throughout America would decide which young men in each community receive deferments, postponements or exemptions from military service, based on federal guidelines. Four positions are currently open in Kauai, two positions in Molokai, five positions in Lanai, one position in Hawaii and numerous board members are need throughout Oahu.

For more information and to see if you meet the standards of becoming a Selective Service Board Member, please contact: Hawaii Selective Service System, Detachment 3 commander 1st Lt. Jill Trahan at (808)839-1739 or e-mail at [JILLJOY@JUNO.COM](mailto:JILLJOY@JUNO.COM).

*Hawaii National Guard*  
**Christmas Concert**  
Saturday, December 8, 10a.m.-2p.m.  
Hale Koa Beach, Waikiki  
(Between the Army Museum & Hale Koa Hotel)



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# 154th Wing receives seventh Air Force award

The 154th Wing, Hawaii Air National Guard, received its seventh Air Force Outstanding Unit Award during a ceremony at its Hickam Air Force Base headquarters, July 15.

The award was given for exceptional meritorious service from July 14, 1998 to July 13, 2000. The citation accompanying the award states the unit's unique combination of aircraft types, radar control, airspace and support making them the best-trained and equipped Air National Guard unit

in the nation. The skills of the 154th Wing personnel were proven during Operations NORTHERN and SOUTHERN WATCH (patrolling the no-fly zones of Iraq), Allied Force (the NATO bombing of Serbian targets in and around Kosovo in March 1999) and Phoenix Scorpion (the build up against Iraq in November 1998).

Throughout this demanding period, the wing maintained its perfect safety record with 17 years of accident-free flying. The 154th Wing is the most

diverse wing in the Air National Guard. Commanded by Brig. Gen. Albert "Putt" Richards, the unit has more than 1,900 airmen, a squadron of fighters, tankers and transports, as well as aircraft control and warning units and other mission support organizations.

Most of the 154th Wing's units are located on Hickam Air Force Base, but it also has geographically separated units on Kauai and at Wheeler Army Airfield, Oahu.

## Full-time federal employees spotlighted

The 2001 Excellence in Federal Government Awards featured eight nominees from the Hawaii State Department of Defense this year. As is the custom the annual event was held at the Sheraton Waikiki's Hawaii Ballroom in June.

Recognized from the Hawaii National Guard were Lt. Col. Norman Y. Saito, Lt. Col. David H. Molinaro, Maj. Brook T. Akana, Sgt. Maj. Charlene H.M. Takesue, Staff Sgt. Terry Yonamine, Jondean C. Cabaal, Elvin K. Nishioka, and the 154th Communications Flight.

Saito, nominated for exceptional community service, is from the Hawaii Army National Guard's plans and actions G1 (personnel section). He was recognized for his outstanding contributions as a Parent Teacher



Saito

Student Association president, member on various academic committees, a judo instructor, role model, and mentor have had a very positive effect on the community he serves. He demonstrates his endless commitment to excellence by being involved in making a difference.

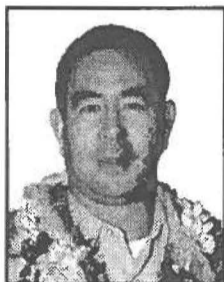
Molinaro, nominated for federal manager/supervisor of the year, is from the 154th Logistics Group. He was recognized as a rare leader who has combined a strong commitment to stan-



Molinaro

dards with a deep compassion for the people he leads. His team building skills resulted in a greater than 93 percent scheduling effectiveness rate for Hawaii Air National Guard's "heavy" aircraft in spite of major system changes and shortages of airframes due to depot maintenance.

Akana, nominated for military officer of the year, is from the Army Guard's 103rd Troop Command. He designed equipment tracking matrices that enhanced the combat readiness of the 103rd by providing unit commanders with the ability to better access equipment on hand while simultaneously prioritizing equipment fills for unit-level shortages. His successful initiative reduced the command's excess equipment and resulted in a \$717,756 savings.



Akana

Takesue, nominated for the enlisted service member of the year, is also from the Army Guard's plans and actions section of the G1 (personnel office). She is highly respected and consistently demonstrates the highest standards of the military profession. Her willingness to assume additional duties during a reduction of force insured the success of personnel programs. A very effective leader, she has a unique ability to develop teams of excellence, improve processing, retain people and save resources.



Takesue

Yonamine, nominated for federal employee of the year (trades and crafts), is from the Air Guard's 154th Communications Flight. He is an outstanding performer in the communications maintenance section. His expertise in several areas of communications tremendously impacts the Hawaii Air Guard. His leadership and teamwork positively impact the section, as well as the unit. His technical skills are key in managing the largest telephone system in the Air National Guard.



Yonamine

Cabaal, nominated for federal employee of the year (clerical and assistant), is from the U.S. Property and Fiscal Office pay branch. Her outstanding efforts resulted in a savings of \$120,000 as the only military pay technician (five authorized) for the Hawaii Army Guard. She processes an average of 3,000 soldiers annually (active duty, annual training, inactive duty, bonuses, student loans) totaling \$17 million.



Cabaal

Nishioka, nominated for citizen of the year, is also from the USPFO. He has maintained a superior perfor-



Nishioka

mance as the Hawaii National Guard auditor. His audits are professional and have resulted in monetary savings of \$790,000 during calendar year 2000. His hard work and dedication have contributed greatly to the readiness of the Hawaii Guard.

Hawaii Air Guard's 154th Communication Flight, represented by its commander Capt. Marcus B. Badley, was nominated for organizational excellence. The flight orchestrated the Hawaii Air Guard's transition to Microsoft NT. They configured over 2,000 nodes, 28 servers, provided training to over 50 system managers and trained all 2,500 network users in less than one year. From process improvements to community support ("Computers for School"), the unit has shown real dedication in serving the needs of the Hawaii Air Guard and the community.



Badley

The annual luncheon, run by the Federal Executive Board, promotes the improving management of federal activities by bringing together the principal representatives of each federal agency. The board fosters improved communication and coordination between agencies.

To meet the demands of our ever increasing complex society, government has become more and more specialized. This has led in turn to a growing need for improved coordination between various federal agencies and between the federal family and other government jurisdictions.

## Artillery lieutenant earns top graduate honors

By Sgt. Wendy M. Hiras

Hawaii Army National Guard soldier, 2nd Lt. David R. Hatcher II, of Battery B, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery, was named distinguished honor graduate in his officer's basic course that included 20 National Guard and 86 active army and marine soldiers at Fort Sill, Okla.

Hatcher completed the six-month course in April and is now branch qualified in field artillery. "It was a very challenging program because it was like learning three military occupational specialties in one," said Hatcher. "They say it's the hardest OBC, next to aviation."

Hatcher finished with an academic average of 96 percent in fire support team, fire direction side and platoon leadership.

The fire support team block is where he learned about the soldiers that go out into the field to provide support for the infan-

try soldiers by calling for fire from artillery, mortar fire, coordinate close air support or naval gun fire, when they see the enemy coming.

"In the fire direction block we learned how to shoot," said Hatcher, the 487th new fire direction officer. "We learned gunnery from scratch. This included figuring out what type of round was appropriate for a particular mission and then we got out in the field with the 105mm Howitzer, the standard light infantry artillery piece the 487th uses."

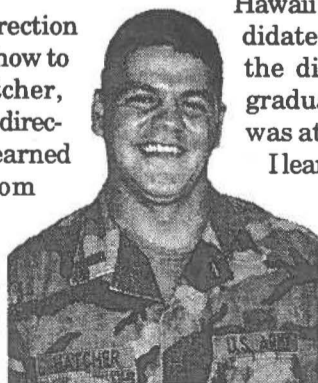
In platoon leadership he learned the field artillery executive officer job, including maintenance, supply and logistics.

Hawaii's officer school provides groundwork potential leaders

Hatcher also completed the Hawaii Guard's Officer Candidate School last year as the distinguished honor graduate. He said, "that it was at Hawaii's OCS that I learned how to take care of my soldiers the right way."

"At state level OCS, the candidates are responsible for coordinating all logistical support. The instructors teach the classes, but we have to organize and prepare all of the activities," said Hatcher.

"We receive the training schedule and if it says we need to be here or there, we are responsible for making it happen. We make sure that if we need



Hatcher

a bus or humvee, it will be there, and that meals are coordinated, among other things. If they aren't taken care of, we suffer the consequences. For example, if we didn't plan for the right amount of meals, you will end up going hungry. It made me realize and think about how my soldiers are going to feel."

Hatcher joined the Army Reserve in 1987 and served his enlistment of six years with the 100th Battalion as an infantry rifleman. He went on to pursue his education and civilian career and rejoined the military in 1998 with the Hawaii Army National Guard. His initial MOS was field artillery forward observer, who serves to assist the fire support team.

He also completed the air assault course, the total army

instructor training course, and participated in JRTC (Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, La.) in 1999 with the brigade.

Hatcher said he enjoys being in the Guard and would welcome the opportunity to work full-time for the Guard. "I missed it... putting on the uniform everyday, being with the guys, going out into the field. I love this job; I'm proud to be in field artillery. We are the only branch in the entire military that is able to do our wartime jobs during peacetime, all the time during training it is very realistic."

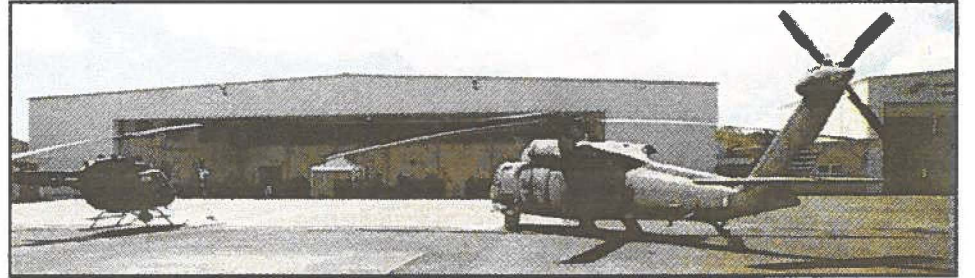
Hatcher graduated from the University of Phoenix with a Bachelor's degree in business administration. He plans to start working on his master's degree in business or education in 2002.

# Aviation facilities for new millennium,



Aviation facilities for the C-26 Metroliner at Wheeler Army Airfield, Oahu and Army Aviation Support Facility No. 2 at Gen. Lyman Field, Hilo, Hawaii, are dedicated in July. Maile lei untying ceremonies held July 18 with Brig. Gen. James R. Carpenter (left photo), Hawaii Army National Guard commander; Col. Orlan L. Peterson Jr., state aviation officer; and Chief Warrant Officer Charles Gustafson, C-26 chief pilot and scheduler; and, July 21 with Maj. Gen. Edward L. Correa Jr. (right photo) the adjutant general, Maj. Benedict Fuata, Hilo facility commander, State Command Sgt. Maj. Vernon A. Nakasone, and Col. Peterson.

2nd. Lt. Evelyn A Burns and Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha photos



## Guard, active component train as one

By Spc. Brandon T. Bocanegra

This July, the Hawaii Army National Guard executed Operation PACIFIC LIFT, one of the Army's largest aviation exercises in Hawaii's history. This BATL-AAXE, or Battalion Level Air Assault Exercise, combined the forces of reserve and active components, Army and Air Force, and the collective efforts of units from six states. This was the first time the Hawaii Guard participated in this new kind of exercise and the success of such a large, multi-echelon operation has opened an avenue of significant military importance.

In accordance with Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Eric K. Shinseki's "The Army" theme, the BATL-AAXE combined the resources of 12 reserve and active units into a seamless single team. This multi-functional exercise provided each unit with a specific mission, in conjunction with an overall scenario. Still a relatively new type of exercise, it allows separate units to operate together as they would in a wartime situation.

Col. Gary M. Hara, commander of the 103rd Troop Command, Hawaii Army Guard, and officer-in-charge of this exercise, said, "This is exactly what the soldiers would see if they go to combat. We now have a whole completely new staff and it is pretty exciting to be working with new people. We have not trained on the battalion level but they have done a pretty good job synchronizing all the little things. Operating as a higher brigade now, this is the biggest avia-

tion operation in Hawaii since I've been here."

Hara and some of his staff observed the first one last June at Camp Guernsey, Wyo. Encouraged by what they saw, they focused every drill in the last year

tional Guard, 416th Air Traffic Service of the Arizona National Guard and the Hawaii Air National Guard's 199th Weather Flight to form Task Force Kupa'a. The Kupa'a or "Stand Together" motto enforced the co-

hesion needed to complete such a large-scale mission. Considering the size of it, the priority was to conduct the scheduled training with no injuries or losses of equipment. Achieving this goal has encouraged Army officers that wish to continue this type of training.

### Active duty commander praises teamwork

Col. Roy Waggoner, 3rd Brigade's commander, said, "Since 1975, I've never seen 10 CH-47 aircraft set to fly, that flew all 10. It was amazing. You can go back and tell the Chief of Staff of the Army that his plan is working."

Many difficulties arise with operations of this magnitude, explained Maj. Benedict Fuata, the aviation staff officer for the 103rd. Funding for the operation seemed like the biggest challenge so a buy-in program was needed, meaning every unit involved paid for their own expenses. The willingness to participate in the BATL-AAXE also transcended from the planning stages to the execution of the operation.

Fuata said, "If you have too many hands in the pot, you spoil the stew. We may have different customs and courtesies, but we do have a common goal. But the synergy working here makes the difference invisible. We are going back to an old concept, that we are here as one team. It is like sports. If I'm a lineman, I practice blocking drills all day long. If I play defense, I practice



**POWERLIFTING** — Hawaii Army National Guard CH-47D Chinook helicopters from Company C, 193rd Aviation, sling load 25th Infantry Division (Light) vehicles from Oahu's Wheeler Army Airfield over water to Kauai's Pacific Missile Range at Barking Sands.

Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha photo

on training and preparing for this BATL-AAXE. With the support and guidance from officials at Fort Riley, Kan., the Hawaii Guard was able to organize the exercise.

### Hawaii's Chinooks provide airlift support

The mission of the Hawaii's Company C, 193rd Aviation was to transport soldiers and equipment from Wheeler Army Airfield, Wahiawa, to the Pacific Missile Range Facility at Barking Sands, Kauai. To do this, the 103rd enlisted the aid of the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light), the 3rd Battalion, 149th Aviation from the Texas Na-



**MAKING THE CONNECTION** — Sgt. Robert G. Alviar, Hawaii's Company C, 193rd Aviation and Sgt. 1st Class Davis A. Smith, Texas' 3rd Battalion, 149th Aviation, check the aviation fuel lines prior to the hot refueling mission. The Chinooks flew approximately 400 miles, on each round trip. On average, refuelers needed only 20 minutes to fill up an empty CH-47D.

Spc. Brandon T. Bocanegra photo

tackling. We all have varied specialties and now we are coming together on the football field. There are going to be mistakes, but we are working at it and the next thing you know, we are going to be a fine-tuned team."

This team of 1,200 servicemembers was able to lift 500 troops and 40 sling loads of equipment during the course of the operation. According to Hara, this is more than one-third of the forces that China's military lifts in one year, half of what Australia lifts, and 100 percent of what Canada lifts; all done in a 72-hour period.

### "Stand together" theme models "the Army"

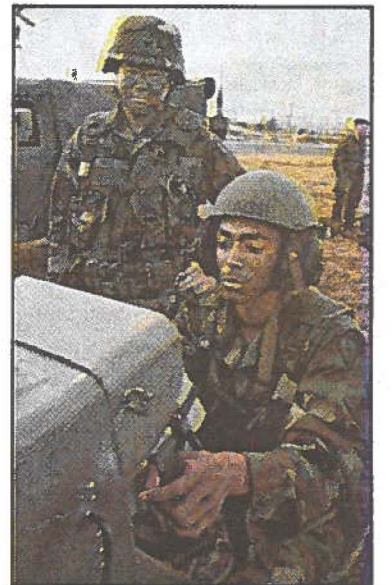
Hara said, "There have been a lot of bumps and turns because of the high operation tempo of this exercise, but the Chief of Staff provided us with the additional manpower. Everyone stepped up, and there has been no skip in the beat from the day we strapped on the goggles. Kupa'a means to stand to-

gether, and that is what we are doing."

After Operation PACIFIC LIFT, the majority of Task Force Kupa'a remained together to complete another week of training. Though the exercise was completed, the bonds made during this time will continue to last. Third Brigade awarded four brigade coins to participants of the exercise, a significant event since only four coins have been given away in the last five years. The Hawaii Army Guard also showed their appreciation by hosting a luau for the visiting troops. This camaraderie is at the heart of "The Army" concept.

Capt. Scott Kingsley, the assistant training officer from the Texas Guard said, "Hawaiians and Texans are a good thing. In World War II, a Hawaii unit saved a Texan one. And there has been no difference between the Guard and active units. They ask me for advice and treat me like any other guy. I was impressed."

Concluding the after-action report, Waggoner said, "I've received a lot of favorable comments. No soldiers were hurt and no equipment was damaged. We will do this again."



**GUIDING LIGHT** — Col. Gary Hara, the Hawaii Army National Guard's 103rd Troop Command leader and officer in charge of the exercise, and Sgt. Davone Crump, from the 25th Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade, observe the CH-47D's load up at their pick-up zone.

Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha photo

# Mālama i Ka 'Āina Koa

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Hawaii Army National Guard Environmental Office

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## Environmental team saving native plants

Story and photos by  
Capt. Steve C. Lai

Hawaii Army National Guard conservationists were able to shut the door on feral animals destroying native plants.

In a remote and arid lava field, a team of Hawaii Guard environmental conservationists witnessed the return of a dryland shrub that once thrived

in this area. The conservationists collected data in and around Kanaio Training Area, a 20-acre enclosure on the south shore of the island of Maui.

In 2000, Hawaii Guard personnel fenced an eight-acre area of Kanaio and seeded it in the hopes that the fence would protect the area from the ravages of foraging feral goats. On a trip this August to the area, they found their seedlings sprout, shoots form and begin to thrive in the area once again proving that the fence is effective against browsing goats.

"This is an amazing and unexpected discovery," said Melissa Dumarán, the Hawaii Army Guard natural resources manager. "We are now seeing native Hawai-

ian plants seed and reproduce in an area devoid of plants for many years."

Hawaii Army National Guard environmental conservation team members and student volunteers count the number of new seedlings and shoots within each of the 100 square meter plots at Kanaio.

The 'aweoweo shrub (*Chenopodium oahuense*) was an abundant plant that provided native mammals a source of food and water before feral goats were released in the area many years ago. When the more robust European mammals were introduced to the islands, their browsing habits and population growth eventually stripped the region of its vegetation, thus altering the entire ecosystem in this area.

"What we see inside the enclosure validates that we can in fact reverse this affect," said Jordan Jokiel, the environmental team's integrated training area management manager. "The enclosure shows us what can happen when we eliminate animal browsing in seed scattering and the development of new populations of self sustaining plants using resources such as water," he said.

The information gathered here is made available by Guard environmen-



**ONE DOWN, 99 MORE TO GO!** - Donna Wu of the Hawaii Army National Guard natural resources team tags one of 100 vegetation monitoring plots at Kanaio Training Area, Maui.



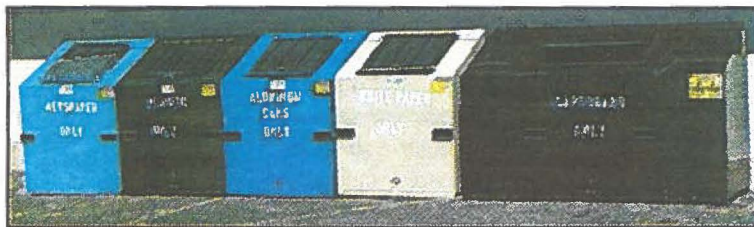
**FRUITS OF OUR LABOR!** - Melissa Dumarán, Hawaii Army National Guard natural resources manager collects seeds from the Hawaiian 'aweoweo (*Chenopodium oahuense*) a dryland shrub that once thrived in the arid lava fields of Kanaio, Maui.

tal team for use on private, military or ranch lands by the National Park Service, The Nature Conservancy, the Division of Forestry and Wildlife, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the conservation community at large.

## New Hawaii Army Guard recycling program in full swing

A new recycling program is underway to provide a way for soldiers to make money for their units. The Hawaii Army National Guard recycling program calls for soldiers to bring their recyclable materials from home and place them in colored and segregated storage bins when they come to drill. By doing this, you can help make a difference to your state and community in two ways:

1. Recycling reduces the amount of waste that ends up in Oahu's only remaining land-



fill. Nanakuli's Waimanalo Gulch landfill is reaching its capacity and is due to shut down shortly.

2. Your unit can earn monies to purchase MWR related equipment such as picnic tables, unit parties, etc. By law, these funds

cannot be used for any other purpose.

Recycling center personnel will collect and empty the recycling bins on a monthly basis. The Hawaii Army Guard recycling committee will then tabulate and disburse funds gener-

ated by your recycling efforts to your unit MWR account. The committee designates 50 percent of all proceeds toward supporting the recycling program and 50 percent to either the respective unit or the Hawaii Army National Guard safety program. The frequency of disbursements by the committee is yet to be determined.

For more information, contact Ms. Jennifer Vandebrake, 682-6358/682-6360, or e-mail [jennifer.vandebrake@hi.ngb.army.mil](mailto:jennifer.vandebrake@hi.ngb.army.mil).

### Recyclables & locations

Recycling bins accept:

- White (non glossy) paper, cardboard, plastic drinking bottles, newspaper, aluminum cans

Following items also accepted:

- Scrap steel, scrap aluminum, scrap brass

Recycling bins locations:

- HQ STARC, CSMS #1, USPFO, 93rd CST (WMD), Counterdrug office, AASF #1, 298th Regiment (RTI), 487th FA, 29th SIB, OMS #1, Youth CHalleNGe Academy, 103rd Troop Command, RTSM, UTES

## "Self-help" projects improve Oahu high school facilities

By Sgt. Wendy M. Hirasa

The Hawaii National Guard is helping Hawaii's public schools through a pilot program that assists them with their repair and maintenance projects. The pilot program, named "Self Help," includes the combined efforts of Hawaii Army and Air Guard volunteers, community volunteers, parents and students to help more than ten public schools on Oahu from June through October.

The program was federally funded through a U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye sponsored repair, remodel and renovate trust bill. The Hawaii Guard was given \$12,000 through this fund and is using it to purchase materials such as paint, wood, cement and other related items.

The objective of this program is to improve the students' educational experience by maintaining and upgrading their facilities of learning. At the present time, the program is focused upon mostly helping the high school Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) students with their facilities on Oahu. Also included is a painting project at an elementary school. Future plans for the year 2002 are to expand the "Self Help" assistance program to benefit more non-JROTC students and the neighbor island schools.

Some of the current projects include constructing air riflery ranges at Kailua and Kahuku High Schools, renovation of classrooms at multiple sites, constructing a fitness facility at Castle High School, and painting a wing of Ewa Beach Elementary School.

"The schools are grateful for the support that is being shown through the volunteers' efforts and for the funding of the materials," said Capt. Onesimo Francisco III, project officer. "And for us, it's been great being able to interact with these kids."

**MILITARY FORMATION - Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Civil Engineer Squadron and Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets prepare a concrete slab for Kailua High School's new air rifle range.**

Sgt. 1st Class  
Stephen M. Lum photos

**HOME IMPROVEMENT - Farlington High School's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps' rifle range gets a facelift with volunteers from Hawaii Army National Guard and the JROTC cadets. The grounds are being aerated, fertilized and reseeded.**



# Fort Lewis fire mission accomplished

By Spc. Brandon T. Bocanegra

Amidst rolling hills and acres of lush forest, all is quiet. Three artillery batteries from the Hawaii Army National Guard are hunkered down in wilderness far from home. In the crisp Washington air of Fort Lewis, all is relatively silent except for the chirps of little birds and the occasional radio transmission. Suddenly, a loud "beep" interrupts the silence and immediately call is sounded, "fire mission!" The firing points erupt into a frenzy of activity with commands rapidly barked out and soldiers are "moving like jack rabbits," according to one battery's commander. Within seconds, the area of operation is erupting with the blasts of 105mm Howitzers, and the impact areas' explosions are heard thundering for miles around, a trademark sound of the Kings of the Battlefield.

This June, approximately 250 soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery, deployed to Fort Lewis for their annual training. During the course of training, the unit conducted live-fire exercises, was evaluated on their ability to react to direct fire, direct and indirect ambushes, MEDIVAC (medical evacuation) casualties and perform proper maintenance on equipment. "They were trained and tested on their ability to shoot, move and communicate," said Maj. Keith Y. Tamashiro, 487th commander.

## New commander seeing productive training

"Our focus is to ensure that we can deliver effective fires on to targets. That is our ability to shoot," said Tamashiro. "Our ability to move, includes being able to occupy terrain in support of whatever maneuver or operation there is. And communicating involves the process from the time the forward observer down on the battlefield sees the target, to the time its processed by our fire direction center and from there relayed to our guns and the target is actually being shot."

Part of the challenge was adapting to a foreign environment, but the more the soldiers became accustomed to the terrain, the better they performed.

"I receive daily feedback," he said. "Each day, more challenges are added but these soldiers are tough and know how to get their adrenaline flowing. It has become a building-up process, and we are steadily improving."

## Active duty impressed

Improving on an already efficient job seems difficult, but according to the active component observer-controller from the 1st Battalion, 196th Infantry Brigade, the 487th has done well.

"They are just as proficient as any unit on active-duty," said Sgt. 1st Class Bruce Hall, a forward observer-evaluator. "These guys are locked in solid, and this is due to their training program and outstanding senior enlisted leaders."

## Unit overcomes equipment failure, sickness

"Despite early setbacks, morale continues to be high. The soldiers have learned how to adapt thanks to excellent leadership that keeps the soldiers motivated," said Tamashiro, the commander since April.

The unit met with obstacles like acclimatizing to the brisk northern weather, equipment problems, and an epidemic of strep throat also took their toll, but motivated leaders have continued to drive on.

Sgt. David Howard, a gun chief from Battery B who was stricken with strep throat and taken out of the field, said, "I'm here to make things go boom. If we could fire all night, we'd be happier than pigs in slop."



**STEEL ON TARGET** — Artillerymen from the 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery, fire their 105mm Howitzers at Fort Lewis, Wash., in June. Spc. Brandon T. Bocanegra photo

The unit's leadership was impressed with the dedication of the younger, enlisted soldiers.

Sgt. Henry Pilanka, a gun chief in Battery A, said, "I got lucky because I have highly-motivated privates, willing to learn and do the mission. Our guys are giving 110 percent, from dusk until dawn."

"This is a high-speed unit," said Sgt. Norman Yleizah, a gunner in Battery B who served on active-duty. "You wouldn't expect it from weekend warriors, but they have no problem maintaining their knowledge."

The intensity of the 487th is something that seems inherent with line units, but Tamashiro explained that there is a unique quality about the battalion that allows them to work efficiently.

"Everything is exciting," said Tamashiro, "this is what we live for. It's not just the thrill of hearing the boom, but the coordination and seeing how everything works through."

Sgt. Shane Vendiola, a gunner in Battery A, said, "Once the adrenaline starts going, we are living moment by moment, round by round."

## Sports Corner

By Lt. Col Fred Fogel and Tech. Sgt. Kaipo Sing

Editor's note: Due to space constraints the sport corner's dialogue has been shortened to include only finishing places of the Hawaii Guard teams participating.

### Hawaii Army National Guard Softball Tournament

Pearl Harbor's Ward Field; Aug. 18-19  
Trophy: SGM Harry T. Nishida trophy

#### Open division

1st: 29th Support Battalion "A"; 2nd: 487th Field Artillery; 3rd: Troop Command; 4th: Recruiters; 5th: 29th Support Battalion "B"; 6th: Delta Company 2/299th

#### Coed division

1st: Troop Command; 2nd: 29th Support Battalion; 3rd: 12th PSD; 4th: G-1 (HQ STARC); 5th: Stalkers (HQ STARC)

#### Masters division

1st: 487th Field Artillery; 2nd: Troop Command; 3rd: 29th Support Battalion

### Air National Guard National Softball Tournament

Location: Mountain Home AFB, Idaho  
8th ..... 169ACWS

### Hawaii National Guard Volleyball Tournament

22nd Avenue Gym, Aug. 17-18

#### Open division

1st: 154 WG 1 Team: Paul Kim (captain), Kurt Tanoue, Wain Iwaki, Carl Reynolds, Myles Kimura, Rich Costa, Wayne Salas and Matt Vidauri.

#### Masters division

1st: 154 ACS Team: Marc "Aukai" Gonsalves (captain), Roy Yokotake, Wayne "Timo" Batis, Dexter Takashima, Ron Javier, Oscar Sagucio and Frankie Saligumba.

### HING Bicycle Team

Honolulu Century Bike ride, started and ended at Kapiolani Park, Sept. 23  
See the winter pupukahi for final results

For input and more information on the Hawaii National Guard Sports programs: contact LTC Fred Fogel, 733-4248, frederick.fogel@hick.ang.af.mil.

### Cancelled events

Due the present environment, the following up and coming events have been cancelled: HING Softball Tournament, Commander's Combat Pistol Match, HIANG Basketball Tournament, and HIARNG Basketball Tournament

## Engineers, mechanics deploy to Japan, Italy

By Sgt. Wendy M. Hirasa and Sgt 1st Class Stephen M. Lum

Missions in Japan and Italy capped a training year that saw Hawaii Army National Guard units deployed all over the globe. In the spring, medics and helicopter aviators supported humanitarian missions in Honduras, while infantry soldiers practice their tactics in Louisiana, California and Australia.

### Building strong ties

The 298th Engineering Detachment completed a two-part mission in Japan in June.

The first mission was at Camp Zama and here the 298th built two Japa-

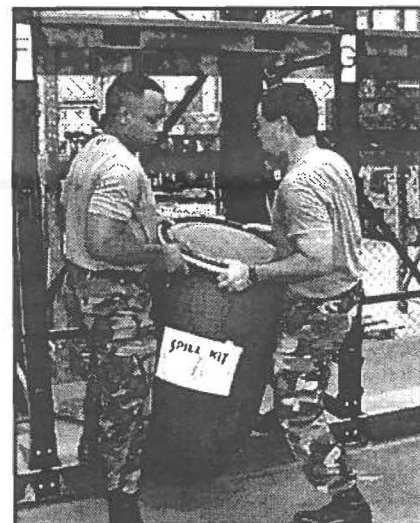
nese-style pavilions for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation. The second mission at north Yokohama included bathroom and office renovations at the sub-base engineering facilities for the MWR program.

They also completed an acoustical tiling project to soundproof a conference room, built five picnic benches for the pavilion, and constructed dry boards and chalkboards for the conference rooms.

The 49 engineers completed these missions under very adverse weather conditions, said Capt. Neal S. Mitsuyoshi, 298th commander. We were fortunate that all of the missions were completed without any inju-



**SET IN STONE** - Spc. Nicole Y. Nishijo and Sgt. Arthur F. Sagon, 298th Engineer Detachment masons, along with civilian Japanese cement workers, pour the foundation for the pavilion being built at Camp Zama, Japan. Capt. Neal S. Mitsuyoshi photo



**STOCKING UP** - Spc. Anthony T. Warren and Sgt. David K. Yamamoto move a spill kit container into the maintenance facility supply room in Vicenza, Italy. Sgt. Junto C. Gador photo

ries because the temperature was 95 degrees with a high humidity.

"With issues of fighting the elements, two fire-fighting medics (297th Fire Fighting Team) who are also emergency medical technician qualified, were on board to constantly monitor the temperature and the potential for heat casualties."

The unit is comprised of carpenters, masons, plumbers and electricians who hold these positions for their civilian jobs as well, so not only is their work of high quality but they are also able to work very efficiently, said Mitsuyoshi.

"From Germany to the Big Island of Hawaii, our soldiers completed the mission," he said. "Wherever they go, they receive requests to return. Japan has already asked us back."

### Improving readiness

This summer, Company B, 29th Support Bat-

alion, was split into two deployment teams to performing maintenance duties for over a period of a month in Vincenzi, Italy.

Last years practical experiences at National Maintenance Training Center at Camp Dodge, Iowa, were put to the test.

The real world mission included mechanics and technicians bringing vehicle and equipment back to operational readiness, and administrative sections keeping the supply channels restocked and personnel issues up to date.

"Bravo has been busy this year," said Capt. Christopher Slavens, company commander. "This spring, we were the base unit for the Ready Reaction Force during the Asian Development Bankers conference held in Honolulu and many of our soldiers are assisting in the Hawaii Guard's airport security mission."



# Hawaii National Guard Family Program

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

It has been a hot and hectic summer for all of us here in the HING Family Program. Here are some of the great happenings that have kept us movin' and shakin' to keep HING families ready! Don't forget to visit the State Family Program website at [www.dod.state.hi.us/family](http://www.dod.state.hi.us/family) for more Family Program information and upcoming events. Keep December 2001 open for a HING "concert in the park," April 2002 for a State Family Program Conference and Awards Ceremony on Oahu, and June 2002 for a third annual Youth Training event! More details will be forthcoming!!

### Summer sharings

The Family Program has quietly been an integral part of the Hawaii Army and Air National Guard planning conferences this summer.

On Maui, JoJo Correa, the adjutant general's wife, shared her thoughts with the Air Guard spouses.

Lt. Gen. Edwin P. Smith, U.S. Army Pacific Command commander, spoke to at the Hawaii Army National Guard Readiness Workshop held at Fort Shafter during the in August. Smith shared his presentation on "Camaraderie, the Foundations of Fun in our Army." The day concluded with a dinner where workshop attendees and their spouses were inspired by a family program sponsored presentation from Team Works, a husband-wife team who work with organizations to develop winning teams.

### Future planning

The State Advisory Team helps to plan and coordinate State Family Program events throughout the year. They attend training sessions and help make Guard presentations to families and units throughout the National Guard in Hawaii. The Team will be participating in a planning retreat the end of September to learn from events of 2001 and ensure the best is planned for HING families for 2002. You, too, can make a difference with your unit Family Readiness Group. Contact your unit or a mem-



**PERSONAL TOUCH** — JoJo Correa, the adjutant general's wife, shares with Air Guard spouses her philosophy on family and the National Guard way of life, during a working luncheon at the Hawaii Air National Guard Commander's conference on Maui this summer.

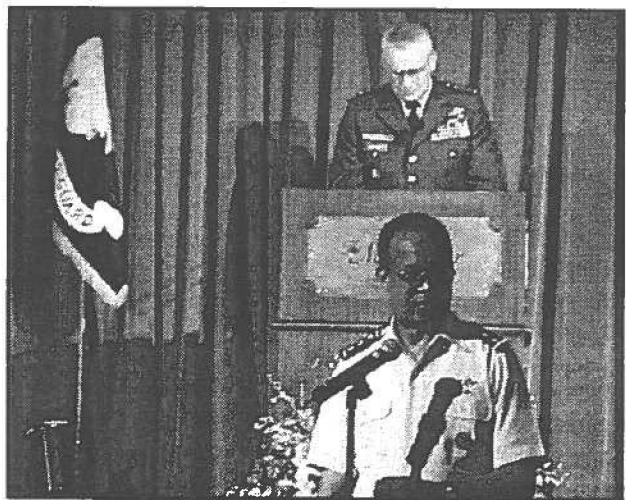
ber of the HING state Advisory Team to help get you started on the road to readiness! Your Family Program State Team Representatives are:

- Marilyn Tolentino, Hilo-935-9648;
- JoAnne Yamamoto, Oahu-235-1642;
- Roberta Agena, Kauai-337-1144;
- Bobbie Kito-Hong, Oahu-676-7256;
- Harriet Kuni, Oahu-668-5185;
- Kimo Palakiko, Oahu-239-2040;
- Liz Taga, Oahu- 623-0487;
- Barb Yadao-Petti, Oahu-674-0806;
- Marty Wong, State Family Program Coordinator-732-1823

For more 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.

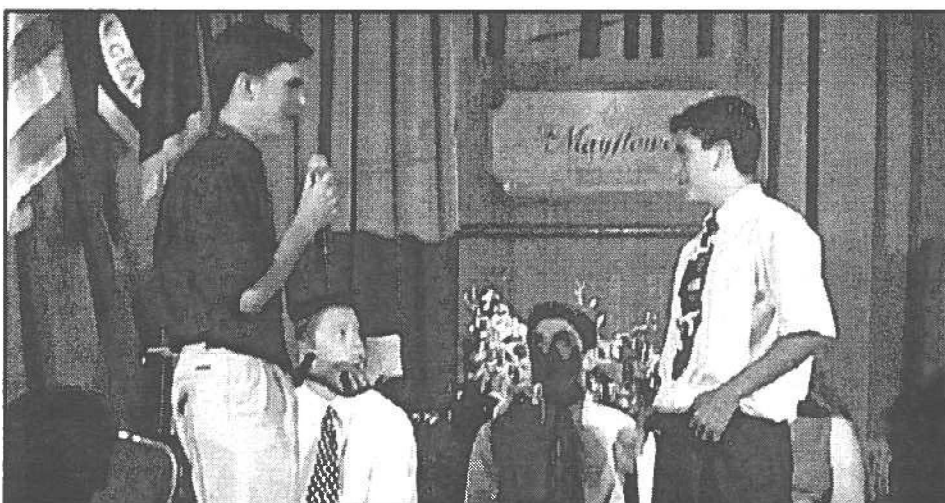
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**GENERAL INFORMATION** — Lt. Col. Roger C. Schultz (top), Army National Guard director, yields the floor to Lt. Gen. Russell C. Davis (below), chief of the National Guard Bureau. Davis spoke of the value of our families and our youths. The chief also fielded questions from an audience of volunteers, family program coordinators and youth symposium delegates. This was the first Youth Symposium held in conjunction with the Family Program Conference in Washington, D.C. Later, Maj. Gen. Paul A. Weaver, Air National Guard director, discussed his initiatives to bring more resources to the National Guard Family Programs throughout the states and territories.



**LOCAL NETWORK BREAK** — Participants in the Hawaii Air National Guard Commander's Conference spouse agenda are seated here at the end of a great day of networking, interacting, eating, learning and fun in Maui, in July! Included were Marty Wong, Missy Vincent, Betty Osserman, Joanne Tice, Shari Heen, Cynthia Weston, Jean Dobashi, Elaine Thomas, Diana Deptula, Mimi Wakeman, Ann MacLane, JoJo Correa, Linda Ellis and Air Guard support staff.



**VOICES OF THE FUTURE** — Kalani Souza (right, standing), youth delegate from Hawaii and son of Stanley Souza, 154th Wing, is seen here working with his team of youth delegates to present their youth report to the National Guard Bureau leadership and workshop audience of family member volunteers.



**TOURIST STOP** — Bobbie Kito-Hong, Barb Yadao-Petti, Marilyn Tolentino, Lorna Souza, Kimo Palakiko and Marty Wong, from the State Advisory Team pose in front of a mock Hawaii Visitors Bureau sign at U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye's Washington, D.C. office. The senator's office call one of the many highlights of the team's trip while attending NGB Family Program Annual Workshop and Youth Symposium.



**REDIC JOINS THE GUARD FAMILY** — The Guardmember may be recruited into the Hawaii National Guard; however, the family is what helps retain him/her in the National Guard... this new Guardmember, Sgt. Jordan Redic, who transferred to the Hawaii Army National Guard from Kentucky and sworn in with his family by his side!

# Awards and Recognition

Members and units of the Hawaii Army and Air National Guard were recently presented with awards in recognition of their outstanding performance.

Aviation Intermediate Maintenance: AVIM Battalion: Bn. Combat Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction): CST (WMD) Company: Co. Detachment: Det. Hawaii Air National Guard: HIANG Headquarters: HQ Headquarters & Headquarters Company: HHC Headquarters & Headquarters Service Battery: HHSB National Guard Bureau: NGB Oak Leaf Cluster: OLC Reconnaissance & Intrastate Detachment: RAID Regional Training Institute: RTI State Area Command: STARC

## Meritorious Service Medal

Col. Wayson W.S. Wong, HQ STARC (1st OLC)  
Maj. Stephen F. Logan, Company B (AVIM), 193rd Aviation  
Capt. Leif E. Fautanu, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery  
Chief Warrant Officer Rodney N. Correa, HQ STARC  
Senior Master Sgt. Robert T.

Adachi, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron  
Master Sgt. Robert K.S. Lee, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Robert W.J. Lum-King, Co. B, 193rd Aviation

## Army Commendation Medal

Maj. Stanley E. Toy, 93rd CST (WMD) (1st OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Emilio Maldonado Jr., 93rd CST (WMD)

## Army Achievement Medal

Capt. James Barros, HHSB, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery (1st OLC)  
Capt. James Faleafine, Battery C, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery (5th OLC)  
Capt. Keith Hirokawa, Battery A, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery  
Capt. Robert W. Leshner, HHSB, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery (1st OLC)  
Maj. Courtney B. Vares-Lum, 93rd CST (WMD) (1st OLC)  
Capt. Jeffrey D. Korando, 93rd CST (WMD) (1st OLC)  
Capt. Leonardo Z. Luna, 93rd CST (WMD)  
Capt. Geronimo G. Mateo, 93rd CST (WMD) (5th OLC)  
1st Lt. William L. Flynn, 93rd CST (WMD) (1st OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Norman

DeMello, 93rd CST (WMD) (2nd OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Paul P. Kamau, Battery A, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery (3rd OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Michael J. Machado, 93rd CST (WMD) (1st OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Linford M. Ramos, 93rd CST (WMD) (3rd OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Francis Smith, 93rd CST (WMD) (4th OLC)  
Tech. Sgt. John Lacio, 93rd CST (WMD)  
Staff Sgt. Andres Alcain Jr., Co. B, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Joshua T. Amano, 93rd CST (WMD) (4th OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Michael L. Baron, Co. D, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (3rd OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Ernest A. Batacan, Co. B, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Staff Sgt. Roderick L. Cabacungan, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Staff Sgt. Steven Cardinez, Co. A (-Det. 1), 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (3rd OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Jeremy K.Y. Chang, Co. D, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (2nd OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Willie Duyanen, Co. A (-Det. 1), 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (2nd OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Ted Endo, Co. A, 29th Support Bn.

Staff Sgt. Regoberto V. Erorita, Co. A (-Det. 1), 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (2nd OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Roel R. Galinato, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Tomas Ganir, Co. A (-Det. 1), 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (3rd OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Peter M. Hope, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Det.-Rear Operations Cell (3rd OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Robert K. Iokepa, HHC, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Joseph Striklin, HHSB, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery (4th OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Derrick Midel, Battery C, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery (1st OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Gregory Miyashiro, Battery C, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery (1st OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Thomas Odoardi, 93rd CST (WMD) (4th OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Herbert H. Oshiro, HHSB, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery (1st OLC)  
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Staff Sgt. John T. Vincent, Co. B, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Sgt. Roger C. Ancheta, Co. B, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Sgt. Tobias Boyce, 93rd CST (WMD) (1st OLC)  
Sgt. Ericka Christlieb, Johnson Island Chemical Ammunition Command (4th OLC)  
Sgt. Gary Coratibo, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Sgt. Felenoia Belardo, Det. 4 (Medical), HQ STARC  
Sgt. Edward Flynn, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
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Sgt. Rolly A. Leano, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (2nd OLC)  
Sgt. Raymond Morden, Co. A (-Det. 1), 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Sgt. Alfredo J. Nunes, HHSB, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery (1st OLC)  
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Sgt. John Rapozo, Co. A, 29th Support Bn.,  
Sgt. Andy F. Ruiz, Co. D, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Sgt. Kahakauwila J. Sham, Co. D, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Sgt. Naea K. Straus, Co. B, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (2nd OLC)  
Sgt. Iven T. Sugai, HHSB, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery (1st OLC)  
Sgt. Manuel Tacub, Battery A, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery  
Sgt. Rodney Y. Tone, HHSB, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery (1st OLC)  
Sgt. Richard Griggs, HHSB, 1st

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Cpl. Howard Mateo, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Spc. Augustine Akiu Jr., Co. B, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Spc. Julie Ann Akita, Co. A (-Det. 1), 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Spc. Rodel S. Bacay, Battery C, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery  
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Spc. Thomas J. Cordero, HHC, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Spc. Joel D. Dullaga, Co. A (-Det. 1), 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Spc. Alfred Evangelista, HHC, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Spc. Douglas E. Freitas, Det. 1, Co. A, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Spc. Michael G. Giesler, Battery B, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery (1st OLC)  
Spc. Christopher P.H. Iokepa, HHC, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Spc. Clint P. Kaaiakamanu, HHSB, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery  
Spc. Brandon J. Kaiwi, Battery A, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery (1st OLC)  
Spc. Ronald S. Kubo, Battery C, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery  
Spc. Darrel I. McDonald Jr., Co. B, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Spc. Michael S. Mackinaw, Co. D, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Spc. Wade C. Madriaga, Co. B, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Spc. Tadd Makaiwi, Det. 1, HHC, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Spc. Eunice V. Mandrigues, Co. A (-Det. 1), 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Spc. Eugene O. Mariano, Co. A, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Spc. Marklester Martin, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Spc. Jon Matsuyama, Co. A, 29th Support Bn.,  
Spc. Matthew M. Miyahira, HHSB, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (3rd OLC)  
Spc. Joseph D. Moises, Co. A (-Det. 1), 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Spc. Nathan M. Niitani, Det. 1, Co. A, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Spc. Mark Nishijima, HHC, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Spc. David Pimentel, 93rd CST (WMD) (1st OLC)  
Spc. Fred B. Pira, Det. 1, Co. B, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Spc. Abraham Poai, HHC, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Spc. Jonathan P. Rico, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Spc. Willie L. Robinson, HHSB, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery  
Spc. Jerry A. Ruiz, Co. A (-Det. 1), 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Spc. Jason Salvador, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry

Spc. Dennis Santa Maria, Battery A, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery  
Spc. Rodney L. Sasil, Co. A (-Det. 1), 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Spc. Ian Seavey, Co. B, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (2nd OLC)  
Spc. Brandon Shirraishi, Battery C, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery  
Spc. Edward B. Soto, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Spc. Dionisio Tabura, Co. A (-Det. 1), 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Spc. Vivao Taleise, Battery A, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery (1st OLC)  
Spc. Domingo Tubana, Battery C, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery (5th OLC)  
Spc. Fortunato V. Valle Jr., Co. A (-Det. 1), 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Spc. Clifford G. Villanueva, Co. A (-Det. 1), 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Spc. Paytron Wiggins, Battery C, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery (4th OLC)  
Spc. Desiree R. Williams, Det. 4 (Medical), HQ STARC  
Spc. Edward T. Yamamoto, HHC, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Pfc. Nelson S. Acosta, Co. A, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Pfc. Dillon P. Eugenio, HHSB, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery  
Pfc. Desmon K. Inere, Battery A, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery  
Pfc. Keawe K. Kupihe, Co. B, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Pfc. Micah K. Matsuzaki, HHSB, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery  
Pfc. Wallace K. Palacio, Co. A (-Det. 1), 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Pfc. Lowen L. Puou, Co. B, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (1st OLC)  
Pfc. Bryce K. Wong, HHSB, Battery B, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery  
Pfc. Sang Yim, Battery C, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery (1st OLC)  
Pvt. William Delo Santos, HHC, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Pvt. Matthew Rodrigues, Battery A, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery  
Pvt. Matthew Sarmiento, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Pvt. Eric Teramae, HHSB, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery  
Pvt. Ray Yamane, Battery A, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery  
E2-Pvt. Keith K. Kauhane Jr., Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Pvt. Derek Kenison Jr., Co. B, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry  
Pvt. Earl L. Riveira, HHC (-Det. 1), 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry

## Air Force Achievement Medal

Senior Master Sgt. Robert T. Adachi, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron  
Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal  
Col. John D. Taylor, Army National Guard Directorate, NGB  
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## Safety talk

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Safety Officer, Hawaii Army National Guard 733-4105/09

Fire protection  
Protect your family from the hazards of fire.  
Here's some tips on how you can save lives.

1. On average, fires kill approximately 5,500 Americans and injures over 300,000 each year.
2. The major causes of home fires are: smoking 26 percent; incendiary or suspicious 16 percent; heating 14 percent; child playing 10 percent; electrical distribution 10 percent; cooking 8 percent; all other causes 16 percent (National Fire Protection Association)
3. The leading cause of death in a fire is asphyxiation. Fire consumes the oxygen in the air and increases the amount of deadly carbon monoxide, which causes a loss of consciousness or death within minutes. Fire victims rarely see the flames.
4. At floor level, temperatures average about 90 degrees Fahrenheit, but at eye level rise to 600 degrees.
5. Enough scare! How do you protect against fire? Because fires quickly generate into a black choking smoke, which is impossible to see through, fire drills and preparation are essential to survival.
6. Make sure all family members have a planned escape route that they can travel with their eyes closed! Practice staying low to the ground when escaping.
7. If traveling, or even for home use, consider the purchase of a smoke protection hood.
8. Feel all doors before opening them and if the door is hot try to get out another way.
9. Open a window to escape or for fresh air while awaiting rescue. Even more preferable, if possible, open slightly the top AND bottom portions because smoke tends to draw out of the top, while fresh air comes through the bottom.
10. If you can't get out, fill a bathtub with water as quickly as possible, because you can lose water pressure quickly. Put damp clothes along the bottom of the door.
11. Teach everyone to stop, drop and roll if clothes catch fire.
12. Purchase collapsible ladders and practice using them.
13. You might initially think that the following is nothing new, but we are purposely crossing the border here: Nearly half the residential fires and three fifths of the residential fatalities occur in homes with no working smoke detectors!! Replace batteries at least once a year and test the detector even more often. Suggestion: Replace detector on Oct. 10 (Fire Prevention Day).
14. Purchase smoke detectors labeled by the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM).
15. Both ionization and photoelectric detectors work, but differently. Ionization models respond slightly faster to open flaming fires while photoelectric models respond faster to smoldering fires. Ideally, a home should be protected by at least one of each. (U.S. Fire Administration)

Safety Hotline (808) 306-SAFE. Call to report accidents or hazardous conditions. For more information, call our hotline or the HIARNG Safety & Occupational Health office at (808) 733-4105/4109.

Have a safe day!

## 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	Oct	Nov	Dec
HQ, State Area Command	13-14	3-4	1-2
29th Separate Infantry Brigade	13-14	3-4	1-2
Battery C, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery	13-14	2-4	1-2
103rd Troop Command	13-14	3-4	1-2
25th Infantry Div. (L), D-ROC	7-14	3-9	1-2
Hawaii Air National Guard			
HQ, Hawaii Air National Guard	13-14	3-4	1-2
154th Wing	13-14	3-4	1-2
201st Combat Communications Group	13-14	3-4	1-2