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## Calendar

### November 11, Friday

Veterans' Day, federal and state holiday.

### November 12, Saturday

Deadline to mail holiday packages to troops overseas by parcel post.

### November 24, Thursday

Thanksgiving Day, federal and state holiday.

### December 6, Tuesday

HIANG Launa Ole Award Nomination deadline.

### December 10, Saturday

Deadline to mail holiday packages to troops overseas by first-class mail.

### December 26, Monday

Christmas Day, federal and state holiday observed.

### January 2, Monday

New Years Day, federal and state holiday observed.

### January 18, Monday

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, federal and state holiday observed.

### February 20, Monday

Presidents' Day, federal and state holiday observed.

### March 24, Friday

Good Friday, state holiday.

### May 29, Monday

Memorial Day, federal and state holiday observed.

### June 12, Monday

King Kamehameha Day, state holiday.

## Katrina affects HIANG members attending training in the Gulf

By 1st Lt. Regina Berry

Twenty-two Hawaii Air National Guardsmen were on the Gulf Coast attending technical training when category 4 Hurricane Katrina smashed its way through Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

"You could see the debris from the room. You could see all the trees toppled over. You could see across the parking lot, some of the car windows were busted out," said Senior Airman Sariethia Elliott, 154th Medical Group, as she describes her first glimpse of the destruction Hurricane Katrina caused at Keesler Air Force Base.

Keesler Air Force Base wasn't the only military installation that was affected by Katrina. It also wasn't the only military installation housing Hawaii Air National Guard Airmen.

"When we first got outside we could see the trees snap. On the fence line there was a boat and a tree, we had a motor home that rolled over... a lot of those," said Senior Airman Byron Cooper, 154th Civil Engineering Squadron, as he recounts his experience at the Naval Construction Training Center, Gulfport, Mississippi. Cooper was attending a 17<sup>o</sup> week long school at the NCTC to become a structural apprentice.

The phrase, people do what they can with what they have, was put to



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bobby Jo Phillips

the test at the NCTC. Safety measures required Cooper, along with well over 1,000 people at NCTC, to take shelter in a warehouse.

After the hurricane, it went up to about 3,000 to 4,000 after a few days.

"We were just working so hard to do what we could," said Cooper who was allowed to go off-base to assist in the rescue efforts when he was at the NCTC.

"The first day after the storm, we went off-base and we did details all week long with the Army and Navy," said Cooper. "We went to a Veterans home in Biloxi, got a bunch of Veterans out of the second and third floor."

Many of the students assisted in the cleanup by picking up debris from the flightlines, cleaning up the military housing areas, serving meals to civilians and even setting up additional shelters and cots to house thousands of evacuees left homeless.

"I was helping feed the civilians that came on base. That first day we went to the Veterans home, I think that was the most gratifying, that's why I wanted to keep continuing to go off-base," said Cooper.

It's also the reason why Cooper wanted to stay on the Gulf Coast. When asked if anyone wanted to volunteer to

stay back and help with the relief efforts, Cooper along with many of the other HIANG members, eagerly raised their hands. Despite volunteering, Cooper and the other HIANG members were sent home as relief began to arrive from all over the United States.

HIANG members are gradually being sent back to the East Coast to complete their technical training, as the reconstruction and repairs continue in the Gulf.

### HIARNG fulfills State mission with fire suppression support

By Shelly Ichishita

Summertime in Hawaii means an increase in brushfires as brush generated by Spring rains provides easy fuel to the flames. This summer, HIARNG's 1-168th Avn (Hilo) and Company C, 193d Avn, assisted the Hawaii County Fire Department and the Honolulu Fire Department in controlling fires in the Waikoloa and Kohala Ranch district on Aug. 3, on the slopes of Diamond Head Sept. 7. Water bucket missions were also conducted on May 16, Jul. 15, Aug. 10, and Aug. 16-18.

The 1-168th Avn provided a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter with a water bucket capacity of 640 gallons to battle the Hawaii County fires. Company C, 193d Avn responded to the Hawaii County and Diamond Head fires with a CH-47 Chinook with a water capacity of 2,000 gallons.

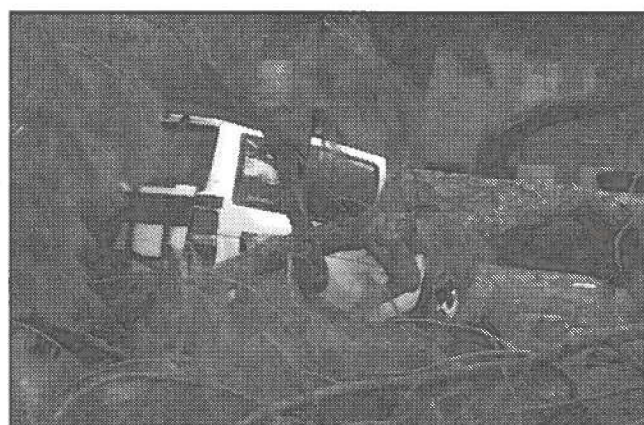


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# Command Notes

Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee  
The Adjutant General

The toughest part of being the adjutant general is seeing soldiers and Airmen go off to war with the full understanding that some of them may not be coming home alive. The 29th Brigade Combat Team (BCT) is making a difference in Iraq, helping to stabilize and rebuild that nation, but it has been a difficult summer for our soldiers. Hawaii's Sgt. Deyson Cariaga was killed in July by a roadside improvised explosive device (IED). Part of our responsibility is to take care of the family members of our Hawaii National Guard Ohana who've paid the ultimate price in service to their country. I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Capt. Mark Takai and Sgt. 1st Class Kande Almond who had the task of

being the casualty assistance officer and NCO for the Cariaga family during their time of need. Takai and Almond performed their duties in a most professional and compassionate manner. Our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to Sgt. Cariaga's mother, brother, grandparents and friends.

Our condolences also go out to the other members of the 29th BCT who've been killed in Iraq. Staff Sgt. Frank Tiai, a member of the 100th Battalion, from American Samoa, was killed in July. We also need to pay homage to the fallen California Army National Guard soldiers who were mobilized as part of the 29th BCT. They are Staff Sgt. Alfredo Silva, Staff Sgt. Daniel Sheile, Staff Sgt. Jerry Bonifacio, Sgt. Michael Sonoda, and Sgt. Paul Neubauer.

We should always be mindful that ours' can be a dangerous profession, but an absolutely necessary one, as the guardians of freedom for America and for oppressed people everywhere. As I stated earlier it has been a tough sum-

mer, but the men and women of the 29th BCT continue to make Hawaii proud.

Hawaii's residents are clearly supportive of "Hawaii's Own" and have shown it with their generosity. After a report in one of the local newspapers that our soldiers were missing local-style rice, huge volumes of rice were immediately mailed to our soldiers in Iraq by caring individuals and civic organizations. The response was overwhelming as literally a ton of rice was shipped. After we announced "Operation Uplift," a joint initiative with the Governor's office and news organizations, thousands of letters, emails and parcels filled with goodies were sent to our soldiers. It seems as though the entire state is behind our soldiers. Word that our 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery might be home before Christmas was front-page news.

I've talked on several occasions about how the Hawaii Air National Guard has had to take up even more responsibilities while our Army Guard soldiers are deployed, but I want to take

this opportunity to acknowledge all of the hard work and expertise provided by our HIANG Airmen during the National Guard Association of the United States national convention and the third annual Asia-Pacific Homeland Security Summit. Everyone involved can be proud of their outstanding efforts that clearly demonstrate we are more than capable of putting on world-class events.

Looking out over the horizon, we have two major projects—the first is the return of the 29th BCT in early 2006 and its conversion to a modular force. (More on that at a later time.) The other project is the successful standing up of the first-ever active duty/Air National Guard associate unit, when we begin flying the C-17 Globemaster. These future missions pose their own challenges, but challenges that we as an organization can overcome. We have reorganized our forces before and we must continue to remain relevant as we further integrate ourselves into the Total Force. Keep up the good work!

## Departmental News

### One year deadline to file TRICARE claims

TRICARE beneficiaries who file their own claims should remember that, with few exceptions, claims must be filed within one year of the date of medical service or from the date of discharge from an inpatient facility. Beneficiaries also have one year from the date they receive medication to file for reimbursement of pharmacy claims. Additionally, the one-year filing deadline applies to those who file on behalf of individuals with other health insurance (OHI).

The deadline applies to TRICARE Standard beneficiaries as well as to TRICARE Prime enrollees who obtain emergency or urgent care outside of the TRICARE region in which they are enrolled. TRICARE Prime and Extra providers are required to file claims on a beneficiary's behalf, and must also meet the one year requirement.

TRICARE beneficiaries who use non-network pharmacies to obtain their prescription drugs pay full price at the pharmacy and then must file a claim to obtain reimbursement. Beneficiaries have many options for obtaining a claim form (DD 2642): from a TRICARE Service Center, Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinator or Health Benefits Advisor at their military treatment facility; by mail from the TRICARE Management Activity, 16401 E. Centretech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9043; or online at [www.tricare.osd.mil/claims](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/claims).

By law, other health insurance (OHI) held by TRICARE beneficiaries must be the first payer for cov-

ered benefits, including covered pharmacy services. TRICARE pays first, however, when prescriptions not covered by OHI are covered by TRICARE or when OHI coverage is exhausted. In either case, beneficiaries must obtain an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) from the OHI indicating their OHI does not cover the medication or that the benefit limits of the OHI have been reached. Beneficiaries must submit a DD 2642 form with the EOB, a copy of the itemized bill and, if a drug claim, a copy of the prescription to the appropriate TRICARE contractor for reimbursement.

Exceptions to the one-year timely claims filing deadline apply if one or more of the following situations occur:

The beneficiary was TRICARE-eligible at the time of service, but eligibility was not reflected on the Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System until after the timely filing limit;

Retroactive preauthorization was received after the timely filing limit expired;

TRICARE Management Activity or the regional contractor made an administrative error;

A legal guardian responsible for managing the affairs of a mentally incompetent patient or a patient who is unable to communicate, was appointed after the timely filing date was reached;

The provider submits the claim as a TRICARE-participating provider after changing from a non-participating provider;

The patient submitted a claim to their OHI in a timely fashion and the insurance plan was responsible for a delay beyond the

one-year filing date; or

Medicare accepts TRICARE for Life claims as timely.

For more information on exceptions to the one-year timely claims filing deadline and for claims requirements, beneficiaries are able to visit [www.tricare.osd.mil/claims](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/claims).

For additional information on where to file claims, beneficiaries should go to [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil), click on their specific TRICARE region, and obtain information regarding the TRICARE Retail Pharmacy or the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy, as appropriate.

<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/news/2005/news0518.cfm>

### Couples Participate in First PREP Workshop

On Aug. 19-21, the first Prevention Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP) Workshop for Hawaii Army Guard couples was held at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel in Waikiki. Thirteen couples learned new approaches on how to nurture their relationships. The workshop was lead by: Joint Forces Headquarters Chaplain, Col. Peter Lee, Hawaii National Guard; New Hampshire Civil Air Patrol Chaplain, Capt.

Michael Morison; Lt. Col. Robert Nagamine, 154th Wing Chaplain; and Staff Sgt. Michael Dinneen, Chaplain Assistant from the 154th Wing, Hawaii Air National Guard. The State Family Program Director, Jo Anne Yamamoto, Samantha Ligsay, and Georgette Pelekai, all worked very hard to organize and support the event. A future PREP Workshop is in the works, with the times and location to be announced at a later date.



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# 204th Airlift Squadron's mission in the Middle East:

## First-person account of Combat Missions

By Master Sgt. Eric Daido, 204 AS

More and more Hawaii Air National Guard Airmen are finding themselves deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Members of the 204th Airlift Squadron and I have been taking part in these operations.

The 204 AS is currently converting from the C-130 to the new C-17. Because of the conversion, the unit is split between aircrew members still flying the C-130 and other aircrew members flying the C-17.

As part of the conversion training, members have been flying missions with the active duty.

Tech. Sgt. Lester Hirano and I, both newly qualified C-17 loadmasters and former C-130 crew members, spent three weeks with the 62nd Airlift Wing flying missions in and out of Iraq. The missions were long and tiresome, but it gave us a really good training platform.

The highlight of the mission was a surprise visit to Egypt, where the crew received a day off and toured Cairo and the pyramids. Climbing on the pyramids and seeing the Sphinx in person was awesome. We really lucked out by being able to take the short break and experience riding camels and climbing pyramids.

Hirano, a city building inspector, and I, a state firefighter, flew a total of six combat sorties in Iraq. It was the first time in my flying career that I was running the combat entry checklist and putting on my body armor for real. It was a bit unnerving; but, falling back on my training, I was confident in my actions.

We were proud to serve our country and represent Hawaii in the Middle East. It gave us appreciation of what life is like in the desert and what so many of our fellow National Guard members are going through in various areas throughout the Middle East. The deployment makes you feel that you are a part of something much larger. We were helping with the war effort and not just watching it from the sidelines. We were able to go in-country and put to use all that we learned during our training.

Other 204 AS members continue to fly in and out of Iraq and Afghanistan to train as well as to support the war on terrorism.

Our 204 AS has a rich history of representing the HIANG and the U. S. Air Force around the world. Its future will be different, but just as important, as the active duty and Guard work together to successfully meet any and all missions that arrive with the C-17 Globemaster.

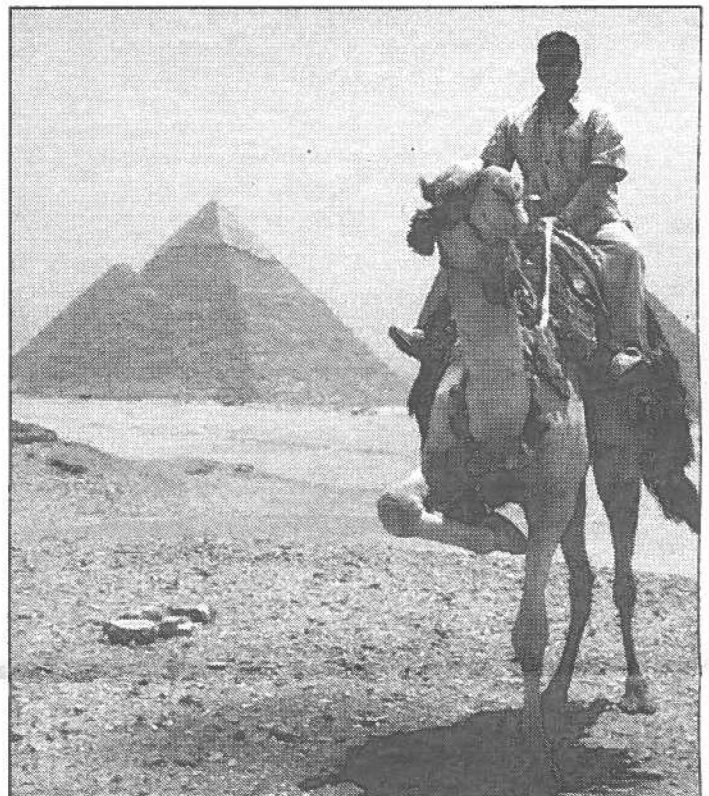
The first of the eight aircraft we are scheduled to receive is due to arrive at Hickam Air Force Base in early 2006.



Courtesy photo

Above - Master Sgt. Eric Daido and Tech. Sgt. Lester Hirano await their next flight with the 62nd Airlift Wing as they continue flying missions in and out of Iraq.

Right - Master Sgt. Eric Daido cruises his way through Egypt on the back of a camel.



Courtesy photo

## Security Forces: securing assets in the desert

By 1st Lt. Regina Berry

Thirteen 154th Wing members voluntarily deployed Jul. 13 to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan to support the

Global War on Terrorism by providing flightline security and protection for Air Force personnel and assets.

For eight of the airmen, this will be their first deployment to the desert.

The other five have been there before but not to Afghanistan. "As with each deployment you got to adjust to your surroundings," said Master Sergeant William Makaneole III, 455th Expeditionary Security Force Squadron, operations superintendent. "And since this is everyone's first time being deployed to Afghanistan it's no different."

Our biggest challenges here are the obvious, Improvised Explosive Devices and land mines. ...hundreds of them are still being found, and that's just on base, said Makaneole who deployed previously to Dhahran and Prince Sultan Air Base.

"We also get involved in some off base security stuff like the Adopt A Village program, where we provide security as members of the Air Base here hand out donated items to the local school and village elders," said Makaneole.

Since the Global War on Terrorism has begun, the integration of active duty, reserve and guard has continued to reinforce the Total Force Policy. Makaneole and his crew are experiencing this firsthand as members of the 455 ESFS.

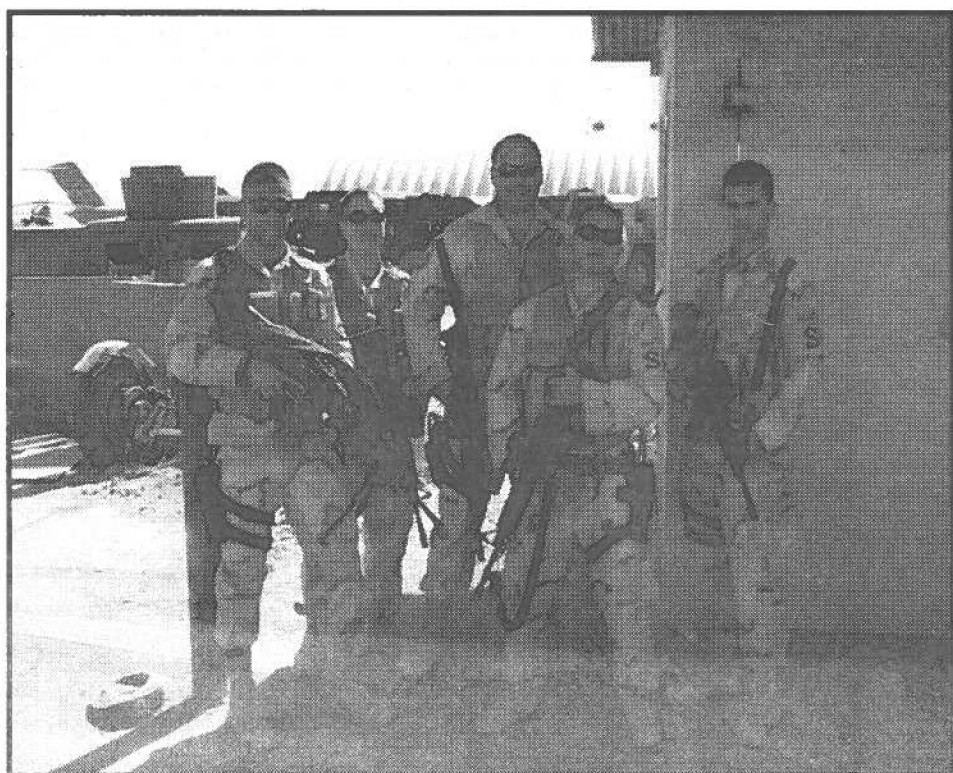
The Hawaii Air Guardsmen are completely integrated with the active duty Air Force. "As the operations superintendent, I think I'm lucky to have these guys working for me during this six month rotation, I'm referring to both the active duty and my guard guys. It makes my job a whole lot easier."

### Security Forces: keeping busy

The 154th Security Forces deployed a total of 65 personnel to five locations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The tours are lasting from 60 days to 179 days.

A majority of these individuals have deployed for Noble Eagle and for Tsunami Relief earlier this year.

In preparation for these deployments, personnel were sent to Commando Warrior in Korea and to Silver Flag in Nevada to refine their Air Base Ground Defense skills.



Members of the 154th Wing in Afghanistan. From left to right: Senior Amn. Christopher Ulu, Staff Sgt. Kalani Kaikala, Master Sgt. William Makaneole, Staff Sgt. Robert Kim, and Senior Amn. Parrish Sinn.

Courtesy photo



# State workers go above and beyond for Guard troops

By Shelly Ichishita

As August came to a close, marking the halfway point of the 29th Brigade Combat Team's deployment, several State Maintenance workers were acknowledged for their support of the troops fighting the war against terrorism. Severino Bautista, Eddie Tangonan, John Kahue, SurJohn Carbonell, Gene Naipo Jr., and Dante Gapusan were recognized in a luncheon at the State Maintenance building at Fort Ruger and in a book entitled *1000 Shining Stars*.

*1000 Shining Stars* was published by the Governor's office to thank the government employees who have made significant contributions to the State of Hawaii.

Bautista, Tangonan, Kahue, Carbonell, Naipo, and Gapusan's contribution was the creation of wooden flag display cases given to returning Hawaii Air National Guardsmen in Freedom Salute ceremonies. They produced more than 40 display cases in only four working days.

In recognition of their hard work, Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee, adjutant general for the State Dept. of Defense, hosted a luncheon at Building 90. He presented the workers with a copy of *1000 Shining Stars* and a coin. Brig. Gen. Gary Ishikawa, Deputy Adjutant General for the State Dept. of Defense, also gave coins to the men being honored.

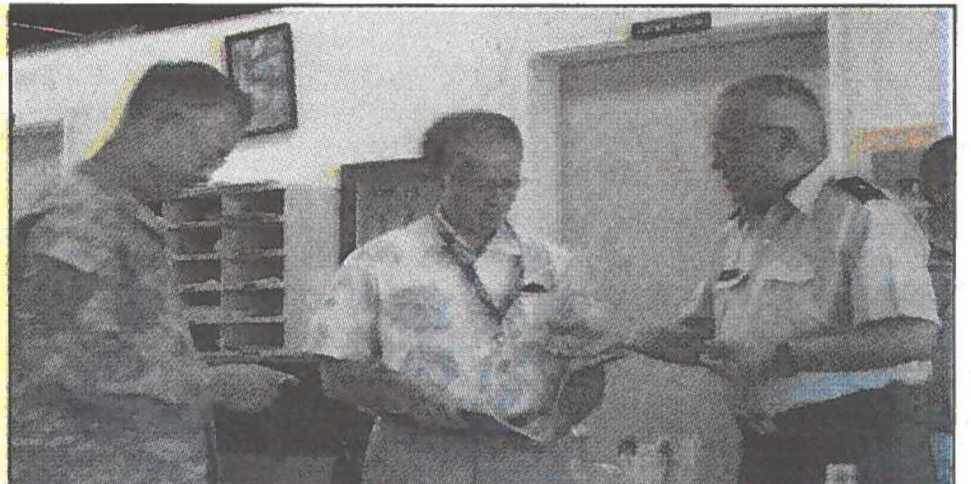


ABOVE - Mr. Severino Bautista, a State maintenance worker, receives a certificate of recognition from Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee as Brig. Gen. Gary Ishikawa looks on.

BELOW LEFT - Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee thanks Eddie Tangonan with a hand shake for his efforts supporting the troops.

BELOW RIGHT - Brig. Gen. Gary Ishikawa explains the concept behind the 1,000 Shining Stars booklet to Col. (ret) James Townsend. The booklet was published in appreciation of government employees who contributed to the State of Hawaii.

Photos by Shelly Ichishita



# Girl Scouts send cookies and aloha to the troops

By James Young

With six lines of volunteers working feverishly while the Little League Baseball Championship game was being shown on television, volunteers from the Family Readiness Groups (FRG) and about 50 Girl Scouts and their leaders packed 423 U.S. Postal flat rate boxes.

Each box contained seven boxes of donated cookies and letters from Girl Scouts across Hawaii. In a little over two hours, 2,951 boxes of cookies were ready for shipment to the deployed units in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan.

The Girl Scouts, through Operation Girl Scout Cookies, sold an estimated 7,000 boxes of cookies for Hawaii's deployed troops.

"This is the third year that Girl Scouts have shipped out cookies to troops stationed overseas," said Tammy Yamanoha, Girl Scout director of communications.

"This is a joint effort by both the Girl Scouts who provided the cookies and the Hawaii National Guard and Family Readiness Group who are paying the postage, an estimated \$3,000," said Capt. K. Mark Takai, Hawaii Army National Guard.



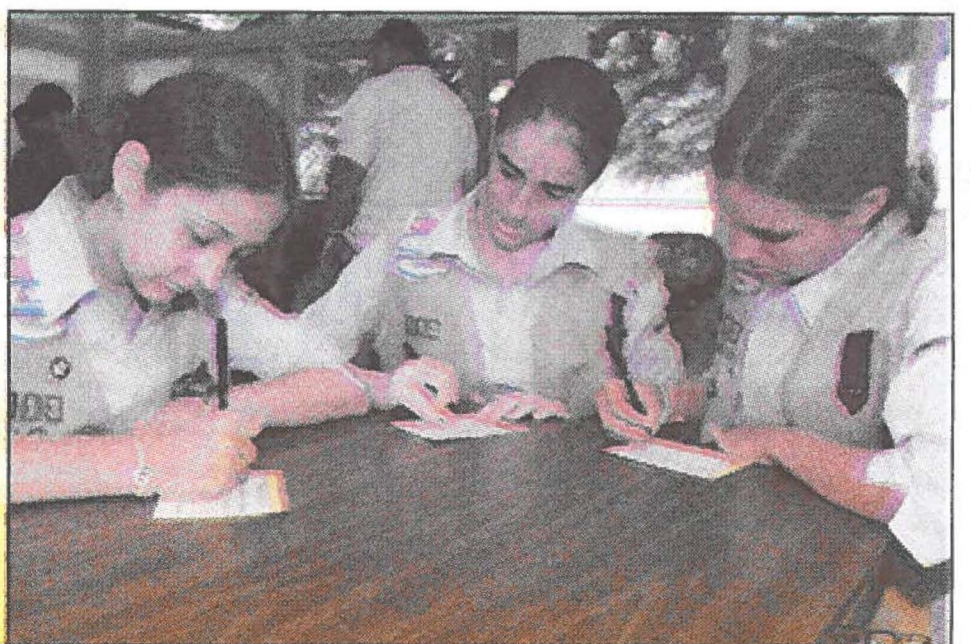
Spc. Val Sebala of the 2/299th Infantry helps out while on leave from Iraq.

Photo by James Young



Members of the Family Readiness Group ready boxes of cookies for shipping.

Photo by James Young



L-R: Alexandra Makk, Tanaya Thomas, and Jody Robinson write letters to the troops.

Photo by James Young



# Hickam Air Force Base C-17s start to take shape

By Gina Vanatter  
(Boeing)

In a colorful ceremony sprinkled with Hawaiian tradition, the four major sections for Hickam Air Force Base's first C-17 were joined Friday, Aug. 19 in the Long Beach, Calif., factory where the giant airlifter is assembled. "We're amazed at the effort and dedication it takes to put this airplane together," said Major General Robert Lee, adjutant general of the State of Hawaii and the commander of the Hawaii National Guard. "The industrial might of the United States of America is alive and well in the C-17 workforce in Long Beach."

About 500 Boeing employees, as well as a large delegation of civic and military leaders from Honolulu were on hand for the event. Major join is a significant milestone in the aircraft's assembly, as it's the first time the C-17 actually looks like an airplane.

When delivered in January 2006, the aircraft will be the U.S. Air Force's 146th C-17, and the first based outside of the continental United States. "We would welcome as many Boeing employees as possible to come to Honolulu for our delivery next year," said Lee, drawing boisterous applause from employees. "We want to return your hospitality."

The celebration aircraft is the first of eight C-17s destined for Hickam. The seven C-17s that follow it will arrive in Honolulu approximately every three to four weeks – until the squadron is complete in mid-2006.

The base's C-17s are the first of 16 destined for the Pacific Air Forces. The other eight will go to Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska, beginning in 2007.

Maj. Gen. Edward A. Rice, Jr., said the C-17's



The first C-17 scheduled to arrive at Hickam AFB in early February, begins to take shape after a major join ceremony Aug. 19, at the Boeing facility in Long Beach, Calif. The ceremony, in which the wings are attached to the body of the aircraft, is the first time the C-17 looks like its finished product. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Kristen Higgins

long-range capabilities will address one of the Pacific Air Forces' biggest challenges – spanning 14 time zones. What he called "the tyranny of distance."

Rice, commander of 13th Air Force, based in Guam, and part of the Pacific Air Forces, described the C-17 as "the centerpiece of our transformation. The C-17s are going to set the pace for the rest of the Air Force," he said.

Hickam's new C-17s will be jointly operated by the Air Force's 15th Airlift Wing, and the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Wing. It's a unique arrangement that marks the first time C-17s will be delivered to an organization outside Air Mobility Command. Hawaii's C-17s will be under the jurisdiction of the Pacific Air Forces, headquartered at Hickam.

Brig. Gen. Peter Pawling, commander of the 154 WG, based at Hickam, presented the C-17 workforce with an outrigger paddle – a symbolic connection between the Boeing employees and the soon-to-be users of the aircraft. The paddle



Ron Marcotte, VP, Airlift and Tanker Programs, and Jacki Harris, president of the United Aerospace Workers Local 148, show off the paddle given by the Hawaiian delegation as a gift to the C-17 workforce.

Photo by Gina Vanatter

is made of koa wood.

"Like the aircraft, koa symbolizes strength, quality and durability," said Pawling. "All of you are the paddle builders and we want to thank you."

## ESGR-HI: Employers, experiencing the C-17

By Leighton Siu

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) is a Department of Defense organization. We provide free education, consultation and if necessary, mediation for civilian employers of Guard and reserve members. ESGR's goal is to support America's employers who share their employees with the nation to ensure our national security.

The ESGR-HI committee sponsored a "Bosslift" to visit the Boeing C-17 assembly plant in Long Beach, the U.S. Coast Guard Station Los Angeles sector, and the March Air Reserve Base in California.

The bosslift took place Aug. 18-20. Thirty-six employers, civic leaders, key National Guard leaders, and ESGR committee members were in attendance to witness the different stages of assembly of Hawaii's own C-17 aircraft.

The assembly was marked with a "Major Join" ceremony. During this special ceremony, the wings of one of the first C-17s scheduled to come to Hickam Air Force Base, were attached.

The Aloha spirit was strong at the assembly plant as members of the Hawaii representatives took part in the ceremony. Hawaii Army National Guard's retired Master Sgt. Raymond Ganotise did the Hawaiian blessing in traditional Hawaiian style. Employees of the Boeing plant with Hawaiian attire to include leis were in attendance. It was a chicken-skin event.

The agenda also took us to the U.S. Coast Guard Station Los Angeles sector which has the enormous task of providing homeland security for the Los Angeles sea ports.



ALONG FOR THE RIDE— Brigadier General Peter Pawling runs through a simulated C-17 flight while employers look on. Photo by Tech Sgt. Kristen Higgins

To cap off the bosslift, was a visit to March Air Reserve Base where the group had an opportunity to get into and control a C-17 flight simulator. Talk about a Disney ride!

As the bosslift came to a close, the employers and civic leaders took away an appreciative and supportive experience of our Guard and reserve members.



# Lunch with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs

By Carswell J. Ross, Jr.

Aug. 24, 2005, Gov. Linda Lingle hosted a luncheon for James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Nicholson was in Honolulu to address the estimated 13,000 members of the American Legion attending the 87th National Convention at the Honolulu Convention Center. The Governor invited Hawaii's veteran organization leaders to Washington Place to meet the Secretary and to enjoy lunch hosted by her and representatives from the Department of Defense and the Office of Veterans Services. Eighty leaders from the veteran community joined the Governor at this event.

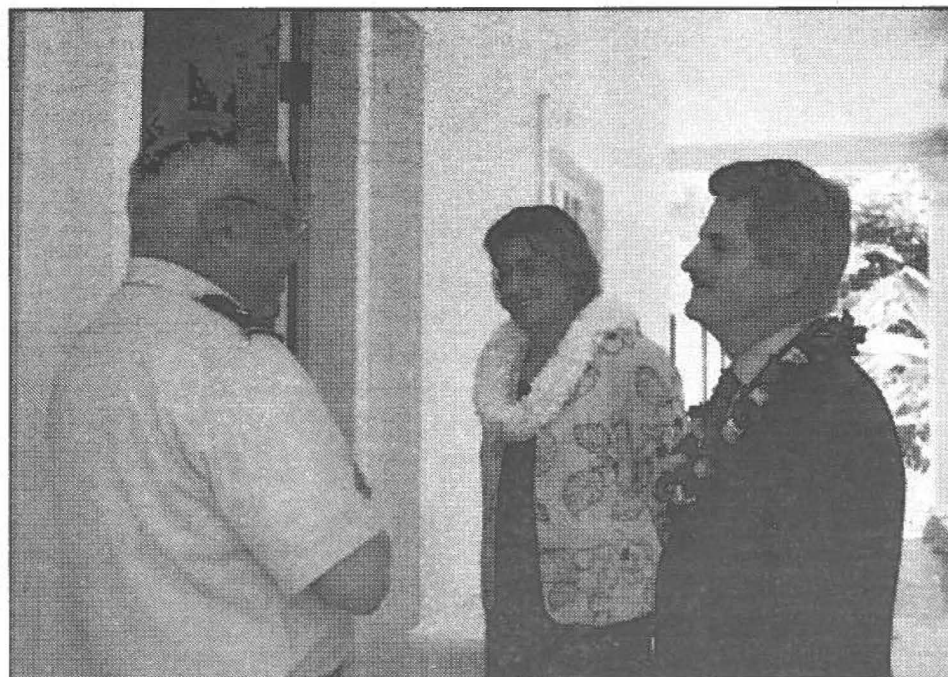
Secretary R. James "Jim" Nicholson was nominated by President George W. Bush to serve as secretary of Veterans Affairs on Dec. 9, 2004, and was unanimously confirmed by the Senate on Jan. 26, 2005. He was sworn into office on Feb. 1, 2005.

As Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Nicholson is the principal advocate for veterans in the U.S. government, ensuring that they receive the care, support, recognition and dignity they deserve for their service to our country. He directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the federal government's second largest Cabinet Department, and is responsible for a nationwide system of health care services, benefits programs, and national cemeteries for America's veterans and dependents.

With a budget of more than \$69 billion for fiscal year 2005, VA employs approximately 230,000 people at hundreds of VA medical centers, clinics, nursing homes, benefits offices, and national cemeteries throughout the country. In Hawaii the VA benefits and medical services buildings are located on the grounds of Tripler Army Medical Center and the Spark M. Matsunaga Medical Facility. The National Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl, is located within the City and County of Honolulu on Puowaina Drive.

At the luncheon, Nicholson shared that the sacred mission of the VA has not changed. It is rooted in President Abraham Lincoln's 1865 promise to "care

for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan." He continued, "As a new generation of combat heroes returns home, they now turn to the VA for health care, disability compensation, home loan guarantees, educational assistance and other earned benefits, we continue our commitment to Lincoln's promise." The group gave Nicholson's words an arousing endorsement of applause. During picture taking, individual veterans had an opportunity to share their comments with the secretary. Many thanked the Governor for making it possible to meet the secretary and interact with leaders of the veteran community.



Secretary Nicholson, Gov. Lingle, and Brig. Gen. Ishikawa meet at the entrance to Washington Place. Photo by Shelly Ichishita

## Company B (AVIM), 193rd Aviation (Forward 2) Freedom Salute

By James Young and 1st Lt. Regina Berry

Soldiers and family members of Bravo Company, 193rd Aviation Regiment were publicly honored Jul. 9 at the Pearl City High School auditorium during a Freedom Salute Ceremony recognizing their participation in Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Freedom Salute Ceremony is one of the largest Army National Guard recognition endeavors in history. It is designed to publicly acknowledge Army Guard soldiers who have supported Operation Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. It also recognizes family members and employers who have supported the soldiers during ONE, OEF, and OIF.

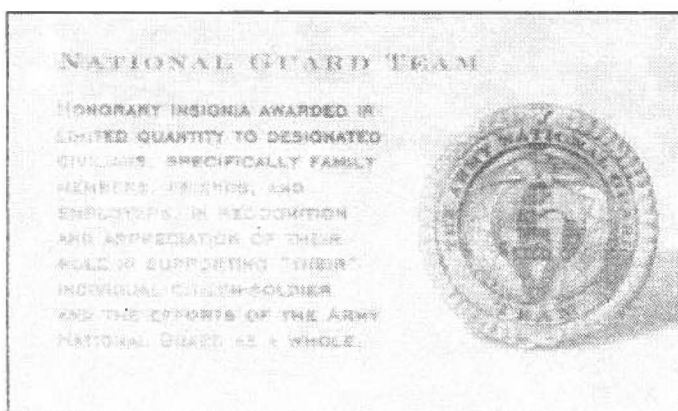
At the ceremony, the soldiers were presented with an American Flag in a wooden display case, a special commemorative coin, a "Defender of Freedom" certificate and a set of lapel pins for the soldier and spouse.

The lapel pins, which represent the soldier's selfless service and the spouses tremendous support are presented during a special pinning ceremony, where the soldier and spouse are able to pin the lapel pins on one another.

May 2004, the Bravo Company, 193rd Aviation Regiment was joined by Army Guardsmen from Arizona, California and our own Charlie Company, 25th Aviation forming the Forward 2. The Forward 2 deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan under the command of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) providing invaluable aviation maintenance for the UH-60 Blackhawk, CH-47 Chinook, AH-64 Apache, and OH-58 Kiowa helicopters as part of Task Force Diamond Head.

While deployed, they processed over 4,700 work orders which resulted in an additional 27,000 flying hours. This is the highest amount of work orders and additional flying hours by any unit that has been deployed. They also participated in five Downed Aircraft Recovery Team (DART) missions.

All soldiers of Forward 2 returned home safely in Apr. 2005.



Outstanding Center of Influence Award presented to Mr. Marl Recktenwald and Staff Director, State of Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs by Brig. Gen. Vern Miyagi.



Pinning ceremony - Staff Sgt. Glenn L. Alana Sr., along with his son Spc. Glenn L. Alana Jr., "pinning" Mrs. Alana.



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 Sgt. Sonny M. Dulay, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (1st OLC)  
 Sgt. Joaquin C. Favela, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (1st OLC)  
 Sgt. Steven B. Flores, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (1st OLC)  
 Sgt. Gerard K. Frederick, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Sgt. Keola A. Fuiava, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Sgt. Earnest Hapenny, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Sgt. Kekaha M. Kaneshiro, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Sgt. Ira C. Kekaulua, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (1st OLC)  
 Sgt. Ireno R. Lacerma, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (2nd OLC)  
 Sgt. Michael P. Laciste, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Sgt. Stacy N. Lewis, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (2nd OLC)  
 Sgt. Daniel A. Lopez, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)

Sgt. Mark M.B. Mabut, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Sgt. Godfrey A. Manera, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (2nd OLC)  
 Sgt. Armando Martinez, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
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 Sgt. Danny B. Rivera, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Sgt. Michael A. Rodriguez, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Sgt. Trinidad Rodriguez Jr., Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
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 Sgt. Garrick M. Shimabukuro, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Sgt. John P. Smith, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (4th OLC)  
 Sgt. Kalei K. Stephens, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Sgt. Shane M. Townes, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
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 Spc. Melchor K. Bontog, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
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 Spc. Lowen K. Cabuag, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Marigold E. Casarino, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
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 Spc. Frederick T. Dona, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. John B. Dubrovin Jr., Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
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 Spc. Solomon K. Ho, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Barrett T. Ishida, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)

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 Spc. Joseph V. Iyeko, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
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 Spc. Thomas G. Kaiawe II, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
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 Spc. Richard F. Lindley, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Nathaniel Luff, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Tiffany U. Lum, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)

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 Spc. Mark D. Malicdem, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. James T. Manuel, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (1st OLC)  
 Spc. Felimon P. Marcos, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (1st OLC)  
 Spc. Mervin I. Marzan, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Charles S. Maves, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Kevin B. Meno, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
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 Spc. Molly S. Murphy, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Garrett T. Nishihara, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. John R. Northcutt, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Donnelly M. Paishon, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Daniel W. Park, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Darin K.K. Patoilolo, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Bernard C. Pigao, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
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 Spc. Samuel Polmal Jr., Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Philbroux E. Richardson, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Lance K. Rivera, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Jesse Rodriguez Jr., Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Moses Rodriguez, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. William Rose, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (2nd OLC)  
 Spc. Robert Saludaes, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Andrew E. Salvador, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Bill M. Sapolu, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Roxanne M. Shim, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Damien K. Shriniski, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Ronald Spencer Jr., Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Ruffy J. Stephen, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Teofilo Tabula, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Jason N. Takano, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Craig K. Takenaka, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Darren S. Tamashiro, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Daniel L.H. Tapoan, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Jon T. Tomishima, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Dwayne K. Torres, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Karen A. Tripp, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Dedic T. Trow, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)

Spc. Drew P. Yamamoto, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Jeremy M. Yee, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Ryan K.M. Yokoi, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Spc. Melveen K. Young, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
 Private 1st Class Colin C.C. Miyamoto, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)

**Air Force Commendation Medal**  
 1st Lt. Christie T.A. Wilson  
 Tech. Sgt. Narissa N. Hanley  
 Tech. Sgt. Patrick Y. Kina  
 Senior Amn. Colyn A. Funakoshi

**Army Achievement Medal**  
 Capt. David H. Kikau, HHC, Asslt, 299th Inf (3rd OLC)  
 2nd Lt. Bryan E. Ikei, 29th CS Bn SIB Rear  
 2nd Lt. Phoebechelo P. Inigo, Co B, 193d AVIM (1st OLC)  
 2nd Lt. Casey S. Miyamoto, 29th CS Bn, SIB Rear  
 Master Sgt. Lawrence T. Andrews, HIARNG Element, Det 1, JFHQ  
 Master Sgt. Samuel David III, HIARNG Element, Det 1, JFHQ (1st OLC)  
 Master Sgt. Lydia Ho, HQ, 298th Regiment  
 Sgt. 1st Class Don Bongo, HHC, 29th Inf, Rear Det  
 Sgt. 1st Class Robert K. Iokepa, Recruiting and Retention Division, HIARNG  
 Sgt. 1st Class Clyde M. Tabata, HHC, 2d Bn, 299th Inf (2nd OLC)  
 Sgt. 1st Class Paul Taniguchi, HIARNG Element, Det 1, JFHQ (1st OLC)  
 Staff Sgt. Clinton K. Haina Jr., HHC, 2d Bn, 299th Inf (1st OLC)  
 Staff Sgt. William Liboy, HHC, Asslt, 299th Inf (5th OLC)  
 Staff Sgt. Ken Silata, HHC, Asslt, 299th Inf (1st OLC)  
 Staff Sgt. Gary W. Silva, Co B, 2d Bn, 299th Inf (5th OLC)  
 Sgt. Barry A. Kobayashi, HHC, 2d Bn, 299th Inf  
 Sgt. Quintin K. Quinories, HHC, 2d Bn, 299th Inf (3rd OLC)  
 Sgt. Lucio Ramos, Co B, 2d Bn, 299th Inf (2nd OLC)  
 Sgt. Tony K. Tolentino, HHC, 2d Bn, 299th Inf  
 Sgt. Mello G. Vallente, Co B, 2d Bn, 299th Inf (3rd OLC)  
 Sgt. Earl J. Ventura, HHC, 2d Bn, 299th Inf (2nd OLC)

299th Inf (2nd OLC)  
 Spc. Peter H. Angeleo, Co B, 2d Bn, 299th Inf (1st OLC)  
 Spc. Daniel J. Bulgarin, HHC, 29th Inf, Rear Det  
 Spc. Bradley Dees, HQ, 298th Regt.  
 Spc. Brian P. Howdeshell, HHC, 2d Bn, 299th Inf  
 Spc. Melissa Knox, HHC, 29th Inf (Rear Det) (1st OLC)  
 Spc. Micah K. Marzo, HHC, 2d Bn, 299th Inf  
 Spc. Marcelino G. Palafox, Co B, 2d Bn, 299th Inf  
 Spc. Fred B. Pira, Co B, 2d Bn, 299th Inf (2nd OLC)  
 Spc. Ronald A. Puaala, HHC, Asslt, 299th Inf (2nd OLC)  
 Spc. Mark A. Sammon, Co C, 299th Inf, Rear  
 Spc. Bryson A. Toma, HHC, 2d Bn, 299th Inf (1st OLC)  
 Spc. Reymund Transfiguration, Co B, 2d Bn, 299th Inf  
 Private 1st Class Bryson J. Amaral, HHSB 1st Bn, 487th FA, Rear Det  
 Private 1st Class Bridget R. Manupule, HHC, 29th Inf, Rear Det  
 Private Barney J. Ho, HHC, 29th Inf, Rear Det  
 Private Logan I. Luta, Co B, 2d Bn, 299th Inf

**Air Force Achievement Medal**  
 Maj. Gary W. Teed (1st OLC), 154 CES  
 Capt. Henry C. Kaufman Jr. (1st OLC), 154 SVF  
 2nd Lt. Matthew H. Masuyama, 154 MSF  
 Senior Master Sgt. Mark W. Coulbourne (2nd OLC), 154 SVF  
 Senior Master Sgt. Ethan T. Toyama (4th OLC), 154 CF  
 Senior Master Sgt. David L. Wilkinson (2nd OLC), 154 LRS  
 Master Sgt. Glenda M. Buis (1st OLC), 154 MSG  
 Master Sgt. Ray G. Duropan (1st OLC), 154 SFS  
 Master Sgt. Alvin J. Fritz (1st OLC), 154 LRS  
 Master Sgt. Gregory J. Pelayre (1st OLC), 154 CF  
 Master Sgt. Jamie D. Smith (1st OLC), 154 CES  
 Master Sgt. Roselina B. Vendiola (2nd OLC), 154 MSF  
 Tech. Sgt. Robert J. Carvalho (2nd OLC), 154 CF  
 Tech. Sgt. Richard W. Costa (2nd OLC), 154 MSF

Tech. Sgt. Jan K. Derego (3rd OLC), 154 LRS  
 Tech. Sgt. Wendy M. Durupan (1st OLC), 154 MSF  
 Tech. Sgt. Joaddie A. Gionson (2nd OLC), 154 LRS  
 Tech. Sgt. Kristen M. Higgins (2nd OLC), 154 CF  
 Tech. Sgt. Dodie S. Pagaoa, 154 SVF  
 Tech. Sgt. Henry D. Roberts (3rd OLC), 154 CES  
 Staff Sgt. David R. Adriano, 154 LRS  
 Staff Sgt. Danny K. Ardo (1st OLC), 154 MXS  
 Staff Sgt. Mysti A. Bicoy (1st OLC), 154 CF  
 Staff Sgt. David C. Lacuata  
 Staff Sgt. Kristie M. Rivera, 154 SVF  
 Staff Sgt. Beau K. Sabagala (1st OLC), 154 MSF  
 Staff Sgt. Darryl Y. Wasada (1st OLC), 154 LRS  
 Senior Amn. Shirlene V. Cardenas, 154 LRS  
 Senior Amn. Andrew L. Jackson, 154 CF  
 Senior Amn. Jenny R. McChesney, 154 SVF  
 Senior Amn. Noah K. Raymond, 154 CES  
 Senior Amn. Michael N. Sisounthone, 154 SVF

**Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal**  
 Edwin Hayashi, Stadium Manager, Aloha Stadium  
 Kenney Lum, Deputy Manager, Aloha Stadium  
 Eugene Tokuhama, Events Manager, Aloha Stadium  
 Scott Chan, Assistant Events Manager, Aloha Stadium  
 Engelbert Garcia, Parking and Traffic Control Supervisor, Aloha Stadium  
 Maj. Glen M. Nakamura, 154th Op. Support Flt.  
 Maj. Kurt S. Shigeta, 154 OSF  
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 1st Lt. Paul T. Maedo, 154 AGS  
 2nd Lt. Darrel C. Onizuka, 199th WF  
 Senior Master Sgt. Mark W. Coulbourne, 154 SVF  
 Master Sgt. Robert L. Bothelho, 292 CBCS  
 Master Sgt. Gregory K. Ng, 154 AGS  
 Tech. Sgt. Daniel R. Hahni, 292 CBCS  
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# Awards and Recognition



**TAG AWARDS (LEFT TO RIGHT)** -- Jimmy Byington, Emmy Grambush, Tammy Makizui-Higa, and John Yap wait for the 2005 recipient of the Adjutant General's award to be announced at the Dept. of Defense Awards and Retirement Luncheon held on Sept. 2, 2005. Brig. Gen. Gary M. Ishikawa waits in the background to present the award for the Adjutant General. John Yap was the 2005 winner.  
Photo by Shelly Ichishita



**FIRST OF A KIND (LEFT TO RIGHT)** -- Governor Linda Lingle, Brig. Gen. Kathleen Berg, Dr. Stephen Berg, and Senior Master Sgt. Bridget Komine, recruiting and retention superintendent at the pinning of Brig. Gen. Berg at the State Capitol on Aug. 29, 2005. Brig. Gen. Kathleen Berg is the first female flag officer in the Hawaii National Guard. She serves as the acting Chief of Staff for Headquarters Hawaii Air National Guard and is the associate director of the Curriculum Research & Development Group of the College of Education at the University of Hawaii at Manoa in her civilian profession.  
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## Meritorious Service Medal

Lt. Col. Anson M. Kimura, 1st Bn, 298th Regt.  
Lt. Col. Keith P. Kunichika (1st OLC)  
Lt. Col. William C. Ladd (1st OLC)  
Lt. Col. Galen R. Yoshimoto (1st OLC)  
Major Joseph C. Laurel, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Capt. Christopher K. Kerr, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Capt. David M. Reid, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Capt. Jared I. Sproat, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Capt. Joseph O. Tolentino, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
1st Lt. Johnny J. Wandasan, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Chief Warrant Officer Charles C. Cantu, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Chief Warrant Officer Chaucey O. Dixon, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Chief Warrant Officer Michael W. Escueta, Co B, 1-168 AVN (AASLT) (1st OLC)  
Chief Warrant Officer Timothy K. Hurley, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Chief Warrant Officer Oliver R. Kaloi, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (1st OLC)  
Chief Warrant Officer John E. Sharkey, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Chief Warrant Officer Michael E. Vidrick, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Chief Warrant Officer George M. Yonamine, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (2nd OLC)  
Chief Warrant Officer Lincoln M. Ishii, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Chief Warrant Officer Wayne Y. Umeda, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Chief Warrant Officer William G. Willingham, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Chief Warrant Officer Gary S. Adkins, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)

Chief Warrant Officer John Cox, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Chief Warrant Officer Jeffrey J. Herbert, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
1st Sgt. John Y. Gollero, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
1st Sgt. Kazuhiko Sunabe, 111th Army Band  
1st Sgt. Wallace K. Yoshida, G1, JFHQ, HIARNG (1st OLC)  
Senior Master Sgt. Ivan M. Mineshima  
Master Sgt. Ben Y. Madeira, Recruiting and Retention Division, HIARNG  
Sgt. 1st Class Roland A. Abregano, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Sgt. 1st Class James E. Burkhardt, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Sgt. 1st Class Mark M. Furutani, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Sgt. 1st Class Francis J. Hapenny, RTSM  
Sgt. 1st Class Larry M. Hara, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Sgt. 1st Class Marshall G. Harvest, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Sgt. 1st Class Rayce O. Inamine, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Sgt. 1st Class Andrew E. Mayes, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey J. Nagun, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (1st OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Michael C. Pray, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Sgt. 1st Class Markapollo M. Santamaria, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Master Sgt. Jamie D. Smith  
Master Sgt. Wallace I. Tasaka  
Sgt. 1st Class Tigilau S. Vaoifi, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Sgt. 1st Class Mark L. Victor, 1st Bn, 298th Regiment  
Sgt. 1st Class Vernon I. Watanabe, G1, JFHQ, HIARNG  
Staff Sgt. Albert L. Akiona III, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)

Staff Sgt. Bruce P. Race, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Staff Sgt. Gray D. Sarver, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Staff Sgt. Robert L. Shuford, DCSIM, HIARNG Element, JFHQ  
Staff Sgt. David K. Vanburen, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)

## Army Commendation Medal

Capt. David H. Kikau, HHC, Asslt, 299th Inf  
Capt. Jill F.J. Trahan, Chief of Staff, HIARNG (2nd OLC)  
Officer Candidate Todd T. Yukutake, HIARNG Element (-), JFHQ (1st OLC)  
Chief Warrant Officer Warrnee P. Bagay, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (1st OLC)  
Chief Warrant Officer Martin Esposito, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Chief Warrant Officer Carlton Y. Eto, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (2nd OLC)  
Chief Warrant Officer Steven W. Froeschle, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Chief Warrant Officer Clyde K. Pelekai Jr., Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Chief Warrant Officer Samuel D. Preston III, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (1st OLC)  
Chief Warrant Officer Elmer Somera, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Master Sgt. Justin J.L. Fo, G1, JFHQ, HIARNG (3rd OLC)  
Master Sgt. Calvin K. Okamoto, G1, JFHQ, HIARNG (2nd OLC)  
Master Sgt. Michael A. Samson, HHC, Asslt, 299th Inf (3rd OLC)  
Master Sgt. Richard T. Tanaka, HQ Det, HIARNG (2nd OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Dean M. Hiramoto, HQ Det, HIARNG (4th OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class David Aponte, G1, JFHQ, HIARNG (5th OLC)

Sgt. 1st Class Vilisoni Kotobalavu, HQ, 298th Regiment (5th OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Monica M. Montayre, G1, JFHQ, HIARNG (3rd OLC)  
Sgt. 1st Class Calvin T. Okazaki, G1, JFHQ, HIARNG (2nd OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Timothy P. Alencastre, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Staff Sgt. Daniel Alvarez, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Staff Sgt. Robert G. Alviar, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (2nd OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Andrew J. Berky, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Staff Sgt. Normilo L. Cabucana, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Staff Sgt. Kevin J. Cavanagh, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (1st OLC)

Staff Sgt. Romeo C. Corpuz, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Staff Sgt. Eric T. Cristomo, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (1st OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Harlan N. Fujioka, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Staff Sgt. Felix R. Jaralba, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Staff Sgt. William M. Kapua, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (1st OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Thomas M.L. Kualii, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Staff Sgt. Vaosa Lesu, HQ Det, HIARNG (2nd OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Jacob L.K. Magarro, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (2nd OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Keith I. Nakahara, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Staff Sgt. Scott D. Nakamura, HQ Det, HIARNG (2nd OLC)  
Staff Sgt. Eric T. Ogata, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (1st OLC)

Staff Sgt. Richard L. Pratt, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (1st OLC)  
Staff Sgt. William G. Rogers, Co C, 193d AVN (HH)  
Staff Sgt. Rueben C. Sabog, Co C, 193d AVN (HH) (1st OLC)  
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# 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. Most Army Guard units perform their annual training (AT) in July.

	Nov	Dec	Jan
<b>Hawaii Army National Guard</b>			
HHD, Joint Forces HQ	5-6	3-4	7-8
298th Regional Training Institute	5-6	3-4	7-8
29th Brigade Combat Team	<b>Forward deployed</b>		
103rd Troop Command	19-20	3-4	7-8
12th Personnel Service Det.	6-7	3-4	7-8
25th Infantry Division, D-ROC	19-20	3-4	7-8
111th Army Band	18, 19, 20	3-4	9, 23, 30
117th Mobile Public Aff. Det.	<b>Forward deployed</b>		
298th Engineer Det.	<b>Forward deployed</b>		
297th Firefighting Team	<b>Forward deployed</b>		
Co. B, 193rd Aviation	5-6	3-4	7-8
Co. C, 193rd Aviation	4-6	3-4	9, 23, 30
<b>Hawaii Air National Guard</b>			
HQ, Hawaii Air National Guard	5-6	3-4	7-8
154th Wing	5-6	3-4	7-8
201st Combat Communications Group	5-6	3-4	7-8