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Calendar

April 9, Sunday

Co. B (-), 2d Bn -299th IN Freedom Salute (Big Island)

April 14, Friday

Good Friday, State holiday.

April 22, Saturday

Freedom Salute (Molokai)

April 23, Sunday

Co. C, 2d Bn -299th IN Freedom Salute (Maui)

April 30, Sunday

HHC, 2d Bn 299th IN & 227th EN Det Freedom Salute (Big Island)

May 6, Saturday

Welcome Home Parade at Fort DeRussy

May 13, Saturday

Co. A (-), 2d Bn 299th IN Freedom Salute (Kauai)

May 20, Saturday

1st Bn, 487th FA Freedom Salute (Oahu)

May 21, Sunday

227th EN, Co. D, 2d Bn, 299th IN & attached platoons Freedom Salute (Oahu)

May 29, Monday

Memorial Day, federal and State holiday observed.

June 3, Saturday

29th Spt. Bn Freedom Salute (Oahu)

June 4, Sunday

HHC, 29th SIB & 229th MI Co Freedom Salute (Oahu)

227th and Hiki No come home

By Shelly Ichishita

The arrival of soldiers from the 227th Engineer Detachment and the 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (Hiki No) Monday Dec. 5 at 11:30p.m. marked the return of the first large group of soldiers attached to the 29th Brigade Combat Team.

The 227th and 487th soldiers arrived from Kuwait, where they spent 11 months supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. They left Hawaii in October 2004 and deployed to Iraq and Kuwait in January 2005.

The 1/487th FA soldiers were cross-trained in Infantry before leaving Hawaii being assigned to security roles at several military locations in Kuwait, notably as part of Area

Support Group Kuwait.

As part of ASG Kuwait the 487th provided security for Kuwait Naval Base and Seaport of Debarcation.

The 227th Combat Engineer Company was split, with the company attached to ASG Kuwait and one squad assigned to Logistics Support Anaconda (LSA). The 227th soldiers provided security at the base entry control points and some of the guard towers.

Spc. Apenisa Tuisavura poses with his wife and son at the Dec. 5th homecoming of the 227th Engineer Detachment and the 1st Battalion/487th Field Artillery.

Sgt. 1st Class Wayne Iha photo.



HIARNG transformation

By 1st Lt. Regina Berry

With the return of our Hawaii Army National Guard troops, the Hawaii Army National Guard will begin transformation as part of the Department of the Army's efforts to more efficiently fight today's war.

"The HIARNG transformation is part of the overall transformation of the Army into brigade based modular units that facilitate rapid deployment, flexible force packaging and joint capabilities," said Brig. Gen. Vern Miyagi, Hawaii Army National Guard commander.

"All of the Army National Guard brigade combat teams are undergoing this transformation upon return from deployments to Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom," added Brig. Gen. Miyagi.

Some of the most significant changes to occur during the HIARNG transformation will be the reorganization of the 29th Brigade Combat Team, the reorganization of the aviation units and the addition of new units in the HIARNG.

HIARNG transformation chart

Current	Future
29th Brigade Combat Team	29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Unit of Action)
- 29th Support BN	- Brigade Support BN (BSB)
- 2-299	- Reconnaissance Surveillance
Target Acquisition (RSTA) battalion	
- 1-184 (Calif.)	- 1-158 (Ariz.)
- 100-442	- same
- 1-487 Artillery BN	- Fires BN
- Separate Companies	- Separate Companies (now under the Bde Special Troops BN)
Aviation: 103rd Troop Command	
- B-193rd AVIM	- B/445th Aviation Support Battalion (subordinate detachments in Wyoming, Louisiana, and Puerto Rico)
- C-193rd Heavy Lift	- B/1-171 General Support Aviation Battalion (will retain 12 CH-47s)
- RAID	- DET 2/B/3-140 Security and Support Battalion (will have the new Light Utility Helicopter)
New Units	
- Military Police Internment Company	
- Engineer Company	
- Special Forces Unit (tentative)	

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Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee
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As we go to press, virtually all of our 29th Brigade Combat Team soldiers have redeployed from Iraq and Kuwait and are now in the process of being demobilized. It has been a momentous year and a half for our soldiers and families and we are extremely happy to have our soldiers back home. Each homecoming ceremony that I had the privilege of attending was a joyous celebration as our soldiers were reunited with family, friends and in many cases, employers, who came out to show their support. Governor Lingle, as commander-in-chief of the Hawaii National Guard, also joined us for homecoming celebrations on several occasions and was deeply moved by the events.

Now, our soldiers and their fami-

lies will be getting reacquainted and shortly, our traditional soldiers will be returning to their civilian schools and occupations. No doubt, for some soldiers, they will not be going back to the same job they had before being mobilized—not because their employer won't welcome them back, but because the soldiers will choose to pursue other interests. After having performed well in life and death situations in a combat zone, some soldiers will opt to take on even greater responsibility in their civilian workplace. That is one reason why we've begun an initiative called "Hawaii Heroes" that is intended to link up our soldiers with civilian employers who are actively looking for high-caliber performers. Employers looking for National Guard soldiers and Airmen will be listed on our website so that our traditionals will have additional job leads.

New job opportunities will not be the only changes facing our returning soldiers. The 29th Brigade Combat Team, and to a lesser extent, our HIARNG aviation assets, will be un-



Maj. Gen. Lee and Lt. Gov. Duke Aiona welcome Lt. Col. Keith Tamashiro of the 487th FA back from Iraq.

James Young photo.

dergoing some modifications. All brigade combat teams in the Army National Guard will be making changes as part of the effort to meet the force structure requirements of the Army. (see story on page one.) The 29th BCT will convert from light infantry to a Unit of Action (UA), which will make any future deployments more efficient. The changes will mean that some soldiers will need to undergo MOSQ retraining. Change is never easy, but change is sometimes necessary, but it is especially necessary when we are modernizing our military forces across the spectrum.

I'd like to conclude with a pitch for our officer and enlisted associations. The Hawaii National Guard Association (HNGA) and the Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association (HNGEA) are part of the total effort to ensure that our voice is heard at the State Legislature and in Congress. For example, the HNGA and HNGEA were instrumental in helping us all to receive an increase in the Hawaii State tax exclusion from \$1,750 to almost \$2,600 this year. It is only through strong participation in HNGA and HNGEA that our soldiers and Airmen are able to receive the recognition that is their due.

Departmental News

Avoid Gaps in TRICARE Prime Coverage

Retirees, New Enrollees Follow the '20th of the Month Rule'

By Mark Jecker
TriWest Healthcare Alliance

As his retirement date on the first of the month drew closer, Chief Petty Officer Matt Jefferson counted the days. He's glad his wife Judy did, too.

She circled the 20th of the current month on the calendar with a reminder to enroll the family for TRICARE Prime health care coverage as retirees on or before that date.

"If I hadn't remembered to renew our coverage, we would have been without Prime coverage when I hurt my leg falling off the kitchen stool," Judy said. "Although we still could have used TRICARE Standard or Extra, we would have had to pay more out of pocket."

Individuals who've been in the TRICARE system for any length of time may have heard of the "20th of the month rule" without really understanding what it means.

TRICARE's "20th of the month rule" is designed to prevent a service member's TRICARE Prime health care coverage from being interrupted, whether the military member is enrolling for the first time or reenrolling in anticipation of retirement.

TRICARE Prime coverage requires service members to complete and submit a *TRICARE Prime Enrollment Application* (available on www.TriWest.com) and the appropriate enrollment fee. Under most circumstances, the service member must submit the form and the fee on or before the 20th of the current month, so that Prime coverage will be effective on the first day of the following month.

For new enrollments, if TriWest Healthcare Alliance, the TRICARE West Region contractor, receives a new

Prime enrollment application on or before the 20th day of the month, the service member and family will be enrolled in Prime effective the first day of the following month. But, if the enrollment form and fee are received after the 20th of the month, Prime enrollment will not be effective until the first day of the second month after application is received.

For example, if the application and fee are received by TriWest on or before Feb. 20, the service member's Prime enrollment will have an effective date of March 1. If the application is received on Feb. 21 or later, that enrollment will not begin until April 1.

If an active duty service member's date of retirement falls on the first of the month (as it does for most), and he or she chooses to reenroll in Prime and returns the completed enrollment form and fee to TriWest on or before the 20th of the month preceding the retirement date, Prime coverage will begin on the first. This will help ensure continuous, no-lapse coverage for the retiree and his or her family.

If the retirement date does not fall on the first of the month, the Prime enrollment application and fee must be submitted within 30 days before the beneficiary's retirement date. That way the effective enrollment date will be the retirement date, and there will be no break in coverage.

Deployed troops "Blog" about what they want

DALLAS - Web logs, or blogs, are quickly becoming a popular pastime for many Americans, including service members deployed to Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. In fact, a Google search for military blogs returns more than 28 million results.

Many deployed bloggers are using their forums to educate Americans on

the best ways to send support from the home front to the front lines.

An Air Force Chaplain Assistant with the pen name "Airman in Iraq," wrote in a Sept. 10 posting (<http://thewann.blogspot.com/>), "I was talking to some of the chaplains about care packages. We have toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, razors and all of that stuff. At this moment, the only thing we can think of would (be) calling cards. I don't think we can have too many calling cards!"

In a Sept. 7 posting, a Soldier also serving in Iraq echoed the Airman's comments while warning of challenges phone cards purchased in the United States and sent to Iraq can present.

"I received a regular phone card in a letter from home, which was supposed to have 60 minutes or something, but with the Kuwait-U.S. charges, it turned into more like 13," the Maryland Guardsman who blogs as "Chris Whong" (<http://chris.whong.org/>) wrote. "The link (<https://thor.aafes.com/scs/default.aspx>) goes to AAFES, where you can buy the 550-unit cards for \$40, which are the best values for talk time. (AAFES usually requires you to be in the military to shop online, but they now allow you to buy phone cards for troops overseas). If any of your troops have been asking for phone cards (hint hint), these are the ones to buy."

While every service member deployed to the desert could use an extra air conditioner or refrigerator, these requests are easy to fulfill and just a click away.

"Airman in Iraq" even provided specific care-package suggestions in his Sept. 10 post. "Anything to spruce up the room," the Chaplain Assistant wrote. "Gift certificates to Subway, Pizza Hut, Burger King, if you have access to an AAFES, a gift certificate from there would be good also. So I think the best

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Wing members hold steady around-the-clock in Guam

By Lt Col Kurt Lajala, 203 ARS

The 154th Wing deployed members of their 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, 154th Maintenance Group, 154th Medical Group and 154th Mission Support Group Oct. 31 to Dec. 6 to Anderson Air Force Base, Guam, in what was the largest deployment of operations and maintenance personnel undertaken by the wing in recent history.

A total of 120 Wing members and the KC-135R Stratotanker aircraft were assigned to the 506th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron and supported the Air Mobility Command and Pacific Air Force missions as part of a Pacific Command Theater Support Package. Aircrew and maintainers operated under Contingency orders and were tasked with responding to around-the-clock missions.

The Wing "tankers" responded to a wide variety of air refueling missions and were sent to an assortment of locations.

They provided critical air refueling support to B-1 and B-2 Bombers, the E-4 National Airborne Operations Center aircraft and MC-130 Combat Talon.

Although based on Guam, the missions were to Australia, Japan, Okinawa



A 203rd Airlift Squadron KC-135 Stratotanker successfully refuels a B-2 Bomber while deployed to Anderson AFB, Guam. Courtesy photo.

and even right back home to Hawaii. Altogether, the tankers flew 206.6 hours across 43 sorties and offloaded 1,220,000 pounds of fuel and achieved a 100% mission success rate.

This deployment clearly demonstrated the *readiness* of the Hawaii Air National Guard, its *reliability* for accomplishing any mission and the *relevance* it has in the Global War on Terrorism.

Supporting Katrina/Rita relief efforts with communication

By 1st Lt. Regina Berry

Seven Hawaii National Guard members returned Nov. 5 from Louisiana after a two-week deployment in support of the Hurricane Katrina/Rita relief effort. The Hawaii National Guard members were part of a joint Interim Satellite Incident Site Communications Set team.

The ISISCS team uses a mobile set of communications equipment that can provide on-site communications to connect different federal, state and first-responders communications networks or devices. The ISISCS is self-sustaining and requires no outside connectivity to link radios, cell phones and other communications equipment.

The HING members supported the Joint Task Force Pelican East Tactical Operations Center during its move from the Meadowcrest Hospital to the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve New Orleans base, both in Louisiana.

Although there were communications already in place on the base, the ISISCS team was used as backup to the original system.

The first night they had problems at the new location so the Commander asked us to set up ISISCS to get the communications going until the next morning when the base network was fixed, said Maj. Antonio Querubin, officer in charge of the Hawaii ISISCS team.

The team is one of only 12 in the nation.

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things really would be the calling cards and the gift certificates."

Whether posted on a blog or written on a note to family back home, AAFES' "Gifts from the Homefront" and "Help Our Troops Call Home" programs make it easy to fulfill any service members' wish list with phone cards and gift certificates redeemable at any AAFES exchange, including 62 contingency retail facilities, as well as 61 phone centers throughout Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

"Gift certificates and phone cards are always a good choice," said the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's Chief of Corporate Communication, Lt. Col. Debra Pressley. "They're adaptable, inexpensive to mail and can be addressed to any service member."

Any American can log on to aafes.com or call 800-527-2345 to show their support for America's deployed troops. From there, the "Gifts from the Homefront" gift certificates and "Help Our Troops Call Home" phone cards can be sent to an individual service member (designated by the purchaser) or distributed to "any service member" through the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society, Fisher House or USO.

Transformation

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The 29th Brigade Combat Team will convert from a light infantry configuration into a unit of action. The UA is designed to make the deployment process more effective and more efficient, especially when the need arises to deploy with very little notice.

A few of the changes within the 103rd Troop Command units will include transitioning from an Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Unit to an Aviation Support Battalion and having the Reconnaissance and Interdiction Detachment become a Security and Support Battalion fielded with the new Light Utility Helicopter.

During this transformation the HIARNG will also establish a Military Police Internment Company, Engineer Company, and tentatively, even a Special Forces unit.

As our troops return and the transformation begins, recruiting and retention becomes a big issue for the Hawaii Army National Guard. "My main concern is the retention of our soldiers after they come home from Iraq and Afghanistan. We are all so proud of their accomplishments, I want them to stay and reset the HIARNG for the future," said Miyagi.

The changes and additions will require some of the guardsmen to change their military occupation specialty.

"The members of the 2-299, although they will be located pretty much in the same armories, will have to undergo MOSQ changes," said Miyagi. "However, since most of these soldiers are already infantry qualified, the change to RTSA related MOS's should not be too difficult."

The transformation will also bring additional technology related skill sets to the HIARNG soldiers, as well as a wide range of MOS's available to choose from for both genders on almost all of the Hawaiian islands.

"This is a good thing for recruiting because it's going to open up a lot of positions to women, a market that we were closed to," said Maj. Laura Soares, Recruiting and Retention supervisor. Currently, the 2-299 Infantry is the only HIARNG presence on Kauai, Molokai and Maui. Because it is an Infantry unit, women are not allowed to serve. When the 2-299th becomes the Reconnaissance Surveillance Target Acquisition (RSTA) battalion, women will be allowed to serve in the HIARNG on these islands.

Almost every island, including Molokai will have positions open to women, said Soares.

Previously there was discussion about moving the 1-487th to the Big Island in order to gain easier access to the Pohakuloa Training Area and to cut down the cost of moving artillery to PTA during Annual Training. It would have also required the 2-299 HQs to relocate to another location, possibly Maui. That idea however, was dismissed because of demographics, the desire to keep the units intact and also the ability to capitalize on the deployment experience by traveling to the Big Island.

C-17 training

By Staff Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

Somebody said that it couldn't be done, but with a chuckle he replied, "Just give them a chance, let's see what they can do. Let's see if the 15th Airlift Wing and the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Wing can fly." So Airmen, active duty and Guard, buckled down and step by step began to make the C-17 Globemaster III's arrival at Hickam Air Force Base a reality.

The C-17 Globemaster III's arrival Feb. 8 is predominately due to the determination and dedication of active duty and guardsmen alike who have been training and working since the C-17 ground breaking ceremony Aug. 19, 2004.

With a 17-month break between the ground breaking and actual arrival of the aircraft you can rest assured that no one was waiting around to start training. While Hickam's first C-17 was being built in Long Beach, Calif., Airmen were already learning to fly and load the C-17 aircraft.

To qualify to fly the C-17, pilots and loadmasters are sent to Altus Air Force Base, Okla. where they spend about four months training on the aircraft. According to Lt. Col. Michael Compton, chief of the C-17 transition office, once qualified on the C-17, the HIANG members go to McChord Air Force Base, Wash., and Jackson Air National Guard Base, Miss., to deploy with those units in an effort to develop their proficiency.

"We have flown throughout the Pacific and the Continental United States, but our most common missions are in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom," said Lt. Col. Compton.

The C-17 crews have been bringing rebuilding supplies, vehicles and troops into country, flying troops home and flying Aeromedical Evacuation flights, added



C-17 Globemaster III, from Jackson, Miss. Air National Guard, delivers the C-17 simulator to Hickam Aug. 2005, in preparation for the arrival of Team Hickam's first C-17, Feb. 2006.

Staff Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin photo

Lt. Col. Compton.

The transition from the C-130 to the C-17 has been and continues to be a busy time for the HIANG. Crew members are being asked to be away from home for over six months this year, and I am very proud of what the members have given up for this transition, said Lt. Col. Compton.

"We have flown about 5,000 hours in the C-17 with 1,500 hours of combat time," said Lt. Col. Compton.

So far there are about 10 pilots and 20 loadmasters trained and ready for the C-17s arrival. About that same number are currently in training.

Besides being capable of rapidly and strategically delivering troops and various types of cargo for combat purposes the C-17 aircraft is also known for performing humanitarian missions.

"With our comprehensive, aggressive training program, our crews are well prepared to immediately contribute to the global mobility mission," said Lt. Col. Compton.



Jan. 10, 2002. An honor guard from the 1st Special Forces Group transports the flag-draped coffin of Sgt. 1st Class Nathan R. Chapman just before midnight Jan. 8 at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. More than 60 Green Berets joined the Chapman family at the airport to pay their respects to the first U.S. soldier killed by hostile fire in Afghanistan. Joe Barrentine photo, courtesy of Army Times.

Honor those who served: Join the Hawaii Army National Guard Funeral Honors Program

The Hawaii Army National Guard Funeral Honors Program is looking for members. Contact Dennis Yoshino at 728-9324 if you are interested in participating.

H I A N G
Honor Guard members prepare to post the colors at the 2005 National Guard Counterdrug Conference. Pictured Left to Right- Staff Sgt. Elijah Lincoln, Senior Amn. Christopher Vincent, Chief Master Sgt. Rob Lee, Master Sgt. Ed Samson. Tech. Sgt. Kristen Higgins photo



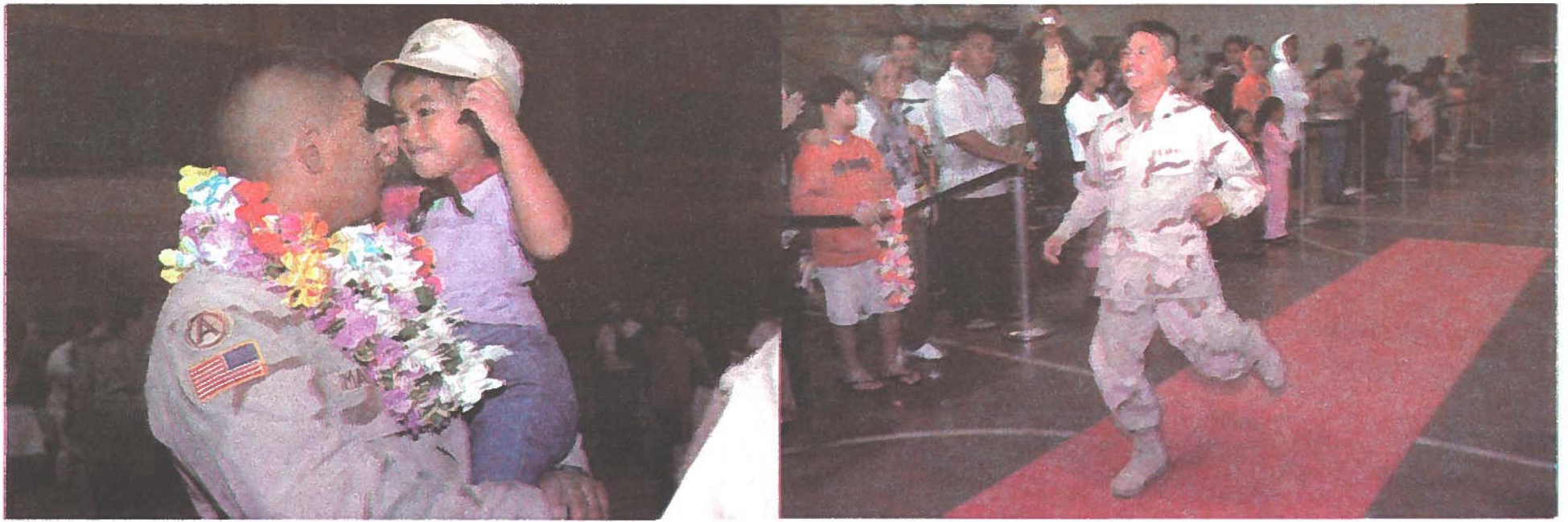
To honor with dignity

By Chief Master Sgt. Rob Lee

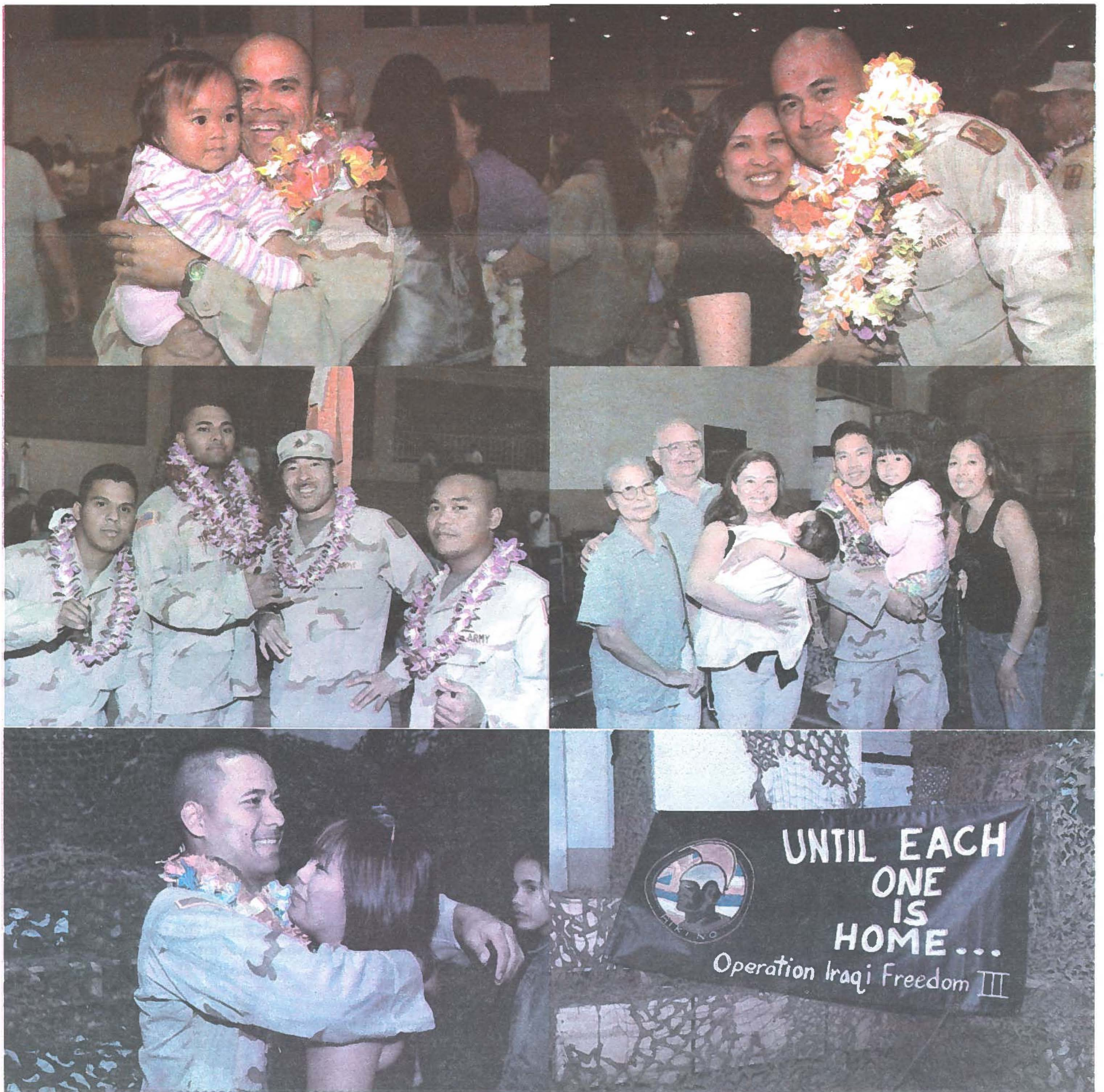
"On behalf of the President of the United States of America, the Department of the Air Force, the Men and Women of the Hawaii Air National Guard and a grateful Nation, we offer our nation's flag for the faithful and honorable service of your loved one" is the message we deliver to the next-of-kin of whom their loved one dedicated a portion of their life in protecting America's freedom.

Because this Military Honor's Funeral ceremony is of the utmost importance, we as Honor Guard members take this responsibility very seriously. Each member hones their skills of performing various disciplines that encompass this ceremony through adopting a high standard lifestyle, dedication and self-sacrifice. Practice usually occurs once a month and is where discipline is demanded while perfection is expected. We as members, understand the importance of what we represent: it is through that understanding coupled with the foundation of pride and respect that we do what we do, it is our duty to give back to those

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Welcome Home 227th Engineers and 487th FA



Youth Challenge Academy Cadets take home four trophies from local high school drill meet

By Nicole LaBerge, YCA Admissions Assistant/Information Specialist

Twenty-eight Cadets from the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy took home four trophies in the 25th Annual Waianae Military-Civilian Advisory Council and Nanakuli High School Waianae Coast JROTC Veterans Day Drill Meet Nov. 5, 2005.

The Cadets of Class 23 well represented the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy by earning 1st place in unarmed regulation, 3rd place in color guard, 4th place in tangle foot, and 4th place in armed regulation.

"Congratulations to the Cadets at Youth Challenge for their awards and achievements while competing against JROTC cadets from 15 high schools in the drill meet," said retired Lt. Col. "Rock" Arakaki, Waianae High School JROTC Senior Army Instructor.

Primed and supported by Sgt. 1st Class Jerome Bayron and Staff Sgt. Alike Kaahanui, the Cadets, during the meet, demonstrated the high standards of leadership, discipline and drill and ceremony skills they learned in the YCA program.

The YCA was first invited in 2004 to participate in the Waianae Coast Veterans Day Parade and drill competition. That year, the Youth Challenge entered teams in color guard, unarmed regulation and tangle foot competitions. Although the Cadets did not take home a trophy, they proved to the staff they were motivated and dedicated. The staff walked away with the willingness to compete again in 2005.

With goals to foster harmony and understanding through a channel of communication between the civilian and military communities on the Waianae Coast, the WMCAC was organized in 1979 under the direction of U.S. Army retired Maj. Gen. Herbert Wolf. In order to achieve the mission of the council, the WMCAC developed programs to promote education and cultural exchange, in which one event was the JROTC Drill Meet.

The drill meet, arranged by Nanakuli High School, cultivates leadership, teamwork, the spirit of competition and camaraderie among Hawaii students. Sponsored by the Waianae Community, Lion's Club, Rotary Club and others, the drill meet consists of JROTCs from public, private, neighbor island schools, as well as the Navy, Marine, Army, and Air Force.

New regulations on wear of PT uniform

By Shelly Ichishita

Come Oct. 1st of this year, all Air National Guard members are required to switch to the new Air Force Physical Training Uniform (PTU). The PTU consists of 1 jacket, 1 pair of pants, 2 t-shirts, and 2 pairs of shorts.

According to Air Force policy, the PTU is to be worn at all organized PT functions. Local commanders have discretion over wear of the PTU. For example, the installation commander on Hickam AFB has restricted the use of headphones while doing PT activities on that base for safety reasons.

A few regulations that apply to HIANG Airmen follow below:

- Saluting is not required when wearing this uniform.
- The t-shirt may be tucked in or worn out; the jacket may be zipped, unzipped and worn with civilian clothes.
- The lining in the PTU shorts may be removed, however, do not modify

the other PTU items (e.g., sleeve removal).

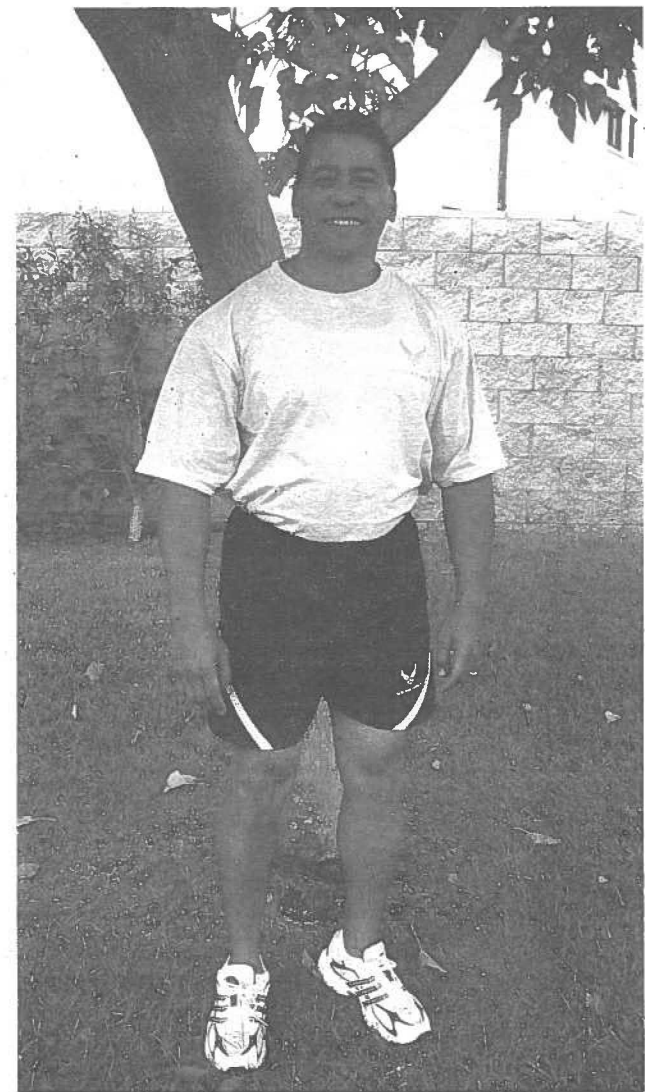
- Additional civilian clothing items may be added to the PTU, but color consistency should be reasonably compatible to support a professional appearance.
- Black or navy blue spandex shorts and leggings may be worn under the PTU shorts.
- Only white socks will be worn, any length and small conservative trademarks are authorized.
- Any athletic shoe may be worn.

Any questions regarding wear of the PTU should be addressed to your local commander's support staff. Remember that the mandatory wear date is Oct. 1, 2006.



Master Sgt. Ramon Quizon of HQ 154th Wing graciously models the new PTU. He is shown here wearing the jacket and pants.

1st Lt. Regina Berry photo



Master Sgt. Ramon Quizon of HQ 154th Wing shown modeling the t-shirt and shorts of the new PTU.

1st Lt. Regina Berry photo

Free employment assistance training available for Hawaii Army National Guard members

By 1st Lt. Regina Berry

Returning home after a long deployment can't be easy. Imagine the dramatic change from working in a war zone to working in an office here at home.

There are programs available to help our HIARNG veterans, and in some programs even the spouses, to make the transition back into the civilian workforce a little easier by providing various services that will assist them in updating their resumes, getting promoted, finding new jobs and other such initiatives.

The Jobs For Veterans law provides the State of Hawaii, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Workforce Development Division with a grant for supporting programs for Local Veterans Employment Representatives and Disabled Veterans Outreach Program representatives to assist all returning Guard/Reserve veterans. Both specialists allow the Guardsmen and all veterans to receive a variety of specialized individual employment support services that will help them successfully make the transition.

LVER provides job development, placement and support services directly to veterans while the DVOP develops jobs and job training opportunities for severely wounded/disabled and other veterans through contacts with employers and re-training opportunities. Both are designed to provide information to veterans regarding job counseling, re-training opportunities, job search avenues, tips on resume writing, interviewing skills and job placement or retention.

"Additionally they (LVER/DVOP) serve as a link in providing veterans with information regarding additional veterans' services offered by other organizations such as the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Veterans Services and other veteran service organizations," said Mr. Tom Rosenswike, Director Hawaii U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Service.

They also perform outreach activities and actively seek out employers, promoting and discussing the merits of why employers should hire veterans first, added Rosenswike.

Another program available to the HIARNG members is the Army Career and Alumni Program at Schofield Barracks. The ACAP, unlike the LVER and DVOP, offers a full range of services for the soldiers and their spouses.

"ACAP, which is funded by the U.S. Army, offers a full spectrum of family support services and counseling regarding other Veterans services and the full Transition Assistance Program (TAP), three to four day classroom, program," said Rosenswike.

TAP is also offered to Guard/Reserve personnel for attendance at Hickam Air Force Base, Pearl Harbor Naval Base, Coast Guard Base Sand Island and Marine Corp Base Hawaii, Kaneohe.

HIARNG soldiers returning from deployment are able to use the ACAP services for up to 180 days after relief from active duty, said Charlene Shelton, ACAP transition services manager.

The ACAP services will provide the soldiers and their spouses with training and instruction on resume writing, job searching, interview skills, and salary and benefits negotiations.

"Often, soldiers do not realize the leadership skills they have learned while activated and other abilities or knowledge they acquired while mobilized. These skills are highly marketable and should be identified in a resume," said Shelton.

"ACAP counselors can provide one-on-one counseling to assist in a good resume product," added Shelton.

This one-on-one counseling service is available for the soldier and their spouse to help them find good civilian jobs and make informed career decisions.

To contact LVER/DVOP personnel:

Hawaii State Workforce Development Division (WDD)
 Oahu Branch: Honolulu 586-8706/8719/8387 and 973-8387
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who have served.

Perfecting various disciplines as a ceremonial guardsman is accomplished through training phases that take a new member from basic movements to the ability to perform the Color team movements, the six-man flag fold/Pall bearing duties, firing party duties and the ability to coordinate the minimum if a three-man veterans detail over the course of five eight hour practice days equating to 40 hours in which certification is awarded.

The program consists of four flights, with one flight each on Oahu, Kauai, Maui and the Big Island. The entire State program has a membership of approximately 75 members, with the bulk of its members on Oahu. Our practices are usually scheduled on the second Saturday following the 154th Wing UTA weekend. Typically, our practices are held on Hickam AFB, but we sometimes travel to the veterans' cemeteries to conduct practice, on-site so to speak, which enables our team to acclimate themselves on "sacred grounds."

Every member who bears the Honor Guard patch on their BDU's has gone through extensive training to possess it, it in itself represents the pride, discipline and sacrifice that individual lives by. If interested in becoming a member of the Honor Guard program, we would like to invite you to our practice to observe our training to better assess if this is something you would like to be a part of. If interested, contact either myself, by email or my office number, 655-7078 or Master Sgt. Ed Samson, by email or his office number, 448-7776.

*"Ho'ohie Me Ka Hanohano"
 - To Honor With Dignity*



Hawaii National Guard Family Program

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How to reach us

Check out our website at www.dod.state.hi.us/family if you have any questions or concerns relating to family matters. If you would like to be a part of a Family Readiness Group, contact your unit or call any of the following members of the Family Program State Advisory Team listed below:

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Awards and Recognition



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Hawaii Air National Guard receives its first two-star general

The Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG), with a strength of 2,400, is one of the eight largest Air National Guard units in the country. The size of the HIANG, the organization's role in safeguarding the State, and its partnerships with the active duty military resulted in the authorization of a two-star general for the command.

The HIANG commander, Maj. Gen. Darryll Wong, was promoted to Major General on Monday, Oct. 10, 2005, in a ceremony at the State Capitol. He is shown above receiving his second star from his daughters, Talia, Tasha, and Taryn. The ceremony was also attended by his wife Tiki, their son Tyler, Maj. Gen. Robert Lee and Governor Linda Lingle.

"General Wong had demonstrated his leadership as head of the Air National Guard worthy of his promotion to a second star," said Maj. Gen. Lee during the ceremony.

Maj. Gen. Wong is a pilot with Aloha Airlines in his civilian life and graduated from the University of Hawaii in 1972.

Hawaii Guardsman recognized in Washington, D.C.

(Left to Right)--Col. Guzzetta (NGB-ASM), Lt. Gen. Blum (CNGB), Sgt. 1st Class Ka'apana, and Lt. Gen. Vaughn (DARNG).

Sgt. 1st Class Keoki Ka'apana was recognized in Washington, D.C. at the annual Chief's Strength Maintenance Awards Ceremony (CSMAC) on Nov. 6, 2005. SFC Ka'apana was the top Recruiting and Retention NCO (RRNCO) for the Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG) for FY 2005. His wife, Marie (Sunny), was also recognized in Washington, D.C. for her support.

Purple Heart

Spc. Gregory Moore,
HHC, 29th BCT

Meritorious Service Medal

Lt. Col. Eugene C. Cabana, HIARNG Element, JFHQ-HI
Master Sgt. Ralph E. Apo
Master Sgt. Raquel L. Ramos
Sgt. 1st Class George L. Kaapana III, RRD-HI (1st OLC)
Sgt. 1st Class Jimmy K. Mills, HIARNG Element, JFHQ-HI
Staff Sgt. Andrew J. Berky, Co. C, 193d Avn

Army Commendation Medal

Capt. K. Mark Takai,
MEDCOM

Air Force Commendation Medal

Lt. Col. Alvin J. Alana Jr.
Lt. Col. Peter Fata (1st OLC)
Lt. Col. Robert J. Mosteller
Maj. Robert T. Chowhoy (2nd OLC)
Maj. Michael J. Perry
Capt. Jason K. Apo
Capt. John K.Z. Hall
Capt. James H. Lowe
Capt. Erik J. Mars
Capt. Scott S. Oka
Capt. Jason E. Palmeirayen
Chief Master Sgt.

Warren L. Faurot
Chief Master Sgt. Gary S.P. Pang
Senior Master Sgt. Karen S. Cary
Senior Master Sgt. Gordon R. Lau (1st OLC)
Master Sgt. Reymile Edralin
Tech. Sgt. Darrell J. Bactad
Tech. Sgt. Lester T. Hirano
Tech. Sgt. Peter K. Kali Jr.
Tech Sgt. Kirk K. Liu (1st OLC)
Tech. Sgt. Kyle I. Marshman
Tech. Sgt. James C. McKee Jr.
Tech. Sgt. Jarin K. Wong
Staff Sgt. Sophia L. Hensz
Staff Sgt. Ryan D.M. Hunt
Sr. Amn. Justin A. Sellona
Army Achievement Medal

Cpl. Eldred L. Dioquino, Rear Det., 29th SIB (1st OLC)
Spc. Antonio A. Inigo, Rear Det., 29th SIB (1st OLC)
Private 1st Class Bryson J. Amaral, Rear Det., 29th SIB (1st OLC)
Private 1st Class Alexander B. Barroga, Rear Det., 29th SIB
Private 1st Class Barney J.G. Ho, Rear Det., 29th SIB (1st OLC)

Air Force Achievement Medal

Maj. Matthew D. Beals
Maj. Christopher D. Hagood
Maj. Adrian L. Kinimaka Jr. (1st OLC)
Capt. Cyrus I.T. Lung (2nd OLC)
1st Lt. Robert H. Millmann
Master Sgt. Eric R. Daido (1st OLC)
Master Sgt. Galen H. Kuwamoto (2nd OLC)
Master Sgt. Lloyd B. Llanaza
Tech. Sgt. Irenio A. Mateo (1st OLC)
Tech. Sgt. Roger G. Ramos
Tech Sgt. Kirk K. Liu (1st OLC)
Tech. Sgt. Dawn C.J. Peters
Tech. Sgt. Kurt K. Uchimura (1st OLC)
Staff Sgt. Lovina M. Albritton
Staff Sgt. Stephen C. Cavaco
Staff Sgt. Marcus W. Dellasala (1st OLC)
Staff Sgt. Valerie T. Fortin (1st OLC)
Staff Sgt. Daryl H. Oshiro (1st OLC)
Staff Sgt. William D. Pierce
Staff Sgt. Margaret B.K.K. Soon (1st OLC)
Sr. Amn. Cynthia T. Aquino
Sr. Amn. Callen A. Cordeiro Jr.
Sr. Amn. Duane M.K. Espinueva
Sr. Amn. Nicholas D. Morris

Hawaii National Guard

Commendation Medal

Ken Koike
Maj. Jeffrey D. Korando, 93d CST
Sgt. 1st Class Domingo T. Tubana, HHSB, 1st Bn, 487th FA
Sgt. Kristi M. Sunada, HHD, 12th PSD
Spc. David S. Shirai, Co. B, 193d Avn
Private 1st Class Haunani K. Kahiapo, Co. B, 193d Avn

Combat Action Badge

Maj. Joseph C. Laurel, Co. C, 193d Avn
Capt. Joseph O. Tolentino, Co. C, 193d Avn
1st Lt. Johnny J.

Wandasan, Co. C, 193d Avn
1st Lt. Perry Y. Wong, 25th ID
Chief Warrant Officer Oliver R. Kaloi, Co. C, 193d Avn
Chief Warrant Officer Warrnee P. Bagay, Co. C, 193d Avn
Chief Warrant Officer Martin Esposito, Co. C, 193d Avn
Chief Warrant Officer Jeffrey J. Hebert, Co. C, 193d Avn
Chief Warrant Officer Clyde K. Pelekai Jr., Co. C, 193d Avn
Chief Warrant Officer Elmer Somera, Co. C, 193d Avn
Staff Sgt. Albert L. Akiona III, Co. C, 193d

Avn
Staff Sgt. Andrew J. Berky, Co. C, 193d Avn
Staff Sgt. David K. Vanburen, Co. C, 193d Avn
Sgt. Anson J. Caceres, Co. C, 193d Avn
Sgt. Juan J. Coria, Co. C, 193 Avn
Sgt. Joaquin C. Favela, Co. C, 193d Avn
Sgt. Gerard K. Frederick, Co. C, 193d Avn
Sgt. Danny C. Rivera, Co. C, 193d Avn
Sgt. Michael A. Rodriguez, Co. C, 193d Avn
Sgt. Roxanne M. Shim, Co. C, 193d Avn
Spc. Craig K. Takenaka, Co. C, 193d Avn

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.

	Mar.	Apr.	May
Hawaii Army National Guard			
HHD, Joint Forces HQ	5-6	3-4	7-8
298th Regional Training Institute	5-6	3-4	7-8
29th Brigade Combat Team	11-12 (SIB Only)	1-2	13-14
103rd Troop Command	6-7	1-2	6-7
12th Personnel Service Det.	4	1-2	6-7
25th Infantry Division, D-ROC	1,8,15,22	1-2	6-7
111th Army Band	4,20,27	3,10,17,24	8,15,22,29
117th Mobile Public Aff. Det.	Forward deployed		
298th Engineer Det.	Forward deployed		
297th Firefighting Team	0	8-9	13-14
Co. B, 193rd Aviation	4-5, 31	1-2	13-14
Co. C, 193rd Aviation	6-7	1-2	6-7
Hawaii Air National Guard			
HQ, Hawaii Air National Guard	4-5	1-2	6, 13
154th Wing	4-5	1-2	6, 13
201st Combat Communications Group	4-5	1-2	6, 13