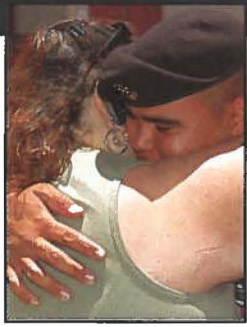


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## Calendar

**August 11-15,**  
Enlisted Association of the United  
States conference, Cox's Convention  
Center, Oklahoma City, Okla.

**August 24, Friday**  
DOD Retirement and Awards  
Luncheon, Banyan Tree Showroom,  
Hale Koa, 11 a.m.

**August 24-25**  
Hawaii National Guard State Family  
Program Workshop, Waikiki Beach  
Marriott Resort and Spa.

**August 25-27**  
National Guard Association of the  
United States general conference,  
San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**September 3, Monday**  
Labor Day, federal and state holiday.

**September 9, Sunday**  
3rd Annual National Freedom Walk  
2007, Washington, D.C. The walk  
honors those who died on Sept. 11,  
2001, and our nation's veterans, past  
and present. It will take place between  
the Pentagon and the National  
Mall. For more information, check:  
[www.America.SupportsYou.com](http://www.America.SupportsYou.com)

**October 12, Friday**  
Discoverer's Day, federal holiday.

**November 11, Sunday**  
Veterans' Day ceremonies at the  
National Memorial Cemetery of the  
Pacific, Punchbowl (Mayor's at 10:00  
a.m.); Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery  
(Governor's at 1:00 p.m.).

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

## Hawaii takes on Southwest border mission

Story and photos by  
**Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum**  
117th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

More than 180 Soldiers from the Hawaii Army National Guard's 29th Brigade Special Troops Battalion spent annual training on the Southwest Border of Arizona supporting Operation JUMP START in May. The Battalion conducted surveillance and countermobility operations to disrupt and prevent illegal border crossings.

Special Troops Soldiers Task Force Tucson entry identification teams (EIT) performed surveillance missions while Task Force Diamondback engineers built roads and fences. The National Guard's presence frees up U.S. Border Patrol personnel to concentrate on their law enforcement mission.

The new battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Moses Kaoui Jr., is composed of former separate elements of the 29th Infantry Brigade



**WALL IMPROVEMENTS** — Staff Sgt. Stacy L. Hanson, from Co. A (Combat Engineers), 29th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, welds bars to a 20-foot high pipe wall being built in the Nogales, Ariz., border town during Operation JUMP START in May.

Combat Team. The units are Headquarters and Headquarter Company (military police, medical, administrative and logistic personnel), Company A (227th Engineers), Company B (229th Military Intelligence) and Company C, the new signal unit.

### Engineers work on again

More than 60 engineers from Company A cut new roads, rebuilt fences and improved the drainage in the Tucson sector's border towns of Nogales and Sierra Vista.

"The roads being cut through the rolling small mountain range well improve access for the border personnel," said Capt. Auredith T. Tumpap, the Co. A commander, "while the 20-foot pipe walls being erected will replace some of the older aircraft landing ramp walls. Our Hawaii Air Guard engineers were part of a team erecting the Yuma fence line last fall."

"The mission has given the veterans an opportunity to share their expertise, especially in heavy equipment operation and welding to our newer Soldiers," said Sgt. 1st Class Ian S. Ross, a member of the unit when it was an engineering battalion more

than 30 years ago. "We're not new to this mission either. We've done similar work twice on the Mexican border, south of San Diego, Calif., the last time in 2000."

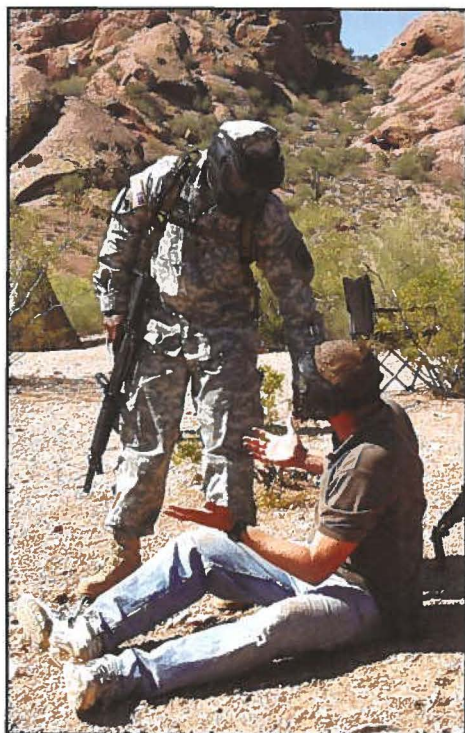
### Mission differs from Iraqi

"Most of the battalion Soldiers were divided into 10 EITs supporting Task Force Tucson," said Kaoui. "After two days of briefings and a paintball exercise, the Soldiers were more than ready to go on with the mission. Our observation posts were on clearly-visible locations on hilltops facing the border. The 24-hour mission uses binoculars and infrared sensors to detect undocumented aliens (UDA) during the day or at night."

"During one of our construction missions, we spotted a dozen UDAs trying to cross the border," said Tumpap. "We called in a report while they backtracked into Mexican half of the split city of Nogales."

"This mission has provided an opportunity for our new battalion to test our mobilization operation in a real world mission," said Kaoui.

**BORDER MISSION** --more images on page 8



**CALMING CONDITION** — Spc. Omar H. Reynolds, from HHC, 29th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, tries to keep an "American tourist" calm during the paintball exercise which tests the entry identification teams (EIT) reaction to different border crossings scenarios during Operation JUMP START in Arizona during May.

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# Command Notes

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

**W**ith hurricane season in effect I'd like to remind you to be prepared. As

National Guard Soldiers and Airmen, we know that in the event of a natural disaster, we will be called upon to assist or lead the disaster recovery and relief efforts. If your family is not properly prepared and equipped with the things they need to survive after a disaster, how do you expect to leave them if you are called to perform your duties as a National Guard member? Prepare your family so that you are confident that they will have the food, water, and information they need. You can go to the State Civil Defense website at <http://www.scd.state.hi.us/prepared-ness.html> for information on how to get your family prepared.

## Combat sky satellite tested

In June, a combat sky satellite was tested in Hilo (see page 5) in a multi-state National Guard exercise. The repeater balloon which is sent up into 'near space' will allow emergency personnel to communicate through commercial phone and Internet services in addition to the military systems in the event of a natural or human-caused disaster.

## Indonesian Partnership in full swing

In the last two issues, I talked in length about the importance of the State Partnership Program we're working with Indonesia, as Guam

assumes the lead for our continuing Philippines partnership. The program is in full swing and the Indonesians are clearly very interested in our disaster preparedness measures (see page 5). Even though we're only in the beginning stages of this partnership, I can already tell you that the relationships we're developing with the Indonesians are honest and open. I expect great things to come out of this program.

## Southwest border mission success

For three weeks in May, the newly formed 29th Brigade Special Troops Battalion went on its first major mission since the Brigade redeploying from the Persian Gulf, to support the Operation JUMP START (see page 1) in Arizona. The real world mission requires Soldiers to maintain 24-7 entry identification teams at observation posts along the southwest border of Mexico, while our engineers built infrastructure like fences, drainage and roads. The Hawaii Soldier faced real potential hazards and I commend the them for putting in 100 percent effort to in getting the mission done and getting it done well.

## Recruiting potential

In the last issue of the *pupukahi*, a story ran about the Guard Recruiting and Assistance Program. In that story, Rick Domec, Co. A, 1st



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha photo

**PARTNERSHIP BONDING** — Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee, the adjutant general, and his staff, brief Maj. Gen. Heryadi and Tentara Nasional Indonesia (TNI) staff in May, prior to their observance of hurricane Exercise MAKANI PAHILI. (See story on page 5)

Squadron, 299th Cavalry, was listed as having recruited nine people into the Hawaii Army National Guard. That means, he made \$18,000 of additional income.

## New leadership in several offices

Aloha to retired Col. Edward R. Cruickshank, who stepped down as director the Office of Veterans Services in July, and was replaced by former State Rep. Mark Moses.

Congratulations to Col. Bruce E. Oliveira who took command of the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team from Brig. Gen. Joseph J. Chaves during a ceremony held at the Brigade Headquarters at Kalaeloa, June 23. I have no doubt in my mind that Col. Oliveira will surpass all of my expectations as the Brigade's commander.

Also, congratulations to Col. Keith Y. Tamashiro, who took over as the 298th Regional Training Institute, from Col. Martha N. Wong, who joins the Joint Forces Headquarters as the J1, personnel officer.

# Departmental News

## Policy change boosts G.I. Bill eligibility for some Guard, Reserve members

By Gerry J. Gilmore  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - A recent Defense Department policy change widens the eligibility window for some Reserve-component troops who want to use their Montgomery G.I. Bill education benefits, a senior DoD official said April 17.

The DoD policy now aligns with Department of Veterans Affairs rules, which say National Guard members and reservists are eligible to receive

Montgomery G.I. Bill education benefits for the period covering the amount of time they served on active duty, plus four months, said Tom Bush, principal director for manpower and personnel within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

After studying the matter over the past few months, DoD agreed to

align its policy with the VA's, Bush said during a joint Pentagon Channel/American Forces Press Service interview. DoD's previous policy, he said, only recognized the amount of active-duty time as applied to the G.I. Bill coverage period for reserve component members but still required the member to continue to serve in the Selected Reserve.

"The change, from the DoD perspective, is that the benefit now can be used by somebody that leaves the selected reserve for the amount of time that they've served on active duty, plus four months," Bush said. Guard and reserve members who attend regular drill training and meetings are considered part of the selected reserve.

The total amount of G.I. Bill coverage for reservists is still 36 months, Bush said. "So, if you've used part of that (G.I. Bill benefit) it may eat into that 36 months," he noted.

Bush said reservists normally have 14 years to

use their Montgomery G.I. Bill benefits. However, that time might also be extended, he noted, by the amount of time Guard or Reserve members serve on active duty, plus four months.

Senior Guard and Reserve officials, as well as demobilization sites, have been alerted to the policy change, Bush said.

About 370,000 Guard and Reserve members on drill or active-duty status have signed up to use Montgomery G.I. Bill benefits since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the U.S., Bush said.

The Reserve Education Assistance Program, established by the 2005 National Defense Authorization Act, is another DoD education initiative for members of the Guard and Reserve, Bush noted. To be eligible, service-members must have served at least 90 consecutive days of active service after Sept. 11, 2001, in response to a Presidential or Congressional call-up of military forces for wartime or other emergency service.

Guard and Reserve members who served for two continuous years on active duty in support of a contingency operation would qualify for both the Montgomery G.I. Bill and REAP and could select

which program they want to use, Bush noted.

Servicemembers can determine if they qualify for the Montgomery G.I. Bill and REAP by contacting their local education office.



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# 110 youth completed residential phase of CHalleNGe program

Story and photos by Capt. Regina Berry

One hundred ten very emotional cadets from the Hawaii National Guard Youth CHalleNGe Academy, graduated from the five-and-a-half month residential phase June 23, at the Pearl City Cultural Center (High School Auditorium) as family members and friends watched.

## Lieutenant governor's wife addresses Cadets

These young men and women have risen to the top, they have raised the bar and set examples to their friends, their siblings, and their families, said Mrs. Vicky Aiona, the lieutenant governor's wife. "The students have put on the armor to succeed, and they have finished the race with pride and honor."

The cadets completed the first and most demanding phase of the 17-month Youth CHalleNGe program. The program is voluntary and open to 16- to 18-year-old-

high school dropouts who are looking for a way to change their lives through education, community service, physical fitness and life skills training.

## Cadet's message about goals

When people hear about Youth CHalleNGe, they tend to think of us as messed-up kids, but when they take the time to get to know us, they realize that we have made poor decisions, said Cadet Robert Kepelino-Freeman during the graduation's student speaker.

"Even though we made poor decisions, we took it upon ourselves to take the challenge, that challenge was coming here and accomplishing the impossible," said Freeman. "We are here today accomplishing our goal."

The Academy's goal is to help these young people return to high school, earn their high school diploma, enroll in college, enter the workforce or join the military. On the road to accomplishing all



**PROUD MOTHER --** Cadet Christopher Stone receives a hug from his mother, Rose Spragling, for his completion the five-month plus, residential phase of the Hawaii National Guard Youth CHalleNGe Academy program.

of these goals, the cadets find themselves leaving the program with more than just a high school diploma.

"Many of us have accomplished a lot more than being in this program; such as having a positive attitude, higher discipline and respect level, learning job skills, plan management and self confidence," said Freeman. We also learned how to work as a team and how to trust one another, something many of us never had before.

The cadets, who were from Oahu, Kauai, Maui and the Big Island, spent the residential phase studying for the GED or a Computer-Based test, both of which allow the students to receive their high school diplomas upon completion.

## Award Winners:

**Merrill Lynch Scholarship (\$2,000 each)** - Cadet James Kuwata, Cadet Jahna Hironaka-Ortiz

**Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation (\$500 each):** Cadet Faaseseloto Maauga, Cadet Nathan Seals, Cadet Joni Newcamp, Cadet Sara Lopez

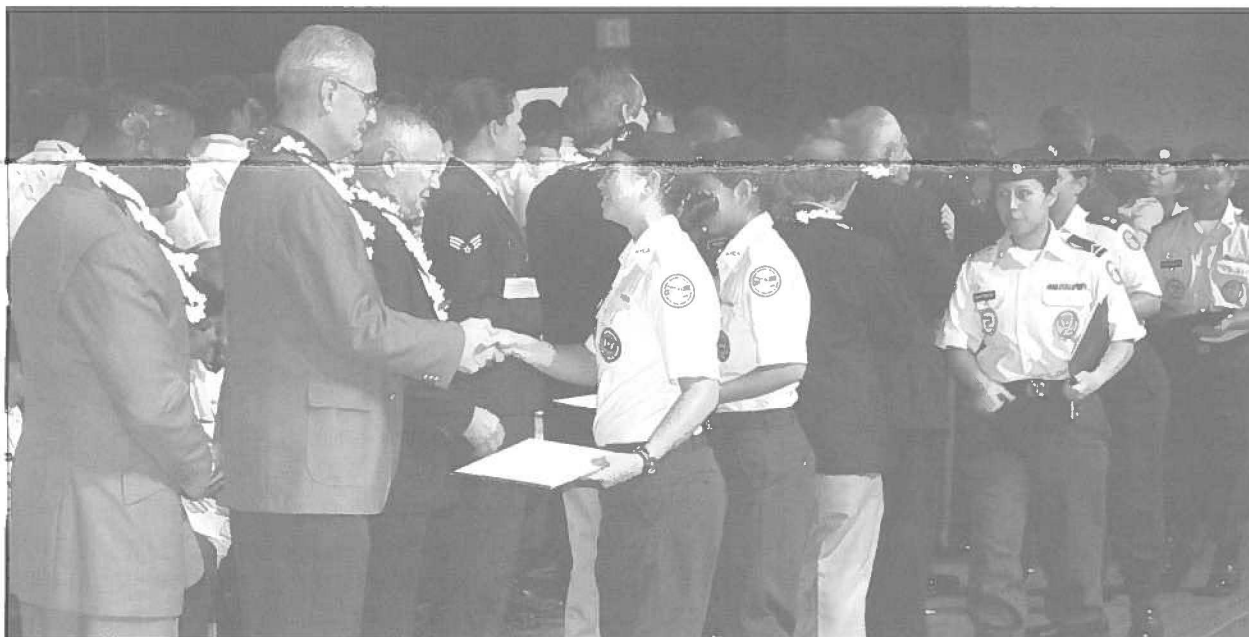
**Commandant's Physical Fitness Award:** Cadet Michael Hernandez

**Director's Academic Award:** Cadet Alvin Julaton (CBASE), Cadet James Kuwata (GED)

**Adjutant General's Leadership Award:** Cadet Faleono Faatili

**Governor's Distinguished Student Award:** Cadet Nikesha Cleveland

NOW FOR WHAT WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR -- Cadets receive certificates and assorted mementos of their stay at the Kalaeloa facility, from cadre, military and community leaders.



# Commander's conference talks total force integration

By Capt. Regina Berry

Total Force Integration was the hot topic during the 30th annual Hawaii Air National Guard Commander's Conference at the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel and Resort on the Kohala Coast in June.

Distinguished guests from the Pacific Command, Pacific Air Forces, U.S. Air Force, National Guard Bureau, Hawaii State Department of Defense, Guam National Guard and Hawaii Army National Guard joined more than 60 Hawaii Air National Guard Airmen in the three-day conference.

The conference theme, *Ke kupa'a a 'ana ma ke ala*, Staying the Course, reflects the HIANG's continuing "focus on providing mission capabilities that increase Pacific Command's warfighting effectiveness and the Hawaii Air National Guard's relevancy to our nation and Hawaii," said the conference host, Maj. Gen. Darryll D.M. Wong, Hawaii Air National Guard commander.

## Associate unit integration leader

Hawaii National Guard leadership recognized the

importance of TFI early and has eagerly taken the plunge into making the HIANG a leader and model of the active/Guard associate unit integration, beginning with the C-17 Globemaster III cargo aircraft classic associate unit that was stood up in 2006.

"Once again, you (HIANG) have set a new standard, not just a standard for excellence but you've set a standard for the first Air National Guard associate unit with the active duty flying this airplane (C-17), ...and it has just been terrific," said Gen. Paul V.

Hester, Pacific Air Forces commander. "It is, in fact, a continuing success story."

## Jetfighter unit will also be associate unit

C-17s are not the only associate unit that will come to Hickam Air Force Base. One of the three F-22 Raptor jetfighter squadrons, scheduled to be beddown in the Pacific, will be located at Hickam; the other two in Alaska. The Hawaii-based Raptors are expected to arrive in 2011.

"Hawaii's squadron will be the only Guard owned F-22 unit with an

active F-22 reverse associate," said Hester. "We think Hawaii will stick out, not like a sore thumb, but like a shining example of TFI."

## More tankers in 2011

The HIANG is also scheduled to receive four additional KC-135 Stratotankers in 2011, bringing the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron up from an eight primary assigned aircraft unit to a 12 PAA. This unit will also be a reverse associate unit with the HIANG owning the aircraft and the 15th Airlift Wing assisting with the flying and maintenance.



# Combat sky satellite system successfully tested in Hilo

**H**ILO, Hawaii — Disaster preparedness and assistance are primary state missions of the National Guard and this June, in a multi-state military operation, commercial telephone and Internet service was established for the first time in Hawaii using combat sky satellite and deployable communications equipment. Prior to this, the Guard could only establish military communication services (e.g. DSN phones and NIPRNET) with assigned equipment.

Airmen from California's 162nd Combat Communications Group, Arizona's 111th Space Operations Squadron and Hilo-based 291st Combat Communications Squadron worked together, using military satellite communications (SATCOM) equipment, to restore commercial service to Hawaii County Civil Defense Agency's emergency operating center (EOC). The mission was to exercise the ability to rapidly respond and support the Hawaii Air National Guard and other civil authorities during times of natural or catastrophic disasters. "Additionally, the military civilian exercise demonstrated the capability to employ various communications platforms," said Capt. Michael Cardoza, from the 162nd, "which will provide initial command and control communications to multiple islands using existing Hawaii Guard equipment whenever possible."

Story and photos by  
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**ONE-TWO-THREE . . . GO** — Col. Ann Greenlee, the Hawaii Air National Guard executive support staff officer, prepares to launch the Sky Satellite balloon.



**NEW TOYS WORKING** — Lt. Col. Reynold T. Hioki (middle), the Hawaii National Guard's joint staff director of communications and information, demonstrates to Brig. Gen. Gary M. Ishikawa, the deputy adjutant general, and Col. Ann Greenlee, executive support staff officer, the military/civilian communication systems compatibility.

## Operations unit launches repeater system

A three-person team from the 111th SOPS launched a weather balloon/radio repeater system, called Combat SkySat, which operates in *near space* between 65,000 to 90,000 feet (approximately 12 to 17 miles).

Near space is an area in the atmosphere where winds are minimal and reside above where aircraft operate but below where satellites orbit. After a weather check, the balloon is filled with a floating gas and the repeater, with its antenna and ballast, are attached and launched.

"A two-person team remotely controls the payload which extends radio communications over 600 miles (line of sight)," briefed Lt. Col. Patty Tuttle, the 111th commander. "The limited steering capability SkySat moves with the wind, and it's the operator's job to look for the best altitude with the best wind direction and speed to support the mission."

"The system reports position, location, speed and direction back to the operator. The payload is released by the operator and parachutes to the ground at the end of the flight for possible recovery." A beacon signal is put out to track its location, but possible overseas landing may preclude recovery.

## Military communications equipment operated on civilian system

California's 162nd airlifted communications equipment to the airport in Hilo, then on to the Hawaii Guard's 291st headquarters in the Keaukaha Military Reservation (across the airport). The 162nd set up an operations base at KMR and at remote site at the county's civil defense EOC.

After the 162nd made the civilian and military systems compatible, Lt. Col. Reynold T. Hioki, the Hawaii Air Guard director of communications and information, was able to make contact from the 291st at KMR via Camp Roberts, Calif., to the Hawaii County EOC via military satellite and receive commercial phone and Internet service.

Making connections through the PSC-5 radios, were Hawaii Guard units:

- 292nd CBSC (Kahului, Maui),
- 293rd CBSC (Hickam Air Force Base)
- 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron (Wheeler Army Airfield)
- Joint Forces Headquarters-Hawaii (Diamond Head)

Active Army organizations:

- Joint Task Force-HD (Shafter)
- U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC-J6, Shafter)

Hioki, who also serves as the Joint Forces Headquarters-Hawaii director of logistics C4 (J6), initiated the Hawaii SkySat demonstration. He said the California and Arizona units are interested in returning next year to facilitate communications links statewide during the annual hurricane Exercise MAKANI PAHILI.

On hand for the demonstration and launching the balloons were Brig. Gen. Gary M. Ishikawa, the deputy adjutant general, Brig. Gen. Kathleen Fick, the HIANG chief of staff and Col. Ann Greenlee, the HING chief of joint staff.



**TRACKING SKY SATELLITE** — Brig. Gen. Gary M. Ishikawa, the deputy adjutant general, and Col. Ann Greenlee, Hawaii Air National Guard executive support staff officer, watch as Lt. Col. Patty Tuttle's (top left, 111th Space Operations Squadron commander) staff explains how they track the balloon's location and direction, and make adjustments to its elevation.





Sgt. 1st Class Curtis H. Matsushige photos  
**SYMBOL OF COMMAND** — Col. Bruce E. Oliveira accepts the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team guidon from Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee, the adjutant general.

# Oliveira takes command of Brigade



*"I... know that you will continue to shoulder the load, wherever you place boots on the ground to preserve the peace and freedom of our great nation." -- Brig. Gen. Joseph J. Chaves*

returning as commander.

Thirty-six years later, in August 2004, the Brigade was again reorganized and activated -- this time to support the war on terrorism for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, with Chaves in command and

June 23 began a new era for the reorganized 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, as Col. Bruce E. Oliveira took command from Brig. Gen. Joseph J. Chaves at the change of command ceremony held at the Kalaeloa headquarters.

The Brigade, which traces its roots to November 1947, was organized as the 29th in January 1959 under the command of Brig. Gen. Frederick A. Schaefer III. The unit was federally activated for service in Vietnam on May 13, 1968, with Schaefer



**COMMANDERS' WIVES** — Jeanne Oliveira (in white), Paulette Chaves and Judi Lee, head the list of families and friends in attendance at the change of command ceremony held in June.

Oliveira as his deputy commander.

Chaves closes out his four-year command of the brigade while continuing as the commander of the Hawaii Army National Guard, where he has served since being appointed in April 2006.

Oliveira, like Chaves, holds a degree in education, but unlike the general, was a traditional drill-status Soldier. He has taken leave from his Department of Education position to serve as the full-time commander of the Brigade.

# Indonesian state partnership established

By Maj. Charles J. Anthony and  
Sgt 1st Class Stephen M. Lum

JAKARTA, INDONESIA — Gov. Linda Lingle announced a partnership with the Republic of Indonesia's Minister of Defense, Dr. Juwono Sudarsono, formally inaugurating the National Guard State Partnership between Indonesia and the Hawaii National Guard in June.

The State Partnership Program (SPP) is a unique, mutually beneficial security cooperation program that is conducted in close coordination with the U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii. It encompasses three focus areas — military-to-military, military-to-civilian and civilian-to-civilian relationships. The military-to-military initiatives emphasize professional development for the officer and non-commissioned corps and offer a wide scope for mutual exchanges and learning opportunities between the partners' respective armed forces. Military-to-civilian activities include preparation for defense support to civilian authorities during times of natural disasters. The civilian-to-civilian

relationships may consist of exchanges in areas such as domestic emergency readiness, search and rescue operations, scientific, educational, medical and legal visits and the enhancement of democratic institutions.

Hawaii and Indonesia are archipelagos entities in the Pacific that face common challenges such as the threat of natural disasters. The State of Hawaii, Department of Defense, which includes the Hawaii National Guard and State Civil Defense, hosted a delegation of Indonesian military officials last month. During their trip, the Indonesian delegation had the opportunity to witness Exercise MAKANI PAHILI and to exchange ideas regarding defense support to civil authorities. The Tentara Nasional Indonesia (TNI) officers got to tour the emergency operating center in Diamond Head. A second group, from the TNI Army Aviation Corps came in the last week of June to tour the Wheeler Army Aviation Facility and take an orientation flight, which included a sling load demonstration in Kahuku.

"I am confident that the Na-

tional Guard SPP will not only enhance collaborative efforts in emergency disaster preparedness and response, but will also serve the broader purpose of expanding and deepening the friendship between the peoples of Indonesia and Hawaii," said Lingle.

The State Partnership Program, started by the National Guard Bureau in January 1993, was a way of fostering positive relationships with former Soviet republics and satellite states. It has since been expanded to the Asia-Pacific region to develop strategic links, bridging distance and cultural differences.

"Indonesia is the world's most populous Muslim nation, and it is in everyone's best interest to maintain stability and trade, both materially and the trade of ideas," said Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee, the adjutant general. "How we build our partnership with Indonesia could have a

huge strategic impact on the region."

Hawaii and Guam began a joint State Partnership Program with the Philippines in the mid-1990s. Guam now takes the lead as Hawaii builds the Indonesian partnership. Two other State Partnership Programs in U.S. Pacific Command are Alaska — Mongolia and Washington — Thailand.



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha photo  
**DISASTER PREPAREDNESS** — Leighton AhCook, the training and information branch chief at State Civil Defense, briefs Maj. Gen. Heryadi, Brig. Gen. Darpho Pudyastungkoro, Col. Surya Darma and the Tentara Nasional Indonesia (TNI) staff.



Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum photo  
**AVIATION SUPPORT** — Brig. Gen. Seman Arifin (above) and his Indonesian Army Aviation Corps staff observe a slingload demonstration from a Hawaii Army National Guard CH-47D Chinook helicopter.



## Looking for: Special Emphasis Program Managers

By Rex Jones  
State Equal Employment Manager

We are looking for volunteers who think they might be interested in *interviewing* for a collateral duty as one of the Hawaii National Guard's Special Emphasis Program Managers (SEPM's). In short, the term SEPM refers to those programs that ensure agencies take affirmative steps to provide equal opportunity to minorities, women and people with disabilities in all areas of employment. It refers specifically to employment related programs, which focus special attention on groups that are conspicuously absent or underrepresented in a specific occupational category or grade level in the agency's work force. These programs serve as a channel to management officials.

### Special Emphasis Programs goals:

- Improve employment and advancement opportunities for minorities, women and people with disabilities in the Federal service
- Identify systemic causes of discrimination against minorities, women and people with disabilities
- Seek ways to help minorities, women and people with disabilities to advance by using their skills more fully
- Monitor agency progress in eliminating discrimination and adverse impact on minorities, women and people with disabilities in employment and agency programs
- Educate Federal employees and managers about the extent of various forms of discrimination within the Federal Service

### Program manager's positions

- Black Employment Program Manager
- Hispanic Employment Program Manager
- Asian/Pacific Islander Employment Program Manager
- American Indian/Alaskan Native Employment Program Manager
- Federal Women's Employment Program Manager
- Employment for Persons with Disabilities Manager

If this, in fact, is something you are interested in, then give me a call at (808) 672-1245 or simply shot me an e-mail at [rex.e.jones@us.army.mil](mailto:rex.e.jones@us.army.mil). We can talk to your chain of command in order to determine if this is feasible for you. If so, and the interview goes well, then I will submit your name for an official nomination.

## Guard Counterdrug program takes on fight against underage drinking

Story and photos by  
Capt. Regina H. Berry  
Hawaii National Guard Public Affairs

The Hawaii National Guard's Counterdrug program hosted the first Hawaii Partnership to Prevent Underage Drinking Conference April 26 – 27 at the Honolulu Airport Hotel.

More than 40 federal, state, city and county members attended the HPPUD conference to discuss the State's underage drinking problem and the details of a grant the program received from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to combat this issue.



**POCKET-SIZE** -- Staff Sgt. Rita Miller, Hawaii National Guard Counterdrug program staffer, reviews the mini-fact sheet (Aloha Card) developed by the lieutenant governor's office to educate and cultivate responsible behavior among teens.

### Drinking linked to harm in brain development

"Research shows that young people who start drinking before the age of 15 are five times more likely to have alcohol-related problems later in life. New research also indicates that alcohol may harm the developing adolescent brain," said Acting Surgeon General Kenneth Mori-tsugu, M.D., M.P.H., in a Mar. 6 press release announcing a Call to Action against underage drinking.

Alcohol is still the number one choice of drugs, killing more young people than any other drug combined, said Lt. Gov. James "Duke" Aiona Jr. during the opening remarks. He also thanked the National Guard for taking the lead in the HPPUD.

### Adding underage drinking program natural for existing counterdrug mission

Under the direction of Col. Joseph Logan, the Hawaii National Guard Counter-drug program has been involved with supply and drug demand reduction programs for many years, so stepping up to the plate and volunteering to spearhead the HPPUD program was an easy decision.

"The National Guard has been involved in Eradication and Education Missions for many years, this is just another way that we can use our community mobilizing skills to ensure we all move forward," said Maj.

Tamah-Lani Noh, the HING counterdrug executive officer and HPPUD program manager.

Her biggest challenge will be managing a \$75k grant dedicated to reducing the accessibility and use of alcohol by minors and changing community norms in all of the State's counties. "I am so excited that we in the Hawaii National Guard have been given this opportunity to manage this grant because there are so many different agencies statewide that we have been working with to address underage drinking – we are now able to support all four counties; Honolulu, Big Island, Kauai and Maui with a mechanism to share information and get inputs so we will all be on the same sheet of music," said Noh.

With resources already in all four counties, the Hawaii National Guard Counterdrug program hopes to reach as many Hawaii residents as possible through the collaboration of agencies within the HPPUD program.

"We realize that we can work together and share resources to ensure that the entire state of Hawaii recognizes that underage drinking is not acceptable nor a right of passage," said Noh.

The National Guard provides counterdrug support to federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, educational institutions, and community based organizations.



**TAKING THE LEAD** -- Lt. Gov. James "Duke" Aiona and Maj. Tamah-Lani Noh address the Hawaii Partnership to Prevent Underage Drinking Conference attendees in April.





# Hawaii National Guard Family Program

Lt. Col. Laura Wheeler, State Family Program Coordinator

The third quarter of 2007 continues to be

busy for our Family Program. As more Hawaii National Guard units prepare for deployment, the staff and volunteers have been engaged in events including the Family Mobilization briefings, Post Deployment Health Risk Assessment follow-ups, Family Assistant Center staff training, Junior Leader training and ongoing Family Readiness Group training.

## Readiness training offered

Army and Air Guard have continued to conduct Joint Family Readiness Group training and additional courses are being offered to the full time and inactive duty training personnel. Lorna Souza and Samantha Ligsay continue to provide the brown bag lunch series where subject matter experts come in to hold topics such as military retirement, Veterans Administration home loans, and many other

classes. We always welcome new course requests from our Guard community

## Assistance centers active

The Family Assistance Center (FAC) Staff are actively providing services for post deployment follow up and, currently, new mobilization pre-deployment activities. The FACs have an ongoing critical role to provide multiple services for all phases of deployment. Reintegration continues beyond a year of our troops returning from deployment. Keep in mind that certain signs and symptoms of stress may appear later upon their return. The Department of Veterans Affairs and Vet Centers are actively involved with assisting our warriors and families for medical and non-medical related concerns. Contact any of our FACs or our office for more information and referrals. It is a continued OPTEMPO for our Guard personnel, families and Family Readiness Groups. Our State Family Program Office strives to provide the best service and support to keep our Ha-

waii Guard mission ready but, most importantly, family ready!!! Please feel free to call anyone of our FAC staff or our office at anytime.

## Workshop itinerary set

Last but not least, come and enjoy our Annual State Family Program Workshop and Youth Symposium at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa. The theme this year is E Ho'omakaukau Kakou, "Let's All Prepare." We will have great break out sessions addressing Disaster Preparedness, Money Management, Couples Communication, Seven Habits of Highly Effective Families, Teen Communication and Safety and lots more. Our guest speaker is Bridget Cantrell, PhD, a nationally recognized author and mental health counselor. She will be discussing how deployment and separation effects families to include a discussion on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, symptoms, treatment and how to be proactive in prevention through self care. Please go to [www.guardfamily.org](http://www.guardfamily.org) to register or call our office.

## Events Calendar

August 24-25 - State Annual Family Program Workshop and Youth Symposium. FY 08 More Marriage Enrichment Seminars will be offered.

# Get over it!

By Rex Jones  
State Equal Employment Manager

Yesterday was National Get Over It Day! You didn't know that? You MISSED it? Well, GET OVER IT!

I learned this phrase from a very good friend of mine by the name of Bob Vasquez — I've heard him say it many times over the years. And, he learned it from his friend, former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Dave Campanale who used a similar phrase, "So what?" The both of them have been admonishing audiences to get over it for a very long time. And, I have come to learn that, *Get over it* is one of the most powerful concepts in our language. Let me prove it to you.

Have you ever dwelled on something that happened in the past to the point that it affects your present? Have you ever left a meeting of some sort saying to yourself, *I shoulda . . .*? If you haven't, we're all bowing to you as we read this. I don't know anyone who hasn't done that. GET OVER IT!

Personally, *Get over it* is one of the most powerful phrases in the English language, only if you practice it. Here's what happens. We usually dwell on the negative events of our lives, don't we? What can you do about them now? Can you go back in time and fix that mistake you made? If you can, show us how, we would all be grateful. What good is there in dwelling on the negative past events?

Let's put this into action. Think of something negative you did or that someone did to you. Now analyze what you can do about it. Either do something about it or get over it! You probably can't forget it but you can force yourself to not dwell on it. If you dwell on it you'll affect your attitude which will af-

fect the attitude of everyone you touch the rest of the day or longer.

Let me share with you the example; the other morning, I'm riding my Harley to work when a Hummer (Yuck) cuts into my lane causing me to brake and swerve pretty significantly. I realize I have a choice to make here. How do I react? How do I respond? I have to do SOMETHING! Don't I? I won't tell you what I did but it ain't purdy! When I get into work, I felt compelled to share my tale of woe with the HRO staff because when I get in someone asks me, *How's it going?* How's it going? Let me tell you! I proceed to tell everyone willing to listen about that Hummer that cut me off. And within minutes everyone sympathized with me. By mid-morning at least 18 of the 20 folks assigned to HRO are ticked off because of how that Hummer treated their favorite SEEM!

As I said, I had a choice to make. Maybe I should have chosen to get over it? Maybe I should have asked what Bob Vasquez would have asked me if he'd been the first person I'd seen when I got to Fort Ruger. So what? What can you do about it now? Nothing? Then, GET OVER IT!

Now, let me acknowledge that there are some truly tragic events we can't get over, we just get through. The loss of a family member is something we don't get over, we try to get through. But most of what affects our attitude on a daily basis is little stuff we CAN get over so DO IT!

Bob Vasquez teaches (he is currently on staff at the Air Force Academy and author of several leadership books) that what we need to do to be happy and have a productive life is to learn from the past, plan for the

## How to reach us

Check out our website at [www.dod.state.hi.us/family](http://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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Leilani Kerr . . . . . 595-9092  
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Shevon Garnett . . . . . 623-1441  
Kimo Palakiko . . . . . 239-2040  
Gail Tamaribuchi . . . . . 258-2324

## Hawaii Guard Family Support Centers

**Oahu: State Family Program Office**  
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Harriet Kuni: 672-1441

**Hawaii County: Hilo Armory**  
1046 Leilani St., Hilo  
Dave Ferreira: 987-9702C

**Maui County: Puunene Armory**  
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Georgette Pelekai: 268-8005

**Kauai County: Hanapepe Armory**  
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Milton Oshiro: 346-5319

future, but live in the present. He says that today is a gift so treat it as such. I like that play on words. The present is a present!

Take that negative event you thought of a little while ago and figure out what you can learn from it. Take that learning and make a plan for how you can avoid making that mistake again, and then get over it!

Live in the present, it's all you

really have. One of the most popular prayers you'll hear is the Serenity Prayer. It goes like this, *God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.* There's more to it but this is enough to make my point, I hope. Fix what you can, then get over it! It's the most powerful thing you can do today! *Fix what you can but get over what you can't.*



# Awards and Recognition

### Legion of Merit

Col. John R. Penebacker, JFHQ, HIARNG  
Lt. Col. Wayne N. Yoshioka, JFHQ, HIARNG  
Command Sgt. Maj. Vernon A. Nakasone, HIARNG Element, JFHQ

### Meritorious Service Medal

Col. Martha N. Wong, Regiment, Multifunctional Training Brigade, 3rd OLC  
Lt. Col. Courtney B. Vares-Lum, 93rd WMD – CST, 2nd OLC  
Maj. Christopher M. Slavens, 298th Regiment, Multifunctional Training Brigade  
Chief Warrant Officer Wendell A. Windham, JFHQ, HIARNG, 1st OLC  
Command Sgt. Maj. Robert N. Inouye, 103rd Troop Command, 3rd OLC  
Master Sgt. Bert M. Ogasawara, OTC-RTSM  
Master Sgt. David C. Wallace, HQ, 103rd Troop Command, 1st OLC  
Sgt. 1st Class Charles Y. Hokama, 111th Army Band  
Sgt. 1st Class George L. Kaapana III, RRD, HIARNG, 2nd OLC  
Sgt. 1st Class Garrett I. Hookala, OTC-RTSM

Staff Sgt. Lambert T.L. Lum, 111th Army Band

### Army Commendation Medal

Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald S. Oshiba, HQ, 103rd Troop Command, 6th OLC  
Staff Sgt. Craig L. Naipo, 298th Regiment, MFTB  
Sgt. Davecaesar Tolentino, 298th Regiment, MFTB, 2nd OLC

### Air Force Commendation Medal

Col. Ann M. Greenlee, HQ HIANG, 2nd OLC  
Lt. Col. Peter W. Ching, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron, 1st OLC  
Maj. Taison K. Tanaka, 154th Wing, 1st OLC  
Maj. Sharnell H.K. Valeho, HQ, HIANG, 1st OLC  
1st Lt. Jason N. Matsuoka, 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
Chief Master Sgt. Dennis H. Mishima, 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 2nd OLC  
Chief Master Sgt. Daniel N. Rose II, 154th Maintenance Squadron, 1st OLC  
Senior Master Sgt. Stephen C. Baldonado, 154th Maintenance Squadron  
Senior Master Sgt. Ray G. Duropan, 154th Security Forces Squadron, 2nd OLC  
Master Sgt. Annette D.N. Gagarin, HQ, HIANG, 1st OLC

Master Sgt. Alan K. Kimura, 154th Maintenance Squadron  
Master Sgt. Roy N. Matsuoka, 154th Maintenance Squadron, 1st OLC  
Tech. Sgt. Jan K.N. DeRego, 154th Logistics Readiness Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Melvin M. Salangdron, 154th Maintenance Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Thor L. Gran, 154th Maintenance Squadron, 1st OLC  
Tech. Sgt. Andy M. Nakagawa, 154th Maintenance Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey A. Yokono, 154th Maintenance Squadron, 1st OLC  
Staff Sgt. Sarah A. Hedlin, 154th Maintenance Squadron, 1st OLC  
Staff Sgt. Simon S.W. Wong, 154th Maintenance Squadron

### Air Force Achievement Medal

Maj. Charles J. Anthony, HQ HIANG, 1st OLC  
Maj. Michael M. Blake, 154th Operations Support Flight, 1st OLC  
Capt. David L. Lowery, 154th Wing, 3rd OLC  
Capt. Victor Talamoa Jr., 154th Communications Flight, 2nd OLC

1st Lt. Regina H. Berry, 154th Wing, 1st OLC  
1st Lt. Glen K.T. Hayase, 154th Operations Support Flight  
1st Lt. Travis K. Miyashiro, 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
Chief Master Sgt. Stanley J. Souza Jr., 154th Maintenance Group, 2nd OLC  
Chief Master Sgt. Brian A. Tom, 154th Wing, 4th OLC  
Senior Master Sgt. Scot S. Fujioka, 199th Weather Flight  
Senior Master Sgt. Leilani D.M. Moniz, 154th Wing, 2nd OLC  
Senior Master Sgt. Robby A. Shigeta, 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 3rd OLC  
Master Sgt. Larnette H. Doi, 154th Wing, 1st OLC  
Master Sgt. Kristen M. Higgins, 154th Communications Flight, 3rd OLC  
Master Sgt. Kingston Y.S. Ko, 293rd Combat Communications Squadron, 1st OLC  
Master Sgt. Nathan H. Koide, 154th Maintenance Group  
Master Sgt. Nathan R. Kum, 293rd Combat Communications Squadron, 1st OLC  
Master Sgt. Roger G. Ramos, 297th Air Traffic Control Squadron  
Master Sgt. Roddy R. Paguyo, 293rd Combat Communications Squadron

Master Sgt. Sheena K. Tauyan, 154th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 1st OLC  
Tech. Sgt. Darrell J. Bactad, 154th Civil Logistic Resource Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Thomas Chock Jr., 154th Logistics Readiness Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. David F. McCulloch, 293rd Combat Communications Squadron, 2nd OLC  
Tech. Sgt. Charles R. Parker, 154th Security Forces Squadron, 3rd OLC  
Tech. Sgt. Glenn P. Tarrant, 154th Maintenance Squadron, 1st OLC  
Staff Sgt. Andrew L. Jackson, 154th Composite Flight, 1st OLC  
Staff Sgt. Sharon M. Pasion, 154th Mission Support Flight  
Staff Sgt. Moses L. Randles, 154th Security Forces Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Ryan K. Schreiner, 154th Security Forces Squadron, 2nd OLC  
Senior Airman Kenneth L. Callahan, 154th Logistics Readiness Squadron  
Senior Airman Titus M. Matautia, 154th Logistics Readiness Squadron  
Senior Airmen Maryrochelle T. Small, 154th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Senior Airman Tiana K. Stanton, 154th Security Forces Squadron  
Senior Airman Ryan W.H. Yung, 154th Wing  
Airman 1st Class Audrey B. Agustin, 154th Logistics Readiness Squadron

### State of Hawaii Distinguished Service Order

Brig. Gen. Joseph J. Chaves, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team  
Master Sgt. Ernie B. Pigao, Co. G, FS, 29th Brigade Support Bn.  
Sgt. 1st Class Patrick A.K. Cambra, Co. G, FS, 29th Brigade Support Bn.

### Hawaii National Guard Medal for Merit

Staff Sgt. Romeo Corpuz, Det. 1, Co. D, 1st Bn., 171st Aviation Regt.  
Spc. Bryan K. Ng, HHB, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery

### Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal

Sgt. 1st Class Emilie Bagayas, 1st Bn., 298th Reg., MFTB, RTI  
Staff Sgt. Melvin Masaki, HHD, 12th Personnel Service  
Paulette Chaves, State Advisory Team, Family Support Group  
Lorna K. Souza, 154th Wing



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1- Spc. Bianca Asato, from the HHC, 29th Brigade Special Troops Bn., takes her shift spotting during the unit's entry identification team mission. 2- A Nogales EIT observation site perched on a hilltop overlooking the Mexican border. 3- Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee, the adjutant general (left) and State Command Chief Master Sgt. Denise M. Jelinski-Hall (with binoculars) check out the Hawaii Army National Guard rotation at Operation JUMP START in Arizona.



Photos by Lt. Col. Moses Kaiwi Jr. and Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum

## 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	Aug	Sep	Oct
HHD, Joint Forces HQ	4-5	8-9	13-14
298th Regional Training Institute	11-25 AT	8-9	13-14
Ordnance Training Co., RTS-M	11-12	15-16	13-14
Recruit Sustainment Program	18-19	8-9	13-14
29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team	25-26	8-9	13-14
HHT, 1st Squadron, 299th Cavalry	4-5	8-9	13-14
1st Bn, 487th Field Artillery	4-5	7-9	13-14
HHC, 29th Inf. Bde. Support Bn.	4-5	8-9	13-14
103rd Troop Command	4-5	8-9	13-14
12th Personnel Service Det. (Rear)	4-5	8-9	13-14
111th Army Band	6, 13, 20, 27	10, 17, 24	1, 13, 14, 22, 29
230th Engineer Co.	4-5	8-9	6-7
297th Firefighting Team	4-5	15-16	13-14
Co. B, 445th Aviation	19-20	29-30	19-20
Det. 1, HHC, 1st Bn., 171st Aviation	5-6	2-3	13-14
Co. C, 1st Bn., 207th Aviation	mobilized	mobilized	mobilized
Hawaii Air National Guard			
HQ, Hawaii Air National Guard	4-5	8-9	13-14
154th Wing	4-5	8-9	13-14
201st Combat Communications Group	4-5	8-9	13-14