

# The Tigers get farewell party

When 1968 is a thing of the past, the aloha party given for the Tiger Battery in Kaneohe last Saturday may well prove out the event of the year.

Windward Charley Battery of the Hawaii

National Guard, under the command of Captain Louis Perry, will be moving out Monday to active duty and reporting to Schofield. All the men in the unit now know that the community will miss them, for the party was proof a great many people cared.

Spearheaded by the Kaneohe Jaycees (no ka oe) under the combined leadership of Doug Mello and Matt Kaonohi, the aloha quickly spread to include other groups and individuals who wanted to make sure the Tigers got a good send off.

When the Kaneohe Lions, under Bob Graham, heard the Jaycees were out collecting refreshments, they asked to help. As soon as the Lions leaped to aid the Tigers, all the cats joined in!

The Kaneohe Kiwanis, under Fred Sanjume, joined in the pupu collection, and soon the table was loaded with goodies.

A huge aloha cake from George Abe of Jean's Bakery graced the center of the table, and kept many small fry well iced.

Winnie Chang of Arc's End Restaurant, and Dr. J.I.F. Reppun, an innocent bystander, both

came up with cash to put a head on the beer, a last minute gesture that put the quota over the top.

The party started at 4 p.m. with Captain Perry giving "The Award of the Tiger" to the men in his command who had, in various ways, come up with outstanding performances during the year.

Sally Howarth, emceeding the entertainment between two other engagements, soon found to her delight there was plenty of talent.

Jerry Poomaihealani and his hula girls were great, as were Kalani Miller and his beautiful wife, with the beautiful voice, Ihilani. Mrs. Kapiolani Butterworth and her Taparama girls covered the South Pacific in dance. The dancers were encored many times by the appreciative Guardsmen.

Doug Mossman, also between engagements, came up to give an impromptu performance that brought down the house, and coconut leaves. When he left, he knew he was a hit.

The "Bum Magician" Pfc. Allen Okawa, went over big with his fellow Guardsman with funny patter and sleight of hand magic.

Ed Towse of Waimanalo was there to sing.

Another singer, unexpectedly, was Col. Francis A. Bowers, Jr. Seems he is the Miki of "Sing Along with Miki" whom we used to hear on KTRG.

Just before the finale the Jaycees presented an ukulele to Captain Perry, and Perry turned the instrument over to Bowers who obliged with "Koni-au". This is the Hawaii National Guard anthem, and Bowers brought every man to his feet with this happy ending.

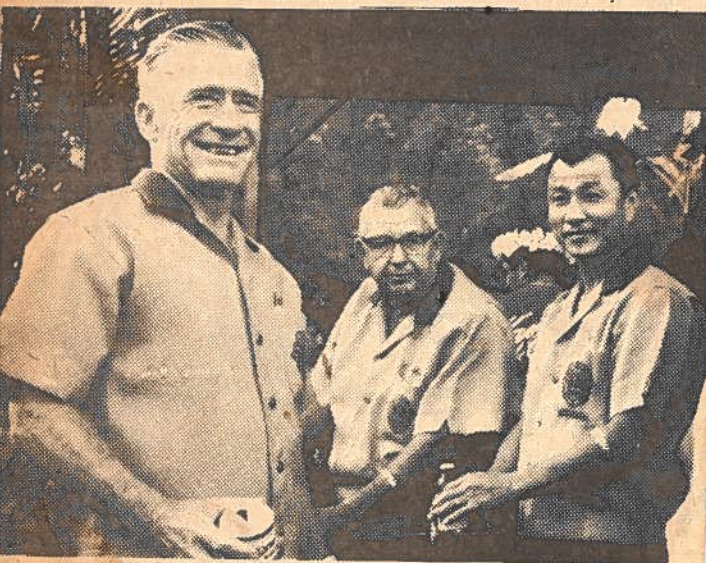
Well, most people thought it was the end; however 24 hours later, but right on time at 5 p.m. another performer showed up. All dressed and ready to go on, Kent (K.K. Kaumanua) Bowman arrived to find no party, but the last of the beer being consumed by about 20 men. After recovering from chagrin, K.K. entertained the troops, and promised to show up at the next Tiger social.



MATT KAONOHI, at the microphone, holds the ukulele he is about to present to Captain Louis Perry, beside him as a memento to the tigers from the Kaneohe Jaycees. Matt is incoming president. --Pali Press photo



COL. FRANCIS A. BOWERS, alias Miki, of the Sing-along, strums the ukulele while Ihilani Miller helps out on the guitar. The song is Koni-au. --Pali Press photo



THE LIONS, led by Bob Graham in the foreground, pitched in to help the sponsoring Kaneohe Jaycees collect pupu and serve the guests. --Pali Press photo