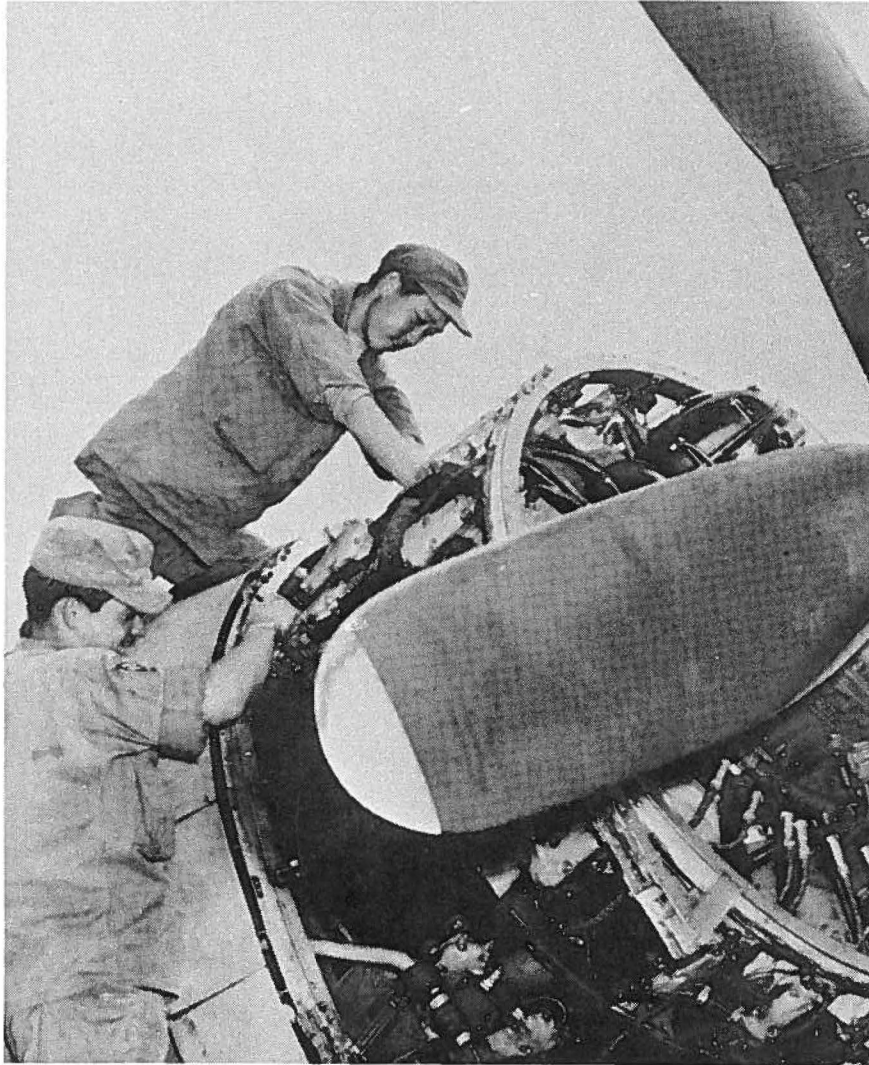


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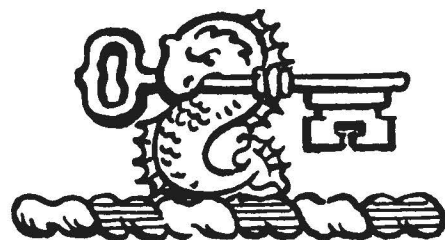
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Looking back over 1971

By Colonel James Ashford
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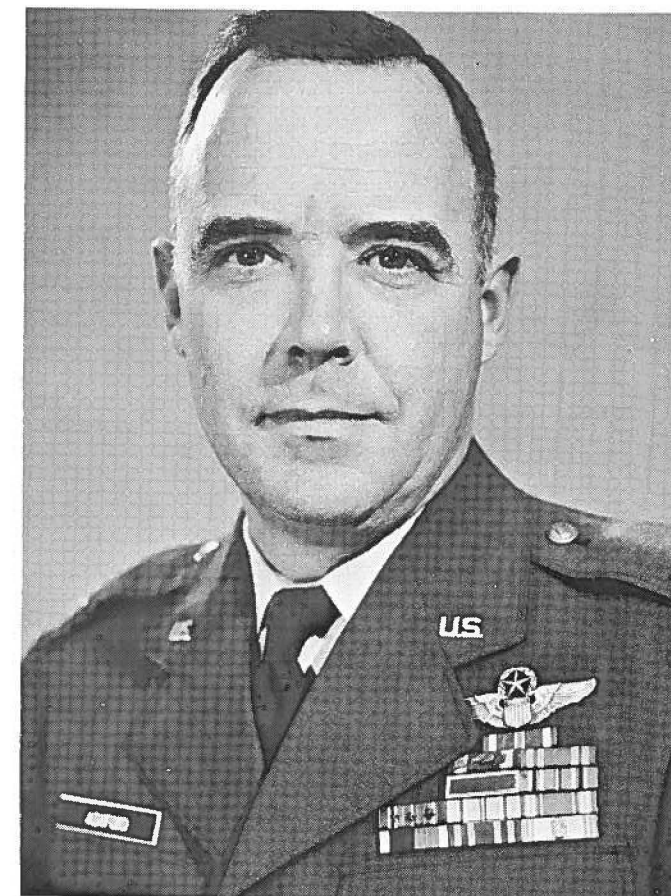
Activity within our Association for this year mainly centered around hosting of the 93rd General Conference of the National Guard Association and some changes in our magazine "The Hawaii Guardsman."

The work of hosting the 93rd General Conference of the NGAUS was accomplished by the General Arrangements Committee under the leadership of Brigadier General Valentine A. Siefertmann. Work began three years ago and by the time the Conference was completed, hundreds of Hawaii Guardsmen and their families were involved in the many varied tasks of a conference this size. From the many comments and letters we have received, there is little doubt that the General Arrangements Committee achieved its goal of making the 93rd the best General Conference of the NGAUS to date.

Beginning the first of this year, the financial account of "The Hawaii Guardsman" was separated from the Treasury of our Association and full authority given to the Editorial Board, headed by Lt Col John Naumu, to conduct the necessary business affairs of the magazine. Our magazine is in a healthy financial condition. The future of "The Hawaii Guardsman" was a subject of a study by the Editorial Board. Concern centered on its role for internal communication for Hawaii National Guard as a voice of the Association. A re-evaluation of financing methods was made. Details are covered elsewhere in this issue.

At the end of my term of office it is appropriate to express thanks to the hard working volunteers who helped to make this a successful year. The willing and enthusiastic support provided by many has been heartwarming. The tasks of Chairman of the Editorial Board and Chairman of General Arrangements Committee, Hawaii in '71 have been especially burdensome. On behalf of the entire mem-

bership I extend the thanks of our Association to the respective chairmen of these committees, Lt Col John Naumu and General Siefertmann for their extra special efforts on behalf of the Hawaii National Guard Association.



May not apply here

Minority recruiting policy

Deputy Secretary of Defense David Packard has re-emphasized the need for all units of the National Guard and Reserve to reflect the racial, religious and ethnic character of the communities from which they obtain members.

The new directive revises policies concerning priorities for enlistment of non-prior service individuals in the National Guard and Reserve to provide latitude for the vigorous minority recruiting campaign which has been directed by the Department of Defense. All qualified female applicants, and male non-prior service applicants, except those who are in their prime year of draft vulnerability, may be

enlisted without regard to waiting lists.

Applicants in the prime draft vulnerability category will continue to be accepted on a first-come, first-enlisted basis after all other categories of applicants have been considered.

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) Roger T. Kelley recently urged the National Guard Association to take the lead in increasing minority membership in the Guard and Reserve. He pointed out that waiting lists have hampered progress in the past.

Kelley sees stronger role for Guard in '70s

The Manpower and Reserve Affairs chief of DoD told National Guard Association members that the decade of the '70s holds a tremendous challenge for the National Guard.

While outlining what he states will be the increased role that the Guard units will have in the remainder of this decade, Secretary Kelley also gave the members a glimpse of what has taken place in the past few years.

Equipment Picture

In less than three years, the equipment picture of the Guard and Reserve units has changed drastically. Equipment valued at more than \$1 billion has been turned over to units throughout the United States, and the program will continue until the Vietnam war deficits have been made up and all the equipment modernized.

Since the Reserve and Guard units are an integral part of the total national security force, they will play an important role in the "Total Force Concept" which the Secretary of Defense outlined in his August, 1970 directive.

The equipment buildup was one of the important signs pointed out to the Guard and Reserve members. The kind of equipment being sent to the Guard units now makes it possible for its members to train effectively and to become a completely combat-ready, deployable force.

And, as the American involvement in the war in Southeast Asia is reduced, more and better equipment will be made available to all units of the Guard. This equipment is now included in the Department of Defense budget, and members were told that the Guard and Reserve's share of the Defense budget has increased 50 per cent since Fiscal Year 1969. This is another indication of the importance of the role assigned them in the future.

Calling the Guard and Reserve forces "the best security bargain of the century," Secretary Kelley noted it costs the American taxpayer an average of \$8,000 a year to clothe, feed, and pay a member of the active force — which is six

Bigger better benefits proposed

Incentives for Guardsmen have been endorsed by the Department of Defense, the National Guard Bureau, NGAUS, and the U.S. Conference of Governors.

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) Roger T. Kelley said earlier this year:

"We have initiated the formation of a Special Communications Group composed of officers and enlisted personnel from each Guard and Reserve component. These Guardsmen and Reservists will assist us in identifying problem areas, and recommend changes needed to insure

times the cost of maintaining a Guardsman or a member of the Selected Reserve.

The Guard and the Draft

Recognizing there were shortcomings in the past, among them the fact that the Army and Air Guard had highly-questionable combat missions since they were seldom mobilized, Secretary Kelley lauded the excellence of the Guard leadership.

The Guard now has a clear mission — the units, along with those of the Selected Reserve, are to be the initial and primary augmentation force for the armed forces in the event of any mobilization.

The new equipment, being issued to the Guard and Reserve units after years of short supply, will increase the capability of the men and the units.

New Incentives

Some new programs were projected for the National Guard Association membership. They are designed to stimulate Guard participation. These included: bonuses for service, special pay for skills needed within the Guard structure, and a system of personal and family protection that will assist members when they are called to active duty.

Guard Involvement

Secretary Kelley also had high praise for the Guard in its civic-action role. Recalling that he had challenged the Guard to do something to alleviate human suffering and help solve the social problems of large American cities two years ago, Secretary Kelley told the meeting that the response has been "magnificent."

Issuing a new challenge to the National Guard Association, Secretary Kelley stressed that the days of waiting lists for entry into the Guard and long lines of applicants are long gone. He urged the association to actively plan for increased minority participation, and to implement these plans with maximum speed and effectiveness in order to erase a "blot on an otherwise bright performance."

readiness as reliance on the draft declines.

"The actions that we will ultimately propose to you in the Reserve area will, therefore, reflect the experience and thoughts of a broad cross section of the Reserve community. We are listening to them, as a basis for development budget recommendations to be implemented in FY 1973 and beyond. You may be interested in some of the areas under consideration:

"(1) Bonus — There has been considerable discussion, and favorable reaction, to the idea of an enlistment bonus

to attract non-prior service enlistees, and a re-enlistment bonus to enlist prior service personnel and to retain members of Guard and Reserve units. With the draft inducing people into Guard and Reserve units, there has been no need for this type of incentive to date. But in a volunteer environment, the bonus idea for Guard and Reserve has considerable merit.

"(2) Medical/Dental and Death Benefits — Currently there are significant gaps between the absence of such benefits to Guardsmen and Reservists while in training or on active duty, and the providing of such benefits to their Active Force counterparts. These discrepancies are irritants to the Reservists, and irritants of this kind cause low morale and personnel turbulence.

"(3) Reserve Retirement Age — Under consideration is the idea of permitting early Reserve retirement with retirement pay actuarially reduced. It is not contemplated that this scheme, if advanced as a proposal, would include early qualification for such benefits as medical/dental, commissary and exchange which are presently authorized at age 60.

"(4) Reserve Survivor Benefits — This considers coverage for the surviving dependents of the Guardsman or Reservist if the latter dies between his transfer to the Retired Reserve and his attainment of the statutory age.

"In addition to plans that would require legislation, there are programs that would emphasize the need for administration changes to enhance Guard-Reserve participation. One of these would be the increased use of Guard and Reserve enlistments at intermediate and higher skill levels, thus taking advantage of skills acquired through ci-

Froehlke's for women

Secretary of the Army, William F. Froehlke, recently issued a letter strongly supporting an increased role for women on the Army team. The letter said in part:

"The Department of the Army has now issued a detailed Plan of Action. It has specific goals and timetables for improving the level of employment of women.

"I am personally going to see to it that this is so. I want you to know that as Secretary of the Army I am deeply and personally committed not only to the goals and objectives set forth in our action plan, but also to a broader objective — the objective of ending subtle instances of sex discrimination which sometimes have occurred in the daily conduct of business. These our country will no longer tolerate. These the Army will no longer tolerate.

"I expect all managers, supervisors, and employees — every member of the Army team — to commit themselves with me to achieving and surpassing our published goals, and to do our job in the spirit which underlies those goals. It will take initiative, imagination, perseverance, and dedication. We have all of those. And we will provide true,

vilian employment. For example, a civilian trained as an electronics technician might return from basic training with the rating of E-5, and receive weekend pay of \$44. This would not only increase the attractiveness of Guard Reserve service to the individual, it would also substantially reduce training costs."

On November 3, the Chief, National Guard Bureau, Major General Francis Greenlief said, "In my view our most pressing need for a new incentive for the Army Guard is the reenlistment bonus. The reenlistment bonus would enhance retention of the trained Guardsmen we now have, and would assist us in attracting greater numbers of combat veterans who are leaving the active services."

He also advocated a way of providing some protection for the survivors of those Guardsmen and Reservists who die after 20 qualifying years of service for retirement but before receiving their first retired pay check. Currently such survivors receive no benefits.

"Such improved survivors protection," he pointed out, "would help to convince wives of the value of having their husbands continue their service in the Guard."

The NGAUS, at its recent conference here, endorsed the Department of Defense benefit proposal. It also passed resolutions promoting low interest student loans which would be due at the expiration of a first enlistment, although a portion would be waived or written off on subsequent enlistments.

The Governors endorsed a similar slate of recommendations at their recent Puerto Rican conference.

equal opportunity for women in the Department of the Army."

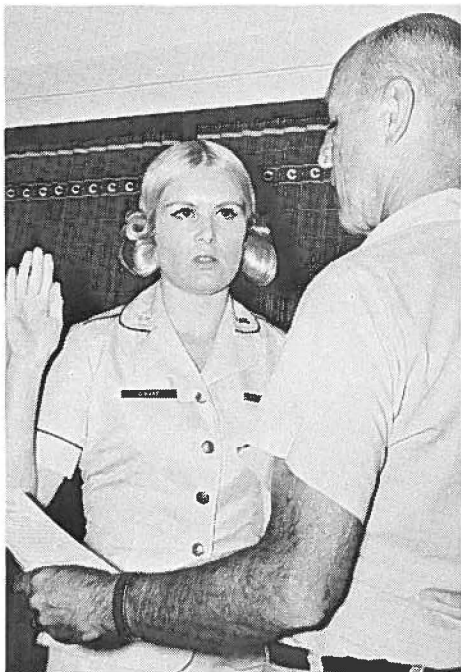
Technician retirement

Congress has been urged by the National Guard Association of the United States to grant full credit for past service to National Guard technicians. NGAUS also urged that the legislators rescind another restriction that bars other Federal employees who formerly were in technician service.

The Association made its recommendation in a statement submitted to a Subcommittee of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee in connection with recent hearings of H.R. 9858 and numerous identical bills on the same subject.

Also submitted as testimony were resolutions passed by conferences of both the NGAUS and the Adjutants General Association of the United States favoring 100 per cent credit toward retirement for all past technician service.

Women in the Hawaii National Guard



enlisted the first Army National Guard WAC (Women's Army Corps), SP5 Dora Campbell.

Two days later, Alaska enlisted SP5 Mary L. Cunningham to further the break-through for women.

Here in Hawaii, the Hawaii Air National Guard recruited its first woman member, First Lieutenant Barbara O'Hare, on July 21, 1971 after a year-long chase from California to Hawaii to Alaska and back.

It wasn't until 1956, when Congress amended the law, that women could be members of the Guard. Both Army and Air National Guard units began signing up nurses almost immediately. However, it wasn't until a year ago that the Air Guard signed up its first WAF (Women in the Air Force). The Army Guard, because of its combat role, has been faced with a lack of spaces suitable for women. The two first ARNG WACs will be working at their respective State headquarters.

The State of Washington broke a 300-year old tradition recently, when it

Only non-prior service women in grades E-5 and above are currently being accepted.

The National Guard Bureau and the WAC Directorate in Department of the Army, are analyzing MOSs within the Army Guard Troop structure to determine where other WACs could serve. According to a Bureau spokesman, only a handful of Army Guard units will have openings for WACs.

According to HARNG G-3, Lieutenant Colonel Manuel DeMello, WACs should be authorized in Hawaii's Army Guard by March 1972. But don't expect to see an immediate improvement in the HARNG's appearance. The women will only be authorized in about a half dozen slots in the headquarters detachment. Furthermore, those slots are now occupied by qualified men. So it all amounts to matching a qualified prior-service woman with the correct vacant slot. The immediate chances look slim from here.

The pay raise arriveth

By Capt Gerry Silva

If you're an enlisted man below the rank of E-4 or a lieutenant — any kind of lieutenant — you made out on the new military pay raise. The new rates are listed below:

BASIC PAY INCREASES FOR RESERVISTS AND NATIONAL GUARDSMEN RECEIVING DRILL PAY

Pay Grade	Under 2	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6
O-2 New	\$76.04				
1 Jan 71	69.92				
\$ Difference	6.12				
O-1 New	\$66.72	\$68.72			
1 Jan 71	60.08	66.56			
\$ Difference	5.92	2.16			
E-7 New	\$59.12				
1 Jan 71	53.20				
\$ Difference	5.92				
E-6 New	\$51.04				
1 Jan 71	45.88				
\$ Difference	5.16				
E-5 New	\$44.84				
1 Jan 71	39.64				
\$ Difference	5.20				
E-4 New	\$43.12	\$45.52	\$48.16	\$51.92	\$54.00
1 Jan 71	33.32	41.72	44.12	47.56	49.92
\$ Difference	9.80	3.80	4.04	4.36	4.08
E-3 New	\$41.48	\$43.76	\$45.48	\$47.28	
1 Jan 71	24.12	33.64	35.96	38.32	
\$ Difference	17.36	10.12	9.52	8.96	
E-2 New	\$39.88	\$39.88			
1 Jan 71	19.88	27.84			
\$ Difference	20.00	12.04			
E-1 (Over 4 months)					
New	\$35.80	\$35.80			
1 Jan 71	19.16	25.48			
\$ Difference	15.64	10.32			

E-1 (Under 4 months)

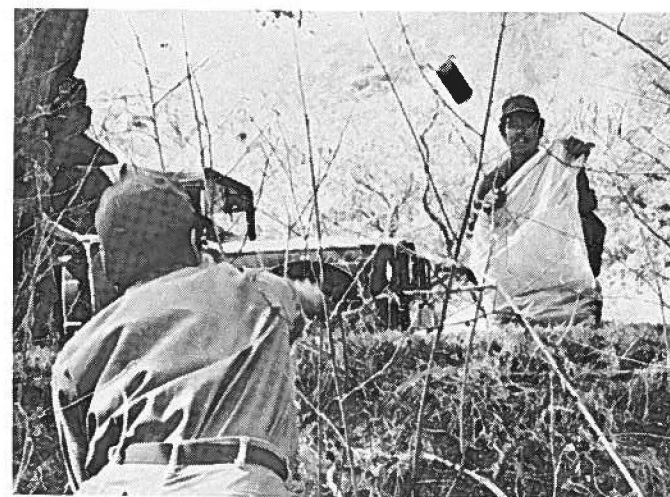
New	\$35.80
1 Jan 71	17.92
\$ Difference	17.88

Furthermore, if you're an E-4 with over four years of service, or if you hold a higher rank, your quarters allowance was increased. Find yourself on the table below, divide by two (for 15 days of annual training), and you'll know how much to expect over and above your salary for field training.

NEW AND OLD BASIC ALLOWANCES FOR QUARTERS

Grade	Married 1 Jan. 1971	NEW	Single 1 Jan. 1971	NEW
E-4 (over 4 yrs)	\$201.00	\$288.00	\$160.00	\$230.00
O-10	\$201.00	\$288.00	\$160.20	\$230.40
O-9	201.00	288.00	160.20	230.40
O-8	201.00	288.00	160.20	230.40
O-7	201.00	288.00	160.20	230.40
O-6	170.00	258.30	140.10	211.80
O-5	157.50	238.80	130.20	198.30
O-4	145.05	215.40	120.00	178.80
O-3	130.05	195.60	105.00	158.40
O-2	120.00	175.80	95.10	138.60
O-1	110.10	141.60	85.20	108.90
W-3	130.05	191.70	105.00	155.40
W-2	120.00	173.70	95.10	137.10
W-1	110.10	160.80	85.20	123.90
E-9	120.00	184.20	85.20	130.80
E-8	120.00	172.20	85.20	122.10
E-7	114.90	161.40	75.00	104.70
E-6	110.10	150.00	70.20	95.70
E-5	105.00	138.60	70.20	92.70
E-4 (over 4 yrs)	105.00	121.50	70.20	81.60

A new name for an old game

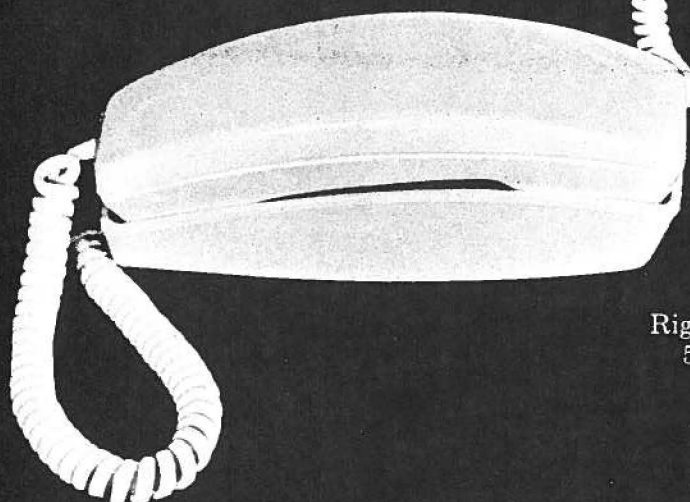


Although "ecology" was the name, "police-call" was the game, as 50 men of the 29th Support Battalion cleaned Diamond Head Road one morning. The group moved along the road from the Hawaii 5-0 set to the West Gate near the Cannon Club. At the end of an hour and a half, they had retrieved five truckloads of trash that had been liberated by



motorists cruising through the area. "Diamond Head Road is clean for now," commented the project officer, as he turned toward the armory. Behind him, a youngster in the backseat of a white '57 Chevy tossed a Big Mac box into the for-once-clean keawe tree grove near the Hawaiian Telephone motor pool.

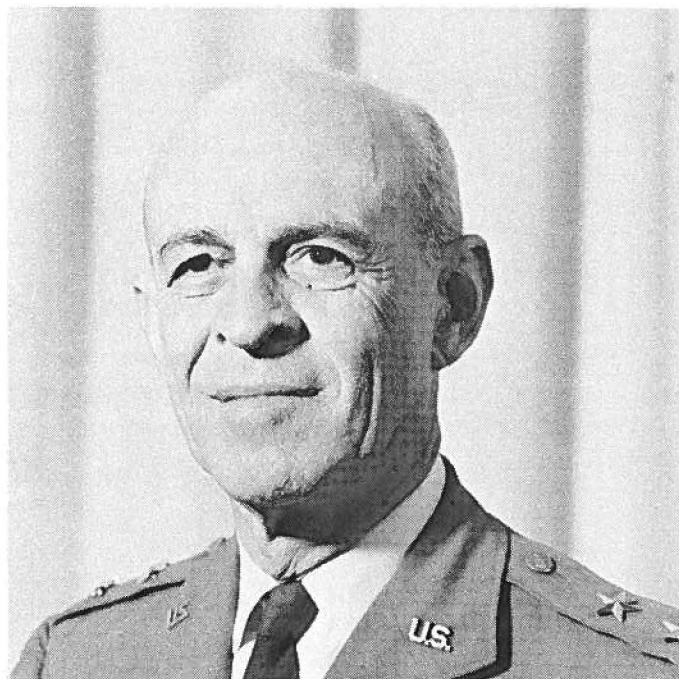
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Hawaii in '71 — conference wrap up



By Major General Benjamin J. Webster

You've done it again! Many of Hawaii's Guardsmen responded outstandingly to our call for help in hosting of the 93rd Annual General Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States. I have received only compliments and a number of glowing letters attesting to the success of our efforts. Excerpts from a few of these letters are included elsewhere in this issue.

In a word, it was GREAT

By Capt Gerry J. Silva

They swarmed across the grounds of Sheraton-Waikiki — 3,242 strong — from every state in the union, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico. While they were here, they poured \$177,000 of tax revenue into the state. And when the 93rd General Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States was over, they had a lot to say! For example:

Governor Robert D. Ray of Iowa said:

"My wife, Billie, and I thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Hawaii and are appreciative of having the opportunity to attend the 93rd National Guard Conference."

General Lewis B. Hershey, Advisor to President Nixon, said:

"I send my congratulations on a marvelous performance in hosting the 93rd Conference of the National Guard Association."

MG James F. Cantwell, President of the NGAUS, said:

"The 93rd General Conference in Hawaii '71 was

I cannot adequately thank Brigadier General Siefertmann and Brigadier General Yoshimasu, their committee chairman and all volunteers including, of course, our ladies. You may be sure that I am more than grateful to all.

I must comment, too, on the usual fine response of the full-time members of the Department to the Aloha United Fund campaign. Major Settsu and his workers helped us achieve 100% participation. We were also one of the top departments in per capita giving, both in the Combined Federal Campaign and in the Public Employees Division of the AUF.

However, those efforts are past. Soon we will start a new year — 1972. As we face the coming year, we know that we have not yet succeeded in solving the critical problem which has faced us ever since the 29th Infantry Brigade returned from active duty two years ago. The problem is one of attracting and keeping men in the numbers and of the quality that we want and need in the Hawaii National Guard.

We have done quite well and many have worked hard on the problem, but we simply must do better. The problem is not only one of vigorous recruiting and retention efforts. There is also a great need to provide interesting, imaginative and worthwhile training, a need to communicate with and understand today's young men and a need to treat all of our members with proper consideration and respect.

We can and must make the Hawaii National Guard an organization which the young men of the communities will want to join because of what we offer and because of what we give to our members. The challenge is clear. Let us all determine to meet it.

without question the most pleasant and exciting affair in the history of our Association. . . . While it is hard to single out any one phase for special praise, I believe that the States Dinner was the most beautiful and memorable event in which any of us has ever, or will ever participate."

Col James B. Deerin, Executive Vice President of the NGAUS, said:

"Even to a hard shelled old pro, it was an exciting and pleasant experience."

The Adjutant General of Arkansas said:

"I would appreciate your passing on to Brigadier General Siefertmann my thanks for his fine cooperative spirit, any my compliments for the excellent results he achieved as General Arrangements Chairman. It was a genuine pleasure to visit your beautiful State and to enjoy our hospitality."

The Adjutant General of Colorado said:

"As you know, I have attended many conferences and you and your staff are certainly deserving of commendation for the arrangements for this one."

The Adjutant General of Illinois said:

"It is not possible to recount the innumerable tasks performed by the Hawaiian National Guard which assured our continuous pleasure and comfort. The ever present smiles, courtesies and friendliness of your people will long be remembered. One single event stirred the hearts of all of us, the singing of your beautiful Hawaii Pono followed by the National Anthem. We would be most appreciative if you would extend our gratitude to Danny Kaleikini for his warm patriotic contribution to the opening ceremonies."

The Adjutant General of Kansas said:

"Your arrangements for our visit to Honolulu were outstanding and I particularly compliment you on the wonderful program for the States Dinner."

The President of the Mississippi Guard Association said:

"Let me express to you what a genuine pleasure it was to be in your beautiful state. I am sure that you are proud of all your National Guardsmen and others that made the arrangements for the convention, for without exception, they excelled any that we have ever attended. From time to time, while we were in Hawaii, I heard many of our delegates remark about the friendliness of all Hawaiian people. This makes most Mississippian jealous, because, I am sure you know, we pride ourselves for our Southern

Hopitality and friendliness to all. This is one thing that we feel Hawaii can be justly proud of and we appreciate it more than you will ever know."

"I thought everything was done in an outstanding manner and I wish you would express to all of your people the appreciation of the entire Texas delegation. We enjoyed every minute of it and are looking forward to returning to Hawaii some day."

MG Charles Ott of California said:

"On our return here to the West Coast our first thoughts were to again tell you how much we enjoyed this past week in Hawaii. The 93rd General Conference was a total success primarily because of the efforts of you and your staff in making it so."

The Chairman of the whole thing, BG Valentine Siefertmann, said:

"Everyone at the conference that I talked to said that Hawaii did a 'bang-up' job. The many Guardsmen who volunteered their efforts to support this conference did an outstanding job."

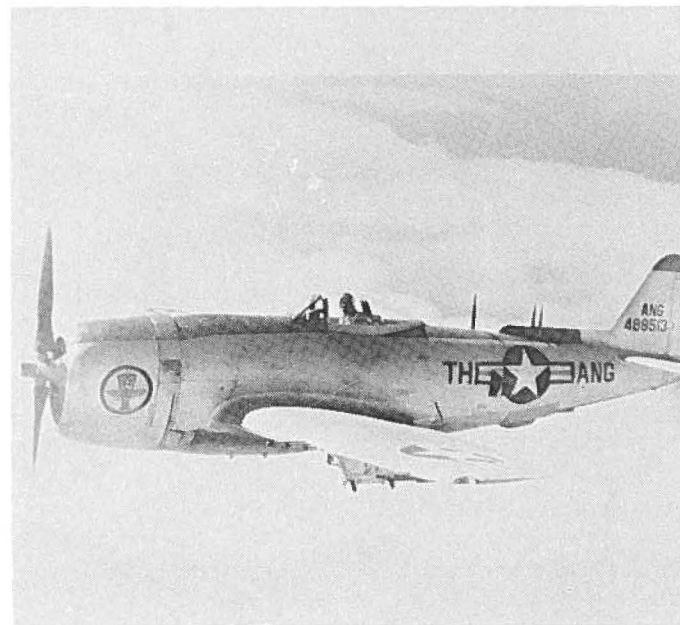
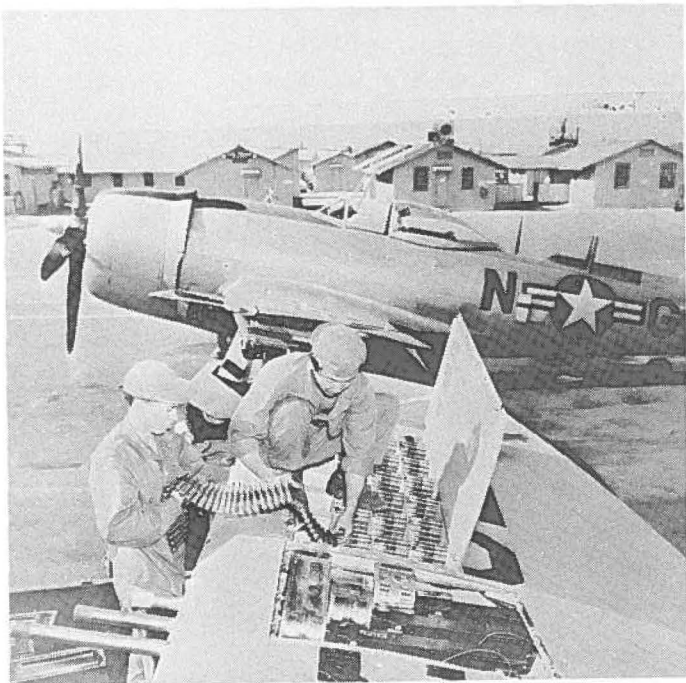
A brash young volunteer said:

"Let's do this again next year," and was never heard from again.



Approximately 2,752 people (about 3/4 of an acre of conferees) carpet the Sheraton Waikiki lawn at the first social event of

the Conference — the aloha reception planned by Major Rudy Thomas (72d from the left in aloha shirt).



HANG 25



Hawaii's Air National Guard (HANG) celebrated its silver anniversary last month.

The organization, one of the top-rated Air Guard units in the nation, began as a group of Army Air Force units 25 years ago at Bellows Field in Waimanalo — housed in a Butler hangar, two warehouses, a parachute building, an administration building, and a motor pool area.

The units then were poorly equipped to say the least. For example, the fighter squadron had no fighters. Guard pilots 25 years ago trained with four B26C bombers, two AT-6 Texan trainers and a C-46 cargo plane known as "the plumber's nightmare."

Later, when P47 Thunderbolt fighters did arrive, someone neglected to furnish the Guard with the spare parts to keep them running (or flying as the case may be). The parts were obtained from the active Air Force at Hickam by the Guard's squadron commander, Major William F. Nolan. The major used the highly sophisticated military "scrounge" system of supply. His success eventually re-

sulted in the Guard unit's nickname, "Nolan and his forty thieves."

By the end of the decade, most problems had been resolved, the Guard had moved to Hickam Field, acquired an adequate number of Thunderbolt fighter aircraft, and accumulated "a 150 year stockpile" of parts.

In 1951, the Hawaii Guard's pilots proved themselves by topping all other Guard fighter pilots in nationwide competition among 84 squadrons.

The 50s also saw the formation of the Guard's first radar squadron in Hawaii — the 109th Aircraft Control and Warning (AC&W) Squadron. The unit was eventually placed on top of Koko Crater for around-the-clock surveillance of Hawaii's skies.

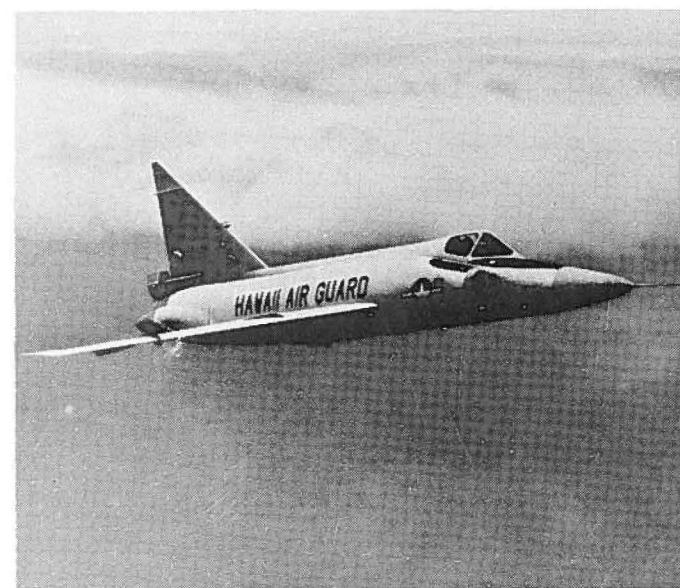
During the mid-fifties, the Guard converted its fleet of fighters to jet aircraft. T-33 trainers were the first to arrive, followed by F-86E Sabre Jet aircraft of Korean War fame. A few years later, the "E" was replaced by the all-weather F86-L.

Finally, in 1961, the Hawaii Guard received its current aircraft, the missile-firing, supersonic F-102 Delta Dagger. During the sixties, the F-102s, Air Guard radars and the Army Guard's Nike Hercules missiles became Hawaii's first line of defense against enemy air attack — the only all-Guard defense in the nation.

Today's Hawaii Air National Guard is a far different organization from the group that met at Bellows Field 25 years ago. The 154th Fighter Group has 21 supersonic F-102s that provide continuous air defense for Hawaii, guided by Air Guard radars atop Mount Kaala on Oahu and at Kokee on Kauai.

The 201st Mobile Communication Squadron at Hickam Field has also been added to provide air traffic controllers and communications support for both Guard and active service use. It is the only Guard unit in the country with equipment capable of communicating with orbiting satellites.

It has been a spectacular 25 years for Hawaii's Air Guard, spectacular because of HANG's most important asset — its men.



Discounts and benefits

Cheap, cheap, cheap — free, free, free

By Capt Gerry Silva

What's it worth to be in the Guard? Well — at least a trip to basic training, a quarterly check that most people find some use for, and a couple of weeks of annual training with or without your boss's wholehearted endorsement. And, if you're with the right unit, it could mean a trip or two to the mainland, the Orient, or in one case, to Australia.

You've probably heard about the benefits that the NGAUS, the Adjutants General Association and even the State Governors have been pushing (look elsewhere in this issue if it doesn't ring a bell).

But let's be a little more realistic about this. Those benefits are still somewhere in the future. What's in it for you right now? What can you get today, or this month, or this year, just for walking in with your uniform on or by flashing your I.D. card? Read on . . .

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Interested in flying to Europe from Oakland for \$129? How about New York to London for \$70.90? You can do it by joining the Department of Defense approved United Service Club, a non-profit travel organization for service members. The club recently opened its membership to Guardsmen and Reservists.

If you are interested, you can write for more information to: OSA, Room 3A 146, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20310.

FLY FOR FREE

When did you last see Oahu from a helicopter; or travel to a neighbor island free of charge? If you're interested in the round-Oahu helicopter tour, and you're free on a Tuesday or Thursday evening for about three hours, call Frank Murakami at 422-9669. Army Guard pilots normally put in flight time on those days and Guardsmen (Air or Army in uniform) are welcome to fly in the passengers' seats. Bring along a camera for some spectacular offshore twilight shots.

Now let's talk about that free inter-island travel. First, it's on a space-available basis— again for Guardsmen in uniform. There are two ways to go, Air or Army. If you're interested in flying by way of the Air Guard's C-54, call Base Operations at 442-862. The best time to call is prior to a State OCS drill.

The aircraft normally leaves Hickam empty on Friday afternoon prior to drill. It makes stops on Maui and Hawaii, and then heads back to Oahu loaded with officer candidates. The following Sunday, it flies the candidates back to the neighbor islands and then returns to Hickam empty.

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Once again remember that these are standby arrangements, and you can be "bumped." So, if you do arrange to fly the friendly skies of HANG and HARNG, keep a little money handy just in case of seating changes.

SLEEP CHEAP

After you've taken a free flight to the Island of Hawaii, you can spend a night at the National Guard's own volcano cottage for a nominal fee — \$1.50 per person per night. The cottage is located at "29 miles," just off the volcano road at Lau Kapu and Kilauea. It's furnished and heated, and the cost includes bedding, however, you're got to supply your own towels. To make reservations, write to Captain Aley K. Auna, P. O. Box 1006, Hilo, Hawaii 96720.

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There they are — benefits, tangible benefits — and they're yours. You deserve them. And, if you know of any others that we forgot to list, just call our offices at 732-1711 and we'll run another article like this in the next issue.

Technician cash awards

TECHNICIANS CASH IN

Are you a technician who has simplified or improved work procedures, or the quality of a product; devised a time or labor saving tool; reduced or eliminated a safety hazard? Do you have ideas about doing a job better; faster; or cheaper? If you have, it may be worth some money.

Technician personnel pamphlets and regulations tell how technicians can be rewarded for their innovations and five technicians have cashed in.

SFC George Q. W. Tom, SFC Harold T. Karimoto and SGT Gary P. Shuman shared an \$85.00 award for their suggestion for improving rifle racks for the M16 rifle.

TSgt George Padilla was awarded \$50.00 for his suggestion to make downloading of missiles more efficient. His idea was a simple means of attaching shorting plugs to launcher rails.

SSgt David J. Costa suggested a better cushion for radome adapter cradles. The idea virtually eliminated scoring of the radome covers. The idea added \$25.00 to the wallet of the 154th Fighter Group Aircraft Maintenance Technician.



George Tom racks out in his invention, an improved rifle rack of course.

Statewide Roundup

ENLISTED MEN FORM NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

The old cliché, "Find a need and fill it," was never more true than with the formation of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States.

The project took shape in Deadwood, South Dakota and was finalized in New York City when enlisted men from 18 states met to form their Association. Guardsmen from Mississippi and South Dakota, coordinating with other states, completed a nation-wide survey of enlisted men's associations. It showed that 18 states had some type

of enlisted association and 16 states were interested in forming similar associations. All favored the National Association.

The Association will promote and maintain adequate security, and promote and advance the status, welfare, and professionalism of the enlisted members of the National Guard of the United States.

The association has found a need, and more important, will fill it by promoting esprit-de-corps and by recruiting and retaining qualified, capable personnel.

OCS RECRUITING BEGINS FOR CLASS 11-73

OCS recruiting teams will be visiting HARNG, HANG, and Army Reserve units between January 8, and March 15, 1972. They're out to enroll qualified and motivated enlisted men or warrant officers in the upcoming, year-long commissioning program.

Information on orientation dates and entrance requirements can be obtained from unit first sergeants.

Applicants who meet the physical, mental and service qualifications can obtain application forms from their unit's personnel specialist.

HARNG WEEK

The Army Guard will do a re-run of its smash hit, HARNG Week. You'll recall the Army Guard held a week-long, state-wide series of community service projects last year. They're going to do it again in May of 72.

150th ASSISTS SCHOOLS

Four members of the 150th AC&W Squadron's Communications Section; TSgt Gemi Pascua, SSGTs Stephen Haynes and Edgar Takabayashi, and Sgt Max Miyashiro conducted a detailed inspection of the Waimea High and Elementary Schools' public address system to determine its adequacy. The school had asked for the unit's help in this area, and the four NCOs spent more than 30 volunteer man-hours on the assignment.

The system is needed for emergencies and the school lacked the funds to fully support and maintain it. The survey, at no cost to the school, pointed out the need for additions and improvements to the system.

169TH'S WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

Approximately 150 airmen participated in a practical course in "Drown-Proofing" at the Wheeler Air Force Base swimming pool. The course was conducted by Mr. F. Robert Meyer III of the Nuuanu YMCA and TSgt Guy Matsuguma of the 154th Fighter Group, as a part of the 169th's Water Safety Program.

Participants were oriented on the basic movements, then, non-swimmers were separated from the others for training at the shallow end of the pool. They were instructed in remaining afloat for unusually long periods of time and preventing fatigue, exposure, and sunburn. Each man, except the non-swimmers, was required to swim the length of the pool at a leisurely pace. The session provided valuable training for everyone.

169TH DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM

The 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron embarked on its drug education program with Drug Abuse I, an indoctrination conducted by the Drug Education and Information Monitor from Headquarters Pacific Security Region. A total of 146 officers and airmen attended the two and a half hour lecture. Major John Mobley of OSI also conducted an excellent lecture on Drug Abuse.

Drug Abuse II, personal involvement, was conducted at the Waikiki Drug Clinic. Groups of 10 to 20 people reported there in "civies" for evening sessions.

The sessions began with a briefing about the purpose of the clinic. The men were instructed to enter the building inconspicuously to observe what was taking place. After that, they sat in the "rap" room where they participated in a brief "encounter" supervised by a member of the clinic. Volunteers were asked to remain after the session to "rap" with people who were there seeking help.

HARNG STRENGTH

Hawaii's Army Guard strength climbed to a two-year high during the past six months. Strength stood at 2,996 on December 3, 1971. This represented 69.2% of the authorized strength. The 29th Brigade strength was 2,247 or 67.9% of authorized, while the 298th Field Depot showed a total of 622, 70.2% of authorized. Separate units accounted for the remainder of people.

The January reorganization will raise the 29th's authorized strength by 43, while the Depot's will be cut by 162. Army Guard overall authorized strength will be 4,216, a decrease of 111.

The units that showed the biggest gains were: the 227th Engineers (among company sized units) and the 487th Field Artillery (among battalion sized units).

The Air Guard strength continued at a relatively high level. It stood at 1,566 for a percentage of 97.1%.



The 29th Brigade received two brand new UH-1H helicopters recently. The choppers are the newest in the State. The "H" models are powered by turbine engines. They each seat ten passengers plus the crew. The unit now has 10 helicopters including 7 observation copters, the 2 new "H" models, and an earlier model "Huey, the UH-1D.

Army Guard to reorganize

The Hawaii Army National Guard (HARNG) will undergo a reorganization sometime in January of 1972. The HARNG will lose a unit, the 290th General Supply Company (see feature in this issue); gain a unit, Service Battery of the 487th Field Artillery; and convert two units, HHC First Battalion and Detachment I, Second Battalion into combat support companies. The

companies will provide reconnaissance, ground surveillance, indirect fire support, anti-tank support and limited air defense support for the Brigade.

The 2929th Medical Detachment, the helicopter ambulance unit, will be redesignated as Detachment I of HHC of the 29th Brigade. It will be the Brigade's aviation section.

25 HANGmen become WASPs

Twenty-five Hawaii Air Guardsmen became WASPs during Fiscal Year 1971. WASP, naturally, is the acronym for We Are Smart People. The twenty-five were selected as honor graduates at the conclusion of various service courses during the year.

The new WASPs are: Second Lieutenants Melvin M. Maeda and James T. Nottage; Master Sergeant Douglas K. C. A. Lee; Technical Sergeant Edmund G. Frost; Staff Sergeant Wayne K. Katayama; Sergeants Norbert K. K. Luke and Carl T. Nagasako; Airmen First Class Neil K. Lau, Gerald T.

Sato, Melvin K. Tominaga and Curtis K. Uno; Airmen Michael S. Arakawa, Mason K. Hasegawa, Edwin K. Honda, Thomas H. Honda, Rodney A. Kau, Arthur K. Ledward, Melvin L. Matsuo, Glenn M. Miyashiro, Stephen K. Nakahira, Steven S. Nakamoto, Roy H. Nihei, Gary S. P. Pang, Jason K. Uota, and Curtis K. Yanagihashi.

It's also worth mentioning that these 25 men represented 41.66% of all the 60 HANGmen who went to school last year — considerably higher than the percentage of honor graduates in most service schools.

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The plans are in effect year-round and include automatic coverage of wives, and children between the ages of 14 days and 20 years. Interested Guardsmen can obtain information and application blanks from Sergeant Oscar Nakamura at Headquarters, HANG.

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FEDERAL AND STATE WAGE AND SALARY FREEZE

The freeze on periodic (longevity) and quality within-grade step increases was lifted on November 14, 1971. Payment began on that date for all of the within-grade increases (technicians) and increments (state employees) that had been frozen since August 15, 1971. Increases with an effective date of November 14 or later were processed under normal conditions. There has been no retroactive payment for the period from August 15 through November 13, 1971. For purposes of crediting service for future within-grade step increases (technicians) and increment raises (state employees), employees are considered to have received any frozen increases on the date the increases would normally have been granted if the freeze had not taken place, rather than on November 14. Example: A technician was due a step increase from GS-5, step 2, to GS-5,

step 3, on September 5. Payment for step 3 started on November 14, 1971 because of the freeze, but his service credit in step 3 started on September 5. Therefore, the technician will be eligible for step 4 increase on September 5, 1972.

MAILING OF ARMORY DRILL CHECKS (HARNG)

Unit commanders were reminded recently that armory drill checks MUST be mailed to the Guardsman's home address. The home address may be his residence, business address, or the address at which he normally receives his mail. BUT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MAY IT BE HIS NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY. So, all of you who've been telling your wives that you go to drills out of pure patriotism will either have to confess or pay for a post office box.

DRILL CHECKS TO ARRIVE EARLIER

Drill checks should arrive about four weeks earlier from now on. You can thank the finance section of the 29th

Support Battalion and the Data Processing people of the 298th Field Depot.

The finance people got the ball rolling by scheduling their drills to coincide with the end of the organizations' pay periods. Then the data processing crew went out and mechanized the operation. Next year they're going to computerize the whole thing for even faster, more accurate processing.

Credit goes to Major Bob Hee, Captains Dale Newell and Bob Watanabe, and to CW3 Stanley Komata.

WITHHOLDING OF FEDERAL INCOME TAX FROM INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING PAY AND ANNUAL TRAINING PAY

Guardsmen who want to withhold additional income tax from drill and annual training payrolls must complete a new Form W-4. The Form W-4 should indicate (0) exemptions on line 1 or 2 as appropriate. Item 7 of the Form 4 should indicate the even dollar amount for additional tax to be withheld. See your friendly unit clerk for more details.

We told you last year, but we'll tell you again. The first \$500 of your Guard pay is exempt from the State of Hawaii income tax, beginning with your 1971 return.

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Training pays off

Kauai Guardsman saves two lives

By Capt Myron Dobashi

MSgt William B. K. Kinney received the HNG Commendation Medal for meritorious service. He rendered life-saving first aid to accident victims of a grinding four-car crash on Highway 50, west of Hanapepe last summer. MSgt Kinney was returning home from the monthly drill when he arrived at the scene of the accident. He noticed another passer-by unsuccessfully applying mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to one of the victims. He immediately diagnosed the problem as a restriction in the victim's air pas-

sage, cleared the restriction, then insured that resuscitation efforts were effective.

He was then informed that another victim, a boy, was pinned inside one of the wrecked cars. MSgt Kinney determined that the boy was not breathing and could not be removed from the car. He leaned through the damaged car window, applied mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, and restored the boy's breathing.

The sergeant's timely response in this emergency prevented the probable death of the fourteen year old boy and contributed to saving the other victim's life.

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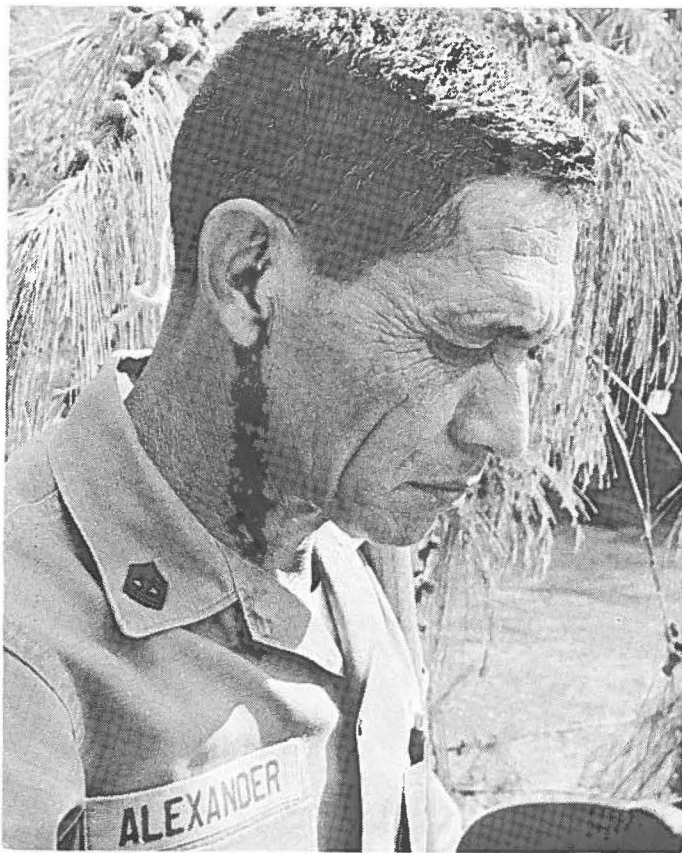
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The 290th goes

This time she's really dead



By Capt Gerry Silva

"She's dead — this time she's really dead." He stood in the shade of a gnarled ironwood tree at Waimanalo, aimlessly pushing the dust into little mounds with the toe of his boot and talking. "I would have understood if they'd told me, 'Alex, you've got to go,' but no, they got rid of her."

"He" was First Sergeant Edgar Alexander. And he was holding onto the cased guidon of the 290th General Supply Company. "She" — the 290th — had just been inactivated moments before, and First Sergeant Alexander had cased her colors for the last time.

Inactivations aren't particularly unusual and most people forget them readily. This one was different — at least to the unit's first sergeant. You see, he was one of the 25 men whose service in the Hawaii National Guard began when Company G of the 298th Infantry (the 290th's predecessor), was formed 24 years ago in the Windward Oahu Association's building. He had never been assigned to another unit since that day, and he was the only one of the 25 who remained in the ranks that afternoon.

It had started on October 25, 1947 when Platoon Sergeant E-6 Alexander, just out of the Army, and the others filled out the rolls of the old company.

George Company had its men, an interesting heritage — they had captured the first Japanese POW on December 7, 1941 at Waimanalo — and not much else.

"Alex" and his crew built the unit up to a strength of 138 within two years. What does he remember about the past two decades? "A lot of inspections, training, good days, days when I didn't want to get up — a lot of people."

But the event that really sticks in his mind was a social kind of thing.

"It started out as a songfest and a bon fire to boost the troops' morale. We were out training in Kahuku. Somebody found an old outhouse that they chopped up and threw onto the blaze. The flames got bigger and I ran around to tell them to stop. Then somebody on the other side of the fire threw another part of the outhouse on and the flames got higher. I kept running around and they kept throwing parts of some other outhouses on the fire. Pretty soon the flames were 30 feet high and then the cane field caught fire."

The songfest rapidly turned into a practical exercise in fire fighting and another bit was added to the Alexander legend.

Sergeant Alexander will be transferred to another 298th unit in January. He'll take a number of the 290th people with him. "I feel that they're like my sons and I've always treated them that way."

Any plans for the future? "It might just be time to try another songfest."

Koehnen Steps Down

Lieutenant Colonel Fred J. Koehnen stepped down as Commander of HARNG's 2d Infantry Battalion in Hilo. He was replaced by Major Donald Thompson in a ceremony at Guard headquarters on Hawaii.

Lt Col Koehnen was presented with the Hawaii National Guard Commendation medal by Major General Benjamin J. Webster, Adjutant General of Hawaii. He was cited for his work in doubling the strength of the 2d

Battalion after it returned from active duty in December of 1969.

The award was the third that Lt Col Koehnen received since his return from active duty. He was selected as the most outstanding senior commander in the Hawaii Army and Air National Guard during 1970. The award was presented in August by the Hawaii National Guard Association. He was then cited for his efforts to establish dialogue between the Guard and Big Island youth.

Men of the Army National Guard became involved in two projects to entertain Hawaii's handicapped people during the Christmas season.

Men of the 298th Field Depot shuttled wheelchair-bound patients from three hospitals to a Christmas party at the Hawaiian Village Dome. The party was sponsored by Abilities Unlimited, a group founded to assist handicapped persons.

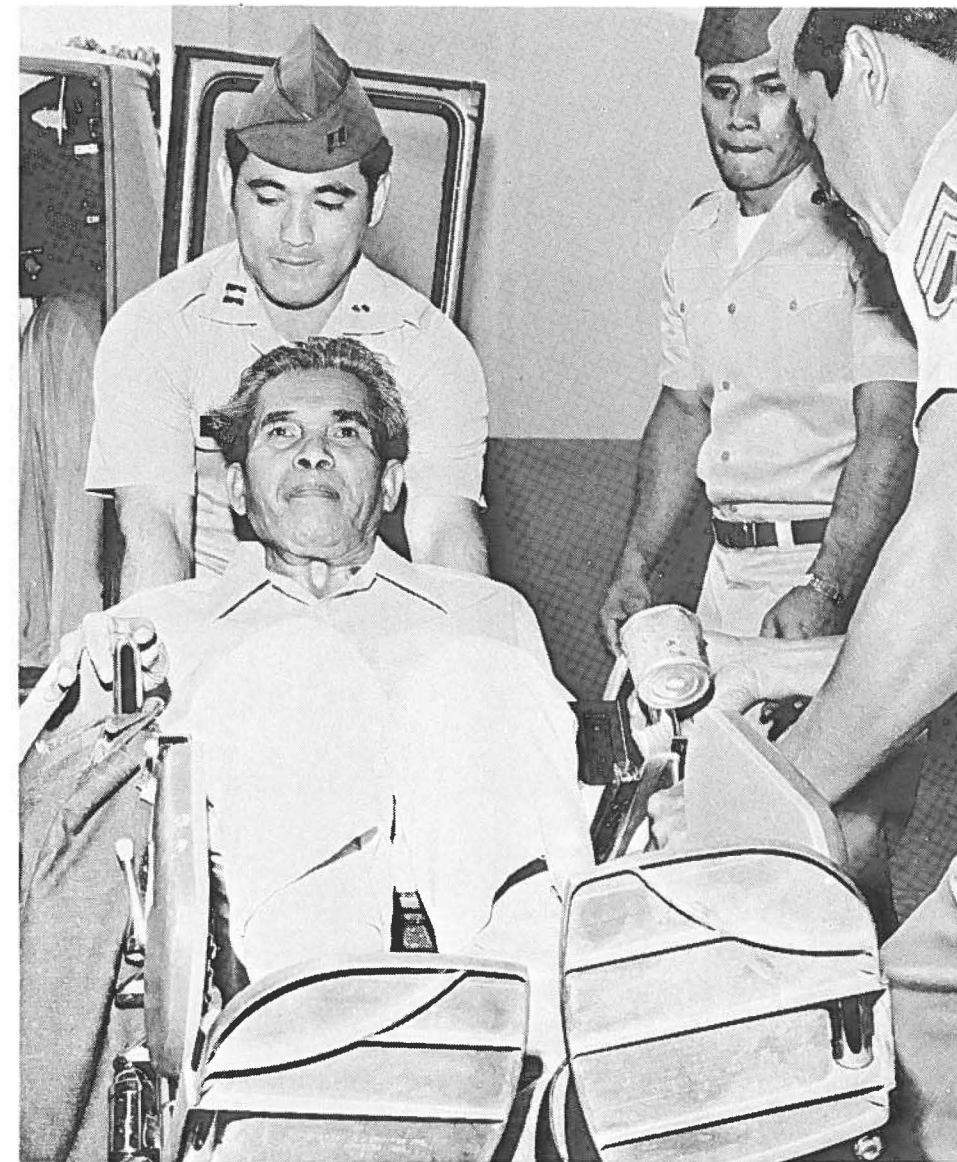
Patients were moved from Leahi and Maluhia Hospitals and the Rehabilitation Center located on the grounds of Children's Hospital. About 400 physically handicapped people attended the party.

Later during the same day, the 29th Brigade's 487th Field Artillery Battalion hosted 150 mentally retarded children from the Diamond Head center. The center is operated by HARC, the Hawaii Association to Help Retarded Children. The children ranged in ages from 10 to over 20.

The group was treated to lunch and a visit by Santa. The highlight of the event was entertainment by a rock group, the Age of Enlightenment. Dancing is one of the students' favorite pastimes.

The party was the second annual party hosted by the Battalion. The unit has adopted the school as its community service project. The men have built benches and playground equipment for the students, taken them on field trips and donated audio equipment to the school during the year.

At the conclusion of the party, the school was presented with a check for \$150.



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The Great Hawaiian clean up

By Sgt Leonard Lueras

November's All-Oahu Clean-Up Campaign must've been the biggest trash-picking-up job in Honolulu history, and the Hawaii Army and Air National Guard were a vital part of it.

To begin with, HANG's former long-time public affairs officer, Captain Eddie Anderson, was appointed by Mayor Frank F. Fasi as director of the huge campaign.

Secondly, both Army and Air Guardsmen here participated in the nine-day ecological effort.

Most notably involved was the HANG's 201st Mobile Communications Squadron, which on November 20 and 21 dispatched some 50 two-and-a-half ton trucks to trash centers and hauled away some 60 truck loads of litter to various City and County dumps.

"The drivers and helpers worked hard and long but were in good spirit," according to the 201st's project officer, Captain David F. Howard.

Captain Anderson was quoted on radio, television and in newspapers as saying of the Hawaii Army and Air Guard: "Without their trucks we couldn't have done what we did. We just had to have some way to haul the trash away, and the military really pulled us out of this one."

In final-day tallies, director Anderson and fellow workers at litter headquarters downtown estimated that some 207,000 Oahu residents participated in the campaign between November 19 and 27.

These people, students, interested individuals, businessmen and members of some 245 community clubs, gathered and hauled away an estimated 3,300 tons of trash.

"All I know," Anderson said during the campaign, "is that when a community turns out for something like this, then that has to say a lot about the community."

The All-Oahu Clean-Up Campaign generated lots of Mainland interest, and towards the end of the week, director Anderson even received a personal congratulations-thank you note from President Richard M. Nixon.



Big Al Keliinui mows 'em down at the Susannah Wesley Center.

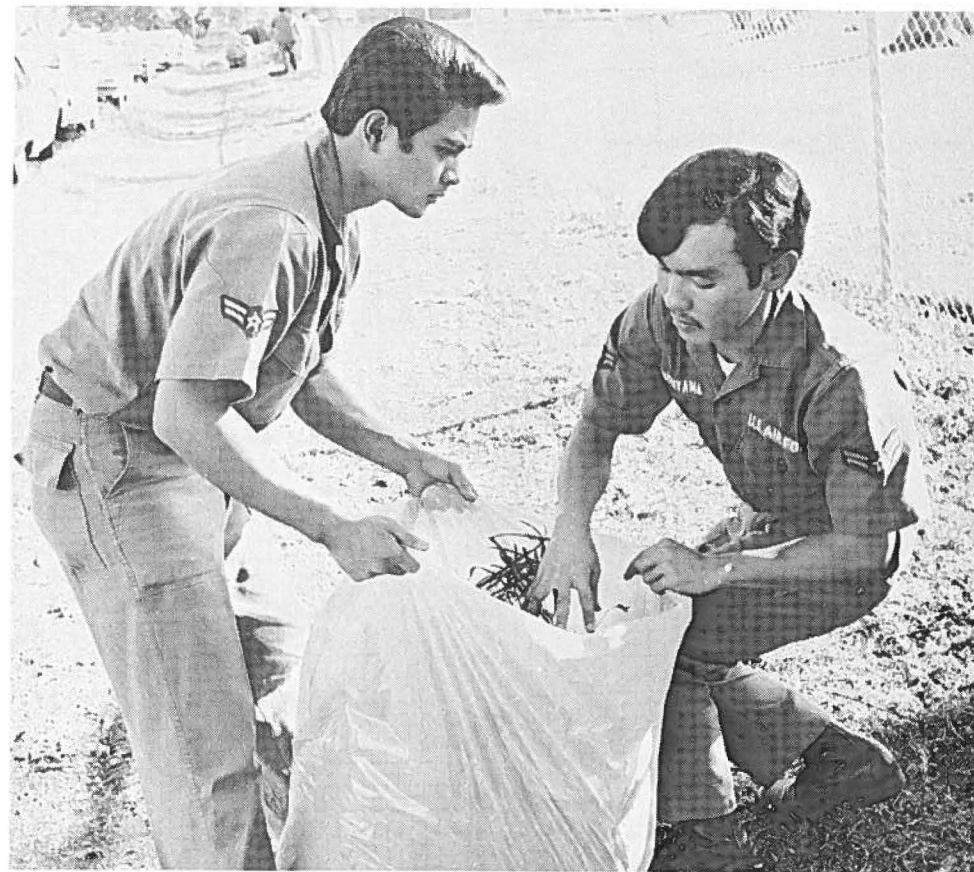


Hachiro Sato of the 298th and his trusty forklift moved dozens of abandoned cars off Wahiawa streets.



Other Depot members refurbished and installed playground equipment at Wahiawa schools.

More great Hawaiian trash



Trash was everybody's bag as 154th and 201st HANGmen picked up and carried off tons of the stuff.



Nelson Mau of the 298th graded a new playground site for the Wahiawa community.

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NCO SCHOLARSHIP



Miss Nancy Monden, daughter of Platoon Sergeant Charles Monden of Detachment 1, HHC, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry received this year's \$500 scholarship from the NCO Association. Nancy is a student at the University of Hawaii. She is majoring in Education.

ARMY IN-SERVICE RECRUITING

MSG Gary Imai was selected as Hawaii's National Guard In-service Recruiter. He will begin a two-year tour of active duty at Schofield this January. MSG Imai will provide men leaving the Army with information about service in the National Guard.

MAJOR YAMADA RETIRES

Major William Y. Yamada retired from the Hawaii Army National Guard on October 22, 1971. Until his retirement, Major Yamada had served as the executive officer of the 29th Support Battalion.

He enlisted in the Guard in 1948 and was first assigned to the 298th Infantry Regimental Combat Team. Later, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant on January 23, 1954.

The major was promoted to his present rank on September 19, 1966 and was assigned as the 29th Support Battalion's executive officer on February 5, 1971.

He served in Vietnam when the Brigade was activated in 1968.

In civilian life, Major Yamada is the head of the automotive department of the Honolulu Community College.

TWO ARMY GUARD MAJORS DIE

Major John L. Naone, a 23 year veteran of the Hawaii Army National Guard, died on November 10, 1971. He was a member of the 298th Field Depot at Wahiawa.

Major Naone enlisted in the Guard in 1948 with Company F, 298th Infantry Regimental Combat Team. During his career, he served as a commander of both Nike-Hercules and Field Artillery units.

He was the S-4 of the 487th Field Artillery Battalion when the 29th Infantry Brigade was activated in 1968.

Major Naone had been a member of the Honolulu Police Department for 18 years in civilian life.

Major George M. Aoki of the Second Battalion, 299th Infantry, 29th Infantry Brigade passed away on November 21, 1971. He was the operations and training officer for the battalion.

Major Aoki joined the Hawaii Army National Guard upon discharge from the United States Army in 1948. During his 23 year career with the Guard, Major Aoki served as a company commander for both tank and infantry units as well as in various staff positions.

He also served in Vietnam when the Brigade was activated in 1968.

CAPTAIN BOB BEAN RETURNS

Captain Robert R. Bean, former Commander of the Army Guard's 117th Public Information Detachment and editor of this magazine, is back in a Hawaii Guard uniform again. This time it's blue.

He's assigned to Headquarters, 154th Fighter Group at Hickam. Bob replaced Captain Eddie Anderson, the prior-former editor of this magazine, who now handles external public affairs for Headquarters, HANG.

People

COMMANDER OF THE YEAR

The Hawaii National Guard's Outstanding Company Grade Commander Award went to Captain Warren Chee of the 29th Support Battalion this year.

The 27 year old Captain has some definite ideas about the National Guard — he likes it. He's been in the Guard for seven years, first as an enlisted man, then an officer, and he's been in the maintenance company throughout his career.

"I've been associated with all levels of this company. I understand the men, and the men understand me," he said.

Captain Chee is very concerned with getting more young men interested in the Guard. He and his company have instituted a large recruiting drive to fill the unit. "I want to show the new recruit and potential recruit what the Guard is all about," said the Captain.

"The Guard has practical value . . . it not only gives you a sense of fulfillment, but can offer you something to use in civilian life as well.

"We have sections that require the men to be highly skilled in electronics, or aircraft maintenance and the like."

When asked about some of the new policies in the Guard, the Captain said, "Most of these new liberal policies are good, but, honestly, I prefer the old Army."

130 POUND TIGER

Sergeant Gene Nagasawa, a 130 pound, 5 foot, 6 inch Air Guardsman from Kalihi, won a state-wide Hawaii Karate League Tournament.

Sergeant Nagasawa, a member of the 201st Mobile Communications Squadron, won the tournament sponsored by the East Manoa Lions Club at the new Manoa Elementary School gymnasium.

Competitors came from all of the islands. Sergeant Nagasawa first won in the upper division (black and brown belt) and then defeated the lower division (green and blue belt) champions to become grand champion.

Gene is a student at the University of Hawaii who works on aircraft beacons for the 201st. He has been a student of karate for just two years.

& Places

PISTOL TEAM GOES TO LITTLE ROCK

The Hawaii National Guard pistol team participated in the Winston P. Wilson matches in Little Rock, Arkansas. Hawaii placed sixth in the .22 caliber events.

SFC Eckley W. Yim was the high man for the team. Capt David F. Howard of the 201st MCS, placed second in the New Shooter category. All team members scored in the top half of the competitors. The Tennessee team won all of the matches and was the overall winner.

Team members were LTC Kerwin R. Keys, LTC Charles C. R. Park, Capt Howard, 1SG Henry Leite, SFCs Seichi Yamamoto and Eckley W. Yim.

HANG NCOs RETURN FROM TENNESSEE

Five HANG NCO's checked in after two weeks at the Air National Guard's NCO Academy at McGhee Tyson Air Force Base in Knoxville, Tennessee. The five were MSGT Adam Aki and SSGT Howard Guerrero of the 154th Combat Support Squadron, MSGT Harold Demello and TSGT Matthew Sunada of the 154th CAMRON, and TSGT Clifford Wong of Headquarters HANG.

The course is designed to develop the role of the NCO in the Air National Guard structure.

ROYAL GUARD TRAVELS TO AUSTRALIA



Two Royal Guardsmen, Sergeant Randall Lum and Private David Keohokapu participated in a simple ceremony at the Sydney International Airport as they returned the ashes of the late Governor of South Australia, His Excellency Major General Sir James Harrison, to Australia. Sir James died on the first stage of a world trip. Eastern Command Chief of Staff Brigadier E. J. H. Howard, formally received a casket containing the ashes, which was escorted from Honolulu by the two men. In his address to the Guardsmen, Brigadier Howard said, "I would ask you to convey to the Government of the State of Hawaii and the Commander in Chief Pacific, our very deep appreciation for the very gracious act of respect that you have accorded this most distinguished Australian."



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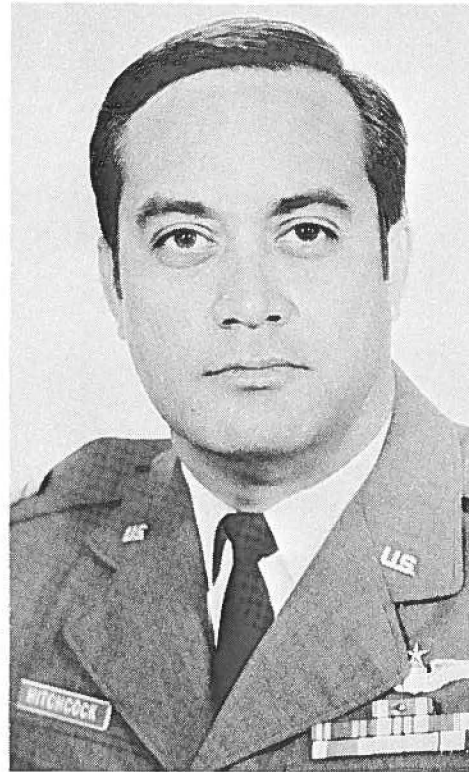
Major General Francis S. Greenlief, former Army National Guard Director, became the new Chief of the National Guard Bureau in September. He succeeded Major General Winston P. Wilson who retired.

The new Chief served in Europe during World War II. He wears the Silver Star, Croix de Guerre, Combat Infantry Badge and Purple Heart with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

The General was replaced as Army Guard Director by Major General LaVern E. Weber, former Oklahoma Adjutant General.



Two HANG Winners



Captain Rexford F. Hitchcock was selected as the 1971 Hawaii Air National Guard Outstanding Interceptor Pilot in a ceremony at Hickam. He was presented with a trophy by Brigadier General Valentine A. Siefertmann, HANG Commander. Hitchcock was chosen because of his outstanding capability as a fighter pilot during 1971.



Major Owen D. Ota was the recipient of the HANG's George T. Miki Memorial Trophy as the Outstanding Weapons Controller for 1971. Major Ota, an "Expert" Weapons Controller, ably served as Weapons Controller Instructor, Standardization-Evaluation Controller, Operations Unit Training Officer, and in various other positions.

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Soldier of the Year

Bath specialist makes big splash

By SP4 Ben Kalb

Most people in the military couldn't begin to tell you what a bath specialist does. In fact, most people have never even heard of a bath specialist.

But Corporal John Vierra, Jr. of the 29th Support Battalion has changed all that.

Vierra was named Hawaii Army National Guard Soldier of the Year, an honor that escaped bath specialists in recent years.

Vierra, a 1968 graduate of Damien High, is currently a lineman apprentice for Hawaiian Electric Company when not in his role as a Guardsman. He's one of those important people who install transmission lines and transformers.

Vierra's road to the Guard's top honor wasn't exactly peaches and cream all the way. He took basic training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and was promoted to PFC at its conclusion.

He then was promoted to Sp4 during his Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee, Virginia and attained the rank of corporal following his graduation from the HARNG NCO Academy.

The next step for Vierra — promotion to an NCO rank will probably occur just as soon as he has enough time in grade.

Vierra graduated from Honolulu Community College in 1970 with a major in Industrial Electricity. He's still going to school, courtesy of Hawaiian Electric.

Vierra spoke of his role as a Guardsman. He said, "I enjoy the National Guard. I get a chance to be with other guys whom I've never met and it's a break from my regular routine."

Vierra lives with his wife, Moana, in Kaneohe. His hobbies are surfing and fishing and he also plays basketball for Hawaiian Electric.

Happy 1050 — 11th birthday

By 1LT James K. Iwamura

It's been nearly a year since the 154th Supply Squadron converted smoothly from a punch card accounting machine system to a satellite of the Hickam Air Force Base UNIVAC 1050-II real time computer system. So it seems appropriate to look back over the operation.

The unit is now linked directly to the Hickam computer system by a remote keyboard printer and telephone cables.

Accounting personnel process different transactions through this remote device instantly to meet HANG's supply needs.

The objectives of this new accounting system are many. It aims to: automate the supply function under the computer system; respond with speed and with proper handling of all transactions as they occur; have a flexible capacity; handle transactions with priority to mission essential items; enforce greater supply discipline through knowledge of supply needs and requirements throughout the units; and use of minimum of external files for keeping supply records.

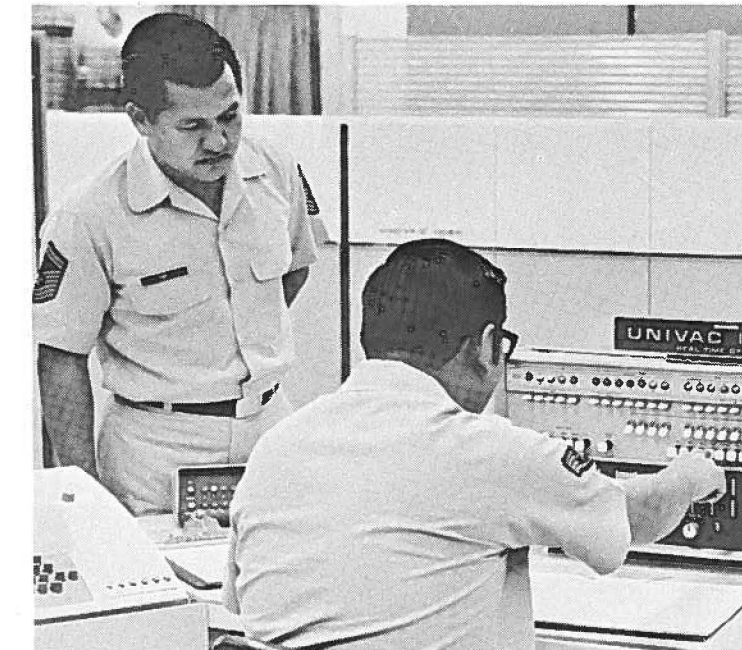
MSgt Howard Okita, Supplies Management NCOIC and Capt John Oshiro, Equipment Management Officer, head the day-to-day operational support in their respective areas. The two offices handle on the average 23,000 transactions per month and they make an otherwise complex system a simple professional service operation.

MSgt George Wela, Materiel Facilities NCOIC and his assistant, TSgt Douglas Abe direct the storage and issue the pick-up and delivery of items from their new warehouse office.

Chief troubleshooter is Management and Procedures Supervisor, CMSgt Libert Yap. He solves the problems that occasionally arise with this advanced digital computer system.

From an organizational standpoint, there is no change in terms of supply support, but there are many new and different management products available to the user to help him manage his account more efficiently.

Time marches on at the 154th — real time of course.



227th Engineers host cub scouts



Men of the 227th Engineer Company hosted 100 cub scouts and parents at their Fort Ruger headquarters last month. The boys were oriented on the engineer equipment to meet requirements for scout badges. The 227th also demonstrated the equipment during training in Diamond Head Crater. The scouts observed the combat engineer vehicles (above), front loader, bulldozer, rough terrain crane, five ton dump truck and grader. The briefing was coordinated by Ernest King, scout leader and former Guardsman.



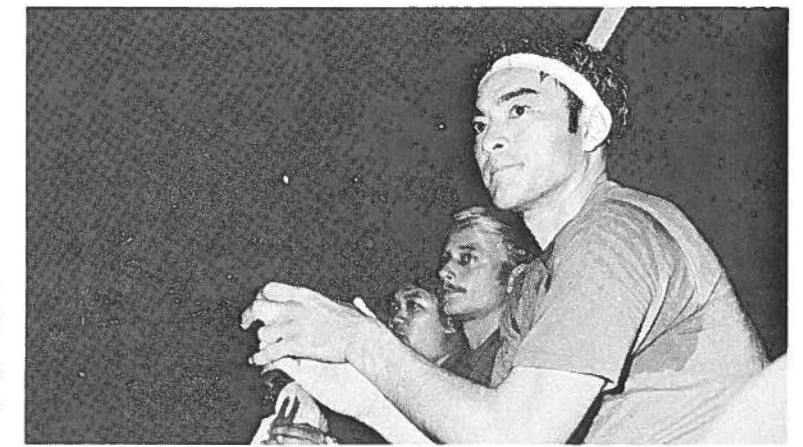
HANG hoop troops

By Duncan Chang

Master Sergeant Wayne Soma and the dazzling dribbling dwarfs of the 154th Fighter Group won it all in the Hawaii National Guard basketball league.

The 154th crew turned back a strong 201st Mobile Communications Squadron team 46 to 34 at the Kaneohe Armory.

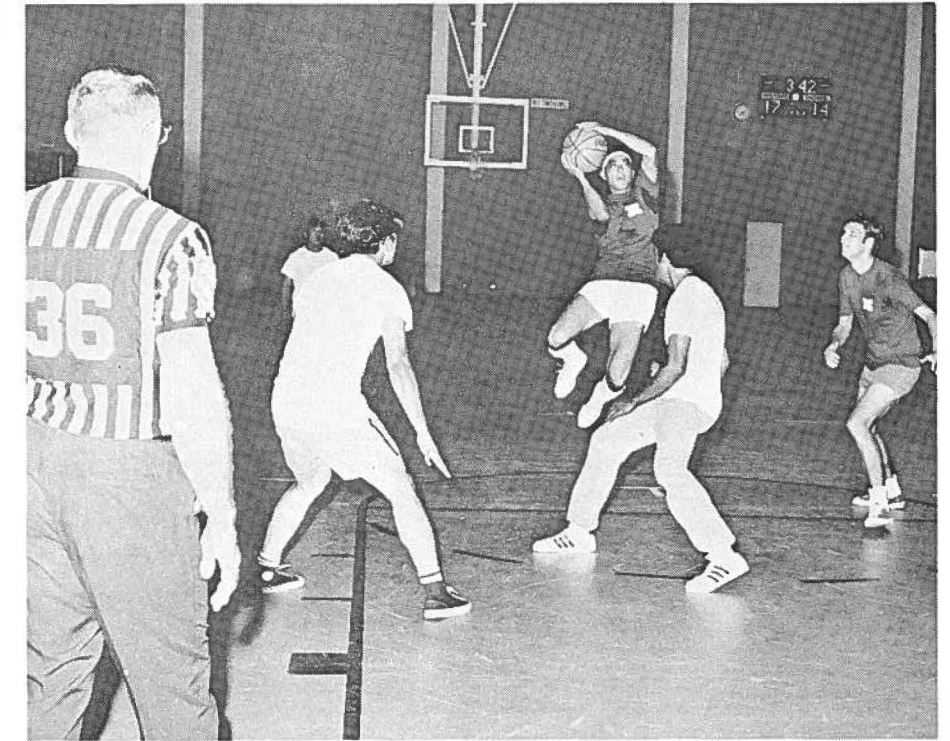
Colonel William C. Meyer, Deputy Adjutant General, presented the winning team with the first place trophy.



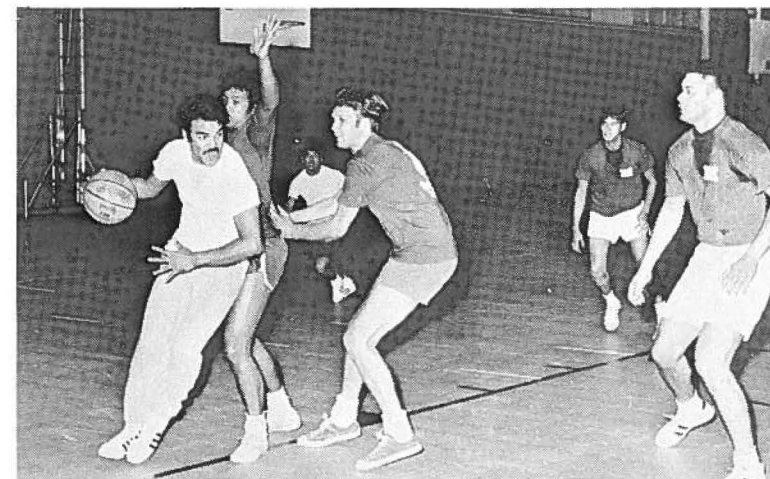
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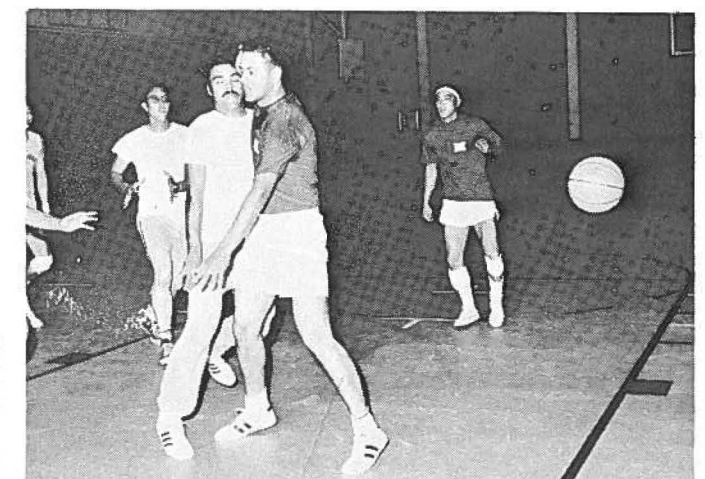
"That tall kid is cute enough to be my brother."



Ali Kareem Soma, dazzles the 201st with the Soma Shuffle.



High-scoring Sgt Leonard Jenkins drives for another pair of points for the 201st.



Arthur Murray, eat your heart out OR . . . "We've got to stop meeting like this, Leonard, the coach is getting suspicious."

The view from the editor's desk

We've taken surveys, given lectures, changed formats, printers, the staff, and the editorial board — twice. But the Hawaii Guardsman continues to be published with semi-regularity each quarter as it has been for 21 years.

During the past six months, however, some significant events have taken place. If you're an HNGA member or an enlisted subscriber, you ought to know about them.

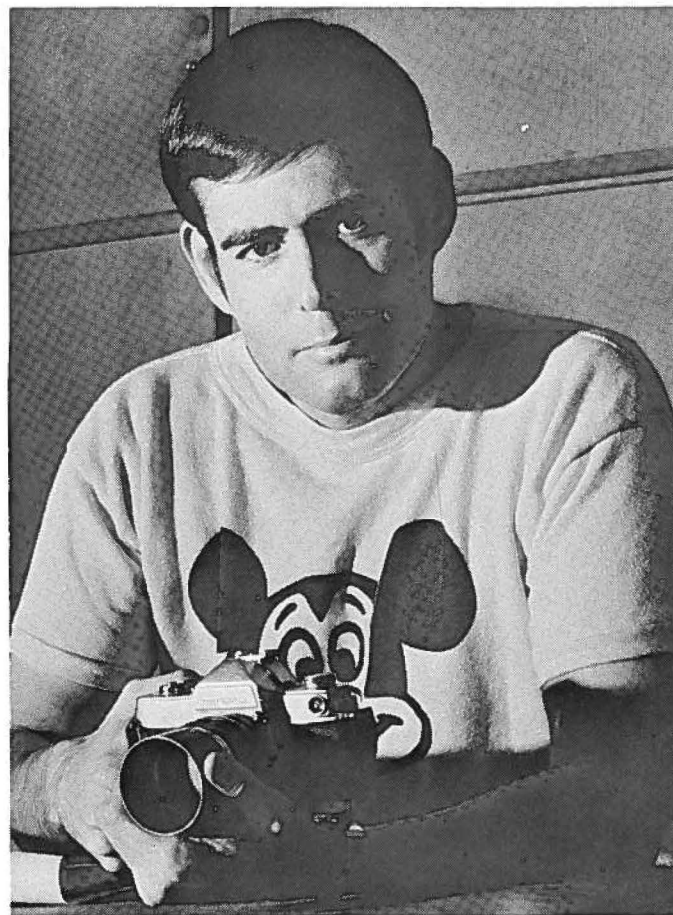
First of all, let's talk about a survey that we took over a year ago. We were interested in what you thought about the magazine. We found that: airmen thought that there was too much army news; army guardsmen moaned about excessive air guard news; everyone liked the pinup but a lot of people didn't like paying for the magazine. This left us with one out — a free 24-page publication featuring pinups from State Civil Defense. However, we're forging ahead trying to improve the copy without resorting to that.

Another big problem area was circulation. Everybody and his brother claimed that they weren't receiving this magazine that they didn't like and had to pay for. We finally whipped that when CW3 Komata and the ADP Section put the circulation list on IBM cards. The addresses are sorted by zip code, then the mailing labels are printed by the IBM printer. But it still takes circulation manager, CW2 Maurice Souza, and his seven drooling dwarfs a while to lick and stick the labels on the magazines.

Advertising — or money in general — has always been a problem. Two years ago, we were losing money on each issue. You see, subscriptions don't cover all of our costs and the ad revenue makes up the difference. We attacked this from two directions. First we unleashed our new ad manager who brow beat the ad agencies, to little avail. Second, we put out a quota for the major commands. This resulted in guardsmen trying to sell ads to friends, associates — even their grandmothers. We didn't get a lot out of this, except for a few turned-off grandmothers. However, we managed to stay in the black because of the efforts of Duncan Chang, Mel Ida, Myron Dobashi, Roy Chee, and a handful of others.

That's the way it used to be. Now things have changed a bit and there may be more changes in store.

To begin with, we've separated the magazine's funds from the HNGA's to give us more flexibility in contracting. Furthermore, we now have a temporary cash reserve. Our last issue — the one that looked like the yellow pages



with a full-color cover — was printed with advertising money only. So we still have your prorated subscription money for that issue.

That money, plus a small reserve from last year, and this year's subscription money, should be enough to keep us going for the rest of the fiscal year.

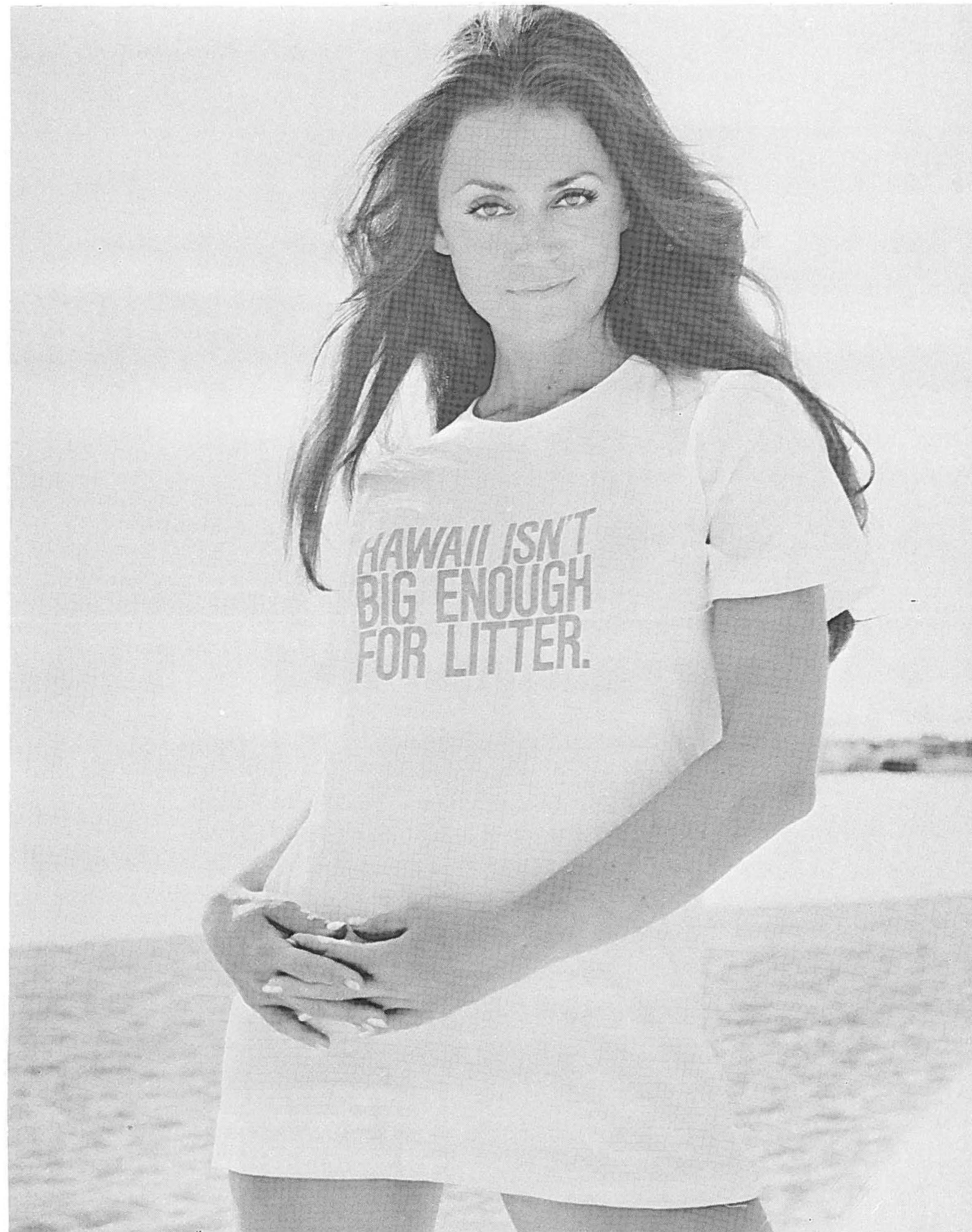
Because of this, we've suspended unit advertising requirements. We are also exploring the possibility of having the State of Hawaii pick up the printing tab beginning next year. The Guardsman would then be the Department's official house organ. This would result in a completely free publication — no advertising, no subscriptions.

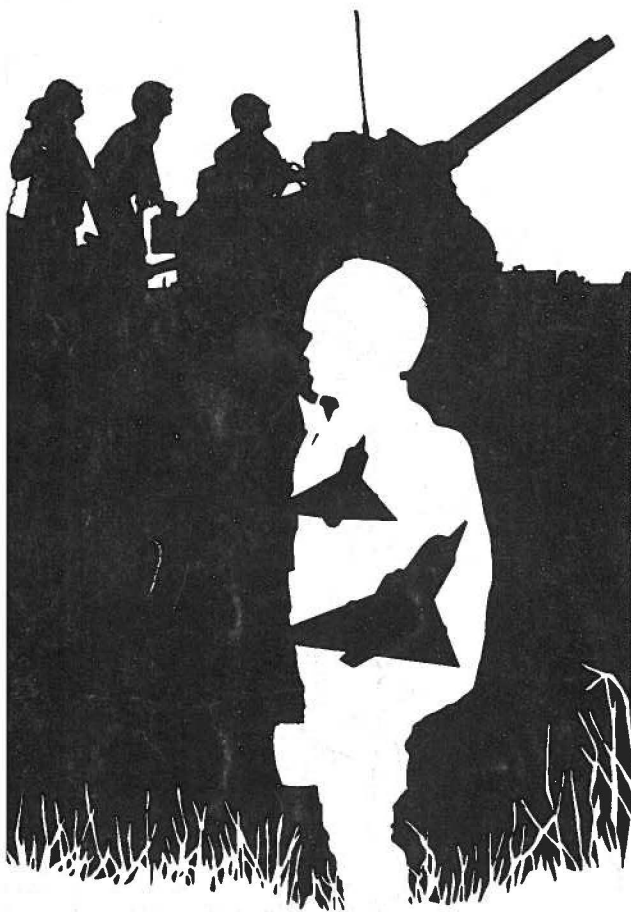
That's the status of our problem child now. We're a separate financial entity and we're solvent. We're on top of the inconvenience of selling ads, and the circulation problem has been minimized. However, you can still help by notifying us when you move. Updating your address is very important — it takes time and money to track you down. So pitch in and drop us a line.

We still need good copy too, so keep it coming.

And, if you really want to get involved, we can always use some help on the staff — particularly circulation. All it takes is a little time and a lot of *saliya*.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Pretty Stephanie Woods models the official Oahu Clean-up "T" shirt emphasizing "Hawaii Isn't Big Enough For Litter." The shirts were sold at cost during the massive November 19-27 anti-litter drive. See page 20 for "The Great Hawaiian Clean Up." Photo courtesy Alma McGoldrick, processing courtesy Lawrence Hata.





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