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### Calendar

February 21-22

230th Engineer Combat Company reunion; Keaukaha Military Reservation

February 25-28

Supervisor's personnel management training, Multi-purpose room, Bldg. 306A, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

March

Hawaii National Guard Marksmanship Tournament; held at individual units.

March 5, Thursday

Women's History Month Luncheon, Hale Koa Hotel, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

March 26, Thursday Kuhio Day, state holiday.

March 24-27

Supervisor's personnel management training, Multi-purpose room, Bldg. 306A, 8 a.m-5 p.m.

March 29, Sunday

Hawaii National Guard 5/10K Fun Run/ Walk; HIANG Operations Training Facility, Hickam Air Force Base, 8 a.m.

April 12, Sunday

CPR Sunday, Hawaii National Guard volunteers, various locations throughout

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## Brigade trains in Japan, Australia

Despite the cancellation or reduction of several major training exercises, Hawaii National Guard members are continuing to receive the training they need to prepare for their wartime missions. More than 100 soldiers from the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate), along with a dozen soldiers and airmen from smaller units, have deployed for overseas training so far this year.

Fifty-nine soldiers and five airmen of the Hawaii National Guard deployed to Japan, Jan. 19-21, for exercises Yama Sakura and Keen Edge. Yama Sakura was the ground portion of the command post exercise led by Col. Bernard M. Watson, commander of the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate). Brigade soldiers were joined by more than 300 other soldiers from the IX Corps (Reinforcement), U.S. Army Reserve, headquartered at Fort DeRussy. Reservists comprised approximately 70 percent of U.S. Army participation in the exercise. No actual maneuvers are conducted as Yama Sakura instead focuses on theoretical battles laid out on map boards. The purpose of the exercise is to further develop a joint U.S.-Japan bilateral force capable of defending Japan from an enemy

Fifty-five soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, are presently in Australia training alongside Australian General Reserve troops. The Hawaii task force left



Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, deployed for exercise Pacific Reserve in Australia, Feb. 6. The soldiers will train at the Field Force Battle School, considered to be the toughest jungle training school in the world, according to the Australian press.

here Feb. 6 to take part in exercise Pacific Reserve at the Field Force Battle School in Tully, North Queensland. According to the Australian press, the school is the toughest jungle training school in the world. The Hawaii soldiers prepared for the mission by doubling training and toughening squadlevel tactics.

The Guard unit is scheduled to return home Feb. 23. A task force of Australian Reserve soldiers will train in Hawaii later this year as part of a reciprocal arrangement.

### 154th Composite Group recognized for safety record

The 154th Composite Group, Hawaii Air National Guard, recently received three 1991 Air National Guard safety awards for flight, missile and explosive safety. The award for flight safety is especially noteworthy since the unit received the award last year, too. "It's rare for a unit to receive the same award two years in a row," said Maj. Gary Peters, chief of safety. The unit has been recognized for its outstanding flight safety record seven times since 1979, including back-to-back awards in 1986 and 1987. This is the second year the group has received an award for explosive safety.

The Group's safety record is impressive given the number of exercises the unit has participated in while conducting its 24-hour air defense alert mission. In July, the group deployed to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., with eight F-15As to take part in exercise Red Flag. A total of 102 sorties were scheduled and flown during the exercise without a single incident. The awards are "clearly indications of the leadership, quality and dedication of the the unit members in providing a safe, accident-free working environment," wrote Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general, in his congratulatory letter to the unit.

The unit, which also received the Spruance Safety Award for 1991, will go on to compete with Air Force and Air Force Reserve units for the 1991 Air Force safety awards.

### Team Spirit suspended

As part of the effort to improve diplomatic relations in Korea, the United States and South Korea have cancelled exercise Team Spirit 1992. The joint/combined training exercise, designed to test the defensive capabilities of American and South Korean troops, was suspended in the hope of improving North-South Korean ties. Two Hawaii units, the Air Guard's 201st Combat Communications Group and Army Guard's 297th Supply and Service Battalion, were slated to participate.

Team Spirit is the largest of several exercises conducted in the region annually and involved more than 10,000 troops last year. Other, smaller exercises are expected to continue as scheduled.



Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson The Adjutant General

Beginning with this issue, we are doubling the publication of our departmental newspaper, Pupukahi, to twice quarterly or eight times a year. Although this is a huge undertaking, we are committed to keeping you informed on a timely basis about the issues that affect us as a department and as individuals. Doubling the number of issues will also enable us to recognize the many achievements and efforts of our people. I would like the Pupukahi to serve as a communication vehicle for every one in the State Department of Defense, be they army, air, civil defense, veterans services, full-time, drill-status, military or civilian. Ultimately, I think it will help our department to become a stronger team and feel more like a family.

In my last column, I said I would keep you updated on departmental programs and activities. Well, there's a lot to report in terms of training.

In the first two months of 1992, we had to make a number of significant changes to our training plans. Improved diplomatic relations in Korea led to the cancellation of the

Guard's suspension of fighter aircraft train-tember will be a hectic month for the 201st ing caused the Giant Warrior exercise in Guam CCGP, as its unit effectiveness inspection is to be dropped.

training to accommodate all of the affected Army and Air Guard units. For example, we are trying to send air traffic controllers from the 201st Combat Communications Group, off, but they're not. I urge you to make maxioriginally scheduled for Team Spirit, to exercise Sentry Vigilance in Wisconsin and Michigan starting next month. Other plans are in the works, and we'll let you know more once the plans have been finalized.

full schedule of training activities. In late January, airmen from the 199th Weather Flight joined soldiers from the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) and 193rd Aviation Battalion for month, soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, deployed to Australia for exercise composite task force from the 1st and 2nd Battalions scheduled for cold weather training in Alaska will go as planned (see page 3).

We also have a number of significant inspections ahead of us. These are scheduled for the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate); Headquarters, State Area Command (HQ, STARC); 201st Combat Communications Group (201 CCGP); and 154th Composite Group (154 COMPG). The Army Inspector General's Office has already begun its arms and ammunition follow-up inspections. The visits are staggered throughout the year and will culminate with the U.S. Army Pacific-IG visit to the Johnnie H. Corns, commander, U.S. Army

Team Spirit exercise, and the Air National Brigade and HQ, STARC, in October. Sepscheduled throughout the month. Not far down We are currently looking at alternative the road, the 154th Composite Group will undergo its operational readiness inspection during the first three months of 1993.

These inspections may seem a long way mum use of your drills between now and then to prepare for your inspection. Working as a team, I know we can obtain the highest inspection rating possible. We should each ask ourselves what we can do to ensure that our Despite the recent cancellations, we have a unit does well. If you have any concerns or identify potential problem areas, feel free to discuss these with your commanders or myself. Inspection performance is crucial in these times of proposed force reductions and all of exercise Yama Sakura in Japan. Earlier this us must share responsibilities if we are to surpass rating requirements.

In the past year, I have emphasized the Pacific Reserve. At present, it looks like the importance of teamwork. I encourage commanders to go over previous inspection reports with their units and to circulate references and checklists so people know what to

> I am confident that each of us will do our best and do well. We have great units and great people with a lot of pride in what they do. Let's show the inspection teams what we

> We had a very successful and productive Hawaii Army National Guard commanders and sergeants major conference, February 8-9 at the East-West Center. Lieutenant General

Pacific, and Major General Robert L. Ord III, commander, 25th Infantry Division (Light), attended our executive session. Their participation helped us resolve a number of issues and solidify our future plans. We look forward to working more closely with them as part of the Total Force.

I would like to close my column by recognizing some of our recent accomplishments. Just this month, we received word that the 154th Composite Group was awarded three 1991 Air National Guard safety awards for flight, missile and explosive safety. I extend my personal congratulations to members of the Group who worked hard throughout the year to make the award possible. I also take my hat off to the 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadon which detected and monitored a distress call from an Aloha Island Air flight, January 12.

Also, kudos to those who provided timely support on February 14 to pack, load and transport about 46,000 pounds of relief goods to Hickam Air Force Base for air shipment to American Samoa. Your immediate response to the call for help was exemplary and deserves special credit. And finally, thanks to the more than 500 runners and family members who participated in the Great Aloha Run/Walk on February 17. Our runners got a good workout and I believe all of us in attendance enjoyed the fellowship and great food prepared by Command Sergeant Major Clement Hew and his staff of volunteers. Thanks also to Lt. Col. Freddie Esperanza and our Family Support Group volunteers for their efforts. Keep up the great work!

## Departmental news

### **Guard marks 99th** anniversary

The National Guard of Hawaii (NGH) was formed by an act of the Executive and Advisory Councils of the Provisional Government of Hawaii, Jan. 27, 1893. The act allowed for one company of regular troops and three companies of volunteers, each to consist of no more than 120 men, to be organized in Honolulu. The soldiers were to be armed and known as the 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment, National Guard of Hawaii. Commanded by Col. John H. Soper, the NGH assumed protection of the Hawaiian Islands at the request of the Provisional Government five days later.

#### **Women's History** Month speaker

The Federal Women's Council Hawaii is sponsoring a luncheon, Mar. 5, as part of Women's History Month. The theme of the luncheon is "A Patchwork of Many Lives."

Virginia Farris, foreign career service officer for the U.S. Information Agency, CINCPAC, is the keynote speaker. Entertainer Karen Keawehawaii will be the celebrity emcee. The luncheon will be held at the Hale Koa Hotel and begin at 11:00. Tickets are \$12.50 and may be purchased from Bea Pierce of the Support Personnel Management Office, 737-4323.

#### Commissary policy

Guard members and their authorized dependents need to only show their military identification cards (DD Form 2A or DA Form 5431) for access into local military commissaries. This procedure is effective through March 31 or until new commissary cards are issued.

#### **VA** compensation

The Department of Veterans Affairs announced a 3.7 percent increase in compensation payments which will affect some 2 million disabled veterans with 10-100 percent disability.

Effective Dec. 1, 1991, the cost-of-living allowance was included in legislation signed by the President.

#### Army uniform wearout dates

The following information is provided to assist soldiers in maintaining clothing bag

Effective April 1, 1992, all soldiers are required to possess one complete ensemble of the physical fitness uniform. A set consists of Tshirts and shorts (two each) and sweatshirt and sweatpants (one each).

Beginning Oct. 1, 1992, black shoulder marks will be mandatory for all company, field grade and warrant offic-

### **Training during** war, emergency

Training during times of war or declared national or state emergencies can be credited as military service as a result of State Attorney Gen-

eral's Opinion No. 91-04. Periods of service recognized by the Veterans Administration and state retirement system are: World War I - April 6, 1917 to July 1, 1921; World War II - Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946; Korean Conflict -June 27, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955; Vietnam Era - Aug. 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975; Persian Gulf - pending legislation.

Contributory members who filed claims by Jan. 31, 1992, will have their purchase cost computed on the basis of their July 1989 salary. Claims received after Jan. 31 will be computed based on members' current salaries. Non-contributory members will acquire the service at no cost, as

their military service is credited at a lower benefit level.

For claim applications and more information, call the **Employees Retirement Sys**tem at 586-1680 (Oahu) or 1-800-468-4644, ext. 61680 (neighbor islands), or the State Personnel Section, Administrative Services Office, at 732-3944 or 735-8675.



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## Hawaii National Guard



Col. Eugene S. Imai Commander, HIARNG

#### Commander's message

Calendar Year 1991 was indeed a momentous year for our country and for the Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG). Our country has emerged as the undisputed leader of the world as a result of victories in the Cold War and Desert Storm, and the role of the National Guard was a key factor in these victories. Locally, a change in leadership in the HIARNG, the fielding of some of the latest equipment such as SINCGARS radios and the 9mm pistols, the outstanding planning and execution of the NGAUS conference, the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, and the emergency work in natural disasters such as the fire on Molokai and the flood on Kauai showed the State that the HIARNG is a quality organization that perpetuates the skills, the aspirations and the unrivaled courage of ancient Polynesian voyagers and constantly challenges and calls forth the best from people of a composite culture unlike any other on earth.

We need to continue this level of accomplishment in 1992, but also focus more inwardly, towards the basic building blocks of our organizations. We need to focus on our individual soldiers and on our basic squad- and platoon-level collective training. We need to ensure that all of our organizations are built on solid foundations and that our basic elements are well trained and manned.

We all need to ensure that we each know our job thoroughly, and that we understand how it impacts and interrelates with others in our organizations; we need to ensure that all of our subordinates understand their jobs thoroughly and are able to work as a smoothly functioning and effective team.

We must always keep in mind the need to "take care of our troops." We need to go the extra mile to help our fellow Guard members and their families and not take the attitude that "that's not my job." For our JOB is to do whatever we can to make the

HIARNG a success. And a successful organization is one which takes care of all of its members, from the youngest to the oldest, from the newest to the most senior, from the lowest ranking to the highest ranking. We must look at our role in the HIARNG as being a member of a family, little different from our own immediate family. We must care about what happens to those who need our help and not be satisfied that a payroll form, or a uniform request form, or a personnel action has been filed and that our job is done. We need to go the extra step of following up on those requests when timely action has not been taken. We need to care enough to plan and execute interesting, meaningful, and challenging training so that our members will learn, achieve a level of proficiency, and develop a sense of pride in what they are doing. We need to care that our not coming to drill affects not only ourselves, but our fellow squad and section members, and that the effectiveness of their training is lessened by our non-attendance.

We face many challenges in the future, but based on the performance and successes of the past, I'm confident that together we will overcome these challenges as well.

Squadron helps aircraft in trouble

Airmen from the 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron (169 ACWS) on the "A" flight swing shift knew it wasn't a drill when they detected a hijacked aircraft, Jan. 12. The squadron, stationed at Wheeler Army Air Field, was the first to detect that something was wrong aboard the flight coming in from the Big Island.

Senior Airman Blane H. Viloria, identification operator, first picked up the transponder code Mode 7500 for hijack at 7:28 p.m. He immediately informed Tech. Sgt. Steve I. Nakayama, air surveillance officer, and in turn Capt. Kevin K. Abe, duty director. Within minutes, the radar crew had notified the center radar approach control (CERAP) in Honolulu and the U.S Air Force's 6010th Aerospace Defense Group, co-located with the squadron at Wheeler.

CERAP identified the plane as an Aloha Island Air twin-engine Otter enroute to Oahu. Shortly after takeoff from Kamuela, an unruly passenger began interfering with the aircrew, causing the pilot to "squawk hijack." Efforts to calm the passenger were unsuccessful, and the plane was forced to divert to Kahului, Maui.

The 169th ACWS tracked the aircraft to Maui, where the unruly passenger was picked up by county police and FBI agents. The plane continued on to Oahu without incident.



A CH-47 helicopter airlifts a high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicle ("Humvee"), 105mm Howitzer cannon and A-22 cargo package. The lift was part of an exercise conducted by Battery C, 1st Battalion, 487th Artillery, Feb. 1.



Spec. Sonny Apolo scans the horizon for enemy targets as Pfc. Ashley Figueroa locks in his sights with a tube-launched, optically tracked, wire-guided (TOW) missile. Both soldiers are from Company D, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry.

## Army Guard bound for Alaska in March

A composite unit of 120 Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers will deploy to Alaska for cold weather training, March 14-28. The Big Island's Company A, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, will be joined by a platoon from the 1st Battalion and other support units. They will train at the Northern Warfare Training Center (NWTC), based at Fort Greeley, and

other remote sites around the 49th state.

Upon arriving at Elmendorf Air Force Base, the soldiers will be lodged at Camp Caroll for one day to acclimatize before beginning one week at NWTC. A two-day field exercise will include platoon air assault and tactical training with the 207th Infantry Group. Before returning home, the task force will visit gla-

cier operations at Chugach State Park.

In December, soldiers were briefed on a number of subjects including effects of cold weather, clothing protection and special equipment. Awareness of cold weather operations and prevention of cold weather injuries was emphasized. In addition to BDUs, the soldiers will be issued extreme cold weather clothing,

including parkas, overshoes, wool socks and polypropylene underwear.

The environmental conditions the task force will face include three hours of daylight (11 a.m.to 2 p.m.), temperatures ranging from -30 to 20 degrees Fahrenheit, 18 to 24 inches of snow, and dense wooded areas with numerous trails and large, wild animals.

# Community service

## DOD staff and families in Great Aloha Run

Nearly 500 Hawaii National Guard (HING) members, families and friends turned out for the 8th annual Great Aloha Run/Walk, Feb. 17. Of the more than 200 HING runners who completed the 8.25-mile run from the Aloha Tower to the Aloha Stadium, about half registered as individuals, with 80 runners coming from the 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron. About 50 runners ran as part of the Guard's Presidents 100 Club and 50 soldiers from the 297th Supply and Service Battalion and 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery, entered the Sounds of Freedom category and ran in formation.

Though most of the attention was focused on the runners, other Guard personnel were on hand from start to finish to ensure that race participants had a safe and enjoyable time. Maj. Keith Tanouye coordinated the Guard's support of the event, which ranged from logistical assistance to medical staffing to starting-gun honors. Before the race, members of Head-

quarters, State Area Command, stored and transported finish-line equipment to and from the stadium. On the morning of the event, a gun crew from Battery C, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery, got the race off to a rousing start when it performed starting-gun honorsat6:45. HING family members showed their support by forming cheering squads and giving out leis after the race. As a precautionary measure, soldiers from the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) and 297th Supply and Service Battalion staffed first aid stations set up along the route.

In the stadium parking lot, Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson and his staff hosted a post-run breakfast for the runners and special guests. Command Sgt. Maj. Clement Y. F. Hew coordinated the massive cook-out which began at 8 a.m. Before noon, Hew and his crew of 30 "regular luau guys" had served up 1,200 eggs, 80 pounds each of sausage, meatballs and beef and 100 pounds of rice.



Staff Sgt. Dennis Y. Fujii

The 297th Supply and Service Battalion, led by Lt. Col. Joseph Chaves, enters the Aloha Stadium parking lot. The unit ran in formation in the Sounds of Freedom category.



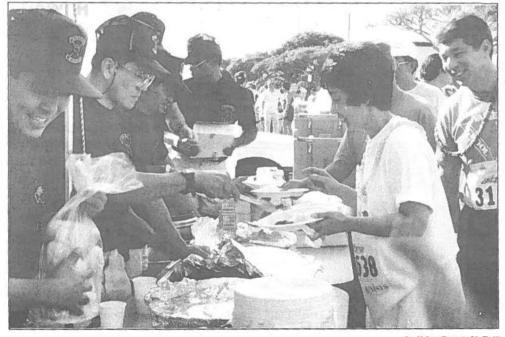
Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha

Family support group members cheer on runners near the finish line during the Great Aloha Run/walk.



Staff Cat Dannie V Eu

Larry S.K. Lee, director, Office of Veterans Services, flashes a smile as he makes his way through the Aloha Stadium parking lot.



Staff Sgt. Dennis Y. Fujii

Guard volunteers, led by Command Sgt. Maj. Clement Y. F. Hew, serve breakfast to hungry runners.



Staff Sgt. Dennis Y. Fuj

Sgt. Maj. Vincente Duran chuckles as KHON TV-2 news reporter Marvin Buenconseje tapes a television segment.

## **Guard supports Superkids**

the islands of Hawaii and Maui woke up early on recent Saturday mornings to have

More than 900 children on fun and compete in annual American Lung Association Superkids competitions. Hopeful winners threw soft-

balls, hopped in sacks and raced their way to the finish lines. As in past years, the Hawaii National Guard played a key role in coordinating the fundraiser which raises tens of thousands of dollars for the Lung Association each year.

Soldiers of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, helped children compete for the title of 1992 Kona Superkid at the old Kona Airport, Jan. 25. A week later, nearly 200 Guard volunteers assisted a recordbreaking 500-plus entrants in the Hilo Superkids competition at the Keaukaha Military Reservation. Guard personnel worked with Army Reservists to support the Maui Superkids, Feb. 15. Volunteers from Company C, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry, and the 292nd Combat Communications Squadron joined forces to assist youngsters. As an added treat, the 111th Army Band flew over from Oahu to provide music for the Maui event.



Sgt. Margaret P. Tulledo

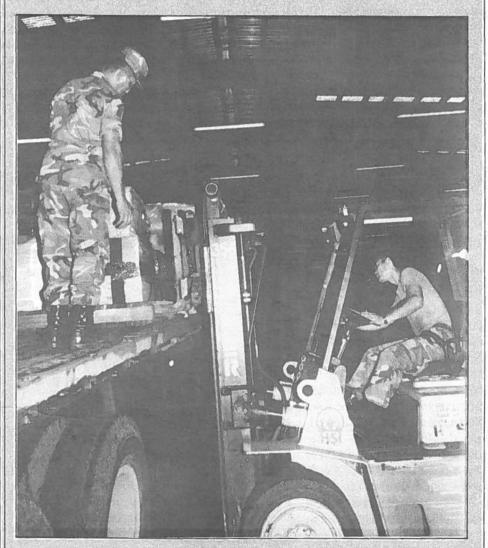
A Maui infant competes in the baby crawl under mom's watchful eye.

Samoa relief operations

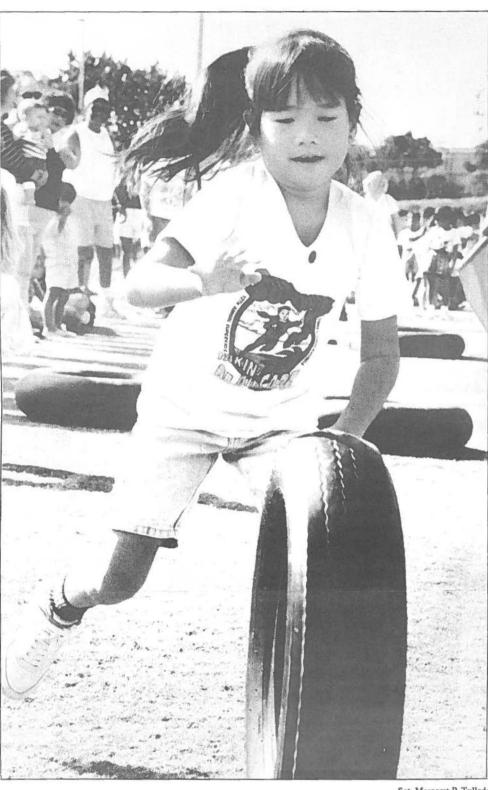
In late December, Gov. John Waihee urged Hawaii residents, particularly state employees, to donate canned goods, rice and other non-perishable food items to assist the people of American and Western Samoa in the wake of tropical cyclone Val which destroyed more than 90 percent of the islands' subsistence crops.

The State Departments of Defense and Public Safety were asked to pick up, store and transport donated goods from drop-off points around Oahu.

On Feb. 14, Hawaii National Guard volunteers helped pack, load and transport about 46,000 pounds of relief goods and supplies, including 7,300 pounds of food and clothes donated by state employees, to Hickam Air Force Base. An Air Force C-141 cargo plane, chartered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, took the supplies to Samoa. The Hawaii National Guard (HING) led the effort with volunteers from the Surface Maintenance Office, U.S. Property and Fiscal Office and volunteers of Samoan ancestry from other HING units.



Sgt. Robert Nakamatsu, U.S. Property and Fiscal Office, and Sgt. Antonio Sibilla, Combined Support Maintenance Shop #1, load a pallet of Samoa relief goods onto a truck at Pier 1, Feb. 14.



Sgt. Margaret P. Tulledo

Leah Miyamoto rolls a tire to the finish line at the Maui Superkids competition.



Sgt. Mark Mihara coaches a Hilo youngster in the softball throw, Feb. 8. More than 500 children from Kohala to South Point participated in the Hilo Superkids competition.

## Spotlight

## Reavis departs as HIANG advisor

Lt. Col. James "Mike" M. Reavis flew his last flight as the air advisor to the Hawaii Air National Guard Jan 3, prior to his retirement from the active Air Force. Reavis has been the air advisor since February 1989 and was a member of the 6010th Aerospace Defense Group stationed at Hickam Air Force Base (AFB). He recently led the Hawaii Guard's F-15 flyby over the USS Arizona Memorial during the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor commemoration activities.

Reavis completed pilot training in 1971 and flew T-37 aircraft until the late 1970s,

when he became a fighter pilot. Although he has spent much of his military career in the southern U.S., Reavis also served in Saudi Arabia with the 5th Tactical Fighter Squadron from 1984 to 1986. Reavis came to Hawaii from Luke AFB, Ariz., where he was the chief of flight safety. He leaves the Air Force as a command pilot with nearly 3,000 flying hours. His awards include the Airman's Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Five Oak Leaf Clusters and Air Force Commendation Medal. He was presented the Hawaii National Guard Commendation

He completed Squadron Officers School in 1975 and Air Command and Staff College in 1977. His civilian education includes a bachelors of science in chemistry and biology from Jacksonville State University and a masters degree in guidance and counseling from Troy State University.

Reavis and his wife, Cindy, along with children Craig and Carrie, are moving to Lebanon, Tenn., where Reavis will become the marketing director for Datom, an international computer com-



Lt. Col. James "Mike" M. Reavis and his wife, Cindy, said farewell to the Hawaii Air National Guard and the Air Force after he received the Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal, Jan. 7. Reavis, from Hickam Air Force Base's 6010th Aerospace Defense Group, had been the Hawaii Air National Guard's Air Force senior advisor February 1989.

## epartment of Defense bids farewell to retirees

The following employees recently retired from the State of Hawaii Department of Defense:

Master Sgt. Daniel Blancaflor, retired as an aircraft pneudralic systems mechanic with the 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. During his 34 years of service, Blancaflor has seen several aircraft conversions and has worked on the F-86D/E/L, F-102A, T-33, F-4C and C-130A/H. He and his wife, Donna, plan to move to the West Coast and start their own business in hydroponic gardening and furniture refinishing. Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth J. Camara, Blancaflor's supervisor, praised Blancaflor for the "outstanding dedication, loyalty and professionalism



Blancaflor

he has exhibited throughout the years."

Telecommunications branch chief, Takeo Inokuchi, retired from State Civil Defense (SCD), Jan. 31. Inokuchi joined SCD after retiring from the Federal Aviation Administration fol-



Inokuchi

lowed by two years with the State Department of Accounting and General Services. During his eight years at SCD, Inokuchi was instrumental in spearheading major upgrades and improvements to the CD siren warning and communications systems. He is directly



Kajiwara

responsible for building the current statewide emergency network which is virtually failsafe. His expertise and dedication were recently recognized when he was selected as the department's 1991 Manager of the Year.

Inokuchi's immediate re-



Koga

tirement plans include a fourweek trip to Japan with his wife, Judy. The couple also plans to visit relatives and friends on the mainland.

Tech. Sgt. Henry M. Kajiwara retired as an electronic integrated system mechanic from the 154th Con-

solidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron with more than 21 years of service. Kajiwara is a dedicated runner and bowler who can be found at the bowling alley every Thursday night. Senior Master Sgt. Rex Y. Koga, Kajiwara's supervisor, joked that Kajiwara socializes better than he bowls. Kajiwara and his wife, Estelle, live in Salt Lake.

Communications maintenance manager, Lt. Col. George J. Koga, retired from the 154th Tactical Control Squadron, Dec. 31. He served on active duty and joined the Air Force Reserve before enlisting in the Guard in 1959. Koga received his commission in 1966. He and his wife, Joyce, reside in Eleele.

## **Association news**

#### Scholarships available

The Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association (HNGEA) and Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) are accepting scholarship applications for the 1992-93 school year. Both organizations offer scholarships of up to \$2,000 per student. Applications may be picked up in unit orderly rooms or from HNGEA councilmembers. For additional information call Master Sgts. Todd Muraoka (737-8625) or Wayne Soma (449-6986). Deadline for applications is May 31.

Scholarship applications are still available from Na Kuhina Nui O Na Koa auxiliary. Interested persons should call Iris Kinoshita at 944-1625 (Mon.-Fri.) or write to her at 7226 Naohe St., Honolulu, Hawaii 96825. Applications are due April 30.



NEW INSURANCE-Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson (foreground), enrolled in the Associations of the Hawaii National Guard group life insurance program, Jan. 8. The program is successful in 43 other states and underwritten by the American Life and Casualty Insurance Company. Maj. Gen. Richardson, along with members of the officers' association and its president, Lt. Col. Don Arakaki (center), headed efforts to establish the program. The new insurance program is managed by Kozen Kaneshiro (right).

## People







Maruyama



Okino









The State of Hawaii Department of Defense welcomes the following new full-time employees:

Sgt. Byron C. Cristobal, aircraft technician,154th Composite Group. When he's not at work or drill, Cristobal enjoys playing softball and golf. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Waipahu and have a 2 1/2-year old son, Bryson.

William J. Dawson, radiological planner, State Civil Defense. Dawson retired from the Air Force last year, most recently serving on the inspector general's team for Headquarters, Pacific Air Force. In his free time, he enjoys gardening and walking. He and his wife, Eiko, have two sons, William and Andrew.

Senior Airman Gina T. Kuriyama, secretary, 154th Mission Support Squadron. Kuriyama is a drill-status administration specialist with the 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. She grew up in leeward Oahu and attended Leeward Community College and Cannon's Business College. In her spare time, she enjoys bowling, basketball and volley-

Russell Y. K. Lum, operating accountant supervisor, U.S. Property and Fiscal Office. Lum earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Hawaii and likes to play the stock market. He previously worked for the City and County of Honolulu.

Sgt. Mataitusi U. Marshall, clerk typist, 29th Support Battalion. Marshall served on active duty before joining the Guard in 1986. She was born and raised in American Samoa and earned an associate's degree from American Samoa Community College. She and her husband, Jeffrey, have a daughter and son, Tiffany and Jason.

Airman 1st Class Clayton Y. Maruyama, management assistant, 201st Combat Communications Group. Maruyama enlisted in May last year and graduated with honors in information management from Murayama has a bachelors degree in geography and is an avid fisherman.

Staff Sgt. Ted K. Okino, information management technician, 298th Air Traffic Control Flight. Okino has been with the 298th as a drillstatus member since 1985. He earned an associate's degree from Kauai Community College and studied zoology at the University of Hawaii. He and his wife, Donna, reside in Waimea.

Staff Sgt. Earle F. Oshio, automotive mechanic, 297th Air Traffic Control Flight. Oshio has been in the Guard he likes to go fishing and bowling. He and his wife, Linda, have two sons, Dale and Ty.

Leinaala Pang, clerk typist, Engineering Office. Pang graduated from Moanalua High School. She and her husband, Kendall, have a 5year-old son, Ahren-Joshua and two-month old infant, Drake.

Staff Sgt. Neil M. Pigao, Keesler Air Force Base. Born warehouse worker, 150th and raised in Wahiawa, Aircraft and Control Warning Squadron. Pigao served in the Air Force from 1983 until 1990, when he joined the Guard. Although born in Honolulu, he grew up in Waimea, Kauai. He and his wife, Connie, have a 4-yearold son, Kyle.

Staff Sgt. Gary W. Samson, aircraft ordnance technician, 154th Composite Group. Samson served on active duty from 1981 to 1985. He joined the Guard in 1989 and is a drill-status weapons release member with the 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. He and his wife, Dina, since 1968. In his free time, have two daughters, Amanda and Rachel.

> Master Sgt. Anthony Silva, facility manager, 154th Civil Engineering Squadron, Silva rejoined the Guard in 1978 after a 13year break in service. He is a community leader, serving as a committee chairman for his church council and the Boy Scouts; he is also the president of Hawaii Outdoor







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Explorations. Silva was born and raised on Kauai and resides in Koloa with his wife, Joyce.

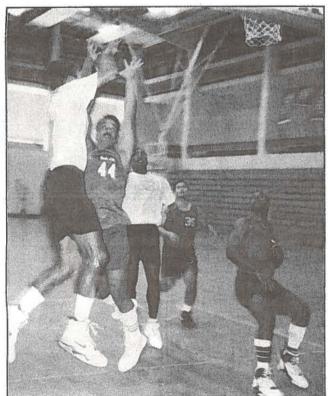
Saundra M. Staunton, clerk typist, U.S. Property and Fiscal Office. Graduated from Star of the Sea High School, Staunton enjoys working out and reading in her free time. She and her husband, Stanford, have two daughters, Nicole and

Harold K. Tonda, military administrative assistant, Office of the Adjutant General. Tonda recently retired after 30 years in the Air Force, most recently serving as the director of contingency plans and policy for Headquarters, Pacific Air Force. He was born and raised on the Big Island and has a masters degree in business management. He and his wife, Judy Ann, have two daughters and

Jacob Yi, accountant, Administrative Services Office. Born in Seoul, Korea, Yi plays tennis and is an active member of the Christ United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Deborah, have a 3year-old daughter, Angela.

Sgt. Marc K. Yoshida, pneudralic systems specialist,154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Yoshida joined the Guard in 1989, graduating with honors from technical training school at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill. His favorite pastimes are racquetball and electronics.

## **Sports**



Players from the 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery, and 297th Supply and Service Battalion play for the championship title, Jan 19.

### Artillery wins basketball championship

With less than a minute left in the game, 1st Lt. Freddie J. Westbrook sank a three-pointer for the 297th Supply & Service Battalion, tying the game with the 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery. Spec. Gerald A. Hagins, however, came back to drop in two points for the 487th in the last three seconds, winning the game and the 1992 Hawaii National Guard Basketball Tournament, 55-53, at the University of Hawaii's Hilo Gym, Jan. 19.

This is the second year in a row that the Field Artillery team, captained by Maj. Bruce D. Spear, has won the tournament. Leading the team in scoring were Staff Sgt. Leif T. Fautanu,12 points, and Spec. Michael R. Franklin, 10 points. Rounding out the championship team were 1st Lt. Edward Canterre, Sgt. 1st Class Ivan S. Felix, Sgt. Steven Y. Yonamine, Sgt. Patrick J. Texeria, and Spec. Damian E. Quizon.

Seven Army and Air Guard teams from Kauai, Oahu, Maui and Hawaii converged on the Hilo campus to do battle on the hard floor. A mixed Air Guard team from Kauai won the consolation bracket title from the Big Island's 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry.

Tournament coordinators were Capt. Jeffrey Protacio and Chief Master Sgt. Darrell Ho. Master Sgt. Richard Y. Tabe, Master Sgt. James N. Pahakula and 1st Lt. Kenneth S. Hara also assistance with the games.

### Fun Run/Walk

Sunday, March 29 154th Composite Group Headquarters Hickam Air Force Base

Two routes, five- and 10-kilometer, will begin from the Air Guard's operations training facility (across from Sea Breeze) at 8:00 a.m. Sign-in will be from 7:00-7:45 a.m. Entry fee is \$10 before March 15; late entry fee is \$12. T-shirt pick up for early registrants will be on March 24-27 at G-3 (Army) and Consolidated Base Personnel Office (Air).

Open to all members and civilian employees of the Hawaii National Guard and their families. Interested persons should contact their unit administrator or Maj. Keith Tanouye (737-9450) or Chief Master Sgt. Darrell Ho (449-5701).

### Awards and recognition

Members of the Hawaii Army and Air National Guard were recently presented with awards in recognition of their outstanding performance:

**Meritorious Service Medal** 

Lt. Col. James R. Carpenter, Detachment 2 (Military Academy), Headquarters, State Area Command Lt. Col. Frederick K. Robello, Headquarters, State Area Command (-Dets. 1, 2 & 3)

### Army Commendation Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

1st Sgt. Francisco Latorre Jr., Detachment 1, Headquarters, State Area Command, Troop Command

#### Army Commendation Medal

Col. Patrick K.H. Aiu, Headquarters, State Area Command (-Dets. 1, 2 & 3) Lt. Col. Noboru Kon, Headquarters, State Area Command (-Dets. 1, 2 & 3) Sgt. 1st Class Keith T. Takahashi, Headquarters, State Area Command (-Dets. 1, 2 & 3)

Staff Sgt. Julia M. Givan, Headquarters, State Area Command (-Dets. 1, 2 & 3)

#### Army Achievement Medal

Staff Sgt. Leonard K.K. Chang, Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 29th Support Battalion Staff Sgt. Kin Ming Lau, Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 29th Support Battalion

Staff Sgt. Robert Mumby, Company C (Medical), 29th Support Battalion, attached to 216th Medical Company (Ambulance)

Sgt. Sonja F. Chiappetti, Detachment 1, Headquarters, State Area Command, Troop Command Spec. Franchot G. Uehara Jr.,

Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 29th Support Battalion

Army Good Conduct Medal (1st & 2nd Award)
Sgt. Elizabeth K. Kenui, Regional

Training Site

Air Force Achievement Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Oak Leaf Cluster)
Lt. Col. Calvin M. Ichinose, 154th
Tactical Hospital

Air Force Achievement Medal Maj. David A. Gilbert, 201st Combat

Communications Group

1st Lt. Wesley C. Fogerty Jr., 293rd
Combat Communications Squadron
Master Sgt. Raymond R. Bermudez,
154th Consolidated Aircraft Main-

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tenance Squadron

Commendation Medal Lt. Col. James M. Reavis, 6010th Aerospace Defense Group Vera Kimura, State of Hawaii, Department of Defense

Thirty Years of Federal Service Col. Kenneth P. Wicks, 154th Composite Group

Chief Warrant Officer Rodney N. Correa, Headquarters, State Area Command (-Dets. 1, 2, & 3)

Chief Master Sgt. Leo S. Nakano, 201st Combat Communications Group Senior Master Sgt. Roy T. Kuwana, 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Master Sgt. Nobuo Takeno, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron Tech. Sgt. Lionel R. Calvan, 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



Eugene Kaneshiro (holding plaque), Department of Education (DOE) school food service director, accepts the Seven Seals Award for outstanding support of the Guard and Reserves from Pasha Baker, state chairman of Employer Support for the Guard and Reserves (ESGR). Also pictured are: (left to right) Charles Toguchi, DOE superintendent, Sgt. Lance Kamisugi, Hawaii Army National Guard and DOE school food service manager (SFSM), Master Sgt. Mel Tom, Air Force Reserve and DOE SFSM, and Col. Eugene S. Imai, commander of the Hawaii Army National Guard.

### Military news

#### ID cards, tags

Effective Jan. 15, 1992, the Personnel Services Center (G-1) is providing identification cards and tags for all Army Guard units. Service will be on a walk-in basis, Mon.-Fri. (7 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; closed 12:00-1:00) and drill weekends (7 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; closed 11:00-12:00).

#### **SLRP** eligibility

Effective Jan. 1, applicants for the \$10,000 Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) must enlist, reenlist, or extend in a bonus unit or critical skill that has been authorized for an enlistment or reenlistment bonus by the National Guard Bureau. For more information, call Master Sgt. Dennis Y. Yoshino, incentive manager, 737-2295.

### Selected reserve incentive program

Effective April 1, non-bonus units may only offer enlistment, retention and student repayment bonuses in critical skill MOSs. All units may continue to offer the affiliation bonus, student loan repayment program and health professional loan repayment program to eligible members. Call Master Sgt. Dennis Y. Yoshino at 737-2295 for the critical skills list effective April 1.

### Wanted: Officer candidates

The Hawaii Military Academy (HMA) is accepting applications for its Officer Candidate School (OCS) program through Apr. 10. OCS gives soldiers the basic military education necessary to become leaders and establishes a solid foundation for further military training. Candidates study a wide range of subjects, including nuclear and chemical warfare, combined arms tactics, combat service support, training management and military history.

The program consists of four phases:

- orientation (one MUTA-4 IDT period)
- annual training, phase I (two weeks of active duty)
- weekend training, phase II (12 or more MUTA 4-IDT periods)
- annual training, phase III (two weeks of active duty; graduation)

A pamphlet listing entrance requirements, curriculum and general information is available from HMA at 259-7850/9651.

Maj. Claude Ishida, HMA's assistant commandant, hopes the upcoming class will resemble the last class, which he described as a "solid, mature and intelligent group of candidates." There are a lot of soldiers in the Hawaii Guard who have the potential to become leaders, he added.

### Air PME program restructured

The Air Force has realigned its Professional Military Education (PME) structure from four levels to three to bring it in line with the triple-tiered noncommissioned officers (NCO) struc-

ture. NCO preparatory school and NCO leadership schools are now collectively the Airman Leadership School (ALS). Staff and technical sergeants will attend the NCO Academy; master sergeants should complete the Senior NCO Academy.

Career development courses (CDC) will be available for all PME.

### Army occupational specialties changed

Occupational specialties deleted by DA Circular 611-91-1, Personnel Selection and Classification, Implementation of Changes to the Military Occupational Classification and Structure, affect a number of Hawaii Army Guard soldiers. Major structure changes by military personnel class are as follows:

Commissioned officers -Area of concentration (AOC) for 11B and 11C are deleted and transferred to AOC11A.

Warrant officers - Military occupational specialty (MOS) for all 915Es to be rank coded as senior warrant (SW) on all authorization documents.

Enlisted - MOSs are changed as follows: 29M to 29V; 29T to 29V or 29Y; 31Q to 31M; 39D and 39V to 39G; and 91A to 91B.

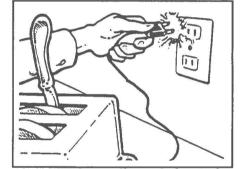
SIDPERS will update its database based on the orders issued for soldiers whose primary, secondary or additional MOS has been deleted. For additional information, call SIDPERS at 734-1409 or 735-7051.

Safety notes

# Tips on electricity

By Staff Sgt. Melvin Partido

Electricity is such a common part of our daily lives (for example, for cooking, refrigeration and lighting) that we sometimes forget that electricity can be potentially dangerous, too. Here are some



Always unplug appliances before trying to remove a foreign object.

basic rules to follow when using electrical tools and appliances:

- 1. Never use an electrical appliance while you are touching metal or anything wet.
- 2. Always unplug appliances before cleaning or removing objects from them.
- 3. Repair or discard an appliance that sparks, smokes or shocks.
- 4. Don't place appliances that emit heat, such as heaters and televisions, near anything flammable.
- 5. Install ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) on outlets that are near water and protect outdoor outlets with weatherproof covers.
- 6. Clean work areas frequently. A single electrical spark could set fire to oily rags, newspapers, sawdust or other material.
- 7. Know the location of all household fuses and circuit breakers and have wiring checked on a regular basis by a qualified electrician.
  - 8. Teach children how to safely use electricity.

### **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 Mar. May Apr. HQ, STARC, HIARNG 7-8 4-5 2-3 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) 6-7 4-5 2-3 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry 14-15 15-17 11-12 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery 6-8 4-5 1-3 29th Support Battalion 7-8 25-26 2-3 **Troop Command** 7-8 4-5 16-17 298th Engineer Detachment 21-22 4-5 15-17 1st Battalion, 193rd Aviation 14-15 11-12 16-17 Company A, 1st Battalion, 193rd Aviation 14-15 10-12 16-17 297th Supply & Service Battalion 7-8 3-5 16-17 HQ, Hawaii Air National Guard 7-8 4-5 2-3 154th Composite Group 7-8 4-5 2-3 201st Combat Communications Group 7-8 30-31