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Honoring the fallen, welcoming home the forgotten

Story by Spc. Paul Berzinas, 117th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Hawaii Army National Guard.



BRIGADE'S FINEST – Retired Hawaii Army National Guard Vietnam veterans 1st Sgt. Sonny Gollero, Master Sgt. Bruce Hidano, and Chief Warrant Officer Paul Kahuanhaha enjoy the Vietnam call-up speakers during the morning ceremony at the 29th Infantry Brigade Readiness Center. (Retired Master Sgt. Stephen M. Lum photo)



Mrs. Shirley Kauhahao, widow of 1st Lt. John K. Kauhahao, delivers remarks during the Hawaii National Guard 50th Vietnam Memorial Ceremony at the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Readiness Center in Kapolei on May 25, 2017. First Lt. John Kauhahao was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty during the Vietnam War and is one of the 29 fallen of the Hawaii Army National Guard Soldiers from that war. First Lt. Kauhahao is the first name listed on the memorial stone or "pohaku" behind Mrs. Kauhahao. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Matthew A. Foster)

KALAELOA, Hawaii- The Hawaii National Guard honored Vietnam-era veterans in a pair of ceremonies held at the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Readiness Center here on May 25, 2017.

The ceremonies, which focused on honoring Hawaii's Vietnam-era veterans, included remarks from speakers associated with the 29th Brigade during the Vietnam War.

The first ceremony of the day took place in front of the readiness center, between the pohaku, or sacred stones, bearing the names of the members of the 29th Brigade who gave their lives in service to their country.

Retired Brig. Gen. Irwin K. Cockett, Hawaii Army National Guard commander from 1983 to 1986 and Korean/Vietnam veteran, and Mrs. Shirley Kauhahao, widow of 1st Lt. John Kauhahao, gave their remarks during the first ceremony.

1st Lt. John K. Kauhahao was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross posthumously for his action in battle Sept. 5, 1969, when he intentionally drew enemy fire on himself in order to save his platoon.

Many Hawaii Guard service members exhibited outstanding conduct similar to Lt. Kauhahao, said Col. Moses Kaoiwi Jr., commander of the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

"As for the members of the 29th who were deployed during the Vietnam War, their performance was outstanding," Kaoiwi said. "This is why it was particularly important to honor the Hawaii Guard's Vietnam-era veterans with these ceremonies. What we really wanted to do, as part of the 50th Anniversary of the Hawaii's involvement in the Vietnam War, was to recognize the veterans that served during that time. Not a lot of people know about the 29th Brigade's contributions to the Vietnam War."

The 29th Brigade was called to fight in the Vietnam War on May 13, 1968, mobilizing approximately 4,000 personnel. Eleven hundred Hawaii Guard Soldiers went on to serve in Vietnam. While most people didn't think the National Guard served in Vietnam, the 29th Brigade did.

A second ceremony, held inside of the Readiness Center honored of all Hawaii National Guard Vietnam-era veterans, to include Hawaii Air National Guard.

According to retired Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, a former Hawaii adjutant general, the Hawaii Air National Guard performed exceptionally well in Vietnam. Hawaii Air Guard pilots, including then, Maj. Richardson, flew air defense missions dubbed PALACE ALERT over Vietnam.

"The Air National Guard's procedures were so good and so standardized that everybody

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Prepare for Hurricane Season

Hurricane season has arrived and the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) recommends residents prepare an “emergency kit” of a minimum of 14 days of food, water and other supplies.

“The reason we’re increasing the recommendation to 14 days (previously 7) is based on the documented experience from other states and jurisdictions that have gone through similar disasters. If our residents are resilient, able to take care of themselves during an event, we can focus more on restoring critical infrastructure such as our ports, roads and power plants,” said Vern Miyagi, the HI-EMA Administrator. “Depending on the damage, it will likely take 2 weeks or longer for the critical infrastructure to be fully or partially operational.”

Hurricane season is from June 1 to November 30.

Miyagi recommended putting together an emergency kit now and maintaining it throughout the hurricane season to avoid long lines at stores and gas stations shortly before and after a potential tropical storm event. Please do not return your supplies to the store after a hurricane or storm passes – keep them for the entire season and plan to partially consume and replenish to keep the items fresh. The time to prepare your kit is now. Get ahead of the game. Don’t try to purchase your 14 days of supplies or fill your tanks with gas the day before the hurricane arrives. It will be too late!

HI-EMA also recommends residents and visitors take the following actions to prepare for any possible hurricane or tropical cyclone.

- Talk with family members and develop a clear understanding what you will do if a hurricane or tropical storm threatens. Prepare an action plan that includes details such as whether your family plans to shelter in place or evacuate.
- Know if your home is in an inundation zone, flood zone, or susceptible to high winds and other hazards. Know if your home is retrofitted with hurricane resistant clips or straps.
- Stay tuned to local media and their websites/applications regarding weather updates.
- Sign up for local notification systems (i.e., HNL Info, Blackboard CTY).
- Get to know your neighbors and community so you can help each other.
- Download the “Ready Hawaii: app from the iTunes or Google Play! store. This app can aid in your emergency planning and will list shelters if they are opened for evacuation.
- Walk your property and check for potential flood threats. Clear your gutters and other drainage systems. Remove and secure loose items. Keep your car gas tanks filled.
- Prepare your pets by checking or purchasing a carrier and other preparedness items. A pet carrier is necessary

Hawaii DOD recognizes its top performers

Hawaii Adjutant General Arthur “Joe” Logan attended and presented at the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense's Retirement and Award Ceremony on Friday, April 7, 2017.

Congratulations to all award winners and to those individuals who have retired this past year. Mahalo for your service to HIDOD!



The State of Hawaii, Dept. of Defense, State Team of the Year: The Siren Modernization Project Support Team from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (L-R) Robin Liu, Albert Chong Jr., Emerson Ibera, Kurt Nagano and Ryan J. Hirae; Missing: Jack Y. Machida, Marc Nonaka, Eric K. Shimabuku and Justin Post.



The State of Hawaii, Dept. of Defense, State Manager of the Year: Kevin Richards from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency.



The State of Hawaii, Dept. of Defense, State Employee of the Year: Sinaitaaga Atanoa from the HING Youth Challenge Program.

for your pet’s safety if you plan to evacuate to a pet-friendly shelter. Don’t forget 14 days of food and water for your furry family members.

- Set aside an emergency supply of any needed medication and keep a copy of your prescriptions in case you run out of medication after a disaster.
- Secure your important documents in protective containers.
- Visitors should download and read the Hawaii Tourism Authority’s Travel Safety Brochure at <http://www.travelsmarthawaii.com>.
- Build an emergency kit – now.

“Know where to go, know what to do, and know when to do it ahead of time. Now is time to prepare,” said Miyagi.

Hawaii DOD retirees recognized at retirement award ceremony in April



Sharon N. Young, ret Fiscal



Lynn Ishii, LTC-R JFHQ



Fred A. Agag, MSG-R JFHQ



Willie J. Ray, MSG-R b, 777 ASB



Joseph L. Ramos, MSgt-R 169 ACWS



Karl K. Motoyama, Enviro ret fed, now state



Roxanne E. Bruhn, SMSgt-R 154 AMXS



Robert Gordon, SSG-R JFHQ



Teresa A. Lee, ret Fiscal



Race R.M. Bolder Sr., TSgt-R 291 CCS Hilo



Alfred S. Kalani Jr., MSgt-R - 154 AMXS

Hilo Soldier receives national coaching award

By Retired Master Sgt. Stephen M. Lum

Staff Sgt. Gregory A.Y. Lum Ho Jr. from the Hawaii Army National Guard's Co. B, 777th Aviation Support Bn., has won the national 2017 Positive Coaching Alliance Double-Goal Coaches award. The sheet metal mechanic, who has been coaching youth sports for more than 20 years, started to coach when his children were still in school. His three children, Kahakuokahale (19), Maka'ala (deceased) and Ashley (25), are now adults. He coached the boys when they were in little league baseball.

Volunteer coaching

"After my son passed away, coaching was a way to keep close to him," said Greg Lum Ho. "I see my son, Maka'ala in all of these kids. Everyone has a piece of him

and it just keeps me going. It's a plus when these kids get the "a-ha" moment when they realize what coach is trying to explain to them and they get it. You see that light-bulb go off in their head and you're like 'yup, I'm making a difference.' Plus this is my opportunity to give back and say 'thank you' to a coach who once told me, 'When I get the opportunity to help someone, then do it. Then that will be your thanks to me. Words are easy to say. But if I can make someone's life better than his legacy lives on.' Hopefully these kids will do the same so my legacy can live on too!"

The PCA (whose national spokesman is former NBA coach Phil Jackson) seeks to "create a positive, character-building youth sports culture for youth through high

school." Lum Ho, who is one of 50 coaches recognized nationally (not one per state), was nominated in November 2016 by Kea'au High School student-athlete, Ruby Galapon. He started at Kea'au in 2008, where he has coached, basketball (girls), cross country (head coach since 2016) and softball (coach for a year). He was recognized at the PCA awards ceremony held April 22 in Palo Alto, Calif. Accompanied by his dad Greg Lum Ho Sr., he received his award along with 21 other coach awardees in attendance. "When Ruby first approached me and said she was nominating me for this award, I didn't know how



TEAM EFFORT – Coach Greg Lum Ho poses with his Kea'au High School girls' basketball team.

MAN AND MACHINE– Staff Sgt. Gregory A.Y. Lum Ho Jr. on Lyman Air Field with UH-60M Blackhawks in the background.

to react,” Lum Ho said. “Then she sent me the prerequisites and what they were looking for and I was honored that she would think of me to nominate. Many kids I coach and come into contact with at Kea’au know my main priority is to make these kids better people first. So as I stated it was an honor just to be nominated. Three months later when the next step required a background check reality started to hit thinking we might have a chance at this. Then I was selected as one of 143 finalist. Then there was an interview and a couple of days later I was fortunate to be selected as one of 50 national coaches of the year. But like I told my athletic director, any of the coaches at Kea’au could’ve won this award I’m just lucky to have my name on the certificate.”

Education, Hawaii National Guard career The Hawaiian-Chinese-Japanese

kid from the islands was born in Augsburg, Germany, where his father was serving while in the Army. His Maui parents were able to get him in to Kamehameha Schools and he later attended college at Eastern Washington University.

Lum Ho joined the Hawaii Air National Guard in 1992, serving as a sheet metal mechanic working full-time from 1994 on KC-135 Stratotankers and C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft until 2000. Then he joined the Hawaii Army National Guard to take a full-time position at Guard’s Army Aviation Support Facility No. 2 in Hilo. Since he been in the Hilo, he’s deployed twice, once to Afghanistan in 2003 (nine months) and Kosovo in 2012 (one year). He’s also participated in numerous counterdrug missions in Guam and Saipan.

“Being in the National Guard helped me be a better coach because it’s taught me that everyone is different,” said Lum Ho. “And you

can’t treat everyone the same. And if you’re only looking after what’s good for you, nothing changes. We must take care of others so everyone and everything benefits.”

He keeps fit and working out seven days a week by participating running marathons, Spartan completions and surfing with friends or by himself weather he’s at home or on the “road.” Lum Ho has completed 22 marathons since 1982, including three National Guard Marathons (held annually in Lincoln, Neb.). His next challenge is to complete another Spartan trifecta. Last year he completed the Spartan “ultra beast.”

“That was hell,” Lum Ho said. “The biggest challenge I chose to accept is to get people off the couch and back into shape. Showing them, instead of just talking. Hell if this old man can do it, then anyone can do it.”



COACHES FORUM -- Positive Coach Alliance-Hawaii program honorees Kyle Smith, Greg Lum Ho and David Ishii share their coaching philosophies.



SUPPORT TEAM -- Attending the Positive Coach Alliance-Hawaii program were from the left: Cheryl Chow, Kea’au High School administrator, niece Kaylyn Mejasich, Iris McGuire, Kea’au, Staff Sgt. Robert Saludaes, Staff Sgt. Rose Madarang, Sgt. Melanie Barhart-Mencias and Sgt Rodney Sabado. Seated: Kay Sasaki Lum Ho, mother and Imelda Lum Ho, wife.

New York Air National Guard Airmen test new space capsule recovery systems in Hawaii

Story by Eric Durr



Members of the New York Air National Guard's 106th Rescue Wing will participate in a mission in Hawaii designed to test space capsule recovery techniques and equipment, although they did not work with a capsule simulator like this one. Orion is the exploration spacecraft designed to carry astronauts to destinations not yet explored by humans. (Photo courtesy NASA)

GABRESKI AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Westhampton Beach, N.Y.-- Forty-five members of the New York Air National Guard's 106th Rescue Wing headed to Hawaii in February to participate in a joint NASA/ Department of Defense mission to evaluate recovery techniques and gear that will be used to recover NASA's Orion spacecraft.

The team is made up of pararescuemen, combat rescue officers, survival, evasion, resistance and escape specialists and other support Airmen assigned to the 106th Rescue Wing's 103rd Rescue Squadron based at Gabreski Air National Guard Base in Westhampton Beach, Long Island.

Pararescuemen are trained to rescue downed aviators behind enemy lines and from land and water environments. Each pararescue Airman undergoes two-years of training that includes extensive medical training as well as training in parachute jumping, scuba diving, and survival skills.

The pararescuemen are experienced in dropping fully stocked rescue boats to recover personnel.

The New York National Guard Airmen worked with experts from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Air Force test and evaluation experts, and the Department of Defense Human Spaceflight Support Office in developing techniques for airdropping gear needed to recover the crew from an Orion crew module and outfit the floating spacecraft with special equipment.

The New York National Guard pararescuemen conducted airdrops and practice helping astronauts out of the spacecraft, and provide medical assistance if necessary.

This is not the first time the New York Air National Guard has been involved in a spacecraft recovery mission.

The 106th Rescue Wing provided a rescue support package at Patrick Air Force Base, which is located near the Kennedy Space Center, for 109 of those Space Shuttle

missions. The mission of the 106th Airmen was to rescue astronauts who were forced to abandon their spacecraft during the launch sequence.

"We are pleased to be partnering once again with NASA and the Department of Defense on manned space travel. This exercise is one of many steps the 106th will take to ensure the successful recovery of our nation's astronauts should the need arise. This will further demonstrate the versatility and tremendous capability the Airmen of the 106th possess," said Col. Michael Bank, the commander of the 106th Rescue Wing.

"The personnel of the 106th Rescue Wing are professionals who have proven themselves in both combat and here at home," said Major General Anthony German, the Adjutant General of New York. "We're pleased that they can lend their expertise as NASA plans for the continued exploration of space."

Orion is designed to take

Americans back into deep space and ultimately on a journey to Mars, according to NASA.

The spacecraft resembles a larger version of the Apollo space capsule which took men to the moon in the 1960s and 70s. Like the Apollo command module, the Orion spacecraft is designed to "splashdown" in the ocean instead of landing on a runway like the space shuttles, which flew 135 times between 1981 and 2011.

An unmanned Orion flew in 2014 on Exploration Flight Test-1. The next launch of an Orion spacecraft is targeted for the fall of 2018 on Exploration Mission-1, which will be the first integrated flight test of an Orion spacecraft and the Space Launch System rocket.

During their visit the New York Guardsmen were supported by the Hawaii Air National Guard's 204th Air-lift squadron which provided the platform for the rescue jumpers to perform their sorties. The HIANG'S Sentry Aloha facility also provided logistic support and facilities.

HIARNG Environmental participates in Earth Day beach clean up along side hundreds of volunteers

Earth Day 2017 members of the Hawaii Army National Guard Environmental office supported a beach clean-up at Waimanlu Beach Park. Hundreds of volunteers scoured the beach for rubbish large and small. There were clean-up efforts held at many beach locations on Oahu.

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Honoring Hawaii's First Casualties of WWI

Story by Lt Col. Charles Anthony, Photos by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jackson

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Hawaii's World War I Centennial Task Force held its inaugural event marking the 100th anniversary of "the war to end all wars", April 2, at Aloha Tower. The ceremony honored the memory of six Hawaii men who died when the American merchant ship SS Aztec was torpedoed in the north Atlantic on April 1, 1917. The sinking of the SS Aztec by a German U-boat was one of several factors that led the United States to declare war on Germany and its allies and enter the war on April 6, 1917.

Naval Militia was later absorbed into the Navy Reserve and was transferred to the Department of the Navy.) Hawaii's Naval Militia was mobilized during the war and those sailors were among the ten thousand Hawaii residents who became WW I era veterans. Most of those

Yacht Club, Hawaii Pilots Association, Daughters of the American Revolution and Gordon Biersch Restaurant. To find out more about Hawaii's WW I centennial Task Force, go to: www.WorldWar1Centennial.org/HI



veterans were members of the Hawaii National Guard. On June 1, 1918 more than 5,500 soldiers of the Hawaii Guard were mobilized for active duty service at an Iolani Palace ceremony. That WW I mobilization remains the largest mobilization in Hawaii National Guard history.

Major General Arthur "Joe" Logan, state adjutant general, was selected as the keynote speaker because of the historic maritime connection the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense had with WW I. One hundred years ago, the Naval Militia was one of the divisions of the territorial defense department. (The

Hawaii's WW I Task Force was formed in 2015 and will coordinate centennial events throughout Hawaii through Nov. 11, 2018 when the nation commemorates the 100th anniversary of the end of the war. Commemorative partners for the April 2 ceremony included: the U.S. Coast Guard, Royal Hawaiian Band, Hawaii Pacific University, Hawaii



Hawaii National Guard participating in major cyber exercise

Courtesy story and photos from Maryland National Guard



Chief Warrant Officer Edwin Parubrub, with the Hawaii Army National Guard Defensive Cyberspace Operations-Elements, waits for the introductory brief of Cyber Shield 17 to begin at Camp Williams, April 24, 2017. Cyber Shield 17 is an Army National Guard Defensive Cyberspace Operations exercise, with participation of approximately 800 members of the Air National Guard, United States Army Reserve, state and federal government agencies, industry partners, and academia. Photo by Sgt. Michael Giles

Nine members of the Hawaii Army National Guard joined more than 800 other participants at Camp Williams, Utah, for Exercise *Cyber Shield 17*, the National Guard's premier cyber defense training event in April.

The exercise, which includes members of the National Guard from 44 states, the Army Reserve, state and federal government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and private industry, is designed to assess participants' ability to respond to cyber incidents.

By working closely with interagency partners and the private sector, the National Guard seeks to strengthen network cybersecurity and the capability to support local responses to cyber incidents. *Cyber Shield 17* is part of the National Guard's ongoing effort to improve Guard ability to respond to real-world cyber incidents. This is the sixth iteration of this training exercise.

Hawaii participants came

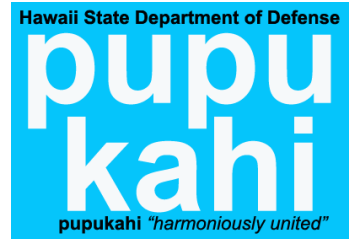
from the state's Joint Force Headquarters and the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

The exercise is divided into two phases: the first week offers participants the opportunity to hone their skills through academic instruction covering everything from the legal aspects of cyber operations to the nature of cyber threats to hands-on technical training. Equally important, the soldiers and airmen are learning their roles as part of

the larger cyberspace defense community.

During the second phase of *Cyber Shield*, exercise participants from cyber protection teams and face off against trained antagonists, who simulate online adversaries. The teams try to defend their networks and mitigate the effects of attacks in a free-wheeling clash of cyberspace acumen.

The National Guard's dual state-federal character makes it uniquely positioned to help civilian agencies and critical



nongovernmental entities, such as public utilities, if an incident occurs. Because of their status as a state military force when not under federal mobilization orders, Guard units are available to respond to state-level emergencies at their governor's discretion.

"As a governor would call up the National Guard... for a state disaster, such as a hurricane, it's no different for a cyber event," Louisiana National Guard Lt. Col. Henry Capello, the exercise commander, explained.

Moreover, the National Guard's long-standing connections with state and local governments and private industry, combined with its familiarity with the cyberspace environment in which these organizations operate, make it an ideal partner.

"Being a citizen-soldier, and being able to work in the communities in which I live, is a little bit different. It means a lot more to me, and I'm able to help them because I understand their problems better," Capello said.



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functioned very well as a unit," said Richardson. "We integrated very well with the [active duty] Air Force because of that."

According to Richardson, connecting with veterans is vital.

"It's important to look back into history and see how things happened," said Richardson. "We have a lot to learn from the Vietnam War. The most meaningful part of the day's events was seeing the Vietnam-Era veterans who were proud to come out and be a part of the ceremonies."

According to Kaoui, "the importance of holding ceremonies like these cannot be overstated. We have to remember our history, we have to honor those who sacrificed themselves."



Honoring Lt. Col. Henry S. Hara



Members of the Hara family, who served in the military, pose at the memorial marker that was revealed during the re-designation ceremony. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jackson, Hawaii Air National Guard.)

The Armed Forces Reserve Center, completed in 2009 on Hilo's Keaukaha Military Reservation, was named for Lt. Col. Henry S. Hara, in ceremonies held May 26, 2017. Built at a design and construction cost of nearly \$55.5M, the facilities houses elements of the Hawaii Army National Guard (primarily the 299th Cavalry Regiment and aviation units), U.S. Army Reserve (Det. 1 HHC, 100th Bn. 442nd Infantry and 871st Engineering Co., 411th Engineering Bn.), and the Office of Veteran Services.

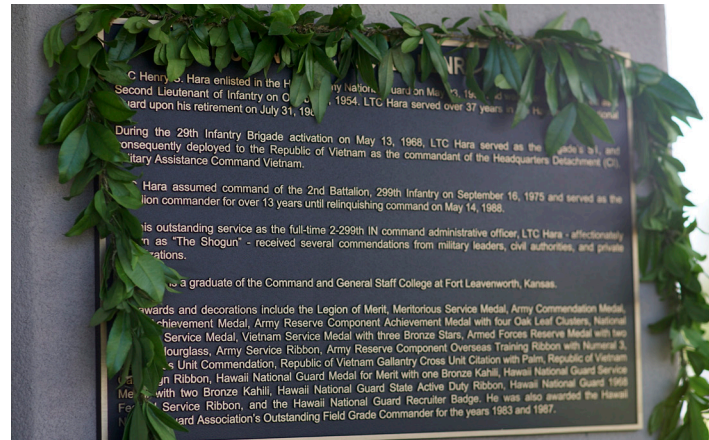
Hara joined the Hawaii Army Guard shortly before graduating from Hilo High School in 1951. The "Shogun," as he is affectionately known by his Soldiers and contemporaries, was promoted from sergeant to a second lieutenant in May 1954. In 1968, he was mobilized as part of the 29th Infantry Brigade's Vietnam call-up, then a major, served as the commander of the HHC, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. He spent the last 13 of 37 year military career in Hilo as commander



Hawaii County Mayor Harry Kim shares his memory's of Lt. Col. Henry Hara.



Col. Moses Kaoui speaks about Lt. Col. Henry Hara's impact on his career.



The Hara Generals Sing the Army Song at the closing of the ceremony.

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of the 2nd Bn. 299th Infantry (1975 to 1988).

His awards included the Legion of Merit and Meritorious Service Medal. He was also awarded the Hawaii National Guard Association's Outstanding Field Grade Commander for the years 1983 and 1987.

Hara, who passed away in 2005, leads a Hawaii Guard clan that included his brother Col. Horace Hara, four sons and on grandson. Guard retired sons are Maj. Gen. Gary M. Hara, Sgt. Maj. Dennis J. Hara, and Master Sgt. Lawrence M. Hara who all served primarily in the Guard aviation units. Son, Brig. Gen. Kenneth S. Hara, former 29th Brigade commander, has been the Hawaii Guard's Dept. of Defense deputy adjutant general and Assistant Adjutant General, Army, HIARNG since of January 2015.

DoD's halls are filled with "new" faces

Story and photo by retired Master Sgt. Stephen M. Lum



Are you seeing a handful of new and old faces around the State of Hawaii Department of Defense headquarters at Diamond Head?

It's because with a little help from our friends at the Dept. of Human Services and a bunch of retirees and volunteers, our halls are filled with a few extra hands.



HELPING HAND -- Theo Ernest Kobeney, a Kaimuki High School student, works in Fiscal office as part of the Summer Youth Employment Program.

"The Summer Youth Employment Program 2017 sponsored by the Dept. of Labor and Industrial Relations in partnership with DHS," said Kenneth W. Nakagawa, State Fiscal's program specialist. "They employ primarily 16 to 24 year old youth for six to eight weeks. They pay salaries and work injury related expenses at no cost to the DoD.

Like last year, the SYEP will provide two workers. Theo Ernest Kobeney, a Kaimuki High School student, is working in Fiscal and Ivan Ho is working with the State Maintenance staff. Devin Nakama, from last summer's SYEP, worked successfully at in the Engineering Office and is presently an 89-day hire in information technology section.

Two unpaid volunteers are working in the State Fiscal are recently retired Sharon N. Young (pay) and Teresa A. Lee

(purchasing), while Thomas Moriyasu (business manager) is helping out in the Administrative Service Office; Ian Kahalewai, a Kalani High School student, is lending a hand at State Personnel; Ryan Kai Kinningham, an Iolani student, is helping the ground maintenance with planting and weeding around Building 306 as part of his school community service.

Kahalewai was a SYEP hire last summer. Kinningham and two of his classmates planted shrubbery around B306 last summer.

As "official" volunteers the workers qualify for secondary medical coverage. The volunteers come in at various arranged times and days a week and their hours worked are tracked. Ian, a high school student was part of last year's paid youth employees. Welcome to DoD and thanks for helping!

Hawaii National Guard's partnership showcased during exercise

Balikatan 2017 - Story and Photos by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jackson



U.S. Army Sgt. Daysen Chang, Hawaii National Guard, demonstrates how to tie a water-knot with members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines during a subject matter expert exchange in support of Balikatan 2017 at Fort Magsaysay in Santa Rosa, Nueva Ecija, May 8, 2017. These skills ensure that first responders and military members can secure and remove victims during a real-life crisis. Balikatan is an annual U.S.-Philippine bilateral military exercise focused on a variety of missions, including humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, and counterterrorism.

Saturday, May 13, 2017 - One of the key themes of the 2017 iteration of Balikatan, the annual U.S.-Philippine military bilateral training event, was Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Recovery (HA/DR). The Hawaii National Guard's Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Explosive (CBRNE) - Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) Search and Extraction team has been participating in Balikatan since 2011. The CERFP's Soldiers and Airmen have been working alongside the Armed Forces of the Philippines 525th Engineering Battalion and growing each other's mastery of search and rescue techniques through Subject Matter Exchanges.

"The main goal for me, is that we operate as a team," said Maj. James Kanoholani, officer in charge, Hawaii National Guard CERFP. "We speak the same language. We use the same techniques so that when the event comes, it will be that much easier to react."

Each year, both forces bring new techniques that they have learned over the past twelve months to share with each other. Once this knowledge is reviewed and discussed, the skills are then demonstrated, establishing a base-line skill set. All of the training events are very hands-on with very limited lecture. This year, soldiers from the AFP's 2nd, 7th, and 9th infantry divisions along with Sailors, Airmen

and Marines from throughout the AFP, participated in the HA/DR search and extraction exercise at Fort Magsaysay, north of Manila. The training facility used this year was an disused hospital site, perfect for standing in as a collapsed structure.

The HING brought 26 soldiers and three Airmen while over 170 members of the AFP participated. Some of the HA/DR activities conducted included: rescue skills such as rope rescue, collapsed structure shoring, manual lifting and hauling techniques, breaching and breaking, and medical treatment of victims. The medical portion of the exchange and training was bolstered as well. A course was added to the curriculum and was taught by three Hawaii Air Guardsmen from the 154th Wing's, Detachment 1, a unit that makes up the medical treatment arm of the HING's CERFP team.

"Since this is a HA/DR exercise, and at the CERFP, that is our primary focus because we are the disaster recovery team for the state of Hawaii," said Master Sgt. Jared Mina, 154th Wing, Detachment 1, Search and Extraction Rescue Operations. "What we bring to the table as the Search and Extraction Rescue Operations group, are full time Emergency Medical Technicians, firefighters, and some paramedics. Plus we are qualified in rope rescue and hazardous material operations. We can



operate in the disaster area and in a chem-bio CBRN environment. Those are the skills we are sharing with the AFP to make their overall capability greater. In-turn they are also sharing their capabilities with us, it has been a very good Subject Matter Expert Exchange (SMEE)."

The Balikatan HA/DR portion of the exercise is conducted in a round robin format with small groups. Each spending a day on one of the rescue skill stations performing skill checks for the rescue experts from the 525th and the

HING. The next day brings another skill to the forefront.

Disaster recovery in Hawaii is the mission of the state's National Guard and the CERFP is at the center of that effort. They spend months each year training and maintaining individual proficiency while preparing to respond to a natural disaster, both no-warning events like tsunamis and earthquakes, to hurricanes. For members of the Hawaii Army National Guard, this is actually their secondary duty. They all belong to other units and are required to keep up proficiency in both aspects of their Guard jobs, which for most of them is in traditional, or part-time status.

The Hawaii National Guard is a force with two main missions, Federal and State. Their federal mission is national security and the state mission is supporting the state during times of emergency. All the while, Hawaii and the Philippines share in their vulnerabilities to certain types of natural disasters, namely hurricanes, typhoons, earthquakes, and tsunamis. They also have similar climates and many members of the HING are of Filipino descent, making the partnership more like a close friendship.

"This is going to help us by not only keeping our training current but also developing

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acamaraderie with the AFP,” said Sgt. Kage Fergerstrom, Hawaii CERFP. “So if we need to respond here, we already have a good rapport between our two nations.”

Throughout the exchange, safety was on everyone’s mind. Making sure all the participants were properly protected and well hydrated.

“The safety of the rescuer always comes first,” said Sgt. Fergerstrom. “The safety of the team and then the safety of the victim. We always want to make sure we are safe so that we do not become an extra victim.”

During the closing days of the week long SMEE, Brig. Gen. Keith Tamashiro, HIARNG Commander, Brig. Gen. Stephen L.A. Michael, 25th Inf. Div., the AFP and leaders from other countries, all toured the site to see the capabilities of the HING and AFP soldiers. This was followed by a media day where over 70 international, national and local journalists were invited to witness the types of HA/DR techniques that had been rehearsed during the 2017 iteration of Balikatan.



HIARNG engineers partnership builds classrooms in the Philippines

Story by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jackson



U.S. Army Sgt. Kilohana Abilay applies plaster to a school building at Duran Elementary School in Dimalag, Capiz, April 29, 2017 as part of a humanitarian civic action project for Balikatan 2017. Abilay is an interior electrician with 230th Engineer Company, Hawaii Army National Guard. Balikatan is an annual U.S.-Philippine bilateral military exercise focused on a variety of missions, including humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, counterterrorism, and other combined military operations. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Nelson Duenas)

Philippine communities in Capiz Panay recently celebrated the completion of a pair of classrooms at two elementary schools. The classrooms were built as a part the the Humanitarian assistance part of the 2017 Balikatan exercise. Balikatan is an annual U.S.-Philippine bilateral military exercise focused on a variety of missions, including humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, counter-terrorism, and other combined military operations.

Thirty Members of 230th Engineer Company, Hawaii Army National Guard spent over one month working with members of the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3 and the Armed Forces of the Philippines to construct these important facilities.

“Some of the students could become doctors or even be President the Philippines one day,” stated Philippine Army 1st Lt. Hazel Durotan, civil military operations officer, 3rd Infantry Division. In

these, the future leaders of the Philippines will rise.”

The locations of the Engineering Civic Action Project (ENCAP) projects were two schools that were heavily damaged during a typhoon in recent years.

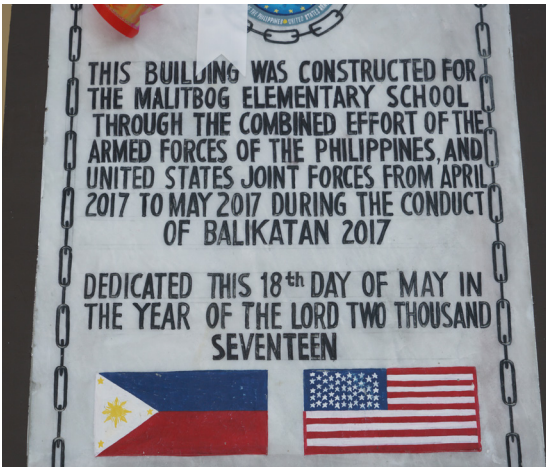
The two structures, at two separate sites, were both constructed from scratch over a compressed time line requiring the Hawaii National Guard engineering Soldiers and Seabee’s to work from the dark hours of the morning to well after dusk, every day of the construction schedule. Communication and coordination were key in every phase of the project due to differences in procedures and construction technology available in the remote locations. There were no large cement trucks making daily deliveries of pre-mixed concrete, that was mixed in batches by hand throughout each day.

“Our job was to come in and do all the finish work on the projects,” said U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Joshua Aquinde, platoon leader from the 230th

Engineers. “It was hard work and long hours but we got it done for the children, which is the main mission.”

In the end, more was built than the classrooms. Relationships were also forged between the Philippines Hawaii National Guard, and the U.S. Navy.

“Getting schools operational again is an important aspect to any recovery operation,” said Hawaii Adjutant General Arthur Logan. He addressed the importance during the opening ceremonies of the classrooms. “Education is not just the key to ensure the next generation is prepared for the future, it is the best indicator that a disaster area is returning to normal. Duran and Malitbog Elementary schools were selected as projects for Balikatan 2017. These schools serve over 500 students. Today, there are two more fully functional classrooms in each location and a new water catchment systems. The revitalized schools are now a safe and conducive learning environment for its students.”



HI DOD New Hires, January 2017 - June 2017

Eff Date	Name	Position Title	Division
1/3/2017	Morris, Benjamin Thomas	Cadre	YCA - Kalaeloa
1/3/2017	Alapai, Christopher	Equipment Operator III	Engineering - HSVC
1/11/2017	Thomas Jr, Michael Andre	Cadre	YCA - Kalaeloa
1/17/2017	Kennard, David	Civil Defense Planer	HIEMA
1/23/2017	Uson, John L	Design and Project Manager	Facility Management Office - Ft. Ruger
2/17/2017	Sugai, Nicole Kimiko	Human Resources Assistant IV	AdminSvcsOfc - SHRO
2/21/2017	Galiza, Jessel Marie M	Design & Project Assistant	Facility Management Office - Ft. Ruger
3/6/2017	Kaneshige, Everett S	SWIC Coordinator	Grants Management Office
3/13/2017	Bayron, Jerome	Cadre	YCA - Kalaeloa
3/16/2017	Kela, Darcyann Emmalani	Placement Mentor Coordr	YCA - Hilo
3/20/2017	Lee, Shao Yu	Land Manager	Engineering
3/28/2017	Souza, Alyssa	RPM Assistant Recruiter	YCA - Hilo
4/3/2017	Clark, Catherine Scott	Disaster Assistance Office Assistant	HIEMA
4/17/2017	Ferreira, Michael H	Property Manager IV	Hickam AFB 154th CES
4/17/2017	Langley, Kanani L	Building Const Inspector II	Facility Management Office - Kalaeloa
4/18/2017	Matsumoto, Ariel A	Account Clerk IV	AdminSvcsOfc - Fiscal
5/1/2017	Fredrickson, Zachariah Scott	Cadre	YCA - Kalaeloa
5/1/2017	Maeda, Guy L K	General Laborer I	Hickam AFB 154th CES
5/7/2017	Dela Cruz, Edwayne A	Cadre	YCA - Kalaeloa
5/10/2017	Oliva Gonzalez, Joey	EOC Warning Officer	HIEMA
5/10/2017	Bayron Kim, Juan Antonio	EOC Warning Officer	HIEMA
5/16/2017	Tumpap II, Aurelio Pascua	Facility Management Rep I	Facility Management Office - Kalaeloa
6/16/2017	Goltz, Natasha	Instructor	YCA - Hilo
6/16/2017	Ramiro, Ramon	Electrician I	Hickam AFB 154th CES

HI DOD Separations, January 2017 - June 2017

Eff Date	Name	Position Title	Action
4/1/2017	Choy Foo, Randy K	Tractor Operator - Engineering - Hilo	Retire - 30 YOS
6/1/2017	Yap, John M	Building Maintenance Worker II - Hickam 154th CES	Retire - 36 YOS

Present, former Hawaii Guard Soldier, Airmen help at the American Civil War Memorial Day Commemorative, May 17, at Oahu Cemetery

Photos and brief by MSG-R Stephen M. Lum



The 2017 Memorial Day Commemorative of the Royal order of Kamehameha I, Hawaii Chapter and the Hawaii Civil War Round Table honors the 119 men from the Kingdom of Hawaii confirmed to have served in the American Civil War. An addition, names and service records of 100 locally born men are being researched according to retired U.S. Navy Reserve commander Eric S. Mueller (Hawaii Civil War Round Table living history coordinator/Civil War reenactor).