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## Calendar

July 27, Tuesday

Korean-Vietnam Memorial ground-blessing, Ewa lawn, State Capitol, 10:00 a.m.

July 31-Aug. 1, Saturday and Sunday

HIANG slow-pitch tournament, Earhart Field, Area 61, Hickam Air Force Base, 4:00 p.m. Sat., 8:00 a.m. Sun.

August 9, Monday

HIANG Golf Tournament, Mamala Golf Course, Hickam Air Force Base, 7:30 a.m.

August 14, Saturday

29th Support Battalion, HIARNG, Dining Out, Dole Cannery Ballroom, 6:00-11:00 p.m.

August 14-15, Saturday and Sunday

HING slowpitch tournament, Earhart Field, Area 61, Hickam Air Force Base, 4:00 p.m. Sat., 8:00 a.m. Sun.

August 22, Sunday

Headquarters, HIANG, Family Day.

August 27, Friday

State DOD Retirement and Recognition Luncheon, Hale Koa Hotel, Banyan Tree Room, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

August 29, Sunday

HIARNG Officer Candidate School Graduation, Hale Koa Hotel, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

## Hawaii National Guard wins Federal Organizational Excellence award

The Federal Executive Board of Hawaii awarded the Hawaii National Guard (HING) its prestigious Federal Organizational Excellence Award for 1992 during the Board's luncheon at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, May 27.

The annual luncheon recognizes the extraordinary contributions of the very best organizations and people in public service.

Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state adjutant general, accepted the award on behalf of the men and women of the HING, thanking them for their dedication and commitment to the people of Hawaii during the Hurricane Iniki crisis.

"Our soldiers and airmen accomplished their state mission with a sense of caring and compassion that captured the humanistic aspect of emergency response operations," said Richardson.

Each year, the Federal Executive Board sponsors Federal Week to recognize the outstanding contributions of the federal community to our state and na-



Charlene Jay

Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson is joined by Kauai Mayor JoAnn Yukimura and key Hawaii National Guard staff after accepting the Federal Executive Board of Hawaii's organizational excellence award at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, May 27.

tion. The week highlights the activities of the federal government and seeks to strengthen the partnership between the public and private sectors in Hawaii.

Of the 20 nominees for the award, the HING was chosen the group that "best demonstrated distinctive leadership and teamwork during a difficult mission of major significance to the public."

"Operation Iniki" was con-

ducted on the hurricane-ravaged island of Kauai, Sept. 12 to Nov. 6, 1992. The HING was the first military unit to land on Kauai after Hurricane Iniki struck, Sept. 11.

Following Iniki's passing, the HING provided a wide range of emergency services and humanitarian assistance to the people of Kauai as well as Oahu.

During the crisis, the Guard helped prevent injury, disease and illness; provided

air transportation for cargo and military and civilian personnel between Kauai and the neighbor islands; reestablished communications; helped restore electricity; and cleared land and streams of debris left by Iniki.

As a result of the timely response and caring of our Guard members, the HING earned the trust and confidence of the people of Kauai as well as the county leadership.

## HING recognized for excellence in public service

The Hawaii National Guard received special recognition in the 1993 Public Service Excellence Awards competition in May. The Guard was chosen as a federal finalist out of 300 nominations nationwide.

The award, presented annually by the Public Employees Roundtable, pays tribute to government employees whose achievements exhibit the highest standard of dedication, excellence and accomplishment. The Guard was recognized for its outstanding contributions to the community, especially during the Hurricane Iniki relief efforts.

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# Command notes



**Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson**  
The Adjutant General

I am pleased to announce that the State of Hawaii Department of Defense has won the Federal Executive Board's 1993 Organizational Excellence Award for our outstanding work during the Hurricane Iniki recovery effort.

This award represents a highpoint in our efforts to become the best managed National Guard organization in the nation and to enhance State Civil Defense's capability to respond to natural disasters.

A major factor in our success was our emphasis on joint operations and training within the department. Operation Iniki was truly a joint effort, and all involved should be very proud of their contributions.

As the drawdown of our

nation's military continues, jointness will continue to play a key role in the success of the Hawaii National Guard. As resources become more scarce, the Army and Air Guard need to work together and pool our capabilities to accomplish our state mission. In our federal mission, we need to emphasize teamwork with the active component as well.

While we work on one level to maintain an adequate and effective force structure, on another level we must also be aware that we will feel the effects of the current budgetary environment in both the Army and Air Guard.

The challenge to "do more with less" will no doubt cause some strain on our units. While we need to be open and flexible to new or alternate missions, we must be careful that we do not take on more than we can safely accomplish with the resources that we have.

Now that we are in the midst of annual training '93, the need to focus on safety is of utmost importance. Everyone should be aware of and adhere to proper safety procedures and report dangerous situations. I also expect commanders to review our safety policies and procedures to ensure that everyone is complying with these standards.

This year we are also renewing our focus on readiness and training. We have had

some major distractions in the past year, including Hurricane Iniki and the military drawdown, and we need to get back to the basic elements that make up an effective fighting force. Training and readiness will take on added importance in a smaller, more streamlined military.

The most important ingredient in a successful annual training, however, will be our people. These two weeks are an opportunity to pull together what you have learned in your drills throughout the year, and can be an excellent learning experience.

Some of our units have already completed their annual training. The 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery experienced a productive two weeks at Camp Guernsey, Wyoming. The 297th Supply and Service Battalion trained hard at Kahuku and East Range. And the 291st Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company spent a successful two weeks in Germany.

With a positive attitude and a spirit of teamwork throughout our units, there is no limit to what we can accomplish. With this in mind, I know that the rest of this year's training will be a productive and valuable experience for us all.

This issue of the *pupukahi* features some of the community service activities that our Guard members have partici-



Stephen M. Lum

**Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson (center), state adjutant general, reviews training plans with Lt. Col. Kenneth Hall, commandant, Hawaii Military Academy (HMA), (left) and Capt. Stanley Toy (right) during HMA training at East Range, June 22.**

pated in this year. Community service is an important part of our department's work and, as evidenced by the immense gratitude and support for the Guard following Hurricane Iniki, is highly valued by those we serve.

In the coming months, our department will have another opportunity to show our support for the community. The Aloha United Way fund-raising campaign will run from August 15 through November 15.

In the past, our state employees have shown outstanding support for the AUW campaign. I realize that the economic climate remains cloudy this year and that many of us have already given generously to the victims of Hurricane

Iniki. However, many relief organizations were hit hard by Iniki, and the need for donations is greater than ever. I ask each of our state employees to once again remember those that are less fortunate and try to find some way to contribute to this very worthy campaign.

In closing, I would like to express my pride in the generosity of 16 Air Guard technicians who donated annual leave to a fellow technician faced with a family emergency requiring an extended absence from duty. Your spirit of caring exemplifies the true meaning of the aloha spirit and is what makes the Hawaii National Guard a family rather than just a place to work.

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### HNGEA news

Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association scholarships for the 1993-94 school year were awarded to the dependents of four Hawaii Air National Guard members.

Tiare T. Geolina, daughter of Master Sgt. Maurice Geolina, 291st Combat Communications Squadron, received \$1000; Drake Hirayama, son of Staff Sgt. Fred Hirayama, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron (ACWS), received \$500; Marla Sugai, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Napua Sugai, 150th ACWS, received \$250; and Muguetta K. Cruz, daughter of Staff Sgt. William Cruz, 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, received \$250.

Congratulations to each recipient and thanks to scholarship committee members, Master Sgt. Wayne Soma, Senior Airman Pam Yashiki and Sgt. Georgette Olinger-Sakai.

### Air Force Uniform changes

The Air Force has announced the following uniform changes.

- Air Force members using two-line name tags must delete the second line by Oct. 31.

- Cotton long-sleeve black turtleneck shirts worn under the BDU jackets are authorized.

- Officer rank on BDU collars and enlisted chevrons on BDU sleeves must be worn with the air crew style name patch. The patch must be repositioned 1/2 inch above the left breast pocket on the BDU and field jackets by Oct. 1, 1995.

- The fatigue uniform may be worn off-base to local dining establishments frequented by civilians in work clothing comparable to the fatigue uniform. Work fatigues are prohibited when dining at an establishment requiring a formal dress code.

### CHAMPUS policy change

CHAMPUS now covers more civilian health care costs for people also covered by a health maintenance organization (HMO). CHAMPUS will share the cost of HMO care, including user fees, after an HMO pays its share, if the HMO meets certification standards; the type of service provided is a CHAMPUS benefit; and the care provided is medically necessary.

CHAMPUS will share only the cost of the charge which the HMO does not cover, including emergency services received outside the HMO's normal service area. It will not share the cost of services obtained outside an HMO if the service is available through CHAMPUS.

Those with claims submitted before March 3 and processed under the old rules can ask CHAMPUS contractors to reprocess or adjust their claims involv-

ing HMO coverage.

### AFSC to change

New Air Force specialty codes (AFSC) are effective November 1. Functional areas such as operations or support will be denoted by the first digit of a person's AFSC. This change will reduce the number of specialty codes and should more clearly reflect what a person does.

### Incentive task force formed

The Hawaii State Legislature has established the adjutant general's interim task force to develop incentives to attract and retain qualified individuals for the Hawaii National Guard (Act 222).

In studying possible incentives, the task force will determine the feasibility of granting preference in civil service employment to individuals with ten or more years of service.

Comments or sugges-

tions for the task force should be addressed to: Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, chair, interim task force on National Guard recruitment and retention, attention: Mr. James Toyama, 3949 Diamond Head Road, Honolulu, Hawaii 96816-4495.



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## Spotlight

# 154th Group earns fourth NGAUS Distinguished Flying Unit Plaque

By Gaye S. Sakamoto

The 154th Group, Hawaii Air National Guard earned its fourth National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) Distinguished Flying Unit Plaque in 1992.

NGAUS annually awards the plaque to the top five Air

National Guard (ANG) flying units in the country.

The Group earned the award for a year full of accomplishments demonstrating its professionalism, readiness and dedication.

In April, the Group was the first ANG unit to undergo the

F-15A multi-stage improvement program (MSIP), leading the way for other units undergoing this combat upgrade. The MSIP boosts the avionics capabilities of the F-15, including the ability to employ the AIM-120 missile.

The Group flew more than

200 sorties during "RIMPAC '92" in July. This multi-national exercise provided complex scenarios consisting of high value asset escort, maritime operations against naval surface attack groups and dissimilar air combat training.

The Group's C-130H airlifted needed communication and electrical generation equipment to Kauai the day after Hurricane Iniki hit the island, Sept. 11, and flew 125 sorties supporting the hurricane relief efforts during the next 17 days. It provided needed medevac missions for dialysis patients stranded on Kauai and transported people and materials for the Kauai relief efforts.

The 154th also provided clean-up and technical assistance during Operation Garden Sweep, a mission to remove storm debris posing serious health concerns for Kauai residents.

More than 500 men and women of the 154th deployed to Kauai for a week to elimi-

nate this health risk, and Group members continued to volunteer for various relief missions throughout the months of October and November.

The Group demonstrated to the state of Hawaii and other National Guard units their tremendous flexibility and professionalism during this disaster.

Throughout the year, the 154th was busy orchestrating the activation of the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron and welcomed the first of five KC-135R tanker aircraft in December.

The Group also received the Air National Guard Flight Safety Plaque and the Air National Guard Explosive Safety Plaque for its outstanding performance in 1992. The Group's Class C flight mishaps decreased from seven in 1991 to two in 1992, a reduction of 62.3 percent at a rate of .75 mishaps per 1,000 fighter flying hours.

The Distinguished Flying Unit plaque will be presented at the NGAUS annual conference in Biloxi, Miss., Oct. 11-12, 1993.



Gaye Sakamoto

Tech. Sgt. Francis K. Mahelona Jr. (right), an aircraft mechanic with the 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, guides Hawaii Air National Guard F-15 Eagles as they taxi down the runway at Hickam Air Force Base, July 13. At left is Senior Airman Kevin Kalani, also a 154th aircraft mechanic.

## State Civil Defense

# Exercise Kamakani prepares state agencies for hurricane season

With lessons learned from Hurricane Iniki, State Civil Defense (SCD) prepared for the hurricane season (June-September) during Exercise Kamakani (wind), June 3.

Eighteen state departments and agencies participated in the exercise to work out strategies and coordinate communications should a natural disaster strike.

"The exercise tested the response and recovery operations similar to events drawn from the Iniki experience," said Roy Price, vice director of SCD, "If we don't practice, it goes away. People forget."

The exercise focused on priorities developed by the governor, including saving lives, restoring power and communications, providing shelter and food for evacuees, construction of temporary shelters and removal of debris. Also emphasized was the need to restore a sense of normalcy to the public which is important in times of crisis.

Phone lines and communications were some of the first things destroyed by Hurricane Iniki. An upgrade in communications, including new fiber optic cables will be laid on the ocean floor from Oahu to the outer islands. This system will be more reliable than the existing microwave transmitters which can be damaged by strong winds, cutting off phone lines and communications.

Exercises like "Kamakani" are a part of ongoing Civil Defense training activities to help keep Hawaii's crisis management team prepared to respond to a range of natural and technological hazards.



Stephen M. Lum

Glenn Soma (left), radiological defense officer, and Barbara Hendrie (center), information specialist, of State Civil Defense (SCD), explain an emergency support function assignment matrix to Diane Sumida of the Department of Personnel Services during "Exercise Kamakani," a hurricane response exercise directed by SCD, June 3.

# Community Service

# Hawaii Guard helps housing projects become a reality

By Barbara Hendrie, Steve Lai and Stephen Lum

The Hawaii National Guard was busy with more than military training this spring. Guard members used their valuable skills to help several community projects get started.

Heavy equipment operators and technical advisors from Kauai and Oahu worked with the County and State housing offices on projects on Kauai and in Waimanalo and Kalihi.

## Kauai housing and power assistance

The Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Air Control Squadron and 150th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron and the Hawaii Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry, continued their post-Hurricane Iniki assistance on Kauai, March-May 1993.

Airmen transported materials in Guard flat-bed trucks for the construction of 35 temporary cabins for Kauai residents whose houses were destroyed by Hurricane Iniki. Staff and inmates from Kauai and Oahu Community Correctional Centers unloaded the materials donated for hurricane relief by the Weinberg Foundation.

Army and Air Guard personnel also transported 58 emergency generators on loan from the Federal Emergency

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Lui Faleafine Jr.  
Kuhio Park Terrace project manager

Management Agency (FEMA) for installation in schools, shelters and other priority sites. Another 32 generators are set for delivery. FEMA loaned a total of 102 generators statewide.

## Waimanalo housing project

The 227th Engineers provided crucial support in the first phase of a transitional homeless shelter in Waimanalo, June 5-6. The engineers cleared 4.5 acres of land for the site of the Weinberg Village, an assistance program and facility for homeless families and individuals.

The State Hawaii Housing Authority, which is in charge of the project, originally asked Guard engineers to clear 1.5 acres of the site for one house and three duplexes. But, when Capt. Arthur J. Logan, commander of the 227th, and Sgt. 1st Class Ian Ross surveyed the area they saw the potential to expand the site.

"This area can give a lot more than just an acre and a half," said Logan, "My soldiers have the capabilities to help make this a much larger facility."

With an additional three acres cleared by the 227th, project engineers will be able to bring in 10 more multi-portable buildings, presently stored at the former Kapiolani Community College campus, bringing the number of buildings up from four to 14 and providing an additional 41 living units to the village.

Plans also call for the importation of 16 modular studio units currently being used to house hurricane victims on the island of Kauai. Located near the center of Waimanalo Town, the completed facility will also have laundry, administration and support services facilities.

A half-dozen private contractors have agreed to provide the manpower needed to convert the portable classrooms into living units.

"The Guard supported our project from the very beginning," said Elaine Saigusa, Hawaii Housing project coordinator for the village, "Without their support we would not have been able to expand the facility."

## Kalihi housing project

The Guard's 292nd Quartermaster Company helped bring the Kalihi community together at the Hawaii Housing Authority's Kuhio Homes and Kuhio Park Terrace (KPT) by moving two large logs from Manoa Valley to KPT, June 8.

The logs, approximately 3 1/2 feet in diameter and 14 and 22 feet long, will be carved into traditional Samoan canoes.

"More than 80 families are involved in the community pride building project," said Iulai Pei, Kuhio Homes Residents Association president.

Pei and Kuhio resident, Aipo Aipi are serving as instructional carve for residents of the two projects.

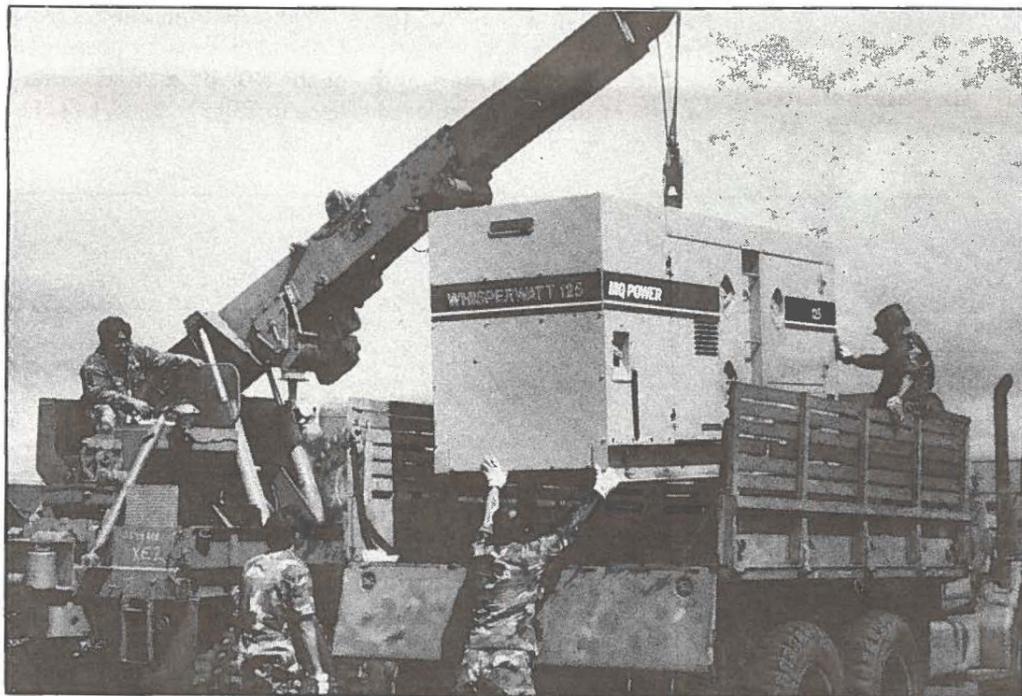
The canoe project was conceived a year ago as one of several activities eliminate drugs in public housing.

"We hope the project will give Kalihi youths an alternative for their free time and get young and old members of the community to work together," said Earl Kawa'a, resident service manager with the Housing Authority.

"While carving the canoe, we'll have the opportunity to talk-story, to share our knowledge and experience added Pei, "We welcome anyone come join us to build canoes and friendships. We envision canoe races and a possible trip to Samoa in the future."

"We are grateful to the Hawaii National Guard, Hawaiian Electric Company and Paradise Park," said Lui Faleafine Jr., KPT project manager, "for helping us build our community pride."

Five 292nd soldiers were assisted by technical advisors from the 29th Maintenance Company and 227th Engineer Company. Two Army Guard five-ton wreckers were used to dig and hoist the logs onto a Hawaiian Electric Company long-bed truck for the seven-mile drive from Paradise Park to Kalihi. The logs, donated from Paradise Park, are Albisea trees, from the Balsa wood family.



Lt. Col. Norman Nitta

**SUPPORTING CAST** — Airmen from Kauai's 154th Air Control Squadron load an emergency generator for delivery, May 18. Tech. Sgt. Norman Arizo operates the crane, while (left to right) Staff Sgt. Nolan Faldo, Master Sgt. Royden Horibe and Tech. Sgt. Dennis Takemoto maneuver the generator onto the Guard truck.

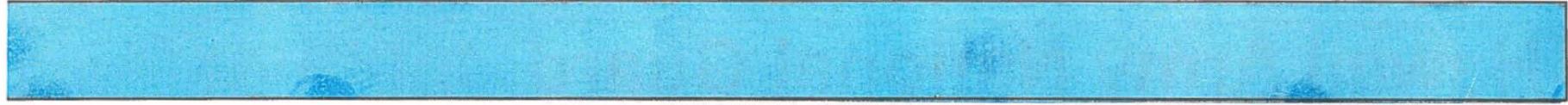
**FULLY LOADED** — Staff Sgt. Rex Nakamura and Gregory Perreira review the loading plan of the Hawaii Air National Guard flat-bed truck used to move building materials for temporary cabins on Kauai, May 18. Nakamura is with the 150th Air Control Squadron and Perreira is with the Kauai Community Correctional Center.



Lt. Col. Norman Nitta



**BLAZING A TRAIL** -- Staff Sgt. Rex Nakamura and Gregory Perreira, with soldiers from the Hawaii National Guard, clear debris from the site where a shelter is being built under the logs.



Stephen M. Lum

**VER THE TOP** — Staff Sgt. Carl “Kimo” Willet directs two five-ton wreckers moving a 22-foot log over several metal posts at Kuhio Park Terrace Kalihi, June 8. Willet and other soldiers from the 292nd Quartermaster Company transported the log from Paradise Park in Manoa Valley to Kuhio Park Terrace to be carved into a Samoan canoe.



Spc. J. Tanimoto

**n N. Lalawai**, a heavy equipment operator with the 227th Engineer Battalion, prepared the 4.5 acre lot across from Frankie's Drive-In in Waimanalo, June 5. Lalawai and other soldiers from the 227th Engineer Battalion prepared the site for a transitional homeless shelter for the Hawaii Housing Authority.

## Guard supports local charities

### 1993 Food Drive

The State Department of Defense collected more than 1,892 pounds of food and more than \$1,340 for the 1993 Hawaii Food-bank drive.

With a combined total of 3,240 pounds, the amounts of food collected from the different divisions are: Hawaii Army National Guard --1,454 pounds, Air National Guard -- 927 pounds, state departmental

staff -- 477 pounds, Civil Defense -- 208 pounds, and the Office of Veterans Services -- 174 lbs.

### Blood Bank

A special mahalo goes out to those who generously donated blood during the Hawaii Blood Bank drive at the 487th Field Artillery/Armory (Gym), May 27. The Department of Defense assisted the community by donating 42 pints of blood.

Coming soon ...

## Aloha United Way 1993

The 1993 Aloha United Way (AUW) campaign will run from September to November this year.

It has been a busy year for our State Department of Defense employees and, as these pages illustrate, our department has been very active in supporting the local community.

However, Hurricane Iniki took a major toll on many of Hawaii's relief agencies, and they still need your help to replenish their resources.

The AUW program provides an excellent opportunity for state employees to contribute. AUW supports 66 health and human service agencies servicing more

than 450,000 people. Donors may designate their gifts to support specific agencies.

The following AUW coordinators have been appointed for each division of the department: Ms. Ellen Takamoto, Hawaii Army National Guard; Mr. Glenn Castrom, Hawaii Air National Guard; Ms. Alice Roseberry, Contracting and Engineering Office; Mr. Tom Moriyasu, Administrative Services Office; and Mr. Ronald Matsumura, State Civil Defense.

These coordinators will be contacting you in the near future to explain the AUW program and how you can participate.

# Hawaii Army National Guard



**Brig. Gen. Eugene S. Imai**  
Commander, HIARNG

The Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG) is off to an outstanding start in our annual training (AT) period, with the early units performing in super fashion.

The 111th Army Band travelled to Papua, New Guinea and impressed the members of the American Armed Forces and the citizens of Papua, New Guinea.

The 117th Public Affairs Detachment deployed to Panama, where several of them were cited by the U.S. Southern Command for their exemplary performance.

The 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery trained at Camp Guernsey, Wyoming with the 115th Field Artillery Brigade.

The training environment and the work in a reinforcing rather than a direct support role was a new experience for the Battalion, but the 487th performed extremely well. The rolling grassy terrain, small impact areas, and initial cold and wet weather provided a real challenge. The 1,000 rounds of artillery, the presence of real aggressors to test their perimeter security and the opportunity to participate in new missions and operations provided invaluable training that the soldiers won't forget.

The 487th also had time to visit Deadwood and Mount Rushmore as well as other scenic spots in the area.

The 297th Supply and Service Battalion (less the 291st Maintenance Company) performed their AT at the Kahuku Training Area and the East Range.

The 12th Personnel Services Company performed field tasks they did not normally do, but, thanks to the training from their leaders, they did extremely well.

The 292nd Quartermaster Company is in the process of transitioning to an Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Company, but they still trained as a unit and supported the

25th Infantry Division with laundry services.

The 291st Maintenance Company traveled the furthest -- to Germany -- and had the challenge of meeting expected standards upon full mobilization. This is tough for a unit not at 100 percent strength or MOS qualification, but the soldiers of the 291st took the challenge and aggressively attacked their missions. The unit is divided into six functional areas, and in some areas, such as armaments, they had the opportunity to work "hands-on" with weapons systems unavailable in Hawaii. Morale was high, and soldiers had the opportunity to visit Paris as well as areas in Germany.

The 298th Engineer Detachment will travel to Panama in August to do some "real world" engineering projects, and I'm confident they will perform to their usual high standards. The balance of the HIARNG units will perform AT in July at Schofield Barracks and Pohakuloa Training Area, and, like the units which have performed AT to date, I am sure that their performance will also be outstanding.

Just as important as outstanding performance is the safety of our soldiers.

Let's keep up the good work!



**Sgt. Anthony Villanueva**, of the 291st Maintenance Company, applies liquid gasket to a timing gear plate while rebuilding a generator at the Army's Equipment Maintenance Center-Europe in Kaiserslautern, Germany. The 291st rebuilt six generators at the facility during annual training, June 5-26.

# Hawaii Air National Guard



**Col. David M. Rodrigues**  
Commander, HIANG

For those of us in the military, these certainly are turbulent times. Almost daily we are inundated by the media with the latest debate on the future of the military in our country. How did we get into this debate?

From my perspective, there are two primary drives fueling this debate. First, with the end of the Cold War, the military threat facing this country is being reviewed. Secondly, we as a nation have decided that we can no longer continue to amass huge debts to fund our various programs.

The primary foe of the United States during the Cold

War was the Soviet Union and its communist form of government. No one can deny that the basic philosophies of our two countries were diametrically opposed to one another.

As a result, both countries spent huge amounts of money arming a large standing military force. New, expensive weapons of mass destruction were continuously developed because both nations believed that neither could strike the first blow without being destroyed in the ensuing conflagration.

But look at what has happened to our world in the last two years: the Berlin wall came crumbling down and the Soviet Union, as we knew it for almost eighty years, faded from the face of the earth. The Cold War was over without that final battle that usually ends wars.

And now, because there is no "major" enemy, we as a nation must reassess our national priorities. It is felt that we can no longer justify huge military budgets in the new world order that is evolving. Rather spending must be re-directed to other national areas of concern.



**Master Sgt. Herbert Padello**, an air surveillance officer with the Hawaii Air National Guard's 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, monitors the air picture on an HMD-22 radar console at the Hawaii Regional Operations Control Center (HIROCC) during Cope Cage 93-04, June 1-6. Cope Cage is a joint air defense training exercise involving F-15, F-16, B-52 and P-3 aircraft.

The debate that is going on at the national level centers will decide what the new military forces of this great country will be. Make no mistake, missions will change, and force structure will change.

How will all of these changes affect us here in Hawaii? Until

this debate is resolved we will not know what the future holds for us in the Hawaii Air National Guard. However, I find great comfort in looking back at our past record of significant accomplishments. Every challenge that we have faced, we have conquered.

I am confident that whatever the new military will be, we in the Hawaii Air National Guard will continue to be a major participant in the new total force and we will continue to excel in the new challenges we are asked to undertake.

# People

## Former State Senator joins DOD

The State of Hawaii Department of Defense has appointed Mrs. Mary-Jane McMurdo as executive assistant to the adjutant general.

As executive assistant, McMurdo coordinates special departmental projects, conducts research and provides legislative advice on matters relating to veterans and/or the active military. She also works closely with the State Office of Veterans Services in coordinating the department's support for veterans projects.

The daughter of an infantry officer and wife of a retired Army colonel, McMurdo has served a lifetime in the Army. This affiliation led her to become active in military



McMurdo

and veterans' issues throughout her career.

As a Hawaii State Senator, McMurdo served on the Military and Civil Defense Committee, as well as chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, vice-chair of the Tourism and Recreation Committee and member of several other committees. She vigorously supported authori-

zation and funding for the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery and special license plates for veterans. She also lobbied the U.S. Congress for approval of the Veterans Hospital planned for Tripler Army Medical Center.

As a citizen, McMurdo was instrumental in preserving Fort DeRussy as an armed forces recreation center. She also serves as a member of the Hawaii Chamber of Commerce Armed Services Committee, National Military Family Association, Navy League, Friends of Hickam and an auxiliary member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

McMurdo's efforts have earned her a nomination to the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in

the Services and the 1987, DAV award for distinguished service to veterans and their families.

## Engineer officer honored by disabled veterans

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) presented Lt. Col. Jerry M. Matsuda, Department of Defense (DOD) contracting and engineering officer, the National Commander's Award at their annual state convention, June 12. Matsuda received the award for committing his business and personal time to the planning and execution of veterans projects such as the State Veterans Cemetery and neighbor island burial detail.

Matsuda accepted the



Matsuda

award on behalf of the State DOD, thanking Maj. Gen. Richardson, adjutant general, Larry Lee, director, Office of Veterans Services and departmental staff for their teamwork in securing the success of state veterans projects.

## Infantryman course graduates honored

Distinguished honor

graduate and honor graduate Sgt. Paul Kerr (11B - Alaska) led a class of 111 soldiers graduating from the basic infantryman's course (11B), June 26. Other honor graduates were Staff Sgt. Virgilio Parone (11C - Alaska), Sgt. Alvin Paft (11H - Guam) and Spc. Terry Ho (54B - U.S. Army Reserve, Hawaii).

In addition to the basic course, certain Army Guard and Reserve students from Hawaii, Alaska, Guam and American Samoa attended the specialized indirect fire infantryman (motors -11C), heavy anti-armor weapons infantryman (TOW - 11H), chemical operators specialist (54B) and fire support specialist (artillery - 13F) courses.

# Sports

## Hawaii National Guard competes at Aloha State Games

By Lt. Col. Vern Miyagi and pupukahi staff

The Hawaii National Guard captured gold, silver and bronze medals at the 1993 Aloha State Games marksmanship competitions held in June.

### High powered rifle

The Guard's two rifle teams won several awards in the high powered rifle competition held at the Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station, June 12-13.

The Guard's Green Team won a bronze medal with a score of 1836-33x and the Blue Team placed fifth with a score of 1762-17x.

Green Team members were: Tech. Sgt. Galen Yamada (coach), 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Sgt. Shawn Kono, B Company, 29th Support Battalion; Lt. Col. Vern Miyagi, Headquarters State Area Command (HQ, STARC); Capt. Richard Ando Jr., 154th Tactical Hospital; and 1st Sgt. Aurelio Mina Jr., D Company, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry.

Blue Team members were: Staff Sgt. Hubert Chang (coach), 25th In-

fantry Division Detachment; Maj. Milton Migita, HQ, STARC; Staff Sgt. Vincent Palacio, A Company, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry; and Senior Airman Bill Kissenberger, 292nd Combat Communications Squadron (CCSQ).

The Guard also won 13 individual awards. Miyagi won the bronze medal overall, first place in the expert class 300-yard rapid fire match and second place in the expert 500-yard slow fire match.

Ando placed first in the sharpshooter class 200-yard slow fire match. Migita placed third in the marksman class 200-yard slow fire match.

Kissenberger placed first in the unclassified class, first in the unclassified class 200-yard slow fire match and second in the unclassified 200-yard rapid fire match.

Palacio placed third in the unclassified class, third in the unclassified class 200-yard slow fire match, second in the unclassified 300-yard rapid fire match, and third in the unclassified 500-yard slow fire match.

Staff Sgt. Shelton Yamashiro, from the 293rd CCSQ, placed second in the unclassified class 500-yard slow fire match.

### Pistol (conventional)

Master Sgt. Roy Sunaoka from the 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, won the overall silver medal in the marksman division of the conventional pistol competition, held at the Marines' Kaneohe firing range, June 19.

Sunaoka also won three bronze medals in the 22 caliber pistol, center fire, and 45 caliber pistol competitions.

### Precision air pistol

Maj. Ronald Katto won a gold medal in the B Class division of the precision air pistol competition at the McKinley High School Rifle Range, June 13.

### Pentathlon national training squad

The Army is looking for candidates to qualify for membership on the Modern Pentathlon National Training Squad.

The pentathlon includes running, swimming, shooting and riding. The pentathlon program at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, starts three to four years prior to the Olympics. Interested Army National Guard members should contact their state headquarters plans, operations and training officer.

## Chinooks capture largest ahi

Story and photo by Lt. Col. Norman Nitta

After six years of taking the brunt of good-natured jokes, the Alaska National Guard finally figured out which way the river flows and what an ahi looks like.

The Alaska Guard's Chinook team landed the largest ahi at the 13th Annual 150th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron's Goodwill Ahi Tournament off Kauai, June 30 to July 2.

The 203.6 pound fish was caught aboard the LKK by team members, Mike Foster (skipper), Chris Ryherd (captain), Clarence Ryherd, Jim Kohl, Kevin Windel and Don Shantz.

The second largest ahi, at 198.6 pounds, was hooked by a new team, the Renegades, aboard the Annie-Too. The Renegades included Hugh Strom (skipper), Dwayne Fong (captain), Takao Wada, Andy Park and Tim Foo.

The Kumu Sniffers, aboard the Lianne K., landed the most ahi with catches of 188, 174 and 109 pounds. The team consisted of 199th Fighter Squadron members, Roy Hamamura (skipper), Wayne Wakeman (captain), Chris Sakamoto, Adrian Kinimaka, Jeff Namihira, Glenn Nakamura and Pat Oka.



Master Sgt. Kiichi Fujii

The Alaska Guard's Chinook team poses with their 203.6-pound winning catch, landed during the HIANG Ahi Tournament, June 30 to July 2.

The 154th Air Control Squadron's team B (154 ACS), aboard the Hallelujah, caught the largest fish -- a marlin weighing 642.2

pounds. Daryl Horner (skipper), Bruce Takekuma (captain), Frankie Saligumba and Andy Arakawa brought the fish into the harbor tied to the side of the boat.

The TMB Hookers (154 ACS), aboard the Benji-Mark, with Wayne Batis (captain), Ben Domingo

(skipper) and Mike Tsutaoka, caught the most fish overall with a total of 62 aku and one ahi.

An awards banquet was held at the Kauai Outrigger Hotel, July 3. The tournament committee was chaired by Master Sgt. Lester Matsushima and Tech Sgt. Napua Sugai. Twenty teams caught a total of 222 aku, 16 ahi, 12 ono, four marlin, 11 koshihi and two mahimahi.

