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## Calendar

**October 10, Monday**  
Founder's Day, federal holiday.

**October 16, Sunday**  
Commander in Chief's (Governor's) Review, Diamond Head Crater, 10:00 a.m.

**October 7-9**  
Hawaii Army National Guard Basketball Tournament. For more information, call Sgt. First Class Armstead at 732-7947.

**October 21, Friday**  
Military Retiree Golf Tournament, Leilehua Army Golf Course, 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 449-9896.

**October 29-30**  
Elementary Excellence in Competition High Power Rifle Match, Wheeler Army Airfield Rifle Range.

**November 8, Tuesday**  
Election Day, state holiday.

**November 11, Friday**  
Veterans Day, state and federal holiday.

**November 19-20**  
Hawaii National Guard Bowling Tournament. Times and location to be announced.

**November 24, Thursday**  
Thanksgiving Day, state and federal holiday.



1st Lt. Steve C. Lai

**UNTYING A LEI OF HONOR** - Family members of the first Korean War casualty Sgt. Jose Balalong and Vietnam War casualty Spec. 5 James Gabriel Jr., untie a Maile lei marking the official opening and dedication of Hawaii's Korean and Vietnam Memorials, July 24. Assisting is Gov. John Waihee (fourth from left), Lt. Col. Don Arakaki (left) and Master Sgt. Timothy B. Galbiso (right).

## Korean-Vietnam Memorials dedicated with helping hand from National Guard

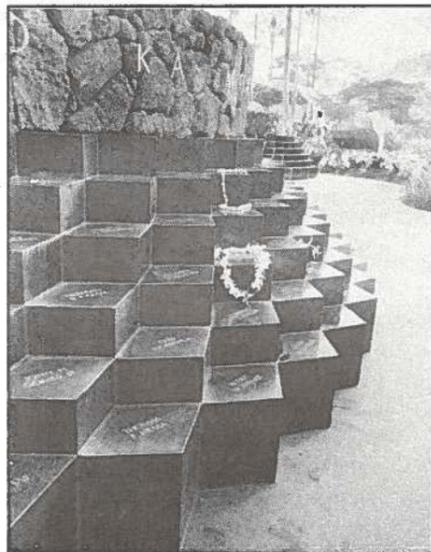
By 1st Lt. Charles J. Anthony

An estimated 3,500 invited guests, veterans, military support personnel and well-wishers packed the ewa side of the State Capitol grounds Sunday, July 24, to dedicate Hawaii's Korean and Vietnam War Memorials.

It was an emotional event for the family members and the veterans who served with the 766 men whose names are inscribed in the black granite pedestals of the memorials.

The Hawaii State Department of Defense, under the direction of Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state adjutant general, played a vital role in the dedication ceremony. Most of the arrangements, as requested by the dedication committee, were carried out by the Hawaii Guard and DOD staff along with the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

Guard and DOD personnel laid out the podium and chairs, took care of the invitations, helped with registration of guests, made parking arrangements, assisted with security and logistics, acted as ushers and escorts, served refreshments, helped with the presentation of wreaths, participated in the joint services color guard, generated publicity and staffed an emergency medical tent. The Hawaii Army Guard's 111th Army Band provided music for the dedication, and four F-15s from the Hawaii Air



Nancy S. Chappell

**LASTING RESPECT**- Korean and Vietnam Memorials visitors leave flowers and various memorabilia to honor our fallen heroes.

Guard's 199th Fighter Squadron performed a missing man flyover.

In his keynote speech, Gov. John Waihee told the family members that the memorials were dedicated to them as well as the fallen heroes who gave their lives.

"These memorials will forever be a source of pride, understanding, reconciliation, healing, peace and remem-

brance to all who come here to pause and contemplate," he said.

In his welcoming remarks, Richardson touched on the theme of "ka ho'i ana mai" (the returning) and said it was heartwarming to see the state symbolically recognize those who served.

"I do not know how history will regard the Korean and Vietnam Wars in the distant future. But I do know that it was a sad moment when we, as a nation, did not welcome home our returning warriors with a parade," said Richardson. "To all of those who gallantly served: welcome home. This is your parade."

Twenty-nine soldiers from the Hawaii Army National Guard's 29th Infantry Brigade and the U.S. Army Reserve's 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, died during the Vietnam activation.

Lt. Col. John Hao was a sergeant with the brigade when the unit was activated in 1968. Today, he is the head of Support Personnel Management Office and was selected to assist Gov. Waihee with the wreath presentation.

"The ceremony was really emotional for me, and I'm sure that's true for a lot of the others called up in '68," said Hao. "It brought back a flood of memories to me. I could feel myself back in an APC (armored personnel carrier) and see us slogging through the mud. A lot of us had friends that died. I feel satisfied that they have now been appropriately recognized."

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# Command notes



Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson  
The Adjutant General

The Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG) is undergoing its most dramatic change in the last quarter century. Many people are working very hard to make the modifications that will result in a more capable organization. I want to thank them for their continuing contributions. As with any major change, however, there is a certain amount of concern in the organization, and we need to recognize that.

A key factor in that change is the selection of the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) as one of the 15 elite enhanced readiness brigades in the National Guard. The selection is an honor and a

tribute to the unit's performance both on federal status and on state active duty during call-ups such as Operation Iniki.

This change will bring additional resources to the brigade, and it will also require that it achieves the highest levels of readiness in the Army's reserve components. It must be able to deploy a full complement of soldiers and equipment anywhere in the world in 90 days.

The change will also mean that a portion of the brigade will be based on the mainland. The flags of the 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry, and Troop E, 19th Cavalry, will go to California and Oregon respectively. Although we regret the loss of these units, it is our share of the downsizing process that the entire military is going through. We value the contributions of all of our soldiers in the 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry, and Troop E, 19th Cavalry, and are making every attempt to place each in another position that will allow them to continue to contribute, to retain their rank, and to complete at least 20 good years for retirement. We have taken similar steps in the reorganization of our aviation units.

As part of the transition to

an enhanced brigade, we recently hosted a joint conference with all of the players active duty, National Guard and Army Reserve, who have a role in the enhanced brigade's success. It was a meeting with friends we have worked with for years on other projects. We received strong support from Lt. Gen. Robert Ord, USARPAC commander, as well as from Maj. Gen. George A. Fisher, 25th Infantry Division (Light) commander. General officers from the California and Oregon Guard affirmed their states' commitment to the brigade's success, as did the senior leadership of the Army Reserve.

Airlift was committed to ensure that the brigade's soldiers have access to the most challenging training opportunities, wherever they may be. I was also very impressed with the team from the National Guard Bureau who met with us on behalf of Maj. Gen. John R. D'Araujo to ensure that our needs are addressed at the na-

tional level.

Our enhanced brigade will be a part of the most capable joint military organization in the country. The HIARNG's new Chinook and Blackhawk helicopters in the Troop Command units will give it the mobility it needs within the state, either during training or to execute state missions. The Hawaii Air National Guard's C-130s and KC-135s will allow the brigade's troops to come together for training no matter where their armories are.

We are working diligently on improving our training areas through the use of advanced technology and simulation. We are also working hard to improve our facilities on all of the



Sgt. Lance M. Kamisuzi

**WATCHFUL EYES -** Hawaii Army National Guard soldier Sgt. Reymonito Tacsiat of Lihue, Kauai, trains at Camp Rilea, Ore. Tacsiat is a member of the soon to be enhanced 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate).

major islands in the state and especially at Barbers Point Naval Air Station on Oahu. Barbers Point will become the new headquarters and staging area for the 29th Infantry Brigade.

As we look to the future, I can assure you that it will be bright. The work that we are doing today will pay great dividends for our state and nation in the form of a tougher, more professional and ready force. It will be housed in facilities that better support readiness and state-of-the-art training technology. The modern equipment that is now coming into our inventory will last well into the 21st century.

Continue to work hard and to train hard. The results will be well worth our efforts.

## Community service

# CFC Kick-off set for Oct. 4; Chili sale rally raises more donations for AUW



### ...Share Your Rainbow

The State Department of Defense is spearheading this year's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) fund Drive.

Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general, is this year's CFC chairman.

Federal employees will kick-off the campaign with a rally scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 9:00 a.m. in Aloha Stadium.

The theme for the 1994 campaign is "CFC, people helping people. Share your rainbow."

The rally will feature various motivational speakers, game booths where prizes will be awarded, entertainment provided by Loyal Garner, the Makaha Sons, cheerleaders, the Army National Guard's 111th Band, and the Marine Corps Jazz Band.

The campaign will run through Nov. 3. CFC con-

tributions provide funding to 75 local organizations.

There are 64 federal agencies in Hawaii employing 80,000 workers contributing to CFC. The Hawaii National Guard is the eighth largest with more than 1,250 employees. The department's goal this year is \$117,000.

The 1994 campaign facilitator for the CFC is Col. Melvin Ida, of the U.S. Property and Fiscal Office.



## Aloha United Way

This year's Aloha United Way campaign for State Department of Defense employees kicked-off with an informational meeting in the multi-purpose room, Sept. 9.

A chili sale was held Sept. 23 to help raise funds in addition to the amount raised through pledges from more than 200 state employees.

This year's departmental goal is \$13,000. Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state adjutant general, said that we will have to work very hard and have everyone's help to accomplish this goal.

"The need for Aloha United Way supported programs only increases during tough economic times," said Richardson. "We also have to remember that AUW supports 64 organizations in Hawaii and that most Hawaii residents are helped or use at least one of those services at one time or another."

Departmental coordinator, Lt. Col. Jerry M.

Matsuda, said the department anticipates closing out this year's AUW drive in mid-October.



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# Hawaii National Guard construction

## Hawaii National Guard growth spurred by numerous construction projects this year

By Gaye S. Araki and PA staff

The Hawaii National Guard (HING), under the direction of Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state adjutant general, has been upgrading its facilities under a four-year, long-range planning process.

The HING has successfully obtained congressional add-on military construction projects for Hawaii Army and Air National Guard facilities on Molokai, Kauai and Oahu. These projects would not have been possible without the support of U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye and the other members of Hawaii's congressional delegation, Gov. John Waihee, state legislators and the National Guard Bureau.

The Army Guard received \$1.05 million to build a new **Kaunakakai Armory** on Molokai. The new armory will replace the current structure built in 1939, which is outdated and substandard, uneconomical to repair, and does not meet the requirements of Detachment 1, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry. The proposed facility will be 9,009 square feet (compared to the current facility at 5,864 square feet) and will have new administrative offices, classrooms, training areas and supply/storage rooms. If construction of the armory is accelerated under the Fiscal Year '93 Military Construction Program, the project may be completed in June 1995.

A \$4.3 million addition and renovation to the **Waiawa Armory** on Oahu will provide an armory addition of permanent steel masonry type construction with a built-up roof and concrete floors. The project will involve adding 20,474 square feet to the current facility and renovating 9,403 square feet of the existing armory to bring administrative office, classrooms and storage and supply areas to modern standards. A main band room and various group and individual practice rooms will also be constructed. Completion of the project is slated for August 1995.

The **Maui Consolidated Facility** planned for Puunene will replace the Wailuku and Kahului armories and the organizational maintenance shop at Paukukalo. The armory complex will

house Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Company C, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry. The estimated cost of construction is more than \$8 million.

Construction of the new \$5.9 million **Wahiawa Armory** was completed in November 1993. That project includes 66,000 square feet for administrative classroom storage and locker room areas. The new armory houses the 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery, and Company D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry.

In addition to the construction of new Army Guard armories, more than \$400,000 worth of repairs were recently completed to the Hanapepe and Kapaa armories on Kauai after they sustained damage during Hurricane Iniki.

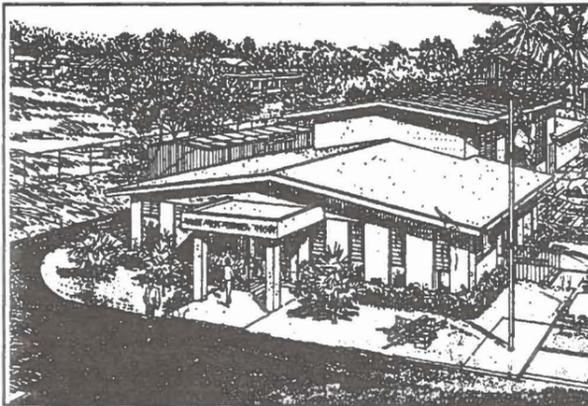
Plans are going forward to move the HING headquarters; 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate); U.S. Property and Fiscal Office; Companies B and C, 193rd Aviation; other support units; and the Youth Challenge Program to existing facilities at Barbers Point Naval Air Station. The Navy has al-



Artist's rendering of the Consolidated Support Facility at Hickam AFB.

ready recommended approval of 160 acres for the HING at Barbers Point after the Navy leaves in the 1997 time frame.

The addition and renovation to the Waiawa Armory and the building of the Kaunakakai and Wahiawa armories were partly funded with money appro-



Artist's rendering of the Kaunakakai Armory on Molokai.

riated by the state legislature. All of the Air Guard projects are 100 percent federally-funded.

The Air Guard's 154th Group received \$8.67 million to construct a **Forward Air Control Point (FACP)** facility at Barking Sands on Kauai, \$9.7 million for a new **Consolidated Support Facility**, \$3.3 million for a new **Composite Vehicle Maintenance/Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE)** facility, and \$8.1 million for a consolidated squadron operations facility for the 203rd Air Refueling Squad-

electronics training, vehicle maintenance, aerospace ground equipment maintenance, supply storage, office administration, organizational parking and a radar pad. A ground breaking ceremony was held Sept. 10. The estimated completion date of the project is October 1995.

Changes in the Guard prompted by the activation of the KC-135 and C-130 units and the requirements of the 154th Tactical Hospital and 154th Services Flight made it necessary for the proposed Consolidated Support Facility at Hickam. The facility will consist of a total of 49,100 square feet within a two-story masonry, steel-framed structure with reinforced concrete foundation. The project will include new construction as well as renovation of existing spaces. The new construction is expected to start in November with completion expected sometime in May 1996. The renovation phase of the project is expected to be completed in 1997.

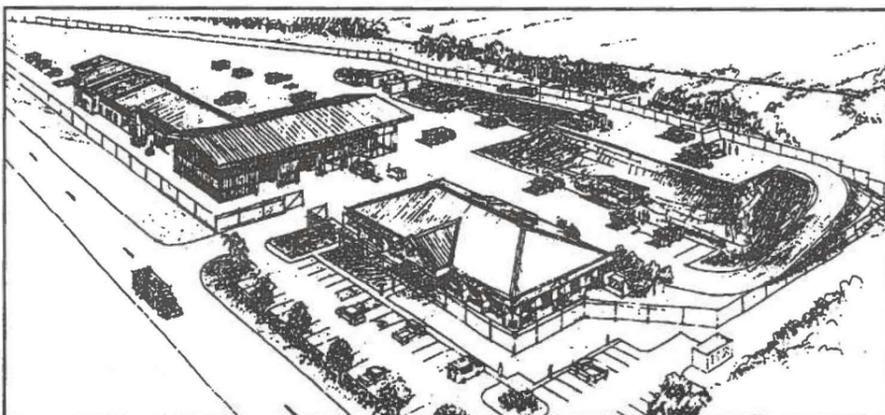
The Vehicle Maintenance/AGE facility will have 3,000 square feet for AGE shops and 4,500 for covered vehicle maintenance. A ground breaking ceremony was held at Hickam, AFB Sept. 9. Project completion is expected in September 1995.

The consolidated squadron operations will consist of 40,000 square feet inside Hangar 13 at Hickam Air Force Base. The facility will be shared with the 15th Air Base Wing.

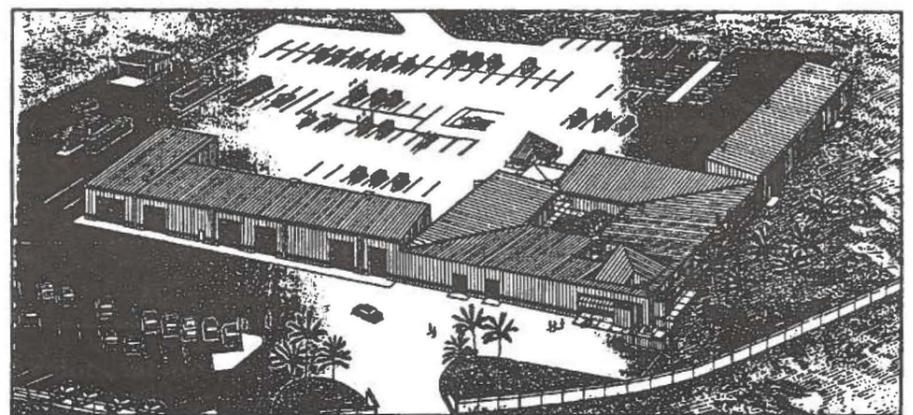
"These projects will provide first class facilities for first class soldiers and airmen," said Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state adjutant general.

ron and the 204th Airlift Squadron at Hickam Air Force Base.

The FACP facility will serve as the home of the 154th Air Control Squadron, currently operating from temporary facilities at Kekaha Armory. The proposed 30,000 square feet facility will include space for communications/



Artist's rendering of Forward Air Control Point (FACP) at Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai.



Artist's rendering of the Composite Vehicle Maintenance/Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Facility, Hickam AFB.

# Hawaii Army National Guard Annual Train

## Waihee visits troops in the field one last time

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Big Island soldier Spc. Alan Dalao of Paauhau poses with his 60mm mortar during annual training with the Hawaii Army National Guard at Pohakuloa Training Area, July 19. The mortar gunner is a utility operator for Hamakua Sugar when he isn't improving his teamwork and soldiering skills with the mortar platoon of Company C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry.

By Spc. Jonathan M. Shiroma and PA staff

Hawaii Army National Guard's infantry units trained on the Big Island of Hawaii and in Oregon during the second phase of annual training 1994. The Big Island's 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, trained in their own backyard at Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA), while the 1st Battalion traveled to Oregon.

### Bosses watch training

Thirty business and community professionals flew aboard a Hawaii Air National Guard KC-135R Stratotanker to Oregon to watch the Maui-headquartered 1st Battalion train. The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve boss-lift program gives local bosses an opportunity to witness what their employees do during their two weeks of military leave.

### Governor visits troops

Gov. John Waihee, joined by Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general, flew to PTA in the governor's last annual training visit as commander-in-chief of the Hawaii National Guard (Waihee's term as governor ends in December). Waihee tested the small emplacement excavator's (SEE) scoop loader and chainsaw capabilities.

### Northwest exploration

First Battalion soldier's from Maui, Kauai, and Molokai arrived at Camp Rilea, Ore. July 23rd, while soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry reported for duty, Aug. 16.

"The number one objective of this year's training is to safely conduct battle-focused training to standard at platoon level," said Lt. Col. Walter A. Sullivan Jr., 1st Battalion commander. Sullivan is a civilian worker with the 25th Infantry Division (Light) at Schofield Barracks. "Training at this level, versus squad level, helps bring soldiers to a higher level of preparedness with the ability to mobilize in 60 days," he adds.

Camp Rilea is located near the Washington-Oregon border, in the pristine timberline of the Northwest. Its evergreen environment presents a change in terrain for Hawaii soldiers who normally train in the rugged lava fields of the Big Island's Pohakuloa Training Area or the muddy slopes of Schofield Barrack's East Range and Kahuku training areas.

"The infantry has to be able to train in any type of terrain and weather," said Sullivan. "It tests our adaptability."



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Spc. Armando L. Medina Bravo Company says the sides being "a lot flatter Kauai, the Oregon terrain reminds me a lot of whe from." A resident of mauu, Medina works a driver on the Garden Is also notes that the lava dust found at Hawaii training sites are absent from Oregon terrain.

Kauai soldiers took cover covering the M-203 grenade launcher, Light Anti weapon (LAW), grenade defence, obstacles, assault bayonet while at Camp

Realism is part of a nual training within the waii Army National Gu

"In the midst of our ing, we need to be prepared an attack of the Op 4 (o tion forces)," said Sta Phillip Kamakua of Company. "My men train and I believe they were ready if we were amb now," he adds.

Maui's Charlie Company had a chance to prove selves in just that way.

"We were ambushed night by opposing force Spc. Freddie Busto. The pany had been setting up perimeter defense when gressors from Schofield racks began their attack can never be too prepared anything since anything happen in war."



Sgt. Lance M. Kamisugi

FIRE AWAY - Spc. Jimmy D. Tumbaga hands a practice round to Pvt. Edward K. Keoho Jr. at the M203 grenade launcher range in Camp Rilea, Ore. The Kapaa, Kauai resident is a member of Company B, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry, Hawaii Army National Guard.

# ig '94, Phase II



1st Lt. Charles J. Anthony

Gov. John Waihee followed by Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richard, the adjutant general, visits the headquarters of Hawaii's 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry at Pohakuloa Training Area July 25.



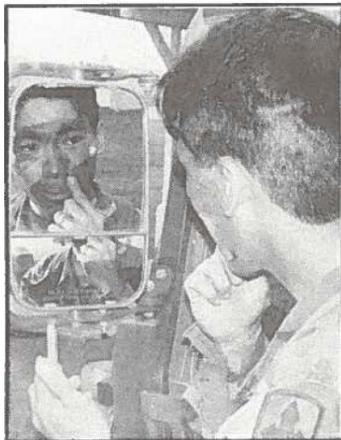
Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha

**BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND ...** Hawaii Army National Guard soldier Spc. Victor Morales of Laupahoehoe, Hawaii shows off his Meals-Ready-to-Eat (MREs) at Pohakuloa Training Area, July 19. Morales, an assistant M60 Machine gunner with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, works full-time as a food service worker with the Royal Waikaloan Resort.

## Backyard maneuvers

At PTA soldiers ran through mock nuclear biological and chemical (NBC) training which meant wearing a chemical protection suit while firing weapons and going through maneuvers. Big Island soldiers used the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System (MILES). In the MILES system, a soldier wears a sensor harness on his body and helmet. The sensor picks up a light beam fired from an attachment on the soldiers rifle. If the light beam is detected, a buzzer will sound, and the soldier will be out of the war game.

our soldiers are here because they want to be here." He adds the battalion's strength is at about 92 percent. "It helps when soldiers are motivated to do the job since a reserve component, such as the HIARNG, has to try and train as proficiently as possible during the two weeks of annual training," Sullivan said. "We need to perform to active army standards and I'm proud that our Hawaii soldiers are proving to do just that."



Sgt. Lance M. Kamisugi

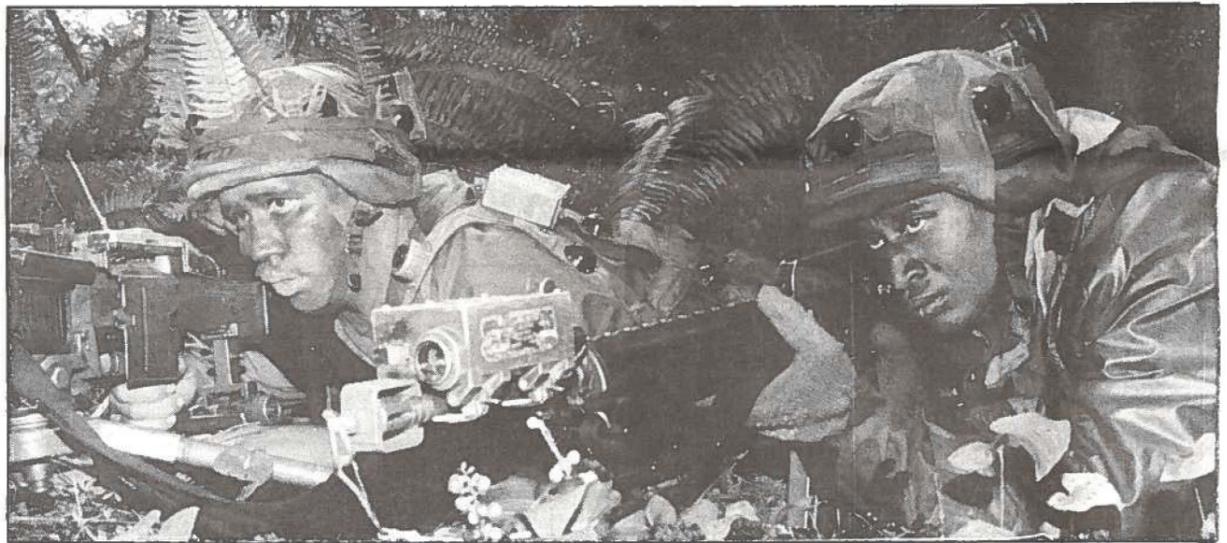
**MAKEUP** - Sgt. Roy T. Yamada applies camouflage paint as he prepares for field activities during annual training at Camp Rilea, Ore. Yamada is a soldier with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry, Hawaii Army National Guard.

## Training critique

This year women were included in the battalion's deployment. Although infantry units in the active and reserve components do not allow women to serve in combat roles, six women were attached to the 1st Battalion to help in support services.

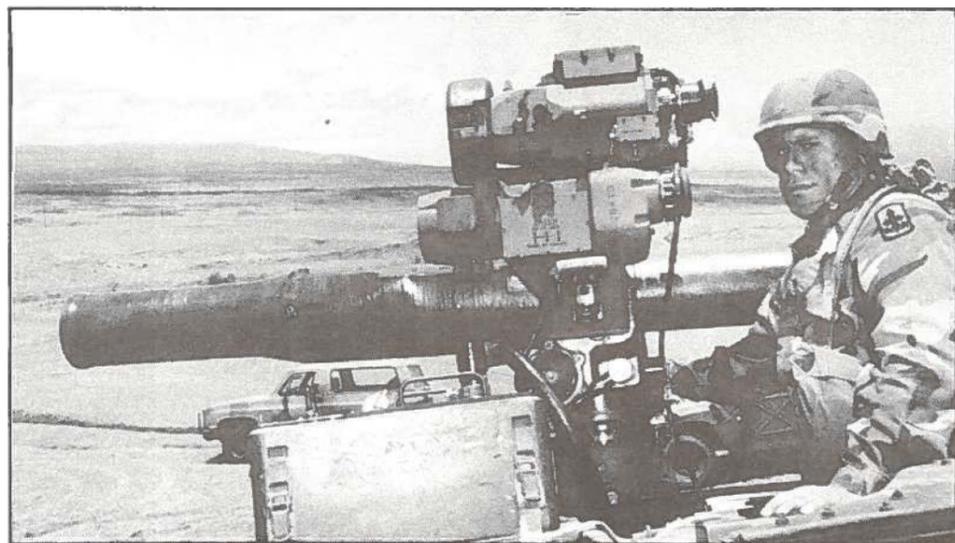
While most of the Kauai platoons trained at Camp Rilea, soldiers in the mortar platoons ventured to the Yakima Firing Center in the neighboring state of Washington for training. Yakima's desert terrain provided a good backdrop for these soldiers who needed training at a larger range facility.

"I think the battalion is doing super well as AT progresses," said Sullivan. "All of



Spc. Jonathan M. Shiroma

**THIS WE WILL DEFEND** - Spc. Kerry L. Apo of Kekaha and Pfc. DeAnglo Coatie of Eleele, Kauai, defend their perimeter during annual training at Camp Rilea, Ore., July 26. Apo, a construction worker, and Coatie, an employee at Tahiti Nui nightclub, are soldiers with Company A, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry, Hawaii Army National Guard.



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha

**ME AND MY BIG TOW** - Hawaii Army National Guard soldier Pfc. William Best, a self-employed fisherman from Kekaha, Hawaii, waits for orders to fire his tube-launched, optically tracked, wire-guided anti-tank (TOW) missile while performing annual training at Pohakuloa Training Area, July 18. Best is a soldier with Company D, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry.

# Hawaii Air National Guard deployment

## Hawaii Air Guard practices combat skills at Cope Thunder '94

By 1st Lt. Charles J. Anthony

A total of 167 personnel from the 154th Group participated in Cope Thunder exercises in Alaska, July 13-31.

Eight F-15s from the 199th Fighter Squadron (FS), two KC-135s from the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron (ARS) and an active duty KC-10 assisting with airlift, deployed to Elmendorf and Eielson Air Force Bases.

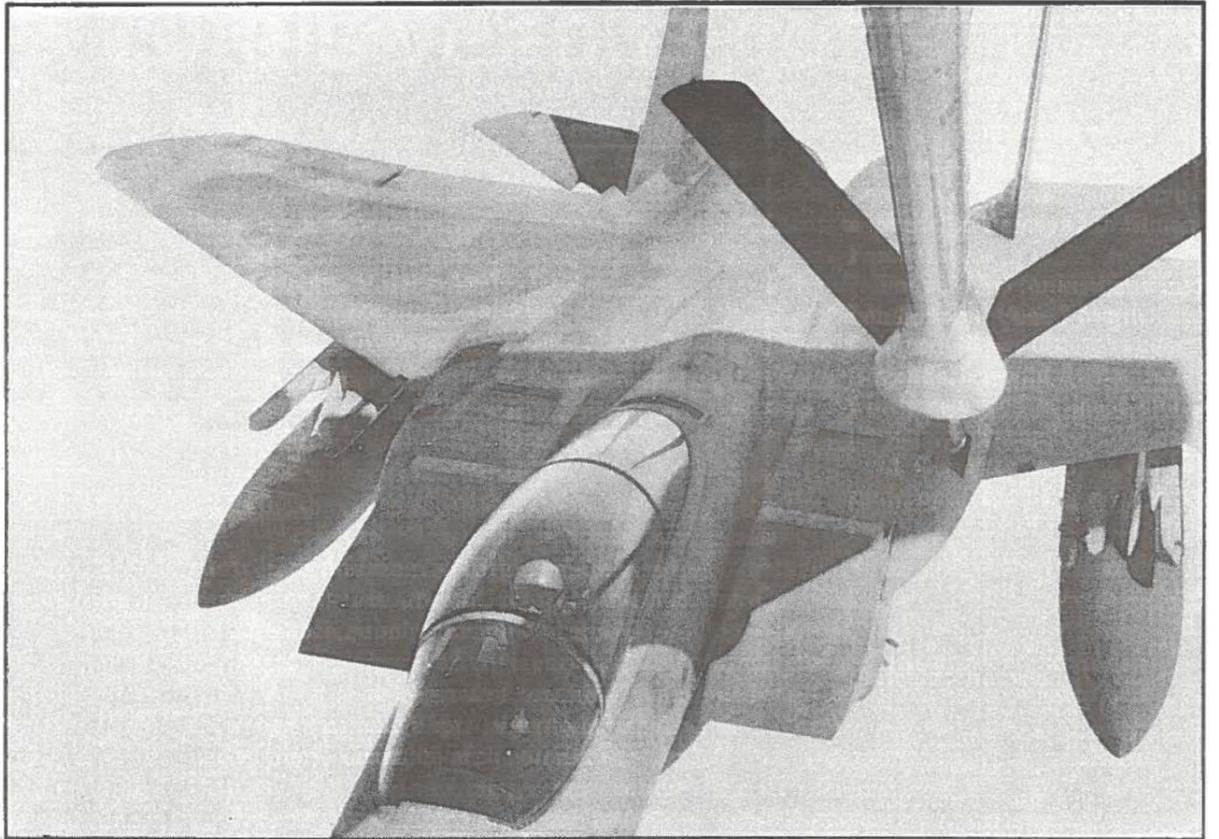
The HIANG tankers and fighters worked hand in hand during Cope Thunder even though they were flying out of two different bases. The F-15s, based at Elmendorf, would fly 250 miles to the combat zone which required at least one aerial refueling, per mission, with the KC-135s.

Lt. Col. Pete Pawling, from the Fighter Squadron said Cope Thunder provided several of the younger pilots with their first opportunity to train as mission commanders on such a large scale. "This was the most time-consuming and toughest deployment for new mission commanders that I've ever seen," said Pawling. "This was an exercise, in an austere environment, that was very close to what it would be like in the first few weeks of a war-time scenario."

The HIANG F-15 pilots, maintenance and support crews were challenged with a demanding schedule, flying more than 100 sorties. The first week, the 199th played a defensive role, switching to an offensive role in week two.

The Refueling Squadron tankers also had a busy schedule, flying a total of 17 sorties out of Eielson AFB in support of the HIANG F-15s as well as F-15s and F-16s from the active duty Air Force.

A complicated refueling operation involving the 199th FS and the 203rd ARS occurred on July 31, as the HIANG F-15s were returning to Hawaii. Because of a shortened runway at Eielson AFB, an active duty KC-10 was not able to carry enough jet fuel to fly the F-15s all the way to Hawaii. The solution was to have



1st Lt. Charles J. Anthony

**AIR TO AIR REFUELING** - Hawaii Air National Guard's KC-135R Stratotanker refuels a Hawaii Guard F-15 Eagle en route to Hawaii following Cope Thunder exercise, in Alaska.

a HIANG KC-135 depart Hickam around dawn, head north, then accomplish a "point parallel" rendezvous with four F-15s in the middle of the ocean about 600 miles from Alaska. Close preflight planning and communication with one another once they reached the general vicinity, allowed the KC-135 to make a 180 degree turn, then roll out about two miles in

front of the advancing F-15s.

"We did it without even seeing each other, because we were in heavy cloud cover the whole time," said Capt. Dano Robinson, the KC-135 pilot.

Once on station, the KC-135 relieved the KC-10 of its air refueling duties then completed the mission by bringing the F-15s home.



Maj. David Molinaro

**SCRAMBLE** -- The flightline is a flurry of activity as a pilot from the 199th Fighter Squadron heads for the cockpit of his F-15 Eagle during Cope Thunder exercises in Alaska.



Maj. David Molinaro

**WHAT IN THUNDER?**--Along with pilots, maintenance and support crews were challenged by the flying schedules demanded by the Cope Thunder '94 exercise. This crew is conducting maintenance to an F-15.

# Hawaii Air National Guard: New Arrivals



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Wayne Iha

## TWO NEWBORNS

One of two brand new C-130H-3 Hercules transports is presented to the Hawaii National Guard at an acceptance ceremony held at the Lockheed manufacturing plant in Marietta, Ga., Aug. 18. Brig. Gen. Myles M. Nakatsu, deputy adjutant general, accepted the key on behalf of Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general. 154th Group Commander Col. Michael Tice, Lt. Col. Edward Miyahira, commander of the soon to be activated 204th Airlift Squadron, and other members of the C-130 section were also in attendance.



Staff Sgt. Charles Baker

## FULL COMPLEMENT FOR TANKER SQUADRON

Ground crews from the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, greet the arrival of one of their newest aircraft, Aug. 20. The 203rd received its sixth and seventh KC-135R Stratotankers that afternoon. The eighth tanker arrived August 26 and the ninth tanker arrived Sept. 16.



Staff Sgt. Charles Baker



Deborah M.S. Murray

## New Group fitness center offers convenient workout

(Above) Airman 1st Class Christian Cofran watches Airman James Dolan use the double chest Nautilus, 154th Resource Management Squadron. The two Hawaii Air National Guard airmen exercise at the new fitness center during their lunch break.

(Left) The brand new 154th Group Fitness Center is blessed by Kahu Kealanahale Aug. 21, as Col. Michael H. Tice (background) looks on. The center is equipped with five new Nautilus machines, a stair climber, and a sit-up board. It is located on the ground floor of Building 3416 on the makai end of the engine shop.

# Awards and recognition

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

**Meritorious Service Medal**

Lt. Col. Chester I. Saito, 29th Support Battalion

Chief Warrant Officer Charles S. Nekoba, HQ State Area Command, (-Dets 1, 2, & 3)

Senior Master Sgt. Francis T. Hosaka, 150th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron.

Tech. Sgt. Katherine C. Asato, 154th Group

**Army Commendation Medal**

Staff Sgt. Danny V. Antoque, Headquarters State Area Command, (-Dets 1, 2, & 3) (Fifth Oak Leaf Cluster)

Spc. Luther K. Waiwaiolo, Headquarters and Headquarters Company

**Air Force Commendation Medal**

Master Sgt. Joseph B. Ariaga, 169th Air Control and Warning Squadron

Master Sgt. Harry M. Ishihara, 150th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Kenneth I. Johnson, 293rd Combat Communications Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Wilfred S. Shimata, 169th Air Control and Warning Squadron

**Hawaii National Guard Medal for Merit**

Ronald J. Sanchez, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)

**U.S. Army Award of Excellence in Safety**

Det. 1, HQ State Area Command, Troop Command for accident free ground operation (Class A, B, & C)

Full-time employees of the State of Hawaii Department of Defense are recognized at a yearly recognition ceremony held in August. The manager and employee of the year are also the department's nominee for the governor's statewide award.

**State Department of Defense State Manager of the Year**

Lt. Col. Jerry M. Matsuda, Engineering Office

**State Department of Defense State Employee of the Year**

James Y. Toyama, Executive Support Office



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha

**NEW BLOOD**-Lt. Col. Dennis C.H. Kim, receives the colors of the 29th Support Battalion from Brig. Gen. Bernard M. Watson, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) commander, Aug. 14. Kim a former medial company commander, replaces Lt. Col. Chester I. Saito who will become the Hawaii Army National Guard's G4 (logistics officer).

# Departmental news

**Baca gets Senate confirmation**

The Senate confirmed the nomination of Maj. Gen. Edward D. Baca to the assignment as Chief of the National Guard Bureau and to the rank of lieutenant general, Sept. 23. Baca was the adjutant general of New Mexico before his appointment to the Guard Bureau.

**Iha named Youth Challenge director**

James Y. Iha started work as the director of the Hawaii National Guard's Youth Challenge program Aug. 22.

Iha is a retired principal and retired Army colonel who served 23 years in the Hawaii Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve.



Iha

He also served as principal and vice principal at Molokai High and Intermediate Schools, and principal at Kaunakakai Elementary, Wheeler-Intermediate and Leilehua High schools.

The Youth Challenge program started Sept. 27. It is a pilot program designed to give at-risk

youths a second chance at earning a high school diploma. The first training and education cycle is being conducted at the Hawaii Military Academy at Bellows Air Force Station, in Waimanalo.

**Quality advisor on board**

Lt. Col. Frederick Fogel joined the State Department of Defense as its full-time quality advisor Aug. 1.



Fogel

Fogel returns to the department and the Hawaii Air Guard after a brief residency in Louisiana. His drill status position is engineering staff officer.

Before moving to Louisiana, Fogel was a military construction project manager at Pearl Harbor where he introduced 5,000 people to the world of Total Quality Management (TQM).

As the department's quality advisor, Fogel will help develop a strategy and infrastructure for the department's journey in TQM.

As a hands-on facilitator he will help teams and individuals examine work processes and systematically

improve the way they work. He will work at all organizational levels to educate the department on process improvement techniques.

Fogel looks forward to sharing ideas and can be reached at 734-7492 (Oahu).

**Hawaii Guard completes sweep of highpower rifle team matches**

Congratulations to the Hawaii National Guard Composite Rifle Team, winners of the Hawaii State/Gus Anderson Memorial Highpower Rifle Team Championship, Sept. 24-25. The Guard teams took gold and bronze. The win, shot at the U.S. Marine Corps' Puuloa Rifle Range in Ewa Beach, completes a sweep of the three major highpower rifle tournaments held locally.

The Hawaii-Pacific Regional/Oliver Kupau Memorial match in March and the Aloha State Games in June were the other major tournaments.

Also Norman Tyau won the second place expert class and second place silver excellence-in-competition (EIC) "Leg" match award.

Final results of the championship matches are as follows:

**Hawaii State Team Champion**  
Gold - Hawaii National Guard Blue Team:  
Richard Ando Jr. (154th Tactical Hospital), Jeffery Clegg (203rd Air Refueling Squadron), William Kissenberger Jr. (292nd Combat Communications

Squadron), Norman Tyau (154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron)

Bronze - Hawaii National Guard Green Team:  
Hubert Chang (HQ State Area Command), Shaun Kono (Company B, 29th Support Battalion), Aurelio Mina (Company D, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry), Vincent Palacio (Company A, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry)

**Hawaii State Champion**  
Gold - Richard Ando Jr., 759-15x

Silver - Jeffery Clegg, 756-15x  
Bronze - William Kissenberger Jr., 748-04x

**Grand aggregate**  
2nd expert class - Norman Tyau, 744-05x

**Slow fire aggregate**  
Match & high military - Norman Tyau, 375-04x  
2nd expert class - William Kissenberger Jr., 68-02x

**Rapid fire aggregate**  
Match & military high - Richard Ando Jr., 394-07x  
2nd expert class - William Kissenberger Jr., 380-02x

200 yards, standing, slow fire Match & military high -

Norman Tyau, 189-01x  
1st expert class - Richard Ando Jr., 184-03x

200 yards, sitting, rapid fire Match & military high - Shaun Kono, 198-08x  
2nd expert class - Richard Ando Jr., 197-03x

300 yards, prone, rapid fire Match & military high - Richard Ando Jr., 197-04x  
1st expert class - Norman Tyau, 187-00x

1st sharpshooter class - Palacio, 184-02x

600 yards, prone, slow fire High military & 1st expert class - William Kissenberger Jr., 188-02x  
2nd expert class - Hubert Chang, 187-03x

**NBPRP\* EIC "Leg"**  
2nd/silver Norman Tyau, 454-03x  
\*National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice

In other action, the Hawaii National Guard Composite Rifle Team members took first and second place honors in the Puuloa Rifle and Pistol Club's Highpower Rifle Match held at the

Puuloa Rifle Range, Aug. 28.

**Overall Match**

2nd - William Kissenberger Jr., 462-07x

2nd expert/sharpshooter class - Richard Ando Jr., 449-09x

200-yards, standing, slow fire

1st - William Kissenberger Jr., 94-01x

200-yards, standing, slow fire Match - William Kissenberger Jr., 94-01x

1st expert/sharpshooter class - Richard Ando Jr., 93-01x

300-yards, prone, rapid fire 2nd expert/sharpshooter - Richard Ando Jr., 95-03x

600- yard, prone, slow fire 2nd expert/sharpshooter - Hubert Chang, 180-03x

Upcoming competition: the Puuloa Rifle Range "B" and the Elementary Excellence in Competition High-power Rifle Match at Wheeler Army Airfield, Rifle Range, Oct. 29-30.

## 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.

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
<b>Hawaii Army National Guard</b>			
HQ, STARC, HIARNG	15-16	5-6	3-4
29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)	15-16	19-20	3-4
227th Engineer Company	15-16	5-6	3-4
Troop E, 19th Cavalry	15-16	4-6	3-4
1st Battalion, 299th Infantry	1-2	18-20	3-4
Company D	15-16	18-20	
2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry	1-2	4-6	3-4
Troop Command	15-16	15-16	
Company C (Medium Lift)	15-16	5-6	
291st Maintenance Co.	1-2, 15-16	-	3-4
<b>Hawaii Air National Guard</b>			
HQ, Hawaii Air National Guard	15-16	5-6	3-4
154th Group	15-16	5-6	3-4
201st Combat Communications Group	15-16	5-6	3-4