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December 25, Sunday
Christmas Day.

December 26, Monday
State and federal holiday.

January 1, Sunday
New Year's Day.

January 2, Monday
State and federal holiday.

January 15, 1995
Hawaii National Guard Fun Run.

January 16, Monday
Martin Luther King Jr. Day, state and federal holiday.

January 21, Friday
Military Retiree Golf Tournament,
Navy-Marine Golf Course, 11:30
a.m. For more information, call 449-
9896.

February 20, Monday
President's Day, state and federal holiday.

March 26, Monday
Prince Kuhio Day, state holiday.

April 8-9
Hawaii National Guard Volleyball
Tournament. Time and date to be
announced.

Hawaii Air Guard to patrol Iraqi no-fly zone

Members of the Hawaii Air National Guard's (HIANG) 154th Group will deploy to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, Dec. 3, for operation "Provide Comfort II."

Guard F-15 pilots will fly sorties to ensure that Iraqi air forces adhere to the "no-fly" zone in northern Iraq, above the 36th parallel. The operation has denied flight to Iraqi air forces since the end of the Persian Gulf War.

Approximately 160 members of the 154th Group will deploy during the month-long rotation.

Lt. Col. Peter Pawling, 154th Operations Group commander, will lead HIANG forces deploying to Turkey.

U.S. Air Force units have patrolled the northern and southern no-fly zones of Iraq in order to protect Iraqi Kurds and Shiites, for more than three years. The 154th Group and the 159th Group from the Louisiana Air National Guard have been selected to temporarily relieve active duty forces based in Europe.



Staff Sgt. Mark Uenten
MISSION POSSIBLE -- Lt. Col. Peter Pawling, 154th Operations Group commander, answers questions from Ann Yamamoto, KGMB-TV news reporter, on the Iraqi "no-fly" zone mission, Oct. 28.

Hawaii Guard military review honors Waihee

By 1st Lt. Charles J. Anthony

Gov. John Waihee was honored by the Hawaii National Guard with a farewell parade inside Diamond Head Crater, Sunday, Oct. 16.

Soldiers and airmen representing the four major units of the Hawaii Army and Air Guard, were inspected by the governor and the host commander, Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson. Col. Edward L. Correa, commander of the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate), acted as commander of troops for the ceremony; the 111th Army Band provided the music; and Battery C, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery, fired off a 19-gun salute.

Richardson presented Waihee with the State Distinguished Service Medal. It was the first time the new medal had been awarded. The citation read, in part: "For exceptional leadership and many significant accomplishments as Governor of the State of Hawaii." Richardson also presented Waihee with a collage of pictures from Hurricane Iniki relief efforts and a sabre on behalf of the men and women of the Hawaii National Guard.

The governor also received the Outstanding Public Service Award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the PROPATRIA award from the National Committee for Employer

Support of the Guard and Reserve.

"Governor Waihee has taken a deep interest in our organization and in our

people," Richardson told those in attendance. "He has eaten his share of meals-

ready-to-eat or MREs, as the soldiers know it, in the dust of Pohukuloa, flown along with the 199th Fighter Squadron in their F-15s, fired a 50-caliber machine gun in the rain at Schofield, and visited our troops in the woods at Fort Lewis in the State of Washington."

The governor said it was a reflection of its readiness and esprit de corps that the 29th Infantry Brigade was selected as one of only 15 Enhanced Readiness Brigades in the entire nation. "Though you are prepared for war," said Waihee, "you have also been there time and again for Hawaii's own people when disaster has struck here at home."

The ceremony concluded with a "pass in review" in front of the reviewing stand and a helicopter flyby, complete with flower drop.

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Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha
FRONT AND CENTER -- Gov. John Waihee pauses in front of the Hawaii National Guard color guard after receiving the first, newly created State Distinguished Service Medal.

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Command notes



Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson
The Adjutant General

I want to begin by offering my congratulations to the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Group and the 201st Combat Communications Group (CCG). Both units have been named as recent recipients of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. This is the sixth for the 154th Group, which earned its latest outstanding unit award for the period June 1, 1992 to May 30, 1994. The 201st is receiving its first, and long overdue, outstanding unit award for its work during the period Jan. 2, 1993 to July 31, 1994. The awards are well deserved recognition for all the hard work both groups have accomplished. The 201st recently completed its recent

Operational Readiness Inspection with an "excellent" rating. Another job well done.

I also want to congratulate all of those who participated in the Governor's parade inside Diamond Head Crater, Oct. 16. It was a first class parade and a solid demonstration of the HING's military professionalism. I know that Governor Waihee was pleased with the results.

On Nov. 15, we broke ground for the 154th Group Consolidated Support Facility. The groundbreaking for the \$9.1 million structure is our latest effort to improve facilities for our soldiers and airmen. We have begun construction on a total of four Hawaii National Guard facilities in the past four months; The \$8.67 million Forward Air Control Point facility at Barking Sands on Kauai, the \$3.3 million Composite Vehicle Maintenance/Aerospace Ground Equipment facility and the \$1.05 million Kaunakakai Armory on Molokai, in addition to the Consolidated Support Facility.

This has been a particularly momentous year for the Hawaii National Guard, one that will be capped off with the 154th Group deployment to Incirlik,

Air Base, Turkey, for Operation Provide Comfort II.

I am proud that the 154th Group was selected for this mission, which is not just important to the HIANG but to the entire Air National Guard. The group's participation in Provide Comfort II demonstrates the HIANG's capability of deploying anywhere in the world. This will be a complex deployment, transporting a total of eight F-15s from the HIANG and 159th Group in Louisiana, spare parts and support personnel half way around the world to Turkey. The 154th Group is well trained and fully capable of handling the mission of patrolling the no-fly zone in northern Iraq.

The active duty Air Force has been patrolling the no-fly zones of Iraq since the end of the



1st Lt. Charles J. Anthony

GUARD TOUR -- Deborah R. Lee, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs returns from a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter tour of Hawaii National Guard facilities with Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general, and staff members Oct. 2. The Secretary was given briefings on the Guard's capabilities as well as the aerial tour.

Gulf War, and relief is needed for units that have been pulling extended tours of duty. With the downsizing of the U.S. military, the Pentagon is placing a greater reliance on the Guard for missions such as Provide Comfort II. This is another opportunity for the Guard to work side-by-side with our active duty counterparts.

Deploying to Turkey means that our personnel will spend time away from their families

during the Christmas and New Year holidays. I want to thank all of the HIANG families for their understanding and support of this important tasking. The understanding of the employers of our drill-status personnel, who must take time off from their civilian jobs, is also greatly appreciated.

I am grateful to our deploying personnel for the contribution they are making to our state and country.

Departmental news

HIANG has its first female pilot

Upon graduation, 2nd Lt. Heidi Kunichika became the Hawaii Air National Guard's first female pilot. She graduated from Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., Sept. 28, and is now training to fly KC-135s.

As the HIANG's first female pilot, Kunichika can be considered a celebrity of sorts. She hasn't let it get to her head, although she knows that she is a role model, showing that opportunities in the cockpit are available to women. She is grateful that her peers haven't treated her differently.

She said she feels like any other pilot in training. "I don't think that I should be treated differently from anyone else, and at school I wasn't."

Kunichika was back in Hawaii for just a short break before leaving Oct.

9 for four months of KC-135 training at Castle AFB, Ca. and Altus AFB, Okla. After survival school, which will last several weeks, she's planning to rejoin the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron as a drill-status pilot in April.

Kunichika credits her father, retired Col. Ritchie Kunichika formerly with the HIANG, with first getting her interested in aviation.

2nd Lt. Kunichika said she would eventually like to fly for one of the major airlines.

154th Group reorganized

The 154th Group has been reorganized into four major divisions and the following unit redesignations:

- HQ, 154th Operations Group:
- 199th Fighter Squadron
- 203rd Air Refueling Squadron
- 204th Airlift Squadron

- 154th Operations Support Flight
- 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron
- 150th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron
- 154th Aircraft Control Squadron
- 154th Logistics Group:
- 154th Maintenance Squadron (Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron)
- 203rd Maintenance Squadron
- 204th Maintenance Squadron
- 154th Logistics Squadron (Resource Management Squadron)
- 154th Logistics Flight
- 154th Support Group:
- 154th Engineer Squadron (Engineering Squadron)
- 154th Service Flight
- 154th Security Police Squadron (Security Police Flight)
- 154th Communications Flight (Mission Support Flight)
- 154th Mission Support Flight (Mission Support Squadron)
- 154th Medical Squadron (Tactical Hospital)

Thrift Savings open season

Federal civil service employees interested in the Thrift Savings Plan will have the opportunity during open season from Nov. 15 to Jan. 31, 1995.

For additional information, federal employees should contact the Human Resources Management Office at 737-4323.

Air Force phases out uniform items

The Air Force has phased out the blue formal dress head gear, woman's blue beret and maternity smock.

Women have the option of wearing their service cap or flight cap in lieu of the beret, and the maternity blouse with or without the maternity jacket instead of the smock.

Oct. 1 was the last day Air Force members could wear the olive drab green t-shirt. They can wear

the brown t-shirt or, where authorized, the black t-shirt.

Consult the Air Force

Instruction 36-2903, dress and personal appearance of personnel, for additional information.



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Youth Challenge Program

Opening and dedication held at Waimanalo facility

By 1st Lt. Steve Lai and PA Staff

Expectations were high and anticipation filled the air as 47 teenagers from all walks of life hauled their suitcases, bags, and assorted belongings to the secluded grounds of the Hawaii Military Academy, Waimanalo, Sept. 27, to begin a new lifestyle as corpsmembers in Phase I of the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Program.

The two-phase program is Hawaii's first military-oriented project designed to train and equip high school drop-outs, ages 16-18, with the tools necessary to earn their General Education Diploma (GED), Competency Based High School Diploma Program (CB), or mainstream back into their high school by learning military discipline, life-coping, and other important skills in a regulated environment.

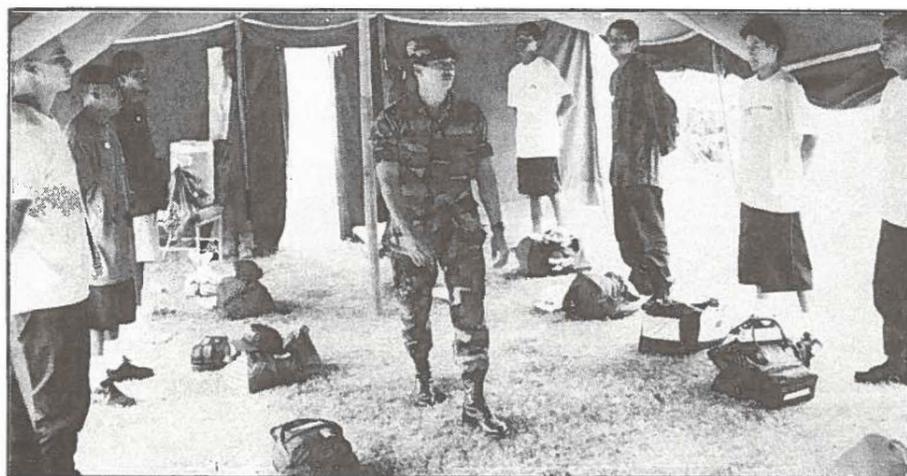
The Guard works hand in hand with the Department of Education to help ensure the success of the program.

The parents and families of the corpsmembers were on hand to see the facility for themselves and learn what would be in store for their sons and daughters for the next 17 months.

"The discipline here is what I need to get a good job and be successful in life," said Fabrene "Breney" Kalili, 17, of Kaneohe.

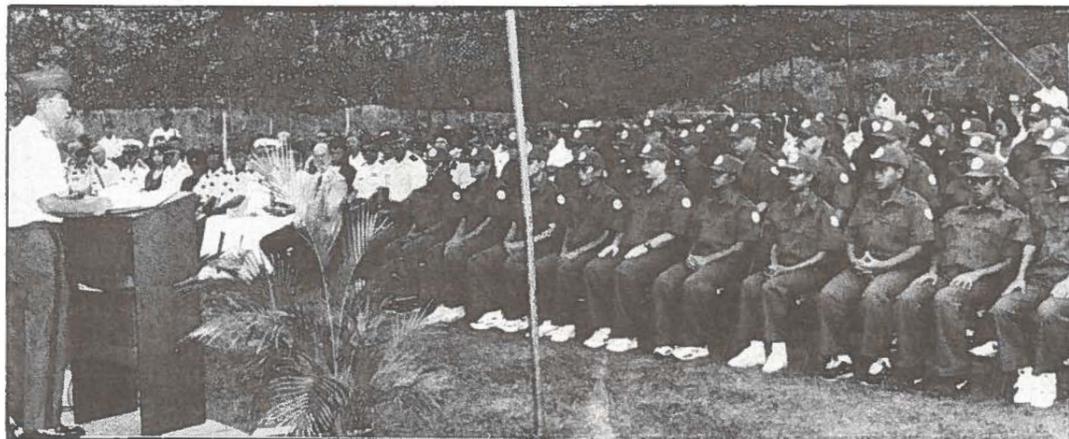
There were hugs, handshakes, and tears as friends and relatives bid farewell to their loved ones. All were aware that this was the start of a five-month journey designed to change the lives of youths who were unable to graduate from a traditional high school.

A dedication for the first session was held at the facilities on Bellows Air Force Station, Oct. 22. Parents were able to see the progress the corpsmembers had made in just a short period of time. Corpsmembers im-



PLAYING BY THE RULES -- Sgt. Francis S. Taua, a squad leader with the National Guard Youth Challenge Program, instructs a group of corpsmembers who arrived Sept. 27 to participate in the first phase of the program. Corpsmembers are given the opportunity to turn in any unauthorized items at the amnesty tent before their personnel baggage is inspected.

LIFE'S CHALLENGING--Hawaii National Guard's Youth Challenge Program corpsmember class of 1995, listen to retired Col. James Y. Iha, program director, during a dedication ceremony at the Hawaii Military Academy, Bellows Air Force Station, Oct. 22.



pressed not only their families, who had gathered for the dedication, but officials from the National Guard Bureau (NGB) as well.

Youth Challenge was first conceived by Dan Donohue, Chief of Public Affairs at NGB. He encouraged the corpsmembers to stick with the tough five-month long residency phase. "Look in the mirror and if you can say 'I have done the best I could do. I have given it everything I've got,' whether you have failed or succeeded, you have been true to yourself, and that is what's important in life," said Donohue.

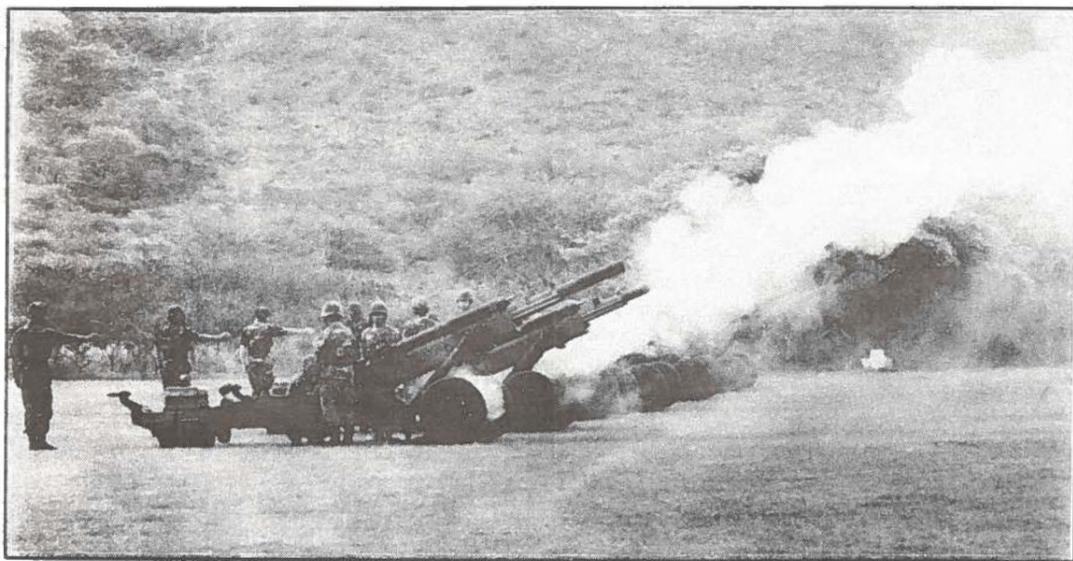
Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state adjutant general, commended those who contributed to the program and extended his congratulations to the corpsmembers. "These young men and women have taken a giant step towards making themselves better citizens of our state and country. I applaud their efforts and the efforts of their families for their support," said Richardson.

Graduation for the first class is scheduled for Feb. 26, 1995. That will be followed by a 12-month post-residential phase. During Phase II, the

corpsmember is paired with a member of the Guard or community who will act as a mentor, providing assistance and advice to his/her corpsmember seeking enrollment in college or full-time employment. The mentor will also oversee the expenditure of a \$2,200 stipend each corpsmember will receive for educational or job training expenses.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor or if you want additional information about the Youth Challenge program, please call 1st Lt. Steve Lai, recruitment/placement coordinator, at 259-5091 or 259-7359.

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HONORS TO THE CHIEF -- Battery C, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery, fires a 19-gun salute with 105mm howitzers honoring Gov. John Waihee at a military review held, Oct. 16, in Diamond Head Crater.

INSPECTING THE TROOPS (right) -- Gov. John Waihee, Hawaii National Guard commander in chief, joined by Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the host commander and adjutant general, and Col. Edward L. Correa Jr., commander of troops and 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) commander, return to the reviewing stand after inspecting the troops.



Photos by the soldiers and airmen of the Hawaii National Guard's 117th Public Affairs Team and 154th Communications Squadron

State Civil Defense



Nancy S. Chappell

Tsunami alert tests State's readiness

Gov. John Waihee, Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state adjutant general and director of State Civil Defense and Roy C. Price Sr., vice director of State Civil Defense, observe television monitors during a tsunami alert, Oct. 4. An earthquake in Japan generated the tsunami, which did not cause any damage. Several Hawaii National Guard members were placed on alert in case the outcome had been otherwise.

Homegrown hurricane hunters keep Guard ready

By Stephen M. Lum

"Be prepared" is not only a motto of the Boy Scouts, it's also one for the Hawaii National Guard.

The Hawaii Guard stays prepared during the hurricane season with its own hurricane watchers, the 199th Weather Flight.

More than a dozen hurricanes have been tracked this year, already exceeding the previous record.

Thirteen Hawaii Air National Guard officers and airmen from the 199th provide meteorological support to the Guard, primarily the Army Guard's 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate). The flight is one of 33 Air Guard weather units attached to Army Guard units nationwide. When deployed, services include continuous, 24-hour staff weather services, forecasting, observing and climatological support.

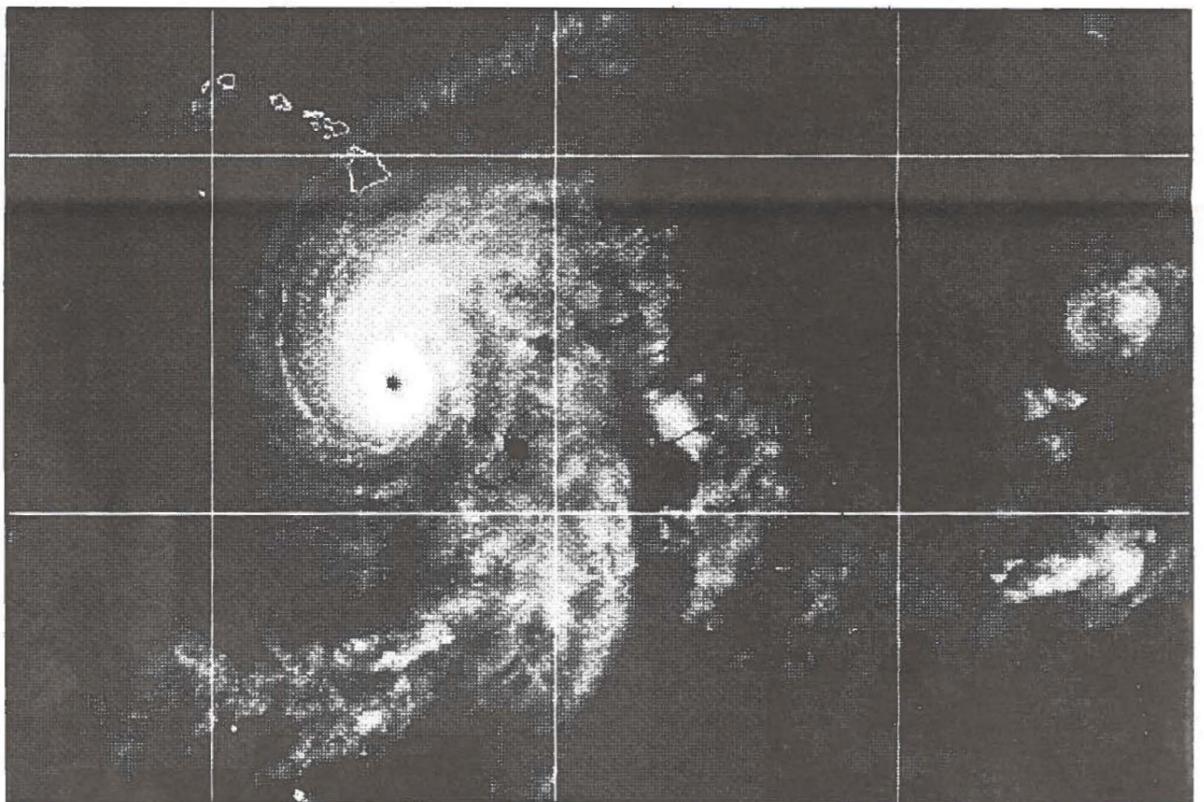
During Annual Training '94, the Weather Flight deployed with brigade soldiers to the Big Island of Hawaii's Pohakuloa Training Area and Camp Rilea, Ore.

While at Pohakuloa, the meteorologists continued their brigade mission. In addition, at the request of the Hawaii Army Guard's Plans, Operations, and Military Support Office (POMSO-G3), with the concurrence of Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general, the weather unit provided twice-daily hurricane forecasts. The hurricane reconnaissance team, which included 1st Lt. Antonio Querubin, Master Sgts. Peter D. Spurlin and Myles Nonaka, Tech. Sgt. Alan Tanji, Staff Sgt. Larry Gray, and Senior Airman Robert Bohlin Jr., tracked the paths of super hurricanes Emilia and Gilma from their PTA-based station. The team faxed their forecasts to the Hawaii Guard Diamond Head headquarters.

The 199th forecasts the *worst case scenario*. Being prepared for the worst case keeps the Hawaii Guard in a state of readiness most appropriate for an impending disaster.

The 199th Weather Flight enters and downloads weather information to joint, worldwide meteorological networks, including the National Weather Service, Air Force's Air Weather Service, Naval Western Oceanography Center, and World Meteorological Organization.

The weather services track hurricane effects



199th Weather Flight computer generated graphic

This map, produced by the 199th Weather Flight, shows the location of Super Hurricane Emilia and its position relative to Hawaii. The picture was taken by a hurricane reconnaissance team on July 20, 1994. Emilia was one of the many hurricanes tracked by the flight this year. Although many storms threatened the islands this hurricane season, none came close enough to cause any damage. Hurricane Iniki was the last and costliest storm to touch shore on the Hawaiian Islands.

with land masses computer module. The 199th combines land mass data, along with the Navy's tracking of the hurricanes over water, to make forecasts for Hawaii, which is surrounded by water.

The weather conditions affect the military in different ways and so they tailor their responses accordingly. Based on these forecasts, a variety of preparations can be made. Some aircraft can fly above the storm, while some ships may need to go out to sea the ride out the storm. On land, homes and work places need to be secured and/or evacuated.

The meteorological unit, co-located with the Army Guard's aviation unit at Wheeler Army Airfield, has one full-time position. Spurlin provides

the day-to-day administrative support for the Weather Flight and, when requested, he provides the Hawaii National Guard staff with weather forecast.

Spurlin says the dedicated drill-status members always call whenever the weather changes to see if they can be of assistance. Contingency plans are being drafted to activate key members of the flight at designated times to relieve the one-member full-time staff.

Nonaka, a former active duty C-130 hurricane hunter, flies in for drill at his own expense.

"That's dedication. The unit members stay with the unit without regard to rank or pay," said Spurlin, "they just enjoy doing weather."

Hawaii Air National Guard



Brig. Gen. David M. Rodrigues
Commander, HIANG

These last several months have seemed to be especially busy months for us in the HIANG. I'm not sure I can really put my finger on what makes me feel that way particularly with all the change going on around us. But let's reflect for several minutes to look back at all the activity around us.

The 154th Group continues to be a beehive of on-going activity. We have downsized the Fighter Squadron, we have robusted the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron and are standing up the 204th Airlift Squadron. The objective group reorganized continues as we have just gone through the federal recognition process for several new units within the group and must now get used to the new unit designations. We have recently named the new subordinate group commanders at the 154th. Our congratulations go out to

Lt. Cols. Michael J. Melich and Peter Pawling. Lt. Col. Walter Kaneakua has been named the new vice commander of the 154th Group. It will take several months before all of these people have fully assumed their new responsibilities but the leadership of the 154th Group is beginning to take shape. And while all of this activity is going on at the 154th Group, many of their people are preparing to take part in the Provide Comfort deployment in early December.

The 201st Combat Communications Group has recently concluded their first operational readiness inspection under the Pacific Air Forces inspector general. By the time this article goes to press, we will have the final results of this inspection. However, early indications are that the 201st has done well on their inspection with just a few minor glitches. Our hats go off to Col. Jeffrey Okazaki and the men and women of the 201st for all their hard work.

Over the last several months, I have had the privilege of attending the annual awards banquet for the 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (CAMS) and the 292nd Combat Communications Squadron on Maui. This was the last 154th CAMS banquet because under the reorganized group their unit will be redesignated. The celebration on Maui was especially nostalgic for me as I was the

first commander of that unit in the late '70s. I was especially impressed by their all female color guard. My congratulations to all the men and women that were recognized for their outstanding contributions at both these banquets.

Gen. Merrill McPeak recently retired as the Chief of Staff of the Air Force. He was a special friend of the HIANG having served as the PACAF commander prior to being named chief of staff. Gen. Ronald R. Fogelman has recently replaced McPeak. I had the privilege of meeting him last March at Scott Air Force Base where he served as Air Mobility Command commander. I was impressed with Fogelman's knowledge and respect for the ANG. He impressed me as a friend of the Guard.

Shortly we will have the annual HIANG awards banquet. With all the activity of the past year, I look forward to recognizing our men and women for their outstanding accomplishments during the past year.



Staff Sgt. Delmar Galacinao

NEW FIGHTER SQUADRON COMMANDER--(L to R) Col. Michael H. Tice, 154th Group commander, receives the colors from Lt. Col. Alan M. Robinson, who will become the Operations Support Flight commander, prior to passing them to Lt. Col. Geoffrey Avery (far right), the new commander of the 199th Fighter Squadron. Avery flies full-time for Hawaiian Airlines.

On Dec. 5, we will inaugurate a new governor. The new leadership of the state government will obviously bring about change for all citizens of Hawaii.

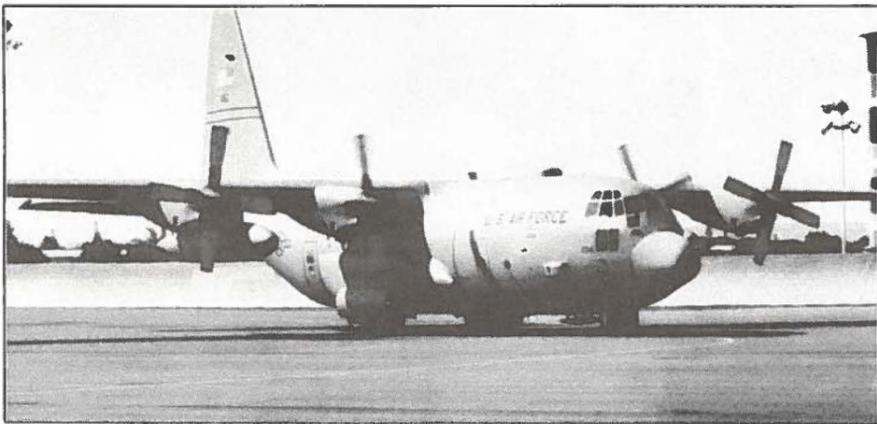
The recently concluded elections have signaled a major change in the national political sense. While it is too early to tell, I think that we in the Guard will be okay. In fact, it is entirely plausible that the new Congress may decide to increase defense spending.

Shortly, the holiday season will be upon us. It is time for reflection, to spend time with family and close friends, time to

take stock of our lives and do a reality check. It is a time to get back to basic values and make sure that our individual lives are on track.

To the men and women of the Hawaii Air National Guard, I want to extend my sincerest appreciation to each and every one of you for the hard work, long hours, and constant change that you have endured during 1994. Words can not express how proud I am of each of you for your dedication to your unit, your state and your country. Thank you for all your contributions during this past year. I look forward to a very productive 1995.

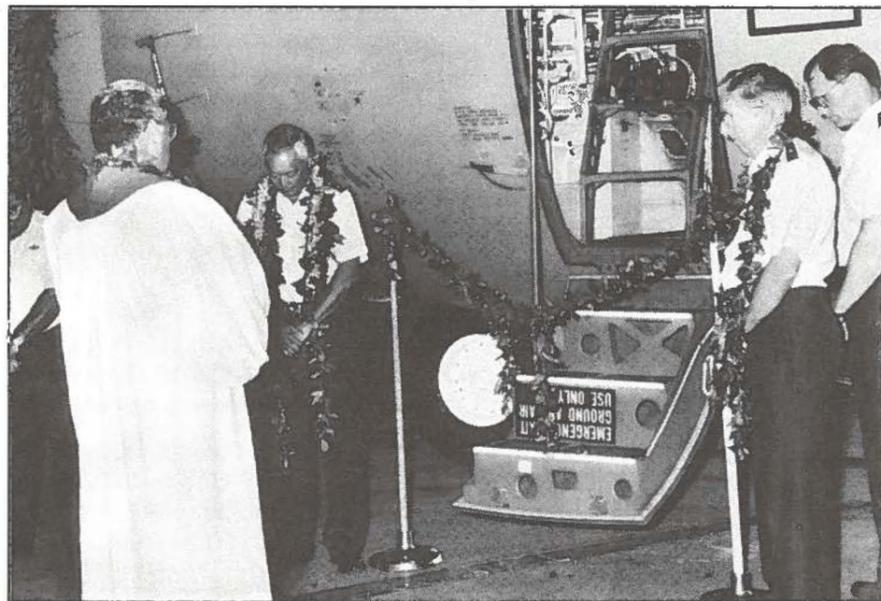
New C-130H-3 Hercules transports blessed



Hawaii Air National Guard photo

HOME TO ROOST-- (Above) Hawaii Air National Guard's new C-130H-3 Hercules transport as it arrives at Hickam AFB, Sept. 10.

BLESSING OUR NEW BIRD -- (Left to right) Lt. Col. Edwin Miyahira; Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state adjutant general; Brig. Gen. David M. Rodrigues, Hawaii Air National Guard commander; and Col. Michael H. Tice, 154th Group commander, bow their heads as the Rev. Kaupu, of Kamehameha Schools, blesses the HIANG's new C-130H-3 Hercules transport, Sept. 11.



By 1st Lt. Charles J. Anthony

The first of the new Hawaii Air National Guard C-130H-3 Hercules transports was blessed at Hickam Air Force Base, Sept. 11. At the time of the ceremony, the C-130H-3 had logged only 23 flight hours.

The 204th Airlift Squadron (204th AS) now has two new C-130H-3s and two slightly older model C-130Hs in place. The two C-130H-3s are the first aircraft the Hawaii Air National Guard has ever received directly off the production line. The Hawaii Guard received the aircraft from Lockheed Corporation's factory in Marietta, Ga.

The C-130H-3 represents the most technologically advanced model of the Hercules series which has been in production since 1955. Although similar in appearance to the older models, the C-130H-3 is a significantly advanced version with state-of-the-art avionics, and increased range, payload and reliability.

Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general, told those gathered

for the blessing ceremony that the airlift squadron will be very important to the success of the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) as one of 15 Enhanced Readiness Brigades. "We need to move our troops between islands and between California and Oregon so they can train properly to maintain the high state of readiness that their new status requires," said Richardson. "We are also willing and ready to assist active forces, especially the 25th Infantry Division (Light) and the First Marine Expeditionary Brigade in getting them to Pohakuloa Training Area and back and assisting them with their paradrop training requirements."

Richardson also said the airlift squadron will be able to fulfill humanitarian requirements and react immediately following a natural disaster either in Hawaii or elsewhere in the Pacific region.

Hawaii Army National Guard



Brig. Gen. Eugene S. Imai
Commander, HIARNG

Let me take this opportunity to bid a fond farewell to a true soldier and friend, Brig. Gen. Bernard M. Watson. General Watson, former commander of the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate), transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve Control Group Sept. 1, after serving for over 28 years in the active Army, the Army Reserve, and the Hawaii Army National Guard.

Watson has served his community, his state, and his country in a truly exemplary manner, having served in combat in Vietnam and in a variety of com-

mand positions in the Hawaii Army National Guard, culminating in his last assignment as commanding general of the brigade. He is a well-decorated soldier, having received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Master Aviator Badge, and numerous other medals and ribbons.

During his tenure as commander of the 29th, Watson focused on improving the readiness of the soldiers and leaders for both their state and federal missions. The brigade was tested in September 1992 as Hurricane Iniki devastated Kauai with winds in excess of 160 miles per hour. Within hours of the passing of Iniki, elements of the 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry landed on Kauai and immediately assisted the mayor and police department in restoring order. During the following two months, other units and members of the Brigade provided outstanding assistance to the people of Kauai. The HIARNG, with

the 29th leading the way, showed the people of Hawaii that we were there when they most needed us. Watson also focused on junior leader training, feeling that the key to an effective organization rests with the junior leaders.

These actions resulted in improved readiness of the Brigade. The accomplishments of the Brigade during General Watson's command were many; however, the commitment to meeting and exceeding standards will perhaps be the enduring legacy of General Watson.

Softball Tournament

Congratulations to the members of the 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (Team A), softball team. This team, captained by Jerry Pahukula Jr., won the HIARNG softball tournament on Aug. 28 at the softball complex on Hickam Air Force Base. Congratulations to the other teams which placed:

Second Place-- 1st Battalion 193rd Aviation, team captain, Gary Hara.

Third Place -- 29th Support Battalion (Team A), team

captain, Regan Nishimura.

Fourth Place -- 297th Supply and Services Battalion, team captain, Nathan Kahlbaum.

Fifth Place -- 29th Support Battalion (Team B), team captain, Ricky Miyashiro.

Congratulations also to the teams from HQ STARC, USPFO, 487th Field Artillery Battalion (Team B), 227th Engineer Company, and Troop E. These teams showed terrific spirit, ability and teamwork, and the presence of their family support organizations really added to the festive mood during the tournament.

The 487th went on to win the National Guard (HING) State Softball Tournament on Sept. 23-25. The 487th team had been the "bridesmaid" for four straight years, coming in second in each of those statewide tournaments, and it was good to see them win the big one. Congratulations of all the teams!

Officer Candidate School Graduation

I was honored to be the

keynote speaker at the Graduation of the latest Officer's Candidate School class out of the Hawaii Military Academy this past month. I was particularly pleased to have been asked, as I had the opportunity to observe this class during their training at the Hawaii Military Academy as well as during the consolidated OCS training at Fort Lewis this past July. The quality of our candidates and of the training they received at HMA became obvious when I spoke to the cadre at Fort Lewis. Our candidates clearly stood above the rest in terms of preparation and overall quality. I look forward to working with them as they join the family of leaders in the HIARNG.

154th Group: Operation Provide Comfort II

Good luck and best wishes to the airmen of the 154th Group, Hawaii Air National Guard who will be deploying in December to the Iraqi area of operations to participate in Provide Comfort II. They have shown time after time that they are the best in what they do, and I know they will perform in an outstanding manner. We look forward to welcoming them all back in January.

New Hawaii Army Guard unit commanders on board

Staff Sgt. Stephen M. Lum and Spc. Jonathan M. Shlroma

The Hawaii Army National Guard is undergoing a number of leadership changes this year with two major commands and infantry battalions changing hands within the last three months.

Brig. Gen. Eugene S. Imai, Hawaii Army Guard commander, presided over change of command ceremonies in September. Col. Dennis A. Kamimura took charge of Troop Command from Col. Edward L. Correa Jr. at the headquarters in Waiawa, Sept. 10. Correa then accepted the command of the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) from Brig. Gen. Bernard S. Watson, at the brigade head-

quarters at Fort Ruger, Sept. 11.

Kamimura is the head of the City and County's motor vehicle and licensing division. His previous assignments included command of the 1st Battalion, 193rd Aviation, and the 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery.

Correa's most recent assignment was deputy commander of the Hawaii Army Guard, which he held concurrently with his position at



Daligdig

Troop Command.

The new brigade commander then handed over the unit colors to new infantry battalion commanders in October and November.

Newly promoted Lt. Col.

Theodore Daligdig became 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry's new commander at battalion headquarters in Wailuku, Maui, Oct. 1. He took command from Lt. Col. Walter A. Sullivan Jr. who joined the brigade as a civil affairs officer staff. Daligdig serves as the full-time administrator of the Kauai Guard units. Sullivan works full-time as a mobilization plans officer at Schofield Barracks.

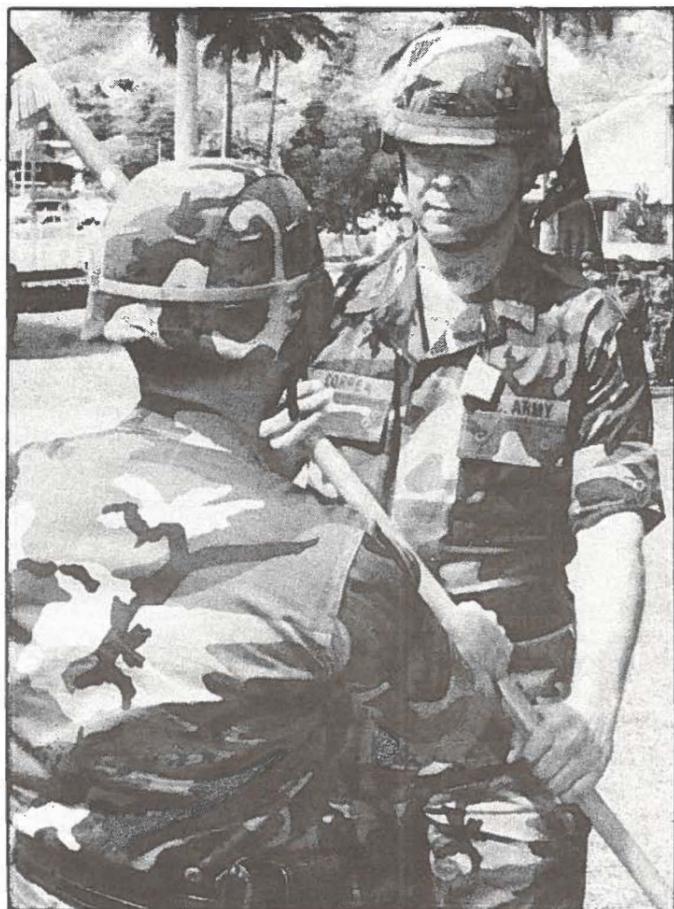
Lt. Col. Vern T. Miyagi took charge of the Big Island of Hawaii's 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, from Lt. Col. Wayne T. Nishijima, at cer-



Miyagi

emonies held at Wheeler Army Airfield flightline, Nov. 6.

Miyagi serves full-time as the Hawaii Army Guard's



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha

TAKING COMMAND -- Col. Edward L. Correa Jr. receives the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) colors from Brig. Gen. Eugene S. Imai, Hawaii Army National Guard commander, Sept. 11.

Plans, Operations, and Military Support Officer (POMSO-G3). Nishijima, commander of the battalion since

Aug. 1991, works as plant pathologist at the University of Hawaii's Hilo campus.



Kamimura

Hawaii Guard Families

Hui Laulima:

Family of helping hands



Laura L.R. Jones
State Family Program Coordinator

Conference notes

The 1994 Hawaii National Guard Family program conference kicked off Sept. 24 amid peals of laughter and strains of America the Beautiful. The laughter arose from the 195 family program volunteers, unit commanders, and unit Family Support Group (FSG) members in attendance as they worked with their tablemates to escape from a "dungeon" they were trapped in as part of a team building exercise. A few minutes later all joined in the singing when Rose Baysa, state team representative for Oahu, concluded the Family Support Group slide show.

Adjutant General addresses changes

Team building, volunteer recognition, education, and renewal were the primary goals of this conference as made clear by State Volunteer Representative Cheri Mandaquit in her opening remarks. Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state adjutant general, reiterated the goals and gave the families and guard members present an update on the world defense picture and the gains and reorganization occurring in the Air and Army Guard.

"All of the changes, even the positive ones have produced some uncertainty, but we are emerging from this period of transition in very good shape. We have been able to take care of our own by allowing some members who would have been displaced to retrain with other units. It is important that we change with the times or else fall

by the wayside," said Richardson.

He also thanked and encouraged Family Support Group volunteers.

"All of you are so important. By assisting military families at home, not only are you increasing family wellness, you are helping to improve a soldier's or airman's job performance. Family readiness is as important as military readiness."

'93 issues reviewed

With this new outlook on life, we got down to business with a report back on '93 issues by the State Family Program Coordinator. The concerns that were brought up in last year's FSG conference were addressed in two ways: what has been done towards the concern, and goals for that concern.

Communication steps taken

One of the concerns from last year's conference was lack of communication between different levels of the Family Program structure. Since the '93 conference, steps have been taken to alleviate this concern such as: a regular Family column in the *Pupukahi*, a computer system for Family Program Office with a publishing program available for any FSG's use, newsletter training at the '94 conference, and a second phone line with a toll free number for neighbor islanders to call the Family Program Office (1-800-732-6964) (On Oahu one should still use 732-1823). A two line answering machine will cover these numbers as well as the Family Program Coordinator. Goals for continual improvement of this concern are a State Family Newsletter, a FSG bulletin board at every unit, a laptop computer with E-mail for every Island Representative, and to publish the new HING FSG Handbook.

Child Care

Another concern ad-



dressed during this session was child care availability during FSG functions.

All military child care facilities in the State were surveyed for Guard eligibility and alternative means researched. Goals are to select a volunteer child care coordinator and inform and train all FSGs on their child care options.

Fundraising guidance was a concern last year. In response to this concern fundraising training was provided at the '94 conference and the initial plan is laid to make our Guard Family Program an Official State Volunteer Program. Moving under the state umbrella will help clarify our fundraising stance. The completion and approval of this plan is a goal for this year.

Family Assistance Center

The need for Family Assistance Center (FAC) training was also a concern for the '93 conference. Since that conference, key Family Program volunteers and staff have participated in two disaster exercises, a complete FAC publication library has been ordered and received, and FAC

training was provided at the '94 HING FSG Conference. Goals are to set up a model FAC and hold joint training with Air and Army FSG volunteers, retirees and retention staff.

Unexpected delights

With the business session complete, the conferees were treated to some "Unexpected delights" in the form of a fine farewell to our long-time HING Family Program point of contact, Capt. Randy Tom, who will be doing a four year tour at the National Guard Bureau. We will miss you Capt. Tom! On a more cheerful note, thanks to all the FSGs who sent in pictures for the slide show. We had a full view of FSG activities across the state. Thanks for the dynamic narration of Mrs. Bobbie Agena, creative production of Mrs. Marilyn Tolentino and the Public Affairs Office, and moving musical scored by Mrs. Rose Baysa and choir. Our last unexpected delight consisted of recognizing a hard-working, creative, and dedicated group of people--our FSG Key Persons. Maj. Gen. Richardson and Cheri Mandaquit presented each of these Family Support Group leaders with the "key to the National Guard." It is the volunteer spirit and leadership of these individuals that makes up the heart of the Hawaii

National Guard Family Program. They bring the family together.

Group displays

Many motivated family Support Groups volunteered to set up displays in the lobby, sharing with others their ideas and activities from the past year. The conferees were able to browse through these booths during the breaks and after the luncheon.

Workshops

For session one in the afternoon there were three workshops. Conferees could choose the one that interested them the most. These workshops were: activities and fundraising, taught by Jo Anne Yamamoto (Oahu Rep.); effective newsletters, taught by Cheri Mandaquit (State Rep.); and Family Assistance Centers, taught by Family Program Coordinator 2nd Lt. Laura Jones and Sgt. Maj. Leighton Siu.

Youth Challenge

Session two found everyone together again for a real treat. Retired Col. James Iha, director of the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Program updated the conferees on the first class of this new program starting Sept. 27. He encouraged all Guard personnel and Family Support Group members to undertake the exciting and rewarding challenge of serving as a mentor to one of the youngsters in this program. The

guidance mentors can provide is necessary to ensure that these youths have a chance to succeed. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Steve C. Lai, recruitment/placement coordinator, on Oahu at 732-2341 or 732-2626.

Renewal seminar

The grand finale of our conference took place in the form of Steven Read, Family Program Coordinator for the California National Guard. He presented the renewal workshop: Rebuilding Personal and Professional Vitality. From writing your own personal creed to gaining control over your attitude, Steve illustrated how to renew your resources and manage events in your life so that instead of burning your candle at both ends until you melt away, you can use your flame to light other peoples candles.

We have hundreds of "bright candles" in the Hawaii National Guard family.

Many of them are the volunteers and Guard members who attended this family program conference, uniting and together learning how to keep their fire alive and spread it to others. Lighting somebody else's candle doesn't take away from your own light, but the more people you touch the further the light will reach. Hawaii National Guard Family, serving our State and Country.



FAMILY PORTRAIT -- Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson and his wife, Celia, are joined by Family Support group and Hawaii National Guard staff members on the steps of the Hilton Hawaii Village's Tapa Ballroom for the annual Guard family portrait, Sept. 24.

Sgt. Lance M. Kamisugi

