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## Calendar

**November 10, Friday**

Veterans Day, federal and state holiday.

**November 11, Saturday**

**Veterans Day Ceremonies**

• National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), 10 a.m.

• Korean-Vietnam Memorial, Korean War memorial service, 11 a.m., sponsored by 45th Infantry veterans.

• Veterans Day parade, Waikiki, sponsored by BRAVO, 12 noon.

• Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery (Kaneohe), 1:00 p.m.

• Stand down, Kapiolani Park, 3 p.m., BRAVO.

**November 23, Thursday**

Thanksgiving Day, federal and state holiday.

**December 25, Monday**

Christmas Day, federal and state holiday.

**January 1, Monday**

New Year's Day, federal and state holiday.

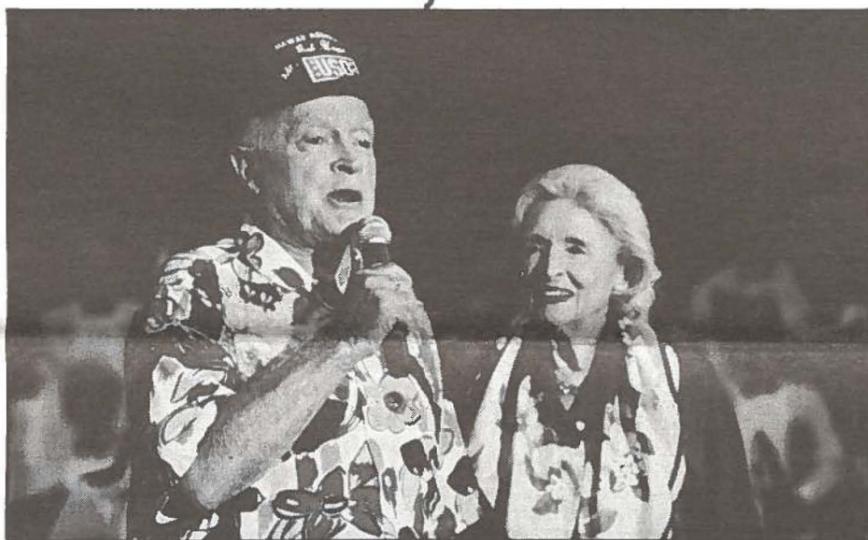
**January 7, Sunday**

Dedication of Molokai Armory, 9:30 a.m. Time and date is subject to change.

**January 13, Saturday**

Dedication of Regional Training Site-Maintenance building, Wahiawa Armory, 10 a.m. Time and date is

## WWII veterans, homefront volunteers honored



Tech. Sgt. Rodney Thornborg, California National Guard

**HOPES AND MEMORIES** - Bob "Mr. USO" Hope and his wife, Dolores, grace the stage of the Waikiki Shell at the Hawai'i Remembers concert which honored the veterans and homefront volunteers from World War II.

By Deborah M.S. Murray

The beat and rhythm of the 1940s was in full swing when the State of Hawaii took time to honor World War II veterans, Sept. 1, as well as those individuals who contributed to the war on the homefront.

For "Hawai'i Remembers" the Waikiki Shell was transformed into Hangar No. 1 where a USO show was staged complete with musicians, singers, actors, and a special guest appearance from legendary entertainer Bob Hope.

The Hawaii National Guard's 11th Army Band, directed by Chief Warrant Officer Gerald T. Nichols, headlined the show playing 40s stage music. Individuals who arrived at the performance early were entertained by strolling a capella groups: the Tiki Tones, Castaways and Tradewinds. The audience was also wowed by (VETERANS -- continues on page 5)

## 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry retires colors

By Capt. Curtis H. Matsushige and Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum

Maui-headquartered 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry, rolled up its colors for the last time at deactivation ceremonies held at Maui's War Memorial Football Stadium, Sept. 9.

On Oahu four more units encased their unit colors, Sept. 10, as the Hawaii Army National Guard's 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) reorganizes into its enhanced brigade configuration.

Brig. Gen. Eugene S. Imai, Hawaii Army Guard commander and Brig. Gen. Edward L. Correa Jr., brigade commander, oversaw the proceedings on both islands. Other participants gathered at the deactivation ceremonies included past and present commanders and soldiers, their families and friends. The 11th Army Band provided the ceremonial music.



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha

**COLORFUL ENDING** - 1st Battalion 299th Infantry, and its subordinate units, Companies A, B, C, and D, post their colors one last time during deactivation ceremonies held at the Maui War Memorial Football Stadium, Sept. 9.

### Battalion not forgotten

The brigade's 1st Battalion, whose units were on Kauai, Oahu, and Molokai, as well as Maui has a proud history which dates back to 1915. The 299th was called into federal service in 1918, 1940 and 1968. Battalion soldiers served in the central Pacific during World War II and in Vietnam, during these conflicts.

Most of the more than 300

soldiers from the 1st Battalion are being absorbed into the restructured Hilo-headquartered 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry or the 227th Engineer Company. The Molokai unit will be the 2nd Battalion's Headquarters Detachment 1.

Kauai's Company A will remain Alpha, but carry the 2nd Battalion lineage, with headquarters in Kapaa and a

detachment in Hanapepe.

Kona's Company B will have a detachment in Honokaa, while Maui will consolidate as Company C at the Kahului armory.

Wahiawa, Oahu's Company D will now carry the 2nd Battalion colors.

The battalion's Lt. Col. Theodore Daligdig III is the new commander of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) Detachment, Division-Rear Tactical Operations Cell.

### Four Oahu units deactivate

Former members from the 297th Supply and Service Battalion, 291st Maintenance Company, Troop E 19th Cavalry, and 129th Signal Detachment assisted in retiring the colors.

Retirees Command Sgt. Maj. Mitsuo Shito and 1st Sgt. Edgar Alexander joined Lt. Col. Kenneth Tenno, 297th commander, to retire the battalion and maintenance company colors.

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# Command notes



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

We have received a tremendous amount of positive feedback in the weeks since the 50th anniversary of World War II commemorative events held Sept. 1-3. Retired Pearl Harbor Shipyard workers and veterans have been calling to congratulate the State Department of Defense on a job well done. The governor's office has also received numerous letters thanking the state for putting on "Hawaii Remembers". Governor Cayetano was very pleased with the show and personally thanked the members of the 111th Army Band.

Retired 1st Sgt. Ron Bright, who served as master of ceremonies, and the Hawaii National Guard personnel, performed magnificently. The 111th Army Band, under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer Gerald Nichols, impressed

everyone who was fortunate enough to be at the Waikiki Shell that evening. HING personnel developed the program, built stage props, assisted with security and first aid, acted as escorts and ushers and took care of literally hundreds of details including the authentic WWII uniforms worn by the color guard and the sand bags and other props that added to the flavor of the evening.

"Hawaii Remembers" was one of the most memorable events for the men and women who served our country during WW II, but there were several other commemorative events in which the Hawaii Guard participated.

Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers were among the 8,000 Armed Forces personnel who marched in the Joint Services

Review at Wheeler Army Airfield on Sept. 1. F-15s from the Hawaii Air National Guard's 199th Fighter Squadron and CH-47s from the Army Guard's C Company, 193rd Aviation, performed aerial salutes during the Wheeler ceremony.

Later that day, all three types of Hawaii Air Guard aircraft participated in the Parade of Ships off Waikiki.

That afternoon, the National Guard Association of the U.S. dedicated its plaque to the men and women who have served in the Pacific Theater since 1898. Members of the 111th Army Band were on hand to perform the musical prelude, Hawaii Guard soldiers and airmen participated in the color guard and fired a three gun volley. The 199th Fighter Squadron flew the first of three missing man

formation flyovers at the NGAUS plaque dedication.

On Sept. 2, the HIANG F-15s flew the missing man flyover for the memorial service held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.

Also, HING personnel had the distinction of carrying the colors of many of the states that had adjutants general lay wreaths at Punchbowl. In fact, men and women of the HING served, very professionally, as escorts for the 26 adjutants general, throughout the weekend.

HING units marched in the Veterans Parade down Kala-kaua Avenue and HIANG F-15, KC-135 and C-130 aircraft flew in the aerial review. That evening, the F-15s performed the third, and final, missing man flyover of the weekend at

Hickam Air Force Base for the dedication of the Missing Man Memorial.

I want all of you to know that I am very proud of the soldiers and airmen of the Hawaii National Guard who helped make the commemorative events such a major success.

The past several months have been some of the busiest in Hawaii National Guard history. I want to thank all of the soldiers and airmen who participated in the 50th anniversary of WW II events as well as HIARNG annual training, Youth Challenge, Joint Task Force Prompt Return, and operations Deny Flight and Cor-net Nighthawk.

Problems relating to the State's efforts to balance the budget have caused us to reevaluate many programs at the State Department of Defense. We have been working hard to be more efficient, yet maintain our capability and tradition of excellence that we have been able to achieve. We have grown and developed a reputation as the best at what we do and will continue to be the best for Hawaii and the U.S., but we will have to do it with fewer State funds.

The last issue of pupukahi was published in April and we have delayed recent publication due to funding problems. However, in times of change, it is important to improve or increase communications with members of the organization. We intend to do that by ensuring timely publication from now on.



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha photo

**LET THE PARADE BEGIN --Peter T. Coleman, former governor of American Samoa, and Hawaii National Guard soldier during World War II, pulls the lanyard of the Hawaii Guard 105mm howitzer. The 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery gun fired to begin the Veterans Parade down the streets of Waikiki, Sept. 2**

# Departmental news

## Guard Bureau command to change

Maj. Gen. Russell C. Davis, commanding general, District of Columbia National Guard, has been approved as vice chief of the National Guard Bureau, Lt. Gen. Edward D. Baca, bureau chief, announced recently.

Maj. Gen. John R. D'Araujo Jr., Army National Guard director, has announced his intentions to retire in December and Brig. Gen. William A. Navas Jr., the Army Guard deputy has been nominated fill the position. Navas came to the Bureau from the Puerto Rico National Guard.

## State re-activates employee suggestion program

The A Commitment to Excellence (ACE) Innovations Program was re-activated by the State of

Hawaii, Sept. 18, in an effort to encourage employee suggestions to improve government services and processes.

The governor has appointed a nine member committee, comprised of individuals from the private sector, to assist in overseeing the program.

Employees will receive \$250 for "big" suggestions that are approved for implementation, which would apply to a substantial number of employees; and \$100 for "smaller" suggestions which would apply to a limited number of employees.

Executive Support Officer Jimmy Y. Toyama will coordinate the program for the State Department of Defense.

## Injuries caused by unauthorized boots

The U.S. Army an-

nounced that soldiers are only authorized to wear jungle boots that meet military specifications, in lieu of the regular issue boots or a similar commercial design.

"The proliferation of unauthorized substitutes for combat boots has shown that many soldiers waste money on these items, and some soldiers have risked or suffered injuries due to wearing them," according to an Army official.

The only jungle boots authorized for wear with uniforms are the Army green or the black jungle boots. The green jungle boots are no longer available for purchase; but, they will remain authorized as optional footwear until unserviceable. The black jungle boot (optional footwear), which replaces the green jungle boot, is available through the Army military clothing sales stores.

## New location for Hawaii Guard Insurance office

The National Guard Associations of Hawaii Life Insurance Program has a new office.

Its office is on 22nd Avenue (29th Infantry Brigade Building 302, Room 104).

For more information, call Kozen Kaneshiro, 739-1666.

## Carlson Wagonlit Travel replaces SATO

Carlson Wagonlit travel is providing airline ticketing services to the State Department of Defense. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The company is open during lunch and closed on federal holidays.

The office is located at Diamond Head Crater in the U.S. Property and Fiscal Office structure, Building 303.

For more information, call (808) 739-2746.



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## YCP starts third class, second at Barbers Point Naval Air Station

# Youth ChalleNGe Program graduates second class

By Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum

Since the Hawaii National Guard's Youth ChalleNGe Program started in Fall 1994 it has instilled a total of 98 corpsmembers with the values and resources needed to make positive changes in their lives.

Fifty-eight corpsmembers graduated from the Youth Challenge Program's Class 95-2, Aug. 19. They were the first class to graduate from the program since it moved to Barbers Point Naval Air Station.

The National Guard Bureau initiated program provides an opportunity for at-risk youth to gain the values, skills, education and self discipline needed to succeed as productive citizens.

Upon graduating from the first phase of the program, corpsmembers move directly to the second phase: job training/education.

### Barbers Point classes started

With their first class barely out the door, the Hawaii National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program staff packed and moved from Bellows Air Force Station in Waimanalo to Barbers Point Naval Air Station. In two weeks the staff set-up classrooms, living quarters, and administrative offices.

Seventy-seven teens, including nine from the neighbor islands, were enrolled in Class 95-2, March 18. The students were dormed in four-person rooms and attended classes in portable classrooms at the Barbers Point complex. Five months later the 58 corpsmembers graduated during a ceremony at Leeward Community College. The LCC auditorium was

**MARCHING ORDERS -- Hawaii's senior senator, U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye speaks to the second Youth ChalleNGe Program graduating class at Leeward Community College auditorium in August.**

filled to capacity with proud families and friends of the corpsmembers. Joining the corpsmembers on stage that day were U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye, U.S. Representative Neil S. Abercrombie, Lt. Gov. Mazie Hirono, Dan Donohue, National Guard Bureau Public Affairs Chief, Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state adjutant general and Brig. Gen. Myles M. Nakatsu, former deputy adjutant general.

The program graduates are currently in the job training or education phase, which is supervised by a mentor.

More than 100 youths showed up on day one of the third class which started on Sept. 12. More than 90 are presently enrolled at the Barbers Point facility. Graduation for Class 96-3 is scheduled next February.

### Job or school placement needed

"Our mission now is to place the graduates in jobs," said 1st Lt. Steve C. Lai, the program's recruitment, mentorship, and placement coordinator. The 16-year-olds are main-streamed back into the classroom, while the older graduates need jobs or enrollment in continuing education programs. The hotel and fumigation industry have opened opportunities for a few, also four former corpsmembers are considering joining the active military or the National Guard. "We are actively looking to place graduates in jobs or higher education programs," adds Lai. "We welcome present or future leads or offers, just call me at 684-5790."



## State Civil Defense

# Personal warning device being tested in Hawaii

By Barbara Hendrie

State Civil Defense

In field tests held here this spring, the portable personal warning device, "EARTH-ALERT," shows important promise for persons with special needs. Using a prototype unit, the tests proved the feasibility of link-up with the State of Hawaii outdoor siren warning system.

### Maryland-based company developed

Developed by Maryland-based Scientific Commercial Systems Corporation in cooperation with NASA, "EARTH-ALERT" broadcasts digital coded radio signals representing specific warnings and advisories. The unit can be programmed to meet the alerting needs of any community. This is good news for Hawaii, where alerts for high surf, tsunami and hurricanes, for

example, can be brought directly into any household equipped with a portable warning device. "EARTH-ALERT" is especially useful in households where automatic audible or visual methods are preferable to either outdoor sirens or radio and television emergency broadcasts.

### How EARTHALERT works

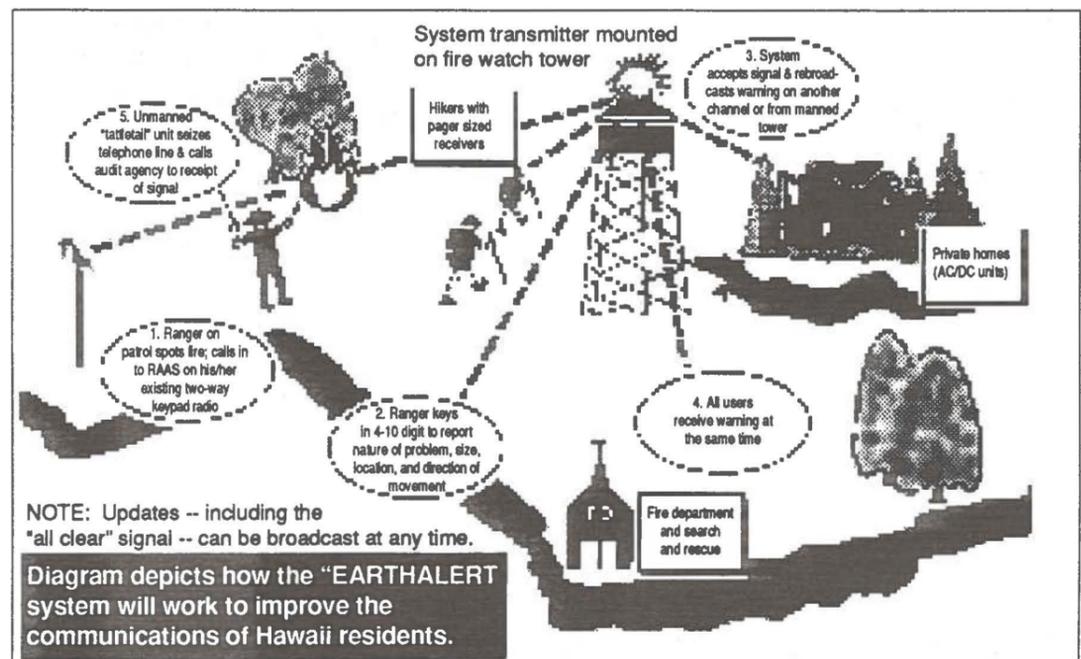
"EARTHALERT" is a portable radio activated alarm system consisting of a central transmitter plus handheld receivers. A variety of display alternatives can be programmed for a specific location or event. All transmissions use standard public service radio frequencies and are FCC compatible. A number of safety checks have been built into the system to ensure that all components are fully functional at all times. The system of-

fers silent testing to confirm operation during non emergency situations. Receivers are available as either battery operated portable units or electric units with battery backup.

More tests by the manufac-

turer are slated this summer to develop major future applications for "EARTHALERT." Field tests using the University of Hawaii-based PEACE-SAT satellite network will develop warning capability ties in with Pacific Island nations.

The product will be available to consumers in the near future. For more information, write Scientific & Commercial Systems Corporation, 6429 Virginia Manor Rd., Beltsville, MD 20705, or call (301) 210-0250.



# Combat Communications Group deploys on real world mission to Wake Island

By Sgt. James Young

Within 72 hours after being tasked by Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces, fourteen members from various Hawaii Air National Guard units from across the state of Hawaii were winging their way to Wake Island in support of Joint Task Force for Operation Prompt Return '95.

The task force's mission was to assist the U.S. State Department repatriating more than 130 Chinese Nationals who were discovered by the U.S. Coast Guard aboard a fishing vessel 960 Nautical miles from Honolulu.

The team consisted of ten members from the 201st Combat Communications Group, one member from the 154th Air Control Squadron, and three members from 15th Communications Squadron, active duty technical advisors attached to the 201st.

## Groups sets up satellite link

Their mission was to set-up 24 voice and data communications circuits within the task force area and provide for satellite communications from Wake Island to Honolulu.

For the members deploying to Wake, July 26, this was a "real" mission, not "just" training.

"We did not know what the situation was," said Senior Airman Timothy Acher of the 201st.

"We did not know if we were going to be sleeping in tents, if we were going to have hot meals or be eating MREs, or even what the site looked like," added Acher.

Within 24-hours after arriving on site, all systems were fully operational. The only major problem encountered was with the electrical power on Wake. Master Sgt. Herbert Honjo, an air control technician, was able to jury-rig an electrical system to power all of the equipment. The installation consisted of 20 telephone circuits that were connected to a field switchboard, an autovon telephone circuit and a message distribution center utilizing satellite communications capabilities.

"The installation went so quickly . . . everyone just clicked," said Staff Sgt. Brian Abrigo of the 201st Group.

"This is what we train for, deploying on short notice, adapting and learning to do things differently based on the location," Archer continued.

## Active duty advisor commends Hawaii Guard professionalism

"The members of the Hawaii Guard gave a good showing, had an excellent working relationship with the task force, and the U.S. Pacific Command staff on Wake Island was very impressed with their professionalism," said Master Sgt. Bruce McGilvery, an active duty advisor to the 201st.



Hawaii Air National Guard photo

**JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY -- Senior Airman Timothy Archer, electrical communications cryptographic equipment specialist from the 293rd Combat Communications Squadron, dials into the communications system on Wake Island.**

The task force also included elements from the 25th Infantry Division (Light), a medical team from Tripler Hospital, and members from the State Department. All task force members were required to be in uniform at all times. The U.S. Army contingent even marched to and from the dining facilities as a show of force to the illegal aliens.

The 201st was in the process of obtaining additional personnel for the deployment which was scheduled to last for ninety days. However, after two weeks, all of the Chinese Nationals were repatriated and the task force returned Aug. 9 and 10.

## Two sergeants recognized for expertise

Two members of the Communications Group received the Joint Service Achievement Medal for their actions on Wake. Staff Sgt. Joseph Gahan, a telephone equipment installer from the 291st Combat Communications Squadron and Staff Sgt. Charles Tomlinson, an electronics switching systems communications technician from the 292nd Combat Communications Squadron, distinguished themselves with their outstanding technical expertise in ensuring the timely activation of critical command and control communications systems.

## Fighters, refuelers and controllers participate in Ke Koa '95

The 199th Fighter Squadron, 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, and 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron participated in Ke Koa '95 (the warrior), a joint exercise involving air units from the aircraft carrier, USS Carl Vinson, Aug. 26-28.

Units from all the U.S. armed services and a Canadian warship took part in a Ke Koa '95, in and around the Hawaiian Islands. The exercise, conducted by the Commander, Anti-submarine Warfare

Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

The mission of the 199th Fighter Squadron F-15s was to simulate a multi-aircraft attack against the carrier taskforce. The aircraft included an active duty Air Force F-111, which were escorted by two 199th F-15s; ten F-15s to provide offensive combat air superiority, a U.S. Air Force Learjet used to "jam" the electronic signals, and two KC-135 Stratotankers from the 203rd.

The entire strike force departed

Honolulu in an northeast direction so as to "hide" the true number of aircraft involved in the raid. On the way to the predetermined launch point, all the fighters were topped off with fuel. At that time, the tankers turned north and established a race track holding pattern waiting for any of the stick aircraft that needed additional fuel following the attack.

The mission concluded prior to the end of war in the Pacific celebrations held in September.



Staff Sgt. Delmar F. Galicinao

**SISTER ACT III--(L to R) Hawaii Air National Guard's 2nd Lt. Jamie Jicha, 1st Lt. Stacey Harada, and 2nd Lt. Dana Harada.**

## Tuition waiver program helps Hawaii Air Guard sisters achieve educational goals

For three Hawaii Air National Guard sisters, education and Guard service go hand-in-hand. In April, 2nd Lt. Jamie Jicha, a health service administrator with the 154th Medical Squadron, became the third sister in her family to receive her commission. 1st Lt. Stacey Harada, a nurse with the 154th Medical Squadron, 2nd Lt. Dana Harada, an air weapons director with the 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squad-

ron, and Jicha, all completed their educations at the University of Hawaii, while in the enlisted ranks, through the tuition waiver program.

"I joined the Air Guard because of the tuition waiver program," said Dana. "But I stayed because of the people and because the Guard has been very good to me."

"The tuition waiver program is a very valuable recruiting tool," echoed Jamie. "For me, it has

led to a full career commitment in the Guard."

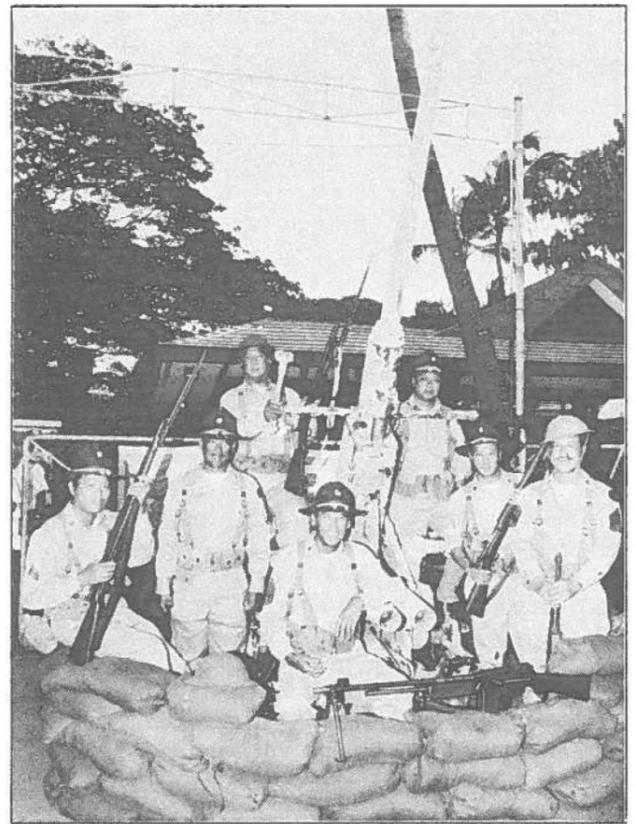
Stacey said she joined the Guard to "learn a new career field and to serve my country." The sisters emphasize that the tuition waiver was a very important factor in their decision to sign up. "Without the tuition waiver, I wouldn't be in the Guard," said Stacey, who is currently working on her master's degree at UH, with the help of the tuition waiver.

The 1995 State Legislature passed a bill which allows the University of Hawaii to retain collected tuition and which repeals all tuition waivers to include those granted to qualified Hawaii Guard members and dependents. UH officials said that all tuition waivers will remain in effect through the spring semester 1996. The UH Board of Regents will decide which tuition waivers will remain in effect beyond that date.



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha

**FORTIES FLASHBACK** - The formal program of Hawai'i Remembers begins with the presentation of colors and the Pledge of Allegiance featuring Gaylord Mercer, a.k.a. "Uncle Sam," Mia Evaimalo, and Hawaii National Guard color guard's Staff Sgt. William A. Rose, Sgt. 1st Class Aaron R. Pollick, Sgt. John Aquino, and Sgt. 1st Class Robert R. Zavala. World War II uniforms are on loan from Pollick's collection. He is a historian for the Hawaii National Guard.



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha

**DEJA VU** - Hawaii Historical Arms Association model their authentic World War II uniforms and weapons at the Waikiki Shell pre-show display.

**VETERANS** -- Continued from page 1

the Sounds of Aloha and the Honolulu Gleemen.

Excitement and the spirit of patriotism were in the air. Gaylord Mercer, a.k.a. "Uncle Sam," was even on hand to lead the Pledge of Allegiance with Mia Evaimalo. "Uncle Sam" was famous in the 40s for his military recruitment and war bond campaigns. Patriotic numbers such as Al Harrington performing his rendition of John Wayne's "America, and Why I Love Her" and the 111th Army Band Chorus' rendition of "Sea to Shining Sea" received standing ovations from the audience.

The show was hosted by Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano and sponsored by the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense, under the direction of Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson.

**Governor greets crowd**

"Today as we celebrate the end of the war . . . we all remember what a vital role the Pacific campaign in Hawaii played, as military training center, as a shipyard repairing damaged ships and as headquarters for top Pacific command," said Cayetano.

"It is fitting that our remembrance focuses on those who sacrificed their lives for the cause of peace. It is also fitting that we remember those who came home," Cayetano said when addressing the crowd of approximately 8,000 who attended the event.

**Mr. "USO" says hello**

The audience received a treat when Bob Hope and his wife, Dolores, were ushered on stage. He was dressed in a loud Aloha shirt with purple, red and yellow flowers.

"I hope you like this little thing," he said pointing to his shirt. "You should see the underwear, they're on fire."

Gov. Cayetano presented the performer with a collection of WWII collector's coins, while Lt. Gov.

Mazie Hirono placed a lei around his neck and kissed him on both cheeks.

Hope, 92, proved that he could still deliver one-liners. When the master of ceremonies, retired 1st Sgt. Ronald E. Bright, handed him another microphone, he quipped, "Does this one go to the same place."

Mrs. Hope gave the crowd an additional treat when she sang, "The more I see you."

**WWII vignettes presented**

The show honored wartime workers such as the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Workers, Hawaii National Guard veterans, the Women's Air Raid Defense Service, the soldiers of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team, USO workers, the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, and Girl and Boy Scouts of America.

Radio personality Frank B. Shaner was tapped to play the part of a Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Worker.

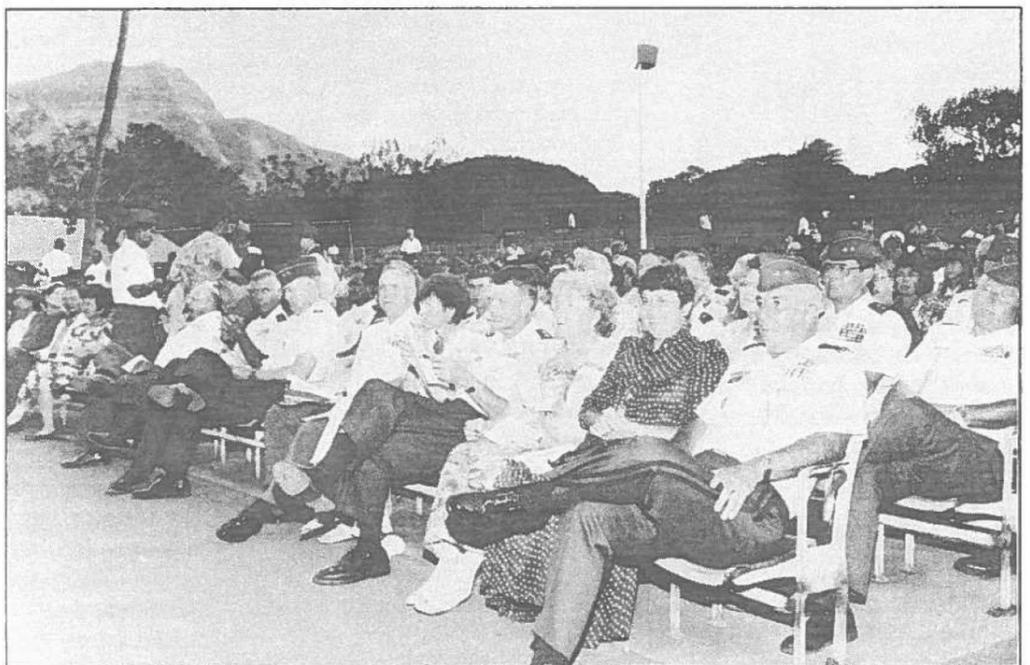
The audience was almost spellbound when Shaner, speaking in heavy local pidgin, gave the audience a historic overview of what it was like to work in the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard after the Dec. 7th bombing. Keoki Kerr, a reporter with KITV-Channel 4, portrayed a National Guard Veteran; Patricia Lei Murray, a former Miss Hawaii, played the part of a WARD; Ben Tamashiro, who is famous for his role as "Harry" in Bank of Hawaii commercials, recounted his personal experiences as a Nisei soldier in the 100th Battalion. Karen Meyer, a local actress, acted-out experiences common to many USO workers during the war years.

The evening concluded with "Let There be Peace on Earth" led by Ms. Murray and joined by the Hawaii Guard and guest choral groups. The audience also joined in song to complete the musical salute.



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha

**THE SHOW MUST GO ON** -- Members of the Hawaii National Guard's 111th Army Band show off their song and dance versatility with their rendition of "Sea to Shining Sea" at Hanger No. 1.



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha

**STARRY NIGHT** -- The stars of active and reserve flag officers filled the grounds of the Waikiki Shell prior the evening stars filling the clear Hawaiian skies. The officers were part of the more than 8,000 spectators enjoying the Hawai'i Remembers entertainment put on by the State of Hawaii Department of Defense.

# Hawaii Guard assists in end of the war in the Pacific activities

By Capt. Curtis H. Matsushige and Sgt. Frank Cho

## Joint Services Review held at Wheeler Army Airfield

Commander in Chief William J. Clinton inspected a formation of more than 7,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines during the Joint Services Review held at Wheeler Army Airfield, Sept. 1. This Friday morning event kicked off the celebrations and ceremonies commemorating the 50th anniversary of V-J day, the end of World War II.

The service members represented the U.S. military presence in Hawaii and the Pacific Theater.

Honored guests were Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano; Secretary of Defense William Perry; Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, Joint Chiefs of Staff chair; Adm. Richard A. Macke, commander in chief of U.S. forces in the Pacific; Lt. Gen. Edward Baca, chief of the National Guard Bureau; Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, Hawaii's adjutant general, along with adjutants general from 26 different states (who's units served in the South Pacific During WWII), numerous Medal of Honor recipients and thousands of veterans in attendance.

A special guest on the platform with the President was Bob Hope, affectionately known as Mr. USO.

About 15,000 veterans and spectators were entertained by the U.S. Coast Guard precision drill team and the Army's Golden Knights.

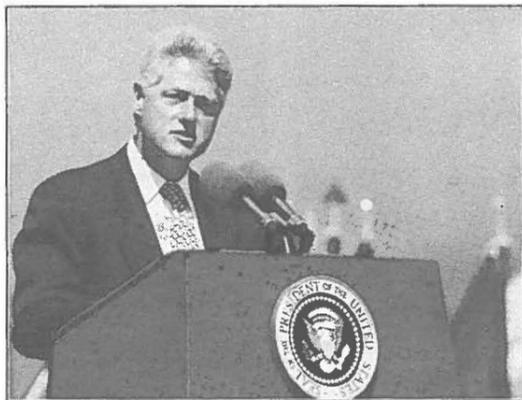
The official pass-in-review ceremony featured the president, accompanied by Adm. Macke, inspecting the troops in formation.

Hawaii National Guard units participation included the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate); Company C (Medium Lift), 1st Battalion, 193rd Aviation; Battery B, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery; 111th Army band, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry; and 199th Fighter Squadron.

Friday's activities concluded with the Hawaii Remembers concert, featuring the 111th Army Band, discussed on pages 1 and 5.

## Plaque and wreath laying ceremonies held at Punchbowl

The National Guard Association of the U.S. plaque



Staff Sgt. Rodney Thornburg, California National Guard  
**President William J. Clinton addresses the crowd at the Joint Services Review held at Wheeler Army Airfield, Sept. 1**

dedication ceremonies were conducted near the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl's Memorial Walk, Friday morning, Sept. 1.

Speakers at the NGAUS dedication included Secretary of the Army Togo D. West Jr., Lt. Gen. Baca, Maj. Gen. Richardson, and retired Maj. Gen. John L. France, NGAUS president. The quiet ceremonies were also attended by Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, Army chief of staff; Maj. Gen. John R. D'Araujo Jr., Army National Guard director; Brig. Gen. Paul A. Weaver Jr., Air National Guard deputy director, 26 state adjutants general, escort staff and veterans.

Assisting in the plaque dedication were the 111th Army Band, Hawaii National Guard colors guard, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) firing detail, and the 199th Fighter Squadron. The Hawaii Guard troops played ceremonial music and "Taps," presented the colors, fired 21-gun salute and flew a missing-man formation.

The National Memorial Service started after eighty-two wreaths were layed at the steps of Punchbowl, Sept. 2. Wreath laying was followed by remarks by Jesse Brown, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Gen. Shalikashvili; retired Gen. Louis H. Wilson, 26th Commandant of the Marine Corps; and the President's keynote address.

Missing-man formation flown by Hawaii Air National Guard F-15s preceded the retiring of colors to conclude the Punchbowl services.

## Missing man memorial dedicated at Hickam

Hickam Air Force Base's newly constructed Aloha 'Aina Park, featuring the missing man memorial, was dedicated before sunset, Sept. 2.

Secretary of Defense Wil-

liam Perry was the keynote speaker at the memorial located behind the officer's club, sitting on the banks of the channel leading into Pearl Harbor.

The memorial consists of four futuristic, abstract aircraft flying in a missing man formation. The ceremony concluded with a missing man formation flown by the Hawaii Guard F-15s.

## Waikiki Parade salutes WWII Veterans

World War II veterans from around the country gathered in Hawaii, Sept. 2, to march through Waikiki, 50 years to the day after the end of the war.

The one hour delay under the sunny Hawaiian skies didn't appear to discourage the veterans nor the eagerly awaiting thousands of parade viewers.

The nostalgia of the 1940s filled the air when songs made famous by the Andrews Sisters were played on loud speakers, and vehicles of the era were paraded down Kalakaua Avenue.

The veterans, many in their 70s and 80s, either came dressed in civilian clothes or WWII vintage uniforms decorated with medals and patches. Many arrived earlier in the day assisted by wheelchairs and walkers. Despite their disabilities they were determined to participate. War stories were in high demand as young soldiers gathered around these men... soldier's soldiers who had paved the way for them... for a chance to get an autograph or learn from their experiences first hand.

Prior to the parade many of the veterans stopped at the



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne  
**PUTTING THEIR BEST FOOT FORWARD -- A company of 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) soldiers, led by Col. Joseph J. Chaves, brigade deputy commander, paraded in review at the Wheeler Army Airfield held Joint Services Review, Sept. 1.**



Staff Sgt. Delmar F. G.  
**LOCAL TOUCH - Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, adjutant general, laid a lei over the National Guard Association of the U.S. plaque dedicated in honor of fallen National Guard soldiers and airmen who died in various theaters of war during WWII, Sept. 1. The plaque is located off Punchbowl's memorial walk.**

refreshment station at Ala Moana Beach Park, where chicken and refreshments were donated by McDonald's restaurant. Parade organizers fed and entertained the veterans before they tackled the two-mile long parade route from Fort DeRussy to Kapiolani Park.

"This is terrific," said Ray Nosaka, 86, who was drafted in 1940 as an infantryman in the Hawaii Guard's 299th Infantry Regiment and later transferred to the famed 100th Battalion after the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

Dressed in a 1940s U.S. Army uniform bearing

sergeant's stripes, an excited Nosaka proudly carried the flag of the 100th Battalion for the day's festivities.

Like other veterans there that day, Nosaka appreciated the attention, but accepted it with a humble shrug saying, "We just did what we had to do."

A number of veterans who served in the Hawaii Army National Guard during WWII were represented in the parade. These soldiers were called to active duty in October 1940. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor in Dec. 1941, they spent most of their time patrolling sections of the Hawai-

ian Islands. Nosaka is immersed in their military proud.

The inclusion of Filipinos in the 487th Field Artillery Battalion stirred the C. Guard's feelings.

The 487th Field Artillery Battalion's howitzers were American-made. Peter



Staff Sgt. Michael R. Drake, California National Guard

**FINAL FAREWELL** -- Staff Sgt. William A. Simmons plays "Taps" as Hawaii Guard F-15 Eagles fly the missing-man formation during the National Guard Association of the U.S. plaque dedication, Sept. 1. Simmons, from the Hawaii Guard's 111th Army Band, was preceded by a Hawaii Guard 21-gun salute firing squad standing in the background at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.

Stories, photos and video were written and shot by members of the Hawaii, California, Tennessee, and Alabama National Guard. The soldiers and airmen spent countless hours covering the various day and night events that celebrated the end of World War II.

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gun's lanyard.

For the next two hours, soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines marched or rode down Kalakaua Avenue to the beat of drum cadences and a cheering U.S. flag waving crowd. The mood was punctuated by the impressive roar of military aircraft overhead.

Comedian Bob Hope, the parades grand marshal, also received loud and thunderous applause from the crowd as he passed by. Maxene Andrews of the famous Andrews Sisters singing group and Hawaii's 442nd veteran U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye, were also

greeted with thunderous applause as they passed through Waikiki's crowded streets.

Three trolleys filled with Japanese-American veterans of the war received a standing ovation from President Clinton as they passed his reviewing stand on the corners of Kalakaua Avenue and Ala Moana Boulevard.

The 118 unit parade ended at Kapiolani Park.

**Other events**

The WWII Commemorative Service, featuring Jim Lovell, Apollo astronaut, was held at the Waikiki Shell, Sept. 3.

An air show held, Sept. 3 at Barbers Point Naval Air Station, included Hawaii Guard aircraft such as the KC-135, F-15s, C-130. Guardmembers also were available to talk to the potential recruits and pass out National Guard souvenirs.



Master Sgt. Solomon V. Ford

**HAWAIIAN SALUTE** -- Maj. Gen Edward V. Richardson, adjutant general, and Brig. Gen. Eugene S. Imai, Hawaii Army National Guard commander, salute during a wreath laying at the National Memorial Service held at Punchbowl, Sept. 2.



Staff Sgt. Michael R. Drake, California National Guard

**NOT FORGETTING THE PAST** -- President William J. Clinton, with veterans Robert Allen and Alfred Los Banos at his side, watch the crowd during the National Memorial Service at Punchbowl.



Photos by Sgt. 1st. Class Wayne T. Iha

**(Above) THIS ONES FOR YOU** -- Hawaii Army National Guard World War II veterans wave to the crowd at Saturday's parade.



**(Left) IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO SERVED BEFORE THEM** -- Officers and airmen from the Hawaii Air National Guard march in the parade held in Waikiki to honor World War II veterans.

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Hawaii Guard soldiers train in Hawaii, California and Oregon

# Cayetano visits troops at PTA

By the 117th Public Affairs Team

Maui-headquartered battalion performs last annual training, Oahu unit tests new artillery

From the air, the Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island looked more like some western deserts with its sparse vegetation and dry-dust bowl terrain, rather than the green tropical island touted in most Hawaii travel brochures.

But for more than 1,200 troops of the Hawaii Army National Guard's 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) who invaded the lava-scarred Pohakuloa last month, the trip was all business.

Saddled between Mauna Loa and Mauna Kea, Pohakuloa with its challenging terrain and unpredictable weather, ranging from dry-desert heat during the day to cool alpine weather that dropped into the 40s (degrees Fahrenheit) at night, proved to be an ideal environment to test the brigade for its two weeks of annual training.

Units of the 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry and 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery, led the way to Pohakuloa from Hickam Air Force Base on July 15 aboard Hawaii and California Air National Guard C-130H "Hercules" transports.

Infantry companies from Kauai, Oahu, Maui, and Molokai practiced small unit lane training while the soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery trained on their new M119 105mm Howitzers and new computer firing system. The new weapons will increase the battalion's fire support range from 11,500 meters to 14,500 meters, according to Maj. Bruce D. Spear, 487th commander.

## Governor visits PTA

During the first week Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano and Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general, flew into Pohakuloa for the new governor's first annual training visit as commander in chief of the Hawaii National Guard. Cayetano received hands on training with the M-60 machine gun and 60mm mortars.

Cayetano then had lunch, eating meals-ready-to-eat (MREs) with Maj. Gen. Richardson, Guard soldiers and more than 10 representatives from local media.

"My first inspection of the Hawaii Army National Guard impressed upon me the dedication of so many men and women who serve so well in Hawaii and our nation," Cayetano said.

He added that the visit helped him appreciate the growth in importance of the military presence in Hawaii and training given at Pohakuloa as the military reduces its presence overseas.

Brig. Gen. Eugene S. Imai, the Hawaii Army Guard com-



**DEFENDING THE PERIMETER** -- Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum Murrery (left) and Pfc. Roberto J. Segobia, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry soldiers use an M-60 machine gun to secure their position in Camp Rilea, Ore.

mander, also found time to see his troops train in Oregon and California.

## Big Islanders train in Oregon

The cool atmosphere of the Pacific Northwest provided the backdrop for annual training for more than 300 Big Island Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers this year. These soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry deployed to Camp Rilea, Ore., for 15 days of training in August.

"Our mission was to maximize this time to learn our roles in a tactical scenario as an enhanced readiness brigade," said Maj. Melvin S. Tamaye, the new 2nd Battalion commander.

Hawaii's 29th Infantry was chosen last year as one of the 15 elite enhanced readiness brigades within the National Guard. This distinction means that island soldiers must be able to deploy anywhere in the world within 90 days should they be activated into federal duty.

Like the troops at PTA, Big Island soldiers focused on small unit (platoon level) lane training. "The soldiers are given a collective task, meaning they're assigned one task and continue doing this for an assigned period of time," said Capt. Darryl K. Lindsey, signal officer for Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

According to Lindsey, a meat inspector for the state in civilian life, the tasks involved in the training lanes included performing a hasty ambush, executing an assault and knocking out a bunker.

"What lane training provides is repetition," he said, "this helps our soldiers learn from their mistakes and improve as they continue in their training."

"I think this type of training helps boost our level of confidence in what we are doing as infantry soldiers," said Staff Sgt. Joseph K. Delaries of Bravo Company's Detachment One. "On one lane, we went over the task several times," he said, "and although it first proved to be difficult, the repetition helped us iron out mistakes and improve." Delaries, a resident of

Waikoloa, is a grounds keeper supervisor at the Waikoloa Bay Club.

"In order for our soldiers to be ready for a deployment," said Lindsey, "they need to know how to perform tactically in an unknown area," he adds, "and that's why an AT away from Hawaii, such as Camp Rilea, is so important."

Located near the Washington-Oregon border, Camp Rilea is just a few miles away from the maritime town of Astoria. Astoria's claim to fame include housing the largest U.S. Coast Guard base between Seattle and San Francisco. The Arnold Schwarzenegger movie, "Kindergarten Cop," was filmed there and historically, Astoria was the first U.S. settlement west of the Rockies when fur traders landed in the early 1800's.

While the temperatures in the region are similar to that of PTA's, the terrain is much different. Absent are the various



**HOT STUFF** -- Spc. Gregory Clouse, a 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) military police officer, inspects a car radiator at the Otay Mesa Border Inspection Station in San Ysidro, Calif.



**CALL FOR FIRE** -- Sgt. Lawrence of Kekaha, Kauai, relays fire control orders to commander in chief, Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano who is ready to send a live 60mm mortar down range at Pohakuloa Training Area in July.

landmarks, island shrubbery, lava rocks and feral pigs. Instead, Rilea is made up of pine tree forests, soft sand, and mossy ground with deer grazing in surrounding timberline.

"I think just by being here helps motivate our soldiers since it's something different," said Capt. Victor K. Regidor, commander of Honakaa's Charlie Company. "You can see it in the men," he adds.

Looking over his troops, Maj. Tamaye echoes Regidor's comments. "Our soldiers have responded well to the training," he said, "... they're focused, communicating well and have

formed a cohesiveness that I'm pleased with."

Tamaye is also quick to point out that a lot of work lies ahead as the battalion continues to evolve into an enhanced brigade. "Come October 1st of this year, this designation will require us to be prepared in a much higher level," said Tamaye, "but based on what I'm seeing, I am confident we will be able to accomplish this."

## Military Police inspect at Mexican border

Skipping Pohakuloa for other climes were 20 soldiers of the Brigade's Military Police Platoon which held its annual training in June at the Otay Mesa Border Inspection station and Cargo Inspection Facility in San Diego.

The MPs help curtail illegal immigration and the smuggling of contraband across the United States/Mexico border.

The Hawaii MPs worked with the California Guard's counter drug program and various federal agencies including the Departments of Treasury, Justice, and Agriculture.

Our MPs accounted for six seizures that produced an estimated 800 to 1000 pounds of marijuana, according to 1st Lt. Misty Heath, an Aiea resident and platoon leader for the Hawaii contingent. The estimated street value of the seizures was between \$640,000-\$800,000.

"The guys are learning where to look and what to look for," added Heath, a manager at K-Mart in Halawa.

Inspections were aided by x-ray located at the cargo inspection facility. This x-ray system is designed to inspect large trucks and tractor-trailer vehicles rapidly and efficiency.

The Hawaii soldiers also in- (TRAINING continues on page 9)

# Hawaii Guard soldier discovers his roots from Vietnam MIA remains

Story and photo by Deborah M.S. Murray

A funeral service, April 26, at Arlington National Cemetery provided a bittersweet opportunity for one Hawaii Army National Guard soldier.

Amid the peaceful surroundings at Arlington, Sgt. Dennis Higa, 27, was able to come full-circle with his father's death and meet some of his relatives for the first time.

"For 26 years I never knew anything about the other side of me," said Higa, a soldier with the Company D, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry.

"Although I did not get to meet my dad, I gained a family."

Higa's father, U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Michael F. Dean, died June 30, 1970, when the helicopter he was riding in crashed during an attempted rescue mission in Laos.

From the time of the crash until early this year, he was officially listed as Missing in Action. Higa did not find out about his father's MIA status until 4 years ago when he contacted the American Red Cross.

Born out of wedlock, Higa said his parents were engaged to be married when his father went to Vietnam for another tour of duty.

When Higa, a Honolulu police officer, started searching for his father, the only leads he had were a dog tag with a social security number and a picture of his mother which revealed his father's portrait in the background. His mother gave him these items when she informed him at age 8 that the only father he had ever known was not his biological father.

It was this obscure image of Staff Sgt. Dean in the portrait which provided him with the impetus to launch his search.

When Higa turned 22, he went to the American Red Cross to initiate an official search for his father since all of his previous efforts had resulted in dead ends.



**DISCOVERING THE PAST --** Sgt. Dennis Higa shows his son, Shane, 3, pictures of his grandfather, Air Force Staff Sgt. Michael F. Dean, who died in a helicopter crash in Laos, 25 years ago.

Hope of ever meeting his father was shattered when Higa was told that Dean was MIA. This also explained why his mother, a former Okinawan citizen, never heard from Dean after Dennis' birth.

"At that point, I gave up. I was very disappointed," he said, adding that the Red Cross counselor encouraged him to look out for newspaper reports of MIA remains returning from Vietnam.

In March, he was reading the newspaper and found out that his father's remains were positively identified at the Army's Central Identification Lab.

"If I had not come home and read the paper . . . today I would not have known about my dad," Higa said.

After reading the article, he said he made some calls to find out where his father's remains were and when his funeral was scheduled. The trail eventually led to his uncle, James Dean, whom he met for the first time, April 21.

Higa described the meeting as emotional and informative because it supplied the missing pieces to his puzzle. To Higa's surprise, his uncle gave him his father's other dog tag which was found at the crash site, and supplied him with pictures of his father. Some photos showed his mother and father posing together. Ironically, his uncle was unaware that the woman in the pictures was Higa's mother.

"I must have looked at these pictures a thousand times that night," he said after spreading out the pictures on the living room floor of his Kaimuki apartment where a license plate with the words "POW/MIA: You are not forgotten," was visible on top of his television.

Letting his mind drift back to the funeral, Higa described it as sad, but dignified. His father's coffin was carried by a horse-drawn caisson with members of the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard and the Presidential Honor Guard officiating in the ceremony. Dean was also honored with an Air Force flyover and 21-Gun Salute. Higa was presented with the flag that draped his father's casket along with a collection of his father's awards and decorations.

After the service, he spent some time talking with a few veterans who served with his father in Vietnam.

Higa thanked the members of his Hawaii Army National Guard unit who personally chipped in and the Veterans of Foreign Wars for helping to fund the trip to Washington, D.C., He was accompanied on the trip by his wife, Sharon, and son, Shane.

## TRAINING -- continued from page 8

spected vehicles at the Otay Mesa Border Inspection Station utilizing a Buster, a device that works by using density perception, and other techniques taught by the U.S. Customs Inspectors.

The MPs also worked at the San Ysidro Border Inspection Station at the south end of Interstate 5, the most active entry point in the U.S. Interdictions made there can be dangerous so the MPs wore body armor for protection.

Danger was also present at the Otay Mesa facility according to Pfc. Wayland Woodard, a Salt Lake resident. "I discovered a fake

panel on the bed of a pick-up truck and when I lifted it up, this face just stared at me," said Woodard, a security employee at First Hawaiian Bank. "He could have easily pulled a gun and shot me," added Woodard, "I was so shocked he was there, I just stared back at him."

### Engineers build at Mexican border

More than a hundred 227th Engineer Company (Combat) soldiers in California along the U.S. Mexico border in June.

The Hawaii engineers supported the California National

Guard's Counterdrug Program by constructing a road for the border patrol along the border in Tecate and San Ysidro.

"We hope to complete this road from the Pacific ocean to Arizona in the next eight years," said Capt. Wade D. Rowley, commander of Team Engineer, one of 12 teams in the counterdrug program. "We rotate National Guard, Active Army and Reserve engineering units year-around to help with different sections of this project and would welcome the Hawaiian soldiers back anytime," added Rowley, from Willow Creek, Calif.

Soldiers of 227th Engineer's

1st Platoon built a foundation for a 3-hole box culvert and a vertical wing wall in Goat Canyon, San Ysidro.

"This is a big difference to what they've been doing in a long time," said Staff. 1st Class Ian Ross, the 227th's operations sergeant. "Tying rebar and pouring concrete is not part of our Mission Essential Task List, so for the combat engineers to be working so efficiently says a lot for their 'can do' attitude." The engineers adapted to their new surroundings quickly. The upper 80 degree weather was similar to Hawaii's climate. Working in contaminated soil however, made hand washing a must before eating. The soil is contaminated because this area is a large stream bed during the rainy season and raw sewage flows over from Mexico said 2nd Lt. Shawn Tsuha, 1st platoon leader. "The border patrol cannot cross the area since the water washes out the road, so we're over-engineering this river bed to facilitate mobility for the border patrol," added Tsuha, a Honolulu resident.

About 40 miles east of San Ysidro and 4000 feet above sea level in Tecate, Hawaii engineers were tasked with a cut

and fill mission. They completed about a half-a-mile of the project using heavy equipment such as the bulldozer, scraper, motor grader, 5-ton dumptrucks and a scoop loader.

Keeping these vehicles operating were the responsibility of the maintenance section of the 227th. After one week the section had already repaired faults on ten vehicles. "I'm impressed with how they all work together," said Spc. Rick Zimmer of Campo, Calif.

"Everyone is proficient in their job," added Zimmer, Team Engineer's light-wheel mechanic, "they are the best rotation by far."

Also at Tecate were 12 infantrymen who recently transferred into the 227th and are cross-training to be qualified as combat engineers. Classes in basic demolitions, use of mines, types of demolitions and how to use them, and how to do a bridge reconnaissance were held at Camp Morena.

Capt. Curtis H. Matsushige, Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum, Sgt. Lance M. Kamisugi, Sgt. Frank Cho and Spc. Jonathan M. Shiroma contributed to this report.



Sgt. Lance M. Kamisugi

**BAR NONE --** Combat engineers from the 227th Engineer Company lay rebar for the foundation of a 3-hole culvert in San Ysidro, Calif., during the June deployment.

# People



HIANG photo

**GENERAL FAREWELL -- Retiring Brig. Gen. David M. Rodrigues is presented the Legion of Merit by Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general. Rodrigues retires after more than 40 years of service to the Hawaii Air National Guard, the last three as its commander.**

## Hawaii Air Guard commands change hands as Rodrigues retires

In August, Brig. Gen. David M. Rodrigues, Hawaii Air National Guard commander, retired after more than 40 years of Guard service.

Moving from chief of staff to Air Guard commander's slot is Col. Clinton Churchill, whose previous position as vice commander, in newly redesignated 154th Wing, was filled by Lt. Col. Walter Kaneakua, in July.

Kaneakua's former command, the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, was assumed by Lt. Col. Edwin "Skip" Vincent.

Rodrigues also retired from his duties as vice president for corporate excellence for the Hawaiian Electric Company. The general joined the Guard in 1953 and worked his way through the enlisted ranks to senior master sergeant. Rodrigues received his direct commission to 2nd lieutenant in 1963. He served in various communications, electronics, and logistics positions both as an airman and officer before his appointment as Hawaii Air Guard commander in March 1993.

Col. Churchill flew his last flight as an F-15 pilot in September as he settles into the command of the Air Guard. Churchill serves full-time as a trustee for the James. S. Campbell Estates.

## Tomasa from SCD wins Adjutant General's Award

Stuart Tomasa, a data processing system analyst with State Civil Defense, is this year's Department of Defense employee of the year. He was nominated for his work in extending the capability and power of integrated disaster management automation throughout the State of Hawaii at fraction of the cost of other systems.

Tomasa advanced and improved the Integrated Baseline System within the State. This system is massive geographical information capabilities. The State Civil Defense system is recognized as the leading model of integrated,

comprehensive, functional automation using a federal standard compatible system that permits federal, state, and county agencies across the United States to share data needed for crisis management.



Tomasa

## DOD receives Guard Bureau safety awards

The Hawaii Army National Guard safety program headed full-time by retired Col. Louis N.H.M. Miranda Jr. was recognized for a year (1994) without Class A or B accidents by the National Guard Bureau.

The NGB Safety Award of Merit, signed by Lt. Gen. Edward Baca, the Bureau chief, was presented to Brig. Gen. Eugene S. Imai, Miranda and the Hawaii Army Guard staff by Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general. Imai, the Hawaii Army Guard commander, in turn said the awards belongs to the Hawaii Guard soldiers who made this award possible.

Col. William H. Squires Jr., from the Guard Bureau's Safety and Occupational Health Division, said, "Hawaii is one of the few states that can claim a year without major accidents."

"The force protection safety program was developed to teach soldiers to do their jobs properly and perform them to the standards they have been taught."

On hand for the presentation were Miranda, safety manager, and safety officers Lt. Col. Victor Chun, and Art Loebel.

Three factors that have contributed to program success are: the dedication of the adjutant general and Army Guard commander; excellent education training program provided by Alamo Safety Organization; and the commitment of the frontline supervisors to the safety mission.

The adjutant general stressed that safety is everyone's concern and we should all renew our efforts to keep accident free.

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## Tamaye takes command of 2nd Battalion

Honokaa born, Maj. Melvin S. Tamaye took command of the Hawaii Guard's 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry,

from Lt. Col. Vern T. Miyagi, in July. Then Col. Edward L. Correa Jr., 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) commander, passed the unit colors to the new commander at battalion headquarters in Hilo.

Tamaye now leads the newly reorganized 2nd Battalion that includes soldiers located on all of Hawaii's major islands. The 2nd Battalion will be the Hawaii-based Guard infantry battalion of the Hawaii Army National Guard's enhanced brigade.

Tamaye said, "I welcome (this command) . . . belonging to a unit which really cares, and one which has a mission of tremendous significance. The National Guard is "Hawaii's Own," comprised of all volunteer patriots willing to respond and shoulder the burden in times of national, state or local crisis."

Tamaye attending Honokaa High and Elementary School. After earning his bachelors in social science from Eastern Illinois University of Charleston, Tamaye entered military service in 1969. He completed basic training and enrolled in the officer training program. Tamaye was commissioned a second lieutenant in February 1970 upon completion of Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. He served as an instructor with the infantry school at Benning.

Tamaye was ordered to the Republic of Vietnam in January 1971 and served as an infantry platoon leader with the 173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate).

Upon completion of his tour in Vietnam, Tamaye returned home and joined the Hawaii Guard's 2nd Battalion in 1972. Tamaye was employed as a full-time battalion training technician in Hilo. In 1982, he became the operation officer and has served as the battalion's executive officer since 1987. He is also on the board of directors for the Hawaii Federal and State Employees Credit Union.

Tamaye lives in Hilo with his wife, Lillian, and sons Jarrett, 17 and Jaron, 13.

## Miyagi attends U.S. Army war college

Lt. Col. Vern T. Miyagi, who took command of the 2nd Bat-

talion last November, left the battalion to complete war college in a 1-year U.S. Army Fellowship Program at the University of Pittsburgh. He is the first Hawaii Army Guard officer to be selected for this fellowship.

The light colonel was the only Guard officer in his U.S. Marine Command and General Staff College in 1986. Miyagi earned bachelors and masters degrees in business administration from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 1971 and 1972. The distinguished military graduate of the 1971 Reserve Officers Corps program also earned his Certified Public Accountant certificate in 1974. He joined the Hawaii Guard in 1981, after a tour of duty with the U.S. Army Reserve's 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry and a two year break in service.

Joining the colonel at the university is his wife, Gail, who will be working towards a masters degree in education. She is taking leave from her elementary teaching duties at Hawaii Baptist Academy. Staying back in Hawaii to continue school are daughter, Lorien, 19, a sophomore at the UH and son, Brent, 15, a sophomore at Hawaii Baptist.

## Burgess new Hawaii Army Guard POMSO

Maj. Gregory L. Burgess has taken over Lt. Col. Vern T. Miyagi's full-time duties as plans, operations, and military support officer in the G3 shop.

Burgess has worked in various capacities with the Hawaii National Guard since joining full-time in 1978. He last served as the maintenance manager with the State Surface Maintenance Division.

The Kamehameha School graduate joined the Army in 1969 and served in Vietnam from 1970 to 1971. Burgess joined the Hawaii Guard in 1973 and received his second lieutenant bars after completing officer candidate school with the Hawaii Military Academy in 1974. He was the 227th Engineer Company commander in the early 80s.

The avid scuba enthusiast teaches diving, CPR and first aid when not spending time with his wife, Irene; and sons, Amory and Gregory.



Miyagi

## Hawaii Guard selects enlisted soldiers of the year

Staff Sgt. Vada P.M. Turner and Spc. Rex A. Behic are this year's Hawaii Army National Guard Non-commissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year.

Turner, who was radio teletype section chief with now deactivated 129th Signal Detachment, brings



Turner

a wealth of experience to the Hawaii Guard. He also served as his unit's retention NCO and physical fitness trainer. Before joining the Guard in 1993, the Tomahawk, Ky., born sergeant served in the active Army. After completing advanced individual training at Fort Gordon, Ga., in 1982, Turner began his communications career as a tactical satellite microwave system operator. His active duty tour took him as far north as Fort Richardson, Ala., and south to overseas deployments in Saudi Arabia and Somalia.

The 30-year old is currently pursuing an associate's degree in electronic engineering and was employed full-time as an assistant squad leader at the Hawaii Guard's Youth ChallengeNGe Program. He has taken military leave to train in another career field. He is married with three children.

Turner says he wants to leave a legacy his wife and children can be proud of. "I try to be a good role model," he adds, "and set a good example for my own kids as well as those at Youth ChallengeNGe. I believe that one should not have to look outside of the home for a positive role model."

Wahiawa resident Spc. Behic

joined the Guard in 1978, a year after graduating from Leilehua High School 1978. The 36-year old combat engineer was

commended for his initiative, foresight and attention to detail by, Capt. Tom Maderia, 227th Engineer Company commander.

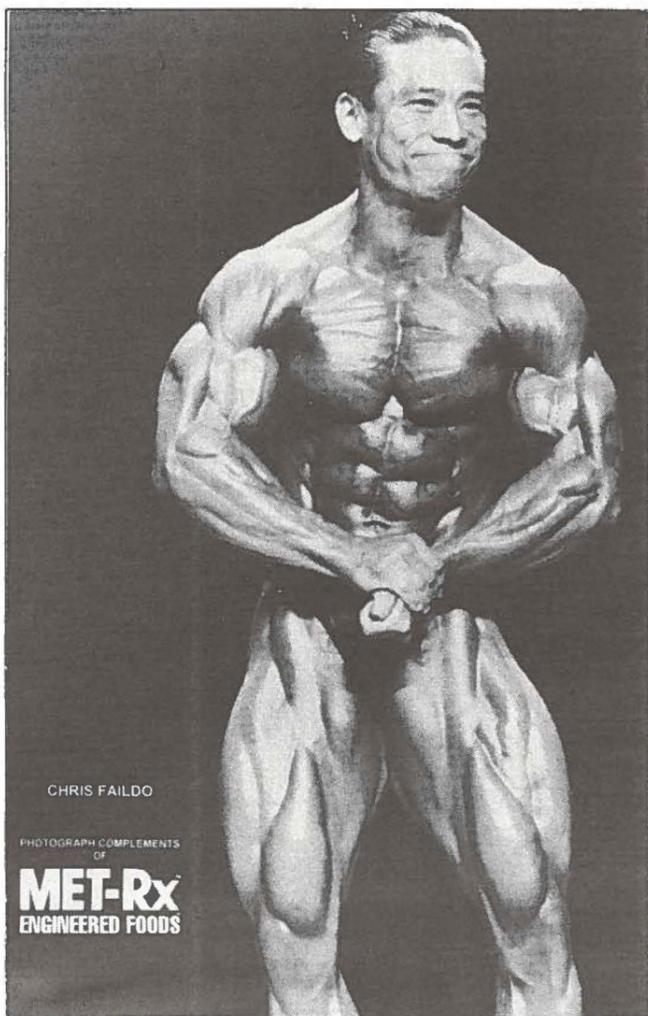
"Whether it is performing routine preventive maintenance checks on his vehicle, reviewing maps and destination routes, Spc. Behic is a highly professional soldier," adds Madeira.

"When I'm not serving my country, I enjoy spending quality time with my children and coaching youth soccer," said Behic.



Behic

# Band bodybuilder wins gold at Pan American Games



Chris H.W.O. Faildo shows off his award winning form.

**By Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum**  
Sgt. Chris H.W.O. Faildo, a woodwind player with the 111th Army Band, culminated more than 12 years of natural bodybuilding with a gold medal win in the light-weight division (150-176 pounds) at the Pan American Games in March.

"I faced six competitors in Buenos Aires, Argentina," said Faildo, who qualified for the U.S. team by winning the World Amateur championship last November in Chicago, Ill.

Most recently, in August, he requalified for the U.S. team in Chicago.

The screening process for the national team included random body fluid tests for steroids or other enhancing drugs and a lie detector test.

He came in third at the Mr. Universe World Amateur Championship contest this February in Shanghai, China. He said he is looking forward to competing this December in Guam and is looking for a first place finish this time.

The events are judged on symmetry (body shape, in quarter turns), comparisons (all contestants, same pose) and free pose.

Since the early 1980s the 29-year-old Farrington High School



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha  
Sgt. Chris H.W.O. Faildo plays at Hawai'i Remembers, a concert at the Waikiki Shell, saluting the WWII veterans workers, and volunteers, Sept. 1.

graduate has been building his body naturally through year 'round rigorous training and a demanding diet program.

A typical day includes a four-mile morning jog, and a two-hour afternoon workout at the gym.

Squeezed between his training is a full-time job as a sales representative at the family-owned Apex Printing, selling protein food products for his sponsor, Mit's Basic

Foods, and playing music part-time with the Hawaii Army National Guard.

Diet . . . this is where it really takes discipline. Assisted earlier in his career by his mom and now by his wife, Tracey, Faildo eats a light breakfast of eight egg whites, two bowls of oatmeal and a protein shake.

Before leaving for work, he is armed with two coolers full of food that includes proteins, low fat, no salt, dry, bland meats like skinless poultry breast or fresh fish broiled with herbs, lemons, or nothing at all. He also consumes vegetables (raw or boiled), carbohydrates (potatoes, yams, or brown rice), vitamins, lots of water and three daily protein drinks.

The saying "you are what you eat," holds true for Faildo who said, "Diet makes about 90 percent of what you're going to look like in competition. My own monthly food bill is about \$700.

"My goals mean bringing my own food most everywhere I go," he said adding that he eats no restaurant or fast foods, but takes vitamins and drinks protein shakes. He has never used steroids.

"I hope to compete for a few more years and then settle down to start a family."

## Sports -- compiled by Public Affairs staff

### Hawaii Guard marksmanship news

An Air Guard rifleman placed second and third in the 1995 Winston P. Wilson Championship.

Tech Sgt. Shelton Yamashiro, 293rd Combat Communications Squadron, placed second in the novice class rundown match and took third place in the novice class 300 yard slow fire match.

Overall the combat pistol and rifle teams placed 37th in a field of 47 teams at the championship held at Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Ark.

Hawaii Air Guard's Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Clegg, Tech Sgts. Ethan Toyama and Baldwin Ojerio, Staff Sgts. Emilio Maldonado and James Welch, and Senior Airman Jeffrey Roche represented the Hawaii Combat Pistol Team.

Hawaii's Combat Rifle Team was represented by Army Guard's 1st Lt. Guy Terai, 1st Sgt. Aurelio Mina, Staff Sgt. Hubert Chang, Pfc. Clarence Asuncion, Pfc. Ian Sevey and the Air Guard's Yamashiro.

The run and shot com-

bat matches included everyone wearing his own Kevlar helmet, suspenders (with first aid pack, ammo pouches, canteen with water), pistol and holster, M-16 rifle, and ammunition.

### Team sweeps local competition

The Hawaii National Guard Composite Marksmanship Team won the 1995 Hawaii Regional Highpower Rifle Championship in a hard fought battle with the Kaneohe Marine Corps Base-Hawaii Marksmanship Team and the Puuloa Rifle & Pistol Club Team.

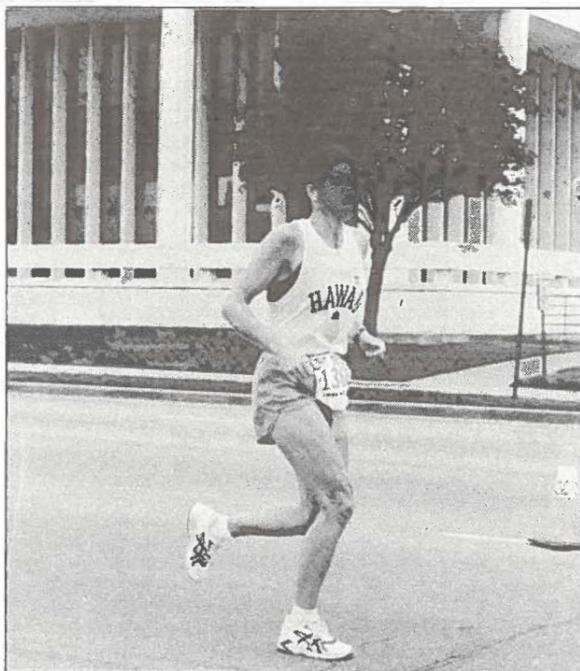
The Hawaii Guard Gold Team, consisting of team captain Maj. Richard Ando Jr., coach Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Clegg, 1st Sgt. Aurelio Mia, Staff Sgt. Hubert Chang, and Senior Airman William Kissenberger Jr., scored 1060-17x and pushed ahead of the Kaneohe with 1060-10x at the final long range (500 yards, slow fire stage). This tremendous effort resulted in a sweep of the 1995 highpower rifle team matches that included: the Hawaii State Team Championship, the Hawaii Regional Team Championship and the Aloha State Games Team Championship.

Kissenberger and Ando took first and second place respectively in the NBPRP Excellence-In-Competition. The EIC "leg" award, worth 10 points, earned Kissenberger enough points to be awarded of the Gold Distinguished Rifleman Badge (over 30 leg points). This was the first "leg" award (8 points) for Ando, and the awarding of the Bronze EIC Badge. A Silver EIC Badge is awarded when a competitor has won an additional 2-3 "leg" awards (over 20 leg points). Only the top 10 percent of every EIC "leg" match are awarded "Leg" awards and points, so the competition for these awards is fierce. Coaches Clegg and Tech. Sgt. Galen Yamada have also been awarded the Gold Distinguished Rifleman badges.

### Sports shorts . . .

#### Air Pistol team Guard Bureau pistol championship results

The Headquarters State Area Command Air Pistol Team took third place for the second year in a row at the Chief National Guard Bureau Air Pistol Championship held at Bismarck, N.D., in May. Team members were Maj. Ronald Katto, Maj. Marjorie Penebacker,



Nebraska National Guard photo  
WRIGHT STUFF -- Capt. Diann M. Wright, a KC-135R Stratotanker pilot with the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, runs through the streets of Lincoln, Neb., during the National Guard Marathon, held in May.

Staff Sgt. Hubert Chang, and Staff Sgt. Robert Nagao. Katto also placed fourth in the individual competition. The top five state teams compete in the nationals.

#### Hawaii Guard volleyball tournament scores

When the results of the Hawaii National Guard volleyball tournament were in the Hawaii

Army National Guard emerged as the winner in the women's division and also placed first in the mixed-coed division's championship match.

The April tournament, was held at the Fort Ruger gym.

The Hawaii Air National Guard took first in the master's division and also won the mixed-coed division semi-finals.

The mixed-coed cham-

pionship game looked like it was going to be a blowout when the Army Guard took a commanding 11-point lead. The Air Guard responded with a seven-point run, but the Army team squeaked by, winning 15-12.

### Hawaii Guard runners compete in NGB marathon

Ominous rain clouds and cool temperatures failed to dampen the spirit or stamina of the National Guard members who competed in the 12th Annual National Guard Bureau Marathon, in May. Captains Diann M. Wright and Daniel Boyle, both KC-135 pilots with the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, represented Hawaii in the Lincoln Marathon.

Wright qualified for the Guard Bureau team, which will represent the Guard at the Marine Corps Marathon held in Washington, D.C., in November. Wright finished the run second in the women's category and 12th overall, with a time of 3:17:34.

Boyle finished the race in the men under 40 category with a time of 3:03:49.

# 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.

**Legion of Merit**

Brig. Gen. David M. Rodrigues, HQ, Hawaii Air National Guard

**Meritorious Service Medal**

Col. George F. Sheridan Jr., HQ & HQ Company, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Col. Patrick K.H. Aiu, HQ State Area Command (-) (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Lt. Col. Kenneth E. Hall, Hawaii Military Academy (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Lt. Col. Arthur I. Kimura, HQ 154th Group, (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Lt. Col. Robert H. Maglasang, 292nd Combat Communications Squadron

Lt. Col. Vern T. Miyagi, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry

Lt. Col. Edwin R. Miyahira, 204th Airlift Squadron

Lt. Col. Richard Y. Miyamoto, HQ State Area Command

Maj. Lansing K. Kakazu, 103rd Troop Command (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Chief Warrant Officer Harold A. Nishimura, HQ State Area Command (-Det 1 & 2) attached to HQ & HQ Company 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Chief Warrant Officer William N. Niitani, HQ & HQ Service Battalion, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery

Chief Warrant Officer Donnie Lee Sanders, 12th Personnel Service Company

Chief Master Sgt. Harold G. Demello Jr., 154th Maintenance Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Debra A. Brownhill, 154th Civil Engineer Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Norman T. Oyakawa, 154th Air Control and Warning Squadron

Master Sgt. Thomas H. Amimoto, Company C, 193rd Aviation

Master Sgt. Cameron W. Deal Jr., HQ & HQ Company, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)

Sgt. First Class David Aponte, HQ & HQ Service Battalion, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Sgt. First Class John Santiago, 103rd Troop Command

Staff Sgt. Joseph K. Kama, 111th Army Band

Staff Sgt. Harvey Y. Yasuda, 12th Personnel Service Company

Master Sgt. Robert K. Davis, 154th Civil Engineer Squadron

**Army Commendation Medal**

Lt. Col. Lincoln C. Yamashita, HQ State Area Command (-Dets 2 & 3) (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Maj. Kerry K. Oshiro, Property Fiscal Office Support Division

Sgt. First Class Dean M. Hiramoto, HQ State Area Command (-Det 1, 2&3) (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

**Air Force Commendation Medal**

Tech. Sgt. Richard G. Lapuente, 154th Mission Support Flight

Tech. Sgt. Willis M.W. Wong, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

Staff Sgt. William Brown III, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

Staff Sgt. Sandra G. Dubrett, 154th Mission Support Flight

Staff Sgt. Bruce H.U. Park, 154th Mission Support Flight

**Army Achievement Medal**

1st Lt. Paul K. Wilson, Company D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

2nd Lt. Mark B. Young, HQ & HQ Company, 1st Battalion 299th Infantry

1st Sgt. Wallace K. Yoshida, Company D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Sgt. 1st Class Dean M. Hiramoto, HQ & HQ Division, HQ State Area Command (-Det 1, 2 & 3)

Staff Sgt. Douglas J. Arakawa, Company C, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Staff Sgt. Michael T. Bean, Company D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Staff Sgt. Gary M. Garand, Company A, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Staff Sgt. Michael J. Lacro Jr., Company C, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Staff Sgt. Virgilio B. Marzan Jr., Company C, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Staff Sgt. Jimmy K. Mills, Company

D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Staff Sgt. Wendell L. Pinero, Company D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Staff Sgt. Aureliano L. Ramos, Company C, 1st Battalion 299th Infantry (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Staff Sgt. Ray G. Resurrection, HQ & HQ Company (-), 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Sgt. Michael S.C. Alcosiba, HQ & HQ Company, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Sgt. Julian M. Asuncion, HQ & HQ Company, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Sgt. Michael L. Barron, HQ & HQ Company (-Det. 1) 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Sgt. Willie L. Brown Jr., HQ & HQ (-Det. 1) 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Sgt. Dennis Buduan, Company A, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Sgt. William Castillo Jr., Company A, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Sgt. Edwin Garcia, Company D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Sgt. Edwin A. Guillermo, HQ & HQ Company (-Det. 1) 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Sgt. Henry K. Hee, Company B, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Sgt. Dennis Higa, Company D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Sgt. James R. Jimenez, Company A, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Sgt. Glen Y. Kitagawa, HQ & HQ Company (-), 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Sgt. Dan H. Lee, Company D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (4th Oak Leaf Cluster)

Sgt. William Liboy, Company D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Sgt. Bradford J. Lunasco, Company D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Sgt. Valente M. Madamba, HQ & HQ Company (-Det. 1) 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Sgt. Michael P. Reed, HQ & HQ (-Det. 1) 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Sgt. Reymonito Tacsat, Company B, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Sgt. Felix M. Torres, Company A, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Sgt. Dawson B. Vonoelhoffen, HQ & HQ Company 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Sgt. Clyde Y.W. Watanabe, Company C, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Sgt. Kurt P. Williams, HQ & HQ (-Det. 1), 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Sgt. Steven Y. Yonamine, Company D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Cpl. Bryan Chen, Company D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Cpl. Edyngton Naki, Company C, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Cpl. Reuel K. Wong, Company B, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Spc. Mike A. Albrecht, Company A, 6th Battalion, 297th Infantry (Alaska)

Spc. Shon K. Antolin, Company D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Spc. Daniel E. Arrojo, HQ & HQ Company, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Spc. Ryan Baclay, HQ & HQ Company, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Spc. Nestor G. Butac, Company D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Spc. Rey J. Cabico, Company B, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Spc. Luke J. Carvalho, Company A, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Spc. Davis J. Cortez Jr., Company B, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Spc. Thomas H. Darley, HQ & HQ Company (-Det. 1), 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Spc. Floyd I. Feliciano, HQ & HQ Company 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Spc. Norbert K. Garma, Company A, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Spc. Darrell K. Kainoa, HQ & HQ Company (-Det. 1) 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Spc. Mark T. Kaku, Company D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Spc. Dayton T. Keli, Company D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Spc. Justin B. Lampico, HQ & HQ Company, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Spc. Faima Lavatai, HQ & HQ Company (-Det. 1), 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Spc. Christopher L. Lopez, Company C, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Spc. William A. Maycong, Company B, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Spc. Renato M. Mendoza, HQ & HQ (-Det. 1), 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Spc. Juan D. Moises, Company B, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Spc. Robert K. Mole, HQ & HQ Company (-Det. 1), 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Spc. Chad A. Nagano, Company C, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Spc. Bill D. Pacheco, HQ & HQ Company, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Spc. Brant C. Parangan, Company B, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Spc. Cheyenne H. Perry, HQ & HQ Company (-Det. 1), 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Spc. Carlito L. Pigao, Company B, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Spc. Dionisio Tabura, Company B, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Spc. Lance P. Taufaasau, Company D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Spc. Shelly J. Todd, Company C (Med.), 29th Support Battalion

Spc. John F.K. Valmoja, HQ & HQ Company, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Spc. Ruperto L. Ventura, HQ & HQ Company, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Spc. Bradley M. Valenzuela, Company D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Spc. Gerald T. Vierra, Company D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Pfc. Travis K. Abarra, HQ & HQ Company, (-Det. 1), 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Pfc. Kasai L. Costanzo, HQ & HQ Company (-Det. 1), 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Pfc. William M. Kahoonei, Company D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Pfc. William R. Kennedy, Company A, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Pfc. Marvin P. Rabara, Company C, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Pvt. 2 Adam S. Anglin, HQ & HQ Company, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Pvt. 2 Daniel S. Garcia, Company D, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

Pvt. 2 Edward K. Keoho Jr., Company B, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry

**Air Force Achievement Medal**

Lt. Col. Melvin H. Asai, 154th Group (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Maj. Stacy A. Clowe, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Maj. Howard B. Ruth, 154th Group Operations Control Center (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Capt. Peter W. Ching, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

Capt. Kyle T. Yanagisawa, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Deogracias Agbayani, Jr., 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. David B. Paahana, 154th Aircraft Generation (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Master Sgt. Maurice V. Egloria, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

Master Sgt. Gary Y. Ishii, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Master Sgt. Jon S. Iwashita, 154th Aircraft Generation (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Master Sgt. Dan T. Kiyohiro, 154th Logistics Support (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Master Sgt. Steve I. Nakayama, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Master Sgt. Wayne K. Matsumoto, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Tech. Sgt. William L. Abilla, 154th Aircraft Generation (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Tech. Sgt. James G. Akau, 154th Maintenance Squadron (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Tech. Sgt. Michael A.K. Cadang, 154th Aircraft Generation (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Tech. Sgt. Henry W.F. Doane, 154th Aircraft Generation (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha  
**SAFETY FIRST -- Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general, (L to R) poses with safety officers Lt. Col. Victor Chun, Chief Warrant Officer Art Loebel, Louis N.H.M. Miranda Jr. and Brig. Gen. Eugene S. Imai, Hawaii Army National Guard commander, after presenting them with the National Guard Bureau's Safety Award of Merit, Oct. 15. (See story on page 10)**

Tech. Sgt. Douglas T. Doi, 154th Aircraft Generation (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Tech. Sgt. Andrew M. Keaunui Jr., 154th Aircraft Generation (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Tech. Sgt. Gary S. Komoto, 154th Civil Engineer

Tech. Sgt. Rolf W. Oudraad, 298th Air Traffic Control (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Tech. Sgt. William L. Rodrigues Jr., 154th Maintenance Squadron (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Tech. Sgt. Gay V.K. Ross, 154th Maintenance (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Tech. Sgt. Allan S. Tupinio, 154th Logistics (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Staff Sgt. Juan C. Canopi, 154th Aircraft Generation (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Staff Sgt. Alvin J. Fritz, 154th Logistics

Staff Sgt. Robert A. Garcia, 154th Maintenance (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Staff Sgt. George L. Gascon, 154th Aircraft Generation (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Staff Sgt. Keith K.K.H. Lee, 154th Maintenance (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Staff Sgt. Michael J. Paragas, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

Staff Sgt. Ambrose P. Samala, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

Staff Sgt. Michael Y. Shima, 154th Maintenance Squadron (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Staff Sgt. Jocelyn B. Shimura, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

Staff Sgt. Kevin M. Shiraki, 154th Maintenance (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Staff Sgt. Dean Tanimoto, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

Staff Sgt. Selwyn Valanciano, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

Staff Sgt. David L. Wilkinson, 154th Logistics (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Senior Airman Ronald R. Billaber, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

Senior Airman Brian P. Coughlin, 154th Aircraft Generation (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Senior Airman Mark S. Edwards, 154th Aircraft Generation (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Senior Airman Vanessa L.M. Harvey, 154th Logistics (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Senior Airman Charles J. Hood, 154th Maintenance

Senior Airman Michael P. Kalish, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

Senior Airman Raymond R. Sherwood, 154th Maintenance Squadron (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Senior Airman Mark A. Sindiog, 203rd Air Refueling Squadron (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Senior Airman Blane H. Viloria, 169th Aircraft Control/Warning Squadron Senior Airman Rolando C. Layugan, 203rd Air Refueling Squadron

Senior Airman Dwayne A.K. Moniz, 154th Security Flight

Senior Airman Jonathan A.K. Silva, 154th Security Police

**Hawaii National Guard**

**Medal for Merit**

Col. Charles K. Cross, California Army National Guard

Lt. Col. Louis J. Antonetti, California Army National Guard

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Col. Charles K. Cross, California Army National Guard

Lt. Col. Louis J. Antonetti, California Army National Guard

Maj. Kevin B. Alano, U.S. Army Readiness Group with assignment to HQ & HQ Company, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)

Maj. Gregory L. Burgess, HQ State Area Command (-Dets 2 & 3)

Maj. Anthony L. Pabumbo II, California Army National Guard

Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth J. Camara, 154th Maintenance Squadron

**Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal**

Lt. Col. Robert Sears, 25th Infantry Division (Light)

Maj. Raymond Jardine Jr., 103rd Troop Command, HQ State Area Command

Maj. Matthew N. Nagasako, HQ & HQ Company, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)

Maj. Jeffery T. Weller, HQ State Area Command (-Dets 2 & 3)

Chief Warrant Officer Gerald S. Shigemura, HQ State Area Command (-Dets 2 & 3)

Chief Warrant Officer Gary P. Shuman, 103rd Troop Command, HQ State Area Command

Staff Sgt. Antoinette L.B. McClain, HQ & HQ Company, 29th Support Battalion

Staff Sgt. Homelani R. Kozeniewski, 103rd Troop Command, HQ State Area Command

Joseph Parra, Resident Agent in Charge, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration

**Joint Service Commendation Medal**

Staff Sgt. Catherine P. Ballie, Hawaii Army National Guard, Multinational Force Haiti

## 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.

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
<b>Hawaii Army National Guard</b>			
HQ, STARC, HIARNG	4-5	2-3	6-7
29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)	4-5	2-3	6-7
227th Engineer Company	3-5	2-3	6-7
1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery	17-19	-	6-7
103rd Troop Command	4-5	2-3	6-7
25th ID (L), D-RTOC	11-12	9-10	6-7
Company B, AVIM, 193rd Aviation	18-19	2-3	20-21
Medical, CECAT	4-5		