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Calendar

April 25-27

Hawaii National Guard Volleyball Tournament, 29th Support Battalion Gyn, times to be announced.

April 26, Saturday

Hawaii National Guard Association general membership meeting (Class Bs) and dinner (Aloha attire), Honolulu Country Club, 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

May 6-9

Makani Pahili Exercise, State Civil Defense's statewide hurricane training exercise.

May 12-16

Hawaii Military Week, events, locations and times to be announced

May 23, Friday

ESGR Golf Tournament, Leilehua Golf Course, Wahiawa, 12:30 p.m. shotgun starting time.

May 17, Saturday

Armed Forces Day, open houses to be announced.

May 26, Monday

Memorial Day, ceremonies at the Punchbowl, the Cemetery of the Pacific, 11 a.m.; Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, Kaneohe, 1 p.m., federal and state holiday.

Na Koa Crime Watch program begins

Guard leads Na Koa Watch

Story and photo by Capt. Charles J. Anthony

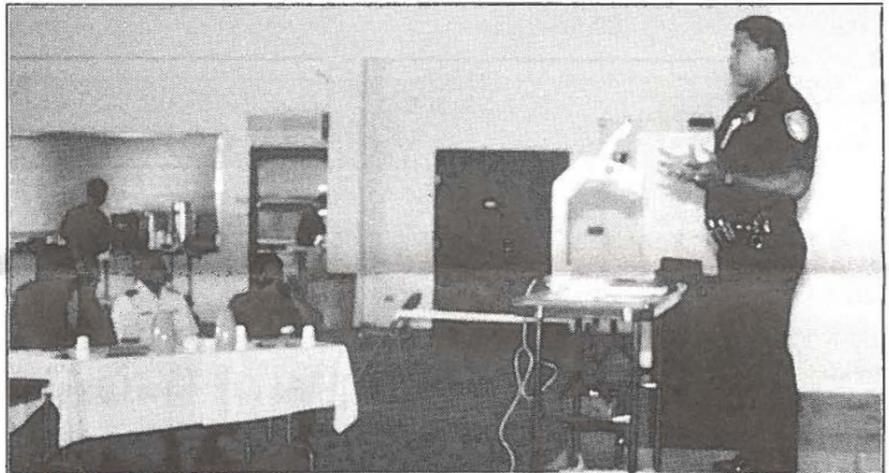
Hawaii National Guard (HING) volunteers are taking a proactive approach to keeping our neighborhoods safe.

The Na Koa Crime Watch is a community involvement program aimed at empowering citizens to get tough on crime before it happens in their neighborhoods.

The Na Koa (Hawaiian for "warriors") program utilizes trained Hawaii Guard volunteers who will help organize new, or reinforce existing, Neighborhood Security Watches; help train residents in crime reporting and prevention measures and lend its support for community service.

"The purpose of Na Koa Watch is not to have the National Guard infringe on normal police functions," said Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general. "Rather, we are a force multiplier for civil authorities, by acting as additional eyes and ears in our communities."

Guardmembers will, in turn, conduct training for its personnel and community members to help enhance se-



Honolulu Police Department officer Andrew Bonifacio instructs Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, his staff and Na Koa Crime Watch volunteers on residential security measures during watch training, March 1. Bonifacio is a staff sergeant with the 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery.

curity watch awareness and other crime prevention programs.

Spearheaded by the HING Counterdrug Program, Guard members volunteer to coordinate with existing crime prevention programs and help train Guard members and their

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Hawaii soldiers return from Bosnia

By Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum and Spc. Aaron R. Reed
100th MPAD, TXARNG

The world community was outraged with the civil war in the Balkans, remi-

niscent of the Nazi mass executions of the Jews in World War II. Who could have believed that ethnic cleansing would occur again in this century? NATO Forces, including 20,000 U.S. soldiers, were tasked with keeping the peace established

the public affairs mission took on a whole new meaning with a deployment that lasted eight months.

Journalists Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum, Sgt. Lance M. Kamisugi, Spc. Erik B. DeRyke and Spc. Eraina V. Andes, were welcome to the world of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia, in July.

In May, the four Hawaii Guard soldiers answered Texas Army National Guard's 100th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment's request for qualified journalists to augment their team. The journalists supported the Texas unit mobilized for the second rotation of Operation Joint Endeavor.

For four Hawaii citizen-soldiers

Hawaii journalists joined their Texas

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KIDS WILL BE KIDS — Spc. Eraina V. Andes, 117th Public Affairs Team broadcast journalist, talks to Croatian school children while on assignment to the former Yugoslavian country for Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR in 1996.



Photo by Sgt. Lance M. Kamisugi

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Command Notes



Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson
The Adjutant General

I want to take this opportunity to say a few words about the Hawaii National Guard's *Na Koa Crime Watch* program. Details about the program are in the article that begins on the front page of this issue, but I want to add my personal appeal for the soldiers and airmen of the Hawaii National Guard to join. All of us should be concerned about crime in our communities.

Drug use, especially crystal meth, is largely responsible for

the increase in burglaries and car thefts, in recent years. Many drug users turn to crime in order to support their habit.

The purpose of *Na Koa Watch* is to be a "force multiplier" for civilian law enforcement officials. The more Guard members, families and retirees who join *Na Koa Watch* and watch out for each other, the bigger the impact we will have on crime reduction in our State. The department's Counterdrug program has done an excellent job coordinating the program and plans call for eventually expanding *Na Koa Watch* to the neighbor islands.

There is a very exciting initiative that is currently in the planning stages that will have a positive impact for a group of native Hawaiians on Maui. Working with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, the Hawaii Army National Guard's 227th Engineer Company and 298th Engineering Detachment, will help construct an access road to the Kahikinui native Hawaiian village. The construction project is sched-

uled to begin in April and will provide realistic training for our people. The project is sanctioned by the National Guard Bureau under the provisions of the mission essential task list. We'll have more on this story in future issues of *pupukahi*.

Another initiative that is designed to help make a difference in our communities is the Work+ program coordinated by the Department of Human Services. The program provides job training to Hawaii residents who are public assistance recipients. Work+ is a "win/win" solution to federal cutbacks in welfare funding. Work+ provides state agencies with additional staffing, while helping the state to decrease the number of people on public assistance. I urge every office within the State Department of Defense to consider bringing on board qualified workers recommended by DHS. For more information contact the DHS.

We are certainly making a difference in the lives of HING personnel, State DOD civilians and family members with our

new computer training classes at the Regional Training Site - Maintenance. The article on the following page details the opening of the training sessions. I'd like to extend an invitation to all of you to get involved.

The U.S. military of the 21st Century will need to be well trained, flexible and computer literate. Our computer training classes provide our soldiers and airmen with computer skills in an environment that can be shared with family members. It is an exciting initiative that will increase the quality of life for our Guard personnel. This computer training will enable our soldiers and airmen to be better qualified for civilian jobs as well. That in turn, will enable them to stay in Hawaii, improving our retention rates.

I want to acknowledge the efforts of the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) soldiers who deployed, Jan. 16 to Feb. 4, to Japan for Yama Sakura exercises. The computer driven command post exercise provided an opportunity to train with active and

reserve counterparts. The feedback that we received from the active-duty Army was all very positive. Job well done!

My thanks go to the 150th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron which just dedicated its new FPS-117 radar and new radome, situated near the top of Mount Kokee on Kauai. The installation and start up of the new radar was accomplished despite the difficulties of going through a unit restructuring.

Congratulations go to all of the HIANG award winners who were honored March 1 for their hard work and dedication over the past year. A complete listing of awardees is on page 5 of this issue.

Finally, our condolences go out to the families of Spc. Lester Ramoran and Staff Sgt. Kenneth Keliipio, two soldiers who died in recent traffic accidents. They will be greatly missed by the members of their units and the entire Hawaii National Guard family. I urge everyone in the National Guard to assist the families in any way possible during their time of need.

Departmental News

Hawaii Guard tuition assistance

The Hawaii National Guard (HING) has a wealth of programs available for qualified National Guard members who desire to further their education.

These programs include the State Tuition Assistance program, Army National Guard Tuition Assistance, Community College of the Air Force and the Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 1606).

The most commonly known program is the State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), enacted by Act 291, Session Laws of the Hawaii 1996. This program provides State educational assistance to eligible HING members.

To qualify, a HING member must be captain (O3) or below in rank, enrolled in a University of Hawaii campus as a classified student, taking regular fall and spring semester courses (excluding summer, extension, and special courses), and a bona fide resident as determined by the University of Hawaii. As required, state adjutant general has the authority to decide if additional criteria is needed to efficiently administer the program.

In the 1996 Fall semester, community college students received 100 percent TAP finding while all others received 50 percent. The HING is currently seeking to fund all 1997 Spring semester students at full TAP funding, according to Col. Michael E. Rawlins, deputy adjutant general.

The TAP can be used with other educational entitlements such as the Montgomery GI Bill

(Chapter 1606). TAP applications for Fall 1997 are currently being taken. The deadline is May 4th for qualified HING members to submit to their TAP applications to their unit.

The Army National Guard Tuition Assistance Program (TA) is a federal program that up to specified limits, pays for 75-percent of the tuition for eligible Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG) members pursuing an undergraduate or master degrees.

TA is limited to two courses per academic term not limited to: \$60 per lower-division semester hour, \$85 per upper-division semester hour, and \$170 per graduate semester hour. The TA program is limited to 12 semester hours per academic year and is contingent on the availability of funding.

The soldier is responsible for covering the remaining 25 percent of costs not covered by the program. TA cannot be used with other federal educational benefits such as the GI Bill.

TA is available at all University of Hawaii campuses, Chaminade University, Hawaii Pacific University, Brigham Young University-Hawaii, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Wayland Baptist University. Contracts are being developed with the University of Phoenix, Hawaii according to information provided by the Maj. Michael Wong, HIARNG education services officer.

The Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) is a regionally

accredited college that provides enlisted members of the Air National Guard with opportunities for professional development and practical experience through various study programs that can be used to acquire an associates degree.

While the Army does not have a CCAF counterpart, it maintains the Army/American Council on Education Registry System (AARTS). AARTS evaluates military training and will print out the recommended college credits for HIARNG soldiers who joined after Sept. 30, 1981.

The Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 1606) provides an educational entitlement that currently provides a maximum of \$7,316.64 in Veterans Ad non-degree vocational programs, apprenticeships and more.

In general, this Chapter 1606 is available to all qualified HING members who incur a qualifying six-year service obligation, are high graduates/equivalent, and complete Initial Active Duty Training/equivalent.

For more specific information about these and other educational benefit programs such as the Student Loan Repayment Program, Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 30), Health Professional Loan Repayment Program and the non-traditional educational opportunities, HIARNG soldiers should contact Maj. Mike Wong at 733-4127. HIANG members should call Master Sgt. Rose Vendiola, retention office manager, at 449-2574.

Artillery association recruiting members

The 487th Field Artillery's Hiki No Alumni Association welcomes current and former members of the battalion to join an organization, which promotes fellowship amongst former and present members. The mission of the association is to promote morale, welfare, and recreational activities for its membership.

For more information call Capt. Kent H. Okamoto at 543-5624, 1st Lt. Steve Abe at 456-6122, or write retired Command

Sgt. Maj. James Reis at 94-824D Lumiauau St. #Z-103, Waipahu, HI 96797.

Artillery association to clean Korean-Vietnam memorials

Hiki No Alumni Associations is planning a clean-up of the Korean-Vietnam War Memorials on the State Capitol grounds in May.

Any one interested in helping to clean the memorial, please call retired Command Sgt. Maj. James Reis at 956-7146.



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Education and Training

Guard members and families welcome to take classes

Hawaii Guard starts computer training

Story and photo by Capt. Charles J. Anthony

Hawaii National Guard (HING) began the first of many computer training classes at the Regional Training Site Maintenance/Ordnance Training Battalion facility in Waiawa, Feb. 18.

The training sessions are open not only to Hawaii Guard soldiers and airmen, but State DOD civilians, and family members as well. It is the first National Guard computer training class of its kind in the nation.

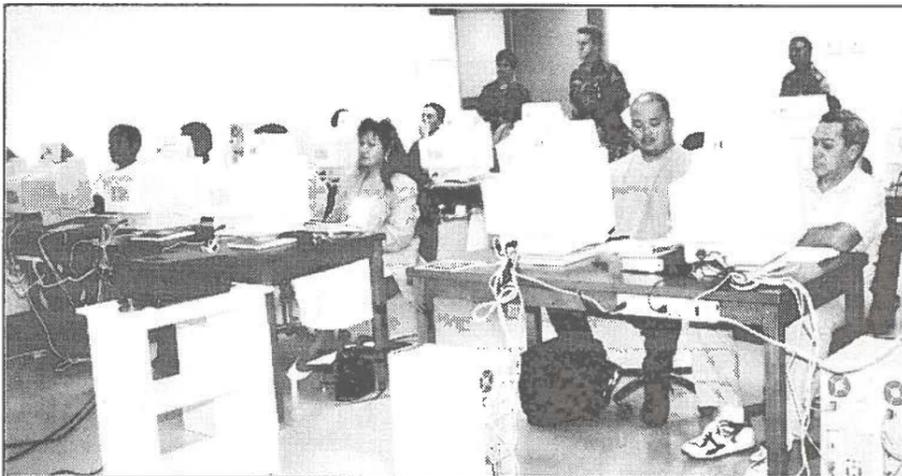
"As we move from the Industrial Revolution to the Information Revolution, it is becoming increasingly clear that in order for our personnel to remain competitive, they need to be computer literate. The military of the 21st Century will require the use of technology and a level of training higher than ever before," said Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general. "With proper training, our personnel will be able to meet the challenges of the future on the battlefield and be better qualified for promotions in their military and civilian careers.

"Family members will get a head start on their peers in school, which may give them an advantage in college selection, and by opening these classes to family members, the process not only trains our sol-

diers and airmen, it also provides another opportunity for families to participate in an activity together—something that is becoming more difficult to do in our fast paced society," said Richardson.

Maj. Alike Watts, ordnance training battalion commander, said the HING plans to eventually open up classes on the Internet and in reading and foreign languages for the dependents of Guard members. Other plans call for instruction via distance learning.

Richardson thanked Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano, the Department of Education, the National Guard Family Support Program, the Hawaii National Guard Association (HNGA) and the men and women of the RTSM for



Hawaii National Guard members and their families attend computer training class at the Regional Training Site Maintenance/Ordnance Training Battalion facility in Waiawa, Feb. 18

their support of the computer training program.

Training classes are scheduled during weekdays, nights and weekends to accommodate busy work schedules. For more information, contact Maj. Alike Watts, or Sgt. 1st Class Kapua Kenue, at 455-1519.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Gina Williams

ONE LAST TIME— The 92 graduating corpsmembers of the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Program Class 97-5 sing in at commencement ceremonies held at Leeward Community College auditorium, Jan. 25. This class marks a total of 342 Hawaii Challenge graduates since the program started in 1995.

Environmental program seeks to improve Guard awareness

The Hawaii Army National Guard Environmental Office is implementing the *Integrated Training Area Management (ITAM)* program on lands used for military training. This program complements the natural resource ecosystem management program.

ITAM includes four basic components:

- *Land Condition Trend Analysis (LCTA)* includes flora and fauna surveys, and establishment of monitoring plots to determine trend and changes over time.
- *Training Requirements Integration (TRI)* includes matching training requirements with areas which can best withstand the impacts.

- *Environmental Awareness (EA)* includes the development of education material which inform the users of the training area's environmentally sensitive areas and ways to minimize

training impacts.

- *Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance (LRAM)* develops methods to rehab areas affected by training activities.

A geographic information system (GIS) will integrate data from this program.

Ms. Hedy Hager, an intern with the ORISE program, will assist with the implementation of the ITAM program.

LRAM projects are currently underway at Ukumehame (Maui) and Kekaha (Kauai) Firing Ranges. The plan is to use native species to replace existing plants and prevent soil erosion. Each site will have a botanical garden for educating the community and guard members. Also, HIARNG plans to sponsor a student internship program to plant and maintain species. For more information call Maj. Ron Swafford at 737-3462

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families on established neighborhood security watch and community policing initiatives.

In his Jan. 20 State of the State Address, Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano announced the *Na Koa Watch* program which is intended to assist federal, state and county law enforcement agencies protect Hawaii's citizens and their property.

Na Koa Watch is one part of the governor's overall crime fighting package introduced at the Legislature.

It didn't take the HING long to get the program off the ground. At the invitation of City Council member Duke Bainum, several dozen Guard volunteers helped the Waikiki Neighborhood Watch pro-

gram patrol Kapiolani Park the night of Jan. 28. The first full-scale training session with *Na Koa Watch* volunteers was held March 1 at the Hawaii Army National Guard armory in Waiawa.

"The Hawaii National Guard's role in our nation's war against crime and drugs is not new. We have been involved in Operation GREEN HARVEST and other marijuana eradication efforts since 1977. We also are involved with various aspects of the Counterdrug and Drug Demand Reduction programs with other federal, state and county agencies," Richardson said.

"The Guard assists the U.S. Customs Service with its drug interdiction and contraband efforts and our personnel hold Parent to Parent training sessions to help Hawaii's families identify and



Photo by Capt. Charles J. Anthony

SHINING OUT OF THE DARKNESS—Sgt. James Gombio, and 1st Lt. Jeffery Kawakami use portable lighting and communications as they take part in the initial *Na Koa Crime Watch* with citizens and Guardmembers around Kapiolani Park.

prevent drug use and/or gang activity among their children."

Na Koa Watch has become an integral part of the Hawaii

National Guard's Counter Drug program, which has been fully supported and approved by the National Guard Bureau.

To volunteer for the *Na Koa Crime Watch* program, please contact the Hawaii National Guard Counterdrug Office at 737-9450 or 733-4262.

Hawaii Army National Guard



Brig. Gen.
Edward L. Correa Jr.
Commander, HIARNG

Training builds self confidence, promotes teamwork and esprit de corps, and increases professionalism in our soldiers, leaders, and units. The NCAA basketball playoffs-March Madness-represents a great example of the product of good training. Rick Pitino, coach of the defend-

ing champion Kentucky Wildcats, is one of college basketball's best coaches. In his new book, recently featured in a local newspaper, *Success is a Choice*, he reveals his 10 steps to staying on top. I think they're excellent and would like to share them with you here.

- 1. Thrive on pressure.** *Stress* robs us of our focus and inhibits our performance. *Pressure* is negative only when we are ill-prepared. In fact, pressure can bring out extraordinary accomplishments.
- 2. Establish good habits.** A bad habit is any habit that doesn't serve you in a positive way. For example, common bad habits in the workplace include distractions (the personal calls that drag on,

the conversations at the coffee machine that go past the second cup). Another bad habit is being on time. That's right: Coming to work on time is a bad habit. An athlete wouldn't show up for an 8 o'clock game at 7:55 and go out to play without warming up. Why should someone who is arriving at work at the appointed hour think he or she is prepared for the day?

- 3. Mastering art of communication.** In four words: Listen more, talk less.

- 4. Build self-esteem.** You have to feel good about yourself to succeed. The way to do that is to deserve success, to establish a great work ethic and the discipline inherent in that. But you also need to build the self-esteem of the people

around you. Look at Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Michael Jordan. Their presence on the court raises everyone else's performance level.

- 5. Always be positive.** The rule is simple: The more trying the times, the more positive you have to be. Look at change as a chance to be more successful.

- 6. Learn from adversity.** At one time or another we all encounter adversity that threatens our will to go on. One kind of adversity occurs when you experience a major failure, the kind that leaves you doubting yourself. Then you have to step back, examine your role in the failure and accept your share of the blame. Another kind of adversity comes from

events we can't control, personal tragedies. Then we either learn to overcome or we sink into despair. We must appreciate the good still around us; otherwise, the bad will ruin our lives.

- 7. Learn from role models.** Keys: Emulate traits you admire, and learn from other's mistakes.
- 8. Be ferociously persistent.** Persistence, more than anything else, keeps us great. Anyone can be great for a day, a week, a month. But the people who ultimately succeed are the ones who understand that success is a long-term commitment.

- 9. Set demanding goals.** Most people, when presented with the fact that it takes hard work to be successful, will begin working harder. The diffi-

cult part is getting them to understand their weaknesses so they can frame their goals around fixing them.

We all make excuses for our weaknesses, but if we don't conquer them one by one, they'll miss opportunities. We need goals that will help us overcome our weaknesses.

- 10. Survive success** Today's success is often tomorrow's failure. A failure to maintain discipline causes it to evaporate immediately. It's that fragile. So never forget what you did right. Write down your own secrets to success. Study them. If nothing else they'll remind you it wasn't good fortune that caused your success, but an entire life-style of achievement.

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public affairs comrades at the Fort Benning, Ga. mobilization station in early June. Also joining the team were two Nevada officers and a California broadcast journalist.

The 18-member unit was broken into four teams: two for information gathering, one for newspaper production and another for administrative duties.

After medical and financial screenings, briefings and issue of an assortment of personal and cold weather clothing the unit departed for Germany.

Training in Germany, including a stop at Hohenfels Maneuver Training Center, land-mine awareness classes was highlighted. Instruction emphasized the dangers of being in an area where millions of land mines are buried and what action should be taken if a mine is found.

After three weeks in Germany the public affairs unit deployed with seven vehicles for the Balkans through Austria, and Hungary. Loaded with an assortment of

field gear and electronic news gathering equipment, they arrived in Tazar Air Base,

Hungary, July 4. The old Hungarian base serves as the intermediate staging base for deploying and redeploying troops. After being issued ammunition and painting IFOR (Implementation Force) on the vehicles the unit was ready to convoy down range.

The next day, wearing Kevlar helmet, flak jacket, protective mask, M16 rifle and pistol belt, with 180 rounds of live ammu-

munition; the journalists drove to Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, the final destinations of the public affairs team.

The convoy moved on to Slavonski Brod, Croatia where Kamisugi, DeRyke and Andes would set up shop. Missions at Camp Sava North included print and video coverage of the 1st Armored Division's and later 1st Infantry Division's rear headquarters. Their products included production of a two-page weekly command information newsletter, daily "battle star" slide briefings and still/video/voice news releases.

Lum was part of the team headquartered at Eagle Base, Tuzla Main where they supported the 1st Armored Division and in late November, the 1st Infantry Division public affairs office. The Guard soldiers wrote, edited, and produced *The Talon*, a weekly, full-color, 12 page, magazine-style newspaper covering 23,500 troops from 11 nations assigned to Task Force Eagle.

"We produced the Army's first totally digital publication — accessible to anyone in the world

with a modem and a computer," said Lum, a 26 year veteran of the Guard.

"I increased my computer proficiency with the latest desktop publishing, digital photo enhancing and distilling programs," Lum said, who served as *The Talon* design editor.

The journalists split their time between production and chasing down stories.

"If there is something big happening, chances are my people were there," said Maj. Victoria D. Wood, 100th MPAD com-

mander. "They've been with engineers on mine-clearing and bridge building operations, patrolled with infantry and spent hours at checkpoints with armor. My soldiers worked extremely hard."

Before returning home in February the soldiers stationed in Croatia did their part to enhance the Texas unit's public affairs mission. The Hawaii Guard soldiers toiled long hours on convoys, computers and editing bays to produce command information products for the 3,000 troops in Camp Sava North, Task Force Eagle and U.S. Army Europe.

Kamisugi wrote 20 stories for publication in the Task Force Eagle newspaper *The Talon*, gathering information for the weekly *Sava Sentinel* Division Rear newsletter, wrote press releases on redeploying units, and 15 hometown releases. The deployment gave him the opportunity to learn computer desktop publishing and digital photography.

DeRyke and Andes were involved in shooting, editing, voicing and packaging more than 40 American Forces Network/USAREUR broadcast television and radio products. They honed their video/editing skills and produced broadcast quality products on the Betacam SP system.

Maj. John E. Suttle, the



Combat Camera photo

GETTING THE INSIDE SCOOP — Sgt. Lance M. Kamisugi, 117th Public Affairs Team, interviews a medic in Croatia during Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR.

1st AD's public affairs officer, said Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR has given him a unique perspective to view public affairs soldiers from both the active and reserve components. "The Texas-based Guard has clearly shown that the reserve public affairs concept works."

"To deploy to Bosnia-Herzegovina and support the mission that is bringing peace to this war-torn region is the ultimate ARTEP (Army Training and Evaluation Program). The Texas Guard passed with flying colors," Suttle said.

"The blend of Texas, Nevada, California and Hawaii Guard soldiers was top-notch. I couldn't have asked for a better mix of people," Wood said. "They really meshed. They support each other as effectively as any unit in the Army."

Most days were the same as the next, no weekends or holiday off, but the day to day routine was not without incident. A real sense of possible danger kicked in when we heard explosions and gun fire. Fortunately

the "action" did not include any injuries.

At Eagle Base in Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina, an occasion explosion was heard as engineers located and exploded in place. Bursts of gun fire were not uncommon.

In one instance, the accidental ignition of old stored munitions caused an explosion at a factory near to the Camp Sava North living quarters, in Croatia.

The Bosnia deployment marked a number of transitions for Guard soldiers: from civilian life to military life, America to Europe, peace to peace enforcement. Everyone also faced the additional challenge of forging new work relationships.

"The deployment has been a real eye-opener for me," said Spc. Andes, a 19-year-old broadcaster from Aiea. "Experiencing different cultures and seeing the aftermath of the war here in Bosnia has given me a new appreciation for both the freedoms and the luxuries of home."

Hawaii Air National Guard



Brig. Gen. Dwight M. Kealoha
Commander, HIANG
Congratulations

The HIANG held its annual awards banquet March 1 with the following people/organizations recognized:

Team Awards — Royal Guard and Scheduling Process Action Team

Safety Award — Maj. Ronald Han, 154th Logistics Squadron

Outstanding Airman of the Year — Senior Airman Zur Waki, 292nd Combat Communications Squadron

Outstanding NCO of the Year — Tech. Sgt. Bridget Komine, 154th Support Group

Outstanding Senior NCO of the Year - Master Sgt. Dan Kiyohiro, 154th Logistics Squadron

Outstanding Company Grade Officer(s) of the Year — Capt. Tamah-Lani Nakamoto, HQ HING; 2nd Lt. Basil Badley, 292nd Combat Communications Squadron

Outstanding Field Grade Officer of the Year — Maj. Norbert Luke, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

Outstanding Unit of the Year — 291st Combat Communications Squadron and 203rd Air Refueling Squadron

'97 Resolutions

Hope you've been able

to stay with all those resolutions you made for '97! Its not always easy, but success comes only with work and commitment. I encourage you to stay with it!

The Hawaii Air National Guard will continue to achieve the goals we established last year to make the HIANG the premier aerospace militia serving America and Hawaii!

To make this happen will require us to keep our focus on the goals in our strategic plan and follow through in '97 to achieve them, just as you did in '96. The challenge is to stay focused despite the myriad of issues we will be involved in, such as the budget, flying time management, personnel and manning actions, and more.

Our goals:

• **Grow our people**

Today's environment demands more of our people, particularly our junior and mid-level supervisors. To help, we are developing a leadership seminar whose purpose is to augment professional military education (PME) and bring information and insights to our supervisors. It will be given locally and our goal is to reach our mid-level NCO's and officers. We

will continue to stress the importance of in-residence PME for all our people because it prepares them for leadership roles better than any course available. This seminar will be useful to bridge the time between PME courses which can be lengthy for guardsmen and women.

We are getting closer to producing the results we need in recruiting and retention. We have set tough targets for our recruiters and commanders in order to reach our goal of full manning. One key element is the unit referral program and that involves you as role model, "recruiter," and guard spokesperson! We need your help.

Training through formal schools and CDC completion is essential for today's technology driven HIANG. We are working with PACAF and the NGB to make these formal courses more Guard "friendly".

Teamwork is essential for our success. The recent and rapid growth of the HIANG has caused tremendous turmoil in people and organizational relationships that had been established over the years. The increased pace of op-

erations added to the turmoil. The end result is we are still working to develop smooth relationships and teamwork within the new organizational structure.

• **Readiness**

The task here is straight forward — provide the finest aerospace teams for peace and war, for state and nation.

This year's challenges include the 154th Wings CERI (ORI) in August and the 201st Combat Communication Group's real world taskings.

Achieving full readiness posture for our flying and communications squadrons.

297th Air Traffic Control Flight and 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron changing status and responsibilities.

• **Mission/Force Structure Relevance**

The future may not look like the past; perhaps not even like the present. This applies to the future roles and missions of the AF and ANG. With the "lenses" we

have, the future is not clear at all; however, what is clear is space and info dominance as the two growth areas that we should get serious about. So we are doing just that, through coordination with the active Air Force

and ANG.

• **Military/Community Relations**

In '96 you more than demonstrated your flexibility and concern for our local communities by your overwhelming response to participate in Operation KOKUA. Not only did you meet the demands of the Air Guard taskings, but even helped cover the requirements of other departments.

In '97 the opportunities to help our local communities will continue.

Most recent is the call for volunteers to be a part of *Na Koa Crime Watch*, a program whose goal is to augment neighborhood efforts to make their communities safer from crime and drugs.

• **Facilities and equipment**

Over the years the HIANG has been very successful in acquiring the right equipment and facilities. A scan of our facilities and flight line will reinforce this; new facilities on

Kauai, consolidated support facility on Oahu, F-15s, KC-135s, and C-130s.

On the horizon is a requested BCE facility and upgraded communications equipment for the 201st. In addition we

are pursuing an aggressive program to upgrade our working areas through the RPM program, this may be the real challenge, as money is not available locally or at the ANGRC.

• **Mission Support**

Progress is visible in our efforts to work more closely with our active duty counterparts and the HIARNG.

We are increasing our efforts to network with other Air Guard units. An element of the Alaska Air Guard is planning to visit us in the next couple of months, while we're planning a similar trip to California's Air Guard HQ.

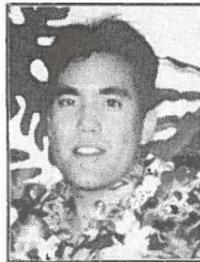
• **News**

Congratulations to the 199th Fighter Squadron for completing 40,000 accident free flying hours on Feb. 8! 31,400 sorties were flown to achieve this milestone. Given the nature of the sorties, the achievement is even more remarkable. It also means that the number of takeoffs equaled the number of landings.

On March 9, we recognized the completion of the upgrade of the radar at Mount Kokee from the FPS-93 to the FPS-117. The initiative was a combined PACAF, ANG, FAA, and Navy effort and resulted in the replacement of an aging and unsupported radar with the state of the art FPS-117. Unfortunately it also comes with the drawdown of a superb squadron, the 150th AC&WS and its re-organization to a flight. To the remarkable people who made this unit a success Mahalo! Your service to Hawaii and the nation has been superb.



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Civil Defense hurricane exercise successful

By Barbara Hendrie
State Civil Defense

The Hawaii Chapter of the American Red Cross hosted a hurricane exercise held here over Feb. 26 - 28. The three-day event drew Red Cross staff from around the Pacific, as well as federal, state and county agencies. Also in attendance were Red Cross headquarters staff, FEMA Region IX, military and Hawaii National Guard representatives and State and County civil defense agencies.

The full scale exercise focused on the interaction between the Red Cross and agencies assembled under the Federal Response Plan for response to a major disaster. The plan matches up federal agencies with state, local and volunteer counterparts to add more horsepower to meet critical needs. This system was used in Hawaii during Hurricane Iniki where nearly 20,000 persons from around the country teamed up to aid disaster victims.

The focus of February's exercise emphasized Red Cross interaction with a host of government and volunteer agencies in the face of a major disaster. Under the Federal Response Plan, the Red Cross is the lead for mass care and works hand in glove with state and county government, as well as a host of private nonprofit agencies. Besides meeting emergency needs, the Red Cross also plays a lead in helping locate friends and relatives as well as managing donations sent from around the country, even around the world. Donations management can become a very large issue in a major disaster where careful control must be placed over cash contributions and goods to match up what is needed with what is donated.

This Hurricane exercise was one of fourteen similar events sponsored by the Red Cross around the country, and a first for Hawaii. The event gave Hawaii agencies a clearer idea of the Red Cross role in disaster, as well as interagency connections. While the Hawaii Chapter has been a long-standing player in

state and county sponsored events, this time the table was turned to view interactions from a Red Cross standpoint.

Near the close of the three-day event, a critique was held to voice issues revealed over the course of the exercise. A written report will follow to summarize high and low points which will be evaluated for use in creating and revising emergency response plans. Overall, participants gave high marks to the effort, emphasizing that this was a great opportunity to work together, some for the first time.

The Red Cross exercise was one of several held since January 1997. The statewide Tsunami Exercise was held in January, followed by three training events scheduled by state, county and military agencies.

The next big exercise for all islands is slated for early May with the kickoff of Makani Pahili '97, an annual hurricane exercise involving hundreds of agencies and thousands of players.

Hawaii National Guard Family Program



Maj. Martha St. Louis
State Family Support
Coordinator

This has been a positive new year so far for the family program with many more great things to come. Our next big event is the 1997 family program annual conference, April 19-20. If you haven't already gotten your registration packet in, contact the State Family Program Coordinator (SFPC) for information.

The theme for this year's conference is "Where Do We Go From Here?" with a special emphasis on Protecting Our Families. This year's theme is the third in a trilogy, beginning with "Together We Can" and last year's "Getting Back to Basics." We can do all things if we join together as one. We have to do more with less, so we need to get back to basics. Now, we that we know these things, where do we go from here? The underlying theme Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general, wants to get across, with all the crime and drugs we are facing today in Hawaii, is protecting our families. This two-day conference includes keynote speakers, and workshops to promote the Hawaii National Guard Family Program. The general wants to continue his emphasis on quality of life for our Guardsmembers and their families to ensure retention of quality soldiers and airmen. Guest speakers and workshops will present information that will show us where to go from here and how to protect our families.

The State Team and a group of other family program volunteers participated in the Great Aloha Run by providing breakfast and refreshments to the gung-ho 8-milers on Presidents Day, Feb. 17. We need to continue in the volunteer spirit in support of the upcoming, once-in-a-lifetime event, The Great Trans-Ko'olau Trek, May 11. This is a 10-mile run/walk over the scenic, soon-to-be-open H3 highway, the one and only time before it opens for traffic. For more information on how you can support this upcoming event as a volunteer, contact the SFPC.

Premobilization family support briefings for any HING unit that requests them are effective ways to keep the family as well as the unit members informed of what happens during and how to prepare for mobilizations and deployments. Fifteen 201st Combat Communications Group personnel are currently deployed to Australia and will return the end of March. The 117th Public Affairs Team performed their annual training in Panama in March. Our HING units are constantly on the go, and we need to make sure our families are prepared.

The adjutant general has made FREE computer classes available to Guard family members, age 12 and older, beginning this year. Enrollment procedures are easy — you can call the Ordnance Training Company between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 455-1519 or 455-1613 to enroll. Classes include: *Introduction to Computers*, a 4-hour introductory

Hui Laulima: Family of Helping Hands

course; *Windows 95*, an 8-hour course on the latest Microsoft operation system; and *Introduction to Word 7.0 for Windows*, and 8-hour course. These courses are ongoing through June.

Other courses, including *Microsoft Excel*, *Microsoft Access*, and *Intermediate Windows and Word* are planned for July. Call today to get your free computer training!

The family program hosts monthly meetings of the State Team, allowing all island representatives to meet on a regular basis and plan upcoming events for the State. These team members are all dedicated volunteers who give of their personal time and special innovative efforts that go "above and beyond" to help ensure the family program is a success. The family program could not function without their tremendous efforts. The State Team members are: Jo Anne Yamamoto, head volunteer; Yvonne Landreth (Army), Liz Santa Ana (Army) and Joyce Silva (Air), Oahu representatives; Marilyn Tolentino (Air), Hawaii representative; Bobbie Agena (Air), Kauai representative; Kanani Kahalehoe, Maui/Molokai representative; and past head volunteers, Cheri Mandaquit and Liz Taga. Carol Manuel will be taking over as the Maui/Molokai representative when Kanani Kahalehoe takes over as the head volunteer for the State Team in April. Jo Anne Yamamoto will be stepping down as the head volunteer after serving two years. Her tenure with the State Team has brought such a positive and can do attitude to the State Team. We will truly miss her as the leader of the Team, but know she will continue for years to come as an active and devoted volunteer. Mahalo's to Jo Anne! We would also like to welcome to our advisory team Mrs. Diane Kamimura, the new 29th Infantry Brigade commander's spouse.

Parent to Parent Training with the Drug Demand Reduction (DDR) staff and the family program has been an enlightening and rewarding experience. The DDR staff, headed by Capt. Tamah-Lani Nakamoto, has been instrumental in involving the family program in this important and vital training. Classes are ongoing on Oahu and neighbor islands, helping to educate Guard families and the community on family and drug reduction issues. Contact the family program office at 732-1823 or the DDR office at 733-4230 for more information on upcoming class dates and times.

Family Team Building is another dynamic course of training available to Guard families and units. In keeping with the mission readiness need to keep our families edu-

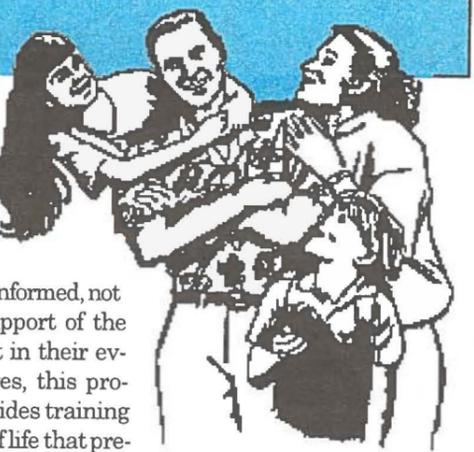
cated and informed, not only in support of the Guard but in their everyday lives, this program provides training for a way of life that prepares everyone to function at their highest level, in any situation, with minimal outside support. It is designed to help improve personal and family preparedness which enhances the overall Hawaii National Guard readiness. Three levels of training, encompassing newcomers to the HING as well as those with years of HING experience, are presented in approximately 50 hours of informative and interactive classes. These classes can be scheduled to meet unit training schedules and should incorporate the Family Support Groups. We can also "train the trainer" and create certified trainers down to the unit level to facilitate these classes. College credit is obtainable for both students and facilitators, as an added incentive for volunteers who want to become more informed and involved.

Contact the Family Program office at 732-1823 for more information on how you can get your unit and family members on the road to readiness and self-sufficiency as part of the Hawaii National Guard Team!

Working to meet the needs of the family member through the family program is a high priority of our adjutant general. A financial readiness council, a vocational resource listing and a tutorial program are just a few of the services he has authorized the family program to participate in. Workshops and presentations will be made on these programs at the family program annual conference in April. A survey is available for every Guard and family member to complete to register them on the vocational resource listing. Contact the SFPC for more information. The Hawaii National Guard Association, the Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association and the Ordnance Training Brigade are working in concert with the family program to help ensure these programs are a success.

1997 Family Program Annual Conference, April 19-20 Hilton Hawaiian Village

All these programs and events planned for this coming fiscal year can work to accomplish a better quality of life for the soldiers and airmen of the Hawaii National Guard. Families are key part of the Hawaii National Guard Team! If you haven't already checked out your unit's family support group or if you need help in getting your family support program energized, call me at 732-1823 or from the neighbor islands at 1-800-732-6964.



Ask the Top

Command Sgt. Maj. James K. Kahalehoe, Jr.

Military customs, courtesies

Q: What Army regulation covers salutes, honors and visits of courtesy?

A: AR 600-25 (FM 22-5)

Q: What other Army publication is a good source of information regarding military customs and courtesies?

A: FM 22-5, Appendix A.

Q: What are customs?

A: Commonly practiced or observed events that have become tradition and make up the unwritten *common law* of the Army.

Q: What is meant by military

courtesy?

A: The respect and consideration shown by military personnel to others.

Q: What is considered to be the most important of all military courtesies?

A: The hand salute.

Q: Why do we salute?

A: It is an act of courtesy and recognition between military members.

Q: What is the origin of the hand salute?

A: Although uncertain, some historians believe that it began in late Roman

times when assassinations were common. A citizen who wanted to see a public official had to approach with his right hand raised to show that he did not hold a weapon. Knights in armor raised visors with the right hand when meeting a comrade. This practice gradually became a way of showing respect and, in early American history, sometimes involved removing the hat. By 1820, the motion was modified to touching the hat, and since then it has become the hand salute used today.

Q: At what position are salutes always given?

A: The position of *attention* (includes "walking" at attention but never running).

Q: Army personnel in uniform are required to salute when they meet and recognize persons entitled (by grade) to a salute except for what circumstances?

A: When it is inappropriate or impractical (in public conveyances such as planes and buses, in public places such as outside athletic facilities, inside the-

aters, or when driving a vehicle).

Q: Name other times when a soldier is required to salute.

A: When the U.S. national anthem, *To the Color*, *Reveille*, *Hail to the Chief*, or foreign national anthems are played

- To uncased national color outdoors
- On ceremonial occasions (as directed, e.g. the state anthem: *Hawaii Pono!*)

- At reveille and retreat ceremonies, during the raising or lowering of the flag

- When pledging allegiance to the U.S. flag outdoors

- When turning over control of formations

- When rendering reports or when reporting to an official board or officer indoors

- To officers of friendly foreign countries

Q: When are salutes not required?

A: Indoors, except when reporting to an officer or when on duty as a guard.

Have bear, will travel

By Capt. Charles J. Anthony

Members of the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron and KC-135 maintenance personnel from the 154th Aircraft Generation Squadron have broadened the horizons of students at a local elementary school with the assistance of a stuffed toy bear.

In March 1996, Senior Airman Blaine Osato, a former after school program leader at Liholiho Elementary School in Kaimuki, and a crew chief with the 154th first suggested the idea of having Hawaii Air National Guard members adopt the school as a community service project. Guard members have assisted the school by wiring a Local Area Network (LAN) throughout the classrooms, participating in campus beautification projects and providing guest speakers for the school's career day. But the ongoing project that has really fired the imaginations of the students at Liholiho is "Geo-Bear." When he's not at home, sitting in his favorite rocking chair in the school's library, the stuffed animal accompanies 203rd flight crews on their deployments to various locations all over the world. Upon returning from his travels with the refueling squadron, Geo Bear brings back souvenirs

to the school in his backpack and lots of new entries in his log book. The KC-135 tanker crews write about Geo-Bear's "experiences" while on deployment, piquing the students' curiosity. "Prior to Geo Bear, we didn't have the same response from the students when it came to studying geography and world cultures", said Faith Ishihara, Liholiho Elementary School librarian. "But now, the topics are much more meaningful to them. For instance, the students (preschool to sixth grade) are now very interested in learning things like holidays all over the world, different time zones, longitude and latitude and what people from other cultures are like," Ishihara said.

The school's library is adorned with photographs, postcards, money and other items brought back by Geo Bear and 203rd personnel from places such as Alaska, Guam, Samoa, Japan, Korea, Thailand, Singapore and Germany. "When Geo Bear is not in

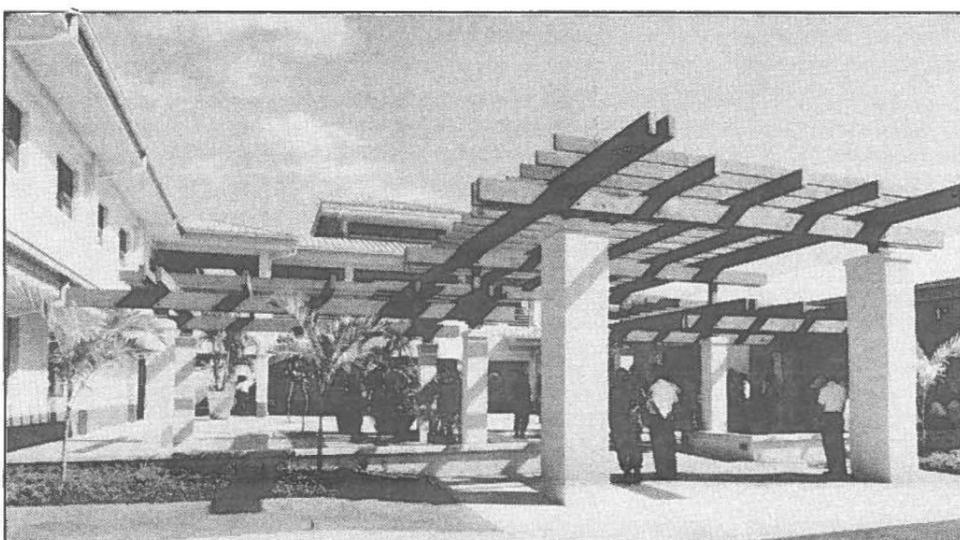


Photo by Lt. Col. Stan Osserman

Staff Sgt. Ken Miike, of the 154th Aircraft Generation Squadron, poses with "Geo Bear" at the airport in Pago Pago, American Samoa.

his rocking chair, the students know he's flown off somewhere with the 203rd," said Ishihara. "They keep asking where is he and when is he coming back?"

In March, Geo Bear accompanied the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron to Iceland. No doubt, he has some exiting stories to share with the students.



Hawaii Air National Guard photos

New Air Guard facilities dedicated

(Top left) Senior Airman Dawn Wahinekapu, Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state adjutant general and Col. Richard Hastings, 154th Support Group commander, untie the maile lei, symbolically opening the Consolidated Support Facility at Hickam Air Force Base, Feb. 9. (Top right) The Hawaii Air National Guard's facility includes the dining, medical training and the 154th Support Group Headquarters, finance, personnel and recruiting offices.

(Left) The \$5.1 million Fuel System Maintenance/Corrosion Control Facility was dedicated at Hickam Air Force Base on Sunday, Feb. 9. The facility provides hanger space for two fighter aircraft, shop spaces, and administrative offices. Hawaii Air National Guard personnel can now repair aircraft corrosion in a controlled environment rather than having the F-15s exposed to the elements.



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha

SUPERKID — Staff Sgt. Kenneth Manuel, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, of Wailuku, explains the Maui Superkids race course to 6-year-old Cassie Bal of Kihei, Maui.



SUPER BAND - The 111th Army Band lead off the parade for the Maui Superkids competition, Feb. 22, at the War Memorial Stadium, Kahului, Maui.

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. Eugene S. Imai, HQ, STARC (1st OLC)

Meritorious Service Medal

Lt. Col. Robert F. Darrow, 154th Operations Support Flight
Lt. Col. Raymond Jardine Jr., HQ, 103rd Troop Command (1st OLC)

Lt. Col. Walter K. Kaneakua Jr., HQ, 154th Wing (3rd OLC)

Lt. Col. Chester I. Saito, HQ, STARC (1st OLC)

Lt. Col. Phillip I. Tokunaga, 204th Airlift Squadron

Maj. Jana R. Wolf, HQ, STARC

Maj. Kevin D. Garcia, 204th Airlift Squadron

Chief Warrant Officer David Y. Shirimizu (posthumous)

Command Sgt. Maj. Francisco Jr., HQ, 103rd Troop Command

Sgt. Maj. Franklin T. Oshiro, HQ STARC (-Det. 3&4)

1st Sgt. Rudolph L. Gabrillo, HHC, 29th Support Battalion

Senior Master Sgt. Degracias Agbayani Jr., 19th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Carl J. Simmons, HQ HIANG

Master Sgt. Miles Y. Ishizaki, HHSB, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery

Master Sgt. Edward V. Llanos, HQ, STARC (1st OLC)

Master Sgt. Jack K. Maquakane, HHSB, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery

Master Sgt. Wallace M. Shiro, HHSB, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery

Sgt. 1st Class Myles M. Sumi, Co. A, (Sup. & Trans.), 29th Support Battalion

Sgt. 1st Class Richard S. Gima, HQ, STARC

Sgt. 1st Class William P. Haalilio, HHSB, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery

Sgt. 1st Class Arthur R. Lum, HHC, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)

Sgt. 1st Class Arthur T. Sampaga, Det. 1, Co. B, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry

Sgt. 1st Class Myles M. Sumi, Co. A, (Sup. & Trans.), 29th Support Battalion

Master Sgt. Paul M. Gallagher, 154th Security Police Squadron

Master Sgt. Robin T. Ito, 154th Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Catherine P. Ballie, HQ STARC (-Det. 3&4)

Staff Sgt. Thomas M. Mato, 111th Army Band

Staff Sgt. Francis K. Smith, Co. A (Trans.), 29th Support Battalion

Staff Sgt. Robert W. Leshner, Btry. A, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Ar-

tillery (2nd OLC)

Capt. Roger T. Pukahi, Co. C, 193rd Aviation

Capt. Ernesto Ribucan, HHC, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (2nd OLC)

1st Lt. Christopher M. Slavens, HQ, STARC

2nd Lt. Scott L. Casey, Det. 1, Co. A, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry

2nd Lt. Dwayne H. Hamasaki, HHC, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry

2nd Lt. Keith S. Hara, Co. A, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (2nd OLC)

Chief Warrant Officer David M. Azada, 193rd Aviation (1st OLC)

Chief Warrant Officer Karen T. Stender, HQ STARC (2nd OLC)

1st Sgt. Joseph S. Penn, Det. 1 103rd Troop Command (1st OLC)

Master Sgt. Wendell M. Hatami, HHC, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st OLC)

Master Sgt. Robert N. Inouye, HQ, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (2nd OLC)

Master Sgt. Kurtis T. Mabe, 103rd Troop Command (1st OLC)

Sgt. 1st Class Rudy J.K. Akina, HHC, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) (2nd OLC)

Sgt. 1st Class David Aponte, Co. C (Med.), 29th Support Battalion (2nd OLC)

Sgt. 1st Class Janell A. Balatico, HHD, 12th Personnel Service Det. (4th OLC)

Sgt. 1st Class Clifford D. Duro, HHC, 29th Support Battalion (3rd OLC)

Sgt. 1st Class Terry Gusman, HHC (-Det. 1), 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st OLC)

Sgt. 1st Class Brian A. Heidenfeldt, HHC (-), 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry

Sgt. 1st Class Garret H. Iha, HHC, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)

Sgt. 1st Class Craig T. Ikeda, HQ, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (1st OLC)

Sgt. 1st Class James H. Kalaaukahi, Co. C, 193rd Aviation

Sgt. 1st Class Paul P. Kamau, Btry. A, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (1st OLC)

Sgt. 1st Class George P. Kuwada, HHC, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)

Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M.W.S. Lum, HQ, STARC (5th OLC)

Sgt. 1st Class Roy T. Miyamoto, HHC, 29th Support Battalion (1st OLC)

Sgt. 1st Class Ruben D. Park, HQ, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (1st OLC)

Sgt. 1st Class Pacifico, Det. 1, Co. A, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st OLC)

Sgt. 1st Class Soo T. Tufaga, Co. D, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry

Sgt. 1st Class Abel O. Vidaurri, Co. C, 193rd Aviation

Staff Sgt. Yale Alama, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)

Staff Sgt. Garry D. Black Jr., Troop F, 82nd Cavalry, ORARNG

Staff Sgt. Pablo B. Comilang, HQ, 103rd Troop Command (1st OLC)

Staff Sgt. Lester J. Dacuag, Co. D, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry

Staff Sgt. Keith A. Enanoria, HHC, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry

Staff Sgt. Jacob Kuaii, HHC, 29th Infantry Brigade

Staff Sgt. Patrick A. McMorris, HQ STARC

Staff Sgt. Ronald J. Yi, HHC, 29th Support Battalion (1st OLC)

Staff Sgt. Albert G. Dugay, Co. C, 2nd Battalion 299th Infantry (1st OLC)

Sgt. Vladimir I. Hidrovo, Troop E, 19th Cavalry

Sgt. Kehaulani G.A. Jardine, HQ STARC (1st OLC)

Sgt. Lance M. Kamisugi, 117th Public Affairs Team (4th OLC)

Sgt. Jemal C. Ned, HHC, 29th Support Battalion

Sgt. Fred Pimentel, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery

Sgt. Linford M. Ramos, HHC, 29th Support Battalion (1st OLC)

Sgt. Dino A. Rodrigues, Troop E, 19th Cavalry (2nd OLC)

Sgt. Richard Santos, Co. C (Med.), 29th Support Battalion

Sgt. David K. Van Buren, Co. C, 193rd Aviation

Sgt. Otto Wells, Co. B, 193rd Aviation

Cpl. Stanley M. Acedo, HHC, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate)

Cpl. Richard A. Dawson, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Det. (DRTOC) (1st OLC)

Spc. Erik B. DeRyke, 117th Public Affairs Team (1st OLC)

Spc. Eraina V. Andes, HQ, STARC

Spc. Erik B. DeRyke, HQ, STARC

Master Sgt. Ivan M. Mineshima, 154th Logistics Squadron (1st OLC)

Master Sgt. James I. Patao Jr., 219st Combat Communications Squadron

Master Sgt. Mathias P. Thornley, 291st Combat Communications Squadron (1st OLC)

Master Sgt. Edwin C. Tolentino, 291st Combat Communications Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Elwin Y. Kaneshiro, 154th Wing

Tech. Sgt. Adranne M. Maertinez, 154th Wing

Army Achievement Medal

Capt. Mark T. Mitsui, HHC, 29th Support Battalion

2nd Lt. Eric J. Oh, HHC, 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) (3rd OLC)

Sgt. 1st Class Damaso R. Bastatas Jr., Co. B (Maint.), 29th Support Battalion (1st OLC)

Staff Sgt. Arnel C. Antonio, HHC, 29th Support Battalion (1st OLC)

Staff Sgt. William J.C. Awana, HHC, 29th Support Battalion (4th OLC)

Staff Sgt. John C. Birch Jr., Troop F, ORARNG

Staff Sgt. Hakon Bjerke, HHC, 29th Support Battalion (1st OLC)

Staff Sgt. Caesar W.K. Book Jr., HHC, 29th Support Battalion (3rd OLC)

Sgt. Paulino B. Canne, Co. A (Sup. & Trans), 29th Support Battalion (1st OLC)

Staff Sgt. Kim Z. Fox, Troop F, Oregon ARNG

Staff Sgt. Wesley C. Mundy, HHC, 29th Support Battalion (1st OLC)

Staff Sgt. Sidney Remigio, Company B (Maint.), 29th Support Battalion (3rd OLC)

Staff Sgt. Robert W. Woodring, HHC, 29th Support Battalion (2nd OLC)

Sgt. Glenn G. Alonzo, 12th Personnel Service Battalion

Sgt. David L. Asentista, 111th Army Band

Sgt. Carl J. August, Company B (Maint.), 29th Support Battalion (2nd OLC)

Sgt. Kevin A. Becera, Company B (Maint.), 29th Support Battalion (2nd OLC)

Sgt. Eugene Y.W. Choy Jr., Co. B (Maint.), 29th Support Battalion (3rd OLC)

Sgt. Phillip E. Highwood, Troop F, Oregon ARNG (2nd OLC)

Sgt. Anetelea Pelesasa Jr., 103rd Troop Command

Spc. Micah C. Jones, Troop F, Oregon ARNG

154th Maintenance Squadron, (3rd OLC)

Master Sgt. Randy C. Avilla, 154th Aircraft Generation Squadron

Master Sgt. Moses L. Felipe Jr., 154th Maintenance Squadron, (1st OLC)

Master Sgt. Gerald Galpol Jr., 154th Aircraft Generation Squadron (2nd OLC)

Master Sgt. Henry T. Hasuike, 154th Logistics Squadron (4th OLC)

Master Sgt. Herbert H. Honjo, 154th Air Control Squadron (2nd OLC)

Master Sgt. Gary H. Kodani, 154th Aircraft Generation Squadron

Master Sgt. Henry Machado, 154th Maintenance Squadron (1st OLC)

Master Sgt. Francis K. Mahelona Jr., 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (4th & 5th OLC)

Master Sgt. Laura S. Masuda, 154th Medical Squadron (1st OLC)

Hawaii National Guard Medal for Merit

Lt. Col. Melvin S. Tamaye, HHC, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st Bronze Kahili)

Maj. Lansin K. Kakazu, HQ STARC (-Det. 3&4)

Master Sgt. Napua N. Sugai, 150th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M.W.S. Lum, HQ, STARC

Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal

Lt. Col. Eldon P. Kaopua, HQ, STARC

Lt. Col. Blane O. Ogata, HQ, STARC (2nd Bronze Kahili)

Maj. Joseph P. Kuamoo, HQ Det., STARC

Maj. Matthew M. Nagasako, HQ Det., STARC (1st Bronze Kahili)

Capt. Gary M. Mizumoto, 293rd Combat Communications Squadron

Capt. Keith N.S. Yoshida, HHC, 29th Support Battalion

Maj. Martin P. Merschell, 201st Combat Communications Group

Senior Master Sgt. Robert M. Suzuki, 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

Sgt. 1st Class Melelini Fiso, 103rd Troop Command

Sgt. Lance M. Kamisugi, HQ, STARC (1st Bronze Kahili)

Spc. Eraina V. Andes, HQ, STARC

Spc. Erik B. DeRyke, HQ, STARC

Air Force Achievement Medal