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Calendar

November 9, Sunday

35th Anniversary of the 29th Infantry Brigade Vietnam Call-up Memorial Ceremony, 29th SIB headquarters, Kalaeloa, 10 a.m.

November 11, Tuesday

Veterans' Day, federal and state holiday. Ceremonies at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, 9 a.m.; Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, 1 p.m.

November 4-23

Hawaii Army National Guard Intramural Basketball Tournament, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-10:30 p.m., Kalaeloa gym

November 27, Thursday

Thanksgiving Day, federal and state holiday.

December 5-9

Hawaii National Guard Basketball Tournament, time and location to be announced.

December 25, Thursday

Christmas Day, federal and state holiday.

January 1, 2004 Thursday

New Year's Day, federal and state holiday.

January 19, Monday

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, federal and state holiday.

February 14, Saturday

St. Valentine's Day, Sweetheart Ball, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery, location to be announced.

Hawaii conducts terrorism exercise

By Maj. Charles J. Anthony

Hawaii held the largest and most complex Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) terrorism exercise in state history, from Aug. 25-29. State Civil Defense coordinated the exercise, called "Ho'opale`Elua (to defend against)", which involved numerous state and local government agencies and private businesses. The weeklong exercise evaluated many components of the state's emergency response system, including simulated threats against Hawaii's critical infrastructure, a hazardous materials response drill and a multi-agency response to bio-terrorism. The exercise also involved a continuation of government scenario in which Gov. Linda Lingle and her cabinet were airlifted via a Hawaii Army National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters to State Civil Defense, inside Diamond Head Crater.

For most of the day, Gov. Lingle and her various departmental directors wrestled with issues related to a simulated smallpox outbreak that had been started by terrorists. "What we learned from the exercise will allow government agencies and private businesses to make the necessary adjustments to their crisis plans so everyone will be fully prepared to ensure the safety of our residents in the event of a terrorist attack or other crisis," said Lingle. "This was a well thought out, well-planned exercise. Our team came away very informed."

The weeklong exercise also involved



EOC CENTRAL -- Left: Gov. Linda Lingle, joined by Lt. Gov. James "Duke" Aiona, briefs the press at the State Civil Defense Emergency Operating Center. Below: SCD staff welcomes the media to the EOC. Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha photos



a Hawaii Army National Guard rapid response, protecting one of Hawaiian Electric's power generating plants, a 93rd Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team response to a simulated attack on the Big Island, while the U.S. Coast Guard and other agencies worked on a simulated hazardous

materials scenario near Sand Island. National Guard Bureau Chief Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, who was in town for a conference, was able to see firsthand how infrastructure protection plans were being put to the test at places such as the Kahe Point power plant.



CHECK-IT-OUT -- Sgt. Aniutea Tuiolemoto and Spc. Jacquelyn Corderio (above) inspect a motorbike and bag belonging to a photographer covering the Hawaiian Electric Company's Kahe Point power plant. Spc. Chester Desiderio (right) stands guard at the front gate. The Hawaii Army National Guard's 29th Support Battalion soldiers are part of the rapid response forces.



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The Adjutant General

J-5/7: Strategic Plans and Policies
director to be determined

J-6: Command, Control,

Communications and Computer Systems
Col. Kathy Berg

J-8: Finance
Col. Lance Okihara

J-Staff Director,
Retired Col. Gary Ishikawa.

Chief of Staff
Brig. Gen. Darryll Wong

Assistant Chief of Staff
Col. Stanley Osserman.

Several of these positions will be filled by dual-hatted individuals. For example, Gen. Wong will continue to be the chief of staff for the Hawaii Air National Guard while he is fulfilling his duties as part of the joint staff. The joint staff will be the focal point not only for our relationship with PACOM, but with our inter-

agency partners associated with Homeland Security. At some point in the not-too-distant future, we will have liaisons from other agencies such as the U.S. Coast Guard, the Pacific Disaster Center and the Transportation Security Administration embedded within State DOD Headquarters. This interagency embedded approach has been getting national recognition. For instance, our Hawaii model was recently lauded at the National Guard Association of the U.S. annual conference in Biloxi, Miss., by National Guard Bureau Chief, Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, and Maj. Gen. John A. Love, Air National Guard assistant to Space Command.

Another Hawaii initiative that is gaining national recognition is our inaugural Asia-Pacific Homeland Security Summit, which will be held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, November 19-21. The Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge, has been invited

and is expected to attend. Featured speakers will include Adm. Thomas Fargo, commander, U.S. Pacific Command; Dr. Rohan Gunaratna, senior visiting fellow, Institute of Defense and Strategic Studies (Singapore) and author *Inside Al Qaeda: Global Network of Terror*; and, James Woolsey, former director of the CIA.

Proactive disaster preparedness

Finally, I'd like to address the issue of readiness. At the end of August, Hawaii was threatened by Hurricane Jimena and in September, an earthquake in Japan triggered a tsunami watch for Hawaii. Although neither of these threats materialized, they are reminders that natural disasters can impact

us virtually at any time, and we must always be prepared. As we monitored the hurricane and the tsunami watch, I can say with confidence that we did all we could to ensure the safety and well-being of Hawaii's residents and that we would have been well prepared in the event of an actual disaster. Keep up the good work!

Although it's been a somewhat low-key transition, a major shift occurred within the State Department of Defense Headquarters on Oct. 1. On that day, we stood up the joint staff, which will coordinate programs and projects being worked between U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) and our department. The following directorates make up the joint staff:

J-1: Manpower, Personnel and Administration
Lt. Col. Keith Tanouye

J-2: Intelligence
Maj. Suzanne Vares Lum

J-3: Operations
Col. Stanley Keolanui

J-4: Logistics
Col. Richard Young



LADIES' CHOICE -- Newly promoted Brig. Gen. Darryll Wong's stars are pinned on by his wife, Teresa, (right) and Gov. Linda Lingle, at the Governor's Office in August. Wong is the Hawaii Air National Guard's chief of staff. *Derek R. Inoshita photo*

Departmental News

Hawaii National Guard Association update

125th National Guard Association of the U.S. conference highlights, Biloxi, Miss., September:

Nineteen delegates led by Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee, the adjutant general, represented Hawaii. They were joined by another eight members and spouses for the event. Highlights included the HNGA being recognized for its fourth straight year of 100 percent membership; and individual awards presented to Col. Raymond Jardine (Distinguished Service Medal), Capt. Dwayne Hamasaki (Valley Forge Cross for Heroism), Staff Sergeant Henry Choy (Valley Forge Cross for Heroism), and Tech Sergeant Bill Tapper (Valley Forge Certificate for Heroism). (*Editor's note: see following article for details of Cross for Heroism*)

The participants also ran an exhibition booth publicizing the hosting of the NGAUS 2005 Conference here in Honolulu.

Lastly, the Hawaii delegation teamed up

with Puerto Rico to put on one of the greatest state parties in years. More than 2,000 partygoers were treated to a pool-side gala featuring music from Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

Col. Gary Hara, Hawaii Army National Guard chief of staff, has been appointed as the NGAUS 2005 general chair. He will be assisted by co-chairs Brig. Gen. Darryll Wong and Col. Michael Rawlins (U.S. Property and Fiscal Officer). The NGAUS 2005 leadership has already taken critical steps in the planning stages of the conference. More information to come.

Change in NGA-HI insurance program

The board of the National Guard Association of Hawaii Insurance Program consisting of HNGA and HNGEA officers recently approved Ted Shuey, Inc. of Virginia as its new insurance carrier, replacing American Equity. Ted Shuey, Inc. features an insurance package in association with the ING Company and the Armed Forces Benefit Association that will offer better benefits for the

existing 1,500 policyholders in the Hawaii National Guard.

- Policyholders will see their coverages increase by 20 percent, but their premiums will remain the same.
- Free initial \$1,000 packages will be offered to all Hawaii Guard members.
- Programs will take effect around Dec. 1

Aloha Style HNGA golf shirts on sale

Colors are green, blue, and maroon, and sizes range from small to XXL. To place an order, contact:

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Hawaii heroes

Two Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers were honored for heroism at the National

Guard Association of the U.S. annual conference this summer.

Twenty-ninth Separate Infantry Brigade soldiers Capt. Dwayne Hamasaki and Staff Sgt. Henry Choy, who received the Valley Forge Cross for Heroism, were recognized for their quick response in rescuing two soldiers shocked by a downed, live power cable.

Brigade soldiers who had completed their annual fitness physical training were awaiting transportation at Kalaeloa when their bus failed to negotiate a turn, knocking down a utility pole and separating an overhead power line.

The line struck 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery privates Luis A. Moran-Niever and Kacinisau B. Yalimawai.

Choy quickly responded by pulling off his PT jacket and wrapping it around each victim's legs and pulling them off the wire. Artillery Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Morrill assisted him. Hamasaki moved the live wire safely away.

Hawaii Guard medics arrived on the scene

shortly and assessed that the soldiers received second and third degree electrical burns, as well as some electrically-induced convulsive teeth damage. The privates were transported

to the Queen's Hospital Trauma Center, then transferred to Tripler Army Medical Center. Both victims were released the following evening in satisfactory condition.



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Field artillery trains in their sandbox

By Spc. Benjamin T. Donde

“Realistic and harsh terrain similar to what soldiers would see if called to the desert,” said Maj. Robert W. Leshner, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery officer, “is why we like to train at Pohakuloa Training Area.”

PTA is nestled in the “saddle” between Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa on the Big Island of Hawaii.

“Fine volcanic dust all over and the wind in the midst of the training area make for some nasty conditions, but it prepares us in case we ever deploy to somewhere like Iraq,” said Sgt. Matauai Saole, a section chief for one of the M-119 howitzers. “Even though the conditions are bad, we still have to perform our mission.”

The artillerymen from the Hiki No battalion, which means “can do,” put their Mission Essential Task List to the test. Training consisted of everything from establishing effective battery perimeters using engineers

to dig in, to employing massive firepower and ensuring daily maintenance is performed.

Unit’s goal is to exceed the standard

“The 487th goal is to be the best battalion in the Hawaii Army National Guard, always ready to shoot, move and communicate,” said Leshner. “We train hard to exceed the standard and support any mission of the 29th Separate Infantry Brigade (Enhanced) and have fun as a family.”

“We’ve been very successful,” said Leshner, “we have had good evaluations from the observer controllers, and our morale is high.”

The Hiki No battalion isn’t the only unit involved though. They have external support from six different units. Aside from the 240 soldiers participating in the 487th, 63 other personnel from various units are contributing, to ensure the success of the mission.

Lingle, ESGR visits 487th at Pohakuloa

This AT was marked by a visit from Gov. Linda Lingle and employers of the Guard soldiers in support of what they do in defense of the State of Hawaii and the nation.

Gov. Lingle and members of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) organization flew into Bradshaw Army Airfield on a C-130 for the visit, which is only minutes away from the training area.

The National Committee for ESGR is an agency within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. Established in 1972, they promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve component members and their civilian employers and assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee’s military commitment.

They were taken out to the field and shown exactly what goes on out there. Gov. Lingle pulled the trigger on one of the M-119 howitzers during an actual firing mission.

The governor later signed a statement of appreciation and support of the Guardsmen saying, “I couldn’t be prouder to sign.”

When presented with a Hiki No t-shirt signed by the unit, she said, “to me, it’s priceless.”

With the state of the world climate and various missions throughout the world, the Pentagon may be looking to deploy more of the National Guard.

“The readiness of the 487th makes us a prime target for deployment,” said Leshner.

Annual training will be invaluable if ever these soldiers should be called to service around the world. “We make it tough so the soldiers walk away from it more confident in themselves and more capable to do their jobs,” said Leshner. “Our underlying mission . . . be ready for the real thing.”

COMMANDER IN CHIEF BRIEFING - Lt. Col. Keith Tamashiro, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery commander, briefs Gov. Linda Lingle and Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee, the adjutant general, on the training at the Pohakuloa Training Area in July. Spc. Benjamin T. Donde photo



LOADING UP -- Pfc. Armend Aquino and Cpl. Nelson Alma, from Battery B, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery, prepare for fire during the July training mission.

Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha photo



CALL FOR FIRE -- Sgt. Matavai Saole, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery, radios the “ready for fire” message at Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island of Hawaii. Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha photo

Soldiers deploy to California for realistic training

By Cadet Nicole C. Kosel
29th Separate Infantry Brigade (Enhanced)
Public Affairs Officer

FORT HUNTER-LIGGETT, Calif. – Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, traded in their civilian jobs and Hawaiian weather for their mission at Fort Hunter-Liggett, for the unit’s two-week annual training in August.

The infantry battalion’s mission during the training was “to mobilize, deploy and conduct combat, stability and support operations in support of a higher headquarters,” according to Col. Joseph J. Chaves, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade (Enhanced) commander.

The battalion commander, Lt. Col. Bruce Oliveira, added that the goal is also “to provide trained and ready units in the event of a national emergency.”

Unlike the individual drill training

the soldiers receive once a month, this deployment gave them a more realistic training experience. The soldiers not only had to deal with the higher temperatures and many forms of wildlife California offered, but they also got to perform live-fire exercises that they would not normally get to do on Oahu.

Live-fire training opportunities

“Oahu doesn’t have a [50-caliber machine gun] qualification range. I can’t remember the last time we qualified on the 50-cal,” said Sgt. 1st Class Philip M. Umali, Co. D platoon sergeant.

The soldiers also got to train with other weapons during a battalion live-fire exercise that culminated the annual training. This allowed all “aspects

of personnel, intelligence, maneuver and logistics to be exercised,” said Maj. Kurt Jackson, brigade plans officer.

According to Staff Sgt. Steven R. Cardinez, Co. A platoon sergeant, the live-fire is the event the soldiers look most forward to.

“We like live-fire exercises, and we take them very seriously. Safety is a big factor. Everyone knows his job, and we work well together,” said Cpl. Douglas E. Freitas, Co. A M240B machine gunner.

Team building

Another important part of annual training is the ability for the teams and squads to become part of the larger group, up to the battalion-level, to train.

“During AT, our commanders have the opportunity to do team building. During normal drills you do individual tasks like qualifications, but during AT, you build a team. That is an important part of what we do in the military,” said Chaves.

This is reiterated by Freitas. “We get more involved during summer AT. The whole platoon comes together as one. The longer we’re out here, the closer we get. Not only our platoon, but the whole company.”

This closeness and teamwork paid off after the live-fire exercise. Chaves said the soldiers “had a very successful AT period. The soldiers did an outstanding job of executing the tasks that were given to them.”

Aviation maintenance Afghanistan mission on track

By Spc. Geoffrey Gabayan
Company B (Forward), 193rd Aviation

The sky explodes in rich hues of pink and orange as dawn breaks over an empty expanse of sand. A dust devil races across the flightline, a testament to the desert's harsh environment. In the distance, the spire of a mosque looms over a city of tents. Like many soldiers, I never thought I would wake in Afghanistan.

Even though we conduct aircraft maintenance, there are daily reminders of the fact that we are in a very active combat zone. No matter what direction you look, there are bunkers dug into the dusty earth. The hangar in which we work in is scarred with gaping bullet holes. Our rifles are never far from us, and the rounds always ready. The constant beating of rotors in the night sky makes sleep difficult. We never know when the next rocket will slam into our camp.

Why we are here

There is not a single day that passes in which our mission is not clear. Helicopters provide firepower and support to sustain operations in the theatre. Most importantly, helicopters bring our troops home. Army Aviation is a lifeline to service members beyond the security of the fence that encompasses our camp. Due to the limited resources in the area, every helicopter must be maintained to the highest standard. This is why aircraft maintenance plays such an integral role to the success of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

Security dictates not putting all eggs in one basket

Maintenance can be difficult at times. We do not have the luxury of being close to our

support facilities (the close proximity would be a security issue). We continually find ourselves waiting for parts. Though we may not have work in a particular shop, the pace does not slow. It is not uncommon to find an engine mechanic assisting in the powertrain shop. Without this teamwork, some shops would be inundated with a mountain of work orders.

Frontline deployment missions don't stop for weekends, holidays

As is with any deployment, daily stress is compounded by the separation from friends and family. We will miss birthdays, anniversaries and many holidays. Though it is hard being so far

away, we have found a way to cope. All of the soldiers are learning to depend on each other for more than just the mission at hand. We help each other maintain our sanity. When it comes to morale, no one is overlooked or ever left behind. A simple gesture, like a quick chat, does wonders for some. The bond that is being formed between soldiers will last long after our camp has been covered by the shifting sands of time.

Most places are within walking distance

The post size is scaled to the space required to perform the mission in a secured area. Most of the commuting is done on foot. A mile may not seem far except when the midday sun beats down on you. To make matters even worse, there is continually dust in the air that chokes every breath. Conducting physical training is equally difficult under these conditions. Thankfully, there is a gym open 24 hours.

Keeping your sanity

The Army has done an extraordinary job of providing amenities to ease the yearning of home. There is a tent solely dedicated for communication to those we have left behind. The Internet connection may be slow, but soldiers can read their e-mails nightly if they want to. The Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) tent has a pool table, ping pong tables, foosball table, some video game systems, television for current events and a big screen television that soldiers can

watch movies on. Though it may seem miniscule, any opportunity to escape the reality of the situation is wholeheartedly embraced.

Local products available to purchase

Weekly, there is an opportunity to go to the local bazaar. It is a breath of fresh air to go beyond the wire in a controlled setting. To see the expressions of those peddling their wares is quite fulfilling. A few dollars may not mean much to the soldiers, but to the locals, it can feed their families for days. You can find a plethora of goods ranging from antique bayonets to the latest in digital entertainment. Many of the items are attached to stories of a war-torn country. There are foreign monies for sale that attest to the generations of instability of the area. Many goods are off-limits and cannot be taken home.

We're proud to be serving our country

Though we must endure hardships by being so far from our homes, we all realize that our presence in Afghanistan is necessary. By providing support to Army aviation, we are helping to ensure the success of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. One consolation of being in this desert is seeing America's flag flying proudly over the country that hasn't seen freedom for awhile. United, we will not fail.



Spc. Christopher Ikeda photos.

Family assistance centers opening for reserve units

Family Assistance is composed of prescribed functions and services provided to military families as a regulatory requirement in accordance with DODI Number 1342.23, Family Readiness in the National Guard and Reserve Components and AR 600-20, Army Command Policy. These services focus on information, referral, outreach and follow-up. Family members must be informed on their benefits and entitlements. These include financial management, family care plans, personal affairs, medical and dental care, how to access TRICARE, DEERS enrollment, employment and/or reemployment rights, predictable psychological strains and tools to cope with separation and reunion.

Reserve deployments increased need for centers

The Family Assistance Centers provide assistance with the full range of situations and problems that can arise for families in conjunction with military deployments. They also provide accurate and current information,

regular contact with families, and coordination with the deployed units. Our goal is to have 100 percent contact with every family through active outreach during the deployment.

States are working with military, community services

Each state/territory will determine the number of Family Assistance Centers required and the locations within their area of operations based upon mission requirements and other service's participation. We maximize the use of existing military and civilian community services to avoid duplication of service or cost.

Federal funds support services

The AMSCO 131G20.1A is used to support Family Assistance Center funding and directs services for family assistance and support services for soldiers and families in support of military operations. These include deployments, mobilization, mass casualties, evacuation and natural disasters,

family assistance plan and resource requirements to implement the plan, and emergency assistance. Provides orientations for Reserve Component units and their families; 1-800 number to address family issues and crises; assistance to family support groups and to waiting families. This includes program specialist, training, equipment and supplies.

Funds are distributed based on the State Family Program Coordinators' forecasts, prior year execution, and analysis of monthly reports. Seventy percent of the funds will be distributed during the 1st quarter.

These funds may not be used for any technician program, full-time or part-time.

At least eighty percent of the funding should be used for personnel and includes travel and training of service contract employees. Service contract employees include workers provided by federally (NGB, USPFO and BCO) issued service contracts, Cooperative Administrative Support Unit contracts, Franchise Fund contracts,

GSA schedule services, Army Human Resources XXI contract services, and other agency service contracts (see NGB-AQP Contract Policy Memorandum 03-05A, Franchise Fund Activity, CASU and Support Service Contracts, Aug. 1, 2003). Contracts issued by State Military Department under State purchasing rules are governed by requirements of applicable cooperative agreement. Personnel selected to help operate the Family Assistance Centers must be screened. Attitude and a customer focus are everything. You must consider your local needs and coordinate with your JAG, HRO and your USPFO as you formulate your best course of action to meet mission needs.

Twenty percent of the funding may be used for operational cost, which includes 1-800 lines, cell phone, and equipment. Any amount that would exceed twenty percent of your annual funding must have justification and approval from the Army National Guard Family Assistance Center Program Manager. Point of contact is CW2 Bonny Bell at DSN 327-9196.

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Student gardeners give good account of themselves

By 1st Lt. Lloyd C. Phelps II

University accounting students from across the country recently converged on Diamond Head State Park in July. Their task in the fabled landmark wasn't to audit the various government agencies residing within the crater, nor to merely sightsee. The students were there at the invitation of the Hawaii Army National Guard's Environmental Office, and their task was to plant a number of native Hawaiian plants in short supply on the Diamond Head ledger.

Accounting fraternity crunches

The cooperative effort with the Hawaii Guard was part of a four-day workshop sponsored by the Beta Alpha Psi National Accounting Fraternity.

According to Kevin Morrissey, a University of Massachusetts senior, the workshop format offered participants a broad range of experiences. "One of the main pillars this fraternity is based upon is community service", he said. "With that in mind, projects like this are a great way to fulfill that mission. We as college students are very fortunate, and as accounting majors, many of us have bright futures. This is an excellent way to keep us grounded and remind us that life is more than just making money."

More than 180 students toiled in the crater the first day of the workshop. The next two days, they split up into small groups where the craft of accounting was discussed and debated.

Michelle Simecka, a junior from Oklahoma State, praised the well-rounded education students received during their time in Hawaii.

"Workshops like this are always a great way to network and learn more about your craft, but by thinking outside the box, and doing things like the Diamond Head planting, we are able to take so much more from it" she said. "This has just been a tremendous opportunity to meet new people, see new sites, and learn exponentially more about Hawaii and its native ecosystem than we ever would by merely



PLANTING OUR FUTURE -- Stacey Johnson, a senior accounting major at Georgia Southern University in Statesborough, Ga., plants an a'ali'i as part of a joint community service project between the Hawaii Army National Guard's Environmental Office and the Beta Alpha Psi national honors accounting fraternity. 1st Lt. Lloyd C. Phelps II photo

attending a conference and doing a standard site-seeing tour."

On-going activity

The Hawaii Guard Environmental Office has been busy implementing a multi-year project to restore the crater to its original state. As part of this effort, the Environmental Office has actively pursued unique and innovative ways to accomplish this laudable task.

According to Ben Skellington, a vegetation restoration specialist with the Environmental Office, when the numbers were crunched, the accounting students received more than a passing grade on what ultimately is a vitally important topic.

"We have three federally recognized endangered plant species in the crater so this is important work," Skellington explained. "We had the students planting four different plants including naio, naupaka, aweoweo, and a'ali'i. With each of them planting at least one of those four, we managed to get quite a few plants in the ground. That is really going to aid the Hawaii Guard's long-term goal of restoring the crater to its original state."

Community service learning opportunity

Though the majority of the students could barely pronounce the native names of the plants they were handling, they nonetheless threw themselves in to the project with youthful flare and exuberance.

Mark Bezik, a professor of accounting at Idaho State University in Pocatello, accompanied his school's chapter during the workshop. Bezik was particularly impressed with the Hawaii Army National Guard and their treatment of his students.

"Our fraternity is all about professional development and community service, and the Hawaii Guard has been outstanding in helping us with the latter," he said. "Lt. Col. Ron Swafford and his environmental staff didn't

just treat this as strictly a community service project. They approached it as a learning opportunity by giving the students a history lesson on Hawaii's ecosystem in general, and the crater in particular.

They even had a live mongoose on display and told the students about its history on the islands. They really have gone that extra mile, and it really showed in the student's response and how they enjoyed it."

Morrissey echoed Bezik's enthusiasm for the Hawaii Guard and the opportunity they provided. "These guys have been great," he said. "In the wake of the Enron scandal, the accounting industry can use every little boost it can get. Projects like this are the perfect way to show we aren't all about money and that we care about the community. I can't thank the Guard enough."

In the end, when the ledger was balanced, both student and citizen soldier had much to be thankful for.

The following is a list of this year's plantings with the scientific and Hawaiian names *Dodonea viscosa*, a'ali'i; *Myoporum sandwicensis*, naio; *Chenopodium oahuense*, aweoweo; and *Scaevola sericea*, naupaka.

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Not through touching. WNV is not spread through casual contact such as touching or kissing a person with the virus.

How soon do infected people get sick?

People typically develop symptoms between three and 14 days after they are bitten by the infected mosquito.

How is WNV infection treated?

There is no specific treatment for WNV infection. In cases with mild symptoms, people experience symptoms such as fever and aches that pass. In more severe cases, people usually need to go to the hospital where they can receive supportive treatment including intravenous fluids, help with breathing and nursing care.

What should I do if I think I have WNV?

Mild WNV illness improves on its own, and people do not necessarily need to seek medical attention for this infection. If you develop symptoms of severe WNV illness, such as unusually severe headaches or confusion, seek medical attention immediately. Severe WNV illness usually requires hospitalization. Pregnant women and nursing mothers are encouraged to talk to their doctors if they develop symptoms that could be WNV.

What is the risk of catching WNV?

For most, risk is low: less than one percent of people who are bitten by mosquitoes develop any symptoms of the

disease and relatively few mosquitoes actually carry WNV.

Greater risk for those outdoors a lot: more likely to be bitten by an infected mosquito. They should take special care to avoid mosquito bites.

People over 50 can get sicker: more likely to develop serious symptoms of WNV if they do get sick and should take special care to avoid mosquito bites.

Risk through medical procedures is low: blood transfusions and organ transplants risk is very small, and should not prevent people who need surgery from having it. If you have concerns, talk to your doctor before surgery.

Pregnancy and nursing do not increase risk of becoming infected with WNV.

What can I do to prevent WNV?

The easiest and best way to avoid WNV

is to prevent mosquito bites.

When you are outdoors, use insect repellents containing DEET (N, N-diethyl-meta-toluamide). Follow the directions on the package.

Stay indoors during these times or use insect repellent and wear long sleeved shirts and pants. Light-colored clothing can help you see mosquitoes that land on you.

Make sure you have good screens on your windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out.

Get rid of mosquito breeding sites by emptying standing water from flower pots, buckets and barrels. Change the water in pet dishes and replace the water in bird baths weekly. Drill drainage holes in tire swings so water drains out. Keep children's wading pools empty and on their sides when they aren't being used.

Sports Corner

If you are blue, be sure to check out the Sports Page on the HIANG Intranet line for all the latest info. The 154 Comm Flight has even put a Sports Button on its home page to save you a few clicks. Thanx, Comm Flight.

Basketball

Green side still looking at holding the HING (State) basketball tournament in November or December.

The HIANG 30+ basketball team finished third in the Hickam Intramural playoffs. The 15 Med Group knocked them off in a hard fought game. Ahead at the half, the 154 team got into foul trouble down the stretch, and the Med Group started hitting their foul shots, winning the game by two points. Hope to see you again next year.

The HIANG Basketball Tournament started Sept. 22, at Kalaeloa gym. Fourteen teams compete in two pools over the next six weeks. Five teams are in the masters/women's bracket. Rich Costa (154 MSF) is the tournament chair.

Bowling

As of Sept. 25, the HIANG Handicap Mixed 4-Some League leaders are: Booga Booga (Gaylen Redoble) with 42 points, Just 4 Fun (Carole Guerrero) with 41 points, and tied for third PCS (George Padilla) and Kolohe (Lionel Calvan) with 40 points.

Unfortunately, lack of interest, as well as some

bad timing, was the cause of the HIANG's not entering a team in the 2004 Hickam Intramural League. Although Craig Makiya thinks our bowlers could be very competitive, we'll have to wait until 2005 to find out.

Get a jump on the rolling herd and make your reservations now for the 27th Annual Western Region Military Bowling Tournament, Feb. 13-15, 2004, at the Reno Hilton.

Bicycling

Nineteen riders put their names in the hat for the HING Iron Okole bicycle team, Sept. 28, and 15 officially made the trek. It was a clear day, starting cool and finishing hot. Trades were light, which made the outbound leg easier, but the return leg harder for the long distance riders. After the wheels stopped rolling, the 515 total miles tallied by our team placed us *first* in Division 3 (15-19 riders.) Congrats to: Fred Fogel, April Fogel, Garrick Hiramoto, Robert Inouye, Kathy Inouye, Melanie Inouye, Mark Inouye, Ron Katto, Scott Kimsey, Walter Kinoshita, Ireneo Mateo, Marty Moerschell, Norman Saito, Gary Terasima, Todd Yukutake.

Golf

The *Hawaii National Guard Association golf tournament* drew 146 participants, held in August, at Leilehua Golf Course. The two-person best ball format saw Al Yoshimura and Taison

154 ACS Surfrider Ahi Tournament :

June 2004, Port Allen, Kauai

Category	Boat	Captain	Weight
Heaviest Ahi	Plus 1	Wayne Kobashigawa	209.5
2nd Largest Ahi	Nani Girl	Bruce Takekuma	182
Most Ahi Caught (> 100#)	Jamie Lee	Ainsley Hori	269
Heaviest Marlin	Lil Dipper II	Dwayne Higashi	544
2nd Heaviest Marlin	Jamie Lee	Ainsley Hori	313
Heaviest Ono	Carol Ann	Ed Horner	37
2nd Heaviest Ono	Wailulu	Darryl Unciano	31
Heaviest Mahimahi	Wahine Kepalao	Francis DeCosta	18.5
2nd Heaviest Mahimahi	Plus 1	Wayne Kobashigawa	18
Mike Tsutaoka Perpetual Trophy (Heaviest Ko-Shibi)			
	Plus 1	Wayne Kobashigawa	99.5
Least Total Weight			
3rd Place	Brandy D	Ben Domingo	17.5
	Wet Dreams	Julia Wong	17.5
2nd Place	Kailana II	Edward Tang	10
1st Place	Aukai	Chriss Ryherd	0
	Koloa Kai	Willie Abara	0
	Lynda Lani	Lester Matsushima	0

Tanaka with the lowest score - 57. The closest to the pin winners were: Dave Molinaro on #2, Richard Young on #5, Al Yoshimura on #12, and Kevin Becera on #17. Highest team score went to Bert Ogasawara and Eugene Kim - 86. The random grand prize drawing went to the seventh place team of Lance Okihara and Richard Young (20" TVs.) Second place went to Michael Sato and Scott Nomura (DVD players.) The first place mulligan draw, a 27" color TV, went to Sharnell Valeho's partner, Bruce Fink. Although the blue side was underrepresented on the greens, they were well represented at the winners' table.

The fourth and final *50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Korean War golf tournament* was held at Leilehua Golf Course on Sept. 18 with 144 veterans, active military personnel, Guard, Reserves, dignitaries and community members participated.

There were two flights and the format was individual medal (stroke) play. Tournament prizes were given to the top 10 low nets in each flight, as well as to the top four grosses in each flight. First low net was awarded a \$125 Leilehua certificate and first low gross received a \$100 gift certificate. National Guard members won the following prizes:

James Faleafine 2nd low net, \$100 gift certificate
Stan Komata (retired) 10th low net, \$20 gift certificate
Ed Miyahira (retired) 3rd low net, \$90 gift certificate
Ed Miyahira (retired) 2nd low gross, \$90 gift certificate
Al Yoshimura #2 hole, \$50 gift certificate

Low net in A and B Flights were 58. Low gross in A Flight was 74 and 81 in B Flight.

In addition, over 50 door prizes were given out at the awards banquet. The grand prize was two nights at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, and it was won by one of the civilian participants.

As of Sept. 3, the Wing A-team is in second place in the Hickam 9-hole Intramural League and the B-team is in eighth (out of nine teams.) Thank to the B-team, the A-team gained a little ground on the HQ PACAF A-team, which is in first place. Last round Oct 1. Eliapo Colosse (HQ 154 WG/FMB) and Vioria Blane (169 ACWS/DCO) captains.

Marksmanship

If a permit from the City and County comes through, the Commander's Excellence In Competition (EIC) Combat Pistol Match will take place at Koko Head on Nov. 22.

The HING sent rifle and pistol teams to compete in the 2003 Winston P. Wilson Combat Marksmanship Matches at Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Ark., in October (results in next issue). Once again the blue side is covering the pistol, while the green side is entering rifle, sniper and machine gun matches.

The following individuals from the HIANG will represent Hawaii: Stan Osserman, HQ HIANG; Warren Izumigawa, 293 CCSQ; Robert Jaeger, 154 SFS, (team captain and member of NGB All Guard Team); Clifford Ramson, 154 SFS; Michael Page, 154 AGS; and Thomas Dunn, 154 SFS.

Running

Duke Ota and Darrell Bactad of the 154 LRS competed in the 2003 Aloha State Games Track and Field in July at Kaiser High School. Both had impressive showings. In the 40-44 age group, Ota finished third in the 100 meters, third in the 200 meters, first in the 400 meters and first in the 800 meters relay (4x100m) with son,

Rein, and brothers, Douglas and Derek. In the 35-39 age group, Bactad placed third in the 100 meters, third in the 200 meters, first in the 4x100m relay, second in the long jump and second in the triple jump. Congrats to both competitors. Perhaps even more HIANG athletes will participate next year.



Bactad

Soccer

The 154 Wing mini soccer team finished third in the Hickam intramural playoffs in September. The first game against the eventual winner was neck and neck, with neither team more than one goal ahead at any time in the game. It was a hard fought contest with key players missing and only three subs on the bench. Tied 4-4 in the final minute, the opponents scored, and the game ended 5-4. Immediately following that game, the HIANG team faced off again. On spent legs, they lost to the team who would finish in second place. It was a great showing for our first try at soccer. Most of the players said they are looking forward to playing next year. It is a great spectator sport. If you haven't seen a match, try watch one next year.

Softball

The softball fundraiser at the Ocean Club on Sept. 10, was a big success. Steve Abear and company banked a few grand towards their next mainland adventure.

The Hickam Intramural coed softball tournament finishes around the end of September. Abear works double duty as coach.

Kauai's own Co. A, 2 Bn., 299 Infantry, hosted the Hawaii National Guard State Softball Tournament at Waimea

and Kekaha parks, Sept. 19-20. The fun and competition started Friday evening with Mayor Bryan Baptiste's opening remarks and "throwing" out the first pitch. For some players, this was the first time back on Kauai since being activated in support of Hurricane Iniki. Nineteen teams were entered in three divisions, Open, Masters, and Co-Ed. After competing all day Saturday, the tournament ended with an awards banquet at the Army National Guard's Hanapepe Armory. Councilwoman Joann Yukimura was in attendance, along with about 250 players and a few of their families. The winners were all participants, but the trophies went to:

Open Division:

1st..... 169ACWS, Oahu-Air
2nd..... 29 Spt Bn, Oahu-Army
3rd..... A, 2/299, Kauai-Army
Sportsmanship.....
..... HHC, 2/299, Hilo-Army

Masters Division:

1st..... 487FA, Oahu-Army
2nd..... 154ACS, Kauai-Air
3rd Air Guard retirees, Kauai-Air
Sportsmanship.....

Air Guard retirees, Kauai-Air

Co-Ed Division:

1st..... 29 Spt Bn, Oahu-Army
2nd..... 154 ENG, Oahu-Air
3rd..... 154 ACS, Kauai-Air
Sportsmanship 154 ACS, Kauai-Air

The event would not have been successful without the help of many people. Tournament co-chairs, Phillip Kamakea and Eric Fujiwara, along with masive help from the command, past and present Guardmembers, community leaders, and local businesses

Volleyball

No one took the HQ HIANG Coed challenge, so the HQ team claims the first place trophy. Hand it over, Kaipo. Rumor has it that Kaipo is considering a HIANG volleyball tournament late this year or early next year (on Oahu). Neighboring island tournaments should pick up once we get the C-17... Right!

No new word on the planned HING (State) volleyball tournament in October.

Triathlon relay

Three Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers participated in the 1st Ko Olina Triathlon (Relay) in September and took third place with an overall time of 2:25:24
Swim, 600 meters
Bernard Pigao, Co. C 193 Avn
Bike, 35 kilometers
Harlan Fujioka, Co C 193 Avn
Run, 11 kilometers
Elva Schaben, HQ STARC

"I think this was great since it was the first triathlon for two of us. There were 12 relay entries and a total of about 300 participants," said Schaben. "We plan on entering again next year and with higher goals.



HIANG 30+ Basketball Team, 2003 Hickam Intramurals -- 1st row: Michael Samson, Brian Tom, Darrell Bactad, Richard Costa, Paul Kalama; 2nd row: Aaron Silva, Carl Reynolds, Grover Cleveland, Michael Kernan; and 3rd row: Alex Batulayan, Gary Hema. Missing: Clesson Paet, Stephen Su'a-Filo, Stephen Cid, Ricky Patrick, Rey Edralin, Marcus Della Sala, Al Fritz, Rob Lee, Barry Surrell.



ONE MORE TIME WITH THE HIANG COMMANDER -- HIANG 30+ pose with retiring Brig. Gen. Myron N. Dobashi. Front row: Aaron Silva, Dobashi, Darrell Bactad and back row: Carl Reynolds, Richard Costa, Clesson Paet, Stephen Su'a-Filo, Gary Hema.



Hawaii National Guard Family Program

Lt. Col. Laura Wheeler, State Family Program Coordinator

First and foremost, our salute to the Company B, 193rd Aviation soldiers serving in Afghanistan and their families back home. The aviation maintenance unit received the alert warning and was ready to deploy within weeks. The soldiers and families never faltered and discipline and pride were everywhere. Contact this office for more updates on the deployed units. (See Spc. Geoffrey Gabayan's message from the front on page 5)

New key volunteer

Mrs. Roberta Chang was selected as the Family Readiness Group key volunteer.

Workshop addresses changes, challenges

This year, the 154th Na-

tional Guard Family Program Workshop and Youth Symposium was held in San Diego, from July 30 to Aug. 3. The theme: *The Guard Family - Changes, Challenges, Opportunities* represented the world changing dramatically in the past year, and our National Guard continues to excel in meeting the challenges facing

our nation and the world. The third youth symposium focused on *building connections* to have our Guard youth family connect nationwide. Hawaii was well represented by youth delegate, John Duro, who really connected with youths from other states. Some of their visionary goals were brought back to NGB and changes have



YOUTHFUL EXUBERANCE -- John Duro, Hawaii's youth delegate, speaks out at the 154th National Guard Family Program Youth Symposium in San Diego.

already been made. A 24-hour 1-800 hotline for information and support for our Guard youth is now a reality.

Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, questioned the conferees on where they would like to have next year's conference. Everyone immediately shouted *Hawaii!!* We were very excited when Blum, during his visit to Hawaii in August, announced that Hawaii was definitely hosting the 2004 national workshop and youth symposium. Let's all

participate and show the rest of the nation our Aloha Spirit!

Upcoming events:

Oct. 2: Family Assistance Center opening (Related story on page 4)

Oct. 24-25: State Advisory Team Meeting

TBD: Volunteer Training and Newcomers Orientation

June 10-13, 2004 (tentatively): HING Youth Training

TBD: National Guard Family Program Workshop 2004, Hawaii hosting

How to reach us

Check out our website at www.dod.state.hi.us/family Also, you can make a difference with your Family Readiness Group. Contact your unit or a member of the HING State Advisory Team to help get you started on the road to readiness! Your Family Program State Team representatives are:

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 Pfc. Leilani Moore, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade
 Pfc. James Reyes, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry
 Pfc. Jim S. Riglos, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry
 Pfc. Matthew K. Sarmiento, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (2nd OLC)
 Spc. Nathaniel Stuart, HHC, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry
 Pfc. Craig Takenaka, 298th Engineer Det.
 Pvt. Jief A. Agbayani, Co. C, 193rd Aviation
 Pfc. Steven Chang, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry
 Pvt. Jefferson Castillo, HHC, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry
 Pvt. Wilbert A. Cummings, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade
 Pvt. Tyrone W. Davis, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade
 Pvt. Justin K. Delacerna, Btry. C, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery
 Pvt. Abrielle Kalama, Co. A, 29th Support Bn.
 Pvt. Kazuo Kaneshiro, Co. D, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry
 Pvt. Michael A. Garcia, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry
 Pvt. David M. Okouchi, Btry. C, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery

Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal
 Senior Master Sgt. Blossom P. Logan, HQ HIANG
 Master Sgt. Alan T. Bergeson, HQ HIANG
 Master Sgt. Annette D.N. Gagarin, HQ HIANG
 Master Sgt. Vivian C. Tsutsumi, HQ HIANG

Aircraft Crew Member Badge - Master
 Staff Sgt. Maurice C. Aquino, Co. B (-Det. 1 & 2), 193rd Aviation

NGAUS Valley Forge Cross for Heroism
 Capt. Dwayne Hamasaki and Staff Sgt. Henry Choy, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade

Awards and Recognition

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

Legion of Merit

Col. Theodore A. Daligdig III, HQ STARC
Col. Raymond Jardine Jr., 29th Separate Infantry Brigade
Col. Claude Ishida, HQ STARC

Meritorious Service Medal

Lt. Col. Edward K. Chun Fat Jr., 103rd Troop Command (2nd OLC)
Lt. Col. Stanley E. Toy, 93rd CST (WMD) (1st OLC)
Maj. Gregory R. Fournier, 204th Airlift Squadron (2nd OLC)
Maj. Michelle C. Hall, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
Maj. Courtney B. Vares-Lum, 93rd CST (WMD) (1st OLC)
Capt. James A. Faleafine, Btry. A, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery
Capt. William L. Flynn, 93rd CST (WMD)
Capt. Keith K. Hirokawa, Btry. A, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery
1st Lt. Scot K. Mohr, 93rd CST (WMD)
Chief Master Sgt. Pamela M.P. Goya, 15th Logistics Squadron
Sgt. 1st Class Ross P. Gilfof, HHC, 29th Support Bn.
Master Sgt. Michael A. Kang, 154th Maintenance Squadron
Master Sgt. Byron G. Kim, 154th Maintenance Squadron
Master Sgt. Francis D. Smith, 93rd CST (WMD)
Sgt. 1st Class John W. Andoe, 93rd CST (WMD)
Sgt. 1st Class Joshua T. Amano, 93rd CST (WMD)
Master Sgt. Annette D. Gagarin, HQ HIANG
Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Kito-Hong, HHD, 103rd Troop Command
Sgt. 1st Class Michael J. Machado, 93rd CST (WMD) (1st OLC)
Staff Sgt. Emilio Maldonado Jr., 93rd CST (WMD)
Staff Sgt. Balentin Meza, Recruiting & Retention Division (1st OLC)
Sgt. Romeo S. Repollo, Co. C, 193rd Aviation

Army Commendation Medal

Maj. Douglas K. Jackson, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade (2nd OLC)
Maj. Dan I. Okamura, 103rd Troop Command (1st OLC)

Capt. Jeffrey Kawakami, 25th ID(L), D-ROC (2nd OLC)
Capt. Jeffrey D. Korondo, 93rd CST (WMD) (1st OLC)
Capt. Geronimo G. Mateo, 93rd CST (WMD) (2nd OLC)
Capt. Carl R. Smalls, Medical Command (1st OLC)
Capt. Solimand Valdez, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade (1st OLC)
2nd Lt. Stoddard Binder, 29th Military Intelligence Co. (1st OLC)
2nd Lt. Renny Chee, 29th Military Intelligence Co.
2nd Lt. Douglas M. Westbrook, Co. B, 193rd Aviation (1st OLC)
Chief Warrant Officer Daniel C.M. Chang, Co. B, 193rd Aviation (2nd OLC)
Master Sgt. Elizabeth K. Kenui, HQ STARC (4th OLC)
Master Sgt. Milton Yee, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade (5th OLC)
Sgt. 1st Class John Aquino, HQ STARC (2nd OLC)
Sgt. 1st Class Warren M. Fukunaga, Co. B, 193rd Aviation
Sgt. 1st Class Colbert Halemano, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery
Sgt. 1st Class James R. Jimenez, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (2nd OLC)
Sgt. 1st Class William Kapana, HHSB, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery (1st OLC)
Sgt. 1st Class Suzanne Mathias, HQ STARC
Sgt. 1st Class Michael L. Nii, 103rd Troop Command
Sgt. 1st Class Linford M. Ramos, 93rd CST (WMD) (2nd OLC)
Sgt. 1st Class Elva A. Schaben, HQ STARC (4th OLC)
Sgt. 1st Class Edward B. Wong, 103rd Troop Command
Tech. Sgt. Gary L. Davis, OL-A, 25 ASOS
Staff Sgt. Ernie Gomez, 2nd Bn., 298th Regional Training Institute (1st OLC)
Tech. Sgt. John Lacio, 93rd CST (WMD)
Staff Sgt. Frank Lonnon, HQ, 298th Regional Training Institute (1st OLC)
Staff Sgt. Alan C. Manibog, Co. B (-Det. 1 & 2), 193rd Aviation
Staff Sgt. Thomas Odoardi, HHD, 103rd Troop Command (3rd OLC)
Staff Sgt. Douglas Patterson, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade (2nd OLC)
Staff Sgt. David A. Pimentel, 93rd CST (WMD) (2nd OLC)
Staff Sgt. Michael C. Romeo,

HHC, 29th Support Bn. (1st OLC)
Staff Sgt. Christopher D. Ventura, 111th Army Band (3rd & 4th OLC)
Sgt. Ralph P. Aguon, 29th Military Intelligence Co. (1st OLC)
Sgt. Clyde C. Bueno, 2nd Bn., 298th Regional Training Institute
Sgt. Sean M. Dodge, 93rd CST (WMD) (4th OLC)
Sgt. Gemmarie R. Grande, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
Sgt. Brian Nepomuceno, 12th Personnel Service Det. (2nd OLC)
Sgt. Michael R. Maser, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade (1st OLC)
Sgt. Pedro Ortiz, 229th Military Intelligence Co.
Sgt. Norman L.K. Peleolani, 93rd CST (WMD) (1st OLC)
Sgt. Marvin Jay B. Santos, 12th Personnel Service Det.
Sgt. Dennis M. Shimabuku, HQ, 298th Regional Training Institute
Sgt. Eric Shimodoi, 29th Military Intelligence Co. (2nd OLC)
Sgt. Jason C. Trias, 29th Military Intelligence Co. (1st OLC)
Sgt. Howard H. Yip, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade
Spc. Samuel L. Hesch, 111th Army Band (1st OLC)
Spc. Chad M. Okazaki, Btry. C, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery
Spc. Angilene Pascua, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade
Spc. Todd T. Yukutake, HQ STARC

Air Force Commendation Medal

Tech. Sgt. Leeann S. Uehara, 297th Aircraft Traffic Control Squadron

Army Achievement Medal

Maj. Neal Mitsuyoshi, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
Maj. George Murakami, 103rd Troop Command (1st OLC)
Maj. Shinichi Swedberg, HHC, 29th Support Bn. (1st OLC)
Capt. Jeffrey D. Korondo, 93rd CST (WMD) (initial & 1st OLC)
Capt. Tyson Y. Takaha, HHC, 29th Support Bn. (1st OLC)
1st Lt. Bryce N. Asagi, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade
1st Lt. Joseph R. Burdett Jr., HHC, 29th Support Bn. (2nd OLC)
2nd Lt. Michael I. Rosner, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry
Chief Warrant Officer Gary P. Schuman, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
Master Sgt. James D. Ballie, Co. B, 193rd Aviation (2nd OLC)
Master Sgt. Bruce H. Hidano, HQ STARC (3rd OLC)
Master Sgt. Wesley A. Kim, HQ STARC (1st OLC)



ALL SMILES -- State Civil Defense earthquake planner, Brian Yanagi, receives the State Department of Defense Employee of the Year award from Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee, the adjutant general, at the department's semi-annual recognition and retirement luncheon in September. Master Sgt. Stephen M. Lum photo

Master Sgt. Matthew J. Lum, 103rd Troop Command (3rd OLC)
Master Sgt. Christopher Tourtellot, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade (3rd OLC)
Sgt. 1st Class Edwin Bagay, Co. D, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (2nd OLC)
Sgt. 1st Class Terrance N. Curry, 1st Bn., 249th Reigiment
Sgt. 1st Class Ronnie Evans, 1st Bn., 249th Reigiment
Sgt. 1st Class Robert L. Greene, HQ, 122nd Reigiment
Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Kito-Hong, 103rd Troop Command
Sgt. 1st Class Catherine Kula, 298th Engineering Det. (1st OLC)
Sgt. 1st Class Benflor Madamba, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade (3rd OLC)
Sgt. 1st Class Robert Myers, Co. D, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (3rd OLC)
Sgt. 1st Class Theodore Padua, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade (4th OLC)
Sgt. 1st Class Randolph Palmer, HQ, 122nd Reigiment
Sgt. 1st Class Scott K. Sheldon, HQ STARC
Sgt. 1st Class Clyde M. Tabata, HHC, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (1st OLC)
Sgt. 1st Class Gary Tomondong, HHC, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (3rd OLC)
Sgt. 1st Class Dennis E. Vigue, Co. A, 29th Support Bn. (2nd OLC)
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey T. Bush, 1st Bn., 249th Reigiment
Staff Sgt. William Castillo, Co. A, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (3rd OLC)
Staff Sgt. Lisa A. Dias, HQ STARC (4th OLC)
Staff Sgt. Regoberto V. Erorita, Co. A (-Det. 1), 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (3rd OLC)
Staff Sgt. David J. Hagen, 1st Bn., 249th Reigiment
Staff Sgt. Jason F. Jacinto, HHC, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (1st OLC)

Staff Sgt. Albert K. Kamealoha, HQ STARC (5th OLC)
Staff Sgt. Alan K. Kapuniia, Co. B, 193rd Aviation (1st OLC)
Staff Sgt. Julie-Ann H. Lo, 298th Engineering Det. (1st OLC)
Staff Sgt. Christopher R. Loomis, HQ, 122nd Reigiment
Staff Sgt. James C. Lucas, HQ STARC
Staff Sgt. Virgilio B. Marzan, Co. A (-Det. 1), 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (3rd OLC)
Staff Sgt. Noel B. Melchor, Co. A (-Det. 1), 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (2nd OLC)
Staff Sgt. Manuel Moniz, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (2nd OLC)
Staff Sgt. Ferdinand B. Penaflo, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (2nd OLC)
Staff Sgt. Catherine Kula, 298th Engineering Det. (1st OLC)
Staff Sgt. Bill Pacheco, Co. A, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (2nd OLC)
Staff Sgt. Gulstan K. Peopoe Jr., 298th Engineering Det.
Staff Sgt. Michael C. Pray, Co. B (-Det. 1 & 2), 193rd Aviation
Staff Sgt. Evaristo Pulido, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (3rd OLC)
Staff Sgt. Dennis M. Takahashi, HHC, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (3rd OLC)
Staff Sgt. Floyd S. Tokusato, HHC, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (3rd OLC)
Staff Sgt. Arwin P. Tumaneng, Btry. A, 1st Bn. 487th Field Artillery (5th OLC)
Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Vidrick, HQ STARC (2nd OLC)
Staff Sgt. Roy Yamada, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (1st OLC)
Sgt. Roldan A. Agustin, Co. B (-Det. 1 & 2), 193rd Aviation
Sgt. Mario M. Alfaro, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade (5th OLC)
Sgt. Benancio Antoque III, 29th Engineering Det.

Sgt. Daniel E. Arrojo, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (3rd OLC)
Sgt. Ronald K. Asuncion, Co. A, 29th Support Bn.
Sgt. Rachel Bettancourt, Co. B, 29th Support Bn. (3rd OLC)
Sgt. Jerry B. Bonilla, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade
Sgt. Jonathan Borders, HHC, 229th Military Intelligence Co.
Sgt. Marc E. Britos, Recruiting Command (1st OLC)
Sgt. Fabian Bugtong, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (2nd OLC)
Sgt. Ha Chi, HHC, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (3rd OLC)
Sgt. Roberto F. Coloma, 29th Support Bn. (5th OLC)
Sgt. Harry Cruz III, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade (1st OLC)
Sgt. Rowena Dacayan, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade (2nd OLC)
Sgt. Barry K. Deblake, 93rd CST (WMD) (1st OLC)
Sgt. Michael G. Decambra, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (1st OLC)
Sgt. Lester Delos Reyes, HHC, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (3rd OLC)
Sgt. James Detour, Btry. B, 1st Bn., 487th Field Artillery (3rd OLC)
Sgt. Joeseoph D.M. Doctolero, Co. B, 193rd Aviation (2nd OLC)
Sgt. Albert Dugay, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (1st OLC)
Sgt. Zane Giron, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade (2nd OLC)
Sgt. John J. Hada, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 299th Infantry (5th OLC)
Sgt. Kirk K. Halemano, 298th Engineering Det. (2nd OLC)
Sgt. James V. Hightower, Co. A, 29th Support Bn. (1st OLC)
Sgt. Reynan H. Huerbana, Btry. A, 1st Bn. 487th Field Artillery
Sgt. Kenneth K. Kaaina, 298th Engineering Det. (1st OLC)
Sgt. Alikea K. Kane, 93rd CST (WMD) (1st OLC)

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Safety talk

Maj. Arnold Iaea
Safety Officer, Hawaii Army National Guard 733-4105/09

What you need to know about West Nile Virus

West Nile virus (WNV) is a seasonal epidemic in North America that flares up in the summer and continues into the fall.

WNV affects the central nervous system, symptoms vary

No symptoms in most people. Approximately 80 percent of people who are infected with WNV will not show any symptoms at all.

Mild symptoms in some people. Up to 20 percent of the people who become infected will display mild symptoms, including fever, headache, and body aches, nausea, vomiting, and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back. Symptoms typically last a few days.

Serious Symptoms in a few people. About one in 150 people infected with WNV will develop severe illness. The severe symptoms can include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis. These symptoms may last several weeks, and neurological effects may be permanent.

How Does It Spread?

Infected Mosquitoes. Generally, WNV is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes are WNV carriers that become infected when they feed on infected birds. Infected mosquitoes can then spread WNV to humans and other animals when they bite.

Transfusions, Transplants, and Mother-to-Child. In a very small number of cases, WNV also has spread through blood transfusions, organ transplants, breastfeeding and even during pregnancy from mother to baby.

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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. Most Army Guard units perform their annual training (AT) in July.

	Dec	Jan	Feb
Hawaii Army National Guard			
HQ, State Area Command	6-7	10-11	7-8
298th Regional Training Institute	13-14	10-11	7-8
29th Separate Infantry Brigade	6-7	10-11	7-8
2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry	6-7	10-11	6-8
Co. A, 2nd Bn., 299 Inf.	5-7	10-11	7-8
1st Bn., 487th Field Arty.	6-7	9-11	6-8
Btry. A, 1st Bn., 487th Field Arty.	6-7	9-11, 31	1-2
103rd Troop Command	6-7	10-11	7-8
25th Inf. Div (L), D-ROC	6	10-11	7
Co. B, 1st Bn., 168th Aviation	6-7	31	7-8
Co. b, 193rd Aviation	6-7	10-11	21-22
Co. C, 193rd Aviation	13-14	-	21-22
Hawaii Air National Guard			
HQ, Hawaii Air National Guard	6-7	10-11	7-8
154th Wing	6-7	10-11	7-8
201st Combat Communications Group	6-7	10-11	7-8