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 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.
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 directors 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 Reoalani

J-4: Logistics
Col. Richard Young

The Adjutant General

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J-6: Command, Control, Communications, and Cyber 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 fulfills his duties as part of the joint staff. The joint staff will be the focal point for planning only for our relationship with PACOM, but with our interagency 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 DOT Headquarters. This interagency embedded approach has been getting national recognition. For instance, our Hawaii model was recently lauded at the National Joint 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 to the event.

Command Notes

MAJ. GEN. ROBERT G.F. LEE

J-5: Logistics
Col. Lum

Ladies’ Choice -- Newly promoted Brig. Gen. Darryl 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. Inoshiro photo

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. Dwanye Hamasaki (Valley Forge Cross for Heroes), Staff Sgt. Henry Choy (Valley Forge Cross for Heroism), and Tech-Sgt. Bill Tapper (Valley Forge Certificate for Heroes). (Editor’s note: see following article for details of Cross for Heroes)

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

Last week, 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 Haru, 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 of the conference. More information to come.

Change in NGAH insurance program

The board of the National Guard Association of Hawaii Insurance Program consisting of HNGA and HINGA officers recently approved Ted Shuey, Inc. of Virginia as its new insurance carrier, replacing American Equipty. Ted Shuey, Inc. features an insurance package in association with the IGO Company and the Armed Forces Benefit Association that will offer better benefits for the existing 1,500 policy holders in the Hawaii National Guard.

• Policyholders will see their premiums 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. Dwanye 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.

A single-lane guard who had completed their annual fitness physical training were awaiting transportation at Kalaheo when their bus failed to negotiate a curve in the road. The driver of the utility pole and separating an overhead power line.

The line struck 1st Battalion, 48th Field Artillery privates Luis (30) and Noran-Niever of Kauai and B. Yalmawai.

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. Lesher, 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 Lesher. “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 Lesher, “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.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF BRIEFING


Spc. Benjamin T. Donde 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 this AT period is 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 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 work together, 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 Gabayban
Company B (Forward), 193rd Aviation

The sun 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 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 lifetime to service members beyond the security of the fence that encompasses our camp. Due to the limited resources in the field, 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.

Maintainance 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 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 secure area. Most of the commuting is done on foot. A mile may not seem far except when the midday sun heats 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 appreciated.

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 confines 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.

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 support to family members, including the family of the deployed member. 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 stresses and too much too cop with separation and reunion.

Reserve deployments increase need for centers

The Family Assistance Centers provide assistance with the full range of situations and problems that 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 deployment services, 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 (NGR USFPO 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, HR and your USFPO 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.
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 merely sightsee. The students were there in the vitiation 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 ledge.

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 a 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 have always been a great way to network, to learn about your own 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 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.”

SAFETY: WNV

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
- Should take special care to avoid mosquito bites

Risk through medical procedures:

- Blood transfusions and organ transplant 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 that helps keep mosquitoes off 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 out water from flower pots, buckets and barrels. Change the water in pet dishes and replace it at least once a week.
- Weekly. 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.

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 into the project with youthful flair 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 making 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 sandwicense, naio; Cheonpodium oahuense, aweoweo; and Scaevola sericea, naupaka.

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Sports Corner

If you are blue, be sure to check out the Sports Page for this week’s Intranet line for all the latest info. The 154 Community Flight has even made a special appearance on our home page to save you a few clicks. Thank you, Comm Flight.

Basketball

Brig. Gen. Myron N. Dobashi. Front row: Al Fritz, Rob Lee, Barry Surrell. Second row: Alex Batulayan, Gary Hema. Missing: HIANG 30+ Basketball Team, 2003 Hickam interest, as well as some with 40 points. Guerrero) with 41 points, Just 4 Fun (Carole Redoble) with 42 points, 4-Some League leaders HIANG Handicap Mixed Bowling tournament chair. Costa (154 MSF) is the gym. Fourteen teams placed us miles tallied by our team long distance riders. Though the blue side was outbound leg easier, but trek. It was a clear day, trades were impressive. In the 154 ACS, Kauai-Air Division, 2nd low net, Mike Tsutaoka Perpetual Trophy;

HIANG Basketball Tournament started Sep. 22, at Kalaekilohana 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 Coed challenge, so only 4 pairs (Carlos Guerrero) with 41 points, and tied for third PCS (George Padilla) and Kohele (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.


Bicycling

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The fourth and final 50th Anniversary Co-Ed Division:

HIANG 30+ Basketball, 2003 Hickam Intramurals – 1st row: Michael Samson, Brian Tom, Darrell Bactad, Richard Costa, Paul Kalama; 2nd row: Aaron Silva, Carl Reynolds, Grover Cleveland, Michael Kerman; and 3rd row: Alex Batulayan, Gary Hema, Missing: Cleon Pepper (HIANG Coed challenge, so only 4 pairs (Carlos Guerrero) with 41 points, and tied for third PCS (George Padilla) and Kohele (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.


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The fourth and final 50th Anniversary Co-Ed Division:

HIANG 30+ Basketball, 2003 Hickam Intramurals – 1st row: Michael Samson, Brian Tom, Darrell Bactad, Richard Costa, Paul Kalama; 2nd row: Aaron Silva, Carl Reynolds, Grover Cleveland, Michael Kerman; and 3rd row: Alex Batulayan, Gary Hema, Missing: Cleon Pepper (HIANG Coed challenge, so only 4 pairs (Carlos Guerrero) with 41 points, and tied for third PCS (George Padilla) and Kohele (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.


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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 develop symptoms such as 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, severe headache, neck stiffness, disorientation, convulsions, muscle weakness, loss of consciousness, 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 can be spread through blood transfusions, transplant procedures, and during pregnancy from mother to baby. (Continued on page 8)