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Calendar

November 11, Sunday

Veterans' Day ceremonies at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl (10:00 a.m.); Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery (1:00 p.m.).

November 12, Monday

Veterans' Day holiday for federal and state.

November 22, Thursday

Thanksgiving holiday for federal and state.

December 22, Saturday

371st National Guard Birthday Ball, Sheraton Waikiki Hotel Ballroom, beginning at 5 p.m. with registration, no host cocktails and light entertainment; followed by 6:30 p.m. dinner and music; closing out with a show by the 111th Army Band. All Hawaii Guard members active and retired are invited.

December 25, Tuesday

Christmas Day holiday for federal and state

January 1, Tuesday

New Year's Day holiday for federal and state.

January 21, Monday

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

February 18, Monday

Presidents' Day holiday for federal and state.

March 21, Friday

Good Friday holiday for state only.

March 26, Wednesday

Prince Kuhio Day holiday for state only.

C Company, 1st Battalion, 207th Aviation already in Iraq, more Hawaii Soldiers coming

Personnel Soldiers move down range

By Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum
117th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Twenty-nine Soldiers from the 12th Personnel Service Detachment, began its trek down range this August. Three five-person teams left to Iraq, while 14 more Hawaii Army National Guard personnel Soldiers set up shop in two Kuwait locations.

This is the first time the 12th PSD has been deployed, but this is not the first time the 12th has been mobilized. It's also the first time all Soldiers in this unit, from the 19-year-olds to those with more than 19 years of military service have ever been mobilized.

Iraq, Kuwait missions

The three Iraqi teams and one in Kuwait will be providing casualty information (reporting and tracking) at medical facilities, mortuary affairs collection points, otherwise known as a Casualty Liaison Team. One of the Kuwait teams is performing reception, replacement, return-to-duty, rest and recuperate, and redeployment duties and is assigned to a human resource company. The R5 team provides long and short term R5 planning, technical support, operational

management and data integration.

"We have been preparing for this deployment for over three years," stated Sgt. Kristi Sunada, assistant team leader for one of the CLT teams in Iraq. "The training we got from the 196th Infantry Brigade and the support from the 1101st Garrison Support Unit, 103rd Troop Command and the Joint Forces Headquarters was top notch. The 12th is more than ready to face any mission we will encounter in-country."

"We always knew our turn would come, it was never if, but rather when and that's what I told my family, students and school administrators when they inquired if I was deploying," said Master Sgt. Mara L. Bacon, who leads the R5 team in Kuwait and is a teacher at Kamehameha Schools. "I'll miss my fifth graders, but I'll be back next school year with some great experiences to share."

Unit historical highlights

The Hawaii Army National Guard's 12th Personnel Service Detachment lineage goes back to Nov. 15, 1965, when the 29th Infantry Brigade reorganized and the personnel components were consolidated into the 29th Sup-

port Battalion's Company A (Administration).

From May 13, 1968 to Dec. 13, 1969, the unit was activated for federal service as part of 29th Brigade, in support of the Vietnam War. Brigade units did not deploy, but rather individual Soldiers were levied to units down range.

In 1973, the personnel unit was moved to the Brigade's 29th Service Battalion as the 12th Adjutant General Corps Co.

During 1974, the unit earned the Eisenhower Trophy, as the Hawaii Army Guard's most outstanding unit.

For the next 20 years the unit continued to change names and commands. Names included 12th Administration Co., 12th Personnel Service Co., back to Co. A then back to 12th PSC, and finally to the 12th PSD in 1996.

For the last three years, the 12th has been stationed at the Hawaii Guard Kalaeloa facilities.

Today, their mission is to coordinate timely and effective manpower and personnel support for commanders of all echelons to enhance the readiness and operational capabilities of the total force and ensure success across the full spectrum of military operations.

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FAREWELL TILL NEXT SUMMER – Master Sgt. Mara Bacon lead a team of 12th Personnel Service Detachment Soldiers on their way to Iraq in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. The unit is scheduled to return next summer.



Command Notes

Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee
The Adjutant General

Many of you have heard by now that we have received the alert order for the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team to deploy sometime toward the end of 2008. The 29th IBCT is expected to perform the security forces mission for Kuwait. I know that deployments of any type are never easy and I want to thank the families, friends, employers and communities for working with us to make the Soldiers' jobs a little easier. 29th IBCT Soldiers can expect an increase in training over the next year. The increase could be an additional two to three weeks of annual training and a 25 percent increase in inactive duty training.

Although this announcement comes earlier than expected, I have all confidence that the Brigade will be ready to successfully accomplish the mission.

Natural disasters assistance, preparedness

The past few months have been very busy for our State Civil Defense and Hawaii National Guard. The near miss from Hurricane Flossie and the fighting of Waialua wildfires kept us busy in August. I want to commend our Hawaii Army National Guard Soldiers for their efforts during the Waialua wildfires. They dropped more than 750,000 gallons of water in just under 40 hours of flying time.

Hurricane Flossie provided great practice for SCD and the HING to ramp up operations, get warning notices out and put people on alert/stand-by. It was also an opportunity for the community to go through their hurricane preparedness checklists and stock up on supplies. We have learned from past experiences that we need to be prepared and the near miss allowed us to test our preparedness.

With every natural disaster that we face comes a number of lessons learned and ways to improve our processes and procedures. Recently we passed the Oct. 15, 2006 Kiholo earthquake anniversary. Following the Kiholo earthquake, Gov. Linda Lingle convened a committee to review emergency communications procedures to ensure residents and visitors receive accurate and timely information during natural disasters and other emergencies. As a member of the committee, I am proud to say that many of the recommendations we put forth have already been implemented.

Annual security summit held

We recently had our annual Asia-Pacific Homeland Security Summit at the Ihilani Hotel and Resort. The summit was very successful, allowing people from all over the world to come together and discuss issues dealing with terrorism to include security and trends. We had a number of very distinguished speakers, panelists and attendees that added



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha photo

FIRE MISSION – A Hawaii Army National Guard Soldier spots for a CH-47D Chinook helicopter water bucket drop during the Waialua fire suppression mission in August.

greatly to the value of the conference. Although we received a number of different perspectives we were greeted with a number of common messages. As we continue this fight against terrorism it is important that we continue to strive to understand and monitor how terrorism is changing, or has changed. The way to win, is agreeably, a multi-pronged solution.

Safe holiday season, prayers for those deployed

As the holiday season approaches I feel it's important to remind you to be safe while celebrating, especially around Christmas and the New Year. Our people are our most important resource, so take care of each other.

Lastly, but most importantly, I want to acknowledge the Soldiers and Airmen who are currently deployed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Departmental News

Army Guard to hold retirement briefings starting in November

The Retirement NCO will present four Retirement Orientation Briefings during Fiscal Year 2008. It is open to all active and inactive members of the Hawaii Army National Guard, Gray Area Retirees, and Soldiers separated from the Army National Guard who may be interested in reinstating their eligibility for Retired pay at age 60. Spouses are encouraged to attend. The brief will cover topics such as Earning Retirement Points, Eligibility for Retired Pay at Age 60, Applying for Retired Pay, Survivor Benefit Plans, and other military benefits for retirees. Interested persons should contact Sgt. 1st Class Jin Pak at (808) 672-1297 for more information.

All briefings are conducted at Kalaeloa, in the Multipurpose Room, Bldg. 19, 91-1099 Shangri-La St. (Old Powerpoint Fitness Gym next to the Galley), on drill weekend Saturdays, from 9-11 a.m. on the following dates: Nov. 3, Feb. 2, May 3 and Aug. 2

Gift certificates answer to perishable deployment gifts

DALLAS — While the holidays may still seem far away, Americans hoping to show their support to deployed troops must be aware of some rapidly approaching deadlines. According to the Military Postal Service Agency (MPSA), mail going parcel post must be sent by Nov. 14 while first class mail must be sent by Dec. 10 to arrive by Dec. 25.

In addition to deadlines, several other factors must be considered when sending mail downrange. For example, each country has customs regulations that apply to all incoming mail, pertaining to everything from food items to reading materials. Furthermore, military units may also have additional restrictions concerning incoming mail imposed by unit commanders relative to size and weight to ensure logistics support can handle the heavy mail load.

Finally, all packages and mail must now be addressed to individual servicemembers as required by U.S. Department of Defense regulations.

In order to help facilitate the mailing process and avoid many of the obstacles that come with the traditional care packages, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) created "Gifts from the Homefront," a campaign that allows anyone to make a direct and tangible contribution to military morale with a gift certificate that can be redeemed for nearly anything a specific service-member wants.

"Gifts from the Homefront" can be sent to deployed troops by logging on to www.aafes.org or calling 877-770-4438. From there, the gift certificates are sent to individual service members (designated by the purchaser) or distributed to "any service member" through the Air Force Aid Society, American Red Cross, and Coalition

to Salute America's Heroes, Fisher House, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Operation Homefront, Operation Interdependence or USO. "Gifts from the Homefront" gift certificates can be redeemed at exchange facili-

ties worldwide. Recent reports indicate troops shopping their contingency exchanges are reaching for beauty items, soft drinks, snacks, Military Exchange Global prepaid calling cards, magazines, movies and more.



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Hawaii Soldiers senior enlisted advisor's

Message to troops

As the new Hawaii Army National Guard Senior Enlisted Advisor to HIARNG commander, Brig. Gen. Joseph J. Chavez, **Command Sgt. Maj. Robert N. Inouye** has a strong vision for the troops under his command.

NCO corps must set standard

"I want a good, solid NCO corps," said Inouye. "I want all my Soldiers and NCOs to be professional and meet the standards. I have a great NCO corps right now, but there is room for improvement. It's going to take time, but we're going to work at it one bite at a time. We are unique in that our Soldiers have strong civilian skills which are invaluable to some of our missions, and also the *island* or *Aloha* spirit. We just need to balance that with the military culture when our Soldiers put on the uniform to maintain that military professionalism."

Setting goals for quality evaluation reports

Inouye is setting his sights on two critical components to reach his goals: high quality NCO Evaluation Reports and a series of senior NCO seminars and conferences.

"It's important to have quality NCOERS because these "are the basic tools for evaluating our Soldiers for assignments, promotions and retaining the best quality Soldiers," said Inouye. "We need to make sure the NCOERS are not only timely, and documented properly, but I want quality evaluations done on my NCOs. I expressed that not only with my

NCO corps but also with the officers, anyone who is in the rating scheme." he added.

Establish mentoring program

Inouye emphasized the need to properly mentor NCOs at all levels in order to be prepared when senior NCOs begin to retire. "I need to start looking down the road, and make sure we mentor the right enlisted leaders. I need to make sure we are setting up our NCOs for success," Inouye said.

Conferences, seminars, workshops to provide guidance

In order to ensure that senior NCOs are receiving proper guidance, Inouye is scheduling a series of seminars throughout the upcoming year. These seminars will follow on the heels of the most recent senior NCO conference held in August in conjunction with the HIARNG commander's conference.

"At that conference, I put out my guidance. There were a lot of things that we needed to focus on," Inouye said. "But, I had to narrow it down by taking the battle focus approach. One thing I did impress upon them was leadership and being professional."

"I want to run the senior NCO conferences continuously," Inouye continued. "I am going to run another conference in con-

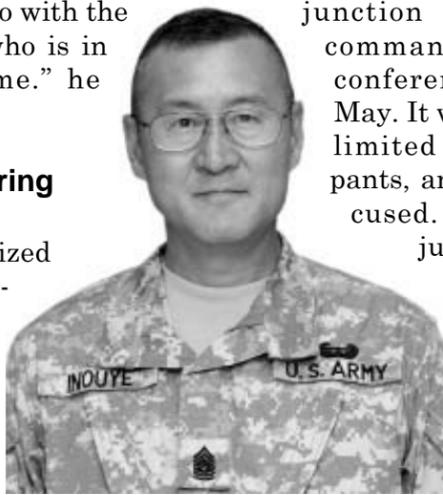
junction with the commander's mid-year conference in April or May. It will be a bit more limited in the participants, and a bit more focused. I will bring in just the first sergeants, command sergeants major, and primary staff NCOs."

Inouye intends to run another senior NCO conference in

the fall of 2008 that will be open to Soldiers from sergeant first class and up. The purposes of the conferences will be to assess prior operations, identify current issues and discuss policies and strategies to sustain and improve performance for the upcoming training year.

"In September, I ran my very first command sergeant major and sergeant major seminar," said Inouye. "It's pretty much an add-on to the senior NCO conference, but this seminar was more focused." The purpose of the seminar was to make sure everyone understood the policies and issues so that the leadership is on the same plane of understanding and to make sure execution is conducted properly, Inouye commented.

Another teaching tool Inouye is planning is a first sergeant workshop to be held during the first quarter of 2008. Inouye commented he wants to bring in subject matter experts to teach the first shirts and give them the



Command Sgt. Maj. Robert N. Inouye

tools they need to do business in the HIARNG so they can effectively care for the troops.

Soldier recognition program back on track

For the troops, Inouye plans to revive the NCO and Soldier of the Year Competition in 2008. Because of deployments, this competition has been on hold since 2003.

"The competition has evolved and changed Army-wide," said Inouye. The competition focuses on a whole-Soldier approach to evaluation. "We look at the APFT (Army Physical Fitness Test), weapons qualification, and run the Soldiers through Army Warrior Task testing and land navigation," he said. "Plus, of course, we'll still have the appearance board and the question and answer period," added Inouye.

The competition is scheduled to take place next year, Feb 13-15. The winners from the Hawaii competition will then go on to the Region 7 competition in Utah that is slated to be held sometime in April. "Hopefully, if our Soldier or NCO makes the Region 7 competition, they'll go to the Army National Guard Competition," Inouye commented.

To those in the trenches

"My message to the troops is: let's be professional and disciplined in everything that we do. That means wearing the uniform properly, doing the right thing when no one else is looking and meeting the standards. We have a serious job to accomplish, especially during our support to the Global War on Terrorism. We must honor our Fallen Soldiers and those who came back wounded by trying to do our best," Inouye concluded.

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Soldiers Military Funeral Honors program reestablished

Story and photo by Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum
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The Hawaii Army National Guard is rebuilding its Military Funeral Honors program. Presently, there are more than 60 volunteer Soldiers from the active and retired ranks. The Honors program, which has its roots in ancient Greek and Roman military traditions, shows the nation's deepest gratitude and appreciation to the Soldiers, in time of peace or war, who have faithfully defended our country and state.

The HIARNG program's goal is to provide military honors to all deceased Army National Guard Soldiers statewide that have served at least one term of service and

departed under conditions other than dishonorable. The service is also extending to all other military services.

Rendering Honors

At a minimum rendering Honors consist of: two Soldiers, one playing Taps, and one folding the American flag and presenting it to the next of kin.

A chaplain and a detail to serve as pallbearers, depending on the desires of the surviving family and the resources are available.

Full Honors seven-person detail includes pallbearers who carry the casket and fold and present an American flag to the next of kin, a three-



round volley firing team, and a bugler playing Taps.

The Soldiers meet quarterly for refresher and new recruits training. New recruits are always welcomed. Teams are available in Hilo, Kona, and on Maui and Oahu. The program is looking to build local based teams on

Kauai and Molokai.

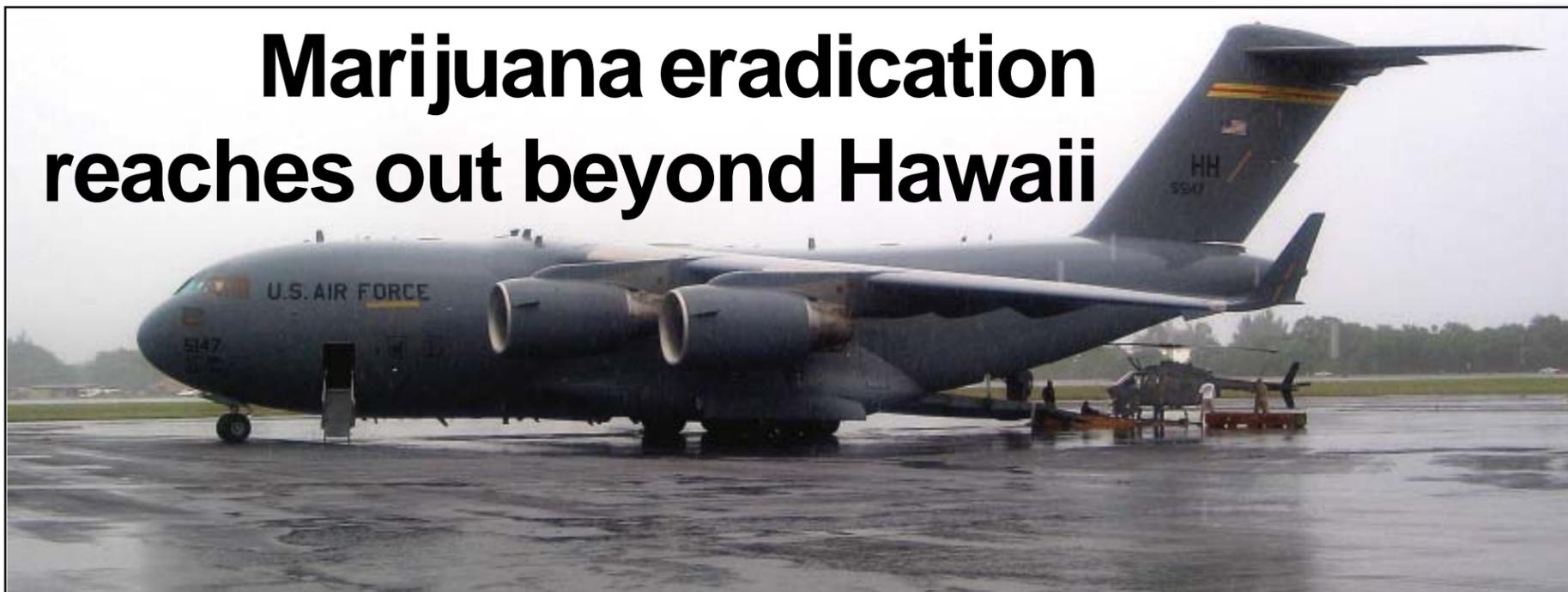
Their uniform is the "new" Army Service Uniform, traditional Army Dress Blues. The Blues are scheduled to replace the Greens as the standard wear the fourth quarter of 2007, with a mandatory possession date of 2011.

For more information

For more information about joining or for acquiring their services call or fax (808) 672-1009 / 1222 F, or by email one of the following:
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The Hawaii Army National Guard's Honor Guard render Honors at retired Hawaii Army Guard Lt. Col. John R. D'Araujo's funeral. In attendance was his son, retired Maj. Gen. John R. D'Araujo Jr, the former director of the Army National Guard and, commander of Hawaii Army Guard and 29th Separate Infantry Brigade.

Marijuana eradication reaches out beyond Hawaii



Tech. Sgt. Blaine Osato, Hawaii Air National Guard photo

COLLABORATIVE HAWAIIAN MISSION: Hawaii Army National Guard's OH-58A Kiowa observation helicopter is loaded on a Hawaii Air National Guard C-17 Globemaster III transport aircraft for a drug eradication mission on the islands of Guam and Saipan.

By Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum
117th Mobile Public Affairs
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After capping the Hawaii Island's Operation GREEN HARVEST missions with a haul of 6,000 Marijuana plants on Kauai – the Hawaii National Guard Counterdrug Support Program wrapped-up the 2007 Federal Fiscal Year with a swing through the U.S. territory of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Island (Saipan).

Weather limits mission

Inclement weather conditions limited a high yield in the September eradication mission. For the fourth time, in a truly joint/interagency collaborative effort, Hawaii joined the Guam Guard, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and other government organizations in the humid rain soaked Guam and Saipan missions. Still, more than 400 Marijuana plants were eradicated and a federal warrant was exercised which led to the seizure of one ounce of Crystal Meth, miscellaneous property, and three arrests. The Guam National Guard's Counterdrug Program, which is in its seventh year, provided most of the local logistical support, including transportation and the all important hydration product, cold water.

Collaborative efforts noted by DEA

The Hawaii Guard Counterdrug staff led the coordination efforts of the Guam mission. Key to the operation was the movement of Hawaii Army Guard and DEA helicopters to Guam through the collaborative hands of the National Guard Bureau and the Hawaii Air



JOINT / INTERAGENCY MISSION – An Operation GREEN HARVEST mission in September is briefed to a joint / interagency task force in Guam.

National Guard's 204th Airlift Squadron with their C-17 Globemaster III aircraft.

"The missions are one of the most successful collaborative efforts of federal, state and local, military and civilian law enforcement organizations," said Antonio Marquez, DEA resident agent in charge. He credited the Hawaii and Guam National Guard Counterdrug Programs for the smooth operations in eradication mission, including air and ground transportation support.

Other organizations included the Department of Justice's DEA and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE); U.S. Marshal; Army Command's Criminal Investigative Division (CID);

Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS); U.S. Coast Guard; Guam and Saipan Customs; Guam, Saipan and Hawaii Police Departments; and Idaho National Guard.

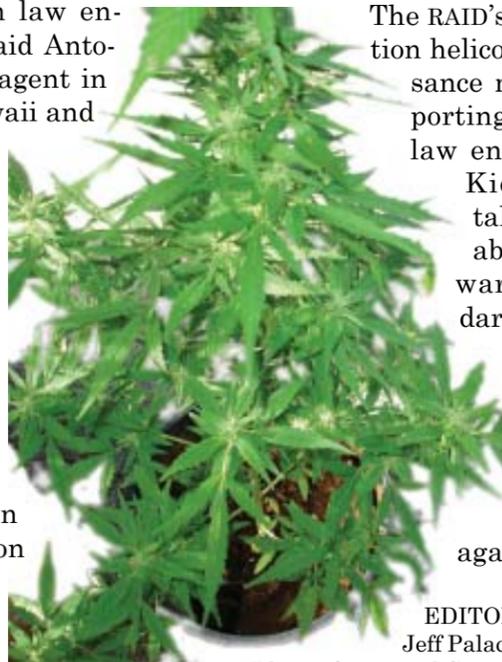
Hawaii Guard at eradication forefront

It has been over 30 years since the first Operation GREEN HARVEST. It all began in 1977, when Hawaii became the first state to use National Guard equipment and personnel to fight the war on drugs, a project that united efforts of various local and state agencies in a mission to eradicate marijuana. Guard helicopters and vehicles were used to locate and transport the eradicated plants to undisclosed locations for account and destruction. The National Guard's counterdrug program, which officially began in 1989, is now present in all states and territories.

Key to Hawaii success in 18-year Counterdrug Support Program is the Reconnaissance and Interdiction Detachment (RAID), which is located in Hilo on the big island of Hawaii.

The RAID's OH-58A Kiowa Observation helicopters do aerial reconnaissance missions year-round, supporting local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. The Kiowa is modified with taller landing skids that enable the fitting of the Forward Looking Infrared Radar thermal imaging system that "see in the dark."

This year, plans include continuing the year-round reconnaissance of the Hawaiian Islands and hopefully, again to Saipan.



EDITOR'S NOTE: Photos were shot by Jeff Palacios (Guam Customs), Tech. Sgt. Blaine Osato and Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Lum



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154th spreads its Wings to support Oregon exercise

By 154th Wing Public Affairs Office

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.-- More than 70 members of the 154th Wing departed for Klamath Falls, Ore., to participate in the 13th bi-annual Sentry Eagle exercise in August.

The Sentry Eagle exercise is an air-to-air combat exercise, which tests flying skills including basic fighter maneuvers and air combat tactics against dissimilar aircraft, close air support and large force employment.

During the exercise the 199th Fighter Squadron participated in large force employment scenarios, including defensive counter air and offensive counter air scenarios. "In DCA we protect a target from enemy fighters and bombers," said Capt. Phillip Mallory, 199th weapons and tactics officer. "In OCA we escort friendly forces to a target area and keep them safe from enemy fighters."

Although the exercise was an air-to-air combat exercise, the 199th did not travel alone. The fighter Squadron had almost 60



DELIVERY SERVICE – Master Sgt. Kale Barney gives instruction for the careful offload of an F-15 Engine to Staff Sgt. Kim Kido during his Evaluation Checkride given by Master Sgt. Kurt Uchimura, 204th Airlift Squadron.

maintenance personnel supporting them along with refueling provided by the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron and airlift provided by the 204th Airlift Squadron. "Whereas other Fighter units have to solicit for airlift to support any move, the 154th Wing is fortunate to have both the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron and 204th Airlift Squadron on hand

to support the needs of the 199th Fighter Squadron," said Capt. Kimo Lowe, C-17 pilot with the 204th.

The move included 154th Wing maintenance members, and over 10 tons of cargo including an engine, bins, pallets, and other pieces of rolling equipment.

"This mission is precisely the reason the National Guard allocates flying hours to Airlift Squadrons," said Lowe. "Mission Ready Airlift is the ability to move combat ready units to locations necessary to accomplish training and obtain experience.

The 204th utilizes MRA to gain experience flying to locations other than the local area can provide to our aircrew," said Lowe.

Over 400 military personnel from 16 units, across 13 states, encompassing the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines participated in this year's Sentry Eagle.

"This is a great chance for cross talk at all levels and to practice total force integration as well as joint operations with the Navy and Marines playing as well," said Mallory.

Special Troops go through search, rescue training in Oklahoma City

When the 29th Brigade Special Troops Battalion (BSTB) was formed in September of 2006 it was tasked to take over the mass decontamination and search and rescue missions of the Chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear explosive (CBRNE) high-yield Enhanced Response Force Package (CBRNE -- CERFP). The CERFP mission is to support civil authorities in mass decontamination, urban search and rescue, and medical support. While the 29th Brigade Combat Team was deployed to Iraq, the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th Wing had command and control of the Hawaii Guard's CERFP mission. The 154th Medical Group still has the mission of the medical support but command and control of the CERFP will become the responsibility of the Hawaii Army National Guard's 29th BSTB.

Lt. Col. Moses Kaiwi, the 29th BSTB commander and some of his staff went to Oklahoma to receive training from the experts in staff planning for search and rescue in a collapsed structure. Response International Group (R.I.G.), the organization doing the training, is headed by Mike Shannon, an Oklahoma City fire chief. R.I.G. is the expert in planning for and conducting search and rescue operations in collapsed structures. Shannon's training team consist mainly of firefighters that participated in the search and rescue operations when the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building collapsed on April 19, 1995, also known as the Oklahoma City Bombing. R.I.G. provided insight and expertise in planning for search and



Lt. Col. Moses Kaiwi photos

CRAWL SPACE – Maj. Shawn Tsuha crawls out of a simulated collapsed structure at the Response International Group Basic Collapsed Structure Training Site, in Oklahoma City.

rescue missions as well as hasty decontamination operations in a collapsed structure.

First hand experiences shared

"This class provided a great overview and integration of the civilian incident command system techniques and a real world incident response" said Maj. Shawn Tsuha, the battalion operations officer. "I received a lot of good information on how Oklahoma City first responders handled the bombing incident. It helps us to tailor our response to how the civilian authorities look and respond to a collapsed structure incident."

The course provided by R.I.G. is certified by the National Incident Management System, and is one of many certifications that the Special Troops must complete in order to be certified as CERFP operational.

During the three days of training, the battalion staff was provided an overview of the incident command system, use of command staff principles, and staff planning for a collapsed structure incident. Students participated in a table top exercise of an incident in which they briefed their plan on search and rescue operations as well as site control at a collapsed structure incident.

Lessons learned

Training also included an overview of the Oklahoma City Bombing lessons learned, as well as a trip to the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum. Training concluded with a site visit to the R.I.G. Basic Collapsed Structure Course. Student planners were able to get first



RESCUE RAPPELLING – Sgt. Glenn Kailiawa receives rappelling techniques used specifically for search and rescue missions from a R.I.G. instructor, while Spc. Ryan Soon waits for his turn.

hand observation of the different types of collapsed structures. While at the site, the battalion staff was able to observe Spc. Ryan Soon and Sgt. Glenn Kailiawa, two military police Soldiers from the BSTB, rappel in a collapsed structure environment. Soon and Kailiawa attended the R.I.G. Basic Collapsed Structure Course while Kaiwi and his staff were participating in the staff course. "This training hits right on the button for a hurricane response requiring search and rescue," said 29th BSTB Command Sgt.Maj. Rex Brun. "The staff will have an understanding of what to expect."

Yes, there is Hero Street USA

By Rex Jones
State Equal Employment Manager

A few years ago, my wife and our youngest son were invited to visit Augustana College. Our son was considering the possibility of enrolling there after high school. While there, we simply could not pass up the opportunity to visit a neighborhood that a friend had told us about during a Hispanic American observance luncheon – a neighborhood entirely dedicated to its fallen war heroes.

With this in mind, we made an honest effort to follow our online generated map instructions to the best of our ability, yet we still had to stop for directions. Turns out, we weren't lost after all — we were on the exact street we were looking for. We were confused because we mistakenly had bigger expectations. You see, it's not much of a street in size at all — just one and a half blocks long. Its surface wasn't paved (at the time) and there were no large luxurious homes to grace its sides. There weren't any monuments but still they officially called this **Hero Street U.S.A.**

Town honors its own

Here in the tiny midwest town of Silvis, Ill., Hero Street has an amazing history and tradition to uphold its name. It has earned the name with honor and with the blood of eight young men, all of Mexican descent, who tragically gave their lives on fields of combat for a country they felt was well worth dying for. It has been researched and documented by the Department of Defense that there is no other street of comparable size that has sent as many men and women to serve in the armed forces than this block of approximately 25 homes. Hero Street USA has sent more than 110 men and women into the military. Fifty-seven men went in during World War II & Korea, and over 20 more to Vietnam. These eight men: *Joseph Gomez, Peter Macias, Johnny Muños, Tony Pompa, Frank Sandoval, Joe Sandoval, William Sandoval, and Claro Soliz*, lost their lives in World War II and Korea. Now, a street remembers them in their honor.

When tallying the number of its residents who served in World War II and the Korean campaign, the total

came to 57 men (again, this doesn't include the Street's contribution to the Vietnam conflict or our most current conflicts). Of those 57, the two Sandoval families (not related) sent 13, six from one and seven from the other. Three Sandoval boys were killed in action. These families not only believed in freedom, but sent their sons to fight for it. Many were not born in the United States, so they would not have to go to war. But go they did.

They all grew up together on this street, and it has been said that they were all uncommonly close. They were bound together by common heritage - this was the first generation of children raised in America by parents who had migrated here from Mexico years before. And, there were other bonds. They were all poor. Although their fathers worked long, exhausting hours for the railroad and made more money that they would ever have realized in their native town in Mexico, they were still poor. They roamed together over Billy Goat Hill, the small bluff rising from behind one side of the street. It was where they built bonfires, flew kites, dug caves and had mud fights. They hunted small game on the hills scrubby sides and shared two precious .22 rifles among the bunch of them.

Monument, park dedicated

Today, there is in fact a fitting monument and Park dedicated to these heroes. And, those visiting aren't likely to have the same initial reaction that I and my family had when I first saw Hero Street USA. Regardless of one's reaction to this street, to those that live there, it is home! In a letter from Claro Soliz to Frank Sandoval he described it as, "The Street is really not much, just mud and ruts, but right now to me it is the greatest street in the world."

You may not find yourself in Silvis, Ill. anytime soon; however, you can still pay your respects to those Hispanic Americans that have strengthened our country and contributed to the spirit of America.

Please join me as we celebrate the rich cultural traditions of our Hispanic-American community. This year's theme is "Hispanic Americans: Making a Positive Impact on American Society."

Musical legacy shared at Air Force's 60th anniversary concert

By Staff Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin

Those who attended the *Tops in Blue Heritage to Horizon* concert at the Wakiki Shell in September were treated to two generations of unique Hawaiian musical stylings, as part of the celebration of the Air Force's 60th anniversary.

The Heritage to Horizon's moment took place when Tech. Sgt. Daniel Baduria, 154th Maintenance Squadron C-17 aircraft fuel system technician, strolled onto the *Tops and Blue* stage replicating his father, Donald Baduria's ukulele style.

The magic of technology allowed his father's *Ed Sullivan Show* performance to be broadcast, thus, bringing the past to the present.

Continuing the legacy his father laid down starting with a *Tops in Blue* tour in 1956-1957, Baduria strolled onto the stage picking and strumming his ukulele moving the song's melody along through chord progressions rather than a single note just as his father had taught him.

It was while touring with *Tops and Blue* that his father's style came into its own. Donald's 'ukulele, along with a flamenco guitar player and a banjo player, created the sounds of the string ensemble the *Strolling Strings*.

"They would trade secrets and incorporate them in the playing of their instruments. He learned a variety of picking and strum-



Tech. Sgt. Daniel Baduria

ming techniques from the banjo player and flamenco guitar player," added Baduria.

Opening for *Tops in Blue* was one of the most satisfying feelings because it allowed me to share my father's music with my peers who ordinarily see me as just another fellow maintainer, said Baduria.

My father was an innovative, self-taught 'ukulele artist, who began playing at the age of four and continued playing after his tour with the Air Force, said Baduria. He went on to perform with Kui Lee and Alfred Apaka, two renowned Waikiki artists, and he recorded two record albums.

"It was a great feeling not only for myself, but also for my family, to be honored in such a grand style," said Baduria.

Baduria had invoked the images and sounds of his father's legacy; he had replicated the musical footprint his father left behind. Like father, like son.



Safety Habits

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Home fire escape plan - By OSHA regulations, our workplaces all have fire prevention and evacuation plans. But annually, more people die from home fires than any other kind of fire. Thousands of people perish every year in home fires because they don't know what to do. Senior citizens and young children are particularly vulnerable and represent the largest population segment involved in fire deaths and injuries.

Fires usually give only three to four minutes to escape. Not knowing what to do can be deadly. Hopefully your family has prepared and practiced a home fire escape plan. If you do not have a home fire escape plan, you can develop one incorporating the same elements found in our workplace plans:

- **Plan** two ways out of every room. Your normal exit may be blocked.
- **Test** emergency exits. Make sure you can open windows and remove screens and storm windows from inside. Provide folding escape ladders from second story windows. Make them out of light rope or purchase metal ladders made for this purpose.
- **Designate** a meeting place outside the home. Make sure everyone knows to get out quickly and go to the meeting place.
- **Practice** using emergency exits in the dark. Keep a flashlight next to every bed. Most fatal home fires start at night, while we are asleep and least likely to respond quickly.
- **Teach** the family to stay low in smoke to avoid poisonous gases. Crawl to exits. Eight out of ten fire deaths are due to smoke inhalation.
- **Install** and maintain smoke detectors on every level of your home. Test them monthly and change batteries yearly.

Escape should be your primary concern. Make that call to the fire department from a neighbor's house.

Fast actions are needed in a fire and trained responses help those happen. Contact your local fire station if you would like more information.



Hawaii National Guard Family Program

Lt. Col. Laura Wheeler, State Family Program Coordinator

Hawaii was selected to be one of fifteen States to initiate the Joint Family Support Assistance Program (JFSAP) from the Family Program Office. This initiative will provide mobile, high quality family services and augment the Family Program's ability to meet the needs of Military families in remote areas (i.e. neighbor islands). Three JFSAP staffers were hired recently: Debra O'Brien, Mental Health Net Counselor; Kandis Bainter, Child and Youth Behavior Specialist; and Felicia Hillard, Military One Source Consultant. They will be working closely with the Family Assistance Centers and the Family Program Staff to ensure that families are connected and their needs are met.

Workshop wrap-up

The 2007 State Family Program Volunteer Workshop was held at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa in August. This year's theme was *E Ho'omakaukau Kakou* (Let's All Prepare!), focusing on being prepared for whatever our future holds. Our guest speaker was Dr. Bridget Cantrell, PhD, a nationally recognized author and mental health counselor. Our guest breakout presenters included Steve Read, the Family Program director from the California National Guard and Dr. Michael Faran, M.D./PhD, retired colonel, from the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Service at Tripler. The break-out sessions focused on emergency preparedness, avoiding burn-out, preparing for deployment and re-integration, volunteer drug testing for families, couples' communicating, and several more. The highlight of the two-day event was a banquet Saturday night when the perpetual Hui Laulima awards for 2006 were presented. The awardees were:
 Hawaii Army National Guard
Outstanding Volunteer – Samlyn Moore and Georgiana Bernabe-Haina
Outstanding Military Point of Contact – Maj. Margaret Rains
Outstanding Unit – 103rd Troop Command Hawaii Air National Guard
Outstanding Volunteer – James "Kimo" Palakiko

Outstanding Military Point of Contact –

Airman 1st Class Ryan Yung
 Outstanding Unit – 199th Fighter Squadron

In addition to these awards, a beautiful hand-crafted quilt hanging was presented to TriWest Health Care Alliance for their continued generosity and support to the Hawaii National Guard Families. The quilt was designed and created by Mrs. Leilani Kerr from Hilo. Special plaques were also presented to the University of Hawaii Extension Services – 4H and the Hawaii National Guard Drug Demand and Reduction Unit for their continued support of the Hawaii National Guard Child and Youth Services.

State Youth Symposium also held

In conjunction with this year's Volunteer Workshop, the first State Youth Symposium was held at the same time. Twenty teenagers from across the State attended this two day event which included team building, brain storming and other activities. From this initial symposium, several youths will be chosen to sit on the Hawaii National Guard State Youth Council whose function will be to address the needs and concerns of our Guard youths, especially during deployment.

How to reach us

Check out our website at www.dod.state.hi.us/family. If you have any questions or concerns relating to family matters. If you would like to be a part of a Family Readiness Group, contact your unit or call any of the following members of the Family Program State Advisory Team listed below:

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 Georgette Pelekai: 268-8005

Kauai County: Hanapepe Armory
 1-3460 Kaunualii Hwy.
 Milton Oshiro: 844-6738



FIRST AND LAST, EAST AND WEST – Delegates from Delaware and Hawaii, the first state and the last state pose for a family picture at the National Guard Family Program Volunteer Workshop in Chicago in July.



CHECK WITH PURPOSE – Col. Gary M. Hara, chairman of the National Guard Association of the United States Conference Corp. presented a check for over \$196,000 to the Hawaii National Guard Association president Lt. Col. Dave Molinaro. The funds were generated during the National NGAUS conference held in Hawaii. The NGAUS committee recommended that the funds be used to improve membership in NGAUS and fund junior officers to attend the annual national conferences.



SONNY HOMECOMING – Senior Airman Salofi Leasiolage meets his son Samson for the first time. Samson was born while his dad was deployed with the 154th Security Forces Squadron to Kirkuk, Iraq. Leasiolage was one of 13 Hawaii Air National Guard members that returned to Honolulu in August after a six month deployment.

Awards and Recognition

Meritorious Service Medal

Col. Alike G. Watts, JFHQ, HIARNG, 2nd OLC
 Lt. Co. Laura J. Soares, Recruiting and Retention Division, 2nd OLC
 Master Sgt. Craig T. Ikeda, HHC, 29th IBCT, 1st OLC
 Master Sgt. Ernie B. Pigao, Co. G, Forward Support, 29th BSB, 1st OLC
 Staff Sgt. Albert L. Kamealoha, HIARNG Element, JFHQ
 Staff Sgt. Gulstan K.W. Poepoe, Det. 1, 230 Engineer Co.

Army Commendation Medal

Maj. Mark T. Mitsui, HHD, JFHQ-HIARNG
 Sgt. 1st Class Bret D. Moore, 2nd Bn., 298th Reg., MFTB, 3rd OLC
 Staff Sgt. Felominao Alviar, 2nd Bn., 298th Reg. MFTB, 6th OLC
 Staff Sgt. Michael Childress, 2nd Bn., 298th Reg. MFTB, 3rd OLC
 Spc. Denise Chincio, 2nd Bn. 298th Reg., MFTB

Air Force Commendation Medal

Tech. Sgt. Karl S. Iwasaki, 154th Logistic Resource Squadron
 Tech. Sgt. Gary M. Matsuda, 154th Logistic Resource Squadron

Army Achievement Medal

Sgt. 1st Class Norman L.K. Peleholani, 93rd WMD-CST

Air Force Achievement Medal

1st Lt. Sean E. Lockernam, 506th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron
 Master Sgt. Kurt H. Kawachi, 292nd Combat Communications Squadron, 2nd OLC
 Master Sgt. Louise L. Lum, 154th Logistic Resource Squadron, 1st, 2nd and 3rd OLC

Master Sgt. Shenna K. Tauyan, 154th Logistic Resource Squadron
 Master Sgt. Perry H. Tuttle, 292nd Combat Communications Squadron
 Tech. Sgt. Carlos E. Diaz, 199th Fighter Squadron, 1st OLC
 Tech. Sgt. Nicholas M. Marzan, 154th Security Forces Squadron, 3rd OLC
 Tech. Sgt. Zur W. Waki, 292nd Combat Communications Squadron
 Staff Sgt. Kenley G. Agtarap, 154th Logistic Resource Squadron
 Staff Sgt. Mugungha Kang, 199th Fighter Squadron, 1st OLC
 Staff Sgt. Michael W. Morton, 154th Mission Support Flight
 Staff Sgt. Ivan M. Yoshioka, 154th Logistic Resource Squadron
 Senior Airman Roderick H. Baker Jr., 199th Fighter Squadron
 Senior Airman Vance K. Bernades, 154th Logistic Resource Squadron
 Senior Airman Tashalynn E. Willing, 154th Security Forces Squadron, 1st OLC
 Senior Airman, Dustin B. Williams, 154th Logistic Resource Squadron

State of Hawaii Distinguished Service Order

Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Alexis T. Lum
 Master Sgt. Craig T. Ikeda, HHC, 29th IBCT

Hawaii National Guard Medal for Merit

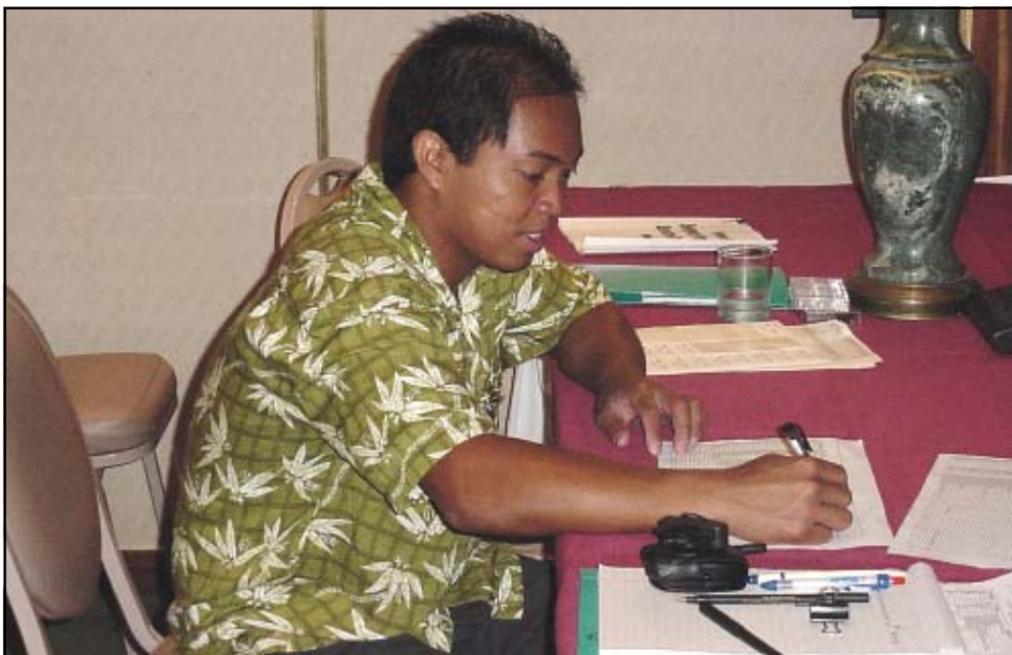
Karen N.F. Frost, USPFO for Hawaii

Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal

Maj. Christopher Slavens, MMC, G4, HIARNG
 Robert Stinson, State Facility Maintenance

Adjutant General's Award

Glen Badua, State Civil Defense



"IT'S ALL ABOUT THE PAPERWORK"
 – Glen Badua, State Civil Defense grants coordinator, charts data for later input into tracking programs.

Grants coordinator earns top employee honor

Glen Badua, State Civil Defense's grants coordinator, received the Adjutant General's Award as the Department of Defense employee of the year at the semi-annual department retirement and recognition luncheon held in August. Badua, in his capacity as a special planning staff member, assist the homeland security officer in the maintenance of a State Homeland Security Implementation Strategy which entails the preparation and submission of required reports to the U. S. Department of Homeland Security and to the Hawaii State Legislature.

He monitors and coordinates grants applications with government and non-government agencies and the general public, and submits required reports to ensure federal compliance. Badua also provides disaster assistance and logistical support during major disaster response and recovery operations.

Innovation tracks resources

Badua developed a tracking system which integrates homeland security strategies to specific objectives and annual budgets. This invaluable resource enables the State and county government agencies to effectively manage their grants by improving the efficiency of monitoring applicable deadlines and minimizing the possibility of lapsing federal

grant monies if not obligated and expended before applicable deadlines. The U. S. Department of Homeland Security Preparedness Office has declared Badua's tracking system as a "Best Practice" for other government agencies to consider.

To date, State and local government agencies have received over \$100 million in federal Homeland Security grants utilized to dramatically increase the response capabilities of fire departments, police departments, emergency medical services, civil defense agencies, various State agencies, and non-government agencies such as the American Red Cross-Hawaii Chapter, and special health needs groups and care facilities.

Four-year tenure includes tireless support of multiple missions

Badua has been a key player in direct support of Hawaii Emergency Preparedness Executive Committee (HEPEC), Emergency Operating Center (EOC) Crisis Action Team and the annual Asia Pacific Homeland Security Summits.

Badua has served this Department, Division, and State admirably for four years, personifying the highest level of professionalism. He is dedicated, selfless, and humble. He has demonstrated initiative and has made numerous contributions to State Homeland Security programs impacting federal, State and county government agencies and to the overall state of emergency preparedness in Hawaii.



Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Lum photo

SAVING OUR ENVIRONMENT AND MONEY — Sgt. Glen Yamashita, an accounting technician, was notified in August that he received the Vanpool Driver of the Quarter for his superb driving performance. Karen Frost, pay and exam supervisor and fellow vanpool member, nominated Yamashita for the award. "We take six cars off the road with Vanpool," said Yamashita. "We're doing our bit for the environment," he added. Federal employees, Active Guard Reserve and Soldiers on Active Duty Special Work (ADSW) orders for longer than 30 days are eligible for a government subsidy that will cover all vanpool charges. Yamashita is the point of contact for more information for the Hawaii National Guard. He may be reached at 844-6346.

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.

Hawaii Army National Guard	Nov	Dec	Jan
HHD, Joint Forces HQ	3-4	1-2	5-6
298th Regional Training Institute	3-4	1-2	5-6
29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team	3-4	1-2	5-6
HHT, 1st Squadron, 299th Cavalry	3-4	1-2	5-6, 19-20
1st Bn, 487th Field Artillery	2-4	1-2	11-13
29th Bde. Special Troops Bn.	3-4	1-2	12-13
29th Bde. Support Bn.	3-4	1-2	12-13
103rd Troop Command	3-4	1-2	5-6
12th Personnel Service Det.	mobilized	mobilized	mobilized
(Rear operations sames a 103rd Troop Command)			
111th Army Band	5, 10, 19, 25	3, 10, 17	7 14, 28
230th Engineer Co.	16-18	8-9	5-6
297th Firefighting Team	17-18	1-2	5-6
Co. B, 445th Aviation	17-18	15-16	12-13
Det. 1, HHC, 1st Bn., 171st Aviation	2-4	8-9	5-6
Co. C, 1st Bn., 207th Aviation	mobilized	mobilized	mobilized
(Rear operations sames a 103rd Troop Command)			
Hawaii Air National Guard			
HQ, Hawaii Air National Guard	3-4	1-2	5-6
154th Wing	3-4	1-2	5-6
201st Combat Communications Group	3-4	1-2	5-6