Hawaii Guard provides army of inauguration support

More than 300 Hawaii National Guard personnel were involved in supporting the Dec. 2 inauguration of Gov. Linda Lingle.

Four F-15 Eagle jetfighters from the Air Guard’s 199th Fighter Squadron performed a flyover at the end of the inaugural parade that passed in front of the reviewing stand at Iolani Palace. Front and center included members of the Air Guard’s ceremonial Royal Guard. Dressed in uniforms that are replicas of King David Kalakaua’s Royal Guard, the ceremonial Royal Guard airmen escorted Lingle and the members of her procession from Iolani Palace to the State Capitol rotunda. Along the way to the Capital, an honor cordon made up of soldiers and airmen from the Army and Air National Guards, as well as the Youth ChalleNGe Academy corpsmembers, rendered their salutes as Lingle passed through on the way to her swearing-in.

The YCA corpsmembers were pressed into service to help with a number of unforeseen details, like helping holding banners for the mini-parade, and pass out water and inaugural cake. Once Lingle was sworn in, a nineteen-gun salute was performed by crews from the Army Guard’s Battery C, 487th Field Artillery. A CH-47 Chinook flyby was performed by three helicopters from the Army Guard’s Company C, 193rd Aviation, after the governor’s inaugural address. The program’s finale, YCA corpsmembers showered blossoms from the third floor of the Capitol, to attendees below. The Hawaii Guard’s support concluded with the Army Guard’s 111th Army Band post inaugural concert on the place grounds.

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Noble professionals maintaining our freedom

We are fortunate enough to be engaged in one of the noblest professions in the world—the profession of arms. We are part of a team that helps maintain freedom and stability around the globe. We are blessed to be working for a great cause and what we do has great meaning. We protect America and what she stands for. Our department is the chief coordinating agency for Hawaii’s homeland security. Unfortunately, the specter of the September 11th terrorist attacks still hang over the nation. We’ve been busy, and we’ve taken a number of actions to help keep Hawaii’s residents safe from harm. We’ve refined our anti-terrorism response plans and have conducted a number of exercises with other federal, state and county agencies, as well as the private industry, to delineate clear lines of responsibility and minimize any community impact should Hawaii receive a specific, credible terrorist threat. At the end of November, the State Department of Defense, in consultation with other emergency response agencies, changed our state’s color-coded Homeland and Security Advisory System to match the federal system. Although the federal system was modeled on the matrix that we developed and unveiled about six months after our system was put into use, changing to the federal system makes it easier for various agencies that we work with to all be on the same page. We had a statewide Critical Infrastructure Protection Plan in place immediately after the terrorist attacks, but over the past year, we have updated and refined and exercised those plans and through forums such as the Hawaii Emergency Preparedness Executive Committee, we are making great strides in areas such as preventing and minimizing the effects of a bio-terrorism attack.

Welcome to our new commander in chief

I want to welcome the Hawai’i National Guard’s new commander in chief. As the article, starting on page 1, shows, the Hawaii Guard contributed significantly to the inaugural festivities of Gov. Linda Lingle. The entire State of Hawaii, Department of Defense team stands ready to support Gov. Lingle and her initiatives. During any state crisis, the governor is at the top of the decision-making process. It is our job to provide her with recommended courses of action and to carry out those plans, should disaster strike.

ALOHA to Gov. Cayetano

At the same time, we bid a fond aloha to Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano, who served as our commander in chief for the past eight years. On Nov. 26, we held a farewell ceremony for Gov. Cayetano at the State Capitol and during November’s drill, he visited a number of HIARNG and HIANG units as well as the Youth ChalleNGe Academy. Soldiers and airmen showed their appreciation and we presented gifts to the outgoing governor as a token of our appreciation. I know that Gov. Cayetanos was deeply touched by these demonstrations of aloha. Wishing you and yours the very best during this holiday season.
Veterans’ Day activities held across islands

By Master Sgt. Stephen M. Lum

Remembering and honor our veterans, past and present is a long honored State of Hawaii Department of Defense tradition. Our soldiers and airmen were again supporting activities across the state.

On Kauai, the salute started with the annual Kauai Veterans' Parade held on the first Saturday of November. Maj. Gen. Edward L. Correa Jr., the adjutant general and retired Brig. Gen. Irwin K. Cockett Jr., Office of Veteran Services director, were joined by marching units from Company A, 299th Infantry and the 154th Air Control Squadron.

The 52nd Annual Massing of the Color ceremony held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl was sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans - Department of Hawaii. The TAG joined a list of VIPs which included Governor-elect Linda Lingle. The 199th Fighter Squadron's F-15 Eagle jet-fighters performed a missing-man flyover.

The Governor's ceremony held at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery featured a message from outgoing Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano. The Hawaii Guard's 111th Army Band, ceremonial Royal Guard, Company C, 193rd Aviation (CH-47D Chinook helicopters) and Youth ChallengeNGE Academy, joined the TAG to salute the veterans and recognize the future home of the 29th Infantry Brigade's memorial rock.

SOLMN MESSAGE -- Governor-elect Linda Lingle gives an impromptu message at the Disabled American Veterans Massing of the Colors ceremony. Derek R. Inoshita photo

ROYAL HONORS -- Ceremonial Royal Guard (above) post the State Colors. The VIPs (left) join the Youth ChallengeNGE Academy corps members at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery. Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha photo.

SALUTING COMRADES -- Veterans' organizations salute their fallen comrades.

ROCK REMEMBERED -- Kumu John Lake, from Pu’ukohola Heiau, says an oli (chant) for the soon to be rededicated 29th Infantry Brigade memorial rock.

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1 and 4: Pass in review parade and cordon to stage - Ceremonial Royal Guard, Hawaii Air National Guard
2: Flyby - F-15 Eagle jetfighters, 199th Fighter Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard
3: Flyby - CH-47D Chinook helicopters, Company C, 193rd Aviation, Hawaii Army National Guard
5: Flower toss - Hawaii National Guard Youth ChallengeNGE Academy company members
6: Post inaugural concert at Iolani Palace - 111th Army Band, Hawaii Army National Guard

EDITOR'S NOTE: Photo coverage by Master Sgt. Stephen M. Lum, Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha, Staff Sgt. Curtis H. Matsushige, Senior Airmen Kristen M. Higgins and Derek R. Inoshita

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AGRA AIR BASE, India — It’s a long way to India from Honolulu, especially on a small propeller-driven U.S. Air Force cargo plane. But members of the 154th Wing, Hawaii Air National Guard, made the trek in October to Agra Air Station in India.

One of the Hawaii Air National Guard’s C-130 aircraft from the 154th Wing and its 13-person associated air and ground crewmembers participated in Exercise COPE INDIA, the largest bilateral exercise between the two air forces in 40 years.

COPE INDIA is a Pacific Air Force-sponsored airlift exercise designed to improve the interoperability between the U.S. and Indian air forces through exchange of information and procedures so that if ever the two deployed together, they could operate efficiently and effectively.

First to Wake Island for gas Oct. 17, then to Guam to pick up members of a contingency response squadron also participating in the exercise, and following stops in The Philippines and Thailand, the Air National Guard team from Hawaii joined approximately 130 active duty U.S. Air Force members and four more C-130’s for the one-week airlift event.

This was the furthest most of the Hawaii participants have deployed from home, and none of them had been to India before. “It’s been a great experience for all of us,” said Maj. Jim Yuki, C-130 aircraft commander. “To have the chance to work with Indian fuels personnel – they observed the testing of the fuel and ensured the aircraft got the gas it needed throughout the week. But otherwise, according to Staff Sgts. Miles Nakamura and Aaron Silva, C-130 crew chiefs, prepping the aircraft to fly was little different from being anywhere else.

Yuki and his crew hosted Indian Air Force observers on all their missions to discuss C-130 features and cargo/paratrooper drops – procedures they got to see firsthand during actual flight operations. One difference to get used to? The Indian Air Force uses twice the number of jumpmasters – they call them dispatchers – to assist getting the paratroopers out than U.S. forces use, but everyone in the cramped front and back-end of the C-130 seemed to appreciate each other’s roles. “They understood where we [the loadmasters] needed to be,” said Staff Sgt. Kimo McKee, the other HIANG loadmaster. “And by the time we did our second run to drop another 60 paratroopers, the jumps were a lot smoother and quicker – just like back home.”

Master Sgt. Thomas Varaez, flight engineer, agreed saying “It was a bit crowded, with the observers, but they were very knowledgeable about the instrumentation, very inquisitive and curious about how we fly.”

The ground crew, while limited in their interaction with the Indian Air Force, did have a chance to work with Indian fuels personnel – they observed the testing of the fuel and ensured the aircraft got the gas it needed throughout the week. But otherwise, according to Staff Sgts. Miles Nakamura and Aaron Silva, C-130 crew chiefs, prepping the aircraft to fly was little different from being anywhere else.

Maj. Neal Ernst, C-130 navigator with the 204th Airlift Squadron, looks over the cockpit of an AC-32 Indian cargo aircraft as an Indian flight officer explains the navigational controls. Ernst was in India supporting the bilateral exercise between the U.S. and Indian Air Force.

Jumpmaster Master Sgt. Bill Kissenberger, 204th Airlift Squadron, controls the jump of Indian paratroopers from an Air Force C-130 Oct. 21 over Agra Air Station, India.
Environmental team battles elements

Unexploded rounds found in Hilo training area safely blown up

By Sgt. 1st Class Stephanie J. Hika

It was concealed, protected by years of vegetation growth, an ambush waiting to strike. Rumors had it that live unexploded ordnance (UXO) were occupying Hawaii National Guard training lands. In September, William Rogers, the Environmental Office installation restoration program manager for Hawaii Army National Guard, took the rumor seriously. The talk circled around a 20-acre area adjacent to the Known Distance (KD) Range on the Keaukaha Military Reservation (KMR) on the Big Island. There were even reports that the UXO was an area for 40mm high explosive (HE) training rounds.

“On one plan, it showed that 40mm had fired, but no documents or even anyone at KMR could say whether live rounds were still there,” Rogers said. “And we had no paperwork to confirm or deny that the site had been cleared of unexploded ordnance (UXO).”

In true hearsay fashion, even signs warning people to stay out were gone. Either blown down by the weather or simply taken.

Survey conducted

Rogers contracted for a two-man team from Donaldson Enterprises, Inc., a local explosive ordnance recovery and disposal company, to begin the time-consuming task of walking the site. In environmental terms, it’s called a linear transect. For soldiers, it’s known as a police call. For this transit, both men disdanced themselves from each other by about 10 feet starting walking a straight line. It took a week to cover the 20 acres.

During the survey, they found grenade clips, exploded mortar training rounds and evidence that practice anti-personnel mines, or “Bouncing Betties,” from previous mission-essential training areas. They marked each item with tape and plotted a Global Positioning System (GPS) on the location. Nothing proved the rumor true until the very end. That’s when the team discovered two unexploded 40mm rounds.

“As soon as it was found, we notified the State Department of Health and the 706th Explosive Ordnance Detachment (EOD) out of Schofield Barracks,” Rogers said.

Debuting during the Vietnam War, soldiers fired the 40mm round from M79 grenade launchers. Infantrymen commonly referred to it as a “Bloop Gun.” The weapon system was primarily used against enemy personnel and vehicles. The round has a 5-meter kill radius with a 400-foot maximum range, and enough explosives to produce over 300 fragments traveling at 1,524 meters per second upon impact.

Today, soldiers use the M203 grenade launcher, which attaches to an M16 rifle. Combining the weapon system gives a soldier more lethality in a firefight.

“The 40mm is a highly unstable round. A 40mm round is specifically designed to detonate by movement even if it’s a dud. That’s what makes it so unstable,” Rogers added.

Rounds exploded

It took two soldiers from the 706th approximately a half-day to blow up the rounds using C-4.

Detonating the round only confirms the rumor, but it doesn’t end the project. “Finding the round now makes it more imperative that we expedite the clearing of the site. We got safety concerns,” Rogers said.

This area has high brush grass, making it difficult and dangerous to survey. The environmental office is recommending, in conjunction with safety and the KMR leadership, the reposting of signs, notification to administrative officers to warn personnel to stay out, and coordination of a controlled burn.

“This will reduce the heavy vegetation, which will allow EOD to have greater access to the area to perform a proper sweep and clearance,” Rogers said. “Once cleared, EOD can certify the site for use.”

WARNING: Call the HIARNG Environmental Office (733-4224) for suspected materials, rumors of potential UXO’s, or sightings of known munitions during any HIARNG training. Don’t pick it up, mark it, and report immediately.

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Regional Training Institute dedicated in October

Story and photos by Sgt. Wendy M. Miller

The Hawaii Army National Guard dedicated its new $17 million 298th Regiment (Multi-Functional), Regional Training Institute Oct. 24 at Bellows Air Force Station in Waimanalo.

The facility will be used to train soldiers from the Hawaii Army Guard, U.S. Army Reserve and active Army in the Pacific region to include American Samoa, Guam, Alaska, Hawaii and other states. "This is a monumental event in the history of the guard. We finally have a regional training institute that is used not only for the guard but for the army reserve and active component into what is called the tri-component concept," said Col. J. John R. Penabecker, commandant of 298th Regiment.

School in session from November

The first classes started Nov. 23 and included the Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course (ANCCOC), Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course (BNCOC) and Officer Candidate School (OCS). Other courses to be offered are the Instructor Training Course (IT-ITC), Small Group Instruction (SGI) and Military Occupational Specialty MOS qualifying courses for 11B (infantry).

Facilities future includes sports complex

The institute includes a 248-seat auditorium, 140-seat dining room, 200-bed dormitory, classroom building, administrative space, physical fitness workout room and parade field with surrounding 1/4 mile track.

Future additions planned are a basketball court, tennis court, baseball field and soccer field. It is projected that 750 soldiers will be trained here per year, said Maj. Bryan E. Suntheimer, 298ths full-time training administrator. For fiscal 2002, which ended in September, 502 soldiers graduated from the former program at Bellows, housed in smaller facilities.

The benefit and impact to having a facility like this in Hawaii is "cost savings for all Army components," the soldier support features such as dining, billeting, physical fitness and laundry will maximize available training time. Having adequate facilities provide the proper environment for learning," said Suntheimer.

Ceremony celebrates history, future


"We thank all the teams and their coaches for participating in this year’s Octo-
HINSG State Softball tournament...", said the dedication guest. The games, held at Hickam’s Area 61 complex, were very exciting and hard fought. We look forward to the 2003 HINSG State Softball Tournamen

Design based on Hawaiian theme

The architecture was built upon a Hawaiian theme. The interior design was based upon integrating the five elements of earth, sky, fire, water and man into one concept. Each element representing a certain color scheme. The administration building represents earth, classroom building for water, auditorium for sky, billeting for man and mess hall for fire.

Other units can schedule use of the facilities to conduct their own training requirements, said Suntheimer. And nonprofit and community groups will be able to use certain areas of the institute with proper authorization and clearance.

Softball

"Hi Eagles," said the keynote speaker. The purpose of a facility like this one will "make certain that should the eventuality come about..." Special thanks to the Hawaii Guard's Kilohana (coed) and the 154th Logistics Support Battalion, Hawaii Army Reserve, for running the intramural program.

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Sports photos by Capt. "Buddy" Francisco

KIHOLANA KILLERS -- Hawaii Air National Guard's Kilohana (coed) beats 193rd Aviation to win the Softball Tournament.

HOOP DREAMS -- Capt. Carl Smalls (left photo) keeps score, while teams from HQ STARC and 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery, trade baskets.
**Hawaii National Guard Family Program**

**Lt. Col. Martha “Marty” Wong**
State Family Program Coordinator

Thanks for all the support you have provided me and the Family Program during my tenure as the State Family Program Coordinator (SFPC). This is such a vital program to the organization and truly needs your continued support to ensure the success of our units and families for the unique realities of Hawaii.

Family Program is a commander’s program supporting Guard families and unit readiness. Family Readiness Groups (FRGs) at the unit level represent the core of the Family Program. The pictures on the right, from the State Family Program Conference, represent some of the FRG points of contact, military and volunteer, that updated or initiated their unit FRG charters.

Mark your calendars for Youth Training 2003, June 12-16, at Kalaieao. Contact your readiness groups to volunteer or to donate equipment, supplies and treats.

Information about the program and other HING events, as well as more pictures from the conference, will be online at [www.dod.state.hi.us/family](http://www.dod.state.hi.us/family).

You, too, can make a difference with your unit Family Readiness Group. Contact your unit or a member of the HIANG State Advisory Team to help get you started on the roads to readiness or leave a voicemail at the State Family Program Coordinator office by calling 732-1823 or 1-800-732-6964.

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**Marksmanship**

Five shooters from the HIANG and eight from the HING competed in the October national combat rifle and pistol matches in Little Rock, Ark. Although they didn’t bring home trophies, in the words of Col. Stan Osserman, executive officer, “It was a great experience for a novice team.”

The pistol shooters were Senior Airman Sam Gainey and Staff Sgt. Terrence Shibata from the 169ACWS, Staff Sgt. Mike Ibon from the 293rd Combat Camera, Maj. Peter Fata from the 203 ARS and Col. Stan Osserman, HING. Shibata was the HIANG’s novice dead-eyes, finishing 58th out of 98 shooters. Osserman finished 54th out of 133 shooters in the open division.

The rifle shooters were Staff Sgt. Douglas Arakawa and Staff Sgt. Luis Casanova from Co A 299th Inf., and Staff Sgt. Travis Wong, Spc. Nalle Furtado-Piko, Spc. Lowen Puu from Co B 299th Inf. The Light Machine Gun shooters were Pfc. Michael Derla and Pfc. Bruno Fachinni from Co. B 2/299th Inf. The Hawaii’s best individual result was in Match 303 (The Run Down Match) where Casanova placed 25th overall in the novice division.

**Power lifting**

Staff Sgt. Alvin J. Fritz Jr., a Compliance and Environmental NCOIC from the 154th LGSF, took first place in the Men’s Open and the Men’s Military/Law/Finance Division of the AAU World Power-lifting Championships in Henrico County, Virginia, in October. A total of 297 lifters participated. Fritz competed in the 242-pound weight class, setting World and American records in the Military/Law/Finance Division, with a 664.4 lb Squat, 479.5 lb Bench, and 644.8 lb Dead Lift for a 1785.7 lb Total.

Wilson National Combat Rifle and Pistol Matches teams from the Hawaii Guard:


**Artillery officer on All Armed Forces volleyball team**

Leif E. Fautanu is on a discovery mission to be all that he can be. Capt. Fautanu, commander of the Hawaii National Guard’s Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery, not only was invited to the All Army Volleyball Camp, but also made the All Army Volleyball Team and All Armed Forces Team (Team USA).

Hejains Col. Raymond Arnold (ret.) (1987) as the only Hawaii Army Guard soldiers to make the All Army Team and the first ever to make the All Armed Forces Team.

Fautanu first started playing volleyball at a church league while working on his degree, finishing 58th out of 98 shooters. Osserman finished 54th out of 133 shooters in the open division.

If anything is going on at your unit, let me know. 733-4228.

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There's no place like home

It's where you and your family gratefully gather at the end of a long day. It should be your haven, and unobstructed. Maintain clean walking surfaces and repair damaged hazards in your home. Wipe spills up immediately. Keep walkways clear.

- Keep doors and windows to balconies, decks, landings and fire escapes locked when not in use. And don't lean against or sit on railings of high.

- Avoiding slips, trips and falls

1. Make all upper-story windows safe by installing window safety stops.
2. Make sure stair banisters are sturdy and fastened securely.
3. Replace cracked vinyl and linoleum flooring or tiles.
4. Replace moldy or mildewy wallboard.
5. Replace worn or imperfect stair treads.

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