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HIANG AWARDS BANQUET



Outstanding HIANG Officer Award Winner
1Lt. Margeret Miller of the TacHosp.
(left) with Outstanding HIANG NCO Award
Winner Sgt. Nancy Vendiola, also of
the TacHosp.

For those of you who missed the great food and the music of Kapena at the HIANG Awards Banquet, here is the list of the best of the BEST:

Recipient of the George T. Miki Memorial Trophy

Lt. Dennis Matsuura-169 ACWS

Outstanding Fighter Pilot Award

Capt. Daryl Chung

Outstanding Air Traffic Controller Award

Sgt. Hidetaka Murakami-297 ATCF

Outstanding Oahu Recruiter Award

TSgt. Carl Simmons

Outstanding OJT Manager Award

TSgt. Thomas Sculli-154 MSS

Outstanding HIANG Maintenance Award-(Enlisted)

SSgt. James M. Chun-154 CAMS

Outstanding HIANG Operations Award-(Enlisted)

Tsgt. James W. Plachec-291 CSS

Outstanding HIANG Support Award-(Enlisted)

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SAYONARA! SAIGON

After 33 outstanding years in the military, our steadfast and fearless leader Colonel John S.W. Lee, is stepping down from his position as commander of the 154 Composite Group to conquer new horizons.

Colonel Lee was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was commissioned in June 1956 through the ROTC program at the University of Hawaii. He is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College and Air War College.

Colonel Lee began his military career in 1956. He entered the Air Force pilot training program in August 1956, training at Marana, Tucson, Arizona, and achieved his rated status at Laredo Air Force Base, Texas. He continued his advance fighter training at Luke AFB flying the F-84 and at Nellis AFB flying the F-100. He served as a fighter pilot for the 81st Tac Ftr Sq. stationed in Toul, France and Hahn AB, Germany. After leaving active duty he joined the Hawaii Air National Guard.

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Photo by MSGT. Ron Biho

Col Lee gives the thumbs up sign before he goes into the "wild blue yonder" on his last flight with the HIANG on December 2, 1989.

Commander's Corner

by
COL JOHN S.W. LEE



May I first convey my very best wishes to you and your loved ones as we approach the holy season. I am indebted to all of you for the opportunity of sharing many wonderful times together. It has not been all good times however...but that's life...which is a constant struggle to bring meaning to what we are doing.

The new year will bring many new experiences for both you and me. I wish you well in the coming years. I don't know of anyone else more befitting than Lt. Colonel Mike Tice to assume the reins of leadership for the Composite Group. Mahalo Nui Loa!

OFFICER POSITION VACANCIES

Would you be interested in an officer position on Kauai if your transportation and lodging were provided until you were promoted to Captain? Would you be interested (in most cases) of doubling your drill pay in very challenging career fields?

There are 7 officer positions on Kauai in Air Traffic Control and Air Weapons Directors. Individuals who meet the following qualifications and are interested in finding out more information, please call the following number.

- * Be between the ages of 17 to 34
- * Have a Bachelor Degree
- * Qualify on written and Physical Examination
- * Complete CBPO Form 23
- * Provide Certified College Transcripts
- * Be interviewed and accepted for a commission

TO APPLY CONTACT:

MSgt Daniel L. Romero 471-6490

Next UTA
January 13 & 14

New Commissary Privilege Card by Capt Stan Osserman

If you haven't been issued your new Commissary Privilege Card yet you better check with your First Sergeant or Commander. They just hit the streets last week and will be required for access to the commissary after Jan 1, 1990. The new cards allow Reservists in good standing, or their authorized dependents, 12 days of commissary privileges each year in addition to any time they are on active duty orders.

The new cards are "controlled" items and should be safeguarded like your ID card. The Commissary Privilege Card CANNOT be laminated, however, because it is date stamped each day it is used. Authorized dependents are listed on the front of each card unless they have a reserve dependents I.D. card.

To gain access to the commissary using your new card, you or your dependent must present the new card and a photo ID upon entering the store. The card will be date stamped and returned to you in much the same way that your L.E.S. is stamped for BX entry. If you have further questions regarding the new cards contact your orderly room personnel or your commander. Rules for issue and use of the new cards can be found in DOD Regulation 1330.17, April 17, 1987. Bon appe'tit!

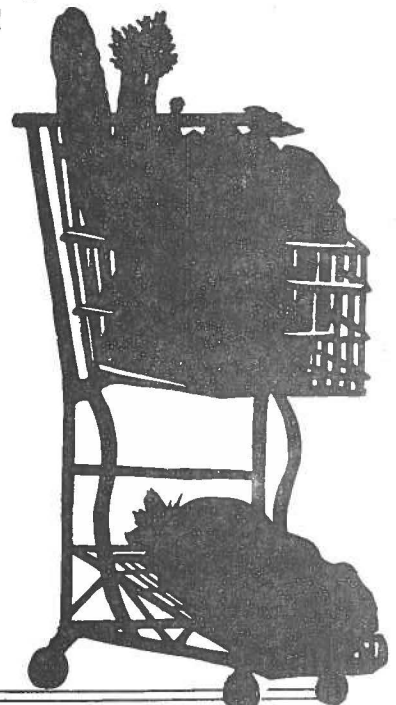
Life in the fast food lane.

It can be a slow death if you're loading up on high-cholesterol, high-fat foods that may eventually choke your arteries and damage your heart. If you're a teenager, slow down on fast food that's high in fat. Chances are it'll catch up with you someday if you don't.



**American Heart
Association**

WERE FIGHTING FOR
YOUR LIFE



**Take the KUKAILIMOKU home
for the whole family!!!**

Pay Notes

The FY 88 DOD Authorization Bill modified 5 U.S.C. 5517 to provide for mandatory state income tax withholding (SITW) from the Reserve Forces. SITW is projected to be implemented in January 1990.

The state taxing authority will be based on the state code in each member's Master Military Pay Account and should be the state that the member claims as their legal residence. If any member desires to change their state of legal residence, DD Form 2058 State of Legal Residence Certificate must be completed and forwarded to the Military Pay Office by December 22, 1989.

SITW computation will use the Federal Income Tax Withholding (FITW) marital status and number of exemptions in the member's Master Military Pay Account. Currently, no additional dollar amounts can be withheld for SITW. An example of the SITW calculation is shown below.

Please call MSgt. Randal Hiyane, 449-7900, if you have any questions.

SITW Computation for Hawaii
Reference: AFM 177-373, Vol 1(C3), Attachment 14

1. Take the current month Federal taxable wages.
2. Deduct the number of exemptions claimed times \$86.65.
3. Compute the monthly SITW deduction from the table based on the result from step 2.

SINGLE

If the amount of wage is:		Then the tax to withhold is:	
Over	But Not Over		Of Excess Over
\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 0.00+2.25%	\$ 0
100	183	2.25+4.25%	100
183	267	5.78+6.25%	183
267	433	11.03+7.25%	267
433	>433	23.07+8.00%	433

MARRIED

If the amount of The the tax to

wage is:	withhold is:		
Over	But Not Over	Of Excess Over	
\$ 0	\$ 200	\$ 0.00+2.25%	\$ 0
200	367	4.50+4.25%	200
367	533	11.60+6.25%	367
533	867	21.98+7.25%	533
867	>867	46.20+8.00%	867

EXAMPLE:

A. SSgt with over 10 years time in service; FITW is married with 1 exemption.

SITW= \$169.68 gross pay for 4 UTA's
 - 86.65 1 exemption X 86.65

 83.03 taxable wages
 X 2.25% tax rates

1.97 SITW

B. Lt. Col. with over 16 years time in service; FITW is married with 2 exemptions.

SITW= \$470.60 gross pay for 4 UTA's
 -173.30 2 exemptions X 86.65

 297.30 taxable wages
 X 4.25% tax rates

4.14 SITW for taxable wages over \$200

+ 4.50 SITW for taxable wages up to \$200

8.64 total SITW

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Pastor's Perspective

by
Chaplain (Capt)
Robert Nagamine



The holiday season is upon us, and this year is rapidly coming to a close. As we celebrate, let's keep the spirit of Christmas in mind. This time of the year can be special, if we strive to make it that way.

Every Christmas, we are challenged to keep in the spirit of the season. This year is no exception. Our patience will be tested again and again. The traffic jams will overflow the streets into the freeways. The shops, stores and shopping centers will be packed with people. Not all of the presents that we buy will be perfect. And, our plans won't always come together nicely.

However, we don't need to be robbed of the season's joy. Instead, we can focus on the things that make Christmas one of the best times of the year. We can capture the spirit of the first Christmas. We can give gifts to the unfortunate, as well as the fortunate. We can spend time with our family and friends because they care about us and we care about them. But most of all, we can enjoy the Christmas lights that shine throughout the city. They symbolize hope, just as the star in the East symbolized hope. With that hope, we have a reason to celebrate. God has brought us through yet another year.

One final note. May God's blessings go with you, Col Lee, as you retire and enter into another phase in your life. Your leadership was important to our Group. Also, a warm welcome to our new Commander, Lt Col Tice. May we give you our full support as our New Commander.

May God Bless You, Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

TODAYS MENU

BAKED HAM POTATOES
YAMS PUMPKIN CAKE

For the FAMILY

By Chaplain (Capt) Robert Nagamine

Many of us may not be aware of all the benefits we will be entitled to if and when we retire. Last month, I wrote on some of those benefits: financial, commissary and base exchange, and medical and dental benefits. Let me continue to write because there are more.

You may apply for an educational benefit. There is a program called the General George S Brown Senior Student Loans Program which is administered by the Air Force Aid Society. If you're interested in getting a college degree but lack the funds, you may apply for this student loan. You may borrow up to \$2,600 per school year with a total cumulative amount of \$25,000. After you're out of school for six months, you can start paying back the loan by as little as \$50 per month. The current interest rate of the loan is eight percent. You could take as long as 10 years to pay up the loan.

Space available travel will open doors to traveling overseas. Your dependents will also be able to travel with you. Just keep in mind, though, that space available travel within the continental US is not usually authorized for your dependents.

When you travel space available, remember that base transient quarters and temporary lodging facilities are available to you and your dependents. These, of course, are on a space available, first come, first serve basis.

There are other benefits. Legal assistance is available on a space available basis. Also, the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Program activities are available to you. Golf is usually par for the course as a recreational activity. And, the base theater is an enjoyable break from the routine of life.

I hope you have found the above information helpful. If your spouse or family member care to join me in helping families, he/she can sign up to be in a family support group with your squadron. Call me, Chaplain Robert Nagamine, at ph 449-9153, 955-3431 or 947-5008.



CAPT. JAMES HIKITA
TSGT. CARSWELL ROSS

SAFE CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

The Social Actions Staff would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday season. We also want you to keep some thoughts in mind with that wish.

The first is to make the holidays as drug free as possible. Most of us spend Christmas day with family and friends enjoying good food and good cheer. Not to be overbearing, just remember the following thoughts: Good friends know when to say when, they don't let friends drive drunk; they offer friends a home to sleep in.

The second concerns accidents. Needless to say the second is related to the first. Social Actions trained nearly 1,000 of you during the year, and we truly want to see each of you return to HIANG next year.

Finally, something to think about during this holiday season. The country is in the middle of a drug crisis. This real everyday war is being fought here, within all of our families and in our communities. It isn't a fight against substance abuse alone, it's a fight against the sense of hopelessness that leads many a person to choose fantasy and not reality. To choose a drug and not a person to talk to.

We hope this season brings you and your family joy and good tidings.

WHERE'S THE BEEF? THE 154 CES DEPLOYS!

By Major Frederick Fogel

In a continuous effort to improve the quality of training, the 154th Civil Engineering Squadron recently convoyed to Bellows Air Force Station to BIVOUAC beneath the stars. It was no picnic. The Army's 297 Support and Services Battalion provided MILES (laser actuated, you're dead for real) gear and the 299th Delta Company provided reconnaissance aggressors for realistic convoy and camp perimeter

defense training. After almost beating back the aggressors on the convoy inbound (with a little help from the camera crew), camp was erected and the area secured. Disappointed after a relatively unsuccessful convoy attack, the aggressors took advantage of our lapse of security during lunch to cut the throats of the perimeter guards and open up on the camp with a Rambo-type M60 attack. The dead and wounded returned to lunch shortly thereafter.

Slightly behind schedule, the new guys on the block were introduced to rapid runway repairs using AM2 matting as the sun set behind the Koolau mountains. During this evolution, the aggressors were reloading and putting batteries in their night vision goggles in preparation for a night attack on the camp. This time the 154th was ready and handily deflected the interdiction (although some of the defenders claimed that they were mortared by friendly forces). Unfriendly mosquitos continued to take blood throughout the night, but had no effect on Sunday's breaking camp and the resultant rapid return to hospitable Hickam.

Many thanks to the Army, the clinic, the photo lab, the Security Police, the chow hall and above all, the 154 CES troops who made this BIVOUAC a success. The powers-to-be aren't talking about what's in store next time, but rumors have it that airplanes and hot meals may be involved.



Sgt. Santos savors the taste of an MRE on the 154 CES BIVOUAC held at Bellows AFS.
Photo By MSgt. Ron Biho

CAMS

News & Views

BY MSGT FRED M. HIGA, JR.



From the desk of the Commander.....December marks the end of another good year. Due to your dedication and hard work, much was accomplished in 1989. This is the time of year that we can all enjoy with family and friends, when everything and everyone around us are in a festive mood. This month is also a sad one as we bid farewell to our 'Boss', Col John Lee, as he spends his last drill weekend with us. He'll be retiring his flight-suit the end of this month after a long and illustrious career. Would like to wish LTC Mike Tice well as he assumes command of the best unit in the ANG, the 154 Composite Group. Sunday will be full of activities, starting with the Change of Command ceremony, then getting back to work for a few hours. Many of the workcenters will be having their annual Christmas parties. Take care of yourselves during this time, don't drink and drive, don't drink in excess, but have fun with your comrades. My wife, Nida and I, would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year.....LTC Michael Melich, Commander

For news of the Squadron...Congrats to TSG James Chun as he was selected as HIANG's Outstanding Maintenance Man for FY1989. That's pretty good for James as he also got promoted in November. Speaking of promotions, congrats are in order to the following individuals on their recent promotions:

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|-------------------|------|
| Carol Keanini | MSGT |
| David Perreira | MSGT |
| Ronald Ota | MSGT |
| Jon Iwashita | MSGT |
| Rodrigo Academia | TSgt |
| Guy Fuentes | TSgt |
| Eleonore Lawson | TSgt |
| Douglas Pilaes | TSgt |
| Edward Sugai | TSgt |
| Alexander Keaunui | SSgt |
| Ronald Mori | Sgt |
| Bret Foster | Sgt |

Wear them with pride, folks. Special note!!! MSG Carol Keanini is CAM Squadron's FIRST FEMALE MASTER SERGEANT! What a milestone for the Squadron...Anyway, when is the party????? The welcome back mat goes to the following individuals as they recently returned from basic training and tech school: AB Jaime Tactay (Gun Shop) and Amn Leanna Codera (Admin office). Leanna completed the Admin school in a record 13 days. Terrific!!! The Job Control office welcomes SSgt Gary Stellburg to their ranks as he transfers from the AF Reserves to join the CAM Squadron. And speaking of Job Con-

trol, Capt Terry Hudson has a vacancy in the 461X0 career field that needs to be filled. If anyone is interested, call our UCA for details...Congrats to CMS Tom Sato as he recently won the 'Best in Show' award in the Champion Young Bird - Hawaii Pidgeon Association Show. Tom is into pidgeon raising and has won numerous awards in the past. Guess we know what you'll be doing when you retire, Tom...Aloha and Mahalo goes to Sgt Francis Lee and SrA Ricky Hoo as they transfer from the CAM Squadron and join the Oregon ANG. They'll be attending college in Oregon but want to continue their association with the Guard. Guess you can show them how good the CAM Sq Weapons people really are. Good luck...The welcome mat goes to SMS Bill McAuley, MSG Joe Woodburn and SSG Brad

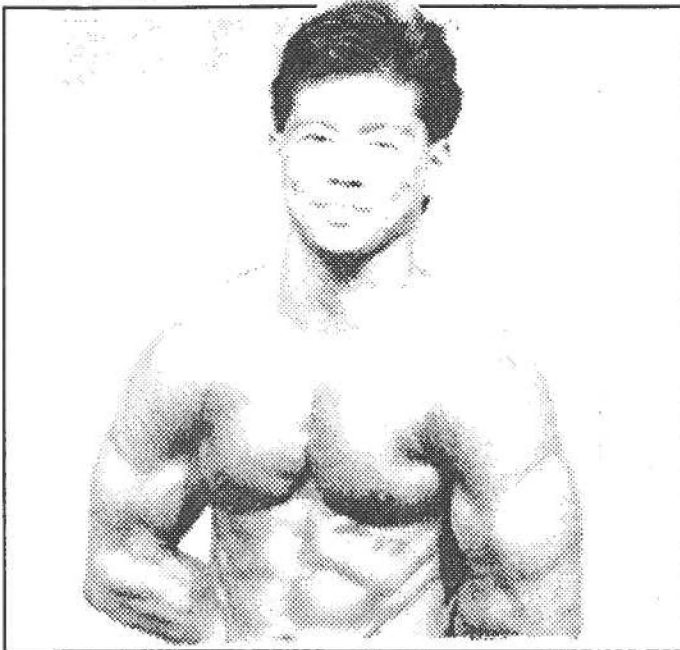
Smith of 142FIG as they perform 'HOTS' training with our Munitions Services folks. On 'HOTS' training with our Missile folks are TSG's Thomas Krueder, Gerald Garland, Gerald Riedler and SSG James Gallien. They're learning all about the AIM-7M and 20mm ammo loading system. A couple of them brought their wives along for a vacation. Good to have you all here in sunny and cool Hawaii...I would like to send a fond aloha to all of our retirees. I have one request for each retiree: Let me know what you all are doing these days, whether it's working part-time, full-time, golfing, fishing, taking trips, etc. If you've moved, let me know that too so that we can update our mailing list. That way, we can continue sending copies of the KUKAILIMOKU to you. Mahalo!!! From our Admin office, SSG Yvette Miraflor reports that CAM Squadron T-Shirts are still on sale for \$6. They also received a new shipment of CHILDREN'S CAM SQ T-SHIRTS for \$5. Coffee mugs and beer tankards with the Squadron logo can be had for \$5 as well as the pins (\$2), stickers and decals (\$1 ea). Children's T-shirts are in limited supply so come early. Also, make sure you all pick up your NEW COMMISSARY CARDS from your Admin person. The new cards are to be used starting January 1990. Be especially careful with these cards as they are serial number controlled and only one copy will be issued. You lose it and you'll have to submit a letter to the Commander before you'll be issued another one. See your Admin person, 1st Sgt or supervisor if there are any questions on the new program...Remember, if you drink, don't drive. If you must drink, do it in moderation. We don't need another statistic...Finally, "Life is like a bank account. You only get back what you put in. Experience is the interest." (author unknown). Well, til next year, Merry Christmas.....fhiga

ROYAL GUARD MEMBERS

There will be no practice session this afternoon due to the Christmas parties in every branch. Have a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday. See you next UTA Jan 14 at 1400 hours and don't forget to bring your dues. Mahalo!

Kamoi Board Chairman

HIANG'S MR. PARADISE



Congratulations goes to SrA. Jason Iyomasa who placed first in the Lightweight Novice Division for the Mr. Paradise Cup Body Building Championship, which was held on November 9, 1989. SrA. Iyomasa also won the "Best Poser" trophy for the novice division. This was his first men's contest in the 3 years that he's been training.

When SrA. Iyomasa is not lifting trays of food at the 154 Food Services Section, he is lifting weights 5 days a week. Nice going Jason!



STATE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT
featuring

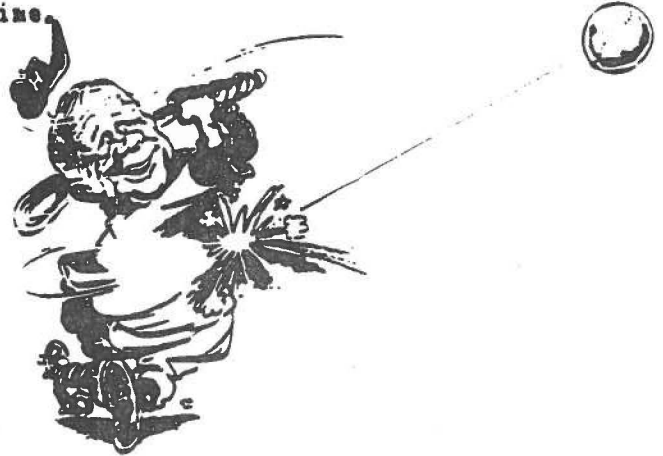
THE 111TH ARMY BAND, HIARNG
"A Christmas Panorama"

Concert Hall, Neal Blaisdell Center
Sunday, December 17, 1989
7:30 p.m.

Call TSgt Arakaki at 449-9057 if you need any Christmas Concert tickets.

35 UNDER/OVER SOFTBALL

Although slower and older, the 154 COMPG Makule softball team defeated their younger COMPG counterparts 4-0. As a result, they have earned the "bragging rights" till next time.



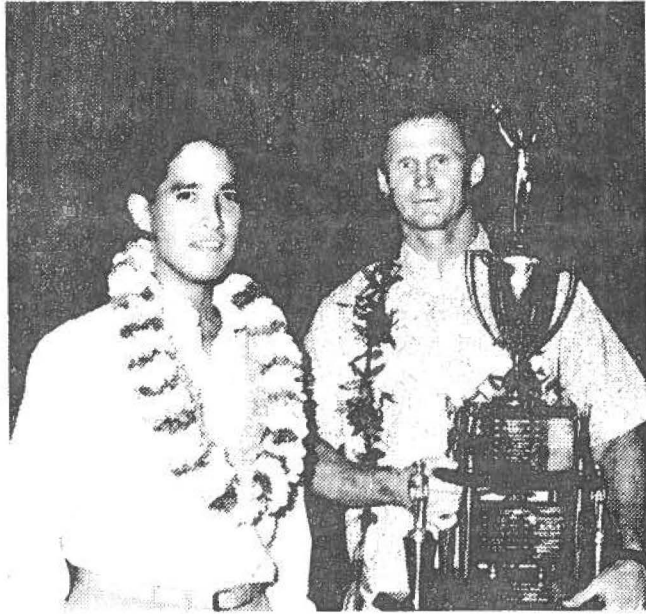
Outstanding pitching, good defense and key hits contributed to the "up-set" victory over a younger and stronger team. Pitcher Gerald Gono pitched 10 scoreless innings for a shut out victory. It was great to see old timers Val Wong, Bill Stern, Brian Oshiro, Alex Palama, Al Batis, and Ron Muronanga on the ball field once again. Fun was had by all who participated especially the after game social gathering. Mahalo to Bobby Furtado for officiating the game. The 154 COMPG "not-quite-over-the-hill" gang was managed by MSgt Larry Kauleinanoku.

A (fast pitch) rematch game is in the talking stage as of this writing.



"YOU'VE GOTTA HELP ME. MY REINDEER ARE ALL SICK AND I NEED SOMEBODY WHO KNOWS HOW TO LAND ON ROOFTOPS."

HIANG AWARDS continued from front page



1Lt. Dennis Matsuura (left) of the 169 AC&WS accepts the George T. Miki Memorial Award from Lt.Col. Tice.

Banquet photos by MSgt. Roy Kawamura

Tsgt. James W. Plachec-291 CSS
Outstanding HIANG Support Award-(Enlisted)

MSgt. Iris Kabazawa-154 MSS

TSgt. Roselina Vendiola-154 RMS

Outstanding HIANG Airman Award

SrA. Donna Derryberry-154 RMS

Outstanding HIANG NCO Award

Sgt. Nancy Vendiola-154 TAC HOSP

Outstanding HIANG Senior NCO Award

MSgt. Robert Finley-HQ201 CCGP

Outstanding HIANG Officer Award

1Lt. Craig Ishizaki-297 ATCF

1Lt. Margaret Miller-154 TAC HOSP

Outstanding HIANG Unit Award

150 ACWS

Unit Commanders Outstanding Enlisted Recognition

SMSgt Richard Farm-150 ACWS

MSgt Joseph Kaaikaula-154 CES

TSgt Robert DeCoster-154 SPF

SSgt Brian Gan-154 SPF

SSgt Jonathan Oyamot-150 ACWS
SAFETY AWARDS

HIANG Safety Award

SMSgt Reginald Chun-154 CAMS

TSgt Johnson Sensano-154 CAMS

National Safety Council Award Of Commendation

201 CCGP

Presidential Awards Letter

150th 291 CCS 297 ATCF

169th 293 CCS 298 ATCF

HQ HIANG

Thanks to Maj. Richard Dove and his entire Banquet Committee, Wayne Soma-Master of Ceremonies, Ron Biho and the Royal Guard.



SSgt. James M. Chun (left) accepts the Outstanding HIANG Maintenance Award for Enlisted Personnel From Lt. Michael Melich.

Have a safe holiday,
a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!



from the Kukailimoku Staff

SHOTLINE

By 1Lt. Arcangeli

There are a lot of changes at the TAC Hospital. We would like to congratulate Lt.Col. Norberto Baysa on his promotion to State Air Surgeon. He is replacing Col. Walter Chang, who is retiring after working hard and doing an excellent job for the HIANG.

The new commander of the 154 Tac Hospital is Lt.Col. Gildo Soriano. Lt.Col. Baysa did a great job and his shoes will be hard to fill. Congratulations to the both of them.

Here is an update on the Flu vaccine completions. Most of the on base units have accomplished 50% or more. The Tac Hospital and 154 CAMS have the highest completion rates. GOOD WORK and congratulations to them. The GSU, due to various reasons are much lower. Please keep up the good work. We would like to achieve 100% this year. It is mandatory so you might as well get it over with and keep your unit looking good!

HEALTHFUL HINT: How not to "Stuff Your Stockings".

Did you know the average American gains 7 pounds over the holidays? Try some of these tips so you won't have 7 pounds "behind" you when the New Year is here.

- 1) Get enough rest; tired and stressed people often turn to food as reward for their "suffering and sacrifice".
- 2) Be careful of alcohol; it packs calories and can destroy diet resolves.
- 3) Fill your plate with fruits and vegetables; then if there is still room, add your favorites.
- 4) Don't eat anything unless you really love it! (Do you really love candied sweet potatoes or macaroni salad.) Save those calories for something special.
- 5) Eat slowly. Take small bites and put your fork down between bites. Food is only enjoyed for the 5 seconds its on the tongue.
- 6) Caffeine stimulates a person's appetite; moderate exercise before eating inhibits appetite.
- 7) Eat a light breakfast or lunch before a holiday meal or party so you won't go to the meal feeling famished. And remember, it isn't the minutes spent at the table that cause you to gain weight, its the seconds...Hope Health Letter.

The Hospital Personnel would like to wish all of you a healthy and happy Christmas season.

SAIGON continued from front page

Decorations and Awards include the Air Force Commendation Medal; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award; Combat Readiness Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal; Vietnam Service Medal; Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon; Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon; Air Force Training Ribbon; and Air Force Overseas Ribbon-Long Tour.

Civic Affiliations include the National Guard Association of the United States; Phi Kappa Phi; and Phi Kappa Delta.

Colonel Lee is married to Ortensia A. Lee and they have three sons, Paris, Terence, and Pacer.

Good luck Colonel Lee in your new endeavors and may they be as challenging as your old ones.

RETURN OF DOSIMETER REQUESTED

During yesterday's (Dec. 2, 89) exercise, personnel were dispatched from Battery Selfridge with CDV-742 dosimeters. Personnel who still possess the dosimeters must return them immediately to the AO office or in the distribution box.



KUDOS

Special thanks goes to the following Composite Group personnel who volunteered their time and talents at the Patty Smith Memorial Fun Run held last weekend at the Ala Moana McCoy Pavilion: Master Sergeants Gaylen Redoble, George Padilla, Mel Ige and Wayne Soma; and Technical Sergeants Gay Ross, Carl Simmons, Michael Montero, Mel Takai and Carol Yamaguchi.

Proceeds of this event went to the Pacific Foundation for Cancer Research. A great time including a special breakfast was held by all.

RMS ROUNDUP

By TSgt. Lisa Rodrigues

The big news this drill is Colonel Lee's Retirement. If you weren't at the retirement you missed a fun time—especially the picture of our fearless commander curled up with his teddy bear. A special Mahalo to everyone who helped with the set up and clean up. Many people went beyond the call, like SMSgt Allan "Mats" Matsuoka who was seen hanging from a tree to retrieve some Christmas lights.

Colonel Lee's retirement touches everyone in the Guard in different but significant ways. For me it serves as a reminder of just how much things have changed since I first joined 11 years ago. Back then I was a headstrong young Airman who didn't need to be told what to do—I was cocky (some people say I still am). Thanks to inspirational and understanding leadership from my old CEF commander and people like Colonel Lee, I grew out of it and have had a few important accomplishments in my career. Under Colonel Lee's leadership the 154 COMPG accomplished many things, including 3 Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards.

From all of RMS, thank you Colonel Lee. The HIANG will not soon forget you. Enjoy your retirement, we know that you'll enjoy having more time to spoil your granddaughter.

Congratulations to the new Staff Sergeants of the Motor Pool: Scott Honda, Gary Masuda, Irenio Mateo, and Edward Tang. Welcome back and good luck to Amn Scott North! We know you can do it Scott!

Aloha Dougie! After 31 years with the Guard, SMSgt Doug Yano will be retiring from his technician status. If you want to see Dougie now, it'll have to be on drill weekends, but do it fast—rumor has it that he's getting short...

Welcome, good luck, and best wishes to LtCol Mike Tice the new 154 COMPG commander!

Last but not least, have a sane and sober Christmas and New Year!

REENLISTMENT BONUS

This year, many critical skills are listed as bonus eligible AFSCs. To be eligible for a reenlistment bonus, you must be performing in the DAFSC listed as bonus eligible; must not have more than 10 years of service (pay date); did not receive a reenlistment bonus previously and you must sign for 6 years. A six year reenlistment will pay you \$2500. Initial Payment is \$900; following 2 years you get \$225 each year on your anniversary; the 3rd and 4th years you get \$275 each and the last two years you receive \$300 each year. Of course, you must be a satisfactory participant in order to keep all of the money. For more information, contact MSgt. Iris Kabazawa, Career and Education Manager at 449-7794.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Registration time is here. Now is the time to look into your education benefits. Check into qualifying for the Montgomery G.I. Bill; State Tuition Waiver; and Community College of the Air Force. Contact your Unit Career Advisor; CCAF Monitor; or MSgt. Iris Kabazawa, Career and Education Manager at 449-7794 for more information.

