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## What a year!

What a year! Twelve months ago, half a million troops were deployed to Saudi Arabia and stood poised at the brink of war; a war which was decisively won by America and her allies a few months later. All seemed well as we witnessed the Desert Storm victory celebrations across the country; and then suddenly and unexpectedly the failed coup and dissolution of the Soviet Union captured our attention.

What unforeseen future event might require that we as members of America's military, be called to serve, and when might it happen? I wish someone had the answer, but I know no one does. What I do know is that our charter as members of the Hawaii Air National Guard is to be as combat ready as possible at all times in anticipation of the unexpected. Readiness of all our units remains my primary objective and concern.

1992 will be a year of continuing challenges. The activation of the 154th Tactical Control Squadron will continue as they approach mission ready status; the activation of the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron will gain momentum with the hiring of more people and the arrival of our first KC-135R Stratotanker a year from now; and last, but not least, in the next six months we'll swap out our current F-15 fleet for newer models that have been upgraded through the Multi-Stage Improvement Program (MSIP). Couple these activities with

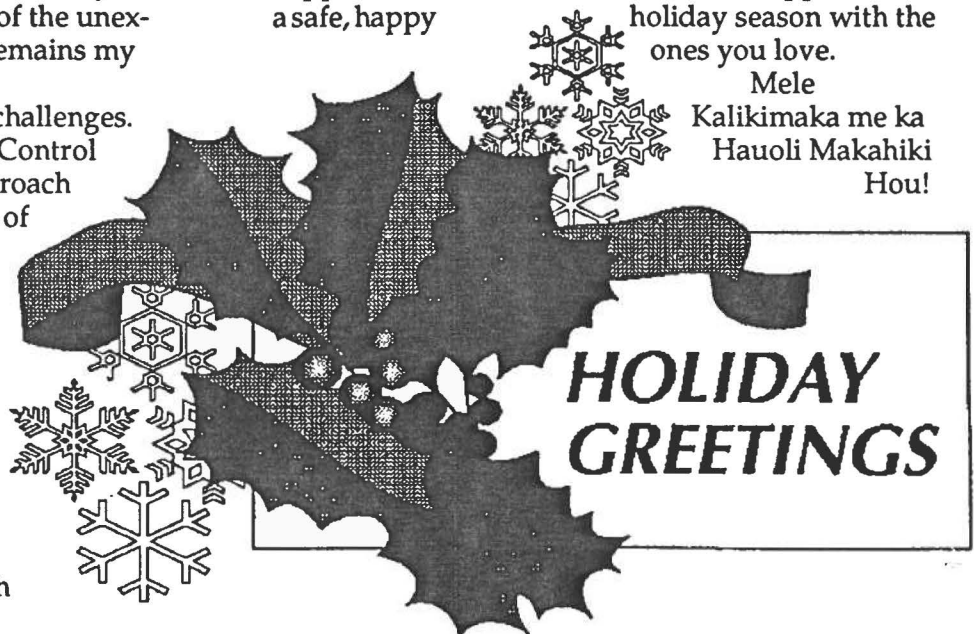
our "normal" list of exercises, deployments, and visitors and its evident we have another full plate. Inspections, our chance to show PACAF what we can do, will be high on the list next year. The 154th Tactical Hospital is expecting a Health Services Readiness Inspection (HSRI) in March; and the balance of the COMPG is liable for an Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) in the first or second quarter of FY93.

With these thoughts of things to come in mind, I thank you all for your hard work and efforts during the past year, and look forward to more of the same in 1992. I ask that you extend that thanks to your families and loved ones as well, for without their support we couldn't have made it all happen. Share a safe, happy

holiday season with the ones you love.

Mele

Kalikimaka me ka  
Hauoli Makahiki  
Hou!



# Education

## WHY EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT IN THE MILITARY

*(The following are excerpts from an Air Force Times article written by Steven F. Kime, Director, Servicemembers Opportunities Colleges)*

"...both the service and the individual need the wider horizons, critical thinking and analytical skills provided by coherent education programs. Neither the service nor the service member will reap these benefits of education from training sessions or even from a selection of career-oriented college courses. There are important points to ponder here. We cannot expect the service member to get very far with personal development if it is impossible to get beyond training, with its focus on specific facts and actions, to education, with its development of capacities for critical analysis and generalization. Furthermore, we should not expect more than technical proficiency from our senior NCOs and petty officers who are trained but not educated. In other words, we may reach the limits of the individual's professional development if we stifle the education that must go hand in glove with training and professional growth..."

If you are an enlisted member and are interested in furthering your education, call MSgt. Steven Kamaura or MSgt. Rose Vendiola, 154 MSS, at 449-7794.

## THEY ARE A CUT ABOVE

The following individuals are truly a cut above. They are recent graduates of the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF), the only federally chartered military institution in the United States that awards college degrees solely to USAF enlisted personnel. The Associate of Applied Science is awarded to those who satisfactorily complete a program that combines technical, general and management education in the student's Air Force specialty.

We congratulate and recognize these individuals for their achievement and dedication to higher education.

SMSgt. Delbert D. Dandurant, HQ HIANG, Personnel Administration Degree.

SSgt. Howard K. Naone, 154 CAMSQ, Avionic Systems Technology Degree.

Sgt. Dave D. Tongon, 293 CCSQ, Electronic Systems Technology Degree.

If you want to learn more about the Community College of the Air Force, call MSgt. Steven Kamaura or MSgt. Rose Vendiola, 154 MSS, at 449-7794.

# ANGNCOAGA Chapter 18

by SMSgt. Ken Sonan

Chapter 18 completed two community service projects during November. On November 8, the Easter Seals Golf Tournament fund raiser at Hickam AFB Malama Bay Golf Course. On November 14, 16, and 17, helped with the Patty Smith Fun Run on Oahu to help raise monies for the Pacific Foundation for Cancer Research. Thanks to the following dedicated HIANG NCOs' and officer volunteers that made these two projects successful.

### 169 ACWS

SMSgt. Ronald Aniya  
SMSgt. James Akamine  
SMSgt. Donald Hashimoto  
Lt. Tamah Lani Nakamoto  
MSgt. Roy Takaoka  
SSgt. Kevin Yoda

### 154 CES

MSgt. Debra Brownhill  
SMSgt. Joseph Kaaikaula

### 154 MSF

TSgt. Bernice Pharr  
MSgt. Wayne Soma

### 201 CCG

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MSgt. Melvin Ige  
MSgt. Richard Kudo  
MSgt. Rudy Luat (Retired)  
TSgt. Dennis Mishima  
TSgt. Michael Montero  
CMSgt. Kenneth Morimoto  
SMSgt. George Padilla  
MSgt. Leonard Tam  
TSgt. Daine Tsubota  
TSgt. Irvin Yoshino

### 154 COMPG

TSgt. Joyce Arakaki and family  
SSgt. Sandra Nakano  
MSgt. Melvin Wong  
SMSgt. Ken Sonan

## KUKAILIMOKU

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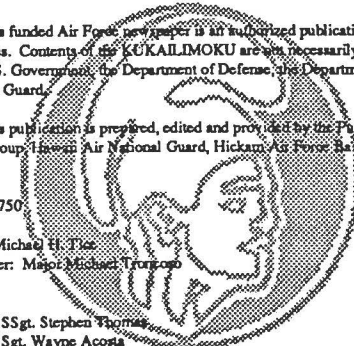
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## PERSPECTIVE

# A S T O R S'



By Captain (Capt) Robert Nagamine

Just recently I read a classic short story called, "The Gift of the Magi", by O Henry. The story came highly recommended by a friend of mine. He recommended the story with so much enthusiasm that his enthusiasm convinced me to read it. So I read it and really enjoyed it. Let me share a summary of it with you, so that you might enjoy it.

The setting was in the early 1900s, I assume, because the author wrote this story during that time. The story is about a couple: Della and James Young. They were a poor couple who could barely manage to live on the \$20 per week salary that James received. But because of the sharp bargaining skills of Della, she was able to make the most of their money. She was able to stretch every dollar and even have a few pennies left over after each month to save for a Christmas gift for her husband, James. After months of saving her pennies, it finally was Christmas Eve and the last chance to buy something for her favorite person. However, after counting her pennies three times, it added up to a disappointing \$1.87 (of course \$1.87 was a lot more than it is today, but still not enough to do the job just right). You see, Della

wanted to get something really nice that would do honor to the person and the occasion.

As the story went on, I found out that the Youngs' have two prized possessions of considerable value. Della has extraordinarily beautiful hair with its length down past her knees. Jim has an exceptionally nice gold watch that has sentimental value: it was passed down from his grandfather to his father and now to him.

Della decides that \$1.87 isn't enough to do the job right so she sells her long beautiful hair for \$20. With the money she goes through several stores looking for a gift for Jim. Finally, she sees the perfect gift for him. It's a chain just right for Jim's gold watch. And to top it off, Della has enough money to buy it because it's \$21. Della buys the chain and comes home with a little left over, the remaining 87 cents.

Finally Jim comes home. Upon seeing Della with her long hair missing, Jim gives Della a strange look. It's not a strange look of disapproval or anything of that nature. The reason for the strange look is that his present to Della is something Della could use for her long and beautiful hair! While window shopping, Jim had many times noticed the longing Della had for the attractive and expensive set of combs that would suit her hair so well.

As it turns out, Jim sold his watch to buy a set of combs for Della's long hair, the long hair she doesn't have any more; and Della sold her hair to buy a chain for the watch that Jim had sold. But in spite of the seemingly unsuccessful attempts of both Della and Jim, Della and Jim remain upbeat and positive about the whole situation. End of story.

Following the story, the author of the story gives us insight into the story by saying that Della and

Jim were the magi, the wisemen, of their time. Though Della and Jim seem foolish for their untimely sacrifices, in the spirit of Christmas they captured the magi's attitude of giving: giving their most treasured gifts.

Now, how does this story apply to us? Whether we give one gift or a thousand gifts, or whether we spend \$1.87 or much more, let us give with the right spirit, the spirit of the wisemen.

May your Christmas be fill with joy and celebration as the first Christmas was when Jesus was born.

## For the Family

I tried an experiment, and it worked! Two months ago I wrote an article on Space-A (space available) travel based on the information I received from Hickam's MAC Terminal. In my article I mention that it would be quite possible to travel from Hickam AFB to Travis AFB round trip without having too much difficulty. Well, last month I tried it and it worked! On both my departure flight to Travis and my return flight to Hickam, I was fortunate to get the exact flights I wanted. Let me give you a summary of my adventure.

After I got my DD Form 1853 completed, I placed my name on the waiting list at Hickam's MAC Terminal. On my first attempt to depart Hickam to Travis, which was three days after I placed my name on the waiting list, I was able to leave on the exact flight I wanted. There were 21 seats available on the C-141 flight and 22 people wanted to catch the flight. Thus only one person was left behind to wait for the next flight to

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And now a word from our Commander: In a few short weeks, 1991 will be history. It has certainly been a tremendous year for the CAM Squadron, one that we can all be proud of. The goals we set for ourselves were met head-on in true CAM Squadron fashion, and we can be proud to say we came through with flying colors. Next year will be full of activities for the CAM Squadron, starting with our deployment to Guam in January, then sending our folks to Holloman AFB for the F-15 MSIP acceptance program starting in March. I'm sure we'll come through in true "NO KA OI" fashion as we've done in years past. Yesterday, December 7, marked the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The State of Hawaii, as well as the nation, can rest assured that we in the HIANG will never let an event such as that happen ever again. On behalf of my wife Nida, son Kenneth and our newest addition to the family, Keri-Lynn, I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring happiness to you and your family...LTC Michael Melich...And now for news of the Squadron... Congrats are in order for LTC Melich and wife Nida, as they welcomed daughter Keri-Lynn to the family this past Wednesday; SrA. Kenneth Johnson & wife Michele welcomed son Corey and SSgt. Henry Doane and wife Sandy welcomed daughter Kiley. Congrats to you all. Good luck to SSgt. Gordon Lau as he attends the NCO Academy at McGhee Tyson ANGB. He should be back before Christmas...The welcome mat has rolled out for AB Patrick Balbas as he joins the Flight Line folks. Performing 'HOTS' training at Eglin AFB is AB Kirk Kuwana. A1C Jeffrey Kay, another Flight-Liner, is attending tech school at Sheppard AFB...And back from Lowrey AFB is Amn Jeff Roache and Amn Brian Rego. Jeff works in the Avionics section and Brian reports to the Admin office...Mahalo and Aloha goes to TSgt. George Fraine of the Admin office as he retires from the Guard after 20 years. He'll surely be missed...Speaking of the Admin office, TSgt. Yvette Miraflor wants you all to know that they just received a new shipment of CAM Sq T-shirts with some new fluorescent colors (green & dark blue) added to the inventory. She also has tank tops, cups, pins and stickers...Aloha goes to MSgt. Dale Burbick who is

here teaching our Weapons folks all the ins-and-outs of the new MSIP aircraft. Sgt. Burbick is stationed at Kadena AB in Okinawa. Other Weapons augmentees helping us out til Christmas are TSgt. Paul Ulianelli (Otis ANGB, MA) and SSgt. Eric Maass (Portland ANG). Hope you're not missing the snow and cold...CMSgt. Ken Morimoto (Quality Assurance) needs manpower to support the 'Great Aloha Run' to be held on February 17 (President's Day). The Chief says they need teams of litter bearers to work with paramedics and comm people along the course route. There is a short suspense date as volunteer's names are due on December 10. All volunteers will receive an official Great Aloha Run T-Shirt. If you're interested, call the Chief at 449-1870. Sign up sheets are available in the various branches and sections...Congrats to MSgt. Doug Abe as he successfully completed the First Sergeant's course and is now an official '1st Shirt'. Due to the recent retirement of TSgt. Ron Ayonon, TSgt. Wayne Okabe has assumed the post as NCOIC of the Programs & Mobility office. TSgt. Richard Shoda has joined the section and will be off to the Logistics Plans tech school at Lowrey AFB the end of January. Also joining the Mobility office is SSgt. Calvin Arroyo. Good luck to you all. The Maintenance Analysis office welcomes A1C Kathy Higgins to the unit. She'll be going to BMT and tech school in January. If the name sounds familiar, her mom is Major Susan Higgins of CBPO..... There's a retirement party coming up on January 19 for Sgt's Herbert Takeuchi, Robin Ito and Daniel Blancaflor. It'll be at the Natsunoya Teahouse with lots of food to enjoy. Call Robert Furtado or Randy Avilla at 449-6582 for particulars...Finally, your 1992 Commissary Cards have arrived and are in the Admin office waiting to be picked up. Make sure you make the trip up to Admin and pick up your card...Have a couple of notes from various folks in the Squadron: "Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." (LTC Bruce Minato)... "A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all." (Capt. Dave Snakenberg)... "Curisumasu Omedeto, Shinnen-wo Akemas-te Omedeto Gozaimasu." (CMSgt's Mel Taira & Tommy Hirao and SMSgt. Roy Kuwana). "Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year". (Capt. Terry Hudson).. "Mele Kalikimaka and Hauoli Makahiki Hou". (TSgt. Yvette Miraflor) "A very Merry Christmas and may the New Year be a good one for one and all". (MSgt's Doug Abe, Lester Ho and Fred Higa)...One last note: If you're going to drink, don't drive. If you must drink, get a designated driver..."Christmas brings the big question of where to pay how much for how many of which kind of what to give to whom." (Author unknown)...Mahalos.....fhiga



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Travis. The next flight was scheduled for the next day.

On the day I left for Travis, I felt very strange. Prior to the roll call time, I felt so awkward not knowing whether I would be in California or Hawaii at the end of the day.

For \$12.50 I was able to fly to Travis and this even included a meal. You can't beat that price! On the C-141 flight I felt slightly cool (temperature wise) at first, but as the hours clicked away I started to feel a bit too cool for comfort (notice I said cool, not cold). It was a good thing that I had a jacket on during the flight because me it kept going. After about 5.5 hours we arrived in Travis and it was great to be there. The personnel there were professional and helpful in getting all of the passengers situated. It was important for all of us who needed to catch another flight to get our names on the waiting list. This of course would be important for me because I would be heading back to Hickam after 6 days. After about an hour's wait, my friend picked me up at Travis and I would spent the next several days with him and his family. It was an enjoyable time in California.

On the first day that I was ready to return home, I was able to get the exact flight I wanted. There were 73 seats available on the C-5 flight to Hickam. I was the 53rd person on the roll call. When my name was called I was happy because I really didn't care to wait around for the next day for the next flight. My guess is that about 83 people wanted to get on the flight, which means about 10 people were left behind. Let me note here that many of the people trying to fly Space-A were retired personnel and thus in the same category as you and I, National Guard status.

The seats on the C-5 flight were more comfortable than the ones on the C-141. But to my surprize the flight was a lot longer. It took almost 7 hours to get to Hickam, but for about \$12.50 you can't beat the price. Someone said that perhaps it took longer because we were involved in a refueling mission. After we finally arrived at Hickam, I felt really good because my experiment worked and my mission was accomplished.

I hope the experience I shared was informative. If you have any questions, please let me know. If you want more info that will help your family or other families, have your spouse or family member consider joining a family support group. To do this, contact your unit.

## Promotions

Hats off to the following individuals who were promoted/appointed to the ranks shown effective on the dates indicated:

<b>150 ACWS (FXD)</b>	
SSGT SUSAN S. KASHIWABARA	18 NOV 91
SRA LISA A. HERNANDEZ	07 DEC 91
<b>154 CAMS</b>	
MSGT LESLIE M. MIZUMOTO	18 NOV 91
SRA DARYL M. LUAT	29 NOV 91
SRA ROBERT L. YASHIKI	26 NOV 91
<b>154 CES</b>	
MSGT DANE K. KUNI	18 NOV 91
A1C JOHN K.O. BUENDIA	06 DEC 91
<b>154MSF</b>	
TSGT CHARLIE E. CHANG	18 NOV 91
<b>154RMS</b>	
SSGT MARCONI S. CABATBAT	18 NOV 91
<b>154TCS</b>	
MSGT RUSSELL P. FERNANDES	18 NOV 91
TSGT REX I. NAKAMURA	18 NOV 91
SSGT JOSEPH D. BRIONES	18 NOV 91
SSGT KENNETH R. SAID	18 NOV 91
<b>169ACWS (FXD)</b>	
TSGT KAREN E. PACE	18 NOV 91
SSGT JAMES S.K. PESTANA	18 NOV 91
SSGT ROLANDO M. AGANON	18 NOV 91
<b>199 TFS</b>	
TSGT ANTHONY H. WONG	18 NOV 91
SSGT DAWN C. JAMES	18 NOV 91
SSGT ROCHELLE L.K. FLORES	18 NOV 91
A1C RONALD M. YOSHIDA	18 NOV 91
<b>199 WEAFLT</b>	
SSGT JAMES A. SHEPHERD	18 NOV 91

# MIENU

BBQ Steak  
Steamed Rice  
Mixed Vegetables  
Salad Bar  
Butterscotch Cake

# Drill Positions Open

by Lt. Smith, 203rd AREFS

The newest HIANG unit, the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, has numerous drill positions available for immediate hire. Listed below are the AFSCs, rank, and duty titles. For further information, please contact MSgt. Vendiola at CBPO, 449-7794. For more help with KC-135 questions, please contact CMSgt. Uhrig at 449-6131 or Lt. Col. Hussey at 449-9131. The cutoff date to apply for these positions is December 20, 1991.

Applicants must either be officers in the HIANG, or enlisted in the HIANG and possess the necessary qualifications to become officers. Interested enlisted personnel should first contact CBPO for complete application procedures and requirements. Please remember that these positions are part-time positions.

AFSC	GRADE	TITLE
4024	MAJ	Maint Qual Control Officer
7024	MAJ	Admin Officer
8075	MAJ	OPS Intel Officer

For those of you who are creatively or artistically inclined, we are in need of a squadron patch! At this time we are only in the planning stage, but, if you have any ideas, write or sketch them and look for further updates on how to submit your ideas in future papers.

# Fulltime Employment

These are the current vacant federal civil service positions open for recruitment. You can read more about the position by checking with your orderly room for complete details or see TSgt. Phillips, Bldg 3400, Rm 211, Monday-Friday.

JVA#	POSITION	GRADE	CLOSING DATE
FY92-030	Acft Mech foreman Hickam (203)	WS-10	3 Jan 92
FY92-029	Asst Acft Maint (Officer) Hickam (203)	GS-12	3 Jan 92
FY92-028	Warehouse Worker (2) Hickam (RMS)	WG-07	30 Dec 91
FY92-027	Elect Digital Comp Mech Hickam (293)	WG-12	30 Dec 91
FY92-026	Secretary (Typing) Hickam (MSS)	GS-05	27 Dec 91
FY92-025	Procure Clerk (Typing) Hickam (RMS)	GS-05	27 Dec 91
FY92-020	Military Personnel Clerk Hickam (MSS)	GS-05	11 Dec 91
FY92-017	Secretary (Typing) Hickam (COMPG)	GS-05	10 Dec 91
FY92-016	Packer Hickam (RMS)	WG-05	10 Dec 91
FY92-036	Med Clerk (Typing) Hickam (Tac Hosp)	GS-04	07 Jan 92
FY92-035	Supply Clerk Hickam (RMS)	GS-05	09 Jan 92
FY92-034	Elect Digital Comp Mech Kahului (292)	WG5-11	09 Jan 92
FY92-033	Elect Mech Foreman Hickam (203)	WS-09	06 Jan 92
FY92-032	Elect Mech Foreman Hickam (203)	WS-10	06 Jan 92
FY92-031	Acft Mech Foreman Hickam (203)	WS-10	06 Jan 92

# Point Credit Summary

The importance of AF Form 526, Point Credit Summary, cannot be over emphasized. Points earned during participation in the ANG will determine your retirement pay. A recent change to our regulation governing your Personnel Records no longer authorizes us to file your AF Form 526. It is imperative, therefore, that you keep this document in your personal files. Distribution of the AF Form 526 will be - original to HQ HIANG and a copy to the member. To assist you in understanding and reading your summary, we will attach ARPC Fact Sheet 91-06 in the interim. Should you find any discrepancies on your summary, please contact the CBPO records section within 30 days of receipt.

Feel free to contact MSgt. Iris Kabazawa, 449-7784; SSgt. Carol Togami, 449-5669; or SSgt. Sandra Dubrett, 449-7788 should you need further assistance.

## DoD Retirement & Awards Luncheon

Hale Koa Hotel - Banyan Tree Showroom

Date: January 24, 1992

Time: 11:30 - 1:45 pm

Cost: \$12.00 (includes gratuity)

See your unit orderly room representative to sign up or TSgt. Joyce Arakaki at group headquarters before January 16, 1992.

## CBPO Connection

### RECORD OF EMERGENCY DATA (DD Form 93):

Does the Air Force know who you want notified if you become a casualty? Only you can provide current data. Noncurrent data could delay notifications and payment of survivor benefits. Outdated beneficiary information could cause hardships for your survivors. When was the last time you reviewed and updated your DD Form 93? You, and you alone are responsible. (DPMA/449-5669)

### NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL (NDSM):

Reference ANGRG/DP 141630Z NOV 91 message, the president has authorized award of the NDSM for all, repeat all members of the National Guard and Reserve who were part of the selected reserve in good standing during the period August 2, 1990 to a date to be determined. This includes members on initial active duty for training or those awaiting initial active duty for training. Unfortunately the medals/devices are on order but as soon as they arrive, Personal Affairs section will be distributing appropriate awards/devices to the unit for presentation. Hence, you may purchase the ribbon yourself but you won't be reimbursed. (DPMA/449-5669)

### AFR 35-10 TIP OF THE MONTH:

Attache cases and gym bags. These items are to be carried in the left hand to allow members to render the proper military honors. Gym bags will be carried by hand—not over the shoulder by a strap. (154 MSS/DPMA/449-5669)

### TELEPHONE INFORMATION:

We are always happy to assist customers, but we are not the contact for base telephone numbers. Individuals should refer to their telephone directory or call military information at 471-7110 for phone numbers outside the CBPO. The phone number for the Base Locator is 449-0165.

### AIR FORCE UNIFORM BOARD:

Air Force officials announced that a policy change will prohibit the wear of crew-neck undershirts with the open-collared service dress shirts starting January 1. Officials feel wear of the V-neck undershirts presents a more professional appearance. V-neck undershirts will replace the crew-neck undershirts currently issued to Air Force people at Basic Training, beginning in October.

**NEXT UTA**  
**January 11th & 12th**

## Shotline

by Capt. Adele Auyong

The personnel of the 154th Tac Hospital wish all the HIANG members a happy and healthful Christmas and New Year. We also wish to welcome SSgt. Jason Nunokawa as a new 902 to the hospital family. Healthful Hints - Non-Smokers... Give your lungs a breather. First, avoid breathing other people's cigarette smoke, use non-smoking areas of restaurants and airport terminals, and don't allow smoking in your car. Second, be safe at work. Follow safety rules for masks and proper ventilation if your job involves exposure to fumes, dust or vapors. Third, be safe at home. Use proper ventilation when painting or using chemicals. Also, consider testing your home for radon. Fourth, exercise. A regular exercise program can get you in shape to enjoy activities that otherwise might leave you gasping.

**Flu Update** - The Center for Disease Control is concerned with the early widespread outbreak of the flu. There are already outbreaks in 21 states with schools closed in 5 states due to the amount of students affected. The flu strain most prevalent is the Beijing type. If you have not received your flu shot, get it soon to get the best protection. Hawaii already has documented a few cases of the flu, but with the constant influx of people to the state the chance of exposure becomes greater. Immunizations including flu shots are given Saturday UTA at 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM and Sunday UTA at 8:00 - 10:00 AM.





## Social Actions

by 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 make the holidays as drug free as possible. Most of us spend Christmas and New Years with family and friends while 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 or a way (Taxi or designated driver) to go home safely.

The second concerns accidents. Needless to say the second is related to the first. Social Action 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 substance abuse crisis, that is alcohol and drugs are available. 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. In Honolulu police report that at least 19 of 33 murders that occurred were drug related. The surprising statistic is that the drug most often linked to these incidents was alcohol. Beer was almost always the beverage consumed by either the victim or the aggressor. Let's all be concerned about this problem and provide soft drinks at gatherings.

We, at Social Actions, hope this season brings you and your family fortune, joy and good tiding.

## Safety is no accident

### Holiday Safety

Each year thousands of families mark Christmas as a time of tragedy instead of joy due to deadly fires. The real tragedy is that most of these fires can be prevented. By following a few common sense tips, your family can enjoy a happy and safe holiday season.

Electrical fires occur throughout the year, but during the holidays they increase sharply. Be sure your outlets and circuits are not overloaded. Decorative lights are often used year after year; check carefully for frayed and worn cords and replace or discard them. Also use care when placing decorations which use bulbs, especially in windows where curtains or drapes can ignite easily.

Candles are very popular during the holiday season. These should be carefully placed as well. Never leave burning candles unattended. While a charming tradition, burning candles on a Christmas tree is very dangerous, even if you stay in the room. Trees dry out quickly and can ignite before you are able to take action.

A live tree should be bought as fresh as possible. Hold the tree upright and thump the base on the ground a few times; if the needles fall off, the tree has begun to dry. Before you mount your tree in a stand, cut an inch or two off the bottom of the trunk so it will absorb water more easily. Always keep the base of the tree in water and check it daily. (Evaporation can be slowed by adding beer to the water.) Dispose of your tree soon after the holidays, before it dries out. But never dispose of your tree by burning it indoors in a fireplace or furnace.

If you buy an artificial tree, be sure it is flame-resistant. And remember, these materials only retard fire; ultimately they will burn. In addition, the fumes generated by a smoldering artificial tree can be just as deadly as an actual fire. It is best to use the same care with an artificial tree as with a live tree. Place your tree away from fireplaces, radiators, and other sources of heat.

When making out your Christmas shopping list, consider a gift of life—give a smoke detector.  
BY USAF SAFETY JOURNAL



**Happy Holidays from  
the Kukailimoku Staff**

# HIANG Awards Banquet

In celebration of the "best" of the best, the 1991 HIANG Awards Banquet was held at the Hale Koa Hotel on November 15, 1991.

For those of you who were unable to attend, here is a list of the winners:

Capt. Scott W. Hoadley, 169 ACW - George T. Miki Memorial Award

Lt. Col. Edward N. Pickering, 199 TFS - Outstanding Fighter Pilot Award

TSgt. Alejandro Quibilan, 298 ATCF - Outstanding Air Traffic Controller Award

TSgt. Benjamin R. Ormita, 154 MSS - Outstanding HIANG Recruiter of the Year Award

SRA. Lloyd B. LLaneza, 154 SPF - Outstanding HIANG Individual Referral Incentive Award

298th Air Traffic Control Flight - Outstanding Unit Referral Award

Maj. Walton T.M. Auyong, 154 TAC Hosp - Outstanding Medical Personnel Award

TSgt. Eric S. Wada, 154 CAMS - Outstanding Maintenance Award for Enlisted Personnel

MSgt. Annarene R.K. Blair, HQ 201 CCGP - Outstanding Operations Award for Enlisted Personnel

MSgt. George M. Mori, 150 ACWS - Outstanding Support Award for Enlisted Personnel

TSgt. Dane K. Kuni, 154 CES - Outstanding Support Award for Enlisted Personnel

A1C. Carmelo A. Lopez, 154 CAMS - Outstanding HIANG Airman of the Year Award

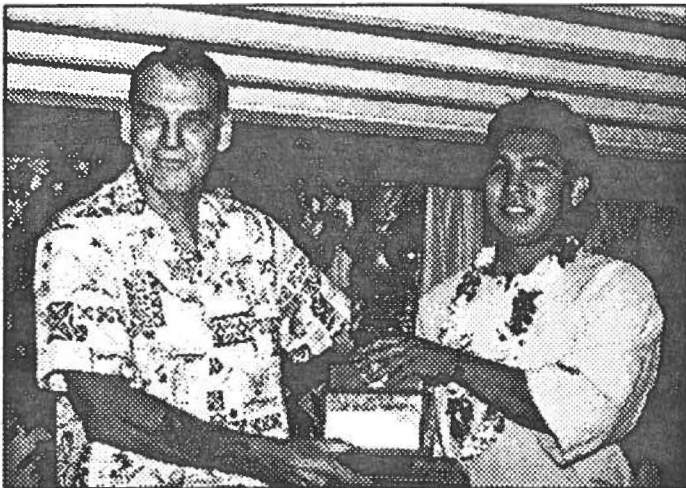
SSgt. John P. Huey, 297 ATCF - Outstanding HIANG NCO of the Year Award

CMSgt. Melvin Kauahi, 150 ACWS - Outstanding Senior NCO of the Year Award

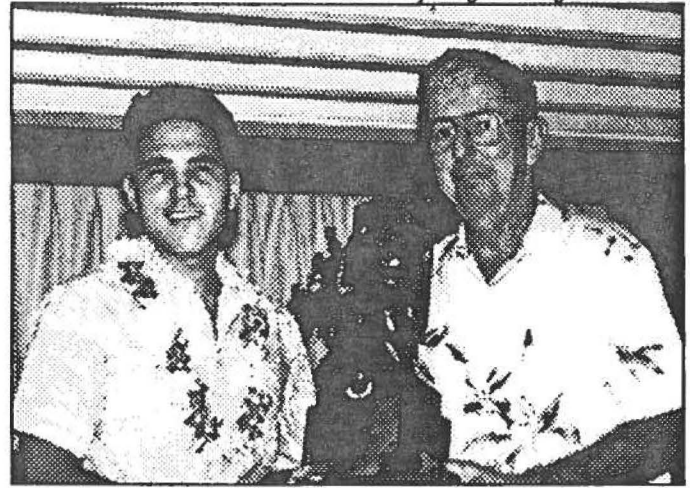
Maj. Stanley J. Osserman, Jr., 154 MSS - Outstanding HIANG Officer of the Year Award

150th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron - Outstanding HIANG Unit

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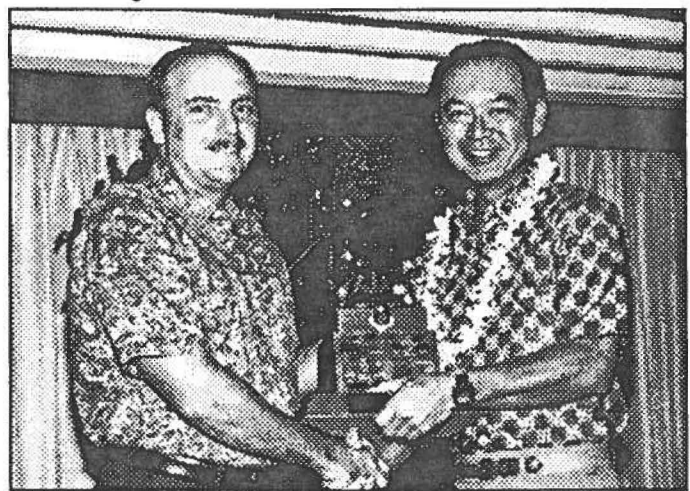
CSMSgt. Uhrig presenting A1C. Carmelo Lopez Outstanding Airman Award



Col. Rodrigues presenting SSgt. John Huey Outstanding NCO Award



Col. Rodrigues presenting CMSgt. Melvin Kauahi Outstanding Senior NCO Award



Col. Mizumoto presenting to Maj. Stanley Osserman Outstanding Officer Award



# TREE-CYCLE

## HAWAII'S SECOND ANNUAL TREE-CYCLING EVENT

TREE COLLECTION  
SATURDAYS

DECEMBER 28 • JANUARY 4 & 11  
8:00 AM • 2:00 PM

FOR MORE  
INFORMATION  
OR TO VOLUNTEER CALL  
**533-CHIP**  
EFFECTIVE  
DECEMBER 1  
TO JANUARY 31

This holiday season, make your Christmas tree a gift to the Earth! Bring your tree to one of the Christmas Tree Cycling sites on the island to be chipped into mulch for use at the botanical gardens, City & County Parks and other community centers. Over 37,700 trees were chipped in 1990 on three islands. A goal of 50,000 trees on six islands has been set for Christmas 1991. Your cooperation can help meet this goal!

### LOCATIONS

HAWAII KAI - KAISER HIGH SCHOOL  
KAIMUKI - KAIMUKI HIGH SCHOOL  
MAKIKI/KAPALAMA - STEVENSON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
KAILUA - KAILUA RECREATION CENTER  
KANEHOE DISTRICT PARK  
MILILANI - MILILANI DISTRICT PARK  
WAIPAHU/WAIPIO - AUGUST AHRENS SCHOOL  
PEARL CITY/WAIMALU - WAIU DISTRICT PARK  
WAHLAWA - WAHLAWA BOTANICAL GARDENS  
NORTH SHORE - WAIMEA FALLS PARK  
WAIANAE - MAILE BEACH PARK  
SALT LAKE - ALOHA STADIUM - KAM LOT  
WAIKIKI SHELL - MAIN PARKING LOT