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203 ARS Supports "Operation Phoenix Scorpion"

by TSgt. Theodore E. Merrill, Historian, 154th Wing

On November 18, 1997, the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron (203 ARS) placed four KC-135 Stratotankers on alert. This alert force was part of a US military operation in response to Iraq's actions to expel US members of the United Nations Weapons Inspection Team. The military operation was named "Operation Phoenix Scorpion".

On November 19, 1997, I had the opportunity to fly along on a HIANG KC-135 "Phoenix Scorpion" mission that was to occur later that day. Never having flown on a refueling mission, I viewed this as a great opportunity to see what the air refueling folks do to accomplish their mission.

At 9:30 p.m., I showed up as instructed at the 203 ARS building for the mission brief and met the crew for the evening's mission: Lt. Col. Kimo Hussey (Pilot), 1Lt. Ronin Burke (Co-Pilot), 1Lt. Scott Oka (Navigator), and SrA Curtis Yoshimoto (Boom Operator).

The crew was briefed by Maj. Joe Kim, Supervisor of Flying, on the mission of the flight. There was also an alternate crew on standby to fly the mission in the event that something went wrong with our aircraft. The alternate crew was to be waiting in a second aircraft, ready at a moment's notice, to take our place if need be to ensure that a refueler met with the target aircraft at the expected time and place.

A second briefing was conducted by Lt. Col. Hussey, and inputs were given by all of the few members on how they would conduct their portion of the mission at hand. I learned at the briefing that four of the 203rd's tankers had been on alert at Hickam AFB since November 18th, 1997, in response to the buildup of US military forces in the Middle East due to the October 29th, 1997, ejection

of US members of the UN Weapons Inspection Team. There were five four-person crews on call at all times to crew the planes. The tankers were to be ready at a moment's notice to support US aircraft enroute to the Middle East.

The specific mission that I was to fly on was to refuel a C-5 Galaxy carrying cargo enroute from the US mainland to the Middle East. The KC-135 crew was supposed to meet up with the C-5 about 100 miles west of south Kauai and off-load about 120,000 pounds of fuel to it. Our take-off time was to be about 11:30 p.m.

At 10:30 p.m., the crew reported to the Bravo ramp where our aircraft, call sign "Hoku 03" (KC-135R #61-0290, "Hoku'lele"), waited. The Tanker was "cocked" and ready to go. By 10:35 p.m., we were all in the plane, and I watched (and listened via a headset) to the dizzying array of pre-flight tasks that had to be completed by the aircraft and ground crews. Never having been on a KC-135 before, must less getting to watch the pre-flight tasks being performed, I was struck with the quiet confidence and competence that everyone displayed, including the ground crew members whose actions I could only hear through my headset. I was given the great honor of watching all of this from the "jump seat" in the cockpit of the aircraft, which is located between and just to the rear of the pilot and co-pilot.

At 11:37 p.m., we took off with about 180,000 pounds of fuel and started our journey upward and westward to the air refueling intercept point. Sitting in the jump seat, it was an awesome sight watching through the windshield as the aircraft took off. It amazed me how smooth and effortless the take-off felt; it didn't seem like a multi-tonned aircraft with a cargo of 180,000 pounds of fuel as cargo. Talk about some serious horsepower! I wish my car was as smooth and powerful.

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I was fascinated at listening to the pilot, co-pilot, and navigator talking on the intercom regarding the course and speed of the flight to make sure that they made the intercept point at the right time. Questions, calculations, and instructions were given quickly and quietly. At about midnight, the boom operator went back and laid down in his operating position at the rear of the plane, and I laid down to his right. It was a beautiful, clear, moonlit night, and I could see the tops of the clouds and ocean illuminated way down below me through the glass of the boom operator's area. It was an interesting experience for me to be looking straight down at the tops of the clouds from a window at the bottom of an airplane!

The navigator started calling out the position of the C-5, and after a few minutes, I could see it approaching us from the left side of our plane. Then it was behind us. It was such an awesome sight to see that huge C-5 approaching us. The moonlight framed the C-5 against the silver clouds and black sea below. An interesting visual effect was the side lights of the C-5 shining on its engines, creating four huge white rings of light where the front of the engines were. I was stunned at watching the C-5 getting close to us. It got to a point where it seemed like you could almost reach out and touch it.

At about 1:16 a.m., the boom operator released the boom and it quickly connected to the C-5, and the air refueling began. I was amazed that two huge machines could be connected to each other at 21,000 feet, while traveling at about 265 knots, with only 30 feet between them, and not crash into each other, or something else bad happening! It was so neat watching the C-5 staying up with us and keeping attached to the fuel line. There were some moments where it was pitching around pretty good, but it hung in there, sucking up that fuel.

By about 12:40 a.m., the boom operator disconnected the fuel line and pulled the boom back up; the refueling having been successfully accomplished. I can remember thinking that for an E-4, SrA Yoshimoto sure had a lot of responsibility while he was doing his job. The C-5 then slowly backed away from us and faded into the night to continue on its way westward. We then started our journey back home.

At 01:50 a.m., I had the pleasure of watching 1Lt. Burke execute a perfect landing of our aircraft at Honolulu International Airport. It looked so effortless from where I was sitting (in the jump seat).

Flying along on this refueling mission, I was proud to see first hand just how skilled and professional our air refuelers are at performing their duties. The Hawaii Air National Guard's value to the Air Force and the country was capably shown by the 203 ARS participating in this alert operation. Once again, the Hawaii Air Guard was there when we were needed.

Covey 7 Habits Workshop 97-4 Pushes Number of Grads to Over 100

*by Maj. Bill Petti, Commander,
154th Logistics Support Flight*

Another 25 individuals from the HIANG and HIARNG graduated from the latest Stephen R Covey "Seven Habits" Workshop held at the Wing Dining Facility October 22-24. The latest number of graduates pushed the grand total to 108 since September 1996.

HIANG/HIARNG members making up Class 97-4 were: Maj. Michael Wong (HIARNG), Maj. Mike Compton (154th WG Staff), Capt. Melissa Zen (154 SVF), Capt. Jeff Waechter (169th ACWS), 1st Lt. Bob Dongon (154th LS), SMSgt. Dennis Taira (154th MXS), SMSgt. Alex Palama (154th AGS), MSgt. Norman Eclarin (154th AGS), MSgt. Bernie Pharr (154th AGS), MSgt. Jimmy Williams (154th MXS), MSgt. Noreen Lucuab (154th LSF), MSgt. Dan Kiyohiro (154th LSF), MSgt. Russell Ducosin (154th AGS), MSgt. Joe Ramos (154th MSF), MSgt. Aurora Lee (154th MSF), TSgt. Bill Akiona (154th AGS), TSgt. Brian Abrigo (293rd CBCS), TSgt. Bridget Komine (154th MSF), TSgt. Sam Bukoski (154th MXS), TSgt. Doug Pilares (154th LG Staff), TSgt. Bob Yokono (154th MXS), TSgt. Al Fritz (154th LS), SSgt. Malcolm Chun (154th MXS), SSgt. John Floate (154th CF), and SSgt. Pete Bega (154th MXS).

Facilitators for the workshop were: Lt. Col. Bruce Minato, Maj. Bill Petti, and TSgt. Robert Joy.

Next UTA

Jan. 10th & 11th

★ Commander's Corner "1997 - The Year in Review"

by Brig. Gen. Michael H Tice, Commander, 154th Wing

1997, our second year as the 154th Wing, is rapidly drawing to a close ... and what a year it's been. I have no doubt that it's been a busy one for us all; with rewarding and satisfying times, as well as some frustrating ones as we worked our way through it. The long and the short of it, though, is that the Wing and it's units are stronger and better prepared for their missions than we were a year ago. That in itself speaks well for all of our efforts.

Here's a snapshot of some of the major undertakings in 1997, things we can all feel proud of because, in one way or another, we all played a part: The Operational Readiness Inspection in August consumed much of our energy last year as we prepared for and undertook the most intense evaluation I've seen of the unit. EXCELLENT scores by the three flying squadrons for mission employment and maintenance's sortie generation were but two of the highlights.

In October, the 169th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron assumed the air defense command responsibilities of the 10th Air Defense Squadron, which was deactivated.

New radars became operational at the 150th on Kauai as well as at the 169th.

Work continues towards our assumption of the command airlift mission here in the Pacific.

Construction of new maintenance and avionics workspaces in the Hangar 35/17 complex is progressing and we should see occupancy within the next few months.

Construction of the new combined 203rd Air Refueling Squadron and 204th Airlift Squadron facility in Hangar 13 should also begin by February.

Though we didn't get the money for the new civil engineer squadron facility, we'll keep working at it and hopefully see the dollars flow in 1999.

Remodeling in the 199th Fighter Squadron and 154th Logistics Squadron is nearly complete.

And we'll soon see the Security Forces Squadron and Communications Flight move into remodeled spaces on the ocean side of the F-15 hangar.

Topping the list of projects, there is the soon to be occupied combined Wing operations and maintenance control facility in the old dining hall.

Flying activities will continue to lead the list next year with all of our aircraft and people "engaged" in worldwide activities.

As we finish up this year, we have F-15s in Singapore, with a personnel rotation scheduled to take place on the 7th with our KC-135s; and another KC-135 in Iceland for the alert mission, there. Later in the year, we'll see the F-15s go to Tyndall AFB, Florida for a missile shoot, while the KC-135s support the "Deliberate Guard" and NATO AWACS missions in Europe, as well as venture off to Cope Thunder, Red Flag and Coronet Nighthawk.

The C-130's will continue their support into the Western Pacific with frequent trips to Johnston Island and Kwajalein to name two, as well as near monthly trips to the CONUS in support of Guardlift missions.

The tempo his high and is forecast to remain that way. Strong leadership, sensible planning and deliberate execution by the units in the Wing allows us to accomplish all we do. Without you all, though, the members of the 154th Wing, it wouldn't be possible.

As we close out 1997, I want to extend my gratitude to you and your families; and your employers ... all members of the 154th team ... for the tremendous support and a job well done! Be proud of what we've done ... are doing ... and are going to do in the future. You deserve to be!

Mahalo to you all from Joanne and I ...and best wishes for a joyous Christmas and bountiful New Year!

Covey 7-Habits Class 97-5

Is A Hit On Maui



The Stephen R. Covey 7 Habits Workshop went on the road last month to the friendly confines of the Valley Isle. At the invitation of Lt. Col. Bob Maglasang, Col. Mick Melich and myself made a presentation to 21 members of the 292nd CBCS at the Maui High School Computing Center in Kihei on November 12-14. The course was well received as participants eagerly got involved with the various segments of the workshop. Special thanks goes to TSgt. Dino Tapuro, who coordinated the arrangements and set-up at the site.

With the completion of this workshop, the total number of graduates now stands at 129.

The next workshop at Hickam is scheduled for 17-19 December in the 154th Wing Dining Room. Interested non-LG personnel can apply for the next available slots (March 1998 and beyond) by calling Capt. Tracey Saiki at 449-6008.

1997 Culture and Climate Survey

by Lt. Col. Frederick F. Fogel

It is time again to launch the annual Cultural and Leadership Survey. This year, it is called the "Culture and Climate Survey." Approximately 20% of the HIANG took the survey last year. The overall HIANG results and some ACC/ANG results are on the "W" drive, "Clis" folder. If you can't access the "W" drive, your commander has your unit's results.

Besides changing the name, the 1997 survey is slightly different from last year. The Air Force Quality Management and Innovation Center increased the number of questions in Section 3 (Organizational Climate) from 50 to 72. Section 3 is optional this year. If you skip Section 3, the survey will take approximately 15 to 20 minutes. Plan on 20 to 40 minutes if you complete Section 3. Also, this year, you can not exit the survey and return later to where you left off.

To speed up the feedback process, the Air National Guard's Productivity and Quality Center

(ANG/PQC) converted the survey to a Windows-based program. If you use a computer to take the survey, you'll notice minor format changes. You still use a mouse to point and click on the desired selection. The Windows-based survey should also facilitate the analysis of unit results.

Section 1 (Demographics) is unchanged. There was some discussion on expanding the Asian/Pacific Islander category to more accurately reflect Hawaii's unique population, but for now, the standard census bureau categories remain. If you feel uncomfortable answering any of the demographic questions, don't. The survey remains completely anonymous. We want your candid comments and responses. Section 2 (Cultural Assessment) also remains unchanged.

The computer room in the Wing will be available again this year during drill for those units that have limited access to computers and those people who do not have easy access to the electronic mail system. See your commander or local bulletin board for Group windows of availability. Demand may exceed available computer stations. It is up to your Group to deconflict as much as possible. Stand-alone computer(s) in your unit may also be designated for survey use during drill.

Taking the survey on a computer is the preferred method, because it circumvents the labor intensive, manual data entry. However, for you part-timers who want to put in your two cents and can't get on a computer, see your unit commander for a hard copy and forward the completed survey to your Group Commander. We'll take it from there.

The survey will be available through the end of January. Remember, you can only be heard if you voice an opinion ... and you have a good voice.

Deadline

The deadline for the January edition of the *Kuka'illimoku* is Friday, January 2nd.

(Plan ahead... consider submitting your article before the deadline, like the drill before, for next drill's edition.)



1997 Winston P Wilson National Guard Championship Matches

by TSgt. Baldwin Ojerio, HING Pistol Team

The Hawaii National Guard Marksmanship Team flew south in October to Camp Robinson in Little Rock, Arkansas to compete in the "Winston P Wilson National Guard Combat Pistol, Rifle, Machine Gun and Sniper Championships".

Six Hawaii Guard pistol and rifle team members participated in the week-long event against teams from the 49 States and Puerto Rico. Also at the matches were teams from Australia, Belgium, Canada, England, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, and South Africa.

The first challenge for the Hawaii shooters was the weather. The first three days of the match was cold and wet with temperatures in the low 40s and passing showers. The second challenge was the competition itself, with new record scores being set each day. The rifle team did well, braving the weather out on the 600-yard open range with their M-16s. They placed 26th overall at the championships. Members for this year's Combat Rifle Team were:

TSgt. Ethan Toyama, 169 ACWS, HIANG;
SSgt. Emilio Maldonado, 154 SFS, HIANG;
SrA. Derek Tang, 293 CMBTCS, HIANG;
SPC Ha Chi, 299 INF, HIARNG, Hilo;
Team Capt. Sgt. Lance Hanaoka, 154 MXS, HIANG;
Asst. Team Capt. 1st Sgt. Aurelio Mina, Jr., 299 INF, HIARNG, Hilo.

The Combat Pistol Team also did well. They place 2nd in the Combat Assault match, which employed the use of the 40mm grenade launcher, a 12 gage shot gun and M-9 pistols. They also placed 5th in the Combat team match, and 16th in the Patton match, which includes a two-mile run with full gear: helmet, weapons and ammo. Overall, the Combat Pistol Team finished in 14th place. This year's Combat Pistol Team members were:

Capt. Bryan Suntheimer, 298 RGMT, HIARNG;
SSgt. Bob Jaeger, 154 SFS, HIANG;
SSgt. Jerry Yuen, 299 MI Co., HIARNG;
SSgt. James Welch, 154 MXS, HIANG;
Team Capt. TSgt. Baldwin Ojerio, 154 AGS, HIANG;
Asst. team Capt. SMSgt. Jeff Clegg, 154 MXS, HIANG.

Among the 700 plus competitors, two Hawaii team members stood out. SSgt. Jerry Yuen took first place in the Air Rifle competition and received a match grade air rifle as his prize. SSgt. Bob Jaeger placed a 2nd individual overall in the Night Fire match, and also earned himself his second Chief 50 badge, which distinguished him as one of the top 50 shooters of the Championships.

In the coming months, the Marksmanship Team will be hosting the Commander's EIC Combat Pistol Match and the HITAG 50 Combat Rifle Match. Top shooters from these matches will be invited to join the Marksmanship Team and a chance to represent Hawaii at the 1998 Championships in Arkansas.

Promotions



The commander of the 154th Wing, Brigadier General Michael H Tice, would like you to join him in congratulating the following members of the 154th Wing who were promoted to the rank indicated, in the unit indicated, after meeting our November NCO Promotion Board.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit</u>
MSgt.	Carswell Ross, Jr.,	154 MSF
MSgt.	Wallace Tasaka,	169 CWS
TSgt.	Michael Nebrija,	154 AGS
SSgt.	Daniel Finchum,	154 ACS
SSgt.	Jason Matsuoka,	154 AGS
SSgt.	Mark Sindiong,	203 ARS
SSgt.	Andy Villanueva,	154 AGS

General Tice adds, "Keep up the great work!"

HNGEA Christmas Tree Sale



by TSgt. Bridget Komine

The Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association will be selling 6-7 foot Sheared Douglas Fir Christmas Trees, again this year. This fund-raiser will again be at Moanalua Shopping Center, back by Pizza Hut, on Friday and Saturday, December 5th and 6th, from Noon until 8 p.m.; and on Sunday December 7th, from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Please come and join us, and support the HNGEA by purchasing a fresh, aromatic Christmas Tree for a \$42.00 donation.

Also, the 1998 HNGEA Membership Drive is now under way. For a nominal fee, members of the HIANG can become members of a very influential group of

National Guard Members nationwide that lobby for our benefits ... the ones we have, the ones we hope to obtain, and most importantly, the ones we stand to lose! The more members each state has, the more clout we have in Washington. I am the new membership chairperson, so please direct any inquiries to me and I will answer any questions and provide application forms. I can be reached at 449-5601.



Recruiter's Round-up Recruiting Ribbon Awarded

by TSgt. Bridget Komine, Recruiter, 154th Wing

It is with great pride that we announce the first award of the Hawaii National Guard Recruiting Ribbon to three members of the HIANG for their outstanding support of the Unit Referral Program. Special Order PAM-2, dated 26 Nov 97, authorized the award to Col. Myron Dobashi, 201 CCG; TSgt. Debbie Apo, HQ 154 Wing; and TSgt. Kristie Cruce, HQ 154 Wing. The recruiting force appreciates their dedication to the HIANG and the fact that they took the time out of their busy schedules to share the opportunities in the HIANG with their families and friends.

You can wear the Recruiting ribbon too! With two referrals that result in enlistments within a one-year period, you, too will be sporting the new Recruiting ribbon! Recruiters are available to provide you with the tools you need to make that happen. We have brochures and pamphlets that provide all the necessary information to your referrals. Visit our office in the MPF or call 449-5601 any time. Happy Holidays & happy Recruiting!!

Chapter 18, NCOAGA, News

by TSgt. Craig Makiya

Congratulations go out to Technical Sergeants Eric Becera, Edward Essman, Miles Kaneshiro, and Vernon Palomares who recently returned from the NCO Academy at McGhee-Tyson ANGB in Tennessee. According to Miles and Edward, the work was difficult, but the experience was enjoyable, invaluable, and unforgettable.

Additional congratulations go out to Eric Becera who was a Distinguished Graduate for his class. Eric ranked 2nd out of 115 students in his class! Once again, the Hawaii Air National Guard makes its mark at the NCO Academy as Eric adds his name to the list of Distinguished Graduates from Hawaii. Good job, Eric, and we are proud of you!

Tickets are now on sale for Chapter 18's annual dinner meeting, which will be held on Friday, January 23, 1998 at the Pearl Country Club. Tickets to this year's meeting will cost \$26.50. Contact MSgt. Craig Harimoto @ 449-7781 for more details!

Nominations for the office of Vice President and Treasurer are now closed. I will send out the ballots via the E-mail, as well as "snail mail" this week.

On behalf of the Chapter 18 Officers and Board of Directors, we'd like to wish

you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Until next month, keep up the good work and remember ... You Can Make A Difference ... BE SQUARE!

Legal Line



by James T Itamura, Staff Judge Advocate, 15th Wing

Extremism

The Oklahoma bombing was of course the worst incident of domestic terrorism in our country's history. The primary person behind the act was Timothy McVeigh. The nation was stunned to learn that this man who concocted and carried out such an evil plan was a recent Army veteran who somehow gained his misguided militant views while serving in the US Army.

In late 1995, two middle class African Americans were gunned down in downtown Fayetteville, North Carolina. The killers were members of a neo-nazi group. They were also members of the elite US Army 82nd Airborne paratroopers at Fort Bragg, NC.

The US military has been the leader in actively eradicating racial barriers. Unfortunately, there will always exist a small almost invisible core of extremists who thrive on racial hatred.

Living in a free society comes with a price. In the area of free speech, that price is that everyone has a right to express his opinion no matter how unpleasant the message is. This right, however, is not unlimited.

The American military leadership recognizes the right to free speech and to associate with whom one chooses, however, not to the extent

that it would negatively affect morale and the mission.

To this end, the military policy regarding hate groups is that while membership in groups that advocate supremacist or other discriminatory practices is strongly discouraged; membership, alone, is permitted. Active participation, however, is absolutely prohibited. Active participation includes publicly demonstrating, rallying, fund raising, recruiting and training members, and organizing and leading such organizations. Violators may be prosecuted under the UCMJ.

Additionally, there is a new policy that prohibits persons with inflammatory tattoos from enlisting into the US military.

Why can't we all just get along?



Volunteers Needed for the 1997 Great Aloha Run

Once again, the call is out for energetic volunteers to support the Great Aloha Run for 1998.

The gun goes off on Monday morning, February 16th, President's Day.

Hawaii National Guard members, both Air and Army, are sought to support Medical Aid Stations along the route, as well as inside Aloha Stadium.

Dependents over the age of 16 are encouraged to attend — so bring the family!

For more information or to sign-up, contact Maj Moerschell at 449-3807.

FAA Airworthiness Safety "Mega-Conference"

by Lester N Sasaki, Aviation Safety Inspector-Airworthiness, Federal Aviation Administration, Western Pacific Region

What is the Maintenance "Mega-Conference"?

This is the first ever *maintenance focused* safety conference held here in Hawaii. It's the biggest aviation airworthiness event to be held in Hawaii for over a decade. It's called a "Mega-Conference" because the attendance is expected to be huge.

When and where is the Mega-Conference being held?

Write this on your calendar ... Friday, January 30, 1998 and Saturday, January 31, 1998. It will be held on the seventh floor of the Interisland Terminal Building, Honolulu International Airport. Registration will be from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. and the conference will go until 4:00 p.m. each day.

Who should attend?

This event is a "must attend" for everyone and anyone who cares about aviation maintenance: FAA Airframe and Powerplant mechanics, military mechanics, repairmen, avionics repairmen, airline mechanics, mechanics with Inspection Authorization, Designated Mechanic Examiners, air taxi mechanics, people who are considering an aviation maintenance career, pilots and aircraft owners.

Why should someone attend?

It's an opportunity for pilots to meet with mechanics, mechanics to meet with other mechanics, pilots and mechanics to meet with some of the major equipment suppliers in the industry. It's an event where people can ask maintenance questions and get answers. Bottom line is that it's a chance to improve safety in aviation maintenance by participating.

It's a chance to network: get to know the names, faces, and expertise of maintenance technicians, FAA inspectors, vendor representatives, and industry employers. Who knows, your next job might be working with or for someone you meet at this conference.

IAs can use their attendance as a basis for renewal of their authorization (*you must attend both days*). Attendance can be used as a basis for the FAA AMT Awards program (*one day - eligible for Phase I - Bronze, both days - eligible for Phase II - Silver*).

Who will the speakers be?

Mr. Bill O'Brien, FAA HQ, Washington DC
Mr. Dave Tuttle, Flight 2000, Washington DC
George Peterson, NTSB
Champion Aviation Products
General Electric Engines
Frank Young, Goldwing Aviation Supplies
Snap-On Tools
Teledyne Continental Engines
Textron Lycoming Engines

How much will it cost?

You must invest your time. Parking in the Interisland terminal will cost you about \$3.50 per day (with parking validation stamp). You will be responsible for your own lunch - there are lots of restaurants in the surrounding area.

Who can tell me more about the "Mega-Conference"?

Contact Jim Hein at 837-8335, Tweet Coleman at 837-8307, or the Honolulu Flight Standards District Office at 837-8300.

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Chaplain's Corner

by Maj. Robert Nagamine, Chaplain,
154th Wing

Several years ago, I really enjoyed reading a classic short story called "The Gift of the Magi", by O Henry. Let me summarize it, so that you also may enjoy it.

The setting was in the early 1900s, I assume, because the author lived during that time. The story is about a couple named Della and James Young. They were a poor couple who could barely manage to live on the \$20 per week salary that James earned. However, Della was blessed with sharp bargaining skills and 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 every month. She saved those pennies for a Christmas gift for her husband.

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 unfolds, the Youngs have two prized possessions of considerable value. Della has extraordinarily beautiful hair with its length down past her knees. James 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 to make a sacrifice. She figures 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 James. Finally, she sees the perfect gift for him. It's a chain just right for his gold watch. She even has enough money to buy it because it's \$21. She buys the chain and comes home with a little left over, the remaining 87 cents.

Finally, James comes home. Upon seeing Della with her long hair missing, he gives her a strange look. The reason for the strange look is that his present to her is something that she could use for her long and beautiful hair! While window shopping, he had many times noticed the longing she had for the attractive and expensive set of combs that would suit her hair so well.

Thus, what a scenario! He sold his watch to buy a set of combs for her long hair that doesn't exist; and she sold her hair to buy a chain for the watch that he had sold. However, in spite of the unsuccessful attempts of both of them, they remained positive and kept things in perspective. End of story.

Following the story, the author gives us insight into the story by saying that Della and James were the magi, the wisemen, of their time. Though they seemed 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 of the wisemen.

Even if we might not have much to spend for Christmas, let it not be a stumbling block to enjoying the season. This time of the year isn't for the rich. It's for all who are able to express love for one another, even with what little we have! The same type of love and wisdom that Della and James had is here today. You see, wisemen are still around today. You can be one of them!

Please note the change in the time for the Sunday morning Worship Service...

Worship Services

Protestant Service

0815-0845, Sunday UTAs

Classroom #1

Wing Dining Facility

All Welcome To Attend

Catholic Services

(across base)

Saturdays

1700, Nelles Chapel

Sundays

0715, Nelles Chapel

1015, Chapel Center

Jewish Service

(Pearl Harbor)

Fridays

1930, Aloha Jewish

Chapel

Makalapa Road

***Shot Line** 

154th Medical Squadron

UTA Hours Of Operation for FY 1998

The following schedule applies to 154th Wing UTAs only.

(GSUs - as previously coordinated.)

Immunizations - Sunday UTA Only

09:00 - 14:00: Tetanus, Typhoid, etc. bring your shot record*

13:00 - 14:00: Yellow Fever vaccine (the vials are good for only one (1) hour after being opened. Therefore, please call at least the day before (the UTA before would be even better) to coordinate requirements). Shot-Line Direct during UTAs (pending): 449-2683 or 449-9855.

Dental Follow-ups - Saturday UTA Only

10:00 - 14:00 - By Appointment Only
Dental Clinic can be reached at 448-7808 or 449-5486.

Please notify the 154th Medical Squadron of any cancellations or rescheduling needs. Additionally, if you have any questions or concerns, call us at 448-7808 or 449-5486. Most situations can be resolved by telephone cooperation.

Mahalo!

BEE Line

by MSgt. Laura Masuda, Bioenvironmental Eng. Svcs.

Chemically Exposed Workers at the Jobsite (continued from last month)

Workers could be overly exposed to industrial chemicals during an incident, such as a hazardous spill. Knowing something about these chemicals provide knowledge in first aid, establishes greater respect when using these chemicals, and to handle them safely..

METHYLENE CHLORIDE

Methylene chloride is volatile organic compound produced in large volumes and commercially used as a paint solvent,

degreaser, and varnish stripper. It is also used in the production of pharmaceuticals, printed circuit boards, inks, and adhesives and as a propellant for insecticides, air fresheners, and hair sprays. It is a colorless liquid that may form toxic vapors at room temperature and is primarily absorbed through inhalation.

Its acute toxic effects include central nervous system depression, cardiac arrhythmia, accumulation of fluid in the lungs, liver damage, and irritation of mucous membranes. There are no antidotes for methylene chloride poisoning. Treatment consists of supportive measures, including oxygen therapy.

Exposed skin and hair should be flushed with plain water for at least two minutes and then washed with mild soap. Eyes should be irrigated with at least 2 liters of normal saline or water.

Those with serious central nervous system or pulmonary compromise should be promptly hospitalized and observed for possible delayed effects. Victims who are able and cooperative may assist with their own decontamination by removing and double-bagging contaminated clothing and personal clothing.

Social Actions

by SSgt. Daniel Izon, Social Actions. 154th Wing

Preventing Drug Abuse

Drug Abuse is a widespread problem. More young people are being exposed to drug abuse every day, potent drugs are becoming available, and younger children are becoming involved in drug abuse. Drug Abuse can interfere with mental, emotional, and physical growth.

But Drug Abuse can be prevented! It means taking Positive Action to discourage drug abuse so it never becomes a problem. It involves: Understanding, encouraging development, identifying, supporting, creating alternatives, and a continuing commitment. It's everyone's responsibility.

Why do People Abuse Drugs?

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People abuse drugs for a variety of reasons:

-Emotional reasons: These are related to needs or desires that aren't being met in other ways. For example, attempting to: increase self-esteem or self-confidence, escape emotional upset, reduce anxiety or tension, avoid the pressure of making a decision, assert independence.

-Physical reasons: These are related to the physical effects that result from using drugs. For example, attempting to: feel relaxed, block pain, intensify sensations, increase energy or endurance

-Environmental influences: These may also influence a person's decision to use drugs. For example, popular acceptance of drug and alcohol use, the turmoil of contemporary society, fragmented family structures, pressure to mature earlier and negative role models all contribute to drug abuse.

-Social reasons: These are related to the need to interact with other people. For example, attempting to be accepted as "one of the group", gain recognition or admiration from friends, overcome shyness, escape loneliness, family problems, etc. aid communication.

-Intellectual reasons: These are related to the effects of drugs on thought processes. For example, attempting to reduce boredom, better "understand" yourself, avoid mental fatigue, improve attention span, satisfy curiosity.

Prevention Aims at Finding Ways to Meet These Needs without Drugs

To help prevent drug abuse, encourage development of positive qualities.

Positive qualities, such as self-esteem, confidence at school, responsibility, ambition, self-reliance, friendliness, optimism, and diligence.

Take Action to prevent Drug Abuse

All members of the community can be actively involved in the fight against drug abuse.

Parents can help their children. For example, they can:

-Learn the facts about drugs (their effects, consequences of abuse, etc.) and share this knowledge with your children.

-Encourage independence, self-esteem and other positive qualities in children.

-Build strong family relationships by encouraging children to talk freely about problems, drugs, and listen carefully!

-Encourage participation in activities that are constructive and interesting.

-Be Alert for *signs* of drug abuse. Unexplained personality or behavioral changes should be viewed as danger signals. If drugs or paraphernalia are found, take immediate action.

-Take a firm unequivocal stand against drugs. Set clear standards while remaining open and encouraging honesty. Avoid scare tactics or authoritarian techniques, but exercise parental authority and responsibility.

-Teach children to say "NO" to the offer of drugs.

Enjoy Alternatives to Drugs

The same needs that cause people to abuse drugs can be met by other more healthful, fulfilling activities. Here are some examples:

Physical Alternatives- to satisfy physical needs and to relax try activities, such as basketball, tennis, swimming, jogging, bicycling, hiking, body-building, and dancing.

Intellectual Alternatives- to stimulate your mind with challenging pursuits, such as playing mathematical games, chess, writing stories, poems, studying a favorite subject in-depth, learning a new craft, and reading.

Emotional Alternatives- to satisfy emotional needs. For example, volunteer your services to those people and organizations you can help, try to develop a favorite talent, discuss perplexing problems with a counselor, attend courses that teach confidence-building and encourage personal growth, learn how to express negative feelings effectively through discussion and writing.

Social Alternatives- get involved with other people and form meaningful, satisfying relationships. For example, start a club that centers around a favorite activity, organize a sports or debate team, make new friends, serve a community or national cause you care about, or join a club or organization that interests you.

So, help stop drug abuse before it begins!

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Information, treatment, advice and support are available from social service agencies and organizations, mental health centers, schools or church counseling programs, hospitals, clinics, etc.

DON'T BE EMBARRASSED TO SEEK HELP IF YOU NEED IT!

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HIANG SEA News

by CMSgt. Delbert Dandourant
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Chief Abe and myself went to the Leadership Symposium held in Phoenix, Arizona last month. The highlights of this symposium is on the Tack Board under HIANG SEA. On the Tack Board, you will also see an article on the Order of the Sword that was presented to General Donald Shepperd at this symposium. I think you will find these ever interesting to read.

There are several interesting articles in the Air Force Times (November 10th edition) that concerns the enlisted corps. One of the articles deals with books that are recommended reading for the enlisted force and it is broken up into three categories: Airmen Leadership School, Non-Commissioned Officers Academy and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers Academy. These books are:

- ALS- "The Passing of the Night"
by Robinson Risner
- "10 Propositions"
by Phillip Meilinger
- NCOA- "They Also Flew: The Enlisted
Pilot Legacy 1212-1942"
by Lee Arbo
- "10 Propositions"
by Phillip Meilinger
- "Lincoln on Leadership"
by Donald Phillips
- SNCOA- "Makers of the USAF"
by John Frisbee
- "Winged Victory"

by Geoffrey Perret
"Profiles in Courage"
by John F Kennedy
"The Killer Angels"
by Michael Shaara

Another article in the same Air Force Times read, "Instead of giving the National Guard a four-star officer with a voting seat on the Joint Chiefs of Staff, congressional negotiators approved two new assistants to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs to provide advice on Reserve matters. One two-star general will represent the National Guard. A second two-star general or admiral will be the assistant on Reserves. The Defense Department and the services had opposed efforts to give the National Guard a seat on the Joint Chiefs of Staff, saying it was an unnecessary and potentially divisive change that would bring more politics into national security matters."

Remember the Mobilization Insurance Program? Well, it seems like they may try it again. The Ohio General Assembly is pressing Congress to try again. The legislature suggests offering low-interest, long-term loans to reservists, similar to disaster aid. Congress is willing to look at new ideas if the Pentagon makes recommendations. Defense officials are looking at alternatives because reservists continue to complain about the financial cost of their military service.

Remember, the Senior Non-Commissioned Officers Conference is right around the corner ... 26-27 February, at the Hale Koa Hotel--the HIANG Awards Banquet will be the next day at the same location. The flyers for the conference should be in your Orderly Room along with the registration forms by this UTA. I had sent messages out to all SNCOs for their inputs for the conference agenda and theme and received veeery (not a spelling error) few responses. I will try and do my best to come up with an agenda that will be interesting to all of us.

General Weaver, our new selected Director of the Air National Guard, is looking at the next three years as:

- 1998 - Transition Year
- 1999 - Year of the Enlisted
- 2000 - Year of the Family
- 2001 - Year of the Employer

Job Opportunities Within the 154th LSF

By Major Bill Petti, Commander

Below are current drill-status vacancies in the LSF. If you know of anyone interested in any of the challenging career fields listed below, please contact me, at 449-7845, or the Wing Recruiting Office, at 449-5601.

Title	DAFSC	Grade	Location	Qualifications	POC
Maint. Sched. Cman	2R151	E-5	Engine Tracking	None	MSgt. John Chun
Mx Data Sys. Anal. Jman	2R051	E-5	Maintenance Analysis	None	MSgt. Fred Higa
Aerospace Prop. Jet Cman	2A671A	E-6	Engine Tracking	None	MSgt. John Chun
Maint Sched. Jman	2R151	E-5	Plans & Scheduling	None	SMSgt. Kimo Puu
Education Trng Jman	3S251	E-5	Training	5 level-any AFSC	MSgt. Lester Ho
Avionics Sys. Cman	2A371	E-6	MOC	5 level-specific AFSC	MSgt. Noreen Lucuab
Aerospace Maint. Cman	2A571	E-6	MOC	5 level-specific AFSC	MSgt. Noreen Lucuab
Aerospace Maint. Cman	2A571	E-6	MOC	5 level-specific AFSC	MSgt. Noreen Lucuab
Av. Sys. Nav. Aid Jman	2A351C	E-5	MOC	5 level-specific AFSC	MSgt. Noreen Lucuab
Tac Afct Maint. Jman	2A353A	E-5	MOC	5 level-specific AFSC	MSgt. Noreen Lucuab
Tac Afct Maint. Jman	2A353A	E-5	MOC	5 level-specific AFSC	MSgt. Noreen Lucuab
Av. Sys. Flt Cntrl Jman	2A351B	E-5	MOC	5 level-specific AFSC	MSgt. Noreen Lucuab

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

HIANG Awards

It's Time to Shine!

**Nominate outstanding people, teams and units
for the 1997 HIANG Awards Banquet**

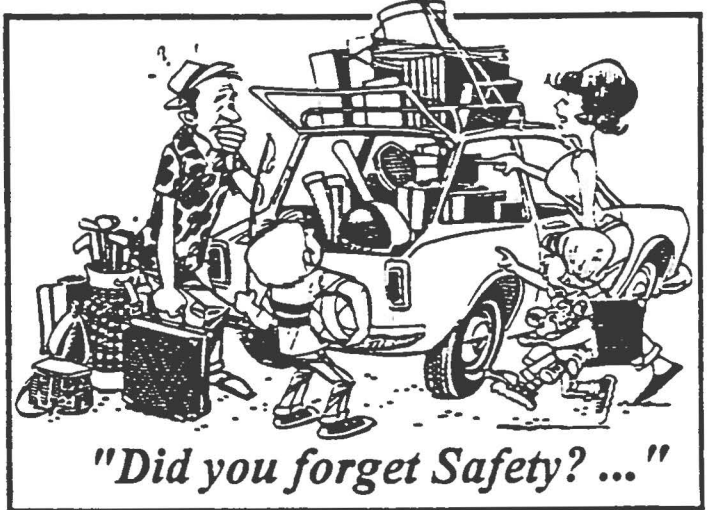
**Submit your nominations via e-mail through your CC to:
AWARDS@HIANG@HQHING NLT December 9th, 1997**

TRUST YOUR EYES... GET SAFETY WISE!



By Eugene M. Mazzocchi
Editor

There are at least 11 differences in the two pictures below. Can you find them? "Trust Your Eyes ... Get Safety Wise" is a regular feature in the AIR SCOOP in hopes that it will allow you a "Pause for Safety's" ... that you can take a break from your task at hand, read about safety, and test your visual acuity. ... long did it take you to come up with all 11 items? Enjoy!



Most of us who have been around the Air Force for any length of time are well aware of the "101 Critical Days of Summer." We know that this time of the year represents increased risk and dangers to Air Force personnel. In fact, more people are hurt or fatally injured during this period than at any other time of the year. With over 15 years in the safety business, the one thing I've seen that has made a difference is the active involvement of everyone at all levels to ensure personnel are educated on the dangers they face daily. Contributing factors such as the misuse of alcohol, non-use of seatbelts, and driving at excessive speeds, or while fatigued, continue to be major factors in automobile mishaps. The vital necessities of using good judgment, maturity, and common sense in work and in play, need to be conveyed to our people. Supervisors and commanders hold a very valuable key to reversing negative trends. They work with their personnel closely on a daily basis and can affect changes in behavior that will be beneficial, not only in the on-duty arena, but will carry over into the off-duty arena, as well. It's up to each one of us to take the initiative and come up with the best approach to attack the problems that may be unique to our areas. Bottom line - all of our efforts can have an effect on the results of this "101 Critical Day" period. (Adapted from the "101 Critical Days" article by CMSgt. Jewell Hicks, AIR SCOOP, May 1997.)

- The eleven differences from last month's picture puzzle:
- 1) Lady's bathing suit;
 - 2) Swimmer's waist length;
 - 3) Man on sand;
 - 4) Beach towel longer;
 - 5) Beach towel shorter;
 - 6) Horizon;
 - 7) Sun;
 - 8) Basket further right;
 - 9) Extra star fish;
 - 10) Extra shell; and,
 - 11) Basket different



154th WING ART GALLERY

Dads and Moms, let your child's artistic talent
and creative imagination flow...

*"This is What My Dad/Mom Does
in the Hawaii Air National Guard"*

"One-of-a-kind" drawing

No computer or "grown-up" assistance
Size of drawing is no larger than 24"x 18"

Special Awards and Recognition will be given
at "Family Day" on Sunday, 11 Jan 98

On the back of drawing: Child's Full Name and Age
Name of School
Rank and Name of Proud Parent
Unit Assigned & Duty Phone

Turn-in to Capt Saiki at Wing HQs
between 1 - 10 Jan 98

What's for Lunch? 154th Wing Dining Room

Menu -Saturday-

Main Line

Pork Adobo
Scrambled Hamburger
with Onions & Beef
Gravy
Steamed Rice
Parsley Buttered Potatoes
Southern Fried Okra
Beef Vegetable Soup
Macaroni Salad
Tossed Greens
Bread/Butter
Assorted Fruits
Jell-O
White Milk
Chocolate Milk
Juice
Iced Tea

+Snack Line+

Grilled-to-Order
Hamburger: Cheeseburger
Hot Dog
Chips/Pickles

-Sunday-

Main Line

Grilled Sirloin Steak
Baked Potato
Baked Beans
Corn on the Cob
Buttered Peas
New England Fish Chowder
Macaroni Salad
Tossed Greens
Bread/Butter
Assorted Fruits
Haupia Cake

White Milk
Chocolate Milk
Juice
Iced Tea

+Snack Line+

Tuna Sandwich
with Lettuce & Tomato
Hot Dog
Chips/Pickles



Lunch Hour

10:30 - 12:30

Dinner Hour*

16:30 - 17:30

**No Dinner Served on Sunday*

*-Menu items are subject to substitutions
based on availability-*

All personnel will present a military ID card
in order to eat in the dining facility.

Traditional Guardsmen will sign in
on the AF Form 1339.

Officers, AGRs and Traditional Guard personnel
on Active Duty and receiving BAS will sign in
on the AF Form 79 and pay \$3.20 per meal.

Food Drive

Happy Holidays!

The 154th Services Flight is sponsoring a
unit food drive this UTA. If you would like
to donate a canned food or two, please drop
them into the boxes provided under our
Christmas Tree in the dining facility. Your
donations will be given to the Hawaii
Community Sharing House.

'Tis the Season for Giving.

Merry Christmas from your 154th Services
Flight Staff!!!