

# KUKAILI MOKU

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

During the past year, the Squadron has witnessed several significant events. Among these were the swift transition from the F-86E to the F-86L, opening of the Alert Pad and scramble area, and becoming Hawaii's "First Line of Defense" with the acceptance of the twenty-four hour alert. These commendable achievements were made possible through your excellent cooperation and teamwork.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for making these possible and wish each and every one of you a "MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR".

*James R. Ashford*  
JAMES R. ASHFORD, Lt Col  
Commander

## ANG MECHANIC RESCUES MAN

"I guess I didn't think it was dangerous at the time. All I thought of was getting him before the fire did," said A/1c Clement H. Crowell, Aircraft Maintenance Section, after he climbed 20 feet up a telephone pole to rescue a man who was trying to enter his smoking and burning room to get his wallet. The half million dollar fire took place in the Kala district on Beretania Street.



### A CHRISTMAS STORY

Right now, as you read this, there are two airman of the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron who are about to receive a surprise...

The work has been difficult for them, but they have proved their worth. With each drill their skill has improved and results from the proficiency test show that they have the "know-how". We of the KUKAILI MOKU staff have the pleasure of officially notifying A/2c Randall Kwok and A/2c Richard

According to Crowell, the fire started about 11:45 p.m. He was standing in the area and noticed someone on the balcony. Running across the street, he climbed a 20-foot telephone pole, landed on the porch, and began searching for the man. However, he couldn't find him because of the heavy smoke. But, "I thought I knew where he was and I walked in that direction."

With the help of a police officer who had also climbed the pole to look for the man, Crowell grabbed him. He was escorted down the pole by the policeman.

Fortunately, all escaped without injury.

Saili of the Photo Lab that effective 19 Dec 58, they are Airman Firsts.

Congratulations and Merry Christmas!

### "K" STAFF

2d Lt Randall K. White  
David Reed

Your next drill.....  
24, 24 Jan 1959

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# TODAY & TOMORROW

Ushering in the new year gives us time to take stock of our strength, weaknesses, and the future prospects of the Squadron.

**The GOOD:** Frankly, we are in a good, healthy position in terms of our operational readiness. General Winston P. Wilson, Chief, NGB, and General Lawrence S. Kuter, PACAF Commander, have attested to our being a "gung-ho" outfit. Fighter pilots have worked diligently to achieve an operational readiness status. Maintenance and support elements have all pitched in to keep the birds flying.

**The BAD:** The OJT program needs a face-lifting in terms of better utilization of OJT time. Fully qualified personnel is a MUST as soon as the new UMD for night fighters is received. Our military courtesy and appearance needs improvement.

**The FUTURE:** The all-weather manning document has been approved. Ground work has been completed for the separation of the Squadron into two separate squadrons...a Fighter Squadron, composed of pilots and mechanics, and an Air Base Squadron which includes the support elements.

Permanent facilities for the Squadron at Fort Kam are anticipated within the next two years.

Mid-summer or early fall is a good guess of the F-102 arrival.

**SUMMER CAMP, 1959:** Scheduled for 13-27 June at Hickam, it will be a 24-hour operation. As a whole, the Squadron may be together only on the first and last day of camp. Close order drill will be difficult to schedule; consequently, section leaders will have to utilize time between now and summer camp for this training. You can expect an Operational Readiness Inspection during camp. It will be the same type given to active duty squadrons and will cover all phases of squadron activity. **BE PREPARED!**

## SKIN-DIVING CLUB

The 199th FIS has formed a Skin Diving Club. The club is open to all airmen and has an unlimited membership. If you are interested in the sport or would like to know more about the club, phone S/Sgt Arthur Lee at the ENG Section, dial 415178.

## CLOTHING INSPECTION

On 24 Jan '59, Squadron Supply will start the Annual Clothing Inspection. Each section leader will be furnished with a list of his men that WILL be inspected and the time of their inspection. There will be NO EXCUSE for missing the inspection.

At the time of the inspection, the men will be issued their third set of "505" uniforms and any other equipment necessary to complete their clothing issue. Transportation to Base Supply and the Hickam Air Force Base Clothing Store will be furnished by Squadron Supply.

Don't forget, check with your section leader today for the inspection listing for 24 Jan '59.

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