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AWARDS MARK GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

FROM THE GROUP COMMANDER.....

At today's closing formation, Brig. Gen. Valentine A. Siefermann will present the PACAF Tactical Unit Flying Safety Award to the Group in recognition of the 154th's accident-free flying safety record.

It is with considerable pleasure that I return to this organization after 2½ years absence. During this time the 199th F.I.S. was reorganized to a Fighter Group and the F-86ls were traded for the F-102s. Most important is the fact that this organization is even better equipped to perform its mission in the air defense of Hawaii.

General Siefermann will also present HNG 15-year Service Bars to SMSGT William Ioka (MATRON), SMSGT Louis Perry (ABRON) and TSgt Harry Yamashita (HQS) for fifteen continuous years of honorable and faithful service in the Hawaii Air National Guard.

The past record of this organization is admirable. Each of us must constantly strive to do an even better job if we expect to further improve. The only reason for our existence in the 154th Ftr Gp (AD) is to provide absolute mission capability. I am sure that the "CAN DO" attitude and "TO THE MOON" spirit many of you have displayed in the past will make this a reality.

To be awarded the HNG Service Medal for ten years of service are MSGT Wilmer Baptiste (CAMRON), and SSGTs Wallace Asato, George Shibuya, Ralph Kaneshiro, and James Oshiro of Group Headquarters.

COLONEL JAMES H. ASHFORD
COMMANDER

The HANG Attendance Trophy will be presented to the 199th Weather Flight for its 100% attendance for the past quarter.

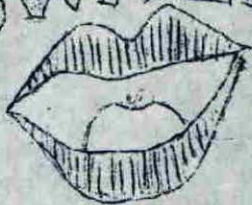
USAF ECI diploma will be awarded by Col. Ashford to the following CAMRON airmen: A2C Melvin Chang, who completed the Morale and Ideology Course; SSGT Paul Kealoha, the Leadership and Personnel Management Course; and to A2C Mathew Souza A/1C Richard DeVeas, and SSGT Anatolio Cabrido, all completing the Group Equipment Engineering Officer Course. A/2C Richard Itoh (MATRON), will be presented an ECI diploma for completing the Automotive Repairman Course.

RICKS TEAM RETURNS

The Ricks Team returned tired but happy to be home. The team placed third in the nation wide contest between Air National Guard Units.

Colonel Ashford will call upon Lt. Col. Duncan and the Ricks Team to take a well-deserved bow for the fine job the team turned out in representing the Guard at the recent Ricks Event.

SWALLOW



The 154th USAF Dispensary assisted the State; last week in Operation Swallow, in another step further in eliminating the Polio virus.

The unit did so by maintaining the center at Hickam Elementary School. MSGT. Lee estimates that about 5,200 individuals ranging from infant babies to grown adults filed past and took their medicine in our fight against this crippling disease.

Major Caver urges all Guardsmen to have their families take this type of vaccine as it is more effective and easier to "Swallow".

The unit will again assist in the next phase or series slated for December 2.

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dates remainder FY 1962

17, 18 November

15, 16 December

AIR FORCE HISTORY...

AFNS-- The first attempt to span the United States by airplane began in Sept. 17, 1911. Calbraith P. Rodgers, piloting a Burgess-Wright biplane, took off from New York on September 17 for Pasadena, California. The 3,390 mile flight required 49 days and was completed on Nov. 5. Today, Air Force jet fighters and bombers can fly across the country, nonstop, in less time than it took aviation pioneers to fly from Washington to New York. The trans-continental flight record is 2 hours and 56.8 seconds set by a Convair B-58 Hustler on a training mission from Los Angeles to New York last April. The average speed for the trip was 1,214.71 m. ph.

GROUP TRAINING OFFICE (GTO) VISITS

Ever wonder why your section, shop, or office is visited by Captain Theodore Soong and his training assistants?

GTO personnel -- under a continuing program of staff visits -- make periodic visits to all units to discuss and help identify and resolve training problems.

These staff visits are specifically designed to assist rather than "gig".

