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1963 in Review.....

FROM THE COMMANDER:

It seems only a few months ago that 1963 began. But here in brief are some of the many events that will be remembered.

With the new year just around the corner each of us in the 154th can look back to 1963 as a year of accomplishments in better preparing ourselves in our Air Guard job of insuring "Peace on Earth".

JANUARY. 154th participated in Applecart "64"; within two hours 90% of all personnel accounted for in early morning practice recall.

It is also the time of year when we look forward to further progress and achievement in the coming year.

FEBRUARY. "Try One" Program underway with goal of 104 new guardsmen set... newly appointed State Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Robert L. Stevenson visits 154th site.

To each of you my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

MARCH. Eight F-102's of 199th FIS in Hilo for Remain Over-Night (RON) exercise.

JAMES R. ASHFORD
Colonel, HANG
Commander

APRIL. Legislature passes resolution commending HANG units... Robert Choi first HANG man to achieve CMSGT rank.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

MAY. 154th in Armed Forces Day displays in city; F-102 also displayed in Hilo and Maui.

The following persons will be conferred diplomas for successful completion of ECI courses:

JUNE. 154th in Field Training..... CBPO established; Maj. James K. Lota named Chief, HANG CBPO.

- 1st Lt Norman Ault, Jr. 154th MATRON
- MSGT Edward Schweitzer 154th MATRON
- TSgt Gilbert Morales 154th MATRON
- TSgt Gordon Lum 154th MATRON
- SSgt George Matsumoto 154th MATRON
- A1C Robert Ramos 199th FIS
- A2C Albert Farm 154th COMSUPRON
- A2C Franklin Lau 154th MATRON

JULY. 154th reorganized; "Double-Deputy" command system implemented under Col. James R. Ashford, Group Commander. Lt. Col. George R. Duncan named Deputy Commander Operations; Maj. Allen D. Pearson named Deputy Commander Materiel.

A3C Arthur M. Imai of 154th MATRON will receive a certificate as Honor Graduate of the Weapons Mechanic Course at Lowry.

AUGUST. Colonel Carroll H. Wight is assigned as Senior Air Force Advisor replacing Colonel Jack Blanchard.

OCTOBER. New pay raises for military including reservists effected.

SEPTEMBER. HANG Royal Guards announce plans for October luau to commemorate HANG anniversary.

NOVEMBER. HANG reactivated the ROYAL GUARDS in public ceremonies at Iolani Barracks; Governor John A. Burns and public review the "new" guards.

AWG UNIT WINS WILLIAM TELL COMPETITION

Pittsburgh's hot-hot 146th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, Pennsylvania ANG, flew off with overall honors in the USAF World-Wide Fighter Interceptor Weapons Meet held at Tyndall AFB.

Dubbed the William Tell Meet, the event recalls the 15th century hero who won his freedom by shooting an apple from his son's head. The meet tests capabilities against high altitude and low level targets in both day and night fighter missions.

The 146th entered the meet as the favored team, having recently won the Ricks Trophy, the Air Guard standard of excellence. The unit also holds the Air Defense Command "A" Award for superior performance, and is assigned F-102 aircraft.

ATTENTION: All 146th members...

All members within the ranks of the HANG who are interested in participating in a HANG bowling league are asked to contact MSgt Kozen Kaneshiro at 441102 (bus) or 251121 (home). The formation of such a league is dependent on the response of the Group. Particulars not available yet, so come on all you tigers, wingco's, channel snipes, etc. The program will be a pleasure. Rally the 146th at 441201 (bus) or 251121 (home).

HANG PERSONNEL HELP USAF MANAGEMENT...

SSgt Soprayano Salvador will receive a certificate of appreciation for submitting a suggestion in the aircraft maintenance field which improves USAF management.

HANG personnel are encouraged to take part in the Base Suggestions Program.

ECI PROVIDES UP-TO-DATE AF INFORMATION

Students of the Extension Course Institute of the Air University number hundreds of thousands, and are located at numerous Air Force installations in the world. They do their study by correspondence.

More often referred to as ECI, this education system is located at Gunter AFB, Alabama.

Current enrollment includes 300,000 active duty personnel and 50,000 in the reserves. AF Reservists gain retirement points by completing courses relating to their military jobs and at the same time, are able to obtain current information about AF developments in different subjects.

During the past 13 years 811,955 ECI diplomas have been awarded. In the 154th Fighter Group, more than 200 are now taking ECI courses.

Increased emphasis on self-improvement and an excellent educational product have contributed to the massive growth of ECI. It now offers more than a hundred courses.

A few, such as the Squadron Officer Course, or Management for AF Supervisors, are general military courses. Others, covering 31 career fields, offer specific instruction and knowledge relating to particular AF jobs.

By AF regulation, completion of ECI courses is entered in service records. Promotion boards often take into consideration such accomplishments when considering candidates for upgrading.

INTERESTED IN THIS CONVENIENT WAY TO IMPROVE IN YOUR WORK?

Check with Group Training --- MSgt Kozen Kaneshiro has info on ECI courses, how to apply, etc.

NEXT DRILL DATES:

18, 19 January 1964