



154th Ftr Gr (AS) HANG Hickam AFB HI 21 July 1963

INDIVIDUAL HONORED BY GROUP FOR AWARD AND NEW 154th GROUP ORGANIZATION IMPLEMENTED

Brig. Gen. Valentine A. Siefertmann, Commander, HANG, presented annual HANG awards to two members of the Group at this morning's formation. Group Commander Col. James R. Ashford participated in the presentations.

Honored as HANG Outstanding Interceptor Pilot was 1Lt Ritchie Kunichika of the 199th FIS. The award is made each year to the pilot who has demonstrated outstanding and noteworthy performance of duties during the past year. Lt. Kunichika placed third in nationwide competition in the Ricks Event last year.

SSgt. Kenneth Okinishi was selected Outstanding HANG Airman for his demonstration of outstanding ability and leadership during the past year. He is a member of 199th Weather Flight.

The 199th FIS was again winner of the HANG Attendance Trophy for April-June quarter. Maj. Jarrett Carr, CO of the 199th FIS accepted the award..

TRY ONE PROGRAM EXTENDED TO DECEMBER

The TRY ONE program, under which prior service personnel may enlist in the Air Guard for a one-year period has been extended another six months to December 31, 1963.

As of June 30, 1963, the 154th has increased its strength by a net gain of 97. Although we just fell short of our goal of 104, we missed by only a scant seven. Your kokua is needed: we want to continue bringing in quality personnel to join the best Air Guard outfit in the country.

New organizational changes authorized by National Guard Bureau have been put in effect as of 20 July 1963. Major new changes include the deactivation of the 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 154th Air Base Squadron.

Functions of the deactivated squadrons are now assigned to the new 154th Combat Support Squadron (AD) or the 154th Materiel Squadron (AD).

Federal Recognition Inspection of the 154 COMSUPRON was conducted yesterday by PACAF. The new squadron will be granted federal recognition by NGB only upon the receipt of a favorable inspection report.

The "Double Deputy" command system is used in the new organization. The Deputy Commander Operations has charge of the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron and Detachments 1 and 2 of the Group. The Deputy Commander Materiel has charge of the 154th Combat Support Squadron and the 154th Materiel Squadron.

Under the Group Commander, Colonel James R. Ashford, are Deputy Commander Operations, Lt. Col. George R. Duncan, and the Deputy Commander Materiel, Major Allen D. Pearson.

Unit Commanders are:

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| 199 FIS | Maj. Jarrett F. Carr |
| Detachment 1 | Capt. William T. Klopp |
| Detachment 2 | Maj. Peter Fowler |
| 154 MATRON | Maj. Tyler M. Harr, Jr. |
| 154 COMSUPRON | Capt. Frank W. White |
| 154 USAF DISP | Maj. Claude V. Caver |

TRAINING TRAVEL TROUBLES?

Have you ever complained because you felt you had travel troubles in participating in weekend drills and recalls? Take your problems to Captain James Forsyth, Commander 199th Weather Flight, and he will minimize them for you.

Captain Forsyth resides in Hilo and "commutes" to and from drill by a single engined Cessna, Aircoupe or Mooney aircraft. His required travel time is approximately one hour and forty-five minutes and his flight covers some 220 statute miles. Cost for weekend drill attendance? 50.00 per weekend for transportation.

He flies into Honolulu on Friday and is quartered at Hickam BOQ. Upon his arrival from Hilo, he notifies Operations of his arrival and how he may be reached in the event of a recall. He must maintain an automobile for his ground transportation while in Honolulu.

Learning to fly in the U.S. Navy, Captain Forsyth holds many awards and medals for flying "Corsairs" as a carrier based pilot during World War II. The most notable of these medals is the Distinguished Flying Cross.

In civilian life, Captain Forsyth is safety administrator with C. Brewer and Co., Ltd. He manages to find time to head Island Aviation, Inc., a flying instruction school in Hilo.

YEARS FEDERAL SERVICE COMPLETED

24 years

SMSGT Theodore Hussey

20 years

Major Allen Pearson
Captain Casimer Masinski
TSGT Harry Yamashita

NEXT DRILL DATES:

17, 18 August

AFTERNOON FORMATION AWARDS

Additional awards will be made at this afternoon's closing formation. They are:

GROUP TOP RECRUITER FOR MAY

MSGT John Y. Sabey, 154th MATRON. A \$10.00 check is presented with this award as a token of appreciation.

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

SSGT Jacob J. Afong, Jr., 154th MATRON, qualified for this presentation while attending the ComServPac Petroleum School.

A3C Michael T. Minakawa, 154th MATRON, earned his outstanding student rating in attending the Weapons Course at Lowry AFB, Colorado.

ECI CERTIFICATES

Squadron Officer

Capt. Guernsey Curran, 199th Weather Flt

Personnel Officer

1/Lt. Norman C. Ault, 154th MATRON

Management for Air Force Supervisors

TSGT Gordon L. Martin, 154th MATRON
TSGT Kalfred K.K. Chang, 154th MATRON
SSGT Francis A. Leandro, 154th MATRON
SSGT James S. Yamamoto, 154th MATRON
SSGT Norman Tkachenko, 154th MATRON

Personnel Specialist

TSGT Ralph M. Kaneshiro, 154th ComSupron

Aircraft Jet Engine Mechanic

SSGT Thomas M. Sato, 154th MATRON

Aircraft Radio Repairman (General)

A1C Harold K. Asato, 154th MATRON

Fuel Specialist Conventional

A2C Melvyn A. Chock, 154th MATRON