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154TH FIGHTER GROUP (AD)-HAWAII AIR NATIONAL GUARD-HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE- 20 JULY 1964

HNG BOWLING PLAY-OFF ON TAP FOR AUGUST

Oahu play-offs for the Hawaii National Guard Bowling Championship are to begin on August 1st at Classic Bowl. The tournament will be a double-elimination, with champion and runner-up teams representing Oahu in the HNG State Tournament on October 31st.

All personnel interested in the HNG Bowling Championship are asked to send a representative to the organization meeting tomorrow, Monday, 20 July. Any unit may enter more than one team as long as team members are from the same unit.

Meeting time is 1900 hours at the 29th Infantry Brigade Armory, 22nd Ave., Fort Ruger.

A team will be composed of five men and individual averages will be based on 2/3 of 200. Scratch average will be 175.

SPLIT SHIFT DRILL DATES BEING CONSIDERED

To derive maximum utilization from available space and equipment, a plan to conduct weekend drills over two 8-hour shifts is under consideration. The reason for the proposed change is also justified by more training time which can be derived by double shifts.

If adopted, the split shift schedule will affect only certain functions and will call for a day shift to begin at 0800 and a night shift at 1500.

NEXT DRILL DATES:
15 - 16 AUGUST

109TH ACWRON SHUTS DOWN PUNAMAHO STATION

In an impressive ceremony at the 109th ACWRON's Kahuku Radar Site, Punamano Air Force Station was closed down by Hawaii's Air Guard. The home of the 109th since 1956, the site will be turned over to the Air Force for communications use.

109th ACWRON will be returning to its former home at Koko Crater. 169th ACWRON will move out of Koko to operate the new Mt. Kaala site.

Honored guests at yesterday's retreat formation at the site were State Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Robert L. Stevenson and Brig. Gen. Valentine A. Siefermann, HANG Commander, and HANG Hq staff members.

154th members participating included: Royal Guard members, Maj. James K. Lota, HANG CBFO, and 109th "old-timers" who assembled in a special flight. Among these were Col. James R. Ashford, Maj. Richard Furuno, Capts. Kenji Sumida and Henry Lau and SMSgt John O. Sierra.

Highlight of the ceremony was the F-102A flyby, 199th FIS's salute to the 109th. Flown by Major Kurt Johnson and Capt. Ritchie Kunichika, the flyby was accompanied by verbal congratulatory remarks passed to the assembled persons via air-to-ground radio transmission.

OFFICER PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED

Passing out cigars were JON G. PARISH, new major, and RITCHIE KUNICHIKA, no longer the oldest first lieutenant. Both men are pilots with the 199th FIS. Over in Maintenance Control, NORMAN C. AULT wears captain's bars with his usual smile.

AIRMAN PROMOTIONS

Recently promoted airmen of the Group were PAUL R. TREPTE, 154 USAF DISPENSARY promoted to A1C, and ALBERT M. HIGASHI, 199 WEATHER FLIGHT, now A2C.

NEW OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

We welcome recent additions to the ASANG (Aloha State ANG).

CWO DONALD H. BEMAN, formerly with California ANG and Colorado ANG, joins the 154th as Transportation Officer. He is assigned to 154th Cmbt Spt Sq and will be in charge of Motor Pool.

Associated with USAF since "Air Corps" days, Mr. Beman's military experience includes service as Flight Engineer, Vehicle Maintenance Officer and Food Service Officer. In civilian life he is a Computer Programmer with PACAF.

CAPTAIN RALPH HALL is also from the West. A pilot for Hawaiian Airlines, he is assigned to the 199th FIS and will undergo transitional training in jets.

Holder of a Senior Pilot rating, Capt. Hall has USAF service as RegAF and AFRes dating back to 1952. He has also served on EAD with California ANG.

NEW GROUP TRAINING OFFICER NAMED

To bolster Group training activities CAPTAIN JAMES T. WETZEL will assume new additional duties as Group Training Officer. A member of Punahou School faculty, Capt. Wetzel is eminently qualified in the education field.

MSGT KOZEN Z. KANESHIRO continues as Group Training NCO.

Capt. Wetzel's primary assignment is Intelligence Officer.

ECI GRADS TO BE HONORED

Today's closing formation will honor the following persons who have completed ECI courses:

Capt. Norman C. Ault, 154 Mtel Sq
Armament Electronics Fundamentals Crse

SMSGt David J. Pontes, 154 Mtel Sq
Management for AF Supervisors Course

TSgt Leslie I. Nakashima, 154 USAF Disp
Medical Entomology Course

SSgt George M. Mishina, 154 Mtel Sq
Weapons Mechanic Course

SSgt George M. Okuma, 154 Mtel Sq
Management for AF Supervisors Course

SSgt George Y. Shibuya, 154 Cmbt Spt Sq
Commercial Services Course

SSgt Frank S. Yamamoto, 154 Mtel Sq
Management for AF Supervisors Course

A2C Bereheyo Calma, 154 Mtel Sq
Jet Aircraft Mechanic Course

A2C James T. Takenoto, 154 Mtel Sq.
Instrument Repairman Course

NOTES FROM 154 COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON

Major Frank White, Commander, 154th Combat Support Squadron (AD) has asked KUKATLINOKU to convey to his personnel his personal appreciation for the fine team spirit displayed by members of the 154 Cmbt Spt Sq during summer camp.

This was the first field training for the new squadron and Major White, in expressing his "well done" says that the entire effort on the part of each man in his squadron was "outstanding".

Selected as Outstanding Airmen of the squadron were A2C Glendon Nunes (AP), A1C Clifford Chun (Transp), and A2C Ronald Lee (CBPO). Airmen of the Year Award went to Airman Nunes.