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PHOTO CLUB TO BE ORGANIZED

With the approval of OGI Ashford, 154th Fighter Group Commander, the information section is attempting to form an amateur photographers club with the Group.

The first meeting of interested individuals will be held Saturday, 10 December at 1615 hours at Group Headquarters to discuss the organization of the club.

Once the club is officially formed, it will be allowed to hold meetings following drill periods to discuss problems, projects and other business.

At the initial meeting the club can attempt to obtain recognition to (1) enable members to purchase photo supplies and equipment at greatly reduced prices (2) take field photo trips to neighbor islands during weekend OCS flights (3) enter local and national photo contests, giving the HANG added exposure (4) assist the HANG with photo coverage on special projects for the local news media and the Hawaii Guardsman magazine.

It is envisioned that the organization will elect its own officers after which time, the Group Information Officer will step aside to allow the club to function under the direction of its elected officers.

Should the club prove successful, other units of the HANG will be invited to join the organization.

Next Drill 10-11 Dec

MATCH THAT, SGT GABRIEL

An Air Force reservist has completed 127 ECI courses--more than any other student--through the Air University's Extension Course Institute.

Records show COL Elmo K. Ballard, Jr., has taken every course open to him through ECI.

A native of Miami, Ballard took his first correspondence course in 1947. His subject was aviation tactics.

Over the years he has continued to enroll with the institute which is open to Guardsmen and reservists as well as active-duty men. An extensive traveler, he is fluent in French and Spanish and also speaks some Arabic and Polish.

These last two languages can be a definite help in passing those tough ECI courses, right, Gabe?

GI BENEFITS FOR GUARDSMEN

Were you on active duty during the Berlin call-up? Then you are eligible for benefits under the recently passed GI Bill.

To qualify servicemen must have served on active duty for more than 180 days.

The new law provides one month of training for each month service up to a total of 36 months. Also included as benefits are housing loans, education and training allowances, job counseling and treatment in veterans hospitals.

Those interested should see the VA Office in Honolulu.

... a new child, a daughter.

After a successful trip to the Big Island, Munition Branch's Randy Lum notes that the best place for fishing is in Kona, "however group fishing is not the best method for a sure thing." The Radio, Munition, Missile and Weapons shops all recently made trips to the Big Island and found this advice to be true. They got better results with the "individual method", but still did plenty of touring, drinking, chusing and other worthwhile pursuit.

TSGT Melvin Wong and A/3C Calvin Hee of the Analysis Records and Reports Section are using their good Air Force training to get ahead in the world. They worked out a statistical formula for breaking the bank at Las Vegas, and their first try came out a success. After buying a jeep with his profits Calvin is looking at more expensive toys, while Mel is eyeing the stock market.

NEWS FROM SUPPLY

Supply Commander, MAJ Daniel Au, recently returned from a 30 day assignment at the NGB. He had been selected by the Bureau to assist in establishing an Air Guard awards and trophies program.

CMSGT Ralph Graves is performing appropriate duty with the squadron. He is from the 261st Radio Relay Squadron of Van Nuys.

SMSGT Libert Yap, Supply NCOIC is the proud papa of a baby girl.

SSGTs George Ginzoa and Clayton Tamayose returned from five weeks in Japan where they attended PACAF NCO Leadership School.

Meanwhile CAPT Randall White was doing his homework back at the base. He will be awarded an ECI diploma for completion of the Officer Professional Development Program.

HANG-MEN RECEIVE CERTIFICATES

MAJ Frank Carlos, MSGT Jose Rivera, SSGT David Paahana and A/1C

Edwin Miyahira all received ECI Certificates after successfully completing their study courses.

GUARDSMEN TO BE TDY IN EUROPE

Four hundred thirty three Air National Guardsmen from 13 states have volunteered for temporary active duty service in Europe this winter to help remove AF communications-electronics equipment from France.

MAJ GEN Winston P. Wilson, National Guard Bureau chief, said the volunteers are from 17 ANG ground electronics and engineering and communications maintenance units. States affected are Maine, California, Georgia, Illinois, Tennessee, Texas, Massachusetts, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Washington, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New York.

Selection of the ANG volunteers was made by the AF Logistics Command.

In Europe the Guardsmen will assist in the removal and reinstallation of communications equipment from France to other nations of NATO. They will go overseas for up to 89 days of temporary duty.

The task is expected to take some 12,000 man days of work.

GUARD TO GET FIRST GLOBEMASTERS

Three ANG airlift units will convert to Douglas C-124 Globemaster aircraft during early 1967. It will mark the first assignment of the big, four-engine transports to Air Guard units.

Receiving the Globemasters will be outfits at Jackson, Miss., Charlotte, N.C., and Marietta, Ga.

In all, the ANG has 25 military airlift groups, all equipped with either C-121 or C-97 aircraft. Introduction of the C-124 will double the load capability of the three units involved.

Conversion of the units is part of a long-range program that will see all Guard-airlift units equipped with either C-124s or G-130 Hercules.