

LT. COL. DUNCAN RETIRES

Yesterday Lt. Col George Robert Duncan, one of three remaining original members of the Hawaii Air National Guard, made his last flight as a HANG pilot.

Colonel Duncan's retirement ends more than 20 years of continuous service which began with the formation of HANG in 1947. During that time he has flown the L-5, B-26, F-47, F-86E, F-86L and the F-102 currently in use.

Yesterday at 3:15 p.m. he touched down for the final time with Maj. Kurt Johnson aboard and was the recipient of a cold bottle of champagne accompanied by the best wishes of other Air Guard officers.

Born in Eleele, Kauai, he graduated from Roosevelt in 1939 and joined the Air Force, remaining until 1946.

With the HANG, he has served as a tactical pilot, operations officer, squadron officer, fighter squadron commander, CAMRON commander, director of materiel and director of operations.

Married to the former Virginia Lord, he has two sons in college, one a member of HANG.

NEW KUKAILIMOKU

Beginning with the January issue, this paper will be printed with a new process that should make it better-looking and much easier to read. Instead of using a regular mimeograph we'll be printing on a multilith that turns out copies of better and more consistent quality.

HANG OFFICER KILLED

Captain Dean E. Hedlund, Jr., a member of the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, was killed November 23 near Sherman, Texas when his car ran off a highway and hit a tree. Captain Hedlund was from Honolulu, and was in Texas for training in the F-102. He had just completed that training and had been due to return to the Islands this week. The 31-year-old Hedlund was among the top graduates in his training class.

Captain Hedlund came to the Guard early this year from the Air Force, where he flew for the MAC which was then known as MATS. He flew a number of missions in the Congo and Viet Nam.

The Captain was buried with full military honors November 28 at Punchbowl Memorial Cemetery. He was given a last salute by the pilots of the 199th FI², who flew a missing-man formation over the cemetery.

Captain Hedlund is survived by his wife, Carmen, and a young son, John.

NEXT DRILL

The next weekend drill will be 20-21 January, and will be followed by six days of YRFT.

Since it will be 1968 before we meet again, may we wish all of you the very best for the holidays.

Or, more appropriately, from the staff of Kukailimoku...

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SHREDOUT.....

There are a lot of rumors going around about Operation Shredout, which is designed to weed out those Air Guardsmen who have been in OJT for excessive lengths of time and who don't seem to be making any progress. Right now, the entire operation is being re-evaluated, but based on the original directive from the National Guard Bureau here is the action which has been taken by HANG: A special review board was appointed, and they reviewed the training records of 48 Airmen who fell into the category of excessive OJT. In every case, the individual was given the benefit of the doubt, but in some cases it was clear that the airman was in the excessive OJT boat entirely through his own lack of initiative. The board has made recommendations to unit commanders for disposition of these cases. In some of them, immediate discharge from the HANG is possible, although no one has been discharged yet.

The 48 individuals involved know who they are, and in most cases have been counseled by their commanders. The major point to be made is this: whether or not any discharges result from Operation Shredout, it is imperative that every Airman on OJT keep up with his studies, and make satisfactory progress. If you fall behind, you can be put on active duty or discharged from the Guard at the discretion of your commander. If you are discharged before your obligation is up, even with only a year or two left, you are subject to immediate callup by the draft, regardless of your age.

NEWS ABOUT MONEY

The news this weekend from Washington is that the Senate has completed action on the conference version of the Military Pay Raise Bill, and House action is expected

within a few days. The President should sign the bill quickly. It provides for a 5.6 percent increase in basic pay for all members of the military, including Guardsmen, retroactive to October first. We will get the retroactive portion of our pay in checks from Denver soon after the bill becomes law.

Actually, all ANG pay checks will be mailed from the Air Force Accounting and Finance Center in Denver beginning January first. We will be paid monthly, with the checks sent to our homes, or whatever address is on your locator card. Make sure that address is correct.

Pay for summer camp will also be sent from Denver, but it will be mailed to unit commanders for distribution. It should arrive by the last day of camp, but if it doesn't the checks will be sent by the unit commanders to the individual homes.

199TH WATEER FLIGHT NEWS

The 199th WF performed a special 4 hour training period on 6 December. So visiting personnel from 1st 6, Hq AFS and 200th Weather Squadron (Virginia ANG) would have an opportunity to observe the unit performing in a training function.

For the second consecutive quarter the flight won the HANG attendance trophy. Competition is invited...

SSgt Mickey Moss is fast becoming known as the Micronesian Roadrunner. Sgt Moss this year has visited Truk, Koror, Babelthap, Malakal, Yap, Ponape, Kusaie, Jaluit, Majuro, Kwajalein and Eniwetok in performing his job with the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. Next year he will visit several more Micronesian Islands on a small chartered freighter. Reports are that the women on some of the islands are very friendly.

MONTHLY VISITORS

Our regular monthly visiting groups are continuing successfully. This month we had a cub scout troop. Next month something more attractive is planned. Keep your eyes open.

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