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SCOUTS VISIT

Yesterday the 154th played host to Boy Scout Troop #109, as they toured the various shops to get an inside look at how the Air Guard functions. Troop #109's Scoutmaster is Mits Kunihiro, and he is ably assisted by A3C Bill Lewis, who is with the FIS.

Once again, we'd like to thank all the Guardsmen for showing their aloha to these visiting groups, and remind you that this is a regular, monthly thing, with a different group visiting us each month on the Saturday afternoon drill.

THE GUARD IN "TIME"

The organization and mission of the National Guard are the subjects of a two-page essay in the current issue of "Time" magazine. While the article deals mostly with the Army Guard, it makes provocative reading for Air Guardsmen as well. You may not agree with the conclusions drawn in the article, but as a Guardsman you ought to read it.

LIGHTS ON!

The American Legion, in cooperation with the National Committee for a Responsible Patriotism, is sponsoring a "Lights On" program this weekend as a show of support for the Armed Forces in Vietnam. The dates for the program were yesterday and today, and all personnel are encouraged to support the endeavor by driving with headlights on at all times today.

GYPSY SHACK GONE!

The 154th Supply Squadron's Fuel Section finally has a home! A new butler building was put up in back of the Motor Pool to house our hard working men who keep the birds "gassed". To the chagrin of MSgt. Myer of the Motor Pool, even air-conditioning was installed to keep the JP4 cocktail bartenders in the "cool" during their hours of respite. As yet, the crew of 17 has not celebrated the open house in true HANG fashion, but it is just a matter of time before they do! At any rate, it is a welcome fact that now the refuelers are no longer sharing quarters with the Hickam termites that infested the gypsy shack of old.

HAWAII TO HOST CONFERENCE

The National Guard Association of the U. S. will hold its annual conference in Hawaii in 1971, thanks to the selling job done by Hawaii's delegates to this year's conference in Washington D. C. The conference was also held here in 1960, and it is quite an event. Starting next year there will be committee chairmen designated to set up plans, the ways and means of getting hotel rooms, convention halls, etc. As fellow Guardsmen, some of you may be called upon to help in this undertaking.

NEXT DRILL

-- A reminder that the next drill dates are 18-19 November.

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RANK DESIGNATION CHANGES

Here is an item of news that ought to be on the front page, but we just received word of it late yesterday. Effective immediately, all airmen in pay grade E-4 are to be designated non-commissioned officers, with all of the privileges and responsibilities that adhere thereto. Their grade title is changed to sergeant, and they are to be addressed as such. In addition, the grade designations "second class", and "third class" have been eliminated.

What this means is this: All Airmen First Class are now sergeants, with the title of just plain Sergeant. Those who were Airmen Second Class are now Airmen First Class, and those who were Airmen Thirds are now just plain Airmen. Rank order in the Air Force and Air Reserves, including the ANG is now as follows: Airman Basic (basic training only); Airman; Airman First Class; Sergeant; Staff Sergeant, Tech Sergeant, etc.

SPORTS NOTES

The Hawaii National Guard Championship Basketball Tournament is to be held on 27-28 January at the Fort Ruger Gym. HANG has been authorized to enter two teams in this event, and we're looking for players. Anyone interested in participating in this tourney can contact one of the following men:

MSgt Howard Okita (Base Supply)
MSgt George AH Chong (Eng Shop)
TSgt Darryl Ho (CEPC)
TSgt Gordon Martin (Flt Line)
TSgt Frank Nontizer (PLMO)

And the first annual "Delta D Classic" volleyball tournament will be staged during the 154th YRFT week in January. CAMRON, Supply and Support Squadrons can enter two teams each, and FLS/VEA and HQ/DISP can get together and enter one team each. If you're interested in playing, contact your unit commander, who has all the info.

NCRS-FREE LUAAU

Tickets for the 2 years' NCRS Free Luau are still available to interested personnel. These tickets at \$4.00 per can be obtained from either the Maintenance or Supply supervisors.

Food - Drinks - Entertainment... The location will be the Rainbow Lounge, 294 Kalihi Street, on the 28th of October. Sorry, men...or maybe we should say sorry ladies, it will be a stag affair.

MONTHLY SKTS

Effective the first of this month, all SKTs have gone on a monthly testing schedule. The USAF Supervisory examination is not affected by this change. All units must submit their personnel for SKT testing not later than five working days following the UTA before the month the tests are to be administered. Airmen being considered for an AFS for which a test does not exist will meet with the personnel classification board in lieu of testing.

AIRCREW'S BETTER PROTECTED

Air Force crewmen flying in Southeast Asia are now wearing a new type of body armor and special helmets as protection against enemy ground fire.

This protective armor decreases the vulnerability of aircrews to small arms ground fire during rescue defoliation and ground support missions. Both body armor and protective helmets are being used by crewmen in C-123 and C-130 aircraft and EH-3E "Jolly Green Giant" helicopters.

The body armor which covers the back and chest is made of a ceramic material backed with nylon to prevent pieces from flying off struck by small arms fragments.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

In the last issue of this paper, we announced that, until further notice, the 154th Fighter Group would be hosting a group of guests each Saturday afternoon between one and three p.m.

Despite this announcement, the second tour, conducted yesterday, while interesting to the kids, was a flop in some respects. A number of shops were either unmanned, or unprepared for the visitors. In every shop but one, we were able to find someone willing to talk to the group, but they weren't really prepared to tour them through the shop, in spite of being forewarned.

Our first two groups have been Boy Scouts, but there are plans to invite adult groups as well...such as legislators, Kiwanis, Lions, etc. Please be prepared for these visitors each month. Any displays you can prepare are great...such as working models, and static displays etc. This is your chance to show your stuff. Don't let us down!

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LABOR NEWS!!

We understand there is some wagering going on in the CAMRON Engine Shop between Bill Enoka Jr., Harold DeMello and Ken Morimoto. It seems their wives are all expecting the stork at about the same time, and the three engine mechanics have bets with one another over whose wife will give birth first, May the best man win!

NEW SUPPLY OPS OFFICER

Major John S. Carroll has been reassigned from the FIS to the 154th Supply Squadron. Major Carroll will be the new Supply Operations Officer.

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following Airmen, promoted recently to the grade indicated:

154 Cmbt Spt Sq
SSgt Lawrence M. Okimoto
Sgt Roy H. Yoneda.
A1C Gary G. Hakoda
154 CAMRON
Sgt Henry K.J. Chang
Sgt Melvin K. Nakashima
Sgt Thomas Y. Yamada
A1C Kent F. Brooks
A1C Briant K.I. Chun Hoon
A1C Craig K. Doyle
A1C Douglas P. Leight
A1C Clifton T. Muraki
A1C Paul M. Sato
A1C Gary I. Soma
154 Supply Sq
A1C Vaughn L. Kawai
HQ 154 Ftr Gp
Sgt Lennox R. Cockett
199 FIS
A1C James Y. Toyama

CAMRON AWARDS

SM Sgt Harry M. Y. Awana won the Commandant's Award for displaying outstanding leadership as a student attending the NCO Academy....

And MSgt Gordon Y. Nakishima was designated the Distinguished Graduate for Academic Excellence in placing among the top ten percent of his class while attending the same school.

COMMANDER TO SCHOOL

Colonel James R. Ashford, 154th Fighter Group Commander, will be heading for the Mainland next month to participate in the Maintenance Management Orientation class for Commanders at Wright-Patterson AFB. Following the school, Colonel Ashford will pay a visit to the 147th Fighter Group, ANG, at Ellington AFB in Houston, Texas. The 147th flies the F-102A, a slightly more modern version of the F-102.