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PAY CHECK LATE?

If you haven't yet received pay for the January drill and annual field training period, you've probably been wondering why.

Actually only 24 failed to get checks by the end of February, as planned. This was due to such circumstances as a transfer from one unit to another, or temporary assignment to a different unit which caused pay statements to be rejected at the Denver office computer.

Corrections were made last week and checks should be in the mail soon. Incidentally, the check reflects pay for both the January drill and training period, contrary to rumor. A second pay check will be received only in event of an error of the nature previously described.

Checks for the February drill should be received by March 20, in line with the prescribed plan.

AIR GUARD ACADEMY

Air Guard noncoms and airmen may attend five-week sessions on management and leadership beginning June 1 at the newly-established ANG Academy at McGhee-Tyson AFB, Knoxville, Tennessee.

The classes will be conducted on a year-round basis, and special accelerated two-week programs will be held during June, July and August.

ALERT PAD MOVED

Puzzled by the sight of a group of F-102s facing you as you made the turn at the ewa side of the old airport terminal?

Yes, those belong to the 154th Fighter Group. The whole alert pad has moved there for a 9-week period as a result of the resurfacing of runway 8, the main runway of Honolulu International Airport.

That runway is now closed forty hours a week for the work, with runway four taking its place during those hours. Since the time to taxi from the regular alert pad to runway four in case of a scramble would be so long as to greatly reduce its effectiveness, it became necessary to relocate the alert pad until the completion of the resurfacing around May 1.

Col. Ashford, 154th commander, says that although the closing of runway eight has had a serious impact on air service, HANG will continue to carry out its mission efficiently as a result of the move.

ALOHA TO LAYHEE

Hickam AFB Commander Col. Harold F. Layhee will leave Hawaii this summer to assume a new assignment in Texas. He assumed his present command in August, 1967.

154TH WING
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Recognition for the 154th Supply Squadron's outstanding NORS Free record came this weekend from the Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces. Col. Bernardino O. Tortora, director of supply and services for PACAF, presented a large trophy to Col. James Ashford, Group Commander, at yesterday's closing formation. The Squadron, commanded by Major Daniel Au, has compiled an unprecedented record of more than two years of NORS Free days. It should be a source of pride to every member of the Group that we have in the Supply Squadron an organization that is the equal of, or better than every comparable outfit in the entire ANG or Air Force.

PROMOTIONS

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

154 CAMRON

MSgt Leonard G. Camacho
MSgt Melvin W. H. Wong
SSgt Kenneth M. Morimoto
SSgt Benedict Palmeira
Sgt Neil K. Iseri
Sgt Allen H. Kurisaki
A1C Barry Y. Kuglya
A1C Herman L. Orcutt
A1C Ron Rietfors

154 Supply Sq.

Sgt Lloyd H. Kagawa
Sgt Gilbert R. Kaneshiro
Sgt Elliott S. K. Y. G. Ke
A1C Sherman D. K. Dang

154 CSS

Sgt Jacob W. S. Ah Sing
Sgt Bert M. Fujikawa
Sgt Michael C. M. Hee
Sgt Leonard K. Hussey

In addition, the editors of this newspaper finally got promoted!! These days, anything is possible.

Major Mel Yen heads up the 154th Fighter Group safety committee, the new roster of which has just been released.

This committee, whose responsibility is the Group ground safety, meets quarterly and makes recommendations to the Group Commander for preventive measures as needed.

Other members are CMSgt Robert Choi, quality control; CMSgt Anthony Kim, field maintenance; SMSgt Hiroshi Go, fire control; SMSgt Toshio Oshiro, flight line; MSgt George Joaquin, Group Fire Marshal; MSgt Nelson Lee, munitions maintenance; MSgt Gordon Makashima, missile maintenance; MSgt George Meyers, surface transportation, and SMSgt Libert Yap, inventory management and 154th Supply Squadron ground safety officer.

NO MORE KP

Wire services clattered across with the story this past week that the military is eliminating that traditional bane of the GI, namely good-'ol KP. The feeling is that KP should not be a duty of the man in uniform...a thought that won't cause much dissention in the ranks. It is planned that by 1970 all military mess halls will be staffed by civilian personnel, except for forward bases and camps. No word on how this new policy will affect weekenders like us.

NEXT DRILL

The next drill weekend will be 20-21 April. Also, don't forget to plan for the next summer camp, which is scheduled for 3-8 June.