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PACAF CELEBRATES 12TH ANNIVERSARY

July 1 marked the 12th anniversary of Pacific Air Forces (PACAF).

Air Force activities in the Pacific date to pre-World War II when the original organization was known as Far East Air Forces (FEAF).

During World War II, FEAF pilots flew nearly half a million combat sorties and destroyed more than 8,000 Japanese aircraft in combat. They defeated the Japanese air forces in the Pacific and sank nearly 2.5 million tons of shipping to spearhead the war for Gen. Douglas MacArthur's island-hopping campaign.

On the eve of the Korean War in June 1950, FEAF included Fifth, 13th and 20th Air Forces and the Far East Materiel Command with units in Japan, Korea and Okinawa.

During that conflict, FEAF pilots destroyed Communist MIGs at a ratio of 10 to one. On May 20, 1951, Capt. James Jabara became the first US jet ace when he shot down his fifth and sixth MIGs on the same day.

PACAF was formed on July 1, 1957.

The tremendous growth of the command began following the Communist gunboat attacks against U.S. Navy ships in the gulf of Tonkin during August 1964.

Within hours of President Lyndon B. Johnson's executive order to send Air Force jets to Southeast Asia, PACAF's combat-ready units deployed to Vietnam.

Headquartered here, PACAF's units span 40 per cent of the earth's surface. To cover this vast area,

subcommands are assigned specific areas.

Fifth AF covers Japan, Okinawa and Korea; 7th AF directs tactical air operations in Vietnam and 13th AF is charged with the Philippines, Thailand, Marianas and Taiwan.

TODAY'S AWARDS

Airmen Lorren S.G. Hee and Michael M. Montero are honor graduates of their tech schools in Airframe Repair and Weapons Mechanics respectively.

Those receiving ECI certificates for the successful completion of correspondence courses are as follows:

Military Environment Crs: Capt Norman C. Ault, Jr., 154 CAM Sq.

Conventional Aerospace Munitions Crs: Capt. Martin J. Byrne, Hq 154 Ftr Gp.

Military Management Crs: Capt Christopher W.K. Jay, 199 Wea Flt.

NCO Academic Crs: SMSgt David J. Pontes and MSgt Jose Rivera, 154 CAM Sq.

NCO Leadership Crs: TSgt Charles M. Yabui and MSgt Kenneth K. Iinuma, 154 CAM Sq.

Principles and Techniques of Instruction Crs: SSgt George Nomura, 154 Cmbt Spt Sq.

Management for Air Force Supervisors Crs: SSgt Lennox R. Cockett Hq 154 Ftr Gp; SSgt Tenney K. Yogi, 154 Cmbt Spt Sq; and SSgt David J. Costa, SSgt Francis D.Y. Owen, SSgt Wallace S. Yara, Sgt Clarence K.W. Chong and Sgt Dennis K. Taira, 154 CAM Sq.

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NEW MISSILE SUCCESSFUL

A sleek supersonic missile that could turn Air Force bombers into nuclear missile launch pads was pronounced a success after its first test firing.

The short-range attack missile (SRAM) was sent streaking over the barren White Sands Missile Range to a predetermined target after dropping from the wing of a B-52 bomber at 17,000 feet. The missile's single solid-fuel engine was ignited 15 seconds after release to send it hurtling off at supersonic speeds.

When operational, SRAM will be deployed on B-52 and FB-111 aircraft and will add a new dimension to the U.S. military arsenal.

Capable of carrying a nuclear warhead, the 14-foot missile is equipped with a sophisticated guidance system controlled by the aircraft that launches it. SRAM-equipped B-52s, for example, could circle over friendly forces and fire missiles into preselected enemy targets miles away.

The test-firing culminated three years of work since Boeing received a \$143 million contract for development of the missile in 1966.

FUTURE DRILL DATES

Following are drill dates thru June 1970. Please note that "summer" camp is in March and April in stead of the usual June.

1969

September 13-14
October 18-19
November 15-16
December 13-14

1970

January 17-18
February 14-15
March 21-22
March 23-April 3 (YRFT)
April 18-19
May 16-17
June 13-14

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following named airmen for their promotions to the grades indicated:

154 Capt Spt Sq

SSgt Roy H. Oshiro
SSgt Steven S. Sumida
SSgt Carl A.N. Wai
SSgt Kenneth H.Q. Young
Sgt Merl S. Yoshimoto

154 Supply Sq

A1C Carl H. Harada
A1C Hazlett T. Weatherwax

154 CAM Sq

SSgt Henry K.J. Chang
SSgt Milford K.Y. Chang
SSgt Roy N. Nishino
SSgt Galen M. Yamada
Sgt George E. Duncan
Sgt Bob L. Guerrero
Sgt George W. Moad
A1C Kenneth I. Aoki
A1C Patrick A.K. Brito
A1C Gerald N. Gono
A1C Maurice S. Nakahara
A1C Enias V.K. Spencer Jr.

LETTER OF THANKS

HANG has received a letter of thanks from LtCol Jack L. Spence, commander of the 6486th Services Squadron at Hickam, which reads as follows:

"On behalf of military and civilian personnel assigned to the Airmen's Dining Hall at Hickam AFB I wish to express my appreciation to you and the men of the 154th Fighter Group, HANG, who supported the Dining Hall operation as KPs during the HANG operation period from 2 June thru 13 June 1969. The members of your organization assigned as KPs performed their duties in an outstanding manner, and greatly relieved the assigned personnel of the additional workload that existed. Their outstanding attitude, performance, and desire to assist our personnel are commendable. Please convey our gratitude to all personnel for a job well done."

ALOHA

When was the last time you heard of a 19-year-old securely enlisted in the Guard who not only resigned to join the regular Air Force but who topped it off by volunteering for Vietnam?

Well, you have now. ALC Bernard Tibayan, an apprentice administration specialist with Hq 154 FG, departed earlier this month for Lackland AFB and reassignment with the active Air Force.

Actually, Tibayan enlisted with the regulars first, some two months before his induction into the Air Guard last October 12. His uncle, MSGT Jose Tibayan of the 169th AC&W Sq, convinced him to apply for the Guard, and HANG called before the Air Force.

The Air Force called him while he was in basic training, and after clearing it with HANG, he made plans to go active following the completion of summer camp.

He will continue in admin, and put in for Vietnam because "I want to travel while I'm still young and not tied down. I might change my mind and put in for Europe after I get to Lackland, though. It is a lot farther from Hawaii to Europe so I might take advantage of the opportunity to go there."

Tibayan is a 1968 graduate of Damien High School.

Good luck, Ann Tibayan. We'll miss you around here, and don't forget to think of those summer camp parties about this time next year.

ASSIGNMENTS CHANGED

Two pairs of HANG officers have switched assignments this month. LtCol Kurt Johnson has returned to Hq 154 Ftr Gp as Deputy Commander for Operations and LtCol Harold Nagai goes to Fort Rucker as Operations Staff Officer.

Maj Mel Yen has been assigned to 199 FIS as a pilot, while Capt George Joy comes to Hq 154 Ftr Gp as Flying Safety Officer.

MEET SERGEANT REEVES

Take a few moments to get acquainted with SMSgt Charles J. Reeves, successor to MSgt James C. Womack as Supply Advisor with the Air Force Senior Advisor's Office.

Sgt Reeves, 38, has served 18½ years with the regular Air Force, and is on his second tour of duty in Hawaii. He was stationed here with the 6486th Supply Squadron from 1963-67 and returned last October. He came aboard with HANG on 1 August.

Born in Oil City, Louisiana, he married his high school sweetheart and they now have four children, 2 boys and two girls. A 7 son and daughter, 17 and 16, attend Leilehua High School (the Reeves live in the new housing area at Wheeler) and the younger son and daughter attend intermediate school in Wahiawa.

He lived in Kahaluu on his last tour and was a member of the Kahaluu and Heeia PTA organizations, and later was charter president of the Samuel Wilder King high school PTA.

For hobbies, he lists woodwork, especially with monkeypod, and Boy Scout work (he is advancement committee chairman of a troop to which both of his sons belong).

While stationed there in 1966, he was an honor graduate of the SAC Senior NCO Academy at March AFB, and was selected 6486th Supply Squadron Father of the Year in 1967.

Currently on a three-year tour which will enable him to retire, he plans at that time to settle on a 160-acre farm he owns in Jasper, Arkansas, where he will tend to 60 head of cattle and other livestock.

HANG HONORS ASTRONAUTS

The Hawaii Air National Guard honored moon astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins on their arrival at Hickam in their quarantine unit for transshipment to Houston on 26 July by a 13-aircraft flyover.

As the unit was being loaded into a C-141 Starlifter, 10 F-102s flew over, followed by three more, of which one peeled to the left and two to the right indicating the separation of the lunar module from the command ship prior to the moon landing.

AUGUST WEATHER

(Editor's note: this begins a new feature in Kukailimoku which will run every month courtesy of the 199th Weather Flight. Beginning next month the feature will provide the outlook for the succeeding month, rather than for the month of the drill, which is usually half over by the time of drill.)

August is the next to last month of the summer season and is characterized by a large semipermanent high pressure system 1200 miles northeast of the Hawaiian Islands. The average maximum temperature is 83 degrees and the average minimum is 69 degrees F. The absolute maximum and minimum are 90 and 64 degrees, respectively. The average amount of precipitation is 1.8 inches. The maximum and minimum amounts are 4.3 inches and .4 inch respectively. During August, 16 days on the average have precipitation amounting to .01 inch or more. The prevailing wind from 0600-2300 is NE at six to 11 knots becoming NW at three knots from 2400-0500. Conditions are partly cloudy from morning through afternoon becoming fair during the evening and fair to partly cloudy at night. Showers are most common during the early morning hours and again at night. VFR flying weather occurs 99.8 per cent of the time. Average pressure is 30.04 inches of mercury.

JOB VACANCIES

There are a number of fulltime job vacancies waiting to be filled with HANG. If interested in any of them, apply at the Civilian Personnel Office, Building 5, Room 13 at Fort Ruger.

Military Pay Specialist, \$272.80 biweekly minimum, \$355.20 maximum.

Operations Support Specialist, same salary schedule.

Clerk-Typist, two positions, \$217.60 biweekly minimum, \$282.40 maximum.

Senior Weapons Controller, \$496.80 biweekly minimum, \$645.60 maximum.

Radar Maintenance Chief, \$398.40 biweekly minimum, \$440 maximum.

Weapons Controller, \$453.60 biweekly minimum, \$589.60 maximum.

Chief, CEPO, \$432 biweekly minimum, \$561.60 maximum.

Also three new positions have been assigned to Security Police including a TSgt slot for a training specialist, and a TSgt and Sgt slots for small arms technicians. Interested guardsmen should contact the Air Police section.

WATCH THAT TELEPHONE

Unsecure telephone communications systems are subject to periodic monitoring in the interest of national defense. Monitoring of defense transmissions provides advice to commanders on security risks resulting from their transmissions and a basis for improving the security of communications. All telephone users are reminded not to discuss classified or sensitive information over these systems.

DID YOU KNOW?

The first "Jet Ace" in the Air National Guard was Captain Bob Love of the California ANG, credited with seven kills and one probable in "MIG Alley" during the Korean War.