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FISCAL YEAR 1970 BUDGET CUTS

In accordance with DOD directives, the ANG is required to identify program reductions equating to \$16 million in the Operation and Maintenance Appropriation and \$6 million in the Personnel area.

In general terms, the following program reductions will be initiated (with brief comment following on how the cut might affect HANG):

a. Flying hour program reduced 5%. Probably won't affect HANG due to the nature of our mission.

b. Air technician program will be reduced by 397 man-years and 3.2 end strength positions. Affect HANG some but not too much as attrition will take care of most of this.

c. Major Repair and Minor Construction program reduced by \$300 000. Likely won't affect HANG greatly.

d. Approximately 10% of total BA in supply and equipment areas will be withdrawn. Probably will be felt in HANG most of all cuts. You are urged to start cutting use of expendable items wherever possible, from paper clips to pencils. This is where each member can contribute.

e. Depot maintenance reduced by \$5.5 million. Again, due to our specialized mission probably will not affect us too much.

f. BMT program reduced 3800 spaces. Will definitely be felt.

g. School training program reduced 8%. Will also be felt but not too significant.

h. Special training man-days reduced by 18%. Not too significant.

23RD LEAD GOES DOWN IN FLAMES

The 23rd lead in the search for a "jug", i.e., F-47 Thunderbolt, to take its place with the HANG Aircraft Hall of Fame, has proved to be a false lead.

HANG PIO Capt Eddie Anderson received a letter from LtCol C.O. Weltz, commander of Nha Trang Air Base in Vietnam stating that the alleged "jug" was in fact an old Navy F8F which the Vietnamese Air Force flew years ago.

Capt Anderson had received numerous letters on the aircraft but LtCol Weltz sent several recent photos of the plane in question to dispel all the rumors.

The search continues.

WATCH THAT PARKING

Visitors' parking spaces are so designated in the lot for a purpose. HANG members attending drill are not allowed to use them, and many have been doing so lately. STAY OUT of those visitor stalls, or further action may be called for.

NEXT DRILL NOVEMBER 15, 16

HELP WANTED

A number of full-time positions are available with the Guard. If you are interested, apply at the Civilian Personnel Office, Building 5, Room 13, Fort Ruger.

Clerk III, minimum-maximum \$5220 to \$8110 per annum.

Technical Orders Specialist, \$7102.40-9234.50 per annum.

EAM Operator, \$7102.40-\$9234.50 per annum.

Supply Clerk, two positions, \$5654.55-\$7351.95 per annum.

Storekeeper, \$7092.80-\$7841.60 per annum.

Clerk-stenographer, \$6350.30-\$8254.70 per annum.

Small Arms Repairman, \$8424-9297 per annum.

Clerk Typist, \$5654.55-7351.95 per annum.

Senior Radar Maintenance Technician, \$10,046.40-11,086.40 per annum.

Electronic Equipment Quality Control Specialist, \$8784.85-11,424.10 per annum.

Senior Painter, \$8424-9297.60 per annum.

Clerk-Chauffeur, \$5484-8508 per annum.

Automotive Repairman, \$8077.60-9692.80 per annum.

Weapons Controller, \$11,789.80-15,329.50 per annum.

LOCATOR CARDS

CMSgt George Oshiro reminds us that many Group members have failed to up-date their locator cards as changes occur. He says many cards have such non-current information as change of home address, change of employer, home or business telephone number change.

If you have not up-dated your locator card, report to GPAS Section (Building 3400, Room 211) any time it is open to review and correct your card if necessary.

ALC Carl Tonaki

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following named airmen who have received promotions to the grades indicated:

Hq 154 Ftr Gp

MSgt Benjamin M.K. Goo

Sgt Edwin K. Hayashi

199 FIS

Sgt James Y. Toyama

Sgt Peter A. Trent

154 CmBt Spt Sq

Sgt Dennis Q.K. Dung

Sgt Wesley H.T. Chun

Sgt Kenneth K. Takushi

199 Wea Flt

Sgt Gregory Y.C. Mau

154 Supply Sq

Sgt Thomas T. Kusatsu

ALC Alan Y. Matsuoka

ALC Allan S. Nakamura

ALC Clifford K. Ogata

ALC Weiland W.L. Tang

154 CAM Sq

MSgt Nicholas D. Teves

MSgt George A. Yokoro

TSgt Wallace T.B. Whang

TSgt Ronald Cozo

TSgt Kenneth M. Morimoto

TSgt Wallace Yara

SSgt James L. Copelan

SSgt Clyde T. Kajiwara

SSgt Harold H. Katimoto

SSgt Dennis K. Taira

Sgt Eugene Botelho, Jr.

Sgt Ronald T. Chagami, Jr.

Sgt George DuBois, Jr.

Sgt Craig K. Doyle

Sgt Patrick T.W. Lum

Sgt Ronald S.H. Mau

Sgt Randall M. Sasaki

Sgt Calvert S. Sato

Sgt Paul M. Sato

ALC Herman K.S. Lau

ALC Norman J. Minehira

ALC Bradley D. Ebisuya

ALC Terry C. Cockett

ALC Lorren S.G. Hee

ALC Leslie W. Iida

ALC Richard N. Ito

ALC Lowell H.K. Manabe

ALC Ernest P. Windrath

ALC Dexter J.J. Yuen

HANG ADDS NEW SQUADRON

Effective yesterday HANG had a new squadron--the 154th Civil Engineering Flight.

The 154th CEF was formerly the Facilities Flight and a part of 154th Combat Support Squadron, under LtCol Herbert Isonaga. It is now commanded by 1st Lt. Hiram Pang, who of course has been the flight commander all along.

Yesterday morning Pang's boys underwent a federal recognition inspection conducted by LtCol Griffin, IG, Maj Cooper, records, and MSgt Evans, who assisted Griffin. Griffin and his staff were very impressed and will recommend federal recognition for the unit.

"This enables us to have much more freedom in operation," says Pang. "We now have only to coordinate with the Group Commander, Base Engineers and squadron commanders.

"Also it will enable us to expand and operate with our own UMD instead of within CSS. We can now add a position when necessary without taking away from someone else in the squadron."

Pang now has 23 in his flight but needs 36, which he expects to reach within three years. The mission of his unit is to provide maintenance and repair of all Group activities at Hickam and all FOBs.

HANG AIRMAN AWARD

Congrats also to SSgt Galen M. Yamada of 154 CAM Sq, who will receive the HANG Airman Award for his demonstration of outstanding performance and ability displayed during the period 1 Jan 1969 to 30 June 1969.

GROUP PATCHES FOR SALE

154th Fighter Group patches are now for sale at GPAS office (room 211), at \$1.75 apiece.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

MGen Benjamin Webster received the following letter of appreciation for HANG from Col Edward C. Unger, Hickam Base Commander:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the support the Hawaii Air National Guard provided 25 July 1969.

On extremely short notice, Col James Ashford, Commander of 154th Fighter Group, was requested to provide a flyover in tribute to the Astronauts' arrival at Hickam Air Force Base. The following day the 154th Fighter Group launched a 12-ship F-102 formation in a most impressive and highly professional manner. This flyby and the two numeral "11" formations for the Apollo 11 Team were acknowledged by Neil A. Armstrong, Colonel Edwin E. Aldrin, and Colonel Michael Collins.

Be assured HANG's response and superb performance were greatly appreciated by all in attendance and were in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Air Force.

EDWARD C. UNGER, Colonel, USAF
Commander

CLIMATOLOGICAL OUTLOOK

OCTOBER--is the first month of the winter season and is dominated by a semipermanent high pressure system some 1350 miles NE of the Hawaiian Islands. Cold fronts begin to show their presence and pass Oahu on the average of 0.9 times during this month. During the winter months to follow, trade winds will prevail 65-80% of the time compared to the 95% of summer. The average maximum temperature is 81 F and minimum is 67 F. The temperature extremes are 91 F maximum and 60 F. minimum. October experiences 16 days of precipitation which averages out to 4.0 inches (over)

for the month. Maximum and minimum amounts have been 15.7" and 0.5" respectively. The prevailing winds are from the NE at 5-10 knots from 0600-2000 hours becoming NW at 4 knots from 2100-0500 hours. Skies are partly cloudy during the morning, partly cloudy to cloudy in the afternoons, fair to partly cloudy in the evening, and fair at night. Showers become more common during the afternoon hours than at night with a few still occurring in the morning. Showers also may occur any time of the day with a frontal passage. VFR flying weather occurs 99.4% of the time. Average altimeter setting is 30.03 inches of mercury.

AIR GUARD REORGANIZED

Modifications have been made in earlier announced plans for a reorganization of the Air National Guard.

Aircraft authorized tactical fighter squadrons will be reduced by one to 24 in January. This will also mean a small reduction in personnel strength and equipment for units affected.

Indiana's 181st Tactical Fighter Group which was scheduled to convert from F-84F aircraft to U-3s in July has instead retained its F-84Fs. Under the previous plan the 181st would have become a tactical air support group.

Texas' 149th Fighter Group, which would have received Indiana's aircraft, will receive F-84Fs from other Air Guard resources.

Plans to assign 31 aircraft to Arizona's 162nd Combat Crew Training Squadron remain unchanged. The squadron will train F-100 pilots for all ANG units. First class is scheduled to enter school in January, with an eventual goal of 66 combat-ready pilots trained per year.

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following officers and airmen who are being honored for their long periods of faithful service to the Guard by presentation of the appropriate service bar:

20-year Service Bar

LtCol Arthur U. Ishimoto, Hq HANG
SMSgt David J. Pontes, 154 CAM Sq
MSgt Lino Fernandez Jr, 154 Sup
SSgt August A. Bernardino, 154 CAM
SSgt Albert K.Y. Chow, 154 CSS

15-year Service Bar

Maj Roger K. Clissold, 199 FIS
Maj Melvin G. Yen, 154 Ftr Gp
MSgt Sancho Espina, 154 CAM Sq
MSgt Emilio M. Olivas, 150 ACW
TSgt Frederico Espina, 154 CAM
SSgt George M. Okuma, 154 CAM
SSgt Bernard P.M. Song, 154 CSS

10-year Service Bar

Maj Paul P. Sequeira, 169 ACW Sq
Maj Daniel K.C. Au, 154 Sup Sq
Maj Thomas S. Shimabuku, Hq HANG
1st Lt George J. Koga, 150 ACW
MSgt Russell K. Ganiko, 169 ACW
MSgt Stanley S. Honda, 169 ACW
TSgt Melvin Q.H. Chang, 154 CAM
TSgt William K. Enoke, 154 CAM
TSgt George I. Kaneshiro, 154 CAM
TSgt Nicholas D. Teves, 154 CAM
TSgt Clifford Wong, 169 ACW Sq

LtCol Kurt E. Johnson receives the 3rd and 4th Oak Leaf Clusters to the air medal for his participation in Operation Palace Alert in Vietnam 31 March to 16 May 1969.

MSgt Robert E. Webb receives 1st OLC to the AF Commendation Medal for his services as Weather Air Technical advisor from 2 Sep 67 to 30 Jun 68.

ECI certs to Maj John Beaumont, MSgts Kenneth Camara, George Matsu-moto and Jose Rivera, TSgts William Enoke, Soprayano Salvador, Nicholas Tevas; SSgts David Costa and Francis Owen.

Honor grads are Amn Michael Mc-tero, Stafford Nagatani, Daniel Tenn-gan, Weapons Mechanic Crs.