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AIR GUARD DISPLAY VAN WINS TOP PRIZE IN WINDWARD FAIR

The prize for the top armed forces display at last week's Kaneohe-Windward Fair was captured by the Hawaii Air National Guard. According to Recruiter, TSgt. Richard Saunders, the real star of the show was the Air Guard's new recruiting van.

The van is a converted Navy x-ray van which is now brightly painted with the tail design of the F-102's and filled with displays depicting the history, legends, and lore of the Hawaii Air Guard. Photos display guardsmen at work while other displays detail the benefits of belonging to the Guard.

Due to the success of the van and the volunteers who assisted TSgt. Saunders during the fair, the Air Guard secured its greatest number of interested applicants ever. It is hoped that these interested prospects can soon be converted to membership in the Guard.

TSgt. Saunders pointed out that the recruiting van is generally parked on the street near Fort Ruger and encourages guardsmen to stop and take a look.



CREW NO. 7 WINS OUTSTANDING LOAD CREW TROPHY

Pictured above are three of the four members of the load crew which has won the semi-annual competition for the Outstanding Weapons Load Crew Trophy. SSgt. Glenn Shintaku, Crew Chief-SSgt. Urban Caires, and Sgt. Vincent Yim, along with AIC Lane Toguchi (not pictured) attained the highest number of points. Congratulations!!

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COMMANDER'S COMMENT

I know it is with sorrow that we all learned of "Ritt" Rittmeister's death yesterday. MSgt. Rittmeister was one of the original members of the Hawaii Air National Guard, having joined in 1946. He served well and faithfully until his departure last year. On behalf of all of his friends and comrades, I extend our deepest sympathies to his family.

Lt. Col. Harold Nagai, the commander of the 199th FIS, and a man well liked by his fellow Air Guardsmen, has resigned from the Hawaii Air National Guard. We all wish him good luck in his future endeavors.

(editor's note: a new FIS commander has not yet been selected.)

SR-71 MAY TRY FOR SPEED RECORD

OFFUTT AFB, Neb (AFNS) - A Strategic Air Command SR-71 may try for a transatlantic speed record from New York to London in September, according to SAC officials here.

Weather and other factors permitting the aircraft would make the attempt during a routine overseas training mission. After the attempt, the reconnaissance aircraft will be on display Sept. 2-8 at the Farnborough International Airshow in Farnborough, England.

The Federation Aeronautique Internationale, accrediting organization for records in aviation, will be asked to certify the record. The current record is held by a Royal Air Force F-4K fighter aircraft with a time of four hours and 46 minutes.

The SR-71, developed as a long-range advanced strategic reconnaissance aircraft is capable of flying at over 2,000 miles per hour.

MAINTENANCE CONTROL GETS \$8000 FACELIFT

The maintenance control central control room has just undergone a major revamping. New control boards have been prepared and installed giving the control room greatly improved useability. The back-lighted boards are used to control the status of all Air Guard aircraft.

The work completed by Seaco is a major upgrading in the maintenance control area. This reporter is also told by a certain sgt. in the control room, that in his opinion there has also been a considerable upgrade of controllers....a highly debatable opinion!

AND THE FUN GOES ON

In line with the Hawaii Air National Guard's policy of continuing to offer relaxation opportunities for members, another group of Guardsmen wa off the the Neighbor Islands last week end. A fishing expedition to Koloa on the southwest end of Molokai was organized by MSgt Minami who is known to have family connections on the island.

About 24 men arrived Saturday morning and departed Sunday afternoon. Everyone did his own thing, from surf-casting to skin diving. Several gallons of opihii were picked and the catch included 5 ulua, many papio and several small tiger sharks. After a night of camping on the beach the gang returned home on Sunday.

HELP IS NEEDED FOR RECRUITING PUSH AT THE 50TH STATE FAIR

TSgt. Richard Saunders is looking forward to another successful recruiting effort at the 50th State Fair to be held August 23 through September 2. Guardsmen are needed to man the new display van and answer questions during the days of the affair.

Volunteers are needed on the following days and hours for 4 or 8 hour shifts:

23 Aug 74	1800 to 2400
24 Aug 74	1200 to 2400
25 Aug 74	1200 to 2400
26 Aug 74	1800 to 2400
27 Aug 74	1800 to 2400
28 Aug 74	1800 to 2400
29 Aug 74	1800 to 2400
30 Aug 74	1800 to 2400
31 Aug 74	1200 to 2400
1 Sep 74	1200 to 2400
2 Sep 74	1200 to 2400

If you would like to assist, please contact your supervisor or call TSgt. Saunders at 732-2626 or 732-2341. If you have a special problem making up EQT, ask your supervisor about using these recruiting hours as EQT.

MSGT SWIGERT MOVING TO TRAVIS

After four years (and just as many titles) in Hawaii, MSgt. Swigert, the MAC Technical Advisor to Weather Sq. will leave for Travis AFB and then retirement. He is already on the move, trying to locate a challenging position in computer programming in the San Francisco area.

The new MAC Technical Advisor, MSgt. William (Cofield, Jr. is already here and on the job. He comes to Hawaii from the cold north of Michigan. We understand that on a recent trip around the area by foot, he stopped at every water fountain. No worry, sgt... you soon find sun better than snow!



AWARDS GIVEN TO ELEVEN GUARDSMEN

SMSgt. Toshio Oshiro, 154th CAM Sq, received the Distinguished Graduate Award for academic and leadership excellence for placing in the top ten percent of his class at the Air National Guard Noncommissioned Officers Academy.

Ten men were awarded the Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Ribbon. They were:

- MSgt. Harold Demello
- TSgt. Robin Ito
- TSgt. John Joyce
- SSgt. Gerald Kodama
- SSgt. Raymond Sato
- SSgt. Clyde Yamada
- Sgt. Bradley Chun
- Sgt. Abraham Lum
- Sgt. David NaKamaejo
- A1C. Michael Arakawa

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IN TO THE PIO.
LET US KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING
AND WE'LL REPORT IT.

NEW OFFICER JOINS CBPO

Capt. Edwin Young has just joined the personnel office in the area of carrier control. He will have responsibility for assignments, classification, and OJT.

Capt. Young is Assistant General Manager of Royal Men's Shops Inc. and a native of Honolulu. After graduating with the first class at Kalani, he attended the U of H and did graduate work in business administration at the University of Utah. He learned to ski in the Air Force while doing duty at stations ranging from Battlecreek Michigan to Germany. Capt. Young is single and reputed to be quite eligible, ladies!

REPORT FROM SUPPLY SQ.

The Supply Squadron has had two of its top NCO's go under the knife recently. Msgt. George Wela, NCOIC, Material Facilities Branch had eye surgery and is returning to duty shortly. MSgt. Bernard Kim, NCOIC, Inventory Section was involved in a serious traffic accident and had to under go major surgery. He is now recuperating at the Wahiawa General Hospital. Our heartiest wishes for a speedy recovery !!

THE SUPPLY SQUADRON, ASSISTED BY OTHER GUARDSMEN, ONCE AGAIN PROVIDED THE MUSCLE FOR FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY. This worthy community project has been supported by the squadron for several years and reflects the interest of the squadron's members in their community.