

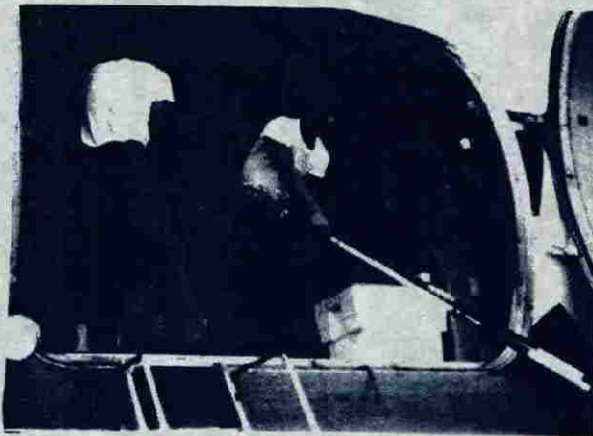
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R & R SPECIAL--Members of the 199th FIS and CAMRON deployed last month for a three day trip to Barking Sands, Kauai to support four F-102 aircraft and to get a taste of what it's like to mobilize to a remote base.



Weather and fishing were fine, and the C-54 flight, piloted by members of the Combat Support Squadron (Maj. Tokairin pictured in the cockpit) was smooth. Photo by Sgt Tom Rader

## NEW BENEFIT EFFECTIVE MAY 24 \$20,000, 24-HOUR INSURANCE COVERAGE OFFERED AIR GUARDSMEN

All National Guardsmen and Reservists under age 61 are eligible for up to \$20,000 of full time, low-cost group life insurance.

Effective May 24, President Nixon signed Public Law 93-289 which extended Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) to Guardsmen on a year-round basis. Those still participating in training assemblies must attend at least 12 a year to qualify and those who have left the Guard with more than 20 years of service may be covered by SGLI until they begin to receive retirement annuities at age 60.

Participants may opt for less than \$20,000 coverage, or decline the insurance altogether. The premium is

85 cents a month for each \$5,000 coverage, or \$3.40 a month for \$20,000.

Payroll deductions for costs are automatic unless you decline participation or elect a reduced amount in writing. No monies have been deducted as to date, but each guardsman could be minus \$10.20 for the August, 1974 paycheck automatically deducted.

If you do not want the increased benefits of SGLI, you must complete a declination form.

Information on this is available at the CBPO from TSgt John Davis. Any previous declinations are no longer in effect because of the new public law.

## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

To bring everyone up to date on the conversion of our aircraft to F-4Cs to arrive in spring, 1976:

There has been considerable planning and work on facilities by the Civil Engineers, aiming toward a date one year and nine months away. There have been National Guard Bureau people to help plan for the coming of the F-4s, with augmentees and pilots to arrive before and just following the delivery of the aircraft.

Our pilots will train on the Mainland, and an F-4C will arrive sooner as a training aid for our maintenance people.

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Our single biggest need right now is for the WSO-Weapons Systems Officer, to fly the back seat of the F-4C. There are a handful in Hawaii with experience, so the majority will have to be trained from scratch. Capt. Melvin Matsui, former POW, is a prospective member of the Air Guard, having flown as a WSO in Southeast Asia.

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Again, we ask that every member report accidents as soon as they occur...there is apparently not enough importance connected with the timeliness of these reports to Safety.



WHEN DISASTER STRIKES--MEMBERS OF THE 154TH USAF DISPENSARY PLAYED A GRISLY ROLE DURING THE JUNE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE, USING REALISTIC MAKE-UP TO SIMULATE INJURIES.

## CREW NO. 7 WINS LOAD CREW TROPHY

The 154th FIG Outstanding Weapons Load Crew Trophy was awarded to crew No. 7 (SSgt. Urban Cairns, SSgt. Glenn Shintaku, Sgt. Vincent Yim and A1C Lane Toguchi. The trophy is awarded semi-annually to the crew with the highest number of points based on appearance, examination, speed and safety in loading and unloading weapons.

## UNLIMITED BX PRIVILEGES ON WAY

National Guard members and their spouses will have unlimited post and base exchange privileges any two days of the month as soon as the Department of Defense can get instructions out to the field.

The instructions will outline the new program and provide for some type of control system limiting use to two days only.

## ENGINEERS RETURN FROM ALASKA

Thirty four members of Maj. Cedric Chong's elite Civil Engineering flight returned two weeks ago from Anchorage, Alaska, following a two week mobility training exercise at Kulis Air National Guard Base, home of the 144th TAC Airlift Squadron.

Next month's Kukailimoku will carry a trip report and photos of the Civil Engineers' mission to the north, or "Life on the Las Frontier with the Hawaii Air Guard."

## PHOTO CONTEST OPEN TO GUARDSMEN

A NGAUS/NGB Photo Contest is open to all amateur and professional Air Guard photographers. The contest has color and black and white categories and offers four top prizes of \$150 and four runners-up prizes of \$75.

Photographs must be taken between Sept 15 1973 and Aug 28 1974 to enter. The photos must depict National Guard related activities.

Those interested contact the PAO, Ft. Rucker at 732-1711 or 737-8839 for entry forms and information. The contest closes Sept 3, 1974.

**154th's Looking for WSOs****HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO FLY THE USAF'S HOTTEST JET FIGHTER**

The 154th Fighter Interceptor Group **NEEDS YOU**

If you want to fly the back seat of the hottest fighter jet--the Phantom F-4C-- and you are qualified, you can become a WSO, a Weapons Systems Officer when the jets are assigned in spring, 1976 to the 154th.

Candidates are actively being sought to enter flight training following officer commissioning and qualification.

**BASIC REQUIREMENTS**

Commissioned Officers must be entered into flight training before reaching 27 1/2 years. All others must be at least 20 1/2 and less than 26 1/2 years by commissioning, and entered into flying training before reaching 27 1/2 years.

Education requirements include at least 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of credits leading to a degree at an accredited university or college. College grads are given priority of selection for all initial appointments, and a thorough review of scholastic records will be made to insure a C average or above.

**SAFETY TECHNICIAN SOUGHT**

Just to be on the safe side, you may want to cross-train into the Group Safety Office as a Safety Technician. A vacancy is open to persons interested in inspecting, analyzing and reporting on all ground accidents and their causes.

Grade authorized for the slot is up to Technical Sergeant. Preferably, a background in electronics or related fields is helpful but not necessary, says Safety Officer Maj. George Joy, who can be reached at 449-2202.

Applicants must qualify on the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test (AFOAT) and meet vision requirements.

Total training as a candidate for WSO officers is about 18 months.

If you are interested, Call MSgt Darryl Ho at the Personnel Office, phone 449-5701 449-5684, or 449-5204, and ask about Navigator WSO training.

**WSO LANDS F-4 DURING EMERGENCY**  
Washington--

1st Lt. David L. Sonnenberg, an F-4E Phantom Weapons Systems Officer was awarded a trophy last month for responding successfully to an aerial emergency.

While on a combat support mission in Southeast Asia, the F-4E aircraft commander slumped in the front seat, incapacitated. Not a rated pilot, Sonnenberg elected to return to base and attempt a landing. He

flew wing position on the flight leader, over coming frequent erratic control inputs from the front-seat pilot. He completed the landing and barrier engagement, saving the life of the aircraft commander and the multi-million dollar aircraft.

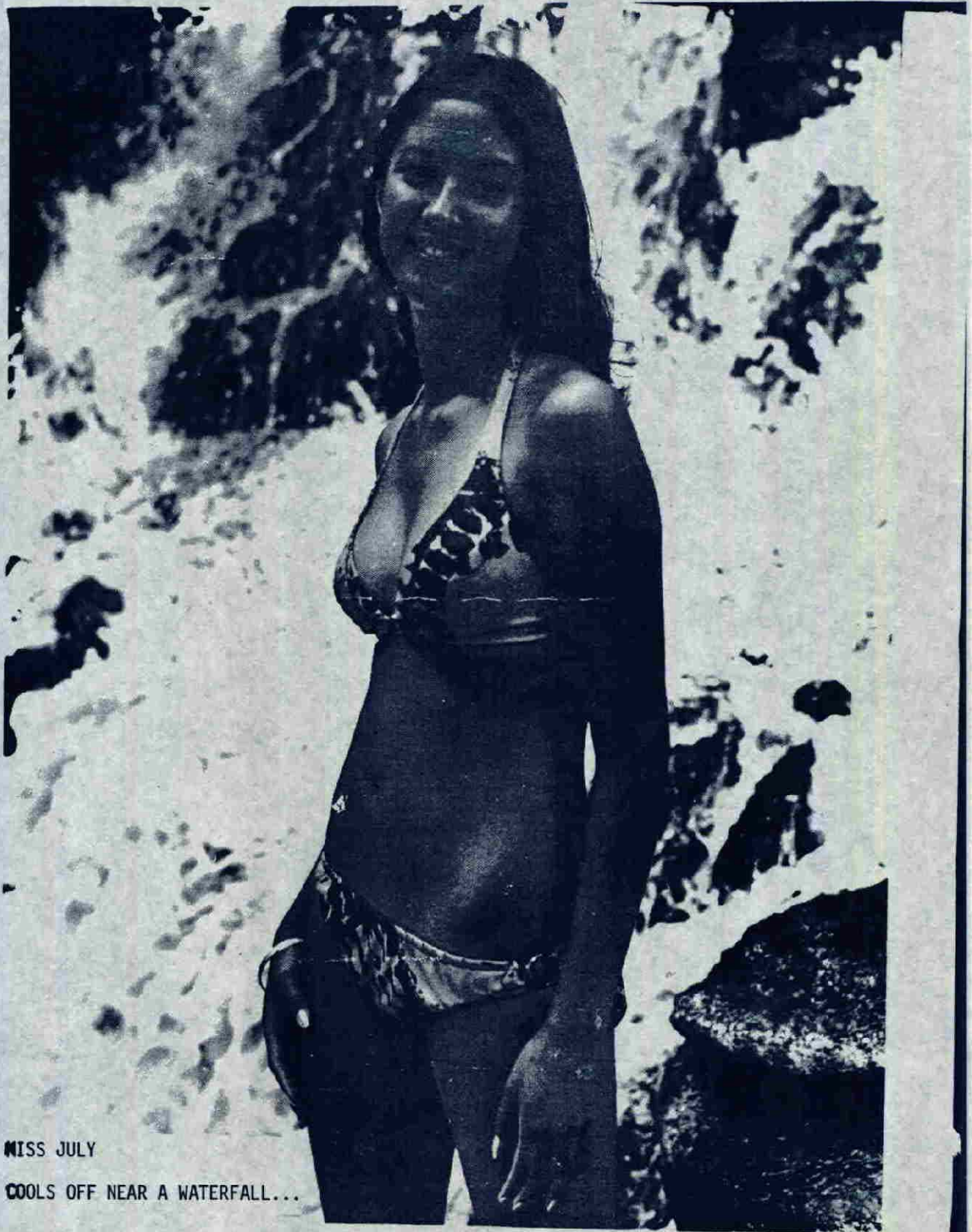
**RECRUIT VAN DEBUTS AT FAIR**

The Hawaii Air National Guard Recruiting Van made its first appearance at the State Farm Fair at the HIC from June 27 to July 7 and it was a fantastic success, says TSgt Richard P. Saunders Jr., your friendly recruiter.

The amount of people who signed our application for possible enlistments totaled 74 men and women, the most I've seen for any event," he said.

"The amount of people that came through the van, to see the display was more than I've seen at all our other events. People were always asking questions and left the van with a better picture of the Hawaii Air National Guard."

Thanks to MSgt B. Kim, TSgt H. Iga, TSgt K. Chang, SSgt T. Camada and Sgt C. Toyama, who dispensed helpful information on the Guard and balloons to the kiddies.



MISS JULY

COOLS OFF NEAR A WATERFALL...