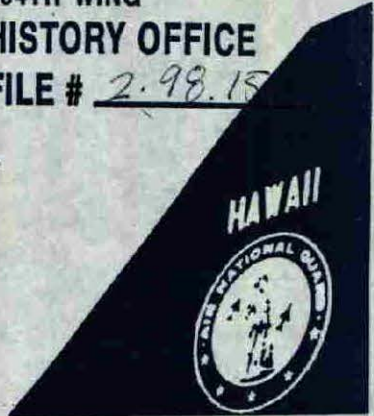




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F-4C PHANTOM JETS WILL REPLACE F-102's BY APRIL, 1976: IT'S OFFICIAL

It's official: Phantom F-4C aircraft will be assigned to the 154th Fighter Interceptor Group by April, 1976, replacing the F-102's currently performing the air defense mission for Hawaii, says Col. James R. Ashford, 154th commander. National Guard Bureau officials arrived here recently to begin planning for the transition of weapons systems.

First of the aircraft will likely arrive late next year for training purposes, and a

group-wide renovation and rebuilding program will begin soon in preparation for the new weapons system. A new 15,000 square foot area facility is included in the plans.

Conversion to the F-4C Phantom aircraft will give Hawaii the best air defense system currently available in the Air Force. The 154th FIG has been flying the F-102 Delta Dagger since 1961, a single-seat jet as opposed to the F-4, two-seat aircraft.

ADDITIONAL OFFICERS BEING SOUGHT

Even though the F-4C aircraft are not due in until 1976, a search for Weapons Systems Officers (WSO's) is currently underway. A WSO is the second on-board flight officer who flies in the F-4's backseat.

"We are actively recruiting for our WSO's from among the HANG ranks-right here--as a first line of selection," according to Col. Ashford. "It's a chance for some of our Group members to go into officer and navigational training and hop right into the back seat of one of the hottest jets in the world."

Weapons Systems Officers are the respected men of the F-4 who operate the aircraft's weapons systems and radar; traditionally they are trained navigators who graduate to fighter jet crew status.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED...

Applicants for the WSO positions should contact MSgt. Darryl Ho at the Group CBPO. General requirements are that you are under 26 and a half in age, pass required physical, and the AFQT test. Upon acceptance, you will attend Officer Training School, Navigator School, and six months of combat crew training. A college degree is desirable but not necessary; at least two years of college is required.

OKITA IS OUTSTANDING AIRMAN

MSgt. Howard A. Okita, Supplies Management NCOIC of the 154th Supply Sq. was picked Outstanding HANG Airman of the Year for outstanding ability and performance for 1973.

Okita was cited for playing "an integral part in achieving a highly satisfactory rating attained in the Nov., 1973 PACAF ORIZMEI report on the 154th Supply Sq." which called him "aggressive and knowledgeable."

Incentive Award

The top airman also received an incentive award for his suggested design of a MIVAC 1050-II computerized program which provides a daily and monthly management report to shops and organizations of O & M expenditures.

In the community eye, MSgt. Okita is highly active in the Kailua PTA and Little League program.

WIGS POLICY AMENDED

The Air Force has approved the wearing of wigs or hairpieces under the following conditions:

For cosmetic reasons to cover natural baldness or physical disfigurement.

By members of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve while engaged in inactive duty training or for periods of 30 days or less of active duty training.

Wigs may not be worn when they constitute a potential safety hazard or when they do not meet the appearance standards of AFM 35-10; they must be of good quality and fit, present a natural appearance, and conform to Air Force grooming standards.

9 RULES FOR A GOOD PART TIME JOB

(The following is reprinted from the Buckley Contrails.)

BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE ...AIR NATIONAL GUARD, BE SURE TO SEEK ANOTHER PART TIME EMPLOYER WHO CAN MEET THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

You should receive at least \$950 a year to start.

You should be told months in advance the dates and time you will work for this part-time employer.

You should work only one weekend per month, and two weeks each summer, and he should buy all your meals during work periods.

You should receive two days' pay (double time) for each day you work on weekends.

You should be paid at an hourly rate of no less than \$3.94.

You should receive additional education at the expense of your part-time employer that can aid you in civilian life.

You should be given \$300 worth of clothes for the period you work on your part-time job, and as it wears out, he should replace it at no cost to you.

You should be covered by \$15,000 worth of life insurance during your part-time working day and in addition, during the time you are going to or returning from work.

You should receive a retirement plan that will assure you a check each month after 20 years of part time employment, at age 60.

IF YOUR "WOULD BE" PART-TIME EMPLOYER CAN'T MEET THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS: SEE YOUR PERSONNEL SECTION AND EXTEND YOUR ENLISTMENT.

"OLD SOLDIER" SIGNS UP FOR 3 MORE

TSgt. Harry Yamashita's military career began in the infantry with the Army. A member of the 100th Battalion, he saw action on Anzio Beach, Salerno and Marseilles. Before completing his European tour in Nice, France, Yamashita was informed that he would soon be sent to Japan to guard prisoners of war.

Rather than accept such duty, he bolted from the Army and joined the Air Corps. He became an instructor in superchargers at Chanute AFB, Ill. In December, 1945 he was happy to return to Hawaii with his bride, whom he married in New York.

TSgt. Yamashita recently celebrated another milestone in his service career; he completed 31 years and signed on for three more. With those last three years, he will get his grey retirement card.

But Harry refuses to go "upstairs" to pick up his card. He says he's afraid he might fall downstairs by then.

154 SUPPLY SQ. MEMBERS SHINE

Congratulations are in order at the 154th Supply Sq.

1C Jed Taba swept the 15th Air Base Wing's "Spring Time is Clean Up Time" slogan contest. Taba's winning entry:

"A PROUD BASE IS A CLEAN BASE"

For the winning phrase, Hickam AFB gave the lyrical airman a 10-speed racing bike.

The squadron's Supplies Management Officer, Gerald F. Morihara, was given a promotion to major, effective Mar. 22. Mori-hara was the James Y. Sato Memorial Award winner for 1973.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF CLASSROOM "Back to Nature" was the classroom atmosphere for thirty members of the Supply Sq. during a recent training exercise on the Big Island's Kilauea Military Camp.

Training films were shown, classroom sessions held, but the natural volcanic surroundings "made it a thoroughly enjoyable and relaxing training exercise," said one of the squadron members.

CLOTHING SALES OPENING HOURS REMIND

154th members are reminded Hickam AFB Clothing Sales Store (Bldg. T-1043) is open Tuesdays to Saturdays from 1000 to 1600 except on holidays.

GOOD NEWS FOR DRIVERS... WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EXCHANGES

NEWly opened, Hawaii Regional Exchange's half million dollar Car Care Center at Shafter Flats provides a complete auto parts and service station/garage facility for National Guard members.

A main garage building houses a retail operation and the latest in diagnostic equipment and service bays, with gas pumps. Engine analysers, headlight, alignment, brake and other testing equipment is offered auto owners.

The Car Care Center has a safety inspection station, auto parts store and motorcycle accesories department. It provides all maintenance services, with mechanics belonging to KEICO International, who staff the garage.

SUNDAY GAS PUMPED

Hickam AFB and FT. Shafter BX services stations will be open on Sundays from 9 to 4 p.m. The stations have announced they will receive increased gas allotments from May to August.

BAD CHECKS TO COST MORE

The Pacific Exchange system will now bill \$. against every dishonored check it receives. The amount is for recovery costs incurred by taking on bad checks.

SUMMER BARGAIN DAYS

The Semi-Annual clearance sale of the Army and Air Force base exchanges will be held between July 8 and 13. Summer merchandise will go for very low prices until the shelves are bare, announces the Exchange.

RECRUIT FOR DE CORPS, NOT CASH, BOUNTY FOR RECRUITS ABANDONED

Recruiters seeking monetary rewards for successful efforts will not be able to collect bounties until further notice, according to HIANG Chief of Staff Lt. Col. Tai S. Hong.

Until back payment is made to recruiters under the bounty policy the program is being carried out on a no-money basis. But everyone should "continue the fine recruiting efforts," urges Lt. Col. Hong.

Hopefully, the bounty program will be revived in the future.

NEXT UTA: JULY 13 - 14

FARM FAIR FANS ARE FAIR GAME

TSgt. Richard Saunders is forming a HANG recruitment team to staff a mobile control tower and recruiting van at the HIC's upcoming State Farm Fair June 27 to July 7. Four to eight-hour shifts are open beginning from noon or 4 p.m. to midnight.

ENLISTED ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

HNGEA Scholarship applications are being accepted until June 30 for school year 1975. Members of HNGEA and their dependents may contact TSgt. George I. Kaneshiro of the 154th CAM Sq. for details.



HANG PHOTO BY SSgt. Roy Kawamura
VISITORS FROM THE NORTH-- A group of 27 Eskimo students from the 8th grade class of the Unalakleet Day School paid a visit to the 154th FIG Parachute shop. SSgt. Gilbert Sera pictured. This is the school's fourth visit.



MISS JUNE -- MEET KAREN MUJAGI, COURTESY
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