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HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO GET THAT PROMOTION TO STAFF SGT.

According to SSgt. Cockett in Combat Support, there is now an opening in the squadron for a staff sgt. in the disaster preparedness career field. Anyone one with a current five level

qualification in another field may cross train for the position by taking two weeks on the mainland at school the first year and two additional weeks the second year. The only other requirement for applicants is a minimum AQT score of 70.

If you are interested in the position, contact SSgt. Cockett at Cnbt. Spt. Sq. or MSgt. Sato in Operations.

UNLIMITED EXCHANGE PRIVILEGES SOUGHT FOR GUARD AND RESERVE

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NGAUS) -- National Guardsmen and Ready Reservists soon may be authorized unlimited exchange privileges any day of the month, according to a defense department letter.

Because of "certain shortcomings" inherent in the current policy that permits unlimited exchange privileges on drill training days, the defense department has recommended that the day limitation be removed.

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FABRICATION SHOP GETS NEW NCOIC

TSgt John R. Joyce has just been promoted to NCOIC of the Fabrication Shop. His duties now include supervision of welding, machine work, sheet metal work, and all other phases of the fabrication shop.

TSgt. Joyce has a varied background. He spent 12 years with SAC, primarily in El Paso, Texas. Then he returned to the Islands and joined Pan American Airlines. Leaving Pan Am, he joined the Air Guard and also opened his own welding business. However, with his new responsibilities, TSgt. Joyce has practically closed his own welding shop in order to devote full time to the Guard shop.

With only five years in the Hawaii Air Guard, TSgt. Joyce has made good use of his outside skills and leadership ability in order to rise to the position of NCOIC.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Thanks to all Guard members who made the Family Day Open House a success. We will definitely continue it based on last month's efforts.

Fighter Group members should gear up for next month's General Military Training (GMT) exercises, to include a "Take Shelter" exercise.

GROOMING

Poor examples of grooming among our members have been noticed this weekend: there is no easy way out of ignoring haircut and uniform discrepancies, other than to correct them.

SPRING CLEANUP CAMPAIGN

The 1974 spring cleanup campaign is now in full swing and ends on May 11. Junk and bulk items are now being collected near the Supply Building. These items will be hauled away on May 9.

Persons interested in entering the Slogan Contest for Spring Cleanup can pick-up entry blanks at the Mess Hall.

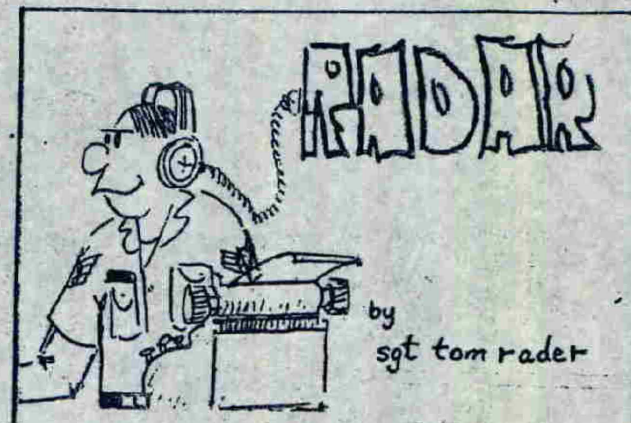
EXCHANGE PRIVILEGES SOUGHT

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The problem with current policy is "the inability of many eligible Reservists to use these facilities". Remote training locations and scheduled training hours curtail use of the exchanges by many Reservists.

The proposal, which also will make exchanges available to non-paid Ready Reservists attending training, awaits concurrence from the House Armed Services Committee.

Once approval is obtained, it may mean the exchange service up to six weeks since the "machinery is well-oiled" to restore Guardsmen and Reservists unlimited privileges.



Lt. Col. Kurt Johnson's Barking Sands excursion-deployment has been approved. The weekend of June 23 is the date set for the C-54 departure to Kauai.

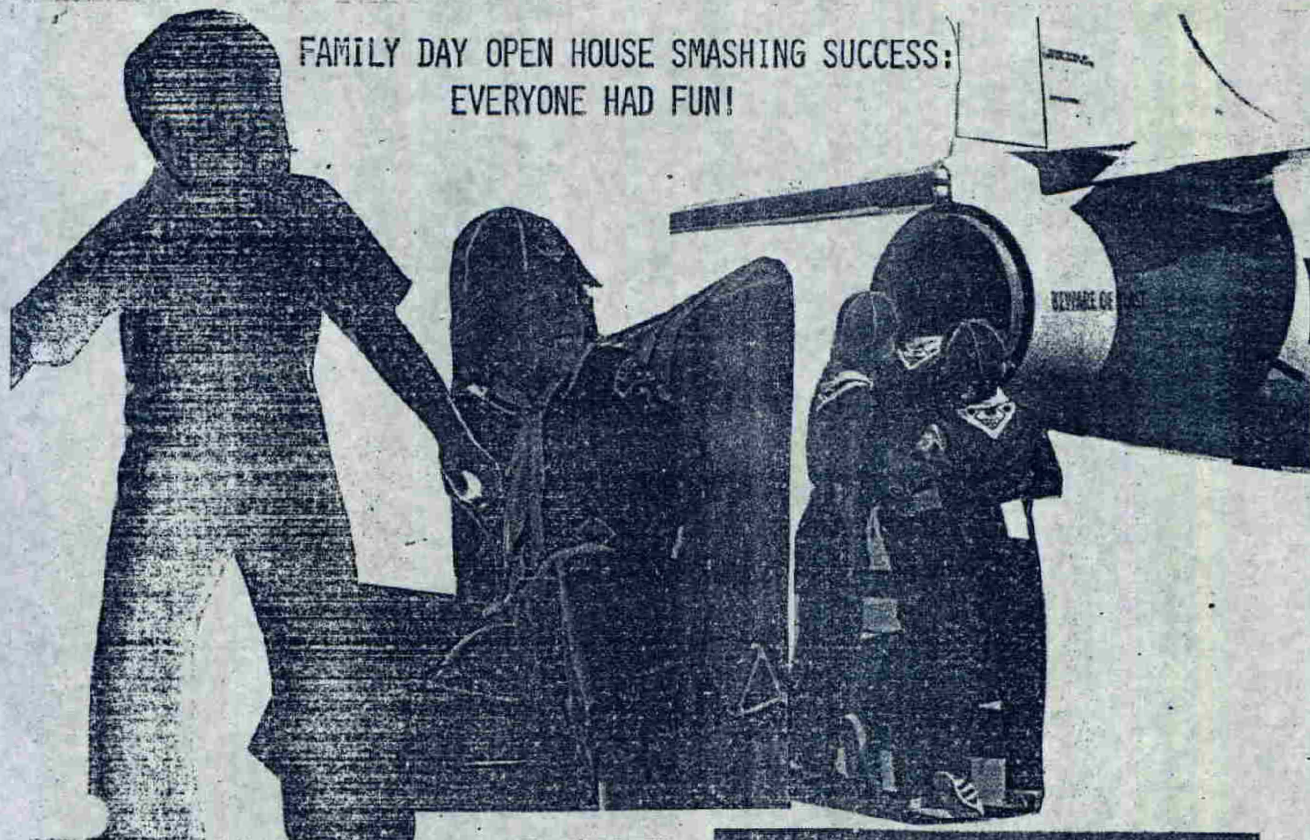
Lt. Col. Daniel Au did two about-faces during the May 4 formation. When he turned to face his Supply Squadron, he was shocked to see his men upstaged by the Civil Engineering Flight -- impeccably dressed and looking sharp! Capt. Cedric Chong cracks a mean whip or it could be that the CE's are just looking forward to their Alaska trip in June.

The red tape has been cut for Guardsmen wanting to buy uniform items at clothing sales stores. The requirement for enlisted personnel to have a statement from their commander has been rescinded. All that is now required is the enlisted reserve identification card.

GASPLAN ENDS GAS PRIVILEGE FOR NATIONAL GUARDSMEN

Privileges extended to reservists for Thursday and Friday gas purchases have been rescinded due to the state GASPLAN's discontinuation. The privilege was to enable reservists to purchase gas prior to their attending drill on Saturdays and Sundays.

FAMILY DAY OPEN HOUSE SMASHING SUCCESS:
EVERYONE HAD FUN!



EGRESS SHOP MOVES TO NEW QUARTERS

TSgt. Ken Morimoto and SSgt. Mike Montero have moved their Egress Shop to the hangar from Battery Selfridge. Their specialty is the rocket ejection seat.

The rocket ejection seat has been used three times since it replaced the old catapult system on F4U aircraft. It has functioned well each time and can be credited with saving the lives of two of our pilots.

The seat is powered by a rocket which burns about 3/4 of a second when activated. During ignition it speeds the pilot clear of the plane and then is separated from the pilot before his chute opens.

The rocket seat is a real safety breakthrough because it



can safely eject the pilot from zero altitude at zero speed, whereas the catapult required both altitude and speed in order for the pilot to clear the plane and have enough height for his chute to open and descend properly.

Ken and Mike have even installed air-conditioning in their new quarters. So, if your friends are looking for a good place to work, recommend the Egress Shop, they need another man.



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