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MSGT. HOWARD OKITA

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HANG AIRMAN OF THE YEAR NAMED TODAY

MSgt. Howard A. Okita, Supplies Management Branch, 154th Supply Sq., was presented the annual trophy this morning naming him the HANG AIRMAN OF THE YEAR for 1974. General Sieferman was on hand to make the official presentation.

MSgt. Okita was commended for his accomplishments as NCOIC of the Supplies Management Branch where he has been a superior manager of the staff and an innovator in planing. His suggestion for a computerized management reporting system earned him an incentive award of \$200.

Numerous activities in the community have also marked his carrer. His community responsibilities range from section leader in the American Cancer Society to First Vice-President on the Kailua American Little League.

#### OCTOBER UTA RESCHEDULED FOR 12-13

Hawaii's primary elections will be held on October 5, therefore, the UTA previously scheduled for that date has been moved to Oct. 12 § 13.

All Guardsmen are urged to exercise their right to vote. Polls will be open from 0700 to 1800 for registered voters.

# COMMANDER'S CONVENT O R I POSSIBLE SOON

TIME IS CERTAINLY GETTING RIPE FOR ANOTHER ORI. I FEEL CERTAIN THAT WE WILL HAVE ONE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR AND PROBABLY QUITE SOON.

THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT WE HAVE THE INDIVIDUAL SKILLS, CAPABILITY AND DESIRE TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN AN ORI. HOWEVER, THE KEY TO OUR REAL SUCCESS WILL BE TEAMWORK.

ONLY A SPIRIT OF TEAMWORK
WILL ALLOW US TO DO OUR VERY BEST
UNDER ORI CONDITIONS. WITH THAT
SPIRIT, I'M CONFIDENT WE WILL
PERFORM VERY WELL. BE ALERT
FOR AN ORI AND BE READY TO PITCH
IN AS PART OF A SUCCESSFUL TEAM.

### AT STATE FAIR RECRUITERS TAKE 94 APPLICATIONS

Anyone who thinks people aren't interested in the Air Guard would have been rudely awakened at the recent 50th State Fair at Sand Island. TSgt. Richard Saunders and a large group of dedicated volunteers manned the new Hawaii Air National Guard display van during its third public appearance. And, in one short word, they were SUCCESSFUL!

Ninety-four men and women filled out applications for membership in the Hawaii Air Guard and hundreds of other interested citizens walked through the van and viewed the display.

The continuing participation of every member in the drive for new Guardsmen is beginning to pay off. Certainly, your continued help will asure that we always meet our goal.

#### CHURCHILL IS OUTSTANDING PILOT



In ceremonies this morning, Capt. Clinton R. Churchill was awarded the HANG OUTSTANDING INTERCEPTOR PILOT AWARD for his outstanding performance during Fiscal Year 1974. Last year Capt. Churchill was the winner of the 199th FIS Profile Competition attaining a near perfect score (one miss) throughout a full year of intercepts.

Citing Capt. Churchill's "positive 'can do' attitude and his willingness to accept responsibility", Lt. Col. Richardson expressed his pleasure at having nominated the Captain for the annual award. "His distinctly superior performance makes him truly deserving of the honor," he said.

Capt. Churchill is not only a successful Guardsman, but also a successful businessman. He currently

#### WILL RETURN THURSDAY

#### 154TH WEAPONS TEAM COMPETES ON MAINLAND

By wire from Tyndall AFB - For the first time in the four year history of the Aerospace Defense Command's Weapons loading competition, the coveted first place trophy will come to rest north of the Canadian border.

A crack, highly-disciplined load crew from Canadian Forces base Chatham, in New Brunswick, one of four Canadian teams competing in ADC's weapons meet for the first time, held off strong challenges from determined U.S. Active and Air National Guard units to capture the title of "Best Load Crew on Century-Series Aircraft".

Surveying the results as they arrived from Tyndall AFB, Lt. Col. Norman Ault, Commander, 154th CAM Sq., expressed confidence in the Hawaii team and their ability to handle the competition with a bit more competition experience. Although the team did not place among the top four contenders, they did well at their first show in the 27 team meet.

"As you know," Lt. Col. Ault said,
"these are crack crews and the judging
is very tough. I'm delighted to see
that we were there and in the running
and congratulate our men on a good
beginning show."

The 154th Weapons Load Crew will return to Honolulu on the 19th via military charter N-281, arriving at Honolulu Internationl Airport at approximately 1200 (noon). "I hope we will have a party on hand to welcome them home," concluded Lt. Col. Ault.

The Weapons Load Crew included: SMSgt. Gordon Makishima, MSgt. George Padilla, TSgt. Randall Lum, SSgt. Gaylen Redoble, and SSgt. Steven Shideler, and was commanded by Capt. Leslie E.M. Tam.



### CSS GETS PERSONALIZED COFFEE CUPS

LT.COL. KENJI SUMIDA, COMMANDER
OF COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON PRESENTS
SGT DONALD HO OF PHOTO LAB HIS OWN
PERSONALIZED COFFEE CUP BEARING
HIS NAME AND THE SQUADRON INSIGNIA.

#### 300 ITEMS ON SALE NOW AT BX

APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED ITEMS ARE ON SALE NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER TWENTY-FIFTH AT THE EXCHANGE.

THE FIRST PHASE OF THE "EXTRA DIVIDENDS" PROGRAM FEATURES HEALTH AND BEAUTY ITEMS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, KITCHEN UTENSILS, SPORTING GOODS, AND HI FI EQUIPMENT IN THE MAIN EXCHANGE,

TOYLANDS WILL ALSO FEATURE ITEMS OF HARDWARE IN THE SALE,



SR-71: AIR FORCE'S MOST SOPHISTICATED OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT.

WASHINGTON (AFNS) - The SR-71, which set an unofficial speed record for a transatlantic flight between New York and London, Sept. 1, is the Air Force's most sophisticated operational aircraft. It is capable of pre- and post-attack strategic reconnaissance, surveying more than 100,000 miles of the Earth's surface an hour. Manufactured by Lockheed Aircraft Corp., it entered the Air Force inventory in 1966.

The record-setting SR-71 crossed the Atlantic in one hour, 56 minutes. Average groun dspeed for the 3,490 statute miles was more than 1,800 miles per hour.

The Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI), the accrediting orginization for all aviation records, has been asked to certify the new record. Current FAI record for this Atlantic crossing was set in 1969 by a British Royal Navy F-4K fighter at 4 hours, 46 minutes (723 mph average ground speed). The SR-71 shaved nearly three hours off that time.

Maj. James V. Sullivan, 37, Wheeer Mont., pilot, and Maj. Noel F. Widdifield, 33, Anderson, Ind., reconnaissance systems officer, comprised the two-man crew which made the historic flight. Both are assigned to the Strategic Air Command's 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing at Beale AFB, Calif., where the SR-71 is based.

The nonstop flight, which began at Beale AFB, was the first segment of a routine overseas training mission for the SR-71 crew. The crew began the record New York to London run from the New York "gate" at an altitude above 80,000 feet and at supersonic speeds of more than 2,000 mph (Mach 3+).

After crossing the London "gate", the aircraft landed at Farnbouough, England. The record-breaking flight was assisted with aerial refuelings from KC-135 jet tankers.

#### MANY THINGS HAPPENING IN SUPPLY

KUDOS TO SMSgt. Edward L. Schweitzer NCOIC, Equipment Management Branch, for receiving the latest PUEO Award, the Order of the Hawaiian Owl and achieving an outstanding performance rating as an air technician. OTHER SUPPLY personnel receiving outstanding ratings included MSgt. Howard Okita, NCOIC Supplies Management Branch and TSgt. Ronald Izutsu, NCOIC, Item Accounting Branch.

TSgt. Harrison Iga of the Management and procedures branch recently returned from a trip to Lowry AFR, Colorado where he attended a Disaster Preparedness course. He said that it was an enjoyable experience particularly because the class was entirely composed of Guardsmen and therefore more "cross-feed" was possible.

SUPPLY SQUADRON TECHNICIANS had a LUAU for families on 18 August at the Hickam Special Forces Training area. The picnic, a brainstorm of the one and only SSgt. James Dang, was a huge success. There was mucho work put into the luau by SSgt. Dang and a host of others which made the day most enjoyable.

ATTEND LOGISTICS CONFERENCE: Lt. Col. Daniel K.C.Au, Commander Supply Sq. and CMSgt. Libert Yap, NCOIC, Management and Procedures Branch, recently participated in the second annual HANG Logistics Conference held at the Royal Lahaina Hotel on Maui, Sept. 3-6.

#### 'LAY-A-WAY' PLAN IS AVAILABLE AT BX

THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE REMINDS CUSTOMERS THAT A LAYAWAY PLAN IS OFFERED BY THE EXCHANGE AND MAY WELL BE HELPFUL WITH THE HOLIDAY SEASON NOT MANY MONTHS AWAY.

LAYAWAY CAN BE CPENED WITH AS LITTLE AS A FIFTEEN DOLLAR PURCHASE AND AS LITTLE AS TEN PERCENT DOWN.

## ENLISTED ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES BUDGET FOR FY'75

THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION MEETING ON SEPT.4 APPROVED THE BUDGET FOR 1975. IN THE GENERAL BELIEF THAT AN ORGANIZATIONS GOALS ARE BEST INDICATED BY WHERE IT SPENDS ITS MONEY, THE EDITORS REPRINT BELOW THAT BUDGET.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, THE ASSOCIATION SELECTED DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION, AND DISCUSSED THE SELECTION OF A NEW TRAVEL AGENCY TO REPRESENT HNGEA AT THE CONVENTION. AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SERVICE IS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOLLOWING THE DISCLOSURE THAT THE AGENT FORMERLY SELECTED IS NO LONGER WITH THAT AGENCY, BUT NOW IS EMPLOYED BY AITS.

CMSGT GEORGE OSHIRO, 154TH HQ. SQ. WAS COMMENDED FOR ATTAINING FULL MEMBERSHIP FROM EVERY ELLIGIBLE GUARDSMAN IN HIS SECTION.

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<u>Item</u>	1974	1975
Scholarship	500.00	1,000.00
Dinner Meetings (Council)	262.02	300.00
Condolences	25.00	100.00
Soldier/Airman of the Year	125.00	250.00
Awards (trophies, plaques)	39.52	50.00
Annual Banquet		
Entertainment	150.00	250.00
Door Prizes	250.00	250.00
Per Diem (Neighbor Isles Del)	141.00	300.00
Name tags	5.10	6.00
Drinks (for VIP's )	12.55	20.00
Leis (for VIP's & President)	21.50	25.00
Convention		
Delegates Per diem	450.00	400.00
Hospitality Room	200.00	200.00
Registration Fee	240.00	75.00
Air Fare		1,100,00
EANGUS Dues 1	270.00	1,300.00
Kent State Pledge		500.00
	691.69	\$6,126.00

A SPECIAL THANKS THIS ISSUE TO the men of the Photo Lab. They have greatly acreased their technical capability and the two photos of todays award winners are an example of their fine work.

#### CLINIC WELCOMES TWO NEW MEMBERS

Our overworked and understaffed doctors greatfully welcome Dr. Angel Cunanan, Capt., MC. Dr. Cunan was born in the Philippines and is presently taking his residency in Internal Medicine at St. Francis Hospital.

lst Lt. Beverly Svoboda, prior service in the Air Force, will be beefing up the Medical Service Section. Lt. Svoboda is presently attending the community college to pursue her degree in nursing.



LT. COL. LOTA REMINDS EVERYONE THAT IT IS NOT WISE TO LEAVE FOODSTUFFS AROUND THE ROOM. WE DO HAVE FRIENDS RUNNING AROUND THAT ARE HUNGRY. LT. COL. LOTA CAUCHT THIS ONE LAST WEEK.

SIGN-UP TCDAY
CAM SQ. PLANS SPORTS DAY NEXT MONTH

The CAM Squadron is planning a sports day for October 13, commencing at 1230. In order to make this a successful sports day we will need the support and Kokua from everybody in the squadron. Our biggest obsticle is having enough "or" aircrafts at the end of Saturday night. Lets all help and hurdle over this obsticle so we can have our activities as planned.

Section intramural in baseball and volleyball are scheduled. Coordinating the baseball schedule is TSgt 'Val' Wong assisted by TSgt "Chop" Kaneshiro. Section team captain's are MSgt Sam Pacarro-mun, TSgt Charlie Calvan-om, TSgt "Chop" Kaneshiro-Avionics, and SSgt George Okuma-FM/staff. There will be three (3) one(1) hour time limit games to determine the CAMRON champions. Presently OM is the champions. Volleyball coordinator is SSgt "Bernie" Bernadino assisted by team captains TSgt Jere Choo-Avionics, SSgt Roy Kuwano-OM, TSgt 'Ron' Cozo-FM/staff, and MSgt Sam Pacarro-Mun. The volleyball schedule will be similiar to the baseball schedule.

SSgt "Ron" Muronaga bowling committee chairman reports hickam bowling alley can not be reserved on Sundays. The Base commander has set a policy where bowlers are served on a first come - first served basis for Sunday. Ron went to Bowling alleys in Kalihi and MAK Bowl can satisfy our needs. However, certain legal problems arose which requires our commander's attention. When these problems are solved, we would like to be prepared so "Ron" asks that bowlers

sign up or contact Sam Pacarro or himself at 449-2723.

For the hookers, slicers, and toppers, SSgt Glen Choi reports the golf situation looks good with a slight hangup. Hickam Golf Course uses a lottery system for Tee times on Sundays which means we may all play while some of us may not. Glen asks that you sign up anyway, and if possible in groups of four. He can be reached at 449-2709.

### COMMUNITY CONSCIOUS GUARDSMEN AGAIN AID FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Once again, the strong community spirit of the Hawaii Air Guard has been demonstrated by members who truly "broke their backs" for the Friends of the Library annual book sale. About twenty members of the Guard from supply, cameron, security police (16 volunteers from SP) joined in the effort to move some 70,000 books to Central Intermediate School.

Barbara Oberholzer, Executive Secretary of the organization was delighted to report that the sale raised over \$10,000 more than last year for a total of \$23,000. The funds will be used to benefit the state library system.

In a letter of thanks to Lt. Col.
Lota, Ms. Oberholzer said, 'We literally could not start our annual book sale without the tremendous manpower of the Air National Guard! Our sincere mahalo for your contribution and the really good-natured help from the men of the Hawaii Air National Guard."





Deadline for golfers and bowlers to sign up is Saturday, 28 September 1974.

Should the ORI be called on during the October Drill, all plans will be postponed to the December Drill.

Let's all KOKUA so we can have a successful "SPORTS DAY".

SUPPORT YOUR SPORTS COMMITTEE!

# NEW SAFETY SPECIALIST OFFERS "FRIENDLY REMINDER"

FASTEN YOURSEATBELTS...THE LIFE YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN. AIR FORCE REGULATIONS REQUIRE ALL MILITARY AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES RIDING IN MOTOR VEHICLES ON GOVERNMENT BUSINESS TO WEAR SEATBELTS, IF AVAILABLE.

ALL GUARDSMEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO INSTALL AND USE SAFETY BELTS IN THEIR PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES, EVEN IF THEY ARE EXEMPTED DUE TO DATE OF MANUFACTURE.

SSGT. JOHN RAMOS, NEW SAFETY SPECIALIST WITH THE AIR GUARD, ENCOURAGES YOUR COOPERATION IN SAVING LIVES.



LT. COL. JOHNSON GETS THE BOYS READY FOR ANOTHER SORTIE.

## SHOP ANYDAY MAJOR NEW BX PRIVILEGES GRANTED

BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, GUARDSMEN MAY SHOP ANY DAY AT THE BX UNDER A NEW POLICY ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY TO HANG PERSONNEL.

Guardsmen may make purchases at the base exchange at any time upon present-tation of the new form. You will be authorized on a quarterly basis to make purchases in the exchange on as many days as you spend in drill status, but you do not have to shop during UTA periods. Additionally, your spouse may accompany you if (1) she is properly noted on your form, and (2) if she carries proper identification.

Therefore, if you are scheduled for six days of UTA during the last quarter, then you may make purchases on six different days of your choosing during the last quarter. Your drill schedule is no longer required for entrance to the exchange.

All supervisors have full details on the new plan and the appropriate forms. Please see that the forms are safely kept because they are a controlled item. AND....PLEASE DO NOT ABUSE THIS GREAT NEW PRIVILEGE....THAT WOULD ONLY COST THE REST OF US THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE IT !!!

### GUARD SLOW PITCH TOURNEY SLATED FOR OCTOBER

THE ANNUAL HNG (OAHU) MOUTAIN-BALL TOURNAMENT WILL BE NELD NEXT MONTH. THE 154TH FIG IS DEFENDING CHAMPION. WE ARE LOOKING FOR PLAYERS. INTERESTED PERSONS SHOULD CONTACT WAYNE SOMA AT 449-9960 OR 422-6773.

TRY OUTS AND PRACTICES WILL BE SCHEDULED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.