



# Kukailimoku



154TH INTERCEPTOR GROUP

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Four F-4's arrived May 15th to bring the total of F-4's up to 13. Two more are arriving this month. On hand to greet the pilots were all them big wheels and lei givers, P. Pharr, P. Barnhart, and Yvette Hopkins. They began their flight from Luke AFB, Arizona and took about 7 hours to get here. A KC 135 tanker accompanied each F-4.

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## WE'RE GOING TO CHANGE OUR NAME!

Our 154th Fighter Interceptor Group will shortly be known as the 154th Tactical Fighter Group. The change will probably take place in July, as part of our transition from F-102 to F-4.

Although we will continue with our Air Defense role, we will be charged with Air Superiority. Our strength will increase by 120 persons, from 696 to 816 bodies. The largest increase is in CAMRON. The strength of the 199th FIS will swell slightly with the addition of Weapons Systems Officers being assigned to that unit.

## OPEN HOUSE

Plans are now being made for the 4th Annual 154th family and friends day Open House during the Sunday UTA, August 15, 1976. The purpose is to foster a better understanding of the ANG and the roles which our members play by performing duty with their units. All Guardsmen are encouraged to invite their families, employers and friends. Tentative plans are to have the Open House from 1000 to 1430 hours with free lunch and beverages being served free to all visitors and Guardsmen. The Open House will be very similar to those held in the past. Please remember the date. Final plans will be published shortly.

## PRESIDENT FORD SIGNS RESERVES CALL-UP BILL INTO LAW

On May 14, President Ford signed into law a bill permitting quicker call-up of military reserves to active duty for a limited time.

The new law would permit the activation of 50,000 reservists and National Guardsmen for up to 90 days without the declaration of a national emergency or war. Defense officials said this law will help establish the credibility of reserve components and ease their integration into the defense structure.

Citing the "Awesome speed and technology of modern warfare," President Ford told persons at an Armed Forces Day dinner: "I signed into law a bill making our National Guard and Reserve units an even more significant part of our total force."

"Until today it took a national emergency or an act of Congress to put the Reserves into action," he said. "Under this new law, the President will be able to mobilize up to 50,000 of the selected Reserve for up to 90 days."



In the past, the reserve program has been hampered by a lack of modern equipment and the reluctance on the part of the active duty force to assign realistic, meaningful missions to the same reserve organizations. This reluctance stemmed from a concern that scarce equipment and important missions should not be allocated to units whose availability in time of crisis depended upon either a congressional declaration of war or a presidential declaration of national emergency.

This legislation provides a fast method of activating reservists for operational missions.

#### CREDIT UNION FOR GUARD

Effective March 24, 1976, all drill status guardsmen on Oahu were added to the field of membership of the Hickam Air Force Base Federal Credit Union and became eligible to participate in the various programs offered by it. Drill status members will be entitled to the same benefits and privileges offered to those already enrolled. They will be able to borrow, on signature only, up to \$2,500 or four times their net take home pay, whichever is smaller. Fact sheets describing other benefits will be distributed soon.

#### Hickam Military Clothing Sales Store

On 1 June 1976, the Army and Air Force Exchange Systems (AAFES) took over the operation of the Military Clothing Sales Store in Bldg T-1043.

The operating hours of the store are Monday - Friday: 1000 to 1800 and on Saturday: 0930 to 1700.

The store's merchandise is of two types: Those of the Defense Personnel Support Center (DPSC) and AAFES commercial items.

In our issuance/purchase of airmen clothing, we are authorized only the Defense Personnel Support Center items. These items are coded via yellow tags in the store.

Note that the store will not honor any purchase of AAFES items on our AF Form 656.

Certain gratis alteration services are available to airmen only.

#### Safety Special

Last month we ran a survey concerning smoking in the mess hall. Only fifty responses were received. This is not a large enough sample to be representative, so we cannot consider the results as valid. A better method of survey will be devised to reach a larger sample of personnel.



## Human Relations Council

Whatever happened to? Just a little update on the human relations council. At the last meeting several ideas were kicked around; one of the ideas was to have a member of the council (preferably a younger airman) meet with prospective recruits to brief them on what to expect when they find themselves in the guard mainstream. It is felt that the recruits will relate better to a relatively new guardsman than to one who is older (and wiser?)

The council is also working on ratifications to current haircut standards within the different sections. Council members believe that it is very confusing to have several different standards for haircuts depending on whether you wear a wig or not, hat section you are attached to, and who is inspecting. It seems that people in the guard don't know what to expect from one drill to the next.

Remember, if you have any gripes don't hesitate to notify your sections HRC representative. It's their job to help.

If you don't know who your representative is, keep your eyes open. Their picture should be up on your bulletin board shortly.

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The HNCEA Awards committee has selected PSG James Kaolowi III, HARNG as the Soldier of the Year for FY '76. The HANG applicant was disqualified due to non-member to the HNCEA. PSG Kaolowi will receive a Twenty-five dollar cloac. raudo trophy. Awards will be presented at the Fourth Annual HNCEA Luau.

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Ground Radio Reports: Farewell to SSGT Howard Y. Murai. SSGT Murai will be discharged after to-day's drill, 13 June 1976. Howard spent six years with the 154th CSS and has seen the HANG come a long way. His job as a correctional/rehabilitation officer with the Hawaii State Prison System prevents him from re-enlisting. Good Luck and Aloha Howard.

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Aloha to SMSgt Bernie Lopes, from the 216 EIS, Hayward California. SMS Lopes will be performing a survey for new UHF radio communications equipment that will be replacing our ancient ones. This is all under the auspices of the Rivet Switch Program. Bernie will be here for 15 days TDY. Once again ALOHA



### "Cream Of The Crop"

The 199th Weather Flight boasts that they have the best personnel in the Hawaii Air National Guard! Idle chatter? Perhaps. But consider that the six pictured are all Honor Graduates from Basic Military Training and Chanute Technical Training School where they had to maintain a 90 or above average for the 15 week, self pacing weather course.

The course includes basic meteorology, Mathematics, Map Plotting, both vertical and horizontal radar interpretation, cloud height estimation and measurement, Runway visibility determination, wind speed and gusts, atmospheric pressure calculations and prevailing visibility when Hydrometeors, Lithometeors, Photometers, and Electrometeors are present.

Sound like a lot of "fifty cents" words? Not to a Weather Person! They are able to evaluate any kind of weather conditions.

This complex and interesting Career Field seems to draw only the best qualified and the most Highly motivated personnel.

The 199th Weather Flight personnel now routinely work at Hickam and Wheeler active duty base weather stations augmenting active duty personnel during UTA and AFT. They work with the actual equipment used by the "regulars" in performing their day to day duties

Look again, aren't they the "Cream of The Crop?"



Left to right, Greg Staffelbach, Carol Keanini, Les Matsuura, Colin Lau, Donna Culnan, and Paul Castillo. (Sgt Les Matsuura is the administrative Technician to the 199th Weather Flight)

4TH ANNUAL HNGEA DINNER MEETING

A General Membership Dinner Meeting will be held on 26 June 1976, at the 829th Maintenance Co armory in Diamond Head Crater.

Meeting 1745 \* \* \* \* \* Cocktails 1815 \* \* \* \* \* Dinner 1900 \* \* \* \* \*

Aloha Attire.

Menu:

Kalua Pig	Fresh pineapples
Lomi Salmon	Haupia
Chicken Longrice	Cake
Poi	Punch
Squid Luau	Beer
Opihi	(If desire - BYOB)
Poki aku	

Cost: \$6.00 per person.

Deadline: 15 June 1976.

Make check payable to HNGEA.

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Name of member: \_\_\_\_\_ . Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_ . Amount inclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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