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A FIRST HAND REPORT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S INAUGURATION PARADE

(Editors Note: The following is a report by TSgt Ronald Cozo on the Royal Guard participation in the Washington parade. Attending were Randy Lun, Jim Pahukula and Dave Langsi)

"Besides being a very cold week, our trip to Washington D.C. was very enjoyable. Our arrangements with the airlines, our motel accommodations, and our transportation was satisfactory.

Our first day in the Capitol, we were met at the airport by Rep. Dan Akaka and his staff. He helped us get our luggage and board our bus. He also invited us to meet him at the State Capitol when we were settled at the motel. Rep. Akaka again met us at the State Capitol and also there to greet us was Senator Spark Matsunaga. He gave us a briefing of what was happening, and also said that he was in session right now. The staff of both Sen. Matsunaga, and Akaka took us on a first class tour of the State Capitol. We ended our tour where all good Guardsmen end up in, The Democratic Club, where we had free booze.

The second day was a free day for us. So the four Royal Guardsmen went into downtown Washington and played tourist. We visited as many sites as we can, and took a whole bunch of pictures. Some of the places we visited were the Smithsonian Institute, The NASA Center, and the U. S. Treasury.

The third day was the big day, The Parade. It started off okay, we had a good breakfast, then started dressing for the parade. Our uniform included double socks, thermal underwear and shirt, and some of us had the light weight jogging clothes also. And you know what? It still was cold, especially when the wind blows.

The parade itself was something else. We had to run practically half the parade. We would catch up with the group in front of us and all of a sudden, we had to run and catch up again. Boy, that made the parade real lousy. It made us more tired. (Note: This happened the last two parade we went to.)

After the parade we were bussed to Sen. Matsunaga's Office, and there we had some food waiting for us. The Senator's staff prepared all the food just for us, and it was really enjoyable.

From the Royal Guardsmen who participated in the inaugural, we enjoyed ourselves, and we feel that we not only represented Hawaii, but we also represented the Hawaii Air National Guard and we were very proud."

AMENDED DOD BUDGET PROPOSED FOR FY 78

President Jimmy Carter has proposed an immediate overall reduction of \$2.8 billion in the Department of Defense budget for fiscal year 1978. Under the proposals, the planned fiscal year 1978 buy of the B-l strategic bomber would be cut from eight to five aircraft. In addition, production of the F-15 air superiority fighter would be reduced from 108 to 78 per year, and full-scale development of the MX intercontinental missile would be deferred to fiscal year 1979. The planned procurement of the advanced tanker/cargo aircraft, a modified commercial wide-body jet, would also be put off a year. The proposals also cut the original budget request for E-3A airborne warning and control system aircraft from six to three. The President's proposals included a request for an additional \$60 million to increase the survivability of U.S. aircraft stationed in Europe.

"DIS-N-DOT"

WAYNE SOMA, Secretary of the HNG Enlisted Association and Legislative Committee Chairman of the HNG Non-Commissioned Officers Academy Graduates Association, testified before the legislature in support of Senate Bill #549 relating to "Tuition assistance for National Guardsmen and members of the various reserve units. Wayne did an excellent job!ATTENTION OFFICERS: When you come into take your official picture, be sure your brass and awards are properly positioned, and hair meet military standards. We can correct the brass for you but we are not in the haircutting business. We are having to retake too many pictures and --believe it -- we have other things to do. FEMALE PERSONNET interested in participating in interservice softball, startiz the first week in April, contact SRA Aurora Lee at duty phone 655-1775 or home 841-0379 by 18 March.....THE 201st COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON in Hilo has started a recruiting program. If you know anyone who is qualified for membership, phone or write him or her and tell them about the Big Island based unit. They are particularly interested in High School seniors.....In the last issue of K'Moku, we asked you to fill out a questionaire and inform us of your hobby so that we could put you in touch with other Guardsmen with similar interests. It was a great flop! Only one person responded. Bless you Alfreda Canopin of Supply Squadron. Al is interested in Ukulele playing and Gamecocks Arthur Ishimoto, Commander, HANG. He is now Brigadier General Arthur Ishimoto He received his star yesterday..... DURABLE-PRESS COTTON and polyester utility uniforms (fatigues), metal chevrons and raincoats and epaulets for the new women's standard overblouse are included in uniform changes announced recently by the Air Force.....BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, it'll be too late to tell you what the Sunday menu is......but we can tell you about the Saturday 2 April menu: Toast Turkey with all the trimmings. Sunday, 3 April? Good old beef stew......While on the subject of the April drill, get to bed early Friday night, And up-date your recall list....... EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STUFF; When referring to Women of the Air Force, do just that. They prefer to be called women----not broads, chicks, girls, gals, etc......WHY IS YOUR WATER CONTAM-INATED? Water line broke! DURING THE ALL HANG CAMP IN JUNE, bring your shot record. You guessed it! Pau for now.

AF Association Drive

The Air Force Association will conduct its annual membership Drive during 1-30 April 1977.

The AFA's current membership is 150,000, entirely voluntary and represents all Air Force People and is the professional society of the Air Force.

Membership is open to all active duty personnel and to all others who have served with the Armed Forces of the United States. This includes the HANG.

AFA members receive many benefits including a monthly copy of AIR FORCE MAGAZINE and eligibility for a number of low cost group insurance programs.

Membership dues are \$10.00 per year, or \$24.00 for a three-year period.

The local Hawaii Chapter #138 meets quarterly (April, July, September, and December); total membership is 838. The meetings are usually held in the Coral Ballroom, Hilton Hawaiian Village and feature a guest luncheon speaker. Suggest that prospective members do join the local chapter by noting on their application the "HAWAII AFA" chapter.

Promotional materials including applications forms were distributed to the units.

****CANOE CLUB FORMING****

There will be an organizational meeting Sunday, 6 Mar 77 at 10:30 Room 209 in the Operations Building for any personnel interested in becoming a part of HANG's "OWN" very first canoe club. For more information contact Lt. Wakeman at 449-2862.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PERSONNEL NEEDED

The newly formed MANG Hawaiian Music Band needs your "kokua" in obtaining the following items either by donation or on a loan basis. Items needed are: Bass Guitar, Bass Amp, and a complete PA System. Also needed are guitar players and drummers with their own equipment. For further information contact MSGT Saunders at 449-5684 or TSGT Aberilla at 449-9633.

RECRUIT SCHOOL OPENING

The continuation of the active duty recruiting program during FY 78 has not been established by NGB/DP. However, in hopeful anticipation of its continuance, this announcement for interested individuals desiring to apply for a full-time recruiting position is made to continue the program.

The individual must be a graduate of the formal ANG Recruiter Course, 3A2R99500-01, at Lackland AFB, TX. Course duration is four weeks. Mandatory criteria for attendance of this course are as follows: Airmen (male or female) in grades E-4 (Sgt) thru E-7 (MSgt), minimum of one year service in the Air National Guard, less than age 36, not on flying status, and must be able to speak clearly. (Continued)

Application for the ANG Recruiter Course, 3A2R99500-01 are now being accepted for classes which start on 20 Apr 1977, 20 Jul 1977, and 24 Aug 1977. Request that individuals be referred to the 154 TFG/SU for interview before applying for the recruiting course.

** WHEN AN EARTHOUAKE STRIKES **

Tsunamis---the earthquakes deadly companion are a danger on our western and Alaskan coastlines and on Pacific islands. Generated by undersea earthquakes, these great seawaves can be a quake's worst killer. Sooner or later, tsunamis visit every coastline in the Pacific coastal area.

If there is an earthquake in your area, leave low-lying coastal sections for high ground.

A tsunami is a series of waves and the first wave may not be the largest.

Never go to the beach to watch for a tsunami. Stay out of danger areas until an all-clear is issued by competent authority.

When an earthquake strikes for a minute or two the solid earth may pitch and rool like the deck of a ship. The motion is frightening but, unless is shakes something down on you, it is harmless. Keep calm and ride it out. Your chances of survival are good if you know how to act.

DURING THE SHAKING:

If indoors, stay indoors. Hide under sturdy furniture. Stay near the center of the building. Stay away from glass.

Don't use candles, matches, or other open flames.

Don't run through or near buildings where there is danger of falling debris.

If outside, stay in the open away from buildings and utility wires.

If in a moving car, stop but stay inside.

AFTER THE SHAKING:

Check utlities. If water pipes are damaged or electrical wires are shorting turn off at primary control point. If gas leakage is detected, shut off at main valve, open windows, leave house, report to authorities, and stay away until utility officials say it is safe.

Turn on radio or television for emergency bulletins.

Stay out of damaged buildings; aftershocks can shake them down.