

KUKAILIMOKU



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***** GENERAL GUICE VISITING THE HANG *****

Major General John Guice, Director of the Air National Guard, is in Hawaii and attended the annual HANG Commanders and Operations Conference, held on Kauai the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of March.

Yesterday, General Guice visited the 154th TFG and witnessed the initial launch of our canoe.

He and Mrs. Guice will remain in Hawaii for a short vacation next week before returning to Washington. **

) AIR RESERVE FORCE MODIFICATION ()

The U.S. Air Force will continue modernizing its Air Reserve Forces through the Fiscal Year 1979.

Several units of the Air National Guard, currently equipped with aging C-130A, F-100, and RF-101 Aircraft, are programmed for conversion to the more modern C-130H, A-7D, A-10, F-4/RF-4 and F-105G Aircraft. One ANG unit will increase its F-4 Aircraft strength from 18 to 24.

An Air Force Reserve unit flying EC-121 airborne early warning aircraft will convert to the F-4C Tactical Fighter. An active USAF unit that also flies the AFRES units EC-121S will be deactivated.

The proposed conversions will mark the retirement of the last F-100S and EC-121S from the total Air Force Inventory.

Each action proposed is contingent upon the successful completion of the environmental evaluation process.

ANG unit conversions have been approved by the governors of the states concerned.

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HNGEA NEWS

====The 1978-1979 Scholarship Applications are now out. If eligible, you can receive a scholarship grant up to \$1,000.00 per school year. See your section supervisor or call MSgt Wayne Soma, phone: 449-6986 or TSgt Theodoro Ganade, phone: 449-6041

====The 7th Annual EANGUS Conference will be held at the Princess Kaiulani Hotel from 26 September through 29 September 1978. If you want to participate on any of the committees, contact the following committee chairman:

MSgt Thomas Sato, Hawaii '78 Chairman
MSgt Wayne Soma, Hospitality
MSgt Benjiman Goo, Finance & Registration
SMSgt Kozen Kaneshiro, Administration & Reproduction
TSgt Bertram Narita, Publicity
TSgt Gary Fujii, Ladies Auxiliary
SMSgt Arthur Lee, Secretary

====Two important Bills, that related to all Guardsmen, were heard in the House during the month of February. One was House Bill 2229-78, tuition waiver for National Guardsmen. The other, House Bill 2230-78, on taxation. Please contact your respective House Representatives for their support on these Bills.

NONCRITICAL HAZARD - GERICO INFANT BACK CARRIER, MODEL 0-48

HONOLULU -- The Hawaii Area Exchange has announced that a noncritical hazard has been identified with the Gerico Infant Back Carrier, Model 0-48, which is sold by the Exchange. A problem is presented by a spring wire clip which holds the shoulder straps centered under the top of the aluminum frame.

Gerico Inc., manufacturer of the carrier, has determined that this clip is not required for stability and will no longer produce the carrier with a wire clip.

As a precautionary measure, the Hawaii Area Exchange advises customers who have purchased the Gerico Infant Back Carrier, Model 0-48, to remove the wire clip to preclude the remote possibility of injury. The removal of the wire clip will not affect the serviceability.

*from the Kukailimoku
Happy St. Patrick's Day*

BAGGER/CARRYOUT PAY TO BEGIN

Baggers and carryout helpers in commissaries in the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii and Guam will become nonappropriated employees July 30, Air Force Commissary Service officials announced. Under the new system, they will receive wages funded through a 2 per cent user's fee charged customers at the cash register. Tipping will be discouraged. The change became necessary because of a Civil Service Commission and a Justice Department determination that baggers and carryout workers are entitled to protection under the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.



NORAD TO CONDUCT 4-DAY EXERCISE

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AFNS) -- The North American Air Defense Command will conduct an exercise March 6-9 to test its aerospace warning and defense systems.

The quarterly exercise, called Vigilant Overview 78-2, will have more than 12,500 personnel participating.

The exercise is designed to give the U.S.-Canadian command a realistic picture of how well it performs its mission of providing immediate warning of an air, space or missile attack and defense against air attack.

NORAD's U.S. and Canadian aerospace defense units across North America and at other worldwide locations will participate. Included are fighter interceptors, regional control centers, missile batteries, satellite and missile-tracking sensors and radar networks.*

HE WRESTLES, COOKS AND DANCES

If you've seen the Marlene Sai show at the Halekulani Hotel, you may have noticed a familiar face among the male dancers. You see the same face in our mess hall and it belongs to A1C Charles R. Padua who has been dancing professionally since June.

The 20 year old Kam school graduate was dancing in rehearsal at Kam in June of last year when Marlene Sai appeared. She selected four young men for her new show. Charles was among those picked.

The Marlene Sai show performs 9 to 10p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Charles, Hawaiian, Chinese, Filipino-Spanish ancestry, graduated from Kamehameha school in 1975. He then joined the Air Force and became a cook, first stationed in Little Rock, Arkansas then Hickam. After two years, he transferred to the HANG and found himself in the mess hall. Incidentally, his part time job now is cooking the noon meal for the area 61 mess hall.

The soft spoken Padua is part of a foursome, popularly known as "The Men of Nakamaiei" who perform with Beverly Noa and the Elmer Kei Quartet at the Halekulani.


While at Kam, he was a member of the championship Kam wrestling team and is presently assistant coach of the team. Was he good at wrestling? He took the number two spot in the individual ILH honors!

The versatile young man also sings and plays the guitar. And he has a good sense of humor.


He resides with his parents in Aiea.

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The 15th ABW is craking down on Jay walkers. So, use the crosswalks... Dedication of the new Department of Defense building in Fort Rucker has been rescheduled for 10 March at 0900 hours... We are installing sound suppressor equipment at the run-up pad to quiet those roaring F-4 engines... Did you know that the Air Force Assistance Fund now includes spouses of deceased ANG personnel? Yup! So, when you are approached, give. Its tax deductible... Remember: If you sell your car and if you have a military decal on the front bumper, remove the decal and inform the motor vehicle registration people at the 15th ABW... Seems our canoe doesn't have a name, although it was palced in the water yesterday for the first time. I suggest "Alii Manu" or Royal Bird... Pau for now!



- - - - - ANOTHER CB MEETING TO BE HELD

Last Sunday drill a member of CB'ers got together to discuss a mutual assistance team. Because only seven HANG CB'ers showed up, it was decided to hold another meeting this afternoon at 1:30.

If you have a mobile CB unit in your car, please plan to attend. You will find it beneficial to you personally to be a member of the mutual assistance group (MAG). The 1 hour meeting will be held in the CCTV room on the ground floor, near the simulator. +

