

154 Tactical Fighter Group

COMMANDER'S CORNER

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What's happening since the last time you were here . . . FILE # 2.98.12

44 of our troops will be departing for Clark AB, Philippines on Friday, 27 October till 5 November. We intend to deploy with 4 aircraft. (This is HANG's first overseas deployment & our Plans Officer, Capt Clint Chruchill, has spearheaded writing the plan to be used.) Lt Colonel Larry Cabrinha will be the mission commander for this historical event.

The CCTV/videotape program is currently being studied for becoming operational. This will help us in training . . . especially for split UTA's. Your commanders are looking into improving our upgrade training program. CDC exams should be taken to avoid excessive time in training.

Flying wise, Lt Pickering became mission ready & our returnee from WSO training, Lt Lau, is proceeding with his checkout program. Lt Lau used to turn wrenches before electing to become a Weapons Systems Officer. Major Yee & Capts Matsui, Chow & Sakai have completed their BFM/ACM checkout (advance handling of the aircraft for combat maneuvering).

Capt Asai has been working with the food service personnel to improve our dining hall services. Soup & sandwiches & a salad bar will be customer options. If you like what is being served. . . tell them!

TSgt Rod Correa & the janitorial crew have embarked on a program of beautification of the area with plants. If you have ideas on this subject. . . let your commander know. We're looking for people with "green thumbs".

Instead of a June encampment, an all 154th training camp date will be announced next month.

The 154th is hosting this year's HANG Awards Banquet to be held at the Pearl Harbor Officer's Club, 17 November 1978. If you haven't done so yet, get your tickets for a smashing event (guaranteed by Maj Matusevic).

The HANG OHANA performed at the Beverly Manor Elderly Room on 20 Oct 78. The Royal Guard has also been busy participating at the Royal Mausoleum for Princess Kaiulani on 16 Oct 78.

Finally, many thanks to all the Guardsmen who donated blood for MSgt George Wela. He is now at home.

## NATIONAL GUARD ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE

#### FROM THE CHIEF, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

Birthday greetings to all members of the National Guard on the Anniversary of our 342nd year on October 7, 1978. The heritage of the National Guard is deeply rooted in the militia system of the early colonial days. The "Citizen Soldier and Airman" of today's Guard are the modern minutemen originally found in the North and East Regiments of the Massachusetts Bay Colony on October 7, 1636. Time and again, for more than three centuries, the ever present need for citizen soldiers and airmen in our country's defense has been proven.

The unique dual status of the Guard also provides each state with an organized, trained and equipped force to be used in times of state emergency. Last year nearly 214,000 mandays were used to assist states in emergencies and over 265,000 have been used so far this year. Almost every day of every week, a Guardsman somewhere is responding to a state emergency.

On our 342nd Anniversary, you can all take pride in your professional performance in support of both State and Nation.

/s/ LA VERN E. WEBER Major General, USA Chief National Guard Bureau

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### DEATH OF MAJOR GENERAL I. G. BROWN

NGB/CF Msg R271700 Sep 78 --- Major General I. G. Brown, Director of the Air National Guard, 1963-1974, died at Malcom Grow USAF Medical Center, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, 26 September 1978.

Our sorrow in the death of a beloved friend and a distinguished Air Force leader is tempered by the happy memories of being with "I.G." as recently as last June, when the professional military education center at McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base was named in his honor. General I. G. Brown "lived for that day", and he enjoyed it thoroughly. Thus the man, and his great vision, live on in our midst.

Memorial services for General Brown were held at the Post Chapel, Fort Myer, Verginia, Friday, 29 September. He was buried with military honors in Greenwood Cemetery, Hot Springs, Arkansas

### AIR GURADSMEN CAN JOIN EM CLUBS

Air Guardsmen, between the rank of E-1 and E-9, can now join the Hickam NCO Club. Dues are \$3.00 per month. And if you pay your dues or your bill prior to the 15th of each month, you will receive a coupon worth \$2.00 toward the purchase of food or beverages.

Once you are a member of the NCO Club, you can charge purchases at the Tiki House, Golden Anchor, the 10th Puka, the Golf Course as well as the Tradewinds. And you have check cashing privileges up to \$100.00!

If you wish, you can pay for an annual membership which is only \$30.00.

Each weekday evening, between 5:30 and 7:00 P.M., the Tradewinds and the Tiki House have a club card drawing. If your card is drawn and if you are present, you can win between \$100 and \$300.

Once you are an established member, you may use the private party rooms at the Tradewinds or the Tiki House. A meeting room is also available free of charge at the Tradewinds.

Each month, your club bill and Club Calendar will be mailed to you from both the Tradewinds and Tiki House.

Once a member, your wife and children over 18 years of age can use the club facilities.

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#### OPERATING HOURS CHANGE AT HICKAM AFB TOYLAND

The Hawaii Area Exchange has announced a change in the hours of operation at the Hickam Air Force Base Toyland.

Effective immediately the Hickam Toyland will cose an hour earlier than usual. The new store hours are Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The new hours of operation will continue through October 30.

According to Arthur L. Walker, General Manager, Hawaii Area Exchange, "The change in hours is due to lack of customer traffic in the store during the last hour of operation. However, beginning October 31, the operating hours at the Hickam Toyland will revert back to its former hours."

Former operating hours for the Hickam Toyland were Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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### MAHALO!

"I would like to personally thank those individuals that have donated blood for MSgt George Wela (retired), a former member of the 154 TFG. There were 63 Hawaii Air Guardsmen and persons close to the HANG that contributed blood to a retired member of our unit. It is a good feeling to know that people in the Guard share so much concern for MSgt George Wela."

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EDWARD V. RICHARDSON, Lt Col, HANG Chief of Staff

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Colonel John S. W. Lee Commander Hq 154 TFG, HANG Hickam AFB, HI 96853

Dear John

Just a short note in between TDY trips to extend to you and all the members of the 154th congratulations from PACAF as you celebrate National Guard Day.

I know from personal experience the high caliber personnel you have in the Unit. It is always a pleasure to fly with such professionals, and I hope to spend more time with them in the future.

Sincerely

Lt General, USAF Commander in Chief, PACAF

# COMBAT SAGE DEPLOYMENT - 27 Oct - 5 Nov 78

The 154TFG will be deploying four F-4C aircraft to Clark Air Base, Philippine Islands from 27 Oct thru 5 Nov 78.

The purpose of this deployment is to allow our aircrews and enlisted personnel to participate in the PACAF Weapons Systems Evaluation Program (WSEP), which is conducted by the 1st Test Squadron (Combat Sage) at Clark Air Base.

This deployment will also give our aircrews, maintenance and support personnel a chance to cross-train with active USAF units, and pick up new ideas and techniques to improve the mission effectiveness of the 154TFG (or vice versa).

This is the FIRST OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENT that the entire 154TFG will be involved in and the success of this undertaking will depend largely on the efforts of each participant, as well as the functional project officers.

The Mission Commander is LtCol Lawrence Cabrinha, 199TFS Commander and his second in command is Major Mike Tice, 199TFS Ops Officer. The Mission NCOIC is CMSgt Hiroshi Go from 154 CAM Sq Weapons Control Section.. The contingent is composed of 13 officers, 31 enlisted, 44 aggregate.

Present travel itinerary (local time):

Leave Hickam AFB 1000, Fri, 27 Oct. Arrive Andersen AFB, Guam, 1330, Sat, 28 Oct. Leave Andersen AFB, Guam, 0830, Sun 29 Oct. Arrive Clark AB, RP, 1000, Sun, 29 Oct.

Leave Clark AB, RP, 0830, Sun, 5 Nov. Arrive Andersen AFB, Guam, 1330, Sun, 5 Nov. Leave Andersen AFB, Guam, 0600, Mon, 6 Nov. Arrive Hickam AFB, 1730, Sun, 5 Nov.

GOOD LUCK TO THE TEAM!!!!!

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#### ROYAL MAHALO

Our Royal Guard recently participated in the 56th Maui County Fair Parade. In a letter to the Adjutant General, Irvine K. Richards, Chairman, has expressed his thanks to the Royal Guard.

"Mahalo Nui Loa from the56th Maui County Fair Parade Chairman and Committee Persons, for the participation of the 111th Band and the ROYAL CUARDS."

"It was one of the most successful Parades and all of Maui enjoyed it very much It was through your Kokua, and cooperation that helped to make this Event one of the biggest on Maui. . . . " /s/ IRVINE K. RICHARDS, Chairman.