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169th Takes Top HANG Honors

(OCEANIA) The Third Annual HANG Banquet attracted some 250 Air Guard personnel and their families to the Oceania Floating Restaurant on November 17th. The banquet was organized by the 201st and according to most, went off reasonably well.

General Siefermann, in his remarks, called on those attending to take time to reflect back on the accomplishments of the past year. "We deserve a pat on the back for all we accomplished." The General went on to say, "We can all do a heck of a lot more and look forward to a real good year in 1980. Thank you for being the type of people that you are."

When the awards were actually presented, after a somewhat rushed dinner and prolonged stage show, the 169th ACWS took the top award by capturing the Outstanding HANG Unit Award. Col O'Day accepted the award on behalf of the unit. The scope watchers earned their honor by showing combat readiness, strength and retention, attendance, military bearing, and inspections and safety records. Congratulations to all the members of the 169th for a job extremely well done.

Of course one award does not make an award banquet. Taking the George T Miki memorial trophy for outstanding Air Weapons Controller was Lt Col Norman Chang of the 169th.

As far as flying airplanes goes,

the 199th suceeded in handling that.
Maj Richard Hastings was awarded the title of outstanding Weapons System Officer.
Top Fighter Pilot went to Lt Col Joseph Ah New Jr. Both awards indicate how hard these men worked to achieve the level of skill and leadership they both display.

Outstanding Airman for this year is Amn Napua N Sugai of the 150th ACWS.

Outstanding HANG NCO was none other than our own TSgt Rodney Correa from the 154th CEF.

To find out who took the award for Outstanding HANG Senior NCO we have to head back up the hill to the 169th and congratulate MSgt Seiichi Tsutsui.

Top Officer OF HANG for the past year was Maj Gerald J Revuelto of the 150th ACWS.

To all those who won their special deserved awards, you have the right and the privilige of being proud of your accomplishment. For the rest of us is the chance of earning that right next year.



Commander's ** Corner **

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEPUTY COMMANDER FOR MAINTENANCE...

Colonel Allen M Mizumoto

Dec 1, 1979 marks the first anniversary of my assignment as Deputy Commander for Maintenance here at the 154th Composite Group.

I can tell you without reservation that I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year with you and being part of this outstanding "fighting unit."

As I reflect back on calendar year 1979, I cannot help but feel proud of the many accomplishments of the 154th COMPG. Through the concerted efforts of all our people, we had two extremely successful deployments to Clark AB, RP and Anderson AFB, Guam; we recieved an overall rating of excellent during our ORI in April; we rully accomplished our flying requirements; and, we provided outstanding support to PACAF in the areas of aircraft maintenance, PACAF IG augmentation and in several other operation areas.

Looking ahead to calendar year 1980, many challenges await us and I ask for your Kokua and support in keeping the 154 COMPG as one of the best ANG units in the nation. The challenges in 1980 include a further increase in the number of assigned aircraft, an increase in the number of aircraft on alert, an increase in the number of programmed sorties, a replacement radar at Mt Kaala, a deployment to Guam and Japan, and a combination ORI and MEI in the last quarter of calender year 1980. (cont. next column)



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I am confident that we will be able meet all the challenges before us and that our team effort will continue to maintain the kind of unit that we can all be proud to be a part of.

In closing I would like to wish all of you and your loved ones a very merry as safe Holiday--MELE KALIKIMAKA E HAUOLI MAKAHIKI HOU.

TREES FOR TOTS AND US BIG KIDS TOO!!!!!!!

(HICKAM) Sometime around December 7th the Hawaii Area Exchange is planning on putting X-Mas Trees on sale here at Hickar and also the Army Bases.

A container is now on a Matson liner and is expected in around Dec 4th.

Now the exchange itself that arranges for non-profit groups to do so. The Boy Scouts, swim clubs and youth activity

Scouts, swim clubs and youth activity groups will be doing the selling this year. If you want to find out more about where or when call HAAX at 533-8360. By the way prices haven't been announced but have you heard what civilian trees are going to go for? A lot.

SANTA IS ALIVE AND WELL AND LIVING IN IND

(HONOLULU) An official letter, signed and mailed by Santa himself or at least Mrs Santa is no longer a dream kids, it's fac Santa Claus Post Office displays are loca at Hickam, Ft Shafter, and Schofield Barrall you need to do is select a specially prepared letter from Santa, add the desir (your home) address, stamp it and mail it in the special boxes. "Posted" letters will be sent to Santa Claus, Indiana, whe they will be resent back with the officia Santa Claus postmark. It's free. Heck you might want to send one to your comman.

Bring in 1980 happily and safely....
see ya next year gang.



"OUR GREATEST ENEMY" by Chaplain David Kennedy

It doesn't seem that a simple thing like going fishing could have such excellent results when the world suddenly seems too much. It is a very difficult thing to worry when your mind is fixed on a little red and white plastic float bobbing in the water.

Just taking one's mind off the general routine of living for even a short time is like a much needed and appreciated vacation. We seldom recognize the need for getting away from the monotony of following each day with another day exactly like it. We lose the value of the hours and minutes and lump them all together in things called days and plod along expecting miracles to come some day and save us.

The effort we hav to give is in releasing the problem and concentrating on something beautifully simple and uncomplicated. Living doesn't seem so ominous when we can go fishing for a little while for some peace and quiet and sidetrack the things that weigh so heavily on our minds.

Good health is such a blessing.

And not everyone realizes how much he
aids or harms his health. In fact, he
gives much more thought to being careful not to get his feet wet than being
careful not to get angry. And it is
said that anger can lower resistance to
colds much quicker than getting wet.

It is a proven fact that to feel love builds a resistance to illnesses while resentment and hate can destroy both mind and body.

Longfellow once wrote that joy, temperance, and repose would slam the door on the doctor's nose. There's no doubtbut that most doctor's noses are safe. But he, too, would be glad if more patients would exercise their ability to lift themselves out of much of their ill health by knowing some measure of joy rather than self-pity, some healthy thoughts and less thought of self.

We lower our resistance to ill health in many ways, but none so surely works as our inability to recognize that we are our own worst enemy.

Remember

FIVE YEARS AGO IN KUKAILIMOKU ...

Front page story of how the 298th Field Depot team (who?) captured the 1974 HNG Oahu Slow Pitch Championship by beating the 154 "A" team by two games. The 154th "B" team ended up in last place. All right "B" team.

"A" team coach with SMSgt Richard Miles and the "B" team was coached by that old fast pitch specialist in the slow pitch league, MSgt Wayne Soma. What's changed we wonder over the past five years.

TEN YEARS AGO IN KUKAILIMOKU ...

The 154th CAMRON Squadron done real good. Back in 1969 they donated 202 newly painted trash barrels to the State to be placed in public parks. Called the 154th CAMRON Barrel Project (not too original) the effort made the television news as Lt Col Mattos, disguised as the big guy with the red suit made the presentation. Among the people who worked on the project were Richard Miles (when he wasn't coaching) Harry Awana, Soprayano Salvador, Rudy Luat, and many others. It was an excellent idea. Wonder what's up for 1979.

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154th CAM SQUADRON NEWS AND GOODIES ... by SMSgt Art Lee ...

.....Although CAM Squadron nominees didn't win any of the overall HANG Awards presented at the HANG Banquet last month, we want to congratulate Captain Bruce Minato, MSgt Dick DeVeas SSgt Jack Uhrig and Airman Russel Kikuchi for being nominated for the awards. These men were outstanding in to squadron the past year and contributed a great deal towards the effectiveness of the CAM Sq. Once again the CAM Squadron maintenance personnel were called to assist in repair work, this time TSgts John Chun and John Wahinekapu went to San Antonio, Texas to work on our own F&-C Jet Engine. It took about five days to do the work and they had a chance to visit the 149th ANG outfit where the engine was. Participating in the November 24th and December 1st parades Downtown, Chapter 18 members built a Christmas Float which looked like a Ginger Bread House with Santa and his workers busy making toys etc. Someone mentioned that the House looked almost good enough to eat. Our fondest Alcha to MSgt Jerry Freitas, Air Force Advisor for maintenance. Jerry will retire at the end of this month and go into business with his brother, an auto mechani. Jerry has been a real asset to the CAM Squadron. We want to welcome another all around individual who recently enlisted. SSgt Bob Hernandez, a 3 year Army Aviation Vet who served as a flight ops coordinator and door gunner for copter units in Vietnam. Bob also teaches flying and is working towards his multi-engine rating. Bob also will or is offering 1 free introductory lesson to any Guardsman, all you pay for is the cost of renting the plane. Bob also is a Certified Scuba Instructor amd also a Sensei in the Martial Arts field. The ALL HANG GOLF TOURNAMENT was a huge success according to 99.9% of the golfers. The other .1% were the normal golfer who grumbles about all tourneys anyway and they don't count. We thank General Ishimoto for his full support and contribution towards a fine golf

day. Although George Padilla didn't thin so, he took an 11 on the first hole, brol his golf shoes, had his cart break down, and he had the #3 cover for his woods on his #4 club so he was using the wrong one . All that happened on the first hole. Anyway it was a very good tournament and good fun ... And finally, the calender year is almost over and we are certain that each shop, each person within the CAM Sq did accomplish their own personal goals for the year and are looking forward to another good year. On behalf of the Commander, the Officers and Airman of the 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, we wish all of you a very very MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR... See you next year.



Some have been asking why we haven't gotten a C-130. The picture above is of Wyoming ANG birds after a twister.



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WHAT GOES UP...

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WAS TAKEN FROM AN ATTEMPT AT JOURNALISM CALLED THE SHANG-HAI GOONRAT, A PUBLICATION FOR JUMPERS OUT AT DILLINGHAM AIRFIELD. IT APPEARED IN THE JANUARY 21, 1977 EDITION AND WAS WRITTEN BY THE NOW EDITOR OF THIS PAPER WHO AT THAT TIME WASN'T YET IN THE GUARD. ENOUGH WITH THE INTRODUCTION....

Dear Editor,

We who derive pleasure by engaging in the pastime known as sport parachuting, which has been likened by some to the experience of achieving a checkmate in three moves or less, must be gravely concerned over the current energy situation. It will be obvious to all but most of us that the means used to transport us to a position where we can actively participate in the above activity are for the most part powered by fossil fuels. Since there is an abominable lack of dinosaurs today because of erratic and largely ineffective hunting laws in the past, we must, to coin a phrase, manifest ourselves.

We must vigorously pursue other avenues. Some of you with a false feeling of hope say that balloons are the answer but think...How many commercial balloon pilots do you know? No, lighter-than-aircraft are not the solution. In fact aircraft of any sort are, unbeknownst to many, rapidly becoming extinct. If a gas shortage doesn't stop us, ill advised environmentalists will rally against us for polluting the atmosphere between 25 hundred and 12 thousand feet, which is believed to be the primary habitat of the giant condor and the rok.

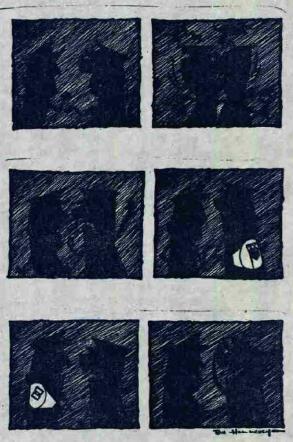
As you may imagine, I in my humbleness have a solution to propose. I suggest that next Sunday we assemble at
Dillingham Airfield with great vigor and
begin a project that should be completed
by 1993. I propose that we begin to excavate what will be called... "THE DROP
HOLE." Two miles deep and one mile square with stairs on each side. Consider
the advantages. No more cramped, drafty
cold, noisy, oftimes odorous airplanes.
No winds to worry about, no manifesting

problems, no bad choices and where to get out, just jumps. Why according to reliable calculations, a 4,386 person formation is possible in freefall before hitting the bottom. For those needing night or water jumps, there will be no problem. Flooding the bottom poses little difficulty since it will be two miles below sea level and at night simply blowing out the candles should to most do the trick.

So with the advent of the "DROP HOLE," our sport will be saved the fate of the dinosaurs and our right to fall unfettered will not be infringed upon by a bunch of fould smelling, funny looking Arabs. God bless us now and forever.

P.S. Entrenching tools will be provided.

P.P.S. The Mole Men Skydiving Club is now accepting applications.



154 Resources Management Round Up by Cpt Nelson Jones

Another Thanksgiving has quickly slipped by; as is evident by all the turkey sandwiches that have been seen lately. And, with the rather cool wind blowing by these past few days, one can't help but know that Christmas will soon be greeting us once again. And still, yet, with a turn of the page, 1980 will be making its grand appearance.

It's hard to really grasp the fact that 1979 is coming to an end. I guess it's simply because so much has happened this past year. The RMS gang has gone through some exciting changes. First, we changed from the old 154th Supply Squadron to the 154 Resources Management Squadron, under the command of LtCol Richard Furuno. He oversees the operations of Supply, Comptroller, Procurement, Traffic Management and Resource Plans. We've also had our share of promotions for the year; the latest being SMSgt Howard Okita, Customer Support NCOIC, and MSgt Herbert Funasaki, also of Customer Support. Congrats to these two and to everyone else that have either sewn on new stripes or pinned on new insignias.

And, do you realize that it's been six months since our deployment team, consisting of TSgts Dennis Fukumoto, Frank Yamamoto, Jason Chun, Samuel Wong, SSgt Randy Hiyane, SSgt Geri Heatherly and AlC Fred Denault, packed up supplies and equipment to participate along with other group members at Guam and the Philippines in Cope Thunder and Combat Sage. This was truly a rewarding experience for everyone who took part in it.

Travel was in abundance too this year, both official and for other reasons. MSgt Baldwin Yamashiro, of Supply Systems toured the cold country of Alaska. TSgt Nevin Harada recently returned from Japan, (a trip sponsored by the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce for his superb chairmanship of the 1979 Cherry Blossom Festival). SMSgt Howard Okita once again took his Kailua American Little League Team to San Bernadino, Cal. to partici-

pate in the Western Regional Champion-ships, placing third. And, while we're on the subject of traveling, SSgt Barb Chun from Comptroller does a bit of traveling in her own way. She simply gets into a little plane, goes up a few thousand feet, then jumps out again. Of course, this is done with a parachute, as Barbara is a skydiving enthusiast. AlC Diana Lewis has been touring Canada as a dancer with a Hula Troupe. We've seen SSgt Glenn Sugawara of Fuels tie the knot this past year, and also Sgt Pamela Eiler, now known as Sgt Guieb.

Some of our folks were blessed with additions to their families. Sgt Louise Lum from Supply Systems had a baby boy. SSgt Sherman Dang of Materiel Storage and Distribution became a father for the second time (a baby boy). SSgt Randy Hiyane also is a proud father of a baby boy (1st time!), and SSgt Bob Yamada of Data Automation, is the father of a baby Girl. Congrats to all!

An addition of sorts to the RMS family is AB Dennis K. Matsuura. A recent grad of the Accounting and Finance Tech School with a 94% Block Test Average, Dennis will be pouring out his skills and knowledge to the Accounting & Finance Office. Also back from Chanute Technical Training Center is AB Jonathan D. Sedillo, who has come home as an honor graduate, having excelled in the Fuels Specialist course. Congrat to both you guys on your achievements! Welcome home and welcome aboard!

Again, it's been an exciting year. We'll now begin to gear up for 1980, which promises to be just as exciting with our participation in Cope North at Misawa AFB, Japan for Starters. So, to everyone in the HANG from the Men and Women of the 154 RMS, HAVE A SAFE AND JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A SPARKLING 1980!

A GOOD TAX BREAK

... and Congratulations to Sgt
Artie Harrell and his wife on their
new addition to the family—a baby
girl, weighing 8 and a half pounds.
The blessed event happened Thursday
afternoon, 29 November at Tripler Army
Medical Center.

JAPAN AF CHIEF VISITS 154 COMPG!



General Ishimoto (center) talks with General Ryoichi Yamada, Chief of Staff, JASDF, (right) on the occasion of his visit to HANG, Hickam AFB on 20 November.

WHAT'S NEW, CANOE ...

The 1st Annual Long Distance Relay Canoe Race was held Nov. 25th...starting at Kualoa Park and finishing at Kaneohe's Heeia Boat Marbor. That's about 5 miles...round trip. Our HANG Ohana Canoe Club came in 6th place, with a time of 3 hours 59 mins...lst place went to Healani with a time of 3 hours 14 mins..... pretty close race. A wonderful time was had by all...much Mahalo for all the HANG support.

ATTENTION!!!

There is still a golden opportunity to receive a reenlistment bonus! If your ETS is between 1 Oct 79 and 31 Mar 1980, you may qualify. If you are interested in working with Aircraft Armament Systems (462XO), and getting free \$\$\$\$, check with your recruiter.

Everything under the sun

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Sports, of sorts...

26 MILES OF RUNNING FUN....

When the guns sounds at the Aloha tower next Sunday morning, Dec. 9th, at 6 a.m. some 9,000 pairs of feet will start beating the pavement ... kicking off the 7th Annual Honolulu Marathon. A lot of those feet will continue to beat the street throughout the entire 26-mile-385-yard course. If you're planning to run...or just watch...you'd better show up early. And in case you've missed the ads in a few commercial newspapers ... K-59 Radio's Dynamic Doc Casey(better known to most HANG types as SSgt. Charles Gravitt) will be right in there... running his buns off with the rest of 'em. Doc is interested in finding other HANG-ers who will be running. Give him a call at K-59 Radio News...949-2727. Actually he's looking for someone to carry him the last 25-and-a-half miles of the marathon. Doc says, "Remember. if we all run together ... it won't get so lonesome in the hospital ward later on." The marathon will wind down through Waikiki ... around Diamond Head ... through Hawaii Kai...back around Diamond Head ... and wrap up in Kapiolani Park. Some of the show-offs will probably cross the finish line in a couple of hours...and the rest of us will stagger across a little later. Should be lots of fun... see ya at the party in the park after.

GOLF TOURNEY WAS A BALL ...

The All HANG Golf Tournament went off without too many hitches at the Hickam Course on November 5th. Lots of folks turned over five of their hard earned dollars to swat this little white thing over well manicured green stuff with a long metal thing. All very strange to the uninitiated. The way you go about winning is unusual too. Instead of the person with the highest score winning as in most recreational activities, it's the one with the lowest. However, that's not even true because of this thing (cont. next column)

GOLF TOURNEY (cont.)

they call a handicap which is like tying one leg upside your head...only different. Well, after all was said and done Lt Col Joe Ah New, Jr shot an 85 yet somehow was able to subtract 20 from his score to end up with a 65 and the winner's prizes...the General trophy and a \$60 golf bag with covers donated by Commander, HANG. Many others won many other things that were donated by many fine local businesses and people The donors...in alphebetical order were: Aloha Airlines American Security Bank Chart House *-denotes Guardsmen Chuck's Cellar Coca Cola Bottling Granny Goose Foods Sherriff of Hawaii Locations Incorporated PGA Golf Equipment S & S Saimin Star Market, Pearl Ridge Tip Top Bakery Kenji Sumida* 154 CAMRON 169 ACW 199 TFS Arthur Lee* Jimmy Lota* Allan Adachi Paul Matsumoto Harry Mori Lloyd Yoshimatsu James Kim Ian Komenaka* Mike Culkin Clarence Shimoko Peter Mochizuki Owen Ota *

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Twinkle, twinkle little star may sound like a permanent "angement, but every so an a light goes out."

Although they may appear to be everlasting, stars pass through a well-defined life cycle, explains the National Geographic Society. They are born from clouds of dust and gas, live long and relatively uneventful lives pouring out energy, and then die spectacularly.

The population of a large star called a supernova creates one of the most dazzling displays of fireworks in the universe. About 100 million times more brilliant than the sun, the awesome explosion sends matter in all directions.

A Star la Born

From this material new stars and planets, even life, are born. Nearly all the atoms in the human body

in the earth once originated in a star that exploded and disintegrated. And probably these same atoms were once the debris of still an earlier star.

Supernovae have intrigued men for centuries. The first thoroughly documented appearance of a supernova was reported by Chinese astronomers in 1054.



Called by the startled scientists a "guest star," it was easily visible in daylight for almost a month. Only after 650 nights did the supernova disappear from view.

A similar report appears in Japanese chronicles of the time. But although the exploding star must have been widely seen in Europe and the Middle East as well, no account from these areas exists.

Some people in the New World, however, may have witnessed the event.

In the early 1950s, two prehistoric Indian rock drawings were found in northern Arizona depicting what is believed to be the same supernova.

Since then, nine other similar rock art examples have been found at other sites in the western United States

Calculations from lunar tables indicate that Indians could have seen the supernova near a crescent moon about the time the Chinese saw the guest star.

Today the spectacular debris, or nebula, left by the supernova of 1054 remains one of the most constantly studied objects in the sky.
Given the name Crab
Nebula, it amounts to about
one-tenth the mass of the
sun and is expanding at
about 700 miles per sec-

Neutron Star at Center

In the span of nine centuries, its diameter has grown to about six light-years. At the center there appear two faint stars, one of which is now known to be a neutron star, the collapsed core of the star that exploded.

The debris is moving fast enough to escape from the neutron star and eventually will dissipate into space, enriching the interstellar medium and providing material for the formation of new stars.

The rate of occurrence of supernovae in earth's galaxy, the Milky Way, is believed to average about one per century, yet in the last thousand years only three have been seen.

Others may have occurred behind obscuring dust clouds.

Curiously, the last two visible supernovae occured within one generation and were observed by the two greatest astronomers of the time, Tycho Brahe in 1572 and Johannes Kepler in 1604

Think

"Toy"

Safety



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