

KUKAILIMOKI

(WAR GOD OF KAM THE FIRST)

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Multiply by four to compute your UTA pay.

New Drill Pay Rates

Effective October 1, 1979

Pay Grade	Years Of Service														
	Under 2	2	3	4	5	6	8	10	12	14	15	16	20	22	26
Commissioned Officers															
O-8	94.46	97.28	99.59	99.59	99.59	107.02	107.02	112.08	112.08	118.73	121.80	128.47	131.54	131.54	131.54
O-7	78.46	83.82	83.82	87.57	87.57	87.57	92.66	92.66	97.26	107.02	114.37	114.37	114.37	114.37	114.37
O-6	58.17	63.32	68.09	68.09	68.09	68.09	68.09	68.09	70.40	81.55	85.72	87.57	92.66	100.49	100.49
O-5	45.53	54.64	58.41	58.41	58.41	58.41	60.19	63.41	67.65	72.72	75.90	79.22	81.99	81.99	81.99
O-4	39.22	47.74	50.94	50.94	51.87	54.18	57.87	61.13	63.92	66.71	69.57	69.57	66.57	66.57	66.57
O-3	36.45	40.74	43.55	48.19	50.49	52.32	55.13	57.87	59.29	59.29	59.29	59.29	59.29	59.29	59.29
O-2	31.77	34.71	41.89	43.10	43.99	43.99	43.99	43.99	43.99	43.99	43.99	43.99	43.99	43.99	43.99
O-1	27.60	28.71	34.71	34.71	34.71	34.71	34.71	34.71	34.71	34.71	34.71	34.71	34.71	34.71	34.71
Commissioned Officers With Over 4 Years Active Service As Enlisted Members															
O-3	—	—	—	48.19	50.49	52.32	55.13	57.87	60.19	60.19	60.19	60.19	60.19	60.19	60.19
O-2	—	—	—	43.10	43.99	45.99	47.74	49.58	50.94	50.94	50.94	50.94	50.94	50.94	50.94
O-1	—	—	—	34.71	37.07	38.44	39.83	41.22	43.10	43.10	43.10	43.10	43.10	43.10	43.10
Enlisted Members															
E-8	—	—	—	—	—	—	42.18	43.14	44.12	45.14	46.14	47.04	48.52	54.32	54.32
E-8	—	—	—	—	—	35.39	36.38	37.35	38.33	39.33	40.24	41.23	43.65	48.52	48.52
E-7	24.71	26.97	27.66	28.62	29.61	30.54	31.52	32.50	33.97	34.93	35.92	36.38	36.83	43.65	43.65
E-6	21.34	23.27	24.24	25.26	26.20	27.16	28.16	29.61	30.54	31.52	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00
E-5	18.74	20.39	21.59	22.31	23.77	24.74	25.73	26.87	27.16	27.16	27.16	27.16	27.16	27.16	27.16
E-4	18.01	19.02	20.13	21.70	22.56	22.56	22.56	22.56	22.56	22.56	22.56	22.56	22.56	22.56	22.56
E-3	17.32	18.27	19.01	19.76	19.76	19.76	19.76	19.76	19.76	19.76	19.76	19.76	19.76	19.76	19.76
E-2	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67
E-1	14.96	14.96	14.96	14.96	14.96	14.96	14.96	14.96	14.96	14.96	14.96	14.96	14.96	14.96	14.96



HAPPY Halloween

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Commander's ☆☆ Corner ☆☆

By Col John SW Lee

The whole is greater than the sum of its parts and so is man...and so is this Composite Group. The "extra" ingredient which makes this statement true is the "beyond belief performance" as witnessed in sports and human drama. Let's just call it synergism. In order to make synergism work, each working part contributes something to the whole. This distinct and unique contribution when wedded to contributions from other parts produces the magic that makes the whole greater than the sum.

We are still molding the Composite Group's personality and still seeking to take full advantage of synergism. In the mean time, it is quite important that the "parts" define and identify their contribution to the group. By the way, "negative" contributions also produce synergistic effects on the Group image.

To return to basics, each part must fulfill some basic requirements in order to positively contribute to the whole:

- * It must be responsible
- * It must have integrity
- * It must have a "will"

The "will" is a product of leadership, a sense of purpose, and a commitment to the struggle of life.

I do not intend to sermonize the importance of the stated basic requirements. I do however wish to think that I have addressed what the Composite Group means and what it can mean if we collectively use synergism to mold the kind of Composite Group we want.

D.B. COOPER...WHERE ARE YOU?

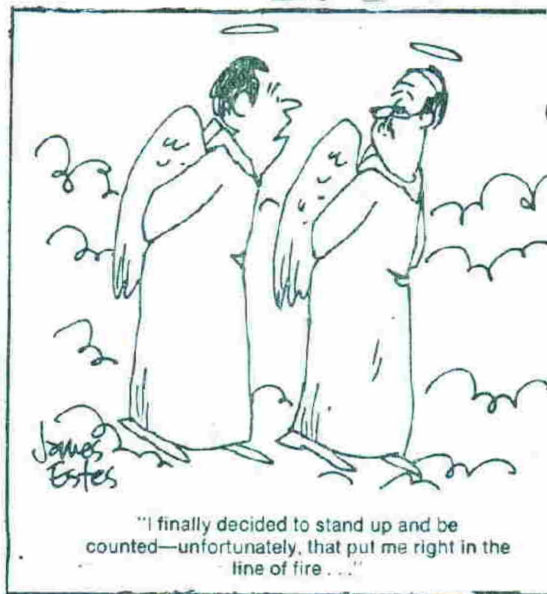
Remember.....

TEN YEARS AGO IN KUKAILIMOKU.....

The 154th Civil Engineering Flight born. The 154th CEF had formerly been under the wing of the 154th Combat Support Squadron, but was given to Hiram Pang took charge of the 154th CEF as commander on 18 October 1969. We expect to get a piece of the birthday cake, folks...

FIVE YEARS AGO IN KUKAILIMOKU.....

Nothing happened 5 years ago...well almost...Civil service and military pay checks increased 5.5 percent. This year we'll get 7 percent (see Pay Chart). That's progress!



NEXT UTA

NOVEMBER..

3&4

Talk/Check

YOUR PRIVATE HOT LINE.....

- Have a complaint and hesitant to say it?
- Heard a rumor and want to check it out?
- Thought of an idea that is being ignored?
- Aware of a morale problem that needs correcting?

Talk it out or check it out with Chaplain Kennedy who has been appointed Ombudsman for the 154th Composite Group. He is available to assist you if "normal channels" seem to be ignoring you or if "making waves" may place you in an uncomfortable position with superiors.

IF YOU DESIRE IT, CONFIDENTIALITY IS ASSURED.

He will make every effort to find answers and solve problems for you. The results of his investigations and efforts will be reported back to you.

Chaplain Kennedy can be reached at any time through the 154 CSS orderly room (449-2861 or 1108). However, for your convenience, every Saturday and Sunday of drill weekends, he will be available for PRIVATE meetings from 1500-1600, without appointment in the Recruiters Office outside CBPO.

30 MILLION Veterans...

For the first time in history, there are more than 30 million veterans in the country. The increase, which results when military discharges top the number of deaths among veterans, is a result of increased life expectancy in the past few years.

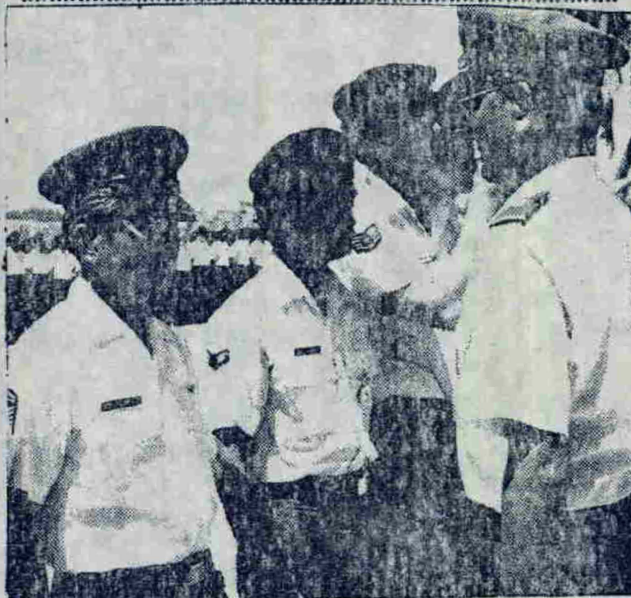
The largest groups (over 12 million) of veterans are those who served in World War II. Next comes Vietnam era vets (8million) and Korean vets (5 million). The smallest group is the 278 surviving veterans of the Spanish-American War. (No Bobby Choi did not fight in that one)

FILL UPS ON SUNDAY....

Beginning today, Hawaii Area Service Stations and auto accessory stores here at Hickam, at Fort Shafter and at Schofield Barracks will be open on Sundays. The hours are from 0900 to 1500. According to Arthur L. Walker, General Manager of the area exchanges, the Sunday hours are predicated upon "sufficient supplies of gas."

BACK TO SCHOOL....

Major changes in the enrollment and participation policies for taking Extension courses are now in effect. These are: 1. You can only enroll in one course at a time. 2. Failure to take and meet completion requirements will make you ineligible to take another course for 18 months after the latest dismissal date. 3. Mandatory enrollment for OJT and PME programs does not prohibit voluntary enrollment in one additional course. 4. Course materials may be ordered from the Extension Course Institute at ECI DMSA, Gunter AFS, Alabama 36118, for a fee. They ain't for free. Boom Boom.



CMSgt Bob Choi receives award from Brig Gen Ishimoto last month at his retirement. (Photo by TSgt Ford)

Padre's Patter



There was once a man who was faced with the progressive mental illness of his wife and feared that his two sons might be similarly affected. He wrote down in his diary: "I can neither face the awfulness of this fact nor endure the experience. I curse God and life and die." Then he shot himself.

There was also a man named Charles Lamb, famous English author, who came home one day to find that his sister, in a fit of insanity, had killed his mother and seriously injured his father. Describing the incident in a letter to his friend he said: "Thank God, I am able to be calm and controlled so as to do the best that remains to be done."

No man is ready for life who does not have secrets of reserve strength by which he can face the inevitable crises of life. The final argument for God and prayer and a life of faith is that we cannot live without spiritual supports, and more than we can live without physical sustenance. The familiar hymn carries a message that is more than sentimentality: "I need Thee. Oh I need Thee! Every hour I need Thee!"

The physical strength that a man needs in a long period of strain, or when fighting to overcome a wasting illness, is the result of sound habits of diet, exercise and physical care carried out for years in advance. Similarly the strength needed in spiritual crises cannot be summoned on a moment's notice when there has been no advance preparation.

In a sense, all of life is a preparation for crisis. The best preparation is one that begins in a religious home at the time of birth, and is continued by habits of thought, prayer, worship and study which enables a person to turn to God in trust and confidence at a moment's notice.

by Chaplain David Kennedy

A MESSAGE FROM MAJ GEN LAVERN WEBER,
CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL GUARD, ON THE
GUARD'S ANNIVERSARY...

"Three Hundred and Forty Three years ago on October 7, 1636, the cornerstone of the National Guard was laid in Massachusetts with the formation of the New and East Regiments. From that beginning you and your predecessors have worked sacrificed to insure that the National Guard will be 'Always Ready, Always There'.

This past year has seen increases both our Federal and State roles. We continue to expand the part played by the Guard in the Total Force. Guardsmen are working closer and closer with our commitment to defend our heritage.

Our State mission has increased dramatically over the past year as more and more Guardsmen are called upon to preserve order and render humanitarian assistance to our neighbors in times of need.

I commend your efforts of the past and look forward to the opportunities of the coming year."

The Third Annual HANG Award Banquet kicked off 17 Nov 79 at the Oceania Floating Restaurant. The Surfers will entertain... you stuff yourself at the "all you can eat" Luau buffet. Festivities begin at 0600 till whenever. Da price: \$14.00 per person. Have Fun...

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HOW I SAT FOR 45 MINUTES AT THE FRONT GATE or IF YOU INVITE PEOPLE ON BASE, GIVE THEM A DECK OF CARDS...

Back around September 26th, the 15th ABW Security Police began using a new Visitor/Vehicle Pass Procedure. If you are sponsoring visitors onto the base, you now have to notify the Main Gate either in person or by telephone at 449-1803.

What this new procedure is doing is backing up visitors for quite some ways. The other day, this reporter had a "sick" car...so he borrowed a friend's to come to work on base. Mistake!!! He tried to go through the back gate as he was at the airport. No way. Okay...so around he goes to the Main Gate and sees this long line of vehicles. Since he's in a rush(late) he drives very calmly up to the guy that stands in that little tower and says, "Hi, nice day isn't it." (This reporter is a great conversation- alist) " Here's my ID, this is a borrowed car and I'm late for work and the Commander needs me and my mother is going to call in five minutes and I'm due for promotion and have to pick up my new dress uniform." The guy in the tower nods wisely and says that he understands and then tells me that what I want to do is drive back out the gate, go all the way down to the Airport so I can turn around and come back towards the gate in the right direction and get in line with the rest of the "visitors". Well, needless to say that was not quite what I wanted to do, but he had this metal thing strapped to his leg and was tapping it with his finger as saliva

started dripping from his fangs...sooo.

You'd be surprised how much you can get done while sitting for forty-five minutes. I cleaned out my glove box, my wallet and trunk. Did a quick tune-up, changed the oil, gave the old bomb a quick wash 'n wax. Looked at 2364 people drive through the gate with 1296 of those being female. Noticed how uncomfortable it is to sit in 100 degree humid weather. Discovered that my horn worked really well when somebody tried to cut in three cars ahead. And finally, when I got to the security guy, learned that I really could speak calmly and rationally...when all I wanted to do was KILL.

So...the moral of this story is contained somewhere in the body of this, but right now I'm so mad after remembering all this stuff...I can't find it. Good Luck.

WHEN IT RAINS.....

Have you ever gotten wet in uniform? Seen that nice starch start dripping down your pants leg...all over your spit-shined shoes? Have ya, booby? Well, don't let it happen again. Raise your spirits up and sing Hallelujah. Effective as of a while back...umbrellas may be used by all Air Force members in uniform. There is a catch, though. It can only be used when "weather conditions warrent." You may use any commercially-bought solid black or dark blue umbrella as long as it doesn't have any ornamentation. It should be carried in the left hand so you can properly salute(remember this is an AF reg). It can't be carried during formations or in areas where it might hamper safety. Also, wearing of the lightweight blue jacket with a removable liner has been authorized. However if you wish, you may still wear the current lightweight jacket without the liner. Or...you could just get wet...

"Where have all the flowers gone...

Gone to lei stands everyone."

People Power

People in Ops say the hottest item going at the moment is...people. Captains Ronald Gardner and Michael Troncoso have joined the family as backseaters. And Airman Francine Caminos and AB(that's Airman Basic, remember?) Deborah Harris have also joined the ranks. AB Pat Harris has recently signed up, too...and will be leaving for Basic Training next month. The only other "hot" item, they say, is the coffee...which boiled over. But they asked us not to mention that...so we won't.

CONTESTS STILL OPEN...

Don't forget that the fourteenth annual NGB/NGAUS Photo Contest is still on and you can win. Photos depicting some aspect of the National Guard Mission can win up to \$500. If you're interested check in either with the Photo Lab or the Information Office (CCTV) for rules and entry blanks. Deadline is midnight 1 Dec 1979.

DON'T CANCEL THIS OUT...

About ten years ago the Air Force began a program called Stamps for Children. Under the auspices of this program, hospitalized children receive stamps which can provide them with hours of educational enjoyment, as well as much needed therapy.

If you'd like to participate, simply cut the used stamps from envelopes with the cancellation mark still showing and send them to:

Stamps for Children
c/o Air Training Command/OIC
Randolph AFB, TX 78148

Just a reminder...There wasn't one story on skydiving in this issue. (Editor)

THE IMPORTANCE OF JUST 5 MINUTES

Napoleon wrote that the reason he beat the Austrians was that they did not know the value of five minutes. It took Lincoln less than five minutes to deliver his immortal Gettysburg Address. It took William Jennings Bryan less than five minutes to electrify a great political convention with but a single expression that gave him the nomination for the President of the United States.

Five minutes have been employed in many a cruel manner, but I prefer to mention only the good and worthy things that can be accomplished by the use of five minutes. In five minutes we can say an encouraging word to one discouraged, or we can express appreciation to someone. We can write a cheerful note or send a wire, or write a letter to someone not expecting it - and those five minutes will burn a light in our hearts.

George Matthew Adams



YES, WE'RE THE AIR GUARD, AND NO, WE DON'T DO THAT KIND OF AIR GUARDING!!

REMEMBER YOUR BENNIES (and we don't mean Goo)

Among other things Guardspeople are eligible for at area military bases are exchange, movies, and sports facilities. Did you know that you can use the Hickam Gymnasium on a DAILY basis, and not just on weekends? They've got basketball courts, indoor and outdoor running track, volleyball, weight room, and sauna. Just bring your ID and get in shape or relax. You've earned the privilege. USE IT!

FY 80 REENLISTMENT BONUS PROGRAM.....

The below listed AFSCs are the only authorized AFSCs that are eligible for payment of a reenlistment bonus for FY 80.

- 206X0
- 233X0
- 322X2C
- 432X3 Aircraft Fuel Systems
- 461X0 Munitions Systems
- 462X0 Aircraft Armament Systems
- 463XU
- 811X0 Security Police

Effective immediately, the ANGSC/MPP will consider reenlistment bonus requests on only those individuals who have an ETS 1 Oct 79 through 31 Mar 80. This policy has no impact on those individuals who have or desire to take advantage of the 031015Z July 79 message and extend their FY 79 ETS dates to 1 Oct 79 in order to be eligible for a bonus.

(Boy, sure is confusing. Editor)

THINK ABOUT IT!

ACTUAL 781 DISCREPANCY:
"Lost #3 Engine after 3:45 hrs. of flt."

ACTUAL CREW CHIEFS CLEARING ENTRY FOR ABOVE WRITE-UP:

"Found #3 eng on wg after 30 secs of search."

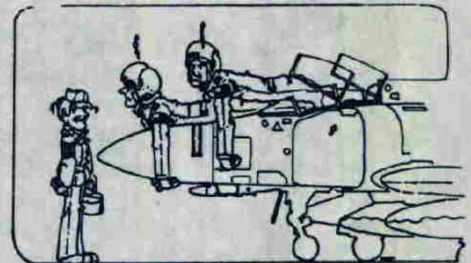
THERE IS A POINT TO THE ABOVE!

FOR THOSE OVER 35...YOU AIN'T OVER THE HILL YET...

At least not according to the new AFR 35-10 which outlines the aerobic program. Previously, members 35 years of age and older were restricted to a walking regimen, and could not run for their yearly aerobics testing. Now, they can run if they so desire. The new regulation also outlines all time criteria for running and stationary running for those persons 35 and older.

Nothing official has come down from the National Guard Bureau for NG personnel. Nevertheless, it is up to the individual to meet the requirements of physical conditioning needed for him/her to pass the annual test.

Psss.We hear that this is going to happen before the deployment next summer.



Yes, Sergeant, the breaks are a bit touchy!

GOV PUBS MAY BE CHARGED...

The Superintendent of Documents will now allow you to order government publications and charge them to your Master Charge or Visa account. To do so, you'll have to give your credit card number and its expiration date (and your Interbank number if using Master Charge). Credit card sales will be accepted by all Government Printing Office (GPO) bookstores; on mail orders to U.S. Government Printing Office, Public Documents Department, Washington, D.C. 20402; or on phone orders at area code 202 783-3238.

154 CAM SQUADRON NEWS AND VIEWS.....
by SMSgt Art Lee

The Retirement party for CMSgt Bob Choi at the Empress was a huge success. Thanks to MSgt Ben Goo and his committee. Everyone enjoyed the food and the program. Our sincere thanks to SSgt Ron Biho who made all the slides of Bob's life as it was presented during the program. Old timers seen at the party were George Joaquin, Letwell Duvachelle, Willy Dau, George Duncan, Walter Judd, Harold Mattos, Rex Hitchcock and many others. Bob's last day as an Air Technician was the 17th of October 1979.

TSgt Doug Abe, the District Commissioner of Boy Scouts for the Kamehameha District area, is calling for adult volunteers, especially from the Air Guard, to work with the Cub and Boy scouts. The work is very rewarding and if anyone is interested please call him at 833-3811 (Home) or at work 449-9373. MSgt Ray Loo and TSgt Ron Lee are both already organizing a new cub scout pack #39, they meet at Kalihi Union Church.

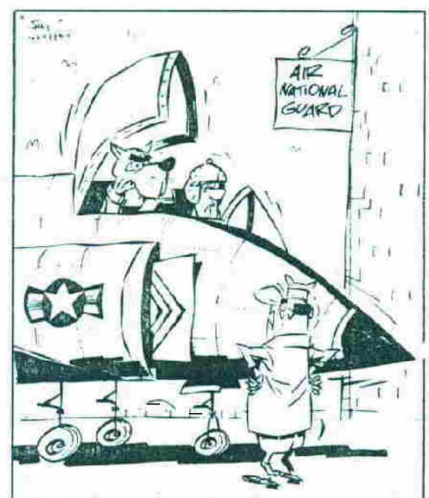
Steve Shidler informs us that he already has over 14 parachute jumps and did his first freefall jump several weeks ago. Steve indicated he didn't follow certain instructions and so instead of falling face down, he was doing his falling face up! He got back, or under the fold again and really enjoyed the trip down. Heather Hunter, with over six jumps to her credit, is beginning to show some class of her own. She's been enjoying every bit of it. By the way Mike Grady should be out of his cast this week.

Congratulations to SRA Bob Yokono who was promoted to Sgt recently and also Bill Priddy promoted to AIC. SSgt Charles Whitten, recent transfer from the Army Guard, is now attending the Jet Engine School at Chanute, he will return on or about Jan 79 after a delay enroute to Portland, Maine. Thanks to SSgt Gary Saito for donating the model airplanes to the survival equipment shop and to TSgt Leonard Oliveira for his daily lunch discussion with members of the survival shop on Religion and family life (Ohana). He may have been responsible for the full time technicians and their families attending church. (cont)

Aloha Ke Akua...Our best wishes and speedy recovery to MSgt Ken Iinuma who's been ill recently.

We certainly can boast of having a great deal of talented people in the CAM Squadron and as you read our column each month we will try to bring you up to date on the types of things our people do when they're not working. So many guys just sit around doing nothing, just watching football on TV, but we have guys that go out fishing in their beautiful boats and some of them are sort of like commercial fishermen. We got Wally Takasane, S Calhoun Vince Park, always on the go fishing and bringing up them huge Ahi's and Opakapaka. We got people flying airplanes like Jim Davis (Hawaiian Airlines) and Ron Hoopai who flies his own plane around the skies of Hawaii. We got people who are organizers of scout organizations. We got people who can kill a rat with their bare hands, just ask Dave Pontes. And we have people who know the ins and outs of organizing any kind of party.

October 26 will be the deadline for all active Air National Guardsmen to enter the ALL HANG Golf Tourny to be played here at Hickam. That's it for now this time until next time early next month. Aloha



"You're right, Gridley. Ordinarily one does take a guard dog along when pulling guard duty, however..."

who's in charge%!*)¢

The following is reprinted from the newspaper of the 190th Defense Systems Evaluation Group, Kansas Air National Guard. We didn't get permission because nobody in the office could remember where Kansas was or even what Kansas is!

-RANKS-

The following bit of military philosophy was relayed to us by a reader of the Leavenworth LAMP. It may not be a completely truthful evaluations of those who serve in a military capacity but anyone who has played a part in the complex will see that it's not far off.

General

Leaps tall buildings with a single bound,
Is more powerful than a locomotive,
Is faster than a speeding bullet,
Walks on water.
Gives policy to God.

Colonel

Leaps short buildings with a single bound.
Is more powerful than a switch engine.
Is just as fast as a speeding bullet.
Walks on water if the sea is calm.
Talks to God.

Lieutenant Colonel

Leaps short buildings with a running start and favorable winds.
Is almost as powerful as a switch engine.
Is faster than a speeding BB.
Walks on water in indoor swimming pools.
Talks with God if a special request is approved.

Major

Barely clears quonset huts.
Loses tug of war with locomotive
Can fire a speeding bullet.
Swims well.
Is occasionally addressed by God.

Captain

Makes high marks when trying to leap buildings.
Is run over by locomotives.
Can sometimes handle a gun without inflicting self-injury.
Dog paddles.
Talks to animals.

First Lieutenant

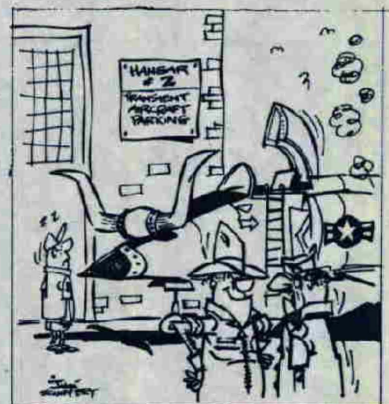
Runs into buildings.
Recognizes locomotives 2 out of 3 times.
Sometimes recognizes a gun.
Can stay afloat if properly instructed.
Talks to walls.

Second Lieutenant

Falls over doorsteps when trying to enter buildings.
Says: "Look at the choo-choo."
Wets himself with a water pistol.
Plays in mud puddles.
Mumbles to himself.

SERGEANT

Lifts buildings and walks under them.
Kicks locomotives off the tracks.
Catches speeding bullets in his teeth and eats them.
Freezes water with a single glance...
BECAUSE-----HE IS GOD!!!!



"Texas Air National Guard, I presume"

Sports, of sorts...

YOUR SERVE...

What goes "Swat...whoosh...boinggg." No, besides Batman. We're talking about the grand old game of tennis. And if you partake in an occasional swing of the racket, you'll be interested to know tennis play will commence on Kauai, Nov. 4th and 5th...compliments of the 150th ACW Sq. and HANG C-7. We do suggest, however, that you sign up now. Only 22 of you tennis elbow buffs will be accommodated...and the deadline is TODAY...21 Oct 79. Give your name (check your name tag), and lodging requirements to CMSgt. Chee or MSgt. Oshiro at HQ HANG. Remember the 4th is a drill day...so you'll have to fight that out with your supervisor. You'll also have to make a small contribution for expenses and rent your own car. See you on court...

FOUR PLAY...

Stand by for the All HANG Golf Tournament on 5 Nov 79. Throw your clubs and your caddy in the trunk and head for the Hickam 18-hole course that day for a great day of fun and prizes. The \$5.00

entry fee along with the entry form, the bottom of the page should put you on the right course. But hurry...the deadline for entry is 26 Oct 79. Send 'em to SMSgt. Art Lee, 154th CAMSq. BUT WAIT...there's more. Following the tourney, 19th Hole festivities will commence at Foster Point, Hickey Harbor (you shouldn't have much trouble finding it) where Gen. Ishimoto will present the perpetual trophy and other donated prizes. Tee time for holes 1 and 10 will be 0730. Fore....

"MAN AGAINST THE SEA..."

The HANG Ohana Canoe Club is still recuperating from the recent Molokai to Oahu Canoe Race. They're the ones with their arms in traction. The HANG Ohana was among forty canoes who poured on the paddle power to complete the 50-mile cross channel track. Some 31 Hawaiian clubs joined clubs from Tahiti and California for the race. The Outrigger Canoe Club won the race but not due to any lack of effort on the part of the Ohana crew...which included Mel Akamine, Dennis Fukumoto, James Pahukula, Russell Campos, Michael Montero, Andrew Davis, Brian Caris, Merope Leano, Michael Nebrija and alternates Wayne Soma, Teddy Kim and Galen Redoble.

HANG GOLF TOURNAMENT

NAME _____

ORGANIZATION _____ HANDICAP _____

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The commander-in-chief's aircraft has been referred to as the flying White House, the oval office in the air, The Spirit of '76, Air Force One, and many other names. But whatever it is called, the U.S. Air Force plane on which the President of the United States of America travels is a most important piece of hardware.

President Carter's official plane is Number 27000—or Air Force One, when he is flying in it. In fact, any Air Force plane flying the President of the United States is referred to as Air Force One. When he flies on a Marine helicopter, it is called Marine Corps One or when he's aboard an Army or Navy aircraft, it's Army One or Navy One, respectively.

As the aircraft industry has advanced through the years, so has the equipment used by the presidential flying unit located at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. There is a vast difference, for example, between the C-54 "Sacred Cow," the first official presidential aircraft which flew President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and the Boeing 707 jetliner (Air Force VC-137) on which President Carter flies.

Roosevelt's aircraft had a very simple communications system which allowed him to talk from his seat in the aircraft to the aircraft commander in the cockpit. The complex communications system used on the present Air Force One, with its computerized-secure telephone, can link the president with any telephone in the world. It can even scramble the

message in transmission and deliver it unscrambled on the other end.

President Harry Truman flew in a specialized DC-6. While the news media dubbed Roosevelt's plane the "Sacred Cow," Truman named his plane himself. He called it "Independence" after his hometown in Missouri.

When Gen. Dwight Eisenhower became president, he chose the C-121 type aircraft that he had used in Europe. While president, he flew in the "Columbine II" and "Columbine III"—the first was a C-121 Constellation and the

second was a VC-121 Super Constellation. The name "Columbine" was picked because it is the designated flower of his wife Mamie's home state of Colorado. Eisenhower was the first president to have a jet aircraft at his disposal, since during his administration the Air Force purchased the first Boeing 707s.

When John Kennedy became the chief executive, he chose to fly on a VC-118 aircraft unless he took a long trip, when he flew one of the jets. Unlike his predecessor's aircraft, Kennedy's plane had no specific nickname. Later Kennedy flew aboard a Boeing 707—aircraft Number 26000—which is considered the most famous Air Force aircraft. President Kennedy was the first president to

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use that plane and it was the aircraft that brought his body back to Washington, D.C., following his assassination in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

It was on Number 26000 that Lyndon Johnson took the oath of office to become the nation's 36th president while the aircraft was still on the ground at Love Field in Dallas after the assassination. Later, the same airplane flew President Johnson's body back to Texas on Jan. 24, 1973, following his state funeral in the nation's capital.

Richard Nixon was the last

president to use Number 26000 as the official presidential aircraft. He flew extensively during his first term in office, and it was during Nixon's American bicentennial presidency that the plane was nicknamed "The Spirit of '76."

Aircraft number 27000, the current presidential plane, was first used by President Nixon on Feb. 8, 1973. Later, President Gerald Ford flew Number 27000—which does not yet have a nickname—on his seven-day state visit to the Far East and also to the Soviet Union for the signing of the

Vladivostok Accords. President Carter recently flew Number 27000 for his trip to Vienna for the signing of SALT II.

Although official presidential aircraft are relatively recent on the American political scene, they are significantly linked with the making of American history. By whatever name or number it is called, when the commander-in-chief's aircraft takes to the air, it is not carrying just an important individual but the institution of the U.S. Presidency.

From Roosevelt's C-54, "Sacred Cow" aircraft (below) to the VC-137C jet (above) flown by Presidents Johnson, Nixon, Ford and Carter, the "Oval Office of the Air" plays an important role in the transaction of American policy.



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