



154 COMPOSITE GROUP

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154th OUTSTANDING UNIT

PACAF Commander Lt Gen James D. Hughes will present Col John S. W. Lee and members of the 154th Composite Group with the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, in ceremonies on ~~February~~ 1st at the HANG ramp area. The ~~MARCH~~

0800 ceremony will honor those members of the 154th, the 150th and the 169th who served between 1 October 1978 and 30 June 1979. The award cites the Unit for outstanding performance in a number of areas during that period. Members who served in the unit at that time will be allowed to wear the appropriate ribbon. CBPO has the ribbons on order and will pass them along to individuals at some date after the ceremony.



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MEMO:

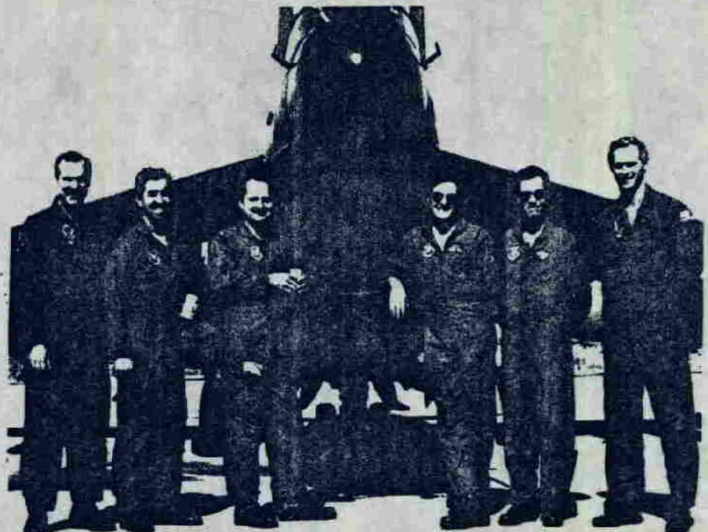
18 DEC 1979

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

Commander
Hawaii Air National Guard
3949 Diamond Head Road
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1. It is indeed a pleasure to be notified by the National Guard Bureau that the 154th Composite Group has been approved for award of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.
 2. This is a singular accomplishment and is indicative of the pride and esprit de corps of the officers and men in the group.
- Please extend my personal congratulations and appreciation to all personnel for the honor it brings to the Hawaii National Guard to be recognized as an outstanding unit in the U. S. Air Force.

Valentine A. Siefermann
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Major General, HANG
Adjutant General



Pilots from the 199th stand alongside crew members from the 162nd TFG, with their Arizona National Guard A-7.

Commander's Corner

By Col John S W Lee

Returning from my trip to Yokota, Osan and Kadena, verification of our deployment plans, especially to Japan, are on schedule. The most satisfying part of the trip to WESTPAC was the perceived reception of the Hawaii Air National Guard as a professional unit. The most recent evidence supporting this perception involved the 169 ACW and 150 ACW performances at Kadena, Okinawa in support of the F-15 dissimilar air combat training.

As reported earlier, the Group has been formally notified of our selection to receive the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. Presentation will be during the March UTA on Saturday morning. Looking back to CY 79, the achievements of this Group have been both satisfying and rewarding and the AFOUA is the capstone of our performances.

Looking ahead, the challenges are there for this year which will include the Groups' deployment to Guam and Misawa and also the Clinic's and Civil Engineering Flight's deployments to Clark AFB, Phillipines. In addition we will be evaluated by PACAF for an ORI and MEI...this in itself is a Class A challenge. We can anticipate many changes... and we will manage these changes and promote excellence for the Group.

NEXT UTA

FEBRUARY 2 & 3



Take stock in America. UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS



Maj Mike Tice greets visiting 162TFG pilot.

"ALWAYS THIS WINDY HERE IN HIWAYEE?"
or "WHY DID WE TRAVEL 3000 MILES TO HAVE A HURRICANE"

Pilots and crewmembers of the 162 TFG out of Tucson, Arizona were asking themselves those questions and probably many others as they visited Hawaii for the first time last week for 5 days of DACT or Dissimilar Air Combat Training. 4 A-7s arrived here January 6th accompanied by 2 KC-135s of the 161st AFREFG based in Phoenix. All three local TV stations covered the arrival and at least two showed how much aloha our group has as Major Mike Tice handed a cold one to the arriving pilots after their long trip. After a brief welcoming ceremony and then briefings on Monday all was set for Tuesday Tuesday, otherwise known as tornado day, put a crimp in things as did the weather half of Wednesday. Thursday things got worse and the A-7s went to next in the hangers. Friday dawned a bit brighter and four of six sorties were flown. Then so soon it was Saturday time to hang the tanks and then early Sunday morning it was back to the warm, decent weather that Arizona is so famous for.

However, all involved indicate that 1

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Padre's Ratter

By Chaplain

David K. Kennedy...

Do you remember the interesting story of the lion and the mouse in Aesop's Fables? The lion could have crushed the mouse, but was merciful and let him go free. A year later the lion became entangled and the mouse nibbled his way through the net to set him free.

Every leader, no matter what level of leadership he serves at, has the power and capacity to crush someone else. We all know leaders whose style is to read the riot act to whomever, in his opinion, is in need of it at the moment. Come be my friend until I have time to let you know the things you've done wrong. A committee of one to straighten out all who do not conform to my ideas.

What leaders have so much wisdom as to consider themselves so forever right...to be capable of such certainty as to what another person should do. And even if they be right, who commissioned them in all their wisdom to speak with words that have the power to wither the spirit?

When the world has so much hurt, why would one voice be raised against another who has not spoken an unkind word in his direction. When even the strongest is so in need of compassion and love, why is one voice, sharp edged and driven deep, allowed to speak. Our words can build or crush--and that is the difference between good and bad leadership. Our words can give courage and motivation, or fear and distrust. And which of these brings out the better job performance in ones' subordinates? God help all who have not learned that the words we speak come back to us... many times...and diminish our ability to lead in proportion to the degree we denigrate and demean those under our authority. In addition to destroying both effectiveness and potential it is dangerous to wade through other's feelings, burning your bridges behind you. The saddest person on earth must be the one who finds he has tried to destroy the only one who can help him. Or worse yet, by destroying another has destroyed his own integrity. Sooner or later this happens to everyone whose style is to lead by stepping on others.

As in the fable, we must remember, "Few are so small or weak, I guess...but may assist us in distress...nor shall we ever...if we're wise...the meanest of the least despise."

USAF GENERAL LEW ALLEN'S STATEMENT ON THE THREATENED TRIAL OF USAF OFFICER BY IRANIAN TERRORISTS....

"The threat made Friday by the Iranian terrorists to try a U.S. Air Force Officer hostage, who is an accredited diplomat, for alleged "crimes" committed during the Vietnam War is contemptible and violates both international law and custom. I am pleased to note that the Department of State has taken the same, unyielding position on this illegal and despicable form of intimidation. State Department officials unequivocally made our governments' position clear in a public statement released Friday evening:

~~There are wise~~ service reports today that the ~~occupiers~~ of the American Embassy in Tehran intend to try one of the hostages described as an Air Force Officer assigned to the American Embassy. These reports, coming as they did from the militants and not the Revolutionary Council, are subject to speculation as to their validity. We are trying every means available to us to determine the exact intentions of the Iranian government. The alleged reason for the trial is the participation of this officer in the Vietnam War. The very idea of trying a US officer on assigned embassy duty for alleged activities to which he was ordered in the honorable service of his country is preposterous. Equally absurd is the notion of such a trial occurring under the dubious jurisdiction of a captor group which already has demonstrated its lack of regard or understanding of time-honored customs which provide the foundation for international civilization in place of global chaos. Any such trial would violate international law and agreements between the United States and Iran."

I cannot overemphasize the seriousness with which I as Chief of Staff of the USAF VIEW the most recent, and in my mind, most vile attempt to influence the US through reprehensible acts of terrorism. I am deeply concerned about this added threat to the safety of our diplomatic corps in captivity and intend to continue to support the President in his efforts to obtain the prompt, safe release of all the illegally-held captives."

was a very worthwhile visit. 6 of our air-crews became upgraded to DACT capable. According to Major Dick Hastings, "We got to see tactics we haven't seen before...we will incorporate some of their maneuvers into our repertoire." Major Hastings had high words of praise for the A-7 crews..."They really are experts at what they do. Hopefully we'll have a chance to fly against them again."

Who knows...maybe if they invite us over there they can arrange something equally as spectacular as our hurricane...

How about an earthquake?

THE TECHNICIAN PROGRAM WORKS...

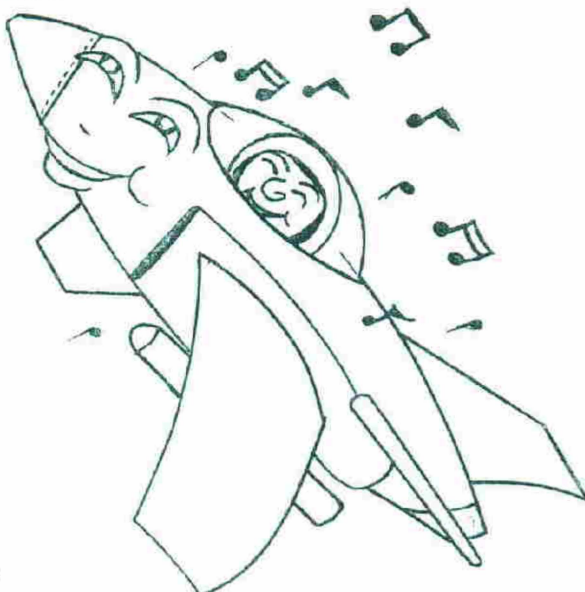
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"If it ain't broke, don't fix it." the old maintenance saying goes.

This, in effect is what the Air Force is telling Congress about the Air Reserve Technician Program. And AFA (Air Force Assoc.) believes that much can be said for this approach. As our current policy paper on Defense Manpower Issues says, "We support the Technician program for the Air Reserve Forces."

"The Army Air Corps" - OFFICIAL AIR FORCE SONG

"Off We Go Into the Wild Blue Yonder" - is the opening phrase to the newly adopted official Air Force song. The popular tune was originally entitled "The Army Air Corps", but since 1947 it has been called "The U.S. Air Force".



Happy New Year Everyone! It's good to see all of you back.

As we slowly forget the suffering seventies, our thoughts begin to focus on the exciting eighties. And, exciting it will be as we prepare for the upcoming June Deployment to Guam and Japan. If all holds true to form we'll have yet another successful deployment.

The RMS Gang ended the decade in good shape, capping it with its usual good fun, good time Christmas and New Year parties.

Our annual Base Supply Air Technician Xmas Party, open to our Drill people this year, turned out to be another laughing experience. Our folks began gathering at the Daikoku Restaurant early evening on 15 Dec 79 for who knows what was going to happen. After Al Naumu blessed the food, the people, the country and everything else that makes us strong the lines formed at the serving table to enjoy all the good food. Of course, the lines were just as long at the bar, manned by none other than Herb Funasaki, who managed to keep everyone's thirst quenched. Party organizer Nevin Harada (who else?) started the festivities by playing an interesting round of Simps Says. As the orders were barked out by Nevin the crowd of about 30 participants began dwindling. In a matter of minutes only two were left standing. Ivan Mineshima and Sam Wong had to endure the last few commands to be able to walk away with the grand prize. After holding each other's hands, dancing and staring, among other silly things, Sam came out the winner. His prize--a Coleman water jug.

Soon after, Gilbert Kaneshiro and Mel Akamine took over the show to run the Bingo so the many prizes could be given out. Some of the prizes were donated by Daniel Sanchez of Honolulu Federal Savings and Loan. Mrs. Baldwin Yamashiro, who, through her sewing talent made beautiful shirts, muumuus, bags and other really neat clothing articles, also helped. James Iwamura helped to keep the bar stocked with a donated bottle of Crown Royal. Thanks to these folks for helping make this party a wonderful event.

We were then treated to a floor show, complete with a commercial spot, put on by Dennis Fukumoto, Russell Campos, Al Naumu, Mel Akamine, Paul Ancog, Louise Lum and Ted Ganade. Their first performance was a chickadee skin rendition of "pua hone". Russell and Paul provided the terrific guitar accompaniment; Louise danced a lovely Hula and the

rest, dressed in their original bed-sheet sarongs with fern head-dress, provided the awe-inspiring vocals. Ya jes' had to be there.

After a beer commercial put on by the same bunch, the main show began. The introduction went: "Live from San Francisco! A one night special engagement, the Base Supply Air Technician Association proudly presents- the Village People!" As the distinct rhythm of "Macho Man" began to sound through the speakers, the laughter and tears began to flow from the excited screaming audience. For, out of the stage wings disco-ed...again, Al Naumu, the military Man, Mel Akamine, the Cowboy, Dennis Fukumoto, the Construction Worker, Russell Campos, the Indian and Ted Ganade, the Motorcycle Cop. They sang and danced to Macho Man like you wouldn't believe. It's times like this we say: "Lucky you stay with RMS!"

All in all, it was a fabulous night and with a show like we had, it wouldn't have been any thing else.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF THE LATE GEARY Y. H. YAMAMOTO AND CHARLES S. CHANG. Geary, son of Frank and Catherine Yamamoto, died in a traffic accident on Maui during the terrible storm last week. Frank is a TSgt assigned to the Materiel Storage and Distribution Branch. Charles Chang passed away recently. Mr. Chang was the father of Stephen Chang, a SSgt assigned to the Comptroller's Office. Again, OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to these people in their time of grief, from the Management and Staff of the 154 RMS.

CONGRATULATIONS go out to the following people who have new stripes: Sherman D. K. Dang TSgt, Alvin Naumu, TSgt, Lynne N. Hiyane SSgt, Michael M. Soares, Sgt, Thomas J. Schoenbeck, SrA.



5 "This Odd-Even stuff seems to be catchy"

BOWLING TOURNY...IN CALIFORNIA?

There's some hard core bowlers in the 154th as evidenced by the fact that already some 30 HANGERS have signed up to carry their bowling balls some 2500 miles to Van Nuys, Calif. on or about March 20th. A Van Nuys' C-130 will transport the bowlers for the 2 day event which runs March 22nd and 23rd. The folk will return on either the 27th or 28th. Other ANG units also will be participating.

If your interested in going, see either Benny Goo or Hiroshi Go for more information. Cost for the tournament is \$16.75 plus you'll have to pay for your own room and kau kau. By the way among those interested is CMSgt Bobby Choi, ANG ret. Geev um!

As mentioned elsewhere in this edition, the Gun Club will be battling the Marines out at Kaneohe. Let us know how you do.

Normally we'd stick something in about the canoers, but they've all been watching the SuperBowl for six weeks and haven't been telling us anything. Oh well.

55 MPH WE CAN LIVE WITH IT

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DON'T TOUCH THAT DIAL...

That dazzling USAF Aerial Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds, will make an appearance on CBS-TV's '60 Minutes' soon. Folks on the mainland will get to view the able aviators following the Super Bowl game today. Hawaii television being what it is...we suggest you check your local listings for time and date.

NEW STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM

A new student loan program for members of the Air Force family was introduced November 1, according to Air Force Aid Society officials. The program is available to active duty Air Force members, certain members of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, retired members, and spouses or unremarried widows or widowers of these members. Students working toward Air Force commissions may also be eligible. The new plan, the Gen George S Brown Senior Student Loan Program, honors the late former Air Force chief of staff and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The maximum loan is \$2,500 a year or a total of \$7,500 for undergraduate study. Students in graduate or professional schools may borrow up to \$5,000 a year or a total of \$15,000. The maximum for a combination of degree programs is also \$15,000. For additional details contact the personal affairs section at your CBPO.

CAPPIN' IT OFF

HQ AFMPC advises that presently authorized baseball caps may be worn with the subdued utility uniform. Should individuals or units become engaged in actual combat operation, then the baseball cap would be replaced by the regular fatigue cap.



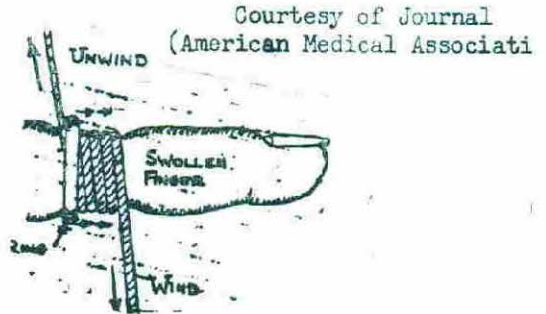
"Hold it right there, Sorenson!"

RING REMOVAL FROM SWOLLEN FINGERS

To the Editor:

I was shocked at a recent picture of firemen sawing a hole to free a child's finger, stuck in a lug hole of an auto wheel. It took an hour, when the finger could have been freed painlessly in a couple of minutes by the same method I use to remove a ring from a swollen finger. I have used the method for some 40 years; I can't remember where I learned it, and I thought it was generally known. Apparently it isn't, and it should be.

It is usually possible to pass a string through the ring. The string is then wound tightly around the swollen side, making a half-dozen turns next to the ring, it is then unwound from the other side while exerting tension on the string. (See Figure.) This is continued until the ring is free.



Courtesy of Journal (American Medical Association)

GOOD NEWS FOR WOODCHUCKS...

You say you're tired of looking for a bargain on wood products and not being able to find what you want at a good price? Is that your problem, Bunky? Well, the Wheeler Wood Hobby Shop personnel have helped others build wood projects at a 70% savings. Everything at the Wheeler Wood Hobby Shop is designed to help you get your wood project built...because the more you build...the bigger your savings. For your convenience new lumber is on sale at a reasonable price. The Shop is located on Wheeler AFB near Kunia gate on Santos Dumont Avenue in Bldg T-233. Operating hours are:

Tues - Fri from 1300-2100
Saturdays from 0900-1700

For additional information call 655-1861. No wooden nickels, please.

Remember one thing as you pass through life... no matter where you go...that's where you are.

by SMSgt Art Lee

...Goodby 1979 and welcome 1980, with Christmas and the New Year celebrations in the back of us, we can look forward to the new year with lots of enthusiasm and, of course, newer goals. Last year we achieved quite a few accomplishments that we can all be proud of and we look forward to accomplishing much more this year 1980. No doubt we will face some hard times, have lots of anxieties and probably our own personal family lives will have their ups and downs, but we know if we take things one at a time and try to work things out, we will prevail in the end...

...So what happens during the first month of the year?...we welcomed the Arizona ANG and their A-7's with a great downpour, high winds, mini-tornado and lots of rain. It rained all the time the Arizona people were here. And only when they left for their home last Sunday did the rain stop. I guess we forgot to tell them that it's a "Hawaiian Blessing" when it rains here in Hawaii...The New Year also brought good news to SSgt Art Lum, a part-timer from the egress shop, who was promoted to Captain in the Pearl Harbor Fire Department, right on time...Also received word that A/B Gary Mau achieved the "Honor Graduate Certificate" at Ft. Rucker, assigned to the Simulator Shop, is the son of former Air Guardsman Fred Mau.... And to start the new year UTA right, the squadron welcomes new Field Maintenance Officer, Captain Roy Sakata, former Air Force EC 135 Aircraft Commander and also SSgt Kendall Kirby from the Army Guard and assigned to the INS shop...Speaking of accomplishments, we hope our 154 COMPG Gun Club will win its first match with the Kaneohe Marines this coming UTA at the Marine Station. Them Marines going to find out they don't mess around with us "Hawaiian Guardsmen"...Geev um bra, yeah man! We going to move this year, right down the tubes....

...Walking around the hanger, through the shops and getting word from the old guys... we find that they want to change their bad habits and do things different this year and we find that: ...Chairman of the Board, MSgt Rex Koga informed all his workers there will be no more wishy washy ordeals after working hours (evenings) and ordered all personnel to go directly home...MSgt Benny Goo-No more Korean Bars this year, "I'm getting too old for that kind of lifestyle"...MSgt Larry Honda-"Plan to drink 1,830 cans of beer this year"(that's 5 cans a day)...MSgt George

Padilla-"Shooting 115 instead of 116."(Golf for 9 or 18 holes?)...MSgt Gary Fujii-More jogging, less eating and lots of massaging?... Lt Col Ault-"Increasing our Capabilities and Safe Maintenance."...MSgt Rudy Luat-Better health, "I'm alright now, no worry."...MSgts George Kaneshiro and Benny Goo-Trying to regain their losses from Kato and Lee...SMSgt Art Lee-Getting down to a six handicap... TSgt Richard Kudo-Learn to play golf and stop trying to hit that stupid little ball... MSgt Dick DeVees-More parties, "I love to handle parties, I'm sooo goood."...Sgt Bernice Pharr-Looking forward to go to Misawa and do the Hula Hula...TSgt Steve Shidler-Hanging on to my ripcord after each jump...CMSgt David Pontes-"I'm a little underweight, need to gain just a little more..."...SSgt Jim Andrade-Bowl a 300 game (for one or two games Jim?)... CMSgt Hiroshi Go-Attend meeting on time, better never than late?...SSgt Fred M Higa Jr-A son, so I can name him Fred M Higa the Third... MSgt Mel Ige-A good watch woman to watch my house and watch me...MSgt Ken Morimoto, TSgt John Wahenekapu and all the joggers, a two hour, 40 minute Marathon in 1980... And lastly, from the 154 CAM SQ--"PEACE ON EARTH AND GOODWILL AMONG MANKIND"...

(See stories on Iran, Afganistan, etc, etc. etc.)

NEXT THE 105's

With hopes of fair skies and gentle breezes, 12 F-105's of the 508th TFG AFRES will arrive at Barbers Point NAS today. They will have wung (wung?) their way from Hill AFB Utah escorted by AFRES KC-135s.

The 105s (THUDS), designed basically for Air-to-Ground action, will be here until the 9th of February. During their stay it's hoped that they'll be able to engage in some DACT with our F-4s. That hasn't been finalized yet.

Who knows what's next? Maybe F-14s?



"ALRIGHT, WHICH WISEGLY GAVE DREVS A HELIUM TANK?"

(continues)

RECRUITERS OLD AND NEW...

Opportunities are opening up all over for those of you who enjoy dealing with people. If you're career-minded; maintain a high standard of conduct, appearance and bearing; and are able to speak clearly with conviction...then why not put your talents to work. Applicants are now being taken for the ANG Recruiter Course... also known as LBZR 99500 001, by the HANG Recruiting and Retention Committee. The course provides excellent training to help you develop your abilities in the area of public relations and salesmanship. The ANG Recruiter Course is currently held at Lackland Air Force Base for three weeks and 4 days...and covers such areas as telephone techniques; methods of sales prospecting, advertising and publicity; community relations; speech and sales fundamentals; selling the high school/college graduate and practices in effective speaking and making sales presentations. For further information concerning the course...contact SMSgt Richard N Fukui, Lead Recruiter, at 732-1951.

And for the old-timers...

Those of you who have already completed the above-mentioned course...applicants are being accepted for the vacant full-time position of ANG Recruiter on the island of Kauai. Individuals selected for the position must have already completed the course...or attend and complete the course before being appointed to the job. Applicants must have sufficient retainability to complete two years of active duty upon appointment.....and have an awarded 5 level AFSC.

The bonnies...

Active tour of duty for recruiters are two years with pay based upon current rank, in addition to the following allowances and benefits:

- (1) Basic allowance for quarters (BAQ), with/without dependents.
- (2) Basic allowance for subsistence (BAS)
- (3) Station allowance (housing & COLA), with/without dependents.
- (4) Pro-pay, maximum of \$150/month
- (5) Medical & dental care
- (6) Exchange and commissary privileges
- (7) Mileage & expense allowance
- (8) Travel, space available through MAC

Again, if you have any questions regarding either of these opportunities...contact the HANG Lead Recruiter, SMSgt. Fukui at 732-1951. How can you pass it up...

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WELCOME ABOARDS & CONGRATS...

A big aloha to Capt Mike Melich...just off active duty from the Phillipines...who has joined the HANGers. Also a handshake and a pat on the back to Fred Fogel who will pin on his double bars...thanks to his recent promotion to Captain. Likewise to Jim Gallu who'll trade in his gold leaves for silver. And with the price of gold nowadays...he might ought to hang onto the gold ones.



CHRISTMAS AT THE 154th...

The technician party proved a huge success with several hundred Guardpeople and their families attending. Among the activities were kids talking to Santa via walkie-talkie. (I sure sounded like Santa was raised in Kalihi Radio controlled cars raced around and a big clown (TSgt Larry Freedman) put big smiles on a lot of kids faces. Entertainment was provided by Wayne Soma who let the Hang Ohana perform

DEEP SEA FISHERMEN & FISHERWOMEN...

Reservations for deep sea fishing charters will be accepted from active duty Air Force personnel ONLY on a first come, first serve basis by telephone, 449-5214, on the first Wed. of each month. All other active duty military may reserve charters beginning at 0930 the second Thursday...following the following the first, Wednesday of each month.

IN CASE YOU FORGOT...AND WE DOUBT IT...

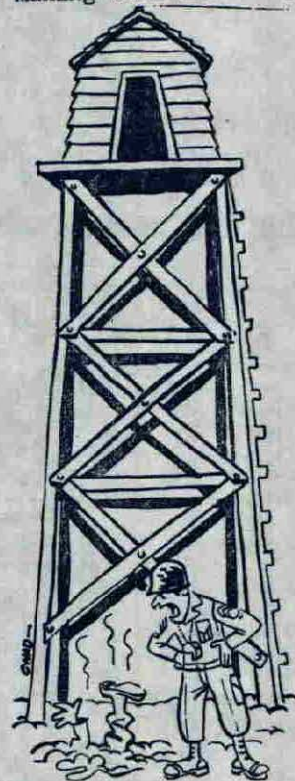
Super Bowl kick-off time is 1300.

FREE FEELINGS...

SSgt. Charles S. Gravitt

The trip from Honolulu to Mokuleia must undoubtedly include passing through a time warp. Remnants of the concrete obstacle course called civilization slowly begin to fade away...and the world around you takes on a living, breathing quality. By the time you reach Dillingham Airfield, you've begun to relax...shaking off the tensions of the City. A large blue van is parked at the end of the runway...surrounded by people. Instantly you sense...family. You also begin to feel that tugging question at the back of your mind...What the heck am I doing here?...which is filed away because you can't quite answer yet. The interim between arrival and class goes quickly. You meet the instructor...who introduces you to the plane...a perfectly good one. You touch it. It feels solid enough. Grasping the wing strut you stand on the step just below the door of the Cessna...bouncing hesitantly. The instructor is intent...a trait you notice in the eyes of many here. He teaches you the art of leaving the plane...drilling into you methods and reasons for the actions required of you. Count...arch...check...cut-away...reserve...toggles. Your attention is undivided...you are about to take total control of your life. The gear is heavy at first...awkward. But you listen...reasoning...practicing. The crowd around the blue van has grown...colored canopies fill the bright blue sky...backed by an occasional gleaming cloud. But you're still a student...uninitiated...untried...until.... "Let's go," the instructor says. Your reasons for being here once again come under attack from some deep inner corner of your mind. But the challenge is too great...you've come too far to accept self-defeat. You enter the plane defiantly...allowing yourself to think only of your training. The engine roars to life..... forcing you out of your reverie for the moment. Taxi...runway...speed building...lift-off.... the ground begins to fall away. The plane is crowded...the jumpmaster communicates with the pilot...just barely above the howl of the engine. The runway and adjoining "drop zone" drift slowly below...seemingly worlds away. The door opens...slammed against the wing by the wind. Back to reality. The Jumpmaster seems relaxed...smiling...intently. He checks the wind...speed...direction...altitude. "Great," he shouts...gingerly guiding the pilot to just the right spot. You no longer seem attached to the world you've known...the ground moving lazily below. Your connection to life... is now the static line which runs from the pack on your back to fasten securely behind the pilot's seat....the umbilical cord that will snap you into a new world. The jumpmaster

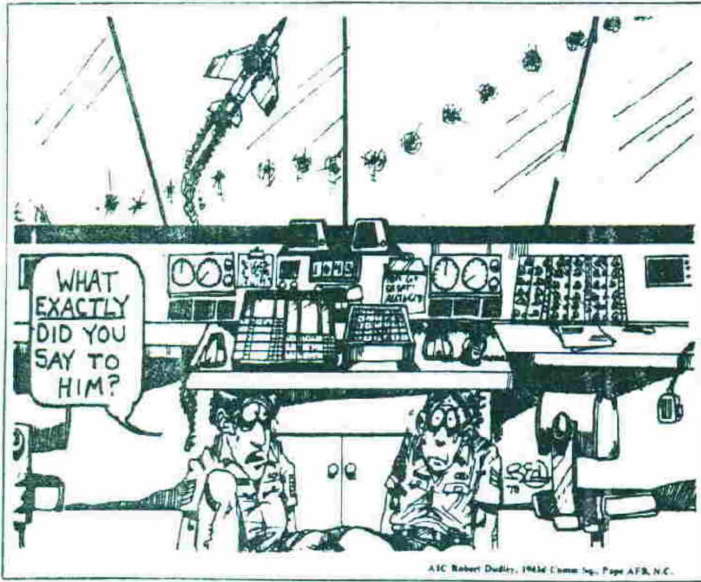
is still smiling. Everything must be going okay. You call on trust...trust in your instructor... your jumpmaster...yourself...solid. The engine cuts...adrenaline flowing, you swing your feet out onto the step...grasping the wing strut firmly in your hand. The J-M slaps you on the shoulder...your signal. You swing your body out onto the step...both hands now on the strut...poised...confident...the wind toying with you...rippling the material of your jump-suit... "Go," the J-M yells. Time stops...blood flow at maximum...you push away...spread-eagled... sky-diving. "Arch-thousand, two-thousand..." you feel a tug at your back...the colors of earth and sky fly before you. Suddenly, you stop...hangly firmly under your parachute. Silence...peace...mountains to the left...ocean to the right...an awesome view totally your own. You howl with joy. You can't help it. You don't want to. The radio attached to your reserve comes to life. "Beautiful deployment. You're looking good." The joy overwhelms you...you're more alive than you've ever been. The ocean sparkles as you near the drop zone...the ground gently approaching. Leg muscles tight...knees bent...hands on toggles...eyes on the horizon. "Get tight, get tight," says the radio. You do. You hit...roll...feel the rush. You've joined the ranks. Now you know why you came. (special thanks to Jump Hawaii and Lt. Hurley for making this article possible)



IF YOU DON'T RUN
BACK UP THERE NOW,
YOU MIGHT LOSE YOUR
NERVE!

decals...

The 154th Security Police Flight will be issuing base decals for your car...during the next drill. This is a one time deal which you should not miss. A base decal, remember, will save you from waiting in the visitors lane at the Main Gate.



AIC Robert Dudley, 1943d Comic Sq., Page AFB, N.C.



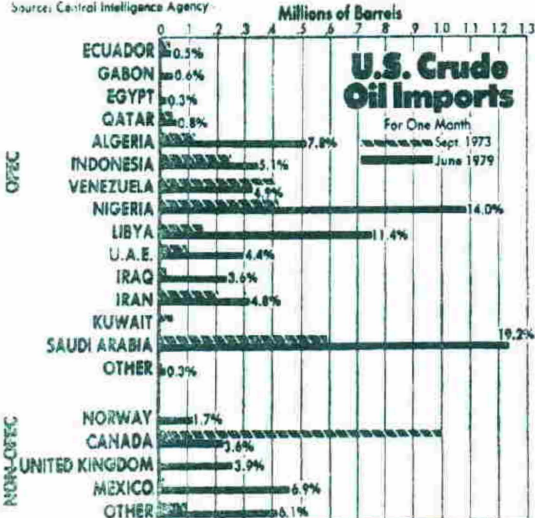
SMSgt. Eddie Scheitzer, also known as Sergeant Santa, steps down somewhat shakily from his F-4 Phantom sleigh.



OIL...

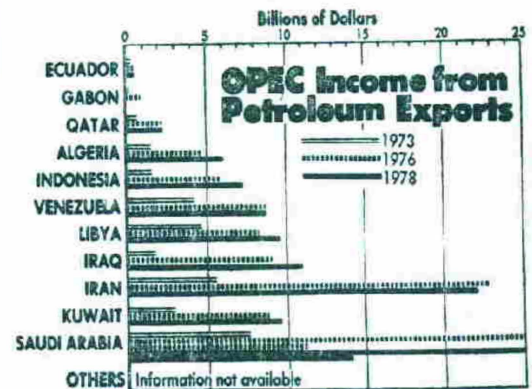
Where Do We Get It?

Source: Central Intelligence Agency



Percentages indicate the portion of total crude oil imported by U.S. from each country

What Do We Pay?



As you can see from the charts, we all have an interest in conserving energy.