



# Kukailimoku

## War God Of King Kamehameha I - 154 COMPAG

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Lee presents Lt. Col. James Iwamura with AFCM. More photos pg. 9)

## Good work!

Our continuing efforts to make the Hawaii Air National Guard tops has not gone unnoticed. Many of our members have been honored recently by the Air Force and President Reagan.

At left, Lt. Col. James K. Iwamura of the 154th RMS receives the second oak leaf

cluster, attached to his Air Force Commendation Medal, from 154th COMPAG Commander, Col. John S.W. Lee. SMSgt. Howard A. Okita, of the RMS squadron, will also receive the AFCM.

The AFCM was awarded to many other members of our HANG family yesterday. Among those from the 154th CAM Sq. to receive awards were MSgts. Paul J. Kealoha, Randall K.H.M. Lum, James H. Suzuki, Wallace H. Takasane; TSgt. Calvin M. Yoshimoto; SSgt. William M. Akiona, Jr.; Sgt. Elbert . Emoto.

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## Paychecks early

Paychecks for **this Dec. 5 & 6** UTA will not be deposited to financial institutions but instead will be sent directly to your designated mailing address. This special one-time procedure will be implemented so that all personnel can receive their paychecks before Christmas. Paychecks will be dated Dec. 18, 1981 and should be received on or before that date.

There have been several inquiries by aircrew members on the receipt of paychecks earlier than the date of the check. The individuals cannot cash the check because it is pre-dated. The checks are printed and mailed early because the Accounting and Finance Center has a set schedule to insure that you get the checks on time. Since the mail is unpredictable, you may receive the check much earlier than the pre-printed date. Please read the date of the check before going to the bank so that you don't make a wasted

## Tragedy strikes

Our deepest condolences to family and friends of the jump team aboard the Jump Hawaii plane that crashed last night at Pearl Harbor. Lt. Drew Hurley, of the PAO office was very close to the team. At last report, some of the bodies have been recovered. There was reportedly one survivor of the 13 men on board.

154TH WING  
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# COMMANDER'S CORNER



by Col. John S. W. Lee  
Commander, 154th COMP

1981 has been another beautiful and rewarding year for the 154th Composite Group. We have engaged in some new experiences with new friends. At the Air National Guard Commander's Conference, I was privileged to receive many laudatory comments attributed to our Group. We are the front runners in professionalism and the standard bearers for air combat tactics in the Air National Guard.

In January, we will again engage the Tucson, Arizona A-7's. During this time, from January 9-17, we expect to host and assist in training of 12 Houston guardsmen in the weapons loading field. We expect to have a lot of mainlanders here in January...may I solicit your support in extending the aloha spirit to our visitors and fellow workers.

With the holiday season upon us, let us take some time to contemplate the joyfulness of living. This includes the beautiful harvest of having a family and/or loved ones, a good job and the luxury of having available leisure time to share with others and to be our personal selves.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## NEXT UTA

## JAN

## 16 & 17

## 1982

HANG CHOO-CHOO 199TFS

by Lt. Col. Jack Salter

This weekend, "furious" mock air battles were fought in the air north of Oahu as the 199th Tactical Fighter Squadron protected the "HANG Pacific Railroad" of the sky.

Lt. Col. Bill Spillane and C-Flight developed the scenario for this weekend's war. It consists of learning how to fly cover for an imaginary railroad train and two bridges. The "train" was the Group's C-7 which some say goes slower than the Chatanooga Choo Choo. The bridges were pre-picked points in the training airspace.

The 199th's "Blue Force" had the job of protecting the "train." The "Red Force" acted as the aggressors in gray F-4s and T-33s.

Victorious aircrews will get to fly tomorrow's three flyovers commemorating the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Looking beyond the exercises, deployment ORIs and other milestones on the Op's planning board, Maj. Bill Jelks scheduled Marcus Rosehill for his F-4C Tac Eval check flight in 1983. Marcus is a Kaneohe fireman now learning to fly the T-41 in Texas. Welcome to the team Marcus. Safe Holiday Season. Zoom Zoom until next year.

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## Padre's Patter

by Chaplain (Maj.) David Kennedy

### The Season of Love

True love come into the world in an animal shelter and his cries, issuing forth from a feeding trough, forever changed the world of man. There has never been a similar occurrence. An unconditional, no strings attached expression of love that said (and still says), I offer you my love no matter who you are or what you are. A gift that requires nothing in return. It cannot be purchased, earned, bargained for, or demanded. A gift so great can only be accepted or rejected. There exists no other alternative! The gift of perfect love, Jesus Christ, comes to you today from that first Christmas. Your response? To Love, no matter how imperfectly, as a duty whatever duty may be required to accomplish a good thing.

Love is peace. One must not only be peaceful, but contribute to the peace of others. Let there be peace and let it begin with us.

Love is sometimes pain. We must give up something that causes us pain because it is for the good of the greatest number.

Love is understanding -- that others do not have to forever explain their actions to us. That we know their reasons without being told.

Love is courage. Courage to lead where there is the ability to lead. Courage to stand for what one believes in and wants to live.

Love is faith. Faith in God, faith in self and faith in others. Everyone is not above reproach, but we must have faith that the majority strives to be.  
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## CHAPEL NEWS

### HICKAM CHAPEL SERVICES

Protestant - 8:00 a.m. Hickam Harbor  
8:00 a.m. Chapel One  
11:15 a.m. Chapel Center

Catholic - 7:45 a.m. Chapel Center  
10:00 a.m. Chapel Center  
11:30 a.m. Chapel One

Jewish - Contact Jewish Chapel,  
Pearl Harbor...471-0050  
for information.

### 154th COMPG = SUNDAY

3:00 p.m. - Interdenominational devotions followed by study/discussion group, CAMRON Training Room.





# CAM NEWS



## and VIEWS

by SMSgt. Art Lee

Lt. Col. Norman C. Ault, commander of the Squadron wishes to extend his best wishes to all personnel and their families for the coming Holiday season. Mahalo for all your faithful support, keep up the good work and see you all next year. At the same time Col. Ault extends his over-all best wishes to all the squadrons within the Group for their outstanding support to maintenance the past year. Ditto from his entire staff.

MSgt. Kalfred Chang, from the RMS Sq., reports World Airways is offering military discounts to Active Reservists with pink I.D. cards: Honolulu to or from Oakland, \$184; Los Angeles, \$175; Baltimore, \$285; Boston, \$288 and Newark, \$260, also 25% off for wife and children over 12; 50% off for children under 12. Like we told you, things are looking up for the Guard.

Again the 154th Composite Group was asked to assist in the repair of another aircraft by the Air Force. This time one F-4D was laid up at Midway with utility failure and we sent over TSgts. Benet Costa, Al Derego and Galen Redoble, who repaired the aircraft in record time. They found a loose "B" nut in the transfer pump line.

We received a letter of appreciation from the 152nd Nevada ANG, thanking us for the wonderful "Hawaiian Hospitality" given to them when they trained with us. And thanks to the 120 CAM personnel who became members of the HNG Enlisted Association. Your participation allowed HANG to meet the desired 450 quota, which means we will be able to send a few more representatives to the board of director meetings.

The 17th annual posting of the Royal Guard at Iolani Palace was a huge success thanks MSgts. Ron Cozo, Paul Kealoha, Bill Stern, Wong and TSgts. Jim Pahukula, Tim Young and SSgt. Ron Hoopai...The HANG Rifle Team was organized recently and there are 23 team member CAM squadron shooters who made the team are: TSgts. Eric Kanazawa, Ron Muronaga and Galen Yamada...CAM golfers did not win any big prize at the last HANG/HADD goodwill tourney but we did have one guy who placed second in the Callaway flight, MSgt. Ray Loo. The rest placed far down the list in each flight: SMSgt. Art Lee, 7th in A flt; MSgt. George Kaneshiro, 6th in B flt; TSgt. Roy Matsuoka, 6th in C flt; SSgt. Phillip Murray, 9th in D flt. SMSgt. Keru Inuma won closest to the pin on the #2 hole. Auwe again...

Countdown for retirement: MSgt. John Joyce, Jan. 13, 1982; MSgt. Sam Afoa, March 1982; MSgt. David DeMattos, June 1982; MSgt. Ben Goo, Sep. 1982; and Bill Austin???

Promoted recently: To MSgt., Richard Kudo; To SSgt., Geraldo Gapol and Jerry Miyamoto; To SrA., Mike Killion, Malcolm T. and Mike Matsuura; To A1C., Walter Funakoshi Lane Hirano, John Kearin and Val Nakahara... Congratulations to all...

Departing for Phase II NCO Academy in January - TSgt. Roy Kuwana and to the Leadership Class, Gay Ross...MSgt. Dick Kudo is presently in Phase I...TSgt. Dan Blancaflor just returned, completing the five week course. He placed 11th, just missing the distinguished 10...

New enlistees: SrA. Joe Villiers of the Weapons Shop and SSgt. Richard McLeod. Welcome to the family...SSgt. Dexter Chin just returned from China after a month's tour. She enjoyed the trip very much and was very impressed with the size of the country. She tried to see the Premier but he was out to lunch...Practically all of CAM's number one leaders will be on Christmas vacation this year, Minato, Pontes Saffery, Gabriel, Lee, Go, Oshiro, Camara...worry though, the second team is capable of handling any crisis.

The new look in the Simulator office is the Blue Rug, Benny's favorite color...The great "Smoke out" must be working, several

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## Message from the Chief

The Holiday season is a time of sharing. A sharing of the fruits of our labors with friends and loved ones. A sharing that leaves you with a feeling of inner satisfaction and the warmth of general well-being.

We in the Guard should consider ourselves doubly fortunate. Not only do we experience the joy of sharing during the holiday season but we have a unique opportunity to "share" all during the year. We share with our community - the child we rescue from a house flooded by a rampaging river, the elderly couple whose sole source of heat is provided by a Guard volunteer firewood delivery project, the accident victim who is alive because of your helicopter evacuation and blood donation and the youngsters who have benefitted from your work with youth groups.

On a large scale you have shared with the entire nation your time and energy by helping to reserve everyone's individual freedom. On the personal level you have had to sacrifice some of the time you would normally spend with your family in order to insure the common good.

This is an appropriate season to take some time out of our busy schedules to spend a moment thanking those who have enabled us to experience this joy of sharing. The employer who has been understanding about our absences. And our spouses and children who have had to adjust to our periodic disturbances of their plans and lives. All deserve thanks and appreciation for sharing with us our personal commitment.

On behalf of all of us here at the National Guard Bureau, I wish each of you the joy of this holiday season.



LA VERN E. WEBER  
Lt. Gen., USA  
Chief, National  
Guard Bureau

## CAM NEWS

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people quit including our Group CC...Right on!

Just a reminder to MSgt. George Mishina, the left-handed student chair came in...And Mt reported on the last trip to Knoxville, "No Bufferillo's," only bags of peanuts this time around.

Our deepest condolences to SSgt. Bill Akiona and to his family on the death of his father last week. Aloha No...

Finally, we want to just say thanks to everyone for their outstanding support through-out the year.

Have a pleasant and safe holiday season this year...Aloha!

## PADRE'S PATTERN

(Continued from page 3.)

Coleridge wrote, "He prayeth best who loveth best," which seems to rule out all hollow and self-heard prayers. For a person who truly loves does not hear himself only, or rule all life useless because he cannot love or pray.

Life can be as simple as love and prayer. Where the two mingle, there can be no jealousy, resentment or fear.

Jealousy makes us compare our lot with another's. And there can be no comparison, for no two people are alike.

Resentment plunges an otherwise logical soul into despair and an endless journey of revenge.

And fear rushes us headlong into situations that detract, accidents that could be prevented, and long delays in reaching our goals.

But if we can, for a few moments in this season of love, invite into our hearts a thing called love, then we can pray. And if we can pray we have touched the source of all meaning and the depths of True Love, and the cries from the manger will be indelibly marked upon our minds, hearts, and souls.



# RMS roundup

by TSgt. Sam Wong

The men and women of the 154th Resource Management Squadron would like to extend their best wishes to all for a safe and super Christmas and an enjoyable New Year.

As we begin to feel the Christmas spirit, I thought it might be interesting to ask some of our folks if they could have one wish from Santa Claus, what would that wish be? The following are the responses received -- Sherry Torres, LGT, "That my temporary technician job here becomes full time;" Gil Kaneshiro, LGSD, "Depends who Santa Claus is;" Al Naumu, LGSD, "To be chief of supply;" Alfredo Cano, LGSM, "One boat;" James Iwamura, RM, "Too difficult a question;" Libert Yap, BSC, "Retirement;" Edwin Nishioka, ACF, "That everyone stop rumbling about their pay;" Jan Derego, LG-3, "A thousand more wishes;" Clayton Tawayose, LGSC, "To be taller;" Jose Madrid, BSC, "A sense of security, of peace and of joy." Louise Lum, LG-3, "That Randy Lum will buy me a new car;" Pam Lieb, LGSS, "To lose 15 pounds by the 24th of December;" Herb Funasaki, LGSC, "More hair;" Austing Rivera, LGSD, "The light;" Bob Valdez, BSC, "To be Japanese," and Mike Hironaka, LGSC, "Ask Santa what he wants from me."



Maj. Warren Chung, our Chief of Supply is also the acting commander for the Security Police Flight and as such is attending a security police commander's conference in Missouri.

Just returning from basic training and supply tech school is Amn. John Bothelo. John, who sails from Waianae is assigned to the materiel storage and distribution branch. He had the misfortune of being delayed at tech school in

Lowrey AFB, Colorado, due to the lack of having enough students to make up a class. So as would be the case, poor John had to pull a couple of weeks of KP. We don't think that John is in much of a hurry to get back to Lowrey.

From the Data Automation Office comes a story of good luck and timing. Their ace civilian keypuncher, Eleanor Zoller won another free trip to the mainland, courtesy of United Airlines. The story goes that Ele and husband, Frank, went to the UH - Colorado ST. football game a couple of Saturdays ago and since that game turned out to be a romp, decided to leave the game a little early. On the way home, they stopped off at Sears in Pearlridge. It was just about that time that the store was having its lucky ticket drawing for the free trip. In walked Ele and Frank and behold, it was announced that the winner of the trip was Ele's husband Frank. This by the way is Ele's second free trip from United as she won one a couple of years ago. Fantastic! So once again, to all of you, from all of us, have a safe X-mas and New Year. See you all in 1982.



## PHOTO REQUESTS

The friendly folks at the Photo Lab request that you submit all photo requests early to ensure efficient service. Contact TSgt. Solomon Ford or SSgt. Ron Biho for further assistance at 449-1522/2954.





## ON TARGET WITH HANG

## HANG OHANA CANOE CLUB

Last month the HANG Ohana Canoe Club submitted a wonderful story on the Molokai to Oahu canoe race, Oct. 11. Unfortunately, by the time that wonderful story hit the presses, it had been reduced considerably in our slightly overzealous effort to give the club front-page coverage. Well, to make a long story short, the club graciously pointed out that we had deleted some of the more(most?) pertinent information in that story. So we would like to add our own gratitude to those who were not thanked last month by the club in the story for their assistance in the race.

Special thanks to Col. William [redacted] ssman for providing a second escort boat the club's boosters during the race.

HANG Ohana Canoe Club also extends special thanks to Maj. Asai who is a diligent supporter and advisor to the club. More special thanks to all those who supported the club's Zippy's chili fundraising sale with your ticket purchases.

The club also says Jean Burrell was elected the new Vice President and Dennis Matsuura the new Treasurer of the club in their Oct. 24th election. They will take office in January, 1982.

Congratulations and happy paddling.

## MOUNTAINBALL TOURNEY BEGINS

January will see 10 teams, six HARNG and four HANG, vie for 1st and 2nd place honors in the 10th Annual Oahu Mountainball Tournament. The 154th COMPG will be entering two teams again this year. Interested persons should contact TSgts. Dennis Fukumoto and Alvin Naumu at 449-1921 or [redacted] ts. Raymond Kaneshiro and Ron Muronaga 449-2123.

All games will be played at Moiliili field (Mon. and Fri.) and at Hickam AFB Area 61 Field number five(Tues. and Thurs.) beginning at 6 p.m. Tournament coordinator is MSgt. Wayne Soma - 449-6986.

The Hawaii Air National Guard Athletic Marksmanship program for the current fiscal year got off to an early start with completion of Phase I shooting on Sep. 30. Teams from four squadrons competed and all four teams qualified for Phase II competition.

This is quite an achievement considering some individuals had never handled an air rifle or participated in competitive shooting. Congratulations to all who helped make this a successful tournament and especiall Capt. Weathersby who coordinated range facilities.

The team competition was won by the 201st Combat Communications Group with a score of 422 out of a maximum possible 800. They were followed by teams from the 154th USAF Clinic (336), 154th Resources Management Squadron (207) and the 154th CAMRON (170).

The top individual score was a 133 by TSgt. Robert Chun from the 154th Clinic, followed by MSgt. Roy Takeda, 201st (133) and SMSgt. Henry Arthur, 201st (109). The tie breaker was determined by higher score in the standing position.

Phase II should prove to be much more interesting with the "experienced" shooters meeting on Jan. 17, 1982 at the Hickam Rod and Gun Club.

## EH! NO GET CAUGHT - FAT!

The Air Force recently changed AFR 35-11 that pertains to weight standards, and while they have not been instituted for the ANG, they may in the not-to-distant future.

The change involves deleting the sections that permit members to get heavier as they get older. For example, under the old regulation a 25-year-old male, six feet tall could weigh only 205 pounds, while a 42-year-old male could weigh up to 216 pounds.

Now all members will meet the younger standards, regardless of age.

Check AFR-35-11 for further details. Remember, handling that excess weight now may save you some headaches in the future.



**New Drill Pay Rates**

Grade	Under 2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	26
O-8	482.36	496.80	509.50	508.50	502.50	546.52	546.52	556.80	556.80	556.80	556.80	556.80	556.80	556.80
O-7	400.80	428.08	428.08	429.08	447.24	447.24	473.20	473.20	498.20	498.20	498.20	498.20	498.20	498.20
O-6	297.08	326.44	347.76	347.76	347.76	347.76	347.76	347.76	359.56	359.56	359.56	359.56	359.56	359.56
O-5	237.60	279.04	296.28	296.28	296.28	307.36	307.36	323.84	345.52	345.52	345.52	345.52	345.52	345.52
O-4	200.28	243.84	260.16	260.16	264.92	276.68	295.52	312.16	326.44	340.72	350.16	350.16	350.16	350.16
O-3	186.12	208.08	222.44	245.12	257.88	267.20	281.56	295.52	302.80	302.80	302.80	302.80	302.80	302.80
O-2	152.28	177.24	220.08	220.08	224.68	224.68	224.68	224.68	224.68	224.68	224.68	224.68	224.68	224.68
O-1	140.88	146.64	177.24	177.24	177.24	177.24	177.24	177.24	177.24	177.24	177.24	177.24	177.24	177.24
O-3E	---	---	---	246.12	257.88	267.20	281.56	295.52	307.36	307.36	307.36	307.36	307.36	307.36
O-2E	---	---	---	220.08	244.68	231.80	243.84	253.20	260.16	260.16	260.16	260.16	260.16	260.16
O-1E	---	---	---	177.24	189.32	196.32	203.40	210.48	220.08	220.08	220.08	220.08	220.08	220.08
W-4	189.20	203.40	203.40	208.08	217.52	227.12	236.64	253.20	264.92	274.28	281.56	290.72	300.48	323.84
W-3	172.36	186.96	186.96	190.32	191.56	205.56	217.52	224.68	231.80	238.76	246.12	255.64	264.92	274.28
W-2	150.96	163.28	163.28	168.04	177.24	186.96	194.00	201.12	208.08	215.36	222.44	229.48	233.76	238.76
W-1	125.76	144.20	144.20	156.24	163.28	170.32	177.24	184.56	191.56	198.60	205.56	212.92	212.92	212.92
E-9	---	---	---	---	---	---	220.52	225.52	230.64	235.96	241.20	245.88	258.94	284.00
E-8	---	---	---	---	---	185.00	190.20	195.24	200.36	205.60	210.36	215.52	228.20	253.64
E-7	129.16	139.40	144.60	143.60	134.76	159.64	164.80	169.88	177.56	182.60	187.76	190.20	202.96	228.20
E-6	111.08	121.12	126.20	131.52	136.40	141.40	146.56	154.12	159.96	164.08	166.56	165.56	166.56	166.56
E-5	97.52	106.16	111.28	116.12	123.72	126.76	133.92	138.84	141.40	141.40	141.40	141.40	141.40	141.40
E-4	90.96	96.04	101.64	109.56	113.92	113.92	113.92	113.92	113.92	113.92	113.92	113.92	113.92	113.92
E-3	85.68	90.36	94.00	97.72	97.72	97.72	97.72	97.72	97.72	97.72	97.72	97.72	97.72	97.72
E-2	82.44	82.44	82.44	82.44	82.44	82.44	82.44	82.44	82.44	82.44	82.44	82.44	82.44	82.44
E-1	73.52	73.52	73.52	73.52	73.52	73.52	73.52	73.52	73.52	73.52	73.52	73.52	73.52	73.52

HNGEA GOAL REACHED

Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Assoc Vice President Wayne Soma says 459 Air Gu persons helped to attain the goal he set of members by Nov 30, 1981. Although the form membership drive is over, interested persons can still sign up by contacting the followin representatives: SMSgt. Tom Sato and TSgt. Muronaga - 154th CAMRON; SMSgt Howard Okita TSgt. Dennis Fukumoto - 154th RMS; TSgt. Cal Simmons - 154th CSS; SSgt. Jean Burrel - 19 WF.

Special thanks go to the 169th ACW Sq. WAFB for its outstanding support with 128 members.

Mahalo and have a very joyous holiday season.

AIR FORCE ROTC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, hundreds of Air Force ROTC college scholarships are awarded to deserving students majoring in scientific, engineering and selected nontechnical fields. Qualified candidates for Air Force career fields such as navigator and missile launch officers are also eligible for these generous scholarships.

Each scholarship provides full tuition, books, and laboratory fees plus a \$100 a month allowance. Such a scholarship could be worth close to \$20,000 depending upon the selected candidate's enrolled school and curriculum.

These college scholarships are available in four, three, and two year terms depending the pursued academic study and desired Air Force officer career of the applicant. High school seniors and freshmen engineering and architecture students enrolled in a five-year curriculum are eligible to apply for the four-year college scholarships. College students, having met AFROTC requirements, may apply for three-year and two-year college scholarships

The Air Force ROTC College Scholarship Program is a great opportunity for enthusiastic young persons striving to develop themselves to serve their Nation with the best.

Call the University of Hawaii, Manoa, AFROTC Detachment 175 at 948-7734 for specific requirements and details. The deadline to receive four-year college scholarship applications is midnight, December 15.





(Lt. Col. Richard Settsu presents  
AFCM to MSgt. Carl Wai and SMSgt.  
Howard Sato of the 154th CSS) ANG  
PHOTO

## AWARD WINNERS (CONT. FROM PAGE ONE)

Major Michael H. Tice, Lt. Col. Harold Schatz and MSgt. Henry Y. Yamaguchi of the 199th TFS were awarded the AFCM.

The AFCM also went to SMSgt. Howard A. Sato and MSgt. Carl A. N. Wai of the 154 CSS.

Among others who received the award were Lt. Col. Owen D. Ota, Major George R. Koga, SMSgt. Charles Tasaka, MSgt. Frank D. Johnson, MSgt. Gemi Pascua and TSgt. Ronaldo M. Javier.

By direction of the President, the Meritorious Service has been awarded to Col. Ritchie K. Kunichika, Lt. Col. Reginald Y. Doi, Lt. Col. Raymond J. Moriguchi, Lt. Col. Donald M. Oday and Major Myron N. Dobashi.

Congratulations on a job well done!



(MSgts. Wallace H. Takasane, James  
Suzuki and Randall Lum received  
awards yesterday.) ANG PHOTO



(TSgt. Calvin Yoshimoto, SSgt. William  
Akiona, Jr. and Sgt. Elbert Emoto  
of the 154th CAM were also awarded.)



"Yes, it is customary to cut your switch when gassing your car,  
however, Lt Ripcord, when refueling your plane---!"



# Holiday Safety

by Capt. John C. Ramos  
Ground Safety Officer

One of the real joys of the Holiday season is the opportunity to say Merry Christmas and to wish you the very best for the coming year.

It is also a tragic fact that the December holiday season is usually associated with an increase in hazards that result in many needless tragedies. No family wants a happy holiday marred by accidents, but even the most safety-conscious individual can be temporarily caught off guard as a result of the many traditional festivities of the season combined with the spirit of merriment and relaxed attitudes.

Careful planning and situational awareness should eliminate home and driving hazards, reduce confusion, last-minute rushing, strain emotions and will make for a safer and most joyous holiday season.

Make sure that when you are on the highway and byways that you are fully capable of handling any unusual situation. Remember your family and the families of others. One small mistake can cause untold suffering.

Also make sure that you take care to ensure that there are no fire hazards around your home as you start plugging in extra cords to take care of that beautiful tree and its decorations.

Plan and keep your eyes open and this year's holidays will indeed be blessed with joy and happiness for all mankind.

From all of us in the Safety Office, a happy and Holy season. Mele Kalikimaka.

## *The Seventh... and the Season*

It occurred to me recently, in my continued wanderings as Chris Casey, TV journalist, that Christmas Day 1941 was probably a hollow experience for most Americans. As I talked three days ago with a group of Pearl Harbor survivors, returned to Hawaii for tomorrow's service aboard the USS Arizona Memorial, I realized that even this magic season cannot erase all of the pain in the world. But the most touching moment came as I watched those survivors reading the names inscribed on the wall of the memorial...names they knew...names they connected with faces and places and emotions they had experienced first-hand. The tears I saw roll slowly down faces, much older now, seemed not for the horrors that humankind will inevitably commit...but for lives they had touched and lost.

Donne said, "Ask not for whom the bell tolls it tolls for thee." Let us hope this Christmas season that we can all grasp our fellow man a bit more tightly in the embrace of human kindness. For we will all undoubtedly...someday...pass this way again.

Merry Christmas to all from the staff of the Kukailimoku and may the New Year bring you good health and good fortune. Aloha.

SSgt. Charles S. Gravitt  
Editor, Kukailimoku

