



# Kukailimoku

War God Of King Kamehameha I • 154 COMPG

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## Flyin' High With Project ALPS

Three pilots from the 199 TFS recently participated in a high-flying exercise, dubbed Project Alps, which earned them commendation from National Guard Bureau Chief, Gen. John Conaway and aided tremendously in research on high-altitude flying. The three, Capt. Ed Pickering, Capt. Mick Melich and Major Michael Tice recently traveled to Edwards Air Force Base in California to undergo training in the use of high-altitude pressure suits, similar to those used by the astronauts, for an exercise conducted on Kwajulen between April 2 and April 9.

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## Recall a success

It was probably a struggle, for some of anyway, to climb wearily out of bed early yesterday to find out who would be calling at that groggy hour only to find that your supervisor was on the line asking you to mobilize yourself out of bed and to the base.



(SMSgt. Toshio Oshiro, MSgt. Simanu Afoa, Jr., MSgt. George Mishina and Edna Mushiaki. **HANG** photo by SSgt. Ron Biho.)

## Afoa Retires

MSgt. Simanu Afoa, Jr., or "Sam" as he is usually called, climaxed an outstanding career of over 40 years of combined military/technician service when he retired from the 154 Composite Group, **HANG**, on April 30, 1982. Fortunately, he will continue to serve as a guardsman for a few more years.

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154TH WING  
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But figures, once again, clearly state the stuff we're made of: by 6:18 a.m. 75% of the 154 COMPG force was on the job, surpassing the 55% satisfactory level by an obviously wide margin. By the third hour, some 1,030 of our 1,280 personnel were ready. Good show!



# COMMANDER'S CORNER

by Col. John S. W. Lee

As you could have guessed when we had our practice mobilization recall yesterday, we will begin honing up for our anticipated major inspection (ORI/MEI) sometime during the October-November-December '82 timeframe. How can you as an individual contribute toward this preparation period?

First, dedicate yourself toward being an asset rather than a debit to your section's ledger. Take care of your personalities, help your team mates to succeed and maintain a positive attitude.

Each UTA we will concentrate on improving a selected number of performance factors. During the August annual training and UTA days we expect to "dry run" and assess all of our strengths and correct all of our identified weaknesses.

Each of us will need to study and review some basic things about our job so that we can provide proper guidance and/or accomplish tasks when given guidance. We are "shooting" for the "expert" performance standard.

For some of our new personnel who will be participating for the first time in an ORI/MEI, they should be aware that the 154th Composite Group is tested once every two years on how well we can do our mission. PACAF/IG utilizes the same report card standards that they apply to the regular Air Force units throughout the Pacific. It is the hardest and most rigorous test which is applied to the unit...to determine our probable combat performance capability. In 1980, the 154th Composite Group attained an overall rating of "excellent" for both  
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the ORI and the MEI phases of the PACAF inspection.

If we count our UTA training dates that we have left to be ready, we have eight days to make it. Your contribution toward this preparation period will establish the basic level for our performance when tested.

## PAY INFORMATION

On April 17, 1982 the Hickam AFB Communication Center failed to transmit our pay card to the Accounting and Finance Center in Denver. This affected 726 pay transactions that were scheduled for the April 30, 1982 paycheck. These pay cards which includes all types of performance such as SUTAs, PTs, ATs, etc that were performed prior to April 13, 1982 were retransmitted to Denver on April 26, 1982 with an expected pay date of May 6, 1982.

We ask for your kokua in limiting your pay inquiries during the next 4 weeks due to renovation that is currently being accomplished in the Comptroller's offices. Also, SSgt. Heatherly has been promoted to civilian pay technician leaving only two military pay clerks to process the voluminous number of pay transactions that occur on a daily basis.

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## Padre's Patter

### HICKAM CHAPEL SERVICES

by Chaplain (Maj.) David Kennedy

Protestant - 8:00 a.m. Hickam Harbor  
8:45 a.m. Chapel One  
11:15 a.m. Chapel Center

"Frankly Speaking"

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.

Henry David Thoreau, whose love simplicity often took him into solitude, often wrote of the sensitive side of man. "The finest qualities of our nature, like the bloom on fruits, can be preserved only by the most delicate handling."

How easy it is to destroy the only approach to man's true self. And how often communications are broken down by the brutal force of "getting to the point," and speaking "frankly."

### 154th COMPG - SUNDAY

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

The only time an agreement has been reached by the "frankly" route is when two people already believe the same thing. And it is a most infrequent occasion when two people can meet head-on and believe the other honest because he is direct and wordy.

More often, there must be some thought given to the sensitivity of the other person. First, he is a human being with human dignity. He has feelings and thoughts and he has strong likes and dislikes. And it is a considerate person who has the sensitive perception and insight into the heart of someone. And because of his thoughtfulness he can be more honest and direct and progress by it.

Nevertheless, if one has to be constantly on the outlook to keep from offending a friend, then he is not really a friend. It isn't difficult to be a friend to someone who endears himself to everyone. Indeed, it is a pleasure to be counted his friend. But it is another thing altogether to be a friend to someone who finds little friendship anywhere.

Other people seldom see us as we are. In fact, who we truly are is lost somewhere among our daily contacts. We react differently to nearly every person we meet. Their personality and ours may blend beautifully or it may clash horribly. And we can rather tell where the fault lies when we balance out the blends and the clashes. Are we easy to be friends with, or are we merely acquaintances and nothing more? (Continued on page 5)

DON'T  
MISS NEXT  
UTA  
JUNE  
12-13



## CAM sq. news & views

by SMSgt. Art Lee

In what appears to be a "first" in the CAM Squadron and possibly in the History of the Air National Guard in Hawaii...a baby shower was given to SSgt. Yvette Mirafior last UTA. Over twenty men and four females were in attendance. Lots of food and beautiful baby gifts. Yvette was the first WAF that joined the CAM squadron. By the way, she did give birth to a boy on the 21st of this month. So did SSgt. Louise Lum, a son on the 19th. This makes two for Louise and eight for Randy, figure that one out. Anyway, congratulations Ron and Randy, you too Moms...

Lots of mahalo to all personnel who contributed to the AF Assistance Fund. I'm sure the monies collected will go to a good cause...

Okay all you guys and gals who once were or still are members of a marching unit, the CAM Squadron will be organizing a drill team and has the approval of the Commander, 100%. Anyo e interested, contact either TSgt. Jim Andrade or SMSgt. Art Lee at 449-5589/9819...

Out of ten units competing for the HANG Unit Attendance Trophy the CAM Squadron placed third with a 97.7% rate. And considering our squadron has more people than any other unit, we certainly can be proud of our accomplishments, good show...

The new squadron advisory board officers are: President - TSgt. Jim Andrade; Secretary - John Rodrigues and new member SSgt. Gay Ross. Thanks to MSgt. Doug Abe who stepped down to concentrate more on the Unit Career Advisory position. Doug did a tremendous job organizing the advisory board...And thanks to Florence Andrade, Jim's wife, who made the Portuguese soup for the staff people, really broke the mouth kine, some good...

Leaving for the ANG Leadership Course are: Sgts. John Rodrigues, Doug Awana and going to Kelly AFB to observe the F-4C gun

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firing operations: S gt. Ken Iinuma, Camara, Tom Sato; MSgt. George Padilla, Leonard Tam, Rex Koga; TSgt. Mike Kang; SSgt. Ken Mayeda; Sgt. James Puu, Mark Nakama and SRA Baldwin Ojerio, Tim Young...TSgt. John Wahinekapu should have been back from the Engine Mgt. System Course at Chanute...

A good candidate for the Outstanding Airman Award this year should go to: ALC Brian Nakaguchi from the Egress Shop. Bri made honor graduate at BMT, honor graduate at the Egress System Course and comes in on his own time to work in the Egress Shop to learn more about the system, talk about a guy who loves the Guard and dedicated.. And how about the son who got away from the Guard, MSgt. Rex Koga's son joined the Air Force, was an outstanding AFCS specialist at Chanute, a member of the "Red Rope", the boss of the ropes at school and is now stationed at Castle working on B-52s and KC-135s. Mmmm like Father like son eh! Meanwhile granpa Rex is taking care of his 18 month old grandson while his son is away...

Congratulations to: TSgt. Ron Muronaga for placing second and SSgt. Noi Tyau, fourth, in the NRA Annual Rifle Tourney...And to recently promoted: MSgt. Cirrilo Valera, TSgt. Ken Aoki, SRA. Wayne Salas, ALC Brad Lozowski, Davinder Mann, Rex Godinex, Larry Montero and Gene Yamashiro...And to Chief Go, a 27 handicapper, who downed Art Lee 8 and 7, Dick Kudo 5 and 4 and Lewis Kono 1 up. Hiro goes against Tom Kato who has to give Hiro 18 strokes...

Chief Pontes, MSgts. Dick Deveas, Howard Hoke and Mel Ige are back from Mcghee Tyson after attending the business and industry conference...

The 107th New York ANG will be in town later on this month to train with us to get familiar with the F-4C aircraft and for information sake. The Bureau is not sending these units to Hawaii because of the sun, they are sending them here because we are the "Best in the West", right on...

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RMS ROUND UP--SSGT JAN DeREGO

\*\*\* ON THEIR RECENT DEPLOYMENT TO KWAJALEIN, MARSHALL ISLANDS, WE WELCOM BACK TSGT PAUSTINO RIVERA FROM OUR MATERIEL STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION BRANCH AND SSGT ROBERT VALDEZ FROM OUR CUSTOMER SUPPORT BRANCH, ON THEIR GREAT SUPPORT IN HANDLING THE WRSK AND OTHER DUTIES WITH PROJECT ALPS.

\*\*\*FROM THE OLE PELICAN HIMSELF, WE CONGRATULATE TSGT RANDY HIYANE FROM OUR COMPUTER ROOM AND WIFE BEV, ON THEIR SECOND ADDITION TO THEIR FAMILY. BABY GIRL, LIANE LEIKO HIYANE, WAS BORN ON THE 26TH OF APRIL AT 6:20AM, IN THE KAPIOLANI CHILDRENS HOSPITAL. ALSO FROM SUPPLY SYSTEMS BRANCH, CONGRATS TO SSGT LOUISE AND RANDY LUM, ON THEIR SECOND NEW BORN BABY BOY. IKAIKA SHARPE KWAI-CHOI LUM WAS BORN ON THE 19TH OF APRIL AT 1:30PM IN THE KAISER HOSPITAL. MUCH ALOHA EXTENDS TO THE HAPPY FAMILY.

\*\*\*THERE'S LOTS OF CONTRUCTION ACTIVITY ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF BUILDING 3415, BEING ACCOMPLISHED BY THE ANG PRIME BEEF, FROM ARIZONA. THERE WILL BE A BIG CHANGE TO THE CBPO AND COMPTROLLER OFFICES.

\*\*\*SOME OF YOU, WHO DON'T KNOW, THE MOTORPOOL WILL BE CONVERTING OVER TO THE 154 RMS S OF THE 1ST OF JULY. HOWARD SATO AND THE GANG FROM MOTORPOOL IS JUMPING FOR JOY WITH THE NEW CHANGE COMMING SOON.

\*\*\*NEW STRIPES WERE GIVEN TO DESERVING OSCAR PELTIER FROM OUR MATERIEL STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION BRANCH. HE WAS AWARDED SRA ON THE 16TH OF MAY. CONGRATULATIONS TO SSGT GERI HEATHERLY, ON HER PROMOTION TO CIVILIAN-PAYROLL TECHNICIAN AND ALSO TO TSGT RANDY HIYANE, WHO MOVED TO THE COMPUTER ROOM FROM CIVILIAN-PAYROLL.

\*\*\*WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR WARMEST ALOHA AND APPRECIATION TO MAJOR ASAI. HE HAS LEFT THE 154 COMPG, TO DEDICATE HIS TIME AND TALENTS TO HANG HEADQUARTERS. WE'LL MISS A GOOD OFFICER.

\*\*\*THAT IS ALL FOR NOW, TILL NEXT MONTH. THE MEMBERS OF THE 154 RMS WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A BIG ALOHA AND KEEP SMILING.

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CAM NEWS AND VIEWS (cont.)

We heard about the \$30 shell lamp that TSgt. Henry Hasuike bought at Kwaj and when he stopped at Guam the same lamp sold for \$7.50, Auwee... I just want to let you know that the CBPO office temporarily moved to the CAM training classroom and the Security Police Office, talk about being crowded...Anyway, just want to let you all know what is happening within the CAM squadron, You all have a nice day now...

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Padre's Patter (cont.)

If people have to dodge around so many issues in order to keep us sweet, we need to hear some truth about ourselves. If we can't do it, it may have to come from a friend. The we must remember the words of Thomas A Becket, "Better are the blous of a friend than the false kisses of an enemy.





Photo by: TSgt. Don Ho

"1982 HNG STATE CHAMPS" HQ 154TH COMPG TEAM "A"

Left to Right - Rick Manaos, John Rodrigues, Mel Akamine, Guy Fuentes, Bruce Hara, Don Almodova, Charles Silva, Milo Rhyne, Clayton Pabingwit and General Ishimoto.

by: SrA. Charles Silva

On April 20th, 1982 The HNG Basketball Championship was held at the 487TH Field Artillery Gym at Fort Rucker.

Fourteen teams entered in the HNG League representing their units from Army and Air National Guards.

First Place Trophy went to HQ 154TH COMPG Team "A" who went undefeated with an impressive 10 season record, and a 3-0 playoff Record.

Second place went to the 487TH Fld Arty Team, who played a well fought game with the 4TH. Consulations went to third place 298th Engr Det. and fourth place to the 227th Engr Co. respectively.

Soon after the final game came to a close, Tournament Coordinator SSgt. Melvin T. Akamine introduced General Ishimoto to the audience to present the HNG Awards.

Celebration and laughter of the season was soon shared by all who gathered to celebrate another great seasons end.

Coordinator Melvin T. Akamine wishes to thank everyone who participated in the HNG Tournament, and invites everyone to comeout and support the league next season. To all the players stay HEALTHY for next years league. Till next year, "KEEP ON TRUCKIN"...

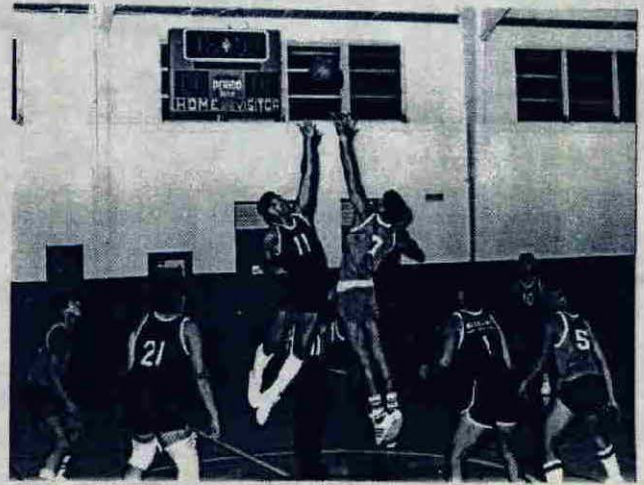
HNG TOURNAMENT TEAMS

HQ 154TH COMPG TEAMS "A", "B", "C", and "D"  
 487TH Fld Arty Bn  
 298TH Engr Det.  
 227TH Engr Co.  
 297TH S&S Bn  
 169TH ACW Sq.  
 201st CMBTCG  
 Provisional Bn  
 Troop E, 19Th Cav  
 159TH Svc Bn  
 229TH Med Co.





154th Relaxes on their VICTORY!..



154th & 487th getting things off...



"Really" Thanks for the GAME!..



Here's Two..



I Got it! I Got it???



"SMILE"



## Aloha

# Copperheads

Sixty members of the 161st Civil Engineering Flight from the Phoenix, Arizona ANG arrived in Hawaii on April 17 to begin their two-week training as part of the Prime Beef deployment. And in doing so, the 154th COMPG will have a better looking CBPO and Comptroller section.

The team is nicknamed the "Copperheads," but during their stay with us they have been calling themselves "Manana Construction." The Flight leader is Capt. Sam Lundgren.

The Team, which will return home today, has been renovating our CBPO office area, the Comptroller's office and they installed a suspended ceiling with a new lighting system in the CAMRON's Avionics section.

The Copperheads attended a flag-raising aboard the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial last Thursday and have been enjoying the Hawaii sunshine in their spare time.

Our thanks to the 161st for their help and the opportunity to strengthen our relationships with another ANG unit. Mahalo and Aloha!

### Project ALPS (cont. from front page)

The test was sponsored by the U. S. Army Ballistic Missile Command and coordinated by the Defense Nuclear Agency.

Maj. Tice says preparation began six months prior to the mission which required the firing of a special test missile at an altitude above 50,000 feet, thus the need for the high-pressure suits.

Tice said, "We deployed to Kwajulen on April 2nd and flew practice profiles on Saturday, the 3rd, and Monday, the 5th. On Tuesday, the 6th, we made a thirty degree climb and released the missile at 55,000 feet and the plane then topped out at 72,000 feet." Maj. Tice was the back-up and Capts. Pickering and Melich flew the mission. Tice said, "The purpose of the flight was to gather radar data off the missile...and we got even more data than anticipated."

The 161st Arizona ANG Air Refueling Group and the California 146 TAW were also commended by Gen. Conaway for tanker support.

### Afoa Retires (cont. from front page)

Sam concluded his career as an Aerospace Quality Assurance Specialist and was greatly respected by all for his extensive knowledge and fairness. He achieved the outstanding distinction of taking no sick leave in 22 years of the time he was employed as an air technician.

Sam's career in government goes back quite a few years. Following completion of high school on Maui, he came to Honolulu and began work for the Navy at Ford Island on Feb. 24, 1942. In November 1945, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and stayed in during the transition to the U. S. Air Force. He started work as an air technician with the 199 TFS, HANG in November 1953.

MSgt. Afoa is highly respected by all and we certainly wish he and his wife, Margaret, many years of good health and happiness in the future.



(A1C Robert Jaeger, SSgt. Julian Leasiolagi, SSgt. Randy Burnett, A1C William Ramos, TSgt. William Anana, SRA Doug McDougal, SSgt. Gary Witt, A1C Dan Kula, SSgt. Jeff Pohaku, SSgt. Warren Ihara, A1C Robert Decoster and A1C Tracy Bell of the 154th Security Police Flt. recently trained with the 15 ABW at Ft. Kam in preparation for their July Tactics school at Lackland AFB, TX.)



SAFETY NOTES - CAPTAIN JOHN C. RAMOS, 154 COMP/SEG

Summer is just around the corner. Whether you will be doing some traveling, participating in sports and recreational activities or just doing things around the home, here are some safety tips that you should keep in mind and be familiar with in order to make the summer months more enjoyable to you and your loved ones:

1. Get your body in tune. Have a checkup if you're planning physical activity. Drink plenty of liquid (not alcohol) when working out in warm weather.
2. Use a buddy system when you go swimming in areas where no life guards are posted.
3. If you're camping, remember that tents can burn. Keep fires or stove a safe distance from the tent. Use battery lights inside tents.
4. If you travel and stay in a hotel, plan a fire escape route as soon as you arrive at your room.
5. If you plan to do things at home, make sure that power tools are either double insulated or properly grounded. Eye protection and proper footwear can also give you the same protection at home as they give you on the job.
6. This month is National Bike Safety month. Make sure you obey traffic regulations - they apply to bikes as well as cars.
7. Last, but not least, fasten those seatbelts....if you're the driver inform your passengers that they should do the same...protective devices do save lives....MAKE IT CLICK!

The Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association is sponsoring National Guard Night with the Islanders, June 25. Profits will go to boost the HNGEA Scholarship Fund. MSgt. Wayne Soma is also looking for volunteer to play a softball game before the Islander game. No Fo'get - June 25 (Friday) Tickets will be on sale soon!

**National  
Guard  
Nite**

**June 25**

**with  
the  
Islanders!**





# HANG HADD GOLF TOURNAMENT

**GREEN FEES:** All Military with ID cards \$5.00, Civilian \$12.00. (All green fees will be payable at the starter desk. (Note: Everyone will ride carts.

**FLIGHTS:** There will be four flights A, B, C and Calloway. A, B, C flight will consist of 24 handicap and below and spacing of these flts will depend on the amount of entries participating. The lowest club handicap will be used. Individual with handicaps exceeding 24 will be computed on the Calloway System. Handicap committee will have the final say and will adjust if necessary. The first 144 golfers will be accepted.

**DATE:** Monday 21 June 1982      LEILEHUA      SHOTGUN START 0800 HR

## HADD HANG GOLF TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT \_\_\_\_\_ HANDICAP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ARMY MEMBERSHIP NR \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY FEE:** \$12.00 (Includes Cart fee, Lunch and Prizes) Make check payable to: Arthur Lee) Forward check and entry form to: SMSgt Art Lee  
154 CAM Squadron.

**NOTE:** Deadline for Entry is 31 May 1982.

150th AC&W - Ota/Kawamoto - 6551318

326 AD - Wong - 6551310

160 AC&W - R Kawamoto - 6551731

154 CAM Sq - Art Lee - 4499819

154 CE - Correa - 4499210

154 COMPG - Ken Sonan - 4496008

199 FIS - Al Yoshimura - 4492862

154 RMS - Dennis Fukumoto-449192

HQ HANG - Kozen Kaneshiro-7378E

201st CMBTCG - Bert Soren