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AU RETIRES



Col. Daniel Au

Colonel Daniel K.C. Au, Deputy Adjutant General, will retire on September 27. Col. Au has been the deputy since August 1980.

Following his graduation from the University of Hawaii in 1956, he served in the U.S. Air Force for three years, joining the Guard in September 1959. He served as a weapons controller for the 109th and the 150th AC&W Squadrons. In July 1964, he became the Communications Station Detachment Commander, Koko Crater; and in August 1965, he became the Chief of Supply and Services, 154th Supply Squadron. In 1976, he took the position of Deputy Commander for Logistics, 154th Fighter Interceptor Group; and later that year, he assumed duties as U.S. Property and Fiscal officer.

Col. Au is married to the former Sau Jean Goo. The Au's have four children, Dianne, Jennifer, David, and John.

The men and women of the 154th Composite Group wish him the warmest aloha and best for the future.

GUNFIRE



The gunfire deployment concluded on the 16th of August as personnel and equipment returned from the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai. The deployment employed approximately 100 personnel, six F-4C aircrafts, and two C-130 aircrafts for daily logistic support.

Major Mel Matsui, the Camp Commander, Lt. David Snakenberg, the Maintenance Officer, and CMSgt. David Pontes, the Maintenance Chief, maintained open lines of communication with the airfield personnel and insured safety and proper operation within the airport area.

The deployed unit was basically self supporting and housed in tents. In addition, the food service section (7 HANG & 4 Air Base Wing) set up a field kitchen and provided three full meals each day. According to Maj. Mel Asai, "A field kitchen has not been used since the old Kahuku days and that's over ten years ago."

The deployment again provided excellent training and some new experiences. (See pictures on page 7)

154TH WING
HISTORY OFFICE
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Commanders Corner

by
Col. John S.W. Lee



Back in October 1977 a group of our HANG personnel saw the importance of establishing a non-profit corporation under the name of HANG-O-HANA, Inc., to promote the Aloha spirit within HANG and to participate in the community as HANG representatives. They elected two directors: Ronald Cozo and Bernice Pharr to direct the business and affairs of the corporation. Bill Aberilla was elected President to implement the powers and duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors and the By Laws of the corporation. Dick Saunders Jr., served as the Vice President and Louise Sharpe was the Secretary-treasurer. Throughout the years the HANG OHANA, as musicians and as canoe paddlers, represented the HANG well within the broad expanse of the community. Recently however, the HANG OHANA members have expressed the need to reassess the organizational structure and intent of their corporation. Under President Bill Aberilla, HANG OHANA members and members desiring to join this organization will hold a meeting at 1500, 6 October in the 154 Composite Group dining hall. Reacquaintance with the by-laws of the organization should definitely clarify what the HANG OHANA is and where it is seeking to go.

Working with the early musician's group of Bill Akiona, Ed Lee and Ron Cozo, I never witnessed the musical troupe miss any scheduled engagement; the majority of their performances were during the evening and on their days off. We've had numerous dancers with the HANG OHANA but the girls who set the HANG OHANA standard included Blossom Lee, Louise Sharpe and Bernice Pharr. The tradition as established by our early musician pioneers is worth retaining and is definitely part of the heritage of the

Hawaii Air National Guard.

Mark your calendar and work through your supervisor to attend a very important meeting if you are interested in retaining a living heritage of HANG.

1500, 6 October

154 Composite Group Dining Hall

1985 HANG AWARDS BANQUET

The 1985 HANG Awards Banquet will be held on November 16, 1985 (Saturday), on the Windjammer Cruises luxurious ship the "Rella Mae". The Rella Mae will leave Pier 7 (Diamond Head side of Aloha Tower) at 8:30pm and return at approximately 10:30pm. The cost is \$20.00 per person and includes a buffet dinner, open bar and entertainment.

The buffet dinner consists of a salad bar with condiments, roast beef, island fish with tartar sauce, shoyu chicken, chinese noodles, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, cooked vegetables, desserts, coffee, tea and fruit punch. The open bar will be serving mai tais, standard bar drinks, beer and soda. In addition, a Las Vegas type floor show called "Musical Montage" will be presented.

In behalf of the HANG NCO Academy Graduates Association, Chapter 18, who are hosting the banquet, we would like to invite all HANG members to join us in recognizing our outstanding people on this special occasion. The following awards will be presented that evening: HANG Outstanding Unit Award; Outstanding HANG Airman Award; Outstanding HANG Airman Award; Outstanding HANG NCO Award; Outstanding HANG Senior NCO Award; George T. Miki Memorial Trophy; Outstanding Fighter Pilot Award; Outstanding Weapons System Officer Award; and Outstanding HANG Officer Award.

Bring your spouse or guest and join us for an entertaining evening with friends. See your unit banquet coordinator for ticket and banquet information.

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE PRICE!!

NEXT UTA
5 & 6 OCT 1985

AWARD of HONOR

We should all be proud in knowing that the Group is the recipient of the National Safety Council Award of Honor. The following is a copy of a letter from Maj. Gen. Conaway congratulating all personnel of the 154th Composite Group:



DEPARTMENTS OF THE ARMY AND THE AIR FORCE
NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310

01 JUL 1985

Major General Alexis T. Lum
The Adjutant General, Hawaii
3949 Diamond Head Road
Honolulu HI 96816-4495

Dear General Lum

We would like to extend our congratulations to all personnel of the 154th Composite Group, Wheeler AFB HI, for being selected to receive the National Safety Council Award of Honor. The Award of Honor is the council's highest award. It is presented for unit performance toward reducing civilian and military injury and fatality rates. Every individual in the 154th Composite Group can be justly proud of their performance in reducing or eliminating disabling group mishaps in 1984.

The award has been received and will be presented at the NGAUS convention in Louisville, Kentucky, 23 - 25 September 1985.

Sincerely

John B. Conaway
JOHN B. CONAWAY
Major General, USAF
Director, Air National Guard

Pastor's Patter



by Chaplain
(1Lt) Robert Nagamine

GOOD TO BE BACK

It is good to be back. I was away for five weeks at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Two weeks were spent on the Officer Orientation Course. Three weeks were spent on the Chaplain Orientation Course. I appreciated those two helpful courses at Maxwell. On my way back to Hawaii I had the opportunity to stop off in St. Louis and L.A. to visit with relatives and friends. The whole trip was well worth it and well spent.

Everytime I return back to Hawaii from a trip I am reminded of Hawaii's beauty and uniqueness. God has surely blessed us with his best. Hawaii's blue skies with its puffy clouds, its tradewinds, mountains and valleys were some of the things I missed. But more than those things, I missed its people; my family, friends and you. I was often thinking about you. I was thinking how fortunate I am to be a part of the 154th Composite Group Team.

I feel most privileged to be a part of this team and want to be supportive of you. I would like to get to know each one of you better, and I will be visiting around. If you want me to pay you a special visit or want to come and see me, do not hesitate to let me know. May God send his very best blessings your way. It is good to be back.

"The great thing is to get the true picture, whatever it is."
—Winston Churchill

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CAM sq. news & views



by SMSgt. Art Lee

...Going to be a busy month in September with all the coming events. Tomorrow the 7th annual All HANG Golf tournament at Hickam GC, 144 entries. The 3rd Annual CAM Sq recognition banquet on 21 September at the Fort Delicatessen. HANG State Tennis Tourney 28 Sep at the Auntie Edith Kanakaole courts in Hilo and Aloha Week starts on the 28 Sep also...

...Congratulations to the following for outstanding achievement during the month: USAF Achievement Medal: Major Tom Chang, 1Lt David Saakenberg, SMSgt Art Lee and Kenny Camara, TSgts Clayton Ching, Walter Wauke, Bill Cruz, SSgts Norman Eclarin, Richard Ching, Stan Hong and Andrew Keaunui. Certificate of appreciation for extra effort in self improvement and career progression by achieving 85% in CDC: SSgts Duane Wise, William Kalama, Sgt John Rash and A1C David Stone..And to SSgt B Pharr for her outstanding citation for her organization account 421AD, Bernie received a "Outstanding citation from PACAF IG team, she was the only person that received an outstanding...Right on...

...SMSgt Toshio Oshiro's retirement party was certainly an enjoyable one especially for Toshi, he received quite a few outstanding gifts: A beautiful tool chest, a "no can miss" putter, a 9" golf tee, and a weekend for two at a resort hotel. Tosh extends his Aloha and Mahalos to all who made this party a very enjoyable one.... Speaking of retirees, Bob Choi after 45 years of golf finally made his first hole in one on the 5th hole Fort Shafter using a 5 iron...And Harry Yamashita paid a surprise visit to the unit to pick up his squadron recognition ticket..Good show...

...Our congratulations to Tereza Saito wife of Gary Saito who obtained her U.S citizenship recently, next on the list is Cabby's wife..

...Shop talk...MSgt Gabe Ignacio TDYing at Norton broked his tooth while eating

hamburger at the base, he broked another tooth while eating there again and if you think that was all, he found a metal FOD in his food the third time, auwe and auwee. ...MSgt Mel Taira received word on a Friday he was to attend the Senior NCO course at Maxwell, his class was suppose to begin the following Tuesday, this means he had to get his clothes ready, his tickets set up and leave by Sunday. Mel got all set to go after running around and...yep, you

guessed it, cancelled one course. Better luck next time Mel...MSgt George Mishina took his family on a driving tour of the U.S. Picked up a brand new Century Buick and drove cross country, that is, his Mrs drove cross country, George broked his hand and could'nt drive, The air conditioner on his car broked down and there was no way they could have it repaired, so they drove without air in the hot climate...Ask George how he broked his hand. Anyway they drove over 6000 miles and enjoyed everybit of it...TDYing at the Allison 7-56 series II engine maintenance Howard Johnson Motor Lodge Speedway, IN for 22 days are SSgts Grant Suzuki and Arthur Seto...Lucky guys eh...And enjoying the AAR refueling flight on KC135 were: Sgts W Aberilla, Guy Fuents, M Moriyama, James Feliciano, Timothy Young, Carol Yamaguchi Tina Grube, A1Cs Spencer Napoleon & Kevin Shiraki...SSgt Carol Keanani can speak several foreign languages and presently she is learning to speak Filipino, she is learning this right here at the guard, Carol works in the training office and whenever she comes to UTA or AT, her supervisor, MSgt Gabriel, has the radio tuned on the fiesta hour...

...The HANG Awards Banquet for 1985 will be held on the 16 November 1985 on board the Windjammer..The Windjammer is a really beautiful ship and they say the dinner cruise with good food, show, dancing and music is really great. All you can eat & drink for \$20 bucks, wow, what a deal for those who never been on a dinner cruise.. Now is your chance to get on board, Boat will leave at 2030 hours, dinner will begin immediately with dance and music, the awards program starts at 2130 hours and at 2200 hours a muscial montage on stage. at 2230 hours the boat returns to Pier 7.

...By the way, last chance for tickets to the CAM recognition banquet is TODAY...No tickets at the door..Also decoration i needed for the banquet, anyone who can co

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SAFETY NOTES

HOW GOOD ARE YOUR CHANCES FOR STAYING HEALTHY?

Check yourself with this quiz from the "American Medical Association Family Medical Guide"

1. Are you within desirable weight limits for your height?
2. When walking briskly with people of your own age group, can you match their pace and carry on casual conversation without becoming short of breath?
3. Can you walk up three flights of stairs (each including about 15 to 20 steps) without having to pause for breath?
4. Do you exercise vigorously enough to make you breathless and sweaty at least three times a week?
5. Do you ordinarily sleep soundly and wake up feeling energetic and ready for the day ahead?
6. At the end of a working day do you usually feel energetic enough to go out and enjoy a social evening?
7. Do you drink, on average, less than two bottles of beer (or two cocktails, or two glasses of wine) a day?
8. Are you, and have you been for at least the last 15 years, a non-smoker?
9. Are you happy with your life, and do you generally have a positive outlook?
10. Do you drive defensively and always wear seat belts?

If you can answer YES to all the above questions, you are at the moment maximizing your chances of staying healthy. The more NO answers, the more the need for serious consideration of some sort of change in life style.



EXERCISE FOR FUN

(Continued from page 4)

tribute please check with Richard Kudo....

...And how about MSgt Mel Ige who was practicing for the HANG tourney at Hickam. On the 3rd tee, he got set to drive his ball down the fairway about 240 yards but when he struck the ball, the ball popped straight up and landed in the back of him, length of drive: 2 inches behind him.....

MORE MONEY

Major General John E. Long, Commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES), has announced a change in the dollar amount a check may be written over the total purchase at cash registers. The new policy effective immediately, affects only checks cashed at the point of sale, i.e., the cash register in facilities where AAFES accepts checks.

General Long explained, "We have decided to increase the amount from \$10 to \$20 over the amount of purchase. Customers will no longer be inconvenienced to stand in a line at check cashing windows and again at the register when they want a few dollars cash to spare at the checkout."

The new policy will allow customers to make any purchase and still write a check for \$20 above the total purchase amount. This doubles the previous limitation. This change does not affect the \$100 daily limit for writing personal checks at AAFES check cashing windows. The increase to \$20 is in response to customer requests and remains a free service provided by AAFES.

HNGA DUES

All officers in the Hawaii Air National Guard are strongly encouraged to join the Hawaii National Guard Association. Submit your membership dues NLT COB September 15, 1985 (Sunday JTA).

Checks should be made out to "HNGA".
Dues are as follows:

COL/LT COL	- \$38.00
MAJOR	- \$33.00
CAPTAIN	- \$23.00
LIEUTENANT	- \$18.00

PROMOTIONS

Hats off to the following individuals who were promoted to the following ranks, effective on the dates listed below:

HQ 154 Composite Group

SSgt. Bruce T. Hara Jr. August 16, 1985
SRA. Tame J. Yoshimura August 19, 1985

CAM SQ.

SSgt. Curtis G. Cubi August 16, 1985
Sgt. Robert R. Godsey September 6, 1985
Sgt. Nathan H B Hee September 6, 1985
Sgt. Val K. Nakahara September 6, 1985
SRA. James M. Chun August 16, 1985
SRA. Hector R. Incion August 16, 1985
SRA. Francis K. Lee September 6, 1985
AIC. Derek K. Leong August 23, 1985
AIC. Lilinoe T. Grube August 26, 1985
AIC. Randall A. Fukunaga Sept. 6, 1985
AMN. Mark S. Takahashi Sept. 13, 1985
AMN. Edwin H. Sproat August 4, 1985
AMN. Ronald Rittenberger Sept. 11, 1985
AIC. Michael N. Hajiro August 13, 1985
AMN. Henry W K Burke August 13, 1985

RMS

SMSgt. Alan Y. Matsuoka August 16, 1985
Sgt. John M. Botelho Sept. 5, 1985
Sgt. Norman K. Kurata August 29, 1985
AIC. Marconi S. Cabatbat Sept. 12, 1985

CES

MSgt. Joseph J. Kaaikaula August 16, 1985
TSgt. Kazuo R. Kaya August 16, 1985
AIC. Christine M. Sangricco " 17, 1985

CSS

AIC. Ramon M. Quizon August 7, 1985
AIC. Sheri K. Bermudez August 27, 1985
AIC. Jay S. Fukumoto August 30, 1985

T54 TAC Hospital

AIC. Raymond A. Dongon August 15, 1985

199 TFS

Sgt. Marc W.P. Ochoco August 15, 1985

ZOT ATCF

TSgt. Lawrence K. Iwanaga August 16, 1985

T50 ACWS

SSgt. Joanne E. Moudy August 19, 1985

RETIREMENT SYSTEM - Open Letter

In the past few months there has been considerable speculation about potential changes to the military retirement system. The speculation often well intentioned but ill informed, has been based on criticism from both the public and private sectors about the perceived generosity of the system.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff and I have steadfastly maintained that any recommendation for change must take account of first, the unique, dangerous, and vital contribution to the safety of all of us that is made by our service men and women and the effect on combat readiness of tampering with the retirement system. Concurrently we must honor the absolute commitments that have been made to retirees and those currently serving. We remain committed to these principles.

Notwithstanding our opposition, the Congress in its recent action on the pending defense authorization bill has mandated a reduction of \$2.9 billion to the military retirement system for future entrants to achieve this mandated reduction.

Nonetheless, we will continue to insist that whatever changes the Congress finally makes must not adversely affect the combat readiness of our forces, or violate our firm pledges.

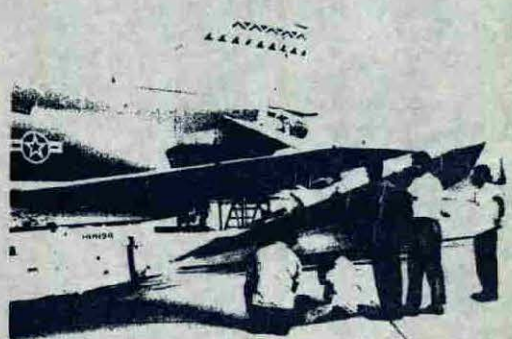
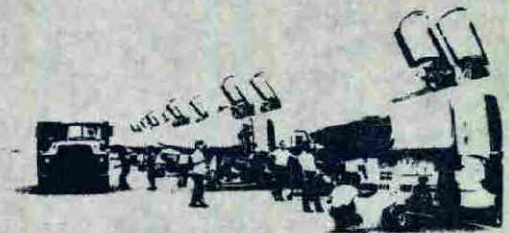
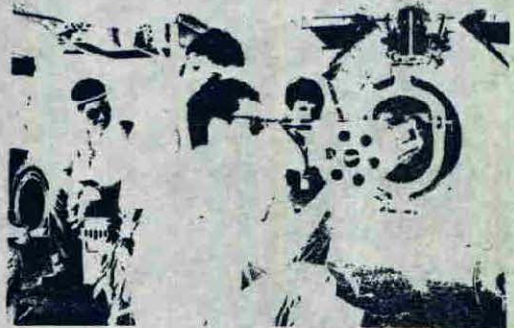
I want to emphasize to you again, in the strongest terms, that the dedicated men and women now serving and those who have retired before them, will be fully protected in any options we are required to submit to the Congress.

Our proposals will affect future entrants only. You can be assured that our efforts on this issue will not falter.

SIGNED,
CASPER W. WEINBERGER
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

GUNFIRE '85

Photos by TSgts Don Ho & Solomon Ford,
154 AV Section



ANG SOFTBALL

For the first time ever, HANG participated in the 20th annual ANG slow-pitch softball tournament. The tournament was played in Cheyenne, Wyoming on Aug 23 and 24.



Team Members

SMSgt Cornwall S. Matsusaka	HQ 154	COMPG
MSgt Wayne Y. Soma (Mgr)	154	CSS
MSgt Delbert Dandurant	154	CSS
MSgt Francis DeCosta	202	ATCF
TSgt Ron M. Muronaga (Ass't Mgr)	154	CAMS
TSgt Perry T. Murata	201	CISS
SSgt Alvin K. H. Dang	154	CAMS
SSgt Norman Kaleo	154	CAMS
SSgt Don Miyamoto	201	CISS
SSgt Derry M. Murata	201	CISS
SSgt Theron Buyan	201	CISS
SSgt Dean Augustine	202	ATCF
SSgt William Ramos	154	SPF
SRA Edwardo V. Gorospe	201	CISF
SRA Gregory Naito	154	CES
SRA Gene Yamashiro	154	CAMS
A1C Dominic Cunningham (observer)	201	CISS

The Hawaii team was well received both on and off the field. On Aug 21, a Hawaiian steak cookout was held and attended by Cheyenne's Mayor Don Erickson.

Hawaii placed 17th out of 128 teams. The following is a recap of the games:

Aug 23 (Friday)

- GAME 1 Bye
- GAME 2 Hawaii - 15 Illinois - 4
- GAME 3 Hawaii - 9 Mississippi - 10

Aug 24 (Saturday)

- GAME 4 Hawaii - 15 Minnesota - 7
- GAME 5 Hawaii - 19 S. Dakota - 2
- GAME 6 Hawaii - 5 New Jersey - 19

Congratulations to the HANG team and special thanks to MSgt Wayne Soma for his efforts as team coordinator. Next tournament will be held in Syracuse, New York.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

We need bowlers to hold a bowling tournament. Sign up if interested - make a five man team or enter individually.

Place: Hickam Memorial Lanes (next to Gym)

Date & Time:

(team event) 12:30pm - 4:30pm., Oct 12, 1985

(Doubles/Singles events) -

10:30am - 2:30pm., Oct 13, 1985

EVENTS: Team - Five bowler Team, "825" Team Total Average, not more then two scratch bowlers on a team.

Doubles - A two bowler combined score of three games. Scores to count for single event.

Singles - Total of 3 Games

All events (optional) - Individual score of 6 games.

FEE: \$23.00 and \$2.00 for the optional all-events. Fee includes prize fees, bowling fees, and lunch.

Awards luncheon after Sunday's bowling at the Composite Group's Recreational Center

Submit names (as a team or individual) with averages to CMSgt Hiroshi Go, 449-1840 154 CAM/MAA by September 23, 1985

ON TARGET WITH HANG

The fifth annual HANG precision air rifle pistol tournament will be held during the month of November.

be conducted as follows:

Entry date: All entry forms will be NLT Sept. 30, 1985. Entry forms may be locally reproduced.

Tournament period: To be completed by Nov. 30th and all targets returned NLT Dec. 8th.

Any questions and/or request for assistance should be referred to the Marksmanship Chairman, TSgt Ronald Muronaga, 449-5595, 154 CAM/MAA (EC).