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SENTRY ROADRUNNER

By 1Lt. Gaylord Dowson

This past week has been a very exciting one for most of our HANG aircrews. With the start of Sentry Roadrunner, the 150th Tactical Fighter Group of the New Mexico ANG, located at Kirkland AFB, NM, have been giving us a run for our money. Their eight A-7 Corsairs, including one two-seat version, arrived on Monday, March 3. With their group was BG James Womack, NMANG Chief of Staff, and Colonel Dave Quinlan, Group Commander for the 150th TFG. The aircrews, most of them airline pilots on leave, are very happy and excited to be here flying against the HANG. The unit is considered a Rapid Deployment Force, therefore, they have travelled extensively around the globe. They have been to Egypt, Sweden, Alaska, and Washington to name a few, but this is their first time to Hawaii.

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"Going great... Impressed with the Hawaii Guard, especially the fantastic maintenance people in keeping the F-4C's ready to fly." Brig. Gen. James E. Womack, Chief of Staff, New Mexico Air Guard (center).

WELCOME TO FAMILY DAY



A big aloha and welcome to all of your family members. This is your chance to show the spouse and kids and friends the heart of Hawaii's Air Defense System.

They'll get a close up look at the F-4Cs (which they usually only get to see from a distance) and all the support centers that keep the 154th Composite Group ready to perform when called.

There are a lot of activities planned starting with the 111th Hawaii Army National Guard Band at 11:00 a.m. During this time your friends and family can also visit your work area and see some of the displays. There will be free balloons and shave ice, too along with games for the kids.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Shoyu chicken will be the main entree.

One of the highlights of the Day will be drawings for three models of the F-15 aircraft that the HANG will soon be converting to. The models will be provided by Mr. Jim Spehr and Mr. Frank Henningsen, representatives of McDonnell-Douglas Corporation, which manufactures the aircraft.

For details on these and other activities scheduled for today look in the Family Day program that is being distributed at the main entrance.

Commanders Corner

by
Col. John S.W. Lee



We are in the midst of total activity: The New Mexico A-7s have arrived and the air war is providing exceptional training for our aircrews. As advertised, the New Mexico Tacos are formidable in the air as well as on the ground. Led by their Chief of Staff Brig Gen Womack and Colonel Dave Quinlan, Commander, 150 TFG, the fighting Tacos bring with them rich fighter experiences.

Also arriving today are members of the Site Activation Task Force who will be working with our Composite Group staff to plan for our conversion requirements to the F-15 Eagle. You probably noted some trailers and a building along side of the Supply warehouse...we have already started our conversion thinking for FY87. The project manager for the Composite Group is Lt Colonel Aoki.

Today we honor the members of our family who through their love, understanding and patience allow us to do our job. When we deploy, we leave our share of family responsibilities with them and when we return they acknowledge our need to settle back into our family routine. Life in the Air Guard is demanding, challenging and unique...we derive what we elect to put into this work and the effort becomes meaningful when our family appreciates our work and fully supports our quest.

We salute our family with deep appreciation.

REMINDER

HAWAII BASKETBALL STATE TOURNAMENT

April 12 3:00am to 4:00pm
April 13 8:00am to 12:00pm
Coast Guard Gym, Sand Island

F-4C UPDATE

Major modifications to the F-4C aircraft is presently going on to enhance the fighting capability of the aircrews of the 199 TFS. A depot team from Hill AFB, Utah, have been working long hours making the necessary and time consuming adjustments for the eventual installation of the AF High Performance Centerline Tanks. The new tanks will allow our aircraft and aircrew greater flexibility in a wartime environment. It will allow them to attain super-sonic speed faster and also allow them a better maneuverability capability. The end result is a much improved and better fighting machine with less stress on the airframe which allows the aircraft much greater flying time.

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MWR FUNDRAISER

The CAM Sq MWR Committee is kicking off an MWR fundraiser this weekend. For sale are Liliha Saimin tickets for \$2.00 and is good through 30 June. Tickets are available from our CAM Sq shop supervisors. Proceeds will help the Squadron support the many programs during the year. Project coordinators MSgt Richard Kudo, TSgt Roy Kuwana and MSgt Jack Uhrig are encouraging everyone to support a very worthy cause.

BLOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS

The Hickam Air Technician Detachment hosted a very successful mobile blood drive on Friday, March 28. A total of 68 pints of blood was donated by 81 enthusiastic participants, which exceeded the goal of 55 pints.

The 154 COMPG belongs to the Hawaii DOD Life Savers Club program and current membership is 160 members. The donor members of the club enables the 48 cash members to enjoy the same benefits in the blood service program.

Acknowledgement goes to Lt.Col. Melvin Asai for the coffee and fruit juice and to the Electric Shop "Lunch Gang" who assisted the mobile team. Special thanks to Raymond Choy who made a proxy blood donation for Howard McKee, a long time blood donor.

We are fortunate to have so many of our personnel willing to share a part of their life to help the community and fellow workers prepare for any emergency.

**Pastor's
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by Chaplain
(Lt) Robert Nagamine

I am glad we are having Family Day today. Our family and friends are so important to us and we want them to see some of the things we do here.

The support that our families give us is important. It is the type of support that is foundational. With it fuel is added to the fire of our inner strength. Without it life would be like walking up a continuous flight of stairs. Someone once said, "Tough times don't last but tough people do!" Through the support of our families we become tough people when faced with tough times. Our families are indeed valuable!

But what constitutes a family? We all know what the usual family may consist of: a father, mother, sister, brother, and so on by blood or marriage. But more than this, our family is made up of people who genuinely care for us. I have friends who are like real brothers or sisters to me. Along with the rest of my family, they are family to me!

Our Composite Group gives us a sense of family. Through visiting the various sections, I see the spirit of family around. People do show genuine interest in one another. When needed, we bend over backwards to support one another. This attitude is more beneficial to us than you may know.

When in leadership, along with striving for professionalism, let us continue to nurture the spirit of family. The level of commitment of those we lead will be enhanced. People are indeed much more committed to their work when they work in a family spirited atmosphere rather than in a work situation that is "just a job".

When in supportive roles, let us continue to give our leaders our best support. It is at the ground level that the work is done. It is through every person that the

true sense of family begins. Let us be more than just another friend. Let us be like family to one another.

May God unite us into one big family, as we unite our hearts and skills together.

HANG 40 BANQUET

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IN THE EVENING A BANQUET WILL BE HELD AT THE SHERATON WAIKIKI TO CELEBRATE THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAWAII AIR NATIONAL GUARD. IT WILL BE A NIGHT TO REMEMBER FOR YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE. PLAN FOR COCKTAILS AT 1700; DINNER AND PROGRAM FROM 1800 TO 2130.

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by TSgt Fred M. Higa, Jr.

....Welcome back to another drill weekend, a weekend full of many activities. We have a lot of news items again this month from our Field Reporters, so no time to waste. First item of business, though, is a special note of thanks & congrats to the following CAM Sq members who nominated their employers to the Hawaii Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve for being a "PRO"..... ALC Jo Morita nominated Walter Lau of Tongg Publishing Co; ALC Robert Hoggan nominated Wallace Uehara of R.W. Tully Co; Sgt Michael Sniffen nominated Gordon Schuman of the Outrigger Hotel; and SrA Gary Wong nominated Arnie Westberg of A&P Payless Auto Parts. As a result of being selected a "PRO", each of the employers received a certificate that is signed by Hawaii Chap Pres Jack Baker, and a personal and official visit and presentation by LTC Ault. As Col Ault says, without the full support of our employers, we would not be able to accomplish our mission in as fine a fashion as we have been doing. If anyone is interested in nominating their employer, forms and instructions are available in the Commander's office. Col Ault encourages all Guardsmen to nominate and recognize "bosses" who support the Guard & Reserve program....

...MSgt (Ret) Sam Afoa received his "first" retirement check in March and treated the QC section to a Chinese luncheon. MSgt Wallace Takasane off to the Quality Control school, will be gone for 10 days, then will continue on to Las Vegas for rest & recuperation?????

...Congrats and best wishes to TSgt Ed Frost who retired militarily. Ed will continue on as a Job Controller full time though.....

...The stork arrived for Cpt Keith Kunichika on 10 Mar. Wife Carolyn and son Kendrick are doing fine. Welcome to the club Captain. And from Germany, TSgt Steve Morita reports that he froze his "da kine, da kine" all the way to Germany for his Creek Klaxon tour. Says the food is great, work area is good, living quarters are even better. No use for orange or black golf balls, though, the snow is too deep. Welcome mat goes to our newcomers to the Weapons Section, Dave Amina Jr, Brandon Daniel and Randall Funasaki who are awaiting

school slots. Also, greetings to Faye-Starr Melenai who comes to the Weapons Branch from the Air Force Security Police force.....

...From the Field Maintenance Branch, seems quite a few people taking physical fitness a step in the right direction. Some have quit smoking and joining others in a daily 5-mile run prior to starting work. Good habit! Ron Cozo, Kapena-Moku for the Royal Guard, will have 18 Royal Guardsmen participating in the Merry Monarch parade 5 April in Hilo. Should be on TV right? Welcome back to ALC Robert Garcia who recently returned from basic and tech school. Hats off to TSgts Mike Kang and Craig Arakaki for ongoing beautification and upgrading projects under the makai stairwell of building 3416. Looks great gang. Special thanks and mahalo from SMSgt Dick DeVas for all the support received recently during the Easter Seals Telethon. Sgt Wayne Kadekawa is still "mum" after returning from his trip to Las Vegas where he participated in a bowling tournament. Guess he doesn't want the IRS to know how he made out? Many thanks to all those helping out in preparation for Family Day. Our static displays, F-86 and F-102 are looking super. Good luck to ALC Jason Caris who left 19 March for Creek Klaxon. Welcome aboard to Sgt Mark Gibson who will take over for Jason temporarily. Looks like we have 48 tired people now after they participated in the "Survival Games" played 23 March at the Kualoa Ranch. Lots of fun had by all. Heard talk that the pilots will also get into the "arena" with the "troopers". Maybe more news on that next issue.....

From the Flight Line, welcome to Sgt Joiner Lagpacan who comes to us from the Marine Corp and Sgt Rex Peters, who comes from the Air Force. CMSgt Tom Satc sure is walking proudly these days since he became a grand-dad of an 8-lb grandson. He's also gleaming with pride since son Allan, a pitcher for Hawaii Pacific College, was the winning pitcher in a 1 - 0 victory over U.H. Congrats to MSgt Harold DeMello who recently received the USAF Achievement Medal. It was certainly well deserved. MSgt Paul Kealoha and TSgt "Tachi" Tachihata were surprised at receiving kudos for outstanding performance, this while performing duties during mobility exercises at Barking Sands. Their reward was a large special at Hamura's Saimin Stand in Lihue. Good thing they had saimin, Paul also celebrated his birthday the same day. Not to be outdone, Tachi got home and 1-yr old daughter Jamie surprised dad by taking her first few steps. Now your troubles begin Tachi.....

That's all for now folks, so til next issue, let me leave you with a few words of wisdom, "When you praise someone, you call yourself

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Their overall mission here is to provide Dissimilar Air Combat Training (DACT) for the HANG F-4s, the 15ABW T-33s, and the Navy A-4s from Barbers Point. The A-7s have been simulating Russian Su-17s and tasked to bomb certain targets in the combat arena during this past week. The HANG F-4s were tasked to defend these targets. What resulted were some outstanding training sorties for both sides. For the A-7s, they were not only able to practice as aggressors in air-to-ground and interdiction roles, which they usually do at home, but were able to fight air-to-air overwater against our F-4s, which they rarely do. Our F-4s provided them a Mig-23 Flogger type threat in a multi-bogie arena along with the T-33s and A-4s simulating Mig-17s and Mig-21s.

For the HANG, they were able to confront different aggressor tactics, formations, chaff, and flares which created havoc among our aircrews in solving the sorting and targeting problems. The HANG was also usually outnumbered, which added to the challenge. This made mutual support between wingmen essential for survival. Finally, when compared to the T-33s, the slow-fighting abilities of the A-7 aircrews were positive not only on the flying missions, but on the local hospitality, weather, different ethnic foods, and beautiful beaches. HANG reactions: Leroy Perry, "The A-7s are highly competent and their sportsmanship exemplary." JC Clark, "It's refreshing to have multi-dissimilar bogies to fight against." For the rest of us, the HANG welcomes you and wish you could enhance our training every month.

F-15 CONVERSION UPDATE

BY Ltcol. Jerald K. Aoki

The 154th COMPG has formed a conversion committee to plan, coordinate, and manage the forthcoming F-15 conversion. The committee is composed of the various function areas in the operations, maintenance, and support areas as well as several members of the HQ HANG Staff. The conversion committee is chaired by LtCol Jerald Aoki who is assisted by Capt. Wayne Wakeman.

During December 9-11, 1985 a site survey was conducted at the 154th COMPG faci-

lity to plan the F-15 conversion. The site survey determined what was necessary to support the conversion at HAFB. Several interim measures were proposed and accepted that will allow a timely conversion. Several portable facilities were built or acquired to support supply function and the engine shop. These are interim measures that will eventually be replaced with permanent facilities.

The first Site Activation Task Force (SATF) visit will be held between April 7-11, 1986. Many experts from the many functional areas nation wide who are responsible for F-15 conversions will be attending the meeting. All the issues that pertain to a successful aircraft conversion will be aired and solutions proposed and agreed upon. Your support in hosting these visitors will be greatly appreciated.

After the SATF 1, we can expect some of our people to be attending formal schools to become qualified in the various F-15 systems. Also, we can anticipate various construction projects to begin in the maintenance shops. Additionally, equipment and supplies will be arriving to support the conversion requirements.

Sometime in March 1987, two F-15's will arrive. Both aircraft will be used for maintenance training. The Field Training Team will arrive shortly after the aircraft and they will be holding classes to retrain our maintenance people on the new systems.

At the same time many of our aircrews will be attending F-15 pilot upgrade training at either Tyndall AFB FL or Luke AFB AZ. Each pilot will return and start flying the eagles in a home station training program. After the majority of the pilots are fully qualified in the F-15, we can expect an evaluation to determine our combat capability.

The conversion will require additional effort from all functional areas. We can all look forward to more academics, working in interim facilities, and using new equipment.

HNG VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

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GRAMM-RUDMAN BILL "FORCES DECISIONS"

Supporters have hailed it as legislation that "forces decisions."

Critics have labeled it unconstitutional and "the dumbest piece of legislation they have seen." Whatever the feelings, the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 remains one of the most controversial measures passed by congress in recent memory. Few people yet understand what impact Gramm-Rudman will have on federal spending. Whatever the effect, it is particularly important for Air Force members to understand the legislation and how it might impact military spending. "It will change the way the Air Force does business in fiscal year." said Maj.Gen. Leo W. Smith II, Air Force Budget Director.

Passed by congress in December 1985, Gramm-Rudman is an effort to curb the federal deficit and balance the budget by 1991. That Anti-Deficit legislation sets a deficit ceiling for each year that would progressively lessen the growth of the nation's nearly \$200 billion annual budget deficit. By 1991, the federal budget would be "balanced" just like a person's checking account.

The year-by-year deficit ceiling set by Gramm-Rudman is:

1986 -- \$171.9 billion	1989--\$72 billion
1987 -- \$144 billion	1990--\$36 billion
1988 -- \$108 billion	1991--zero

Whenever the budget passed by congress fails to meet these yearly deficit ceilings, Gramm-Rudman triggers across-the-board cuts. The fiscal year 1986 budget, for instance, missed the targeted deficit ceiling. Under these automatic cuts and special provisions of the law, the federal government has to slash \$11.7 billion in outlays from the fiscal year '86 budget. Defense was required to absorb half this amount, or \$5.9 billion in outlays. Because of the difference between outlays (actual cash payments) and budget authority (authority to obligate the government), more than \$13 billion in budget authority for the Department of Defense had to be cut. This amounted to a 4.9 percent across-the-board reduction.

The Air Force share of the reductions this year is more than \$4.8 billion, inclu-

ding reduction for the Guard and Reserves. Procurement accounts will shoulder more than half those cuts, more than \$2.7 billion. The remaining Air Force cuts for fiscal year '86 are (in millions): Operation and Maintenance--\$1,089, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation--\$758, Military Construction and Family Housing--\$205, Military Personnel--\$54, Stock Funds, Including Fuels and Other Expendable Supplies--\$20.

The Anti-Deficit legislation cuts "kicked in" March 1. Therefore, those fiscal year '86 cuts must be realized over a seven month period, March - September 1986.

The Defense Department cut 4.9 percent from all areas of military spending, except three. The Reagan Administration exempted most military personnel accounts, the strategic defense initiative program and certain firm fixed-price or multi-year contracts.

The Gramm-Rudman Legislation allows the Administration to exempt military personnel accounts this fiscal year only. This flexibility would not be available in future years if the Gramm-Rudman provisions are triggered. Pentagon comptroller Robert W. Helm said that if the Administration had not exempted military personnel accounts from those cuts, more than 200,000 people would have had to be discharged from the military this fiscal year.

Maj.Gen. Winfield S. Harpe, Director of Air Force Personnel Programs, said, "While we were able to protect most of our 'people programs' from Gramm-Rudman this fiscal year, we still realized some cuts in that area."

For example: PCS moves--\$29.5 million in PCS monies was cut this fiscal year. Certain PCS moves scheduled for this summer (approximately 27,000 July to September) will be delayed two months or in some cases cancelled.

Early outs--\$17 million will be saved by allowing some early outs this fiscal year. This means Airmen in the continental United States who are already scheduled to leave the Air Force between May 15 and Sept. 30 may be discharged one to four months early.

The military generally funds its civilian worker positions under operation and maintenance, not military personnel

counts. Overall, civilian pay was cut 2 percent. Civilian personnel officials said that cut "will be absorbed primarily through selective rehiring procedures."

Under the Gramm-Rudman cuts, Air Force medical funds were cut \$42 million this fiscal year. However, medical officials have pledged the Air Force will not compromise the quality of its medical care. Instead, they plan to defer equipment replacement, eliminate some travel and take other management actions to meet those cuts.

The Air Force Commissary Service Operations and Maintenance (AFCOMS) funds were cut \$5 million. Therefore, AFCOMS system-wide will cut store hours an average of 30 minutes a day.

Maj. Gen. M. Gary Alkire, AFCOMS Commander, said "We are very sensitive to commissary patron needs and will ensure patrons continue receiving the excellent commissary service that has become an AFCOMS trademark."

The Gramm-Rudman legislation will affect every facet of the Air Force and every venue of Air Force life this fiscal year.

Mr. Helm predicted, "You're going to have less ammunition, you're going to have less readiness, you're going to have fewer spares, fewer support items."

Mr. Helm said that although no Dept. of Defense programs or weapon systems have been lost under the Gramm-Rudman reductions "We simply have 5 percent less dollars to implement them with," he said.

Pentagon officials explained that the Air Force has made every effort to minimize the impact of those anti-deficit cuts on readiness. However, those efforts were sometimes frustrated.

For instance, cuts to the Air Force operation and maintenance accounts have reduced flying hours Air Forcewide by 22,000.

"The full impact of Gramm-Rudman on the Air Force mission is still being assessed," General Smith said.

For next fiscal year, the Gramm-Rudman legislation sets a \$144 billion debt ceiling. President Reagan's proposed budget for fiscal year '87 produces a \$143.6 billion deficit--just under the target.

If Congress okays the President's budget, no further cuts would be needed. If not, automatic cuts would "kick in" again next fiscal year.



March 21, 1986, Kokee AFS, Kauai, HI.....The 150th Aircraft Control and Warning (AC&W) Squadron's 6th Annual Goodwill Ahi Tournament is set for June 11-13, 1986. General Chairman is MSgt Lester T. Matsushima. This fishing tournament originally began as "Matsu's dream" for the Hawaii ANG, and he has turned it into a popular reality and an annual event since 1980. Fellowship remains the main goal of the tournament. There is a daily "waha nui" session with refreshments and snacks at the end of each fishing day for participants and Air Guard members and their families.

The 1986 tournament information booklets have been distributed to HANG units on all islands. Application deadline and entry fee of \$250.00 per boat is April 30. Late applications will be accepted until May 25, with an additional penalty of \$50.00. Between 15-20 teams are expected to participate in the '86 tournament.

A pre-tournament mandatory briefing and meeting of all team captains or their designated representatives will be held on June 10, Wednesday, at the Kauai Resort Hotel in Wailua (where the Wailua River meets the sea). "Waiver and Release" forms must be signed by all participants and submitted at this briefing. No team will be allowed to participate without this completed waiver.

Board of Directors for the tournament are Les Matsushima, Mel Kauahi, Harvey Maeda and Myron Dobashi. Directors will be responsible to resolve any conflicts and protests concerning the tournament. Their decisions are final.

Awards Banquet will be held on June 14, Saturday evening. Headcount is due by May 1. Cost is \$20.00 per ticket (per person). Make your plans now to attend fun-filled official end to the 1986 Ahi Tournament.

DRUG TESTING

The Hawaii Air Guard has a lot in common with nearly half of all the FORTUNE 500 firms as the drug testing program is implemented this year. Numerous studies have shown that there is a positive correlation between drug abuse and job related accidents. The Research Triangle Institute- the same group which conducted a drug climate survey for the military, estimates that abuse of illegal drugs cost the U.S. \$60 billion in 1983.

Recent National Guard Bureau directives instituted a nation-wide Air National Guard drug abuse testing program on April 1, 1986. The intent of the program is to assist commanders in maintaining safety, security, and morale while accomplishing the mission.

Major Norberto Baysa of the 154th Tactical Hospital has been designated as the Medical Urine Testing Program Monitor and should shortly kick-off the Hawaii ANG's program as more formal guidelines are developed. These procedures will outline identification of participants; establish rules for the collection, storage and shipping of collected specimens; and provide for the appointment of a qualified team of observers/monitors.

It is anticipated that approximately fifty (50) HANG members selected at random through the Consolidated Base Personnel Office's computer will be tested each month during the Saturday UTA period. Guardsmen are urged to be cognizant of the program and of their individual roles in making this latest attempt to insure a quality force a successful one.

BEACH RESTRICTIONS

Recently a member of the HANG was detained by the KMCAS Security Patrol and charged with sponsoring an unauthorized individual. The HANG member was stopped on the North Beach adjacent Pond Road.

To prevent further similar incidents, the following is for your information.

Only personnel on ACTIVE DUTY are authorized on the beach area; an ID card must be presented upon request; dependents of active duty personnel must have a dependent's ID card ready for presentation upon request; sponsoring of civilian individuals is unauthorized.

Violations will result in an Incident/Complaint Report (1630) which requires the unit commander to take appropriate action and response to HQ HANG for further processing to 15 ABW/JA and SPAR.

PROMOTIONS

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

154th CAM SQ

SRA. Zalen R. Arakaki	Apr. 1, 1986
SRA. David M. Sone	Apr. 1, 1986
SRA. Jeffrey P. Buss	Apr. 1, 1986
SRA. Lilinoe T. Grube	Apr. 1, 1986

154th RMS SQ

SSgt. John C. Iacovazzi	Mar. 17, 1986
ALC. Irenio A. Mateo	Mar. 15, 1986
ALC. Karen A. Imada	Mar. 28, 1986

154th CES SQ

SSgt. Gary S. Komoto	Mar. 17, 1986
SRA. Clifford K.K. Afong	Mar. 17, 1986
AMN. Darren R. Tominaga	Mar. 17, 1986

169th AC&W SQ

SRA. Jo Ann T. Rapoza	Mar. 14, 1986
ALC. Ronald J. Comeaux	Mar. 28, 1986

150th ACWS SQ

SGT. Robert A. Villatora	Mar. 16, 1986
SRA. Kenneth R. Said	Mar. 15, 1986

Next UTA
May 3 & 4

A SUCCESS STORY

CMSgt Howard A. Okita of the 154 RMS began his coaching career at Kailua High School in 1977. After serving nine years as the Varsity Girls' Softball Head Coach, Howard has established himself as the most successful high school coach in the State of Hawaii...if not the nation.

Under his guidance, the Surfriders have established a 127/21 win/loss record. His teams have qualified for eight of nine State Tournaments; won seven OIA Windward District Championships and seven OIA Eastern Division Championships; five OIA League Championships one State Runner-up; and won four State Championships; he was also named Star-Bulletin Coach of the Year for 1984 and 1986.

As a result of his glowing achievements the Hawaii Athletic Association on 22 October 1985 nominated Chief Okita for the 1986 National High School Coach of the Year Award. Congratulations to a great coach!