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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

In keeping with the Yuletide spirit as we approach the end of the year, I wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all personnel of the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron. The past year was marked with several significant events.

Our designation as the Air National Guard unit which achieved the highest Operational Readiness rating in comparison with nineteen other Air Guard organizations throughout the United States and bestowal of the Order of the Hawaiian Airman for outstanding achievement in the field of air defense add further laurels to this Squadron. This was only possible through the combined efforts of each and everyone of you. I know that this continuing effort will aid in the transition from our present F-86E Saber to the F-86L, an all-weather jet interceptor.

Again, Mele Kalikimaka and Hauoli Makahiki Hou to you and your families.

James R. Ashford
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Lt Colonel, HANG
Commander

Today saw the calling of another alert. Your staff has been informed that there was a tremendous increase in attendance over the previous alert. Squadron Supply, Personnel and Administration personnel, and Food Service had over 90% attendance in the first two hours.

Ye editor wonders if the Christmas checks had any influence here!

Merry Christmas from your Staff: - 2d Lt Randall K. White; David Reed -

Let's close out with our Christmas special:

"Pilot to tower. Plane out of gas. Am 50 miles out over ocean at 300 feet. Radio instructions..."

"Tower to pilot. Repeat after me: 'Our Father, Who art in Heaven--'"

Drills: Jan 5; 19. Menu: Fried Chicken (5 Jan) - Beef Curry (19 Jan)

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See that S/Sgt Harry Takahashi of the Air Police Element is back with us after an extended "tour" of the west coast.

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: All sections have said that they will submit PIO Form 1 regarding news from their respective elements. The HANG News Box is located in squadron headquarters.

***** A Worthy Cause *****

T/Sgt John Joyce and S/Sgt George Meyer have been working plenty hard in order to get the Squadron's stock car in shape for the coming stock car races. They need your support to purchase parts. You can do your bit by purchasing the squadron decals. See Sgt Meyer for your decals today.

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A/lc Abel (Crash) August of the Radio Shop is still flying those small airplanes.



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