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MEMORS, AWARDS, AND CONGRATULATIONS! REVIEW OF GROUP ORGANIZATION IN PROGRESS

Each month we list those who have distinguished themselves. This month's list includes:

-- To the 154th Fighter Group, recognition at the Guard's annual Commanders' Ball in Kansas this month. The 154th was given the fully combat-ready tag. Representing the Group at the meeting were Col. James R. Ashford, Group Commander, and Capt. Melvin Yen, Flying Safety Officer.

-- To SSgt Herbert Panoke, Air Police Section, 154 ComSupron, the Command Silver Excellence-in-Competition Pistol Shot Badge, awarded by Headquarters USAF. The medal recognizes Sgt Panoke's marksmanship achievements during 1964 Hawaii Regional Individual Service Pistol Match held earlier this year.

-- To SSgt Samuel M. Saffrey, III, of Flight Line, 154 Matron, the first Senior Aircrew Member Badge to be awarded in the Hawaii Air Guard. To be eligible for the distinction, a rated crew member must have a 5-level skill in a crew member AFSC, must have had seven years experience as rated crew member, and participate in frequent and regular flights. Sam, Crew Chief for the HANG C-47, has been flying since 1957.

-- To A3C Alvin M. Kutara, commendations from the Chief, Weather Training 345th Technical School, Chanute AFB, for having graduated from the Weather Observer Course as an Honor Graduate. Alvin completed the course with a final standard score of 91. He is assigned to the 199th Weather Flight.

Col. James R. Ashford, 154th Fighter Group Commander, today announced that a study is now underway to explore ways and means by which the Group organization and manpower can be made more responsive to mobilization needs.

Today's Group organization was put in effect in 1963. The study will review functions and manpower assignments. The aim is to find a more efficient way for the Group to carry out its mission.

Unit Commanders have been asked to review operational and manpower needs. Comments and suggestions will be forwarded to Headquarters HANG for review.

NEW SUNDAY HOURS FOR 1965 SPLIT-SHIFT

Beginning in January 1965, the Sunday night shift will report at 1300 hours instead of 1500. The earlier starting time will provide more overlap between the two shifts, and more important, will allow for dismissal at 2100 instead of 2300.

The new SUNDAY NIGHT SHIFT schedule:

- 1300-1315 Roll Call-Duty Formation
- 1700-1800 Supper
- 2045-2100 Dismissal Formation

Review of the split-shift schedule which was adopted last October shows that the two shifts are providing more and better training to the personnel affected.

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=== A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!! +++
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CENT GROUP PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to those promoted last month. Coming up the ranks are:

New Staff Sergeants in 154 Matron

Melvin Q. H. Chang
Melvin A. K. K. Cheek
Gerald K. E. Chun
Herbert S. Okamoto
Daniel K. Sakuma

New A2C in 154 ComSupron

Roy S. Tsukamoto

ECI GRADUATES

1. Frank White, 154 ComSupron
 2. Frederico Espina, 154 Matron
 3. Abraham Ferges, Hq 154 Ftr Gp
 4. Albert Kellinui, 154 ComSupron
 5. Joseph Wong Jr., 154 Matron
 6. Howard J. DeMello, 154 Matron
 7. Larry K. Keahi, 154 Matron
 8. Michael T. Minakawa, 154 Matron

PLETIN BOARD

The ECI graduates listed above as well as those whose names appeared in earlier issues of KUKAILIMOKU will receive their diplomas at today's closing formation.

Also to be honored will be Honor Grads A3C Melvin Nishimoto and A3C Steven Sumida who were mentioned in last month's issue.

Today's closing formation, the last for 1964 will be marked by a special treat -- the Hawaii Air Guard's ROYAL GUARDS will put on an exclusive show for the 154th.

Armed Services Exchange Regulations approved by Congress allow reservists on training duty for 72 hours or less LIMITED Base Exchange privileges.

Unauthorized purchases may result in the loss of Exchange privileges. Group personnel are again reminded: DO NOT ABUSE BX PRIVILEGES.

SEE YOU AT NEXT DRILL: -17 JANUARY!!!! SEE YOU AT NE DRILL: 16-17 JANUARY!

OFFICER CHANGES FOR DECEMBER

Joining the 154th this month is 1Lt George M. Higgs, who flies with HA. Lt Higgs has had considerable active duty time with both Army and USAF and has been assigned to Detachment 1 as Air Operations Officer.

Returning from Advanced Flying Training this month, 2Lt Daniel Q. K. Stone is now a full - fledged pilot with 199-FIS.

One of the trainees who joined the Group in December 1962, Lt Stone spent more than a year at Craig AFB as under graduate pilot, and has been at Perrin AFB for F-102 training since last June.

Returning earlier this year was former pilot trainee 2Lt James Maraguez who is also with 199th as a Deuce pilot.

Reverting to Air Force Reserves this month were Captain Raymond Tamura of 154 USAF Dispensary and 1Lt James Helik of Food Service Section.

A SAFETY REMINDER TO GROUP PERSONNEL

We urge all personnel to drive carefully during the holidays. There are good reasons for this:

1. The Air Force has invested quite a bit of money in each of us in terms of training time and effort. If something happens to you, the time lost may require that your OJT supervisor make out a new AF Form 623.
2. Your enlistment may not be up.
3. We will have to return your Oct-December drill ~~pay check to Base Finance~~ and there is too much paper work involved.
4. Secretary of Defense McNamara may abolish the Hawaii Air Guard and transfer it to CAP. This may happen if there aren't too many of us left after the holidays.

Maybe you don't care about yourself WE care. Think of us. BE CAREFUL!!