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EMPLOYERS DAY PLANS UNDERWAY FOR SUMMER

As a result of last year's success in holding a day for the bosses during summer field training, this year's camp will again set aside one day to honor your employers.

Tentatively, Tuesday, 22 June, when the local flying competition is scheduled, will be Employers Day.

Plans call for the 154th to open its doors to your bosses so that they can see what you do in the HANG, visit informally with your fellow guardsmen, and watch F-102 aircraft in action.

All personnel who wish to invite their bosses to visit us during camp will be asked to fill out a form so that follow-up invitations can be sent.

Watch KUKAILIMOKU for more information on this next month.

REORGANIZATION TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST

Reorganization of the 154th to make it more responsive to mobilization and operating needs will take place 1 July.

One major change will see the 154th Maintenance Squadron (MATRON) split to form Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (CAMRON) and a Supply Squadron (SUPRON). Other adjustments are in the works and will be announced as further details develop.

** NEXT DRILL DATES: 15-16 MAY **

154TH WINS OJT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR 64

Last month the National Guard Bureau announced that the 154th Fighter Group qualified for the OJT Unit Achievement Award for calendar year 1964. Only 22 other units in the nation were picked.

The award is made on the basis of SKT passing rates and percentage of qualified personnel assigned. It is an honor that can be due only to the emphasis and effort that our personnel place on making the most out of OJT.

Keep up the great work!

HANG TO "GO-FOR-BROKE" ARMED FORCES DAY

Honolulu is in for a treat on 15 May as the Hawaii Air Guard (and the 154th in particular) readies plans for an all out effort on Armed Forces Day.

F-102s of the 199th FIS will open the parade with a flyover above the Ala Moana. Other deuces will be on static display in Ala Moana Park and in Kahu-lui, Maui, and Hilo, Hawaii.

Personnel of the HANG, including its world-famed Royal Guard contingent and representation from all Oahu units, will march in the morning parade.

Colonel James R. Ashford, Group Commander, will act as HANG Division Commander, and Lt. Col. K. Paul Goya, 169 ACWRCN C. O., as Provisional HANG Group Commander.

Summer Field Training -- 12 to 26 June

Efforts to obtain Kahala Hilton, the Hawaiian Village, or Kaanapali as field training sites have fallen through.

For that matter, original plans to deploy to Dillingham and Bonham have been shelved. The 154th will all be in good old Hickam AFB this summer for 15 days of "togetherness".

We look forward to the return to the full 15 days type of training instead of year-round field training. We look forward to more intensive training and working together. SEE YOU IN CAMP!

MORRIS TO BE DECORATED FOR VIETNAM DUTY

SMSGt. Andrew J. Morris, administrative advisor in the Air Force Senior Advisor's Office, will be awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for distinguished services performed for the Republic of Vietnam in 1964.

Well-known to all HANG personnel, SMSGt. Morris will be presented the coveted decoration by HANG Commander, Brig. Gen. Valentine A. Siefertmann, at today's closing formation.

HISTORICAL NOTE ABOUT 199TH FIS GUIDON

During the Armed Forces Day parade the public will notice that the 199th FIS guidon is the only HANG banner with battle streamers.

The streamers mark the past battles and campaigns of the unit. As the successor to the former World War II 464th Fighter Squadron (SE), the 199th FIS is entitled to the unit history, decorations, and awards of its predecessor.

The 464th, part of the Seventh Air Force, fought from Ie Shima in the Ryukyus in 1945, and took active part in the Japan air offensive and Ryukyus campaigns.

One of the streamers commemorates the air battle involving 12 pilots of the 464th on 13 August 1945 during a mission to Keijo, Korea. The F-47s of the 464th shot down 12 enemy aircraft on that day and the squadron received the Distinguished Unit Citation for its outstanding performance that day.

(Data obtained from Unit History compiled by Col. Walter F. Judd)

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WHAT, WHO, AND WHY.....

Capt. Arthur M. Gay, physician with the Medical Group, is performing appropriate duty from April through June in the 154th USAF Dispensary. We hope the doctor will plan to stay longer.

Sent to the Big Island last month to perform emergency repairs on a Deuce forced to land in Hilo because of electrical failure were MSGT David Demattos, TSgt Richard Mau, SSgt George Okuma, and SSgt Cirilo Valera of 154 Mat Sq.

HANG representation to the ANG PCS (Personnel, Comptroller, and Supply) Conference in Sacramento 30-31 March included: Major James Lota, SMSGT John Sierra, and TSgt James Oshiro of CBPO; Major Richard Furuno and TSgt George Shibuya of Comptroller; Major Frank Carlos and SMSGT Edward Schweitzer of BEMO, and CWO Joseph Barnett and MSGT Libert Yap of Base Supply.

MSGT John Sabey, TSgt Paulino Yongting and SSgt Melvin Chang of 154 Mat Sq. along with SSgt George Padilla of Gp Hq and SSgt Herbert Fanoke of 154 Cmbt Spt Sq participated in the Pacific Army Command Pistol Match as members of the HNG Team. The match took place at Schofield Barracks from 5-9 April.

Scoring exceptionally high marks in recent SKTs were TSgt Howard Guerrero, (95%) and AIC Roy Kuwahara, both of 154 Cmbt Spt Sq. SSgt Benjamin Lara of 154 Mat Sq. also scored 95% in percentile.

GROUP SGT MAJOR PROMOTED TO CMSGT RANK

New CMSgt stripes were sewn early this month by Mrs. George Oshiro on her husband's uniforms. In an interview with KUKAILIMOKU, Mrs. Oshiro issued a public statement that she was "highly pleased" about the promotion.

Asked how she felt about being the wife of one of the "old-timers" in the HANG, Mrs. Oshiro noted that since 1947 when George joined the Guard, his off-duty time had been equally divided between being a devoted father and a devoted supporter of the HANG-OUT Club.

The Oshiros have a son in CBPO.

Other recent promotions were:

Melvin Kalaiwas, 154 Cmbt Spt Sq,
-- to Technical Sergeant
Frederick McMullan, Detachment 2,
-- to Staff Sergeant

Promoted to ALC in 154 Mat Sq:

<u>Howard DeCosta</u>	<u>William Kealoha</u>
<u>Lawrence Julian Jr</u>	<u>Ronald S. Ota</u>
<u>Fred Michanko Jr</u>	<u>Paul S. Tsuha</u>

New A2C in 154 Cmbt Spt Sq:

<u>Benedict Awana</u>	<u>Thomas Conobre</u>
<u>Martin Eymen</u>	<u>Mathias M. Wong</u>
<u>Mervin J. Young</u>	

Douglas S. Bell, (Gp Hq); Robert Davis, Joseph Nobrega (154 Mat Sq); and Abraham Konaalhele Wilfred Ho, (Gp Hq) were also promoted to A2C.

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Selected to fill the Air Tech vacancy announced in last month's paper was A2C George Eppu, formerly of the 109th. This shows the wide coverage enjoyed by the KUKAILIMOKU.

All vehicles registered on Hickam are required to clear with the Registration and Identification Section before you can sell or dispose of them.

Hours of this office have again been changed. Early this year it was open to 1800 hours. However, due to lack of response, the office will be open only during normal working hours.

Closing formation today will honor those personnel completing ECI courses as well as honor graduates of service schools. The honors list has grown to such an extent that space is not available to print all the names. To all who have labored diligently to merit the honors, KUKAILIMOKU says "TARIFIC!!" (English translation: Well done!!)

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