

154TH WING
HISTORY OFFICE
FILE # 298.69



kukailimoku

154TH FIGHTER GROUP (AD) - HAWAII AIR NATIONAL GUARD - HICKAM AFB - 14 FEBRUARY 65

FEDERAL INCOME TAX INFO FOR GUARDSMEN

The word on 1964 Federal income tax deductions for reserve personnel is that the following expenses can be treated as deductions on your tax returns if you itemize your expenses:

- a. Expense for travel when required to be away from home overnight for a paid scheduled drill.
- b. Subscriptions to professional journals.
- c. Cost and maintenance of uniforms worn at drills. (Uniform allowance, if received in 1964, must be deducted.)
- d. Expenses for altering rank insignias, cost of insignias and devices.
- e. Cost of transportation to attend drill. The cost of the round trip to location of the drill can be deducted if drills are held outside your town or the general area where you work. But, if the drill is held within your town or general area in which you work, you can only deduct the cost of traveling between where you work and the location of the drill.
- f. Dues paid to HNG Association, NGUS Association, or ROA are deductible. This also applies to HNG NCO Assn dues.

EXEMPTION OF FEDERAL PAY FROM STATE INCOME TAX. The Federal pay you receive during field training and drills is exempt from Hawaii State income taxes.

HANG 2ND IN NATION IN SKT PASSING RATES

Last month our Royal Guards helped to put Hawaii on the map. This month, CBPO proudly pointed out another accomplishment which earned HANG nationwide recognition. This was made possible by all those who passed an SKT during the last six months of 1964.

The latest NGB OJT Status Report shows that of all 52 states and possessions, Hawaii's ANG ranked NUMBER TWO in its SKT passing rate. HANG's 89.6% passing rate was exceeded only by Wyoming's 90.6%. Lowest state had a 52.8%.

This score was based on the number of SKT's administered from July through December 1964. Of 115 tested, 103 local airmen passed their tests!

Next evaluation: NUMBER ONE?

=====

NEW USAF CHIEF OF STAFF APPOINTED 1 FEB

General John Paul McConnell, veteran of more than 32 years of commissioned service, has been appointed by President Johnson to succeed General Curtis LeMay as Air Force Chief of Staff.

General LeMay, 58, retired this month after more than 35 years as a pilot and officer and after a distinguished record of maintaining U.S. preparedness to meet any aggression.

=====

= NEXT DRILL DATES: 13, 14 MARCH 1965 =

=====

TEN-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED

To be honored for ten continuous years of honorable and faithful service in the Hawaii National Guard at today's closing formation are Maj Richard Farano HANG Comptroller, MSgt Simeon Amor Jr of the same office, and SSgt Ronald Bataia of CBPO.

Other awards will honor graduates of ECI courses and the following airmen who are Honor Graduates of resident technical training courses:

A2C Tenny K. Yogi, 154 Mat Sq,
-Jet Acft Mech, 1 & 2 Eng Crse.

A3C Steven S. Sumida, 154 Cmbt Spt Sq
-Plumbing Specialist Course

SSgt Herbert Panoke will also be on hand to receive his USAF Excellence-in-Competition Pistol Shot award for superior shooting skill during major matches in 1964.

VETERANS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR INSURANCE

Applications will be accepted after 1 May 1965 for those veterans of World War II and the Korean Conflict eligible to buy the new GI Insurance. Veterans Administration regional offices throughout the country will take applications until the deadline of May 2, 1966.

The new law allows those veterans who served between 8 October 1940 and 1 January 1957 to buy the new insurance if they now have no GI insurance or less than the maximum \$10,000 coverage.

Another stipulation is that the veteran has a service-connected disability or a non-service-connected disability which prevented him from buying commercial insurance at the highest rates.

Last month the 154th lost a Jet Engine Mechanic to the Army NG. SSgt Allen Char received his commission as Warrant Officer to undergo training as a helicopter pilot.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

BASEBALL PLAYERS interested in Winter League play are asked to report to the Ala Wai Field at 1700 Mondays through Fridays to practice with the Hawaii National Guard team. Veteran manager Major Solomon Kaulukukui announces that play begins 11 March and will run on a night schedule through 13 June.

TAKE CREDIT FOR ECI. Be sure to turn in your ECI Certificate of Completion to HANG CBPO immediately after you receive it. Otherwise no point credit can be made on your retirement card when it is closed on your anniversary date.

HNG BOWLING LEAGUE MEETING SET. The final meeting to organize the HNG Bowling League which will begin 8 April will be held on 18 February at 1900 at the 613th Ordnance Company Armory. If you have a team to enter the league, have your representative take your roster to the meeting. It's not too late. For more details call TSgt Wally Asato at 442971 or 443840.

BASE PASS AND REGISTRATION OFFICE --- will remain open to 1800 hours starting 15 February for the convenience of those who are not able to get the necessary registration service during normal duty hours. Take your auto registration, safety check slip, driver's license and insurance papers with you when you apply for a decal. And take your auto, too.

PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED

Advancing from A1C to 2Lt this month is Roger Wood of 199th FIS. The new OD is a Pilot Trainee.

The newest SMSgt stripes in the 154th belong to Kiyoshi Koge, senior chaplain, HANG CBPO. This promotion was authorized by AFR 35-24, USAF Anti-Poverty Program.

New TSgts in 154 Mat Sq: William Fox and Kenneth Mendes. Promoted to A1C in the same squadron is Franklin Hu.