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PAY RAISE AND PROMOTIONS BRIGHTEN NEWS

September brought Kona weather and, as of the first of the month, pay increases for the military. The drill pay checks were fatter for reservists too, showing raises passed by Congress.

September also brought good news to some of the men of the 154th:

Leon R. Cole, who turned in his Master Sergeant stripes for 1st Lt's bars. Lt. Cole, Supervisory Supply Commodity Management Officer with USARPAC, is now Supply Operations Officer.

Raised to new NCO grades in the 154 MATRON were George K. Meyer III (MSGT) Abraham Forges (TSGT) and Edward Dunn, (SSGT). Jimmie Yonemoto was upped to A2C. In the 154 COMSUPRON, Carl Wai and Gary Takaoka were made A2C.

ROYAL GUARD TWO YEARS OLD IN NOVEMBER

Public ceremonies at Iolani Palace on Saturday, 13 November will mark the second anniversary of the HANG Royal Guard, with posting of the guard high-lighting the day.

Since its 1963 rebirth the select troops --- reminiscent of the foot soldiers of Hawaii's monarchs --- have appeared in many public functions, including President Johnson's inauguration last January. The Royal Guard has grown to 36 members, with a projected complement of 50.

Aloha Week was an especially busy time for the Guard and the unit took part in many public appearances

REORGANIZATION MAY TAKE PLACE 1 DEC 65

Latest word from National Guard Bureau is that original plans to set up a Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and a Supply Squadron from the present 154th Materiel Squadron may be put into effect in the future.

Reorganization of the Group would conform with the standard air defense organizational structure.

Under the proposed UMD, the total manpower ceiling will be raised from 738 to 832, but actual manning will be less than the authorized ceiling.

Here's how the proposal at this stage of the study looks:

	Officers	Airmen	Total
Hq	13	13	26
FIS	33	16	49
CAMRON	11	422	433
SUPRON	5	95	100
Combt Spt	15	187	202
DISP	6	16	22
	<u>83</u>	<u>749</u>	<u>832</u>

Mission and functions of the 154th Fighter Group will remain unchanged.

154TH MATRON AIRMAN TABBED OUTSTANDING

A1C John S. Matsuda, AGE Section of 154 MATRON, was chosen HANG AIRMAN OF THE QUARTER for demonstrating outstanding performance and ability.

In the HANG since February 1962, he is an alumnus of St. Louis High School and is now attending the university. He was honored last summer as MATRON Man of the Year.

TAKE THE KIDS TO SEE AEROSPACE EXHIBIT

As part of "Aerospace Year in Hawaii" an exhibit of scale models of historic aircraft will be displayed at Honolulu International Center -- from October 20 to November 14.

Entitled "Da Vinci to Sputnik" the story of flight is being brought to Hawaii by Qantas Airways. The exhibit is free to the public from 0900 - 2200 daily.

SAFETY MATTERS (It Does)

-- from Group Safety O

Ten Safe Driving Rules:

1. Stay Alert
2. Drive Defensively
3. Exhibit Emotional Maturity
4. Abide by Nature's Laws
5. Obey Traffic Laws
6. If You Drink, Don't Drive
7. Be Courteous
8. Drive at a Reasonable Speed
9. Keep Yourself Physically Fit
10. Know Your Weaknesses and Learn to Compensate for Them

Sobering thought about war and peace:

From 1775-1964 1,130,393 Americans died in all the U. S. wars.

From 1900-1964 1,511,050 Americans died in U. S. traffic accidents!

MORE ABOUT OSHIRO AND KANESHERO.

- O: You know why the Russians are way ahead of us in the space program?
- K: No, how come the Russians ahead?
- O: They don't have to fight Communists.
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- O: I see MATRON starting another crash program. What is a "crash program"?
- K: That is like making nine women pregnant in the hope of having a baby in one month.

ABOUT THE GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM

Life insurance at 20¢ per \$1,000? Under the new Group Life Insurance Program passed by Congress, and enacted into law last month, all military personnel on active duty for more than 30 days are automatically covered for \$10,000.

Premium rate is \$2 each month for \$10,000, or, if the member wishes only \$5,000 coverage, \$1 per month. The premium is automatically deducted from the member's pay unless he elects not to be covered, or unless he wants only \$5,000 coverage.

The new insurance is in addition to any government life insurance which a person may now have.

Provisions of the new law apply to Air National Guard members who go on active duty for more than 30 days.

COAST GUARD ANNOUNCES EXAM FOR ACADEMY

The U. S. Coast Guard has announced that their next annual competition for appointment to the Coast Guard Academy will be held on 4 Dec. 1965, with tests to be given in 3,000 sites.

The Academy offers a 4-year course leading to a BS degree and a commission as Ensign. Cadets receive pay while in school (\$1441 per year).

The exam is open to any unmarried male, who will have reached his 17th but not his 22nd birthday on 1 July 1966, who is a high school grad or will graduate in June 1966, between 64 and 78 inches in height, and who is in good physical condition.

If interested, check with the 14th Coast Guard District Office at 1347 Kapiolani Blvd in Honolulu. Formal applications must be filed before next November 5th.

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= NEXT DRILL DATES: 20-21 NOV =

= (GMT for 21 Nov has been cancelled)=

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

The honors list grows and grows and we are proud to add another page to "KUKAILIMOKU" to give due recognition to those of you who have worked hard to merit special awards.

Tenacity, hard work, devotion to duty, dedication, loyalty, and achievement ...these words describe your accomplishment.

"KUKAILIMOKU" is pleased to include YOUR NAME IN THE NEWS!

Awarded the 15-Year Service Bar to the Hawaii National Guard Service Medal for completing 15 years of honorable and faithful service in the Hawaii National Guard: (All are members of 154th Materiel Sq., except for SSgt Panoke, who is with 154th Combat Support Squadron.)

SMSGT DAVID J. PONTES	MSGT GEORGE JOAQUIN	TSGT EVARIST L RAWLINS
SMSGT LIBERT E N F YAP	MSGT HENRY M KAJIWARA	TSGT CHARLES M YABUI
MSGT WILLIAM J BISSEN JR	MSGT WESLEY K LAZARUS	SSGT AUGUST A BERNARDINO
MSGT CALVIN Y K CHONG	TSGT KALFRED K K CHANG	SSGT FRANCIS A LEANDRO
MSGT LINO FERNANDEZ JR	TSGT RUDOLPH Q LUAT	SSGT HERBERT PANOKE
MSGT HIROSHI GO		

Awarded the Hawaii National Guard Service Medal for completing 10 continuous years of honorable and faithful service in the Hawaii National Guard:

From 199th FIS:

MAJ ALEXANDER BELL	MAJ ROSS P ENGLAND	CAPT WILLIAM F HEILBRON
MAJ ROGER K CLISSOLD	MAJ KURT E JOHNSON	CAPT FRANKLIN H FUKUI

From 154th Mat Sq.,

MSGT SIMANU AFOA JR	TSGT ANTONE R BACALSO	TSGT MELVIN W J WONG
MSGT HENRY Q H CHUN	TSGT FREDERICO ESPINA	SSGT DANIEL BLANCAFLOR
MSGT SANCHO ESPINA	TSGT GARY K FUJII	SSGT FRANCIS A LEANDRO
MSGT NELSON F LEE	TSGT HOWARD H HIRONAKA	SSGT RAYMOND W M LOO
MSGT THOMAS T TSURODA	TSGT ALVIN D JOHNSON	SSGT BUY M MATSUGUMA
TSGT ALFRED R AGCAOILI	TSGT STANFORD T H LUM	SSGT RONALD H NAGANO
TSGT JOSE P AQUINO	TSGT GORDON Y MAKISHIMA	SSGT GEORGE M OKUMA
TSGT THOMAS S ARAKI	TSGT HOWARD A OKITA	

From HQ 154th Ftr Gp:

MSGT KOZEN KANESHIRO
MAJ MELVIN G YEN

From 154th USAF Disp:

TSGT LESLIE I NAKASHIMA

From 199th Wea Flt:

SSGT ROBERT T. MORIGUCHI
SSGT KENNETH M OKINISHI

Another name in the news is that of Colonel Walter F. Judd, HANG Executive Officer, who is awarded the 25-Year Service Bar to the Hawaii National Guard Service Medal for completing 25 years of honorable and faithful service in the Hawaii National Guard. This is a remarkable achievement because Colonel Judd is only 39 years old!

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MORE NAMES IN THE NEWS

Winner of the quarterly HANG Squadron Attendance Trophy for the fourth consecutive quarter is the famed 199 FIS. During the July-September 1965 quarter the squadron got 95% attendance, the highest among HANG squadrons. How is your outfit doing? The overall HANG attendance percentage for the last quarter was 92%, with Hq HANG setting a fine example of 98%.

Hq 154 Ftr Gp	91%	154 USAF DISP	94%	109 ACWRON	91%
154 COMSUPRON	91%	199 FIS	95%	150 ACWRON	91%
154 MATRON	92%	199 WEA FLT	87%	169 ACWRON	94%

CONGRATULATIONS TO ECI GRADUATES

Among HANG units the 154th has the largest number of ECI alumni. If the list gets any longer, dismissal formation will have to begin at 1400 so that we can complete the presentation of diplomas by 1630.

Maj Alexander Bell, 199 FIS	Capt James Wetzel, Hq 154 Ftr Gp
Capt Norman Ault Jr, 154 MATRON	2Lt Hiram Pang, 154 COMSUPRON
1Lt Richard K H Lee, 154 MATRON	

From HANG BSI:

SMSG John O. Sierra	MSGT Calvin Chong	SSgt Irineo Hilario
MSGT Simeon Amor Jr	SSgt Rodney Correa	A2C Herbert Chun
	A2C Ronald Izutsu	A3C Lloyd H. Kagawa

From 154 Combat Support Squadron:

SSgt Herbert Hayashi	SSgt Bernard Song	A2C Wilfred Ho
SSgt Frederick McMullan	A1C Robert Bull	A2C Richard M. Tanaka
SSgt Francis Pang	A1C Albert Farn	A2C Mathias Wong
	A1C Kenneth Nishibata	

From 154 Materiel Squadron:

TSgt Owen Morishige	SSgt Herbert Okamoto	A1C Lionel Calvan
TSgt Hisao Yasunaka	SSgt George Padilla	A2C Raymond N. Choy
SSgt Charles Calvan	SSgt Vincent Soeda	A2C Kenneth Estrella
SSgt Melvin Chang	SSgt Melvyn Taira	A2C Norman Tan
SSgt Gerald Chun		A2C Wallace K. Y. Wong

ANOTHER NAME IN THE NEWS

SMSGT Edward L. Schweitzer (no, this isn't the name) is mighty proud of his new man, A3C Ralph S. Fujioka, singled out as graduating with honors from the Inventory Management Specialist Course, Amarillo AFB, Texas.

Dr. Caver: (Answering phone at 3:30 a.m.) Uumph?
 Patient: Doc, I can't sleep. I've got insomnia.
 Dr. C: What are you doing? Starting an epidemic?