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BUSY WEEK FOR AIR GUARD

This past week was a busy one for many of our members. It began last Sunday night, when several of our Royal Guardsmen were on duty at Washington Place. They provided a formal, Old-Hawaii touch to a reception and dinner given by Gov. and Mrs. Burns for the participants in the Western Governor's Conf. and their wives.

Then on Monday morning, a large turnout of Air Guardsmen in uniform witnessed the Aloha Ceremony at Fort DeRussy for the members of the Army Guard and Reserves. May 13th was their first day of active duty.

Ladies of the Guard, each of them accompanied by a Guardsman, presented leis to every departing unit. As they moved onto Kuroda Field, they were led by HANG Commander Brig. Gen. Valentine Sierferman.

As another gesture of Aloha to our fellow Guardsmen and Reservists, four F-102s flew low over the field in perfect, tight formation.

While all this was taking place other Air Guardsmen were at the airport, meeting the neighbor island flights of men bound for active duty and presenting a lei to each unit.

Finally, of course, yesterday was Armed Forces Day, and one of our F-102s was on display along with other aircraft at the open house at Hickam AFB.

VOTE ON JUNE FIRST

The election to select delegates to the constitutional convention is on June 1st. So that all eligible HANG members may vote closing drill formation on that day will be a little earlier than usual. Take advantage of that extra time and vote!

AG HERE

Major General Benjamin Webster will be joining us for the final formation today. The Adjutant General will present a number of awards.

NEXT DRILL

The next drill will be in two weeks, on 1-2 June. The drill weekend will be followed by our second week of camp, 3-8 June. The July drill will be 13-14 July, with the August drill scheduled for the 17th and 18th. Remember, next month is the last of the fiscal year, if you have any makeups left to pull.

ALL IS SUNSHINE

A resounding success has been recorded by the 199th Weather Flt. OJT Program. Six men out of seven scored 95% or better on their SKTs and were awarded certificates of outstanding achievement. The other man scored 85%.

The Flight is at the highest skill level in its history. Thus, the Weather Flight plans to "turn on" good weather for field training in June. That is, provided it doesn't rain!

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following named Airmen, promoted recently to the grade indicated:

154 CAMRON

MSgt Gordon L. Martin
Sgt Nicholas F. Czar II
Sgt Carlos F. Dias Jr.
Sgt Craig S. Kagawa
ALC Michael T. Hata

154 CSS

SSgt George T. Nomura
Sgt Roy H. Oshiro
ALC Thomas M. Matsumoto
ALC Charles A. Oliva
ALC Steven M. Tanaka

154 Sup Sq

TSgt Duncan R. Vierra
SSgt Ronald K. Izutsu
Sgt Norman J. Clement
Sgt Kenneth H. Inouye

DOFF THAT CAP!

A new regulation prohibits the wearing of hats or other head gear while working around aircraft or engine test stands when the engines are running. Except for these conditions, all personnel will wear hats or other authorized headgear at all times while outdoors.

INSPECTION TALLY

During the recently completed Inspector General's inspection of the 154th Fighter Group, we got an overall rating of satisfactory. There are two categories...unsatisfactory and satisfactory. In exceptional cases, units may be given a rating of outstanding, and several of our shops did receive that honor. Tops among such shops was the Comptroller Section.

Others included the CBPO, for their low reject rates obtained in the personnel data systems; 154th CAMRON, for their maintenance of munitions loading training records; and the Personal Equipment shop for their maintenance of survival equipment.

This last shop was described in the official report as one of the best in all of PACAF for the way in which they maintain survival gear.

LIKE TO FLY?

The Hawaii Air National Guard has a limited number of openings for pilot training conducted by the U. S. Air Force. This is for people who are already in the Guard, but would like to fly.

Qualified applicants will be called to active duty and will attend Air Force flight training school as 2nd Lieutenants. Upon completion of flight and crew training, the newly graduated pilot returns to Hawaii, and performs his military obligation as a Ready Reserve of the Air Force in the HANG's 154th Fighter Group flying F-102A interceptors. Good health, minimum of three years of college, and 26 years of age or less are the basic requirements.

Interested? Then call the HANG Personnel Office...441-407.

MORE BUSY GUARDSMEN

Here's an item that should have been included in our front-page story, but we didn't learn of it in time.

When the Army Guard received the callup news, one item of business was physicals for all of the men. Caught shorthanded, they turned to the 154th USAF Dispensary and found willing helpers.

On May 4th and 5th, The entire staff of our Dispensary worked long and hard to give more than 200 complete physicals. They took care of all the men from Molokai and a number of men from Oahu. It was a busy weekend, and most of the men volunteered their time.

We might add also a vote of thanks from the 29th Brigade to all of the Air Guardsmen who took part in some way in the callup work or the Aloha ceremonies. The men with whom this reporter spoke indicated they appreciated very much the gestures of Aloha and support from the Air National Guard.

POSITIONS OPEN

There are again a number of full-time positions with the Guard available. They include:
 Military Assistant to Governor....
 Inventory Management Specialist...
 Aircraft Electrical Technician....
 ACW Operator.....
 Intercept Control Technician.....

If you are interested and think you may qualify for any of these positions, contact the Civilian Personnel Office at Fort Rucker.

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following named officers and airmen, who received special awards this weekend:

ECI COURSES

Capt Joseph A. Ah New
 Capt Martin J. Byrne
 TSgt George A. Tokuro
 SSgt Lemuel N. K. Aweau
 SSgt Edwin R. Miyahara
 Sgt Roy H. Yoneda
 ALC Fred T. Muira

OJT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

These men scored 95% on their SKTs, and are given special recognition:

MSgt Richard W. Miles
 Sgt William L. Pimental
 ALC Michael J. Crossley
 ALC Richard D. Ednie
 ALC Rolland F. Tang

TWO-WEEK EXERCISE PLANNED

A National Guard command and control exercise, involving hundreds of aircraft and some 18,000 Air National Guardsmen is to be held across the northern tier of the United States from New England to the Mississippi River Valley this summer.

The two-week exercise, called Guard Strike II, will begin July 20th. Maj. Gen. Charles H. DuBois of the Missouri Air National Guard will command the operation.

Tactical fighter aircraft, aerial tankers and Air National Guard interceptors assigned to the Aerospace Defense Command will be involved.

FROM ENGINEER TO I JT

Ever since he began working as a flight engineer with HANG, TSgt Jim Davis has wanted to fly the birds himself. Davis was a full-time technician with the Air Guard for the past six and a half years, and during that time he would occasionally take the controls of the C-54 for a few minutes while in flight.

But that wasn't enough. Jim wanted his wings. So, he went to work on his own time, through private, commercial, instrument and multi-engine. He spent around four thousand dollars on the training, but it was worth it. On May 15th, Jim went to work for Hawaiian Airlines, trading his Air Guard job for one that promises the wide open skies with Captain Davis at the controls. Jim is currently in a special training program with the airline, and on July 1st he'll fly his first passengers in an HAL Convair. Later he'll receive jet training.

TSgt Davis remains in the Guard on drill status, and if you see him you might want to congratulate this hard-working young man. Jim is married and lives in Kuliouou.

Incidentally, Jim has an SK runabout boat that he built himself. It's a 300 horsepower beauty, and he'd like to sell it.....asking price, \$2,500. As he says, "I won't have much time for water-sports now."

DEUCE AT WAR

No F-102s in Vietnam? Nonsense! Among the many Air Force aircraft cutting through the skies over Da Nang AB, Vietnam are the sleek and supersonic F-102 Delta Daggers which provide air defense for the region.

Assigned to Detachment 3 of the 405th Fighter Wing, The Da Nang unit gives the I Corps area around the clock air defense during all kinds of weather, ranging from searing heat to drenching monsoon rains.

The F-102 pilots also fly combat air patrol for the B-52s of the Strategic Air Command. With the increase in bombing by the giant eight-engine bombers over the Khe Sanh area, F-102 combat air patrol has become an ever-growing job.

HAWAII GUARD AIDS SAMOANS

More than 6,000 pounds of medical supplies were shipped to Western Samoa through the efforts of the Hawaii Air National Guard and medical groups in Honolulu. The supplies were procured to relieve the plight of the Western Samoans whose crops were more than 80 per cent destroyed by a hurricane last year, resulting in loss of income to purchase medical supplies.

(Note: Many of us were already familiar with the above story. But it was distributed recently by the Air Force News Service, thereby giving our gesture of Aloha to the Samoans worldwide publicity.)

NEW BILL APPROVED

A bill to reinforce the re-employment protection for Reserve and Guard members called up for active duty has been approved by the House Armed Services Subcommittee chaired by Rep. Melvin Price (D-Ill). The Measure would protect such personnel against discharge without cause, insure them the same employment opportunities and benefits-including promotion-accorded co-workers, during their absence.