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154TH FIGHTER GROUP (AD) HAWAII AIR NATIONAL GUARD HICKAM AFB HI 16 MAR. 69
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GUARDSMEN CAN VOTE FOR MONEY-SAVING BILLS

The Hawaii National Guard Association is attempting to have the 1969 Legislature enact either of two bills it has sponsored: Senate Bill 592 or House Bill 557---both of which would exempt, from State Income tax; up to \$1,500 of military pay received by citizens of Hawaii, including our National Guardsmen. We feel passage of either bill is justified for the following reasons:

1. The practice of exempting all or a portion of a serviceman's pay from state income tax is common among other states in the Union. Twenty states exempt all military pay, five exempt a portion thereof, and three exempt a portion of military pay received for active duty. We, as 16 of the remaining 22 states, grant only a partial exemption on military pay received for duty in a combat zone.

2. As members of the State Militia, Guardsmen currently receive no salary compensation from the State. Yet, they are subject to call in the event of civil disturbance or natural disaster. Fifteen states offer their Guardsmen a uniform allowance and others offer their Guardsmen other types of perquisites such as travel allowances, free license plates, etc. We feel the State should at least recognize the services of its own militia by granting to all of its members partial relief from State Income Taxation.

3. The partial exemption is actually a total exemption of compensation received by enlisted personnel for drills and summer camp. This should serve as an added incentive in retention of reservists. Not only would increased retention enhance stability and create a competent, professional military force--such as President Nixon has proposed--but will lower considerably the cost of training new men.

4. Full-time military personnel who are citizens of Hawaii will continue to pay tax on all income over \$1,500, thus carrying a portion of the State's tax burden. We are not proposing a total exemption, such as existed before the law was changed in 1965, but a compromise similar to that granted the citizens of states like California, Arizona, Indiana, Minnesota and Wisconsin---where from \$1,000 to \$3,000 of any military pay is exempted from State income tax.

5. Reservists, of course, will pay tax on all income derived from their full-time jobs as well as anything they make in excess of \$1,500 for military service. Thus they, too will be carrying a share of the State's tax burden.

6. Many of Hawaii's citizens who are in the military full-time are away from home from time to time on foreign or Mainland assignments. They are unable to derive the same degree of benefits as
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VISITING GUARDSMEN

Air Guardsmen from Massachusetts have been visiting here for the past couple of months as part of Operation Commando Elite.

Members of the 104th Tac Fighter Group of Westfield, and the 102nd Tac Fighter Wing from Otis AFB and their six F-84F "Thunderstreaks" have been providing close air support for USARHAW.

The first detachment arrived in Hawaii January 15, with one rotation of personnel coming February 15. They left yesterday and will be home Feb. 18.

NEXT DRILL

April 19-20 for next drill!!!!

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other citizens who live in Hawaii on a continuous basis. To grant them a special tax consideration in view of this factor is fair. Many other states, as previously noted, have recognized this.

WHETHER OR NOT THE LEGISLATURE PASSES A BILL FOR EXEMPTION OF \$1,500 IS PRIMARILY UP TO YOU! IF YOU AGREE WITH THE ASSOCIATION'S PROPOSAL AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE BILL PASSED, WRITE TO YOUR LEGISLATORS IMMEDIATELY AND LET THEM KNOW YOU FAVOR EITHER S.B. 592 OR S.B. 557 AND WHY. SOME OF THE REASONS YOU CAN USE ARE LISTED ABOVE, BUT DO NOT COPY THEM VERBATIM. ALSO, ASK YOUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS TO WRITE LETTERS—PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO MAY HAVE HAD SONS OR BROTHERS CALLED UP WITH HAWAII'S 29TH BRIGADE!

If you don't know who your representative is, write to Rep. James Wakatsuki of the House Finance Committee, or Senators Duke Kawasaki and Donald Ching of the Ways and Means Committee.

-The National Guard Association

Sgt Henry E. Thoene
AIC William K.U. Chang

ROADEO WINNER

HANG member Gerald Uemoto of the 154th Cmbt Spt Sq motor pool was a winner in the 1969 Oahu Fleet Safety Organization Roadeo.

Uemoto, representing the 6486th Transportation Squadron, placed third in Men's Sedan Division.

JOB VACANCIES

The State Department of Defense has two job vacancies at the moment: Accounting Specialist, GS-052 5-06, and Public Affairs Officer, SR-23.

The first is with the Hawaii Air National Guard, and the second at the Public Affairs Office, Fort Ruger.

Interested applicants should file with the Civilian Personnel Office, Building 5, Room 13, Fort Ruger.

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations are in order to the following airmen for promotion to the grades indicated:

199th FIS

Sgt Harold T. Tanaka

154th USAF Disp

SSgt Stanley K. Tsukamoto

154th Supply Sq

Sgt Vaughn L. Kawai

154th Cmbt Spt Sq

AIC Gordon F. Hunter

AIC Elvin K. Nishioka

SSgt Wilfred A.K. Ho

154th CAM Sq

SSgt Gerald C.W. Chun

SSgt Harry T. Fujiwara

SSgt Keith S. Hayama

SSgt Edwin R. Jennings

SSgt Howard McKee

SSgt Kenneth S. Shinata

Sgt Spencer W.K. Ching

Sgt Jared S. Ikeda

Sgt Wayne S. Ishizaki

Sgt James K. Kobatake

Sgt David Perreira Jr.

Sgt Ron Rietfors

Sgt Harold G. Sasaki