

ENERGY GAP:

"BAD NEWS GUYS--CAPTS. STONE AND LOCKRIDGE WANT US TO KICK IN THAT AFTERBURNER RUN' AGAIN..."

Letter from Col. Maguire

154TH FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR GROUP CREDITED WITH SUCCESSFUL PASSING OF ORI LAST MONTH

Col. Robert B. Maguire, HANG commander, has forwarded the following letter of commendation to the 154th FIG commander, Col. James R. Ashford:

"Please convey my congratulations to the merhers of your organization for successfully pulling the recently conducted Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI). I fully appreciate the considerable time and effort expended by everyone.

"The dedication of each individual coupled with cohesive and harmonious teamwork among our air defense units contributed immeasurably in attaining success.

"Recent changes in FOL Concept interjected last minute considerations in your conduct of operations. The situation was a very trying one, however, a successful end result was achieved.

"Again, my thanks to each and every one of you who collectively participated in the ORI."

## LT. COL. ISONAGA RECEIVES HANG COMMENDATION MEDAL FOR SERVICE

Lt. Col. Herbert S. Isonaga, 154th Combat Support Sq. commander, received the Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal for meritorious and outstanding service.

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In part, the recommendation for the award read:

"Lt. Col. Isonaga's untiring efforts in fostering and emphasizing proper lines of communications and services between the Squadron and all HANG Units serviced have resulted in an excellent working relationship.

"He deserves most of the credit for the fact that Hawaii Guardsmen may exclude the first \$500.00 of their military pay from the State of Hawaii taxation."

Isonaga was a member of the Air Guard for 22 years. He had a near perfect drill and annual training attendance during his career.



Nearly 30 cubscouts and weblos from Lunalilo Elementary School visited the 154th FIG Saturday Dec. 8, under the supervision of former HANG member Kenneth Pang.

The scouts got to see one of the "Deuces" and a brief tour of the HANG facilities.

-- PHOTO BY SGT. ROY LIM

Have you picked yours up yet? 154TH FIG DRILL STATUS MEMBERS

ENTITLED TO NEW SHADE BLUE SHIRTS

As of Saturday, Dec. 8, all drill status members are entitled to one each, shade blue 1550 cotton/polyester shirt, according to Lt. Col Daniel Au, Supply Sq. commander.

The shirts are available at the Supply Squadron's clothing issue section until closing. They are to be worn temporarily with the summer blue trousers, until a stock of cotton/polyester trousers is available.

"Eventually every member will get three shade blue shirts and three trousers, but this depends on funding," said Lt.Col. Au.

However, the shade blue uniforms are not authorized for drill formation as of date. It will not be worn during formation until the word is given by Col. James R. Ashford. This will likely depend upon whether all members have the uniform ready for wear.

NEW SPLIT UTA SET FOR JANUARY:

WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO IT?

A year ago, the 154th FIG began splitting its drill periods. The important objective was achieved: we generated more flying activity in a military status and commanders were given the flexibility of deriving maximum use of personnel and equipment.

Up to this point, we have used two types of monthly UTAs.

First, the normal one weekend UTA: SECOND, the double UTA, using two weekends.

Now a third type of UTA is being introduced: the Split UTA-with one day each, on two separate weekends.

January, 1974 is the kickoff month for the Split UTA: the Saturday UTA will be on <u>Jan. 12</u>, with the Sunday UTA held <u>Jan. 20</u>.

The new system is on a trial basis, and any feedback, favorable or unfavorable will be appreciated. Let us know whether you like it or not, through meetings with your supervisor or you can send this clip out to the group training officer, Col. James Lota.

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#### C & C 's FIRST LONG DISTANCE MARATHON RACE SET FOR DEC. 16

Members of the 154th are invited to participate in the First Annual Honolulu Marathon--"The Rim of the Pacific Run" Sunday, Dec. 16, beginning at the Aloha Tower.

The 26-mile, 385 yard foot race will be the first major marathon ever held in the City and County of Honolulu, with world class long distance runners invited.

Race starts at 6:30 a.m. at the base of the Aloha Tower, along Ala Moana Blvd., Kalakaua Ave., Diamond Head Rd., Kalaniana-ole Hwy. to Hawaii Kai and return to the finish at Kapiolani Park.

Five categories are Open; Intermediate; Junior; Senior; and Women's classes. All runners must be registered with the Amatuer Athletic Union. Pre race check in is set for Dec. 15 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Kapiolani Park Bandstand.

## HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEET DEC. 14

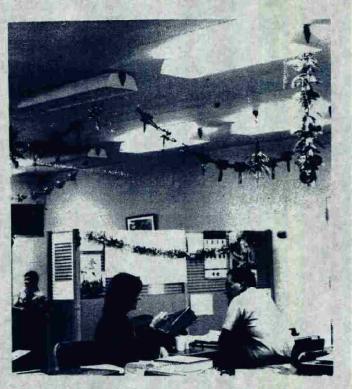
The Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association will hold its Annual Membership Meeting Dec. 14 from 6:30 p.m. to closing at the Hickam NCO Club (area 61).

There will be a business meeting from 7 to 7:45 p.m., with a steak and crab leg dinner and no host cocktails. Cost is \$5.25 per person including tax and tip.

PLANS BEGIN FOR 154th FIG OPEN HOUSE, TO BE HELD APRIL 21

Plans are being made for the 154th FIG Family Day and Open House, to be held April 21

Project officer for the Family Day and Open House is Lt.Col. Carl L. Thoene/DA. A steering committee meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 9.



CONSERVE DA KINE ENERGY -- Nearly 50 per cent of the lighting in the 154th FIG Headquarters has been turned off in an effort to cut power needs. All members are urged to do their share in keeping the power at a minimum, save elbow grease. Especially critical are users of diesel and mo-gas.

# AIR FORCE'S EXTENSION COURSES WILL HELP YOUR CAREER--FREE

Air Force's biggest correspondence school, Extension Course Institute (ECI) will help you add to your professional knowledge or learn a new and different job FREE.

ECI follows a liberalized policy of enrollment which permits and 'eligible' applicant to enroll in any course of study that interests him.

However, some of the courses especially the professional military education courses, have specific prerequisites as to prior knowledge and experience, so the ECI Catalog and Guide should be checked.

Enlisted members can take the NCO academic course, leadership course or 75 occupational courses. Officers may enroll in Extension courses including Air War College, Air Command and Staff College, Squadron Officer School and the Senior NCO Academy.

More than 370 ECI courses are open to National Guard members, with their promise of increasing potential for promotion and retirement points.



MISS DECEMBER'S CHRISTMAS WILL BE GREEN...

NEW PROCEDURES FOR CHECK IN, OUT STEM FROM ORI INSPECTION

Certain adjustments have been made as a result of the recent ORI inspection made last month. Every member's cooperation in adhering to these adjustments is asked.

All members of the 154th FIG will verify their attendance during UTAs based on one of the following methods, put into effect Dec. 8.

1. ROLL CALL FORMATION

Personnel in morning formation will be marked with a check mark to signify presence for the first period of the scheduled UTA.

Personnel in dismissal formation will be marked with the check to signify presence during the second period of UTA.

2. SIGN IN/OUT PROCEDURE

Personnel not in morning formation will sign the AF Form 40 within 30 minutes after the start of a scheduled UTA for credit toward the first period of training.

Personnel not in dismissal formation will sign the AF Form 40 at the close of the second training session (normally within the last 15 minutes) for credit toward duty performed.

Personnel wh perform less than 8 hours of duty must be correctly indicated, with the total time in and out encompassing a period of not less than 4 hours plus any time for lunch period.

These recent measures were taken to obtain accurate accountability of each individual who is entitled to pay for performance of inactive duty training and to get attendance rosters to the Comptroller section for prompt payment.

NO PERSONAL MAIL

The 154th FIG group message center is not authorized to handle personal mail, as established by AFM 182-1. The Group DA Section will not accept nor transport personal mail to the Hickam AFB Post Office.

Incoming personal mail will be handled by DA until Dec. 31. During this period, affected personnel should correct the mail address of incoming mail to either his home address or bank, credit union or savings and loan association.