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"WE NEED YOUR HELP"

As in the past years, HANG will again participate in the 50th State Fair to be held at the Aloha Stadium from 27 May - 12 June 1977. Our participation will be focussed on recruiting and to publicize the Hawaii Air National Guard to the community. The HANG Recruiting Van will be the featured display. We are asking for help in manning the Recruiting Van during the Fair. Contact MSgt Richard Saunders, 154 TFG/DPM, Hickam AFB, HI Monday, 23 May 1977. Volunteers may pick the shift they desire. We need at least three people per shift; one will be a full-time recruiter. MSgt Saunders will brief all volunteers on their duties. The Fair is a tremendous avenue to get new recruits in HANG to increase our strength. Other active and reserve military recruiters will also be there, so it will be very competitive to get new applications. Our job is to "out do" our competitors and create a favorable image of the HANG. We can do it with your concern and help.

****SURVIVOR BENEFITS CLARIFIED****

Army and Air Guardsmen now qualify for important survivor benefits under a law signed by ex-President Ford in September. The benefits come under the general heading of Dependency Identity Compensation (DIC) and are fully subsidized by the federal government. Under DIC the survivor of a Guardsman killed while on active duty or active duty for training, receives a monthly income based on the Guardsman's rank and number of dependents at the time of death. DIC also covers dependent children when there is no surviving spouse. The survivor, if a spouse, receives the monthly check until death, unless he or she remarries. The monthly paycheck is awarded if the Guardsman dies while commuting to or attending weekend drill, annual training or short tours. Death through service-connected disabilities also is covered. The paycheck increases by \$31 for each child of a deceased Guardsman under 18 years of age. DIC also contains a provision for compensating Guardsmen under the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) who die after completing 20 years of service. Under this plan the surviving spouse of a Guardsman who dies on active duty (weekend drill, annual training, short tours) after completing 20 years of service is entitled to DIC plus an amount equal to the difference in DIC paid to the spouse and 55 per cent of retired pay to which the Guardsman would have been entitled had he or she been retired when death occurred.

(See next page for DIC Rates)

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Pay Grade	DIC Rate	Pay Grade	DIC Rate	Pay Grade	DIC Rate
E-1	\$250	W-1	\$528	O-1	\$328
E-2	268	W-2	341	O-2	340
E-3	275	W-3	352	O-3	364
E-4	292	W-4	372	O-4	384
E-5	300			O-5	423
E-6	307			O-6	476
E-7	322			O-7	516
E-8	340			O-8	565
E-9	355				

STATE INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING FOR MEMBERS OF THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD
AND AIR FORCE RESERVE

AFAFC/RPR has been notified that the United States Treasury Dept. has determined that the Tax Reform Act of 1976 did not provide for withholding of State Income Taxes from the pay of members of the National Guard and Ready Reserve. Therefore, there are no plans within AFAFC/RPR to provide withholding of State Income Tax. State Income Tax withholding will apply only to members of the Armed Forces on extended active duty paid through JUMPS. As further information becomes available, we will keep you informed of any changes which may effect the members of your organization.

*****NEW SECAF SWORN IN*****

Mr. John C. Stetson was sworn in April 6 as the twelfth Secretary of the Air Force during a brief ceremony in the Pentagon. Secretary of Defense Harold Brown, a former Secretary of the Air Force, hosted the ceremony which was attended by Mr. Thomas C. Reed, outgoing Secretary of the Air Force, and former Air Force Secretaries, Dr. John L. McLucas, Dr. Robert C. Seamans and Mr. Eugene M. Zuckert.

"SOME SPACE-AVAILABLE TRAVELERS WILL PAY"

Military Air Force Command (MAC) space-available travelers departing the United States on commercial aircraft will be required to pay a \$5 head tax and surcharge, began May 1. The Department of Defense (DOD) has directed MAC to collect the \$3 head tax and a \$2 surcharge. The requirement is the result of the 1970 Airport and Airway Revenue Act. The act requires that each passenger departing the United States on a commercial aircraft pay a \$3 head tax. Space-available travelers moving on commercial aircraft in overseas areas or returning to the United States (except from Hawaii or Alaska) will not be charged. Personnel departing Hawaii and Alaska will be charged regardless of destination, even though they may be making a domestic flight. Travelers using military aircraft will not be charged. Last year, the Government Accounting Office recommended that DOD recover the cost from space-available travelers that had been previously absorbed by the military services.

*****DRIVE DEFENSIVELY*****

Driving defensively is simply anticipating potential trouble, either from behind, ahead, or to both sides. It's always being ready for the other fellow whatever he may do. Here are some other safe driving hints:

- . Leave yourself an "out" - an open space in another lane or on the shoulder.
- . Never compete in traffic. Let the "me first" guys cut in line, hog the right-of-way or race ahead. Your tolerance could prevent an accident.
- . Don't tailgate, a major cause of accidents especially here on Oahu. Make sure there is plenty of cushion between you and the car ahead.
- . Stay within the speed limits, but remember that it can be dangerous to drive too slow. Get off the road for sightseeing. In addition be on the alert for "Joe Tourist", - stopping, gawking, etc.
- . Signal your intentions if you plan a lane change, turn or stop.
- . Keep constantly on the lookout for situations ahead that could develop into sudden emergencies.
- . Be doubly alert and cautious when you encounter slow-moving school buses or construction equipment. Use special care passing campers and mobile homes, especially in underpasses and deep highway cuts. Wind gusts can cause them to swerve.

"PACAF REMAINS AT HICKAM"

Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) will remain a major command operating from its present headquarters at Hickam AFB, Hawaii. A proposal to disestablish the headquarters was announced in December 1974. The decision to retain PACAF in its current status was based on a reappraisal of the command mission and the increased responsibility placed on U.S. mobile forces in the Pacific. The commander in chief (CINC) PACAF position changed from a general to a lieutenant general authorization, effective with the June 1, 1977, retirement of the current CINC PACAF, Gen. Louis L. Wilson, Jr.

\$2 BILL

Air Force personnel can expect to see more of the \$2 bill, as military resale systems are encouraged to increase its use to replace a large number of \$1 bills. The Department of Treasury says use of the \$2 bill could save the government as much as \$30 million in five years.

"FOR SALE"

1969 Cougar XR7-351 engine, automatic, power brakes and steering, air, front disc brakes, vinyl top, steel rims, and wide ovals. Engine, carb, and starter overhauled. \$1450 or offer. Kajiwara Radio Shop 449-2123.

*****CB RADIO CRAZE HITS THE HANG*****

The Hawaii Air National Guard, like the rest of the country has been hit with the current CB radio craze. A good number of 154th members have radios in their cars or at home and at least a dozen more are considering taking up the popular hobby. In an effort to put CB'ers in touch, "K-Moku" is printing the names, handles, and "home" channels of various "breakers":

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>CHANNEL</u>	<u>HANDLE</u>
Ronald Hoopai	Engine Shop	03	Mai Tai
Eddie Anderson	HQ, 154th	12	Night Hawk
Sol Ford	Photo	01	Hawaiian Shutterbug
Rodney Leong	Engine Shop	03&02	Kona Gold
Ronnie Mirafior	Fuel Cell	02	Tank Diver
Yvette Mirafior	Maintenance	02	Bambi
Raymond Bermudez	Flight Eng.	23	Star Gazer
Val Wong	Fuel Cell	11&02	Triple V
Gary Witt	Security	10	Weekend Warrior
Ronald Yuen	Security	10	Blue Phantom
Gary Saito	Flight Line	03	Green Demon
Wally Takasane	Flight Line	22	Palolo Kamakazi
Howard Sato	Motor Pool	23&02	KPV8173
Sereheyo Calma	Flight Line	23&15	
Gilbert Cera	Survival	19&01	KJM5817
Robert Valdez	Supply	11	Weekend Warrior 11
Paul Keliiaa	Supply	19	Big Whale
Paul Rivera	Supply	07	Arabian Knight
Harvey Caplan	CCTV	07	Big Bird
Herman Auyong	Medic	22	Blue Scooter KAAU6536
George Padilla	Weapons	11	Gatling Gun
Thomas Hirao	Weapons	02	Jack Rabbit
Clayton Chang	Weapons	02&01	White Spokes
Thomas Lee	Comm	15	Super Musubi KAHH2639
Mike Crail	Eng. Shop	19	Pinball Wizard
Glenn Poller	AGE	19,17,22,23	Shining Star KRF7016
Timothy Ferreira	Motor Pool	19&10	Hawaiian Surfer
Richard Wong	Motor Pool	07 or 05	Blue Tango KADML668
Henry Thoene	Motor Pool		
Chris DeRamos	Motor Pool		

-----NOTICE-----

All 154th personnel attending summer camp in June at Hickam will be on separate rations. Consequently, every individual will be charged \$1.10 for the mid-day meal. Now, before you start stamping your feet, yelling, and running in circles let us be quick to state that this amount plus a little more (Plus Cola) will be returned to you in a check from Uncle Sam.