

KUKAILIMOKU



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Holiday Greetings to you and your cherished loved ones as we enter a new phase of life from the Tactical Fighter Group to a Composite Group. Our Sister units who now belong to the Group include the 150 AC&W Squadron on Kauai and the 169AC&W Squadron at Wheeler AFB. I have been readily impressed by the dedication and spirit of our personnel and look forward in anticipation of meeting any challenge that dares to face us.

We have successfully met the challenge of Combat Sage and now embark on preparing to see how 'ready' we are to perform our air defense mission. As we enter the New Year, we will be sprucing up the place, boning up in study and concentrating our training for readiness for the anticipated ORI. The key to performing well for the ORI is to perform well consistently. We will be addressing our performance and not accepting anything short of a professional standard. Each one of us should face this personal tasks for the New Year: to resolve to do the best we can with what we have... This should apply to our dealings with our family, our friends, ourselves and our job. This is my New Year's resolution and I hope you will join me in this self commitment.

ANG SEMINAR FOR DIRECT COMMISSION OFFICERS

The ANG Seminar For Direct Commission Officers (SDCO) conducted at the I.G. Brown PME Center was initiated in 1976 to meet a need expressed by unit commanders. The course is designed to provide mid-level management, communicative skills and professional development of officers through the grade of major. The course has been extremely well received by officers who have attended.

Due to declining participation in SDCO the PMEC plans to discontinue the program after FY 79. The following classes are scheduled for the remainder of FY 79:

0-79-B	11 Mar 79 - 23 Mar 79
0-79-C	13 May 79 - 25 May 79
0-79-D	15 Jul 79 - 27 Jul 79

Officers who were direct commissioned in the ANG should be encouraged to apply for one of these remaining classes.

154TH WING

HISTORY OFFICE

FILE # 2-98.194-1

WARNING ON HATCHBACK AUTOMOBILES

The following is a reprint of an article that appeared in the October 30, 1978 issue of the Air Force times and is provided for the information of all concerned:

"The Department of Transportation warns owners of hatchbacks about the dangers of driving with children riding in the luggage compartment. It also is advising owners to keep the hatchback closed whenever the engine is running, i.e., this is to prevent entry of carbon monoxide into the passenger compartment.

"The warning came in a consumer advisory issued by the department's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"Joan Claybrook, Director of NHTSA, said that the agency received reports of motorist driving with the hatchback in the up position, often with young children riding in the rear of the vehicle. This is exceedingly dangerous, she said, and creates a risk of serious injury in relatively minor accidents. NHTSA reports 12 accidents in which passengers were ejected through the rear hatchback, resulting in five (5) fatalities."

WEATHER FLIGHT MEMBER RECEIVES LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Airman Russel A. Jones, a member of the 199th Weather Flight and recent graduate of the ABR 25130 Weather Specialist Course at Chanute AFB, Illinois, received a letter of appreciation and a certificate of recognition from the Commander 3351st School Squadron. This favorable piece of communication was further endorsed by the HANG Commander and the Weather Flight Commander recognizing Airman Jones' performance not only at Chanute AFB, but also at Detachment 7, 1st Weather Wing, Wheeler AFB, where, upon his return from technical school he performed 30 days active duty training.

MOTORCYCLE CRASHES: VISIBILITY THE PROBLEM

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Failure of drivers to see motorcycles in traffic is the major cause of motorcycle accidents, according to preliminary findings of a U.S. Department of Transportation study.

In some 51 percent of motorcycle accidents studied in the Los Angeles area over the last 2½ years, motorists said they either did not see the motorcyclist or saw the rider only after it was too late. Also, a motorist turning left across the path of the cyclist was seen in some 45 percent of all accidents.

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION "COMBAT SAGE"

Editors Note: As you know, 43 HANG men and four F-4C aircraft returned to Hawaii in early November after participation in a 10-day deployment to Clark Air Base in the Philippines. The following letters were received attesting to our ability, and professionalism. Congratulations to the crews!

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS PACIFIC AIR FORCES
HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, HAWAII 96863.



6 NOV 1978

Brigadier General Arthur U. Ishimoto
Commander, Hawaii Air National Guard
3949 Diamond Head Road
Honolulu, Hawaii 96846


Dear General Ishimoto

Congratulations on completion of the HIANG's first deployment to Combat Sage. Lt Colonel Alley, 1st Test Squadron/CC, has informed my Headquarters that your deployment was one of the most professional he has seen since PACAF commenced the air-to-air firing program.

The teamwork they exhibited and their outstanding maintenance accomplishments won the respect of all those associated with the Weapons System Evaluation Program.

Please extend my congratulations to your aircrews and maintenance personnel for a JOB WELL DONE!

Sincerely


JAMES D. HUGHES, Lt General, USAF
Commander in Chief

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 30 TACTICAL FIGHTER WING (PACAF)
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96274



7 November 1978

Colonel John S. W. Lee
Commander, 154th Tac Ftr Gp (HANG)
Hickam AFB, HI 96853

Dear John

I congratulate you on the highly successful deployment of your 199th Tactical Fighter Squadron to Clark AB for participation in the COMBAT SAGE Weapons System Evaluation Program (WSEP).

Your aircraft were in excellent condition. Also, the performance of your aircrews and support personnel under the leadership of Lt Colonel Lawrence Cabrinha, Detachment Commander, and Chief Master Sergeant Hiroshi Go, Maintenance NCOIC, was exemplary. Singled out for commendation by 3TFW personnel, who had the pleasure of working with the HANG, was your Air Force Senior Enlisted Advisor, Master Sergeant Donald Johnson.

The COMBAT SAGE program is normally a unidirectional training and evaluation process from the 1st Test Squadron to the hosted unit. In the case of the HANG deployment, the process was two way. Our preliminary analysis indicated that a prime reason for the high reliability of the deployed aircraft Weapons Control Systems and AIM-7 launcher rails was due principally to your outstanding AWM-19 program. Also considered a prime success factor was meticulous use of technical data by your maintenance personnel.

This first HANG deployment to Clark was a bench mark for COMBAT SAGE. I can assure you that our people will welcome further exchanges with your fine organization. Mabuhay!

Sincerely


THOMAS S. SWALM, Colonel, USAF
Commander

COL LEG SAW
ON 13 NOV 78
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3949 DIAMOND HEAD ROAD
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96816



9 November 1978

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: HIANG/CC

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

13 NOV

TO: 154 Composite Group/CC 150 ACW Sq/CC 169 ACW Sq/CC

1. I am extremely proud to forward General Hughes' letter concerning HANG's participation in Combat Sage. A letter such as this is not easy to come by--it must be earned.
2. My confidence in your successful accomplishment of this project was never in doubt. I do, however, admit that the results attained were beyond my expectation.
3. In addition to General Hughes' congratulations, please extend my congratulations and commendation for an outstanding performance to each and every member of the HANG team. My staff also joins me in congratulating all the team members.

Arthur U. Ishimoto
ARTHUR U. ISHIMOTO, Brig Gen, HANG
Commander

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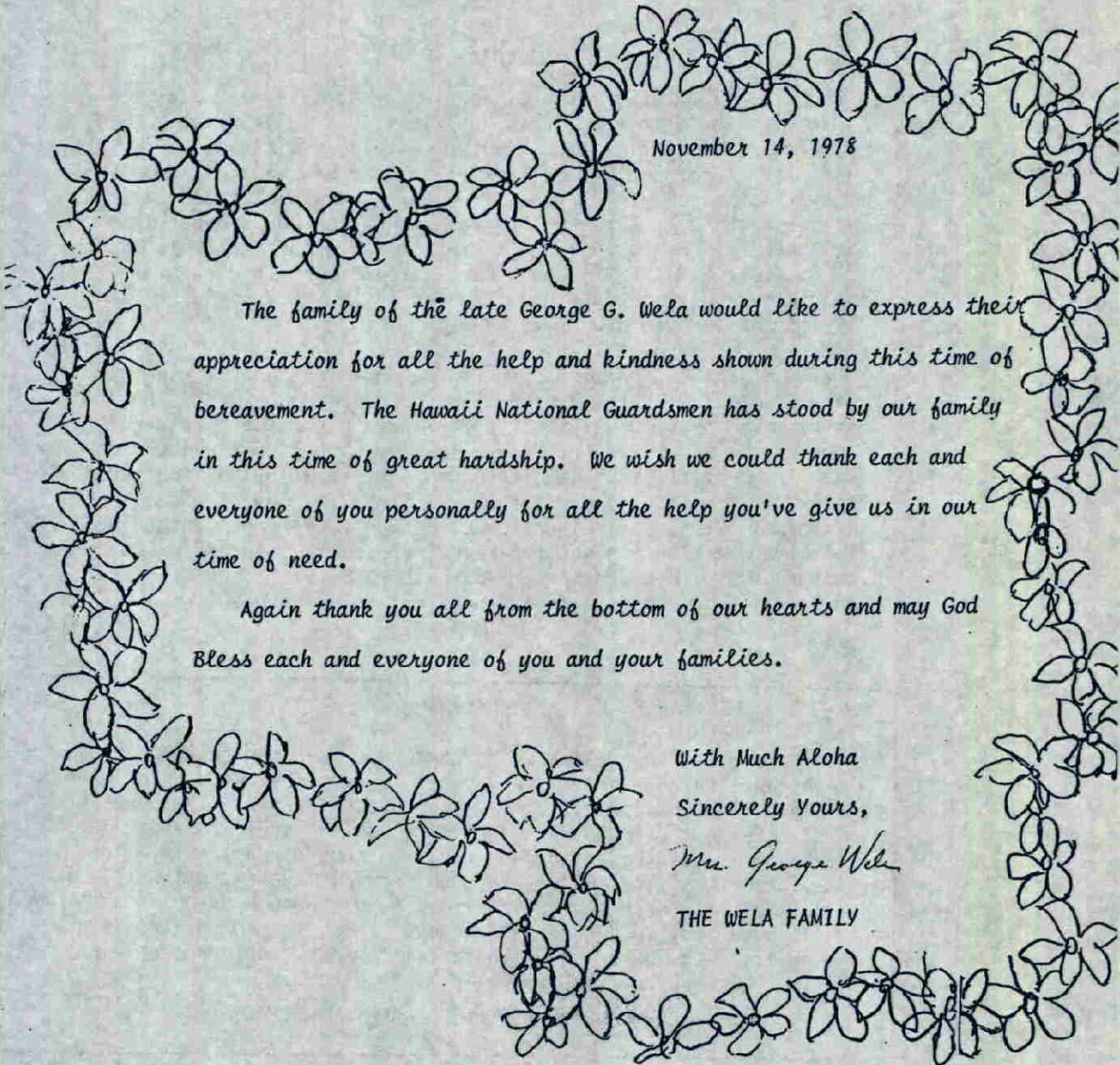
Did you know that Capt David Finger won a 1979 Trans-Am from Mike Salta? Yup! Now, comes the tax man!.....Commanders can allow women members to wear pantsuits uniforms in formations and ceremonies but can't require them to do so, AF has said. Pantsuits are optional and AF has said it does not plan to pressure women into buying them....The Seat Belt Myth: "The restraint system can trap me in a burning or submerged vehicle". Fact: Unless you are restrained, you are likely to be dazed or stunned by the crash, increasing the time it takes to get out of the car. Belted in, the driver and passengers are more than likely to be unhurt, alert, and capable of getting out quickly. Therefore the restraint system will speed-up rather than slow down - the escape!.....Major Ken Wicks recently completed the Advanced Safety Program Management Course, given by the American Management Association at Norton AFB, California, and graduated top of the class. Not so shabby, Ken! Sgts Wayne Soma, George Padilla and Alfred DeRego, all of CAMRON, attended a Systems Safety Course, held recently at the Holiday Inn in Honolulu.... Incidentally, the Safety Office is now located on the Ground Floor, Ewa-Mauka corner of the hangar and the Information Office is now located on the Ground Floor, in the CCTV production room.....A few Air Guardsmen had their pictures "taken" on the way to drill yesterday. A REMINDER: Those blue-suited guys, wearing badges, are ticketing people for as little as two (2) miles over the speed limit. Someone ought to tell those Security people that although their radar "gun" is accurate, speedometers may not be!.....2nd Lt Greg Gardner, just back from pilot training, took two top honors in his class: Academic and top pilot! Congratulations and welcome home!.....Comfort air-conditioning in work areas will be limited to four hours a day, an AF policy which went into effect December 1st. Air conditioners may be used between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and only when outside temperatures exceed 78 degrees. (We bet the supply of thermometer: has dwindled at the BX).....Due to limited supply of olive-drab colored undershirts, white cotton undershirts may be worn with the new subdued fatigues. All other subdued accouterments, including belt buckle and belt must be worn with the fatigues.....December 1-7 is Civil Air Patrol Week (CAP), honoring the creation of the patrol 37 years ago on December 1.....And December marks the 75th Anniversary of Powered Flight by the Wright Brothers.....One parting shot. Today marks my last drill. After almost twenty-three years, its time to move on Gonna miss you good folks but I take many pleasant memories with me in my retirement. Yesterday morning, my 14-year old daughter said it all, "Just think, on those drill days when the weather is beautiful, we can go sailing." ALOHA!

MAJOR EDDIE ANDERSON

HNG 1978 = 1979 OAHU BASKET BALL TOURNAMENT TO START NEXT MONTH

We are fielding two team-coaches are Sgt Howard Young-"A" team-449-2091 F/line, Sgt Alvin Dang "B" team-449-2123 AVCOMM. All interested players are urged to attend practice sessions- 14,15 December 6-9 p.m. at the 22nd Ave Armory, or call the above persons. This practice session will be used to finalize the team rosters--HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS--from the Ground Comm Section.

mahalo, Wayne Soma



November 14, 1978

The family of the late George G. Wela would like to express their appreciation for all the help and kindness shown during this time of bereavement. The Hawaii National Guardsmen has stood by our family in this time of great hardship. We wish we could thank each and everyone of you personally for all the help you've give us in our time of need.

Again thank you all from the bottom of our hearts and may God Bless each and everyone of you and your families.

With Much Aloha

Sincerely Yours,

Mr. George Wela

THE WELA FAMILY

H.N.G.E.A. NEWS

ENLISTED RETIREMENT: Two bills relating to Reserve retirement died with the 95th Congress. The first, H.R.10341 which passed the House, would have permitted enlisted Reservists with 20 years of Active federal military service to draw retired pay immediately without waiting to age 60. Passage of the bill would have put Air Reservists on a par with Naval and Marine Corps Reservists who presently enjoy this entitlement. The other bill which failed to pass, H.R. 10340, would have allowed certain otherwise eligible Reservists (who never served on Active duty during periods of war) to draw retired pay.

SURVIVOR BENEFITS: Amendments to the survivor benefit plan were signed into law by the President on September 30, 1978. These amendments provide eligibility for annuity for the surviving spouse of a Reservist who dies before receipt of retired pay at age 60. Cost of living increases were also authorized for those receiving annuities under the old Retired Servicemen's Family Protection Plan, and reinstatement of benefits is now authorized for surviving spouses who remarry after age 60. An SBP amendment which did not pass proposed that the Social Security offset in the SBP be reduced from 100 per cent to 50 per cent.

CHRISTMAS

There are five outlets which Christmas, can manifest the power of God; through what we are, what we say, what we do, the manner in which we spend our money, and through prayer. The power of a life is tremendous but is limited to the spot where it is being lived. Power through the lips depends on the life in back of the lips. Power through service may be great but it is always less than that of a life. Power through money depends upon the motive back of the money. Power through prayer is as great as the power of a flagrant life and touches not only one spot but wherever in the world it is directed.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!