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HANG AUTHORIZED E-8 GRADE

The 199th FINCEPTRON has received word from the U.S. Air Force that grade E-8, Senior Master Sergeant, is now authorized for the Squadron.

Promotion of HANG airmen to the E-8 grade will be based on demonstrated leadership and technical ability commensurate with awarded Air Force Speciality.

AIR CADET

Ten squadron members passed the two and one half hour Air Force Cadet Screening Test given at Wing Testing Section, Hickam AFB, and thus qualified to receive further processing to compete for the two spaces allotted the Squadron.

All ten men will be interviewed by the Squadron Commander to determine their order for final processing into the Cadet Program. After the interview the airmen in the first and second positions will be given the Air Force Officer Qualification Test and a Flying Physical Examination. Should these two airmen qualify, they will be notified of class assignment prior to 30 Jun 1960. If either one or both fail to qualify, airmen holding the third and fourth positions will be processed.

The ten who qualified for further processing are SSgt Gary K. Fujii and Arthur F. Tyson; A/LC Paul H. Hashimoto, James K. Asato, Richard L. Bohner, James G. Akita, Aurino B. Abraham, and Francis D. Y. Owen; A/2C LeRoy Raphael; and A/3C Ronald T. Mizuno.

Eligibility Requirements are: a unit vacancy; must possess an awarded AFSC, primary or additional, appropriate to the grade to which promotion is contemplated; twenty-four (24) months in pay grade of E-7; and ten (10) years of total service of which eight must have been in an enlisted grade. In addition, he will be administered the United States Air Force Supervisory Examination and must achieve a standard score of at least ninety (90). He will also be given the appropriate Airman Proficiency Test and attain a score of at least one-hundred (100). The State Adjutant General may also prescribe additional requirements.

The 199th has been authorized E-8 grades in the following positions: Air Operations Supt; Aircraft Maintenance Supt; Weapons Maintenance Supt; Administrative Supt; Personnel Supt.

THE SQUADRON WAS DEEPLY SADDENED WITH THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF MSGT PATRICK HONDA. PAT, THE MOTOR POOL NCOIC, DIED ON JUL 29

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GENERAL NEWS

COMMANDER ON VACATION

A pleasant journey to LtCol James R. Ashford, Squadron Commander, who departed stateside on August 1 for a long-awaited vacation. The colonel left with his wife and children for Connecticut for a brief visit and will then tour the states. They will be gone about five weeks. Maj George R. Duncan, Operations Officer, is now Acting Commander.

AIR POLICE NEWS

MSgt Harold Cathcart, AP NCOIC, left on August 15 for Los Angeles, California. He will be working for the state government there.

And congratulations to SSgt William Lolopali who moved up as NCOIC for the section.

Our AP's were also selected by Gov William F. Quinn to serve as an Honor Guard at the Admission Day ceremonies on August 29.

OFFICER PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to Majors George Harris and Lotwell Duvachello. Their oak leaves are effective on September 10.

AIRMEN PROMOTIONS

TO A/1C: Lawrence J Tsutsumi, Shin-hachiro Nasu.

TO A/3C: Jack M Hopo, Robert K Kahalewai, Jr, Joseph K Kahca, Rodney K H Leong, Paul Y Nakana, Mathew Souza, Segundo Vertido, Jr, Stanley S Wada.

"PAPA" THOENE

Capt Carl Thoene, Squadron Adjutant, is now the proud father of a baby girl. And where are those cigars, Carl?

"THERE'S MONEY IN THOSE SUGGESTIONS"

The "K" Staff congratulates TSgt Gordon A. Lam, Armament Section, on his suggestion "Relocation of Test Equipment" which saved the government \$1162.36 per year.

The old method involved transporting 200 lbs of equipment by one man over 200 feet five days per week between the storage building and the radar docks. This process took 2 man-hours costing \$5.08 per day; in addition, the possibility of damage to the equipment and injury to personnel carrying the equipment up the stairs of the docks was involved.

Sgt Lam suggested that lockers be built on both sides of the docks and the equipment so arranged that they can be used directly from the lockers.

Our hats off to you, Sgt Lam!

