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"THE OPERATIONAL READINESS INSPECTION"

For us "old timers", the ORI is nothing new. However, for many members of the 154th Tactical Fighter Group, this is the first time.

The ORI -- Operational Readiness Inspection --- tests the Air Guard's various activities to assure we are capable of performing our air defense mission. The inspection is conducted by a group of regular Air Force officers and enlisted men headed by PACAF Inspector General, Brig. General Alf Miller.

We are not the only unit being inspected. Both the 150th and the 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadrons are playing the "war games" with us. They too are being inspected by IG teams.

The team wants to know many things. Like, how long it takes you to get from your home to your duty station. And how long it takes you to get under cover in the event of attack. They also want to know how well you know your military job. They look at military courtesy, haircuts, uniforms, safety violations, installation cleanliness. In short, they give us a very thorough inspection. If we pass the ORI, you can be certain we are a "fighting outfit" and you can be rightfully proud of being a member of the 154th.

*** WE PLACED THIRD ***

At the 1977 Weapons Loading Competition, held at Tyndall AFB, the 154th Tactical Fighter Group team placed third in the competition. Winner was a regular Air Force team from the 21st Munitions Maintenance Squadron from Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. Second place honors went to an Air Guard unit, the 119th FIG of Fargo, North Dakota. Fourth place went to the 57th FIS, a regular Air Force unit.

Our placing third is significant because the points separation between the first place winners and fourth place teams were less than 20 points out of a 2500 total possible. The winning team accumulated 2321.6 points and the Hawaii team accumulated 2304.8 points, a difference of only 16.8 points. The competition itself consisted of four events: tool and equipment check, a written examination and two actual weapons loads. Each event was scored and the total points determined the winner.

OIC of the team was Capt Gordon Y. Makishima. NCOIC was MSgt Ken Iinuma. Crew Chief was SSgt Jon S. Iwashita. Team members were SSgt Urban A. Caires, Jr., Sgt Randolph K. Hao, A1C Norman P. Eclarin. Alternate was TSgt Randall K.H.M. Lum. This was our first competition since receiving the F-4.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20330



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

30TH ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE

Thirty years ago, a separate Air Force was born. It was conceived by the vision and foresight of men such as Mitchell and Arnold. It was nurtured by courage and sacrifice in the skies over St. Mihiel, Ploesti, and Tokyo. It was developed through years of dedicated service by aircrews, mechanics, engineers, and clerks, whose teamwork demonstrated the unique potential of airpower.

For the past three decades, that potential has continued to mature and develop, strengthened by the demands of crises and conflicts and by the day-to-day tasks of national defense. The Air Force has emerged a strong, professional force. It is responsible for two-thirds of the strategic triad, for the bulk of the Nation's tactical air capability, for much of our activity in space, and for the entire military airlift and aerospace defense missions.

In performing these vital roles, the men and women of the Air Force have carried forward a proud tradition of excellence and of service. I am confident that we can and will display that same spirit as we take on the challenges that lie ahead.



JOHN C. STETSON
Secretary of the Air Force

***** MILLER MACHINE ROLLS *****

Miller High Life has captured another HANG Air Technician Mixed Bowling League. Using team effort to its utmost, Miller High Life clinched the championship with 3 weeks remaining in the league. Captained by Dobo Dobashi, the team consisted of Wally Asato, Ken Young, Mitch Shimabukuro, Jim Lota, and John Oshiro.

Miller's domination of this league dates way back and the team may be compared to the Cincinnati Reds "Red Machine" of the National League. There have been some rumors that Miller should be broken up to end this domination of the league.

PLASTIC USED IN AIRCRAFT WINDSHIELDS

Air Force engineers have demonstrated that a super-tough plastic can be used in aircraft windshields instead of glass. The material is a high-strength polycarbonate adapted for aircraft application by Air Force Flight Dynamics Laboratory (AFFDL). Because of its impact resistance, the polycarbonate is particularly good for aircraft that fly fast at low altitudes where birds could strike a canopy and break it. By November 1977, the Air Force F-111E fleet will be fitted with windshields made from the polycarbonate. Also, T-37 windshields and the side panels on A-10 windshields are being made from the plastic material. According to program manager Robert Wittman, polycarbonate in the F-111E design withstands the impact of a four-pound bird when the aircraft is flying more than 500 miles per hour. "That's the equivalent," Mr. Wittman said, "of having a cow hit and bounce off your car windshield while you are driving 70 miles per hour.

"Since the polycarbonate is lighter weight than glass, it allowed us to build a new F-111E windshield that weighs only 60 pounds and measures less than one-inch thick. "To get the same amount of impact resistance with glass, we would have a windshield at least two inches thick and weighing over 500 pounds," he explained. The new F-111E windshield has a sandwich construction with outer and inner surfaces of plexiglas lined with a transparent rubber-like plastic called polyurethane. The center section has three pieces of polycarbonate--each about one-eighth inch thick--and each is layered with more polyurethane. Polycarbonate material was developed originally by General Electric Co.

SALES SLIPS A REQUIREMENT FOR HRE REFUND

Effective immediately, proof of purchase will be required of patrons seeking a cash refund for merchandise bought at Hawaii Regional Exchange outlets. That announcement came from Stewart W. Fogleman, Executive, Hawaii Regional Exchange, who explained that the long-standing requirement is now being enforced "to protect the soldier's and airman's money." According to Mr. Fogleman, customers generally must show either a cash register receipt or a sales slip to qualify for a cash refund. In cases where the receipt is lost or misplaced, the local manager will make the decision, he said.

""CLOTHING DRIVE""

Clothing is needed for Waimanu Home children, 7 years of age and older. The clothes must be cleaned, tied and bundled.

Dates for the drive are from 1 - 30 September.

Drop off points are as follows:

154 CAM Sq.

AGE (MSgt R. De Veas)
O.C. (CMSgt R. Choi)

154 Sup Sq:

Warehouse (SMSgt E. Schweitzer)

169 ACW Sq.

MAT CTL (TSGT R. Takahashi)

201 CMBTCG:

Veh Maint (W. Nishihara)

HO HANG:

Admin (CMSgt C. Chee)

Contributions are tax deductible. Attach your name and address to the bundles of clothing and list the fair market value to each bundle. Keep a copy for your records.

TOURNAMENT

The HNG Mountain Ball Tournament for 1977 will be starting very shortly. We need players who are interested in bringing back the HNG trophy to our unit. We will be fielding two teams this year, an "A" team and "B" team. Contact the following persons if you are interested:

TSgt Valentine Wong - 449-1388

TSgt Elvin Nishioka = 449-9345

The tournament will run from 27 Sept thru 9 Nov, every Tue and Wed evening at the Moiliili Field.

POINTS OF LAW: HAVE YOU BEEN HAD?

Have you been had lately? If you are a normal consumer, you probably have at one time or another bought something through the mail. You may have been or may in the future be one of the unfortunate victims of what the Post Office terms "mail fraud." These frauds usually involve schemes designed to bilk only a small amount of money from suckers on the theory that one individual will not complain about a small loss.

Legal offices throughout the Air Force have aided numerous individuals who have been ripped-off in schemes ranging from the sale of clothes, information of job opportunities, hair restorers, weight reducers, envelope stuffing and sex rejuvenators. The most frequently used device is direct mail solicitation, although many of these operators also advertise in magazines and newspapers. Unfortunately, for the most part, there is little hope of recovering most of the client's money as the company disappears when the postal authorities begin their investigation. Individual consumers should investigate the reputation of the company, including checking with the local Better Business Bureau, before purchasing or ordering any product. If you should be taken in by a fraudulent scheme, immediately notify the local postal authorities. They will start action to prevent continuation of the scheme before others are taken in. In some instances they might even be able to help you get your money back. Your best protection is common sense. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

"VALLEY ISLE EXCHANGE OPENS"

Maui, the Valley Isle in the Hawaiian Islands chain, is the site of the newest Hawaii Regional Exchange (HRE) store. The structure, which houses the Maui Exchange at the Wailuku Army Reserve Center, was previously used by the Army Reservists and National Guardsmen as a limited exchange imprest fund activity. Only 40 merchandise line items were available. Since the opening of the new Maui store, more than 400 line items have been added to the merchandise stock structure and the store is now open five days a week.

Special ordering has also taken on a new meaning for Maui customers for they now can order and expect to receive even anything from the shelves of the larger AAFES retail stores on Oahu. Special order customer delivery can be arranged within two weeks by either an ocean barge or air shipment.

The Maui Exchange caters to an authorized customer strength in excess of 1,300 people. In addition to military reservists and National Guardsmen, this customer mix includes active duty Army, Navy and Coast Guard personnel. Military retirees alone number in excess of 700 and vacationing servicemen going to Maui are shopping at the new store in increasing numbers.

***** FALSE AND FRAUDULENT TRAVEL CLAIMS *****

The following article, which appeared in the 12 August 1977 issue of TIG Brief, is provided for your information. "Here are examples of sentences resulting from the filing of or fraudulent travel claims by Air Force military and civilian members:

"An Air Force NCO filed a fraudulent travel claim for movement of his dependent from overseas to the CONUS. Member accepted non-judicial punishment and was ordered to forfeit \$300.00 per month for 2 months and to reimburse the Government the cost of the MAC transportation authorization ticket, \$788.00.

"Since 1975, AFOSI and FBI investigations into alleged fraudulent travel claims filed by Air Force civilian employees assigned to stateside bases have resulted in several individuals being tried, found guilty, and sentenced by the Federal court. In most cases, the sentence was 1 year in jail, suspended to 2 days in jail plus 3 years probation, providing full restitution is made to the Air Force and each defendant gives 30 days service to a charitable organization.

"An Air Force officer was found guilty, by general court-martial, of filing 34 false claims during 1972, 1973, and 1974. He was sentenced to be dismissed from the service; to be fined \$15,000; and to be confined to hard labor for 6 years."

The above examples show the serious consequences of submitting fraudulent travel claims. In addition, our austere travel budget funds demand that only legitimate travel expenses are submitted, only official travel is conducted, and that travel periods be limited to only that time required to conduct official business. Do not proceed on TDY status prior to required travel time; return from TDY station as soon as possible; do not submit claims for travel expenses not actually expended for official business. A recent audit conducted on HANG travel claims earlier this year by the OSI and USP&FO reveal areas of possible compromise. Your immediate attention to this sensitive area is requested.

***** TICKETS ON SALE *****

FOR

HANG FIRST ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, November 12, 1977 6PM - 1AM
Pearl Harbor Officers Club

Price: \$12.50

Check payable to:
HANG Awards Banquet

See your Unit/CO or 1st Sgt for tickets.

TFO Ticket Control Officer: Lt. Col. Lota