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Aircraft down - Crew safe



LT. COL. TAI HONG
"Feel Great."

Lt. Col. Tai Hong is not smiling because we lost a plane, obviously, but because of the professional support that led to Hong and backseater 1st Lt. "Skip" Vincent's survival and successful rescue when Aircraft 914 went down the morning of Jan. 7.

Colonel Hong says the "longest parachute ride he ever had" began just twelve minutes after their F-4C aircraft took off from Hickam AFB at 9:56 a.m. Lieutenant Vincent was back in Hawaii, between classes at Navigator School where he just completed water survival training, when he and Colonel Hong left on the orientation flight.

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Inside:

DACT exercise



Lt. Col. Mike Tice of the 199th looks on as Lt. Col. Don Shepperd, Commander of Arizona's 162 TFG, is greeted Aloha-style. (Story on page 5.)

ORI/MEI pau

Best even better

The 154th Composite Group has come through our recent ORI/MEI with flying colors. The group's dedication and performance excellence have led us to what 154th Commander, Col. John Lee calls "the best higher headquarters inspection result (continued on page 6.)"

CEF to deploy

Forty-five members of the 154th Civil Engineering Flight will deploy to the 129th ARRG, Moffett Field, California from Jan. 29 to Feb. 16 to conduct construction and repairs of base facilities.



Commander's Corner

by
Col. John S.W. Lee

The 154th Composite Group achieved another significant milestone; performing in an outstanding manner in our recent PACAF initiated ORI/MEI during Dec. 1982 when we were rated "excellent" in the two rated areas. The ORI took three UTA days to complete while our MEI was completed over a six day period. The inspection criteria and exercise activity were extremely challenging and exceeded the "well done" parameters.

Special recognition is due the 199 TFS, CAMRON and the 150 AC&W Squadron for sustaining the highest standards of readiness as cited during our ORI/MEI. But the bottom line has been the total effort of this Group to do well; right attitude and credible capability have resulted in one of the best "report cards" ever given any unit in PACAF.

Despite this momentous achievement to close CY 82, we experienced a bitter experience in early January 83 with the loss of Aircraft 914. However, both aircrews were recovered expeditiously and thus we achieved one of our two critical safety goals: to minimize personnel injury and damage. We suffered our last aircraft loss in 1973. Our flying program will continue to emphasize high professional standards in flying and maintenance to minimize mishap occurrence. It is a tribute to both our F-4 operators and maintainers that we pursued our scheduled hosting of the Tucson Guard Sentry Tigre exercise this past week.

The training objectives for this dissimilar air combat tactics were achieved by all the participants which also included the T-33 aircrews.

In conclusion may I again acknowledge the positive contribution from each member of the 154th Composite Group which resulted in the best higher headquarters inspection result in the history of the HANG.

Aircraft down...Crew safe (cont. from page 1)

Some 20 miles north of Oahu warning lights indicated possible fire in both engines of the Phantom. Lt. Col. Mike Tice of the 199 TFS says Colonel Hong engaged the ejection handles under the pilot's seat and both Colonel Hong and Lieutenant Vincent were ejected at an altitude of 17,000 feet.

Colonel Hong says he spent some twenty minutes under canopy, his longest ride ever. Hong says he could see help on its way before he even splashed down because, luckily, two HH-53 Super Jolly Green Giant helicopters from the Air Force's 6594th Test Group were on a training mission nearby when the call for help went out. Twenty-three minutes later both Colonel Hong and Lieutenant Vincent were on their way back home.

Both Hong and Vincent suffered some neck muscle strain and back pains from the force of the ejection (some 14 g's) but both have been given the O-K by the Flight Surgeon to resume flying.

Colonel Hong offered a big "hats off" to MSgt. Howard Hironaka and his Life Support crew, TSgt. Fred Takara and the Survival equipment shop and to MSgt. Kenneth Morimoto and the staff of the Egress shop for their professional which contributed greatly to the crew's survival.

Colonel Tice says the aircraft probably disintegrated on impact. An official board will investigate the cause of the accident.

NEXT UTA FEB 5-6

Chapel News

HICKAM CHAPEL SERVICES

- Protestant** - 8:00 a.m. Hickam Harbor
 8:30 a.m. Chapel One
 10:10 a.m. Chapel Center
 (Sunday School)
 11:15 a.m. Chapel Center
 6:00 p.m. Chapel One,
- Catholic** - 5:00 p.m. (Sat.) Chapel One
 7:30 a.m. Chapel Center
 8:30 a.m. Chapel Center
 9:30 a.m. Chapel Center
 11:30 a.m. Chapel Center (Sundays
 and weekdays)
- Jewish** - Contact Jewish Chapel,
 Pearl Harbor, 471-0050,
 for information.



FAREWELL CHAPLAIN -

The 154th bids a fond aloha to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Kennedy who is being transferred into the Reserves.

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ATTENTION ALL ANG NCO ACADEMY AND LEADERSHIP GRADUATES

Chapter 18 of the Air National Guard Non-Commissioned Officers Academy Graduates Association is having a general membership meeting on Jan. 22, 1983.

The meeting will be held at the Miramar Hotel on Kuhio Avenue in the Mandarin Palace on the 5th floor.

No Host cocktails will be served at 6 pm with a 7-course Chinese dinner at 7 pm.

Aloha attire and the cost is \$10.00.

Wives and guests are invited.

Contact Douglas Abe for reservations.

Make check out to ANG NCO AGA, Chapter 18.

CAM sq. news & views

by SMSgt. Art Lee

Did you know that CAM Squadron's favorite color is green?..Yeah, all the hard work, the practice exercises, and that little extra finally paid off for everyone. We want to just extend our congratulations and Mahalos to all for the final outcome of the ORI/MEI inspection. The cooperation of all branches of maintenance really paid off, No Ka Oi gang No Ka Oi.

Since this is the new year, just a reminder on some changes in the tax laws and no forget some of the old ones: There is a \$25 credit this year for child passenger restraint system, another \$25 general income tax credit per dependant (one time only) for the state, and don't forget you can exclude the first \$500 from your income (State only) for just being in the Guard.

Other tax benefits are the same such as: general excise tax credits, rental, solar credits and if you were charged interest penalty because you withdrew funds from time savings before maturity you can adjust this on your income.

I know most people don't like to do or look at tax forms, etc, so if you have any questions see your good old squadron tax man or consultant SMSgt Art Lee, no charge.

We want to thank all those people who gave blood during December at the Training Classroom, according to our coordinator "Mr Fang": (Hiro Co), 78 signed up, 48 donated, 8 rejected and 22 no shows.

You know, you guys and gals are just too much, why, with all your everyday work, preparing for the holidays and worrying about the ORI/MEI ratings, you people still took some time off to donate blood, Aloha No.

The squadron is back on top again after a poor showing in the HNG Enlisted Association Membership drive, this time we are number "1" in the HANG with 213 members out

of 488 totals, right on people.

A gal who deserve a lot of credit is SSgt Yvette Miraflor, she is responsible for initiating the CAM Sq. "Tee Shirt" program with the CAM Sq Logo printed on the shirt, also the "I survived Hurricane Iwa Shirt". Every shirt that is sold, the squadron receives \$1 and she sold over 400 so far. The money will be used for the benefit of the people in the squadron that's what we call dedication and we thank her for all the hard work.

Another gal who is giving much of her time to the squadron is SSgt Mamo McCallum (engine shop), Mamo will be working with MSgt Doug Ab as the new Unit career advisor on a two year additional duty. Mamo is an engine mechanic and has been in the guard for over 6 years, she is also a member of the HANG Ohana.

I received some news that one of the CAM golfers cleaning his golf shoes after playing round, was trying to get the mud off his spikes and either he was angry with his game or someone distracted him that when he thought he struck his golf shoes on a rock to get the mud off, he struck his left foot instead and spiked his toe, auwe and auwee. I heard of guys getting struck by a ball, but spiking your own foot now really.

TSgt Gary Von who is a C A P Captain and the Commander of the Wheeler AFB unit accepted the awards given to his squadron for 1982 which included the "Outstanding Squadron, Senior Member of the Year, Cadet of the Year and the Distinguished award". Captain Von can be very proud of his people, after all it did take an Air Guard man to lead them, right? right.

Some of our people are really taking advantage of the "Sentre Partner Program", this is where the member of the guard can take his wife on a refueling flight orientation on KC 135 tankers provided by other ANG units. Flying high were: "The Cozo's, W. Ponte's, the Bernandez's, The Paahana's, Akiona's, Tachihata's, Calvin's, the Hoopai's, Leong's, Wada's, Hasegawa's, and the Hewett's and from what we gathered all the wives were very impressed with the orientations. Understand the Arizona guard with A-7 aircraft are here to train with us.

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GENERAL



Edward V. Richardson, commander of the Hawaii Air National Guard (HANG), was promoted to the rank of brigadier general. The pinning ceremony took place at the Hawaii Department of Defense headquarters at 3949 Diamond Head Road.

A 1952 graduate of Kamehameha School,

General Richardson, 48, joined the Hawaii Air National Guard in 1956 completing his pilot training the next year.

In early 1969, General Richardson volunteered for active duty service in Southeast Asia. He flew 40 combat missions over Vietnam as a F-102A pilot. General Richardson became commander of the 199th Tactical Fighter Squadron in August 1974. He became the HANG chief of staff in September 1978. In February of this year he became commander of the Hawaii Air National Guard when General Ishimoto, the former commander, became adjutant general.

As commander of the HANG, General Richardson controls a 2,020 member force on all the major islands. General Richardson was born on Maui in Puunene and now resides with his wife and two children in Hawaii Kai.

With his promotion, General Richardson becomes the first person of Hawaiian ancestry to achieve general rank in the Hawaii Air National Guard.



Congratulations to Lt. Col. Walter W.Y. Chang shown here receiving the Air Force Commendation Medal.

(DACT Exercise Continued from page 1)

The DACT (Dissimilar Air Combat Tactics) exercise began with the arrival of six A-7's from the 162nd TFG, Arizona Guard, on January 8. The A-7's simulated adversaries and according to Lt. Col. Mike Tice, 199 TFS, "It's advantageous to fly against aircraft that our pilots seldom see. Adds new interest and dimension to daily training". The A-7's flew from January 10 through 14 and scheduled to depart today. Lt. Col. Tice says this is the fourth year and "Looking forward to doing it again".

In addition to the A-7's two KC-135's (fuel tankers) were here from the 161st AREFG (Air Refueling Group), Phoenix Arizona. The Commander, Colonel Don Owens, and his crews assisted in refueling the F-4's during the DACT.

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in the history of the HANG," and brought high praise from Brig. Gen. Edward Richardson, HANG Commander, Maj. Gen. Arthur Ishimoto, Adjutant General and Lt. Gen. A. W. Braswell, Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Air Forces.

General Ishimoto stated that the 154th COMPG has maintained a high state of readiness that is the envy of many units, both regular and Guard. And Generals Braswell and Richardson noted the professionalism and perseverance demonstrated by the 150 AC&W in restoring operational readiness following Hurricane Iwa.

Of 348 rated areas, the 154th COMPG achieved 52 Outstanding ratings, 184 Excellent ratings, 109 Satisfactory ratings and only 3 marginal.



Aerospace Systems NCOIC, SMSgt. Kenneth Camara (center) talks with Captains Smith and Gilbert during the PACAF IG maintenance inspection.



MSgt. Chang, from Weapons Systems, discusses combat turnabout procedures with CMSgt. Reyno with the PACAF IG team.



MSgt. Gran, Inspector from the Material Management Branch goes over a special assets printout with SSgt. Meder in Supply.



The post-inspection "We did it!" Party.

154th COMPG "A" Team...



Left to Right: Rick Manaois, Guy Fuentes, General Richardson, Clayton Pabingwit, Milo Lyne, Charles Silva, Mel Akamine, John Rodrigues, Bruce Hara and Col. Lee. HANG Photo by TSgt Don Ho.

On December 9th 1982 the 154th "A" B-11 team took the Hawaii National Guard Basketball Tournament for the Second year in a row.

...CHAMPS AGAIN

The 154th "A" Team entered the tournament with seven other HNG Teams who qualified in their Divisions: 154th "C", Troop 169th, 159th "A", 159 "B", 298th, and Provisional.

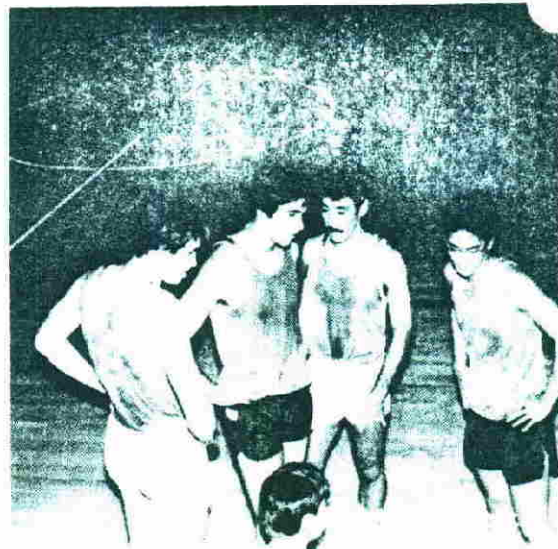
The 154th "A" Team collided with Provisional first and with only seven seconds left Mel Akamine hit Charles Silva with an inbound pass in the corner. Silva then took a 20 - foot jump shot to beat Provisional 47-46 and advance the "A" Team to the playoffs.

The 159th "B" Team was next with our Guards Clayton Pabingwit, Guy Fuentes and Mel Akamine winning away with the outlet passes to John Rodrigues and Charles Silva, to win a 55-44 win taking the Team to the championship.

Troop E was NEXT in line for the TOUGH 154th. Although it was a low scoring game Team "A" Managed to Out - Muscle the "TROOPS" 26-22 and SNARE the Second Straight CHAMPIONSHIP for the HANG.



WE'RE NUMBER ONE!!!!...(more pix of the winners)



HANG Intramurals



ATTENTION ALL VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS!!! Anyone interested in participating in the HANG Volleyball Intramural should contact their respective team coordinator listed below. Efforts to get the intramural program under way are being made now. However, because each squadron or team roster is being limited to twelve (12) players, each team coordinator must know in advance the exact number of people interested in playing. Also, based on your response and the input we receive from the team coordinators, we will be able to determine how long we can run the intramural and how many games or rounds we can play. Remember, contact your team coordinator as soon as possible and as a reminder, anyone in HANG may participate. This also includes you GALS out there.

Coordinators:

HQ COMPG
154 CEF
154 CLester Ho
154 SPF 449-5684
154 Clinic

154 RMSAl Naumu/449-1921
199 TFS Russell Campos/449-1921
169 ACWS.....Charles Kaulukukui
199 WF 655-1324

154 CAM Sq.....Grant Suzuki
(2 teams) 449-5545

Bert Narita/449-9445
201st CC Group.....Charles Victorino

154th Composite Group Coordinators.....Roland Tang or Kaipo Sing/449-6521

Squadron News Continued from page 4.

Here is a good one, heard that an E8 taking the DP exam during the ORI/MEI answered one question on the answer sheet with a "E", yet on the test booklet there were only four possible answers "A, B, C or D", figure that one out.

Another E8 opens his car turnk with a screwdriver? and if you were watching the marathon and heard this Klippity Klop-ping along, it was our own MSgt Bill Stern running in his brand new size 13's 770's, Bill ran the 26 in 4:03.

And is Art Lee slowing down on his golf during 1980 and 1981, Art averaged 140 rounds, last year he played only 104 rounds. Chief Go thought he had won 1st prize during the clubs liquor shoot in December but after a careful examination of his 27 handicap they found out that the book had 26, so Hiro lost of MSgt Tom Kato by one stroke. See we told you that all the Senior NCOs are either slowing down or are forgetting things. Again Understand Benny Goo tried to penetrate the MEI briefing with his friend a guy and ahford but was turned away at the door, eh, this guy Benny never gives up eh! He keeps coming back for more.

Look out a whole bunch of new golfers are on the course: Craig Arakaki, Roy Kudo, Gerald Gono, Roy Kuwana, Larry Kauleinamoku and they are having a ball out there, come and join them. MSgt Tom Sato should be beaming these past few days, His pigeon won the grand championship and he is also a new Grandpa, Congratulations.

CURRENT ID CARDS REQUIRED BY JUNE

Effective immediately, all ID cards(DD forms 2AF (RES)) must have the Geneva Convention Statement on its reverse side. Anyone with the old type ID card should report to CBPO for a new application. Those who are designated to be on mobility teams or have the old type IDs must obtain the new ones without delay. Everyone in HANG must have their new ID by June 1, 1983.

Any question regarding the ID cards should be directed to 154 COMPG/DPMA, Sgt. Kaipo Sing, 449-5669.

CSS News

by Mary Lou F. Nishioka

Congratulations to our squadron's 1982 Honolulu Marathon finishers. They are MSgt's Dennis Kagihara and Bradley Ebisuya from CBPO; MSgt Delbert Dandurant, 1Sgt; and SSgt Owen Iha from Ground Communications. Well done (not rare) guys - we're all proud of you!

Speaking of pride, MSgt Delbert Dandurant has much to be proud of. For one thing, he's the first person from HANG to attend First Sergeant's school at Keesler AFB. When asked what he liked best about the school MSgt Dandurant replied, "four o'clock."

And now...introducing our newest additions to our squadron's comely line up. There's AB's Todd Friel and Kip Sakuma from CBPO; AB Alan Kawamura and ALC Ivan Sakihara from Food Service; and SrA Neal Gima soon to be with Ground Communications. Welcome aboard guys!

Well, that's it for this month. Bye everyone and Happy New Year!!

CPR Saves

SSgt. Tana Lee, of CCTV section, gets valuable CPR(Cardio-Pulmonary Resusitation) training from Lt. Walton Auyong. It is the clinic's goal to have at least two CPR-qualified people in every section. This training could someday be a life-saver for a friend of a member of your family. Call the 154th Clinic now for more information at 449-2461/6934.

"THE STRENGTH OF RMS"

Va J' Kaika O RMS...

by: SSgt Jan DeRego



RMS would like to extend a big A L O H A! to you all. '83 looks good for RMS, lots of action instored as you can read, there are several items we're looking forward soon. In Febuary we will be renovating Supply's Offices and switching desks and chairs around. In March, 13 of RMS personnel will be deploying to Korea.

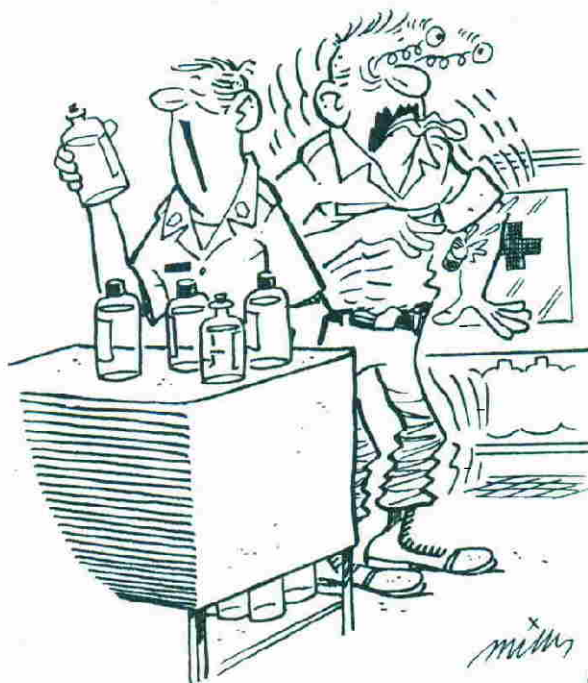
Lt.Col. Iwamura and Chief of Supply Maj. Chung were proud of RMS in receiving excellent during the MEI/ORI inspection. It was the first and hope not the last time that every branch recieved excellent. The personnel were proud of themselves too.

From our Motorpool, in preparation for the ORI/MEI, their Cinderalla night crew, under stern direction of the wicked stepmother, TSG Douglas Yano, really did a did a "hands and knee" job on the garage and bay floors. It took them several nights to ge the entire area into an excellent shape. But Yano made up for his wicked step-mother act, he took some of his men out for a little bar hopping after all the work was done. At one of the bars, a star was born. SRA Delwin Beazley took the stage for a little singing and guitar playing. When it was time for someone else to take the stage, Beazley was reported to be quite reluctant to step down. Talk about "HOG CHEEZE".

Welcome home goes out to AR Russell Chang from our Motorpool Branch, he just returned from basic training.

Need your income taxes done or need advice, inquire through Geri Heatherly. She can give you info in solving your problems.

Thats is all for now. See you next month, until then, GOODBYE.....



"...and you needn't worry about the medication being habit-forming—no one has been able to get down more than one dose."

FROM THE CAREER ADVISOR

by TSgt. John Childress
Asst. Base Career Advisor

The holiday season is over and we all look forward to a productive 1983.

The ability of the Air National Guard to fulfill its proper role in the defense of our state and nation depends on people. As supervisor, you play a critical role in the retention of this valuable resource. One way of enhancing the possibility of retaining quality Guard members is to provide meaningful, challenging work assignments. Another way is to provide "kudos" to those members whose work is deserving of it.

The supervisor is often required to provide constructive criticism to workers. Equally important is the requirement to provide a "thank you" for a job well done.