

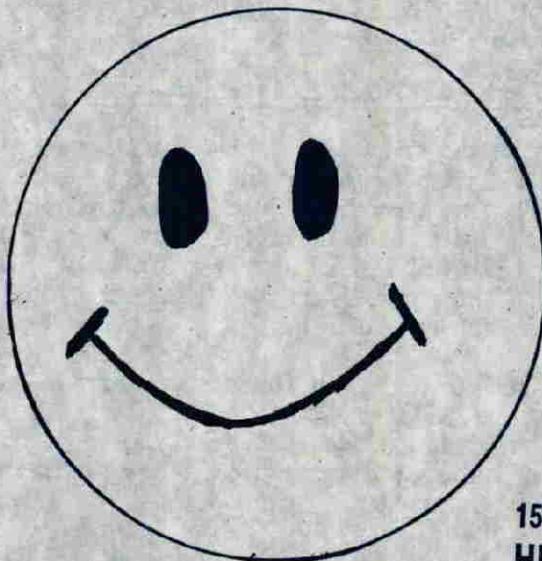


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154TH FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR GROUP

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SAFETY DAY !!

### BASKETBALL SHOWDOWN

The Fighter Group's entries in this year's HNG OAHU Basketball Tournament are doing very well. The "B" Team coached by James Dang has a 3 win 2 loss record, very impressive! Coach Dang has attributed their success to the great leaping and shooting abilities of Reuben Begonia and Alvin Dang, both part-timers with the Group. Another asset giving them strength under the boards is Richard Gabriel of CAMRON's C-7 Crew.

Mike Chow's "A" team has suffered only one loss after five games. It was a "squeaker" to the 298th Field Depot, HARG, HNG defending champions of the annual tournament. In that thriller, Wayne Soma missed a crucial two-pointer with one second remaining in the game. Final score, 298th 46, "A" Team 45.

The final game for both teams will be 10 February (Tuesday) at 1900 hrs. The coaches are anticipating a real "match-up" when Tyrone Baptist, Howard Young, and Hazelet Weatherwax attempt to pour it on! With steady players like El-pedio Tivera, James Pahukula, Ken Morimoto, Dave Yoshitake & Bob Darrow, this "Show Down" should prove to be very interesting!! Everything hinges on this very important game. The "A" team still has an outside chance for the title if the 487th Arty can beat the 298th Fld Dpt, thereby creating a three-way tie for the title. This game between the two HARG teams takes place right after the big clash between our "A" & "B" teams.

All Air Guard rooters are urged to attend the games which are held at the 487th ARTY Gymnasium, 22nd Ave., Ft. Ruger.

### Revised ACSC Associate Programs

During 1976, the Air Command and Staff College will accomplish a major revision of its Associate Programs (seminar and correspondence). The present 4-course, 80-lesson curriculum will be shortened to two courses and 40 lessons. This revised program should be available this summer and will allow students to complete intermediate level PME in approximately one year. Present students will transition to the revised program at course completion points will be provided in the near future.

Course material continues to focus on three study areas--Military Environment, Command and Management and Military Employment. The increased emphasis on staff communications has produced revised speaking and writing requirements for seminar students and the introduction of a new staff communications course for correspondence students.

Enrollment in an ACSC seminar is open to active and reserve (non-extended active duty) majors and major selectees. In addition, space available membership is provided to active and reserve (nonextended active duty) captains with over seven years PLS/TFCS and DOD civilian employees in the grade of GS-11 and above and Civil Air Patrol (CAP) officers in the grade of major or above and captains who have seven or more years as a senior member. CAP enrollees must have completed SOS. No waivers to these enrollment criteria are available.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT GUY M. MATSUGUMA, [REDACTED], 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, is posthumously awarded the first silver kahili to the Hawaii National Guard Medal for Merit for extraordinary achievement displayed during his Hawaii National Guard service. Authority: HANGR 900-10, paragraph 5.

STATE INCOME TAX EXEMPTION

REMINDER . . . . . that \$500.00 of your military pay received for CY 1975  
is EXEMPT from STATE income tax.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION

To assure that the American people are fully informed about matters of National Defense, the Department of Defense will conduct its activities in an open manner, consistent always with the need for security and personnel safety. It has been said that ours is a nation which is guided and directed by the people, and that given access to information they will find their way to right decisions. From this it follows that government will serve us well only if the citizens are well informed. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, unclassified information, other than that specifically exempted by the Act, is to be readily accessible to the Public. As a member of Congress, I was an advocate of the freedom of information act. As Secretary of Defense, I reaffirm my commitment to its intent. The following principles apply:

1. The Department's first concern must be the security of the United States and the safety of the men and women of the armed forces. Information which would adversely affect the Nation's security or endanger military personnel should not be disclosed.
2. No information is to be classified solely because disclosure might result in criticism of the Department. To avoid abuses, the declassification and classification criteria set forth in Department Directive 5200.1R will be strictly observed.

3. The provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552), as amended, are to be supported in both letter and spirit.

4. The Department has a responsibility to make available accurate and timely information about plans, budgets, and activities so that the public, the press and the Congress may assess and understand proposals and programs. In our increasingly interdependent world, it is even more important that the elements of national security and defense strategy be available to and understood by the public. Successful recruitment and retention of the active and reserve all-volunteer force also requires that there be information available as to the Department's goals and objectives. Therefore, when interested citizens request defense information and/or speakers, every reasonable effort should be made to be responsive.

5. The Department's responsibility to provide the public with accurate, timely information on its major programs will require, in some instances, detailed public information planning and coordination within the Department and with other government agencies. The sole purpose of such planning and coordination is to expedite the flow of information to the public.

Each addressee will review all pertinent policies and public information plans to insure prompt and complete compliance with these principles. Practices which do not meet the foregoing criteria will be revised or rescinded.

The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) is responsible for advising and assisting me in the fulfillment of these public information principles throughout the Department. /s/ DONALD H. RUMSFELD, Secretary of Defense. (CINC NORAD/OIP MSG P281735Z JAN 76)

HNG ENLISTED ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The HNGEA is happy to announce the opening of the scholarship application for 1976-1977.

Guidelines and application forms are available to all members of the Association, and also available to the immediate family of members of the Association.

Send applications to HNGEA SCHOLARSHIP, MSG Nakaichi, HQ 159th Service Battalion, Fort Ruger, Honolulu, HI 96816. Deadline for application is 15 May 1976.

The Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association needs your combined support in getting SB #618 (formerly HB#315) "Tuition Assistance for Guard Persons in Higher Education" passed in the current Legislative session.

The Bill will be introduced to the Ways & Means Committee shortly. We strongly urge you to ask your district representatives in doing whatever they can in passing this sorely needed bill through their committee.

Your Legislative Committee numbers only seven (7) people. We cannot impress the local legislators enough with so few letters, so we need your combined support to show them that we are concerned for our National Guard Program.

This Bill if passed will definitely help the recruiting and retention program of the Hawaii National Guard as well as develop highly educated leaders within the National Guard Program.

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#### AUTOMOTIVE SPECIAL

Hawaii Regional Exchange Service Stations will present a free service certificate valued at 50¢ to its customers who purchase a "fill up" of 8 gallons of gasoline or more. Certificates will be presented 2 through 31 Jan 76 at full service and express gasoline lanes and are redeemable at all service stations and concession garages towards payment against any vehicle service repair. Redemption period for the 50¢ certificate will commence 2 Jan and expire 31 Mar 76. (Reprinted from KA LEO O KAAIA)

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS BACKGROUND ON AIR FORCE FLYING SAFETY

There continues to be considerable news media interest and concern regarding reported aircraft near misses, military intercept training and the crowded national airspace with its resulting control problems.

The United States Air Force is totally committed to the safety of flight. Flying is its mission and is a disciplined force with high standards for operations and training.

The Air Force is only one of the users of our national airspace and it respects the rights and needs of all users -- commercial, private and military. It is fully supportive of all means and measures to insure a safe flying environment in this limited resource.

All normal Air Force flight operations are scheduled under federal aviation regulations in addition to more restrictive Air Force directives.

Flight standards are enforced. All indications or allegations of deviations from flying regulations are quickly and thoroughly investigated. Suspected violators are promptly grounded and subject to more severe disciplinary action if justified.

All accidents involving Air Force aircraft are extensively investigated by the Air Force. Those military accidents involving civil agencies or operators are also investigated by the National Transportation Safety Board.

Because of its stringent training, strict compliance to service and FAA regulations, and complete investigation of all accidents, the excellent Air Force flight safety record continues to improve. In the past fifteen years the Air Force accident rate has been more than halved and the number of accidents has been cut by more than 75 percent.

One allegation which continues to be raised is that military pilots conduct mock intercepts against commercial and private aircraft -- so-called "targets of opportunity". Air Force policies strictly prohibit such activity. Recent allegations regarding mock intercepts have been investigated and proven unfounded.

All U.S. Air Force air-to-air engagements are conducted within specific guidelines published by the FAA and Air Force. These missions are thoroughly planned, coordinated and briefed prior to flight to all participants including both aircrew and ground controlling agency personnel.

The Air Force has clearly demonstrated its interest in aviation safety and its intention to operate within the federal air traffic system. Instrument flight rule operations, which provide controlled separation between aircraft, are used to the maximum extent possible. Close contact and coordination is maintained daily with the Federal Aviation Administration at the national, regional and local levels. For example, the Air Force officers assigned directly to FAA offices throughout the country.

Along with the other airspace users and the FAA, the United States Air Force will continue to strive to make the air an even safer environment for all. (NGB/OI Msg, R191804Z Jan 76)

## YOU GOT A PROBLEM?

Do you feel your unit is treating you fairly? The Human Relations Council (HRC) has been established to promote improved human relations, racial harmony, and equal opportunity for all 154 FIG personnel. The HRC held its first meeting on December 7, 1975.

The policies and purposes of the newly established council were discussed by Capt Saromines, who is the Equal Opportunity and Treatment Officer for the 154 FIG. Areas of complaint with regard to race, sex, religion, color, and national origin will be discussed at each HRC meeting. Also, group problems pertaining to equal opportunity and treatment will be on the council's agenda. Specific problems that need consideration are promoting friendliness in the ANG and dissolving cliques. Another area of concern to the HRC is that of equal opportunity for promotion.

The Human Relations council is made up of one representative from each squadron and the Equal Opportunity and Treatment Officer. It is chaired by Lt Col Sumida, the Commander of the 154th Combat Support Squadron. MSgt Cofield, the advisor to the 199 Weather Flight, has had previous experience with Human Relations Councils on active duty bases and is voluntarily serving on our HRC as an advisor.

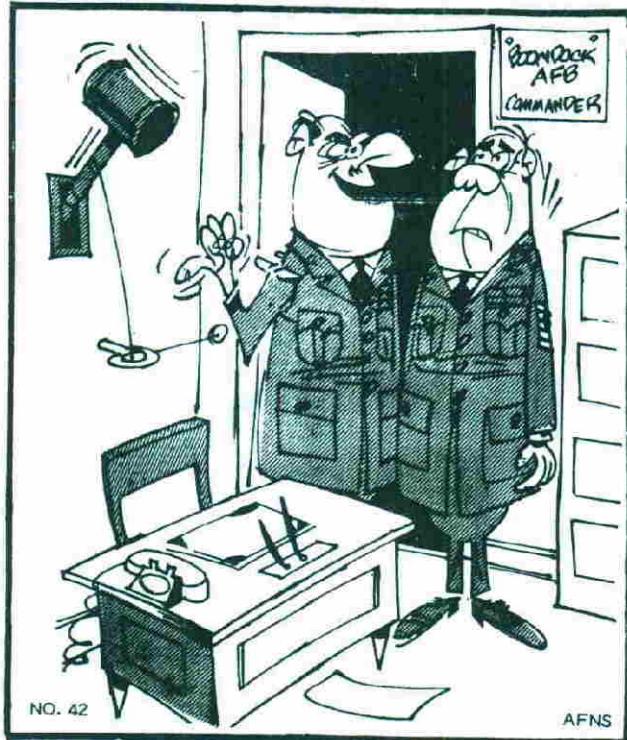
The HRC has been designed for you, the members of the 154 FIS. If there are problems affecting the group you are working with, discuss the situation with your HRC Representative and he or she can then bring the matter before the council to find a solution. The HRC cannot seek solutions to problems unless they know what the problems are! Support the HRC by insuring that you are being treated fairly. Keep your representative up-to-date.

The members of your HRC council are:

SSgt JAMES TOYAMA  
Sgt ALBERT KUAPAHI  
A1C MICHAEL O'GRADY  
AMN YVETTE HOPKINS  
1LT STEPHEN TAKASHIMA  
Sgt LANNETTE MURAOKA  
AMN CAROL KEANINI  
Sgt WAYNE HALL

199 Fighter Interceptor Squadron  
154 Civil Engineering Flight  
154 Combat Support Squadron  
154 CAM Squadron  
154 Supply Squadron  
154 USAF Clinic  
199 Weather Flight  
HQ 154 Fighter Interceptor Gp

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