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FACT SHEET

The National Guard Association, the Air Force Association, the Association of the U.S. Army, the Marine Corps Officers Reserve Association, the Navy League, the Naval Reserve Association, and the Reserve Officers Association have combined forces to develop and strongly support a Guard and Reserve recruiting and retention package for early consideration by the Congress. The package is composed of two parts, one part being a draft bill to provide educational assistance to non-prior service personnel, and the other part to provide re-enlistment bonuses for prior service personnel.

The criticality of the current Guard and Reserve strength situation makes it essential that effective action be taken immediately to find solutions to that problem. The Army National Guard strength dropped about 30,000 men in 1975 and 1976. The Air National Guard dropped about 2,000 in that same period.

The Selective Re-enlistment Bonus Bill

The Selective Re-enlistment Bonus Bill is designed to pay a bonus to Guardsmen and Reservists (or former active members) with a designated skill who re-enlist in designated units. The selectivity of the bonus program is determined by the designation of skills and units in which bonuses will be paid. The selective bonus provides for \$300 per year total payment to personnel with less than 12 years service. Payment will be front loaded, one-half upon enlistment and the balance in yearly installments. The three year enlistee would get \$450 on re-enlistment and \$150 a year for three years afterward, for a total of \$900. The six-year re-enlistee would get \$900 down and \$150 per year for the following six years, for a total of \$1800. Guard and Reserve personnel would have to re-enlist during the final 90 days of service on their current enlistment. The former regular, whose active service and training may make him a desirable accession, would be allowed to enlist for a bonus in a Reserve Component at any time during the six months following his honorable discharge from active duty.

The Educational Assistance Bill

While trying to stem the flow of qualified personnel from units with a selective re-enlistment bonus, the Associations also proposed an incentive which would attract desirable young men and women without prior service to enlist in the Guard and Reserve. The Association proposal for educational assistance would provide Federal payment of up to one-half of the costs of tuition, books and fees (not to exceed \$500 per year or \$2,000 for a full four year baccalaureate degree or its equivalent).

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The educational assistance is not only available to college students, but would also apply to those who wanted to enter technical or vocational schools. Requirements for entry into the program are applicable to non-prior service entrants only and high school graduates (or those within 180 days of graduation).

Enlistees must apply for the program at the time they enlist in a Selected Reserve unit, and must agree to automatically extend their enlistment two more years, for a total of eight years. It is open only to those who enlist after the first day of the month following the date that the bill is accepted for consideration in the Congress.

If you desire to write Congress in support of these two measures, call Lt. Col. James Lota at HQ 154th. Lt. Col. Lota has the names of key congressmen and their addresses.

QUEEN CANDIDATE VISITS 154th TFG

Sgt. Renee Jundt, 1957th Comm. Group's candidate for this year's Spring Festival, will be in the group area today, promoting ticket sales for the annual Hickam Youth Spring Festival to be held next month. Sgt. Jundt, along with her campaign manager, SRA Karen Mappin, a beauty in her own right, will be escorted by MSgt Wayne Soma of the Gnd. Comm. Section. Other candidates might also come around, but Renee's got'em all beat!!

...a couple of poems by A1C Louise Sharpe--

AIR NATIONAL GUARD YEARS

When I'm an Airman Basic,
I'll laugh and I'll play;
I'll sit in a corner and chatter away.

When I'm an Airman,
my studies will pay;
good skills and good knowledge
will pave my way.

When I'm a Sergeant,
I'll make my thoughts say,
I wish I had someone to stay with today.

But, when I'm an Officer,
all grown up and free,
I'll look back on my training days and say,
isn't it wonderful what basic training can do
to a basic trainee,
who can wonder away in this wide and promising
Air National Guard of today!

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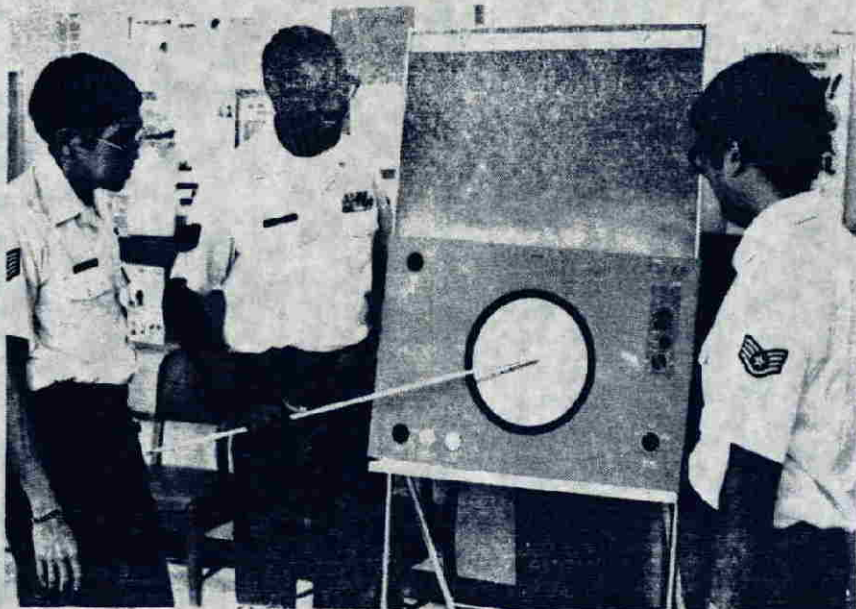
The people of Supply are so happy and
they help you from morning till end o
Their work's never done,
but they always have fun,
just delivering to the shops,
their priority ones.
They're never lazy,
but they're witth and quick,
just helping each shop,
when they're in such a mix.
They work together, hand-in-hand,
and then, on the double,
process all your demands.
They're fast and they're accurate,
and this is so true,
for they'll hurry to deliver,
your priority two.
They're always so busy, but yet so sw
that's why Supply is hard to beat.
They're a winning team,
and it's not just a dream,
for when you say Supply,
you can bet they're a team!

NEW CHALLENGES AHEAD FOR FIRST FEMALE
IN HANG'S 154th CAM SQUADRON ENGINE SHOP

An unlikely place for a woman you might say? Not for AB Mamo McCallum who became the first female to work as a jet mechanic in the 154th CAM Squadron Engine Shop. According to Mamo she feels right at home there. She had past experience with engines, in making minor repairs on her car.

She was introduced to the ANG by Sgt Alfredo Canopin and he recommended she go into jet mechanics, "because at that time I was undecided as to what field I wanted to go into", she said. She went through Basic Military Training at Lackland AFB, Texas and departed there on 27 OCT 76 with great anticipation towards her next assignment, Jet Mech School at Chanute AFB, Ill. She said, "that after adapting to this new situation (bootcamp Ha! Ha!) she realized how important teamwork was". On 31 JAN 77 she graduated from school and was ready to come back to sunny Hawaii to experience greater challenges working as a jet mechanic.

Mamo graduated from Maryknoll High School and is employed full time at the Cinerama Reef Hotel. Her extra-curricular activities include body surfing and volleyball to name a few. "I am currently learning from my experiences in the ANG and have not regretted coming in", she said. Asked if she would recommend the Guard to her friends she said, "YES". We want to say welcome and mahalo to Mamo.



The MAC Technical Advisor to the 199th Weather Flight MSgt William Cofield Jr., demonstrates FPS-103 weather radar operation to TSgt Blane K. Tsugawa and SSgt Ronald M. Sonoda through use of a mock-up.