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BENEFIT LAU LAU

A benefit Lau Lau sale for the HANG OHANA will be conducted from 6 August through October 21 this year, to support all activities of the organization.

As you may be aware, the HANG OHANA is into music, canoe racing, baseball, basketball and volleyball.

The Lau Laus, produced by Chuck Machado's organization will sell for only \$1.50 each and can be picked up in the Hangar area on October 21.

Purchase your tickets from any member of the HANG OHANA. (If you don't know who they are, that's OK; they'll find you!)

HANG OHANA CANOE NOTES

HANG OHANA Canoe Club has been accepted into the Hawaii Canoe Racing Association (HCRA). They will be participating in their first race on the 20th of August. Here is the scheduled races:

August 20, 1978 ----- Lanikai to Waikiki
September 2,3, 1978 ---- Kona (city of refuge to Kona)
September 16, 17, 1978 - KMCAS to Kahana Bay
Kahana Bay to Kailua Beach
October 15, 1978 ----- Molokai to Oahu

The canoe club is still looking for paddlers. Anyone interested call SSgt Jim Pahukula, 154 CAMRON, 449-5545. Wahines are also welcome.

COME AND SUPPORT THE PADDLERS!

154TH WING

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F-16s TO DEPLOY FOR TESTS

Three F-16 aircraft are scheduled for tropical, arctic and operational testing this year and early 1979. Air Force officials said the environmental tests are part of the final evaluation of the lightweight fighter and are designed to provide early operational data before the F-16 enters U.S. and European inventories. Tests will include weapons loading, shelter operations, quick turn-arounds and air-to-air and air-to-surface missions on test ranges.

BAGGER ISSUE IS STILL ALIVE

By Sgt Deb Cooper from the HAWAIIAN FALCON.

Baggers and carryout helpers at Hickam's Commissary will not become non-appropriated employees Aug. 1 as previously planned by Air Force Commissary officials, according to a message received recently by Eldridge Howard, commissary officer.

Instead, the entire change under which baggers and carryout people (who presently work for tips rather than a salary) will be delayed for 60 days.

The delay will provide time for consideration by Congress of a bill to exempt baggers from the Fair Labor Act, says Mr. Howard.

Baggers and carryout people will still be working for tips until a final ruling is made. Until further notice tipping for good service is still encouraged, said Mr. Howard.

A two percent user's fee charged customers at the cash register designed to fund baggers wages will not go into effect Aug. 1 as planned.

RESERVISTS, RETIREES GETTING HELP

The House has passed legislation authorizing Reserve retiree's participation in the military's Survivor Benefit Plan before they reach age 60.

It also passed and sent to the Senate a bill allowing enlisted Reservists to retire after 20 years' active duty in the Army or Air Force and a bill allowing retirees who were recalled to active duty to recalculate retired pay.

Reservists who at present retire (not from active duty) can't join SBP until they begin receiving retired pay at age 60. The survivors of those who die between retirement and age 60 receive nothing. Several military associations have worked to have Congress correct this.

The bill, HR11797, passed by the House would give a Reservist three options. He or she could (1) decline to join SBP until age 60, (2) elect an SBP program which would provide an annuity when he would have reached 60, or (3) elect a survivor annuity payable on the date of death, whether it occurs before or after age 60.

The bill also provides medical benefits to a survivor at the same time she or he begins receiving the survivor annuity.

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DIS-N-DOT (Continued)

Sporting shiny new Major leaves: Group Safety Officer Ken Wicks.....
Outstanding Airman for 1978 is TSgt Rodney Correa (CEF) who received
the HNG Enlisted Association's Outstanding Airman Award for FY 1978
during a recent general meeting.....The Navy sank the HANG Gang in a
softball game 10 July.....In the months ahead, watch for more "flextime"
in Government and private industry. With our crowded highways, its gotta
come!.....If you think military budgets are tight, wait till next year.
California's Proposition 13 is catching on all over the United States. And
Congress and President Carter "got the message". Enough already!.....
Our engine sound suppressor project has been completed and was accepted on
12 July; The aircraft sound suppressor project is estimated to be completed
in September.....Welcome aboard to new medical personal in the form of
Capt Lloyd Ito (dentist) and Capt Wendy Patton (nurse).....In the bad news
department, congress has got the word that Russia is building a bomber
similar to the B-1 which President Carter killed last year.....If you are
wondering why you have not seen CWO Donald Beman around the hangar, wonder
no more; he has retired and is living in the Northwest. Capt Patrick
Hayashi has left the Security Police section and is now in charge of the
Motor Pool. His replacement at Security Police has yet to be selected.....

COLONEL JOHN LEE ASSUMES COMMAND OF THE 154th

Colonel John S.W. Lee, Chief of Staff of the Hawaii Air National Guard,
has assumed command of the 154th Tactical Fighter Group, replacing retiring
Colonel James R. Ashford.

Colonel Lee, a graduate of Farrington High School and the University of
Hawaii, served on active duty with the Air Force from 1956 to 1962, and
served in Vietnam in early 1970 under the Palace Alert program.

In addition to service in the 199th TFG as Flight Commander and Assistant
Operations Officer, Lee has served with Air National Guard units in Arizona
and Texas.

Honolulu born Lee is a 1967 graduate of the Air Command and Staff College.

He has flown the F-84, F-100, F-102, C-54, C-7 and will be checking out in
the F-4 next month.

Colonel Lee resides with his wife and three sons in Kaneohe.

THE HNGA IS CURRENTLY HAVING A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE. SEE TSGT DENNIS FUKUMOTO
OF THE 154th SUPPLY SQUADRON, WHO IS OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN.

Navy and Marine Corps Reserve enlisted persons can draw immediate retirement benefits after completion of 20 years' active duty. However, Air Force and Army enlisted Reservists must wait until age 60 before drawing retired pay. The bill, HR10341, passed by the House, would allow them, like Marine and Navy people, to draw the immediate annuity if they've served 20 years of active duty.

The other House-passed bill, HR10342, would allow retirees who were recalled to active duty between 1963 and 1973 for at least two years to recalculate retired pay based on that later active duty.

The law now stipulates that to recalculate such retired pay, the retiree must serve under the same pay scale for two years while back on active duty. Because no pay scale stayed in effect that long during this period, these retirees, recalled for the Vietnam war, could not recalculate their retired pay--although they had been promised such a recalculation.

All three bills now go to the Senate Armed Services Committee. The fate of the legislation there is uncertain.

COMMISSARY SURVEY SHOWS SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS

Prices at Air Force commissaries are about 25 per cent less than at supermarkets off base, according to a June survey by the Air Force Commissary Service (AFCOMS). AFCOMS officials said teams surveyed two supermarkets nearest each of eight bases scattered throughout the United States. Commissary prices ranged from about 21.6 per cent less than off-base prices, for an average of 24.9 per cent.

DIS-N-DOT

You haven't heard the last of suggestions that the services ought to go back to the draft. The issue is too hot politically to raise in an election year but more than one lawmaker is questioning the services' ability to live indefinitely with the all volunteer system.... The F-15 Eagle, the Air Force's newest and most advanced fighter, is on air defense alert duty with the North American Air Defense Command. TAC F-15s at Holloman AFB, N.M., became part of the peacetime air defense alert force for the first time last month.... The Defense Department plans to spend approximately \$15 million to develop a charged-particle beam weapon. Such a weapon, similar to a lightning bolt, can be aimed and reach a target in milliseconds (thousandths of a second) which is at least 1000 times faster than conventional warheads.... We overheard an airman refer to the neighbor islands as "outside islands". The people on the neighbor islands don't like to be referred to as "outsiders". The proper term is NEIGHBOR ISLANDS.... We hear that President Carter has approved and forwarded to the Senate for confirmation the nomination of Major General Lavern Weber for reappointment as Chief, National Guard for a period of four years....

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