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New Beginning

Just another day. Friday, 27 July 1979. It began, lasted the usal length of time and then ended. Somewhere during the hours that made up the day something very signifigant happened. A man that has been with the National Guard for 32 years retired. The following Monday he simply was not here. Where did the time go?

Lt Colonel James K Lota, admired, respected, and loved gave a lot of himself to the people of Hawaii through his service in the Air National Guard. He gave a lot to those in the Guard through hid dedication, hard work and gentleness

at all times.

On his last day Col Lota didn't want to talk about the times past or to shed a tear about leaving. It was simply another thing that had to be done. He did allow a few questions about his reflections on the HANG and about what comes next for him. What he had to say, even without the question to

go along with it, is self explanatory..

"It feels great to have been
a part of a great team."

"I'm very proud of everybody
in the unit. The high
point in my time here has to
be passing the last ORI."

"All the training paid off. I
didn't do it, the unit did."

"The future? Take it easy for
a couple of months then see
what happens...."

If Friday was just another day, then Saturday evening certainly wasn't just another Saturday night for either Col. Lota or anyone else that showed up at the Neal Blaisdell Center for what was simply billed as a retirement party. Now many of us have been to simple retirement parties before, none of us have been to a retirement party that equaled the likes of Col Lota's. Lots of people, meaning well over 300 turned out to show their respect and love for the honoree. People meeting new people and seeing those they already knew. By the time the actual official portion of the evening began, everybody was warm and friendly.

It was very evident that many people had put a lot of time and effort into making it a very special night. So many people that we're not going to name them and give them the big mahalos they deserve. They got their reward on Saturday night from the man who really

counted.

It was a very special night for all of us. The entertainment was fantastic up to an including a duet between Col. Lota and Nina. They sang the Hawaiian wedding song and while the Colonel may not be the likes of Don Ho, most there would honestly say that they've never heard it done more lovely.

Again it was a very special night

Aloha Jimmy, you'll not be forgotten.

Commander's ***** Corner

THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING IN THE FAWAII AIR NATIONAL GUARD...

We often hear discussions of "my obligation" to the Guard and how it forces members to do this or that. We tend to forget how we got into the Air Guard. It was a personal decision to join. Whatever the submotives were, your decision to join was also subject to approval by the Air Guard. It was not your right to join or your duty, (there are other ways to fulfill"cuty" obligations), but it was simply your

choice. This "choice to join" is being exercised by many "outsiders" to the point that the Composite Group is over 100% manned, and there are many more desiring to join but are not accepted. We the insiders, have qualified and belong to an aspiring organization. Because of the "quality of our personnel, our achievements and reputation have improved immersely. To be in the Hawaii Air National Guard is to be in that unit which excelled in the ORI, which deployed t Guam and Clark and performed outstandingly under Air Force rules and which continues to grow in capabil-We will never be ity and performance. And that is why a second rate outfit. it is a privilege to belong to the HAWAII AIR NATIONAL GUARD.

by Colonel John Lee

NOTICE---The deployment plan for Nov 79 has been officially cancelled due to an incompatibility of training dates with PACAF Forces. However, the deployment in June will be implemented. That deployment entails one week at Anderson AB, Guam and one week in Misawa, Japan. This deployment will involve six (6) aircraft and approximately 130 personnel.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ROUNDUP.....by TSgt Samuel Wong

We're proud to open our portion of th Kukailimoku with the armouncing of pro As of 16 July 1979, the fol metions. lowing people were promoted up to th grade indicated. From the comptrolle office: MSgts Oscar Nakamura, Elvin Nishioka and SSgt Gilbert Kaneshiro, who operates out of the TMO, just bac from Hazardous Cargo School in the cit of Minnesota. On his way back, Gil stopped off in Las Vegas to try hi "skill" at the casinos....We would lik to introduce to all of you and at th same time welcome to our family son new folks. Working out of TMO is SSg1 Jennifer Symister and working out (the supplies systems branch, SSgt Al Surrell...Although he's not new to ti supply area, we'd also like to welcor back TSgt Ivan Mineshima. Ivan wi operate out of the Material Manageme Branch. TSgt Dennis Fukumoto keepi in shape by jogging from work to h home in Pearl City, a pretty long hi considering he has to run up Waima Home Road. While we're on the subjec we wonder if Dennis passes MSgt Baldw Yamashiro and his wife while running the road? The Yamashiro's have be seen taking their daily walk down th Talk about ha much traveled road. luck. TSgt Clayton Tamayose had t sets of keys with him one day. Would you know it; he managed to lock bo sets in his car. Sgt Pam Eiler busi preparing for a very important da More on that later Till next month



September

15 & 16

General

... TAKES A RIDE...

General Ishimoto last week decided it was time to see what us folks down here at the 154th were really up to. So with the help of Col Kurt Johnson, he got a birds eye view from the tack seat of one of our F-4s. After spending a few hours over the previous few days inside the simulator, the General, admitting to a bit of apprehension, stepped on board aircraft 592 and sped away into the sky on Friday, 27 July. After a little more than an hour in the air he was back on the ground safe and, as far as we could tell, sound. Before climbing out of the ockpit he gave the ground crew a tight smile and a trumbs With his feet firmly back on terra firma, General Ishimoto could only say things like: 'errific, Outstanding.... Ready for more..." The last time the General took a ride with us was in the early 70's, so he definitely was He remarked several times about the amazing power of the bird once the afterburners cut in. How did he like going supersonic? "Great. What a kick it was." Was there anything he didn't like? *Well it sure was warm in there and my glasses kept fogging up to the point where I had to take them off." There also was apparently some discomfort from the pressure belt when Col Johnson did a bit of the ole' loop-de-The General made several remarks about what he wanted to do when the belt began to tighten. He mentioned they were not for publication.

The General goes to Misawa, Japan next month to check things out for next years deployment and wanted to get to know what the F-4s requirements might De. He said that now he has a much better idea of what to look for once he's in Japan. "Everybody should have, once in their service, a ride in one of these

aircraft. It's just amazing.

Remember . . .

10 YEARS AGO IN KUKAJLIMOKU.....

The Hawaii Air National Guard honored moonmen astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins on their arrival at Hickam inside a special unit for isolation purposes. As the unit was being loaded on a C-141, 10 F-102s flew overhead followed by three more, one of those peeling left and the other two peeling off to the right signifying the separation of the lunar module from the command ship.

5 YEARS AGO IN KUKAILIMOKU.....

Not much happening five years ago...Big story about a group of HANGuardspeople deploying to the Big Island for special maneuvers. It was reported that the Guardsmen (women) accomplished several gallons worth of opihi picking along with successful interception and kill of 5 Ulua, many Papio and several small tiger shark aggressors. After bivouac on the beach, satisfied fold returned home on Sunday. A Big well done!



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"The first Enlisted Selective Retention Board for the Hawaii Air National Guard will be convened during November 1979. The requirement for the establishment and authority of the board is governed by ANGR 39-06, dated 1 August 1978 and HANG Supplement 1, dated 27 July 1979.

The hoard will be considering noncommissioned officers with ETS between the period of 1 May 1980 through 30 April 1981 and who will fall within the following grade and length of service criteria hased on their ETS:

- (1) Chief master sergeants with over 30 years satisfactory
- (2) Senior master sergeants with over 28 years satisfactory service. service.
 - (3) Master sergeants with over 26 years satisfactory service.
- (4) Technical sergeants with over 23 years satisfactory
- (5) Staff sergeants and below with over 20 years satisfactory service. service.

Individuals whose ETS falls within the period cited above will be considered by the board for retention and will be notified in writing by their unit commanders at least 60 calendar days prior to the convening of the board. Individuals will be afforded the opportunity to submit a letter to the board on any matter of record they feel important for the board to review. The letter must be received by the board no later than 20 calendar days before the meeting of the board.

The Enlisted Selective Retention Board will consist of at least three voting members who are officers or NCOs senior to those being considered, with at least one member being a field grade officer. The board will consider the following in their evaluation:

- (a) Past record of interest and dedication for military activities.
- (b) The availability of the individual for military activities.
- (c) Demonstrated performance.
- (d) Other factors bearing on maintaining a viable combat ready unit in future years.

Individuals recommended for and not recommended for selective retention by the board will be notified in writing by their unit commanders. Those not recommended for retention may submit an appeal to the Adjutant General within the time period specified in ANGR 39-06.

The objective of the enlisted selective retention program is to provice for a healthy, viable, and combat ready force with reasonable opportunity for development and grade progression of the enlisted force.

It is recommended that all affected and interested personnel review ANGR 39-06, as supplemented. All questions related to the selective retention program should be directed to SMSgt Darryl Ho, 449-5701 or SMSgt Kozen Kaneshiro, 732-2341."

SAFETY (>

AFOSH INSPECTIONS: WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

"Not me, that's safety's job." "No way that's a fire write up and you're looking for safety problems---I don't buy that." "But the fire department was just through here last month and they said that everything was OK."

If these are some of the answers that you hear when performing AFOSH+inspections, then the supervisors and the workers in your unit are misinformed about who is responsible for occupation safety and health programs. Certainly the fire department may have been in your facility just last month, but the hazards can occur within minutes and they cannot wait another month to be corrected. No matter who's conducting an inspection or what type of inspection it is, once a hazard is observed, it is the inherent responsibility of the commander, manager or supervisor in charge of the operation to initiate action to abate the unsafe or unhealthful condition. They must also take interim procedures to eliminate the hazard until it is permanently corrected. Just calling a work order into the civil engineers does not relieve you from the responsibility of providing a safe environment. The idea that Safety, Fire Department and Environmental Health conduct all the inspections and only in their respective areas is a thing of the past. Each agency interrelates with the other and compliments the total goal -- a safe and healthful work environment.

So then who is responsible for the AFOSH inspections? EVERYONE. AFR 127-12 requires commanders, functional managers and supervisors to conduct periodic self-inspections for hazards. It also requires all Air Force /Air Guard employees to promptly report safety, fire and health hazards. Since all of us fit at least one of these categories then it is our responsibility to comply with the directives. Don't get these responsibilities mixed up with the annual, quarterly or monthly inspections

conducted by Group Safety, Fire Dept., or Environmental Health. There are many AFOSH inspections conducted by many different people, some are in some depth, some are not, but all are equal in importance for mishap prevention!

by Major Kenneth P Wicks, SE

MORE BENNIES FOR QUARDSPEOPLE.....

A trial program is underway here in Hawaii which allow members of the HANG to use certain Active Military facilities any time you want to.

The Hale Koa Hotel now permits holders of red ID cards to use its food and beverage facilities which includes by the way some six watering holes, a coffee snop and a fine dining room that only serves dinner. Dinner prices run from \$7.25-\$10.00. Guard members also now can use the sports facilities up at Fort Shafter. Among them are the bowling alley, swimming pool, tennis courts and the baseball/softball fields. Go ahead and take advantage of these bene-They're now there for your use. Also don't forget that you can go to any of the base movie theaters. The method is the same as going to the exchange. Bring your pay stub and your allowed one day's movies for each day of training. That by the way doesn't prevent you from going to the exchange too. Bring your family and friends, but remember to bring your red ID with you and pay stubs or orders. Also, always remember that you're representing Hawaii Air National Guard. yourself in a manner that will bring credit to yourself and HANG.

Congratulations to MSgt Howard Okita and his Kailua American Little League team for winning the 1979 Hawaii State Little League Major Division Championships. The team heads for San Bernadino California on 9 Aug to take part in the Western Regional Championships. Great work Howard and luck to your team.....

We congratulate the following individuals on their well deserved promotions: MSgt Roy Kawamura (PhotoCCTV). Carl Wai and Theodoro Ganade (TP); TSgt: Stanford Dobashi (Gp Hg), Rodney M. Tokuda (IP), And to AlC Brian Can (DA) and Margie L. Simonson (CoPO).

Good luck and our support to AB Paul Taketa who left for BMT. Our warm Aloha and welcome to AlC Margaret Conway and AMN Deborah Turner who are assigned to CBPO. We also welcome SSgt Linda Boak who is with the Wisconsin ANG and performing her UTA's with us for a couple of onths.

Inanks to the advance party that camped overnight at Beliews AFB to secure our picnic area on 14 July. Word is out that the transportation bunch is after a grudge match with the CBPO lads and lassies after a hilarious softball game. Sincere thank you to First Sgt. Delbert Dandurant and his crew for a highly successful and enjoyable day and for all the one kaukau, pupus and drink not to mention fun!

Almost forgot...Congratulations to Lester Ho for his promotion to SSgt.

P.S...Wayne Soma earned a big, real. big actually, "Attaboy" for being an outstanding M.C. at Col Lota's great retirement party....

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE REALLY BIG 2ND ANNUAL LUAU AND CANOE RACE HAPPENING ON SATURDAY 11 AUGUST OUT IN FRONT OF THE GOLDEN ANCHOR RESTAURANI. IT COSTS \$10 BUT WHAT'S MONEY? MAKE YOUR PAYMENTS TO MSGT GORDON MART-IN (OM) BY THE END OF DRILL DAY ON 5 AUG. THE PRICE INCLUDES DRINKS (ALL KINE), AND LOTS OF ONO FOOD. COME ONE COME ALL AND HAVE RUN, EXCITEMENT, FUNNNN. ALSO OTER KINE GOOD STUFF!!!!!

What's happening at the bx? by dialing 533-8248 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. ************ CHANGE OF COMMAND.....

326th GETS NEW CHIEF..... Last Tuesday there was a change of co. mand ceremony at Wheeler AFB. Colone Robert S. Johnson handed over command of the 326th Air Division to Colone Frederick B. Hoenniger. The ceremon was attended by Col. John Lee and others from the 154th. Col Johnson wi be heading to Tyndall AFB, Florida Commander of the USAF Interceptor Weap Colonel Hoenniger come to Hawaii from Osan AB, Korea where he wa Commander of the 51st Composite Win (Tactical) PACAF.

Our best wishes and aloha to both men. *********

KUKAILIMOKU GETS NEW LOOK... (AGAIN) PLEASE HELP!

The Kukailimoku wants you and needs yo to supply information It's entirely your newspaper! Whatever you want i it (almost), you can have. How about Classified section? Airman of the 154 Award? Anything al all is possible If you have any suggestions, drop the off in the trailer mailbox marked OI c see Lt. Hurley. We can do good thing with this paper. We can be made mor aware and at the same time have:a fe If you know something has chuckles. pening that you think your fellow HAI members should know about, let the unpaper know. The Kukailimoku will te all.

Beginning this past week, the NEW... science fiction thriller diller....

"ALIEN" is being shown on the Hawaii Military The 117 minute futur movie circuit. galactic horror film is supposed to plunge the viewer into a whirlpoo o horror and suspense. The film's rat (R) and will be shown at the followin theaters:

Wheeler Theater Aug 5+8 Hickam (Aloha) Theater Aug 12 Aug 18-21 Hickam (Memorial) Theater Aug 26-28 Fort Shafter (Richardson)

The CAM Squadron Officers and Enlisted men would like to extend our fondest Aloha to Col James K Lota on his retirement. Col Lota has been an inspiration to us all and we will miss His contributions will always be remembered by those who he worked for and those who worked for him. We wish Col Lota and his family the best of everything and we know he will enjoy his retirement very much...Good golfing Jimmy.

During the last deployment at Quam and Clark, all the MSgts from the CAM Sq took over the maintenance and running of the mission at both bases. MSgt Wally Takasane ran the night shift and MSqt Tom Kato the entire show. MSgt Billy Bacalso ran the day shift. Comment from those Air Force people taking part were great, "The HANG personnel really

did a super job."

The 2nd Annual Hawaiian Luau/Canoe Race between Hawaii and several Mainland units will be on 11 Aug at Foster Point (Anchor Club). The race will begin at 1600 and will include the defending champs from Reno. Also taking part will be teams from California, Tennessee, Arkansas and Wyoming. The boys from our group have promised, because of 4 months of practice to "Get them this time." Tickets cost \$10 for the food, drinks, door prizes, etc. Join the good fun time.

Congrats on recent promotions.... SMSgt Mamo Minami, Sgt Johnson Sensano, TSgts Val Kaloa and Stewart Lee, SSgts Nelson Hao, Hilario Mangonan and Steve Also to SRA Helen Elsey.

Thirty years ago the following men began working for the Federal Government SMSgt Toshio Oshiro, MSgts Benny Goo, Tom Katc, David DeMattos and Tony They were honored by the DOD Bacalso. at a luncheon last month. Airman Russ Kikuchi recieved two outstanding performance awards while at the WCS course at Lowry AFB. He has a 99% so far, just 1% point away from perfection. Right on Russ, Keep up the good work. Story on Golf next month. . Aloha for now. BASE GAS PRICING FOOLS SOME********* (INCLUDING EDITOR)

If your planning on buying some gas soon at the base outlets, watch your The pricing system has gone to price per half gallon. In front of the outlets are signs reading ... "1/2 Gal. Price Policy in Effect....Please Pav Twice the Amount Shown on Dispenser. Now what all this means without us going to our calculators is that if you want to buy five dollars worth of gas, you pump until the numbers in the little window read \$2.50. It seems strange at first to pay twice what the little ole numbers read, but you'll soon get used to it, or so it's hoped. By the way, as of press time, here were

the prices for gas on base...

UNILADED ... 48.6¢ (per half gallon) LTHYL 49.1¢ REGULAR 45.8¢

AND THE PRICE HIKES, LIKE THE HITS JUST KEEP ON COMIN'.

GET PAID FOR FIRST AID ...

Since April of this year, the 154 Clinic folk have been offering First Aid training using the American Red Cross Multi-media film. This training is open to anyone in the unit. However it masn't, up to now, been very well attended. The training is conducted on Saturdays (non-drill) in the COMPG Dining Hall and is limited to between 8-12 people on a first come-first served basis. Some funds may be available for you to be paid for a day of special training. Check with your unit commander to find out about that situation. Commanders should check their OSHA requirements on the number of personnel to be First Aid trained. If you're too short, this would be a great way to fill The next class will in the gaps. be on 19 Sep. Think about it. You may just be able to save a life someday! The OPR for this class is Capt. Judith Call the clinic for more Fadrowski. information. 449-2461.



"Sorry, Sir; I can't gas you up. Today's for odd numbers only."

Skydive

ANYONE INTERESTED IN FORMING A HANG SPORT PARACHUTING CLUB? (SKYDIVING) IF SO THEN CONTACT 1LT MIKE HURLEY.

"WHO'S HE?" HE'S THE NEW GROUP IO AND EDITOR OF THIS HERE NEWSPAPER WHICH IS HOW THIS ANNOUNCEMENT GOT IN. AMONG OTHER THINGS HE IS A SKYDIVING INSTRUCTOR AND A MEM-BER OF THE TROPIC LIGHTNING SPORT PARACHUTE CLUB AND HE WOULD LIKE TO IN-TEREST OTHERS IN THE SPORT. "WHERE CAN WE GET A HOLD OF HIM?" WELL, ON DRILL WEEKENDS TRY THE CCTV ROOM IN THE HQ BUILDING OR CALL 735-1223 IN THE EVENINGS. "ISN'T SKYDIVING DANGEROUS?" A LITTLE. "IS IT FUN?" SURE IT IS, OTHERWISE WHY DO IT? "SOUNDS CRAZY TO ME." PROBABLY SO, BUT WHAT THE HECK!



Guardspeople!!! Don't forget that the C-7 flies inter-island quite often and usually has space on board for members who want to get away from it all (for short periods). Every month a schedule is printed up with the times the plane is leaving, where it's going and when its coming back. On the following page are calenders with the schedule for the rest of August and the first part of September. The plane won't be in the air until Aug 28th because of it's 150 However the hours phase evaluation. schedule for September is full of dates that the plane will be up. Remember, some flights may not have any room on them or may be cancelled so be prepared to pay your own way back. Usual stopover times on the islands average about 20 minutes up to 2 hours. If you want to go call MSgt Wong at 449-6840 or MSgt Ramous at 449-2954 and let them Don't forget that you have to show up an hour before departure and be in uniform.

SHUTTERBUGS START SHOOTING\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

The National Guard Bureau and the National Guard Association are once again co-sponsoring a nationwide photo contest open to all Guard members. The awards aren't too shabby. There are two \$500 cash prizes, four \$150 prizes and four for \$75. In addition, winners get Meritorious Service Awards and a letter of commendation from the Chief, National Guard Bureau. The general rule is that the photos have to be concerned with the National Guard mission. Semi-naked hula dancers won't make it. want more information or copies of the Official rules and entry forms, see Sgt Biho or drop by the CCTV room during drill periods. Wouldn't it be nice if someone from the unit won? It could be you!

\$5000 is the ultimate goal of a current fundraising effort by the HANG Ohana Canoe club in order for them to buy a koa canoe. The main source of money right now, according to Mel Akamine, is by way of Zippy's Chile Tickets which you can buy for \$1.75, almost half of which goes to the club and if you don't turn your tickets in they get the entire amount. So far they've collected over \$1000 by way of Chile but they need so much more...so dig deep and stroke the palms of canoe club members with money. Tickets are available from any club member. There's 29 of them around so you shouldn't have any troubl- finding

A little background on the club might perk your interest. They formed up two years ago with the firm support of General Ishimoto. They currently go out and practice every day except Sunday in their fiberglass canoe in the waters right in front of the base. The reason the need a koa canoe is that it is one of the requirments for full membership in the Hawaii Canoe Racing Association (HCRA). Right now, because they don't have the wood canoe, they can't compete in HCRA regattas which are the big time of canoe paddling. A beautiful Koa log is sitting down on the Big Island right now just waiting for the HANG paddlers to buy it. The cost will just be for the log and some preliminary cutting as the club coach, Sonny Veracruz, has volunteered to do all the work on the finishing of the canoe for free! Another reason to give some money is that we all can expect a heck of a luau if they ever do get the canoe in the water. Right Ohana Canoe Club????

REMEMBER _..

EVERYBODY PLAYS HIS OR HER ROLE IN THE MISSION AND WITHOUT IT THE MISSION MAY FAIL!

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