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KUKAILIMOKU TEN YEARS OLD THIS MONTH

Born on 7 February 1954, KUKAILIMOKU is ten years old this month. The first issue announced that "the publication of this issue ushers in the birth of KALEO O KUKAILIMOKU with the expressed intent of developing closer ties .. among the men of the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron...." It was hoped then that the new paper would be permanent.

The first edition also ushered in the jet age in the Hawaii Air Guard. The lead story told about the arrival of 13 F-86 Sabrejets assigned to the squadron to replace the prop-driven F-47 Thunderbolts.

In 1957 the name of the paper was shortened to KUKAILIMOKU, with then SSgt. Arthur Lee winning a name-the-paper contest. Kukailimoku, Kamehameha's favorite war-god, was credited with the Hawaiian king's successes in battle. Literally, the name means Ku, the conqueror (or land-grabber.) His image is symbolized in the tiki insignia of the 199th.

Subsequent copies of the newsletter traced the growth and progress of the 199th. In 1961 it reported the arrival of sleek and faster aircraft, the F-102 Delta Dagger.

Today KUKAILIMOKU covers activities of the 154th FG units: 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 154th Materiel Squadron, 154th Combat Support Squadron, Detachments 1 and 2, 154th USAF Dispensary, and 199th Weather Flight as well as HANG CBPO, Comptroller, Base Supply, and BEMO.

The past ten years have seen many new developments. KUKAILIMOKU is still here to report them.

PILOT TRAINEES IN AF MAINLAND SCHOOLS

2d Lt James Haruguchi recently completed the undergraduate pilot course at Webb AFB, Texas, and is now at Perrin AFB, Texas attending the F-102 Advanced Interceptor School. He is to return in August.

The Group's newest pilot trainee, 2d Lt Stewart Mayes left for Webb AFB in January to begin his training.

Other pilot trainees in undergraduate pilot training are 2d Lts Steven Oka, Daniel Stone, John K. Morley, Roger Moore, and Robert Yee.

On duty with the 199th awaiting class assignment are new 2d Lts Alvin Lind, Horatio Hawkins, and Robert Muller.

All were commissioned and assigned to the 199th FIS the Group's pilot training program open to candidates between ages 18½ and 26½ with at least 60 semester hours of college work.

ROYAL GUARDS STEAL SHOW AT RECEPTION

We proudly quote parts of a Honolulu Advertiser item in last week's paper:

"Governor and Mrs. Burns hosted delegates to the National Association of Counties convention..at Washington Place. One of the prime attractions for the visitors was the..Royal Guard on duty at the reception.

"Almost as many visitors had their pictures taken with (the) guardsmen as asked to pose with Governor Burns.

"The Guard was reorganized by members of the Air National Guard.." A photo of MSGT Adam Aki in Royal Guard dress attire headed the news item.

199th FIS News

(Contributed by 1Lt. Franklin Fukui)

Capt Harold Nagai departed from the 199th as of the first of the month to assume duty as Operations Staff Officer with Headquarters HANG.

Pilots on alert duty will be moving back to new surroundings next week. The Alert Pad has been completely renovated to include sound proofing, air conditioning, a disposal unit, and other "comforts of home." It will prove a big asset to maintaining the Group's Air Defense mission.

New faces on the flight line. Flying with the 199th are:

1Lt. Col. Paul R. Henderson Jr.,.....
Director of Plans, 326th Air Division
..calls San Rafael home....previous
assignment: Ops Officer of 95th FIS,
Andrews AFB...has flown F-106, F-104,
F-102, F-94, F-89, F-86, F-84, P-80.

1Lt. Col. James S. Simon Jr., Hq PACAF,
Operations and Training (F-102).....
hails from Sedalia, Missouri...served
as Director of Tactics Development &
System Training at Interceptor Weapons
School, Tyndall AFB...flying experience
includes F-102, F-101, F-89,
F-86D, F-80 and P-51.

Major Paul L. Hummel, professor of
civil engineering at the University
of Hawaii, was granted a National
Science Foundation science faculty
fellowship to study for a doctorate
in soil mechanics. He leaves for
Northwestern University this fall.

(Ed. note: our thanks to 199th FIS
for designating a reporter to kokua
KUKAIIPOKU.)

EXCEPTIONAL SKT SCORES NOTED

SMsGt George Oshiro, 70270: 95%ile
SSgt Walter Komoda, 43171C: 90%ile
SSgt Thomas Sato, 43171C: 90%ile
SSgt Norman Tkachenko, 43171C: 90%ile
A2C Teodorico Fidel, 53450: 95%ile

RECENT PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to our new SMSGT and
other recently promoted personnel:

To SMSGT: Anthony Kim, 154 MATRON

To TSGT: Frederico Espina, MATRON
Walter Y. Komoda, MATRON
George Y. Matsumoto, MATRON
Roy M. H. Chee, CBPO
Stanley S. Kodama, CBPO
Richard T. Oshiro, 199 FIS

To SSGT: Manuel Bartolome, Jr. MATRON
Michael Zembik, Jr. MATRON
Francis Pang, CombT Spt Sq
Duncan R. Vierra, MATRON

To A1C: Matthew H. Sunada, MATRON
Melvin Uyeda, CombT Spt Sq

To A2C: Robert A. Bissen, MATRON
Elton Hirasuna, MATRON
Roy B. Hirohata, Gp Hq
Clifford Yamashiro, Gp Hq
Marshall Rosier, Gp Hq

NEXT DRILL DATES:

14 - 15 March

NEW FIRST SERGEANT FOR MATERIEL SQ

MSgt Bobby G. Biggs, Base Records
Officer at Hickam AFB joined Hawaii
Air Guard ranks last December and is
the new First Sergeant for the 154th
Materiel Squadron.

A qualified personnel technician, he
lives in Wahiawa with his wife and two
daughters. MSgt Biggs has served two
tours of active duty with USAF and has
been a reservist since 1961. His last
assignment was with Hamilton AFB.

The 154th MATRON, largest of all the
Group's units, is commanded by Major
Tyler Harr Jr.

Did you know that of 520 HANG personnel
enrolled in ECI and CDC courses in Feb
cal Year 1964, 311 were 154th FG person
nel?