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F-15 TO REPLACE F-4



On February 5, 1986, the Air Force announced proposed changes in the tactical force structure of the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The Hawaii Air National Guard's 24 F-4C (Phantom) fighter aircraft will be replaced by 24 F-15 (Eagle) aircraft in the summer of 1987, which will greatly enhance Hawaii's air defense system for the people of Hawaii. The F-15 is recognized as one of the finest fighter aircraft in the world today. Its superior acceleration, range, weapons and avionics will enable the Hawaii Air National Guard to intercept, identify and destroy, if necessary, potential hostile aircraft at a greater distance from our shores.

According to Major General Alexis T. Lum, State Adjutant General, "The aircraft represents a monumental leap for Hawaii's air defense and will provide a greater level of protection for the State of Hawaii. Hawaii has a definite need for this expanded capability and the Hawaii Air National Guard has demonstrated its ability to put the F-15 to the best possible use for our State and Nation."

The Hawaii Air National Guard becomes the third Guard unit in the nation to be programmed for the F-15s, following the 159th Tactical Fighter Group,

COPE CANINE - Hickam

A joint military air defense exercise is being conducted in and around Hawaii this weekend. People and equipment from the U.S. Air Force, Navy, Marines, and Hawaii Air National Guard will participate in the exercise. COPE CANINE, a USCINCPAC-sponsored exercise is planned and coordinated by the 326th Air Division and will test the capabilities and readiness of the 326th AD., the Hawaii Air National Guard and other military units to respond to simulated air attacks. The 326th Air Division, headquartered at Wheeler Air Force Base is responsible for directing and evaluating air defense activities during COPE CANINE. The Pearl Harbor-based guided missile destroyers, USS Goldsborough and USS Benjamin Stoddert will provide sea-based anti-air missile support during the exercise. Exercise activities will be held in designated training areas.

Participants in this exercise include the 154th Composite Group, 169th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron and 150th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, 199th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 15th Air Base Wing, 9th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, 6594th Test Group, 15th Air Force, March Air Force Base, California, and 961st Airborne Warning and Control Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan. Other units include Patrol Wing-2 and Fleet Composite Squadron-1 from Naval Air Station Barbers Point, and units of Marine Air Group-24 stationed at Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station. Our F-4C's provide the Air Force with response capability for the Air Defense of Hawaii. Additionally, the HANG operates two radar sites around-the-clock at ME. Kaala Air Force Station on Oahu and Kokee Air Force Station on Kauai.

Commanders Corner

by
Col. John S.W. Lee



Perhaps you've read about the Gramm Rudman-Hollings Act and how it's affecting our nation, national defense and the world economy. Well it has finally reached the Hawaii Air National Guard with considerable impact. In plain language, we will cut our budget beginning in April and for a total of six months by about \$1,000,000. In our operations and maintenance allocation, significant reductions were projected in the following areas:

- Civilian pay will be reduced by \$110,530 by freezing seven full time positions: 169 ACWS Air Traffic Controller, HQ 154 Management Assistant, Logistics Management Specialist, Aircraft Mechanic Foreman, CAMRON Production Controller, Health Technician, Military Personnel Clerk and the 201st Electronic Mechanic positions.

- Reduction in our F-4 flying will result in some savings. These savings will result in reduced training for our aircrews and if you look at why we are all here, you can now understand how big a "cut" we will be experiencing.

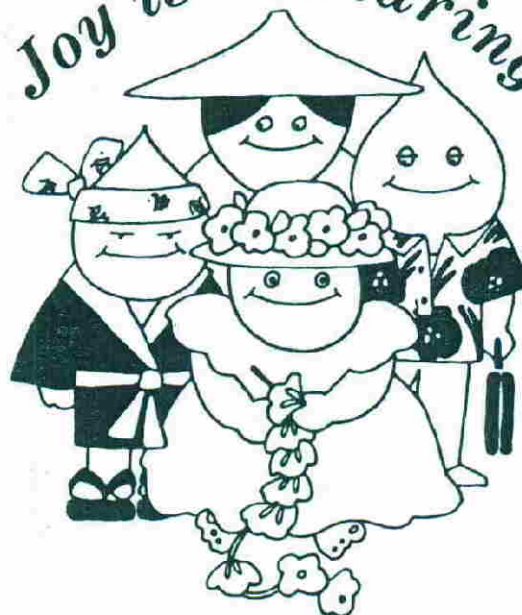
- Supply reductions of \$618,592 will affect every shop we have. Conservation and "penny pinching" measures have already been instructed to live on our austere budget.

- Other appropriation areas which will be reduced include our overhead living costs, travel, communication, equipment and medical funding.

What does this mean for you and me? It means that we must seriously look at what we are doing and how we are doing it with a deliberate assessment of making every training minute count. It means that several support areas will have to compensate for their projected manpower freeze through reorganized team effort; that supply accounts will require close control and spartan management and finally, the bottom line requires that

our flying sorties be optimised to meet our tactical training needs without compromising our demand for quality training and maintenance of our safety standards.

Joy is in sharing



BLOOD DRIVE

If you are a healthy person, aged 18 through 65, and weigh at least 100 pounds, the Hickam Air Technician Detachment and the Blood Bank of Hawaii invite you to their Blood Drive.

DATE: March 28 (Friday)

PLACE: 154th Dining Hall

TIME: 12:00-4:00pm

Call for an appointment (CMSgt Go, 449-1840). Refreshments will be available.

Hickam Air Tech Lifesaver members can fulfill their 1986 pledge by donating a pint of blood. New members are always welcomed.....Joy is in sharing.

Pastor's Patter



by Chaplain
(1Lt) Robert Nagamine

Stress in our lives is a real concern for us. We can fight it. We can try to run away from it. We can hope it will go away. We can even give it to someone. But we can not deny that it is here.

Stress is, as someone defined it, "the body's reaction to any demanding situation." It is what we receive when we work under too much pressure. Deadlines, "red tape" and tragic or joyful life events can bring on much stress.

Everyone has a certain degree of stress in his/her life. The degree of stress you are under is determined by the events that occur in your life. Fortunate events, as well as unfortunate events, bring on stress. Receiving a promotion to a new and better job, as well as mourning the loss of a close family member, can bring on stress. The learning of a new job with new responsibilities can be a taxing experience. The key is to manage your stress load.

Try to manage the changes in your life, if possible. It has been recognized that the more changes a person has in his/her life the more stress that person will have. Thus, we need to manage the events in our lives that are controllable. Events such as our sleeping and eating habits are controllable, while an event such as an accident resulting in personal injury is uncontrollable.

Identify the things that give you stress. Figure out a better "game plan" in dealing with what gives you stress. Sometimes it is better in the long run to make changes than to keep things the way they have always been.

Channel your stress energy to productive energy. When faced with stressful situations your adrenal glands release quantities of adrenaline into

your blood. Your body gets itself ready to produce extra physical energy. If that extra energy is not used, your body gets frustrated. The energy turns inward instead of outward. This is why you may have headaches, upset stomachs, fatigue or other undesirable symptoms. Exercise channels this energy. A good way to channel this energy is to train several times a week for the 3 mile walk or 1 1/2 mile run that we are required to do.

The level of stress we are under determines the quality of life we have. Since we all want to enjoy our lives, let us wisely manage the stress we have. Ultimately, let us remember to bring all of our concerns and anxieties before God and lay them at His feet. Prayer helps. God will help. What more can I stress?!



**Easter
Sunday
March 30th**

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CAM sq. news & views

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...Well gang, another drill weekend has come and gone, mission accomplished til the next drill...Remember last issue when I mentioned attaining the goals set by MGen Conaway when he visited us? I guess you've already heard what is in store for the Hawaii Air Guard in the months ahead, and you've no doubt seen a few stickers around with the picture of the F-15 aircraft. Well folks, "THE EAGLES ARE COMING!" Along with the new aircraft comes a very demanding and hectic period of training and preparing called "CONVERSION". There are many of us who went through several aircraft conversions and know what it will take for a conversion to be successful. It takes a good concerted effort on everyone's part to make it all happen, so, LET THE EAGLES COME!.....

...CAM Squadron now has ten Field Reporters, each responsible for reporting the news from their respective Branch or Shop to the Chief KUKAILIMOKU News Reporter (namely ME!!). The reporters are: Bernie Pharr of Admin; Victor Ioli of the Unit Career Advisor's office in Admin; Kenneth Camara of Field Maintenance; Alberto Batis of Organizational Maintenance; Kenneth Iinuma of Weapons and Reginald Chun of Munitions; Kenneth Morimoto is reporting for Quality Control; Jack Uhrig for the 1st Sergeant's office; Doug Abe for Programs and Mobility; and Rudy Luat is representing the Maintenance Controllers. The Field Reporters will forward any and all that is reportable. The following are items forwarded by all the aforementioned reporters...Flight Line-----

A special mahalo from MSgt Leonard Oliveira and family to all Guardsmen who attended his son's funeral. Mahalo also for the generous monetary contributions made to the family by he many caring friends..Sam Kekuna, the new HANG OHANA successor to outgoing president, William "Abby" Aberilla, is asking for Ohana support from all the Club members, officers, and directors. Current officers/directors of the Ohana are: Richard Saunders - Vice Pres; Bernice Pharr - Secr/Director (Hula); Ronald Cozo - Treasurer; Alberto Batis - Director (Musicians); Joseph Ah Kim - Director (Canoe Paddlers).

TSgt Dennis Mishima returned from Norton AF where he attended the MAC NCO Academy for weeks...New HANG Ohana member A1C Paul Kim who just recently returned from basic & tech school, was a Brown-Bag winner who currently sings with the St. Anthony Adult Choir. Paul comes from Kailua and is a talented musician and vocalist and is presently assigned with the Non-Powered shop. Welcome aboard, Paul.

...Field Maintenance-----A1C Robert Garcia is now at Sheppard AFB attending the Repair and Reclamation school. Congrats to Sgt Abigail Ratliff-Lewis. She participated in the Guam deployment and returned home in time to get married to husband Henry. That's dedication. Good luck to Sgt Wayne Kadekawa of Tire Shop who is in Las Vegas in a bowling tournament. TOP SECRET is the word from Chief Pontes and TSgt Gary Soma when asked about their hobby of boating and fishing respectively. Maybe Gary will be going fishing on Dave's boat?? Finally, congrats to Al & Jan Derego who are happily awaiting a newborn about September.

...From our Weapons & Munitions people----- Good Luck to TSgt Steven Morita and Sgt Bill Abilla who are the first Hawaii Guardsmen to participate in Creek Klaxon. They will be in Ramstein, Germany from February to July, and will support the Air Force alert requirements along with other Air Guardsmen from units on the mainland. MSgt Thomas Hirao of Weapon Shop is at Norton AFB attending the MAC NCO Academy for 6 weeks. Welcome back to....Er: Pratt who returned from a stint with the Air Force Reserve; Amn Robert Natividad and Mil Borges from basic and tech school; and Ar Benjamin Ronquillo is our newest Honor Graduate to join our ranks....Avionics Maintenance-- Welcome back to Russell Miyamoto of ECM and Keith Lee of Photo shop on their return from basic and tech school. Off to Lowrey AFB: TSgt Ron Muronaga who will be attending the Fundamentals of USAF Training Programs (work course). MSgt Raymond Choy attending the Computer School in Chanute and returns about 12 Mar...Admin News---SSgt Helen Tivera, who participated in her first deployment to Guam enjoyed herself so much that upon returning she reported to SSgt Bernie Pharr "Good fun can't wait to go back!" Helen was one of the few that didn't have to work TOO hard so she spent her time running around with some guys from the flightline. One of them even came up to the Admin office and asked for "MI GUAM". Sorry Jo, you just lost your title. If you're into dieting, and who isn't these days, then the Admin office has a diet menu just for you. It's called Kaiser Clinic (h

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CAM Sq Continued

and is supposed to help you lose 10 pounds?? in 3 days. A chemical breakdown of the food you eat is how the diet works. If you like meats, cottage cheese, carrots and a lot of vanilla ice cream, then this diet is a must for you. Actually, the diet is not as hard as it may seem. Some of the men reported as much as 6-8 pounds lost and the women about 4-5 pounds. If you need copies of the diet, the Admin office will be more than happy to give you a copy.....From Rudy's Maintenance Control office-----MSGT Jim Andrade will be going to the NCO Academy in Tennessee for 6 weeks.....From our 1st Sergeant's office-----make plans for our CAM Sq Picnic. Here's all the information you need right now:

Function.....154 CAM Sq Picnic
 Date.....25 May 1986
 Time.....0900 - 1500 hours
 Place.....Bellows AFS (tentative)
 Activities.....Baseball, volleyball,
 horseshoes, swimming,
 children's games
 Menu.....Food and beverages
 Cost.....CAM Sq SINGLE Member - \$2.00
 Immediate Family of
 CAM Sq Member----- \$5.00
 Outside Adult Guest - \$3.00
 (age 13 & over)
 12 & under is no charge

The recent success of the chili sale helped tremendously to keep the costs down. So make plans now to enjoy a day of fun and games...
 ...From MSGT Richard Kudo, the CAM Sq Awards Banquet will be held at the Japanese Chamber of Commerce on 20 Sep 86. Make plans to come together and honor our fellow members and to enjoy the festive program planned.....From our war correspondent Larry Kauleinamoku and Ron Mirafior, the G.I. Joe's of CAM Sq will be regrouping and will be out in force come 23 March. There will be 2 teams, each having a total of 24 members per team (48 people!!) and they will see who is the toughest (?) of the toughies. Looks like there will be a lot of people at work with sore muscles. If any other Squadron wants to fight a war, contact Larry or Ron for info.....Finally, a special mahalo to Major Shimomura for allowing me to get so much space the last couple of issues. We'll see if we can cut this down to a page next time. Til next issue...Buckle up, enjoy life and stay cool.....fhiga

150th AC & W

THE KOKEE VIEW



The 150th AC&W Squadron, Kokee AFS, Kauai, sent a contingent of 22 personnel 15 from Operations, 3 from radar maintenance, 2 from radio maintenance and 2 from Security Police to operate the radar facility at Mt. Santa Rosa just south of Andersen AFB, Guam.

This deployment involved a few days of radar evaluations before the 4-day exercise. ACW personnel again performed as true professionals in operating the Sector Operations Center (SOC) of the Marianas Air Defense Sector (MADS). This was the first large-scale operations of the SOC in its present configuration, and it proved to be very successful.

Our ACW contingent conducted adversarial operations with the 199th Tactical Fighter Squadron against PACAF and SAC units. Although outnumbered and outgunned, the talented HANG forces chalked-up their share of victories during the exercise.

The overall deployment was indeed challenging and rewarding for all of us. Teamwork and the "can do" spirit were prevalent throughout the entire trip.

OUTSTANDING

COMSEC ACCOUNT

The 1957 Information System Group/COMSEC Account 632310 inspected the 154 CAM Squadron's Avionics Communications Navigation Shop on January 22, 1986. The Communications Navigation Shop was rated OUTSTANDING. The purpose of the COMSEC inspection was to evaluate the unit's application of internal physical security measures, operational practices, and administrative accounting procedures. Congratulations to the 154 CAM Squadron and to TSgt Dexter Ching, unit COMSEC Custodian, for developing an OUTSTANDING COMSEC Program.

SAFETY NOTES

IT'S UP TO YOU

It's easy to explain away an accident. In fact, you can get so involved in telling how this situation just popped up out of the blue and took advantage of you before you had a chance to do anything, that you may start believing it yourself.

You may say...

Just one of those things.

Just wasn't my day.

Rotten luck.

These things have a way of happening.

An act of God.

It's a high risk job.

In the wrong place at the wrong time.

Choose any or combination of the above, but the fact is, there's no way you can blame an accident on any of those moldy, old excuses and come off scot free. You can't duck it or dodge it.

Safety is your Responsibility

A recent message from General BAZLEY expressed concern about the excessive number of GMV, SPV mishaps during the calendar year 1985 for Host & Tenant units throughout PACAF. All unnecessary mishaps and subsequent repairs require the expenditure of scarce funds, jeopardize vehicle fleet readiness and endanger our number-one resource- People.

Although HANG experience has been relatively good, each of us should keep on top of the situation...Remember an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Let's be sure that we drive defensively.

TODAY'S MENU

Here is this Sunday's delectable selection of culinary delights featured in the 154 COMPC Dining Facility:

Polish Sausage
Fried Rice
Buttered Carrots
Garden Salad
Assorted Breads
Peach Pie

All served with a variety of beverages designed to titillate your tastebuds. Grind'em in good health.



**HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD
ENLISTED ASSOCIATION**

Volunteers Needed!!

...Special Olympics

district games for this year's Special Olympics will begin next week. The Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association is seeking members and non-members to assist at these events. Schedule and event coordinators are:

Central Oahu: M. McKenna- 836-5918
March 15 (Saturday)
8:30am - 1:00pm
Mililani High School Field
Windward Oahu: G. Beechie..239-9823
March 22 (Saturday)
8:30am-1:00pm
Kailua High School Field
Honolulu Area: M. Lum 373-3098
April 19 (Saturday)
8:30am-1:00pm
Roosevelt High School Field

State Finals: T. Faustino..521-5641
Kaiser High School Field
May 22(Friday) 5:30pm-9:00pm
May 23 (Saturday)
9:00am-1:00pm

Our HNGEA Representative is MSGT. Wayne Soma 449-6986, please contact him. If you want to help out at any of these games. We need your support.

You can call the game coordinators directly too. Just inform them of your HNGEA affiliation. Thanks a lot.

HNGEA Executive Council

Jan DeRego, SSG HANG - President
Wayne Soma, MSG HANG - V.President
Mitsuo Hasegawa, CSM HARNG - Treasurer
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Neal Gima, Sgt / Oahu

Bertram Narita, TSG HANG - Area 7
(EANGUS) Chairman and Director

PAY NOTES \$\$

SURE PAY

The Air National Guard has continued to encourage your participation in the SUREPAY program because: (1) the problem involved in obtaining a replacement check (approximately 1000 checks are stolen or lost each year. Replacing a check usually takes 6 weeks or longer after the member has issued a stop payment).

(2) funds directly deposited into your account at your designated financial institution regardless whether your earning statement is delayed in the mail and (3) a continued service of funds for you and your dependants in the event of long active duty terms or mobilization.

With the HANG's current participation rate at 40%, the ultimate goal of the ANG is 100%. In December of last year, the Air Force converted to paper checks. One of the reasons was the high cost of using cards. Your participation in SUREPAY will further save the AF money and offer you the convenience of not making that extra trip to the bank.

Just fill the required information on the SF1199A and we'll get you started. If any assistance is needed Military Pay personnel will be glad to help you.

HOUSING ALLOWANCE TERMINATED

With the signing into law of the FY 86 DOD Authorization Act on November 8, 1985, station and rent plus housing allowance terminated upon the completion of any tour of duty that included November 8, 1985. Thereafter reserve members were converted to the Variable Housing Allowance (VHA). Since VHA is only authorized for tours of 20 weeks or longer, it effectively has eliminated a housing allowance entitlement for our reserve members. NOTE: Not applicable to full-time AGR members since they are on a long-tour.

PROMOTIONS

Hats off to the following individuals who were promoted to the following ranks, effective on the dates listed below:

154th CAM SQ

Sgt. Jonathan K. Mun	Feb. 14, 1986
Sgt. Mark A. Gibson	Feb. 14, 1986
Sgt. Dane K. Tsubota	Jan. 31, 1986

Sgt. Derrick M. Kusuda	Jan. 31, 1986
Sgt. Gary Y.M. Wong	Feb. 14, 1986
SRA. Robert W. Hoggan	Feb. 14, 1986
A1C. Wendell K. Reyes	Feb. 14, 1986
A1C. Peter R. Oakes	Jan. 31, 1986
A1C. Scott M. Cummings	Feb. 27, 1986
AMN. Edward T. Essman	Feb. 22, 1986
AMN. Kevin H. Inouye	Feb. 2, 1986
AMN. James A. Keanini III	Feb. 23, 1986

169th ACW SQ

Sgt. Kris S. Okazaki	Feb. 1, 1986
Sgt. Regina Aiken	Feb. 1, 1986
Sgt. Larry L. Roper	Feb. 1, 1986
A1C. Guy I. Hironaka	Feb. 13, 1986
A1C. Darryl Y.T. Chang	Feb. 15, 1986

150th ACW SQ

AMN. Renee D. Chinen	Feb. 13, 1986
AMN. Renato B. Gabriel	Feb. 21, 1986

154th CSS

AMN. Matthew S. Hoapili	Feb. 15, 1986
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154th RMS

SRA. Joyce A. Valdivia	Jan. 31, 1986
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154th SPF

SRA. Dana R. Paikai	Feb. 1, 1986
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IN APPRECIATION

Recently the 154th Composite Group received several letters of appreciation. Brig. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, Commander HANG, conveyed his appreciation to all those who helped host Maj. Gen. Conaway and his staff. In addition, thanks was given in supporting the Air Force Office of Public Affairs- Midwest Region and the Air Force Art Program. Special thanks went to Col. Ritchie Kunichika, Capt. James Drake, SMSgt. Kenneth Camara, and SSgt. Francis Pedro for their efforts in assisting and informing the Chicago-based Air Force artists.

Another letter from Col. Edwin Offer, Air Force Chief, Supply Policy and Energy Management Division and Director of Maintenance and Supply, expressed appreciation to the personnel of the 154 Resource Management Squadron for hosting a visit to our unit during the PACAF Chief of Supply Conference.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

The American Cancer Society and the 1986 Easter Seals Telethon are looking for volunteers. The Cancer Society needs help with their "Bank Night" which is set for Tuesday, May 13, 1986. Volunteers are to assist staff in the receiving, computation and bundling of kits at various bank locations. Easter Seals need thirty-six volunteers to answer telephones, drive, and work in the mailroom on Saturday March 15, and Sunday March 16, 1986. Those interested can contact SMSgt. Richard DeVeas at 449-1518.

F-15 Continued

New Orleans, Louisiana, and the 116th Tactical Fighter Wing, Dobbins AFB, Georgia. Hawaii's early selection for force modernization can be attributed to the very strong support received from Pacific Air Forces and the National Guard Bureau and our Hawaii Air National Guard's unique air defense mission and its outstanding accomplishments. Over the next decade, several other Air National Guard units will be programmed for the F-15 aircraft as part of the modernization of the reserve forces.

As part of the conversion from the F-4C to F-15 aircraft, the Hawaii Air National Guard will be upgrading and expanding its facilities at Hickam AFB to accommodate the new aircraft at an estimated cost of \$8.2 million. An additional \$15.2 million of improvements, unrelated to the conversion, will be made to accommodate other facility needs of

the Hawaii Air National Guard at Hickam AFB.

The conversion of the F-4C to F-15 aircraft will result in a slight increase in full-time and military manning for the 154th Composite Group, Hickam AFB, Hawaii. Some on-board personnel will be affected by the conversion. They will be reassigned and trained for new duties since the F-15 is less labor intensive to maintain than the F-4C because of improved technology and requires only one pilot to perform its mission. The F-4C currently requires both a pilot and a weapons system officer to perform its mission. However, no existing personnel will be laid off since the overall manpower authorization will be slightly increased, as previously mentioned.

This conversion from the F-4C to the F-15 will be the fifth aircraft conversion for the Hawaii Air National Guard over the past four decades. Brigadier General Edward V. Richardson, Hawaii Air National Guard Commander, stated, "Since 1956, we have provided 24-hour air defense for the State of Hawaii and our people. With strong support from the Pacific Air Forces, we have worked hard to continually upgrade our people's training, our tactics and our equipment to deny any potential adversary an undue advantage. General Robert W. Bazley, Commander in Chief, Pacific Air Forces, and the late General Jerome F. O'Malley deserve much of the credit for modernization of Hawaii's

air defense system. Their support and recognition of the Hawaii Air National Guard's accomplishments contributed directly to our early conversion to the F-15. The F-15 is the world's premier fighter aircraft and, combined with our outstanding aircrews and support personnel, I feel that the Hawaii Air National Guard will have the best air defense force for years to come. This conversion has added significance to all the men and women in the Hawaii Air National Guard as we celebrate our 40th anniversary in serving Hawaii's people and our Nation."

CREEK KLAXON

THE HANG GOES TO EUROPE

By 1Lt. Gaylord Dowson

Last month Major Ace Ellinwood and Captain Chuck Manley, left Hawaii headed for Ramstein AB, Germany. They are the first of six aircrews from Hawaii to participate in Creek Klaxon, the name of the mission given to the Air National Guard by USAFE Headquarters located at Ramstein.

The mission which will last up to 12 months requires the ANG F-4 Air Defense units to provide aircraft, maintenance crews and aircrews in order to perform the alert mission at Ramstein. This mission which is usually the responsibility of the AF's 86TFW located at Ramstein are transitioning from F-4Es to F-16s and it is during this period starting April 1, 86, that they requested for ANG support.

The mission will mark the first time there has been an all-ANG air defense detachment in Europe. Eight F4D aircraft will be provided by the 148FIG at Duluth, Minn., the 119FIG at Fargo, N.D., and the 144FIW at Fresno, Calif. The aircraft will rotate every 6 months while aircrews rotate every 90 days. The support people will serve for periods ranging from 30 to 139 days.

Creek Klaxon provides the HANG a unique opportunity to train in the European Theatre. Scrambles on Russian aircraft near the German borders may be a common occurrence, but for the crews each one is an exciting and tense experience. This kind of experience and the opportunity to travel around Europe made the selection for the 12 HANG aircrew slots a grueling task, especially when 99% of the aircrews wanted to go. But, by last December the selection was announced with Ellinwood and Manley leaving first, then followed in 90 day intervals by Dave Talbert and Stan

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CREEK Continued

Osserman, Hal Schatz and Mike Dudley, Kimo Kelly and Clyde Torigoe, Ken Sussel and Scott Hoadley, and finally bringing up the rear, Mick Melich and Lordy Dowson. To these lucky aircrews and the whole gang of maintenance crews that were selected, we bid you all, Aloha and many happy knockwursts.

GUAM DEPLOYMENT

By 1Lt. Gaylord Dowson

The 154th Composite Group deployed ten F-4C aircraft to Andersen AFB, Guam, from January 28 to February 7, 1986, to participate in the Guam Air Defense Exercise. In addition, PACAF IG tasked the HANG to provide adversary aircraft in support of a joint PACAF/SAC ORI for the 18 TFW F-15s from Kadena and the 43SW B-52s from Andersen. This allowed our aircrews to practice as a deployed air defense unit against electronic-warfare equipped B-52s and advanced air-to-air F-15 aircraft which are rarely available in our local training area.

After returning home the aircrews had positive reactions towards the deployment. Some of their comments were, "CBPO's outprocessing was outstanding, especially in providing advanced per diem way ahead of time." "It was nice to finally have airline seats for everyone on the tankers." "The duty days may have been long (16 hours), but were made up for by the excellent flying missions against the Eagles." And finally, "The GCI (150th ACW) was outstanding. The face-to-face briefings with the controllers provided the opportunity to ensure total understanding of mission requirements and resulted in better situational awareness and better control from them."

Overall, the Guam deployment proved to be a challenging and rewarding experience for all. As Major Mick Melich of the 199TFS Weapons and Tactics Office states, "The HANG was tasked to the maximum and met this challenge head-on with hard work, teamwork and professionalism. The quality of sorties, the demands of composite forces training, and the intensive tasking provided the HANG with a true test of its mission capability. The lessons learned provided us with the knowledge, experience, and desire to excel both as individuals and team members alike."

NEW ALERT FACILITY

The dedication of the newly renovated Alert Pad was held on February 21. At the ceremonies were VIPs from PACAF, 15ABW, HANG HQ, and the 154 COMPG. Colonel B.V. Johnson, 326AD Commander, gave the opening remarks followed by the main speaker, General Bazley, CINCPACAF. Former HANG guardsman, Rev. Charles Yabui, gave the invocation and blessing of the facility. After the ceremony, Capt. Herman Lau and MSgt. Charles Calvin organized a social gathering that included heavy pupus. Lt. Col. Jerald Aoki, the Alert Pad Air Defense Officer, was commended for his outstanding performance in overseeing the entire renovation and Open House events.

The new facility is a two-story, fully air-conditioned building. It replaces the previous one-story, 1950's vintage structure which was used since the F-86 days. The facility now features four bedrooms and lounge upstairs, and a recreation room and operations/kitchen downstairs. New equipment have also been added, such as, a dishwasher, washer/dryer, range, microwave, sofas, and ping-pong table. Probably, the most welcomed addition were the windows. These sound proof windows now provide a nice view of the surroundings and relief from the enclosed feelings of the previous windowless facility. So far, everyone loves the place and all agree that it is an absolute morale booster for the crews. The invitation to come and see the facility is still open to all HANG members, just give the Pad a call.

FAMILY DAY

6 APRIL 86

154 Composite Group Family Day is just around the corner. Plans are being finalized for a gala event that will include children entertainment, and fun for all. Guests are encouraged to bring cameras.

For those guests who do not have decals on their cars; guest names, sponsor's name, and car license plate number must be submitted to your squadron First Sergeant by the end of today's drill. This information will be used to prepare a consolidated entry list, which will be available at the main gate for access onto Hickam AFB.



BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

Like last year, this year's district playoffs was a showcase of tremendous stellar basketball talent. Our hats off to all those who participated and to the fans that cheered in the stands.

Of the eleven teams, three were to qualify for the State tournament to be held in April. Through the winner's bracket, 154 RMS and 154 CAMRON "C" advanced. The third qualifier, through the loser's bracket, was 199 TFS. These three teams this year proved to be the elite on Oahu and will combine with our GSU teams (Hilo, Maui, Kauai) in April for our state tourney. More news on that tournament next Drill. The following MVP's were selected from each of the eleven teams:

- 154 RMS - James Kawano
- 154 CAM "A" - Art Kaai
- 154 CAM "B" - Carl Reynolds
- 154 CAM "C" - John Amarin
- 154 CES - Tony Souza
- 154 SPF - Randy Burnett
- 169 ACW - Reggie Maunupau
- 201 ATCF - Kalani Akana
- 201 CISG/202 CISF - Stanley Garcia
- 199 TFS - Chuck Pribyl
- 154 CSS - Stephen Lee

There will be an important meeting of the unit coordinators on basketball Sunday, March 9 at 1:30 pm. Meeting will be held in the 154 RMS classroom. We will discuss important items regarding the state tournament in April. Please be prompt!

VOLLEYBALL SEASON ARRIVES

The Hawaii National Guard Volleyball season has arrived upon us and this year, the 154TH COMPG will be fielding several teams in both the Open and Mixed divisions. In order to attain maximum participation, the following teams have been formed:

OPEN DIVISION

- 154 COMPG A - KAIPO SING, 449-5685
- 154 COMPG B - LESTER HO, 449-5685
- 154 COMPG C - CARL TONAKI, 655-7166
- 199 TFS (PILOTS) - FRED FOGEL, 449-2862

MIXED DIVISION

- 154 COMPG A - KAIPO SING
- 154 COMPG B - EDDY COMPOC, 449-1108

Anyone interested in participation in the Open or Mixed division should contact one of the individuals listed above.

The season is tentatively set to begin April 14, 86 with all games being played at the Fort Ruger Gym, Monday thru Thursday. A meeting has been set for April 4, 86 to determine what nights the Open and Mixed teams will play. Each team representative will notify their players as soon as the schedule has been finalized.

Hope to see everyone out there on the court and remember, the talk is that this is the year for HANG . . .



MAUI NO KA OI, again! The fifth annual HANG Air Rifle Tournament was completed by January 12, 1986. Twenty-three (23) teams and one hundred-fifteen (115) individuals have fired.

The 201st CISF Teams from Maui took all honors this year. TSgt Vincent A. Dacanay's Teams won first place with an aggregate of 1308 points. Second place was MSgt Gregory Ing's Team 1287 points. MSgt Alva Frias Jr.'s Team scored 1287, but took third place due to a lower standing aggregate.

For the individual event, Maui again had a clean sweep. Winning the TSgt Eric K. Kanazawa Memorial perpetual plaque, which is presented to the highest "sharp shooter" goes to SSgt Brian K. Uyehara (341). ALC Jeffery M. Kihune came in second (338) and was followed closely by TSgt Francis M. Quitazol (336 with a higher standing aggregate).

The 154th CAMRON Teams placed sixth (1242), ninth (1189), eleventh (1148), Twelfth (1118) and seventeenth (645). They were captained by MSgt's Melvin Q.H. Chang, George Padilla, SSgt Robert H. Yokono, TSgt Gaylen Redoble and Sgt Rodne S. Rivera respectively.

Congratulations to all who participated in making this another successful tournament. The sixth annual Air Rifle Tournament should start again in November. Practice, practice, practice