



# kukailimoku

Hawaii Air National Guard Commencement Exercises April 21, 1963

## COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Yesterday's ORI surprised us all by its early recall which began at 0145. Our overall performance was excellent, and showed the great progress we've made.

Some areas need improvement, and we must work on these. We have benefitted from past exercises, and will learn from this one, too.

The greatest satisfaction I got in this ORI was derived from watching your response and the spirit with which you did your job. This kind of kokua typifies the 154th.

This kind of kokua will be on display next month when the Group participates in Armed Forces Day observances. In addition to a fly-by over the city by the 199th FIS, the Group will also man static displays.

The kind of kokua I refer to is also exemplified as we honor A2C Robert Yamada of 154th CAMRON as Top 154th Recruiter and second place as Top HANG Recruiter for the month of March. His efforts resulted in three prior service airmen joining the Group under the TRY ONE Program, and earned him a \$10.00 cash award.

I urge each of you to pitch in and do your part in the TRY ONE Program so that the Group will meet its quota of new members by the end of June. May your kokua will make this goal possible!

JAMES R. ASHFORD  
Colonel, HANG  
Commander

## AWARDS TO HIGH-LIGHT CLOSING FORMATION

Brig. Gen. Valentine A. Siefermann, Commander, HANG, will present awards marking group and individual achievements at today's closing formation.

The HANG Squadron Attendance Trophy will be presented to the 199 FIS for its 98% attendance record during the January-March quarter.

Maj. Letwell Duvauchelle, Hq, 154th Ftr Grp, will be awarded the 15-year Service Bar of the HNG Service Medal.

To receive the HNG Service Medal for ten continuous years of service are:

MSGT Tom I. Kato, TSgt Edward Uyeda,  
TSgt Owen Morishige, of 154 CAMRON  
SSGT Richard M. S. Chang of ABRON  
SSGTs Wallace Akagi, Richard Ogawa,  
Harry Nakasone, Raymond Takahashi,  
of 154 MATRON  
SSGT Alexander Thompson of Grp Hq.

Col. James Ashford, Group Commander, will present certificates to the following 154 CAMRON airmen, honor graduates of the Weapons Mechanic Course:

A3C Roy Hirohata, A3C Edgar Takamoto,  
and A3C Clifford Yamashiro

ECI course graduates will also be honored with certificates of completion.

Management for AF Supervisors Course:

TSgt Calvin Chong, TSgt George Sato,  
of Grp Hq.; TSgt Leslie Nakashima  
and SSGT Calvin Ichinose of 154 USAF  
Dispensary, and Eustaquio Yonting  
of 199 FIS.

Warehousing Specialist Course: A3C  
Edwin Hee of 154 MATRON.



## STATE SENATE CONGRATULATES HANG

The State Senate recently passed a Resolution commending the 154th Fighter Group and AC&W Squadrons for their professional job in augmenting the Hawaiian Air Defense Command. Present at the Senate Chambers were Senate President Nelson K. Doi, Major General Robert L. Stevenson, Brigadier General Valentine Siefertmann, Colonel James Ashford, Lt. Colonel Paul Goya, and Major DeWitt Bye.

## F-102...RON...Hilo

Eight sleek F-102's jettied----into Hilo in a RON (remain over-nite) exercise during mid-March. The birds slipped in during a rain-clouded Friday afternoon with all its thunder, causing much wonderment to the people there.

The aircraft were placed on static display to the public on Saturday, and were well received by all. The exercise was supported by elements of the 154th ABRON and 154th CAMRON. In all about 45 guardsmen made the trip.

## THE STAIRWELL...

The stairwell to the 199th FIS Operations Room is high-lighted by a decorative device designed and built by Captain Kurt Johnson. Constructed of enamalized copper and reinforcing iron, the multi-colored mosaic impresses visitors with its symmetry and height. The 199th FIS insignia is featured and displayed to good vantage.

## FROM GOLD TO SILVER

During this morning's formation, Col. Ashford pinned new handwrought, custom-fitted silver oak leaves on the Group's newest Lt. Colonel -- former Major William Dau. The new colonel also received his new hat during the surprise ceremonies.

## NEW OFFICERS JOIN GROUP

Recent additions to the 154th are the following officers:

Capt. Raymond Tamura, assigned to the 154 USAF Dispensary as Internist, has completed two years of active duty as a Flight Surgeon and is now in private practice as a physician.

1st Lt. John S. W. Lee, 199th FIS, is a pilot with four years of active duty experience.

2nd Lt. Robert P. L. Yee, 199th FIS, joins the Group as a pilot trainee under the direct appointment program.

## ISLANDERS SCOUT 154TH TALENT

The 154 Fighter Group, 25 strong, is representing HANG in the Base Softball League. Under the guidance of Gen. Manager Ignacio "Casey" Gabriel, the team is captained by coach-manager and player Alex "Irv" Thompson.

Only a half-game back of the leaders, the HANG team has a record of one win and one loss and are now playing .500 ball.

Not as yet subsidized by a major league club, the team has undertaken selling local products (sweet bread and sausages) to finance costs of uniforms. All players have waived all salaries called for in their contracts and sale of common stock is not being contemplated this year.

Besides helping the club by buying their bread, come out tomorrow night to the Base Softball Field in back of the Base Gym and root for your team -- see you at 1700 hours.

NEXT DRILL DATES: 18-19 May