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NEW DAILY DRILL PAY RATES FOR GUARD, RESERVE

Effective 01 October, 1976, the pay rate for National Guard & Reservists increased by an overall 4.83 percent, including a 3.62 percent hike in basic pay rates. Pay of top officers is limited by federal law to \$110.00 per daily drill. Pay of an E-1 is limited to \$12.48 and an E-2 to \$13.91, regardless of length of service. Those on weekend training will receive four times the amount, since duty counts as four days. Basic allowance for subsistence was increased from \$2.53 to \$2.65 per day Basic allowance for quarters (BAQ) was increased, by grade, ranging from 9.64 percent to 16.33 percent. In addition, certain single members, not entitled to BAQ, will be entitled to a single partial rate of BAQ (rebate). The increase in basic pay, BAQ and BAS will be reflected in the mid-month October payroll. Amounts of BAQ increase, by grade, have not been received from AFAFC. Widest dissemination of all information pertaining to pay increase will be made as it is received. Members are requested to withhold inquiries until after 15 October Pay Day.

KAM GATE TO CLOSE

ffective 31 Oct 76 at 1900, the Kam Gate, located adjacent to the 18 Hole Golf course, will permanently close. The State of Hawaii is closing Lagoon Drive on Ol Nov 76 in conjunction with the Reef Runway Project. Personnel using this gate for entry/exit must seek an alternate route of travel.

UNIFORM CHANGES ANNOUNCED

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Air Force men will be authorized optional wear of high-gloss (patent finish) poromeric shoes with service uniforms.

Women will be allowed to wear boots with the pantsuit/pants and overblouse year round. However, boots will not be authorized indoors with the uniform skirt.

These are two major changes proposed by the Air Force uniform board and approved by the Air Force Chief of Staff.

Other changes include:

Permission for missile combat crewmembers to wear a small metallic pin on alertduty scarves.

Approval of a distinctive hat for women military training instructors at

Lackland AFB, Texas.

Approval of sleeve braid by women officers on the pantsuit uniform coat.

Authorize optional wear of the cotton/polyester, durable press, blue trousers (shade 1577) with the new long-sleeve blue shirt.

Women will be allowed to position badges above their ribbons and/or name tag, instead of below them, on the overblouse when worn as an outer garment and on the

service uniform coat.

Other actions include phase out of the uniform combination 2. This is the iong-sleeve blue wool/polyester shirt when worn under the blue service coat. Also phased out will be combination 5--tan shirt and bermuda shorts. Combination 4A, the tan summer service uniform, will also be phased out when current inventory is depleted.

Another approved proposal was to delete wear of the tan sun helmet with the

blue summer service uniforms combinations 4B and G.

The Air Surgeon, NGB-has determined that Flu immunizations are mandatory for all ANG personnel, unless a clearly defined medical contraindication (such as an allergy to egg or egg products exists. Personnel who have experienced a sever reaction to a prior Fluvaccination will be excused from participating in this program provided they complete and sign a statement that has been prepared by the Clinic.

The annual military influenza program began on 12 Oct 76. HANG members rolled up the sleeves yesterday morning in the mess hall and enjoyed a long coffe break afterwards. Aircrew members, Air Technicians and other ANG personnel performing duty Tuesdays three Saturdays between the hours of 0800 to 1500 may be immunized during these periods.

Please call the Clinic (449-2461) for scheduling purposes

It should be noted that personnel receiving the vaccinations will be required to remain the Clinic for a period of 15 - 20 minutes. Therefore, unit commanders and section supervisors should schedule their personnel in a manner that will not interfere with their mission.

Aircrew members should not participate in flying activities for a minimum of eight (6) hours after receiving their injections. A 24-hour waiting period is recommended. The immunizations consist of two injections (one in each arm). One consists of the Swine (or New Jersey) and Victoria strains; the other, the Hong Kong strain.

(... INFLUENZA BACKGROUND INFORMATION ...)

Influenza is a recurring health problem each year, primarily because the virus that causes influenza constantly undergoes minor changes. For this reason, vaccines must be contunually revised to provide protection against the altered influenza strains. Each year, when variations in the virus are identified, efforts are made to develop updated vaccines and to selectively immunize the high-risk groups that are particularly susceptible to the effects of infection.

In addition to the constant minor changes in the influenza virus, it has been observed that periodically, <u>major</u> changes in the virus have occurred. Because the population has no established immunity to the new virus, the disease spreads quickly and influenza pademics (major epidemics that spread worldwide) may occur

This year, a major new virus (A/New Jersey or Swine Fiu) has been identified. As a suit of this discovery, a new vaccine has been developed to protect the population against what appears to be a strain of influenza virus with potential for pandemic spread. The Congress of the United States has appropriated funds to immunize the Unit States population against the Swine Influenza virus. The U.S. Air Force is participating in this national program. Although there has been some controversy concerning the program, the decision to implement the immunizations was solidly based on scientific evidence and past experience with the disease. The program is designed to protect ever individual against a potentially serious health threat. The Chief of Staff and Surger General, USAF, are encouraging 100 percent participation.

INFLUENZA is a respiratory disease caused by a virus. When a person has influenza, or is just getting it, the fluids in the nose and mouth contain viruses. When they are a pelled into the air from the nose and mouth through sneezing, coughing, or just talking they can be picked up by others.

FLU symptoms come on suddenly and may include some or all of the following:

fever, chills, headache, dry cough, and soreness and aching of the back and the limbs

Influenza may cause serious illness.

Because of potential exposures resulting from worldwide assignments and the potential for massive incapacitation, two shots containing vaccine against three types of flu (A/New Jersey, A/Victoria, and B/Hong Kong) will be required for all military personn. If an injection gun is used, three injections will be required, due to the limited do age the gun will hold.

VÕLUNTEERS over the age of 17 years will receive one shot containing vaccine for Swin (A/New Jersey) type influenza only. The Public Health Service is not recommending vaccination for persons 17 years of age and under at this time. Additional tests are ur derway to determine if an acceptable dosage for this age group can be developed; how past experience indicates worst effects of flu are for those over 65 years of age and those with chronic illnesses.

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THE VACCINE is a killed virus and will neither give a person the flu nor cause the person to give it to others.

People who are allergic to eggs should not take the vaccine. However, individuals wh

The long awaited 1976 Oahu HNG Mountainball Tournament will be held 01 Nov - 08 Dec, Mon-Tue-Wed nites. All interested members of the 154th TFG should contact TSgt. Valentine Wong at 449-1388 or MSgt. Wayne Soma at 449-6986. If enough players are recruited, we will have two teams for the tournament. This year's tournament will be held at Moiliili Field.

-HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION-

The current membership drive has been pretty slow up to now. Our chairman, TSgt. Theodoro Ganade wishes to solicit at least 80% of the eligible airpersons for FY 1977 from the 154th TFG. Dues are \$3.00 for one year. Send in your check or cash to your Unit Coordinator or directly to TSgt. Ganade c/o the 154th CSS Transportation Section.

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as planned for 06 November 1976. All Air Guardpersons should attend. This event was planned with the welfare of the individual in mind, and the cost is only \$8.00 per person. The dress is very informal, and an exciting show will be presented, featuring the various ethnic groups within the State of Hawaii. A Rock band will also perform for your dancing pleasure. There will be fifty cases of Rainier beer donated by distributors. If you prefer liquor, you may bring your own bottle. Or even better yet, why not share the expenses with another person? Come on and get your tickets from your supervisor; help him to help you to enjoy yourself at this "gathering of the HANG GANG"...

.....one more date to remember:

MOVEMBER 2! VOILE

... before they decide, YOU decide!

Millions of words have been said and printed about the use of those damn seat bo installed in your car. Yet, those same damn seat belts have saved countless lives in the 50th State over the years.

Being active in traffic safety -- making public service commercials, sitting on Mayor's Traffic Safety Committee -- I know how safe automobile seat belts can be. And telling it like it is -- I know how much of a nuisance they can be.

Three weeks ago, a woman made a panic stop near the Kaneohe Yacht Club. Her young daughter was standing on the seat next to her. The child crashed into the dashboard had to be rushed to Castle hospital. I was a witness. Although the child survived, will carry a facial scar for the rest of her life!

Captain Dean Headland, deceased husband of television personality, Carman Headland ran off the highway and hit a tree on the mainland. Although the car sustained minor damage, Dean -- a close friend of mine -- was killed. Had he used his seat belt, he would still be flying with us this drill weekend. The official Air Force investigatineport:

Had he used a seat belt, he would be alive today. Such a waste.

Security police on Hickam are checking drivers at various locations to see if seat belts are in use. If you are stopped and do not have your belt buckled, you are hanc a citation.

I have heard all the arguments. "I'm a careful driver". Consider this: Seven months ago, at Kam and Middle Street, a careful driver was caught broadside by a car which ran the red light. The struck car was caught on the passenger side, rolled over the driver was thrown out, and his own car rolled over him. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Although seat belts were installed, they were not used.

I know damn well that many of you reading this short piece will not heed my words.

But, I'll tell you one thing for sure: No one will call my home some evening to give
my survivors the bad news. Do you want someone to call your home soon?

Buckle up!

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Things You Ought to Know

New York's 1st Aero Company conducted the first mass military cross-country flight in November, 1916. Ten JN-4 "Jennies" flew from Mineola, N.Y. to Princeton, N.J. and back. The unit was led by Captain Raynol Bolling, founder of the 1st, and an aviation hero during WW I.

The National Guard traces its heritage to the formation of the North and South Regiments in Boston in 1636, known today as the 182nd Infantry and the 101st Engineer Battalion respectively. They have been in continuous service to the nation since their conception. The oldest National Guard unit outside of the continental United States is Puerto Rico's 295th Infantry. This unit was officially constituted in 1763 but traces its history ack to the militia organized by Ponce de Leon in 1510.

Servicemen's Group Life Insurance is a great deal for Guard members. Participants receive full-time coverage up to a maximum amount of \$20,000.00. In event of death the beneficiary receives \$10,000.00, \$15,000.00 or \$200,000.00 depending upon the coverage selected.

In the skies over France in support of the "lost battalion" 2Lt. Edwin Bleckley from the Kansas National Guard, went down in flames rather than abandon his mission.

Bleckley was one of the first airmen to win the Medal of Honor.

What's Happening?

Times are changing, that's what! Total Force is in! This makes us National Guard members more important than ever.

How do we know? Well, we're getting more first line missions and first line equipment. Now, we need more "first line" people—people from all talent areas, all groups, and all persuasions. And we're strong on equal opportunity. We believe it is everybody's business in today's military.

We kid you not—airmen and officers with prior service are the lifeblood of the Guard and Reserve. They possess the needed skills, talents and military experience to keep things moving.

On the other hand, newcomers bring innovative thinking, enthusiasm, youth and a greater potential.

We are seeking the very best blend! In return we offer both prior and nonprior service persons great opportunities to expand present skills or even to embark upon new careers.

It's your chance to build a better future and share in that great feeling of knowing you're contributing to your country... helping to insure the well-being of your fellow Americans. The whole thing is a sharing proposition where everyone benefits...you...the Army and Air Force...your civilian employer...your community...the nation.



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