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HAWAII AIR GUARD HEADS WEST ON FIRST MAJOR DEPLOYMENT

Six Hawaii Air National Guard F-4 Phantom fighters -- accompanied by a mixed force of tankers -- roared off from Hickam AFB Friday morning, 1 June, to Guam and the Philippines in the first phase of a complex multi-stage training exercise in the Western Pacific.

The four-engine aerial refueling tankers "shepherding" the local fighters for a number of air refueling hook-ups on the 7 1/2 hour flight to Guam were from several Air Force and Air Guard units on the mainland.

The big send-off on the 1st inaugurated the first major unit deployment in the 32-year history of the Hawaii Air National Guard. Some 230 men and women in the Hawaii Air Guard's 154th Composite Group are taking part in the three-phase deployment, designed to increase the unit's proficiency, flexibility and readiness capability.

The three-week exercise began just before 6 AM that Friday as 98 local guard members and various items of support gear departed Hickam in three C-130 Hercules turboprop cargo planes operated by guard crews from other mainland squadrons.

Phase 1 of the complex deployment involved extensive air and ground training at Andersen AFB, Guam, where Hawaii's F-4 aircrews and radar controllers tangled with the Strategic Air Command's B-52 bomber force in simulated electronic warfare and air intercept exercises.

After seven days of working against the huge, 8-engine B-52's, the two man fighter crews were replaced by twelve more Hawaii Guardsmen, who flew the F-4's to Clark AB, Republic of the Philippines on 8 June for another phase of training, code-named COMBAT SAGE.

COMBAT SAGE training tests and engances the capability of the fighter crews, maintenance troops and weapons loaders; for during this phase the planes fly out of Clark (about 70 miles North of Manila) to actually fire the radar-guided Sparrow missiles and heat-seeking Sidewinger missiles at remotely-controlled "Firebee" miniature drone aircraft.

154TH WING
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Simultaneously, another part of the fighter force gets into the most demanding part of the new training, called COPE THUNDER. This involves advanced air combat maneuvering against a highly-proficient USAF "Aggressor Squadron" using the smaller, more agile F-5 fighter-trainer and Soviet bloc combat tactics against the F-4's to show Hawaii's aircrews and radar controllers not only how to hold their own, but ultimately how to prevail over the most modern Soviet interceptors and tactical fighters.

The entire deployment will include the rotation of 41 aircrew members (Pilots and Weapons System Officers, or WSO's -- the backseaters in the F-4's), plus at least three 60-person groups of radar controllers, maintenance crews and support personnel, including those from administrative, medical and security police units.

The third and final package in the complicated rotation cycle will leave Hickam on June 13 -- again by C-130 airlift -- for Clark and an "instant replay" of the complete COMBAT SAGE and COPE THUNDER scenario. Incidentally, all C-130 transports involved will be staging through Wake Island on the long (15-hour) trips outbound; and returning to Hickam via Kwajalein atoll on the trips back home.

After jumping back and forth between the Philippines and Guam, the entire program is scheduled to wrap up on 22 June, as three more C-130's airlift all remaining support troops and equipment back to Hickam, with the original six Phantom jets and their "Mother Hen" tankers scheduled to return that evening.

And, while all of this is going on, a "rotating cadre" of aircrews, mechanics and radar controllers will be maintaining the full air defense alert commitment for the island chain of Hawaii -- the primary mission of the Hawaii Air National Guard. A mission which, according to local Air Guard and Air Force commanders, will be greatly enhanced by the intense and sophisticated training undergone by HANG members during their grueling game of hopscotch across the Western Pacific.

"A TRIBUTE TO THE DESERVING"

We prepared for the ORI, we executed and now it's part of the history we made for ourselves. While we attribute the success of our efforts to teamwork, there are many souls that excelled to bring the rest of us up a little further . . . they're everywhere . . . the Chow Hall, Security Police, Personnel Supply, Transportation, Unit Administrative Shop, Engineering, Maintenance, GCI, Operations. These special people have allowed us to share in their glory and we have.

That was yesterday . . . today we are preparing ourselves for an ambitious undertaking, our June deployment to Guam and Philippines. The three weeks of intensive training will include another first for this group: air combat tactics with other aircraft in a "Combat scenario. We expect to have over 200 of our people participate in this three phase deployment. Again we must prepare in order to execute well. The risks are high because the mission demands it. It will take true discipline and a lot of sweat to make this another benchmark for the group . . . and each benchmark makes this group stronger while improving our capability to perform.

Each time we pump another bird into the air we are getting closer toward achieving full preparation for our deployment.

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AIR GUARD HEADS WEST -- basic itinerary and glossary

Aircraft Involved: F-4C Phantom fighters Hawaii ANG
2-man crews (Aircraft Commander and Weapons System Officer)

KC-135 Stratotankers Mainland USAF & ANG units
air refueling version of Boeing 707 civilian transport

C-130 Hercules transports Various mainland ANG units
4-engine turboprop cargo plane

B-52 Stratofortress based at Andersen AFB, Guam
USAF/SAC strategic bombers

F-5/T-38 fighter-trainers based at Clark AB, RP
light air combat fighter special USAF "Aggressor
squadron"

COMBAT SAGE -- live firing of air-to-air missiles
at remotely-controlled target drones

COPE THUNDER -- advanced air-to-air combat training
against Clark-based "Aggressor" units
using Soviet-bloc combat tactics

SCHEDULE:

1 June through 8 June

RED GROUP -- 6 F-4's, with tanker support + initial
cadre of aircrews and support personnel to
Andersen AFB, Guam

8 June

WHITE GROUP -- 6 F-4's, with aircrews, and support personnel
redeploy from Guam to Clark AB, RP; plus,
fresh bunch of aircrews and ground troops
come in from Hickam

10 June

Most of original RED GROUP troops return from Guam to
Hickam via Kwajalein atoll

16 June through 22 June

BLUE GROUP -- final group of aircrews and support troops
airlifted to Clark via Wake Island and Guam.
Replaces WHITE GROUP, which returns to Hawaii.

22 June

Original six F-4's, plus tanker support and last of the
BLUE GROUP aircrews and support troops return to Hawaii.
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Chaplain's Topic - Chaplain Kennedy

The quality of our performance on the job, as well as in our relationships, is directly related to the nature of our "life perspective".

Do you complain because roses have thorns or rejoice because out of thorns bloom beautiful roses?

Remember the story about the optimistic fellow who fell off the roof of a 20 story building? As he plunged past the fifth floor window a witness heard him saying, "So far, so good! "

Someone has likened such an optimistic person to a teakettle. No matter that he's up to his neck in hot water. He goes on whistling through it all.

In a day of hopeless headlines and general pessimism we need more optimists. In the midst of increasing frustrations on the job and in the home, we need, as the saying goes, to be thankful a glass is half full rather than complaining that its half empty.

Optimist or pessimist, which are you? It depends on what you choose to see. "Two men looked through prison bars. One saw mud and the other saw stars."

Of course, even an optimist cannot close his eyes to the "mud". But his vision should focus upon the "stars".

What is your "life perspective"? How is it affecting your family and job?

IF WE PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO HAVE PANES OF GLASS OVER OUR HEARTS, SOME OF US WOULD WANT STAINED GLASS, WOULDN'T WE?

Locator Service Finds Lost Friends

The Air Force Worldwide Locator keeps current mailing addresses for all Air Force personnel, active duty and retired, plus Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve.

If you would like to contact someone and don't know the address, here's what to do: Write the person a letter; put it in an envelope; put a stamp on it and seal it. Write the individual's name on it and your return address. Place this in another envelope along with a note giving (if possible) some identifying data on the person you are trying to locate. Send this package to Headquarters AFMPC/MPCDOC Randolph AFB, Texas 78148.

The locator people will write the address on the letter to your friend and mail it. Also, upon request, the locator people will furnish you the military address only of any active duty persons.

Except for official reasons, public law forbids the release of home addresses without the individual's written consent. Locator fees assessed the general public are waived for retirees and active duty persons but you must identify your eligibility for this service by giving you your name, rank, social security number and address.

154COMPG CELEBRATES ORI "VICTORY"

The 154COMPG celebrated its ORI "victory" with a Group party on the 6th of May 1979.

With guidance from Mrs. John S.W. Lee, the Dining Hall personnel prepared Korean shortribs (kal-bi). Also on the menu was poki prepared by the flight-line gang. Macaroni salad and rice topped off what was a really ono menu. The troops were also treated to beer and soft drinks throughout the afternoon.

Providing the entertainment were the Army National Guard Band and the HANG Ohana. All in all it was a really terrific celebration.

HANG SAYS ALOHA TO AKI & LAPERA

Retirement ceremonies were held on 6 May 1979 for MSgt Adam Y. Aki and TSgt Thomas Laperera at the 154COMPG formation area. Included in the ceremonies were the Army National Guard Band and the Royal Guard.

MSgt Aki retired from the HANG after 30 years of service. He was the NCOIC for the 154COMPG Procurement Section at the time of this retirement. MSgt Aki was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious from February 1970 to April 1979.

TSgt Laperera retired from the HANG after 29 years of service. Although assigned to the 201 Combat Communications Flight, he was attached to the 169 ACW Sq for duty. TSgt Laperera received the Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal for his outstanding service to the Guard.

On hand to make the presentations was the State Adjutant General, Maj Gen Valentine Siefertmann.

IT'S MOVIE TIME! (FOR GUARD MEMBERS AND RESERVISTS)

In a new policy change announced the first of this month, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service is now entitling all members of the reserve components the privilege of attending base motion picture theaters in much the same way they patronize exchange stores.

Under an interim change to AFR 147-14, guard members can attend one day's worth of movies at an Army or Air Force base theater for each day of inactive duty training performed.

Also, guests may attend Army and Air Force paid admission theaters provided they are accompanied by personnel eligible to purchase admission tickets (f.e., guard members authorized by their UTA pay statements or by proper orders). It should be noted, however, that any and all guests must be accompanied by eligible guard members, who are responsible for their conduct in the facility.

So, another little privilege added..as the Total Force Concept marches on!

WEATHER FLIGHT HALL AND FAREWELL

The 199 Weather Flight welcomes back AB Antonio A. Querubin! Tony recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tx and Technical Training at Chanute AFB, Illinois. Tony survived one of the coldest winters in mainland history from blizzards to floods! What better way to indoctrinate a weather man?

Tony took the worst that mainland weather could throw at him and continued towards his goal of successful completion of the 14 week 2 day course. The weather course at Chanute is "self pacing" and Tony completed all required subject matter in slightly more than ten weeks! Quite an accomplishment huh? That it is, but that's not all this versatile and brilliant lad accomplished! Antonio, a graduate of Kailua High, class of '75, was also an Honor Graduate at technical school! An Honor Grad must maintain a 97 average throughout the course. Tony "Aced" all measurements (tests). This was no easy task! It took hard work and dedication. In recognition of his effort Tony received a letter from Colonel Strayer, Commander of the 3350th Technical Training Group, commending his high performance. This recognition was further endorsed by the 199th Weather Flight Commander and the Commander HIANG. Tony also went up the ladder (or should I say "ropes") as a Student Leader where he assisted the commander in guiding fellow students. This says a lot for the kind of guy Tony is. Your potential is showing Tony.

Congratulations on your accomplishments and hearty welcome back home to warm Hawaii

Russell A. Jones a member of the 199th Weather Flight since January 1978 has been appointed to the USAF Academy reporting for the June 79 class. Jones a 1978 graduate of St. Louis High School also recently returned from Basic Military Training and Technical Training where he received a letter of favorable communication from the Commander 3351st School Squadron, which was further endorsed by the 199th Weather Flight Commander and Commander, HIANG.

While performing 30 days Home Station training at Wheeler AFB, his performance was rated as outstanding and the commander of Det 7, 1 Weather Wing Wheeler AFB, also sent a letter of high praise citing high motivation and a willingness to volunteer for additional duty and responsibility.

Before joining the Weather Flight Russ belonged to the St. Louis High School Army Junior ROTC and is currently with the Army ROTC at the University of Hawaii.

Russ Jones is tentatively appointed to the USAFA as a navigator. Russ Jones feels that Major Jay the Weather Flight commander's endorsement and USAF liaison officer, Capt Miller's evaluations were very instrumental in determining his acceptance and appointment.

We wish to congratulate Russ on his appointment to the USAFA and wish him the best of luck. We know he will be an asset to the "Regulars".