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PWRR Submission – To prepare for the end of the fiscal year, all communication project workflow requirements and resource manager requirements are due Aug. 31. For more information, call 449-7969.

Food distribution – Commodity foods will be made available by the USDA to supplement the diets of income-eligible individuals. Distribution is Aug. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center lanai.

Food supply is limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. A copy of the individual's leave and earnings statement and ID card. For more information, call 449-0300.

Thrift Shop – The Hickam Thrift Shop is located in Building 1711 on Kuntz Avenue. The hours of operation are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments are Mondays and Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m. Donations are always appreciated and can be dropped off at anytime in the shed located in front. For more information, call 449-6603.

Seminar and ceremony – The Hawaii Top 3 Association and Hawaii Chief's Group is sponsoring the 2006 Senior NCO Professional Development Seminar and Induction Ceremony. This five-day course will expose master sergeant-selects to several subjects to further develop knowledge gained through PME, PFE and daily experiences. Lessons include

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AF Ball celebrates anniversary

By Senior Airman Erin Smith
Kukini Editor

The Air Force Ball kicks off Sept. 23 at 5 p.m. at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel in Waikiki.

The ball provides for Air Force members and the community with the opportunity to celebrate the Air Force's 59th anniversary as well as some of the tradition associated with wearing the uniform.

"I'm tremendously excit-

ed about this year's Air Force Ball where we'll celebrate our Air Force's 59th anniversary in style," said General Paul Hester, Pacific Air Forces commander. "The theme: Pacific Airmen: Honor our Heritage, Shape our Horizons will commemorate our achievements from the skies over Korea and Vietnam to today's humanitarian and War on Terror operations. In addition, we'll have an insightful look to the future with a very special guest speaker, Secretary of the Air Force

Michael Wynne. An event like this is a rare opportunity, and I strongly encourage Pacific Airmen of all ranks to take part in this wonderful evening ...see you at the Ball!"

Admission to the ball includes a catered dinner and music provided by Air Force Band of the Pacific. There will also be a keynote address from Secretary of the Air Force, Honorable Michael W. Wynne.

The dinner meal, which includes a choice of prime rib or chicken breast with

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Air Force Ball POC

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15 MSS	Airman 1st Class Joey Honahan	449-0749
15 MSS	Staff Sgt. Jamey Mobley	449-1737, Ext 317
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KHQ PAOC	Master Sgt. Angela Yoho	449-8747
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PACAF/AIS	1st Lt. Janell Bartlett	449-4546
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F-22 unveiled



Photo by John Rossino

The first F-22 headed for the Pacific region is unveiled at Lockheed Martin's plant in Marietta, Ga., Aug. 3. The F-22s will be heading to Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

221 make staff sergeant

Team Hickam was a happy place Wednesday morning as 221 senior airmen found out they made that next step in their careers.

The following list are the newest

Hickam NCOs:

Pacific Air Forces

Michelle Jones

Shalanda Schroeder

Brian Wyche

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Jeffery Cuddington

Ashleigh Graf

Wayne Harrah

Kaylan Jennings

Brent Likes

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Charles Shelton

Joshua Stimmel

PACAF Computer System Squadron

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Bethany Copeland

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Maria Jenkins

Scott Vorkapich

Maurice Walker

15th Airlift Wing

Nathaniel Conrad

Melissa Harrington

15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

Christine Bailey

Lanitra Higgins

Irish Sims

Carla Whiteside

15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Krystopher Douglas

Robert Gouge

Michael Keenan

Christopher Reamy

Jeffery Wells

Robert Whitfield

15th Communications Squadron

Sharon Averill

Christopher Baiardi

Paul Burdick

Jason Carpenter

Teneha Clements

Nicholas Copeland

Nicomedes Gealogo

Rebecca Hargrove

Antonio Jones

Brain Kocher

Mark Painter

Darryl Payton

Matthew Perrin

Keenan Pullin

Arthur Rodriguez

Jason Sagan

Samuel Trammel

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'Ready Elmendorf' prepares PACAF's F-22s

By Senior Master Sgt. Deborah VanNierop
Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

Pacific Air Forces officials are excited about bringing the F-22 Raptor to the command; however, the aircraft will start their training in Virginia before actually landing on the Alaskan tarmac.

"Through a concept known as Ready Elmendorf, Alaska's aircraft and pilots will initially operate at Langley Air Force Base and take advantage of the 1st Fighter Wing's F-22 operations and maintenance experience," explained Lt. Col. Robert J. Craven, Chief, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces F-22 Program Integration Office.

While at Langley, Elmendorf's Raptors will sport the "AK" tail flash and pilots assigned to PACAF will

wear Elmendorf's 90th Fighter Squadron patches; however, they will be fully integrated into Langley's 27th and 94th Fighter Squadrons. "These aircraft and pilots will operate in nearly every respect as if they were permanently assigned to these squadrons," the colonel said.

Once Elmendorf's F-22s begin the transfer from Langley to their permanent home in Alaska, the PACAF pilots will transfer as well. Currently, the first F-22s are scheduled to transfer from Langley to Elmendorf no later than January 2008. Eventually, Elmendorf will stand up two active-duty F-22 squadrons – the 90th and 525th Fighter Squadrons, as well as a reserve associate squadron, the 302nd Fight-

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Enlisted retraining kicks off

By Kirsten Tacker
Kukini Photojournalist

Eleven Hickam non-commissioned officers are vulnerable for involuntary retraining as part of the Air Force's force shaping initiative.

The involuntary retraining goal is to balance out under staffed units. If a unit is under staffed, that career field won't be able to meet its mission requirements in the future.

"The Air Force goes through this process every single year," said Senior Master Sgt. Maria Lacuesta-Siroin, 15th Mission Support Squadron. "It is an annual event where air staff identifies overages of NCO's that need to be moved out."

For this year's involuntary retraining initiative, the command support staff received notifications of the 11 vulnerable NCO's and notified them individually.

Upon notification, those individuals are highly encouraged to pursue voluntary retraining. If the NCO's wait and go through the involuntary retraining, many of the Air Force specialty codes that are available to retrain into will disappear very quickly.

"If the under manned AFSC does not meet their quota by Sept. 18 then individuals will be involuntarily retrained," said Chief Master Sgt. Michael Helfer, 15th MSS. "However when, the involuntary retraining aspect was initially kicked off, the Air Force Personnel Center would go into the system to identify those that are vulnerable for Phase II involuntary retraining."

Now it has been easily set up for the individuals to go onto the virtual MPF and check vulnerability for themselves. The vMPF is also where to apply for retraining.

"They can actually go to vMPF and see where their standing is as far as vulnerability," said Sergeant Lacuesta-Siroin. "They can go to vMPF for retraining and that will list all the AFSC's that are over manned."

"Once I have the names, I forward that to the group superintendents and first sergeants," continued Sergeant Lacuesta-Siroin. "When they are aware which individuals in their unit are vulnerable, the next step is to look at their career choices."

To access the list to see which NCO's are vulnerable for retrain-

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Diversity and the United States Air Force

By Gen. T. Michael Moseley and Secretary Michael Wynne
Air Force Chief of Staff and Secretary of the Air Force

Today's Air Force is composed of America's finest men and women. From all walks of life--rural farms, inner cities, and every place in-between--young Americans are drawn to the call of Integrity, Service and Excellence.

We celebrate this diversity, recognizing that such a mix of experience leads to a breadth of perspective and broader horizons, and ultimately innovative new ways to maximize our

combat capabilities for the Joint Team. Harnessing such magnificent differences into an effective, coherent team takes solid leadership, quality training and a conscious effort toward mutual respect on all our parts.

Tolerating harassment of any type is no different than committing the offense. As we become a leaner, more lethal force, we simply have no place for such criminal or divisive behavior.

We are all Airmen, and under enemy fire the race, religion, sex or geographic origin of the Airman fighting next to us is irrelevant. We expect you to exhibit a similar whole-hearted respect toward your fellow Airmen -

your Wingmen - wherever you work today.

The United States' first national motto, "E pluribus unum," means "out of many, one." Initially, the motto referred to the formation of our great Nation from the thirteen colonies.

It subsequently took on new meaning as people from all over the globe immigrated here, making the U.S. a multicultural "melting pot." Today, that phrase reminds us that we're in this fight together.

Let's make sure the efforts and innovations of all Airmen are welcomed and appreciated. Your Nation demands no less.

Vice commander sends warm Aloha to Team Hickam

Col. Jeff Stephenson
15th Airlift Wing
vice commander

I'd like to start by expressing a heart felt thank you on behalf of my family for the extremely warm welcome Team Hickam's ohana has given us.

From the moment we stepped off the plane and saw the cooperation between the 715 AMOG and our 15th Airlift Wing staff, we could tell this truly is "Team Hickam."

As with any PCS we're faced with an exciting yet unfamiliar set of circumstances filled with promise, opportunities and adventures but as service members we often overlook how these changes affect our families. Our families, who spend the length of our careers being moved from place to place, pay a heavy price for our sense of duty and desire to serve.

We're trained to make things happen...roll with the punches. To help us while we transition we have a job and a support system in place upon arrival. Our families don't receive any training and many of our spouses have to find jobs while our children have to start new schools. It can be traumatic experience for all involved however, the Air Force has programs to help.

The Airman and Family Readiness Center (449-0300) is the single best source for family readiness and has incredible tools to assist spouses in their job search, transition information and personal financial management along with a host of other services.

One of great benefits of being part of Team Hickam is having one of the few

school liaison offices in the Air Force. Mr. Darren Dean (448-5236) assists families with public school information, coordinates transitions and works with our sister services liaison offices and the State of Hawaii to ensure your children are getting the best education possible.

Air Force programs provide our families superb support during times of transition, whether during a PCS, deployment, induction or separation. These programs only work as well and as often as they are used. Make sure you, your subordinates and your fellow wingmen know about the family services offered and take those programs and ideas home to your families.

On a final note I'd like to recap my first week's schedule with you, so you know what the 15th Airlift Wing leadership is doing for you. Within the first few days of being on Hickam, I'd attended briefings on our Environmental Safety and Occupational Health, Housing Privatization program, current Air Expeditionary Force posture and Joint Basing, while giving opening remarks at the First Term Airman's Center and the Transition Assistance Program seminar.

If you look at all those programs it looks something like this: keeping you and the environment safe, providing you better/newer housing, ensuring we're providing predictability for family readiness through the AEF cycle, looking ahead to make sure the standards of excellence Team Hickam manifests are maintained.

"Taking care of Airmen, so the Airmen can take care of the mission."

VOTE - Your right, your privilege

Commentary by Capt. Rick Alford
386th Air Expeditionary Wing
staff judge advocate

Voting is one of the most important things a member of a democratic republic can do. The United States has a long history of voting, starting on Sept. 17, 1787, when the U.S. Constitution was adopted and the founding fathers set in place the process we now use to elect our country's presidents.

The first presidential election was held in 1789 when the Electoral College unanimously elected George Washington as president. During the 1820s and 1830s a number of states joined the union, each with its own constitution and most with limitations that prevented women and men of any race other than white from voting.

Women such as Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Stanton formed groups that argued for women's rights in 1840. These groups took root and grew. In 1848, the Women's Rights Convention was held in Seneca Falls, N.Y., where the attendees agreed that women should have opportunities to go to college, become doctors and lawyers, own land and vote.

As immigrants continued to flood to America, a new political group called

the Know-Nothings was formed in 1850. This group at its heart was anti-immigrant. In an effort to prevent immigrants from voting, this group pushed for literacy tests because at the time most immigrants and African-Americans were illiterate.

Congress passed its next big piece of legislation in 1866 known as the 14th Amendment in an attempt to protect U.S. male residents who were at least 21 years of age from voting obstacles. Susan B. Anthony, who was already in the public eye by this time, also founded the American Equal Rights Association in 1866 with Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

In 1869 Congress passed the 15th Amendment granting the right to vote to all men regardless of race, color or previous servitude. However, while advancing the right to vote for minorities, this amendment specifically prohibited women from voting. In 1872 Ms. Stanton attempted to vote in direct violation of the 15th Amendment and was arrested.

A few years later in 1878 a constitutional amendment, later known as the 19th Amendment, was introduced to Congress to grant women the right to vote. It finally passed in 1920. The 24th Amendment was passed in 1964 preventing the use of poll taxes to keep minorities from voting.

In 1965, the Voting Rights Act was signed by Lyndon B. Johnson, which prohibited the use of literacy tests and complicated ballot boxes. Finally in 1971, the 26th Amendment was signed lowering the minimum voting age from 21 to 18.

You may be asking yourself why I took the time to let you in on a little history behind your right to vote. The answer is simple. Your right to vote was procured through a long history of war, civil war and civil atrocities. Men and women of every race, nationality and ethnic origin stood on the firm belief that every person has a right to have their voice heard. As a citizen of the United States, you not only have a right to vote, you have a responsibility to vote, to have your opinions heard, and to set this country on its next course. Your voice will only be heard if you vote.

We hear, almost on a daily basis, people complaining about where the country is headed, that they disagree with current administration policy, or that Congress is unable to pass meaningful legislation. However, a majority of U.S. citizens fail to vote and, in my opinion, lose their right to complain. If you don't cast a ballot, your voice will not be heard.

Get out and vote. It's your responsibility. It's your right.



Action Line

The Action Line is your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. I urge you to use the normal chain of command first.

If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response.

I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

A heartfelt thanks

Comment: A big heartfelt thank you. Just wanted to take a few minutes of time out of my holiday to tell the folks in the

Services Squadron a big heartfelt thank you for their outstanding efforts at providing wonderful festivities down at Hickam Harbor this year for the July 4 AEF 9/10 blast.

My family had such a wonderful time, and we had so much fun watching all of the various events that occurred. I couldn't believe there was so much offered free of charge to us, and to give us a free meal too, was so nice.

We couldn't believe all of the prizes that were given out, and how nice they were, the kids activities too.

It was sure worth our while to go down and join in all the fun and games.

I hope this becomes a tradition for the next AEF rotations. Whether it be another 4th of July welcoming home or a Christmas or Easter welcoming home Celebration event. It was so nice to see the fami-

lies and deployed servicemen recognized for their efforts they put forth while they did their time overseas. I can't believe how much has been done to support the families of deployed Airmen. Thank you Hickam for being a wonderful "home" away from home during our stay here. We'll sure miss this place when we leave next year and will have fond memories to take with us. Thanks again for all the hard work. It's greatly appreciated.

Response: And a big "Mahalo!" to you for your comments regarding our AEF 9/10 Welcome Back celebration. My wife Irene and I also enjoyed the celebration, games, and food. I'm really proud of our Services' Ohana for putting on such a super series of events and for all their efforts towards "Taking care of you... from the front line to the home front!"

Hickam Diamond Tips

Pushing the Limits

Many times a supervisor has to look closely at the appearance of an airman to determine if they comply with standards. Take a moment to look at the front side on an EPR and decide if you want to be the person that "complies" with standards or "exceeds" standards. Supervisor, keep this in mind when you rate someone. Do not inflate the system because you do not want to be honest with yourself or your airmen.

Questions? Contact your First Sergeant



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Hickam Family Support Center
449-0300

Life Skills Support Center
449-0175

Law Enforcement Desk
449-6373

Base Chaplain
449-1754

Military Family Abuse Shelter
533-7125

SARC Hotline
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Golf course under construction

By Nicole Clements
15th Civil Engineer Squadron

The engineers at the Hickam Environmental Flight have designed two projects that will not only improve the environment, but also spruce up the greens a bit. "Avid golfers will notice some changes to Hickam's Mamala Bay Golf Course in the upcoming months," said Todd Lanning, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron Restoration Flight chief.

It may come as a surprise to most, but the area where the Mamala Bay Golf Course currently lies was formerly a municipal landfill known as the "Tri-Services Landfill." According to Lanning, "the landfill was in operation from the late 1940s to 1965, and disposal operations included daily dumping and periodic burning of waste. The landfill activity ended in 1965, and the Air Force eventually built the golf course over and around the former landfill."

Later this summer, two major environmental projects will commence at the golf course. One project will remove arsenic-impacted sand-blast grit that was spread around various locations on the golf course and combine it in a capped consolidation cell to be located at the end of the golf course driving range. The other project will upgrade two existing cesspools with the addition of septic tanks, a grease trap, and the conversion of existing cesspools into septic waste water treatment systems.

The sand-blast grit removal project will take place from Monday to Nov. 22. It will consist of removing sand blast grit that was spread throughout the golf course in the mid-1980s, covering some bare spots on the former landfill, and monitoring groundwater contamination.

"The blast grit will be consolidated in

a containment cell at the end of the driving range where the grade dips. The blast grit contains elevated concentrations of arsenic that necessitate its removal and containment," according to Bill Grannis, remedial project manager. "Based on results of the environmental investigations, the Hickam environmental team has decided the best course of action is to remove and manage the blasting grit onsite. The area will be covered with soil, filled in to the same height as the existing driving range, and re-vegetated," said Mr. Grannis.

That way, those of you with long drives will be able to follow your shot all the way till it lands. "An estimated 1,500 cubic yards of blast grit material will be consolidated in this manner, including some blast grit that was also deposited along the motor pool storm drain. The idea is to consolidate similar, existing waste from around the base and contain and manage it in a designated area," said Mr. Grannis.

"To minimize impacts to golf course operations, excavation activities will only be performed Mondays through Thursdays, leaving the golf course quiet during the busy weekends. In addition, excavation activities will not be performed during major upcoming golf tournaments such as the Hickam Invitational (scheduled for 8-10 September)," said Mr. Grannis. "Only one hole at a time will be closed during excavation activities and as a substitute, golfers will play a temporary hole situated between the 10th and 14th holes. The driving range will be restricted to irons only on some days, and will be closed for a few days.

"The excavations are expected to be very shallow (less than six inches deep), and the excavations will be marked as "Ground Under Repair" for player information and safety," said Mr.

Grannis. Fact sheets will be available at the Mamala Bay Golf Course Clubhouse for those interested in additional information on the project.

The other environmental project, to upgrade the cesspools with septic waste water treatment systems, will also improve environmental conditions at Hickam. This is a necessary upgrade mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency because unlike cesspools, the addition of septic tanks will improve the control of solid waste and prevent it from reaching the groundwater.

"The cesspools are located near the clubhouse and so clubhouse goers may notice some activity in the area," said Jocelyn Tamashiro, project manager. The clubhouse will remain open during the construction, but entry and exit ways may be modified.

"Patrons can expect to see construction equipment such as cranes, dump trucks, and excavators," said Mr. Tamashiro.

After each project is complete, the affected area will be revegetated with lush green grass, as can be seen from "before" and "after" photographs taken during a preliminary blast grit removal action that took place in fall 2004.

"The Hickam Environmental Office greatly appreciates the support from the Hickam community as we continue our efforts to clean up the environment at Hickam and throughout Oahu," said Mr. Lanning.

Restoration Advisory Board meetings are held quarterly to inform the public of cleanup activities, and everyone is invited to attend. If you are interested in attending a meeting, or have any questions pertaining to these projects, please contact Nicole Clements, community involvement specialist, at 449-1584 ext. 229 or christine.clements@hickam.af.mil.

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Tour



Courtesy photo

Gary Miller, 15th Airlift Wing, gives a tour to a American Bar Association group visiting the base last week.

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shiitake mushrooms or grilled vegetable Napoleon with tofu is served with a village bistro salad and dessert, a Hawaiian macadamia nut tart.

Dress for the event is Mess Dress. Enlisted members are authorized to wear the Semi-formal uniform. The event is a black tie event for civilians.

Day care services will be available through the Hickam Child Development Center. Bus transportation to the hotel will also be provided. The bus departs the Burger King parking lot and makes a shuttle stop at the dorms.

Cost for tickets is \$25 for

ranks E-1 through E-4, \$35 for ranks E-5 and E-6 or GS-9 and below, \$45 for E-7 and E-8, \$50 for E-9 through O-3 or GS-10 and GS-11, \$55 for ranks O-4 and O-5 and GS-12 through GS-14 and \$60 for people ranking O-6 or GS-15 and higher.

Discounted hotel rooms are available at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Cost for a single room is \$149 and a double room is \$199. To make reservations, call Hilton reservations at 808-949-4321.

People should contact their unit point of contact for ticket sales.

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ing, enter the AFPC website and click onto vMPF.

Log in using user ID and password, once signed in, the retraining icon is on the bottom left of the page. Clicking on this icon brings the user directly to the vulnerability-retraining list.

"However one thing they've implemented, that they haven't had for the vulnerable NCO's is once they go into Phase II, if they don't meet the requirements for a specific career field, then these individuals will be notified to submit their retraining application for whatever AFSC's are available or what AFPC has pre-screened them for," said Chief Helper.

To apply for retraining enter the AFPC website and log in. Once signed on, the vMPF is the last icon on the bottom left of the page. Clicking on this icon brings the user to the vMPF.

Next click onto self-service actions on the middle left side of the page. On the next page, click onto retraining at the bottom left and then click onto

request retraining. This brings the user to the application page.

"When they go into the vMPF and they look at the retraining advisory, this will tell them which career fields they can apply for and how many staff they are accepting into that career field," said Sergeant Lacuesta-Siroin. "Since it has been online, it is easy to access this information."

Worst-case scenario for the involuntary retraining process, if an NCO procrastinates or does nothing, this separates the NCO at the end of their date of separation and they're considered an involuntary declaration of retraining.

"The intent of the retraining program is open for everybody, it is important that we stress the non-voluntary retraining aspect," concluded Chief Helper. "This is the best time if you are in an overage career field to get ahead and try and get into another career."

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er Squadron.

"The operational experience gained by PACAF's pilots while at Langley, along with the expert care for "AK" Raptors provided by Langley's experienced maintainers, will minimize the time required for Elmendorf's squadrons to achieve mission readiness," added Col. Craven.

"Alaska is an incredibly important strategic location. Bedding this aircraft at Elmendorf Air Force Base will give us the capability to immediately respond to any crisis across the vastness of the Pacific, while still being able to quickly fly over the top to reach Europe and the Middle East," said PACAF commander General Paul V. Hester.

In the future, the Raptor will also be assigned to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. Two squadrons, the 199th Fighter Squadron of the Hawaii Air National Guard and the active associate 531st Fighter Squadron, will employ the F-22.

For more information on the F-22A Raptor, check out: <http://www.af.mil/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=199>.

For more information on Pacific Air Forces, check out <http://www.pacaf.af.mil/>.

For more information on Elmendorf Air Force Base, check out <http://www.elmendorf.af.mil/>.

Tuskegee Airmen



Tuskegee Airman Val Archer, former president of the Atlanta Chapter, reviews a book containing photos of his fellow Airmen with Master Sgt. Jennifer Anderson and Staff Sgt. Jermel Freeman, 735th Air Mobility Squadron, as Floyd Stanfield looks on. Sergeant Anderson and Freeman attended the 35th Annual Tuskegee Airmen National Convention held in Phoenix from July 31 to Aug. 5.

Photo by Capt. Khalid Cannon

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Get rid of the pests



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shane Cuomo

Senior Airman Elizabeth Eggert looks at a nest of bees that took up residence in the housing area here recently. Airman Eggert is from the 15th Civil Engineer Squadron Pest Control Flight. Airman Eggert dusted the bees nest to get rid of the pests.

Hickam Airmen earn Articles 15

While punishments imposed for similar offenses may appear to vary from case-to-case, each case is decided based on a number of factors and on its own specific facts. Punishments vary, based on such factors as an offender's age, prior work and disciplinary record, financial condition, suitability for continued service and the level of severity of the particular offense committed. To ensure fair administration of justice throughout the Hickam community, the legal office reviews all cases.

A senior master sergeant was charged with one specification of making a false official statement in violation of Article 107, UCMJ, and one specification of adultery in violation of Article 134, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to the grade of master sergeant and a reprimand.

A senior airman was charged with one specification of dereliction of duty and one specification of failure to obey a lawful order in violation of Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice. The member was also charged with once specification of larceny in violation of Article 121, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to airman first class and a reprimand.

A senior airman was charged with one specification of dereliction of duty in violation of Article 92, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of a reprimand and forfeitures.

A senior airman was charged with one specification of failure to go and one specification of absent without leave, in violation of Article 86, UCMJ. The member was also charged with one specification of making a false official statement in violation of Article 107,

UCMJ. Punishment consisted of a reduction to airman first class, forfeitures, and a reprimand.

An airman first class was charged with one specification of dereliction of duty in violation of Article 92, UCMJ, one specification of making a false official statement in violation of Article 107, UCMJ, and one specification of reckless driving in violation of Article 111, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of a reduction to airman and a reprimand.

An airman first class was charged with one specification of dereliction of duty in violation of Article 92, UCMJ, and one specification of damage to military property in violation of Article 108, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of 10 days extra duty, a suspended reduction to the grade of E-2 (Airman), and a reprimand.

Crime Scene

Theft of private property

An Air Force member reported her wallet containing her military identification card stolen from Haleiwa Beach Park.

Theft of private property

An Air Force member reported his bicycle stolen from the bicycle rack located near the pedestrian overpass on 19th Way.

Theft of personal property

An Air Force member reported her wallet containing her military identification card stolen while shopping at a local store.

Damage to private property/vandalism

An active-duty Air Force member reported an unknown individual had cut numerous gashes in on his personal trampoline.

Domestic disturbance/assault/abuse of household member

An active-duty Air Force member was apprehended by security forces for abusing and assaulting a household member.

Theft of government property

An active-duty Air Force member reported that he discover cuts and damages to the perimeter of his building. He further discovered \$7,000 worth of copper secondary cables stolen and \$7,000 worth of damages to the remaining cables was found.

Theft of private property

An Air Force retiree reported his tackle box and other fishing items stolen from his boat while docked at the Hickam Harbor. Estimated cost of merchandise: \$200.

Theft of private/government property

An Air Force civilian employee reported his jewelry and wallet containing credit cards, drivers license and other personal items were stolen at the base swimming pool.

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enlisted heritage, enlisted force structure, discipline, ethics and core values. Emphasis is on preparing newly selected master sergeants for increased leadership and management responsibilities. The seminar will be held in the 535th Airlift Squadron Auditorium, Building 2140, from Sept. 11 to 15. The seminar will culminate with a senior non commissioned officer induction ceremony Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. at the enlisted club. For more information,

contact Master Sgt. Manny Martinez at 448-1413 or Master Sgt. Rona Cardwell at 448-6169.

Food court change – Hickam's Robin Hood in the food court has begun its conversion to a Subway. This project is scheduled to take three weeks to complete. All other food establishments will remain open.

Oklahoma University – The

University of Oklahoma is offering a Master of Arts in Managerial Economics. The non-thesis program can be completed in about 18 months. For more information, contact the OU office at 449-6364 or aphickam@ou.edu.

HOSC event – Hickam's Officers' Spouses Club's Annual Special Activities Social is Aug. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. on the officer's club lanai. All Hickam officer's

spouses are invited to attend. For more information, contact Tricia Groenheim at groenheis001@hawaii.rr.com or 206-9210. No reservations required

Women's leadership conference – The Third Annual Women's Leadership Conference is Aug. 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel and Resort Hawaii Ballroom. For more information or to register, visit

<http://www.islchi.org> or call 586-0081.

Funtastic walk – Beginning Aug. 23, a Hickam Family Funtastic Walk will be held every fourth Wednesday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in front of Building 554, next to the clinic. For more information, contact the pediatric clinic at 433-4820 or the New Parent Support Program staff at 449-0175.



Congress approves separation incentives for officers; no decision for enlisted

WASHINGTON (AFP) -- As part of the Air Force's Force Shaping Program initiatives, officers are being offered voluntary separation pay to leave the service earlier than scheduled, said an Air Force officer here recently. VSP allows government agencies that are downsizing or restructuring to offer employees a lump-sum payment to voluntarily separate.

The Air Force goal for fiscal year 2007 is to approve approximately 3,200 officers for VSP. There is currently no equivalent plan for enlisted Airmen. Under current public law the Air Force can't offer VSP to enlisted personnel.

The 2006 National Defense Authorization Act, signed by Congress, authorized all military services to pay officers with six to 12 years of service to voluntarily separate in order to assist the services in their force-shaping efforts. The amount authorized is double what officers would get for involuntary separation pay.

While officials can't predict if more incentives will be offered in the future, they have asked Congress for additional legislation to expand VSP to enlisted and to officers with six to less than 20 years of service, according to Lt. Col. William Hampton, chief of retirements and separations branch at the Pentagon.

Even if Congress approves VSP for enlisted Airmen, a decision to implement the program would depend on several factors, said Colonel Hampton.

"If we reach our enlisted end-strength goal through the use of current programs, or our fiscal resources are limited even more, we won't offer incentives," he said.

Current plans for shaping the enlisted force include reducing the number of accessions, or new Airmen being recruited, and continued use of the Career Job Reservations and NCO Retraining Program to reach targeted goals.

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley stressed it is important for all Airmen to understand the reasons behind force shaping.



Photo by Senior Airman Brian Ferguson

Globemaster operations

Airman 1st Class Spencer Stacey (left) and Senior Airman Charles Reimer III secure two Humvees before takeoff at a forward operating base in Southwest Asia on Aug. 5. The Airmen are C-17 Globemaster III loadmasters with the 816th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron. The squadron flew more than 1,200 sorties in July, delivering cargo and troops in support of operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

"Our nation is at war, fighting global terrorism with the oldest fleet of aircraft in our history," he said. "We are at a critical time and must modernize and recapitalize our force and our aircraft. It comes down to prioritizing."

"We have to win this war, and more importantly, win the next," Chief McKinley said. "The challenge is doing this within a limited budget. Right now we must put money into our aircraft and that means we need to shift money from other areas. We have to live with in our budget."

'Spirit of Solano' arrives at Travis

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AFP) -- The much anticipated C-17 Globemaster III, the "Spirit of Solano," arrived home at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., on Aug. 8.

Festivities began with a flyover of all three major airframes now based at Travis: the C-5 Galaxy, KC-10 Extender and C-17. The crowd of approximately 2,000 applauded as Maj.

Gen. Thomas P. Kane, director of plans and programs for Headquarters Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., taxied the aircraft into position.

"To the men and women of Team Travis: what a magnificent day," said General Kane, former commander of the 60th Air Mobility Wing at Travis. "You have reached a very significant milestone in presenting global power and reach into our country and the world. There are not too many bases that can boast three weapons systems."

The new arrival makes Travis AFB the first and only mobility base to have all three mobility weapon systems. Travis handles more cargo and passengers than any other military air terminal in the United States, and adding the C-17 to the inventory means adding tactical ability as well.

"Travis is critical to demonstrating our nation's air strength and is a leader in our country's engagements abroad," said Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher. "I am proud of our brave Airmen of Team Travis and I know that the arrival of the C-17 will keep Travis Air

Force Base as the premier West Coast airlift base."

Getting straight to work, the "Spirit of Solano" is scheduled to fly its first mission to Europe in support of the war on terrorism today, the day after its delivery, said Col. Michael Shanahan, C-17 Program Office chief at Travis AFB.

The aircraft arrived approximately one month ahead of schedule "ready to use, fresh out of the box," a trend Boeing intends to continue, said Dave Bowman, the vice president and C-17 program manager at Boeing.

The C-17 Globemaster III is capable of carrying approximately 170,000 pounds internationally. It is able to land in rough terrain on significantly smaller airfields than the current cargo heavyweights, the C-5 and KC-10, allowing quicker movement of equipment and people with a smaller military footprint.

"We are proud to add the C-17's tactical prowess to our mobility fleet," said Col. Steve Arquette, the 60th AMW commander. "The technologically advanced airplane provides both the crews and maintainers the opportunity to operate state-of-the-art equipment as we support our national objectives."

"Our first C-17 will now on be showcased around the world," said Col. Robert Millmann, the 349th AMW vice commander. "The enormous global reach capabilities emanating from the ramp and runways of Travis become all the more important as we continue to fight our nation's war on terrorism."

"A successful team must beat with one heart," Colonel Millmann said. "Together the 60th and 349th Air Mobility Wings, along with the 615th Contingency Response Wing and 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force will use, support, maintain and fly this and all future C-17s with determination, pride and professionalism."

The "Spirit of Solano" tail number 66154 is the first of 13 new C-17 aircraft to be delivered to Travis AFB. The new aircraft will be flown by the 301st and 21st Airlift Squadrons in cargo airlift and medical evacuation missions around the world.

The ceremony closed with recognition of the maintenance Airmen. General Kane presented aircraft keys to the Airmen of the two aircraft maintenance squadrons now responsible for the care and upkeep of the newest airframe. (Story by Staff Sgt. Meredith Mingleddorff, 349th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs.)

Southeast Asia highlights tour

Time is running out to sign up for this exotic trip to Southeast Asia touring Oct. 5 to 17. Travelers will spend four nights in Bangkok, Thailand, three nights in Siem Reap, Cambodia and three nights in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The cost is \$2,295 per person, based on double occupancy. For more information, call 448-2295.

Flag football and cheer-leading registration

Today is the last day to register for flag football and cheerleading at the community center. Children born between 1990 and 2001 are eligible to participate, but must have a current physical and a birth certificate. Practice begins Sept. 25 and the season runs from Oct. 28 to Dec. 16. For more information, call youth sports at 448-4492.

Spoken word night

Tonight, grab the microphone and step on up in J.R. Rockers Lounge at the enlisted club during Spoken Word Night from 9:30 p.m. to midnight. It's free-styling, free of pre-registration and free for all. For more information, call 448-2271.

Windsurfing days at Hickam Harbor

Glide above the surf with the freedom of the wind Saturday with a windsurfing lesson. Instructors will be on hand from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. giving demonstrations and lessons. The \$20 fee includes two hours of instruction, rental and safety gear. This is a \$20 savings compared to private lessons. Limited space is available. Call Hickam Harbor for reservations and times at 449-5215.

Pool tournament

Chalk it up and experience a free pool tournament at the community center Saturday at noon. It's double-elimination and it's open to all DoD active duty and retirees. Sign up will take place prior to the event. For more information, call 449-2361.

Rock the night away

Youth programs presents "Rock the Night Away," a teen lock-in Saturday evening.

There will be karaoke, dance revolution and lots of other activities. The cost is \$10 for Keystone members and \$15 for non-members. For more information, call 448-2296.

Swim lessons

Learning to swim is fun, it's a great workout and it might someday save your life. Register for group swim lessons Monday between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at Pool 2. The lessons will be held Wednesdays through Fridays Aug. 16 to 25 at different times for different skill levels. Tuition is \$60 per person for this series of 50-minute classes. For more information, call 449-5215.

Group surf lessons

Register for this group surf lesson by Wednesday and join other participants Aug. 19 for three hours of instruction beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants must be able to swim without a life jacket and be willing to spend \$35 for board rental, transportation and the wisdom of two instructors. For more information, call 449-5215.

Scrapbook night

The next scrapbook night at the Arts and Crafts Center is Thursday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Celebrate the doggone days of summer with special prices on pet scrapbook supplies. There will also be a demonstration of a unique technique for pencil shading. For more information, call 449-1568.

Family movie

The whole family will enjoy Disney's Alice in Wonderland Aug. 19 at 2 p.m. The community center will have lots of popcorn on-hand as kids share the afternoon with the Mad Hatter, the Cheshire Cat and the Queen of Hearts. For more information, call 449-2361.

Pre-teen lock in

"A Night of Fun" is the theme for youth Programs' pre-teen lock-in Aug. 19. Come have a blast, get back together with old friends and get a jumpstart on meeting new ones. Hang out and hear about upcoming pre-teen clubs and events. There's a \$10 fee for Torch Club members and a \$15 fee for non-members. For more information, call 448-2296.

Sea Breeze restaurant renovations

Beginning Aug. 21, the Sea Breeze Restaurant is closed for two to four weeks for facility improvements. The Sand Bar & Grill will be open as usual. For more information, call 449-9900.

Women's and girls' self-defense workshop

This self-defense workshop is designed for women and

girls ages 8 and up. It will be held at the Hickam Fitness and Sports Center Aug. 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The class is free but is limited to 25 participants. For more information or to register, call Susanne Dale at 448-4640 or 448-2214.

Print digital photos

The Arts and Crafts Center is proud to feature the Sony PictureStation system. Retail store patrons can now print digital photos from a memory stick, floppy disk or CD (no USB flash drives).

A 4 x 6 print costs 30-cents, a 5 x 7 costs \$1.50 and an 8 x 10 is \$4.75. The system also scans, enlarges, reduces and burns photos to CDs. For more information, call 449-1568.

FitLinxx orientation

Learn to use the Fitlinxx system to maximize workouts. This free class at the Fitness and Sports Center is offered every Tuesday at 9 a.m. Space is limited. For more information or to register, call 448-2214.

\$1 Bowling

Pin down a super special every Wednesday at the Hickam Bowling Center. Bowl for just \$1 per game from 4 to 9

p.m. For more information, call 449-2702.

Basic strength training

Get back to basics and improve strength and stamina with free basic strength training workshops at the Fitness and Sports Center every Thursday at 1 p.m. Slots are limited. For more information or to register, call 448-2214.

Teen driver's education instruction

The community center is now offering teen driver's education classes. These six-week courses consist of 36 hours of classroom training as well as six hours of actual behind-the-wheel instruction. Tuition is \$417.

Students must have a current State of Hawai'i Learner's Permit before starting. The next session begins this month. For class schedules and more information, call 449-3354.

Crew motorcycle repair

The Auto Hobby Center is offering 10 percent off motorcycle detailing during the month of August. The center is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 to 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call 422-6202.