



News Notes

Correction – In last week's Kukini we inadvertently misspelled Lillian Komatsu's last name in the article "Old School Beauty Shop leaves lasting memoirs." We apologize for the error. Mrs. Komatsu would like to thank her customers, the Hawaiian Air National Guard for attending her farewell luncheon July 28 and she wanted to especially thank Col. (retired) Walker Kaneakua for taking photos and Master Sgt. Eric Daido for planning her retirement event.

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.

Promotion party – The Chief Master Sergeants of Hawaii cordially invite all of Team Hickam to join them in congratulating Hickam's newest staff sergeant selects. The celebration is Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the enlisted club. For more information, contact Chief Master Sgt. Steven Reed at 448-2059.

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.

101 Critical Days of SUMMER

Precaution is better than cure.

Source: 15th AW Safety office

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PACAF unveils first F-22

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

MARIETTA, Ga. – Pacific Air Forces' officials got a glimpse into the future of fighter capability during a tail flash ceremony here today in which PACAF's first F-22 Raptor was unveiled.

The aircraft, which is still under construction, will be the first of 36 F-22s assigned to Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, beginning next year. The base will become home to two active-duty F-22 squadrons – the 90th and 525th Fighter Squadrons, as well as a reserve associate squadron, the 302nd FS. It was also announced today that Lt. Col. Mike Showers will be Elmendorf's first F-22 squadron commander. He will command the 90th FS.

With today's unveiling, PACAF officials unanimously agree the command is one step closer to ushering in a new era in fighter capability.

"I'm excited about getting this incredible new air dominance capability into the Pacific. F-22As based in Alaska in the near-term and Hawaii in the mid-term demonstrates the tremendous American commitment to the region by assuring security and stability for our nation, as well as for our friends and allies," said PACAF commander General Paul V. Hester. In the future, the aircraft will also be assigned to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. The 199th Fighter Squadron of the Hawaii Air National Guard will fly the F-22 and the 531st Fighter Squadron will be an Active associate squadron to them.

The Air Force's newly operational Raptors, stationed at Langley AFB, Va., are already leaving a powerful impression in the fighter community. In June, the F-22 was put to the test during Northern Edge 2006, a two-week joint service exercise held in Alaska. The F-22's capabilities were highlighted during several air-to-air engagements that

included facing an opposing force at a 4-to-1 disadvantage.

According to Lt. Col. Dane West, 1st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, the tremendous success of the Raptor was a result of team effort.

"In my 24 years, I've not seen a more coherent team of operators, maintenance contractors and support personnel," Lt. Col. West said. "The success to date didn't happen because of 'a' supply line or 'a' maintenance shift or 'an' operator. It happened because of a professional team focused on the mission-set to prove the strengths and weaknesses of this deployed airframe."

Maintenance for the Raptor also set benchmarks with mission completion by having an abort rate of less than 6.4 percent of all missions flown.

"Throughout the exercise we were able to see

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Taiwan Legislative visit



Courtesy photo

Members of the Taiwan delegation visit the Hickam commissary. They also visited the Airmen and Family Readiness Center during their visit to Hickam.

RIMPAC 2006 comes to a close

By Tech. Sgt. Chris Vadnais
Air Force News

The 20th multinational Rim of the Pacific Exercise ended July 28. The month-long simulation of intense warfare operations off the coast of Hawaii employed a coalition force of eight nations, 35 ships, 160 aircraft, and 19,000 sailors.

RIMPAC 2006 provided an opportunity for allied nations to learn more about working together. The exercise fostered teamwork between eight

allied nations – each with an interest in promoting peace, security, and stability in the Pacific region.

"Chilean prosperity relies trade," said Vice Admiral Gerardo Covacevich Castex, Chief of Naval Operations for the Republic of Chile. "The main road for this trade is the Pacific, so we couldn't be more happy to be participating in this combined exercise."

"We came to enhance our reputation," said Commodore Richard Shalders, Commander of the Aus-

tralian Navy Submarine Group. "We've been in RIMPAC for (more than) thirty years as one of the principal players, and every single time we value what we get by coming this far, particularly from the other side of the Pacific, with half our coastline facing this ocean."

This year, new equipment streamlined communications between coalition partners and for the first time in the history of the exercise, command and control of air assets came from the

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Hawaii air traffic controllers train to fight

By Tech. Sgt. Chris Vadnais
Air Force News

Airmen from the Hawaii Air National Guard's 297th Air Traffic Control Squadron are involved in a four-day exercise here.

The 297th provides wartime air traffic control and landing support to commanders in contingency situations. The exercise simulates a real-world deployment.

Most of the Airmen involved are part-timers, but they've also done their share of deploying. The Air National Guard owns the majority of the Air Force's deployable air traffic control and landing systems, and Guardsmen voluntarily fill a quarter of all the Air Force's air traffic control deployment requirements. This Total Force arrangement



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chris Vadnais

Tech. Sgts. Daniel Keefe and William Chang, 297th Air Traffic Control Squadron, monitor RADAR screens during an exercise at Barber's Point July 25.

takes some weight off active-duty Airmen and gives Guardsmen bigger roles in contingency operations.

"In 2003 they deployed to Diego Garcia. They were

activated and helped with the shock and awe campaign. They provided RADAR air traffic control services," said Maj. Mark Welch, 297TH ATCS commander. "They got

home from that and we were back out the door to Mosul, Iraq, in the 2004 - 2005 timeframe."

"Weekend Warrior" has

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Officials prepare for F-22 arrival

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

As Pacific Air Forces prepares to bring the F-22 to the command next year the Headquarters PACAF F-22 Program Integration Office here is working hard to ensure no detail is overlooked.

The job is not a small task as the PIO staff is responsible for guiding, coordinating and synchronizing the PACAF-wide F-22 beddown efforts with Air Staff, Air Force Reserve Command, the National Guard Bureau, Air Combat Command, Air Force Material Command, the manufacturer and PACAF leadership. The staff, which consists of four officers, doesn't underestimate the magnitude of their task.

"We serve as the central Office of Primary Responsibility for all F-22 issues in PACAF," explained Lt. Col. Robert J. Craven, Chief, F-22 Program Integration Office.

Prior to the creation of the F-22 PIO, numerous PACAF teams were addressing their respective roles in the F-22 beddown effort; however, PACAF commander General Paul V. Hester felt a "consolidation of effort" was necessary.

"Bringing the F-22 to PACAF in Alaska and Hawaii is a huge undertaking. It's vital that our efforts are not wasted in redundancy and that we ensure we don't miss anything while planning to beddown these incredible new aircraft," the general said.

The F-22 PIO was chartered in April following a decision by General Hester. The team was formed and the staff opened its office for business the next day.

Additionally, the composition of the staff is a reflection

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Do you make you proud?

By Col. JJ Torres
15th Airlift Wing commander

Such poignant but simple words...they were sung by none other than Taylor Hicks, a formerly unknown entertainer, and this year's American Idol... "Go Soul Patrol!" Taylor Hicks is the story of the American dream.

This soulful and talented musical artist from Alabama started his American Idol journey with one goal in mind, to come out on top...to be the best! Although the competition was fierce - he was going up against tens of thousands of other highly talented individuals who were just as hungry as he was - he succeeded.

So what made him successful where others didn't make the cut? In short, he stayed true to himself and his art form, gave 100+% every time he performed, was/is absolutely passionate about his profession, never took himself too seriously, always had fun, and never gave up.

Now you don't have to be an American Idol fan to appreciate the meaning of this song or the lesson of Taylor Hicks. It applies to us as well in our Air Force profession of arms; it applies to us in our daily lives.

First, let's talk about being proud. Most of us want to be recognized for our performance, but it should not

be the going-in reason we do something...to make someone else proud of us. Pride starts from within, and the first person who should be proud of our actions is ourselves.

If we are not proud of the things we do then maybe we should not do them. I make this fine point, because it is important not to have misguided motivation for our actions...think AF Core Values.

Being true to oneself. This one is easy, "A tiger never changes his stripes," and "We are many faces to many people, but at the core we are the same." A senior mentor of mine passed to me once during a feedback session that he felt I was doing a good job, and his advice was to "just be yourself, continue to do what you are doing, and the rest will take care of itself...this is what has made you successful so far."

Good advice and it is the same advice I pass along to those for whom I have the opportunity to mentor. For I have found that those who "put on (false) good images" to please their superiors and then turn around and poorly treat their subordinates or consistently fall short on their own responsibilities, will eventually find Murphy's Law of "What goes around comes around" confronting them when they least expect it.

These types of individuals never reach their true poten-

tial and find themselves blaming others for their shortcomings, especially when it comes to not getting that great job or promotion. The truth hurts sometimes, but this is where the truth starts...what kind of person am I really at the core?

Dedication and Passion. Contrary to popular Hollywood belief, there is no sure fire get-rich-quick method to success. It comes with hard work and dedication.

When you look at all the successful businessmen in industry and our senior military leaders, you will find a common trait; they put in the hours required to get the job done.

When asked how I can keep the schedule I keep on any given day, I reply that that my schedule is what it is, the extra hours are neither good nor bad, they are what is required.

Doesn't sound easy, does it? It gets easier when you add in a lot of passion. For those readers who did watch American Idol regularly, did you notice the passion in the top singers? Were there any musical renditions that sent chills down your spine?

Taylor, Katherine, Chris, Elliott, and Paris knew what was required to reach the top and they all poured their heart and soul into the effort. Do you have passion for your profession or is what you do today "just a job"?

At some point in your life, what you do will have to

become more than a job or you will not stay in that job very long. Do you view the AF as a job or a calling...why do each and every one of us serve? No matter the motivation, it will take dedication and passion to be successful...Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft didn't make the most widely used computer operating system overnight. Success doesn't take weekends off.

Never take yourself seriously, have fun, and never give up. The true mark of leadership is not how you perform when everything is going well; on the contrary, true leadership is realized when the chips are down. Thomas Edison conducted over 6,000 experiments before he invented the working light bulb.

Do you suppose he considered himself a failure after the 5,000th experiment? He kept pressing on, ruling out all the others not as failed attempts but as the wrong approach. Obviously, Edison could not have taken himself too seriously or he would have given up long before "the light bulb went on".

I can't say if Edison was having fun along the way (probably was), but I do know that Taylor Hicks seemed to have a blast each week. Watch your own successful commanders; despite the challenges they may face during their tenure, they still have fun, never give up, and when it is all

said and done, only remember the good things about command.

Another piece of advice I have passed along to persons in supervisory positions is they have to show up everyday with a smile on their face, regardless of how poorly physically or mentally they may feel, and regardless of personal challenges.

Once they are "on the clock" their own problems are secondary to those of the organization and the personnel within it. A known fact about forcing a smile is it's infectious to those around you; they smile too, and pretty soon you no longer have to fake it until you make it. "What was that problem again...?"

Finally, let's talk about success. Success is not something you attain, but rather something that follows you when you posture yourself everyday for all challenges you may face.

That's exactly what Taylor Hicks did on American Idol and what Team Hickam does everyday. The success of this wing and base with all of its partners is directly proportional to the dedicated, passionate and skilled efforts of the professionals who live and work here.

I have noticed during my organizational immersions an "underlying electricity" in the environment. People are "fired up" about their respective jobs and functional areas. That has been

consistent across the board. And you should be fired up!

We have an exciting mission out here; in short, we are the hub of "projecting power throughout the Pacific and beyond!" We are maturing the air mobility mission, are proving Total Force is a reality (through our strong partnership with the 154th ANG), providing superior enroute support to all warfighters, and providing combat & ready trained forces.

There is an area, though, in which I need everyone's assistance. Our PACAF commander has stated that Hickam is the Pearl of the Pacific. I believe that! We do have a beautiful base. However, with limited resources, it will take all of our collective efforts to keep it looking good.

I briefed at my first commander's call that on a team there is no such thing as "it's not my job." Therefore I request everyone's "attention-to-detail" as you are out & about... "pick up the trash when you see it." Help the team maintain the highest professional standards in all we do. Let your individual example be the example for others to follow.

In my short time here, I can enthusiastically say Team Hickam does the Pacific Air Forces, the Air Force, and this nation absolutely proud... Team Hickam, you do yourself proud! Thank you for your continued support.

Don't put down those who teach, be one

By Doc Leeson
Pacific Air Forces
Computer Systems Squadron

There is an old saying: "Those who can, do; those who can't, teach." This saying has been adapted for other professions and vocations. One of the most popular altered versions is, "Those who can, do; those who can't, supervise."

The context of this often-repeated phrase might be relevant. However, it is frequently used as a snide remark aimed at one or more individuals under the guise of being a humorous generalization.

It is thoughtless and hurtful to disparage all members of any profession (even lawyers). There are high-caliber performers and lazy, uninspired people in all professions. I've had some great teachers and some lousy teachers, just as I've had excellent supervisors and mediocre supervisors.

It's a shame that the original quote was directed at teachers. While there are some bad apples, most teachers, professors and instructors choose to teach because they have a calling and want to help others learn. Everyone is gifted in different

ways. People should be praised more for what they do well and criticized less for the mistakes they make when taking the initiative to learn and attempt new tasks.

My experience has been that the most critical people are those who are least likely to offer assistance to show others how to do a job or task. I once worked with an intelligent, knowledgeable and skilled individual. He excelled as a technician and was a demanding and productive crew chief. Unfortunately, he refused to share information or train anyone. He was harshly critical of other technicians, but when anyone asked him for assistance, his typical response was, "Look it up or figure it out yourself. I learned the hard way, so you can, too."

It's important to be self-motivated and self-sufficient; however, too many who are good at what they do are reluctant to share their knowledge and skills with peers and co-workers. Some people simply do not know how to teach. Other skilled professionals and supervisors are too insecure or impatient to take the time to teach others and demonstrate how to do the job properly.

We are all teachers - professional educators and instructors who stand in front of classrooms full of students every day

and those of us with children, nieces, nephews or trainees at work. Older siblings teach younger brothers and sisters to talk, tie their shoes, ride a bike. Parents teach children to walk, look both ways before crossing the street, that the stove can burn you and ad infinitum.

Those who "can and do" (blue-collar workers, technicians, professionals and others) contribute value to the world in many ways. Teachers, professors and instructors contribute value to the world exponentially through the knowledge, skills and pride in accomplishments passed on to the multitude of students and trainees who become skilled professionals and supervisors.

"Experience is the worst teacher; it gives the test before presenting the lesson." - Vernon Law

"I believe that every human soul is teaching something to someone nearly every minute here in mortality." - M. Russell Ballard

"Those who can, teach. Those who can't, do something far less important." - Shirley Frye

Those who can, do; those who care, teach! Share your knowledge and skills with someone today.

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.

Hickam Diamond Tips

No hat areas

Hats and BDU Blouses are required when outdoors in uniform at base housing, entering and exiting the Child Development Center and while pumping gas at the shoppette. The only "No Hat Areas on Hickam AFB are: The Flight line, 15th MDG Clinic lanai area, and Tradewinds Enlisted Club lanais. The 15th AW/CC has also designated the Wright Brothers Cafe lanai as a no hat area.

(Source: AFI 36-2903_15 AW S1) 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
449-7272

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Team Hickam's Quarterly Award Winners

Airman of the Quarter



Senior Airman Joseph Dye

735th Air Mobility Squadron

Found and fixed C-5 hydraulic leak with under one hour until takeoff allowing transport 50 passengers and 49 tons of cargo in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Diagnosed intermittent elevator pressure low light that eluded two other technicians

Squadron booster club rep helped earn more than \$2,000 for squadron events.

CGO of the Quarter



1st Lt. Edward Hubshman

735th Air Mobility Squadron

Sustained outstanding 99.8 percent depart rate with 36 percent manning shortage and high operations tempo.

Key in movement of more than 8,000 25th Infantry Division troops and 432 tons cargo in support of the war effort.

Instituted strict PT program.

Civilian of the Quarter (CAT 3)



Daryl Fong

15th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Managed joint sealift of critical supplies valued at more than \$765,000, sustaining uninterrupted Wake Island operations.

Led preparation of 400 shipment packages of critical medical relief supplies within five hours.

Volunteer coach for the Wai'alaie-Kahala little league baseball team.

NCO of the Quarter



Staff Sgt. Jeremy Young

26th Air and Space Intelligence Squadron

Meticulously tracked movement of more than 400 enemy aircraft.

Completed nine credit hours towards Community College of the Air Force degree in Information Systems Technology and maintained a 3.65 grade point average.

Civilian of the Quarter (CAT 1)



Karen Satterwhite

HQ PACAF

Guaranteed 14 high-level conference attendees and Pacific Air Forces award winners were prepared for the annual extravaganza.

Created EZ Read Tasker to guarantee 7,000 members in PACAF Services units are in the loop on 30 headquarters suspenses per week.

Volunteered 62 hours at high school ticket booth during athletic events.

Honor Guard of the Quarter



Senior Airman Michael Addams

PACAF Readiness Support Squadron

Volunteered for more than 30 details.

President of Hickam's Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program.

Participated in USO parade ... called cadence and marched flight of more than 50 members ... represented Hickam's best.

Senior NCO of the Quarter (CAT 2)



Master Sgt. Daniel Hawkins

15th Security Forces Squadron

Led forces during a ground attack on the base perimeter while deployed.

Team leader for three off-base joint convoys during deployment; found/marked five improvised explosive devices; gathered intelligence and secured coalition forces.

Volunteer of the Quarter



Senior Airman Charlotte Cook

735th Air Mobility Squadron

Key volunteer for Hickam's Special Olympics; managed check-in booths, set-up tents and concession stands.

Volunteered services for several fundraisers for various base, unit and community involvement.

Volunteered more than 185 hours of her off duty time.

Filler Up



Courtesy photo

Members of the 15th Airlift Wing, Pacific Air Forces, DESC and Earth Tech work together to complete the final commissioning of the aircraft fuel hydrant system at Wake Island. This work was the culmination of a one year, \$4.5 million project, which paired with other recent runway improvements drastically improved the operational capabilities of the island.

ARRIVAL, From A1

of the same Total Force Integration that will exist in PACAF's F-22 squadrons. Two of the officers are active duty, one is a reservist and the other a guardsman. Three of the officers are F-15 pilots and one is an F-16 pilot.

"This reflects the pool from which most F-22 pilots are drawn. The vast range of active duty, reserve and guard fighter experience and operational expertise these pilots bring to this TFI team is truly greater than the sum of its parts. They are ideally equipped to tackle the tough challenges associated with getting PACAF's F-22s in place," Lt. Col.

Craven said.

However, the PIO staff is quick to point out that they could not function without the direct support of more than 30 subject matter experts from every functional area in the command.

"These experts work the difficult details within their respective functional areas while we guide, coordinate and synchronize their numerous individual efforts," Col. Craven explained. "Together, the F-22 PIO and our army of experts form a cross-functional 'dream team,' and we're determined to make the beddown of the F-22 in PACAF a tremendous success."

F-22, From A1

just how effective this jet can be integrating with multiple joint assets for a number of different missions," explained Lt. Col. Wade Tolliver, 27th Fighter Squadron commander, Langley AFB, Va., and an F-22 pilot.

Perhaps even more impressive is how the F-22 is able to help other aircraft increase their performance. During Northern Edge, the Raptor was paired with joint-service jets such as F/A-18 Hornets, F-15C/E Eagles, E/A-6B Prowlers and E-2C Hawkeyes.

"The Raptor's success here (Northern Edge) is something that should be shared among all the services, because it means our entire force has capabilities that it didn't have just a short time ago," Col. Tolliver said.

During a meeting with the Senate Armed Services Sub Committee, Secretary of the Air Force, Michael W. Wynne, gave an update to the Raptor's ability.

RIMPAC, From A1

Kenney Headquarters Air Operations Center here.

This year's exercises included live missile, torpedo and gunnery fire exercises as well as air defense, submarine warfare and undersea and surface operations.

The last phase of RIMPAC 2006 was

a scenario in which the participants worked together to enforce United Nations Security Council resolutions to prevent one fictitious country from invading another. U.S. Marines conducted mock non-combatant evacuation operations and an amphibious beach assault on the shore of Oahu, while

coalition forces provided air support.

Each of the eight participating nations brought their own unique set of skills to the exercise. When combined, these skills represent a coalition capability far stronger than any one nation. RIMPAC 2006 helped fine-tune that coalition capability.

297TH, From A1

been a playful nickname for Airmen in the Air National Guard for years, but it hardly fits anymore. As the Air Force develops its Total Force concept, the Guard's role and responsibilities integrate with those of the active duty. Today's Guardsmen are taking an increasingly active role in Air Force operations.

Since the 297th is a combat communications squadron, its

"The F-22A has performed excellently during exercises both in and out of the continental United States," the SECAF said, "dominating the current generation fighters, yet integrating seamlessly with ground based operations."

While today's unveiling was a historical event, Gen. Hester agrees that the arrival of the F-22 in PACAF is beneficial not just for the command but for the entire Air Force.

"I'm looking forward to leveraging all three components of our Total Force: Active Duty, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserves to squeeze every ounce of capability out of these great fighters. Our Total Force is critical in today's challenging environments...and I couldn't be more pleased that all three elements are going to be fully engaged in the Raptor business," he said.

Airmen require specialty training, like designing site defense and security plans. This exercise provides that, and ultimately prepares the Guardsmen to continue deploying air traffic support wherever it's needed.

"We have people who are out there helping, doing the mission, and not only doing the mission but doing an outstanding job at doing the mission," said Major Welch.



Crime Scene

Theft of personal property

An Air Force family member reported his motorcycle was stolen from in front of his residence.

Damage to private property

An active-duty Air Force member reported his vehicle was damaged while parked in front of his residence. Vehicle damages consisted of scratches, dents and paint transfers on the driver side door.

Theft of government property

An Air Force civilian employee reported six picture frames missing from Hickam billeting. Estimated cost of property: \$552.

Theft of government property

An active-duty Air Force member reported someone had unlawfully entered her residence off base and stolen her purse containing her military identification card and personal belongings.

Shoplifting

Two Air Force family members were detained by Army Air

Force Exchange Service store detectives for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$35.65.

Damage to private property

An Air Force family member reported her vehicle was damaged while parked in front of her residence. Vehicle damages consisted of scratches, dents and a shattered rear window.

Theft of government property

An Air Force retiree member reported someone had stolen his vehicle from an off-base location. When the vehicle was recovered, he noticed that the DD Form 2220 (Base decal) was missing from the windshield.

Shoplifting

A Navy Maritime Forces member was detained by Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$188.95.

Damage to private property

An Air Force family member reported her vehicle was damaged while parked in front of her residence. Vehicle damage consisted of numerous scratches on the passenger door.



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Global Hawk passes 10,000 flight hours milestone

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFP) -- The Global Hawk unmanned aerial system continues to prove its utility and effectiveness in the global war on terror, having flown more than 10,500 flight hours by late July.

The Global Hawk achieved 10,000 flight hours in June, with its ratio of combat flying hours to non-combat hours increasing to 63 percent of total flight hours.

Managed by the 303rd Aeronautical Systems Group at the Aeronautical Systems Center here, Global Hawk is proving a popular asset. Its mounting flight hours under-

score the UAS's prominent and growing operational role and constitute a key acquisition success, according to center officials. *(Story by Chris McGee, Aeronautical Systems Center Public Affairs)*

Reserve income replacement begins Sept. 1

DENVER (AFP) -- Beginning Sept. 1, eligible reservists can begin receiving Reserve Income Replacement Program payments.

The RIRP was developed to provide specific payments to eligible members of the National Guard and Reserve who are involuntarily serving on active duty -- the term active duty includes full-time National Guard duty -- and who are experiencing a monthly active duty income differential of more than \$50, as determined by the member's service secretary.

Civil Air Patrol Cadets soar



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Joe Zuccaro

An F-16 Fighting Falcon flies alongside a KC-135 Stratotanker during an incentive flight for students in the Civil Air Patrol and Aviation Careers Education Camp in Phoenix on Aug. 1. The camp was held in conjunction with the Tuskegee Airmen Convention. The aircraft are with the Arizona Air National Guard.