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William Frampton (center), senior liaison officer with the U.S. Air Force Missing Persons Branch, rings the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange on Sept. 14. With Mr. Frampton are (left to right) John Erik Smith, exchange sergeant at arms; Marine Cpl. Robert Beck; Stephen Wilson. The servicemembers visited the exchange to commemorate National POW/MIA Recognition Day by being present at the ringing the closing bell.

erating officer for the exchange; Army Sgt. Melanie Moore; James McGuire, an exchange trader and a Korean War veteran; Master Sgt. Susan Williams; and Tech. Sgt. Stephen Wilson. The servicemembers visited the exchange to commemorate National POW/MIA Recognition Day by being present at the ringing the closing bell.

## Former POWs carry on American resolve

By Staff Sgt. Shad Eidson  
Air Force Print News

Americans honored the nation's patriots Sept. 15 during National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

They took part in ceremonies, parades and observances held across the country on military installations, ships at sea, veterans' facilities and the Pentagon.

This day commemorated America's past patriots still missing in action and those who safely returned home from the hands of the enemy. But it also was a day for today's Airmen, Sailors, Soldiers and Marines who continue serving.

Former POW, retired Maj. William Roberts Jr., is proud of his son, Col. William Roberts III, for accepting the risk and serving as a B-1 Lancer pilot. When Major Roberts was a staff sergeant aerial gunner with the Army Air Corps assigned to the 463rd Bomb Group, his B-17G Flying Fortress was shot down July 7, 1944, near Velehrad, Czech Republic.

He spent 11 months as a POW in various camps in Poland. The camp commander then marched them out of Poland for four months to stay ahead of advancing Russian troops. Major Roberts' mobile camp was liberated by a British tank force in May 1945 while staying on an abandoned farm.

Major Roberts recalled many details of his conduct as a POW.

"You call up an inner self to do what is needed and to keep going," he said.

Major Roberts continues to honor POWs and MIAs by being a public speaker, a national director for the American Ex-Prisoners of War and in several veterans' organizations. He honored them Sept. 15 by joining his son at the Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, basic trainee graduation parade for the Air Force's newest



Photo by Staff Sgt. Shad Eidson

Roger White Jr., Texas Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 131st Field Artillery, was captured by Japanese forces March 8, 1942, while stationed on the island of Java in the Netherland East Indies. He spent the next three and a half years in POW camps, mostly in Camp Fukuoka No. 2, Japan, until the camp was liberated in August 1945.

Airmen.

While Major Roberts was fortunate to return home, there are more than 88,000 Americans from World War II to today's conflicts still unaccounted for and listed as missing in action.

Being a POW or MIA in service to country is not solely reserved for active-duty members.

Roger White Jr. of Amarillo, Texas, joined the Texas Army National Guard and served in an activated unit, the 2nd Battalion, 131st Field Artillery. While a sergeant, his unit left Pearl Harbor Dec. 3, 1941, by ship to support operations in the Netherland East Indies before he and 901 Americans were captured by Japanese forces on the island of Java March 8, 1942.

While many would spend the next three and a half years in work camps throughout Burma, Thailand and Japan, Mr. White ended up in Camp Fukuoka No. 2 in Japan. He survived "inhuman conditions" until he saw an American plane drop food and

supplies just before the camp was liberated in August 1945.

"Faith" and keeping his spirits up with the smallest things he could find allowed him to endure beatings and times when he thought "this is it."

"The experience helped me a great deal in many ways. I became more understanding toward people," he said. "All hardships you can overcome. The difficult we do immediately and the impossible -- takes a little longer."

Mr. White joined his daughter to observe POW/MIA Recognition Day by visiting the grave of his wife of 54 years and paying his respects at the Fort Sam Houston cemetery. Still, as he does every day, his thoughts turned to his grandson, a captain in the Army commanding a field artillery unit in Afghanistan.

His advice to those serving today is to serve proud and if captured, "Keep the faith, to never give up. Every one of these guys (POWs) will tell you -- you can't give up."

## Army vet recalls horrors of POW camp

By Kent Cummins  
Air 47th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

Dec. 23, 1944. "It was the saddest day of my life," said Guillermo Serrano.

It was a numbingly cold night with Christmas Eve just hours away when young Army Private Serrano was captured and imprisoned by Germans during the early stages of World War II's Battle of the Bulge.

The battle began Dec. 16, 1944, and by the time it ended Jan. 25, 1945, more than 76,000 Americans were killed, wounded or captured.

A few years earlier, in November 1942, Mr. Serrano, a Del Rio, Texas, native, joined the Army. After basic training at Camp McCoy, Wisc., he transferred to Fort Knox, Ky., to become a combat engineer. Soon after, the young Soldier headed overseas.

"We were stationed near Manchester, England," Mr. Serrano said. "I arrived just two days after the invasion of Normandy."

Mr. Serrano said he knew they would be in the thick of battle soon.

"We trained hard, and I was a combat engineer, but I was a Soldier first."

In December 1944, Mr. Serrano's unit joined the 600,000 Americans fighting the Germans in the heavily forested Ardennes region of eastern Belgium and northern Luxembourg. He said the conditions were brutal.

"We were a part of Gen. (Omar) Bradley's force," he said. "I remember the cold ... it was 25 below most of the time."

It was on one of those frigid nights Mr. Serrano's life changed.

"It was cold, it was dark,"



U.S. Air force photo

Guillermo Serrano was a young Army private when he was captured and imprisoned by Germans during the early stages of World War II's Battle of the Bulge.

he said. "I can still hear the (fellow Soldiers) crying out in pain, but I couldn't see anything ... then they captured me."

Mr. Serrano was a prisoner of war. "We walked for two days to a concentration camp," he said. "I was wounded, but my buddy was worse than me. I helped him along and told him not to fall down. Keep walking, I told him, if you fall, they will shoot you."

When Mr. Serrano arrived at Stalag VI-G in Bonn-Duisdorf, Germany, his captors separated him from his friend.

"But I heard later once I got back to Texas that he made it," said Mr. Serrano.

One bright spot in his dark recollection of events was the help he received from an Army doctor at the prison camp.

"An American doctor helped with a bad infection I had in my knee," said Mr. Serrano, who added the conditions were atrocious.

"There were no restrooms.

It was terrible, just terrible," he said.

"Many soldiers had severe frostbite; we slept on hard straw mats," he said. "There were lots of insects, mice, lice and ticks."

"Sometimes they would give us soup, potato soup, once a day, sometimes nothing," Mr. Serrano said. "When I was captured, I weighed 180 pounds. When it was over, I weighed 130 pounds."

Mr. Serrano and the other POWs did whatever it took to survive.

"Any animal that would get through the fence, we would kill it, and we would eat it."

His five-month struggle would soon end.

"We didn't know (the war) was ending 'til we saw the British coming," he said. "The British Army liberated us. We were so happy to see them. I remember them throwing bread to us over the fence."

April 16, 1945. "It was the happiest day of my life," he said.

# Crossword Puzzle: Never forget

**By Capt Tony Wickman**

71st Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

**ACROSS**

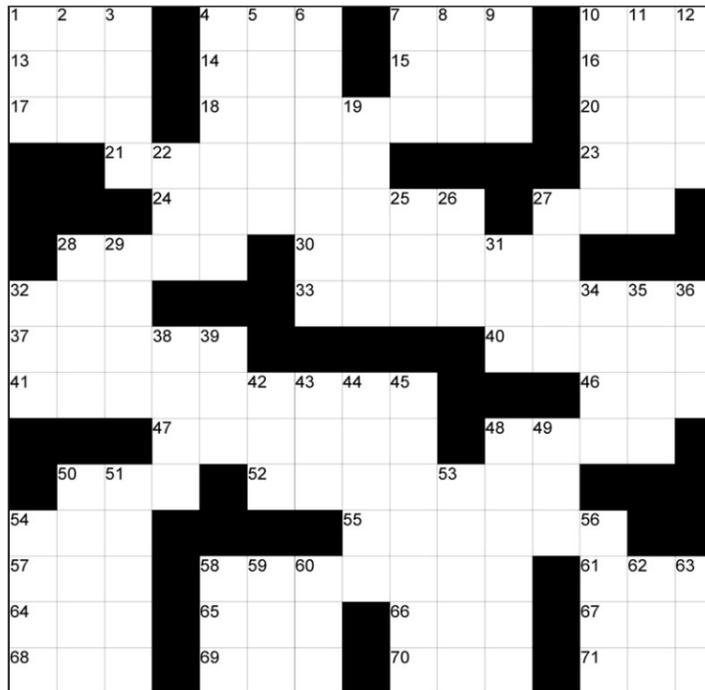
- 1. Vase
- 4. School agriculture org.
- 7. Vitality
- 10. Automobile
- 13. Afternoon beverage
- 14. EarthLink competitor
- 15. Lennon's love
- 16. Foreign mil. address
- 17. Actor Harris and others
- 18. East-central African coun-try
- 20. USN equivalent to AFB
- 21. New York city
- 23. Mining goal
- 24. Incapacitate
- 27. Damp
- 28. Mil. org. who's motto is "Until they are home"
- 30. Car operator
- 32. Lament
- 33. Beginning of phrase on flag for observance
- 37. Thoughts
- 40. Bites
- 41. See 33 ACROSS, end of phrase
- 46. Esprit
- 47. Suitable to dine on

- 48. Actor Pitt
- 50. Bachelor's spot
- 52. North-central European country
- 54. Subject of observance, incarcerated mil. member in war
- 55. Wild Asian ass
- 57. Org. concerned with smog
- 58. Panavia's GR-4 aircraft
- 61. Ancient
- 64. USAF enlisted eval.
- 65. Auto club
- 66. Vietnam lunar New Year
- 67. Subject of observance, un-accounted mil. member
- 68. Product to make soap
- 69. Jimmy open
- 70. Place for doctors
- 71. Terminate

**DOWN**

- 1. Southwestern American Indian
- 2. Color of 12 DOWN
- 3. NBA MVP Steve
- 4. Cloth
- 5. Penalties
- 6. By now
- 7. Male child
- 8. Conjunction
- 9. Hawaiian food made from taro
- 10. Lake transport

- 11. Detached
- 12. Item used to the remember loved ones to keep the faith
- 19. Soccer sporting goods manufacturer
- 22. Oklahoma city
- 25. Charlie's Angels Lucy
- 26. Desperate Housewives' Longoria
- 27. Small brownish songbird
- 28. Sport similar to wrestling developed in Japan
- 29. Equal
- 31. Unit of energy
- 32. Force shaping tool, in short
- 34. Wine valley
- 35. In debt
- 36. Kitchen measurement
- 38. Ripened
- 39. Turf
- 42. Dead heat
- 43. Cable channel
- 44. Singer John
- 45. Newborn
- 48. People strongly partial to one's own group with intolerance
- 49. 1979 Fields' movie Norma
- 50. In Flanders Fields subject
- 51. Plugged in
- 53. American lawyer, pioneer in



- consumer protectionism
- 54. Fruit rind
- 56. Home to Caesar
- 58. Draft
- 59. Paddle

- 60. Singer/songwriter Charles
- 62. Vietnam Memorial sculptor and architect
- 63. Father

See SOLUTION, B4

## CHAPEL

*Editor's note: For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.*

<p><b>PROTESTANT</b> Nelles Chapel Sunday Contemporary Ser-vice 8:30 a.m. Sunday Gospel Worship 11:15 a.m. Sunday Praise Gathering</p>	<p>5:30 p.m. Chapel Center Sunday Traditional 8:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>JEWISH</b> Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor – 473-0050</p>	<p>Jewish Lay Leader Mr. David Bender 527-5877 Naval Station Chapel – 473-3971</p> <p><b>CATHOLIC</b> Nelles Chapel</p>	<p>Weekday Mass 11:30 a.m. Saturday Confessions 4:15 p.m. Saturday Mass 5 p.m. Chapel Center Sunday Mass 10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>BUDDHIST</b> Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin A Shin Buddhist Temple – 536-7044</p> <p><b>ORTHODOX</b> For more information, call 438-6687</p>	<p><b>ISLAMIC</b> Friday Congregational Service (1935 Aleo Place, Punahou) 1 p.m. Muslim Association of Hawaii 947-6263</p>
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# Hispanic heritage month's rich history

**By Master Sgt. Nicolas Navarro**  
15th Communications Squadron

For more than 35 years, the United States has annually celebrated the rich history and cultural traditions of our Nation's Hispanic American people.

National Hispanic Heritage Month provides us an opportunity to express deep appreciation to Hispanic Americans for their countless contributions to our society and to pay tribute again to America's distinctive diversity.

"Since our Nation's founding, Hispanic Americans have played an integral role in our country's exceptional story of success. Hispanic Americans served with heroism in every major American military conflict.

The Continental Army benefited from the valor of Bernardo de Gálvez, who led his frequently outnumbered troops to numerous victories against the British. Luis Esteves organized the first Puerto Rico National Guard and rose through the ranks of the U.S. Army to become a distinguished Brigadier General. And 38 Hispanics have earned our Nation's highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor.

The United States academic and scientific communities benefited from the contributions of Hispanic Americans like physicist Luis Walter Alvarez, who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1986.

Business leaders like Roberto Goizueta have had a positive effect on our Nation's economy; and many Hispanics have greatly influenced America's artistic, legal, and political communities."

(Source: President Proclaims National Hispanic Heritage Month, <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/09/20010928-2.html>)

The observation period started in 1968 as National Hispanic Heritage Week and was expanded in 1988 to cover a 30-day period. Hispanic Heritage Month is an annual national celebration running from September 15 through October 15.

The Hispanic ethnic group is a vastly diverse culmination of many Latin-American countries. During this time frame seven Hispanic countries celebrate the anniversaries of their independence, hence the reason that September 15th is the traditional starting point for the annual Hispanic Heritage celebration.

This year's Hispanic heritage

celebration will be highlighted by focusing on our talented

Hispanic youth. The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI), the nation's premier Hispanic youth leadership development and educational organization, announced "Celebrating Our Youth, Our Future, Our Legacy," as this year's Hispanic Heritage Month theme.

We need to encourage and assist the Hispanic-American youth to continue to build upon the rich traditions that make America strong.

The Hickam Hispanic Heritage Committee is planning numerous events to help educate and enrich the Hickam community with the authentic Hispanic culture. The HHHHC has worked hard to ensure that all the Hispanic countries have a chance to

display their culture. The HHHHC will be sponsoring a breakfast burrito sale; youth poster/essay contest, and traditional music and dancing performances at this year's Hispanic Heritage Picnic.

This year's Hispanic Heritage guest speaker will be Mrs. Amanda Perez (Children's Book Author); during her visit she will also visit the Hickam Elementary school and provide a story telling time with our youth.

These events will be advertised base-wide, please come out and learn about our deep heritage and enjoy our exquisite cuisine. Anyone interested in being part of the HHHHC may contact Sergeant Navarro at 448-8538 or Capt. Jose Sorto at 449-2014.

## SUDOKU, From B4

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**Give US your feedback**

Team Hickam members can submit letters to the editor to [hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil](mailto:hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil)

Tell us what you think or would like to see in Kukini

# AT THE MOVIES

Memorial Theater 448-2297 • CLOSED Monday and Tuesday



**Today, Saturday and Wednesday, 7p.m.**

**Step Up** – Everyone deserves a second chance to follow their dreams. Tyler is a rebel from the wrong side of Baltimore's tracks and the only thing that stands between him and unfulfilled life are his dreams of one day making it out of there. Nora is a ballet dancer attending Baltimore's elite Maryland School of the Arts and the only thing standing in the way of her obviously brilliant future is finding a great dance partner for her senior showcase. Starring Chan-

ning Tatum and Jenna Dewan. Rated PG-13 for thematic elements, brief violence, and innuendo.



**Sunday, 7 p.m.**

**Snakes on a plane** – A ruthless assassin unleashes a crate full of lethal snakes aboard a packed passenger jet over the Pacific Ocean in order to eliminate a witness in protective custody.

Starring Samuel L. Jackson and Nathan Phillips. Rated R for language, a scene of sexuality and drug use, and intense

sequences of terror and violence.

**Thursday 7 p.m.**

**The descent** – One year after a tragic accident, six friends reunite for a caving expedition. Their adventure soon goes horribly wrong when a collapse traps them deep underground and they are pursued by blood thirsty creatures. As their friendships deteriorate, they are in desperate struggle to survive the creatures and each other. Starring Shauna MacDonald and Natalie Mendoza. Rated R for strong violence, gore and language.



# SUDOKU

Puzzle created by Staff Sgt. Sarah Kinsman  
For solution, see SUDOKU, B3

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## SOLUTION, From B2

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FORGOTTEN		PEP	
	EDIBLE	BRAD	
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EPA	TORNADO	OLD	
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It's not a yard sale

**Jenny**

I DON'T SEE HER ANY WHERE...

JUST MEN, BOXES, AND FURNITURE....

OOOH. LOOK AT THIS BEAUTIFUL CHAIR! OOOH. A CLOISSONNE LAMP!

LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE BEEN TO BOTH ASIA AND EUROPE... LUCKY!!!

IT'S NOT A YARD SALE, YOU KNOW...

WELL, LET'S GO ON OVER THERE ...AND TRY TO STAY OUT OF THE WAY!

I WONDER WHAT KIND OF STUFF THEY HAVE?

CAN I HELP YOU LADIES?

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Christine Simperts gets ready to tee off during the Friends of Hickam golf tournament. The friends raised nearly \$11,000 during the 13th annual tournament. Money raised in the tournament goes toward Airmen and families on Hickam. Their most recent project was funding a large, portable movie screen and sound system for outdoor events.

# Friends score again

## 144 golfers participate in Hickam tournament

By Bette Kalohi  
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

“FORE...five, six, seven...Thirteen!” One by one, Friends of Hickam, Inc. members, guests and Air Force members teed off in FOH 13th Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament held this week. The tournament garnered nearly \$11,000, making the 13th tournament the most successful one FOH has sponsored so far.

The golf tournament is put on annually for the benefit of Hickam Airmen and families. Traditionally, FOH, a civic leader organization whose mission is to support Hickam and our Airmen, raises between \$6000 and \$8000 from this single event. Their most recent project was funding a large, portable movie screen and sound system for outdoor events.

With 144 golfers, the course was bursting at the seams with energy and golfers ready to do their best for Hickam. “A fun day in the sun at Mamala Bay”, is how FOH President Dan Dung, summarized the day. “This tournament ensures the Friends of Hickam Inc. will have

“ In the short time I've been here, I have already seen how much these community leaders care about our Airmen and do for us. ”

the ability to continue it's programs that support those defending our country at Hickam AFB. It was great to see so many members, sponsors, donors, friends and Air Force personnel together making our 13th tournament a success. “

Because this was the 13th year of the tournament, the grand prize winners were Dennis Chong Kee, George Nekota and Jeanie Choe who finished in 13th place.

No one left the tournament empty handed, however, since every team received a prize along with a full, buffet dinner and a great day of golf.

All proceeds go directly to programs and events in support

of our Airmen and their families.

“This organization's sole purpose is to support you and me” says Colonel Jeffrey L. Stevenson, vice commander. “In the short time I've been here, I have already seen how much these community leaders care about our Airmen and do for us.”

Past tournaments have funded annual projects such as an authentic luau at the dorms and building the outdoor patio at the Airmen's Dining Facility. They worked with Hickam volunteers to lay the cement, plant the palms and grass and even bought the patio furniture. Another project funded furniture for the first term airman's center. Another year they built two brick barbecue grills at the dorms and later added the patio and furniture for residents.

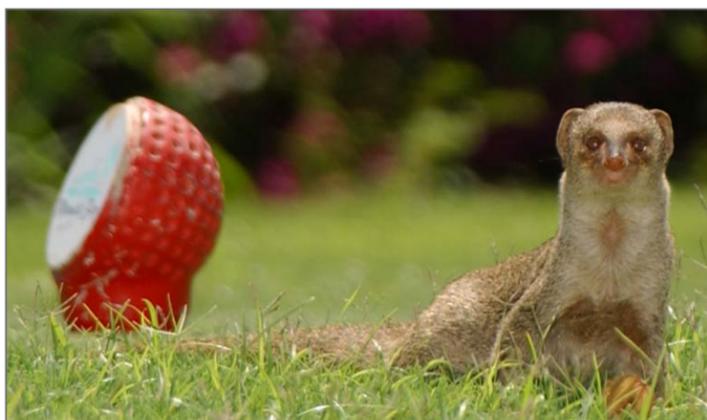
The organization contributes to the annual awards banquet to defray the cost of tickets for the younger Airmen and they underwrite the, bi-monthly Ohana Aloha Newcomers Orientation bus tour of Oahu.

These are just some of the things our friends do for Hickam Airmen and families.



Dan Dung, president of Friends of Hickam, Inc. putts during the Friends of Hickam Golf Tournament. More than 144 people came out for the event.

Even the mongoose were out during the Friends of Hickam's 13th annual golf tournament awarded prizes to participants who finished in 13th place. No teams left empty handed though since every team received a prize along with a full buffet dinner and a day of golf.



# Team Hickam Pick 'Em



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Team Roster	Baltimore vs. Cleveland	NY Giants vs. Seattle	St. Louis vs. Arizona	Denver vs. New England	Jacksonville vs. Indianapolis	Cincinnati vs. Pittsburgh	Chicago vs. Minnesota	Atlanta vs. New Orleans	Records	
									Last week	To date
Col. J.J. Torres 15th AW/CC	Baltimore	NY Giants	St. Louis	New England	Indianapolis	Pittsburgh	Chicago	Atlanta	3-5	7-9
Lt. Col. Lewis Carlisle 352nd IOS/CC	Baltimore	Seattle	Arizona	New England	Indianapolis	Pittsburgh	Chicago	New Orleans	5-3	10-6
Capt. Brian Moritz 535th AS	Baltimore	Seattle	Arizona	Denver	Jacksonville	Cincinnati	Chicago	Atlanta	4-4	7-9
CMSgt. Robert Wyman 692nd IG	Baltimore	Seattle	Arizona	New England	Indianapolis	Pittsburgh	Chicago	New Orleans	6-2	12-4
TSgt. Youlanda Grant 15th AW/CCA	Baltimore	Seattle	Arizona	New England	Indianapolis	Cincinnati	Chicago	Atlanta	6-2	11-5
SrA Jeff Galdikas 15th CES	Baltimore	NY Giants	Arizona	New England	Indianapolis	Pittsburgh	Chicago	Atlanta	6-2	10-6



**TEAM HICKAM NFL CHALLENGE**

