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News Notes

Electrical outages – There will be 3 scheduled electrical outages Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. These outages affect Challenger Loop housing from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

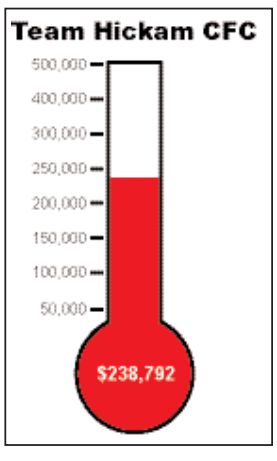
Other outages from 8 to 8:15 a.m. and 3:45 to 4 p.m. will affect facilities between Hickam Main Gate and the Kuntz Gate to include Ohana Nui Housing, dormitories, professional military education center, Par 3 golf course, noncommissioned officers club, movie theater and bowling center.

These outages are necessary to facilitate upgrades of the electrical systems. For more information, call Henry Wong at 448-7845.

Blood drive – Team Hickam sponsors a blood drive,Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hickam Community Center. To make an appointment, e mail Staff. Sgt. Camill Thomas at camill.thomas @hickam.af.mil or call 443-3142.

Readiness briefings – The next family readiness briefing at the Airman and Family Readiness Center is Nov. 7 from 10 to 11 a.m. Active-duty, civilian and family members who may deploy soon are encouraged to attend.

Clinic closure – Hickam Medical Clinic is closed today until 1 p.m. for training. For emergency medical care, dial 911 or go to Tripler Army Medical Center emergency room



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Bush accepts memorial

By Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein
Air Force Print News

On behalf of a grateful nation, the president of the United States accepted the Air Force Memorial in a dedication ceremony here attended by military leaders of the past and present, political and business representatives and thousands of ordinary citizens and Airmen alike.

"A Soldier can walk the battlefields where he once fought," said President George W. Bush. "A Marine can walk the beaches he once stormed, but an Airman can never visit the patch of sky he raced across to defend freedom. And so it is fitting that from this day forward, the men and women of the Air Force will have this memorial."

The ceremony was the highlight of a daylong open house event that attracted thousands of people from around the country to the south parking lot of the Pentagon. Huge screens were put up which allowed the visitors in the parking lot to view the dedication ceremony,

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Cohen Young

President George W. Bush accepts the Air Force Memorial from Air Force Memorial Foundation Chairman Ross Perot Jr. during a dedication ceremony at Arlington, Va. Saturday. Looking on are, from left: Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley. The memorial pays tribute to and honors the patriotic men and women of the U.S. Air Force.

PACAF RSS deactivates Saturday

By Kirsten Tacker
Kukini Photojournalist

Hickam will be the first to transfer their Pacific Air Forces Regional Supply Squadron duties Saturday to Scott Air Force Base, Ill., as part of a centralizing support effort direct from Langley AFB, Va. and Scott AFB.

Scott AFB will house the Mobility Air Forces Logistics Support Center while the Combat Air Forces LSC will be at Langley AFB.

They will provide global logistics support to the entire Air Force and are expected to provide the same customer service to meet all support needs.

"By the time we inactivate

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Operation Deep Freeze

Ice bound 109th AW refuels at Hickam

By Kirsten Tacker
Kukini Photojournalist

On their annual trek to McMurdo Station, Antarctica, the 109th Airlift Wing was welcomed on Hickam to refuel Oct. 13 to continue on their LC-130 in support of the National Science Foundation.

The 109th AW hails from Stratton Air National Guard Base, New York and each year provides operational and logistic support to the United States Antarctic Program overseen by the NSF.

These annual missions were coined Operation Deep Freeze, distinguishing itself as a total force mission that has supported the NSF and USAP since 1955.

Operation Deep Freeze takes place only on Antarctica, the highest, windiest, driest and coldest continent where aircrew members maintain six days a week, 12-hour days of flight and sometimes more.

"This mission is our yearly commute down to Antarctica," said Senior Master Sgt. Mark Olena, 109th AW. "We start every October to take all our airplanes and as a unit we deploy from the month of October to March."

Their trek is accomplished in an LC-130, different from a C-130 because of the ski land-

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Senior Master Sgt. Mark Olena, 109th Airlift Wing, performs flight checks on an LC-130 before taking off in support of Operation Deep Freeze.

Photo by Kirsten Tacker

AF leaders discuss 'Cyber Command'

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

Air Force leaders are gathering in early November to discuss plans for creation of a new command, one chartered with flying and fighting in cyber space.

Cyberspace became an official Air Force domain, like air and space, on Dec. 7, 2005, when Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley introduced a new mission statement.

In a letter to Airmen, they said the new mission was to "deliver sovereign options for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests – to fly and fight in air, space and cyberspace."

Now, Air Force leaders are planning to stand up a new "cyber command," to be responsible for fighting in that domain, said General Moseley.

"To deliver the full spectrum of effects we will evolve a coherent enterprise, with warfighting ethos, ready to execute any mission in peace, crisis and war," the general said. "We will foster a force of 21st century warriors, capable of delivering the full spectrum of kinetic and non-kinetic, lethal and non-lethal effects across all three domains. This is why we are standing up an operational command for cyberspace, capable of functioning as a supported or supporting component of the joint force."

Photo illustration by Staff Sgt. Jennie Chamberlin

Air Force leaders begin planning for the new cyber command Nov. 16 at the Cyber Summit. During the summit, Air Force leaders will chart a way ahead for the Air Force's role in cyberspace, also called the cyber domain, said Dr. Lani Kass, director of the Air Force Cyberspace Task Force.

"The chief of staff of the Air Force is going to gather his senior officers and talk about the new domain, in which, according to our mission, we are going to fly and fight," she said. "Our objective is to come out with a course, a vector, that will set us up for transforming our Air Force, to get us ready for the fight of the 21st century."

According to Dr. Kass, cyberspace is neither a mission nor an operation. Instead, cyberspace is a strategic, operational and tactical warfighting domain – a place in which the Air Force or other services can fight.

"The domain is defined by the electromagnetic spectrum," Dr. Kass said. "It's a domain just like air, space, land and sea. It is a domain in and through which we deliver effects – fly and fight, attack and defend – and conduct operations to obtain our national interests."

The cyber domain includes all the places an electron travels. The electron, which is part of the atom, can travel from one atom to the next. This concept is key to electronic communication and energy transmission.

An electron may travel from a cell phone to a cell tower, for instance. The path the electron takes, the shape of its path, the speed it travels, and the direction it travels are all critical to ensuring the cell phone works and that a usable signal is received. As part of a signal, an electron can travel from a handheld computer to a reception tower, over a wire to a telephone, to a television through an antenna, from a radio transmitter to radio, and from computer to computer as part of a network.

The electron can also travel, as part of energy transmission, from a microwave oven to popcorn seeds to make them pop, from generators over a wire to a light bulb, and from an X-ray machine through bone to a detection plate to make an image for a doctor to review.

The places where the electron travels is the cyber domain, or cyberspace. And the ability to deliver a full range of cyber effects – to detect, deter, deceive, disrupt, defend, deny, and defeat any signal or electron transmission – is the essence of fight-

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America Soars on Air Force Wings

By General T. Michael Moseley
U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff

The United States of America depends on its Air Force to defend the population, deliver global effects and jointly accomplish national objectives to an extent unseen in the history of mankind.

In my 35 years of service, many things have changed. Yet, what has remained constant is the extraordinary dedication, courage, and skill of the men and women we call "Airmen" who deliver for the nation every minute of every day in air, on the surface, in space, and cyberspace.

I am often asked: What does the Air Force contribute? What does our national investment in air, space and cyberspace power bring to America? Let me share with you some observations of our Air Force that have inspired me since I was a new Second Lieutenant – fresh from commissioning at Texas A&M University – and continue to fill me with pride as the Eighteenth Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force.

I see Airmen (Active, Reserve, Air National Guard and Civilians), vigilant at their post, who provide first warning of threats worldwide through space, air and cyber systems that never sleep and never blink.

From satellites that provide early warning, to over-tasked unmanned aerial vehicles and surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft, Airmen operate the world's most advanced sensor network. They watch the globe – to include North Korean preparations for missile launches, Iranian nuclear programs, and the dangerous borders between warring nations. Airmen are America's global eyes and ears, likely the first to tip off of an emerging threat to Americans and America's interests

I see Airmen who provide the first response worldwide for natural disasters – on scene for rescue and delivering humanitarian supplies (to include complete hospitals) that often mean the difference between life and death.

I see Airmen airborne, in the center of the worst storms and hurricanes in history, to track and provide the warning that is critical to save lives and protect citizens' property.

I see Airmen airborne, fighting forest and range fires, delivering fire retardant liquid from C-130s – again to save lives and protect citizens' property. From rescuing individuals in danger, to providing storm warning, to fighting fires, to delivering supplies across a global air bridge, Airmen are the real manifestation of American compassion and strength.

It has been my observation that Airmen do these tasks so well that people at risk expect an American response no matter how far or how adverse the conditions or how tough the task. It has also been my observation that these Airmen make all this look so easy that others believe it is easy - which, of course, it's not.

I see Airmen who are often first to the fight through the attributes inherent in the exploitation of Air Power, engaging enemies across vast ranges on a truly global scale, striking targets or transporting themselves and their fellow Warriors to hot spots throughout the world. These Airmen then stand alongside them in the fight as a joint team, delivering military options, anywhere on Earth.

These Airmen fly bombers on a truly intercontinental scale, routinely striking targets at ranges unequaled in the history of warfare, with peerless precision, speed, and lethality, while simultaneously holding other targets at risk, thereby deterring and dissuading adverse actions.

Other Airmen fly the giant airlift and refueling aircraft, also on a truly intercontinental scale, daily delivering humanitarian relief supplies, other war fighters, cargo, and the means to conduct theater war fighting on the scale required in this long war on terrorism. In fact, every 90 seconds, somewhere on the surface of the Earth, these Airmen take to the air – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, good weather or foul in defense of this country.

I see Airmen slip into hollow cockpits of fighter aircraft and, to paraphrase James Salter's "Gods of Tin," plug themselves into the machine.

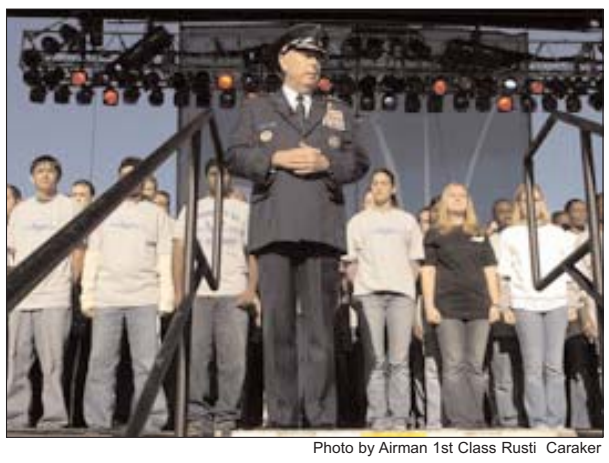

Photo by Airman 1st Class Rusti Caraker

Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, welcomes 90 men and women into the U.S. Air Force Saturday during open house activities at the Pentagon.

As these Airmen prepare themselves for combat, the canopy grinds shut and seals them off. Their oxygen, their very breath, is carried with them into the chilled vacuum in a steel bottle. Their only voice is the radio. They're as isolated as a deep-sea diver.

For these warriors – operating in their unique domain – time and space are compressed. To them, geographical expanses are reduced and geographical barriers are bypassed by the hurtling aircraft - again exploiting the inherent benefits of the ultimate high ground and vantage of operating within this unique domain.

In combat, these Airmen live or die alone. They're certainly accompanied by others, flying and fighting alongside – but, really, they are alone in these fighter aircraft. They're fighting the laws of physics, as well as our increasingly lethal enemies. And the connection to technology is real because first they become part of the aircraft and then the aircraft becomes a part of them, all in defense of this Nation.

I see Airmen succeed throughout the world, mirroring America's diversity and its blend of capabilities, devotion, courage, and valor that unite Warriors across cultures and national boundaries.

I see Airmen who provide measured military effects and save lives. I see Airmen standing shoulder to shoulder with their brothers and sisters on the ground, hunting terrorists as part of our Special Ops teams, driving convoys, guarding bases, conducting truly high risk combat search and rescue missions, and providing medical services in places the devil himself doesn't dare to tread.

I see the daily mission reports from US Central Command, documenting multiple examples of Airmen on the scene when surface troops are in contact, who attack with both the aircraft-mounted gatling guns and with the precision-guided munitions, and whose actions set the conditions for victory. This is the essence of the combatant spirit and the joint team.

I see Airmen who quietly support national objectives over the long term. When American ground troops returned home after liberating Kuwait in 1991, Airmen stayed in theater as the preponderance of the force deployed to not only enforce the United Nations' Resolutions but to defend the local populations from tyranny. In fact, since that time, Airmen have been fighting in Iraq for 16 straight years, including the 12 years of sacrifice and deployed operations in support of Operation Northern Watch and Operation Southern Watch – standing guard in the desert as the major American military force engaged.

I see Airmen demonstrating the inherent flexibility of American Air Power in responding to combat tasking during this same period with two additional deployments into the Arabian Gulf, as well as combat operations over Bosnia and Kosovo and an unwavering air bridge for resupply and medical evacuation – without skipping a beat.

I see Airmen on duty at this moment flying America's constellation of military spacecraft. This solely Air Force mission involves hundreds of military satellites and thousands of Airmen, serving as the Nation's eyes and ears. These Airmen operate the key spacecraft that provide early warning, communications, precise navigation and weather information for America's combat forces. They are "on watch" 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – and again, they have never skipped a beat.

I see Airmen airborne at this moment in support of Operation Noble Eagle – overhead the cities and citizens of the United States. This solely Air Force mission involves hundreds of aircraft and thousands of Airmen, operating from dozens of locations – scattered from Alaska, to Hawaii, to the East Coast, serving as the airborne shield for America. These Airmen, in flight aboard AWACS early warning aircraft, aerial refueling tankers and jet fighters are on "on watch" 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – and again, they have never skipped a beat.

I see Airmen on duty at this moment across the Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) fields and deep within the missile silos located across the heartland of America -"North of Interstate 80." This solely Air Force mission involves hundreds of missiles and thousands of Airmen, serving as the most responsive element of America's "Triad, " our nuclear deterrent backstop. These Airmen are also "on watch" 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – and again, they have never skipped a beat.

I see Battlefield Airmen engaged in surface combat alongside this country's finest Soldiers, Sailors and Marines. These special operators, combat controllers, PJs (combat search and rescue to bring back all downed Airmen, no matter their nationality or service), terminal attack controllers, combat communicators, and combat weathermen serve as the immediate connection from the surface joint team to the airborne Airmen - delivering the desired kinetic and non-kinetic effects 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – and, they too, have never skipped a beat.

I see Airmen who represent America at its best: its honor, valor, courage, and devotion; its mastery of science and technology; its awesome military might; its commitment to freedom; its flexibility and adaptability. It has always been this way: from our humble beginnings since before World War I, to a decisive military force which ended World War II, to a truly global force that manned the intercontinental missiles, jet tankers and bombers of the Cold War, and today contribute to a long list of successes in the global war on terror.

As a reminder of the successes, the last time American Soldiers have been attacked by enemy aircraft was April, 1953–over 53 years ago! The ability for our surface combatants to look up into the sky, knowing that there's nothing to fear is priceless.

Yet, air, space and cyberspace dominance is not an entitlement–it's a direct fight that must be won as a predicate to any other activity. The battle for air, space, and, now, cyberspace superiority has been – and will always be – the first battle of any war.

These Airmen of today's United States Air Force have a glorious heritage: from the days of the first combat pilots of the Lafayette Escadrille of WWI, to the groundbreaking Tuskegee Airmen of WWII, to the early jet pilots flying "Sabres" over the distant Yalu River during the Korean War, to the early space and missile pioneers that put America on the ultimate high ground of space, to the heroic Jolly Green Giants and POWs of Vietnam, to the Airmen presently engaged in combat across Iraq and Afghanistan.

They all live on the threshold of a vast horizon – across the air, space and cyberspace domains. Airmen must be able to continue to mold America's incredible technological might into the air, space and cyber systems which guarantee our freedoms and our future.

The United States of America and the joint team that defends it depend on their Air Force to deliver national objectives on a global scale to an extent unseen in the history of mankind. Yes, America truly soars on Air Force wings

Action Line

The Action Line is your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community.

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.

Bicyclists should follow traffic rules

Comment: I have noticed adult bicyclists on base are not following the rules of the road. They are going through stop signs, failing to yield, and crossing back and forth through lanes of traffic. Can something be done about this? If bicyclists are supposed to follow the traffic rules, isn't this being enforced?

Response: Thank you for bringing this to my attention. 15th Airlift wing Instruction 31-204, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, states that everyone, including minors, riding bicycles on 15 AW installations will observe the same traffic rules required of motor vehicle operators. It is recommended that cyclists familiarize themselves with para 3.1 of the instruction which establishes requirements unique to 15 AW installations. Safety topics covering a myriad of issues are periodically published in the Kukini, and are also agenda items for Commander's Calls. Security Forces will be actively patrolling the installation issuing warnings and citing personnel who blatantly violate the law. However, we must continually educate and remind the Hickam Community that their safety is my number one priority and their assistance is needed to help resolve this problem.For more information, call Security Forces Operations at 448-2320 or the Wing Safety Office at 449-0790.

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449-6373
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449-1754
Military Family Abuse Shelter
533-7125
SARC Hotline
449-7272

NSPS changes workforce

By Mike McCrary
15th Mission Support Squadron

Team Hickam will transition about 400 non-bargaining unit, government service employees to the new National Security Personnel System on Jan. 21 . The DOD is transforming the way civilians contribute to mission success. In development since 2003, NSPS replaces outdated civil service rules to tie employee pay to performance and work objectives to the mission. Approximately 650,000 DOD civilian employees will eventually be covered by NSPS.

The system will change the way civilians are compensated, promoted and rewarded. It will also change some fundamental business practices.

Raises and bonuses will be based on performance, starting salaries will be based on market conditions and job objectives will have a line of sight to organizational objectives.

NSPS is a management system that provides DoD with the tools necessary to compensate and reward its most valuable asset - its employees. The three core concepts are accountability, flexibility and results.

This means employees are responsible for their careers and their performance and performance and contributions will pay off through salary increases and bonuses. The system is also a simplified and adaptable management system that places the right people in the right jobs at the right time and employees' performance and contributions link to achieving organizations goals and DOD's critical mission.

NSPS upholds the values and principles of the civil service and the current human relations system. It protects employees' fundamental rights and entitlements such as protection from prohibited personnel actions, merit system principles, anti-discrimination laws, whistleblower protection and veterans' preference principles.

Some of the major changes are:

NSPS classification assigns every employee to a career group, pay schedule and pay band based on their permanent position of record. This simple, flexible, and streamlined classification system provides the flexibility to move employees across positions more freely to better meet the organization's goals and the department's mission. Preparing detailed position descriptions is no longer necessary under NSPS.

NSPS compensation is designed to help DOD organizations attract and retain results-driven employees who contribute to mission accomplishment. Compensation and rewards are directly linked to performance, providing greater opportunities to reward employees for satisfactory work.

Managers have the flexibility to move employees within a pay band or recommend that they be promoted to a higher pay band. On promotion, an employee's pay increases by a minimum of six percent, and with management approval, may increase up to 20 percent.

NSPS performance management requires leaders to align pay and performance with mission accomplishment. Managers and supervisors are responsible for developing employee performance plans, which outline job objectives and contributing factors associated with positive performance.

At the end of the rating cycle, leaders play a key role in rating the employee's objectives and contributing factors, calculating and recommending the rating of record, and presenting recommendations to a pay pool panel.

The pay pool preserves the integrity of the NSPS performance management system by ensuring that a higher-level review takes place and that discussions regarding performance are made within the context of mission and organization.

Training is an essential ingredient in making the transition to NSPS. The Civilian Personnel Flight is conducting NSPS training for affected employees and their supervisors. The two courses offered are HR Elements and Performance Management.

Ms. Mary E. Lacey, Program Executive Officer, NSPS, said, "NSPS is a system that is good for the Department and good for you. It will strengthen our ability to accomplish our national mission, and provide opportunities to enhance your personal growth and development."

(editor's note: the National Security Personnel System story is being rerun to better inform civilians about NSPS proceses)

Photo by Master Sgt. Daniel Nathaniel

Tech. Sgt. Kerwin Canionero, a reservist with the624th Civil Engineer Squadron, prepares a generator for use to help power the base after the earthquake, Sunday.

Earthquake powers down Hickam

By Staff Sgt. Matthew Rosine
Air Force News Agency

People living and working on Hickam had no power for 12 hours following an earthquake through Hawaii at 7:07 a.m. Sunday.

Initially rated as a 4 point-plus earthquake, it was later upgraded to 6.6 point-magnitude.

According to local reports, the quake and its aftershocks caused mudslides and some damage to buildings. No fatalities have been reported so far.

The quake's largest impact on local civilians and military members has been the loss of power across the island state. Local radio reports indicate that after the power was knocked out, the power grids were restarted one at a time. Some places across the state began receiving power within the hour, and full power was restored at Hickam AFB about 7 p.m.

Some people were evacuated from the Kona Community Hospital on "the big island" as a precaution because of structural damage the hospital received. But many places, like the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki, an Army run Department of Defense housing facility where some Airmen reside, reported no damage to its buildings.

"I had three tours (of military service) in Los Angeles," said Bill Reid, chief of the Air Force Hawaii News Bureau. "This was nothing like some of the bigger earthquakes (there.) This shook some houses and wasn't really that bad."

According to the U.S. Geological Survey Web site, earthquakes are a common occurrence in the Hawaiian Islands. Usually they are small in nature. Earthquakes of large magnitude are rare. The last large quake that hit Hawaii was a 6.7-magnitude earthquake that injured six people and damaged 39 houses Nov. 16, 1983.

The largest recorded earthquake struck the Ka'u District on the island of Hawaii was a 7.9-magnitude April 2, 1868. It caused 77 deaths, 31 by a landslide and 46 from the resulting tsunami, according to the USGS Web site.

For a good cause

Chief Master Sgt. James LeVack, 15th Airlift Wing command chief, signs his Combined Federal Campaign donation card.The campaign runs through Oct. 31. The Team Hickam goal is $500,000. Team Hickam members can contact their unit CFC representatives for information on how to make a donation.

Photo by Senior Airman Erin Smith

Hickam ALS graduates class 06-D

By Master Sgt. Vanessa Smallsbryant
Professional Military Education Center

The Hickam Professional Military Education Center hosted the graduation banquet for Airman Leadership School Class 06-D Wednesday. More than 280 guests were treated to an entertaining evening highlighted by guest speaker Col. Jeffrey L. Stephenson, 15th Airlift Wing vice commander.

Senior Airman Cindy L. Sims, 324th Intelligence Squadron, earned the John L. Levitow Award. Senior Airman Michael Kumiyama, 15th Maintenance Squadron, earned the Leadership Award. Senior Airman Mathieu Flickinger, 324 Intelligence Squadron, earned the Academic Achievement Award and the Distinguished Graduate Award. Other Distinguished Graduates included, Staff Sgt. Christopher Jackson, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron, Senior Airman Matthew Smith, 15th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Senior Airman Shelly Kirby, 324th Intelligence Squadron, and Senior Airman Tammy Benner, 324th Intelligence Squadron.

Students volunteered during off-duty hours to make a difference in the local community. They volunteered their time to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and helped set up and work at Boofest at Bellows Air Force Station. Students also cleaned up a three-mile trail at Maunawill Falls.

Upon graduation from ALS, each student receives nine semester hours of college credit from the Community College of the Air Force. Graduation from ALS completes the first of four levels of Air Force professional military education.

The graduates of ALS Class 06-D are:

15th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron
Christine Bailey
15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Nathaniel Roberts
Jeffery Wells
15th Civil Engineer Squadron
James Fisher
Christopher Jackson
Michael Rambaran
Ronald Simons
Adam Wade
15th Communications Squadron
Nicholas Copeland
Russell DelMedico
Mark Painter
Samuel Trammel
15th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Joseluis Alvarez
Scott Daybell
Scott May
Matthew Smith
15th Maintenance Squadron
Michael Kumiyama
Dennis Lee
Damon Marshburn
15th Medical Operations Squadron
Jennifer Henderson
Amber Modisette
25th Air Support Operations Squadron
Jared White
324th Intelligence Squadron
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Justyn Amick
Tammy Benner
Robert Burd
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Erin Gallagher
Angie James
Shelly Kirby
Shaun Kroeger
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613th Support Group
Alan Horton
624th Aeromedical Support Squadron
Julia Rosales
735th Air Mobility Squadron
Joseph Shuler
Daniel Sabraw
Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command
Timothy Nguyen
Pacific Air Forces Air Intelligence Squadron
Kaylan Jennings
Pacific Air Forces Computer Systems Squadron
Bethany Copeland
Pacific Air Forces Regional Supply Squadron
Nicholas Guerra
Headquarters Pacific Air Forces
Brian Wyche
Pacific Command Joint Intelligence Center
Jamaal Chesney
Tyler Farley
Hugo Gomez

Preparation is key when disaster strikes

By Airman 1st Class Joey K. Honahan
15th Airlift Wing safety office

Disasters and emergencies can happen anytime. Whether it's as severe as an earthquake or as simple as losing the electricity, people should be prepared for any situation that comes their way.

For those who have heard somebody say, "It'll never happen to me," it has. In the last few weeks, the base has experienced two major power outages and the ninth strongest earthquake in Hawai'i state history, said Lt. Col. Keith Parnell, 15th Airlift Wing chief of safety. "A little planning, such as building a disaster supply kit, can pay huge dividends for your family when emergencies occur."

These six major supplies people should have in these kits are water, food, first aid kits, clothing and bedding, tools and special items.

People should store enough bottled water so that each person has a three-day supply at a minimum. As a guide, a normal active person needs to consume at least two quarts of water each day.

Food in the kits should not require refrigeration, preparation, or cooking.

The third item in the kit should be a first aid kit. These are available for purchase at department stores.

The fourth supply needed for an emergency kit is clothing and bedding. That includes rain gear, sleeping bags, sturdy shoes and an emergency heat reflective blanket.

Recommended tools and emergency supplies are flashlights, utility knives, cash or travelers checks,waterproof matches, water purification tablets, tarps and strong tape.

The sixth part of kit will be special items like formula, diapers, bottles, powdered milk and medications. The special items should also include entertainment to help morale during emergencies and unexpected situations.

Cellular phones also serve as the main means of communication for many people. People should buy a battery operated cell phone charger. Uninterrupted power supplies for computers can also be used to charge cell phones.

For more information, call CE readiness at 449-9951 or the 15th Airlift Wing safety office at 449-7233.

OPSEC is key to AF mission

By Staff Sgt. Stuart C. Wilson
Pacific Air Forces

Operations Security is commonly used in the Air Force environment.

The goal of the OPSEC program is to keep potential adversaries from discovering our critical information. It protects our operations - planned, in progress and those completed. Our adversaries want information, and they don't concentrate on only Airmen to get it. They target family members as well.

Family members of people in the military are vital players in the success of the military. Military members couldn't do their jobs without this support. Famiily members can support and protect military members by protecting what they know about the military's day-to-day operations.

Good opsec includes:

- Not talking on the cell phone about personal life or military issues, especially when there are people nearby.
- Using good judgment when posting information on social networking Websites.
- Using discretion when posting information against good order and discipline and of such a nature that would discredit the Armed Services. Sharing photographs, video clips or thoughts about our lives and the Air Force mission with could potentially jeopardize our mission by violating good OPSEC and place PACAF warriors at risk.

General Paul Hester, COMPACAF, stressed "the importance of OPSEC in today's environment" in his August 2006 memorandum on Operations Security. Gen Hester also offered a couple of reminders that each of us can use to reduce the number of vulnerabilities to our government networks.

- Do not send for official use only or any classified information, to include information requiring protection under the Privacy Act, to home accounts. This includes recall rosters and information with social security numbers.
- Government files shouldn't be copied to a home computer's hard drive as they could be accessed remotely by malicious code or spyware.

All family members are part of the Air Force's OPSEC team. They need to protect information to ensure the safety of all our Airmen, civilians, and Air Force families. OPSEC isn't just about work. It has real application in everyone's lives. Learning how to apply good OPSEC at work should carry over into homes and online.

109TH, From A1

ing gear and more hydraulics.

"We have the only planes in the world that can get into most places in Antarctica because of the skis," said Tech. Sgt. Richard Kirker, 109th AW. "Our aircraft goes all over the continent to help put in the camps. Where the scientists go out onto the continent is some times 1,000 miles away from McMurdo Station. This year's mission is mostly to get the aircraft there, even though we are taking some equipment."

Every year the 109th AW receives a different set of interior missions. Each aircrew member loves these missions for different reasons.

"There is a lot of good flying and the scenery is phenomenal, pictures don't do it justice," said Sergeant Olena. "It is the last untouched place anywhere, where you can see forever and ever. From a piece of ice the scientists can tell when the industrial revolution started."

1st Lt. Matt Sala, 109th AW, who was once a crew chief, is excited to see what the rest of the continent looks like.

"Some days it is a routine tanker mission out to the South Pole and other days you are opening up a camp in the middle of nowhere," said Lieutenant Sala. "Those are the most exciting trips."

This is Lieutenant Sala's first nine-week mission to Antarctica as a pilot, but he has done 18 weeks straight as a crew chief. Staff Sgt. Jeff Dorman, 109th AW summed it up most fittingly.

"It's a neat mission, it's fun and the penguins don't shoot at you," said Sergeant Dorman.

These are not combat missions, but Antarctica's extreme weather can be life threatening. Due to harsh weather, aircrew members are sometimes forced to land in the middle of nowhere and survive for days before they can take flight again.

Aircrew member's battle against minus 135-degree wind chill factor where nostrils freeze and eyes can freeze shut. This is a place where a hand held magnetic compass can become confused.

While this may not be a combat mission, Antarctica's terrain and weather is a battlefield. These missions will continue needing the 109th AW's support as long the NSF remains there doing their work.

"Antarctica is of vital interest to the U.S., so we are supporting the national interest on a different level," said Lt. Col. Gary James, 109th Operations Group commander. "We are taking scientists and maintaining a U.S. presence in Antarctica."

Every piece of the South Pole station was flown in on the LC-130.

"Everything was engineered to fit into the back of the aircraft, all the steel beams and girders that connect together," said Colonel James.

The 109th AW aircrew members and the LC-130 have helped evolve this operation into a larger logistical effort, moving passengers and cargo for the NSF's research facilities in Antarctica.

"The reason we do this mission is because we love it," concluded Colonel James. "It is a unique mission; we are the only Department of Defense asset that does this anymore. We are really proud to have this mission."

Virtual training brings cost down, safety up

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Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape instructors at the 15th Operations Support Squadron, are now using virtual technology to train aircrews in parachute hanging harness training.

Most of today's aircrews are familiar with flight simulators. They're accepted as standard and are essential tools for training Air Force crews in conventional aircraft. In the simulated operations, new pilots acquire skills, and experienced pilots maintain their proficiency. Using the power of the computer programs, instructors find it easy to identify piloting problems and can safely repeat conditions that need improvement. Overall training costs are reduced and safety is improved, particularly in learning to cope with hazardous situations.

But one thing the flight simulator can't do is teach the crewmen what to do when the bell sounds and it's time to egress the aircraft. That job falls to Staff Sgt. Christopher Ferguson and Parasim. Parasim is Hickam's latest simulator and provides a highly effective low-cost parachute simulator tool for teaching, planning and practicing parachute flight and missions much like that of the flight simulators.

Staff Sgt. Matt Magnussen, 15th Operations Support Squadron life support instructor, monitors 1st. Lt. Jon Brantuk II, a 535th Airlift Squadron pilot, as he steers his parachute during virtual training.

"It's really important to give aircrews the tools of learning how to use a parachute safely," said SERE instructor Staff Sgt. Christopher Ferguson.

With the Parasim simulator, a trainee completes many jumps in a short time allowing the instructor to focus on specific points while correcting potential problems. Sgt. Ferguson training is designed to hone the skills a student must learn such as, judging wind effect and maneuvering to a desired touchdown spot in the presence of wind and emergency procedures.

"It gets your mind oriented on the checklist you need to do. When you are in that kind of situation you are not going to be naturally inclined to do the right thing," said 1st Lt. John Brantuk II a pilot with the 535th Airlift Squadron. "The training helps to get that muscle memory going so you know what to do instinctively," he said.

Through reality goggles that provide visual and audio input, students develop proficiency in handling parachute malfunctions, emergency procedures, steering and landing correctly without ever leaving the safety of the SERE instructors training room.

"We take a lot of pride in what we do," said SSgt Ferguson. "If they don't know what they are doing or the basics of what they are doing to get to the ground then they are going to get to the ground really hurt. We think we are doing a pretty good job of training crews across the board so that doesn't happen," he said.

Crime Scene

Vehicle accident

The Security Forces Control Center was notified of a major vehicle accident at the Kuntz overpass. A civilian employee was driving excessively for the inclement weather and driving with no headlights. Damage to the vehicle included a broken drivers side headlight, broken driver quarter panel and a dent in the front bumper. The drivers side tire also ruptured and the rim was broken.

Domestic disturbance

An caller reported a domestic disturbance in progress in housing. An active duty Air Force member got into a verbal dispute with their spouse. Their first sergeant was contacted and assumed control of the scene.

Theft of government property

An Air Force Air National Guard member reported a government HP Laser Jet 4 printer was missing. The printer is valued at $1541.00.

Minor vehicle accident

Two active-duty Air Force members entered the SFCC to report a minor vehicle accident when one vehicle's parking brake was not set and the vehicle rolled into the other.

Minor vehicle accident

A civilian employee reported a vehicle accident. Investigation revealed that the civilian was following an active-duty Air Force member's vehicle too closely and struck the rear bumper.

Theft of government property

An active-duty Air Force spouse reported her back pack, containing her ID card, was stolen.

Damage to private property

An active-duty Air Force member reported damage to his vehicle. Damage consisted of a 4-foot dent across the entire tailgate, a 1-inch chip in the paint, and a hole in his spare tire cover. The estimated cost of repair is $1,000.

Damage to private property

A civilian employee reported damage to his vehicle. Damage consisted of a 12-inch crack in his windshield.

Minor vehicle accident

A civilian employee reported a vehicle accident occurred when they improperly changed lanes and hit an active-duty Air Force member. Damage consisted of a broken drivers side headlight, dented drivers side quarter panel and scratches from the front bumper to rear passenger door.

Attempted breaking and entering

An active-duty Air Force spouse telephoned the SFCC relating someone attempted to break into their quarters. Investigation revealed there was damage to the sliding glass door with various tool marks on the door and doorframe and damage to the locking mechanism.

Vandalism

A Mokulele Elementary School employee reported unknown individuals spray-painted graffiti on the school.

MEMORIAL, From A1

which took place at the base of the memorial.

That crowd included H. Ross Perot and his son, H. Ross Perot Jr., who is chairman of the Air Force Memorial Foundation, and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. Also in attendance were former chiefs of staff of the Air Force, secretaries of the Air Force, chief master sergeants of the Air Force, Air Force Medal of Honor recipients and their families.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley spoke at the event, saying he was deeply honored to be a part of it. He reflected on the Airmen who serve today, and their connection to the dedicated Airmen who served in the past.

"We have the most powerful air, space and cyberspace force in the world," he said. "This is a long overdue tribute to all those who are a part of this ongoing cycle of dedicated and talented Americans who service in the Air Force."

The Air Force Band performed several pieces while a video was shown with clips from pilots climbing into World War II bombers to modern-day Airmen working in the sands of Iraq.

Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley spoke of several Airmen who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom. He read an excerpt from a letter sent by Senior Airman Jason Cunningham, an Air Force parajumper with the Special Forces to his wife, Theresa, before he was killed in combat in Afghanistan in 2002.

"As if aware of his impending death, he wrote, 'I'll die a happy man doing the job I love'," read General Moseley. "Those are the words of a true PJ, and it speaks volumes of his commitment and dedication. We honor him with this memorial, as well as the countless others who are like him."

Several aircraft, ranging from World War One biplanes to today's stealth bombers and fighters, flew over the crowd and memorial in chronological order, providing visual evidence of the evolution of military flight.

The ceremony ended with a demonstration from the Thunderbirds, who buzzed the crowd before doing the bomb-burst formation, which inspired the design of the three-spires of the memorial.

"We commemorate today the courage of the men and women who wear the Air Force blue," said President Bush. "We remember those who gave their lives for their fellow Americans. We mourn their loss, we pray for their families and we consecrate their legacy here today."

RSS, From A1

the PACAF RSS, March 1, we'll have transferred all our workload to either the Scott or Langley LSC," said Col. Ronald Yakkel, PACAF RSS commander. "The supply chain management for the entire Air Force will now be done from Scott and Langley Air Force Base."

The transition to a central global support system generates manpower savings. "Actually, further centralizing spares support from the five blue-suit and one contractor-operated RSSs, to two LSCs was not about saving manpower," said Colonel Yakkel. "While it's true a total of 51 positions will be saved from this effort, the initiative is more about transforming to improve logistics support into the 21st century."

This initiative will impact all nine main operating bases in the Pacific.

"This really isn't going to have an effect on a lot of people here at Hickam, other than the Logistics Readiness Squadron," said Master Sgt. Jennifer Smith, PACAF RSS. "The support they would have gotten from us here is now going to come from MAF LSC at Scott Air Force Base."

This initiative to centralize supply was traced back to a successful Air Force Contingency Supply Squadron for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

"Langley was providing support for all those air frames in Operation Desert Shield and Storm," Sergeant Smith said. "That is where the whole concept of the RSS started, regionalizing supplies per theatre."

The success from that sparked further thoughts on improvement for supply.

"It's actually the allocation of spares and airlift that will improve through overall fleet visibility in the LSCs, with the goal of increasing aircraft availability," said Colonel Yakkel. "The LSCs can't declare success until they can show that spares support has improved or equalized."

The LSCs are required to focus on fleet health versus the current regional management of spares for weapon systems.

"Basically the transition should be seamless," said Sergeant Smith. "The customer should see no interruption in support. As far as the folks who work at PACAF RSS, they are moving out on a permanent change of station."

Only a small portion of people will move to Langley AFB and Scott AFB from PACAF RSS, according to Colonel Yakkel. Most of the LSC vacancies were filled through the normal assignment process and sourced from across the Air Force not just RSS.

Recently, commanders from both LSC's visited Hickam to provide orientation regarding the central support effort.

They wanted to ensure everyone the logistics reach back support will continue uninterrupted with customer service being equal or better," said Sergeant Smith.

CYBER, From A1

ing in cyberspace.

In the United States, Americans depend on the cyber domain for nearly everything they do. The cyber domain is the "center of gravity" for all aspects of national power, including economic, financial, technical, diplomatic and military might, Dr. Kass said.

"Cyberspace is something on which, as a technologically advanced nation, the United States is hugely dependent," Dr. Kass said. "You use your ATM card, you use your cell phone and you go to an Internet cafe. If somebody is pregnant, they go have a sonogram. If they are sick, they have an X-ray or an MRI. All those things are in cyberspace. Our life has become totally bounded, dependent on cyberspace. Therefore, the importance of that domain is not only for how we fight, but also for our way of life."

Failure to control and dominate the cyber domain could be catastrophic, both at home and on the battlefield, Dr. Kass said. An enemy who wanted to inflict damage on the United States could use the cyber domain to penetrate any number of online systems. Once they have gained access, they might be able to delete or manipulate information to create an effect.

"Picture for a second that you are trying to fix an aircraft and all the information in your computerized manuals has been corrupted and you begin to put things together backward," Dr. Kass said.

The attacks of 9/11 illustrate another kind of effect that can be inflicted through the use of the cyber domain. The terrorists responsible for the attacks used global positioning system receivers to guide planes into the towers in New York. They trained on aircraft simulators, they used the Internet to recruit participants, and they transferred money to fund their activities electronically.

In Iraq today, America's enemies are using the cyber domain and improvised explosive devices to inflict damage on American Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen.

"We just commemorated the 10th anniversary of Khobar Towers," Dr. Kass said. "What the enemy used for that occasion, and what the enemy is using in Iraq every single day, is the radio frequency spectrum for remotely detonated devices."

The Air Force now dominates both air and space above a theater of operations, so it has "cross-domain dominance" there. But the Air Force must gain dominance in cyberspace as well, because cyberspace superiority is now a prerequisite to effective operations in all other warfighting domains.

The U.S. military's control of air, land, sea and space depends entirely on communication and transmission of energy in its various forms. For the Air Force and its sister services, continued dominance in their respective domains means establishing cross-domain dominance across air, space, land, sea and now cyber.

"Cross-domain dominance means being able to deliver effects in all domains at the same time, at the speed of sound and at the speed of light," Dr. Kass said. "We cannot afford to allow an enemy to achieve cross-domain dominance before us. This is the nature of the transformational mission the chief and the secretary gave us."

While the Air Force develops mastery of the cyber domain, America's enemies are quickly becoming more adept in their own use of the domain, in part, because of the low cost of fighting there.

"Enemies who cannot match us on land, at sea, in the air, or in space, are exploiting the fact that in cyberspace you have a very low entry cost," Dr. Kass said. "Low cost is what makes that domain extremely attractive to nations, criminal and terrorist organizations who could not possibly attack the United States symmetrically. All you need to do is buy a laptop or a cell phone. As a matter of fact, you can just go to an Internet café and not even buy that stuff. You can buy yourself a phone card and you can cause high-impact effects."

Until recently, the Air Force had not named cyberspace as a separate warfighting domain or said it would fly and fight there. But now that the Air Force has recognized cyber as a warfighting domain, it will begin specific planning on how it can conduct both defensive and offensive actions there.

"What I see in the future is true cross-domain integration, to deliver effects, like we deliver in air and space, where the commander has at his disposal, truly sovereign options, as stated in our mission, which is the ability to do whatever we want, wherever we want, whenever we want, and however we want – kinetically, and nonkinetically and at the speed of sound and at the speed of light," Dr. Kass said.

The Air Force is still working on what exactly it means to fight in the cyber domain. While the Air Force knows some of what it wants to accomplish – things similar to what it is doing already in air and space, for instance – there remain challenges to working in the new domain.

"One of the most important things we do, in and for cyberspace, is enable the kill chain," Dr. Kass said. "It allows us to help find, fix and finish the targets we are after. The problem is finding the target. Most of the enemies are hiding in plain sight."

Finding an enemy in the cyber domain means sifting through the huge amount of data there. In the United States, or above a battle space, there are thousands of signals, and most of those are "friendly." The challenge is identifying the signal of someone that means to do harm.

"If you could use the cyber domain, this river of ones and zeros, to pinpoint where the bad guy is and who he is talking to, so you can get not only the small fish but get all his best friends and maybe his boss, then you are using cyber to its full capacity," Dr. Kass said. "That is a lot of data there, and the trick is to find him in that huge flow of information, that one piece that will allow you to find him, fix him in place, or track him if he moves."

Being able to discern what is a friendly signal and what is an enemy signal is one of the challenges the Air Force faces as it moves into the cyber domain. While the Air Force works on that challenge, it is also working to define which Airmen will be the ones to conduct cyber operations, what kind of training they will need, and what exactly their job will be.

"One of the issues we are going to be discussing is who is the cyberwarrior," Dr. Kass said. "What will he or she need to be able to do? What kind of educational skills, what kind of technical skills, what kind of training, and what kind of career path do we need to offer to those kids who are coming into our Air Force and wanting to fly and fight not only in air and space, but also in cyberspace."

Dr. Kass said the Air Force doesn't believe it will have trouble finding Airmen to fill the role of cyberwarrior, however.

"Kids today live on the Internet, they establish an alternative reality there," she said. "Getting those kids interested in doing something amazing in our Air Force across the electromagnetic spectrum should be easy. This is new and exciting – where people who love to interact in the high-tech arena, for example, can generate significant effects for the defense of the United States."

Like in other domains, the Air Force will probably conduct more than just defensive operations. Fighting in cyberspace also means conducting offensive operations. It is unclear now exactly what will constitute an offensive cyber operation, but it is likely the effects the Air Force will eventually bring to bear upon America's enemies will look much like the effects America's enemies bring to bear upon America.

"Imagine, hypothetically, if I could substitute – instead of the picture of a beheading on a terrorist Web site, a picture of Captain Kangaroo or an MTV show," Dr. Kass theorized. "Maybe I could break that cycle of recruiting more guys that want to come to our home and kill us."

AEF Homecoming rescheduled

The AEF Homecoming block party that was originally scheduled for today will take place Nov. 9 instead. Come welcome back the members of Team Hickam. For more information, call the Community Center at 449-3354.

AFAA kickboxing workshop and certification

Learn the standards and guidelines of today's hottest workout - kickboxing - during this Aerobics and Fitness Association of America workshop which takes place Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuition is $96.75 for the workshop alone or $171.75 for the workshop plus instructor certification. To register, call 1-805-988-5845. For more information, call the Fitness and Sports Center at 448-2214.

Massage Therapy Awareness Week

Massage Therapy Awareness Week begins Sunday and continues through Oct. 28. Enjoy a quick massage at the office. The Fitness and Sports Center's licensed massage therapists come on-site for parties and office incentives. All appointments booked or redeemed this week will be eligible to win additional free massage services. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 448-2214.

Atlanta Falcons Cheerleaders

The Atlanta Falcons Cheerleaders will visit Hickam AFB Wednesday, from the end zone to the flight zone. 14 members of this super spirit squad will be shaking hands and signing autographs at the Hale Aina Dining facility from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and at 3:30 p.m. they'll give a variety show at the Community Center that's free and open to all military affiliated personnel. Attendees must be 18 or older, unless accompanied by a parent. For more information, call 449-2361.

Spear fishing 2-part workshop

Spear Fishing 101 is Oct. 28 at Pool 2 from 9 a.m. to noon. A demonstration of training and equipment will be given. Participants must be accomplished swimmers over age 15. Register by Wednesday. Tuition is $30. Bring snorkel gear.

During Spear Fishing 102, the hunt is on Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to noon in Hickam Harbor. $30 tuition includes guides and boat transportation. Register by Wednesday. Completion of Spear Fishing 101 is a prerequisite. Bring snorkel and spear fishing gear. For more information, call 449-5215.

Calendar creation

The Arts and Crafts Center's third calendar creation projects happens Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 449-1568.

Texas hold 'em tournament

The next Texas Hold 'em Tournament at the Enlisted Club is Oct. 27. It's a free, all ranks, Members Only event. Check in at the customer service center between 6:30 and 6:50 p.m. Limited seating is available on a first come, first served basis. No bluffing. For more information, call 448-2271.

Man Laws Night

The "Men of the Square Table" are in charge during Man Laws Night Oct. 27 at J.R. Rockers in the Enlisted Club. This guys' night out begins at 9:30 p.m. and features competitions including tool, sports and NASCAR trivia, plus door prizes and a chance to meet the Miller Girls. Member guys get in free, member gals and non-member guys are $5 and non-member gals are $10. For more information, call 448-2271.

Teen House of Horrors

Teens will love getting lost in this spooky maze of carnage. The Teen House of Horrors opens its chamber doors Oct. 27 and 28 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Beware and be ready for terror and turmoil. $3. For more information, call 448-2296.

Pumpkin plunge

The Pumpkin Plunge is at Pool #2 Oct. 28. Children under 3 take the plunge at 9 a.m., children ages 4-6 at 9:30; ages 7-9 go for it at 10 a.m. and kids 10 and over start at 10:30 a.m. Tickets cost $3 for participants only. Children under 10 must be with an adult. For more information, call 449-5215.

A bear is born

Oct 28 is the day to bring a new friend into the world by buying an adorable teddy bear at the Arts and Crafts Center between 10 a.m. and noon. Teddy will arrive with free stuffing as well as a birth certificate. You can't bear to miss this event. For more information, call 449-1568.

Operation Halloween

Operation Halloween is an annual holiday event that's been entertaining Hickam children ages 2-10 for years. Community and Youth Programs host this wholesome happening Oct. 28 from noon to 2 p.m. Traditional activities include a costume parade, cake walk, artificial tattoos and Kiddieland games. All for only $3 per child and parents are free. Cake walk donations of prepackaged goodies are being accepted until Oct. 26. For more information, call 449-2361.

Ghoul-a-Gram

Let the Community Center deliver a phantom gram with a pumpkin full of ghastly goodies anywhere on Base for $15. This undertaking happens Halloween Day between 9 a.m. and noon, but you must sign up by Oct. 27. For more information, call 449-2361.

Great Pumpkin carving contest

Take a crack at hacking Jack in the Great Pumpkin Carving Contest Oct. 28 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Sculpt and pare only if you dare. There are 20 slots available to contenders for a $10 entry fee which includes a pumpkin and materials. The "dead"line to register is Oct. 26. Winners will be announced Oct. 30. For more information, call 449-2361.

Halloween glow ball

Halloween Glow Ball is at the Ke'alohi Golf Course Oct. 29 at 5 p.m. $9 includes green fee, a glowing necklace, tee marker and hole marker. Glow balls are sold separately for $5 each. For more information, call 448-2318.

Halloween Goblin Trolley

The Community Center's Goblin Trolley will be making haunted house-calls as it meanders around base housing from 3 to 6 p.m. Oct. 30. The Teen Center's Keystone Club and the CYP staff will pass out Halloween treats from the trolley. Get a map of the trolley route at the Community Center. Individually wrapped donated bags of candy are now being accepted. For more information, call 449-3354.

Haunted House tour

Go behind-the-scenes and experience the House of Horrors without the haunts. See first-hand how hard work and clever magic come together to fright and delight. This special tour is appropriate for all ages. $1 donation will help make next year's Hickam Haunted House bigger and more revolting. For more information, call 448-2296.

Vet Clinic

The Hickam Vet Clinic is open for routine service appointments Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and has a Saturday walk-in clinic once a month. Routine services include vaccinations, microchip implantation and heartworm testing. For more information, call 449-6481.

Air Force Club Membership Campaign

The 2006 Air Force Club Membership Campaign, "A Thousand Thins to Do," continues through Nov. 30. Join the Enlisted Club or the Officers' Club during this time and receive one month free dues, a special new member coupon book for Club discounts and freebies, entry forms for weekly prize drawings and a chance to win a Hummer H3. Members who recruit members receive $5 in Club Bucks. For more information, call the E' Club at 448-2271 or the O' Club at 448-4608

J.R. Rockers Halloween happenings

Club Members who purchase dinner on Oct. 31 and bring their kids in costume receive their kids' meal free.

Got what it takes to conquer other witches, aliens and superheroes? Then enter the Halloween Night costume contest and win prizes for the most original male and female. Judging is at 10 p.m. For more information, call 448-2271.