



## News Notes

**Voting Poll hours** – Honolulu Hale and Kapolei Hale are open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Windward Mall is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Pearlridge Mall is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. All voting polls are open from 7 a.m. 6 p.m., Nov. 7.

**Chief Master Sergeant selection celebration** – A celebration honoring Team Hickam's newest chief selects is Wednesday at 4 p.m. at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. For more information, contact Chief Master Sgt. DJ Dibibar at 448-3573 or Chief Master Sgt. Michael Rennie at 449-4546.

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

**Housing office closure** – Hickam Family Housing office will be closed all day, Monday and Tuesday for a transition workshop in preparation for Phase II Privatization. For emergency maintenance, call Chugach at 422-4454.

**Attention dog owners** – According to Wing Instruction 48-104, Dog owners must keep their pets on leashes when walking them. "Owners will keep their pets indoors at their residence or exercise them on a leash. Dogs may be allowed outdoors confined to a secured fenced yard without a leash. They may also be tethered outdoors in an unfenced yard for up to one hour as long as fresh water and shade are accessible and the tether is no more than eight feet in length. Owners are also

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## State helps promote CoRC

By Senior Airman Erin Smith  
Kukini Editor

Hickam Air Force Base has been selected to receive a grant from the Department of Justice which will allow the base and the state to share \$950 thousand over the next three years to reduce drinking by underage Airmen.

Lt. Gov. James R. Aiona Jr.; Dr. Chiyome L. Fukino, director of the Hawaii State Department of Health; and Col. John J. Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander, gathered here Oct. 26 to publicly announce the program and to sign a proclamation naming the day "Enforcing

Underage Drinking Laws Program Day."

The Air Force has a zero tolerance approach to underage drinking and offers alternatives to drinking alcohol. This grant will support that strategy for Hickam AFB and will benefit surrounding communities to ensure underage drinking and drunk driving are addressed.

"We know the damage [alcohol] has on us, short term and long term ..." said Mr. Aiona. "I want to acknowledge the partnership that we have because it is much more than one entity or organization that needs to get involved, so to have [Mothers Against

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Photo by Mark Bates  
Hawaii Lt. Gov. James Aiona Jr., Dr. Chiyome L. Fukino and Col. John Torres display the proclamation Oct. 26 announcing "Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Program" Day

## Keep rodents away

By Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Yereance  
15th Civil Engineer Squadron

The climate in Hawaii is perfect for people, for plants, and unfortunately pests.

One of the most significant pest problems here particularly in Hawaii and on Hickam is rats and mice. Hawaii's tropical climate favors the development of rodent problems throughout the year. Construction, weather, poor sanitation, food and water sources are just some of the contributors to the rat and mice problems.

There are four types of rodents on Hickam: the roof or black rat, the Norway or brown rat, the Polynesian or Hawaiian rat, and the field mouse. Rodents normally live outside in trees, in the ground or in the sewers.

Rodent behavior is typically driven by hunger, thirst, curiosity, or maternal instinct. They enter structures to look for food, water or shelter.

The most effective way to control rodents around homes or facilities is to remove food attractants like exposed garbage, food items left on business desks, excess dog or cat food, bird feeders and fallen fruits and nuts from trees.

People should also ensure their homes have physical barriers in place to keep rodents out. The most common entryways are wide gaps under doors, unscreened ceiling vent holes and torn window screens. All rodents, no matter what size need just a 1/4-inch hole or gap to enter.

Keeping landscaping clear of clutter, excess vegetation and tall grass will keep rodents from nesting close to homes or facilities where they could gain easy access to the structure.

Entomology will never completely eradicate the rodent population on Hickam. However, taking the basic steps mentioned above will greatly assist pest management in reducing the rodent population.

Report housing problems to the family housing contractor at 422-4454 and industrial facility problems to the 15th Civil Engineer Squadron customer service section at 449-9951 or 449-9952.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo  
The United States and Australian maintainers work on a C-17 Globemaster III nose steering actuator at Hickam. Maintainers from Amberly Royal Australian Air Force Base's 36th Squadron are working along side their U.S. Air Force counter parts from the 15th Maintenance Group learning the ins and outs of the Globemaster III in preparation for the delivery of their first C-17.

## 15th MXG gives Aussies sneak peek

By Tech. Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo  
Air Force Print News

Maintainers from Amberly Royal Australian Air Force Base's 36th Squadron are working along side their U.S. Air Force counter parts learning the ins and outs of the Globemaster III in preparation for the delivery of their first C-17.

Currently Australia doesn't have a heavy airlift capability and must rely on outside sources for services. This assistance normally takes the form of U.S. Air Force airlift or contract carriers. But in March 2006, the Australian Government announced that they were purchasing four C-17's as well as associated equip-

ment and services. They're scheduled to receive their first Globemaster Nov. 28.

The C-17 will greatly improve Australia's capability to facilitate burden sharing with the U.S. by rapidly deploying in support of global coalition operations and sharing in regional humanitarian/peacekeeping operations.

"The C-17 will give Australia a new global airlift capability, significantly enhancing our ability to support national and international operations, and major disasters rescue and relief efforts," said Australia's acting Chief of Air Force, Air Vice-Marshal John Blackburn.

With Australia getting the new aircraft, the maintainers who have C-130 backgrounds, have been on Hickam getting

first-hand experience and training with operational C-17's.

"It's been a good experience," said Cpl. Matthew Brown a maintainer from the RAAF 36th Squadron. "The Air Force guys have been friendly and helpful and have given us the training that we need. They have prepared us for when we get back to our own squadron," he said.

The U.S. Airmen working with the Australians have noticed the little differences that make up this joint partnership. For the U.S. each duty is broken down into a separate job. The Australians merge several of the specialties into one job.

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## Team Hickam wraps up Combined Federal Campaign

By Senior Airman Erin Smith  
Kukini Editor

The nation's largest workplace charity campaign for both overseas and U.S. military installations wrapped up for Team Hickam Oct. 31.

Team Hickam earned approximately \$469,156 for the Combined Federal Campaign goal and is still receiving donation cards from members who are away on temporary duty assignments and on leave.

"Due to a high operations tempo across Hawaii,

many people were away and not able to donate," said Capt. Jimmey Labit, the 15th Airlift Wing's combined area project officer. "Team Hickam as a whole has come together as one and I am amazed at how well everyone did and how much energy and generosity people had."

CFC was established in 1961 and is the largest workplace charity campaign in the country. This drive allows nearly 4 million federal employees and service members to contribute to thousands of local and national nonprofit organizations. Because the goal of the campaign is 100 percent

participation, CFC features a really wide variety of charitable organizations. So, there is something for everyone that decides to give.

Contributing to the CFC helps people make a difference in the local community and around the world.

15th Airlift Wing Commander Col. JJ Torres said the effort was indicative of the selflessness that Hickam members exhibit on a daily basis.

"It's about giving back, helping others in need," said the colonel. "And the men and women assigned here consistently show their generosity."

# Abbreviating the core values – don't do it!

By Lt. Col. Gaylord Thomas  
Air Force Honor Guard commander

We all have pet peeves, whether we want to admit it or not – those little somethings we see, hear or experience that really torque our jaws. Sometimes we don't know why these things bother us, we only know that they do.

For a long time I've experienced that annoyance factor when I hear people speak about the Air Force core values and abbreviate them to only three words – integrity, service and excellence. It's only been recently that I've understood why this abbreviation bothers me.

Our core values, completely and unabbreviated, are:

- Integrity first
- Service before self
- Excellence in all we do

When "The Little Blue Book" came out in 1997, I was a flight commander and tasked to study the core values and brief them to my flight members. Oddly enough, they weren't explained to me from a higher perspective. It was left to me to understand and explain the concepts.

I took the task to heart and later continued to explain them weekly to new recruits in a fair amount of detail as a basic training commander at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, never really stopping my study and introspection of what these values mean, both to the Air Force and to me personally.

My understanding of our core values lies at the root of why their abbreviation, when discussed, perturbs me, because it demonstrates a certain disingenuousness or lack of complete

understanding on the part of the speaker. The core values now have been in existence for almost a decade, and I frankly expect a more thorough mastery of them from those in positions to formally speak about them.

Keeping "integrity first" in mind, I do see the simple word integrity as the single most misunderstood and confused word in the whole of our core values. It so often is equated with mere honesty, an annoyance in and of itself for me. It is much, much more than honesty, and actually includes honesty as a part of the whole.

Through "integrity first," the most difficult to master of the three, our leaders first should recognize that when they abbreviate the core values in their discussions, it is not the right thing to do because not only are others watching and listening, their abbreviation in discussing them could easily lead to an abbreviated understanding and execution of them.

This also relates to the "service before self" aspect in not leading by example. By taking these shortcuts in the discussions and understanding of these fundamentals, we demonstrate self before service.

It is our duty to speak of the core values properly, without abbreviating them, which falls under the heading of "rule following," right from "The Little Blue Book." In understanding that the complete core values have a reason for being, the default position must be to discuss them as they are.

Laziness or a lack of understanding are the only reasons I can think of for abbreviating the core values, and this is not a valid reason to do so.

Laziness and a lack of understanding demonstrates a lack of "Excellence in all we do," to me. As the core values continue

to be abbreviated, the "excellence" we develop also will be abbreviated, and that is not consistent with the intent of this core value.

The more I hear the core values abbreviated, the more I fear a downward spiral of accomplishments and performance, opposed to the upward spiral we are looking for.

Our core values "tell us the price of admission to the Air Force itself."

By abbreviating them, are we having a clearance sale of some sort by discounting the full meaning? We claim that our core values point to what is "universal and unchanging" in our profession. By abbreviating them, are we asserting that, in fact, something is no longer universal or no longer unchanging?

What does the creeping in of an abbreviated mode of thinking tell us about the ethical climate of the organization? Are we cutting some ethical corners that we shouldn't be? Are we developing that "good enough for government work" mentality we're opposed to?

Does this laziness point to a corroding climate of ethical commitment? Are we breeding a culture of compromise by tolerating a watering down of our core values?

We acknowledge in "The Little Blue Book" that all our education and training can be wiped out by a single supervisor. It certainly bothers me when our leaders have not internalized the core values to the point that their abbreviation is abhorrent to their discussion of them.

As an old Strategic Air Command flier, I also know that shortcuts can lead to failures on many levels. Hearing our core values abbreviated is much more than a pet peeve to me – it's a serious warning flag.

## Pound the pavement today to reach fitness goals

By Capt. Laura Christensen  
325th Comptroller Squadron

No one ever said you had to be rail thin and a 6-minute miler to be considered a runner. Some run for the great feeling afterward when endorphins kick in. Others run to compete. The point is just to get out there and get moving to get yourself in shape.

Being physically fit is important for the mind, body and soul. The problem is most of us like to make excuses about why we can't get to the gym, why we can't run or why we can't do something physical. There comes a time when we have to stop making excuses and get serious with ourselves.

That time came more than five years ago for me. I sat there crying in my apartment about how out-of-shape I was and how much weight I had gained. My story may not speak to everyone, but I'm sure there are some who may feel or have felt the same way I did. It has been a long emotional roller coaster, but I finally reached my goal of being in shape. If I can be in shape, anyone can.

I am not an elite runner nor a competitive triathlete. On the contrary, I'm rather slow. But

that doesn't matter to me. It doesn't matter that the fastest I can run a mile and half is 11 minutes and 45 seconds or in a big triathlon I am usually finishing in the middle of the pack.

The enjoyment I get isn't from winning, it's from finishing and being able to look at myself in the mirror and say, "I did it." Some people who know me now think I have always been this way, meaning I could always run, bike or swim for hours. Those who knew me six to eight years ago know differently.

I played soccer and basketball and any other sport I was asked to play. In high school during conditioning for basketball, our coach would have us run two miles and I would be sick inside knowing I had to run that far. It's funny how things change after 11 years.

Six years ago, I was 30 pounds heavier and couldn't run more than 30 minutes without wanting to fall over, never mind the painfully slow pace. Six years ago, I would starve myself a few weeks before the mandatory yearly weigh to ensure I was under my maximum allowable weight.

For most of my life I have battled my weight and my image of myself. I was tired of the yo-yo weight gain, tired of being afraid of the scale and tired of feeling inadequate. So, I

finally decided it was time to make a change.

I was sitting and listening to college friends of mine talk about the first half marathon they ran and I thought to myself, "Thirteen miles? You are crazy!" But, something that day clicked inside of me. I joined a weight management club to help lose weight. I hit the gym and then I hit the road and started to run again. The first time I ran four miles I was ecstatic.

A good friend of mine, who is addicted to running 5Ks, got a group together to run a 5K in Panama City, Fla., five years ago. I placed third in my age group and that changed my life and motivated me to keep going.

Later that same year, I was listening to some of my Navy friends talk about the Gulf Coast Half Ironman and I thought to myself again, "Swim 1.2 miles, bike 56 and run 13? You are crazy. I could never do that."

I was stationed at Eglin AFB, Fla., at the time and each year the base hosts a miniature triathlon called "My First Tri," so I tried it, and liked it. Before that race, I only swam once and couldn't swim one lap without stopping. The farthest I rode my bike was maybe 10 miles, and at that time, the farthest I had run was maybe five miles. That race was the beginning of my serious addiction to triathlons

and working out, and it changed my life even more so than the first 5K.

Today, I am 30 pounds lighter and have completed more than a dozen sprint triathlons, three half ironmans, three marathons and this past year, completed Ironman Florida. That's a long way from the 30 minutes I could barely run six years ago.

Why do I tell you all of this? I guess it's to show you we all have to start somewhere. All it takes is some dedication and motivation to keep going and you'll reach your goals. That goal can be a 5K or an Ironman. The point is just to have a goal and work at accomplishing it.

Not all of us were born athletes and runners, but we all have an inner athlete that just needs a push. Stop making excuses and get to the gym or hit the road running. You'll thank yourself the first time you cross the finish line and look at yourself in the mirror and say, "I did it," and you won't care if you happen to come in last.

I can't explain the feeling that came over me when I ran through the tape at Ironman Florida, and heard the announcer say, "Laura Christensen, you are an Ironman."

Maybe one day, that will be you.

## 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.

### Crosswalk guards

**Comment:** I didn't know who else to ask this question. Last school year there was a security forces member at the cross walk on Freedom Avenue by Hangar 2, where it comes out of Onizuka Housing. This year there doesn't seem to be a patrolman stationed there and I thought it was manning, however, there are three at the school so people don't park too close to the corner. There are many children who walk and ride their bikes to school and, as a parent, I feel it is more important that there is someone at the crosswalk to make sure everyone stops for the kids. Our kids are being put in danger everyday so that no one parks in

front of certain houses. People don't respect the traffic laws in housing as it is. They go around the buses, even with their red stop sign out, every day in housing.

**Response:** Thank you for bringing this to my attention and for your concern for the safety of the Hickam Community, especially the children. Unfortunately, due to numerous deployment taskings we're unable to provide a patrolman at the Freedom Ave, Hangar #2 crosswalk. The patrols you see in the school area are not additional posts - they are mobile patrols that have been instructed to establish a strong presence in the school area. These patrols do control speeding, crosswalks and illegal parking, but that is

not their primary focus. However, please understand that at a moment's notice these patrols could be recalled to respond to other incidents. Without additional manpower, we must prioritize needs and place patrols wherever there is the most potential for danger. That said, security forces will monitor the Freedom, Hangar #2 crosswalk for a few days during peak periods to determine whether a more consistent presence, such as a crosswalk guard, is needed. Additionally, if you or any other member of the Hickam Community is witness to a violation please immediately call the Law Enforcement desk at 449-2677. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact police services at 448-2320.



### No Hat Areas

The following areas are designated as no hat areas: Flight line, 15th MDG Clinic lanai area and Tradewinds Enlisted Club lanais. 15th AW/CC also designated the Wright Brothers Cafe lanai as a no hat area. The Par 3 Puka lanai is a hat area and a cover must be worn if outside.

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



**Airman of the Quarter**



**Senior Airman Daniel Sabraw**  
735th Air Mobility Squadron  
Team lead on emergency C-17 tow after in-flight emergency. The aircraft was fully mission capable in 65 percent of the allotted time. Completed 12 hours toward Community College of the Air Force degree.

**NCO of the Quarter**



**Tech. Sgt. David Osborne**  
735th Air Mobility Squadron  
Co-authored and taught Hickam crash damage disabled aircraft recovery program. Completed 9 hours toward CCAF degree. Served as a unit voting representative.

**Senior NCO of the Quarter**



**Master Sgt. Charles Hoffman**  
17th Operations Weather Squadron  
Performed as interim first sergeant for 147 Airmen. Implemented upgrade training for 30 enlisted members in his squadron. Earned seven hours toward Bachelor of Science degree.

**CGO of the Quarter**



**Capt. Shay Edwards**  
15th Comptroller Squadron  
Led closeout efforts, ensuring the 15th Airlift Wing's budget was executed to the fullest extent. Enrolled in Arabic classes to enhance deployability. Key player in Team Hickam Company Grad Officers Council.

**Civilian of the Quarter (CAT 1)**



**Matthew Tramuto**  
15th Maintenance Squadron  
Fixed two U.S. Coast Guard 86 generator sets, helped C-130s fly successful security, search and rescue mission. Pursued supervisory management degree. Chaperoned weekend retreat for 30 teens.

**Civilian of the Quarter (CAT 2)**



**Frank Supranovich**  
15th Services Squadron  
Oversaw lifeguard program and training for two pools and the beach. Directed the Air Expeditionary Force welcome home celebration events. Appointed to serve on one of two fire rescue teams on Oahu.

**Civilian of the Quarter (CAT 3)**



**Julie Turner**  
15th Comptroller Squadron  
Filled lead analyst vacancy when a squadron member was on emergency leave. Responsible for daily accountability of 15 AW budget. Pursuing enhanced defense financial management certification. Organized squadron farewells..

**Honor Guard of the Quarter**



**Staff Sgt. Leonardo Thompson**  
715th Air Mobility Operations Group  
Led short notice veteran funeral on Kona, Hawaii. Key flag detail member for the Air Force Birthday Ball. Flawlessly executed firing party for POW/MIA remembrance day ceremony. Earned his CCAF degree.

**Volunteer of the Quarter**



**Master Sgt. Thomas Yaron**  
Pacific Air Forces  
Held leadership roles in the U.S. Veterans of Foreign Wars as a post commander of 522 member, Boy Scouts of America, assistant leader of 23 boys. He also assisted with Girl Scouts and served as a Civil Air Patrol cadet instructor.

# USO Hawaii helps troops remain connected through reading program

The USO of Hawaii is offering deploying service members the opportunity to stay connected to the children in their lives through United Through Reading®, an established program of the Family Literacy Foundation. The USO partnered with the Foundation last year in a pilot effort that has been expanded worldwide. The mission of United Through Reading is that all children will feel the security of caring adult relationships and develop a love of reading through the "reading aloud" experience.

"Through this program the USO of Hawaii is partnering with sister USO Centers around the world to help military families stay connected and promote children reading," said USO of Hawaii Executive Director Cassandra Isidro. "Whether it is a daughter, son, grandchild, or other child in the service member's life, the program helps maintain a family connection during times of separation."

"Deployment not only affects those who have volunteered for service but also the hundreds of thousands of military children left behind," said Betty Mohlenbrock, founder and president of Family Literacy Foundation. "Our goal is to lessen the strain of separation and increase bonding through the positive, educational experience that reading aloud provides.

Deployed and deploying troops can be taped reading a children's book. The USO

will schedule taping sessions and will supply recording equipment, books and packaging materials, and will mail a copy of the book, along with the DVD and instructions, as well as information on United Through Reading, to families back home.

The parent or caregiver can then record or photograph the child as the child is watching the tape and following along, and send the photo to the deployed service member, boosting the morale of the entire family and enhancing the feeling of connectedness. The parent or caregiver is encouraged to capture the child's reaction and share it with the deployed person, motivating them to continue participating in the program. Everyone involved will benefit from the increased morale of the entire family and enhanced feeling of connectedness.

Because of the current demands on service men and women, the challenge of communicating during separations can be daunting. In addition to the educational benefits of instilling the love of reading in children at a young age, United Through Reading boosts family morale, reinforces parental support for spouses at home, helps to allay children's fears during parents' absences and eases the reunion process once the service member returns.

To sign up for a half hour taping session email usohawaii@uso.org or call 836-3351.

**The USO of Hawaii**

November taping schedule is as follows:

**Today**

8a.m.-1p.m.  
Location released after sign up

**Tomorrow**

8a.m.-1p.m.  
Location released after sign up

**Nov. 17**

8a.m.-1p.m.  
Location released after sign up

**Nov. 18**

8a.m.-1p.m.  
Location released after sign up

**Nov. 29**

4:30-7:30p.m.  
Kaneohe Marine Corps Base Hawaii



Senior Airman Cheryl Lee, left, and Senior Airman Charles Lat, right, both from the 292nd Combat Communications Squadron, an Air National Guard unit at Maui, Hawaii, set up the communications equipment at a simulated deployed location.

## PACAF hosts comm equipment training for Active Duty, Guard

By James Crawford  
Pacific Air Forces

Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces recently concluded two weeks of intensive training on the theater deployable communication equipment used by units that have air expeditionary force deployments.

Forty-three students from Hickam, Kadena AB, Misawa AB, Yokota AB, Japan, Hilo and Maui all came together for this training.

"This training event is a perfect example [of] the growing and successful partnership between the active and guard forces and has laid the foundation for future opportunities in the Pacific AOR," said Col. Dave Hunninghake, PACAF, network branch chief.

The equipment used in the training included satellite terminals, voice switches, secure and non-secure data networks, wireless terminals, multiplexers and network control centers modules. All of this equipment is referred to as the Initial Communication Access Package.

This deployable equipment system enables a unit with an AEF mission to deploy and open up a base and provide voice and data services for 1,200 to 1,500 people.

Instructors from the Air Force Engineering and Technical Services taught classes for engineers, telephone technicians, network and LAN administrators, network control center personnel.

A satellite communication class was instructed by Airman 1st Class Kevin Moses, 35th Communications Squadron, Misawa AB.

During the first week, students focused on classes and during the second week of training they tested out this theory and applied what they had learned. The students were divided up into two teams with all the equipment needed to build the two networks simulating two bases. The first task lasted for three days and the last one was timed to see which site could activate sites and get communications set up quickest.

"[I am] Extremely pleased that we're continuing the great total force partnership we've had with PACAF over the past decade," said Col Robert Maglasang, 201 CCG commander. "[We] trained PACAF Communication Squadrons via the [Initial Communication Access Package] unit familiarization program after acquiring the initial ICAP suites. Now PACAF via AFETS is returning the favor. Thanks for your support and efforts. [We] look forward to more of these vital classes".

This type of training has been taught on the mainland at various bases but this is the first time this level of training has been accomplished in the PACAF Command. This is just the first of many training opportunities that will be accomplished in the future. PACAF's goal is to support two Continuation Training venues a year to ensure warfighters in this AOR are ready to do their jobs.

## Preparing for promo boards

By Capt. Melissa Keough  
Air Force Personnel Center

With a Medical and Dental Corps Selection Board convening in November and several other health professions boards coming up in the next six months, officers should ensure their board certifications are current and in their selection records.

Officers can fax a copy of the certificate to their functional manager, here at the Air Force Personnel Center, who will send a copy to the Selection Board Secretariat to be placed in the officer selection record.

The Officer Selection Record is probably the single most important record in an Air Force officer's career as board members use this record to assess an individual's promotion potential.

"It is ultimately every Air Force officer's responsibility to keep their Officer Selection Record up to date," said Col. Karl Shawhan, chief of the Selection Board Secretariat. "Remember, your record represents you to the promotion board."

Officers should review their record to ensure their performance reports, decorations and board certification paperwork are on file with the secretariat. Even if these documents are reflected in the virtual military personnel flight and the Military Personnel Data System.

Members can find out more about the Officer Selection Record by visiting the Selection Board Secretariat Web site.

The health professions functional managers at AFPC can be contacted by phone/fax at: Medical, Dental, Biomedical Sciences Corps, (210) 565-2377/565-1277; Medical Services Corps - 565-4094/565-4240; and Nurse Corps - 565-2715/565-2943.

## Falcon cheerleaders visit Hickam



**Above:** Staff Sgt. Christy Avilla, 15th Security Forces Squadron, talks with Atlanta Falcons cheerleaders at Hickam Oct. 25. The cheerleaders are on an Armed Forces Entertainment tour through the Pacific.

**Left:** Atlanta Falcons cheerleaders sign autographs for members of the 15th Airlift Wing at during their tour.

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Shane Cuomo

# Be afraid ...

## IO squadron hosts haunted house

Story and photos by  
Senior Airman  
Erin Smith  
Kukini Editor

Cobwebs hung from the ceiling, walls were 'papered' with black trash bags and creepy music rang from Bldg. 4071, Oct. 27 when members from the 352nd Information Operations Squadron transformed their workstations into a haunted house.

Most of the rooms throughout the building were made into dungeons for children of squadron members to walk through. Bowls of candy were in each room for children to help themselves, if they dared.

Before they could get to the candy bowl, they had to overcome obstacles like strobe lights, frightening music and people jumping out at them.

A few of the rooms also were decorated with more friendly Halloween decorations and carved pumpkins, designed for the younger children to enjoy.

To make this come together, squadron members gathered and donated more than \$2,000 on decorations and costumes and a few days of their time to bring the haunted house to life.

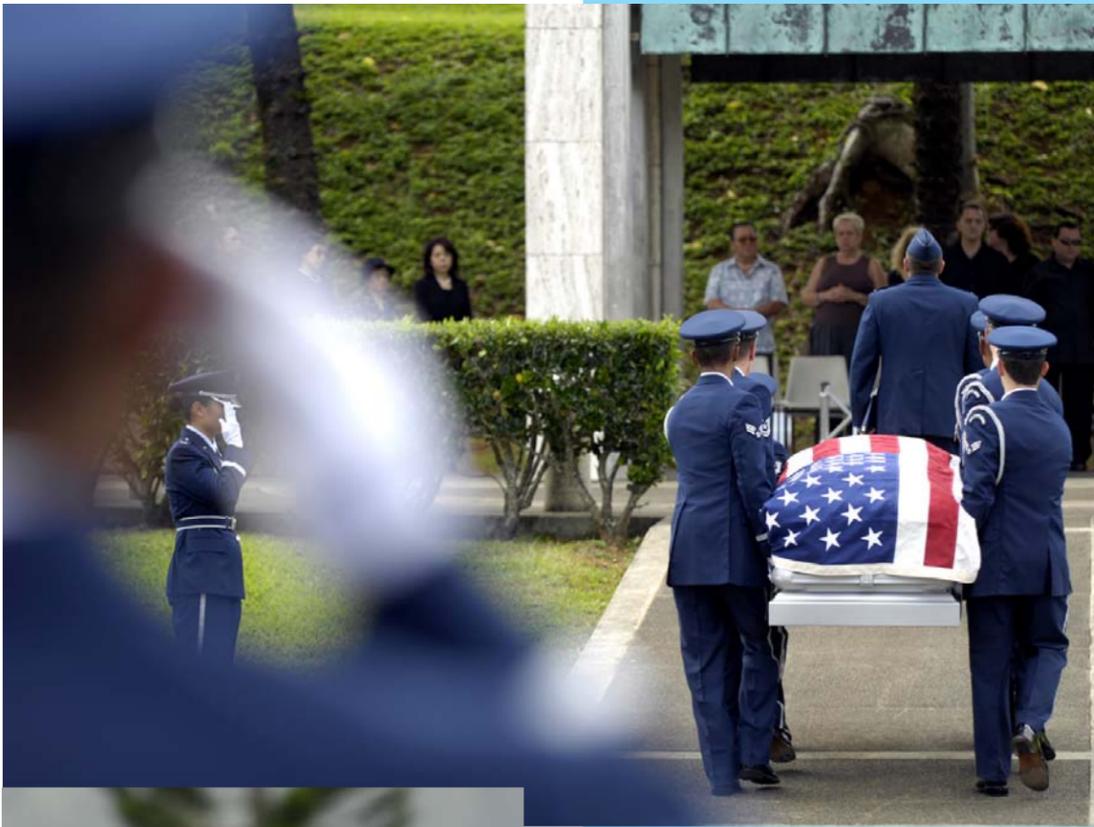


**Above:** Staff Sgt. Billk Farrell, 352nd Information Operations Squadron makes the finishing touches on the props used in the haunted house.

**Left:** Squadron members dressed up and jumped out at people as they made their way through the haunted house.

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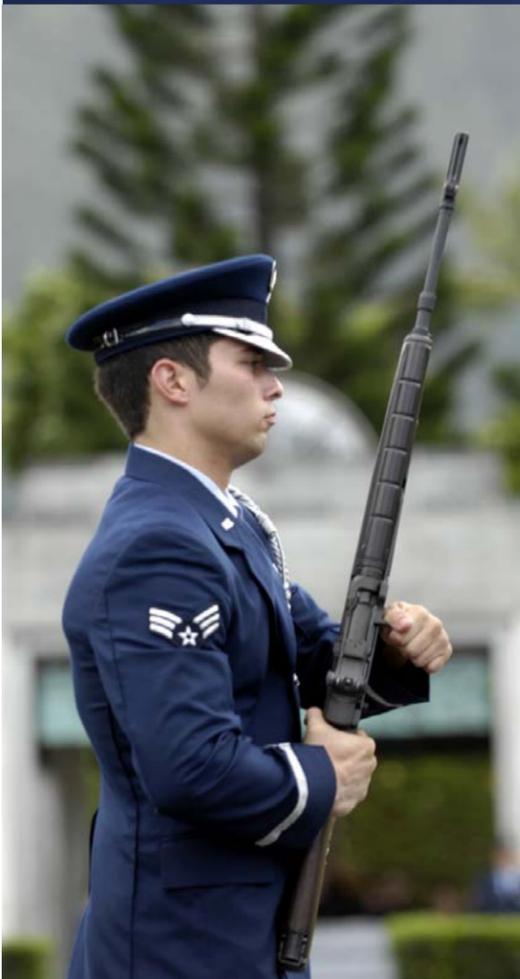


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**Bottom left:** Senior Airman Patrick Campbell charges his weapon for a 21-gun salute during a veteran's funeral at Hawaii Veterans Cemetery Oct. 26, 2006.

**Left:** Members from the 15th Airlift Wing Honor Guard salute while others perform pallbearer duties.

**Top:** Members from the 15th Airlift Wing Honor Guard prepare to fire a volley for a 21-gun salute.



**Bottom left:** Senior Airman Adam Wade practices his 21-gun salute firing positions during honor guard practice.

**Left:** Senior Airman Wade and Airman 1st Class Cory Walls check their weapons before loading them with blanks to practice a 21-gun salute.

**Bottom:** Members of base honor guard practice movements for pal bearing. Honor guard emphasizes the importance of military customs and courtesies, dress and appearance and drill and ceremony.



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required to remove and properly dispose of their pet's feces from any site on base.

**Weight loss group** – Individuals looking for support in their weight loss efforts can join a weight loss group. Call 423-3101 to be put on the list. Fifteen people are needed to start the class. The class will be Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For those who may have responded earlier, please do so again as information was lost due to the recent power outages.

**American Indian Heritage Month** – Hickam will be celebrating American Indian Heritage Month this month. This year's theme is: "A Warrior's Tradition: Contributing to Our Nation's Freedom". For additional information, contact the 15th Airlift Wing Military Equal Opportunity office at 449-1701.

**Cookie caper** – Volunteers from Team Hickam are needed to help nearly 600 dorm residents

feel at home during the holiday season.

Homemade cookies can be dropped off at the Daedalian Room of the O'Club on Dec. 8 from 6:30 to 9 a.m. Volunteers are also needed to wrap the cookie care packages. For more information, contact Capt. Collado at 448-6222 or Mrs. Liz Nelsen at 664-0072.

**Military Receive UH Football Ticket Discount** – Military members will receive discounted University of Hawaii football tickets on Veterans Day. In honor of Veterans' Day, members of the Armed Services will receive two tickets for the price of one to the University of Hawaii football team's contest against Louisiana Tech, Saturday, at 6:05 p.m. A valid military identification card is required when purchasing tickets at the Aloha Stadium Box Office in advance or on game day. This discount is only available at the Stan Sheriff Center Box Office in advance, open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

# DOD cracks down on unsafe drivers

By Kim Sears

American Forces Press Service

Servicemembers could expect stricter consequences for engaging in unsafe behavior behind the wheel if changes suggested by a Defense Department safety task force are implemented.

The Private Motor Vehicle Accident Reduction Task Force is looking at changing how the services handle driving infractions to help reduce the death and accident rates of military men and women when operating their own vehicles and motorcycles. The task force plans to submit its suggestions to the DSOC, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, by February 2007.

For irresponsible drivers this would mean facing real consequences that could affect personal and professional lives, including losing the ability to be promoted and forfeiting driving privileges on base, said Maj. Gen. David Bice, inspector general of the Marine Corps and chairman of the task force.

"Much has been done to educate people about what can happen if they are irresponsible behind the wheel. However, there are too many people that hear the message, but don't heed it," General Bice said.

"While education on this issue is still important, the PMV task force believes

tightening enforcement practices will be the most effective way to bring about change," he said.

We are looking at ways to improve the department's enforcement system and make it clear the military is serious about safety both on and off the base," the general said.

In a June 22 memorandum, the Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld reiterated his directive to reduce all safety-related incidents within DoD by 75 percent by the end of fiscal 2008. The PMV task force is one of eight safety task forces under the Defense Safety Oversight Council, which was created to find ways to meet that goal.

To gain a greater understanding of current law enforcement procedures, the task force began examining how each service handles driving infractions and the maintenance of driving records.

"What we have found are a lot of inconsistencies – not just between services, but within them as well," General Bice said.

The department lacks a centralized system that allows for the sharing of driving data and sanctions between services and installations, he said. The task force is looking at ways to put such a system in place that also includes information sharing with local (motor vehicle departments).

"We are trying to build on the good work already being done by each of the

services so we can preserve our most valuable resource, which is our men and women," General Bice said.

An integrated system would allow law enforcement to draw on comprehensive driving record information, giving installation commanders the ability to make more informed decisions about driving privileges, said John Awtrey, director of law enforcement policy and support at DoD and a member of the task force.

"Having integrated electronic data would speed the process for taking positive action against individuals who would still be driving with the current inconsistencies in driving record information and data sharing," Mr. Awtrey said.

The PMV is evaluating other factors to determine the best ways to prevent private motor vehicle related deaths and accidents including, driving trends for 18- to 25-year-olds, the top causes of accidents, and leading indicators, or behaviors, that predict who is most susceptible to being involved in an accident.

Choice is what links all other variables leading to car crashes, said Renee Reitz, a psychologist overseeing the development of a Driver Behavior Assessment Tool, or DBAT, for DOD, said The DBAT is a computerized questionnaire that assesses how servicemembers' personal attitudes and beliefs are related to involvement in vehicle crashes.

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Drunk Driving], to have Honolulu Police Department, to have our communities involved ... we need all these partnerships.”

Surveys are being conducted at the base to help officials determine how best to use the money to serve Airmen, prevent underage drinking and offer alternatives to drinking alcohol.

Mr. Aiona and Colonel Torres both expressed excitement about embarking on this initiative.

“One of the best things I like about our Air Force is we have a great and highly educated force; this grant is another opportunity to add another tool to our toolkit for educating Airmen about the culture of responsible choices,” said Colonel Torres. “That’s what it’s all about, empowering our young and our old to make good decisions. Good decisions in support of our community, in support of ourselves and in support of our family.”

The initiative also will support the Air Force’s “Wingman” concept as well as “ohana,” meaning family or kin, and the spirit of ohana in Hawaii.

“Wingman is our concept in which we help each other” Colonel Torres said. “This grant offers us the ability to put some programs in place to be good wingmen to each other and that is what we have the opportunity to do with our greater Hawaii community ... be good wingmen to Honolulu, to Hawaii ... I am so excited to be a part of that.

“We owe it to our people, our friends, our ohana in Hawaii and our service members to be good members not only of the Air Force but of the community as well,” he said.

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“It’s interesting because they are structured different than us,” said Tech Sgt. Daniel Hiyama from the 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. “They are a crew chief, hydraulics, jet and air conditioning (specialist). We have strictly a hydraulics or strictly a crew chief,” he said.

Australia is one of our most important allies in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power contributes significantly to ensure peace and economic stability in the region.

Australia now joins the United States and Britain as operators of the C-17 Globemaster III. Its plans are to base the aircraft at RAAF Base Amberly near Brisbane, Australia.

**U.S. and Australian maintainers work on a C-17 Globemaster III nose steering actuator.**

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shane Cuomo

**Crime Scene****Minor vehicle accident**

Two active-duty Air Force members were involved in a vehicle accident behind the fitness center.

**Larceny of personal property**

An active-duty Air Force spouse reported personal property was stolen from the Airman's Attic.

**Minor vehicle, fixed object accident**

A DOD employee was involved in a vehicle accident at Bldg. 2042.

**Damage to government property**

An active-duty Air Force member reported damage to Government property at Bldg. 1158, billeting.

**Minor vehicle accident**

Two active-duty Air Force spouses were involved in a vehicle accident at the outbound lane of the Main Gate.

**Minor vehicle accident**

A civilian employee struck a parked government owned vehicle while backing at Bldg. 4069.

**Officers' Club First Friday**

Two outrageous events combine into one extreme experience today at the Officers' Club First Friday Open Mike Night. There's a karaoke party plus the Army-Air Force Game that begins at 2 p.m. Try to be kind when the Air Force shows West Point no mercy. The action keeps rolling until 10. For more information, call 448-4608.

**O' Club martini tasting**

Gin or vodka, dirty or straight up. This is the craze that is stirring things up everywhere. Find out why at the Martini Tasting in the Koa Lounge at the Officers' Club this evening from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Food will be provided along with the tasting. This is a Members Only event and membership cards are required. For more information, call 448-4608.

**The Hickam 31st Annual Fall Craft Fair & Family Fun Day**

The long-standing tradition of the Hickam Annual Fall Craft Fair and Family Fun Day returns Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Arts and Crafts Center. Shop for hand-made crafts, watch demos and enjoy food and entertain-

ment while the kids have a blast. And let your dog tag along to enter the Family Dog Show where there are prizes at "steak." Make no bones about it; this event is open to the public via the Kuntz Ave. Gate. For more information, call 449-1568, ext. 101 or 102.

**Family and teen talent show**

Hickam's got talent and it shows! The Family and Teen Talent Show is Saturday at 3 p.m. in Memorial Theater. Winners will go on to compete against other PACAF bases and those winners go on to an all-Air Force competition. Cheer for your family, neighbors and coworkers. For more information, call the Community Center at 448-3354.

**Tailgate sale**

One man's treasure might be found in another man's tailgate. And for a bargain price, at that. The next Tailgate Sale is Saturday from 7 to 10 a.m. in the Burger King parking lot. For more information, call 449-2361.

**Mixed couples tournament**

Find a partner with drive, make some double eagles and

win a prize in the Mixed Couples Tournament at Mamala Bay Golf Course Sunday. Second round times will be used beginning at 11:45 a.m. It's an 18-hole event with multiple formats. The entry fee is \$15 per couple plus green and cart fees. Sign up at the Pro Shop. For more information, call 449-6490.

**Swim lessons**

Register for the next lap of swim lessons Monday between 5 and 7 p.m. at Pool 2. Both group and private lessons at various proficiency levels are available. For schedules and more information, call 449-5215.

**E' Club maintenance**

The Enlisted Club will be closed until 3 p.m. Monday for scheduled maintenance.

**Lifeguard course**

Learn to save lives during the Lifeguard Course at Pool 2. The \$125 fee includes Lifeguard Training and First Aid and CPR for the Professional Rescuer certifications. The class begins Tuesday and meets Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 9:30 p.m. through Nov. 28 (with no class on Nov. 23). For more information, call 449-5215.

**Adopt-an-Airman**

Adopt an Airman by inviting one to your home for the Thanksgiving holiday. This program gives single Airmen the opportunity to get together with a Hickam family for a home-cooked meal served up with a little TLC. To adopt an Airman, sign up at the Community Center Tuesday or Wednesday. For more information, call 449-3354.

**Bottom fishing**

Learn the lure of bottom fishing and hook a great catch in Hickam Harbor. The \$45 fee includes two guides, boat transportation, fishing poles and bait. Register by Wednesday to

go on this Nov. 11 excursion from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 449-5215.

**Snorkeling Trip to Ko 'Olina Lagoons**

The shoreline of Ko 'Olina Lagoons runs from Kahe Point Beach Park to Barbers Point and is alive with sea creatures such as green turtles and dolphins, making it a perfect snorkeling destination. This trip lasts from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 12 and costs \$35. Snorkeling gear can be rented for an additional fee from Recreation Equipment Issue by calling 449-6870. The deadline to register is Wednesday. For

more information, call 449-5215.

**AEF Homecoming block party**

The AEF Homecoming block party happens Thursday in the Community Center parking lot from 4 to 7 p.m. There will be entertainment, barbeque, Kiddieland, Airmen and family events. All are free to returnees and their families. Come welcome back the members of Team Hickam. For more information, contact First Sergeants or call the Community Center at 449-3354.