



News Notes

Makahiki – Hickam personnel are invited to view a rarely seen, ancient Hawaiian cultural ceremony called Makahiki, scheduled for this Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. It will take place on the lawn area in front of the Sea Breeze restaurant. Similar to Thanksgiving, the event celebrates peace and harvest through a ceremonious arrival of canoes on the beach, procession of Hawaiian Civic Club representatives, Hawaiian chanting and dancing and will be interpreted in English. Spectators are asked to be respectful of this ceremony and remain in the bleachers provided during the event. Attendance is encouraged for all service and family members interested in learning about the Native Hawaiian culture and customs.

Tripler and Hickam Shuttle Bus Changes – In order to provide more efficient and cost effective transportation, the daily shuttle service between Hickam and Tripler Army Medical Center and the Hickam base shuttle bus will be discontinued, Dec. 1. Customers requiring military taxi service for official use on or after the effective date must call vehicle dispatch at 449-1742 to schedule transportation.

Blood drive – Team Hickam and the 715 Air Mobility Operations Group are sponsoring a blood drive on Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hickam Community Center. Walk-ins are welcome; however, appointments are highly encouraged. Please contact Airman 1st Class Trevor Branch at 449-8334 or e-mail at trevor.branch@hickam.af.mil.

A golf tournament is Dec. 1. Cost for the tournament, put on by the Hawaii 5/6

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Exercise challenges wing

By Senior Airman Erin Smith
 Kukini Editor

Team Hickam members tested their capabilities during a phase one, Initial Readiness Response Exercise.

The base is required to do several exercises annually to hone capabilities and help prepare the wing for the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection in 2008.

During this exercise, the wing practiced scenarios and challenges to their processes and equipment.

"We tasked ourselves to load and deploy rolling stock, including trucks and light all units as opposed to standard pallets," said Mr. John Tauber, 15th Airlift Wing plans. "Each time we exercise, we expand our exercise objectives and try to stress the wing a little."

Exercises provide the wing with an opportunity to not only see where they shine but also challenging areas that

need to be worked on."

Colonel J.J. Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander used pro football as an example. "You can have the most talented individual player money can buy, and still not win a game if you don't work as a team. You have to have the whole team functioning and that takes training and practice to work together as a team," he said. "Exercises provide us with this valuable training."

Despite the longer days, Airmen maintained upbeat attitudes and focused on safety.

Everyone had the proper protective equipment including reflective belts, hearing protection, gloves and steel toed boots, according to Mr. Tauber. They were also eating and hydrating properly.

"As a whole, wing attitude, down to a person, was upbeat with a can-do attitude," said Mr. Tauber. "I did not hear a single complaint from anyone."

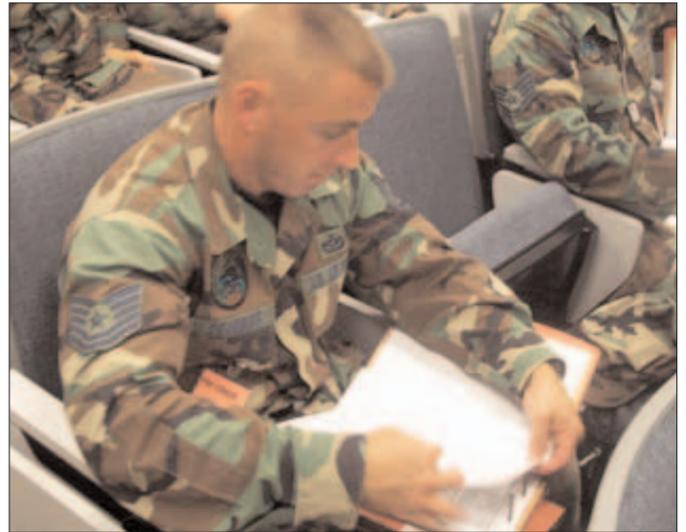


Photo by John Tauber

Tech. Sgt. Peter Seagriff, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron checks his mobility folder during the phase one deployment exercise.

Hickam gets festive



Photo by Senior Airman Erin Smith

Members from the 15th Civil Engineer Squadron, electrical section inspect and repair wires before decorating Freedom Tower for the holiday tower lighting project. The tower lighting ceremony is Dec. 1.

Knowing right steps enhances medical visit

Simple steps make wait worthwhile

Capt Hector Stephenson
 15th Medical Group

With cold and flu season just around the corner, members of the 15th Medical Group stand ready to provide excellent health care to enhance and promote optimum health and assist in the medical fitness of the Team Hickam members. However, patients hold the key to maximizing their appointment time with their health care providers.

Simple steps to maximizing medical appointments include:

Prepare for the appointment
 No matter how long a medical concern has been going on, people need to be able to give a good history of the condition. The duration of symptoms, home treatments tried and the result, history of prior episodes of the same condition as well as the treatment provided and the result are all examples of things to annotate prior to the appointment. These are all questions people will need to answer during their appointment. The names of medications, associated chronic medical con-

ditions, and even some family member history are also important things to know.

Arrive on time
 Arriving at the suggested 15 minutes prior to the appointment allows the time to complete any paperwork required, rest prior to having vital signs checked, as well as mentally prepare for the appointment. Additionally, if there are any labs or x-rays requested by the provider that need to be done, people should accomplish them prior to the appointment.

Participate in personal health care
 Trying home treatments before an appointment may save patients an unnecessary visit to the clinic. The Healthwise Handbook which may be obtained through the Primary Care Manager, will give a good home treatment advice while also providing warning signs which signal the need to be seen by a PCM.

Actively interact with healthcare providers regarding health condition and treatment options. Patients should try to have their questions answered prior to departing the clinic. This is

where being prepared for the appointment can help both the patient and the provider. Many questions seem to arise after people leave that require follow-up phone calls which are inconvenient for the patient to have to wait for a response.

Patients should accomplish any additional tests in a timely manner and follow-up as directed by their provider. They should also schedule and keep appointments with specialists if instructed to do so. Many health concerns are under treated because of lack of completion of appropriate follow-up by the patient. This is where good interaction and active participation in personal health care can make a huge difference.

Remain focused during appointment
 Maintaining the focus on the current health concern promotes excellent care. If people have more than one health concern they should inform the technician at the beginning of the appointment. Bringing up another health concern at the end of the

AMS attends airlift seminar

By Senior Airman
 Erin Smith
 Kukini Editor

The 2006 Airlift/Tanker Association held its 38th Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida.

The Diamond Head Chapter from Hawaii had approx 80 of its 125 members in attendance. Members had to opportunity to attend more than 40 seminars with information on everything from Aerospace Expeditionary Force cycles to Air Force Smart Operations 21.

"The many topics made it difficult to decide which one was the most beneficial, but I believe the entire group will say all of them had some take-aways, said Master Sergeant Jennifer Anderson, 735th Air Mobility Squadron Freight Operations noncommissioned officer. "This by far has been one of the best Conventions [I've seen] with over 3,600 people in attendance."

The A/TA is open to active duty members, reservists, Guard and DoD and regular civilians and provides valuable information for anyone in the aviation, transportation, and maintenance fields, said sergeant Anderson.

"No where is there a larger group of military and civilian that come together to network, exchange ideas, see the latest in technology and hear from our senior leadership including Gen. Duncan J. McNabb, Air Mobility Command commander," she said.

General Norton A. Schwartz, U.S. Transportation Command commander and General, Admiral Timothy J. Keating, North American Aerospace Defense Command commander and Commander, U.S. Northern Command were also in attendance at the event.

During the convention, attendees not only learned

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Giving thanks and remembering others

By Gen. Paul V. Hester
Pacific Air Forces Commander

Thanksgiving is here...a time to count our blessings. This long weekend marks the beginning of a wonderful holiday season and is properly framed if we pause to count the many blessings we have as a Nation, as individuals and as families.



General Paul Hester

Make the effort to find the quiet moment to put your blessings in the perspective of a full life. And draw around you those whom you share the strongest bonds...if you are fortunate to be with your family, the day has a richer meaning...if you are separated, share this special time with your Air Force family and know that your sacrifice makes this day possible for all Americans.

For all PACAF Airmen...Thank you for your unwavering dedication to our great Nation—I am grateful for each and every one of you. As I travel across our country, Americans constantly tell me how very thankful and extremely proud they are of you and your service.

May God guide and protect all Americans who are in harm's way. Lynda and I wish you a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Freedom earned through sacrifice

By Col. Mark Henkel
18th Operations Group commander

Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free. -- Ronald Reagan, 40th president of the United States

These words offer a somber notion of what our nation would look like if it were not for the men and women in uniform and a great nation of citizens that support them.

With the occasion of Veterans Day, we are afforded an opportunity to reflect with pride on the many achievements our vets have made, and with sorrow for their priceless sacrifices.

The sacrifices of those that serve continue today ... and you have personally carried many of these burdens.

As we commemorate Veterans Day, let us re-double our efforts to foster the next generation that will keep us safe and free.

For more than two centuries our

“ Your choice has been to serve. That is, no doubt, one of the noblest callings and your nation is grateful. ”

country has been honored with people willing to serve and sacrifice to ensure the freedoms our country was founded on. To these people we owe a great debt of gratitude. That gratitude is not just for the service they gave, but for the following generations they raised. The generations that served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War and now the war on terrorism. Had it not been for those follow-on generations, we would not be where we are today, blanketed by the warmth of individual freedoms that allow us to choose any walk of life.

Your choice has been to serve. That is, no doubt, one of the noblest callings and your nation is grateful. You have accepted living far from family,

long work hours, deployments and stepping into harm's way. In return for that, you are a member of a proud community; one that shares common values of honor, integrity, service before self, courage, pride and excellence in all we do.

Those values were not passed via nature; they were a result of nurture. It requires everyone's efforts to ensure those are the values that direct our actions. We not only owe it to the younger generation that may be serving beside you today, but the next generation not yet in uniform.

We shape the next generation by the actions we take today. It's a simple matter to teach our children pride in our country. Each time a coach stops soccer practice at 5 p.m. to pay respect to our flag and national anthem, it teaches our kids about patriotism and the pride we feel in being an American. Watching a theater of children go silent with their hands over their hearts before the beginning of a movie makes me proud.

We owe it to our sons and daughters to teach them that our freedoms are not given to us, but earned through the sacrifices of those in uniform - the same uniform their parents are wearing today, and that they may be wearing tomorrow.

AF develops, polishes leaders of tomorrow

By Lt. Col. Gary Wiley Jr.
386th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron commander

While back, I read an article in a management journal that compared the process of producing quality diamonds to producing a good manager. In the diamond mining business, it takes more than 250 tons of rock to produce a one-carat diamond. In many ways, this process mirrors how we develop new leaders, and it reminded me of the challenges we encounter as we develop our people and organizations.

In the diamond business, there are tasks that need to occur before the mining of diamonds. One such task is shoveling. Shoveling of rock is an arduous task that can

require mining as deep as 75 miles into the Earth's crust. And, this is just the beginning of the process! Similarly, the hard work and effort of initial military training is the beginning process of building the foundation of a disciplined, dedicated Airman who is ready to serve our United States Air Force.

The value of a diamond is characterized by the four Cs: clarity, cut, carat and color. The value of a leader is exemplified the same way. The clarity of a diamond is an indication of a diamond's purity. The value of a leader depends on the clarity of vision. A vision is a desired future state. After all, as the saying goes, "How can you begin a journey without knowing where you are going?" Additionally, a leader's vision provides direction and purpose to followers.

The cut of a diamond is the craftsmanship

applied in cutting the facets of the stone. The leader's cut is the ability to shape all facets of the team. A strong leader values the differences people bring to the organization. The leader leverages diverse backgrounds and experiences that bring out the best in people.

The number of carats constitutes a diamond's size and is measured in carat weight. The leader's carat weight is the amount of influence he or she leverages to direct followers to accomplish the mission. The more carat weight a leader possesses, the more credibility and respect a leader earns from followers.

The color of a diamond is the natural body color visible in a diamond. The closer the diamond is to being colorless the more valuable, beautiful, and shiny it is. A leader must

be visible but must develop and nurture the natural talents of team members. A valuable leader allows followers to shine and gives credit where credit is due. Perhaps General George C. Marshall said it best, "There is no limit to the good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit."

Any process that produces an exceptional product takes a commitment to excellence. A flawless diamond is unique and special but something that holds tremendous value. Developing leaders is no different. Supervisors need to make a singular commitment to this task and approach it with energy and enthusiasm. It is incumbent to today's leaders to instill pertinent lessons and values in order to cultivate today's Airmen into tomorrow's exceptional leaders. Tomorrow's Air Force will benefit

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.

Main Gate traffic

Comment: I live on Fox Blvd. and always enter via the front gate in

order to turn right onto Vandenberg Blvd. on my way home. Approaching the front gate, oftentimes the right lane has quite a few more cars than the middle lane. This is understandable as the right lane feeds into the visitor center and is often delayed with people talking to the gate guards or with traffic entering from the center. People who live on my side of the base used to be able to use the middle lane and change lanes after entering base to turn right onto Vandenberg Blvd. thereby avoiding the added delays of the right lane. Of course, the line after entering the gate is a solid white line which drivers should not cross; however, it seems the inconvenience of waiting outweighed this and I myself am also guilty of having done this. Security Forces was tired of drivers doing this and has coned off the line beyond the front gate to stop motorists from crossing

it. Now people living on my side of base have to either wait in the longer lines of the right lane or take the much longer route offered by entering through the middle lane. I would like to offer a different solution to this problem. Rather than coning the line after the gate off, why not change it to a dashed line to allow people to cross it? Even when people were illegally crossing the lines, I cannot recall there being a single accident caused by it. People are normally driving between 5 and 10 mph in that area and changing lanes is very easy. In this way traffic can still flow smoothly though the gate and people will no longer be penalized with longer waits at the gate simply for living on my side of the base. Thank you very much for your time.

Response: I appreciate your concern, and thank you for the recom-

mendation. We have received numerous questions and concerns pertaining to traffic at the main gate and possible remedies. My primary concern is the safety of all personnel entering the installation. The cones were not placed to hinder or penalize anyone; they were placed to prevent any accidents from happening. We have had several near-misses at the gate due to drivers crossing the solid white line and cutting other cars off in order to get to the far right hand lane. From a safety perspective, placing the cones is the most foolproof way to prevent any possible accidents. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but this course of action is necessary to enforce the law and maintain the safety of our installation. If you have additional questions or concerns please call Security Forces Operations at 448-2320.



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Questions?
Contact your First Sergeant

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449-0175
- Law Enforcement Desk
449-6373
- Base Chaplain
449-1754
- Military Family Abuse Shelter
533-7125
- SARC Hotline
449-7272

Native American Heritage Month celebrates contributions, achievements

By Ann Lukens
23rd Mission Support Squadron

On Nov. 30, 1999, an elderly veteran stood in the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes to receive two awards. The Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Interior Department, presented him with the Citizen's Award for Exceptional Service. The Assistant Secretary of Defense, Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence presented him with the Knowlton Award, which recognizes significant contributions to military intelligence efforts as well as a flag that flew over the Capitol. The veteran's name was Charles Chibitty, the sole surviving WWII Comanche code talker. His story began 50 years earlier.

In 1940, William Karty, a Comanche Civilian Conservation Corps camp director, submitted an idea for an all-Comanche code talker unit to the military. The Army approved the idea and immediately began to recruit Comanche youth into this special unit. By early 1941 at Fort Benning, Ga., 17 young Comanches had created a code based

on their own unwritten language and formed the Comanche Signal Corp of the Army's 4th Signal Company, 4th Signal Division.

Like the Choctaws of WWI and the Navajos in the Pacific Theater in WWII, these young men created what would turn out to be an unbreakable code. The Comanche Signal Corps compiled a 250-word vocabulary for the most common military terms. The word for "tank" became the word "turtle" while a "machine gun" became a "sewing machine," and Adolph Hitler became "posah-tai-vo" which meant "crazy white man." After Pearl Harbor, the Comanche unit began intensive training for two years before shipping out to England for training geared toward invading Nazi-occupied Europe.

The Comanches were among the first to land on Omaha and Utah Beaches on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Two code talkers were assigned to each of the 4th Infantry Division's three regiments. As these units moved forward, coded messages were sent back to division headquarters where other Comanches decoded them. Using this code, it was Charles

Chibitty who sent the first message on D-Day that, in English, translated to, "Five miles to the right of the designated area and five miles inland the fighting is fierce and we need help." Roderick Red Elk recounted receiving BGen Theodore Roosevelt Jr.'s message, "We have landed safely" while others decoded messages for Gen George Patton. The Comanche Signal Corps was instrumental in the successful Allied push that ultimately liberated Paris and fought in the Battle for the Bulge.

Since declassification in 1968, historians have studied these codes. Dr. William C. Meadows (of Anadarko, OK) explains that the Navajo, Comanche and Choctaw code talkers developed a formal, special coded-encoded written vocabulary while other smaller groups of code talkers like the Cheyenne, Cherokee and Osage in WWI; Chippewa, Creek, Muscogee-Seminole, Hopi and Sioux in WWII made an informal use of everyday non-coded Native American languages that didn't require further decoding. He and others are pushing for Congressional recognition of code talkers from all tribes.

Security Forces Squadron members earn PACAF awards

Unit level CGO of year



Master Sgt. Rick Bargmon
15th Security Forces Squadron, flight chief

Deployed to Iraq, secured world's largest Theater Internment Facility. Led 150 defenders and directed operations for 3 sections. Participated in 13 shoplifting investigations.

Unit support staff senior NCO of year



Master Sgt. Daniel Hawkins
15th Security Forces Squadron, Training superintendent

Led responses to 31 indirect fire attacks and more than 75 impact point finds in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Wrote integrated base defense sector plan, created 10 crime stop measures here.

Flight level senior NCO of year



Capt. Leo Martin
15th Security Forces Squadron, deputy squadron commander

Stood up and commanded the 451st Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, Kandahar Afghanistan, led 96 troops and directed forces against 27 rocket attacks.



The Honorable William C. Anderson, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics, steps up to the firing line to fire an M4 rifle during a visit to the 15th Security Forces Squadron.

Secretary Anderson visits security forces members

By Senior Airman Erin Smith
Kukini Editor

The Honorable William C. Anderson, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics visited the 15th Security Forces Squadron's Combat Arms Training and Maintenance section for a briefing and demonstration of security forces capabilities.

The first day, he received an overall mission briefing from both active duty and Hawaii Air National Guard Airmen and attended guard mount. At the guard mount, he spoke to the Airmen about issues such as bonuses, deployments and force shaping. He also expressed gratitude for the mission that security forces members conduct and the challenges they have to face daily with increased operations tempos. The second day of his visit, he went to Schofield Barracks to the firing range.

During the visit, members from the squadron provided him with initial weapons



The Honorable William C. Anderson fires an M9.

training and allowed him to fire the M-4 rifle, the M-870 shotgun and the M-9 and M-11 pistols.

This briefing helped him to see the capabilities of the career field as well as the many challenges they face day-to-day, according to security forces members.

"Having Mr. Anderson and any other senior leader visit units in an operational capacity allows them first hand knowledge of ways they can better support the warfighter and some of the hardships endured by men and women in uniform who support this nation," said Capt. Anthony McCarty, 15th Security Forces Squadron.

HICKAM REMEMBERS ATTACKS

Hickam Air Force Base will hold a special reveille and wreath laying ceremony at the base flag pole to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the attack on Oahu and Hickam Field, Dec. 7 at 7:45 a.m. Hickam attack survivors will be in attendance at the event, which will include an F-15 flyover and a performance by the Air Force Band of the Pacific. Everyone on base is invited to attend the event.

PEARL HARBOR DAY 65th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

ARIZONA MEMORIAL MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

The Arizona Memorial Museum Association, in conjunction with the National Park Service USS Arizona Memorial and Visitors Center, is conducting a symposium open to the public at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Resort from Dec. 2-5 and will include lectures from notable historians and survivors, visits to various attack sites on Oahu, etc. For more information on the symposium, visit: <http://www.arizonamemorial.org> or call 1-888-485-1941.

NAVY / NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The Navy and National Park Service will co-host the annual ceremony commemorating Pearl Harbor Day on the morning of Dec 7. This year's theme is "A Nation Remembers." The ceremony will take place on Naval Station Pearl Harbor Kilo Pier beginning at 7:40 and ending at about 9:30. Tom Brokaw is scheduled to deliver the keynote address. Attendance is by invitation and limited seating will be available to the general public on a first-come, first-served basis. The general public who wish to attend will need to board white boats from the Arizona Memorial Visitors Center. Due to the formality and length of the ceremony, it is recommended that children under age 8 not attend. For more information please visit the National Park Service website at <http://www.nps.gov/usar/index.htm>, or you may also visit the Navy Region Hawaii website at www.hawaii.navy.mil. Pearl Harbor Survivors who would like to attend this ceremony and are not part of the National Pearl Harbor Survivors Association convention should contact the Navy Region Hawaii Protocol Office at 808-473-2206.

PACIFIC AVIATION MUSEUM

The Pacific Aviation Museum Grand Opening will take place on Ford Island in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7 at 11:30 a.m. immediately following the Navy and National Park Service ceremony. The public is invited to the ceremony featuring guest speakers Chuck Yeager and Wally Schirra. The museum occupies the WWII Hangars and Control Tower on Ford Island that still bear the scars as our Nation's first aviation battlefield. The Museum is a private non-profit organization. Regular hours following the ceremony will be 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily. For more information call the Pacific Aviation Museum at 808-690-0169 or visit <http://www.pacificaviationmuseum.org/>

USS OKLAHOMA MEMORIAL

The USS Oklahoma Memorial Groundbreaking Ceremony will take place on Ford Island in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7 at 12:30 p.m., immediately following the Pacific Aviation Museum's Grand Opening. The Battleship Oklahoma was berthed along Ford Island on

Dec. 7, 1941, and suffered the second greatest loss of life during the attack. For more information please contact: Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Community Relations Manager, 808-473-8000 ext. 2579.

Pearl Harbor Survivors who would like to attend this ceremony and are not part of the National Pearl Harbor Survivors Association convention should contact the Navy Region Hawaii Protocol Office, at 808-473-2206.

NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION

For more information on the National Pearl Harbor Survivors Association's 65th anniversary convention, please contact the National President, Mal Middlesworth, at mal.phsa@verizon.net or ph. 909-985-8682, or visit <http://www.pearlharborsurvivorsonline.org/html/EVENTS.htm>.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, USS ARIZONA MEMORIAL & VISITORS CENTER

The National Park Service, USS Arizona Memorial and Visitors Center public tours to the USS Arizona Memorial will be operating on a special schedule on Dec. 7. The first public tour will begin at 10:45 a.m. with the last tour beginning at 2:30 p.m. The program includes a 23-minute movie presentation followed by a visit to the Memorial. Ticket distribution will begin at 7:30 a.m. when the Visitor Center opens. For more information please call 808-422-2771 or visit: <http://www.nps.gov/usar/index.htm>.

BATTLESHIP MISSOURI MEMORIAL

The Battleship Missouri Memorial is operated by the USS Missouri Memorial Association, a private non-profit organization. The Missouri was the last and most formidable battleship ever built and was the site of Japan's unconditional surrender to allied forces ending WWII. The Missouri is berthed at Ford Island and is open for tours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 1-877-MIGHTYMO, email bigmo@ussmissouri.org or visit www.ussmissouri.org.

USS BOWFIN SUBMARINE MUSEUM & PARK

The USS Bowfin, known as the "Pearl Harbor Avenger," is a WWII submarine commissioned on Dec. 7, 1942. The USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park is located adjacent the USS Arizona Memorial Visitors Center and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Its parent organization is the Pacific Fleet Submarine Memorial Association, a private non-profit organization. For more information on the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park, please call 808-423-1341 or visit <http://www.bowfin.org>.

Expeditionary Combat Skill Training course

Story and photos by
Tech. Sgt. Shane Cuomo
Air Force Print News

With Airmen taking on more non-traditional rolls and missions in deployed locations the need for individual combat skills becomes imperative. Airmen from the 15th Airlift Wing selected to deploy for Air Expeditionary Force cycle five and six recently underwent the three-day Expeditionary Combat Skills Training course intended to instill these necessary skills.

"The ECST course is a course designed to increase the combat effectiveness and survivability of troops deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan," said Master Sgt. Arthur Simon, 15th AW Plans. "It teaches critical war-time skills prior to Airmen's deployment to high-threat areas that Air Force members are usually not exposed to or trained on," he said.

When the Air Force released a message in 2005 calling for additional combat training for deploying airmen, the Air Force identified unit Security Forces squadrons as subject matter experts for most of the skill sets and responsibility for training. The problem was, since most security forces units were critically undermanned or deployed themselves, Pacific Air Forces utilized Global War on Terrorism funding to contract the design and implementation of mobile contract training teams to provide relief for security forces and conduct training.



Top left: A member of the 15th Airlift Wing practices his individual movement techniques during a 3-day Expeditionary Combat Skills Training course. Left: Jack Anderson, an instructor with the ANSER Corp, watches Airmen from the 15th Airlift Wing return fire during convoy training here.

Above: Wing members practice their individual movement techniques during the training. The ANSER Corp. is training for the Airmen that are in the Air Expeditionary Force 5/6 cycle.

The teams, under ANSER Corp., now travel throughout the Pacific Region training each AEF prior to deployment. The instructors are professional trainers with backgrounds in combat career

fields such as tactical air control party members, Navy SEALs, Army Special Forces and Air Force security forces.

"We have a lot of experience. We have a lot of special operations

combat skills training but we have geared this training properly," said Rod Propst an instructor for ANSER Corp. "What we are trying to do is give these young men and women those minimum basic

skills that they might need if they are caught in a bad situation outside the wire," said Propst.

The ECST course is not intended to replace long-term combat skills training but it introduces PACAF Airman to the critical wartime skill sets they are usually not exposed to as members of the Air Force. The first two days of classroom material covers tactical training on convoys, the use of force, the rules of engagement, how to care for your weapon, how to assemble your gear properly and battle field trauma- an advanced course in self aid buddy care.

After the classroom portion students spend a day "in the field". The morning classes cover convoy training and individual movement techniques. The afternoon is taken up with unexploded ordnance sweeps followed by challenge and search procedures.

Because of the success of the course and because of student demand, ANSER Corp. has increased their two-day course to three full days of instruction.

"We have been doing this just over a year. We have visited every installation several times no matter where the demand is," said Propst. "We have been providing a two day training over the last year and the student demand switched us to a three day course," he said.

The instructors have been deployed about 70 percent of the time since November 2005, training all PACAF Airmen scheduled for AEF cycles.

STEPS, From A1

appointment lends itself to less than optimal evaluation of the concern.

Also, if the health concern brought up second is severe enough, it may need evaluation immediately. If the provider is aware of the multiple health concerns, they can prioritize and address the more severe concern earlier.

Trying to take care of multiple medical concerns during one appointment usually leads to patient dissatisfaction

AMS, From A1

about Air Force wide deployment and manning issues but also how to educate our force. Some of the classes dealt with professional military education as well as outside education needs.

The information received falls in line with continued learning the Air Force's mission

NOTES, From A1

Council is \$34 for E1-E4, \$40 for E-5-O-3, \$42 for O-4 and higher. Cost is \$50 for DoD Civilians. A box lunch and rental cart are included in the price. All monies need to be collected by Tuesday. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Kimberly McCormack at 449-2029.

Toy donations for military tots – The Air Force

with the care provided. If people lack focus, the time will pass quickly and health care concerns won't be properly addressed.

Health care in any setting is a collaborative effort. The 15th Medical Group stand ready to provide the best care possible. They ask that patients maximize their interaction with health care professionals and work toward optimum health. To make an appointment call 448-6000.

"We are the best at what we do," said Sergeant Anderson. "We have the most qualified, educated and equipped personnel. We are fighting the mission daily. The personnel who are on the front lines need our support. We are truly one team one fight."

Hawaii First Sergeants Association, along with the Hickam Federal Credit Union and Army Air Force Exchange Service is sponsoring the 2006 Operation Warm Heart Soldiers and angels tree campaign. People should stop by the credit union or the Hickam Main Exchange after Thanksgiving to sponsor a child.

**Damage to private property**

An active-duty Air Force spouse reported damage to their vehicle consisting of a shattered rear passenger window.

An active-duty Air Force member reported their vehicle had been damaged at the BX parking lot. Damage consisted of a white paint transfer and a scratch on her rear driver's side bumper.

An active-duty Air Force member reported their vehicle was damaged by an active-duty Air Force spouse in the housing area.

An active-duty Air Force member reported their vehicle had been damaged by a fence in the housing area.

An active-duty Air Force member reported their vehicle had been damaged at the BX parking lot. Damage consisted of dents and scratches on the driver side front fender and the driver side door.

An active-duty Air Force member reported their vehicle had been damaged at the BX or Dining facility

parking lot. Damage consisted of a two-inch yellow paint transfer and a chip on the rear bumper.

An active-duty Air Force spouse reported their vehicle struck a telephone pole adjacent to 19th Street and Porter Avenue causing damage to three PVC pipes.

Theft of government property

A retired Air Force spouse was apprehended for failing to pay for \$25 of gasoline.

Theft of private property

An active-duty Air Force member reported their wal-

let was stolen off base.

Minor vehicle accident

An active-duty Air Force member and an active-duty Army member reported a minor vehicle accident adjacent to 202 11th St.

Larceny of private property

A active-duty Air Force dependent reported their black Kent brand BMX bicycle that was secured in the bike rack at the Aupaka gate was stolen.

Vandalism

An active-duty Air Force member reported vandalism to their tool shed in the housing area.

Five Airmen receive Articles 15 in October

The following individuals received nonjudicial punishment actions under Article 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice, on Hickam AFB in the month of October 2006.

While punishments imposed for similar offenses may appear to vary from case-to-case, each case is decided based on a number of factors and on its own specific facts. Punishments vary, based on such factors as an offender's age, prior

work and disciplinary record, financial condition, suitability for continued service and the level of severity of the particular offense committed. To ensure fair administration of justice throughout the Hickam community, the legal office reviews all cases.

A technical sergeant failed to obey two lawful orders. The member received a suspended reduction to the rank of staff ser-

geant and forfeiture of \$1248 pay for two months.

A technical sergeant stole from AAFES. The member received a suspended reduction to the rank of staff sergeant, forfeiture of \$1263 pay for two months, 45 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

A staff sergeant failed to obey a lawful command and disobeyed a NCO. The member received a suspend-

ed reduction to the rank of senior airman, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

A senior airman failed to go. The member received a suspended reduction to the rank of of airman first class and a reprimand.

An airman basic was derelict in the performance of their duties. The member received 30 days extra duty and 45 days restriction.



Editor's Note: To read the complete stories and find more Air Force News, go to www.af.mil.

Turkey-based Airmen saving lives in Iraq

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey (AFP) – Hundreds of miles away from the war zone, the efforts of Airmen here are helping keep Iraq-based troops off dangerous convoy routes that are plagued with roadside bombs and sniper attacks.

By flying critical supplies via C-17 Globemaster III from this eastern Turkey air base directly to servicemembers at remote locations in Iraq, more than 3,300 convoy truck missions are taken off the Iraqi roads each month, said Capt. James Burnham, aerial port operations officer with the 728th Air Mobility Squadron here.

The design of the C-17 allows it to land at small, austere airfields, and it has defensive measures against missile attacks. (Story by Michael Tolzmann, Air Force Print News)

Airman at heart of remembrance ceremony

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFP) – More than 300 U.S. military members and multinational partners gathered by the

Patrolling Baghdad

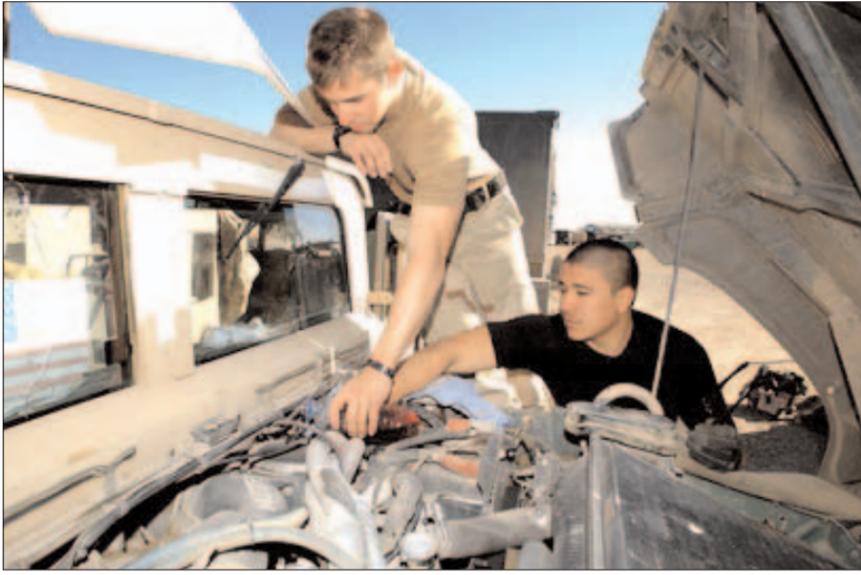


Photo by Master Sgt. Steve Cline

Airmen from Detachment 7, 732nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron conduct quality assurance and quality control checks on a high mobility, multi-wheeled vehicle, Nov. 10 in Baghdad, Iraq.

base flagpole Nov. 10 to honor U.S. veterans, specifically Airman 1st Class Elizabeth Jacobson.

Airman Jacobson was killed while on a convoy near Camp Bucca, Iraq, Sept. 28, 2005, when her vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device. She was the first female Airman and the Air Force's first security forces member killed in the line of duty supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The tribute included a retreat ceremony, a memorial

and emotional words from Col. Paul Curlett, the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing commander. (Story by Capt. Jeff Clark, 386th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs)

AFSO 21 manager to 'Lean' up Spangdahlem

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany (AFP) – Spangdahlem Air Base is the first base in U.S. Air Forces in

and achieving AFSO 21 events independently. (Story by Senior Airman Eydie Sakura, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)

AF declassifies elite aggressor program

WASHINGTON (AFP) – After decades of secrecy, Air Force officials acknowledged Nov. 13 that Communist-built fighters were flown at the Tonopah Test Range northwest of Las Vegas, Nev.

From 1977 through 1988, the program, known as Constant Peg, saw Air Force, Navy and Marine aircrews flying against Soviet-designed MiG fighters as part of a training program where American pilots could better learn how to defeat or evade the Communist bloc's fighters of the day.

Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle, the 3rd Wing commander at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, is a former member of the 4477th Test and Evaluation Squadron and remembers the valuable training the unit provided.

"CONSTANT PEG afforded pilots an opportunity to learn how to fight enemy aircraft in a controlled, safe envi-

ronment without having to endure the risks of actual air combat," said General Carlisle. "Typically a pilot would start with a basic familiarization flight to observe the enemy airplane and study its characteristics, practicing one-on-one defensive and offensive maneuvers against it, and finally, experience multi-bogey engagements high over the desert scrubland of the Nellis Air Force Base ranges."

Predators keep insurgents in view

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq (AFP) – Moving silently high in the sky, Balad AB's MQ-1 Predator Unmanned Aerial Vehicles patrol the landscape below scanning for any signs of insurgent activity around Iraq.

Back on the ground tucked away in a dark room full of computer monitors, TV screens, keyboards and joysticks, members of the 46th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron monitor the images sent down by the bird above.

(Story by Senior Airman Josh Moshier 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs)

Thanksgiving holiday schedules

Most Services facilities will be closed on Thanksgiving Day with a few exceptions. The Fitness and Sports Center will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., the E' Club will be serving its Thanksgiving Buffet from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and the O' Club will be serving its Buffet from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Hale Aina Dining Facility will serve its Thanksgiving Meal between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Serving volunteers are needed. People interested in volunteering should call Master Sgt. Susan Robinson at 449-3369.

Recreation Equipment Issue will be closed Thursday, but instead will be open Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Enlisted Club will be closed Nov. 24 for Family Day until 4:30 p.m. No lunch buffet or lunch wagon service will be offered that day.

to the plate. Choose from many entrees and side dishes at the Enlisted Club's Thanksgiving Buffet Thursday with seatings at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Adults are \$21.95, there's a \$2 Members First discount and reduced prices for children. Advance tickets are required. No coupons are accepted and no refunds can be given. For more information, call 448-2271.

Officers' Club Thanksgiving Buffet

Carved steamship round and teriyaki glazed chicken compliment the honey smoked ham in pineapple sauce at the Officers' Club Thanksgiving Buffet. Of

course, roasted turkey with giblet gravy is the star of this traditional, yet sumptuous feast. Seatings on the Lanai are at 11 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Dining Room seatings are at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Adults are \$21.95, there's a \$2 Members First discount and reduced prices for children. Advance tickets are required. No coupons are accepted and no refunds can be given. For more information, call 448-4608.

Casino night

This could be the lucky night! The E' Club's Nov. 24 Membership Night is Casino Night. Doors open at 7 p.m. to this adults-only event and Texas Hold 'em starts at 7:30.

Members get in free and a spouse or one guest costs \$10, but tickets must be obtained in advance. For more information, call 448-2271.

Flight Crew Motorcycle Repair special

Receive 10% of all services during November from Flight Crew Motorcycle Repair. Repairs include all makes and models. Custom detailing, storage and sales are also available. For more information, call 422-6202.

Pro Bowl pre-ticket sales

Pre-ticket sales for the NFL Pro Bowl continue at Information, Tickets and Travel. These seating reservations cost between \$43 and

\$114 and the actual tickets will be made available at a later date. The Pro Bowl will be held Feb. 10 in Aloha Stadium. For more information, call 448-2295.



Polynesian Cultural Center Hawaii Heroes special

The Polynesian Cultural Center is sponsoring a Hawaii Heroes ticket special. Active-duty military personnel who purchase a ticket at

Information, Tickets and Travel receive another ticket of equal or lesser value free. Ambassador and Super Ambassador packages are not included in this offer. For more information, call ITT at 448-2295.

Cirque Hawaii military special

Buy-one-get-one-free tickets are available to the military community for Cirque Hawaii performances in Waikiki from Information, Tickets and Travel. Adult seats cost \$55 to \$75 and children's seats cost \$42 to \$57. See a preview of show scenes at www.cirquehawaii.com. For more information, call ITT at 448-2295.

Teen support outreach karaoke night

Youth ages 10 to 18 don't have to sing for supper, but here's a chance to sing karaoke and help collect food for charity. The Teen Support Outreach Karaoke Night is this evening from 6 to 9 p.m. A donation of \$5 or five canned goods is requested. Members are \$3. For more information, call 448-2296.

Scrapbook fall fest

Saturday is the scrap-a-thon at the Community Center, with hours of scrapbooking. There will be extra handouts, demonstrations and tools to use. The cost is \$35 for the full day or \$30 for a half-day. The scrapping fun begins at 9 a.m. and the strong will survive until the books are closed at 2 p.m. For more information, call 449-2361.

E' Club turkey take-out

Have a stress-free Thanksgiving by taking home a fully prepared turkey with all the trimmings from the Enlisted Club for only \$61.95 with a \$2 Members First discount available. Tickets must be purchased by 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Customer Service Center. Packages may be picked up between 9 and 11 a.m. on the J.R. Rockers Lanai on Thanksgiving Day. For more information, call 448-2271.

O'Club turkey take-out

It's an entire holiday feast to-go, prepared by the Officers' Club's culinary experts for only \$61.95 with a \$2 Members First discount available. Tickets must be purchased by noon Wednesday at the Customer Service Center. Packages may be picked up between 9 a.m. and noon at the Polynesian Gazebo on Thanksgiving Day. For more information, call 448-4608.

Enlisted Club Thanksgiving Buffet

Roasted turkey just not enough? Add some herb spiced leg of lamb with mint jelly or maybe some Parmesan-crusted mahi mahi