

In this week's Kukini



■ Maile Bottorf-Wilkinson, 15 MSS, stands out as a 2008 2nd Quarter Outstanding Performance Award winner. Check out who else rose to the occasion, and went above and beyond on page A3

News Notes

Warrior Friday — Party like a rock star with the 15th Contracting Squadron, tonight from 4-9 p.m. at the O' club. Show off your classic rock memorabilia and boogie down with the hot licks of Karma. For more information, call Rose Mielke at 448-4608.

Operation Hele On — Join us for Hickam's 5th Annual Youth Deployment Day — Operation "Hele On" — next Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. This free event is for children ages 9 to 14 years old. Application packets are available at <http://www2.hickam.af.mil/unit/s/15mssaafir> or at the Airman & Family Readiness Center (Bldg. 1105, 655 Vickers Ave.). For more information, call the AFRC at 449-0300.

Restricted area badges — Effective immediately, all personnel requiring a restricted area badge must bring in their JPAS printout in addition to their AF Form 2586. For more information, call Master Sgt. Stephen Veeder at 449-6563.

New PACAF supplement to AFI 91-207 — The U.S. Air Force Traffic Safety Program is now in effect. There are significant changes affecting motorcycle/moped training; PPE requirements and program management; purchase requirements of golf carts and other utility type vehicles; and various other safety-related programs. Please take a minute to review it at the 15 AW Safety Web site. <https://sps.hickam.af.mil/C4/C17/Ground%20Safety/default.aspx>. For more information, call 449-0797.

Carpooling — To help ease traffic congestion at the base gates due to ongoing construction, the 15 SFS recommends that base personnel carpool with co-workers and friends whenever possible. Carpooling is a great way to conserve energy and helps preserve our roadways. Also, dining at on-base facilities helps save gas and can prevent unnecessary congestion at the gates. For more information,

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ORE offers valuable lessons

By Jeff Nicolay
Hickam Kukini editor

The way Lt. Col. Scott Shapiro, 15th Operations Group deputy commander, sees it, Airmen of the 15th Airlift Wing performed well during last week's Operational Readiness Exercise.

That's the good news. The bad news, he noted, is that he and the rest of the Exercise Evaluation Team could have made the exercise a bit more challenging.

"Like any exercise, we learned a lot about what we can do better," he said. "Specifically, we learned a lot about how we as an EET could execute this type of exercise better."

From Colonel Shapiro's perspective, parts of the latest

refinement of the ORE design may have made the exercise too easy.

"One of the things we want to exercise is the wing's ability to take care of non-combatants who are evacuating from harm's way," he said. "This time, we thought we were being clever in the way we used Airmen during the exercise. We set it up so that Airmen deploying during the initial phase would also play the roles of inbound non-combatants and evacuees in a later phase of the exercise."

"Basically, we thought we were killing two birds with one stone."

The problem was, Colonel Shapiro explained, that a variety of factors reduced the



Photo by Jeff Nicolay

Airmen of the 15th Operations Support Squadron put one of five Hickam C-17 aircrew members through a Contamination Control Area line at the C-17 Operations Building on Saturday as part of last week's Operational Readiness Exercise.

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Hickam-based AFOSI unit caps off year-long celebration

By Hickam Kukini staff

Col. David Denning, Air Force Office of Special Investigations Region 6 vice commander, and Col. Dean Wolford, 15th Airlift Wing vice commander, were on hand July 31 as AFOSI Det. 601 held a formal retreat ceremony at the Hickam PME Center to commemorate the national organization's 60th anniversary.

AFOSI began its 60th Anniversary celebration more than one year ago — on Aug. 1, 2007 — with a reveille ceremony at AFOSI Det. 602, Andersen AFB, Guam, AFOSI's first detachment (based on time zones) to open for business. Over the year, the same flag was flown at AFOSI locations



Photo by Mark Bates

Airmen with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations Det. 601 held a formal retreat ceremony on July 31 to commemorate the national organization's 60th anniversary.

world wide, including units in Iraq and Afghanistan. The local Hickam OSI unit officially retired the colors, as Detachment 601 is the last OSI

unit to close for the day.

"This is a very significant day in our command's history and this flag's travels depict AFOSI's global support to the

Air Force for over 60 years," said Colonel Denning.

The event's host, Special Agent Forrest Williams, Detachment 601 commander, said he was honored to have been in command during the event and for its significance in the organization's history.

"For our 50th Anniversary, Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Frank Taylor planted a tree in front of our detachment and during our 60th, this unit was responsible for conducting the final retreat ceremony and sending the flag to Headquarters AFOSI at Andrews AFB, where it will join other memorabilia from the year-long celebration," he said.

On the same day, both houses of the United States Congress officially recognized the men

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U.S. Air Force photo

The Senate confirmed Norton A. Schwartz last Friday to be the next Air Force chief of staff.

Senate confirms Schwartz as Chief

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, a 35-year veteran in special operations, will be the 19th Air Force chief of staff, according to a Senate confirmation vote held last Friday.

General Schwartz provided testimony to the Senate Armed Services Committee on July 22, before the full Senate voted on his confirmation. Now the president must appoint the general before he can assume his new position.

"I intend to embody the Air Force core values of integrity, service and excellence as I lead the Air Force at this critical transition period," said General Schwartz.

The general, who now serves as the commander of USTRANSCOM, the United States Transportation Command, will assume the position of Air Force chief of staff. Gen. Duncan McNabb, also confirmed by the Senate, will assume command of USTRANSCOM.

In his current position, General Schwartz' command is the single manager for global air, land and sea transportation for the Department of Defense.

His command experience

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Momma said there'd be days like this



Five members of the 15th Operations Support Squadron and the 535th Airlift Squadron get 'rescued' by a U.S. Coast Guard Dolphin helicopter last Friday as part of water survival training. The Airmen, who spent four hours practicing water safety procedures following the fictitious downing of their C-17 in Kaneohe Bay, were taking part in last week's Operational Readiness Exercise.

Photo by Ronald Cressman

ACTION LINE

100-percent ID checks after 9 p.m.

Comment: Could someone explain the reason the Gate Guards do a 100-percent ID check starting at 9 p.m.? They don't do a 100-percent ID check the rest of the day. If I was not authorized to get on base and I wanted to get on base, I would know this and would come on base anytime before 8:30 p.m.

I would suggest a 100-percent ID check 24/7 or a random 100-percent ID check 24/7. I am sure I am not the only one who thinks that having a 100-percent ID check starting at particular times makes zero sense.

Thank you for taking the time to explain the rationale behind this policy.

Response: I appreciate your concerns regarding force protection measures on Hickam AFB.

Security Forces are committed to providing the highest degree of security for the Hickam community and installation entry control is strictly enforced. Security Forces Office Instruction 31-101, Security Forces Operations, requires a 100-percent "hands-on" credential check after 9 p.m. on all vehicles entering Hickam AFB.

The purpose of these checks is to verify the identity of all vehicle occupants and ensure they have in their possession one of the authorized credentials for access to the installation.

Vehicle occupants who cannot produce these documents will be directed to the Visitors Control Center to obtain a pass.

Random measures are also employed throughout a 24-hour period to provide additional protection for the community.

Thank you for your concerns and should you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Police Services at 449-1006 or 449-1007.

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.

Diamond Tips

Setting the example – Frequently, it is easier for us to walk by and witness an infraction and not correct it. Unfortunately, when we do this, we endorse the negative behavior and permit it to continue. Uphold Air Force standards, regardless of rank or position. A senior noncommissioned officer walking around housing without a hat sends a message to all others that it is OK to violate AFI 36-2903. When the neighbor drives by that same senior NCO without correcting him, he then reinforces that negative behavior. Do not allow this in our Air Force.

Questions? Contact your First Sergeant



Got Good News?

Why not share it? Email your story idea or press release for Hickam Kukini to:

hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil



Deadline for article submission is end of day Monday for Friday's issue. Copy must be typed, double-spaced 12-point type, 300-500 words in length, and e-mailed to hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil.

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Kukini: Meaning swift and valued messenger, the Kukini in ancient times took news from one Hawaiian leader to another.

Uniform inspires a memorable act

By Master Sgt. Donna Walle
 56th Medical Group

On a recent trip to a bookstore, I was approached by a man in his late 30s to early 40s.

He seemed nervous and upset; avoiding eye contact and shifting his weight from one foot to the other. My guard went up immediately. In 22 years of military service, I've heard some negative things said about the military, my branch of service, my choice of occupation given my gender and the general displeasure with government policy at large. The challenge has always been not to take these statements personally.

In the early '90s at the height of Operation Desert Storm, I came up with the following response, delivered in as non-confrontational a manner as possible: "You seem to be very passionate about this and I take pride in helping defend your right to voice an opinion different from my own." Trust me when I say it works like a charm 99 percent of the time.

So here I was, ready with my trusty response, when the gentleman looked up at me, his eyes brimming with tears, and said, "I recently lost my brother in Iraq. I don't want to talk about it because it's still too fresh, but it would mean the world to me if you would allow me to purchase those for you."

in my throat. I thanked him and walked to the waiting cashier.

When the transaction was completed, he thanked me several times. I shook his hand saying how sorry I was for his loss and thanked him for his generosity. He looked me directly in the eyes and said, with a smile spread across his face that emanated from deep within, "No, no ... thank you!"

To say I was humbled by this does not do justice to the experience itself. For that brief moment, I had the honor of representing something good and decent for this man who had suffered a deep personal loss. It reminded me once again never to take lightly what this uniform represents to those who see me wear it. For some, it can be a negative symbol of all that's wrong with the world, but for others it represents a beacon of hope and so much more.

May you wear your uniform with pride wherever you go. Always remember, you represent so much more than just the name embroidered above your right breast pocket.

“ The challenge has always been not to take these statements personally. ”

I was dumbstruck. I blinked back the tears welling up in my own eyes and tried desperately to keep my voice under control despite the lump quickly forming

Ten brave Soldiers I met one night

By Lt. Col. David Fahrenkrug
 379th Expeditionary Operations
 Support Squadron commander

The war in Afghanistan can often seem far away. Yet recently, the cost of war became very apparent. I did not know the Soldiers' names that night; they were simply passing through. The 10 Soldiers had finished their tour of duty in Afghanistan, but none of them was going home the way they intended. They were killed during a fierce battle near the village of Wanat in the Afghan province of Kunar, their tour of duty cut short by insurgents determined to overrun a coalition operating base. The Taliban failed, but not without exacting a toll from American forces on the ground.

A small group of Airmen from across the base gathered that night to pay our respects and give these Soldiers a final salute. The main ramp was a flurry of activity, typical these days, even at 1 a.m. But with the lights casting our shadows on the C-17 Globemaster III loading ramp, all of that faded away. My thoughts were only on those Soldiers and their families -- their sacrifices and the loss their families must be feeling. These men died serving our country and I was humbled to be there that night to honor them. As I paid my respects, my heart ached for the families who will live with this pain for the rest of their lives.

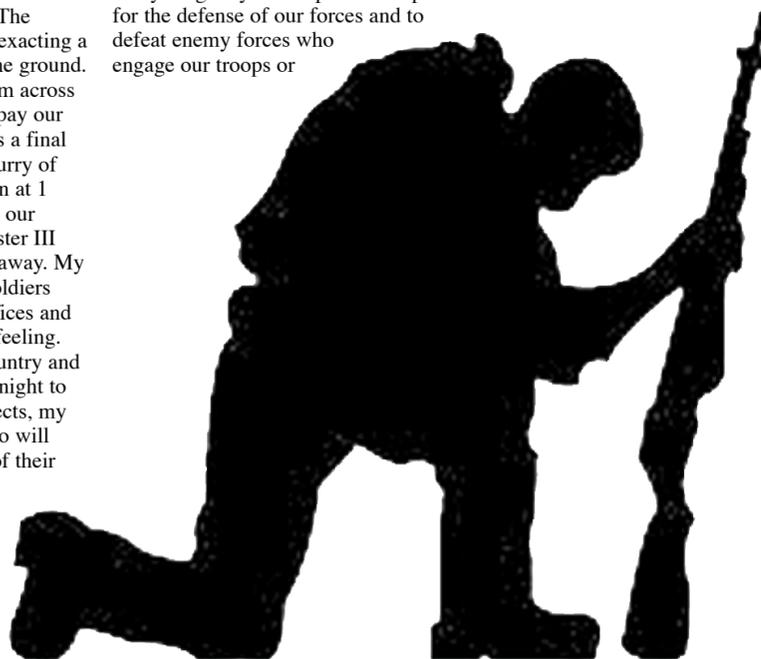
This event demonstrates the reality of war Airmen work so hard to overcome.

These men died during an attack by a well organized force of more than 200 insurgents. Insurgents seized an opportunity to attack a newly

established forward operating base. Coalition forces were outnumbered three to one and they were not yet fully prepared to defend their base. Airpower; however, was there to make the difference. In less time than you will wait for a bus, Air Force aircraft were overhead to identify insurgents and provide warning to other coalition forces and unleash destruction on the insurgents. The attack was defeated. Once again the insurgents witnessed the coalition's decisive advantage in fighting the insurgency in Afghanistan — airpower.

Airmen throughout Southwest Asia do everything they can to provide airpower for the defense of our forces and to defeat enemy forces who engage our troops or

attack civilian populations. Airmen work tirelessly around the clock so Americans and coalition forces have the combat airpower they need precisely when they need it. While that may be of little comfort to the families whose parent, or spouse or sibling who was killed fighting the war on terrorism, airpower did make a difference for dozens of others. The forward operating base at Wanat survived and Soldiers are alive today because airpower was there.



Officials inspect Hickam flight operations



Senior Airman Dadric Ivy, 15th Operations Support Squadron, coordinates traffic as military and civilian aircraft taxi on the Hickam flightline on Tuesday. This week, officials with the Air Traffic Systems Evaluation Program kicked off a biennial inspection of Hickam's flightline. The current ATSEP inspection, which slipped from December 2007 to this month to align with the Pacific Air Force Operational Readiness Inspection schedule, covers a variety of issues, including airfield and airfield operations management, weather support, airspace control and more. The inspection is particularly important at Hickam because the base shares some of its flightline with Honolulu International Airport, which is among the nation's busiest civilian aviation facilities.

Photo by Philip Breeze

Quarterly award winners announced

By Jeff Nicolay
Hickam Kukini editor

On Friday, July 25, Team Hickam's best and brightest were honored in the 2008 2nd Quarter Awards for Outstanding Performers. The following lists 15th Airlift Wing and Team Hickam-level winners.

To its credit, the 15th Mission Support Group snagged six out of nine categories in the wing-level awards.

In the Team Hickam awards category, Air Mobility Command's 735th Air Mobility Squadron took top honors with four awards.

15th Airlift Wing 2nd Quarter Awards

Airman
Senior Airman
Stephen Hueftle
15th Contracting Squadron
(15 MSG)

NCO
Staff Sgt. Jaelyn Cravens
15th Communications Squadron
(15 MSG)

SNCO
Master Sgt. Richard Moody
15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
(15 MXG)

CGO
2nd Lt. James Nicholson
15th Communications Squadron
(15 MSG)

Civilian Category I
Ruth Moore
15th Mission Support Squadron
(15 MSG)

Civilian Category II
Jacqueline S. Hites
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs
(Wing Staff Agency)

Civilian Category III
Louis Vance
15th Mission Support Squadron
(15 MSG)

Volunteer
Staff Sgt.
Maile Bottorf-Wilkinson
15th Mission Support Squadron
(15 MSG)

Team
Flying Crew Chief
(FCC) Team
15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
(15 MXG)

Team Hickam 2nd Quarter Awards

Airman
Sr. Airman Stephen Hueftle
15th Contracting Squadron
(15 AW)

NCO
Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Viault
17th Operational Weather Squadron
(13 AF)

SNCO
Senior Master Sgt.
Thomas Snead
13th Air Force A6 (13 AF)

CGO
Capt. Jason Okumura
735th Air Mobility Squadron (AMC)

Civilian Category I
Oral Balangue
735th Air Mobility Squadron (AMC)

Civilian Category II
Stanley Finch

735th Air Mobility Squadron (AMC)

Civilian Category III
Laddie Carmickle
735th Air Mobility Squadron (AMC)

Volunteer
2nd Lt. Chris Schendel
17th Operational Weather Squadron
(13 AF)

Honor Guard
Senior Airman
Aromond Veazie

Team
Flying Crew Chief
(FCC) Team
15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
(15 AW)

News Notes

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mation, call Police Services at 449-1006, and get the latest on van pooling with the state's "Van Pool Hawaii" program at 596-8267.

Attention all Team Hickam members — Any member who has a claim against the estate of Tech. Sgt. Dale Narusawa, please contact Capt. Roger Bermea, Summary Court Officer, at

448-6335, or Master Sgt. Scott Ellison, Family Liaison, at 448-6754.

Honohono Street construction notice — To facilitate the installation of new storm drains for Earhart

Village Park, Honohono Street is scheduled to be closed from Liliwai Street to Lehua Lane for the next five weeks. The Liliwai Street intersection will still be open for westbound traffic only and will re-open after two weeks. Please heed

all construction signs. For more information, call Damon Bonneau at 630-4174 or David Seth at 690-0526.

Third Annual Hickam Half Marathon — Registration is now open for

next Saturday's 3rd Annual Hickam Half Marathon. Stop by the Fitness Center to pick up your registration form or go on-line at www.hickam-services.com. For more information, call Benny Miguel at 448-4640.

B-52H reaches retirement age

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. (AFP) — The first B-52H Stratofortress reaches retirement after more than 45 years of dedicated service to the country July 24 here on its final flight to Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

"It is a truly sad time when we decommission a plane," said Lt. Col. Bill Stahl, 5th Maintenance Group deputy commander. "But, the aircraft has served her country well."

The B-52H with tail number LA1023 was built in 1961 and assigned to the 2nd Bomb Wing at Barksdale AFB, La., but was here due to parking shortages at

Barksdale AFB. It is the first of 18 B-52Hs selected by Air Combat Command to retire. Every two weeks a B-52H will be retired, alternating between here and the 2nd BW in an effort to maximize funding for the aging assets.

"It is easier and cheaper to modify and maintain 76 planes, than to keep all 94 up and running," said Master Sgt. Curtis Jensen, 5th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron production superintendent.

While funding was a primary point of the decision process, there were other concerns involved.

"A choice was made between the Air Force and Congress stating that at this point we need fewer opera-

Aircraft serves its country well



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Cassandra Jones

A B-52H Stratofortress from the 2nd Bomb Wing at Barksdale AFB, La., takes off from Minot AFB, N.D., July 24 on its final flight to Tinker AFB, Okla. This is the first B-52H to be retired after more than 45 years of dedicated service to the United States and the Air Force.

tional B-52s," said the colonel.

"The decision to pick the selected aircraft was based on a number of criteria that looked at the aircraft as a whole," he said. "It's not like the aircraft are all rusted and corroded; it's just that the selected 18 are not

as airworthy as the first 76."

When planes arrive at Tinker, maintenance crews will cover all vents, engines and vulnerable areas. The planes will then be stored in a hangar in case they are needed sometime down the road, Sergeant Jensen said.

AFMC receives \$50 million for energy projects

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFP) — Air Force officials recently have awarded more than \$50 million to Air Force Materiel Command officials here to fund energy projects under Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st century.

The July announcement comes seven months after the Air Force's chief engineer put out a call for energy projects.

In response, members of the AFMC Communications, Installations and Mission Support Directorate submitted 80 ideas.

"The projects are a combination of initiatives from within AFMC and those from coordi-

nation with other energy offices," said Maj Jack Wheeldon, the AFMC Infrastructure and Facilities chief.

Out of the 80 project ideas, 30 were submitted for AFSO 21 funding and 26 were approved. Another 26 projects were approved under fiscal 2010 Energy Program Objective Memorandum funding.

The majority of the approved AFSO 21 funding will be used to buy out 15 Energy Savings Performance Contracts. An ESPC is when Air Force officials contract out a project with the intent to pay off the contractor's capital investment with that project's energy savings. However, sometimes older or lengthy contracts carry high-interest rates. When Air Force officials buy out these contracts, they save money by avoiding further interest costs.

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number of Airmen available for the second half of that equation.

"I thought we were going to have about 80 role players, but for safety reasons we ended up having a lot less," he said. "We had planned to have about 80 Airmen available in the role but ended up having fewer than 50 on hand for this part of the exercise. Looking back, we need to have at least a few hundred to stress us and test our ability to handle what I feel would represent a more 'real-world' scenario for Hickam and the wing."

To that end, he added, the

wing will hold another ORE early next month, one of a series of similar exercises planned between then and the weeks leading up to the Operational Readiness Inspection scheduled for February 2009

"For the September exercise, we're making immediate changes to the scenario to capture what we learned from what we did last week," he said.

"Our Airmen certainly validated they can do some smaller scale things, but to really check their capability we need to throw more at them. That's what you'll be seeing a few weeks from now."

SCHWARTZ, From A1

includes the 1st Special Operations Group and 1st Special Operations Wing, both at Hurlburt Field, Fla.; Special Operations Command Pacific, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii; U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.; and Alaskan Command, Elmendorf AFB,

Alaska.

General Schwartz attended the U.S. Air Force Academy and graduated in 1973. He is an alumnus of the National War College, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a 1994 Fellow of Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Seminar XXI.

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and women of AFOSI, past and present in the congressional record. In the Senate, OSI's 60th anniversary was recognized by Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, himself a former Special Agent with AFOSI.

AFOSI was founded Aug.

1, 1948 to consolidate investigative activities in the U.S. Air Force. Secretary of the Air Force W. Stuart Symington created OSI and patterned it after the FBI. He appointed Special Agent Joseph Carroll as the first AFOSI commander

and charged him with providing independent, unbiased and centrally directed investigations of criminal activity in the Air Force. Today, AFOSI identifies, investigates and neutralizes criminal, terrorist, and espionage threats to Air

Force and DOD personnel and resources at more than 220 locations worldwide to include permanent detachments in Iraq and Afghanistan, where agents are responsible for going outside the wire to combat terrorism.

Crime Scene



Theft of personal property

An active-duty Sailor assigned to the USS Kitty Hawk reported theft of per-



sonal property at Bldg. 2028/AMC Terminal. The case is currently under investigation.

Damage to personal property

The spouse of an active-duty Airman assigned to Hickam reported damage to personal property on Apollo Avenue. The case is currently under investigation.

Shoplifting

Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives observed a civilian attempting to remove merchandise total-

ing \$60.70 without rendering payment. The individual will have his/her AAFES privileges revoked for one year and is awaiting a court hearing.

Speeding

An active-duty Airman assigned to Hickam was cited for driving 15 mph over the speed limit.

Citation total for the week

8 civilian traffic citations
28 moving traffic citations
15 non-moving traffic citations.