

In this week's Kukini



■ Seminar to address short- and long-term dangers of underage drinking **A3**



■ Japanese taeko performance among many high points of last week's National Night Out **B1**

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Base Honor Guard — The Honor Guard is looking for some sharp Airmen who want a challenge and relish the responsibility of representing the Air Force at the highest standard. If this sounds like you, attend a two-week-long Initial Honor Guard Training Class starting Monday and continuing through graduation on Friday, Aug. 29. Hours of operation are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily unless otherwise informed. Uniform is BDU/ABU. For more info, call Tech. Sgt. Laura Danielson at 449-6453, ext 3, or Master Sgt. Marcus W. Della Sala at 448-0955.

Clinic closure notice — The 15th Medical Group will be closed today from noon to 5 p.m. for an official function. There will be no afternoon sick call in the Flight Medicine or Dental clinics that day. The clinic will also close on Thursday from 2:30 to 5 p.m. for training, and from Friday, Aug. 29, to Monday, Sept. 1, for the Labor Day weekend. For more information, call Capt. Justin Eder at 449-2068.

Attention all — Any member who has a claim against the estate of Tech. Sgt. Dale Narusawa should contact Capt Roger Bermea, Summary Court Officer, at 448-6335, or Master Sgt. Scott Ellison, Family Liaison, at 448-6754.

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Schwartz to Airmen: 'Be proud'

By Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski
 Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFP) — On his first day after being sworn in as the Air Force chief of staff on Tuesday, Gen. Norton Schwartz wasted no time in getting his message out to Airmen.

"The key thing we need to do is achieve stability," General Schwartz said. "At the same time, we need to focus on those things that are most important, specifically precision and reliability in everything that we do."

General Schwartz takes over as the 19th Air Force chief of staff at a critical juncture when the service has faced criticism from media, elected officials

and the public.

The general said he has confidence in Airmen and has established three particular areas of emphasis that are his immediate goals as the chief of staff:

- Reestablish the Air Force's credibility with its nuclear enterprise
- Provide joint warfighters with as much Air Force capability as possible
- Address acquisition processes.

Air Force requirements to purchase a new tanker and combat search and rescue helicopter "need attention immediately," General Schwartz added.

The general said he will be accessible and approachable to

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Department of Defense photo by Cherie Cullen

Acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley prepares to pass the ceremonial Air Force flag to Gen. Norton A. Schwartz during a welcoming ceremony held Tuesday at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., in honor of General Schwartz. The general is the 19th Air Force chief of staff.

Pearl Harbor, Hickam leaders brief Congressional staffers

By Philip Breeze
 15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs chief

Navy Capt. Richard Kitchens, Commander of Naval Station Pearl Harbor, and Col. Giovanni Tuck, Commander of Hickam Air Force Base, gave Congressional staffers a status report Tuesday on the latest Joint Basing efforts.

"The memorandum of agreement that will come out of this process will provide some flexibility — even at the full operational capability stage — to meet changing requirements and capture efficiencies as they present themselves," said Colonel Tuck.

The meeting was to brief staff members from the offices of Hawaii's Congressional delegation on the shared Navy/Air Force understanding of the objectives of Joint

Basing, and the plan of action and milestones leading up to final operational capability by the end of September 2010.

"Instant budget reductions, or shuffling personnel just for the sake of change are not the goals of this process," Colonel Tuck told the congressional staffers.

"Captain Kitchens, our staffs and I are going about this very carefully, constantly with the mission and our people in mind. We are obligated to get this right and ensure we transition our Airmen and civilian workforce with the greatest of care."

Concerning civilian workers, including NAF-, APF-



Capt. Richard Kitchens

and NSPS-level employees, Captain Kitchens pointed out that no one was in any hurry to eliminate jobs and that no

reductions in force have been discussed.

"One of the efficiencies to be gained over time is jobs, but that will come as billets vacate due to retirements and career progression," he said. "That will give us the opportunity to shape the force."

One persistent question among Pearl and Hickam personnel has been whether co-locating offices or saving money is the driving force behind joint basing.

Bonni Berge, from Hawaii

Senator Daniel Akaka's office, said her understanding of the goal was to get rid of redundancies as the opportunity to do so presents itself.

Colonel Tuck and Captain Kitchens both said the plan for Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam will very likely contain elements and provisions unique to Oahu — as well as several geographically separated units throughout the Pacific — provisions that may not be applicable across the Department of Defense.

Neely Marcus, from Hawaii Congressman Neil Abercrombie's office, said she could understand the need for site-specific aspects to the memorandum of agreement.

"When you attempt to apply a cookie-cutter approach to situations like this, that's when things begin to go awry," she said.

Online survey targets waste

By Master Sgt. Kat Bailey
 Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP) — Airmen may now take advantage of a free-form text questionnaire designed to help them identify additional duties they believe are non-value added or need redesigning. The Air Force Manpower Agency here will use this feedback to assist in the Air Force's drive to reduce additional duty demands in order to free up Airmen's time. "We are currently working with Air Force functional managers to identify Air Force-level-directed additional duties and get information out to the field on this important issue," said AFMA's Charlie DiPietro, who is leading the study. "We need Airmen to share their views on the value and impact of the additional duties they perform."

Air Force-directed additional duties are those supported by an Air Force Instruction or policy directive, for example, unit safety representative, supported by AFI 91-202.

The initial study, directed by the Air Force chief of staff, focused on the vast amount of ancillary training Airmen are required to complete every year. This initiative expanded to include additional duties and administrative tasks that also take time from primary duties.

Air Force senior leadership decided one of the best ways to give them time back by eliminating non-value-added additional duties and ancillary training, or to make dramatic reductions consistent with law, policy and common sense. "Additional duties are

AF delivers humanitarian aid to war-torn Georgia

By Jim Garamone
 American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFP) — An Air Force C-17 Globemaster III cargo aircraft touched touch down Tuesday in Tbilisi, Georgia, to deliver the first of what may turn into many plane-loads of humanitarian relief to the nation, according to Defense Department.

The C-17 is from the 305th Air Mobility Wing at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.

"The aircraft will be carrying medical supplies, shelters, bedding — those types of things," Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said. "That will be the first flight in; there are plans for



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Kenny Holston

Master Sgt. Seksun Monroe (right) and Airman 1st Class Rogelio Munoz prepare cargo heading to the country of Georgia at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, Tuesday. Sergeant Monroe and Airman Munoz are assigned to the 435th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

another flight tomorrow as we continue to assess the wide range of humanitarian assistance options that we might be able to provide both in the immediate and long-term humanitarian capabilities."

A military assessment team will arrive soon to assess the Georgian government's humanitarian needs.

The 12-man team will act as a liaison among the U.S. Embassy in Georgia, the Georgian government, and U.S. European Command and other U.S. agencies. The team contains experts in a number of civil affairs fields, Pentagon officials said.

Many have recent experience in Georgia and can help to determine what capabilities

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ACTION LINE

Authorized use of base facilities

Comment: There are many things that I am proud of and thankful for since my husband has joined the Air Force. Many of those "perks" include usage of the car wash, thrift store and so on.

Since I have arrived here, however, I have noticed that quite a few non-military patrons are using the car wash and shopping at the thrift store. I have waited in line behind many non-military families for over 30 minutes just to use the car wash. I did ask the thrift store cashier if they card the patrons and was told they did so "only when [customers] write a check." I have also witnessed many non-military patrons actually purchasing items at the BX and the Commissary.

My understanding was that when my husband joined the Air Force, these "perks" were just for the active duty and their dependents, as well as retirees. The reason I writing this email is, I feel as if there is no difference with respect to my husband's sacrifice for his country compared to those who are just working here and have access to base.

None of the NAF employees that watch over the car wash or the Thrift Shop have been told to ID the patrons. That makes the military families that either reside or shop here have to compete with locals to use the facilities and purchase items. There are many comparable shops (Goodwill, local self help car washes) off base that the locals can use.

I have worked for Outdoor Recreation before and I understand the rules for non-military usage of base privileges but those were government contractors, not just AAFES employees or commissary employees.

The main goal behind this email is for the command to possibly look into the "accessibility" of base privileges to non-military and their families.

Response: Thank you very much for your comment and concern for our Airmen and their families.

Access to Hickam AFB is stringently enforced, and only valid ID card holders and their guests are allowed to enter the installation. ID card holders and their guests are allowed access to most of our MWR facilities, such as our golf course, bowling alley and car wash facility, as well as access to private organization approved/hosted events on our installation.

One of these organizations, the Officer's Spouses Club Thrift Shop, does allow patronage to guests of our military. Their only requirement for an ID card is for check cashing.

Since we looked into this, the Thrift Shop is considering military ID card holders as an agenda item at their next committee meeting. As for the Commissary and Main Exchange example you mentioned, current AAFES and DeCA rules allow Commissary and BX patrons who possess valid military ID cards to bring guests into these facilities and accompany them while they shop. Unless guests of military ID card holders have a valid military ID card themselves, they are not permitted to make purchases.

Both the BX and Commissary management are aware of your observation and are taking steps to ensure ID checks are enforced by their personnel.

Thanks again for your concerns. If you have additional questions please don't hesitate to call Colonel Rusty Baumgardner, 15th Mission Support Group commander, at 448-1577.

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 15awpal@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.

Make Med Group work for you

By Capt. Justin J. Eder
15th Medical Group

Aaaachoooo! Illnesses and injuries happen to us when we least expect or can afford it, but they happen nonetheless. Whether it's a common cold, a sprained ankle or even a preventive exam, at some point we'll all need to schedule an appointment with a primary care provider at the 15th Medical Group.

If you've tried to schedule an appointment recently, you may have noticed that the process has changed due to feedback we've received through patient complaints and surveys. Callers are now being offered appointments up to 28 days in advance depending on the type of appointment needed. Instead of same-day appointments, acute concerns only (ie. colds, the flu, etc.) are being booked within 24 hours.

This method of traditional appointing allows the clinic to spread out both call and appointment demand. It also allows patients to plan preventive and follow-up appointments while ensuring those who need to be seen sooner can get an appointment as well.

Despite these changes, there will still be times when we unfortunately cannot see all of our patients due in part to patient demand, no shows, and training requirements.

Demand often exceeds and can potentially overwhelm supply. Our providers see a combined total of close to 300 patients each day. Over the course of a year, they'll see more than 55,000 appointments.



Capt. Justin J. Eder

To put these numbers in perspective, if each of our 14,000 beneficiaries consumes just four visits, our supply of appointments is already beyond exhausted.

Another challenge for access to medical care occurs when patients do not show up for their appointment. Not only does this waste a visit someone else could have had, but often times another appointment is scheduled to make up for the one that was missed.

To further complicate supply matters, military staff members must comply with the same training and other requirements imposed upon all active duty personnel as well as the professional requirements necessary to maintain their certification.

Since appointments are booked on a first-come-first-served basis, some patients who truly need an appointment will unfortunately be left to seek care from alternative sources.

While your provider may not be capa-

ble of physically seeing everyone who would like an appointment, there are other forms of approved healthcare that can be provided.

Perhaps the easiest remedy for most illnesses is rest and plenty of fluids. AFI 41-210, section 3.6.4, provides unit commanders and supervisors the authority to grant quarters for up to 24 hours for illnesses and injuries.

If advice from a health care professional is needed, appointment clerks can place a telephone consult in for a nurse to provide home health care. Tricare Online also has a symptom checker that can be used for information on home health care and to determine when one needs to seek the advice of a healthcare professional.

Our medical professionals go to great lengths to accommodate and provide the best possible care for you and your family members with the resources we have.

Patient feedback is an important indicator of how we're doing and what we can do better, and we encourage all beneficiaries to provide both good and bad feedback through the patient surveys.

We know that in order for our mechanical weapons systems to function, we must first maintain the human weapons systems and their family members.

Civilian Air Patrol ... always vigilant

By Staff Sgt. Paul R. Evans
421st Combat Training Squadron

After I finished my duty for the day, I heard a familiar sound through my office window outside the 421st Combat Training Squadron building where I work. It was the echo of enthusiastic chants from the cadets of the New Jersey Civil Air Patrol encampment hosted by the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center.

These chants brought forward my own memories as a CAP cadet and senior member from years past. I started in the Civil Air Patrol as a freshman in high school in the Waukegan Composite Squadron of the Illinois Wing. There I received my indoctrination in aerospace history and technology, military customs and courtesies, flying powered aircraft, radio communications and search and rescue missions.

Having taken advantage of this program as a high-school student, I was able to enter the Air Force as an E-3. After entering the Air Force, I learned that there is a significant lack of knowledge about this excellent alternative to the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

As a 100-percent volunteer, non-profit auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, it boasts 57,000-plus volunteers nationwide. Its primary missions are to develop its cadets, educate Americans on the importance of aviation and space and perform life-saving humanitarian missions. To develop its cadets, the Civil Air Patrol teaches leadership, followership, physical fitness and character building.

The cadet program is for children ages 12 to 18. The cadets wear uniforms that

are similar to the Air Force, but with distinct differences. They advance in rank by taking tests that measure their leadership and aerospace knowledge. The enlisted rank structure is similar to the Air Force; including first sergeant and command chief.

The cadets have the opportunity to advance into officer ranks as well. The first of these is cadet flight officer. When a cadet earns this rank, he or she receives the General Billy Mitchell Award that acknowledges the cadet's achievements in the cadet enlisted ranks. Currently, the Air Force awards these recipients the pay grade of E-3 after completion of basic military training. Sister services offer E-2 to the recruit.

Cadets receive orientation flights in powered aircraft and are given the opportunity to learn how to fly and solo in both glider and powered aircraft.

If the cadet is interested in foreign exchange program, the Civil Air Patrol offers its International Air Cadet Exchange Program. The aerospace education program teaches the cadet aerospace history, concepts and technology in an attempt to stimulate the cadet's creativity and interest in aviation and space. Thus, many cadets aspire to be accepted into the U.S. Air Force Academy. In fact, approximately 10 percent of each freshman class is composed of former Civil Air Patrol cadets.

The Civil Air Patrol has a rich history dating back to World War II. New Jersey aviation advocate, Gill Robb Wilson, conceived the idea of a civil air defense in the late 1930s. On Dec. 1, 1941, just days before Pearl Harbor, the Civil Air Patrol was established with the help of New York

City Mayor Fiorello La Guardia.

Armed with bombs and depth charges, the CAP flew more than 24 million miles during World War II. Finding 173 German U-boats, they attacked 57, hit 10 and sank two. This paved the way for a presidential executive order making the CAP an auxiliary of the Army Air Force. After the war, a German commander confirmed U-boat operations were withdrawn against the U.S. coast because of "those damn little red and yellow airplanes". A year after the creation of the U.S. Air Force, the Civil Air Patrol became the official auxiliary.

Since World War II, the mission of Civil Air Patrol has evolved to meet today's challenges. They fly 90 percent of all federal inland search and rescue missions as directed by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., and the Joint Rescue Coordination Centers in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Logging more than 100,000 flying hours, they save approximately 75 lives each year. Missions also include disaster relief, communications, counter-drug, homeland security and emergency medical supply transport.

When you see the Civil Air Patrol, don't laugh or poke fun. They aren't around to "play G.I. Joe." They actually have a mission, a mission far greater than most realize and one I've personally experienced.

You may think CAP cadets aren't "real Airmen," but they are dedicated, smart and very keen in learning and promoting aerospace education.

They could also use your help as a mentor and leader. These cadets are the future leaders of the Air Force and other sister services. They are always vigilant.

Warriors step lively on their own terms



Photo by Staff Sgt. Erin Smith

Maj. Katherine Lilly, 15th Maintenance Group commander, summons a final bit of intestinal fortitude at the end of last Friday's Warrior Run. The monthly event, which attracted 929 Team Hickam members and sister-service representatives, was held as a fun run instead of the normal formation run, enabling participants to complete the course at their own pace.

August seminar targets teen drinking

Deadline is Monday to RSVP for Aug. 28 event scheduled to be held at Nelles Chapel

By Hickam Kukini staff

Monday is the deadline to RSVP for an upcoming Parents & Teens Underage Drinking Prevention Seminar scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 28, at Nelles Chapel.

The seminar will strengthen and expand parent and teen communication on the subject of underage drinking, according to Marsela Doyle, community coordinator for the Department of Defense's Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Coalition, who stressed the timely nature of her organization's outreach effort.

"According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, youth are consuming alcohol more frequently today than smoking cigarettes or using marijuana," she said. "Equally disturbing, approximately 5,000 youth are killed each year as a result of alcohol use."

Ms. Doyle added that, beyond this obvious danger, alcohol abuse can disrupt brain function in teens

— whose brains are still developing
— in areas critical to motivation, memory, learning, judgment and

“ Alcohol abuse can disrupt brain function in teens in areas critical to motivation, learning, judgement and behavior control. ”

behavior control. Subsequently, teens who consume alcohol may limit their ability to assess risks accurately and make sound

decisions.

"The brain regulates basic body functions critical to life," she said. "By recognizing this, parents can learn effective and practical approaches in talking to their teens about the dangers of alcohol consumption in order to prevent them from hurting themselves."

Ms. Doyle pointed out that the latest research shows a compelling need to address alcohol use early, continually and in the context of human development, and that preventing underage drinking will reduce the physical and physiological damage caused from alcohol use.

The event, which is scheduled to run from 4 to 6 p.m., is sponsored by the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Coalition, Mental Health Life Skills/ADAPT, AADD and the 15th Airlift Wing.

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Audrey Leos at 449-0175 or via e-mail at Audrey.leos@hickam.af.mil.



Courtesy photo

According to figures from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 5,000 youth are killed each year as a result of alcohol use.

NCO retraining program a great opportunity

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP) — Air Force officials are seeking volunteers to accept jobs in more than 1,077 shortage career field and special duty positions during the 2009 Noncommissioned Officer Retraining Program, which began Aug. 1.

Officials especially need NCOs to choose opportunities to conduct investigative work in the Office of Special Investigation career field or to lead Airmen as a 'shirt' in the first-sergeant career field. NCOs were notified Aug. 6 that they have been identified to retrain.

They must choose from the listing of shortage career fields when submitting their retraining packages, which are due no later than Sept. 30.

"NCOs have the opportunity now to volunteer and establish a career path of their own choosing," said Chief Master Sgt. Christine Williams, chief of the Air Force Personnel Center enlisted skills management branch here. "Last year, volunteers filled 62 percent of career field shortages, and we hope to eclipse that percentage this year."

Eligible NCOs can now apply for retraining through

the Air Force Personnel Center online applications process. When needed, personnel assistance is available for retraining questions through the 24-hour Air Force Contact Center.

Retraining eligibility listings by grade and Air Force Specialty Code were posted on AFPC's virtual Military Personnel Flight Web site Aug. 6. By selecting a particular grade or projected grade, NCOs may view their ranking on the list and apply for retraining.

"AFPC is making personnel services as easy as online banking," said Chief

Williams. "If you need to submit a package, you do it all online."

Master Sgt. Deitra Mathis said now is the best time for those NCOs identified for retraining to get started.

"The Air Force will take additional steps if necessary to fill these shortage career fields, but would prefer to fill them with volunteers," said Sergeant Mathis, the AFPC enlisted retraining superin-

tendent.

For more information, Airmen should contact their base career assistance advisor or the Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775 or DSN 665-5000.

Pentagon Force Protection Agency braces for tourists

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The Pentagon is the most obvious symbol of the world's most powerful military. The building is the home of the National Military Command Center. And soon it will be a tourist destination.

While there are already tours of the building, the Pentagon will become a major destination for visitors to Washington after the dedication of the Pentagon September 11th Memorial next month. Officials expect between 45,000 and 60,000 people to visit the site Sept. 11, with up to 2 million people visiting the site in a year.

The Pentagon Force

Protection Agency must ensure the important work in the building continues undisturbed, but they also must ensure the American people's ability to visit the site.

"The Pentagon reservation is a unique place, and the fact that we're going to have a tourist attraction here has been a challenge for us," said Steven E. Calvery, the director of the agency. "The Pentagon reservation is not like the (National) Mall in Washington, where it's designed for visitors. We're just not designed that way."

The memorial will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It commemorates the 184 people who were killed when terrorists flew American Airlines Flight 77 into the building.

Dark day remembered



Department of Defense photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Chad J. McNeeley

A memorial marker stone was unveiled June 15, 2006, marking the start of construction on the Pentagon Memorial, located at the site where 184 lives were lost when American Airlines Flight 77 crashed on Sept. 11, 2001. Construction is nearly complete and the memorial is due to be dedicated next month

One-dollar headset fix updates Predator

ALI BASE, Iraq (AFP) — MQ-1 Predator unmanned aerial system pilots here can now talk over a secure Internet phone line using their headsets thanks to one Airman's ingenuity and one dollar.

Staff Sgt. Ray Stetler, the NCO in charge of base information and infrastructure for the 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron here, received a 2 a.m. phone call that led him to make the modification, which grants pilots access to Voice Over Secure Internet Protocol.

The sergeant said the 407th ECS help desk thought he could fill the request because of his reputation for fixing things.

After they called, he went out to the Predator site and contacted the person who called in the work request.

"All he told me was that (higher headquarters) wanted to be connected to the pilot for a mission the next day, and he called the communications squadron because he couldn't think of anyone else to call," said Sergeant Stetler, noting that he'd never worked with secure radios or VOSIP phones before that night.

After contemplating for a few minutes how he was going to make the modification, he went to work. With five hours, a soldering iron and two meters of cable — total cost: \$1 — the NCO completed his impromptu invention.

"I terminated a network connection cable inside the headset

coming from the wire harness and connected it to the conference call terminations on the circuit board inside a VOSIP phone,” said the 31-year-old from Phoenix.

Predator operators can plug the modified headset into the radio system and make a call to the Combined Air and Space Operations Center or anyone else using VOSIP, said the sergeant, who is deployed from the 31st Combat Communications Squadron at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

New travel card distribution to begin this month

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Citibank officials will mail out new government travel charge cards Aug. 13 through Sept. 19. Initial distribution will begin with cardholders at overseas locations and migrate from the West to the East Coast.

The new cards will be sent to addresses on file with Bank of America, so all cardholders

must ensure their information is current. Any mail sent to an incorrect address will be returned to Citibank.

Those who do not receive a new card by Oct. 1, should contact their local agency program coordinator. The new cards will not be active until Nov. 30, so cardholders will continue to use the Bank of America cards until then. Upon receiving the new card, all cardholders will need to verify receipt by following the instructions affixed to the card.

For more information, contact a local APC.

Airman joins Soldiers in real-life ‘CSI: Iraq’

FORWARD OPERATING BASE WAR EAGLE, Iraq (AFP) — The fight to bring security to the people of Iraq requires all branches of the military to work together, bringing Airmen and Soldiers side by side.

Senior Airman Kathleen Gasque is one of many

Airmen who fight alongside other servicemembers for the freedom of both the United States and Iraq. As a part of the weapons intelligence team, Airman Gasque works with explosive ordinance disposal teams for Multi-National Division — Baghdad to fight the threat of improvised explosive devices.

“We do crime scene investigations on bomb sites, conducting post-blast analysis to help us combat future attacks and track the IED cells where the

deadly weapons originate,” Airman Gasque said.

Airman Gasque admitted to a little culture shock as she began working with the Soldiers of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, but the Soldiers have made her welcome and a part of the MND-B team.

“It was a little different coming into this environment dominated by Soldiers, but we are all here for the same reason — to serve our country,” she said.



Shoplifting

Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives observed a military spouse attempting to remove merchandise totaling \$129.99 without rendering payment. The individual will have

his/her AAFES privileges revoked for one year and is awaiting a juvenile magistrate hearing.

Shoplifting

Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives observed a military family member attempting to remove merchandise totaling \$.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 E-5 assigned to Hickam was cited for driving 13 mph over the speed limit.

Citation total for the week

- 2 civilian traffic citations
- 14 moving traffic citations
- 12 non-moving traffic citations
- 10 abandoned vehicle notices.

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the United States has that the Georgians may need.

“We’re looking at a broader range of assets and capabilities that we might bring to bear on the humanitarian need there,” Mr. Whitman said.

The amount and nature of the aid will grow as the assessment team delivers its reports, he said.

Defense Department officials will look at assistance options are available, Mr. Whitman said. This ultimately could include ships delivering humanitarian goods to the nation.

The United States has notified the Russian government of what it’s doing, Mr. Whitman said.

The aid flight signals America’s strong commitment to Georgia, Mr. Whitman said. “We’ve had a strong relationship with Georgia for many years now,” he added.

The C-17 was in the air this morning as President Bush announced the aid flights and reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to Georgia.

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Airmen and “lead from the front.” His wife, Suzie, will accompany him on many visits so she can talk with family members and address their concerns as well.

“Suzie and I have been doing this for quite a long time — she’s all in,” General Schwartz said. “She cares, and I think she brings great value to our Air Force [and] certainly our joint team as a person who sees things, hears things, perceives things that I might miss. We have always been a team and will continue to be a team.”

General Schwartz and his wife enjoy running together as fitness is very important to them both. He’s also a reader and recently finished “Ghost Wars” by Steve Coll, a book about how the Taliban came into existence during the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

“I also try to stay current and try to be as knowledgeable about aerospace as I can,” he said.

The 1973 Air Force Academy graduate spent the last three years as the head of U.S. Transportation Command,

and the bulk of his career as a special operations pilot.

General Schwartz is a command pilot with more than 4,400 flying hours in a variety of aircraft. He participated as a crewmember in the 1975 airlift evacuation of Saigon, and in 1991 served as chief of staff of the Joint Special Operations Task Force for Northern Iraq in operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

General Schwartz sent out a 60-second video introductory message to all Airmen Aug. 12, pledging the Air Force will

“keep our promise to our joint teammates and to our families.”

General Schwartz said he wants to reestablish faith and credibility in Air Force stewardship and pride in the service.

“We should be proud of what we do for all: for America, for the joint team, for our Air Force and for our Airmen and their families,” he said. “I will strive to work hard every day and maintain the same high standards as each of you.

“Along the way, we’ll have fun, too,” he added.

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impacting Airmen’s ability to perform their primary jobs,” said Lt. Gen. Richard Newton III, deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel, during the June Air Force Process Council in Washington, D.C.

The plan for value-added additional duties is to consolidate as many as possible with reduced time requirements based on process improvements or to reduce the additional duty man-hour burden

via automation, continued the general. Those additional duties that do not add value to the mission will be eliminated.

Airman can access the CoP and the questionnaire on a link at <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/CoP/OpenCoP.asp?Filter=AF-DP-00-70>. A Common Access Card is required. The Air Force Portal link is available at <https://wwwd.my.af.mil/afkn-prod/ASPs/CoP/OpenCoP.asp?Filter=AF-DP-00-70>.

DOD SAPRO official briefs Hickam Airmen

By Capt. Maritza Sayle-Walker

15th Airlift Wing Sexual Assault Response coordinator

The Department of Defense has long since instituted policies and implemented programs to address the crime of sexual assault in the military. Now that these policies have been in place, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office has been tasked by Congress to engage in dialog with those executing the effort out in the military community.

Several different agencies in the 15th Airlift Wing, along with Office of Special Investigations Det. 601, participated in the daylong visit.

The visit kicked off with a briefing by Col. Dean Wolford, 15 AW Vice com-

mander, to Lt. Col. Nate Galbreath, DoD SAPROs deputy director, and Mr. Carl Buchanan, Air Force SAPRO program manager, to inform the policy-assistance team prior to the first session on the mission of Hickam AFB.

The event included feedback sessions with several SAPRO-related partners on Hickam, including the 15th Staff Judge Advocate, not only OSI but also Security Forces Investigation, and 15th Medical Group personnel. To cap the day off, the team conducted sessions with other military personnel, as well.

The groups were composed of E1-E4 military members of both genders. These sessions provided a gauge in determining if sexual assault policies and programs are working,

how they might be improved, and where additional assistance is required.

"You can definitely see the SAPRO fingerprint here on Hickam," said Lt. Col. Nate Galbreath, deputy SAPRO director. "Each agency provided great dialogue and feedback, and know how to respond in the event of a sexual assault."

All military installations were visited during SAPRO's visit on Oahu which began on Aug. 7 with PACOM and the Navy. However, Hickam AFB was the first Air Force Base to be visited. The team's next stop is other PACOM installations on the island of Guam.



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Jane Lux (center, in civilian attire), U.S. National Guard (Army and Air) Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office program manager, addresses a group of Airmen during a Tuesday visit to Hickam that included feedback sessions with several SAPRO-related partners on base.