

In this week's Kukini



■ Meet A1C Jennifer Davis Team Hickam's newest Warrior of the Week. **A3**



■ Hickam Thift Shop gives back to community in a big way **B1**

News Notes

Warrior Run – The next Warrior Run is Sep. 5. Units must be in formation NLT 7 a.m. Honor Guard/National Anthem will begin at 7 a.m. For safety reasons guidons will not be allowed during run. Form up on grassy mall area between 15 AW HQ bldg. and Freedom Tower, 4 columns facing 8th St. Main CDC and SAPs will open at 6:30 a.m. Please direct all questions to Capt Hayek/449-6400.

Executive Assistant position available – 15 AW Command Chief is accepting applications for an Executive Assistant. This is a one year career broadening experience and begins Sep. 15. Send last 3 EPRs, fitness assessment, one page SURF and supervisor letter of recommendation to 15aw.ccc@hickam.af.mil. Applicants should have at least 12 months remaining on their DEROs and be an E-5 or E-6. Applications will be accepted until COB Sep. 2. POC: SSgt. Clark at 449-1503.

MPF phone number change – Due to MPF reorganization under the Base-Level Service Delivery Model, several numbers within the MPF have changed effective Aug. 18. To ensure your call reaches the appropriate office/individual, please call the MPF help desk at 449-8624.

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HCH explains relocation plan

Courtesy Hickam Community Housing

In order to begin renovations of 62 homes in the Hickam AFB Historic District, Hickam Community Housing (HCH) is engaging with 15th Airlift Wing leadership to review upcoming required relocations of residents.

Approximately 55 residents will be affected and should have received a letter in the mail providing initial information. HCH is also conducting a resident survey to collect required data in order to find a home on base for every resident who must be relocated.

“As the renovations continue over the next five years, there will be requirements for residents in other sections of the Historic District to be relocated,” said David Falls, HCH project director. “HCH is committed to ensure that residents are provided accurate and timely information.”

A town hall meeting was held on Aug. 21 and here are answers to some questions voiced.

Q: Why do we have to relocate during this time of the year?

A: When HCH was awarded the Housing Privatization Phase II project in Aug. 07, HCH agreed to complete a robust Initial Development Plan by 2013. The plan entails replacing 392 Onizuka Village homes and completing major renovations on 623 historic homes. The designs for the historic homes require multiple

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U.S. Air Force photo/Philip Breeze

A 1930s era build house in Hickam's historic district is in the renovation process. Currently 55 residents are affected by the first round of phase II renovations. While renovations of the historic district homes continue over the next five years there will be on going requirements for members who live historic district homes to relocate.

AF announces funded legal education training for officers

By Capt. Kirk Albertson
15 AW Staff Judge Advocate Office

With Air Force missions changing, a commander's need for legal advisors with a broad military background is increasing. The Air Force has recently announced applications for the Funded Legal Education Program (FLEP) and Excess Leave Program (ELP). Officers' interested in a career change into military law are encouraged to apply.

“The FLEP and ELP will ensure that we can continue to maintain a Corps of officers whose military experience complements their legal training, providing commanders with the highest caliber of legal support,”



said Col. Karen Kinlin, 15th Airlift Wing Staff Judge Advocate.

To coincide with the timing of taking the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and applying for law school this fall, the Air Force will be

accepting applications for the FLEP and ELP Jan. 1 to Mar. 1, 2009.

The FLEP is a paid legal studies program for active-duty Air Force commissioned officers. Participants will receive full pay, allowances

and tuition. FLEP applicants must have between two and six years active duty service (enlisted or commissioned) and must be in the pay grade O-3 or below as of the day they begin law school.

According to colonel Kinlin, Air Force JAGs do more than just provide legal assistance. In addition to prosecuting and defending clients brought before court-martial, JAG officers routinely participate in nearly part of the Air Force mission to include, weapons systems development and acquisition, availability of airspace and ranges to test and operate technologies, consulting with commanders on weapons employed in armed conflict and advising com-

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Wing lauds Women Equality Day

By Debra Straight
15 AW Inspector Generals office

Team Hickam celebrated Women's Equality Day during a brown bag luncheon sponsored by the Hickam Federal Women's Program at the Nelles Chapel annex here Aug. 20.

The guest speaker Lt. Col. Shirlene Ostrov, 735th Air Mobility Squadron, commander, shared the message of equality “Be the change you want to be” with the more than 50 Team Hickam members in attendance.

Believing leadership starts inside your head and your heart, colonel Ostrov exemplifies this message in her various roles as Airman, dutiful daughter, loving wife, and nurturing mother of twin daughters – she stands as an example for all to emulate.

“Leadership takes work” she said. “We (women) should marshal our arguments, be smart about it and we should not fear failure...failure is your friend to change your wounds to wisdom and leaders never give up.”

Beginning in 1971, August 26th was designated as Women's Equality Day in the U.S. to recognize the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution (the Woman's Suffrage Amendment) which gave women full voting rights in 1920.

The observance of Women's Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, but also calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality.

Hi-tech coating protects aircraft

By Molly Lachance
Air Force Office of Scientific Research Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFPN) – The development of a transparent coating that causes water to bead up into drops and roll or bounce off a surface will help protect and sustain Air Force systems by preventing corrosion and reducing ice formation on optical elements and aircraft.

An Air Force Office of Scientific Research-funded team, led by Dr. C.J. Brinker, has developed the transparent coating.

In addition to keeping water away, the researchers also are using this technology to design a patterned surface that combines extremely water-repellent and water-absorbent areas to draw water out of humid air. This application — modeled after the Namib Desert beetle — could provide a new method for collecting water without the use of energy and could



Courtesy photo

This image shows how a transparent coating causes water to bead up into drops and roll or bounce off a surface. This new technology will help protect and sustain Air Force systems by preventing corrosion and reducing ice formation on optical elements and aircraft.

benefit troops in areas where water is scarce.

In order to produce and apply a coating with superhydrophobic, or extremely water-repellent, properties, the Brinker Nanostructures Research Group at the University of New Mexico and Sandia National Laboratories had to control coating roughness and surface

chemistry on a small scale.

The team, already known for their breakthroughs in aerogel thin film processing, drew from that research to develop a simple method for depositing the coating on every contour of a surface by spraying, spinning or dipping.

Doctor Brinker explained that by a simple modification of a chemical precursor, the

team reversed the shrinkage that typically occurs as a coating dries. Instead, it springs back, creating a nanoporous surface with super water-repellant properties.

“The most recent advancement in this research is the ability to selectively pattern the coating and spatially control the wetting behavior for a desired application,” Doctor Brinker said. “This allows us to define the pathways along which water droplets will roll.”

Their recent work has opened the door to new applications that exploit the way the coated surface interacts with liquid droplets. When water droplets roll along the coated surface, they pick up debris as they go. Doctor Brinker explained that this property might make the collection, concentration and identification of aerosol borne particles like anthrax possible.

The research is also likely to transition to commercial applications such as protection of electronics and antiquities from water damage.

ACTION LINE

Temporary Lodging Allowance procedures

Comment: As a newly assigned member to Hickam AFB, I was completely disheartened by the housing office process of determining Temporary Lodging Allowance for new members. When I first checked into housing (within the directed 72-hour window), I was immediately asked, "If we told you that we had something available for you to move into tomorrow, would you take it?" There was no information about the unit, about the amenities, etc. — just a yes-or-no question. I responded by saying, "No, my family and I are not interested in on-base housing, and would prefer to live off base." The response from housing was, "OK, your TLA will stop effective two days from now." At this point, I was having trouble wrapping my hands around the link between not wanting on-base housing (not even wanting to be on the list) and having TLA stopped. According to Chapter 9150.A.4 of the Joint Federal Travel Regulations published in May 2007, TLA is authorized "while house-hunting after the member arrives at the new permanent duty station and reports for duty in conjunction with a permanent change of station." And nowhere in the JFTR does it say that TLA stops if a member doesn't want base housing, or that after turning down one house that the TLA will be stopped. Sir, all that I ask is that the TLA housing responsibilities be reviewed to ensure that new members to an OCONUS location are being treated fairly. If this policy is being enforced within the "letter of the law," then I believe this is something that should be updated in the JFTR so members aren't under the impression that they have time to look for off-base quarters. Two days is not sufficient to find off-base housing, and either members should be able to seek and sign lease agreements prior to arriving, or we should be given (without having to write an exception letter) due time to find off-base housing.

Response: Thanks for your note and your concern. We researched the way our Military Family Housing office administers Temporary Lodging Allowance and I'm convinced they are handling it fairly and consistently. TLA is paid to members for the additional expenses incurred while waiting for government quarters, or while completing arrangements for private sector housing when government quarters are not available. The JFTR is pretty explicit that once a member turns down Military Family Housing their TLA is stopped. I agree that if you elect to live off base, you may incur some out-of-pocket expenses while house hunting — especially in Hawaii. However, it was your decision to decline MFH and that is what stopped your TLA. PCS moves can be stressful and travel and housing rules can be complicated. That is why our MFH experts wanted you to be fully informed of the results of your decision to live off base. If you have questions regarding your situation, or need further clarification, please contact the Military Family Housing Office at 448-6561.

Diamond Tips

- Ribbons and the service uniform** – When wearing ribbons on the service uniform:
- Wear all ribbons and devices
 - Wear regular- or miniature-sized ribbons
 - Keep them clean and unfrayed with no visible protective coating
 - Place the ribbon with highest precedence on the top row nearest the lapel
 - Do not wear them on undergarments.



Questions? Contact your First Sergeant

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.

Don't do dumb things

By Lt. Col. Charles Hogan
 324 Intelligence Squadron commander



Lt. Col. Hogan

More than twenty years ago, as a young Texas A&M Cadet, I had the privilege of receiving one of the best and most productive, group butt-chewings in history. I, and all of my 600 newest freshmen friends, had only been on campus for three days when we were ordered into the largest auditorium on campus to receive a one-way conversation from the Commandant of Cadets, a grizzled and chiseled Army Infantry Colonel. The colonel started off by saying, in his deep East Texas twang, that a few of our freshmen buddies had already been apprehended by the campus police for vandalism they had been caught destroying the ticket dispenser at the entrance to a parking lot. To top it off, they had done it about 50 yards from a campus policeman who was sitting in his car. Sitting at attention, a few people chuckled at the stupidity of our fellow freshman. The colonel then roared back at us, "Freshman, don't do dumb things." I talk to my classmates from college often and they, to a man, remember that scolding and say it was life-changing event.

As a squadron commander many years later, I now start off my commander's calls with a slide titled "Don't Do Dumb Things." I believe that 99 percent of all Airmen get up every day and want to do good things. But occasionally, for one reason or another, some of those 99 percent do "something" that gets them in trouble. I

know if they just thought about their actions before they did them for 10 seconds, they would think of the possible consequences and decide not to make an error in judgment.

Having a Squadron (a.k.a. family) of 562 personnel, I find it important that people learn from other's mistakes. I pull examples of "dumb things" from squadrons across the Air Force and even some from my current and previous squadrons. I want to make sure my Airmen get the benefit of knowing what not to do, without necessarily repeating other's errors. I find that using a little humor also tends to help to drive the point home. Here are some of the highlights I have shown my squadron in the past year.

1) How long can you park in the Wing CC's parking slot at the BX? Answer: It takes less than one second before the Security Forces block your car in and have you call your First Sergeant. All Security Forces patrolmen know the Wing CC's car. Don't Do Dumb Things, don't park in other people's slots.

2) Is it a good idea, to "save some time" and fill up your gas tank at the Shopette without wearing your BDU shirt and hat? No, because every time you do it, a Wing Command Chief will be walking out of the shopette and he will be more than happy to talk to you about the AF Uniform instruction. Don't Do Dumb

Things, know the Uniform instruction and abide by it at all times.

3) 105 MPH is not an acceptable speed on any road in the US, even if you are LATE for a movie. The time you get to spend with the police will make you MISS the movie. Don't do Dumb Things, speed kills and it costs a lot of money.

4) If a CMSgt gives you a warning and tells you to wear a seatbelt before your car starts moving in the parking lot, you should heed his advice. Because, when he catches you a second time, he will be very angry and you will have the privilege of being a parking lot seatbelt monitor. Don't Do Dumb Things, seatbelts save lives.

5) Don't try to out-run the Security Forces, they have radios, and they will call ahead and the gate will be closed. When you crash into the gate, your car will come to a stop and you are just adding more charges to your rap sheet. Don't Do Dumb Things.

The rationale in sharing all these incidents is that people need to make sound decisions and hopefully they can learn from other's poor decisions. Additionally, Wingmen need to help Airmen to do the right thing. As a Wingman, if you ever hear someone say, "Hold my beer, this is going to be funny" or "this is going to get lots of hits on my YouTube site," you need to stop and think about the possible ramifications of what is about to happen. If we can all stop doing dumb things, we will have more time to focus on taking care of the people and the mission.

Ignoring signs can cost a life

By Dee Ann Poole
 Special to the Kukini



When I was a junior in high school, my older brother, Rick, moved in with my dad, my younger sister and me. Rick was 29, a father of two, unemployed, having marital problems and having a hard time dealing with the loss of our mom a year earlier.

Rick and I didn't talk about personal feelings, though. Maybe it was because I was only 16. I assumed my dad talked to him, but I'll never know. Rick is no longer alive and my dad never talked about that April day that ended so tragically.

In 1980 suicide was a whispered word. People didn't talk openly about it. Maybe it's because they didn't know how to recognize the signs and offer help. Maybe it was thought of as a cop out. It's not until after an event that people find themselves saying, "If only...."

But why must we say that? There's no easy answer because we won't be able to stop all suicide attempts. But we can do our best to help someone who may feel suicide is the only answer to life's problems.

The Air Force began its battle against suicide in 1996 when it created the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program. It was designed to educate people on the symptoms of suicide and curb what appeared to be an increasing number of

suicides among active duty members. Experts agree that speaking up and intervening early can save the life of a friend, colleague or loved contemplating suicide. Often, at-risk people have tunnel vision. They see suicide as the only way to fix a problem. Unfortunately, it's a long-term fix to an often short-term event.

The burden carried by the people who are left behind is tremendous. No one can be replaced. It's impossible.

So how can we help reduce the number of suicides? We must know the symptoms and help people find a cure.

Many stressors can trigger a suicide. The most common are relationship, financial and legal concerns.

When Rick died, we didn't know what to look for. We didn't have the training or the knowledge to help him overcome his problems. Would Rick still be here today if we had known how to help? I don't know. But I do know everyone in my family would feel better knowing we had tried to save his life. Instead, my dad lived with the guilt of finding my brother hanging in the garage.

As for me, I'll never forget I was the only one home on April 7, 1980, and had very little interaction with Rick. He was working in the garage while I was working on homework. I remember how happy he was the day before, which was Easter. My brother spent the day with his wife and two young children. He had come back to our house happy and we thought he was on the road to recovery.

The haunting sound of my father's scream will also always be with me. Therefore, I urge all of you to be aware of what's going on with those you know and point them in the right direction before life's stressors overwhelm them. When a person is at risk of committing suicide, it's better to try to help than to live with the guilt of being quiet. Guilt can be a heavy burden. Just ask me – I saw my dad live with it for more than 20 years.

HIANG F-15 gets home at museum



U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Robert Burgess

A Hawai'i Air National Guard F-15A Eagle gets a lift from a barge crane at Hickam's Cargo Pier Tuesday for its maiden voyage to the Pacific Aviation Museum's Hangar 79 on Pearl Harbors Ford Island. The Pacific Aviation Museum-Pearl Harbor obtained this Hawai'i Air National Guard F-15A for its collection. The fighter jet was originally slated for the aircraft bone yard at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona. The F-15, tail number 76-0063, was delivered to the Air Force in 1977, and transferred to the Hawai'i Air National Guard in 1992.

TEAM HICKAM WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

by Dr. Philip Breeze
15th Airlift Wing
Public Affairs chief

A self-starter who is way ahead of the curve. That's how Team Hickam Warrior of the Week A1C Jennifer Davis is characterized by her supervisor and coworker SSgt. Angel Armendariz and SSgt. Sam Miller.

"Airman Davis is really outgoing, and she likes to pick up new things. She is eager to learn and progress," Sergeant Armendariz said. "On a two-person shift you have to be on top of your game to handle the workload. She has shouldered a lot of responsibility for this point in her career."

Airman Davis is a member of the 15th Maintenance Squadron's Munitions Flight.

After one year in the Air Force, Airman Davis is certain she made a good career decision following her graduation from Central Community High School, in

December 2006.

"I think it was definitely the right choice. As soon as I am through with my Career Development Courses I can start college. The leadership here will work with me on that. I've found that whenever I have a problem there's someone to help.

"I've actually told some of my friends back home, who aren't able to start college – the Air Force might be a good choice for them too."

Airman Davis's long-term goal is to pursue a degree in nursing, then complete her Air Force career as an officer in a medical group.

"I don't think I'd change a thing," the airman replied when asked what she'd change about Hickam or the Air Force.

"I like the fact that they are really family-oriented. I know that if anything happened back home, they'd get me there for it. Also, it's a lot different from what my father, who was in the Army,

led me to expect. I've found that I have a lot more say in my life than he did."

Being away from friends and family in a new setting presents a number of off-duty options for a young Airman. Airman Davis suggests looking for positive choices.

"Volunteer, it helps you out to get into the community, and teaches you a little about yourself and that you can affect other people's lives in a positive way," she said.

In addition to being active in Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Airman Davis also volunteers her time and car as part of Airmen Against Drunk Driving.

"I'd rather have someone get sick in my car than get injured or killed trying to drive home when they shouldn't."

"Her attitude sets her apart – always willing to take on new challenges. She will be a great future leader," said Mr. Brian Gomes, a maintenance supervisor.



U.S. Air Force photo/Philip Breeze

The newest Hickam Warrior of the Week, A1C Jennifer Davis, 15th Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight.

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manders with the day-to-day running of military installations.

"Every facet of every Air Force mission is bound by elements of the law," said Kinlin.

The ELP is an unpaid legal studies program for Air Force officers. ELP participants do not receive pay and allowances, but remain on active duty for retirement eligibility and benefits purposes. ELP applicants must have between two and ten years active duty service and must

be in the pay grade O-3 or below as of the first day of law school.

Both programs require attendance at an American Bar Association (ABA) approved law school. To be considered for FLEP or ELP, applicants must have completed all application forms applied(acceptance is not required at the time of application for FLEP/ELP) to at least one ABA approved law school, received their LSAT results, and completed a Staff Judge Advocate inter-

view by Mar. 1, 2009.

Officers must also provide a letter of conditional release from their current career field. Applications meet a selection board in early March, and selections are made based on a review of the entire application package using a "whole person" concept. For more information and application materials, visit www.airforce.com/jag, or contact Capt Kirk Albertson, 15 AW/JA (kirk.albertson@hickam.af.mil or 449-1737).

HCH, From A1

reviews by the State Historic Preservation office (SHPO), and the more extensive schedule resulted in several neighborhoods getting renovated beginning in Feb. 09.

Q: What mechanism is HCH going to use to keep residents informed of schedules and issues?

A: HCH will insert renovation schedule information including a FAQ section on the HCH website and will ensure it is updated regularly. Town Hall meetings will be scheduled for each block of houses to update residents on renovation schedules. HCH will work closely with Hickam AFB housing personnel to ensure timely distribution of information.

Q: What criteria will be used to determine what home will be offered to each resident having to relocate?

A: Residents being forced to relocate have top priority for HCH housing over incoming personnel, and all of these residents will be offered a home. We are surveying the families to create a move plan that will best meet each family's circumstances.

Q: Will my relocation costs be paid for?

A: Yes. The government will cover your moving costs. Do-it-

yourself moves are allowed. HCH will pay for any reconnection fees such as cable and phone.

Q: Will my children be able to continue to attend the same school?

A: Every effort will be made for families to relocate within the Hickam Elementary district if that is their preference. If the available inventory of vacant homes is not sufficient, students may continue at the same school for the current school year. If you have questions concerning geographical exceptions for the next school year, please contact Mr. Darren Dean, Hickam School Liaison, 448-5236.

Q: When will all housing areas have an updated/detailed move plan?

A: We expect to have a complete plan available by Sep. 30.

Q: Who are the HCH and 15 AW points of contact?

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