

In this week's Kukini



■ Air Force participation in Gustav relief effort draws praise from Department of Homeland Security leadership **A3**

News Notes

Joint Spouses Conference

– Make plans to attend this two-day event set for Oct. 17-18. This year, the U.S. Navy will play host to the conference at the newly renovated Ford Island Conference Center and the surrounding historic neighborhood. The featured guest speaker is Dan Martinez, park historian for the National Park Service, Pearl Harbor. The conference is open to all spouses of all branches of active-duty, Reserve and retired military, including National Guard and international military assigned in Hawaii. Registration is now open online at www.jschawaii.com.

Officers Call – Col. Giovanni K. Tuck, 15th Airlift Wing commander, will host a 15 AW Officer's call on the O' Club lanai, next Friday at 3 p.m. Please direct all questions to Capt. Grimmer at 589-7088.

61st Anniversary Air Force Ball – The 61st Anniversary Air Force Ball will be held Sep. 19 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. This year's theme is "The American Airman: A Legacy of Valor." Former AF Chief of Staff Gen. (Ret.) John Jumper will be the keynote speaker. For ticket pricing and information go to <https://sps.hickam.af.mil/sites/AFBall/default.aspx> or contact Capt. Jake Engle at 449-8312.

HRMA survey set for Sept. 15-19 – An airstaff-led Housing Requirements & Market Analysis (HRMA), set for Sept. 15-19, will help forecast Hickam's on-base housing needs. The support of all service members living on Oahu is needed — accompanied or unaccompanied, Air Force or non-Air Force, living on-base or off-base, in privatized housing or dorms, etc. Surveys are due by Sept. 15. Access the survey Web site at www.airforce-housingsurvey.us and choose Hickam AFB and enter the password "hick7195." Survey data is anonymous and will not affect BAH entitlements. HRMA FAQs are available online at: <http://www2.hickam.af.mil/sites/civilengineersq/index.asp>. For more information, contact Mr. Kawakami at 448-3950 or at randy.kawakami@hickam.af.mil.

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'Deep Freeze' season heats up

Courtesy Joint Task Force-Support Force Antarctica Public Affairs

Operation Deep Freeze, the U.S. military's support of the U.S. Antarctic Program and the National Science Foundation, was scheduled to kick off the 2008-2009 season yesterday as the first C-17 Globemaster III was on track to deliver passengers and cargo to McMurdo Station, Antarctica.

The C-17, based out of McChord Air Force Base, Washington, will fly multiple missions from Christchurch International Airport, New Zealand, to McMurdo Station as part of SPRINGFLY Sept. 4-10.

Christchurch is the staging point for deployment to

McMurdo Station, a key research and operations facility for the U.S. Antarctic Program.

Formerly known as WINFLY, SPRINGFLY is the ODF ramp-up phase to prepare buildings and equipment, as well as pave the overland traverse to the South Pole, in preparation for the arrival of the main body of military and civilian personnel during the main season in October.

ODF involves operational and logistic support of the National Science Foundation's scientific research activities in Antarctica by U.S. Air Force, Navy, Army and Coast Guard forces. This support is provided by

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U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo

The first C-17 from McChord Air Force Base, Wash., began the annual winter fly-in of passengers and cargo for the U.S. Antarctic Program at McMurdo Station. SpringFly is the opening of the first flights to McMurdo Station, which closed for the austral winter in February.

Senior leaders meet to discuss, chart way ahead for service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Senior Air Force leaders gathered for a strategic summit Aug. 27 at Bolling Air Force Base to discuss the way ahead for the Air Force as a part of the August emphasis on strategic planning.

"The summit allows us to identify issues that need senior leader review and decide on matters affecting the entire Air Force," said Acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley.

The group — including Mr. Donley, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz, assistant secretaries, major command commanders and Headquarters Air Force staff — discussed near-



U.S. Air Force photo by Andy Morataya

Acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley and Chief of Staff Gen. Norton A. Schwartz discuss conference items Aug. 27, during a strategic summit at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.

term issues facing the Air Force. Decisions coming out of

the summit include a new mission statement for the Air Force.

The new mission statement returns the Air Force to familiar ground. "The mission of the United States Air Force is to fly, fight and win ... in air, space and cyberspace."

While it borrows from the previous statement, this one is shorter, "simple and easy to understand," General Schwartz said. "This is who we are. It's what motivates us and drives us to serve."

The group also decided to halt the initiative to reorganize maintenance functions into operations groups.

Previous global wing reorganization plans included aligning fighter and combat search and rescue mainte-

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CSAF to focus on uniform issues

By Master Sgt. Russell P. Petcoff
 Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton A. Schwartz decided on Aug. 28 to defer a decision on the Air Force heritage coat until the summer of 2009 to address current uniform issues, according to a senior Air Force official.

"We are going to fix, improve and upgrade uniforms in our current inventory," said Lt. Gen. Richard Y. Newton III, deputy chief of staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services.

The goal is to provide the best uniform and equipment to Airmen in order to allow them to best carry out their mission, he said.

The decision came as part of the senior leader strategic summit at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., Aug. 27.

The service's top enlisted Airman applauded the decision.

"Our Airmen spend their hard-earned money on these uniforms, and we owe it to them to do the research, development and quality assurance necessary to guarantee every uniform item put on the shelf is right the first time," said Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley.

"We don't want to have to come back and fix something we've already fielded. I'm confident our efforts to improve physical training uniforms, the Airman Battle Uniform and ABU boots will yield satisfactory results," he said.

General Newton said making changes will take time.

"We continue to strive to provide our Airmen uniforms that are functional and practi-

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Team Hickam breaks ground on C-17 ramp expansion

By Tom Czerwinski
 Hickam Kukini staff writer

In continuing support of the C-17 beddown, a groundbreaking ceremony for Hickam's newest flight-line expansion project was held here Wednesday.

The expansion project, awarded to San Juan Construction of Honolulu, is expected to be completed in August 2009 at a cost of \$15.5 million. The expansion project will add more than 40,000 square yards of aircraft parking space and access roads to Hickam's C-17 ramp.

The project has been in the planning and design stage for the past two years.

"This project has been an achievement in teamwork from initial planning through construction award," said Army Lt. Col. Jon J. Chytka, Commander, Honolulu District Corps of Engineers. "It wouldn't have been possible without the valuable partnership of PACAF, the 15th Civil Engineering Squadron and the design-build team of San Juan Construction."



Photo by Tom Czerwinski

Reverend Kordell Kekoa (right) watches as 15th Airlift Wing leaders and representatives of San Juan Construction and the Army Corps of Engineers break ground on the first phase of Hickam's new C-17 parking ramp expansion project using traditional Hawaiian digging tools called "o'o."

sible without the valuable partnership of PACAF, the 15th Civil Engineering Squadron and the design-build team of San Juan Construction."

Lt. Col. Dwayne Thomas, 15th Civil Engineering Squadron commander, discussed some of the benefits of the

ramp expansion.

"The project, in addition to adding five C-17 parking spaces will feature new lighting poles, drainage system improvements and access road improvements," he said. "This will expand the parking space capability for active-duty and Air National

Guard C-17 operations."

The colonel added that, not only will this project benefit aircraft operations, it would also enhance Hickam Fire Department operations by improving access to the flightline.

The project will be built in accordance with horizontal Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design "LEED," which is a "Green Building" rating system that provides a standards for environmentally sustainable construction, according to the Army Corps of Engineers.

"Since we are a nation at war, we cannot overemphasize the importance of our joint efforts to deliver these essential mission capabilities for our military men and women," said Colonel Chytka.

The Reverend Kordell Kekoa, Kamehameha Schools chaplain, blessed the project and the 'aina (Hawaiian for land) upon which it is being built.

ACTION LINE

Morale calls

Comment: I am a spouse of an Air Force member who is currently serving a six-month deployment overseas. Recently, I was trying to make contact with my husband about an important issue needing resolution.

I contacted the base operator and asked if they could transfer me to his DSN number and was told that they could not transfer me because I was calling from a commercial line. As I understand it, the Airman and Family Readiness Center allows spouses to contact their deployed spouses during normal duty hours; however, what alternative options are available to spouses of deployed members to contact their loved ones in the event of an emergency or after normal duty hours?

The Airman and Family Readiness Center provided me with commercial numbers to Texas and California and advised me that those bases may be able to connect me but spouses will still incur long distance charges for making these calls.

Every other base where I've been stationed allowed members two 15-minute morale calls per week where they would be able to contact their deployed member should the need arise; why can't Hickam offer the same service? I thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

Response: I understand your frustrations, and appreciate your concerns. The ability to transfer a DSN line from the base to your home is technically defined as "off-netting."

Unfortunately, AFI 33-111, Voice Systems Management, prohibits "off netting" in OCONUS, as the government incurs significant costs associated with completing this action. Therefore, the Hearts Apart/Morale call program can only be practiced by utilizing an on-base government phone, which is offered through the Airmen and Family Readiness Flight (AFRF).

In an emergency situation requiring a DSN phone call, spouses should contact unit first sergeants, member's supervisor, the unit Readiness Assistance Volunteer (RAV) or the AFRF, which will assist getting access to a DSN phone as soon as possible.

We understand the inconveniences associated with this prohibition and the 15th Communications Squadron is working to implement a new system by October 2008 to enable the capability again and our AFRF is aggressively exploring other interim methods of providing home access for "Hearts Apart" to include the use of one-time use phone cards.

If you have further questions or concerns please call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 449-0300.

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

Access badges and patches –

Attachments for access badges and passes must not present a safety issue and will be plain, dark blue or black ropes; small silver or plastic conservative link chains; or clear plastic. Green attachments may be worn with the BDU.



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.

The knife fight ... seven years later

By Brig. Gen. Michael R. Boera
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It's been seven years since the horrific attack by terrorists on American soil, an event that has so shattered our sense of security and been seared into our collective memory that we still refer to it simply by the date on which it occurred. Just say "9/11," and everyone knows what you're referring to.

What follows are my thoughts and words written back in September of 2001 when I was assigned to the United States Air Force Academy. We are still in the knife fight.

Exactly 11 days after Sept. 11, 2001 — a day that changed America for bad and good — I attended a memorial mass on Staten Island in New York City for my cousin, Janie, the daughter, niece, cousin and friend of New York firemen. She was working for the Cantor Fitzgerald securities firm on the 105th floor of the World Trade Center Tower 1 when it was hit by an American jetliner aircraft hijacked and flown by a lunatic (but smart) terrorist group on what would become one of the bloodiest days in American history.

On Sept. 22, we were saying goodbye to Janie without the luxury of a casket to touch, which made it all that much more difficult to accept and only added to the surrealism of this event that "will live in infamy."

I had watched the attack happen time and time again on that fateful morning, a blessing and a curse of modern media news coverage. But from the first hit, the questions remained the same for me; what WTC Tower does Janie work in and what floor does she work on? From that first hit, I became a New Yorker once again, returning in spirit to the city where I spent the first 12 years of my life.

The oath I took to defend my country uncontrollably flashed through my mind, as well, because I knew right then and there our country was once again at war. The president had it right when he addressed the nation in front of a joint session of Congress. The WTC was not just a symbol of the New York City skyline, it was a symbol of America and its financial strength. We will rebuild our symbol; our financial might will return; we will stand tall now and forever.

There was never any doubt in my mind that America would rebound from the initial battlefield defeat and will win the larger war against terrorism. But I fear this war may not be won in my lifetime. I say that for the same reason I know our military might will remain second to none ... because I have faith in, and believe in, the capability of our military professionals and the sons and daughters we have following them waiting their turn to fly, fight and win for their country. (Seven years later my son is now a 2LT in the USMC and will most certainly deploy to the fight soon.)

However, the lunatics have young lieutenants and sons, and those sons will have sons, many of whom will want to continue with the vicious ways of their fanatic elders. Future history may not be pretty now that the stakes have been raised.

I have seen war a couple of times before, but it was relatively swift and I did my part



in the skies over enemy territory. Our losses have been blessedly few during these most recent wars, although each one of the those losses is not forgotten. But we are in a knife fight right now, and knife fights are not pretty.

Picture if you will another Somalia "Black Hawk Down," for better or worse, and you may imagine what I mean by knife fight. This will not be Air Power Demo III, following the successes of Desert Storm and Allied Force.

There is no doubt in my mind that aerospace power will play a significant role in this war, but "you negotiate with the enemy with your knee on this chest and your knife at his throat," and since we won't be negotiating with the enemy on this one we will need to actually 'slit' his throat. It is not an easy task, nor a pretty one, but America has been hit, and hit hard. It's been seven years, but we have not forgotten.



Brig. Gen. Michael R. Boera

I most certainly will not soon forget. A day before the memorial mass for Janie, I flew into New York's LaGuardia Airport on a clear night and on a flight only a third full because of the air scare. I couldn't see "ground zero" from the air, but I realized something else more remarkable to take away from this frozen moment in time. Besides getting back into the air over America, America's lights were on ... all of our lights!

I have flown over the skies of Iraq and former Yugoslavia during our coalition conflicts against those extremist regimes. And besides free-flowing commercial air travel coming to a complete halt for an extended period of time, those countries turned dark at night; their lights turned off either by our precision attack or by their own thirst for life. But not America! Our lights shone freely and brightly in spite of their cowardly attack, and because of our own thirst for life, and for life.

And yet it was some of those same lights shining brightly I noticed for a different reason as I drove southbound on the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway paralleling "ground zero" in downtown Manhattan from just across the East River. Even without seeing the sacred rubble of the once magnificent

skyline magnet, I sensed the enormity of the disaster unlike any time before. As the television commentators have told us countless times, the TV-projected images of the ruins truly cannot do justice to the magnitude of the damage.

The light from the spotlights turning night into day for the rescue workers snaked through the canyons between the remaining downtown Manhattan skyscrapers, which in turn diffused the light into a halo over the now hallowed ground. It was eerily sad and surprisingly uplifting simultaneously as America took care of their own under their artificial glow of hope. For me, it was as if a stairway to heaven was unveiled for Janie. I also understood a little bit more lucidly the task at hand for America.

I was a New Yorker before there was a World Trade Center; the Empire State Building was the symbol of greatness of that glorious skyline then, as it is once again. The attacks left a temporary void in downtown Manhattan, and a permanent void in my extended family. But as I left New York on the day after the memorial mass on a glorious Sunday, the Statue of Liberty looked out on planes flying overhead again, boats working the harbor again, and people getting on with their lives again.

The sun glistened off the glass from the rubble on this day. It was as if I was back in time and all was well again. And then, flying out of LaGuardia, I was given an awakening slap in the face and reminded one more time of the reason behind the upcoming war; Yankee Stadium was just below and beginning to fill up with anticipated thousands of mourners for yet another memorial service to those lost in this attack and the heroes of the rescue effort ... another memorial service to Janie.

Janie's mission is complete, and I know she is flying higher and faster than I ever have, or could ever dream to do. The necessary military sequel has begun with no end in sight, our course of action clear in one sense, and unclear in another, but as a knife fight, it has not been bloodless for either side.

I do not doubt we will eventually be victorious as we seek justice for our losses of Sept. 11, 2001. I only hope to be around long enough to see our objective to rid the world of terrorism achieved.

AFSO 21 ... let's make the best better

By Lt. Col. Andrew Hansen
18th Aggressor Squadron
director of operations

As noted well outside our confines here, in less than a year, the 18th Aggressor Squadron transformed from a go-to-war mission to a team dedicated to providing the best adversary training in the Air Force, and indeed the world!

A significant element of this transformation lies in the ability to harness and improve on the best practices of other organizations. Rather than reinventing, the Eielson Aggressors focus on researching and implementing the best practices, from the existing Air Force knowledge base, to build a foundation for an on-going and ever-improving Eielson effort.

In his 2006 Letter to Airmen, then Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne described Air Force Smart Operations 21 as a challenge to commanders and supervisors to focus on process improvement within their organizations by asking, "Why are we doing it this way?" Secretary Wynne emphasized, "With AFSO 21, we will march unnecessary work out the door — forever."

This challenge, coupled with best practices and continuous improvement processes, has been a key component of the 18th Aggressor Squadron transformation. To be the best requires that we first start with the best practices, captured from throughout the Air Force and continuously improving over time. What are the keys to building excellence?

First, look outside your organization to see how others do the same job more effectively and efficiently and integrate those same practices. As Secretary Wynne so succinctly indicated, we need to think about and focus on "Why are we doing it that way?" Question each task. Is it relevant, productive and value-added? Eielson personnel have been everywhere and seen everything (the good, bad and ugly). The challenge is to implement the very best ideas here. Why should we settle for less than the best in anything?

Once we have harnessed the best practices, we must strive for continuous improvement. Having the humility to understand that there is always a better way or idea to accomplish a task is critical. The best becomes better and better

by small and steady advances. These are rarely big changes; in fact, the cumulative effect of many small adjustments and improvements are vital to end-game excellence. If something is worth doing, it is worth doing better!

Finally, to preserve improvements, we have to document the processes within our organization. Best practices and improvements are lost or forfeited through lack of continuity resulting from poor documentation. Who has not suffered (and looked foolish) in a new position because his or her predecessor, while perhaps very good, did not document the basics of the position? This requires us to make and learn from the same mistakes all over again. An effective continuity book does not have to be a time-consuming effort.

Maintaining a simple calendar, which records essential tasks (large and small), supported by equally simple checklists, springboards your successor down the path to excellence.

At the end of the day, we all should leave a job and organization better than we found it. In short: ask why, improve, document. Be the best!

Chertoff hails AF in Gustav relief effort

By Staff Sgt. Matthew Bates
Air Force Print News

BATON ROUGE, La. (AFP) — As Hurricane Gustav made landfall on the Gulf Coast, the secretary of the Department of Homeland Security praised the men and women of the Air Force and the National Guard for their efforts during preparations for the storm.

Secretary Michael Chertoff said the services were especially useful to help evacuate people with medical needs, such as critical care patients, who would be unable to otherwise leave the area.

“It was really the Air National Guard and the Air Force who came to the rescue setting up an air bridge so we could fly people out on C-130s and C-17s,” he said. “It was a real positive addition to

the capabilities we have on the ground.”

The secretary added that the National Guard and other services will be heavily relied upon once relief efforts begin.

“The National Guard, and military in general, play a critical role in response,” he said. “They are the boots on the ground, assisting with the security, clean up and rebuilding of the areas effected by this catastrophic hurricane.”

U.S. Air Force Technical Sgt. Lee Hoover, a member of Air Force News, interviews Master Sgt. Glenn Coughlin from the Belle Chasse Air National Guard at the Hurricane Gustav Joint Field Office, LA., Sept. 01. Coughlin is a logistics supply representative assigned to help FEMA during Hurricane Gustav's evacuation and relief efforts.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Shawn Weismiller



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nance units with their flying squadrons, and forming materiel groups that would encompass maintenance, logistics and aerial port squadrons. Today's decision means maintenance groups will remain as is.

"This will reduce organizational turmoil as we focus on winning today's fight," General Schwartz said.

The general went on to say the goal is mission effective combat support and Airmen are accomplishing just that.

"Independent maintenance groups produce professionals with the highest levels of maintenance and logistics competency," he said, "and that translates to mission effectiveness."

Leaders reached consensus that the focus should be on fixing problems Airmen are having with the current uniforms before moving on to new uniforms.

The staff will field near-

term solutions to correct issues with the Airman Battle Uniform, All Purpose Environmental Clothing System jacket, and physical training gear.

"We will consider all other uniform initiatives after we fix the issues we have now with the uniforms we work in every day," General Schwartz said.

While the strategic summit yielded these decisions, senior leaders focused their discussion on winning today's fight and addressing the priorities laid out by the acting secretary and the chief in past weeks.

"The priorities — reinvigorating the nuclear enterprise, prevailing in the Global War on Terror, strengthening joint warfighting capabilities, focusing on people and achieving acquisition excellence — are advanced by the decisions reached today," Mr. Donley said.

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cal all the while exuding the sense of pride that our Airmen have serving this great nation and our Air Force," General Newton said.

A few of the uniform concerns the service will look at are a lighter-weight ABU for hot-weather climates, better-fitting PT clothing and a quieter material for the warm-up jacket and pants, General Newton said.

ABU boots are another uniform item the Air Force wants to get right. General Newton said the quality of boots is important to today's expeditionary Air Force and for the future.

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the Joint Task Force Support Forces Antarctica headquartered here and led by Lt. Gen. Loyd S. "Chip" Utterback, 13th Air Force and JTF-SFA commander.

JTF SFA coordinates strategic intertheater airlift,

Airmen are being tasked to do jobs that are different than previous missions required in years gone by, General Newton said.

The Air Force recently certified another manufacturer for ABU boots, said Ruth Ewalt, chief of Air Force Uniform Programs and Policy. Before certifying the company, Air Force officials considered the company's more than 40-year history of manufacturing boots, and that it had produced several types of boots for the Army and Navy.

"Our acceptance of their product was also a result of positive feedback collected

after extended wear by male and female cadets at the Air Force Academy," Ms. Ewalt said.

Issues considered by Air Force officials included blistering, contusions, sprains, swelling and general pain that may have been associated with the boots, she said.

"The boots are manufactured in sizes for both genders and will be issued to new basic trainees beginning no later than Oct. 1," Ms. Ewalt said.

"As a result of feedback from individuals in industrial environments — such as our aircraft maintainers and fuels experts — new stain-resistant

materials are being tested for our boots," Ms. Ewalt said. "Once a new material is selected, boots made with that new material will not be available for approximately two years."

General Newton said the Air Force has listened to the uniform concerns of its Airmen. It recently conducted the first-ever virtual uniform board.

The board considered 109 initiatives out of more than 900 received, many of which were duplications or already in the process of being resolved, Ms. Ewalt said. Others did not meet the criteria because no substantive solutions were provided.

tactical LC-130 deep field support, aeromedical evacuation support, search and rescue response, sealift, sea-port access, bulk fuel supply, port cargo handling, and transportation requirements for ODF. Active duty,

National Guard and Reserve personnel from the U.S. Air Force, Navy, Army and Coast Guard work together as part of the Joint Task Force.

Antarctica is the coldest, windiest and most inhospitable continent on the globe. The U.S. military is uniquely equipped and trained to operate in such an austere environment and has therefore provided support to the U.S. Antarctic Program since 1955.

Let's all be careful out there ...



Photo by Dr. Philip Breeze

Reminding Team Hickam to take safety habits home for the weekend, Col. Dean Wolford, 15th Airlift Wing vice commander — along with more than 20 officers and senior NCOs — manned the entry control points at Hickam Aug. 27 in an effort to promote safety awareness. The end of the long Labor Day weekend marked the end of the Air Force-wide 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign.

Crime Scene

Theft of government property

A civilian assigned to JPAC reported theft of government property at Bldg. 45/JPAC Conex. The case is currently under investigation.

Damage to government property

An anonymous caller reported damage of govern-

ment property on 1st St. This case is currently under investigation.

Shoplifting

Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives observed a dependent of an E-7 assigned to the Army and another dependent of an E-7 assigned to the PACOM attempting to remove merchandise totaling \$394.65 without rendering payment. The individuals will have their AAFES privileges revoked for one year and are awaiting a juvenile

hearing.

DUI

A civilian was detained at Bldg. 188/Main Gate for operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant, and was determined to have a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.18. The case is being forwarded to Administrative Driver's License Revocation Office.

Citation total for the week

3 Civilian traffic citations
31 Moving traffic citations
4 Non-moving traffic citations
1 Abandoned vehicle notice.



Air Force accepting physician assistant applications

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Air Force officials are taking applications from active-duty enlisted Airmen for Physician Assistant Phase I training classes beginning January, April and August 2010.

Completed applications must arrive at HQ AFPC/DPAMW, 550 C Street West, Suite 27, Randolph AFB TX 78150-4729 no later than Jan. 25 and no earlier than Nov. 1. The selection board is scheduled to convene at the Air Force Personnel

Center here March 17.

Incomplete applications or those received after the cutoff date will be returned and will not meet the selection board, said AFPC officials.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- be on active duty in the grade of E-3 through E-8 with a minimum of two years and a maximum of 14 years active military service as of Aug. 31, 2010.

- meet age limitations specified in Air Force Instruction 36-

2005 for appointment as first lieutenants in the Biomedical Sciences Corps. Applicants must be less than 42 years of age when they complete Phase II training.

- have taken the Scholastic Aptitude Test within five years of the board date, with a minimum score of 450 for all areas, and a minimum combined score of 1,425 in critical reading, verbal and math.

- have a minimum general score of 80 points on the Armed Services Vocational

Aptitude Battery or Air Force Classification Test.

- have completed 60 semester hours of transferable college credits with a grade point average of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. Thirty of these semester hours must be actual in-classroom courses at an accredited college or university and must

be completed by March 10. A combined minimum 3.0 GPA is required in the math and science courses.

Thirty of the required 60 semester hours can be earned through College Level Examination Program exams, Air Force correspondence courses and Defense Activity

for Nontraditional Education Support tests.

For details, contact the local military personnel flight, education office or click on physician assistants at AFPC's "Ask" Web site. People can also call the 24-hour Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775 for more information.