

In this week's Kukini



■ Hickam aircrews team up with Elmendorf and McChord peers to soar to new heights in precision airdrop training **A3**

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Air Force Ball — The 61st Anniversary Air Force Ball will be held next Friday night 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 or Master Sgt. Lavern Pieper at 449-3116.

Officers call — Colonel Tuck will host a 15th Airlift Wing officer's call today at 3 p.m. on the O' Club lanai. For more information, call Capt. Robert Grimmett at 589-7088.

Speed limit changed — Effective immediately, the speed limit in both directions on O'Malley Boulevard between the overpass and Apollo Avenue has been decreased to 30 mph from the existing 35 mph. This change has been implemented in an effort to enhance overall traffic safety. Please note that the speed limit on either side of this area will remain at 25 mph. For more information, call Dennis Yee, Traffic Engineer, at 449-3130.

15 AW Headquarters Bldg, 1110 phone number changes — All phone numbers in Bldg. 1110 have changed. New numbers for individuals can be found on the Global Address listing. By calling the old number you will receive a message for the new number for approximately 30 days. Immediate contacts are as follows:

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PIO: 449-1589
CCA: 449-1506
PA: 449-1527
Protocol: 449-1514
CAG: 449-1524
IG: 449-1556
Wing UDM: 449-1560.

Attention all servicemembers living on Oahu — A Hickam housing analysis will take place next week through Friday to determine future on-base housing needs. Your par-

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Team Hickam remembers

By Jeff Nicolay
Hickam Kukini editor

In leading yesterday's ceremony commemorating the victims of the nation's worst terrorist attack, Col. Giovanni K. Tuck, 15th Airlift Wing commander, helped usher in a new Hickam tradition.

"From this day forward and for years to come, the flag we raise and lower today will fly above Hickam only one day each year — on September 11th," he said. "We will fly it proudly to remind us of the lives we lost on that fateful day and of the challenges we face in a post-9/11 world."

Dozens of Team Hickam members gathered for the 1630 ceremony — held in Atterbury Circle — that featured a solemn lowering of the flag following retreat and a ceremonial flyby from a 535th Airlift

Squadron C-17A.

In his speech, Colonel Tuck discussed how 9/11 forged a nation's resolve and set into motion events that will resound for decades to come.

"On that September morn, terrorists attacked freedom ... the very soul of America," he said. "They attacked our sense of security, changing the world forever. But on this day, our adversary underestimated American resolve ... underestimated our ability to unite for a common cause ... underestimated our willingness to defend freedom."

In closing, the colonel paid tribute to the Airmen in attendance, as well as their peers serving around the world.

"Over the past seven years, I've seen heroes — heroes who were willing to fight in the name of freedom," he said. "God bless you ... God bless the fallen ... God bless America."



Photo by Vanessa Perez

Team Hickam members assembled within Atterbury Circle yesterday afternoon to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks and pay tribute to those who fell on that fateful day in 2001.

'Kahuna' stresses deployment, downrange airlift operations

By Jeff Nicolay
Hickam Kukini editor

Selected 15th Airlift Wing personnel were put through their paces earlier this week courtesy of Beverly Kahuna 08-India, a challenging two-phase exercise that wrapped up yesterday.

According to John Tauber, 15th Airlift Wing Exercises and Evaluations chief, the exercise tested the wing's ability to quickly deploy personnel and equipment to a forward operating location and then task Hickam C-17s to generate wartime sorties to support PACOM air support heavy-airlift requirements.

"All 15 AW personnel were subject to play during the four-day exercise, which kicked off first thing Monday morning," he said. "Beverly Kahuna centered around a scenario where the wing was called to deploy at the direction of the SECAF through PACOM as a result of increased tension between two countries within the Pacific AOR."



Photo by Jackie Hites

In a scenario depicting rising tensions in an allied Pacific Rim nation, Team Hickam members portray non-combatant American civilian and military being evacuated to Hickam and the U.S. mainland as a prelude to this week's exercise.

As Mr. Tauber explained, in addition to the straightforward deployment nature of the exercise, Phase 1 included both a non-combatant evacuation component and a reception-of-forces component involving non-Hickam personnel brought in to fill gaps left by deployed Hickam forces.

At the same time, base maintainers were tasked to quickly generate all available aircraft on the ground at

with Mr. Tauber throughout Beverly Kahuna.

Another component encompassed efforts to collect, evaluate and act upon global and local intelligence from AFOSI and FBI/CIA sources to enhance the base's force-protection condition in the face of threats both external and internal.

"Security Forces personnel, acting on a variety of intelligence, enforced a posture to ensure security on base during both phases of the exercise," said Mr. Tauber.

He also noted that the exercise shifted in a linear fashion from Phase 1 to Phase 2 as the week progressed, segueing to a "small-footprint, deployed air-operations component."

"The objective of Phase 2 was to — based on wartime objectives — to generate downrange Hickam C-17s to sortie and provide heavy airlift support within the AOR," Mr. Tauber said, adding that those wartime conditions included other than conventional warfare with the theater of operations."

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15 MDG due for a checkup Monday

By Hickam Kukini staff

Beginning Monday, Hickam Air Force Base will be spending the week opening up and saying, "ahhhh."

Col. Lynn Johnson, Air Force Inspection Agency (AFIA), and Mr. Benjamin Snyder, The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care Inc. (AAAHC) were scheduled to arrive on base today in advance of accreditation inspections of the 15th Medical Group. These inspections, which are to begin Monday and run through next Friday, are being held to evaluate national and military health-care standards compliance, according to Lt. Col. Robin Giacomia, 15MDG chief nurse.

"The AAAHC, a civilian accreditation body, evaluates health care organizations by measuring the quality of an organization's facilities, services, performance and patient safety against nationally recognized standards," she said, adding that additional information regarding the inspection criteria is available at the agency's Web site, www.aaahc.org.

The colonel pointed out that the AFIA will focus on military healthcare requirements based on three categories; expeditionary medical operations, in-garrison medical operations and leadership.

"The team will closely evaluate the 15th Medical Group's compliance with Flight Medicine, Public Health, Bioenvironmental Engineering, Mental Health, and Dental Readiness

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Vets, students honor fallen heroes



Members of VFW Post 1572 — along with students from Holy Family Catholic Academy, Nimitz Elementary and area pre-schools — march in the 2008 'America Supports You' Freedom Walk to pay tribute to the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack. The parade, part of 'Operation Homefront' of Hawaii, was sponsored by The U.S. Navy, Tri-West and Lockheed Martin, and boasted more than 1,000 walkers on a 1.4-mile route starting at Valkenburg and Main streets outside of Hickam.

Photo by Tom Czerwinski

ACTION LINE

Bicycle safety on Hickam

Comment: I have a concern that affects every person who works or lives on Hickam. I have been bicycling to work for four months now and on five separate occasions I have had to take evasive action to avoid being hit by a car. On one occasion it was so close I had to jump off my bike. I follow the traffic rules, ride on the street, wear a helmet, get off my bike at crosswalks, signal turns; but it doesn't matter. Cars have pulled out in front of me, turned in front of me, pushed me up against the curb, and failed to yield at marked crosswalks. This is a very evident problem at the intersection in front of the HQ PACAF building, especially at the end of the work day when people are headed home. I believe it is only a matter of time before someone is hurt or killed at one of the intersections on base. If cars fail to see or stop for me, I fear for the safety of the little kids that I see riding to school on their bikes in the mornings. It is possible that drivers are unaware of the rules on base concerning pedestrians, but this is an issue that made headlines in Hawaii downtown as well. Hawaii leads the nation in pedestrian deaths and accidents. While it is both parties responsibility to check at intersections, powered vehicles must yield to non powered vehicles and/or pedestrians. Possibly, if this matter received the attention that speeding in base housing has received we might see some improvement. Is the possibility of putting signals at these high traffic crosswalks? Thank you for your time.

Response: You raise some valid concerns regarding pedestrian and bicyclist safety and I appreciate your bringing this issue to my attention. The Base Traffic Engineer from our 15th Civil Engineer Squadron has surveyed some of our busier intersections. Based upon the surveys, we cannot justify installation of traffic signals after considering the relative vehicle and pedestrian/bicyclist traffic volumes. Additionally, since Vickers and O'Malley inbound have high vehicle and relatively low pedestrian volumes it would impede vehicle movement if traffic signals were installed. The best solution in this case is for all motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists to be re-educated on traffic awareness and rights-of-way. The Wing Safety Office regularly publishes articles in the Kukini to highlight this issue to the base populace. These articles stress that all vehicle operators must stop and yield the right of way to pedestrians and bicyclists waiting at a marked crosswalk. At the same time, pedestrians and bicyclists also need to follow the rules of the road to ensure property safety for all. There is one more thing that we will do to help this situation. We will have our SFS patrols periodically monitor the intersection of PACAF HQ for both proper vehicle and bicycle operations.

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@hick.af.mil.

Diamond Tips

Patches – Patches are worn at the commander's discretion on the BDU. If worn, they are centered on the lower portion of the pocket between the left and right edges and the bottom of the flap and the pocket. Additional emblems are centered 1/2 inch above the name tape over the right pocket.



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.

Appreciating Constitution Day

Debra Straight
 15th Airlift Wing
 deputy inspector general



Debra Straight

"Our Airmen are stationed and deployed around the world protecting the freedoms embodied in our Constitution," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley. "As we celebrate the anniversary of this landmark document, I hope we all take a moment to remember those currently serving our nation, as well as those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and their families who are left behind."

Our Constitution is a living document, and since its creation has been used as a model for more than 100 countries.

Drawing on a wide variety of historical documents and speeches, including the Declaration of Independence, the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and others, William Tyler Page says it best in The American's Creed — a simple yet profoundly moving expression of American patriotism.

"I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers

are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its Laws; to respect its Flag; and to defend it against all enemies."



Remember why you're a patriot

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I stepped outside my home one recent August evening to catch some cool night air. The next thing I knew the melancholy notes of "Taps" filled the air.

I had forgotten that at 10 p.m. every night at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., as in most military installations at non-deployed locations, the lone bugler or trumpet signals lights out.

With no shoes on, I could feel the dew seeping into my socks as I stood at attention with my hand over my heart as the music hit its waning notes. As the last note faded, I heard the hum of jet engines from a KC-10 Extender as it flew over my home.

"Here's to you and all you've done," I thought as the stillness returned to the evening. I was saluting all the men and women, the consummate patriots of this great land of ours, who died for America's freedom.

The emotionally textured "Taps" combined with the aircraft flyover provided that strong reminder. I forgot about my wet feet as I thought about patriots and why I'm one.

I made my way to the cement step leading to the back door of my home and sat down.

Being a patriot isn't easy; it takes commitment to believe so strongly in your country that you're willing to lay down your life for it.

That is what it takes to serve in the military — the definition is actually one who loves his or her country and supports its authority and interests.

I was nearly in tears. How lucky am I to be in America enjoying this cool beautiful night while my comrades are off in some foreign land helping others gain their own freedom.

What did I do to deserve to be born, grow up and live in what I consider the greatest country in the world? That's my

personal belief, but that's also why I'm a patriot.

A breeze whipped up all of the sudden and sent a chill down my back. The chill made me think of a childhood friend I'd almost lost to a heart attack weeks earlier and a friend who's supported me all these years.

I've known him since I was 4 years old when, as neighbors, we'd swap tricycles while out playing some 35 years ago. We'd gone to school together in my hometown in Michigan. We went hunting, fishing, skiing, snowshoeing and played a few thousand games of basketball against each other.

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I was there with him when he battled cancer — and won — nearly 20 years ago. When I joined the military and was heading off for basic training more than 16 years ago, he organized a going-away party in my honor. He was also the best man at my wedding. He's the best friend I'll ever have.

It's because of people like him that I serve; that I'm a patriot. He's always supported me, been there when I needed him, and whenever I see him and talk to him, it's like we've never been away from each other.

A half hour has passed, and I'm getting colder. There's another blast of wind yet now I'm not chilly any more as my thoughts shift from my friend to my family.

I've often taken for granted how well my family treats me. My wife, for example, has been through deployments, long work hours, and a load of other things during our marriage and my military career, yet she stands beside me as we move forward in life.

She gives me strength and provides that "reality check" whenever I need it. I love her more every day we're together. She is my co-patriot.

There are also my children and grandchildren. Whenever I look into their eyes, I see the patriots of the future. I see people who also love their country, and what it means to be a patriot. I can add in my parents, brothers, sister and extended family.

They are all reasons why I want to be in the Air Force and why I'm a patriot. They inspire my patriotism.

By this time I figured it was time to call it a night and head indoors. I felt better for some reason after hearing the music, seeing the plane flyover and thinking about family and friends.

"I'm so lucky." That's all I could say to myself. I'm so lucky to have the opportunities I do and lucky to have the life of being a patriot of this country affords me.

On Patriot Day, Sept. 11, I will not only remember the people who became heroes on that fateful day in 2001, I will also remember their friends and families who supported them because that is why we are all patriots.

I encourage everyone, on Patriot Day and every day, to remember what makes you a patriot.

Stratofortress rolls through Hickam



A visiting B-52 Stratofortress from Barksdale AFB, Louisiana, transits from runway 8R down taxiway Romeo-Bravo to the Hickam ramp on Sept. 4. The venerable bomber departed Hickam Monday night on its way to Andersen, AFB, Guam, to serve as forward presence to U.S. forces supporting operations in the Pacific Region.

Photo by Jeff Nicolay

Hickam on target with JPADS training

By Hickam Kukini staff

From August 18-22, personnel from Hickam, Elmendorf and McChord air bases teamed up to complete the largest single-week series of C-17 Joint Precision Aerial Delivery System test drops.

According to Capt. Brian Hinken, 15th Operations Support Squadron Weapons and Tactics Flight commander, the drops were conducted as part of an off-station training event supporting U.S. Army tests at Yuma Proving Grounds in Arizona. During that training, he added, PACAF and AMC aircrews found out just how "precise" high-altitude airdrop could be.

"Much like the GPS-guided and precision weapons that had such devastating effect in the first Gulf War, these units allow aircrews to drop from the safety of higher altitudes — remaining offset from potential threats — while accurately placing supplies or aid where they are needed most," he said. "Termed the 'JDAM for logistics,' JPADS couples the latest in precision-guided GPS technology with an autonomous, steerable parachute system."

In all, aircrews successfully com-

pleted thirty-five high altitude, unpressurized drops over the five-day period, according to 1st Lt. Dominic Calderon, 15 OSS Standardization Evaluation officer, who, like Captain Hinken, is a C-17A pilot.

"These efforts safely delivered an equivalent of more than 70 tons and completed the Army's test-syllabus requirements for the week, with Team Hickam leading the way with 'precision' from the Pacific," he said.

The lieutenant pointed out that during the weeklong training, crewmembers rotated each day to maximize training.

"Flyers showed in the early morning hours for pre-mission briefings, pre-flight, and ultimately, to accomplish the mission — releasing thousands of pounds of cargo from altitudes up to 25,000 ft, only to land within feet of their designated targets," he said.

Captain Hinken said that this testing and training exposed crews to a variety of difficulties that tested their mettle.

"Many members underwent upgrade training throughout the week, acquiring new qualifications and increasing the capabilities of their

respective wings," he said. "In addition, the training exposed individuals — including a junior airdrop copilot — to other variants of airdrop available to the C-17 and the Air Force.

The captain noted that, in addition to the JPADS tests, Team Hickam members also became the first C-17 aircrew to drop the Army's latest version of the Improved Container Delivery System (ICDS). Geared for mass resupply of 10,000 pounds per bundle, the 10K ICDS drop successfully tested both release and ballistic characteristics of the new heavy-weight design.

A pair of Hickam C-17s hug the deck during Joint Precision Aerial Delivery System training held at Yuma Proving Grounds in Arizona. Aircrew from the 15th Operations Support Squadron — along with similar crews from Elmendorf and McChord — safely delivered more than 70 tons of cargo during the weeklong training.

Photo by Capt. Todd Strickland



Colonel Golden takes 65 AS reins



Photo by Jeff Nicolay

Lt. Col. James D. Golden (right) takes the guidon from Col. Andrew M. Hockman, 15th Operations Group commander, during the 65th Airlift Squadron change of command ceremony held Sept. 4 at Hickam's Missing Man Formation. Colonel Golden took over command of squadron from former commander Lt. Col. Robert R. Howe. Prior to taking command of the 65th, Colonel Golden served as director of operations for the 535th Airlift Squadron.

NCO Academy announces Class 08-3 graduates

By Senior Master Sgt. Vanessa A. Smallsbryant
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Director of Education

The Hickam Professional Military Education Center played host for the graduation banquet for Non-Commissioned Officer Academy (NCOA) Class 08-3, Wednesday night at Hickam's Tradewinds Enlisted Club.

More than 300 guests were treated to an entertaining evening highlighted by guest speaker Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force (Ret.) Robert Gaylor.

Tech. Sgt. Lorene J. Huffman, from the 324th Intelligence Squadron, garnered top honors as the John L. Levitow Award recipient.

Tech. Sgt. Dustin L. Leuschel, from Det. 1, 561st Network Operations Squadron, earned the Academic Achievement and Distinguished Graduate awards.

Tech. Sgt. Leenette C. Joseph, from the 18th Wing, Kadana, AB, Japan, earned the Commandant and Distinguished Graduate awards.

Other Distinguished Graduates included, Tech. Sgt. Erik A. Westmoreland, from the 324th Intelligence Squadron and Tech. Sgt. Tiffany M. Lennon, from the Air Force Office of Special

Investigations, Det. 1.

The NCO Academy (NCOA) provides professional military education to prepare technical sergeants to be professional, war-fighting Airmen who can lead and manage Air Force units in the employment of air, space and cyberspace power through 223 hours of primarily guided-discussion classroom methodology, exercises, and case study.

The Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) grants 11 semester hours for course completion.

The course consists of three curriculum areas: professions of arms, leadership, and communication skills.

Students are required to comprehend four graduate attributes, consisting of the military professional, combat leader, unit manager and the managerial communicator.

Students also perform reveille/retreat formations and participate in weekly Fit-to-Fight activities.

Graduation from the NCOA completes the second of four levels of Air Force professional military education.

Students volunteered 69 hours of their off-duty time to support the City and County of Honolulu Dept. of Parks and Recreation to clean up Oneula Beach Park in Ewa Beach. They picked up approximately 1,300 lbs of trash along the beach and sur-

rounding recreational areas.

A few students supported the Airman's Attic by participating in a carwash, which helped to raise more than \$780 in funds.

A complete list of the graduates of NCOA Class 08-3 is as follows:

6th Field Investigations Squadron

TSgt Casey Brown

13th Air Force

TSgt Robert Lysinger
TSgt Christopher Weston

15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

TSgt Neil Cochran
TSgt Marcus Sorrells
TSgt Leomar Villegas

15th Civil Engineer Squadron

TSgt Denny Hart

15th Communications Squadron

TSgt Jami Eyler
TSgt George Garcia

15th Logistics Readiness Squadron

TSgt Michael Knight

15th Maintenance Operations Squadron

TSgt Kevin Vaughan

15th Medical Support Squadron

TSgt Alan Mann

15th Operations Group

TSgt Kenneth Logsdon

15th Operations Support Squadron

TSgt Casey Carden

15th Security Forces Squadron

TSgt Lawrence Broussard

17th Operational Weather Squadron

TSgt Eric Shafer

18th Wing

TSgt Leenette Joseph

25th Air Support Operations Squadron

TSgt Lisa Smith

56th Air and Space Communication Squadron

TSgt Aaron Eischens

65th Airlift Squadron

TSgt Kenneth Bernhardt

154th Services Flight

TSgt Laura Gaines

324th Intelligence Squadron

TSgt Richard Determan

324th Intelligence Squadron (cont.)

TSgt Julie Hernandez
TSgt Lorene Huffman
TSgt Jennifer Rankin
TSgt Benjamin Rowland
TSgt Erik Westmoreland

515th Air Mobility Operations Wing

TSgt Mark Harrington

613th Air and Space Operations

TSgt John Barbagallo
TSgt Shane Nordeen
TSgt Michael Rozneck

624th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

TSgt Chris Nitta

692nd Intelligence Group

TSgt Angie Lanier

735th Air Mobility Squadron

TSgt Roger Braun
TSgt McCloud Cornthwaite
TSgt Christopher Harbison
TSgt Robert Losoya
TSgt Ruben Pineiro
TSgt Carol Shepler

Air Force Band of the Pacific

TSgt Joshua Fedele

Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Det. 601

TSgt Tiffany Lennon

Det. 1, 561st Network Operations Squadron

TSgt Dustin Leuschel
TSgt Michael Sanchez

Det. 15, Air Force Research Laboratory

TSgt Michelle Stone

Joint Intelligence Command Pacific

TSgt Malynnda Magnusen

Joint Intelligence Operations Center

TSgt Teri Freeman
TSgt Elizabeth Horton
TSgt Chad Kaseman

Pacific Air Forces

TSgt Matthew Graham
TSgt James Nance
TSgt Jerry Ray
TSgt Rosendo Rodriguez

Special Operations Command Pacific

TSgt Bryan Katterman

U.S. Pacific Command

TSgt Bret Miller

Just taking the dog for a morning run

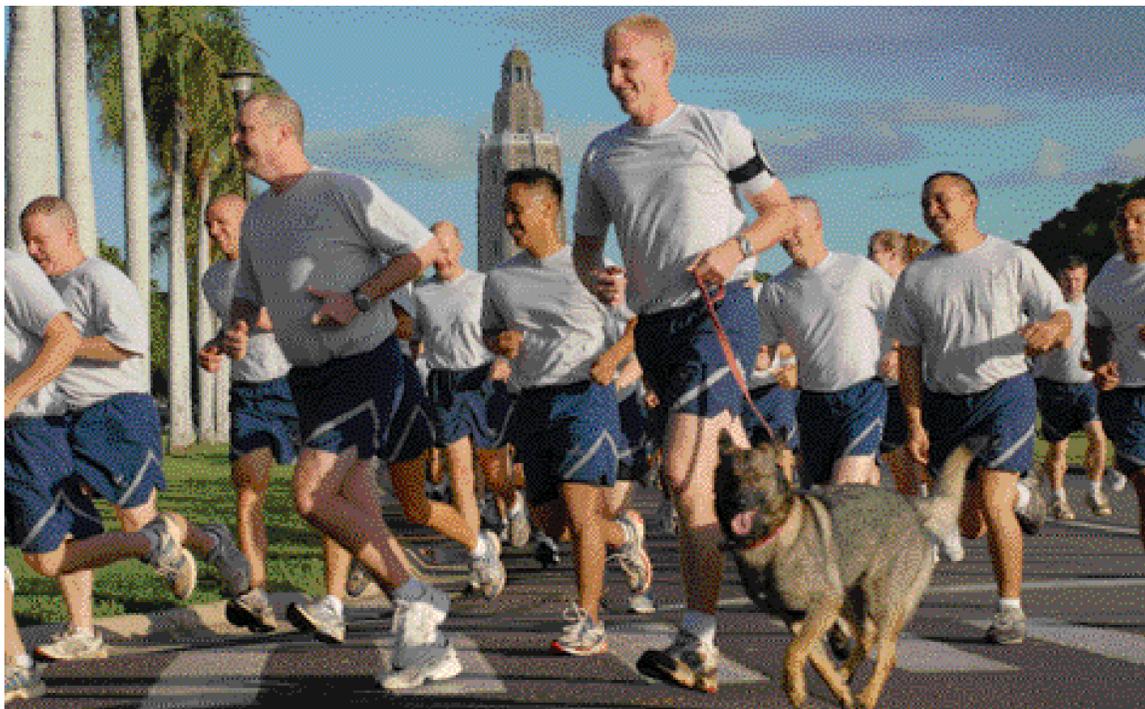


Photo by Staff Sgt. Erin Smith

Members of 13th Air Force hang that first right turn off Freedom Tower Mall in last Friday's Warrior Run. A total of 965 Team Hickam Airmen and civilians — as well as sister service representatives — hit the streets in the September running of the monthly event. The next Warrior Run is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 3.

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"The exercise included contamination, which meant air and ground crews had to operate under MOPP4 (Mission-Oriented Protective Posture 4) conditions," he said. "So some Hickam personnel involved in this phase of the exercise had to work in full chemical gear,

which is something we probably can't practice enough."

As the exercise wound down yesterday afternoon, Mr. Tauber reflected on Beverly Kahuna's significance.

"As we get closer to February's [Operational Readiness Inspection], the intent is to

continually stress the wing at a higher level than previous exercises," he said. "This exercise proved to be challenging on the deployment front, so I expect we'll be revisiting some of these areas in the future to better streamline the processes."

Mr. Tauber said he and his Exercise Evaluation Team planned to generate a full outbrief for wing leadership next week.

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against Air Force and Dept. of Defense standards," she said.

Colonel Giaconia added that inspectors and surveyors are scheduled to conduct formal meetings with support staff and medical group leadership, as well as 15AW leadership during the inspection week. This inspection will have minimal impact on

direct patient care teams, and should not cause any noticeable delays or disturbances in patient care.

She also noted that the Hickam Clinic would remain open during regular business hours throughout the week, except from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 19, when the clinic is scheduled to close for an outbrief.

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icipation is important — regardless of branch, whether you live on base or off, are accompanied or not. Please take a moment to complete the survey at: www.airforce-housingsurvey.us/. When prompted choose "Hickam AFB" and enter password "hick7195," which is case-sensitive. The survey is anonymous; no personally identifiable information will be retained nor will this survey affect BAH. FAQs about the survey can be found at: <http://www2.hickam.af.mil/units/civilengineersq/index.asp>. For more information, call Randy Kawakami, 15 CES, at 448-3650.

on Tuesday from 9 to 9:30 a.m. and again from 2 to 2:30 p.m. affecting bldgs. 707 to 747 and 801 to 823. These outages are necessary to make feeder connections for Bldg. 727. For more information, call Glenn Oshiro at 448-2867 or Martin Nguyen at 448-2868.

October Joint Spouses

Conference registration — The 14th Annual Joint Spouses Conference is scheduled for Oct. 17 and 18. Registration will continue through Oct. 1 at www.jschawaii.com — interested parties are encouraged to register early for the widest selection of available workshops. The event is open to spouses of all ranks and services. For more information, call 448-2158.

Power outage notice — There will be two short scheduled electrical outages

Air Force begins fall safety campaign

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Air Force wrapped up the 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign over Labor Day weekend, ending the safest campaign in the past 10 years.

Sixteen Airmen died in the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day, whereas in 2006, the previous safest summer season of the decade, 17 Airmen died in the same period. The Air Force averaged 24 deaths during the past 10 summer periods.

In keeping with a safety mindset, the Department of Defense is placing focus on private motor vehicle-related mishaps during the summer and winter months as a result of significant spikes. Statistics show that across the services

PMV-related mishaps not only rose during the traditional campaign months, but also increased significantly during the months of September through November, up to 40 percent above the 101 Critical Days campaign.

So, a Fall Safety Campaign kicked off using the lessons learned from the summer months. The campaign provides a springboard for attacking the problem of fatalities and continuing the momentum of mishap prevention.

It started the day after Labor Day and goes through the end of November. This effort is aimed at being a true joint campaign with the Air Force as the lead service.

Airmen can expect aggressive discussion on personal safety both at work and at home, and are encouraged to maintain a high level of vigilance in all they do.

F-22 Raptor refuels using synthetic fuel

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AFPN) — The F-22 Combined Test Force reached another milestone, as an Edwards F-22 Raptor performed aerial refueling using a synthetic fuel. It is the first time an Air Force aircraft refueled mid-air using an alternative jet engine fuel.

The test was the culmination of Edwards test points in certifying the F-22's use of the fuel, a 50/50 mix of JP-8 jet fuel and a natural gas-based fuel.

To prove this, a KC-135 Stratotanker from March Air Reserve Base, Calif., dispensed the fuel to the F-22 using a standard refueling process.

"No modification or changes were made to either aircraft," said Maj. Drew Allen, 411 FLTS chief of standardization

and evaluation and also the test pilot. "We just wanted to prove that there is no adverse effect in dispensing the fuel."

First Lt. Paul Mantegna, 411th FLTS propulsion engineer, noted that F-22 Combined Test Force officials — in conjunction with those at the Air Force Research Laboratory, Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Pratt and Whitney, and Honeywell — have been preparing for the testing.

"We've been in works for a couple of months now doing ground and auxiliary power unit runs to make sure all the aircraft's subsystems can run without complications," he said.

The test was done as part of the Air Force's initiative to certify the entire fleet on synthetic fuel, an effort to lessen dependence on foreign oil.

Keeping it real with synthetic fuel



Lockheed Martin photo

An F-22 Raptor from Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., receives synthetic fuel from a KC-135 Stratotanker Aug. 28 during an aerial refueling test using an alternative jet engine fuel. The KC-135 Stratotanker is from March Air Reserve Base, Calif



Damage to government property

A civilian assigned to HQ PACAF reported damage to government property at Bldg. 1102/HQ PACAF. The case is currently under investigation.

Damage to government property

An active-duty Airman assigned to Hickam reported damage to personal property at Bldg. 1843/Smith Hall. The case is currently under investigation.

Shoplifting

Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives observed the spouse of a Soldier assigned to Schofield and the spouse of an Airman assigned to Hickam attempting to remove merchandise totaling \$349.65 without rendering payment. The individuals will have their AAFES privileges revoked for one year and are awaiting a magistrate hearing.

Shoplifting

Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives observed an active-duty Sailor assigned to Pearl Harbor attempting to remove merchandise totaling \$318 without rendering payment. The individual

will have his/her AAFES privileges revoked for one year and is awaiting an administrative hearing.

Shoplifting

Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives observed the spouse of an Airman assigned to the Hickam attempting to remove merchandise totaling \$45.25 at the Shoppette without rendering payment. The individual will have his/her AAFES privileges revoked for one year and is awaiting a magistrate hearing.

Citation total for the week

24 Civilian traffic citations
51 Moving traffic citations
21 Non-moving traffic citations
2 Abandoned vehicle notices.