

In this week's Kukini



■ Airmen of all ranks clean up nice, celebrate service's legacy at the Air Force Ball **B1**

News Notes

Combined Federal Campaign

— The 2008 Combined Federal Campaign is scheduled to kick off Wednesday and run through Oct. 31. This year's slogan is "Because Someone You Know Needs Your Help." Worthwhile charity organizations exist on the international, national, state, and local levels. For more information, questions call Senior Master Sgt. William Wilkinson at 449-8594.

Ohana Nui school access notice — In response to resident feedback pertaining to a gate used by schoolchildren that was inadvertently blocked by construction fences, the Air Force, Hickam Community Housing and Actus Lend Lease have come up with a solution: The gate used by Ohana Nui residents to access Nimitz Elementary School is now open to students, as well. Gate hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30-8 a.m. and 2:05-2:35 p.m. (1:15-1:45 p.m. on Wednesdays). Residents who have additional questions should contact their HCH Community Manager.

Monthly recognition ceremony — Make plans now to support your Hickam peers at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club on Tuesday 3 p.m. to celebrate the time-honored tradition of recognizing Team Hickam's award winners; Airmen, NCO and SNCO promotees. For more information, call 456-2666.

15 CONS closure notice — The 15th Contracting Squadron will be closed next Friday for an official function. For more information, call Trina Davis at 448-2955. For emergency support, please contact Lt. Col. Rodger Phillips at 620-5299 or Erika Eberhart at 620-1191.

Volunteers needed — Aliamanu Middle School needs volunteers to participate in the school's Activity Day, next Friday from noon to 2 p.m. The volunteers are needed to play flag football, basketball or work with craft activities with the students. The students look forward to playing games with the adults every year. If you would like to volunteer, call Suzie Boyer at 421-4100, ext. 227.

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13 AF to host Critical Care Air Transport course next week

By Maj. Sam Highley
13th Air Force Public Affairs

Critical care specialists from the Air Force, Army and Navy will get important training on moving seriously ill patients in the Pacific theater during a course to be held on base beginning Monday and continuing through Friday.

Thirteenth Air Force's Theater Patient Movement Requirements Center-Pacific (TPMRC-P), the aeromedical evacuation regulating organization for U.S. Pacific Command, is playing host to the inaugural Joint Medical Attendant Transport Team training course.

The one-week course is a

shortened version of the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine's two-week Critical Care Air Transport Team course and will be taught by the same instructors. Training will focus on the aeromedical evacuation mission and equipment proficiency skills.

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Lynda Vu, validating flight surgeon for TPMRC-P, said the 5,300-nautical-mile distance in the theater between Okinawa and California and the limited divert options across the vast Pacific Ocean pose huge challenges to the safe air transport of critically ill patients. Given these chal-

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Photo by Tom Czerwinski

Personnel from the Expeditionary Medical Support Group lift and prepare to transport a patient onto a CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter during exercise Pacific Lifeline in February 2008. A similar one-week course will be taught here beginning Monday in support of Pacific Command's inaugural Joint Medical Attendant Transport Team training course.

New smoking policy to help dorm residents breathe easier

By Tom Czerwinski
Hickam Kukini staff writer

In an effort to help Team Hickam dormitory residents breathe a little easier, Hickam's Human Performance and Rehabilitation Center (HPARC) will hold a tobacco cessation class within the dorms at the Clay Hall dayroom on Tuesday from 5 to 6 p.m.

The effort is a lead-in to a new wing policy banning tobacco use inside the dorms, which will take effect on Nov. 15. The new policy stems from shifting priorities and health promotions in the Air Force designed to promote a healthy lifestyle, according to Ms. Amy Robitschek, 15th Airlift Wing Health



Photo by Tom Czerwinski

Using a pig's lung, Amy Robitschek (left), Hickam's Health Program manager, demonstrates the decreased lung capacity a pack-a-day smoker typically suffers over 20 years to Hickam dormitory resident Airman 1st Class Janelle Killam.

Education Program manager.

"We are targeting the month of November to coincide with the Air Force's 'Quit Tobacco'

month," she said, adding that base health officials estimate that 25 percent of Airmen living in unaccompanied housing

are smokers.

Per the new policy, cigarette smoking — and the use of smokeless tobacco — will be prohibited in dorm rooms and facilities under the new policy, putting the dorms in line with tobacco-use policies in all other inside facilities on base.

The problem, she said, is that Airmen may live in a single sleeping room but share common areas with others, and smoke is leaking into other areas such as the bathrooms and air intakes — constituting a second-hand smoke problem.

She also pointed that not only does smoking in dorm rooms cause second-hand smoke health risks, smoking also contributes to damage to

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15 CES extends survey deadline

Thanks to all the Team Hickam members who have already completed the HRMA Survey. If you have not had the opportunity to complete the survey, there is still time to participate as the survey completion deadline has been extended. Your participation in completing this survey as soon as possible is requested.

The purpose of this survey is to identify housing conditions today that can help forecast housing conditions in the future.

The HRMA process uses this information, together with a thorough market analysis and the base's mission needs, to make housing requirements forecast for Hickam over the next five years.

Dept. of Defense officials need all military members assigned to Hickam to complete the survey — whether you are Air Force or non-Air Force ... whether you live on base or off base ... accompanied or unaccompanied.

You may begin answering the short Web-based survey by accessing the following Web site: <http://www.airforce-housingsurvey.us>. At the welcome screen, select Hickam AFB from the pull-down menu and enter the following password: "hick7195," which is case sensitive.

The survey is answered anonymously and will not retain personally identifiable information, and completing it should require no more than 10 to 15 minutes.

Finally, please note that this HRMA survey in no way affects Airmen's BAH entitlements and is used solely to assess the need for on-base housing.

For more information about the survey, call Randy Kawakami at 448-3950.

— Submitted by 15 CES

Acting SECAF, Chief of Staff send birthday message to Airmen

By Janie W. Santos
Air Force News Agency

SAN ANTONIO (AFP) — In a joint Letter to Airmen, the acting secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force chief of staff presented the 61st Air Force birthday message for all Airmen last Thursday.

"On Sept. 18, 1947, our nation established the United States Air Force, signifying the commitment of the American people to leverage the most precise and reliable technology available for our defense in the air," said Air Force Acting Secretary Michael B. Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton A. Schwartz. "Our core functions have evolved since that historic day, but



U.S. Air Force illustration by J. Luke Borland

In a joint Letter to Airmen released last week, Acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton A. Schwartz presented the 61st Air Force birthday message.

our responsibility to project America's strength and compassion remains steady."

The Air Force's top leaders highlighted the total forces'

dedication to mission and devotion to duty and said that it was obvious to all.

"We are proud of your efforts to win today's joint

fight, and we know that your commitment to mission during joint, coalition and interagency operations, now and in the future, is steadfast," said Secretary Donley and General Schwartz.

"Our Air Force has faced unprecedented challenges during the past year, and several events have highlighted the fact that attention to detail must form the foundation of our every action. We are addressing several strategic issues, such as strengthening the Air Force nuclear and acquisition enterprises. We know that every Airman is fully committed to the high standards of excellence that are our hallmark, and that through this commitment, we will fully restore our external credibility and our own inner confidence."

ACTION LINE

Over-watering on Hickam lawns

Comment: In light of your recent push to save energy, I believe efforts to save water would fall in line, as well. I regularly jog on the sidewalk and on the side of the road on the big loop that runs along Kuntz Avenue around the track, behind the PME center, dormitories and the Kealohi Golf Course (Par 3).

Almost every morning I jog, sprinklers by the bowling alley (on the street between it and the softball fields) are spraying water well into the street (I think Halehaka Street, even against the trade winds). Grounds maintenance has never adjusted the sprinklers when the road- and sidewalk-widening construction took place some time ago. There are puddles of water meant for grass that get sprayed on joggers, cars, the street and sidewalk. This wasted water only causes more waste by spraying cars, which in turn prompts drivers to wash their cars more often.

Other areas where I have noticed wasted water include:

- Kuntz Avenue in front of the dorms
- Kuntz Avenue (near intersection of the road by the NCO Club) next to the Par 3 maintenance building (I believe # 2041), there is a huge puddle in the sidewalk every morning where people and grounds maintenance walk/drive around it.
- At the intersection of Honohono and Ohana Nui — the new housing contractor building's automatic sprinklers are not set right, and run down the street to the culvert.

Response: Thank you for bringing this to our attention, and we appreciate your concerns and interest in energy conservation. We have addressed the areas you mentioned and appreciate feedback from customers that help us continue to meet our conservation goals.

Hickam AFB has more than 13 million square feet of industrial landscaping areas with more than 20,000 sprinkler devices to maintain. Even with constant function checks and drive around inspections, we do not catch all sprinkler malfunctions. We have made a conscious effort to increase surveillance and maintenance on these systems and try to maintain a monthly check of the entire system.

The 15th Civil Engineer Squadron constantly works with the grounds and housing contractors to identify problem areas to avoid wasting water resources. Water conservation is extremely important to everyone on the Island of Oahu. Hickam AFB has and will continue to minimize waste of our valuable water resource.

We encourage anyone to call CE Customer Service 24-hour Service Desk at 449-3100/3101 to report any irrigation malfunction from broken sprinkler heads to excessive watering. If the problem is in Hickam Community Housing, you can also call 423-1650. Once again, thank you for your call.

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

Long-sleeved shirt/blouse – The long-sleeved shirt/blouse show 1/4 or 1/2 inch of collar above the coat collar; has two pleated pockets and convertible cuffs for men; has a tapered fit for women (optional for men); and doesn't have military creases.



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.

Leadership ... do you have it in you?

By Lt. Col. Gene Carter
15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander

Yeah, baby ... my turn to talk about leadership with the most important people out there — you, the future leaders of tomorrow's Air Force. But, first off, let me say thanks to the many, many unsung heroes out there making the mission happen: cops, medics, box kickers, dirt boys, loads and their buddies upstairs, services folks, etc. And saving the best for last — hey, this is my article — the mighty maintainers. Because of all of you (and many others) and your hard work and dedication, our mission gets done. Without you, it just doesn't happen.

Now that I have done the most important thing, let's talk about leadership.

Leadership — what is it? It's a calling, first, to become a leader, and second, to make the hard decisions and take the moral high ground — at any level — and you either take that call or you don't, and you affect when that call comes. The world is a leadership 'laboratory' and every chance you get to volunteer to organize an event, lead a team, run a program, or get elected to office, you make yourself better and increase your odds of getting that call again to take on another leadership challenge, bigger and better, and soon your 'leadership snowball' is picking up speed.

Leadership, however, is not a popularity contest. Nor is it about democracy when it comes to final decisions. You may wisely seek out advice, experience, or comments from others in order to make your decision, but the final decision rests with you. Case in point: while deployed, I held back a decoration submission on a very sharp, dedicated NCO after he had a significant leadership failure and was served appropriate non-judicial punishment. The decision was not well accepted among subordinate officers and SNCOs because of the individ-

ual's popularity, but it was the right decision for good order and discipline in the Air Force and that individual will indeed recover and be a better SNCO in and for our service over the long haul.



Lt. Col. Gene Carter

Leadership, formal or informal, is found at all levels of our military and higher echelons of government. An airman 1st class can serve in a formal, elected position on a dorm council and make decisions that impact a large audience. Unnamed private mentors to key government officials and decision makers exist in abundance and have untold influence on our organizations today. Former Chief of Staff General John P. Jumper had a close bond with retired General Bill Creech, Chief of Staff from 1980 to 1986, so much so that when General Creech passed away, one of the first phone calls from the Creech residence in Las Vegas was to General Jumper's office in Washington. Hours later, General Jumper had cleared his calendar and was airborne to Nevada.

I'd like to point out two short stories — one failure and one success — that carry a lot of weight in the realm of leadership.

The Failure: In 1993 at Fairchild AFB, a B-52 crashed while making a practice run for the upcoming air show. The aircraft commander had a long history of pushing the envelope and disregarding established flight safety procedures, but leadership had long condoned his string of violations and yet failed to take action against him.

These failures finally manifested as the B-52 rolled over on its wing in a maneuver similar to a "knife edge," immediately lost its lift and disintegrated into the ground. The video of the crash still sends chills down my spine. The entire crew perished instantly as their families stood by and wit-

History's lessons: Today's success affords tomorrow's opportunities

By Gen. Arthur J. Lichte
Air Mobility Command commander

In our Air Force's 61-year history, Airmen repeatedly have been called upon to defend the cause of freedom in the air and on unfamiliar terrain around the world.

Whatever the conflict, natural disaster or crisis, Airmen have answered the call and performed their missions with incredible courage and distinction. Their consistent example of excellence and dedication is our treasured heritage.

Mobility Airmen share in the proud legacy of our nation's defense throughout the history of manned flight. Through air mobility, our nation can extend an outstretched hand of compassion to those in need, or a clenched fist to those who threaten our freedom.

The air mobility legacy is visible all

around us — from the Air Force's first challenge 60 years ago, the Berlin Airlift, to the relief efforts after natural disasters in our country and around the world, to



Gen. Arthur J. Lichte

today's daily engagement in the war on terrorism. The Berlin Airlift and the long list of operations that followed are each a significant piece of Air Force history. Our legacy of successful delivery of our nation's might, or its assistance, set the standard for the modern Air Force.

As retired Col. Gail Halvorsen, the storied "Candy Bomber" of the Berlin Airlift said, "Today, Air Mobility Command travels faster, farther and with a greater load. But one thing hasn't changed since 1948:

nessed.

Powered by a series of leadership failures through a chain of events several years in the making, the Fairchild B-52 crash is a textbook case study in leadership failure that led to the tragic loss of the aircraft and her very senior crew. Had any of the leaders involved in the accident pulled the plug on that aircraft commander, that crew would have lived to fly another day and go home to their families that night.

On a positive note, leadership success stories are abundant.

My favorite comes from Michael Useem's "The Leadership Moment", a collection of outstanding leadership short stories. Chapter 1, "Roy Vagelos Attacks River Blindness," tells of a research scientist named William Campbell at drug manufacturing company Merck who stumbled upon a potential cure for river blindness in West Africa.

River blindness was spread by flies and caused blindness in millions of adults living near fast-moving waters. The disease showed no signs of slowing down.

Campbell approached then senior vice president of research, Roy Vagelos, to approve further research and development. Vagelos weighed the profit margin potential of the affected region against the potential for solving a worldwide disease, and approved the request.

Years later, Vagelos, faced with the decision to produce the drug called Mectizan for free or cancel the program all together, chose to produce and distribute it to victims in West Africa at a loss of \$20 million a year to Merck.

Leadership is in each of us, regardless of service, rank, origin or education. The call of leadership is precious and each of you is quite capable of leading in our 21st-century Air Force. But it's up to you to bring it to the surface, exercise it and grow ... and be ready for that tap on the shoulder. Are you ready? Fly, fight and win!

The Airmen and their attitudes. They continue to exemplify integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do."

Indeed, today's Airmen are remarkable. Through careful attention to detail, ingenuity, flexibility and a keen mission focus, we prove our value to our joint partners, allies and nation.

The positive impact of the talent and spirit of Airmen is displayed daily around the world — it's an identity we proudly claim through our character and daily performance. Through your daily mission success, we honor the legacy of those great mobility Airmen from the past and set an uplifting and high standard for future mobility Airmen.

I am encouraged by our Air Force's boundless horizons and look forward to serving alongside you to deliver excellence through global reach for our nation.

Remember Hispanic Heritage Month

By Rolando Gudiel Sanchez
Special to the Kukini

Each year, Hispanic Heritage Month runs from Sep. 15 through Oct. 15. The 2008 theme for this observance is "Getting Involved: Our Families, Our Community, Our Nation."

As Airmen, we are a part of the greatest air power on Earth, as well as the strongest warrior nation in history. Each one of us has the heart of a warrior and we are all faithful to a proud heritage, a tradition of honor, and a legacy of valor. Warriors of all backgrounds and origins created that proud heritage which exists today through centuries of valiant servitude to our nation. The following tells the tale of two amazing Hispanic-Americans who exemplified everything an American warrior should be.

Adm. David Glasgow Farragut was the first person to earn the ranks of rear admiral, vice admiral, and full admiral in the Navy. During his service in the Civil War on the Union side, Admiral Farragut was victorious in the great Battle of Mobile Bay on August 5, 1864. The bat-

tle took place in the waters off the Confederacy's last main port opening on the Gulf of Mexico, a bay that contained an overwhelming amount of mines (called torpedoes during the Civil War). Despite this obstacle, Admiral Farragut ordered his fleet to charge the bay.

Suddenly, the monitor USS Tecumseh hit a mine and immediately sank. Witnessing the event aboard the USS Hartford, its commanding officer ordered a retreat. Through a trumpet, Admiral Farragut questioned a nearby vessel, the USS Brooklyn, about the problem. The response he received was, "torpedoes!"

It was at that moment Admiral Farragut issued his famous order: "Damn the torpedoes! Four bells. Captain Drayton, go ahead! Jouett, full speed!" With their Admiral's bold order, the bulk of the fleet succeeded in entering the bay and defeating the Confederate forces of Admiral Buchanan to achieve a decisive victory.

More recently, the honor of first Hispanic-American flying ace belongs to Captain Manuel J. Fernández, Jr; the number-three ace of the Korean War. He is credited with flying 124 combat missions

with 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing and shooting down 14.5 MiG aircraft during his tour of duty that lasted from September 1952 to May 1953.

He also became an honorary member of Great Britain's Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for his valiant actions of flying a C-47 Skytrain in the 1948 Berlin Airlift. Additionally, in 1956 he was awarded the Bendix Trophy in recognition of him setting a record when he flew the F100C Super Sabre from George Air Force Base, California to Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, with an average speed of 666.61 mph.

Finally, let us not forget the sacrifices of yesterday's warriors. It is through the actions of these tremendous Hispanic-American Warriors that a tradition of honor and a legacy of valor for our nation was born and sustained. Whether a person is Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force ... white, black, Hispanic, or Asian, all should be proud to wear the uniform and of the heritage for which men like these fought so nobly. Please think about the theme of this month and appreciate those involved in the past, present or future of our families, community and nation.

PACAF calls its '101 Days' safety campaign most successful in years

By Capt. Christy Stravolo
Pacific Air Forces
Public Affairs

Pacific Air Forces wrapped up the annual 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign with no reportable fatalities and an overall decrease of 20 percent in total ground safety mishaps from the same time last year.

This year's campaign, themed "I Can Save My Own Life," was the most successful safety campaign of the decade both at PACAF and Air Force-wide.

Col. John Kreger, PACAF safety director, recognized the hard work by the command's safety staffs as key to the campaign's success.

"Zero reportable fatalities during the 101 Critical Days of Summer period doesn't happen by luck alone," said Colonel Kreger. "With summer now behind us, we must remain vigilant and continue to emphasize the importance of risk management, both on and off duty."

PACAF and Air Force safety officials ran an aggressive safety campaign this year to

bring more awareness to what is statistically one of the worst periods for Air Force mishaps.

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, PACAF sustained 150 mishaps compared to 187 during the same period last year. This was the second straight year that PACAF did not have a reportable fatality during the summer safety campaign.

Over the past 10 years, the Air Force has averaged 24 deaths during the 101 Critical Days of Summer periods. This year, 16 Airmen died in auto-

mobile, motorcycle, and recreation-related deaths. Air Force officials recently kicked off a fall safety campaign, which runs through the end of November.

Following a '101 Days of Summer' safety campaign that included zero recordable fatalities, PACAF officials kicked off a fall safety campaign set to run through November.

Photo courtesy of 15 SVS



Nation's servicemembers on track to follow absentee voting tradition

By Donna Miles
American Forces
Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFP) — A pen-and-ink drawing in the Oct. 29, 1864, issue of Harper's Weekly portrayed a long line of Pennsylvania Soldiers outside their A-framed tents, each awaiting his turn to vote in the 1864 presidential election.

Artist William Waud's rendering captured the high interest in the high-stakes election that pitted incumbent President Abraham Lincoln against Army Gen. George B. McClellan, the former commander of the Army of the Potomac.

It was the first national election any nation had ever conducted in the midst of a civil war.

In the coming weeks, U.S. servicemembers around the world, many in combat zones far from their home states, will have the opportunity to help elect their next commander in chief. They'll be exercising a right the United States has endeavored to extend to them throughout its history — in war as well as peacetime, and regardless of where they're stationed or deployed around the world.

Polli Brunelli, the Defense Department's Federal Voting Assistance Program director, expressed hope they'll take advantage of the opportunity during the second presidential election since the war on terrorism started in 2001.

"We have military members spreading democracy all over the world, and it's important that they themselves participate

in the process," she said. "They are electing our policymakers, whose work has a direct impact on these individuals' lives and their family lives. So it is important that their interests are represented."

A random survey after the 2004 election showed 73 percent of the military and 77 percent of federal employees overseas voted, Ms. Brunelli said. Those numbers reflected a jump from the 2000 election, in which 57 percent of the military and 55 percent of federal employees overseas voted.

All indicators point to this trend continuing in 2008, she said, when elections will determine who will take the presidency, 35 U.S. senate and 435 U.S. representative seats, as well as 13 state governor posts.

Solid participation in the presidential primaries, a surge

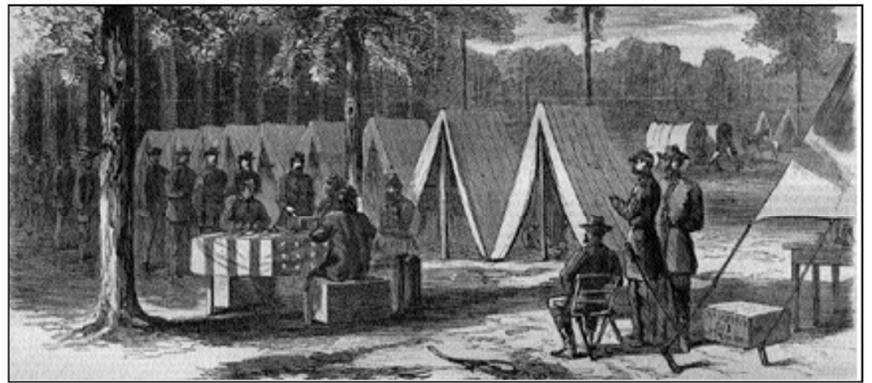


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Artwork published in Harper's Weekly shows Union Soldiers from Pennsylvania casting absentee ballots during the 1864 presidential election.

in activity on the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site and extensive outreach by legions of voting assistance officers throughout the military sets the stage for

high voter participation among Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and their families, Ms. Brunelli said.

That's despite the vast challenges inherent in extending

the vote to servicemembers serving around the globe, including Iraq and Afghanistan. "Our men and women are

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15 SFS scores early Christmas present

By Marisela Doyle
DOD Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws program coordinator

Fifteenth Security Forces was awarded more than \$40 thousand dollars' worth of enforcement equipment from the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Coalition. This equipment is to be used to enhance enforcement operations on base.

According to Staff Sgt. Brandon Wylie, 15 SFS

NCOIC, physical security, "This equipment comes just in time to replace some of the old equipment."

He has the new equipment includes the following:

- Four Samsung S850 Digital Cameras
- Four Intoximeter Alco-Sensor 8000s (two equipped with printers)
- Two Guth Model 590 Alcohol Simulators
- Four In-car security video systems

• One ALCON sign for front gate.

But why is there a need to increase enforcement at Hickam? The truth is, our base community has not been profiled as a "problem or high drinking installation;" it has, however, been chosen by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to be used as a test base.

Basically, we are very lucky to have been picked for this project experiment. For the next two years, 15 SFS will execute three controlled party dispersal and six patrol operations along with quarterly compliance checks.

The goal is to build an accurate database of alcohol-related incidents on Hickam and correlate this information to pre-

vent potential incidents — and to identify activities that will help reduce the current illicit social availability of alcohol.

For more information, call Sergeant Wylie at 449-1005.



Intoximeter
Alco-Sensor 8000

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allenges, the Pacific Air Forces surgeon recently began developing safer options for the transport of critically ill patients.

"As a result, we now have dedicated JMATT personnel in Okinawa—our Pacific aeromedical evacuation hub—and we paid for qualified medical personnel from our sister services in South Korea, Guam, Okinawa, and Hawaii to attend the formal CCATT course at the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine at Brooks City-Base, Texas," Colonel Vu said. "Now, with the mobile JMATT course in Hawaii, we have a way to get that same training while also saving travel expenses and time for all participants."

Current JMATT personnel are located in Okinawa, Guam and Hawaii, providing easy accessibility of trained critical care medical attendants for most of the critical patients originating from the PACOM theater, Colonel Vu said.

"This inaugural JMATT class will add the clinical expertise of another 24 critical care physicians, nurses and technicians to PACOM's arsenal of specialized aeromedical attendants," she said.

In addition to training U.S. Airmen, Soldiers and Sailors, three civilian members of Hawaii's Disaster Medical Assistance Team and two Royal Australian Air Force physicians will attend.

Colonel Vu said additional support for this course was provided by many agencies including active duty Air Force and Army units, Hawaii Air National Guard units, and a Hawaii Air Force Reserve unit.

"Making this course as successful as possible has required the joint efforts of personnel from multiple agencies," Colonel Vu said. "We would not be able to provide such a broad, high quality experience for our participants without the help from our joint colleagues."

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infrastructure in the form of lingering odors and staining of floors, walls and furniture.

To Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Westermeyer, 15th Airlift Wing command chief, the scope of that problem is clear.

"Recently I went through every dorm room doing inspections and it was during that time that it became clearly evident that this policy was long overdue," he said. "Quitting might be tough for some dorm residents, but our

priority is their health and the health and safety of all who live in the dorms."

Ms. Robitschek said that Airmen who still continue to use tobacco products will be allowed to do so outside the dormitory building in a designated tobacco-usage area at least 50 feet from the entry way.

Current smoking areas at the dorm buildings that don't fall within the 50-foot limit may be relocated to meet the need.

Hickam stands up for 'Down Under' guest



Prime Minister of Australia Kevin Rudd is greeted by Adm. Timothy J. Keating, Pacific Command commander, and other Team Hickam senior leaders during a Monday ceremony on the DV flightline. A joint-forces honor guard welcomed the prime minister with full honors as he disembarked from his aircraft at the start of a brief layover for refueling. During his hour-long stay on base, the prime minister, his wife, Thérèse Rein, and Admiral Keating spent time together at the admiral's residence.

Photo by Ed Foster

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deployed to combat zones. They're in disaster areas. They're also serving aboard surface vessels and submarines, as well as in remote areas where mail delivery is unpredictable," Ms. Brunelli said. "So this sometimes makes absentee voting particularly challenging."

As director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program, Ms. Brunelli said, she's seen big improvements in the department's ability to reach out to servicemembers and their families to encourage them to vote.

"We've made a tremendous effort to train and equip the voting assistance officers," who number in the "tens of thousands" and serve across the services, from the installa-

tion to the unit level, she said.

Working hand in hand with the military, but also with embassy and consulate staffs and overseas citizens groups, these voting assistance offers are getting the word out about how to vote.

Technology, particularly the Internet, has helped this effort immensely, Ms. Brunelli said. The recently redesigned Federal Voting Assistance Web Site provides detailed information about overseas voting procedures and materials, including instructions for obtaining and using the Federal Post Card Application and for using the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot.

The site also provides online voter registration for residents of states that accept the proce-

cedure. Citizens of participating states can register online and receive a ballot. However, they still must meet all registration deadlines and return their completed ballot by "snail mail," officials said.

For voters without Internet access, 51 states and territories accept the federal postcard application by fax, as long as the voter also mails in the original form, Ms. Brunelli said. Thirty-eight states will fax out a blank ballot, and 26 allow voters to return their completed ballot by fax.

"So if a voter has no other way to vote, and the state has a mechanism in place, then the voter can choose whether he or she wants to use that mechanism," Ms. Brunelli said.

With the clock ticking

toward the cut-off for voter registration — less than 40 days before the election — voting assistance officials are encouraging servicemembers and their families overseas to act quickly.

Ms. Brunelli said she'd like to see more Web-based tools offered in the future to make voting more convenient and more accessible for servicemembers and their families overseas.

"What we are doing and continue to do is provide opportunities for these members to vote and to get them access," she said. "We don't force them to vote. It's their choice to vote, but we want to make sure they have all the means possible at their disposal."

Policy changes benefit Airmen deploying for 365 days

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RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Effective Oct. 1, Air Force officials here will implement policy changes to improve sourcing efficiency of 365-day deployments and ensure Airmen receive adequate notification prior to deployment.

The new policy sets the deployment “accept or decline” option at three calendar days, streamlines the verification

process and incorporates the air and space expeditionary force reclama process (request to cancel the selected Airman) for 365-day taskings.

It also requires a medical pre-assessment for Airmen attending combat skills training. Officials expect the changes to reduce or eliminate late reporting dates and provide Airmen more lead-time than the 60 days or less notification some currently experience.

“These changes are designed to streamline the process and provide Airmen adequate time

to prepare themselves and their families before departing on 365-day deployments,” said Maj. Gen. K.C. McClain, the Air Force Personnel Center commander.

More than 1,850 Airmen are on 365-day deployments, and about one-third received less than 60 days notification. Several factors slowed the selection process such as short notice of the requirement, an increase in declinations, and medical profiles.

Reducing the “accept or decline” option to three calendar

days provides more time to notify the next Airman in line. If the third calendar day is a weekend or holiday, the official notification period is extended to the first duty day thereafter.

Air Force officials are able to streamline the verification process by identifying the most eligible Airman Air Force-wide rather than identifying a capability within a command. This will reclaim up to six days in the overall selection process while maintaining major command visibility.

The adoption of the AEF

reclama process standardizes all deployment cancellation requests by routing them through major command vice commanders. This standardizes and automates the process, increasing major command and wing leadership visibility and placing the decision point with commanders in the field.

Finally, required medical pre-assessment to ensure the rigorous physical requirements of combat skills training can be met. The medical pre-assessment speeds the reselection process if an Airman is found

medically unfit to attend CST. “These changes are the result of a team effort by personnel, operations and medical working together to take care of deploying Airmen,” General McClain said.

For more information, visit the AFPC “Ask” Web site; select “365 Extended Deployments” under the Military Quick Links (a Common Access Card is required). Information is also available through the 24-hour Air Force Contact Center at 800-616-3775.

Crime Scene

Damage to government property

The dependent of an active-duty O-5 reported damage to government property on Worcester Avenue. The case is currently under investigation.

Theft of unsecured personal property

An active-duty O-3 assigned to Hickam reported a theft of personal property on Challenger Loop. The case is currently under investigation.

Theft of unsecured personal property

An active-duty E-5 assigned to PACOM reported a theft of personal property on Ohana Nui Circle. The case is currently under

investigation.

DUI

An active-duty E-4 assigned to Schofield was detained at Bldg. 188/Main Gate for operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant. The case is being forwarded to the individual’s unit for administrative action.

DUI

An active-duty E-4 assigned to Fort Shafter was detained at Bldg. 188/Main Gate for operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant. The case is being forwarded to the individual’s unit for administrative action.

Citation total for the week

- 28 Civilian traffic citations
- 77 Moving traffic citations
- 6 Non-moving traffic citations
- 3 Abandoned vehicle notices.

Reminding heroes they’re not forgotten



Photo by Tom Czerwinski

Volunteers from the North American Taiwanese Women’s Association are doing their part to support troops deployed in harm’s way overseas through their own ‘Caring for Soldiers’ project. The women’s group put together 10 care packages filled with much-needed items and brought them to Hickam’s Post Office on Monday for shipment to Iraq. Supporting the AnySoldier.com program, the women of NATWA raised funds for care packages through the American Taiwanese community in Hawaii.



Tinker officials adapt sniper pod to B-1Bs

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. (AFPN) — The B-1B Lancer maintainers here adapted a video targeting pod normally employed on F-15 Eagles and F-16 Fighting Falcons to B-1Bs in response to an urgent request from U.S. Air Forces Central officials.

The sniper pod enables aircrews to positively identify and engage enemy targets, significantly shortening the time it would take to kill a target.

The B-1B community at Tinker Air Force Base used the B-1B Laptop Controlled Targeting Pod program, adapting the sniper pod to the B-1B by installing an external pylon and using an existing on-board laptop computer to control the pod and provide video image to the crew on board.

The new system allows aircrews to look ahead with long-range video and see what is happening on the ground. It is a sta-

bilized image and allows them to use a laser beam to target and engage in real time. It also allows aircrews to give their own bomb damage assessment and report back immediately on whether they hit their target or not.

The pod shortens the kill chain from several minutes to almost instantly, said 2nd Lt. Douglas Richardson, a B-1B avionics engineer with the 427th Aircraft Sustainment Group.

"That's a great capability, especially in Afghanistan where we're having troops in close contact," Lieutenant Richardson said. "They can call the B-1B and the B-1B can see exactly what's going on and target the enemy forces in seconds." (By Danielle Gregory, 72nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs)

Officials fight binge drinking through 'That Guy' campaign

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Now in its third year, a campaign managed by officials with

Sniper pod speeds reaction time



U.S. Air Force photo by Jet Fabara

A sniper pod rests on the lower right of a B-1B Lancer fuselage. The sniper pod allows the aircrew to positively identify a target and quickly assess battle damage after an attack.

the Military Health Systems and the Tricare military health plan continues the effort of Defense Department leaders to reduce excessive and binge drinking among 18 to 24 year olds serving in the armed forces.

The "That Guy" campaign has two goals: to reduce alco-

hol abuse and to raise awareness of the negative short-term social consequences of excessive drinking.

It was developed in response to findings of the DOD's survey of health-related behaviors, said Chuck Watkins, the "That Guy" campaign program manager.

The "That Guy" campaign tells cautionary tales of excessive drinking and its consequences in a way to which young servicemembers can relate.

Mr. Watkins, who has been involved for the past three years on the harm-reduction campaign, said its style is unlike that of other health-promotion campaigns.

Its use of edgy humor and peer-to-peer mentoring captures the essence of who "That Guy" is and ways to prevent abusing alcohol and becoming the subject of ridicule, he said.

"Most recently, the survey detected there has been an uptick in binge drinking among junior enlisted of about 2 percent, and now about 56 percent of junior enlisted said they have engaged in binge drinking at least once in the past month," Mr. Watkins said.

"That Guy" is anyone who, after drinking an excessive amount of alcohol, loses their self control," he said. "This frequently has humiliating or embarrassing results, and some

of us may be older (than) 18 to 24 and have been "That Guy" perhaps in our distant past."

DOD surveys have found that while men are more likely to engage in binge drinking, it can apply to anyone who, because of excessive drinking, "behaves in a manner where your friends just don't want to be around you or copy you," Mr. Watkins said.

Small and large military installations around the world actively participate in the "That Guy" program.

"We have nearly 150 installations that are involved that range from the giant installations to the smallest," Mr. Watkins said.

The campaign is based on social marketing research concerning changing behaviors, Watkins emphasized, and is not an abstinence campaign. He added that officials want people to think before they take their next drink and to avoid becoming "That Guy." (By Navy Lt. Jennifer Cragg, American Forces Press Service)

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Civilian Time Off for Voting — IAW AFI 36-815 employees requesting time off to vote may be excused without charge to leave for the amount of time necessary to exercise their right to vote. Civilians may be permitted to report to work three (3) hours after polls open or leave work three (3) hours before the polls close, whichever requires the least

amount of time off for the Hawaii General Elections on Nov. 4. For more information, call 449-0122.

Joint Spouses' Conference registration — Time is running out to register for the 14th Annual Joint Spouses' Conference, set for Oct. 17 and 18. Interested parties can register through Wednesday at www.jschawaii.com. Open to spouses of all ranks and servic-

es. For details, call 448-2158.

Federal Survey Cards — Parents with children in the public schools are reminded to return their Federal Survey Cards to the school as soon as possible. Participation ensures the Hawaii Department of Education receives the proper amount of federal aid dollars. For more information, call your child's school or the Hickam School Liaison at 449-1577.