

In this week's Kukini



Air Force picks up a new following redesignation ceremony held last week **A3**



Hickam leaders help DVs celebrate their anniversary **A5**

News Notes

Climate Survey of Force — The CSAF is to “provide action-back to commanders levels for the purpose of ng their units.” All rs will receive an elec- vitation between now v. 28. For more infor- call Ilene Berman at 31.

ated Call — The next rlift Wing enlisted call day, Oct 31, 3:30 p.m. radewinds Enlisted his is a mandatory ; for all 15th Airlift nlisted personnel. re information, call 33.

anic Heritage Month — The Hispanic e Month Committee is a dinner next Friday at cer's Club. At 6 p.m., social hour with an r and a Mariachi band. n., a Hispanic cuisine inner will be served. peaker is “Soul de restaurant co-owner, as Puerto, who will be d by DJ entertainment cing. Dress is casual icket prices are \$15.35 ts and non-club mem- ! club discount); \$5 for ages 7-11; and free ren 6 and under. For formation, call Master rcia at 448-3411 or t. Morris at 449-1701.

cheduled power outage, 1102 — The 15th ioneer Squadron will icting power outages

CFC: An opportunity to give bac

By Jeff Nicolay
Hickam Kukini editor

The 2008 Combined Federal Campaign got under way last week, and 15th Airlift Wing CFC POCs Capt. Joseph Ringer, 15th Security Forces Squadron operations officer, and Master Sgt. Daniel Clark, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron engineering superintendent, will be hard at work soliciting pledges from Team Hickam members between now and when this year's effort is scheduled to end on Oct. 31. “As Airmen, we do a great job of taking care of our own people; now we are afforded the chance to do the same on a much larger playing field,” said Captain Ringer. “I hope you will seriously consider

supporting this year's campaign, and lend a hand to someone you know who needs your help.” Sergeant Clark pointed out that the current economic climate means supporting this year's CFC effort is critical during a time when financial issues have suddenly become more pressing than usual. “This year's campaign faces many of the same challenges that we, the American consumer, face,” he said. “We're in the middle of an uncertain economic situation where many of us have had to restructure our budgets in some manner to make ends meet.” That being said, Captain Ringer felt compelled to put

See CFC, A6



Photo by Je

Hickam's 2008 Combined Federal Campaign POCs Capt. Joseph Ringer (left), 15 Security Forces Squadron operations officer, and Master Sgt. Daniel Clark, 15th Engineer Squadron engineering superintendent, encourage Team Hickam memb pitch in “Because Sombdoy You Know Needs Your Help.”

China delegation visits Hickam

By Capt. Genieve David
13th Air Force Public Affairs

A delegation from China's People Liberation Army visited here as part of a professional exchange with senior U.S. military enlisted personnel Oct. 2. The People's Liberation Army delegation of 12, led by Maj. Gen. Zhong Zhiming, chief of military affairs for the PLA Headquarters General Staff, toured Hickam Community Housing, the Clay Hall Airmen's dormitory, and Hickam's Professional Military Education Center in an effort to enhance cooperation between the U.S. and Chinese militaries, foster mutual understanding and enhance communication. “The United States desires a constructive relationship with a peaceful and prosperous China,” said 13th Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt. Todd Salzman. “This visit is an opportunity for the PLA delegation to develop an understanding of



Photo by Vanessa M. Perez

Col. Giovanni Tuck (right), 15th Airlift Wing commander, greets the People's Liberation Army Maj. Gen. Zhong Zhiming, chief of military affairs for the PLA Headquarters General Staff, during a Chinese military enlisted delegation visit here Oct. 1-2. The visit is part of a series of reciprocal exchanges between the United States and China and contributing to a steady progress of military-to-military relationship-building activities.

U.S. military enlisted professional career paths, and the many critical responsibilities entrusted to our professional NCO corps.” The tour ended with a joint luncheon at the Tradewinds enlisted club where non-com-

missioned officers from Pacific Air Forces, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific and U.S. Pacific Fleet along with senior enlisted leaders from 13th Air Force and the 15th Airlift Wing, participated in the exchange.

“The most interesting part of the visit was the Airman Leadership School,” said General Zhong. “It's really important to know how you apply your leadership to help develop the overall quality of your junior NCOs. Additionally human resources are the most important talent for a unit. I see that the U.S. military cares about their military personnel.” In June, China played host to a U.S. military delegation led by Chief Master Sgt. James Roy, the senior enlisted leader of U.S. Pacific Command. Chief Roy wanted to reciprocate the hospitality he was shown during the visit and as a result, U.S. Pacific Command hosted the two-day delegation event. The visit also included tours to U.S. Army, Pacific, U.S. PACOM headquarters, and U.S. Pacific Fleet. The visit was part of a continuing series of reciprocal exchanges between the United States and China contributing to a steady progress of military-to-military relationship-building activities.



U.S. Air Fo

Acting Secretary of t Air Force Michael B. Donley was confirme to be the 22nd Air Fc secretary in an Oct. 1 Senate confirmation in Washington, D.C.

Senate confirm SECAF Donley

WASHINGTON (A — Michael B. Donley be the next secretary o Air Force based on an Senate confirmation v here. Secretary Donley ha designated by the pres to begin serving as act secretary on June 21, 2 The former director administration and ma ment for the Defense Department, he was n nated for the secretary Air Force position and vided testimony to the Senate Armed Service Committee July 22. Se confirmation now clea way for Secretary Dor formal appointment by president. “Our way ahead inc recommitment to uphc the high standards that always been the Air Fc hallmark and for our c values — integrity fir

Family Advocacy Program events target dating violence

By Jeff Nicolay
Hickam Kukini editor

Officials with Hickam's Family Advocacy Program will hold two educational seminars this month — one for teens and one for young Airmen — on confronting, coping with and preventing dating violence. “October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month,” said Ms. Cindy Morita,



As Ms. Morita explained, dating violence can be an act or threat of violence by an individual against his or her dating partner. Dating violence often leads to domestic violence, she added. “Last year, more than 3,300 Airmen were either victims of domestic violence or the perpetrators of domestic violence,” she said. “Supervisors, coworkers, peers and dorm mates may be in positions to recognize the signs of abusive

Life in the fast lane calls for a crosswalk

Comment: I live at 173 Pilokea Court in Earhart village. Honohono Street where it leads to Mokulele, the speed limit is 15 mph. People speed through here all the time and they know there are kids at play or going to school. I have been struggling trying to get a crosswalk on the corner of Pilokea Court and Honohono because the cars do not stop for the kids to cross. Also there are some houses where their backyards face the busy street and there is no fence. Kids play in their backyard constantly and I think the housing should consider to put a brown fence against the street so no kids go into the road. This has been a constant problem and it's getting out of control. If this problem does not get taken care of soon there is going to be a child hurt or killed. Please consider this, and thank you for your time.

Response: Thank you for bringing this safety issue to our attention.

After consulting with the Base Traffic Engineer, Hickam Community Housing (HCH) will install an international crosswalk on the corner of Honohono and Pilokea Streets. In addition, residents in this area can now install chain-link fences in their back yards bordering Honohono Street. Would you have additional concerns please contact Ron Schaeffer, Community Manager for your area at 3771.

Again, thank you for your concern for the Hickam Community, and especially our children.

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 the 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 talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I'll get back to you and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to pal@hickam.af.mil.

seen in C-NAF anniversary

Commentary by Lt. Gen. Chip Utterback
13th Air Force commander

They say history has a funny way of repeating itself. As 13th Air Force marks a historic milestone on Oct. 6 — that of its two-year anniversary as a component-numbered Air Force — I can see in our current day-to-day operations the echoes of our past, as well as the continuing promise of our future.

Gen. George C. Kenney has long served as a historical beacon for our organization. While serving as the senior Allied air officer under Gen. Douglas MacArthur during World War II, in some of the very same places in the Pacific 13th AF operates today, he made huge strides in making our theater air operations truly joint. General Kenney understood that victory in the Pacific meant operating side-by-side with General MacArthur's forces on the ground, as well as the other armed services in the region.

After two years leading air and space operations in the vast majority of U.S. Pacific Command's area of operations, the Airmen of 13th AF today also realize that maintaining peace in the Pacific requires a joint approach. Whether it is in our 613th Air and Space Operations Center, where nearly 100 Soldiers and Sailors live and work daily with hundreds of Airmen as a joint team to command and control airpower for most of the region, or in the far

reaches of the Pacific, where the units of all services turn our strategy into reality, we understand that it takes Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines working together to bolster regional stability.

This multi-service approach by 13th AF is only part of the story, just as



Lt. Gen. Chip Utterback

General Kenney's close relationship with his fellow service members in the air, on the ground and at sea only accounts for some of his success. His approach was not only joint—it was also multi-national. General Kenney worked with the British, Australians and Dutch to beat back our nations' enemies

and help bring an end to that terrible world war.

Thirteenth AF takes a similarly international approach as it faces today's challenges in the Pacific. While the C-NAF's role is to plan, command and control, and project air and space power for the combatant commander, we understand that our friends and partners in the region drive much of our effectiveness.

From training with our regional partners in more than 31 annual exercises in order to build one another's capabilities, to lending a hand to the people of the Pacific when disaster strikes, we know that friendship and trust are perhaps the greatest

force multipliers in maintaining a stable Pacific region. The Chinese earthquake relief efforts 13th AF had the privilege leading in May 2008 exemplify this and demonstrate that our commitment extends beyond traditional cooperative efforts in the region.

Our operations today are not only in the pages of our proud history—they are also seen in the words of our Air Force leadership today as they steer our service into the future. Acting Air Force Secretary Michael B. Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton A. Schwartz have repeatedly emphasized the importance of partnering with the joint and coalition team. Thirteenth AF's success with this multi-service and multi-national approach is of course not unique to our region, as pointed out by our secretary and chief of staff. Jointness and partnerships are the cornerstones upon which we can protect our nation and build a more peaceful world.

As 13th AF celebrates two years of C-NAF, I am proud to lead such an international organization. But perhaps more importantly, I am proud to be part of a larger team, one made up of professionals from all the U.S. armed services and many nations throughout the region. I am proud because this joint, multi-national team is not concerned about where each come from or what language they speak. We care only about working together to assure peace and stability for all our people.

Diamond Tips

Glasses — Sunglasses must have conservative lenses and frames; cannot have mirrored lenses; are not recommended in formation; never wear sunglasses around the neck. Also true for aviator sunglasses.



Questions? Contact your First Sergeant

Not Good News?



Want to share it? Email your story or press release for Hickam Kukini to:

hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil

The deadline for article submission is end of day Monday for Friday's Copy must be typed, double-spaced 12-point type, 300-500 words in length, and e-mailed to hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil.

Hickam Kukini is published by The Honolulu Advertiser, a private firm in no way affiliated with the U.S. Air Force, under exclusive written contract with the 15th Airlift Wing. This commercial enterprise newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. military services. Content of the Hickam Kukini does not necessarily represent the official views of, or endorsement by, the U.S. government, Department of Defense or the U.S. Air Force. The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts and supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense, the Department of the Air Force, or Honolulu Advertiser of the products of services advertised. Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, or affiliation or any other non-merit factor of the purchaser, user or patron. All content is edited, prepared and provided by the 15th Airlift Wing Public Office of Hickam AFB, Hawaii. All photographs are Air Force photos unless otherwise indicated. Correspondence may be sent to 15thAW/PA1, 800 Scott Street, Hickam AFB, HI 96853-5328.

Contact us
staff 449-6662
address hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil
..... 449-3017
Online www2.hickam.af.mil/wingpa/news.html
faxing 521-9111
on Straight Talk Line 421-4000
for any problems 690-8864

Hickam Kukini Editorial Staff
Lieutenant Colonel Giovanni K. Tuck Commander, 15th Airlift Wing
Major Brent Breeze Chief, Public Affairs
Major Robert Colay Editor
Major Matthew Zerwinski Staff Writer
Major Robert Takara Graphic Artist
Major Robert Svotny Technical Adviser

Help Hickam save energy, money

By Dave Stiner
15th Civil Engineer Squadron engineering technician

It must be said that the society that we live in is totally reliant on electrical energy and there is little we do that is not impacted in one way or the other by its availability. Even when we are out camping we are relying on it for cell phones, GPS and flashlights. In a nutshell...it's everywhere. Most of the electrical energy we enjoy in Hawaii is provided solely by burning oil. Hawaii enjoys many environmental blessings, but an oil well in the back yard is not one of them. This makes us the one of the most dependant states on fossil fuels for energy production...for now.

This means when the price of oil goes up, so does our price per kWh for energy. Hickam is currently experiencing an increase \$.09 per kilowatt-hour from last year's price. That is nearly a 57-percent increase in cost from one year to the next, entirely based on fuel prices. Have you ever tried to balance a budget when your must pay bills increase 57 percent — not an easy task.

Hickam is working very hard at funding and implementing energy projects base wide. We have spent \$1.8 million to fund energy conservation projects with an estimated savings of \$400,000 per year and plan on spending another 2.3 million next year for an estimated savings \$600,000. But that is still not enough! The adage of "Waste not want not" suddenly comes to mind and that is what we are asking every individual who lives and works on Hickam to do — conserve energy.

Many people are aware that October is Energy Awareness month and that we all need to do our part to conserve energy. This year's theme is "Working To Secure a Clean Energy Future." The Air Force is taking concerted action to make buildings more efficient, become less dependent on fossil fuel, and be better stewards of our resources. Everyone needs to take rapid action to become energy efficient. Collectively, all of us have the means to

use them wisely. Please help Hickam reduce its energy consumption. Below are some simple tips on how to reduce energy consumption:

- Instead of using a screensaver, program your computer to go into "sleep" mode when not in use. And be sure to turn off televisions, computers, stereos and the like when not in use.
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs use only about a third as much electricity as standard incandescents. And though the bulbs are slightly more expensive to buy, a compact-fluorescent will easily pay for itself by lasting up to ten times longer than regular bulbs.



According to some experts, if you substitute compact fluorescent bulbs for a quarter of the incandescents used in high-use areas, you can cut the amount of electricity you use

wrapped around one's water heater. Experts estimate that adding insulation to your water heater and any exposed pipes can knock up to 15 percent off the cost of heating water.

- In the cooling season, set your thermostat at 78 degrees or higher when you're home. Savings: 10-20 percent of cooling costs.
- When you're away from home in the cooling season, set your air conditioner at 85 degrees. Savings: 5-12 percent of cooling costs.
- Provide shading for your air conditioning condenser. Savings: 2-3 percent of cooling costs.
- Use exterior shading devices on deciduous plants to shade your home and windows from the sun. Savings: Up to 8 percent of cooling costs
- Select the most efficient model when buying a new ENERGY STAR® refrigerator, freezer or other appliance. Savings: 5-25 percent of operating costs.
- Unplug and recycle extra refrigerators if it's used mainly for occasional cold drinks or ice cubes. You can reduce your annual energy bill as much as \$160 by doing so.
- Washer: Use cold water whenever possible. Wash full loads.
- Dryer: Line-dry clothes (especially towels) whenever you can. When you use your dryer, dry full loads.
- Refrigerator/Freezer: Open doors only when necessary and keep the refrigerator (on the back or the bottom of the appliance) clean.
- Don't preheat your oven, and use the smaller of the two ovens if you have a dual unit. Cook complete meals of several dishes simultaneously in the oven.
- Cook on rangetop burners when practical instead of in the oven.
- If you have a microwave oven, use it for reheating and cooking small quantities of food.
- Install low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators or flow restrictors. Try to reduce your hot water use in other ways, too. Savings: 5-10 percent of water heating costs.

uring redesignation ceremony

Lt. Gen. Genieve David
Force Public Affairs

esignation ceremony the 1st Air Support Operations Group from under 13th Air Force into the hands of the 13th Air Force occurred on Oct. 1, at Ft. Belvoir, Wash. Lt. Gen. Chip Utterback, 13th Air Force commander, took control of the 1st ASOG and its subordinate units, early tripling the number of assigned forces to the 13th Air Force. Personnel in the process are now focused on the war with folks from our command deeply involved in today's battle," Lt. Gen. Utterback said. "We

are organizing to bring the speed and flexibility that comes with airpower to the Pacific."

With the new designation, as part of Pacific Air Forces, the 1st ASOG assumes three new squadrons, in addition to two previously assigned squadrons. The new squadrons include: the 3rd Air Support Operations Squadron, Ft. Wainwright, Alaska, the 25th Air Support Operations Squadron, at Wheeler Army Air Field, Hawaii, and the 16th Air Support Operations Squadron, at Ft. Richardson, Alaska.

The 1st ASOG will continue to command two subordinate squadrons: the 1st Weather

Squadron and the 5th Air Support Operations Squadron, at Ft. Lewis with approximately 150 personnel assigned.

The mission of the 1st ASOG is to advise the commander on employment of airpower in support of U.S. Army I Corps objectives, provide operational weather support, provide air liaison and terminal attack control, and plan and execute air component missions in support of objectives and contingency operations.

"We welcome the tremendous capability that comes with these squadrons," the general said. "The 1st ASOG exists to bring the finest in combat capability to Army

combat operations across the world, from joint tactical air control to battlefield weather. I am proud to be a part of that joint warfighting team."

The 1st ASOG was formed as the 1st Communications Squadron Air Support in 1942. After several combat campaigns in Asia during World War II, the unit was deactivated in 1945. It was reactivated in 1992 and redesignated with its current title in 1994.

"We are extremely excited and proud to be gaining the additional units in PACAF and to be joining such an outstanding organization as 13th Air Force," Col. Vincent Savino, 1st ASOG commander said.



Photo courtesy of 13th Air Force Public Affairs

Lt. Gen. Chip Utterback (left), 13th Air Force commander, accepts the 1st Air Support Operations Group guidon from Col. Vincent Savino, 1st ASOG commander, during a redesignation ceremony Oct. 1. Thirteenth Air Force assumed control of the group from 12th Air Force.

Special duty-assignment pay now available for EOD Airmen

Richard Salomon
Personnel Center Public Affairs

WHEELER AIR FORCE BASE, WYOMING (AFNS) — Air Force officials have approved special duty assignment pay for most Airmen in the explosive ordnance disposal career field.

Since 2002, the overall retention rates for EOD Airmen has declined by 30 percent because of high operations tempo and inherent dangers involved in this exciting career field.

To help sustain the EOD force, additional funding of \$3.5 million per year is being provided through fiscal 2014 to support EOD personnel. In addition to increasing selection bonuses, all EOD Airmen will receive a monthly special duty assignment payment of \$150 for sergeants, \$300 for staff sergeants, and \$450 for technical through chief master

sergeants.

"It's important that we keep this critical career field appropriately manned, so our Airmen can continue to support future Air Force missions," said Maj. Gen. Del Eulberg, the Air Force Civil Engineer at the Pentagon.

The SDAP program is reserved for enlisted members who are entitled to basic pay and who are performing duties that have been designated as extremely difficult or involving an unusual degree of responsibility in a military skill.

The Army and Navy have similar incentive programs in place to retain these specialized EOD personnel.

For more information about special duty-assignment pay, visit AFPC's "Ask" Web site by entering "SDAP" in the search engine. Individuals can also contact the 24-hour Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775.



U.S. Navy Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Samuel Peterson

Airmen with the 447th Civil Engineer Squadron's explosive ordnance disposal team explore a munitions bunker in Baghdad, Iraq, in February 2006.

15 SFS stands tall for 'Cop on Top'



Photo by Keith

Fifteenth Security Forces Squadron members (from left) Senior Airman David Larson, Airman 1st Class Charemen Holder and Tech. Sgt. James Curran stand tall at the Pali/Vineyard Safeway during the month's 'Cop on Top' fund-raiser for Hawaii Special Olympics. Sergeant Curran said the squadron raised \$11,621.71 out of the statewide total of \$220,011 during the three-day effort.

News Notes

Read from A1

Monday and Sunday. For further information, call HQ Building Management at 38/4107/4124.

Toastmasters — Want to improve your public speaking? Join Toastmasters to observe and develop communications and leadership skills in a supporting environment. Toastmasters meets Wednesday from 11:30

a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in PACAF Bldg. 1102, Wing F, Room 121. For more information, call Master Sgt. Manny Martinez at 448-1413.

Civilian Personnel Management Course w/NSPS — The five-day CPMC w/NSPS is mandatory for new first-level civilian and military supervisors of civilian employees. The next course will be held Oct. 27-31 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the CPF training room

8. Reservations are required. Please register at <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/CoP/OpenCoP.asp?Filter=OO-DP-PC-35>. For more information, call Jolene Decker at 449-0137.

Teen Read Week — Calling all Tweens and Teens (children in grades 5-12). Check out Teen Read Week at the Library next week Tuesday through Saturday. And while you're there, enter to win a

Books with Bite Mug, a drawing for which will be held on Monday, Oct. 20. Also, ask the library staff about the Wrestlemania Reading Challenge beginning Sunday and running through Jan. 12, 2009. For more information, call the library at 449-8299.

Hazardous household waste disposal — The next household hazardous waste collection event is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 1.

Call 768-3201 to schedule an appointment by Friday, October 24, 2008. Drop-Off Convenience Centers accept batteries, propane tanks, a/c units and tires seven days a week (the nearest location is Waipahu — call 676-8878). For more information visit the Commanders Access Channel 2 or 120 or log on to http://www.opala.org/solid_waste. You may also call Mr. Mark Petersen at 449-3179.

Hickam AFB Honor Guard training course — The Hickam Honor Guard wants you! Interested? Check out their next training course, beginning on Tuesday and running through October. The Hickam AFB Honor Guard is looking for highly motivated Airmen who are able to dedicate one full day per month for at least one year. Honor Guard men

Continued

1 Bergquist
ersity Public Affairs

WELL AIR FORCE
Ala. (AFNS) — What
t most Americans give
1 financial advice in
ent uncertain climate?
re than 140 Officer
g School cadets, all
d to do was show up
k.

ney expert from the
Services Automobile
tion visited Maxwell-
for a briefing at
Training School on
5, and his main concern
young Airmen was that
et off on the right foot"
ing their paychecks.
nk the big thing is to
n the fundamentals,"

Montanaro, a certified
il adviser. "There is a
oise out there in terms
cial advice, but it is
nt to focus on the
'ou control."

Montanaro advised the
o control their debt and

avoid opening and closing a
lot of accounts, as that can
hurt a credit rating.
Additionally, paying off credit
card balances each month is
best, but one should never
allow balances get above 30 to
35 percent of card limits. He
also said it is extremely
important to develop a budget.

"Everything starts with a
good budget," he said. "Build
a budget and commit to it. If
you watch where the money
goes, you won't pile up a lot
of credit debt."

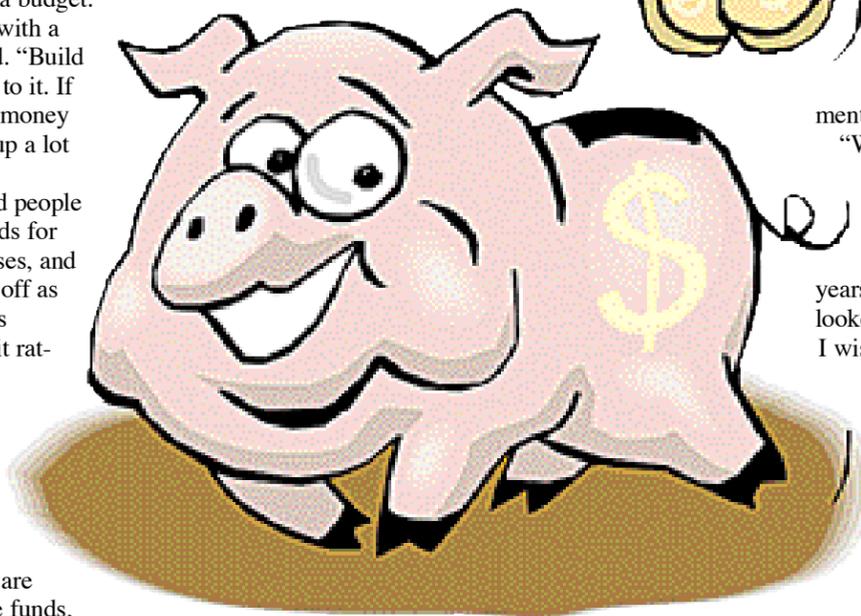
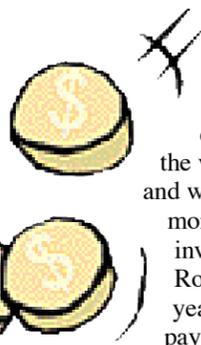
Mr. Montanaro said people
need to use credit cards for
credit building purposes, and
paying card balances off as
soon as possible helps
establish a good credit rat-
ing and helps keep
them from having
credit problems.
He said using the
Thrift Savings
Plan and Roth
Individual
Retirement Accounts are
good ways to manage funds,

and the Service Members
Group Life Insurance can be
worthwhile.

"For single members, the
SGLI is probably all they
need," he said. "As things
change, such as marriage and
the arrival of children, they
will probably want to look

beyond that."

Mr. Montanaro said
Roth IRAs are great
as a long-term retire-
ment tool because
money put into
them grows
without



taxes, and at
retirement, the
money is paid tax
free. He said he
can't stress enough
the value of planning
and watching your
money. If a person
invested \$5,000 in a
Roth IRA for just three
years, that IRA would
pay out more than half
a million dollars at retire-
ment, he said.

"When I was a cadet, a guy
came to talk to us about
this subject," Mr.
Montanaro said. "I did-
n't listen at the time, but
years later I went back and
looked at what he said. Then,
I wished I had listened to
him."

He said controlling
debt is a key to stay-
ing financially
sound, but often,
people simply spend
more than they have
coming in.

"My message: spend less

than you earn, and save
to boot," he said.

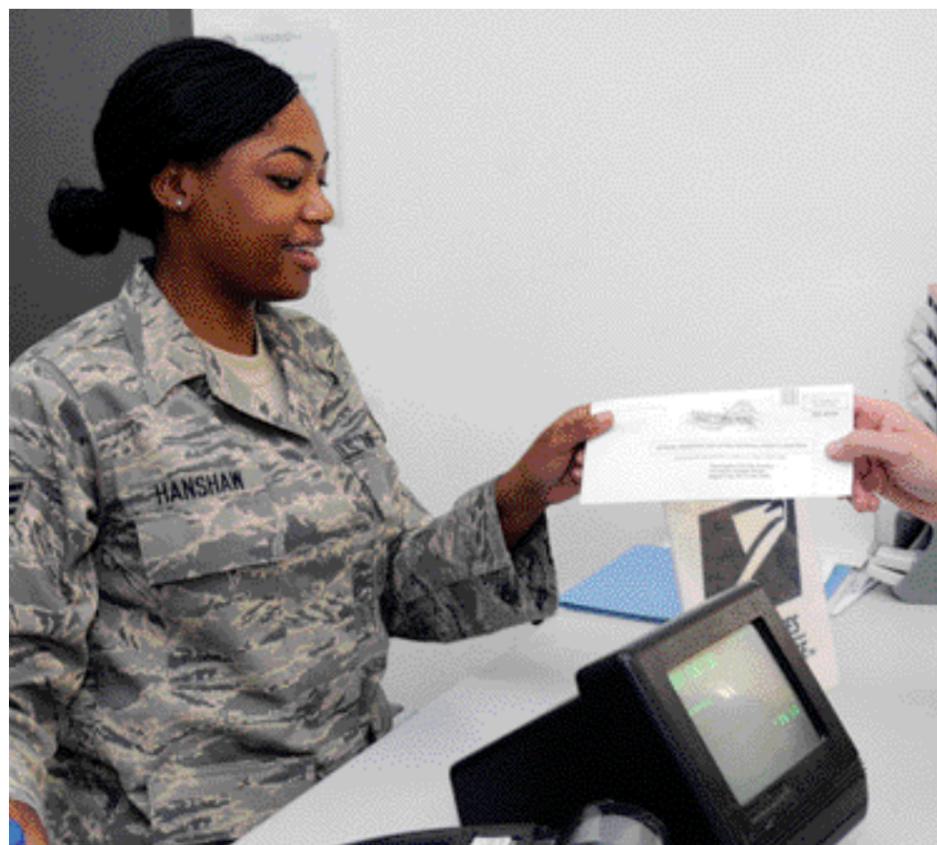
Financial security is a
choice You'll never know
where your money goes
out a budget (write down
monthly expenses and c
pare that to your income

The minimum month
ment for credit cards is
cally 2 to 3 percent of tl
ance. A \$1,000 balance
percent annual percenta
would take 12 years to p
off.

Everyone should inve
percent of their income
retirement savings plan.
younger you are when y
begin saving, to more c
pounding interest is acc
late on the money you p
away.

Know your credit his
Realize the difference
between your shopping
and wants. Consider the
hour rule: Wait one day
making a "want" purch
allow objectivity instead
impulse spending.

ot out the vote — overseas



U.S. Air Force photo Tech. Sgt. Michael Boquette

Airman Ashley Hanshaw, a postal clerk with the 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron at an air base in Southwest Asia, receives a completed absentee ballot that is ready to mail. Absentee ballots are given top priority for mailing during election season in order to provide the best chance to have votes counted. Airman Hanshaw, a native of the Bronx, N.Y., is deployed from Dobbins Air Base, Ga.

News Notes

Continued from A3

must have also passed their most recent Physical Fitness Test. For more information, call Master Sgt. Marcus Della Sala, superintendent, at 448-0955; Tech. Sgt. Isidro "Sid" Tabion, lead trainer, at 448-0955; Tech. Sgt. Laura Danielson, NCOIC, at 449-6453, ext. 3; or 2nd Lt. DeShaun Brandy, OIC, at 449-3507.

October clinic closures —

The Hickam Clinic will be closed on Monday, Oct. 13, due to the Columbus Day Holiday and on Oct. 16 from 2:30 to 5 p.m. for training.

For medical emergencies, call 911 or go to the nearest Emergency Room. Urgent medical and dental concerns that cannot wait until the clinic opens can be addressed by the provider/dentist on call by dialing 448-6000, option 0.

Bellows 'Boo Fest' needs volunteers —

Have a blast being a volunteer at the "10th Annual Bellows Boo Fest!" Oct. 24-25, 6-11 p.m. The theme this year is "Carnival of Lost Souls." Do you have a spooky or a monster voice? Then you could be a narrator on the Trolley of Terror. How would you like to be an evil,

scary clown, or be part of a haunted house or ... who knows? For more information, call Sgt. Mike Dvornak at 259-4204 or Robert Wooderson at 259-4204.

AFSA Golf Tournament

The Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) will hold a best-ball golf tournament next Friday. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. and the tournament starts at noon. Prizes include 1st, 2nd, 3rd and last place plus numerous doors prizes. For details, call Tech. Sgt. Brook Whetsel at 449-4494 or Tech. Sgt. Dennis C. Wooderson at 448-2963.

celebrate their nation's anniversary

Jackie Hites
Lift Wing Public Affairs

Help celebrate two of the best days in the history of the Republic of Korea — Armed Forces Day and the Pearl Harbor Foundation Day — of Pacific Air Force, 13th Air Force and the 1st Airlift Wing were on hand to help one of the staunchest allies celebrate its 4,341st anniversary, today at the Hilton Waikiki Prince Kuhio Hotel in Honolulu.

During opening remarks at the event, Bong Joo Kim, Consul General of the Republic of Korea, spoke of the meaning this day holds for the people of the Republic of Korea.

"Today fills citizens with a sense of nationalistic pride of a 4,000-year-old history of Korea," he said.

More than 400 guests, including government officials

from all levels, foreign representatives, civil society groups, Korean War veterans, and other military leaders attended the event.

Photo by Jackie Hites

Pictured (from left) Maj. Gen. Gilmary Hostage, Pacific Air Force deputy commander; Bong Joo Kim, Consul General of the Republic of Korea; Mrs. Katherine Hostage; Mrs. Chong Ock Kim; Capt. Hyung Kyu, ROK Defense Military attaché, and his wife, Kyung-hee Joo; and Lt. Gen. Loyd Utterback, 13th Air Force commander, and his wife, Sandy Utterback, during last Friday's reception at the Hilton Waikiki Prince Kuhio Hotel in Waikiki.



pearl 'jam' ... know all your bells and whistle

Jackie Hites
Lift Wing command

If you've been a Team member for at least a while, chances are you're up to speed on Reveille, Retreat, and as well as the proper response to each.

However, you might be wondering what some of that coming from the other side of the fence means. To help, please refer to the following (compiled by Chief Sgt. Tom Westermeyer, Lift Wing command).

At Pearl, you'll hear a distant whistle at **0625**, followed by another one **0630**, which signifies a shift change. No action is required at this time.

At **0755**, it's time for First Call to Colors. Again, no action is required. Five minutes later, at **0800**,

it's time for Morning Colors, at which point military in uniform out in the open must come to attention. Render salute to flag, if visible, or the music. When outside, personnel in civilian clothes should stand fast, remove cover and place right hand over heart. No action need be taken when indoors, either by uniformed military or non-uniformed civilian personnel.

Meanwhile, all vehicular traffic stops during Morning Colors.

Later in the day, at **1500**, you'll hear another whistle signifying a shipyard shift change, during which no action is required.

Then, near the end of the day — five minutes to sunset, Pearl does First Call to Colors. Again, no action is required.

At sunset, Pearl call Evening Colors, and response is similar

to what is called for on Hickam. When outside, military in uniform come to attention. Render salute to flag, if visible, or the music.

Outside personnel in civilian clothes should stand fast, remove cover and place right hand over heart.

As with Morning Colors, no action is taken when indoors, but all vehicular traffic must stop.

The preceding is applicable seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Meanwhile, other sounds coming from Pearl are aren't

nearly as regular or predictable.

If you hear three blasts of a whistle (the sound of an air horn), this signifies that ships and/or submarines are getting underway. A single long blast, on the other hand, signifies "aloha arrival" for ships and/or submarines returning from

deployment.

So next time you're on the way to an offsite squad meeting, to lunch or the center, or to the Shoppet the BX and hear the squawk of a distant whistle, check your watch and smile. Now you know the (musical) score.

Damage to personal property
Active-duty E-5 assigned to SOCPAC had theft/damage to personal property on Fox Road. The case is currently under investigation.

Damage to personal property
Civilian contractor had theft/damage to personal property on Ohana Circle. The case is currently under investigation.

Civilian was detained

DUI

An active-duty E-4 assigned to the U.S. Army 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 Soldier's unit for administrative actions.

Citation total for the week

19 Civilian traffic citations
47 Moving traffic citations
11 Non-moving traffic citations
1 Abandoned vehicle notice.



DRINKING, From A1

incidents of domestic violence, it is also very important to address the problem before it occurs and thus prevent domestic violence from occurring in the first place. One of the best things you can do to prevent dating violence is to be well informed," said Ms. Doyle. "The more you know about dating violence, the easier it is to recognize warning signs. Ideally, you will also be able to identify the symptoms of a healthy relationship." A key component of a non-violent dating relationship centers around a sensible approach to alcohol consumption. With that in mind, Marisela Doyle, a member of the Department of Defense's Underage Drinking (UDL) outreach coordinators will be on hand at seminars to discuss the impact of alcohol consumption — both emotional and physical — on our minds and bodies. Air Force Col. (Ret.) Hoapili pointed out that lowering the drinking age to 18 comes with the inevitable circle of argument that if you are young enough to fight for your

country, you are old enough to drink," said Ms. Doyle. "However, he also pointed out that you rarely get that argument from those who serve. "His point was that military leaders know firsthand that alcohol hinders physical and mental preparation and sustained readiness for future combat. Hickam Air Force Base is one of four bases in the country using science to curb underage and binge drinking by using what Colonel Hoapili called the '0-0-1-3' model." That model, she explains, deals with alcohol consequences that threaten mission readiness and jeopardizes careers. "Zero-zero-one-three stands for the following," Ms. Doyle explained, "zero underage drinking; zero drunken-driving for everyone; one drink an hour for people 21 plus; and no more than three drinks per event. I'll be going over this strategy with attendees at both dating violence seminars." For more information about these programs and/or to support October Domestic Violence Awareness Month Activities on Hickam and in the community please contact Ms. Morita at 449-0188.



Photo by Staff Sgt. E

Airmen with the Office of Special Investigations round the first turn of last Friday's October Warrior Run. The Airmen were among 909 Team Hickam members and service-service representatives participating in the month-long formation run. The next Warrior Run is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 7.

CFC, From A1

this period of economic pressure of into proper perspective. "If your reading this article, by world standards, you're considered wealthy," he said. "Even during the worst economic times, it's still great to be an American and a blessing to serve." The captain pointed out that this year's CFC slogan — "Because Somebody You know Needs Your Help" — appropriately speaks to the global reach of CFC, which supports over 2,000 local, national and international charities. "Most of us already know that the CFC, which was established in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy,

provides military and federal civilians a convenient, efficient and effective opportunity to improve the quality of life for all," he said. "Because of its user-friendly attributes and myriad charities supported, CFC has become the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign. CFC provides an exceptional platform to reach those in need, but help actually comes from people like you." Sergeant Clark noted that contributing to the CFC is a way to put your money to work both in your own backyard and in areas of need the world over.

"Monies raised by the CFC go to work right here in Hawaii with the Aloha United Way, as well as a variety of local independent organizations," he said. "It also funds national charities like the USO, Military, Veterans & Patriotic Services Organizations of America, Earth Share, Children's Medical Charities of America and Aging and Disabilities Charities of America; and international charities like Child Aid International, Aid for Africa and the Latin America Fund — hundreds of charities in all." Echoing Captain Ringer's point about the relative wealth

we as Americans typically enjoy, the sergeant also noted that a small contribution can have a big impact elsewhere in the world. "While all donations are appreciated, the minimum payroll deduction is three dollars ... that's less than the price of a Starbucks verypuccino," he said. "The more you get knowing you make a difference in someone's life, it's priceless." For more information about the CFC and how you can contribute, see your unit representative for details, or visit the Hawai-Pacific CFC site at <http://www.cfc-hawaii.org/>.

SECAF, From A1

Donley will be sworn in as the 22nd Air Force secretary. Secretary Donley has more than 30 years of experience in the national security community, including service in the Senate, White House and the Pentagon. In his most recent position, he was responsible

for Washington Headquarters Services, a 1,300-employee entity that oversees management of the Pentagon and DOD services within the National Capitol Region, and the Pentagon Force Protection Agency. Secretary Donley, who was

acting secretary of the Air Force for seven months in 1993 and served as the service's top financial officer from 1989 to 1993, also served on the National Security Council and was a professional staff member on the Senate Armed Services Committee in

the early 1980s. He served in the Army 18th Airborne Corps and Special Forces Group from 1972 to 1975. He holds a bachelor's and master's degree in international relations from the University of Southern California.

DOLPH AIR FORCE Texas (AFNS) -- Air Force Personnel Center officials recently released the selection process and eligibility requirements for officers inter-calendar year 2009 support group deputy leader positions. Beginning the Air Force staff's force development, officers will be promoted to positions based on requirements, hiring input and candidate scores. Officers must have a minimum of three years time on station to compete for positions. Those officers who meet the necessary requirements may submit a request signed by their commander. Selected officers must submit a statement of intent and be removed from their assignment before they can be added to the candidates list, which will remain on through the calendar year 2009 summer promotion cycle. Officers not selected will be released back to their core Air Force specialty area after the cycle. For details, see Air Force Personnel Center 36-2110, Assignments or call the 24-hour Air Force Personnel Center at (800) 371-5175.

maintainers expedite A-10 inspection schedule

WHEELS AIR FORCE Base, Texas (AFNS) -- Air Force Materiel Command maintainers will begin an accelerated inspection of all A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft with thin wings for cracking by the end of a Time Compliance Technical Order issued to ACC units on Oct. 3. Officials are working with those in Air Force Materiel Command and Combat Air Force major commands to address all of the thin-skinned A-10s. The primary focus being the aircraft currently in the U.S. Air Force Materiel Command area of responsibility. There are later models of the aircraft that have thicker-skinned

The TCTO was released today this morning and maintainers have been complying with the

requirements and they are not trying to rush as the maintainers are setting up their inspections and pressing forward."

Air Force flying and combat operations are inherently dangerous, ACC officials said. Aircrew and maintenance personnel mitigate risk by continuously applying Operational Risk Management principles.

"ACC maintainers will never provide an airplane to a pilot that is known to be unsafe," said Colonel Trucksa. "It will meet all safety standards."

Because of intense cross-checking of maintenance operations, Colonel Trucksa said he has full confidence in the inspection process.

Air Combat Command has 56 A-10 aircraft affected by this AFMC-issued TCTO. This risk is of great concern to ACC officials and is representative of a systemic problem of an aging Air Force fleet, they say.

"The airframe is 28 years old on average," said Maj. David Ruth, from the ACC A-10 Weapons System Team. "Every weapons system has fatigue of some type. It's just a matter of identifying it ahead of time and mitigating that through scheduled depot inspections and maintenance."

General McKinley gets go-ahead to lead Guard Bureau

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) -- Lt. Gen. Craig R. McKinley was confirmed as the 26th chief of the National Guard Bureau by the Senate Oct. 2 in Washington, D.C. He will also become the first four-star general in the nearly 372-year history of the National Guard.

The current director of the Air National Guard, General McKinley was nominated by the president in September based on the recommendation of Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates.

He succeeds Army Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, who was also confirmed Oct. 2 by the Senate to become the first National Guard deputy commander for the U.S. Northern Command. General Blum has served as chief of the Guard Bureau since 2003.

As chief of the National Guard Bureau, General McKinley will be the senior uniformed officer representing nearly 468,000 citizen Soldiers and Airmen.



U.S. Air Force photo

Air Combat Command maintainers took immediate action on an Air Force Materiel Command Time Compliance Technical Order issued Oct. 3 to inspect all A-10s manufactured with thin-skinned wings, like the one shown here

He will also serve as the principal adviser to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on National Guard issues.

Secretary Gates recommended General McKinley for the upgraded four-star position in July following the recommendations of the Commission on the Guard and Reserve and the fiscal 2008 National Defense Authorization Act.

The last Air Force general to serve as Guard Bureau chief was Lt. Gen. Russell C. Davis, who held the position from 1998 to 2002. (By Master Sgt. Mike R. Smith, National Guard Bureau)

Ceremony marks beginning of U.S. mission in Baltics

SIAULIAI, Lithuania (AFNS) -- For the second time in history, an American flag was raised over the Quick Reaction Facility in Siauliai during a ceremony marking the U.S. Air Force's assumption of responsibility for the NATO Baltic air policing mission.

The ceremony began with Lithuanian Lt. Col. Raimundas Matulis, Ministry of Defense representative, thanking the German Air Force for the support they provided during the last three months and welcoming the newly arrived U.S. personnel.

"Welcome to the Baltic States. On behalf of the Ministry of Defense, I wish you success and hope you make friends," Colonel Matulis said.

He also presented the 493d Expeditionary Fighter Squadron commander a book about

Lithuania, encouraging Airmen to travel and see the country.

Lt. Col. David Millner, U.S. Defense Attache, discussed the importance of the mission and the fact that the U.S. was pleased to return to the region.

"The United States is pleased to return for our second rotation executing this important NATO mission," he said. "Events of the last two months have once again highlighted what we have long known, that we must be constantly vigilant and rigorously prepare for potential threats." (By Tech Sgt. Jill LaVoie, 48th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

WHEELS AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) -- Air Force officials recently rolled out a new software upgrade that makes it easier for Airmen to view and print electronic forms.

Feedback from Airmen revealed problems with blank lines appearing on paper copies of electronic forms that were not visible on digital versions.

"The issue was with the PureEdge forms program, not the actual form itself," said Master Sgt. Jason Malec, superintendent of Air Force Evaluations at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "The new viewer allows users to more effectively 'print what they see' on screen, and it gives them the ability to open electronic forms that were created in prior versions."

In August 2007, Air Force officials began phasing in new, streamlined officer and enlisted evaluation forms. These changes were directed at reducing the workload associated with preparing the reports while providing an accurate portrayal of performance.

"Because of the hard work of our systems folks and IBM developers," said Col. Glenn Rattell, AFPC Personnel Data Systems director, "we were able to forge an Air Force-wide solution. It's been a total team effort."

The LOTUS Form Viewer

(By Master Sgt. Jason Malec, Air Force Personnel Center Affairs)

Solar energy research could reduce energy needs

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) -- Solar energy could be a powerful solution to the needs of the future for military and commercial entities.

However, scientists point out the constant need for power, not just when the sun is shining.

Funding support from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research is enabling a Massachusetts Institute of Technology team led by Daniel Nocera to investigate new methods to store solar energy.

Dr. Nocera is known for his breakthrough research in artificial photosynthesis. This technology has the potential to power an entire building one day using only a few gallons of water and light energy from the sun.

Dr. Nocera is the first to admit that this is not a simple concept, but the key to research has been finding a technique that is cheap, efficient and easy to manufacture. (By Molly Lachance, Air Force Office of Scientific Research)

Hickam AFB Drinking Water Quality Report

As the owner and operator of water distribution systems serving Hickam AFB, we work to ensure that the drinking water quality is safe for you. Our customers are provided a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), an annual report, which provides information on the source and quality of your drinking water. The CCR includes a table listing all contaminants detected in the finished water at levels above the EPA's prescribed minimum detection limits. The report also includes information on health effects, compliance status, and other information about your drinking water.

The link to the CCR (2008 Tap Water Report) for Hickam Air Force Base (<http://2.hickam.af.mil/>) is provided for your information.

Safe drinking water is truly a precious possession. Every water user should actively participate in the conservation and protection of our water sources.

A copy of the CCR can be obtained by contacting:
15TH Civil Engineering Squadron,
Environmental Flight
POC: Henry Rimas
Phone: (808) 449-3182.