

## In this week's Kukini



■ U.S., Australian airmen team up to perform critical medical transport from Antarctica **A3**

## News Notes

**Chief Master Sergeant Release celebration** — Team Hickam personnel are cordially invited to join us in celebrating the promotion of Team Hickam's newest chief master sergeants, today at 4 p.m. for beverages and pupus at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. The event is sponsored by the 15 AW and the Hickam Chiefs Group. See your unit First Sergeant or any Hickam chief master sergeant for details or call Chief Master Sgt. Ben Caro at 449-2946.

**Influenza vaccinations** — The influenza vaccine is mandatory for all active-duty members. Clinic team members will be doing a 100-percent record review to update the Air Force Complete Immunizations Tracking Record Application (AFCI-TA). For more information on unit vaccinations or to be vaccinated, contact Tech. Sgt. Walker or Staff Sgt. Frazier at 448-6275 or 448-6276.

**Air Force Spouse 101: Heart Link** — Get free training, free child care (with advance notice), a free lunch and free door prizes — plus a free spouse coin — at today's special event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Expert presenters and panelists will enlighten spouses about benefits and entitlements, and how to adjust to the demands of military life. For more information or to register, call the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 449-0300.

**Attn. all personnel** — Col. Giovanni K. Tuck, 15th Airlift Wing commander, regretfully announces the death of Maj. John Scott Sanford. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the estate of Major Sanford should contact Capt. Aaron Lambert, 15MDSS/SGSAL, Summary Court Officer, at 448-6702.

**Hawaii College and Career Fair** — Today's free event will provide Airmen and their families with college and career information through handouts, exhibits, demonstrations and opportunities to speak face-to-face with representatives of higher education institutions. The fair will run today from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Neal Blaisdell Center. For more information, log on to <http://www.hawaiicc-fair.org/>.

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# ATA Convention provides look at Air Force heritage, future

By Staff Sgt. Erin Smith  
 15th Airlift Wing  
 Public Affairs

At oh dark thirty last week Thursday, the PAX terminal on base was the place to be as more than 100 team Hickam members boarded a C-17 en route to the 40th Annual Airlift/Tanker Association Convention.

The convention, held Nov. 6-9 in Anaheim, Calif., celebrated 60 years of airlift. The event, open to military members, retirees and dependents, was designed to provide Airmen a chance to network with fellow Airman in similar career-fields, as well as partic-

ipate in conferences covering everything from where we're going to how far we've come.

"Each year, the A/T/A convention provides members the opportunity to hear from senior Air Mobility leaders on a variety of topics, to include enhancements in aircraft, career-field updates, ongoing initiatives and more," said ATA Diamondhead Chapter president Capt. Tim Ryan, who is with the 535th Airlift Squadron.

These updates spread beyond the career field and to the entire Air Force with a briefing and question-answer sessions ranging from Secretary of the Air Force



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christine Jones

Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley speaks about the value of air mobility in the Air Force Nov. 7 at the annual Airlift Tanker Association convention in Anaheim, Calif.

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# Hickam celebrates Arbor Day

By Hickam Community Housing LLC

Dozens of Hickam residents and children joined Air Force leadership, Actus Lend Lease and Hickam Community Housing (HCH) to celebrate last Friday's Arbor Day event held in HCH's Earhart neighborhood.

"This event is a wonderful opportunity for Actus and HCH to work with our Air Force partners on a project important to our own company's sustainability goals," said David Falls, HCH Project director, as he addressed the crowd. "Our actions today will have an impact on future generations living in our community. Caring for the environment is something we can do not only as individuals, but also as a community."

Mr. Falls also read a proclamation issued by Col. Giovanni Tuck, 15th Airlift Wing commander, that officially proclaimed the first Friday in November Arbor Day at Hickam AFB.



Photo courtesy of Artus Lend Lease

(From left) David Falls, Hickam Community Housing Project director, Col. Rusty Baumgardner, 15th Mission Support Group commander, and Dept. of Land & Natural Resources' Jacqueline Rayla join with Hickam children as they plant dozens of trees in celebration of last Friday's Arbor Day event.

Col. Rusty Baumgardner, 15th Mission Support Group commander, also addressed guests and remarked that planting trees is a way everyone can give back to the environment. Colonel Baumgardner noted that the planting of trees symbolizes hope, renewal and life

for the community. Jacqueline Ralya from the Hawaii State Department of Land & Natural Resources, also spoke and served as the official representative of the Tree City USA program. Hickam is one of just four locations in Hawaii to have attained

Tree City USA status, and the base has maintained this elite designation for 11 years.

This was the second year Actus and HCH have supported Hickam AFB's commitment to the Tree City USA program and planting and tree care program.

# PACAF master sergeant named AF Enlisted Aide of the Year

By Capt. Renee Lee  
 Pacific Air Forces  
 Public Affairs

The senior enlisted aide to the commander of Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) was recently named the Air Force's Enlisted Aide of the Year for the senior-aide category for 2008 and the Air Force's nominee for the Inter-Service Enlisted Aide of the Year competition.

As the senior enlisted aide to Gen. Howie Chandler, PACAF commander, Master Sgt. Craig Duclos constantly works behind the scenes to ensure smooth operations, whether he's orchestrating events for foreign dignitaries or tantalizing the taste buds of distinguished visitors with

his culinary creations.

"Craig is a model senior NCO and a phenomenal aide who I trust and depend on daily," said General Chandler. "His leadership and attention to detail is a key reason why high-level senior foreign leader visits, for example, succeed in PACAF. What he does behind the scenes helps create an environment where important personal relationships and partnerships can be built."

Sergeant Duclos was always known as "the organizer" in his family, always detail-oriented

with a passion for serving others, he said. After managing a restaurant after high school, he entered the Air Force as a missile maintainer.

He proved to be a natural, given his acute attention to detail; he worked with nuclear certified missiles for nine years. In 1999, Sergeant Duclos applied to the enlisted aide program and was hired by the commander of Air and Education Training Command.

The job proved to be another natural fit.

"I keep checklists for everything," he said. "Housekeeping, shopping, event planning — so I don't miss a step."

He attended the Army's Advanced Culinary Course at Fort Meade, Md., where he was the first Air Force honor

graduate. He was later assigned to F.E. Warren as an enlisted aide, where he began entering large-scale events, including parties involving up to 500 guests.

"The biggest challenge is coordinating with different agencies to meet the timeline of an event," Sergeant Duclos said. "There's a lot going on behind the scenes like working with protocol, the club, vendors, floral arrangements, the band."

On his way to his current assignment after working at 11th Air Force, Sergeant Duclos polished his skills by training with the world-renowned Starkey International Certified Household Managers Course. He was number one of 51 graduates.

# Alaskan Region best in NORAD

By Master Sgt. Karin Krause  
 Alaskan Command  
 Public Affairs

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska (AFPN) — While 2007 was a very challenging year for the Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, known as ANR, and its partners, it ended up being a very rewarding year when ANR was named NORAD's outstanding unit for 2007.

Col. Kevin Booth, ANR director of operations, accepted the Partridge-Slemon Award on behalf of Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins, ANR commander, at the recent NORAD-US Northern Command Commander's Conference.

The Partridge-Slemon Award recognizes the outstanding directorate, region, sector, Air Force Space Command warning unit or other contributing unit in support of the NORAD air defense mission.

This award has two significant meanings, said Col. Sylvan Bedard, ANR deputy commander and member of the Canadian air force.

"The first is in the name itself, which is a clear depiction of the importance of the bi-national agreement between the United States and Canada," he said. "The award was named after the first commander and deputy commander, Gen. Earle E. Partridge and Canadian Air Marshall C. Roy Slemon, to highlight that bi-national agreement."

"And second, it can be awarded to any NORAD unit, anywhere, be it in the United States or Canada. Given the sheer number of

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# ACTION LINE

## Hickam policy on pets

**Comment:** I am getting ready to be stationed at Hickam and am looking forward to one of the best bases in the Air Force. However, I am saddened by the fact that I will have to choose to leave one of my animals behind as I am only allowed to bring two pets.

I have asked HCH and have been told that the policy is set in stone and no waivers will be approved. This doesn't seem like a "typical" privatized organization as I am limited and since we now have to pay the contractor to live there, we still only get to turn down one house before we are sent to the bottom of the list.

I understand my options are limited but it doesn't seem like the privatized housing turns out to be the best deal for the military family. Families are not asked which child to bring why would pet owners be subjected to choosing their favorites.

PCSing is hard enough on a family without the kids having to decide which one the love the least — are there currently any workarounds? Thanks for your time.

**Response:** Thank you for the opportunity to address your concerns about the pet policies and waiting list policies at Hickam Community Housing. Here is an overview of HCH policies to help assist you with your housing decision.

Pet ownership is a privilege extended to all residents of Hickam Community Housing (only a very small percentage of Hawaii rental homes or apartments permit pets). In order to provide a consistent, safe and sanitary community, HCH allows up to two pets per household, when properly registered with the base Veterinary Clinic. There is a \$200 refundable pet deposit.

Regarding the waiting-list policy, members are provided with two home offers. If they decline both offers, then they would be placed at the bottom of the waiting list. I understand that moving is challenging, and that you have to do what is in your family's best interest. We believe that HCH will offer your family many benefits that would be hard to match in off-base housing, and hope to be able to welcome you as a resident in the future.

*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

**Tapes on uniforms** – On the BDU, center the U.S. Air Force tape immediately above the left breast pocket. Center the name tag immediately above the right breast pocket. Cut off or fold tapes to match pocket width.

Questions? Contact your First Sergeant



## Got Good News?

Why not share it? Email your story idea or press release for Hickam Kukini to:

[hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil](mailto:hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil)



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](mailto: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.

# Put your marketplace fears to rest

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 PACAF Financial Plans  
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For those of us who haven't been living in a cave for the past several months, let's rake over the obvious: our country is going through a very uncertain economic period. Call it what you will — recession, bear market, economic slowdown, fiscal correction — the descriptors go on and on. The question is, then, what is the wise Airman to do?

In the cutting-edge field of neuroeconomics, studies have shown that one of the most alluring things to do in a state of perceived marketplace booms and busts is to follow a herd. Remember the crowds who clamored their way into Japanese assets in the '80's,

technology stocks in the '90s or more recently into the realm of hyper real estate?

Allowing ourselves to be led solely by the emotions you and I are experiencing today could easily lay the groundwork of the foregone losses of tomorrow.

Instead, let me offer a quick suggestion in this time of market angst: remain calm and remain diversified

This premise isn't new, nor is the reasoning behind it. However, this investing philosophy is often ignored — frequently by highly well-intentioned people.

The notion is this: in a state of market volatility our emotions can flare with the whisper of thought that we are somehow missing out. Looking within we are left with the uneasy feeling that we need to be taking action now to plug

the leak before the dam really breaks.

This movement toward immediate repair is an ingrained reflex however, and often one that is also fueled in much haste. It will be the disconnecting of this anxiety from foolishly acting upon it that becomes the key.

For the young Airman who might feel reticent about investing in the market at large, see this as your opportunity to absolutely pounce your way into an early retirement — invest now. For the more experienced Airmen who still draw an income, ignore the hype and stick to monthly automatic allotments — keep faith in the long-term aspects of your investment strategy.

As to where to place your money, there can no better consideration than right at home with the government sponsored TSP. There you will find simple, cheap and tax advantaged choices for broad investment for all market conditions.

Finally, understand that retirement investing doesn't have to be such a dramatic issue. It's only in our own heads that we decide to swim with the emotional sharks of greed and fear. The less attention we give to this illusion, the more we can provide to those we love.



**Maj. Nick Bell**



# Your chance to 'Shape Tomorrow'

**By Ilene Berman**  
 15th Mission Support Squadron

This fall, all Air Force personnel will have the opportunity to "Speak Today, Shape Tomorrow," with the Air Force Climate Survey scheduled to run through Nov. 26.

The purpose of the survey is to assess the opinions and perceptions of Air Force active duty, guard, reserve, and civilian personnel on a wide range of issues, including general satisfaction, the job, and unit performance.

As in past surveys, unit leaders will have access to their unit's results and use it to improve their organization and their organization's ability to accomplish the mission. Your input is a very important part of the process. Our goal is to receive

honest feedback from the Air Force's most valuable resource — you.

The 2008 Air Force Climate Survey has been improved to minimize the length of time required to complete the survey, while optimizing the amount of information collected. The number of questions has been reduced by approximately 50 percent and two comment questions have been added to provide a venue for you to openly express your opinions. There are a few more changes that you will notice in this year's survey.

The Trust in Senior Leadership section was expanded, and a section was added to address the impact of deployment on

workload, duty hours and stress on home-station personnel.

Technical upgrades to the Air Force Survey System will allow commanders to access their reports sooner than in previous years, enabling them to promptly take action for improvements.

Maximum participation is crucial in obtaining valuable feedback from

to your leaders. By taking this survey, you can help create positive change. Your answers will directly impact leaders' decisions on issues that affect the Total Force.

Speak Today, Shape Tomorrow!

**“Our goal is to receive honest feedback from the Air Force's most valuable resource — you”**



**Ilene Berman**

# Explaining war to an 8 year old

**By Master Sgt. Melissa Phillips**  
 436th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

When an 8-year-old recently asked me out of the blue, "Why do you have to go to Iraq?" it stopped me in my tracks.

I remember thinking how can I possibly answer such an immense question without somehow tainting her view on this unpredictable world.

When I deployed to Southwest Asia in 2002, a fellow Airman told me he explained to his daughter why he had to deploy by telling her, "Daddy, has to go help feed the camels in the desert."

After about two months into his tour, his 4 year old told him on a telephone call, "Daddy, someone else needs to feed the camels. I want you to come home."

I thought that was such a cute, bitter-sweet story, but I knew the camel trick definitely was not going to work on this informed bookworm.

I wanted to say something profound and comforting, but I was at a loss to answer her. After all, I was headed for a war zone where people don't always come back alive, and there is no easy explanation to ease the worries of family and friends.

After a few ums and ahhs, I heard myself tell her, "We have to help the good guys fight the bad guys, who are trying to hurt them."

She seemed satisfied with the response, gave me a beaming smile and ran off to play. I sat there stunned.

I had been trying to avoid thinking about the reason why I was going back to Iraq for the second time in two years.

After my conversation with her, I thought to myself, is it really that simple? Do good guys still win in our universe? Can U.S. and coalition forces really help a nation of people overcome their differences to rebuild a stable country? Who exactly are the good and bad guys?

In reality, I know there isn't a black-or-white answer to these questions. That's hard to accept by a nation of Americans who pride themselves on their logicality and forward thinking.

To servicemembers' advantage, we are used to operating in the gray. While unfortunate, and although we do our best to avoid it, it's accepted there will be collateral damage in war. Families and innocent people will be hurt on both sides.

I don't like that reality. However, I firmly believe we are doing more good in Iraq and Afghanistan than harm!

I've witnessed children, who have never held a stuffed animal or toy, receive one and seen their eyes light up. I've seen thirsty and hungry people barely surviving in blistering 130-degree heat receive life-sustaining supplies.

I know most Americans don't have the opportunity to witness the endless parade of care packages that family members send their loved ones to give to the Iraqi people consisting of shoes, clothes, wet wipes, diapers, food and more. I had the privilege to see the goodness in people on both sides, despite the harsh conditions that brought them together.

Insurgents don't recognize freedom of speech or value human life. They don't seek a compromise with their countrymen or neighbors for the greater good of their collective society. They are the bad guys.

Not only is our mission to destroy the bad guys, the U.S. military spends a huge hunk of time on humanitarian missions. We patch up Iraqi and Afghanistan children when they're sick or hurt. We provide medical services that a vast majority of people could never afford on their own.

We build hospitals, schools and myriad facilities that directly improve their lives and will continue to do so long after the U.S. and coalition presence is gone, and this war is a high school history-book page.

The success stories are rarely told in the media, but they occur every day. I knew that from my last tour here, but I was still confused about how I felt about this war.

Now when anyone asks me, "Why are you in Iraq," I know what to say. I'm here to help the good guys win. It's that simple.

# U.S., Aussies conduct medevac in Antarctica

By Maj. Sam Highley  
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A combined U.S. and Australian team successfully evacuated an Australian civilian in Antarctica to a hospital in Hobart, Australia, Nov. 5.

The seriously injured patient was part of an Australian Antarctic Division contingent conducting scientific research at Davis Station, Antarctica. He is currently in stable condition, receiving medical care in Hobart for multiple fractures caused by a recent all-terrain vehicle accident.

A medical team flew 1,500 miles from McMurdo Station, Antarctica, to Davis Station

Nov. 3 aboard an LC-130 Hercules assigned to the 13th Air Expeditionary Group. The ski-equipped aircraft landed on an improvised runway prepared by Davis Station personnel earlier in the week.

The medical team spent the night at Davis Station in order to rest, re-fuel the aircraft and prepare the patient before beginning the 10-hour flight to Hobart Nov. 4.

The mission was flown as part of Operation Deep Freeze, which is commanded by U.S. Pacific Command's Joint Task Force Support Forces Antarctica. Headquartered at Hickam AFB and led by 13th Air Force, JTF SFA's mission is to provide air- and sealift

support to the National Science Foundation and U.S. Antarctic Program.

The medical team consisted of an Australian doctor and nurse; a Joint Medical Attendant Transport Team composed of three U.S. Army medical personnel from Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii; and three U.S. Air Force medical personnel forward-deployed to McMurdo.

Capt. Greg Richert, the on-board U.S. Air Force flight surgeon, said the successful medical movement symbolized two things for him.

"One is the effective medical

movement capability we have here in the Pacific region; the other is the strong partnership between the National Science Foundation, the Australian Antarctic Division and Joint Task Force Support Forces Antarctica," he said.

The movement was the first major mission for the LC-130 in the current Operation Deep Freeze season. The New York Air National Guard's 109th Airlift Wing, based out of Stratton Air National Guard Base, N.Y., operates the aircraft, which can land on snow or ice surfaces throughout Antarctica



Courtesy photo

**A U.S. and Australian medical team successfully land at Hobart, Tasmania delivering injured patient Mr. Dwayne Rooke from Davis Station, Antarctica, Nov. 5.**

# 2009 Scholarships for Military Children Program application deadline announced

By Caroline Williams  
DeCA marketing specialist

FORT LEE, Va. (AFNS) — If you're a high school or college student and the child of a military family looking for ways to fund your education, you might want to check out the 2009 Scholarships for Military Children Program that began Nov. 3.

Scholarship applications are available in commissaries worldwide and online through

a link at <https://www.commissaries.com> and at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

The program kickoff coincides each year in November with National Military Family Month, and the scholarships are a great way for commissaries to get involved with the community and demonstrate support for the contributions of military families.

Only dependent, unmarried children (under the age 23) of active-duty personnel,

reserve/guard and retired military members, survivors of servicemembers who died while on active duty or survivors of individuals who died while receiving retired pay from the military may apply for a scholarship. Eligibility is determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card. The appli-

cant must be planning to attend, or already be attending, an accredited college or university full time in the fall of 2009, or be enrolled in a program of study designed to transfer into a four-year pro-

gram.

Applicants should prepare to submit an essay on the following topic: "What would you place inside a time capsule to help people in the next century understand military life

today?" Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business on Feb. 18, 2009. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

## NORAD, From A1

units that contribute to the NORAD mission — that is, missile defense, air defense headquarters, air operating centers, regions, etc. — to be selected from such a wide range of units truly highlights ANR's accomplishments in 2007," the colonel added.

However, the path to the Partridge-Slemon Award was filled with challenges, both old and new.

ANR's mission is to detect, intercept and defeat any threat to the air sovereignty of Alaska and North America, according to Col.

Booth. In 2007, they experienced an increase in operations tempo as they executed that air sovereignty mission in order to respond to the greatest increase in Russian long-range aviation since the Cold War ended more than 17 years ago.

## ATA, From A1

Michael B. Donley to Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley.

The SECAF and CMSAF touched on everything from the air mobility mission to the new Enlisted Performance Report to physical training gear.

Though not directly related to the latest in aircraft upgrades or the future of the Air Force, many felt that the most powerful conference at the convention was led by retired Col. Gail Halvorsen, the 'candy bomber.' This was the conference on the historic Berlin Airlift, 60 years ago. The seminar featured a panel of 7 people

who directly supported or were affected by the Berlin Airlift. Panel members ranged from Col. Halvorson to an author who has studied the airlift to a gentleman who was a child receiving candy on the ground.

"It was very very inspirational," said Staff. Sgt. Maylene Little, 15th Airlift Wing CCA. "The greatest thing was how [the Berlin Airlift/candy bomber] won the hearts of children. To win the hearts of children meant to win the hearts of the next generation. To be able to take pictures and shake the hands of people many only read about in our Professional

Development Guide is such an honor ... that is history and it still continues to this day."

Once the daily conferences were finished, Airmen traded their ACUs and flight suits for aloha attire and a chance to network with fellow Airmen during the evening banquets. For many, this provided a chance to catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

The convention afforded Airmen an opportunity to look historical leaders and today's leaders in the eye and hear what they have to say. With opportunities like this, lessons are bound to hit home.

## Crime Scene

### Theft of personal property

The spouse of an active-duty E-4 assigned to the U.S. Army reported theft of personal property on Apollo Avenue. The case is currently under investigation.

### Shoplifting

Army Air Force

Exchange Service store detectives observed the spouse of a retired U.S. Army E-5 attempting to remove merchandise totaling \$190 without rendering payment. The individual will have her AAFES privileges revoked for one year and is awaiting a magistrate hearing.

### DUI

A civilian was detained on Kuntz Avenue adjacent to Par 3 for operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant. The case was forwarded to HPD.

### DUI

A civilian was detained on Nimitz Highway adjacent to O'Malley Inbound for operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant. The case was forwarded to HPD.

### Citation total for the week

10 Civilian traffic citations  
24 Moving traffic citations  
19 Non-moving traffic citations  
8 Abandoned vehicle notices.