

In this week's Kukini



■ Hickam Library offers multimedia presentation documenting history making efforts of a once top-secret unit **A4**

News Notes

Road closure notice — Portions of Vickers Avenue between "B" Street and Atterbury Circle will be closed to facilitate water main installation work starting Monday and continuing through to June 2009 during normal working hours. Traffic will be detoured in that area. Please be cautious and obey all construction signs. For more information, call Andy Saplad at 448-2881.

Hickam Clinic closure notice — The Hickam Clinic will be closed from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for an official function, and on Thursday, Dec. 18, for training. Additionally, the clinic will be closed all day on Dec. 25 (Christmas Day) and Dec. 26, as well as Jan. 1 (New Year's Day) and Jan. 2 to observe the holidays and PACAF Family Days. Patients should expect service interruptions and cancellations from Dec. 10 to 17 during the operational readiness exercise. If you have any questions, please contact Capt. Justin Eder at 449-2068.

Fueling GSA vehicles on Hickam — The users of approximately 350 GSA vehicles on Hickam will no longer be able to obtain fuel at AAFES service stations beginning tomorrow and continuing through Jan. 4, 2009. Users can refer to the following URL address for Oahu service stations that will accept the Wright Express Universal Fleet Card: www2.hickam.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-081126-049.pdf. For details, call Roger Storman at 448-1506.

D'oh!! Tower lighting tonight!

Last week's Kukini inadvertently misrepresented the Freedom Tower lighting ceremony as taking place on Nov. 28. In fact, the ceremony is set to begin this afternoon at 4:30 on Freedom Tower Mall. Kukini regrets this error.

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Base to commemorate Dec. 7 history, legacy Sunday morning

By Jeff Nicolay
 Hickam Kukini editor

On Sunday morning, Col. Giovanni K. Tuck, 15th Airlift Wing commander — joined by several survivors of the historic 1941 event — will preside over the 67th Remembrance Ceremony Commemorating the Attack on Hickam Field, set for 7:55 a.m. at Atterbury Memorial Park.

For the colonel, the ceremony will hold special significance for the current generation of Hickam Airmen. "All of us serving at Hickam walk in the footsteps of these heroes," he said. "Especially in a post-9/11 world, we cannot forget them ... we cannot forget the courage they showed in the face of a ruthless enemy

and the ultimate sacrifice many of them made on that historic Sunday."

Twenty-five survivors and family members are expected to attend the ceremony, which is scheduled to run through 9 a.m..

Event organizers said the ceremony will include a fly-over, a flag presentation to the survivors, a wreath laying, a seven-gun salute.

For Colonel Tuck, it will be a "chicken-skin" event.

"Just think — on a similar Sunday morning 67 years ago ... on these very grounds ... the world changed forever," he said. "I encourage every Team Hickam member, their families and the community at large to join us and pay tribute to these heroes and their timeless legacy."



Archive photo

U.S. Army Air Corps personnel inspect the wreckage of a P-40 fighter destroyed during the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Hickam Field. In recognition of this historic day, base officials will hold a remembrance ceremony set for Sunday, 7:55 a.m., at Atterbury Memorial Park.

General Utterback: PACAF key to stability in diverse theater

By Maj. Sam Highley
 13th Air Force Public Affairs

The Pacific theater is large, diverse and complicated, but the Airmen of Pacific Air Forces are up to the challenge, according to a senior PACAF leader speaking in Los Angeles Nov. 20.

Lt. Gen. Chip Utterback, 13th Air Force commander, kicked off the Air Force Association Global Warfare Symposium with a briefing on how PACAF approaches the vast Pacific theater, which is home to 36 countries, nearly 60 percent of the world's population and six of the world's largest armed forces.

"We are first and foremost challenged in the Pacific by the tyranny of time and dis-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Vanessa Valentine

Maintainers work on a B-52 Stratofortress bomber on the flightline at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The bomber's presence there enhances regional security, demonstrates U.S. commitment to the Pacific region and provides integrated training opportunities for deployed Airmen.

ance," General Utterback said. "That calculus drives virtually everything I do as a warfighter in the Pacific. It drives our planning (and) it drives our

execution." The PACAF area of responsibility covers more than 100 million square miles, or 51 percent of the Earth's surface,

meaning the time it takes to get from one location to another can be a major challenge, the general said.

"We have strategically postured our forces throughout the Pacific to overcome not only those vast distances but the emerging threats, the traditional threats and the challenges we face in the Pacific," the general said.

This force posturing includes nine bases in the region from which the very latest in airpower technology operates, the general said. Three of seven planned F-22 Raptor squadrons will be assigned to the Pacific, two C-17 Globemaster III squadrons recently stood up in the AOR and the Global Hawk unmanned aircraft system soon

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Leaders confront sexual assault

By Staff Sgt. Monique Randolph
 Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AFNS) — Leaders from wing level to senior Air Force brass recently gathered for a two-day leader summit on sexual assault prevention and response here.

Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz affirmed their commitment to eliminating sexual assaults in the Air Force, and challenged Air Force leaders and Airmen to do the same.

"Sexual assault is absolutely inconsistent with our core values and it has no place in our Air Force; in a deployed context, at home or anywhere in between," Secretary Donley said. "Many offenders were known by their victims and most involved crimes committed by other servicemembers. This is blue-on-blue violence, and we cannot accept it."

In 2005, the Air Force launched the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program and placed full-time sexual assault response coordinators, or SARCs, at all main operating installations. SARCs report directly to vice wing commanders and provide support at locations across the Air Force, including main deployment sites. Additionally, 1,695 volunteer victim advocates assist the SARCs in ensuring victims of sexual assault receive the care and support they need. Sexual assault prevention

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General Owens checks out Hale Aina



Food Service Section Chief, Master Sgt. Susan Robinson (second from left), provides a briefing tour to Brig. Gen. Douglas Owens (right), 13th Air Force vice commander, a tour of the newly renovated Hale Aina dining facility, which is scheduled to reopen next Friday

Photo by Oscar A. Hernandez

ACTION LINE

Black widows on Hickam

Comment: Not sure if this is an Action Line item or not, but I wanted to make folks aware of a black widow problem. I moved into a new house on Ohana Nui Circle several months ago and believed the area to be infested with black widow spiders. I had personally killed nine in my garage, front courtyard and lanai.

This got me curious so I started walking around the area and noticed 13 vehicles (all parked on the street) with black widow spider webs on them (the webs most often run from the vehicle to the street and sometimes have grass hanging from them). The spiders seem to be more active at night so I returned in the evening and verified that the owners of these webs were indeed black widows. The vehicles had multiple spiders on them — as many as six to eight on each!

I called CE customer service but was told to contact Hickam Community Housing. I called HCH to make them aware of the situation back in July. Someone did come out to spray the outside of my house, but they did not spray the vehicles, even though I showed him all the spider webs.

I feel this is a significant issues and I've notified my neighbors. However, I believe the entire Hickam community should be aware so proper precautions can be taken. Meanwhile, I also feel HCH is doing what it can to control the spiders.

Response: We appreciate your concern for the health and welfare of the Hickam community. HCH is taking action to control the situation and continues to work with the company's pest control contractor. HCH officials have been in touch with the University of Hawai'i at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and CE Entomology on how to manage the problem.

Since early November, HCH teams have been touring and inspecting suspected areas of infestation. If spiders are found, the teams vacuum the spiders and webs, fog nearby drains, and spray the lower sections of dwellings and surrounding grassy areas. They also spray and vacuum around vehicles. However, do to liability issues, they do not spray the vehicles. In short, HCH is making every effort to combat the problem.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Darryl Nii at 448-3969. Again, thank you for bring this issue to our attention.

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

Ribbons and the service uniform — When wearing ribbons on the service uniform:

- Wear all ribbons and devices
- Wear regular- or miniature-sized ribbons
- Keep them clean and unfrayed with no visible protective coating
- Place the ribbon with highest precedence on the top row nearest the lapel
- Do not wear them on undersgarments.

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.

Living the Air Force's core values

By Jennifer Thibault
Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

Before going to any theme park or water ride extravaganza one usually checks to see how much it costs to get in. How many Airmen checked to see how much it cost to join the Air Force?

Sure most checked to see what the salary would be, maybe even what kind of education and health benefits are provided, but how many checked to see the price of one ticket to ride this adventure called the Air Force?

Upon entering the Air Force, Airmen are taught right from the start the entry fee. The core values — integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do — tell us the price of admission into the Air Force, according to Air Force Core Values, Jan. 1, 1997, also called The Little Blue Book.

These three concepts are the price Airmen must be willing to pay upon taking the oath of enlistment or the oath of office. These values spell out exactly what is expected of Airmen every day they serve. They are no short order; in fact they can be quite difficult to pay at times.

These three concepts were not established just to challenge Airmen. They were established to unite all members of the Air Force family to a common theme, according to The Little Blue Book.

These values are more than expectations or a cause to rally behind. They are foundational tools provided to guide Airmen through everyday situations, decisions and challenges. They enable leaders to make the right choice at the right time for the right reasons.

Because these values start from on high, many may think they are only applicable to big-picture decisions. They may not think the core values have any bearing on day-to-day work in the "real" Air Force.

Air Force Space Command's senior enlisted leader would say otherwise.

"The core values cut across all dimensions of everything we do, whether it's

strategic application of airpower, operational prosecution of the battlefield or tactical execution of an individual mission set," said Chief Master Sgt. Todd Small, the AFSPC command chief.

A recent example of strategic application of the core values has occurred at the highest levels of the Air Force. Two of the most senior Air Force leaders resigned after a couple of serious mistakes involving nuclear weapons sounded an alarm that warned of a breakdown of the Air Force's ability to appropriately manage and operate the nation's strategic deterrence.

Fortunately, the Air Force has a means to get back on course — the core values. According to The Little Blue Book, the core values "serve as beacons vectoring us back to the path of professional conduct; the core values allow us to transform a climate of corrosion into a climate of ethical commitment." To repair the damage done and return the faith the nation has in the Air Force's ability to operate and maintain the nuclear enterprise, senior leaders are refocusing the force with their core-values lens.

First they are applying excellence in all we do, and then some, by enforcing perfection as the standard for nuclear operations. Some may say that is out of reach, but discussions with AFSPC senior leaders define perfection as, "doing what we're supposed to the way we're supposed to every single time ... that is operationalizing the concept of excellence," the chief said.

They also made some hard decisions with service before self in mind. Some very senior Air Force leaders were held accountable for actions of those under their leadership. Other Air Force servicemembers were given administrative actions. Although these people individually had good performance records; they did play a role in the errors. In those roles, they failed to keep the force on track, and so, for the good of the service as a whole, they were held accountable.

Airmen face difficult decisions that

enable the use of the core values on a more tactical level. An Airman puts the service first when accepting an assignment or temporary duty that takes him or her away from family. Airmen exercise excellence when they continue to improve their physical fitness and readiness. Integrity keeps certifiers from just signing a subordinate's training record without actually verifying the training.

The core values provide the basis upon which every leadership decision is made in an Airman's daily life, even if he doesn't notice it. Not only are Airmen applying the core values in many of their daily decisions, their decisions typically call upon more than one core value for making the most appropriate decision.

If an Airman is applying the core values to his decision-making, he will be able to demonstrate the propriety of each decision with the back up of the core values. In the previous example of the nuclear enterprise decisions, knowing that these hard decisions were based on service before self puts it into perspective that Airmen more readily accept.

The same holds true for the Airman going on temporary duty although he will miss his family. His family — who also accept and understand the Air Force core values — know that the service has to come before the family and they too are more able to deal with the decision.

As with life in general, the Air Force is constantly changing and evolving. With each new day, Airmen face new situations, new issues and challenges. Airmen operate in different locations, different units and different environments. The Air Force's core values provide stability. "They point to what is universal and unchanging in the profession of arms," according to The Little Blue Book.

All Airmen, all leaders need to take a new look at the core values. Discover new ways to apply them in both professional and personal arenas. Airmen must make the core values personal; Airmen must live them.

What it means to 'support the troops'

By Lt. Col. Carl Reed
386th Air Expeditionary Wing
judge advocate

One of the most surprising and humbling aspects of my current deployment to this air base in Southwest Asia has been the support from people and organizations back home.

I used to cringe at the saying "We support the troops." I believed it was used by many as a shield when they in fact did not support the mission, but it is no longer a phrase that causes me to recoil.

To the contrary, it is abundantly clear to me that the people and organizations back home that provide support to the troops are not only sincere in their efforts, but also care deeply about our country and its success.

The amount of support over the last couple of months that all of us have personally witnessed is tremendous. Whether it was grade school children and their classes writing letters to servicemembers, churches providing care packages and spiritual support, comedians giving all of us the opportunity to have a real belly laugh, steak houses

cooking up familiar flavors and providing a good meal, or musical entertainers such as Bo Bice visiting to thank us for our service, the support from our country and its citizens has been unwavering.

Moreover, the support has provided servicemembers an avenue of escape from the reality of where they are for a brief moment, or the chance to reflect on what they are doing in the larger scheme of history and world events.

Whether or not America has always been so generous and supportive of its servicemembers is open for debate, but having spoken to veterans of many different wars suggest, for the most part American citizens and organizations maintain a tradition of generous support to servicemembers.

However, in comparison to my experience during my deployment to operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, the support today far exceeds my experience from then. At that time, support was stalwart from the average citizen, but from my perspective was limited from others, especially the entertainment industry.

I must concede; however, that to compare the support from then and now is

probably unfair. The experience in those operations was so quick and decisive that the opportunity to display sustained support was extremely limited.

As such, the most convincing evidence that today's support from home is selfless, true and unique is that the support has been sustained, steady and strong over five long years, with absolutely no signs of letting up. That support from American citizens and organizations alike is truly amazing.

For all the supporters back home, I extend a sincere, heartfelt "thank you" for all you do. Your kind gestures provide smiles, warmth and memories of a lifetime for all servicemembers. Moreover, please know that the support you provide does indeed make a difference to those who serve.

If you could see the faces of the servicemembers — the young and the not-so-young alike — when they are on the receiving end of your tremendous support, you would have no doubt that you have made a qualitative difference in the lives you have touched. Rest assured that you have carried the torch of "support for the troops" proudly, and we will never forget what you have done.

'Must-see TV' for the folks back home



Chief Master Sgt. Tom Westermeyer, 15th Airlift Wing command chief (left) and Chief Master Sgt. Bill Abbott (right), 15th Mission Support Group superintendent, reach out via video conference to Keesler AFB, Mississippi, to post a new set of stripes onto newly promoted Tech. Sgt. Juan C. Pineda (center, on video monitor). Sergeant Pineda, quality assurance evaluator with the 15th Communications Squadron, earned his new stripe during a STEP promotion ceremony held Wednesday morning at Hickam's Airman and Family Readiness Center.

Photo by Oscar A. Hernandez

Former top-secret aerial recovery unit gets its day in the sun next week

By Jeff Nicolay
Hickam Kukini editor

It has been more than 50 years since President Dwight D. Eisenhower ordered the U. S. Air Force to undertake a seemingly impossible task: to develop and operate a spy satellite program supported by a fleet of aircraft to recover the film canisters carried by those satellites when they re-entered the Earth's atmosphere.

For 27 years, this top-secret, Cold War-era program operated out of Hickam, according to Al Blankenship, 15th Services Squadron's, and its legacy will be honored next week at Hickam Library.

"'Catch a Falling Star' was the motto of the 6594th Test Group, which began operations at Hickam in October 1958," said the former USAF master sergeant and 6594 TG NCO. "The group's mission was to recover de-orbited film capsules from U.S. spy satellites (project Corona) over or in the waters around the Hawaiian Islands before they could fall into the wrong hands."

Blankenship said the 6594th's formerly top-secret story will be told via two multimedia presentations at the library, on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. and on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 4 p.m.

"We'll be showing unclassified slides and video documenting some of the group's history-making recover-



ies," he said. "We'll also be showing rare recovery hooks, parachutes and other 6594th gear that made the mission possible. It's a great chance to learn about a critical covert Air Force mission that had long-lasting, strategic implications."

As Blankenship described it, the group got its start with three modified C-119J cargo planes that arrived at Hickam on December 1958, with nine aircraft on station shortly thereafter. The first successful mid-air recovery of a de-orbited film capsule from a United States spy satellite was accom-

plished Aug. 19, 1960, when group members snagged the Discoverer 14 capsule.

"That mission represented the first mid-air recovery of an object from space," said Blankenship, who added that both the recovered capsule and the JC-119 aircraft that made the catch reside in the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

The success of this new Air Force mission resulted in the group receiving 12 new JC-130B

Hercules aircraft and six SH-3 helicopters. In 1967, the unit also received three JC-130H long-range Hercules planes to support another mission, project Senior Bowl.

The final aircraft upgrade took place in 1974, when the unit received six CH-53C Super Jolly Green Giant helicopters and three HC-130P Hercules tankers to replace support ships and SH-3s.

In the face of advances in digital video technology, the unit was decommissioned Sept. 30, 1986. By that time, the 6594th had completed 40,000 aerial recoveries, retrieved more than 200 film capsules,



Archive photo courtesy of Al Blankenship

The 6594th Test Group used the JC-130B "Hercules" to catch the film capsules after the first successful catch was made Aug. 19, 1960, with a JC-119 "Flying Boxcar" from Hickam.

supported dozens of high altitude missile and balloon tests, and rescued more than 60 people at sea.

"During the 27 years it operated out of Hickam, the 6594th Test Group was the only organization in the free world that performed this important mission," he said. "I hope everyone will come out and learn about the group — these men made history."

For information and reservations, call the Hickam Library at 449-8296.



Archive photo courtesy of Al Blankenship

A JC-130B snags the canopy of a falling capsule out over the Pacific Ocean. More than 200 capsules were retrieved or caught by the test group during its 27-year history.

Crime Scene

Damage to personal property

The spouse of an E-5 assigned to 735th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron reported damage to personal property on 19th Street. The case is currently under investigation.

Theft/damage to personal property

A civilian assigned to AAFES reported theft and damage to government property from Bldg. 2073/AAFES Car Care Center. The case is currently under investigation.

Theft of personal property

An E-5 assigned to 13th Air Force reported the theft of personal property from Bldg. 2043/13 AF. This case is currently under investigation.

Shoplifting

Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives observed the spouse of a Soldier, the family member of a Soldier and the child of an Airman assigned to PACOM, all attempting to remove merchandise without rendering payment. The individuals will have their AAFES privileges revoked for one year and are awaiting magistrate hearings.

DUI

A civilian was detained on Kuntz Avenue adjacent to the Par 3 golf course for operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant. The case is being forwarded to Administrative Driver's License Revocation Office.

Citation total for the week

17 Civilian traffic citations
25 Moving traffic citations
24 Non-moving traffic citations
9 Abandoned vehicle notices.

PACAF, From A1

will find a home at Guam, the general added.

"And for several years now, we have maintained a continuous bomber presence out at Guam with either B-1 (Lancers), B-2 (Spirits), or that magnificent B-52 (Stratofortress) that continues to fly on and on," the general said.

In 2009, Air Force, Marine and Navy fighters also will operate out of Guam on a regular basis, he added.

Although posturing forces and providing responsive combat capability is impor-

tant, PACAF officials also understand that a stable Pacific can only be achieved by engaging with the area's other nations, said General Utterback.

"(We) are promoting regional security and stability by continuing and expanding a robust program of military-to-military exchanges with our foreign friends," the general said. "Some of these relationships are long-standing; some of them are new (and) flourishing."

Events like the PACAF-

sponsored 2008 Pacific Rim Airpower Symposium, in which military representatives from 17 nations met to discuss disaster response, and the nearly 40 exercises a year PACAF forces participate in, are building "an absolutely necessary foundation for reliable communication between military leaders across the region," General Utterback said.

These military-to-military exchanges are about building personal relationships, and the 45,000 total force Airmen assigned to PACAF are doing

that both in the Pacific region and around the world, the general said. Some 2,050 PACAF Airmen are deployed worldwide every day, not counting the 6,800 7th Air Force Airmen deployed to the Korean peninsula, he said.

"We're making a difference," General Utterback said. "We're out there every day extending America's helping hand during crisis while teaching others how to deal with crisis. We're not just fishing out there — we're teaching others how to fish."

ASSAULT, From A1

and response education focuses on the definition of sexual assault, how it affects victims, reporting options, available support, how predators target victims and steps Airmen can

take to identify and address behaviors leading to sexual assault. Formal training is based on continued development throughout an entire career, and will build based on

Airmen's level of leadership and responsibility.

By mid-December, the Air Force plans to release training modules for predeployment and for Airmen arriving at

their first duty assignments. Similar course modules are also expected to be released in January 2009 for enlisted and officer professional military education curriculum.

Air Force officials reduce waste with recycling program

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFNS) — Base officials here helped the environment by expanding their recycling program from plastic bottles and aluminum cans to include hazardous materials, chlorofluorocarbons, metals such as copper and steel, and cardboard boxes.

The program resulted in payments that have amounted to \$95,000 so far this year for officials of the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing at this air base in Southwest Asia.

Kwaku Siriboe, a contractor who works for a consult company with U.S. Air Forces Central, is the sole manager of the 386th AEW Environmental Flight and runs the base's recycling program. He handles all the hazardous waste material the base produces, finding ways to get rid of the used oil, old batteries and tons of

garbage. And he's found a way to make it lucrative.

The range of items that can be recycled allows individuals and workcenters of all types around the base to get involved in the program.

"If we could successfully collect even 70 percent of the items that could be recycled, we could make a lot of money," Mr. Siriboe said.

CASF lauds Airmen, Air Force as integral part of the joint fight

LOS ANGELES (AFNS)

— With his first 100 days in office under his belt, the 19th chief of staff of the Air Force says the Air Force is in good shape.

Gen. Norton Schwartz says that's because of the impressive job America's Airmen — active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian — are performing.

The service's top military leader said that on a daily basis,

Making the world a little bit greener



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Raheem Moore

A recycling company worker prepares to cover and haul away a cardboard recycling bin on Nov. 15 at an air base in Southwest Asia. Officials from the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing recycle various items, to include cardboard boxes and plastic bottles.

Airmen at bases and deployed to locations around the world are not just accomplishing their missions, but are doing so with innovation and enthusiasm.

"The truth of the matter is that the folks who are out there are hustling," the general said. "They're working hard,

they have a sense of mission and they have a sense of purpose. And so it's our job, as senior leaders, to make sure the mission and their sense of purpose is properly directed and that we take care of and cultivate their spirit. We intend to do that."

AETC opens virtual doors to MyBase

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) — Air Education and Training Command officials here launched a virtual world Dec. 2 targeting avatars, or people, interested in learning more about the Air Force.

Second Life is a three-dimensional virtual world where users can socialize, connect and explore the digital universe using virtual characters, or avatars, who chat by voice and text.

AETC officials purchased Second Life "land" called MyBase, allowing public access to information about the Air Force.

With more than 15 million accounts worldwide registered in Second Life, Air Force officials hope MyBase will attract men and women interested in learning more about the Air Force, said Col. John Thompson, the

AETC Future Learning Division chief. The site also provides links for enlistment and commissioning information and how to contact the nearest Air Force recruiter.

One possible long-term use for this technology is to open a private site in a three-dimensional world, yet to be determined, where active-duty Airmen can attend virtual training and are tracked to receive course credit. Offering virtual-based training could offset the cost of travel to training sites around the world, which often includes lodging and other expenses.

Avatars can access MyBase by logging onto www.secondlife.com and typing

MyBase in the keyword search. More information about AETC's training and education systems can be found in "On Learning: The Future of Air Force Education and Training," available online at www.aetc.af.mil/library/whitepaper.asp.