

In this week's Kukini



■ Remembering former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Paul Wesley Airey **A4**

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'Hats Off' needs help — The American Red Cross needs volunteers on Saturday, March 14 for the annual "Hats Off to the American Red Cross" event. 15 AW and tenant partners will collect donations from motorists on the corner of McCully and Kapiolani Blvd from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The money will remain in Hawaii and be used to help the Hawaii State Chapter support local services for Hawaii's people. Please contact Maj Cindy Robison, 690-5701 or e-mail cynthia.robison@hickam.af.mil.

Commissary closing early — Hickam Commissary will be closing early on Tuesday, March 24 to conduct Formal Annual Inventory. Hours of operation on Tuesday will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will resume normal operating hours (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.) the following day. Contact Mr. Reynaldo Andres, Assistant Store Director at 449-1363 ext. 304.

Secure vehicles and residences — The 15 SFS would like to remind the base populace to help combat property theft by locking your vehicles doors and remind everyone to not leave valuables unattended in their cars. Base Housing residents are also encouraged to secure their residences as well. Please report any suspicious activities to 449-COPS.

Home Front Hero ceremony — This event is to recognize children whose parents have been deployed, are on a remote tour or TDY for 90 or more days. Those left behind serve as "Home Front Heroes." The ceremony will be held March 27, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., at the Airman & Family Readiness Center. Applications are located at <http://www2.hickam.af.mil/unit/s/15mssaafrr>. Applications must be submitted by next Friday, March 20 in order for a child to receive a certificate and medal. Call 449-0300 for information.

FMO phone number back in service — The Government Housing Loaner Furniture Management Office Phone number 448-0300 is back in service. Please discontinue

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Take care of our Air Force ohana through fund drive

By **Chris Aguinaldo**
Hickam Kukini editor

It's time again to show Team Hickam's "Commitment to Caring" for Airmen and their ohana.

The annual Air Force Assistance Fund drive kicks off Monday, beginning a 6-week campaign of charitable giving through the easy method of payroll deduction.

"With this year's economic challenges, it is even more imperative that we continue to reach out to those in need in our Air Force family," implored 15 AW Commander Col Giovanni Tuck, after he signed his own payroll deduction form. "We ask those of you who have not contributed to the AF AF campaign in the past to consider contributing this time around."

The fact that Hickam personnel received more in aid last year (over \$272,000) than collected in the base's



Photo by Chris Aguinaldo

Seated, 15 AW Vice Commander Col Dean Wolford, Commander Col Giovanni Tuck and Command Chief Master Sergeant Thomas Westermeyer dutifully endorse their payroll deduction forms for the Air Force Assistance Fund's 'Commitment to Caring' campaign. Standing are Hickam coordinators Capt Maritza Sayle-Walker, TSgt Chrystal Tanksley and MSgt Robert McCain.

2008 campaign (about \$148,000) underscores the importance of the fund, said local organizer Capt Maritza

Sayle-Walker. "It's about taking care of each other." Airmen can choose four

donation: the Air Force Aid Society, the Air Force Village Foundation, the Air Force Enlisted Village

Foundation, and the Curtis E. Lemay Foundation.

These organizations help with aid in an emergency, educational needs or securing a retirement home for Air Force widows or widowers in times of need.

After signing his own payroll deduction form, Command Chief Master Sergeant Thomas Westermeyer said "when the time comes to donate, I never think twice. It is almost like paying your insurance — you hope you never need it. But if you do, you know it will be there for you."

This year's goal is \$96,578. To participate in this 36th annual effort, talk to your Unit Project Officer or call TSgt Chrystal Tanksley at 449-2946 ext. 310 or MSgt Robert McCain at 448-1313.

For information on the campaign, go online to www.afassistancefund.org.

Hickam AFB Youth of the Year wins state award, goes on to regional competition

Hickam Youth Programs

The Hawaii Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs named Samantha Bernard as its 2009 Youth of the Year at its recent award and recognition Luncheon at the Pacific Club in Honolulu. Bernard, the Hickam AFB Youth Programs Youth of the Year, now advances to the regional competition.

As the Hawaii Youth of the Year, Bernard will travel to Anaheim, Calif. to participate in the regional. Five regional candidates will then compete for the National Youth of the Year honors.

The daughter of Jeff and Anita Bernard of Aiea is a senior at Myron B. Thompson Academy and plans to attend Michigan Technological University where she plans to double major in Business and English. She has been a member of the Hickam AFB Teen Center for three and a half



Courtesy photo

Carina Surface, 2008 Hawaii BGCA Youth of the Year and Lt Col Tim Telega, Commander, 15th Services Squadron, congratulate Samantha Bernard, Hickam AFB Youth Programs Youth of the Year and now state Youth of the Year.

years and has participated in nearly every activity and service the club offers. Miss Bernard has held several

offices in the Keystone Club and has also represented the club at the national Keystone Conference in

Washington D.C.

As the organization's premier character and leadership program, Youth of the Year is a comprehensive nationwide program that identifies and recognizes young people 14-18 years of age for behavior that warrants celebration.

The Hawaii State Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs is a collaboration of Boys and Girls Club programs, combining the energy and efforts of experienced and knowledgeable youth development experts from member organizations. The Alliance was formed in 2008 to provide a vehicle for member clubs to improve and expand their youth development offerings, including leveraging public funds to help more kids.

The Alliance comprises the Boys and Girls Club of Maui and four Hawaii-based Military Boys & Girls Club programs (Army, Air Force, Marines and Navy).

Air Mobility Operations Wing holds awards

By **Capt Bradley Boudreaux**
515th Air Mobility Operations Wing

Following the activation of Air Mobility Command's (AMC) first overseas wing on June 5, 2008, the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing (AMOW) located at Hickam Air Force Base recently held its inaugural Commanders' Conference and Annual Awards Banquet in Honolulu.

This 3-day event hosted by its Commander, Col Rich McClain, gave the Wing's leadership, spanning eight geographically separated units, the opportunity to gather and discuss current issues and future strategy for

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Photo by Vanessa Perez

The Global Reach Award is presented to the 733d Air Mobility Squadron. From left are TSgt Darwin Mallari, Mr. Masayoshi Itokazu, Mr. Stephen Gambert, Col Richard McClain, Capt Dennis Saguin, CMSgt Perry Rorie (kneeling), SMSgt Michael Crabtree (back), SrA Trent Fisher, CMSgt Justin Ouchie, CMSgt William McWhirt, MSgt Teresa Schorer, and Mr. Arakaki Tomokazu.

Successful Deep Freeze season comes to an end and helps science

By Maj. Sam Highley

JTF Support Forces Antarctica Public Affairs

Another season of Department of Defense support to the U.S. Antarctic Program and National Science Foundation activities in Antarctica came to an end Feb. 28.

The 2008-2009 season of Operation Deep Freeze, the U.S. military's operational and logistical support of the NSF's scientific research activities in Antarctica, began Sep. 4. Lt. Gen. Chip Utterback, 13th Air Force and Joint Task Force Support Forces Antarctica commander, deemed the season a resounding success.

"Every Deep Freeze season is a joint effort, and this one was no exception," General Utterback said. "Led by Airmen, our Sailors, Coast Guardsmen and Soldiers—to include active duty, Guard and Reserve—all joined forces this season to provide outstanding support to our National Science Foundation partners and their scientific activities in Antarctica."

JTF SFA, headquartered here at Hickam and led by 13th Air Force, coordinated strategic intertheater airlift, tactical LC-130 Hercules deep field support, aeromedical evacuation support, search and rescue response, sealift, seaport access, bulk fuel supply, port cargo handling and transportation requirements. During the six-month long season, the joint task force completed more than 50 C-17 Globemaster III intercontinental missions moving 4.3 million pounds of material and 3,800 passengers. Additionally, over 280 LC-130 ice missions flew more than 8.7 million pounds of supplies and 2,000 passengers. The tanker Gianella and cargo ship American Tern of the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command delivered approximately 5.7 million gallons of fuel and 14.6 million pounds of cargo.

"The movement of this cargo, fuel and personnel for our interagency partners at the National Science Foundation is vital to their mission," General Utterback said. "We are, in many ways, the 'lifeline' for their people down on the ice."

That lifeline was strengthened this season with the certification of the C-17 for landing in darkness using night vision goggles. Although night landings on the ice are not new, a McChord Air Force Base, Wash., air-



Maj. Jason Allen, a Reserve C-17 evaluator pilot with the 97th Airlift Squadron at McChord Air Force Base, Wash., looks out over the Antarctic ice during the 2008-2009 Operation Deep Freeze season, which came to an end Feb. 28

U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Chris Vadnais

crew landed a C-17 at McMurdo Station, Antarctica, on Sept. 11 in complete darkness, using night vision technology in combination with reflective cones for the first time. The certification enhances U.S. Antarctic Program logistics capabilities for year round operations using the C-17.

The joint U.S.-Australian movement of an injured Australian expeditioner out of Antarctica was another highlight of the season. The seriously injured patient was successfully moved by JTF SFA aboard an LC-130 to Hobart, Australia, on Nov. 5, where he received medical treatment and began his recovery.

The airmanship of the New York Air National Guard 109th Airlift Wing aircrew, in landing on an unprepared surface at the critically injured patient's Antarctic camp and transporting him to safety, drew international attention to the operational capabilities of JTF SFA.

Such missions illustrate the harsh conditions under which the joint task force must operate. Antarctica is considered the coldest, windiest, most inhospitable continent on the globe.

"Every trip we take to Antarctica, whether via aircraft or ship, requires careful planning and coordination," General Utterback said.

"Safety is paramount in all our Deep Freeze operations, and you can see that in the results this season."

General Utterback said the successful season is indicative of the high readiness of the U.S. military and its partners in the U.S. Pacific Command area of responsibility, and the United States' commitment to a peaceful Pacific region.

"To be able to use our military forces to further the scientific efforts in Antarctica—efforts that benefit all the people of the world—is really gratifying," the general said. "I couldn't be more proud of our entire team's efforts this season."

Diamond Tips

When wearing jewelry ...

- Watches and bracelets must be conservative, thinner than one inch and worn safely around the wrist
- A maximum of three rings may be worn on both hands combined
- Necklaces must be concealed under the collar or under-shirt.

Questions? Contact your First Sergeant



Deadline for article submission is end of day Friday for next Friday's issue. Copy must be typed, double-spaced 12-point type, 300-500 words in length, and e-mailed to caguinal@honolulu.gannett.com.

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Kukini: Meaning swift and valued messenger, the Kukini in ancient times took news from one Hawaiian leader to another.

Hickam's recycling program competing for a DoD award

Hickam Kukini staff

The Hickam AFB Recycling Program has won the General Thomas D. White Environmental award for the best Pollution Prevention program in the Air Force. It now goes on to the Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards.

The the General Thomas

D. White award recognizes the efforts of installations and individuals for environmental quality, restoration, pollution prevention, recycling, and conservation of natural and cultural resources.

At Hickam, what began as an office paper collection program has blossomed to something greater over the last 15 years.

For example, in Fiscal Year

2008, the Hickam Recycling Program diverted more than 1,850 tons of marketable scrap to local and overseas markets.

More than 1,000 tons of cardboard were shipped "mill direct" to the U.S. Mainland, China, Korea, and the Philippines. Sales value of cardboard alone exceeded \$150,000 for FY 08.

Other efforts included find-

ing more green methods to do things around base (like using digital imaging for dentistry rather than film), supporting green building construction, and partnering with other military and local stakeholders in sustainability efforts.

These are just a few examples of how the program has made a difference.

Residents asked to complete customer satisfaction survey

Hickam Community Housing LLC

Each year, Hickam Community Housing (HCH) surveys its residents to help measure their living experiences and quality of life in an HCH community.

Earlier this week the resident satisfaction survey, referred to as the CEL, was delivered to HCH Families.

The CEL is widely used by real estate and property management firms to monitor service performance and resident satisfaction.

It also is part of HCH's performance assessment program, so resident participa-

tion is critical.

"The CEL is an important tool that helps our team measure the quality of our property and maintenance management services," said HCH Director of Property Management David Tripp.

"I encourage all our families to complete the survey and provide us with their candid feedback."

"We want to ensure we provide nothing short of excellent service to our Families," he continued.

Virtually all facets of service and satisfaction experienced by HCH residents will be measured in the survey, and the information and

analysis is conducted by an independent research company, CEL & Associates.

The final report is expected to be completed in June, and HCH will share the report with residents thereafter.

As an added incentive for residents to complete the survey, completed surveys and comment cards received by March 31 will be entered into a drawing to win a Nintendo



Wii game system.

One winner will be drawn from each of HCH's five communities.

Any resident with questions about the CEL should contact their HCH Community Center.

Special Agents take a romp in the mud

By CMSgt Casey Fitzpatrick
Superintendent, AFOSI Region 6

Through mud, water, sand and challenging obstacles, six Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) Special Agents (SA) competed as "Team Hawaii 5.0" from Hickam AFB at the recent Swamp Romp. They placed first in the master division and ninth overall out of over 300 teams.

The team — made up of SA Gregg Gow, SA Rob Leal, SA Tony Bechtold, CMSgt Casey Fitzpatrick, SA Keith Bradley and SA Greg Carmack — made it though the muck on Feb. 28 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Their placing also earned them the top finishing USAF team.

Team captain SA Bradley summed it up by saying their mucky yet stellar effort was "not too bad for a bunch of old guys."

Referred to as Hawaii's dirtiest footrace, the participating teams negotiated a five mile obstacle-laden course that included mud, crawling, jumping, swinging, sounds of combat, a sandy beach, and even a short dip in the ocean.

There were approximately 30 masters teams in the event, representing every military service and the civilian sector. The race is part of the Commanding Officers' Fitness Series.



Photo by Maj Pamela Alley

From left SA Keith Bradley, SA Tony Bechtold, SA Greg Carmack, CMSgt Casey Fitzpatrick, SA Robert Leal and SA Gregg Gow make their way through the recent Swamp Romp as Team Hawaii 5.0 from Hickam AFB.

AF mourns the loss of first Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

By Senior Master Sgt.
Sean E. Cobb
Office of the Chief Master Sgt.
of the Air Force

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Paul Wesley Airey died March 11 in Panama City, Fla.

“Chief Airey was an Airman’s Airman and one of the true pioneers for our service,” said Gen. Norton Schwartz, Air Force Chief of Staff. “He was a warrior, an innovator, and a leader with vision well ahead of his time. His legacy lives today in the truly professional enlisted force we have serving our nation, and for that we owe him a debt of gratitude.”

“Chief Airey is the most respected enlisted Airmen in the history of the Air Force,” said Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley. “When we speak of today’s Airmen standing upon the shoulders of giants as they reach for the sky and stars — it was upon Paul Airey’s shoulders they stood. We will truly miss his leadership, counsel and friendship.”

The first CMSAF was always a leader. During World War II he flew as a B-24 radio operator and additional duty aerial gunner. On his 28th mission, then-Technical Sergeant Airey and his fellow crewmen were shot down over Vienna, Austria, captured, and held prisoner by the German air force from July 1944 to May 1945. During his time as a prisoner of war he worked tirelessly to meet the basic needs of fellow prisoners, even through a 90-day forced march.

Chief Airey was born in Quincy, Mass., on Dec. 13, 1923. At age eighteen, shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, Airey quit high school to enlist in the Army Air



Former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Paul Wesley Airey was known as a ‘true pioneer.’

Forces on Nov. 16, 1942. He later earned his high school equivalency certificate through off-duty study.

Chief Airey held the top enlisted post from April 3, 1967 to July 31, 1969. During his tenure he worked to change loan establishments charging exorbitant rates outside the air base gates and to improve low retention during the Vietnam Conflict. Chief Airey also led a team that laid the foundation for the Weighted Airman Promotion System, a system that has stood the test of time and which is still in use today. He also advocated for an Air Force-level Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy. His vision became reality when the academy opened in 1973, becoming the capstone in the development of Air Force Senior NCOs.

Chief Airey retired Aug. 1, 1970. He

continued advocating for Airmen’s rights by serving on the boards of numerous Air Force and enlisted professional military organizations throughout the years. He was a member of the Board of Trustees for the Airmen Memorial Museum, a member of the Air Force Memorial Foundation and the Air University Foundation.

After retirement, Chief Airey lived in Panama City, Fla. with his wife Shirley. Mrs. Airey died in 2001.

Chief Airey was always proud of Airmen. “I have seen many changes as we progressed from simple air power to today’s aerospace force. The enlisted corps has kept pace with that progress, for it is pride and dedication that keep enlisted men at their posts, not the lure of an easy life and secure future. It is the desire to serve our country that motivates today’s Air Force,” he said at the Air Force’s 20th anniversary ceremony in 1967.

On the north wall of the Air Force Memorial in Washington D.C., Chief Airey’s thoughts on Airmen are immortalized, “When I think of the enlisted force, I see dedication, determination, loyalty and valor.”

The Air Force Association honored Airey with its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007.

Chief Airey truly spent a lifetime serving a nation and a force he loved, said Michael Donley, Secretary of the Air Force. “From his first days flying World War II combat missions in Europe, to his work improving the welfare of enlisted personnel as the first Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, and his recent role as a mentor to today’s Airmen, Chief Airey was a man of honor and commitment to things greater than himself. His passing is mourned by all Airmen around the globe.”

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air mobility in its theater of operation.

The late February conference concluded with an awards banquet held at the Prince Kuhio Hotel in downtown Waikiki to recognize its top performers in 2008.

The conference was attended by all of the En Route Commanders and Chiefs located throughout the Pacific to include: two groups, six squadrons, and three detachments.

Additionally, Col McClain hosted several of HQ AMC’s senior staff members. The HQ staff brought invaluable insight and perspective that provided a forum to discuss AMC Commander Gen Arthur Lichte’s vision for the en route system and the way forward to best support the air mobility operations in the Pacific.

In addition to the Commanders’ Conference, the Inaugural 2008 Annual Awards Banquet provided Col McClain and his Command Chief Master Sergeant Chief Justin Ouchie the opportunity to recognize the Wing’s annual award winners from throughout the entire wing.

In addition to the individual awards, the 733d Air Mobility Squadron out of Kadena Air Base Japan took top honors as the Wing’s Global Reach Award winner.

515th Air Mobility Operations Wing 2008 Annual Award Winners

Airman Category
SrA Megan Romeo, 732d Air Mobility Squadron (Elmendorf AFB, Alaska)

NCO Category
TSgt Kevin Brown, 732d Air Mobility Squadron (Elmendorf AFB, Alaska)

SNCO Category
SMSgt Derrick Mobley, 730th Air Mobility Squadron (Yokota AB, Japan)

First Sergeant Category
SMSgt Edward Hock, 730th Air Mobility Squadron (Yokota AB, Japan)

CGO Category
Captain Mike Perez, 730th Air Mobility Squadron (Yokota AB, Japan)

US Civilian Category 1
Ms. Dawn Chang, 735th Air Mobility Squadron (Hickam AFB, Hawaii)

US Civilian Category 2
Mr. Joe Coryell, 732d Air Mobility Squadron (Elmendorf AFB, Alaska)

Detachment Member Category
MSgt Jerry Harris, Detachment 1, 730th Air Mobility Squadron (Diego Garcia)

Local National Employee Category 1
Ms. Kim Un Kyong, 731st Air Mobility Squadron (Osan AB, Korea)

Local National Employee Category 2
Mr. Paek Yong Ki, 731st Air Mobility Squadron (Osan AB, Korea)

Global Reach Award
733d Air Mobility Squadron (Kadena AB, Japan)

Hickam AFB implementing Voluntary Protection Program

By Staff Sgt. Erin Smith
15 AW Public Affairs

In an effort to ensure base employees evaluate their practices and increase workplace safety, Hickam leadership implemented the Occupational Safety and Health Administration sponsored Voluntary Protection Program whose goal is to preserve combat power by decreasing workplace injuries or illnesses, lost workdays and federal worker compensation costs.

"VPP is a process where all members of the team have an enhanced safety and health mindset," said Mark Kantorowicz, 15th Airlift Wing Safety Office, ground safety manager. "Members [must

become] proactive versus reactive when performing tasks; they [must] consider the risks involved with the process and act accordingly. Personnel transform from having to be safe to wanting to be safe."

To implement VPP, Airmen aren't tasked to do more than their jobs, follow their technical orders and recognize potentially unsafe practices and duty hazards and stop the project immediately if needed.

"VPP premise is to drive down incident rates by proactive versus reactive actions, by controlling or eliminating the risk from task," said Master Sgt. Tonda Fryzlewicz, Headquarters Pacific Air Force, safety programs manager.

"When [Airmen] assess the risk

and take preventive measure before performing the task — their risk of injury goes down. When the hazard isn't there, risks are reduced."

To kick off the program, a VPP assessment team will visit the base on March 16-20 and provide a gap analysis report to commanders. During the assessment, Airmen need to give honest feedback.

"When the assessment team is here, we want to give them a true look of what we do on a daily basis. Let them make a true assessment and come back to us with a plan," said Col. Dean Wolford, 15th Airlift Wing vice commander. "This program has been embraced at the OSD level and at the Air Force level. It basically builds

on existing programs such as CSAF's Wingman and AFSSO21 concepts. We look forward to building a culture of safety, at all levels, here at Hickam."

The assessment will give a starting line, where commanders can determine what needs to be enhanced in order to achieve "star status," so that kind of honest feedback is critical for leadership.

"A star status is a recognition that is bestowed by OSHA for someone who has an exemplary safety program," Mr. Kantorowicz said. "It is measured based on the number of mishaps per 1,000 people."

Those who have been recognized with star status have achieved injury and illness rates

at or below the national average of their respective industries. Star participants are reevaluated every three to five years, although incident rates are reviewed annually.

According to Mr. Kantorowicz, the Air Force's civilian injury rate was 2.91 per 100 people. This translated to 131 million in workman's compensation. On the active duty side, there were 2,200 injuries, resulting in 30,000 missed duty days.

"The Air Force is about 80 percent of where we need to be. We have to work on the other 20 percent to reach VPP requirements."

To reach VPP requirements, Airmen are asked to think proactively about safety issues

instead of saying "it's not my job," then jump in and stop unsafe practices on the spot.

"We will run many publicity campaigns with the roll out of VPP here at Hickam," Sergeant Fryzlewicz said. "There will be [commanders] call briefings, more articles and workplace hazard assessments. One of the tenants of VPP is employee involvement. Everyone is involved in the process."

As part of the involvement and marketing process, an Air Force assessment survey for VPP will be sent to Hickam members via e-mail in the next few days. Airmen are encouraged to take the survey. For more information on the VPP, contact the 15th Airlift Wing Safety Office at 449-0795.

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using 448-5318. For further assistance, please contact the FMO Asset Management Office at 448-3650.

Estate of TSgt Davis — Col Giovanni K. Tuck, 15th Airlift Wing Commander, regretfully announces the death of TSgt Willie J. Davis, 15AW/CP. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the estate of TSgt Davis, should contact Capt Christopher Keller, 15AW/CCX, Summary Court Officer, at 449-1524.

Teddy bear drive — A Teddy bear drive is being held

in preparation for April's Child Abuse Prevention Month. Drop off new/ gently used bears at either Hickam Elementary School until March 18 or Pearlridge Center Uptown on April 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Cindy Morita at the Family Advocacy Program 449-0188 or Kristy Ortega at 421-4155.

Association needs council members — The Hickam African-American Heritage Association is now accepting nominations for its 2009-2010 Executive Council. The positions consist of president, vice-

president, secretary and treasurer. Anyone (both enlisted and officer) is eligible to be nominated for any position. The term of office begins on April 1 and runs through March 31 of the following year. The nomination process is easy. Simply send an e-mail with your nominee to TSgt Taveya Murphy at taveya.murphy@hickam.af.mil. Nomination deadline is noon on Tuesday, March 17. Late nominations will not be accepted. Voting and selection of the new AAHA Executive Council will be made at the next AAHA meeting on Thursday, March 19, 11:30 a.m. at the

Tradewinds E-Club.

Schedule an appointment at Hickam Tax Center — Call the Tax Center at 448-0713 to schedule an appointment. The Tax Center will also be accepting walk-ins every day during the duty week, however, wait times are unpredictable so plan on getting there early.

Pre-Separation Briefing — This is scheduled March 17 from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Airman & Family Readiness Center. This mandatory briefing is for those coming up on separation or retirement. Attend prior to 60

days out from final separation date. You'll get great information on transition resources. Call 449-0300 to register.

Women's History Month Hickam AFB Teen Scholarship Pageant — You are invited on March 28 to the Officer's Club lanai from 6 to 9:30 p.m. for a Teen Scholarship Pageant. Enjoy a night to get dressed up in formal attire (dress/gown, suit and tie), eat a scrumptious buffet dinner and watch a pageant where 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be awarded. Cost is \$30 per ticket. For informa-

tion or tickets call SMSgt Lisa Boothe at 449-8504 or Carole Reynolds at 291-7236.

Food drive volunteers needed — The military coalition for the Hawaii Food Bank will be holding their annual Food Drive at the Hickam AFB Commissary March 21 and 22, and April 4 and 5. Volunteers are needed to collect donations. To sign up e-mail tiffany.benes@hickam.af.mil or oliver.martin@hickam.af.mil.