

## In this week's Kukini



■ A Hickam resident trains service dogs to help wounded warriors **A3**

## News Notes

**Road closure at O'Malley tomorrow** — O'Malley Boulevard near the intersection of Freedom Avenue will be closed due to tree trimming on Saturday, April 25 from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Two lanes will be closed entering O'Malley Boulevard from the main gate between the intersection of Mamiya and Freedom Avenues. The remaining open section of O'Malley Boulevard will become a contra flow lane during tree trimming work.

**Monthly promotion ceremony** — Please visit the Base Theater on Thursday, April 30 at 3 p.m. to celebrate the tradition of recognizing Team Hickam's newest Airmen, NCO and SNCO promotees. POCs are MSgt Robert Jones or MSgt Nathan Prince at 448-1458.

**No need to dial '94' starting in May** — Dialing 94 before placing a Defense Switch Network (DSN) for most of us is a guessing game depending which telephone switches you are initiating your call on Hickam AFB. The access code "94" will no longer be required to place any routine DSN call beginning May 2. Placing a call within the DSN 315 area code in will only require 7 digits; all remaining area codes of the DSN network will require the appropriate area code. POC is Sue Lewis 15 CS/SCOIV 449-4001.

**Order of Daedalians** — All present and former Daedalians, and any military pilot interested in joining the Order of Daedalians, are welcome to the monthly meeting, to be held Thursday April 30, at the Hickam Officers Club. Social hour will start at 11:30 a.m., lunch at noon. Cost will be \$15; please RSVP NLT noon, Monday, April 27 to rsvp\_daedalus@yahoo.com. The Order of Daedalians is America's premier fraternal organization of military pilots.

**Squadron Officer School** — Nomination packages for Academic Year 2010 must be submitted to the Directorate of Civilian Force Integration by May 1. All DOD civilians in the grades of GS 9-12, NSPS Y2 (except YB2), or equivalent, with at least four years of con-

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# Serving with honor and dignity

By Chris Aguinaldo  
Hickam Kukini editor

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE — Hickam's exemplar Airmen who render honor with dignity were recently recognized at a special ceremony.

The Hickam Base Honor Guard held a luncheon last week Thursday to also thank the supervisors who allow them to serve on the respected team.

"They bring dignity to our Air Force and our nation," said guest speaker Chief Master Sergeant Anthony Bishop, Command Chief Master Sergeant for Pacific Air Forces about the Hickam team.

While "there's a lot going on" like our nation at war, dealing with a smaller force and the need to fulfill the mission, "our Honor Guardsmen find time each and every day to perform ceremonies, provide honors and train," he said.

"What I've learned over the years," he continued, "is most of the time training happens on their time, not on duty time."

Members practice at



Honor Guard members ready a demonstration of the 3-volley salute, performed during police and military funerals, intended as a reminder of the departed's sacrifice.

Photo by Chris Aguinaldo

nights, weekends, whenever they can — for the opportunity to serve may happen at short notice. "God forbid we lose a service member, they're out there," Chief Bishop said.

The men and women of the Hickam team exhibit "commitment, dedication and their professionalism." That kind of precision is honed with training and so it's with great appreciation that supervisors still find the time "to support our young Airmen" who serve on Honor Guard, said Chief Bishop.

Without that kind of support from their leaders, the team wouldn't be able to render their special services, he posited.

Several team leaders received decorations for their service. They were:

- TSgt. Isidro "Sid" Tabion (MSM) - 5 Point
- MSgt. Marcus Della Sala (AFCM) - 3 Point
- TSgt. Laura Danielson (AFAM) - 1 Point

The luncheon was also an opportunity to recognize one of the Hickam team's earnest supporters,

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# New commissary policy on May 1

Submitted by 15th Services

The Department of Defense commissary program is an integral part of the pay and benefits for U.S. Armed Forces personnel. Commissaries are a privilege and service aimed at providing authorized military patrons, including dependents, surviving family and retirees, a direct savings on purchases of food and household items. This is part of supporting readiness, recruitment, and retention.

During the past few months, the Hickam Commissary has experienced a sharp growth in customers and accompanying guests. To assure

an optimum shopping service better focused on the intended use of commissary privileges and aligned with current Department of Defense instructions, beginning on Friday, May 1, 2009 the Hickam AFB Commissary will provide access only to positively-identified authorized patrons. Guests or visitors will no longer be permitted to enter the Commissary.

Allowing only authorized patrons in the Commissary directly addresses the present overcrowding, as well as the growing safety concerns related to maximum occupancy limits especially during peak shopping periods. Keeping access to authorized patrons

also promises to help minimize the number of people in line at the check-out registers.

Effective with the new policy, the Hickam Commissary will begin to check military identification cards as customers enter the store as well as at the registers. Signs, flyers and announcements at the Commissary store will provide reminders about this requirement. Personnel in regulation U.S. military uniforms will not be required to show an ID except during increased security conditions.

Authorized patrons are reminded that dependent children who are ages 10 years and older must have a valid ID in their possession when accom-

panying their parents to the Commissary.

As is currently the case, authorized commissary patrons who physically require assistance to shop should apply for an "Agent Card" to allow an agent to shop on their behalf. Hickam AFB Pass and ID at 449-9394 can provide additional details.

The Hickam AFB Commissary's priority is to provide the highest quality commissary shopping experience possible. The upcoming changes represent a strong step forward in improving safety and the quality of service for all authorized commissary patrons

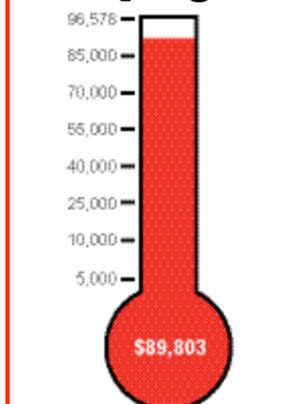


## Bite me

TSgt. Robert Foster of the 15th Security Forces Squadron, out of uniform and disguised as an 'attacker,' is given an aggressive greeting by a Military Working Dog during a demonstration. Members of the 15th SFS MWD Section were out in force at Saturday's Boy Scouts of America, Aloha Council Annual Oahu Makahiki at Sand Island. For more photos, see page B1.

Photo by Jay Parco

## Team Hickam AFAF progress



Campaign ends April 27

# Make fire prevention an ongoing priority

By Chris Aguinaldo  
Hickam Kukini editor

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE — While the recent Out of Cycle Fire Prevention Week has sparked attention to possible hazards, the need for vigilance is not over, said Hickam Fire Emergency Services officials.

Assistant Chief George Crowder emphasizes that the effort is called "Fire Prevention is an All Year Awareness Program: Plug into Fire Safety!," underscoring that a blaze can happen any time of year.

In particular, Chief Crowder hopes that people take the time to check their homes. "Based on the Team Hickam Fire Prevention Plan 2009

signed by Colonel Tuck, the emphasis for April 2009 should be housekeeping," said the fire chief.

And for good reason, as a fire can completely engulf a building in minutes. Moreover, a residential fire occurs in the United States every 67 seconds, according to fire officials.

In addition, smoking is the leading cause of fires in structures.

The following tips on housekeeping and smoking is provided by Hickam Fire Emergency Services.

- Housekeeping safety**
- Ensure that the home's emergency exits and fire extinguishers are easily accessible
  - Ensure tools, small parts/equipment

- are neatly arranged away from aisles
- Ensure drawers and cabinet doors are closed when not in use
- Ensure debris and trash is placed in trash containers immediately
- Ensure flammable liquids and oily rags are stored in proper containers
- Immediately clean up flammable liquid spills
- Dispose of excessive interior and exterior combustible waste
- Remove combustible vegetation
- Minimize combustible packing materials in the immediate work space and provide bulk storage in fire resistant enclosure

## Smoking safety

- Smoke only in designated locations and NEVER smoke in bed
- Keep matches and lighters away from children
- Provide designated noncombustible receptacles for smoking material
- Extinguish smoking material with water prior to disposal
- Ensure smoking materials are properly extinguished and disposed of appropriately
- Never leave smoking material unattended
- Never smoke while under the influence of alcohol or medications

# ACTION LINE

## Dealing with on base solicitation

**Comment:** We recently had a Kirby representative knocking at our door, asking if she could do an in-home demonstration for us. When told no, she was very persistent. I then proceeded to ask her if she had a base permit allowing her to do door-to-door sales. She said no, but since she was on base helping existing customers, she

decided to walk around our neighborhood to do sales. One of the nice benefits of living on base is not having to deal with soliciting of this kind. Yet, it seems like it happens more often than not. What can be done to ensure that this does not continue happening? Does the Hickam Community Housing Office know that soliciting is not allowed? Perhaps signs explaining this should be posted around the living housing communities on base? How can this problem be best addressed? Mahalo for your time!

**Response:** Thank you for bringing this to our attention. There is a Wing policy let-

ter dated 9 Jul 08, that specifically prohibits solicitation of any kind on Hickam AFB. All sponsored vendors, contractors, and sales persons on Hickam AFB property are the sole responsibility of the authorized sponsor. The sponsor is required to remain with the individual throughout their stay on the base and is also responsible for escorting the individual off the installation. The Kirby representative has been contacted and made aware of the base policy. We will also advertise the policy in base E-notes and the *Hickam Kukini*. Thanks again for your awareness. Should you have additional questions or concerns please don't hesitate to call

Security Forces Police Services at 449-1006/1007. *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, contact my commander's Action Line. If you would like me to get back to you, send 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 on your issue and respond verbally or in writing.* *The Action Line e-mail is: 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.*

# Hangar to contribute to forces' readiness

By Hickam Kukini staff

**HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE** — Last week's blessing of Hickam's new C-17 Fuel Cell Nose Dock facility was truly a momentous occasion, acknowledged U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye. "Our military forces must be kept at the highest levels of readiness. This hangar contributes to America's ability to fly, fight and return home safely," said the chairman of both the

Senate Appropriations Committee and the Subcommittee on Defense, whose support helped make the hangar a reality. The \$25 million Hangar 19, which was dedicated April 14, is the only hangar in the state of Hawaii specifically designed for C-17 fuel tank maintenance. It will greatly enhance the base's capacity to maintain and repair assigned as well as transient aircraft ensuring aircraft availability throughout the Pacific theater.

"Our men and women will use this facility to maintain and repair Hickam aircraft as well as others that transit the Pacific," continued Sen. Inouye. The state of the art structure also provides an enclosed area for fuel cell maintenance which can support multiple airframes not limited to the C-17, KC-135, C-40, C-37, C-130 and KC-10. Sen. Inouye, a decorated war veteran and the third most senior member in the U.S. Senate, adds that the project is "but a small investment for our military team who stand in harm's way on our behalf. Thank you for your service."



U.S. Air Force photo by Vanessa Perez  
U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye joined Hickam Air Force base personnel at last week's opening ceremonies of Hangar 19, a state of the art facility.

## Share your stories

Do you have unique AF experiences? Is there an issue that touches you or your family that you have written or want to write about? Public Affairs wants to hear from YOU. Contribute to the PACAF Pixels 15th Airlift Wing weblog! Submit ponderings, ideas or scribbles to 15AW.PA@hickam.af.mil with "Blog submission" in the subject line. Stories and photos may also be published in the *Hickam Kukini*. Write on!



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.

# After 60 years, questions are left about 'the Final Solution'

Submitted by the Equal Opportunity Office

As early as third grade, U.S. students are taught of the tragedy surrounding the Holocaust. Questions that are repeatedly asked include "Why did this occur?", "How could it happen?", and "What could we have done to prevent it?"

After 60 years, these questions are still relevant. History has shown that rarely does an event such as the Holocaust begin overnight. Little events occur that influence the course of history. With regards to the Holocaust, it was the appointment of one man.

In January 1933, Adolf Hitler, the leader of the National Socialist German Workers' Party (also known as the Nazi Party) was appointed Chancellor of Germany by President Paul von Hindenburg. This seemingly innocuous act was, for many, the beginning of the end to their way of life.

At the assumption of Hitler's power, many changes were implemented that led to one of the most tragic periods of human history. These changes included the widespread boycotting of businesses owned by Jews, and the passing of laws, which prevented political opponents and Jews from obtaining civil service positions and the disbarment of a majority of non-Aryan lawyers.

Other laws passed withdrew citizenship to recently naturalized German Jews and prohibited the reproduction of handicapped individuals, Gypsies, and Afro-Germans.

The Nazis also passed a law that prevented the creation of new political parties. This in effect allowed them to maintain total control of Germany.

The ideology that prompt-



Photo from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum courtesy of Moshe Lachter  
Jewish survivors from Turobin, Poland pose with a memorial plaque commemorating the victims of Nazism from their community.

ed these actions was simple; Germans considered themselves racially superior to others and groups that differed from them were a threat that needed to be handled.

The Holocaust, which was the wide-spread alienation and decimation of groups deemed racially and ethically inferior to German authorities, was the result of such thinking. The groups targeted included Jews, Gypsies, mentally and physically handicapped individuals, and those with Slavic ancestries, such as Poles and Russians.

Other groups victimized included those with different ideological and political views from the Nazi Party. These included Jehovah's Witnesses, Socialists, homosexuals, and Communists.

The Nazi's early abuse of civil liberties and human rights set the stage for the Holocaust. Between 1933 and 1941, the discriminated parties continued to be persecuted by the Nazi Party. Ghettos were established and concentration camps continu-



Photo courtesy the EO office  
Children await their execution by the 'Einsatzgruppen' — mobile killing units — during the Holocaust.

ously sprung up as the need dictated.

In 1941, Hitler and the Nazis decided the final solution to the Jewish question was the total annihilation of European Jews. This decision spurred mass shootings, euthanasia killings, gassing operations, and the shift from holding groups in concentration camps to shipping them to killing centers.

At its completion, the Holocaust caused the death of approximately six million Jews; at least 200,000 Roma and 200,000 mentally or physically handicapped individuals were also killed. In

addition, between two to three million Soviet prisoners of war were killed.

So, "How did this occur?" It started with little acts of discrimination that led to dire consequences.

*This week is designated the Days of Remembrance, the annual commemoration of the victims of the Holocaust. On April 21, the Holocaust Remembrance committee at Hickam AFB hosted a special memorial service at Nelles Chapel to mark Holocaust Remembrance Day.*

See [www.ushmm.org/remembrance/dor/](http://www.ushmm.org/remembrance/dor/)

# Special canines serve wounded warriors

By 2nd Lt. Jason Smith  
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE — Honolulu's weather, scenery and island lifestyle can make it easy for Hickam Air Force Base residents to forget there are servicemembers fighting on two battlefronts almost 8,000 miles away.

Kristen Ness, Hickam Community Housing resident, can't forget the sacrifices some Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines have made because she has a large, yellow reminder always at her side.

"Finn," short for Finnegan, is a yellow Labrador retriever puppy that Ness is training as a service dog for the Marine Barracks at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. Hawaii Fi-Do, a non-profit service dog organization, and multiple wounded warrior organizations teamed up to get some dogs trained for injured veterans who may need their service. Ness, one of two dog behavioral specialists on the Island, was eager to volunteer her time to help the partnership.

"Wounded warriors coming home prefer a dog over a cane," said Ness. "These are young men and women who want to be independent and productive. A service dog can help them achieve this in such ways as opening doors, flipping light switches, fetching desired objects, acting as a focal point to ride out symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, and providing much needed love and companionship."

Susan Luehrs, Hawaii Fi-Do

founder and executive director, said her organization is eager to help any wounded servicemember who needs assistance. Whether the request comes from the Army Wounded Warrior Program or even directly from an injured person, Hawaii Fi-Do makes the servicemember their priority.

"The service dog industry has come together to support our wounded warriors," said Luehrs. "That could mean helping any combat veteran. This is an all-volunteer effort for us. There is no charge for any service dog for our wounded warriors."

Training service dogs can be an expensive and time-consuming undertaking. Since wounded warriors are given their dogs for free, Luehrs counts on volunteers and donations to keep the program going. People with particular skills like Ness are indispensable. Oddly enough, Ness didn't always know she wanted to train service dogs. She originally pursued a radiology degree but said she wasn't happy in her work.

"I still wanted to help people, but I wasn't sure how," said Ness.

"It came to me as I was watching the show on Animal Planet, 'Dogs with Jobs.' I remember the joy on a paralyzed man's face when he was teamed with a service dog. The freedom it symbolized was amazing."

Shortly after realizing her new passion, Ness entered a grueling program at Triple Crown Dog Academy in Texas. Upon graduation, she started her own dog training business, usually dealing with the worst behavior problems.



U.S. Air Force photos by Oscar A. Hernandez

**Finnegan, a service dog in training, is trained by Hickam Air Force Base resident Kristen Ness, who volunteers her time by training service dogs to help wounded warriors. Inset, Finnegan practices turning on a light switch at a recent training session.**

Ness' expertise with training dogs fell right into line with the mission of Hawaii Fi-Do. According to their fact sheet, Hawaii Fi-Do's service dogs "learn more than 80 commands, are temperament tested, pass strict health guidelines and must pass the standards of Assistant Dog International before being placed with a well-matched client."

Finn, Ness' foster dog, will probably finish his training way ahead of schedule. Ness said a

typical service dog takes about two years and \$20,000 to train. Finn is only 13 months old, and he is already working on the complicated service skills portion of the program. Once graduated, Finn is scheduled to be a "barracks dog."

"Finn is really sociable; not a one-person dog," said Ness. "He will serve, comfort and support and entire barracks of wounded warriors."

Ness already has another

wounded warrior service dog lined up once Finn moves to his new home. She said her family tends to get attached to the foster dogs, but even her 3-year-old son knows when the dogs leave, they are going to help people who really need it.

For more about Hawaii Fi-Do, go to [www.hawaiifido.org](http://www.hawaiifido.org). For more about the Army's Wounded Warrior Program, go to <https://www.aw2.army.mil/index.html>.

## Crime Scene

### Theft of secured personal property

A military family member of an Airman reported a theft of personal property on 20th Street. This case is currently under investigation.

### Theft of unsecured personal property

The following cases were reported:

- An Active Duty E-5 assigned to 18 FSS reported a theft of personal property on Kokomalei Street. This case is currently under investigation.

- A military family member of an Airman reported a theft of personal property on Kokio Lane. This case is currently under investigation.

- An Active Duty E-5 assigned to the Army reported a theft of personal property on 19th Street. This case is currently under investigation.

### Damage of property

The following cases were reported:

- An Active Duty O-5 assigned HQPACAF reported damage of personal property on Beard Avenue. This case is currently under investigation.

- A civilian assigned to 15 LRS reported damage of government property to Bldg. 1760/Arts and Crafts Center. This case is currently under investigation.

### Shoplifting at BX

The following cases were reported:

- Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives observed a military family member of an Airman attempting to remove merchandise totaling \$141.60 without rendering payment. The individual will have his/her AAFES privileges revoked for one year and is awaiting a magistrate hearing.

- Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives observed a military fami-

ly member of an Airman attempting to remove merchandise totaling \$5.99 without rendering payment. The individual will have AAFES privileges revoked and is awaiting a magistrate hearing.

### Citations for April 13-19

Zero abandoned vehicle notices  
Two civilian traffic citations  
Three moving traffic citation  
Five non-moving traffic citations



Photo by Chris Aguinaldo

The Honor Guard, on behalf of Command CMSgt. Anthony Bishop, left, presented a \$75 donation to Airman's Attic Counsel President TSgt. Chris Purington.

## HONOR, From A1

Chief Master Sergeant Thomas Westermeyer. The 15th Airlift Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant will be departing for Eglin Air Force Base and received a special gift, a mounted bayonet, from the Honor Guard.

Chief Westermeyer admitted he learned a lot about the Honor Guard while at Hickam and the professionalism of our team, their leaders and the support given to them around the base.

He also shared his immense respect for what the team is called to do and thanked the supervisors who support these Airmen. "It's been an honor being your command chief and serving you, the Honor Guardsman and supervisors," he said.

15 AW Vice Commander Col. Dean Wolford, on behalf Col. Giovanni Tuck, summed up how the leadership regarded the Honor Guard, recalling getting a call about lost serv-

iceman returning at about 3 a.m. Quickly, the team assembled and stepped out of a C-17 in front of the fallen's family with his casket.

"I still get chills thinking about it," said Col. Wolford. "That family could not have been more proud of their son" as they saw the dignity being accorded to him.

"It's memories like that you etch in the minds and hearts of family members and service members."

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tinuous civil service are eligible to attend SOS. A bachelor's degree is required.

Possession of a secret clearance is desired. Students who attend SOS are expected to be top physical condition. Nomination procedures and physical requirements can be found at <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil>. In the search engine, type in 3543.

**Free juggling show** — Extreme Entertainment from "Team Rootberry" comedic juggling act performs April 24 at the Memorial Theatre. Doors open at 3 p.m. and the show starts at 3:30 p.m. This is a free show for the entire family. For more information, call the Makai Recreation Center at 449-3354.

**Craft Fair booths available** — Crafts Booths are still available for the Spring Craft Fair and Family Fun Day on Saturday, May 2, which will be open to the public. For more information, call 448-9907, Ext. 101, 102, or 106.

**Cat trapping at Hickam** — 15 CES with the assistance of the USDA are currently trapping feral cats on Hickam AFB. The cats are taken to the Hawaiian Humane Society. In accordance with 15AWI 48-104, please keep your pets from roaming freely outside your residence at all times and make sure they are micro-chipped. It is against base policy to feed stray and feral cats on base. Feral and stray cats can be a threat to wildlife and are a flight line hazard. For questions, call 15CES/CEVP at 449-3198.

**Equal Opportunity office ready to serve** — Team Hickam, you are being served by the best "Large Equal Opportunity Office" in PACAF for 2008. Our Mission: Enhance our Total Force's combat readiness and mission effectiveness by creating an inclusive Human Relations Climate that embraces the diversity of all Hickam personnel. We

process DoD civilian and military, retiree and dependent unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment complaints at Informal and Formal levels, conduct Unit Climate Assessments, Human Relations Education and as requested tailored briefings. We help leadership by conducting SME in CDIs and CWIs. We are located in Bldg 1113 right beside the base gymnasium or call 449-1701 for any questions or concerns.

**CPR, First Aid and defibrillator training available** — The Red Cross offers classes in lifesaving skills. Call the Hickam Red Cross at 449-0166.