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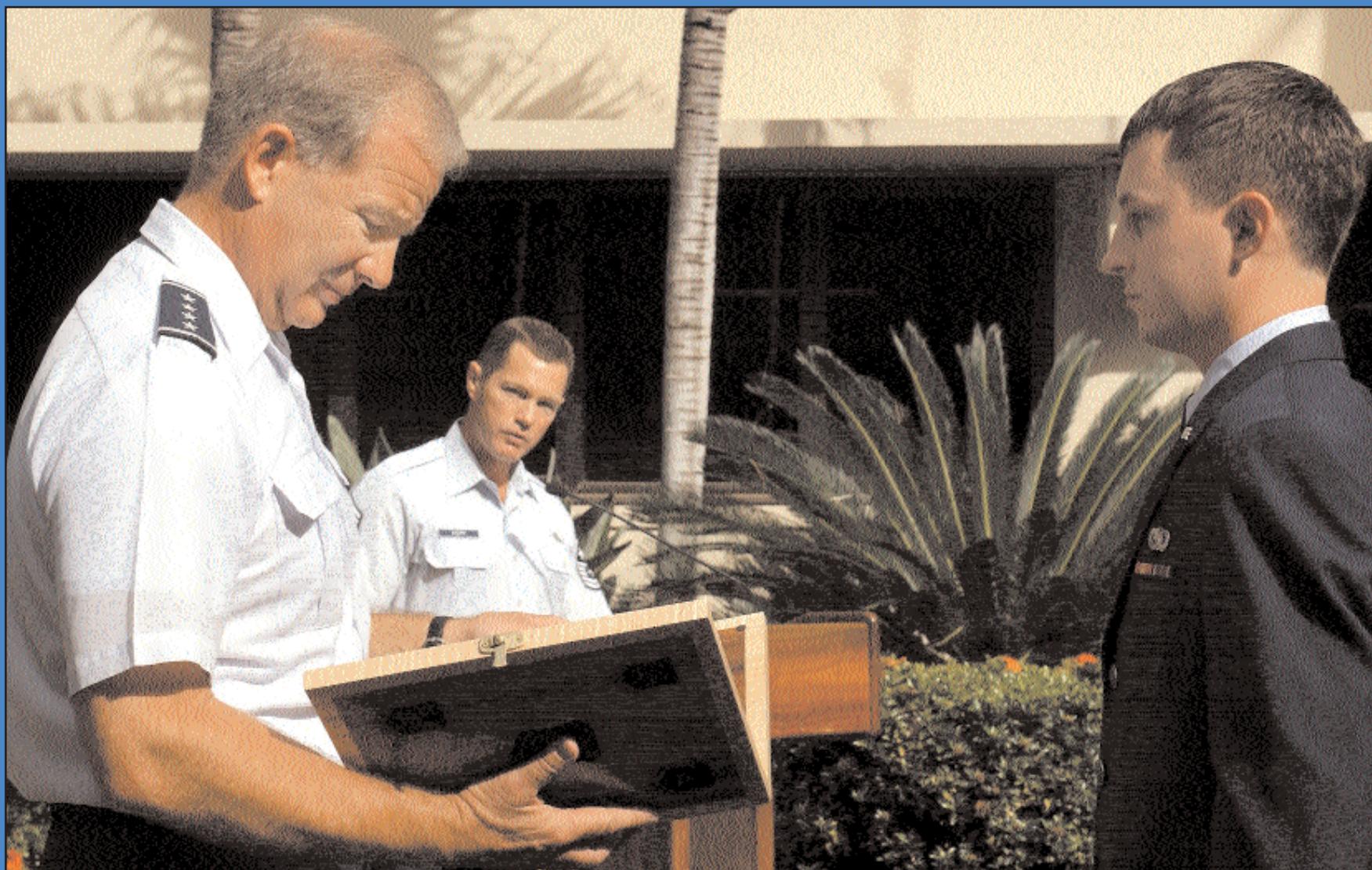


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## Prestigious invitation

Gen. Bill Begert, Pacific Air Forces commander, reads his invitation to his PACAF Order of the Sword induction ceremony April 15. The invitation is presented to him by Airman Basic Marshall Davenport, 15th Logistics Readiness Division. PACAF Command Chief Master Sgt. David Popp, center, was the emcee for the invitation announcement. The ceremony is June 26 at the Hickam Tradewinds Enlisted Club. The general is the 17th PACAF commander to be inducted into the PACAF Order of the Sword. General Begert announced his retirement three weeks ago after more than 36 years of service.

# Hickam base leadership discusses, defines types of personal assaults

By Airman Ryan Simpson  
Staff Writer

With the recent report on sexual assault released from Pacific Air Forces and the public request for information, Hickam leadership held an enlisted call to discuss the importance of understanding sexual assault.

Col. Ray Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander, held a mandatory enlisted call April 16 at Hickam Memorial Theater in order to give all enlisted personnel the common understanding of sexual assault.

Officers' calls are scheduled for May 6 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Memorial Theater.

During the enlisted call Colonel Torres with

the assistance of legal, medical and the Office of Special Investigation personnel discussed definitions, penalties, PACAF sexual assaults statistics, the way ahead for PACAF, and points of contact for people who may have been affected by sexual assault.

Legal first listed the three main types of sexual assault and gave definitions and punishments for the accused.

The worst assault is rape and is defined as unwanted intercourse. The highest penalty for rape is death or such other punishment as court-martial may direct.

Second the definition of indecent assault was listed as assault with the intent to gratify the lust or sexual desires of the accused, with a pun-

ishment of dishonorable discharge, total forfeitures of pay and confinement for five years.

Finally is indecent act with another, which was talked about as a certain wrongful act committed with another person and that act was indecent, with the punishment of dishonorable discharge, total forfeitures of pay and confinement for five years.

The colonel then discussed the findings from the PACAF sexual assault statistics.

The statistics showed that 60 percent of subjects and 82 percent of victims of sexual assaults were under the age of 25. "This shows that the

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# You've got to live and learn

By Lt. Col. Lance Lindsley  
65th Airlift Squadron commander

As we continue to watch progress being made in the war on global terror and the continuing effort to stabilize Iraq, I think it's interesting to note some lessons learned from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom and the new strategic environment we live in today. One lesson involves information.

We've learned we can't get enough information, but at the same time, we can't fully digest the information we do get.

When the 65th Airlift Squadron was flying the old C-135 aircraft, our customers were afforded very limited communications. Now that we've transitioned to our new C-40B and C-37A aircraft to support the Pacific Command and Pacific

Air Forces commanders, we're fully immersed in information demands and a flood of data.

In the cockpit, we now have high speed datalink communications that afford us instant access to critical information about weather, airfield status and anything else we need to safely fly the mission. Our customers in the back of the airplane have unprecedented access to information. We have the capability to send and receive large amounts of classified and unclassified data.

We can now offer our distinguished visitor travelers worldwide secure and non-secure telephones, local area networks and facsimile capability.

We've even got 100 plus channel television when we fly over the mainland for access to news and other information. This television

access will soon be available worldwide.

Even though the technology is in its infancy, our customers have rapidly come to expect this connectivity. Senior military decision makers are faced with the daunting task of sorting through this pile of information for the useful parts and then directing these parts to the "pointy end of the spear" folks who can use them effectively. So we've leveraged technology to build a great conduit for information.

We're also leveraging new technologies at the wing level with systems such as the Theater Battle Management Core System. TBMCS packages and distributes information allowing more streamlined decision making during day-to-day, exercise and contingency operations.

The next challenge is to find better ways to evaluate, filter and pre-

sent the critical elements of information in a timely manner. I foresee a future where we use artificial intelligence systems to rapidly evaluate the reams of data we collect. These future systems would categorize, weigh the merits of the data and process it in a manner suitable for presentation to the decision maker. All this would occur much faster than could be achieved by human analysts, resulting in better speed, accuracy, and validity of information flow.

Of course, commanders and supervisors will always be the key to taking the information presented and translating it into good decisions to achieve the mission. In the world of information warfare and information dominance, data fuels the war machine, but useful and timely information is what will win the day.

## Air Force attitude makes a difference

By 2nd Lt. Heather Alden  
100th Comptroller Squadron

**RAF MILDENHALL, England (AFPN)** – What, exactly, is Air Force attitude? It's a vague thing, really. It's hard to define sometimes, but when you see it, you recognize it immediately.

You see it in the sharp troop at the gate who is chilled to the bone, yet still sports a uniform as crisp as the winter air. He still takes the time to ask how you're doing, then bids you farewell with a smile on his face.

You see it in the first sergeant who makes it her top priority to care for her troops and their families, and in the squadron members who step up alongside the first sergeant to ensure families of deployed members are provided for. You see it on any Air Force base in the neatly landscaped lawns and the immaculate buildings.

The Air Force attitude is all around us. It's what

makes us stand out in a crowd. It's the cornerstone of our culture. It is something we learn the second we begin our Air Force careers – and it's not just a military thing. It's instilled in our Air Force civilians, our families, even the communities in which we serve.

The Air Force attitude comprises the core values, the customs and courtesies, the leadership skills and the professionalism we are taught from Day One.

We show off our attitude by how much care we take with our uniforms; how sharply we salute; how we render respect for the flag and those who came before us during retreat; with the pride we take in our organizations and the care we take with the resources we are given.

The Air Force attitude begins in the shared acceptance and embodiment of the core values. The core values give us the common ground on which we base our actions. They are the building blocks of our attitude. "Integrity first," "service before self" and "excel-

lence in all we do" are our Air Force core. They are our heart.

If we're faced with a dilemma, we strive to do the right thing, even when no one's looking. That's integrity, and it is prevalent throughout the Air Force.

If we're given a job to do, we do our best. We always strive to improve ourselves and push our troops to challenge themselves.

That's excellence and we see it from our peers, subordinates and leaders every day. Airmen and civilians alike do excellent work, we demand excellent work from others, and we recognize excellence when we see it.

Service before self ... that's our daily bread. We are faced with tough jobs that sometimes keep us from doing what we'd enjoy and instead have us doing what must be done.

Who cares if we don't have a "battle cry" – we've got attitude!

## Action Lines



**Col. Ray Torres**  
15th Airlift Wing commander

**Editors Note:** The purpose of the Action Line is in its name – it's your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community.

It also allows you to recognize individuals who go "above and beyond" in their duties – and we all know there are plenty of those folks here.

All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line, however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first crack at resolving problems or issues.

It's only fair to give our commanders and

managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you want 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](mailto:15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil).

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## He huffed and he puffed ...

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Hawaii State Legislature, reads to Hickam children at the Child Development Center main Monday, participating in April's month of the military child activities.

# Hawaii Top 3: *Helping mold young troops*

By Airman Ryan Simpson  
Staff Writer

For the cost of two days, first term Airmen have the opportunity to learn and develop further as Airmen and learn their role and mission in the U. S. Air Force.

The Team Hickam Hawaii Top Three Council has now initiated a quarterly mentoring seminar for the ranks of airman basic through senior airmen in order to provide information and display experience through the speaking and mentoring of senior noncommissioned officers.

The HT3 has called this class

their Airmen Mentoring Seminar Program. The purpose of this class is to provide additional information to Airmen after the First Term Airmen Center but before Airman Leadership School in an open panel discussion of situations that impact or form queries from young Airmen.

"The seminar is a way for first term Airmen to speak their mind ask questions and learn critical information that is important to all military service members," said Master Sgt. David Croteau, Hawaii Top 3 Program Coordinator.

"Through attending the Airmen Mentoring Seminar Program Airmen will leave knowing more

about the mission of the Air Force and the role in which they play," he said.

The seminar is a two-day seminar that discusses: enlistment evaluation system, award programs, uniform code of military justice, enlistment force structure, education opportunities, wills, service group life insurance, profession of arms, assignments, career advisor information and financial management.

The class also includes a sit down discussion with first sergeants and chief panels.

The class concluded with words from the wing commander that discuss the mission of Team Hickam

and the important role of young Airmen.

"The class just made me smarter," said Airman 1st Class Christopher Cruz, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron.

"It expanded to me my role in the Air Force, I was able to ask the questions that I wanted to know and was able to interact with other Airman out of my career field who I would not meet on a day-to-day basis," Airman Cruz said.

The seminar is held once a quarter with limited seats. To sign up for the next class contact Senior Master Sgt. Jerry Lewis, HT3 president at 449-6311.

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majority of sexual assaults impacted our junior enlisted," said Colonel Torres.

The findings also showed that alleged rapes were committed mainly in places where the victim was voluntarily present and were generally committed in places where the subject was either invited or used no force to enter.

PACAF statistics also proved most allegations did not involve violence or result in physical injury. Alcohol involvement was a major factor in the rape allegations studied. More than 60 percent of subjects had consumed alcohol prior to the alleged offenses and drugs were not a significant factor.

The commander then discussed the road ahead for PACAF and the wing in order to win the battle against sexual assault.

According to Colonel Torres a Sexual Assault Response Team will be formed.

The mission of the team is to provide a continuous, proactive, interdisciplinary support involving law enforcement, legal, family support, medical and mental health representatives from the moment a victim reports a crime until support is no longer needed, even if a case is not prosecuted.

Other required changes to wing policy will be asking for victim feedback, changes to dormitory alcohol consumption policies and requiring squadron commanders and first sergeants to patrol their dormitories on a routine basis.

"Prevention of sexual assault starts with leadership. It's the wing's role to educate commanders, first sergeants and supervisors on fac-

tors involved in sexual assault and they must visibly support prevention and appropriate punishment," said Colonel Torres.

"It's equally important to educate Airmen, establish an education program to enhance prevention, response, and deterrence," he said.

In conclusion the commander discussed helping men and women identify and avoid high-risk situations, helping Airmen respond quickly and appropriately if they become victims, and deterring Airmen from engaging in sexual offenses.

To report an assault or for more information, call one of the following organizations: Hickam Family Support Center at 449-0300, life skills support center at 449-0175, law enforcement desk at 449-6373 or the chaplain at 449-1754.

# Hickam makes impromptu B-52 visit a success

By Senior Airman Lisa O'Brien  
15th Operations Support Squadron

With less than 72-hours notice, Team Hickam picked up support to help a few mighty flying giants escape Mother Nature's wrath.

Four B-52 aircraft from Andersen Air Base, Guam, descended on Honolulu International Airport and Hickam earlier this month.

The Stratofortress bombers headed here for a safe haven when Typhoon Sudal threatened Andersen, their deployed home in the Pacific.

The 23rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron is deployed from the 23rd Bomb Squadron at Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

By the time the first bomber touched down on Honolulu's runway, Team Hickam had already overcome a number of challenges to provide first-class support to the B-52s.

The support came from people like Steve Tullos and Tech. Sgt. Samuel "Reggie" Aricayos, airfield managers from the 15th Operations Support Squadron, who waited at the end of the runway to guide the aircraft safely to parking on Hickam's airfield – an airfield that at this time is under extensive construction.

Hickam's Flight Safety Officer, Maj. Norm Chai, worked closely with the 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's Maintenance

Operations Center, to outline a parking plan for aircraft ensuring safety of both aircrew and activities surrounding the aircraft.

Mr. Tullos and Capt. Jerry Loeffelbein of the 15th Operations Support Squadron coordinated with Honolulu International Airport and air traffic controllers from the Federal Aviation Administration for arrival, departure and taxi procedures for the aircraft while transient alert crews with the 15th AMXS handled the giant drag chutes used to slow the eight-engine aircraft on arrival.

Adding to the challenge of locating adequate and safe parking facilities for the B-52s, Honolulu International Airport's taxiways were just wide enough to support movement of the bombers, requiring personnel to walk alongside the aircraft to ensure wing tip clearance from the taxiway lights.

Despite the challenges, Team Hickam made the mission a success.

"The support we've received here has just been great," said Lt. Col. Rob Hyde, 23rd Expeditionary Squadron commander.

"From facilities to billeting, we've had everything we need to make our mission a success," he said.

Col. Jeffrey Fraser, 15th Operations Group commander, outlined the importance of

Hickam's support to the B-52 mission.

"Providing an alternate operating location in the Pacific for these bombers is significant in supporting an airpower force with global strike capability," Colonel Fraser said.

"It's a great example of Team Hickam's contribution to ensuring our Air Force is prepared to respond anywhere at any time," the colonel said.

Other Team Hickam units providing support were: The 15th Airlift Wing Command Post, 15th Security Forces Squadron security details, ground transportation, lodging, flight service specialists of the 15th Operations Support Squadron and the 15th Logistics Readiness Division.

Lt. Col. Chris Davis, 15th OSS commander, summed up Team Hickam's outstanding support, "As commander of the OSS for a month now,

I've already found that our mission here really is a 'Team Hickam' effort.

"It takes assets from the entire community, including our partners at Honolulu International Airport, in a coordinated effort to make a mission like this a success," Colonel Davis said.

With the passing of the storm over Guam, the B-52s returned to Andersen three days later.



## Protecting Freedom

Staff Sgt. Glenn Santos, 889th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron and Airman First Class Armando Rooks, 888th ESFS perform a customs inspection on military personnel baggage. Sergeant Santos is deployed from the 15th SFS at Hickam. Airman Rooks is deployed from the 49th SFS, Holloman AFB, N.M.

Photo by Capt. Tom Knowles

# Hootie and the Blowfish to headline PACAF tour

## *Hickam marks finale of the week-long Pacific trip*

The multi-platinum-selling musical group Hootie and the Blowfish and the New England Patriots cheerleaders have teamed up with Headquarters Pacific Air Forces and the Air Force Reserve Command from Robins Air Force Base, Ga., to present Operation Pacific Greetings for troops May 21 here. The performance is open to all Department of Defense personnel and their families.

Hootie and the Blowfish will headline Operation Pacific Greetings with combined performances by the PACAF Band of the Pacific – Asia, and the AFRC Band to help thank troops for their dedication to

defending our nation's freedom. They will perform at five PACAF bases May 14-21.

The tour is scheduled to perform at Kadena, Misawa and Yokota air bases in Japan, Kunsan AB, Korea, and Hickam.

"Operation Pacific Greetings will put on a show that is equal to any high-dollar concert back home," said Col. Fred Ryder, director of PACAF Services. "The Air Force Reserve tour group is bringing more than a half-million dollars worth of state-of-the-art sound, stage and lighting equipment and will put on a show that our troops will never forget."

The New England Patriots are sending four members of their cheerleading squad to accompany the tour. The PACAF Band of the Pacific – Asia, and the Air Force Reserve Band will perform as the opening act for the show - playing contemporary rock music and other well-known favorites. The combined band serves as a good reminder of how Air Force reservists partner with the active duty and Air National Guard to create the Total Force.

"The folks putting on this tour are going to be log-

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ging a lot of miles," said Colonel Ryder, "but everyone on the tour thinks it is important to support our troops and let them know their Air Force family appreciates what they do for us."

Hootie and the Blowfish are a world-famous, multi-million-selling band composed of artists Mark Bryan, Dean Felber, Darius Rucker and Jim "Soni" Sonefeld. The group's first album debuted in 1994 - called "Cracked Rear View" and was one of the most successful rock debuts of all time. They received the Diamond Award for U.S. sales of 10 million albums, have been certified platinum 16 times winning Best New Artist and Best Pop Performance by a Group at the 1995 Grammy Awards. The group has also released six albums including the most recent, "Best of Hootie and the Blowfish" in March.

For more than five decades PACAF has served in defense of the U.S. and its allies.

The command has about 45,000 military troops and civilians preparing to bring air power quickly and decisively to the far reaches of the Pacific. PACAF's area of responsibility extends from the west coast of the United States to the east coast of Africa and from the Arctic to the Antarctic, totaling more than 100 million square miles. The area is home to nearly two billion people who live in 44 countries.

Air Force Reserve Command provides "Citizen Airmen" in unit-equipped and associate units that contribute to every Air Force major command, including PACAF, for deployments and frontline missions. About 75,800 Air Force reservists train on full- and part-time duty - ready for immediate tasking from higher headquarters. About 6,000 Air Force reservists are currently mobilized -- on full-time, active-duty status by order of the president. *(Courtesy of Pacific Air Forces News Service)*

## Program to help high school seniors

What do you mean we're moving, i'm a senior, i'm not going!

Air Force families may have heard that statement for the last time thanks to the High School Seniors Assignment Deferment Program. The intent of this new program is to decrease turbulence and increase stability for military families with dependent children entering their senior year of high school. According to the military personnel flight memorandum: 04-18 the HSSAD policy applies to active-duty officers (O-5 and below) and enlisted members (E-8 and below). HSSAD requests are considered on a case-by-case basis with the goal of approving as many requests as possible while meeting mission needs. Consecutive deferments may be requested.

General Eligibility Criteria and Documentation:

1. The dependent student must be enrolled in DEERS and residing with the sponsor.
2. The member must provide a memo from the dependent's high school counselor confirming the student's current grade and projected senior year graduation date.

3. The member must complete a memo "Request for HSSAD"

Because of differences in the officer and enlisted assignment systems, differing HSSAD procedures will need to be followed. Details are available from the MPF/personnel relocations element at 449-0672. *(Information courtesy of Alice Patton, 15th Airlift Wing school liaison)*



## TEAM HICKAM

## News Notes

**Gate Construction** – There will be limited access through the Kuntz Gate during its construction phase from May 10 to Nov. 8. The gate will operate on its normal hours (5:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Sunday) for limited entry only, mostly for construction traffic. All military and DoD employees are strongly encouraged to use the main gate during the period of construction to alleviate delays in entering the base. Kuntz gate will be closed to all exiting traffic. All motorists will be directed to use the main gate for exiting the base. For any questions or concerns, contact Tech Sgt. Robert Padar at 449-6641.

**PCB update** – The article in the April 16, edition of the *Kukini* entitled "Environmental Restoration Continues with PCB Study" detailed an ongoing project at Hickam by the 15th Civil Engineer Squadron's Environmental Restoration Element (15CES/CEVR). The Restoration Element is currently conducting an environmental investigation to identify and clean up potential releases of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from electrical equipment, mainly pad-mounted transformers, located on base. Since the article was published, a supplemental fact sheet is now available to the general public on the Internet at <http://www.ethonprojects.com/hafb/hafbfactsheet.pdf>. If you have any questions concerning this project, please contact Rick McComb, Remedial Project Manager at 449-1584 Ext.224.

**Traffic Detours** – Due to the new force protection work occurring on the west side of PACAF building, a traffic detour has been initiated through May 17. All inbound traffic going south on Vickers Avenue must turn right on to Atterbury Circle, then follow the circle on to Boquet Boulevard. The traffic is funneled onto Scott Circle to reconnect with Vickers Avenue. As for outbound traffic going north on Vickers Avenue, one lane will be open. Traffic barriers

will outline the exit route on Vickers Avenue. Please note that once inbound vehicles are at the intersection of "F" Street and Vickers Avenue there will be no left turns allowed. Follow all traffic signs posted. For questions, contact Capt. Reid Matsuda at 449-1560.

**Internal Product and Media Survey** – The 2004 Internal Product and Media Use Survey will be sent to 10,000 randomly selected Airmen and civilian U.S. Air Force employees, by the Air Force Survey Branch. It is encouraged that Airmen participate in the 15-minute questionnaire. This is an official Air Force survey, with control number 04-023 issued by the Survey Branch. People who are asked to take the survey and want more information can call DSN 227-4065.

**PACAF C&I banquet** – Pacific Air Forces C&I personnel invite Hickam personnel to attend their fourth annual C&I awards banquet May 4, 6 p.m. at the enlisted club. The cost is \$37.50 for O10-E9/SES-GS7/contractors, \$30 for E8-E5/GS6-GS3 and \$20 E4 and below. Club members receive a \$2 discount. Meal choice is chicken with tri pepper-corn sauce or London broil with three mushroom madeira sauce. Dress is mess dress for military and black tie for civilian personnel. RSVP by today to

Capt. Zachary Warakowski at 449-4206.

**Adopt-A-Stream clean-up set for May 1** – Hickam, in conjunction with the City and County of Honolulu, will be sponsoring an Adopt-A-Stream cleanup effort May 1. Team Hickam members will clean up three streams/channels in the Waimanalo area. Volunteers will meet at 7 a.m. in the Burger King parking lot and will return around noon. Participants will drive their own vehicles to the cleanup sites. Personnel without a car may car-pool with other participants. Children 12-18 years old are allowed to participate as well. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. All volunteers contact Senior Master Sgt. Lewis Weaver at 449-7456.

**Heartlink is May 7** – The family support center is hosting the Heartlink program for all new Air Force spouses who would like to learn more about military acronyms, customs and their role in the Air Force mission. The one-day session of interactive games and activities are scheduled for May 7 from 7:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the FSC. Childcare is provided and lunch is free. To reserve a seat, call 449-0300.

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**Hawaii Chiefs Group** – Hawaii Chief's Group is going to conduct their monthly meeting Thursday 7:30 a.m. at the Enlisted Club. All Hawaii chiefs are invited to attend. For more information, call President of the Chiefs Group, Chief Master Sgt. Michael Stephenson at 477-3181 or the Vice president, Chief Master Sgt. Dale Mills at 449-0690.

**HESC Elections** – Hickam Enlisted Spouses' Club will hold elections Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Chapel Center on Kuntz Avenue. A short business meeting and voting will start the evening at 6:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to come out and vote for the 2004-2005 executive

board. Stay after the business portion and enjoy with Bunco, there are plenty of prizes to be won. For more information, visit our website at [www.orgsites.com/hi/hesc/](http://www.orgsites.com/hi/hesc/) or call President, Lora Bowler 421-0607 or Vice President Wendy Pruitt 422-4198.

**Housing Note** – Housing residents are reminded that trash receptacles and recycle bins must be removed from main traffic flow areas after they are emptied on the day of pickup and placed back in their designated storage areas or otherwise out of sight of vehicle traffic. Trash and recyclables are picked up once weekly as scheduled for each area. Bulk trash is picked up on

Fridays and shall be placed before 8 p.m. on the day before scheduled pickup. For further assistance regarding this matter, please refer to the Hickam Military Family Housing Brochure or contact Master Sgt. Daryl Johnson or Tech. Sgt. Edward Marsch at 448-6561.

**Hickam Fitness Center Closing** – The Hickam Fitness Center is closed until Monday for termite fumigation. The fitness center staff recommends that during this time people look for alternate avenues to crosstrain by swimming, running, hiking, rollerblading and other outdoor activities. For more information contact the fitness center at 449-1044.

# Around the Air Force

## Cadet for a day

**U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.** – Taylor Reed listens to a briefing from Capt. Jon Veazey, through the Make-A-Wish Foundation, 10-year-old Taylor and his family toured the academy April 16. Taylor is from Thornton, Colo., and has cystic fibrosis. His tour included a flight simulator ride, meeting the falcon mascots and marching to lunch with the cadet wing. Captain Veazey is an airspace and flyover manager for the 34th Operations Support Squadron.

Photo by Charley Starr



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**Editor's Note:** For these full Air Force stories and more check out [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil).

**Online system reduces trips to education office** – WASHINGTON (AFPN)– Four features now available under the Air Force's virtual education system give Airmen more control of their academic pursuits.

The Air Force Virtual Education Center is a Web-based system available to the total force that allows Airmen to do many of the things online that once required a trip to a base education office.

Airmen with accounts on the virtual center can now update personal data through the system, including rank, duty phone, and e-mail and postal mailing addresses.

New features allow users to view a complete history of their enrollment in courses taken using tuition assistance. Users will also be able to access a list of notifications concerning missing grades and payment suspenses, and they can check Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support and College-Level Examination Program test results.

The virtual center came online in early 2003 and was designed to streamline the process of participating in off-duty education, said Jim Sweizer, Air Force chief of voluntary education.

The center's development is in line with similar developments in the civilian world. Being able to make payments online or to con-

duct business without leaving your home is something Airmen are familiar with and demand, Mr. Sweizer said.

One of the most apparent benefits to customer service is the center's tight integration with the Community College of the Air Force, Mr. Sweizer said.

The center also makes it easier for Airmen to have their CCAF transcripts sent to other universities. Mr. Sweizer said the CCAF sends out as many as 65,000 transcripts a year to various schools.

Sending out a transcript from CCAF to another school could have taken as many as six weeks when it was done entirely through paper mail and handwritten forms. With the virtual center, he said, the Air Force has reduced that process time to 24 hours.

While the virtual center does not currently allow Airmen to apply for tuition assistance online, officials said it soon will. In fact, application for tuition assistance will be a focal point on the site.

From a military computer, Airmen can sign up for an account at <https://afvec.langlely.af.mil>.

**Air Force restarts job reservation system May 1** – WASHINGTON (AFPN) – As part of force-shaping efforts, the Air Force will restart the career job reservation system May 1.

The CJR system will reduce career field shortages and overages, and balance the career force within each skill, according to officials. The CJR system allows Air Force officials to limit the number of first-term Airmen re-enlistments in certain skills.

Beginning May 1, all first-term Airmen must have an approved CJR before they may re-enlist. Airmen serving in CJR-constrained skills must compete for a CJR quota. A list of 30 CJR-constrained specialties can be reviewed at local military personnel flights.

Four-year enlistees may apply for CJRs on the first duty day of the month during which they complete 35 months on their current enlistments, but no later than the last duty day of the month during which they complete 43 months of their enlistments. For six-year enlistees, the must apply between 59 months

and 67 months.

Local MPF re-enlistment office officials have more information.

**Officers must complete online education application** – RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Officers who want to compete for a developmental education opportunity in the 2005 to 2006 school year must now complete the required preference application online. The 2004 Developmental Education Designation Board meets here Oct. 4 to 8.

The senior and intermediate developmental education nomination application is where nominees make their school preferences known to their senior rater, their development teams and the board. The application, available from any Internet-connected computer, must be completed by the officer and senior rater by May 21.

To access the application, officers can visit the AFPC developmental education site at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pmel](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pmel). Once there, those eligible can click the "Web-based 3849 application" button which will take them to the AFPC secure site.

Officers can select up to five school choices from a drop-down menu and give a synopsis of why they should attend each school.

Once an officer completes the application by clicking "submit," he or she is automatically taken to the Assignment Management System Web site at <https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm>. From there, the officer can check to ensure the Transitional Officer Developmental Plan is current. A current plan is mandatory for the application process. The application is then available to the senior rater who will add his or her comments and nominate the officer online.

Following the senior rater's endorsement, the application is reviewed by the appropriate force-development team, the colonel said. Career-field experts on the team will recommend the appropriate developmental opportunity for each officer based on the applicant's background, school preferences and senior rater's comments.

For more information, contact the local military personnel flight. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

## Chapel

### Protestant

**Nelles Chapel**

Sunday contemporary service – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday Gospel Worship – 11:15 a.m.

**Chapel Center**

Sunday traditional – 8:30 a.m.

### Catholic

**Nelles Chapel**

Saturday confessions – 4:15 p.m.

Saturday Mass – 5 p.m.

**Chapel Center**

Sunday Mass – 10 a.m.

**Chapel Center**

Sunday Mass - 10 a.m.

### Jewish

Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor Aloha Chapel, 471-3971.

### Orthodox

For more information, call 438-6687.

### Islamic

Friday congregational service - 1 p.m.  
Muslim Association of Hawaii,  
947-6263.

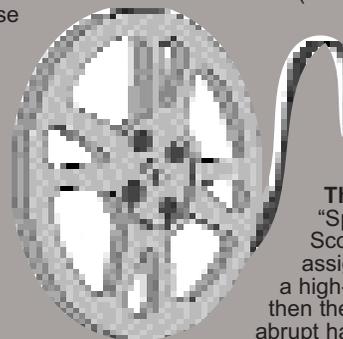
**Editors note:** For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.

## Movies

**Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.**  
"Secret Window" – Mort Rainey, a successful writer, is in the midst of a painful divorce leaving him with a case of writer's block, when a psychotic stranger, John Shooter, shows up at his doorstep accuses Rainey of plagiarizing his story and demands satisfaction. Starring Johnny Depp and John Turturro. Rated PG-13 (for violence/terror, sexual content and language).

**Sunday at 7 p.m.**  
"Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights" – 18-year-old Katey moves with her father to Havana. Instead of joining the crowd of wealthy Americans in her new neighborhood, Katey befriends Javier a poor waiter who also happens to be a great dancer. Katey soon persuades Javier to partner with her in a prestigious nation-

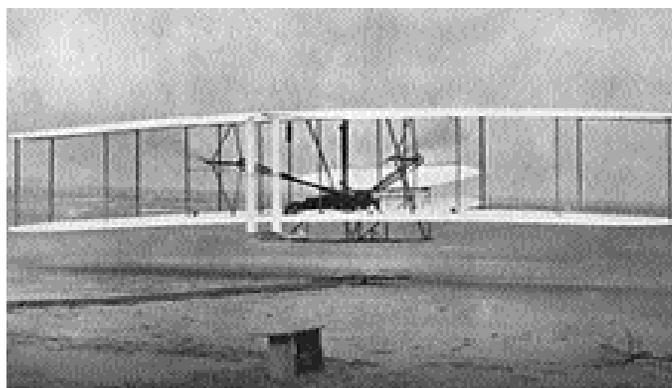
al dance competition. Starring Diego Luna and Romola Garai. Rated PG-13 (for sensuality).



**Monday and Tuesday**  
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**Wednesday at 7 p.m.**  
"Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights"  
– See synopsis above

**Thursday at 7 p.m.**  
"Spartan" - Special ops officer, Robert Scott, and his protégé, Curtis, are assigned to find the missing daughter of a high-ranking government official. But then their mission seems to come to an abrupt halt when the girl's death is reported in the media. Curtis believes the girl is in fact alive. If she is, there's a dangerous conspiracy at the highest level covering up the fact that she's still alive. Starring Val Kilmer and Derek Luke. Rated R (for violence and language).



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## Sports Shorts

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**Fitness Center changes** – All fitness center lockers will be converted to daily use only and shower towel will be provided to TDY personnel only effective Tuesday. A new computerized tracking system for customer check-in, point-of-sale and court reservations is scheduled to arrive May 31.

**Swimming instructions** – Hickam Outdoor Recreation is scheduled to offer swimming instruction in levels 1-6 at pool two from May 10 - 28. Registration will be held at Hickam Harbor from noon to 5 p.m. May 3 to 7. All instructors possess American Red Cross water safety instructor and rescue certification. Cost is \$40 for nine, hourly session held Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Call 449-1070 or 449-5215 for more information.

**Sailing right** – A U.S. Sailing certified sailing instructional course for beginners is scheduled to start May 4 at Hickam Harbor. Cost is \$160

and includes 18 hours of group and private instruction on the water and in the classroom. Students will work with four types of sailing boats toward getting checkout qualification and U.S. sailing certification. Cost of \$160 includes all equipment, instruction and textbooks. Classes are held Tuesday and Saturday evenings with flexible private instruction scheduling. Come aboard and learn to sail at Hickam Harbor. Deadline for registration is 30 April. Call 449-5215 for more information.

**Sea Scout Sailing lessons** – A first nighter orientation meeting will be held at Rainbow Marina, building 604, Arizona Memorial Drive, Pearl Harbor, May 5 at 7 p.m. for teens age 14-18 who are interested in learning to sail, operating a powerboat, navigation, scuba diving, fun and outdoor adventure. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. A short video will be shown. Sea Scout Ship 63, Battleship Missouri, is sponsored by the U.S.S. Missouri

Memorial Association at Ford Island. The group meets at the marina and aboard the Battleship Missouri. Sea Scouting is a national program that has been around for more than 90 years. Sea Scouts elect their own leaders and plan and run their own program under the guidance of experienced adults, but activities aren't just nautical; social events are part of the schedule. For more information call Win Davis at 261-3967 and visit the groups Web site at [www.geocities.com-/shipbb63](http://www.geocities.com-/shipbb63).

**Warrior Sailing** – Warriors youth sailing series are scheduled for Wednesday afternoons from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. for children ages 10 and up. No sailing experience is required. Children must be able to pass a swim test on the first day. Children will have hands-on instruction from sailing staff on Holder 14 dinghy in the friendly confines of Hickam Harbor. Cost of \$99 includes all instruction equipment and graduation T-shirt.

# Team Hickam congratulates *PACAF RSS as intramural basketball champions*



Jeron Hamilotn, Pacific Air Forces Regional Supply Squadron stops and sets up to take the game winning fade-away shot against Ignatius Modey, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron during intramural championship play April 16.



Nick Bonds, 14, 15th CES gives his all as he jumps for a rebound against Earl Mitchell, 24, PACAF RSS.



Earl Mitchell, 24, PACAF RSS gives his team the ball at opening tip-off as he snatches the ball away from Aaron Coleman, 13, 15th CES during championship play.



PACAF RSS teammates, coach and peers celebrate their 53-52 win over the 15th CES and as the Team Hickam 2004 basketball intramural champions.

**Photos by Mysti Cabasug**