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Fired up

From left Airmen 1st Class Ryan Gentzler and Alan Leckle, Staff Sgt. Anthony Reynolds and Howard Kaululaau extract a victim from the base fitness center Monday. The 15th Civil Engineer Fire Department was one of the many units participating in the Full Spectrum Threat Response Exercise conducted by the Pacific Air Forces Unit Compliance Inspection and 15th Airlift Wing Exercise Evaluation Teams. The exercise tested base agencies' ability to respond and react to a FSTR scenario.

Photo by Mark Bates



15th AW, PACAF top Air Force staff sergeant promotion rates

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Editor

More than 200 Airmen assigned to Team Hickam got some great news Wednesday as the Air Force released the 2004 staff sergeant selection list.

Pacific Air Forces and 15th Airlift Wing senior airmen selected for promotion did so at a greater rate than the Air Force averages.

The 15th AW had 81 of 159 tabbed for a 50.94 percent selection rate, while PACAF saw 1,923 of 4,452 selected for a 43.19 percent selection rate.

Air Force-wide, 13,625 of 33,306 eligible senior airmen were selected for promotion to staff sergeant, a 40.91 percent selection rate.

Those numbers continue the trend of high promotion selection rates, according to Chief Master Sgt. Mark Billingsley, Air Force Personnel Center Enlisted Promotions Branch chief.

"Certainly the Air Force has had another banner year in terms of promotion," said Chief Billingsley said. "The Air Force has singled out those senior airmen who have shown they are ready for the next big step in their career. This group has worked hard for their stripes and will make valuable contributions as our newest (noncommissioned officers)."

The complete list of selectees is posted on the Air

Force Personnel Center's Web page at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom/>.

The average score for those selected was 272.33 points, with the following averages:

- 130.85 enlisted performance reports
- 58.23 promotion fitness exam
- 54.29 specialty knowledge test
- 16.43 time in grade
- 10.88 time in service
- 0.79 decorations

The average selectee has 1.77 years time in grade and 4.39 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to staff sergeant from September to August 2005.

People who tested are expected to receive their score notices by the end of August, allowing them to see just how their promotion fitness examination and specialty knowledge test scores rank against others within their Air Force specialty. Each Airman can also get an electronic copy of his or her score notice Aug. 16 by logging into the virtual military personnel flight at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>.

For those not selected during this promotion cycle, and for all other promotion-testing eligible members, help is on the way.

The most current Weighted Airman Promotion System Catalog, which lists the materials used by test writers to develop the 2005 promotion tests, is now available on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/testing>. The catalog lists study references for those testing for staff through chief master sergeant.

WAPS Career Development Course study material, when required, is automatically shipped to promotion-eligible Airmen by the Air Force Institute for Advanced Distributed Learning. Enlisted Airmen should check the WAPS Catalog every year to ensure they have the current references, which often includes non-CDC publications, said officials.

CDC's will be shipped starting in September for people testing for staff, technical and master sergeant. If CDCs are not received by November, Airmen should contact their unit WAPS monitor to initiate follow-up actions, said officials.

Test administration dates for the 2005 chief master sergeant cycle are Sept. 7-10. The dates for senior master sergeant testing are Dec. 6-17, while testing for technical sergeant and master sergeant takes place Feb. 15 to March 31. Senior airmen will test for staff sergeant May 1-31. (Additional information courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)



Commentary

Airmen: *The future of the Air Force*

By Airman 1st Class Nelson Rodriguez
Airman's Council president

For many of my fellow enlisted team, basic military training was a long and arduous journey filled with lots of trials and tribulations. To others it may have seemed trivial and easy, but undoubtedly a 'different' period.

During BMT, we were trained and molded into a new entity of sorts. Upon completion of our restructuring or formal instruction we earned two rights. The right to be part of a massive new family and, more importantly, the right to be called an Airman.

But in all reality, what was the importance of this title? What new power or responsibility had been bestowed upon us?

The answer is, quite simply, of gargantuan proportions.

By acquiring the title of Airman we became an integral part of an intricate crossword puzzle named "the mission."

To some, the grades of E-1 to E-4 are merely the bottom of the totem pole with little or no knowledge of the workings of our great Air Force, but I believe we are so much more.

Airmen are the past, present and future of the Air Force. We are the essence of all that was, we are the embodiment of potential in the present, and without a doubt a glimpse of what the future will bring.

Our duties range from humanitarian efforts across the globe to decisive outcomes in wartime situations. Airmen are fathers, mothers, teach-

ers, friends, psychologists, leaders and so forth. Our spectrum of abilities as well as the range of differences makes us unmatched in today's modern military.

With these ideas in mind, it should be impossible to neglect the upbringing of airmen, but astonishingly enough we are often overlooked or underappreciated. It is my opinion that the leading, nurturing and mentoring of Airmen should be rivaled only by the mission itself.

If we actively support the Air Force's day to day mission and are soon to take charge of it, should we not be a principle task for all in our chain of command?

I believe the Air Force realizes this and is taking decisive action to improve the day to day lives of

Airmen and their environment.

However, I think that not every military member is making a conscious effort to be an integral part of their troop's lives and careers. The chiefs at Hickam have touched on this subject with a very subtle yet tremendously important phrase, "remember where you come from."

They have realized with the high operations tempo and increasing demands, priorities can often be switched. This demands attention as it comes from the pinnacle of the enlisted core. Supervisors should heed this call: nurture your Airmen, lead them to the best of your ability and above all else, respect them.

Remember, it won't be long before the future of this great nation is in our hands.

Golf offers life lessons off fairway

By Maj. Benjamin Snow
100th Maintenance Squadron

ROYAL AIR FORCE MILDENHALL, England – A couple of weeks ago, my 9-year-old son took golf lessons for the first time. As a result, a lot of our evening discussions and debates were centered on golf and the finer aspects of it. This included watching the British Open whenever it was on and setting up a putting green in the middle of our living room for most of the week.

I like golf as much as most people, but it is definitely not one of my obsessions. Nevertheless, it occurred to me a person can learn a lot of life's lessons from golf.

Lesson number one: You have to know where you want to go if you want to get there.

In golf, your goal is to get the little white ball down to the green. But, if you don't keep your eye on the flag and concentrate on the issue at hand, your ball will end up on the fairway beside you.

This is true in life, too. It is so easy to watch and see what others are doing you forget to keep your eyes on what you are doing and what your goals are. Your goal may be to be a chief master sergeant, a colonel, or maybe a good parent or supervisor. If you don't keep your goals out there in front of you, you will get sidetracked and miss opportunities.

Lesson number two: Stay out of the sandtraps because it is really hard to get back out.

Have you ever really thought of what the impact of your actions will be to your career? That

one moment of "fun" could have a dramatic effect on you. It may prevent you from being a below-the-zone candidate or from getting considered for a medal or special-duty assignment. It might result in the loss of rank, or even worse, end your career.

It is so much better to stay out of trouble than to try to dig yourself out of it. Have a plan when you go out for the night, and stick to it. Don't let your friends, your emotions or a bad decision put a mark on your career that will take years to overcome. Worse yet, don't put your career in the hands of someone else. Take charge, and shape the future you want.

Lesson number three: Life is going to throw you curves, or in golf, a slice.

Be ready. A slice happens to everyone at some point in time. It is how you react to that slice and adjust your game accordingly that determine whether you win or lose. Play it safe, and get your life back on the smooth fairway. Don't compound the problem by making a risky shot and hit a tree or become lost in the woods.

Lesson number four: Follow through.

Establish your goals, set your plan of attack and stick to it.

There are 100 things that will get in your way: an unexpected temporary duty away from station, a relationship, a new job, a new boss, sports, hobbies, money -- the list is endless. Everyone has issues that fight for attention. You have to figure out what is important to you, be willing to sacrifice in the short term to achieve long term-goals, and push everything else to the side and persevere.

Lesson number five: Never, ever leave the putting green in the middle of the living-room floor, or your new putter may just disappear. Of course, this may just be a life lesson for our house, but it is better to be safe than sorry.

You never know what opportunities will come or when they will come. You never know where life will take you, but if you are prepared for those opportunities, you will be ready to seize them when they present themselves.

The U.S. Air Force gives you a golden opportunity to get your education for free or at very little cost. Take advantage of the educational opportunities you are provided to make the most of your Air Force career, and secure a bright future in the years beyond. Don't miss out.

Yes, life is a lot like golf. Some days you're Tiger Woods – all your shots run straight and true, and everyone knows your name. Other days you can't get the ball 40 feet down the fairway. Life, like golf, takes constant practice, anticipation and concentration. You have to get ready for the next big tournament. Opportunities will present themselves. Be ready.

If you set your goals, stick to them, and keep your standards high, you can stay out of the sand and keep your ball on the fairway. You may get off course from time to time, but your goals and what is important to you will bring you back on course.

Dream big dreams, set high standards and goals, and enjoy the game.

Maybe one day you will be playing in your own British Open.

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Life Skills Support Center
449-0175

Law Enforcement Desk
449-6373

Base Chaplain
449-1754



Triage

Capt. Tammie Askew, 15th Contracting Squadron, receives medical aid from Senior Airman Churyl Bigelow, 15th Medical Group, at the base fitness center Monday. Captain Askew was one of the injured hostages during the Pacific Air Forces Unit Compliance Inspection and 15th Airlift Wing Exercise Evaluation Team's Full Spectrum Threat Response Exercise scenario.

Photo by Mysti Bicoy

Congratulations to Hickam's staff sergeant selectees

15th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron

Campos, Rosie
Castaneda, Cherry
Lucio, Sarah
Medina, Alanna
Nicholas, Sarah

15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Clark, Wesley
Crang, Travis
Highland, Christoph
Mitchell, Edward
Munoz, Alejandro
Scott, Joseph
Smith, David

15th Civil Engineer Squadron

Dacay, Caleb
Gierlings, Carlos
Holcombe, Jarrod
Jacobsmeier, Tony
Klimowicz, Jonathan
Knell, Benjamin
Peaden, Robert
Percy, Jason
Quinories, Jake
Reynolds, Anthony
Scott, Roni
Seidel, Gerald
Waters, Jedidiah
Wiggs, Joshua

15th Communications Squadron

Augustyniak, Edward
Brown, Nolan
Carter, Richard
Charvet, John
Day, Robert Jr.
Doss, Gregory
Fish, William
Garcia, Sarah
Gremling, Christopher
Killingsworth, Jeff
Lopez-Gonzales Miguel
Miller, Stuart
Norris, Royce
Quinones, Samirah
Rowland, Jason
Thacker, Vincent
Tydingco, Justin
Van Der Woude, Dirk

15th Contracting Squadron

Barboza, Julia
Park, Han
Thomas, Joshua

15th Medical Operations Squadron

Grissett, Stancy
Jones, Twanna
Loveless, Sarah

15th Medical Support Squadron

Dorsey, Esperanza
Vickers, Tayla

15th Mission Support Group, Detachment 1

Alexander, Ray

15th Mission Support Squadron

Bobinger, Jason
Goodwin, Thames
Jackson, Richard
Maul, Nicole
Rivera, Johnny
Schiano, Rose
Smith, Tasha
Towryshumaker, Jess

15th Operations Support Squadron

Fuentes, Nicholas
Knotts, Sherri
O'Brien, Lisa

15th Security Forces Squadron

Aycock, Justin
Coleman, Horace
Crandall, Elain
Farrell, William
Janiszewski, David
Keith, Kristina
Michaels, Christoph
Munoz, Vanessa
Perricone, David
Reed, Vincent
Skelton, Louis II
Thomas, Shea
Tilley, Matthew
Wilkerson, Gracie
Wonch, Kevin

15th Services Squadron

Beasley, Tiffany
Bustra, Samantha
Heath, Christopher

17th Operations Weather Squadron

Bird, Veronica
Coleman, Jeremy
Jaykoski, Jillian
Miller, Kelly

25th Air Support Operations Squadron

Alexander, Jason

Frobuccino, Christo
Kan, Jonathan
Kennedy, Jeffrey
Meek, Joy
Mustain, Kacy

26th Air/Space Intelligence Squadron

Fort, Venicia
O'dell, Justin Levi

56th Air/Space Communications Squadron

Gaskins, Andrew

56th Air Communications Squadron

Dasinger, Kira
Garza, Rufino
James, Ashia
Williams, Donald
Zwernemann, Andrew

56th Information Warfare Squadron

Richards, Jonathan

56th Air Operations Squadron

Pacha, Shari
Patwin, Mary

324th Intelligence Squadron

Blackmon, Joshua
Cain, Robert
Chaney, Monica
Coakley, Matthew
Coleman, Erreka
Desears, Eddalene
Donahue, Sylvie
Dryden, Laura Elain
Duffey, Aaron
Ely, Lauren Park
Farmer, Scott
Fletcher, Jaison
Garofalo, James
Goodwin, Ryan
Grier, Cala
Hicks, Jasmine
Jordan, Kelli
Korpela, Joseph
Martin, Rebecca
Minutello, Michelle
Mullin, Scott
Mustain, Jennifer
Ngo, Kevin
Plank, Allison
Ramsey, Mary
Richardson, Rebecca
Richmond, Cheryl
Rimmer, Valerie

Sample, Darren
Truit, Katherine
Vandyck, Geoffrey
Watson, Linda

352nd Information Operations Squadron

Abudayeh, Adel
Baldwin, Michael
Dolbee, John
Howard-Rayno, Rhonda
Rodgers, Michael

502nd Air Operations Squadron

Butler, Andrew
Davis, JT II
Pama, Jennifer

735th Air Mobility Squadron

Albanese, Ddavid
Boler, Christopher
Brown, Zachary
Cabral, Robert Jr.
Campbell, Mark
Caupp, Christopher
Cerny, Christopher
Daprato, Alfred
Flores, Jana
Harrington, Timothy
Harris, Royan
Hill, Daniel
Hittie, Joshua
Kahalepaule, Kaawela
Kirmo, Gary
Logan, Jeremy
Loo, Tylorkwaisun
Magnuson, Jason
Mcguirk, Herbert
Ramsey, Nicole
Stewart, Jennifer
Stokes, Andrew
Swain, Matthew
Turner, Robert
Vazquez, Roberto
Wangen, Scott
Weldy, Charles
Zane, Matthew

PACAF Regional Supply Squadron

Ames, Jeria
Asprer, Jodi May
Brown, William
Busarow, Chad
Cain, Lashaunda
Cook, Christopher
Crumbley, Micah
Hampton, Jeron
Jordan, Kevin

Jordan, Richard
Macomb, Ryan
Pearl, Geneva
Powe, Katrina
Simmons, Sherra

PACAF

Bustra, William
Coleman, Xaviera
Ibalio, Eugene
Thomas, Kimberly

Air Force Band, Pacific

Kukan, John

ACC Air Operations Squadron

Verdejo Ruiz Rafae

AF Element DFAS

Keil, Christopher

AF Element PACOM

Bugliesi, Justin
Burris, Jodi
Houston, Brian Wayne
Paaluh, Nicole
Stanley, Ruth

Air Force Element USPACOM

Griffin, Aliah

PACAF Air Intelligence Squadron

Gray, Jason
Norris, Rebecca

PACAF Air Postal Squadron

Durham, Jarriet
Hujsa, Michael

PACAF Air Intel Squadron

Martin, Erin

AFELM PACOM JICPAC

Dillon, Bradley
Foster, Matthew
Guerra, Randy

PACAF Computer System Squadron

Carabin, George
Concepcion, Edward
Horning, Clayton
Hosein, Nadeem
Hossbach, John
Stranko, Alexis

Joint POW/MIA

Gonzalez, Daylena

15th MDG member in the spotlight

Escort goes from sun to sand to serve

Photo and story by
Staff Sgt Rachel Chaney
506th Air Expeditionary Group PERSCO

KIRKUK AIR BASE, Iraq - Airman 1st Class Marcus Lindsey, 15th Medical Group, is deployed here specifically not to do his job.

Airman Lindsey is a third-country national escort.

"We insure the safety of the base from the wire in," said Airman Lindsey. "Our job is to escort local contractors so they can do their jobs, and to make sure they do nothing more."

Escorts on Kirkuk function as a part of the force protection team, and are armed in their joint role as facilitators and guards.

"The job, like in most deployed locations, calls for 24 hour coverage and escorts normally pull an eight to twelve hour workday," said Senior Master Sgt Ron Filkins, 506th Air Expeditionary Group First Sergeant. "The escorts normally work six days on and one off in an AEF cycle deployment."

The escort's workday depends on the jobs the contractors are tasked to perform. Some contractors perform up to 40 details at any given time, and escorts are often responsible for up to seven contractors at one time.

Airman Lindsey's path to escort duty began at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, where he works at the base clinic. "My current job is working in Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment," said Airman Lindsey. "I can also work in the Life Skills and Family Advocacy sections as well," he said, noting that an Air Force stint gave him a way to

finish his education.

As with most military members the "deployment" education was going to take some getting used to.

"I've had to adjust from the sunny weather of Hawaii to the sand and wind of Kirkuk because there was a mission to be done and no one else to send," he said.

Fortunately for Air Force members deployment doesn't mean putting education on hold.

"Airman Lindsey was scheduled to take the final exam for his Career Development Course when he found he would be deploying here," said Master Sgt James Rice, Kirkuk's education superintendent. "Instead of having to wait until he gets back to Hickam we can proffer the exam here, enabling him to move forward with his educational aspirations while deployed."

In the scope of Kirkuk's many missions, escorting contractors may seem a small contribution. But Airman Lindsey sees the value of his service.

"For the most part our local contractors are valued members of the team, but we have caught them taking pictures from time to time, normally just to show their families where they work, said Airman Lindsey. "It's our job to keep them



Airman 1st Class Marcus Lindsey, a third-country national escort here, discusses his role with the Krab Kronicle recently. Airman Lindsey is deployed from the 15th Medical Group.

from going places and doing things they shouldn't. By paying attention to detail we insure no information that could potentially be used against the military or its personnel leaves Kirkuk. It's that important."

The 506th AEG commander couldn't agree more.

"Being an escort here isn't neces-

sarily a fun job, but it's absolutely a necessary one," said Col. William Brandt. "I can't say enough about the dedication and service of Airman Lindsey and our team of escorts that are solely responsible for facilitating our many missions here at Kirkuk. Simply, we couldn't accomplish the mission without them."

Hickam members learn lesson about UCMJ

An airman first class was charged with reckless driving, a violation of Article 111 of the UCMJ, at the basketball court adjacent to the base dining facility. He was also charged with dereliction of duty for under age possession of alcoholic beverages in the dorms, a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ. Punishment consisted of suspended reduction to the grade of E-2, forfeiture of \$100 per month for 2 months, 14 days restriction to base and 15 days extra duty.

A staff sergeant was charged with dereliction of duty, a violation of Article 111 of the UCMJ, for taking a fire response vehicle off base to an eating establishment and then running numerous personal errands with it. He was also charged with making a false official statement for lying about the reason he missed a promotion test date. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to the grade of E-4, 14 days restriction to base and 30 days extra duty.



An airman first class was charged with wrongful use of marijuana, a violation of Article 112 of the UCMJ. Member tested positive for the drug during a random urinalysis. Punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of E-2, 30 days restriction to base, and 15 days extra duty.

An airman was charged with wrongful use of marijuana. Punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of E-1, 45 days restriction to base and 45 days extra duty.

An airman first class was charged with drunk and disorderly, a violation of Article 134 of the UCMJ, and with making a false official statement, a violation of Article 107 of the UCMJ. Member jumped off of a balcony in the dorms and injured his ankle and lied about how he was injured. Later that week, the member urinated off of a balcony in the dorms. Member was drunk during both of the UCMJ violations.

Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to E-2, 15 days extra duty and 15 days restriction to base.

An airman first class was charged with dereliction of duty for underage drinking of alcoholic beverages. Punishment consisted of reduction to the grade of E-2, and 14 days extra duty.

A senior airman was charged with dereliction of duty and issuing worthless checks by dishonorably failing to maintain funds, a violation of Article 134 of the UCMJ. Member was three months late on rent payment for an off-base property. Member also wrote a bad check to his landlord to cover one of his late payments. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to the grade of E-3, forfeiture of \$200 pay per month for two months suspended, 30 days extra duty, and 30 days restriction to base.

An airman first class was charged with failure to obey a lawful order and drunk and disorderly. Member was drunk and disorderly at a nightclub in Thailand and disobeyed two direct orders from his commander during the incident. Punishment consisted of reduction to the grade of E-1, forfeiture of \$200 per month for two months suspended.



Head gear

From the 324th Information Squadron Airmen First Class Stephanie Anderson, Rebecca Chadwick and Anthony Florentine don their berets at a ceremony during the 15th Security Forces Squadron guardmount Tuesday. The members were recommended for award of the beret by their flight chief due to sustained superior performance in the augmentee duty arena. There have been 140 Team Hickam members who have received initial augmentee duty training since the start of the year. To volunteer or for more information about augmentee duty, contact the 15th SFS Training Flight at 449-2118.



TEAM HICKAM

News Notes

Power outage – There will be an electrical power outage on Tuesday from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. The outage will affect Bldgs. 2020, 2021, 2028, 2036, 2037 and may also affect the telecommunications base wide. This power outage is necessary in order for the contractor to connect the recently installed underground electrical cables to the existing primary lines for new airfield security lighting project. Please direct any comments or questions to BCE inspector, Mr. Glenn Oshiro, 449-7530.

Next Airmen's Council Meeting –

The ACES will hold their monthly meeting Sept. 2 at 3 p.m. in the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. For more information call Airman 1st Class Nelson Rodriguez at 448-4344 or Airman 1st Class Beth Alford at 449-0341

15th Medical Group Commander's Call – The 15th MDG will be closed Tuesday at 3 p.m. for commander's call. For injuries threatening life, limb or sight, call 911 for emergency care. Clinic will resume normal operating hours Wednesday. Clinic treatment areas will be closed every Wednesday, noon to 4:30 p.m. for continuing medical readiness training.

15th Mission Support Group Change of Command – The 15th MSG will hold a change of command ceremony Thursday at 8:30 a.m. on the Freedom Tower Mall. The incoming commander is Col. William Morgan and comes from Ramstein Air Base, Germany where he was Chief Operations and Training Division at

United States Air Forces in Europe Headquarters. Outgoing commander Col. John S. Medeiros will be the director, Civil Engineering at Air Force Space Command Headquarters.

Hawaii Top-3 Meeting – HT3 will hold their monthly meeting Sept. 1 at 3 p.m. at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. For more information call Senior Master Sgt. Jerry Lewis, Jr. president at 449-6311 or Master Sgt. Rhonda Elliott, Publicity vice president, at 448-4605.

HOSC – The Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club is scheduled to hold their Special Activities Social on the O'Club Lanai Aug. 24 at 6:30 p.m. There is no cost for this event and reservations are requested but not required. All HOSC special activities will be represented. In addition, many local and base organizations will have information tables. Take the opportunity to sign up for permanent reservations, update membership information and find out about activities to get involved in. Catch up with old friends and meet some new ones. For more information contact reservations chairs Jolande Murray at 423-7097 or Jeanette Ramirez at 422-7444.

New voting hotline – The installation voting office has a new dedicated voting hotline: 449-CARE (2273). Contact this office or the Unit Voting Assistance Counselor for the Federal Postcard Application (Registration/Absentee Ballot Request). All Federal Postcard Applications must be mailed by Sept. 15 to receive absentee ballot materials in time for the general election. For more information contact the voting office at 449-CARE.

HT3 2004 Senior NCO Professional Development Sem-inar – The Hawaii Top 3 Association is sponsoring the 2004 Senior NCO Professional Development Seminar and Induction Ceremony. The seminar is a 4-day professional development course from Aug. 16 to 20 and is in the Hawaii Air National Guard cafeteria, Bldg. 3417. The seminar will focus on many critical topics to include but not limited to: manpower management, SNCO promotion board process, personnel issues, enlisted professional development, and Air Expeditionary Force. Although the seminar is primarily intended for those recently selected for master sergeant via Weighted Airmen

Promotion System and STEP, the seminar is opened to all senior NCOs who have not attended a SNCO professional development seminar. Anyone interested in participating or to receive an invitation to the seminar should contact Senior Master Sgt. Helen Noel at 449-0304. For additional information on the seminar and induction ceremony call Master Sgt. Art Simon at 449-3502.

Dorm Managers Wanted – Anyone interested in becoming a dorm manager should submit a resume, five years of EPR's and three letters of recommendation to Dot Canfield, unaccompanied manager, at Bldg. 1805 room 151. All applicants must be a staff sergeant or above. For questions, call Master Sgt. Wayne Wu at 448-0373 or cell 306-2936.

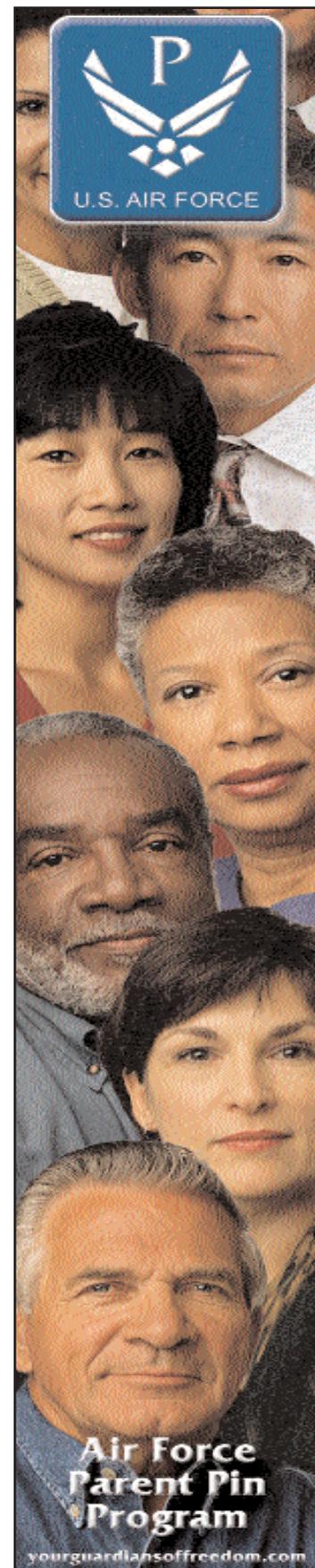
Fall CDC registration – Fall registration for the Harbor Child Development Center Preschool is scheduled for Aug. 16 to 18 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Applicants should bring a current leave and earnings statement and shot record. For more information call 449-9234.

15th SFS Control Center –

The 15th Security Forces Control Center has relocated to Bldg. 2155 room 20. 15th SFS phone numbers 449-6373 and 449-6372 are still the proper numbers to call for assistance. The public should still report to Bldg. 1001 to file a report. For any questions regarding this matter contact Staff Sgt. Harlan Dredge at 449-2200.

MIA/POW repatriation – A MIA/POW Repatriation ceremony is scheduled for today at 9 a.m. on the flightline side of Base Ops, Bldg. 2050. A practice ceremony will be held Thursday at 1 p.m., same location. For any questions contact 1st Lt. Kim Drews at 449-0011.

Children's mock deployment 'Operation Hele On' – The Family Support Center is sponsoring 'Operation Hele On,' a children's mock deployment on Aug. 20 at the community center. This learning experience is for children between the ages of 9-13. They will learn first-hand the efforts that go into a deployment. The educational day is filled with fun and games. For an application or to volunteer to help, contact Cheryl Paiva at 449-0300.



Around the Air Force

Rescue me

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan – Staff Sgt. William Moore, 31st Rescue Squadron pararescueman, performs a survivor hoist recovery as part of a training exercise.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Richard Freeland



U.S. AIR FORCE

Editor's Note: For the complete stories and more go to Air Force news at <http://www.af.mil>

'Beer goggles' give Airmen view of alcohol's effects – ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFPN) – If an individual thinks it is OK to drive after having a few beers, fatal-vision goggles may change your view.

Tanya Paul, an intern at the health and wellness center here, developed a program called BE AWARE (Basic Education of Alcohol: What to drink, Ability to drive, Risk and Effects). It is designed to educate Airmen and the community on the effects of alcohol through special eyewear.

"The goggles simulate a person having different blood alcohol content levels," Ms. Paul said. "When you're impaired by alcohol, it blurs and distorts your vision, so you think you're walking on the line (in front of you), but you're not actually walking on the line. When you give someone a high-five, you both have blurred vision so participants usually miss each other's hands."

The goggles can simulate a blood alcohol content of 0.08 (equivalent to the average person having three beers) to 0.15 (equivalent to the average person having six to seven beers) to help Airmen see the serious impact of alcohol consumption.

"During her nearly three-month internship, Ms. Paul worked with the life-skills center staff to brief first-term Airmen on alcohol awareness.

The wellness center staff purchased the \$1,000

goggles to use as an educational tool to raise people's awareness and lower DUI occurrences.

"It's a great way to bring such a serious issue to people's attention," said Bridget Zimmerman, director of the wellness center. "People think they can drink and drive, and it won't affect them -- especially young people. This program is a great way to show them that's not true." (Story by Holly J. Logan, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Public Affairs)

Engineers design a lighter AC-130 ammunition rack – ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFPN) – The AC-130H gunship's mighty arsenal has a new home that is lighter and more efficient for the low-flying hunter of the sky. And, its engineers and users said the modification is making a positive difference.

A new ammunition rack is more than 1,000 pounds lighter than its predecessor -- a weight reduction that does not show on the outside, but makes a noticeable difference aerodynamically.

Gene Eppers, an equipment specialist with the special operations forces directorate here, said gunships were originally built for missions over Southeast Asia which lies at sea level, but, the aircraft now fly missions where the terrain is much higher.

Mike Hilton, an aerospace engineer here, said the ammo rack was the perfect solution.

After looking at the composition and weight of the ammo rack, they looked at new designs.

System engineers here received help from the designers at the Aeronautical Systems Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, for building the rack, but the people writing installation data for it and repairing it are here.

The AC-130H is now more aerodynamically centered, and the new rack has a lot more storage room and easier access.

Three Airmen assigned to the 16th Special Operations Squadron at Hurlburt Field, gave their first-hand experiences with the new racks, but asked to have their names withheld for security reasons.

A gunner said one big difference is that before the new rack, 24 rounds were kept in the front of the aircraft and 76 in the back.

A pilot said they can carry a lot more fuel and ammo now.

"We can take off a little bit lighter too because we

don't have to have extra fuel," he said. "It's always safer to have a little lighter airplane. If we were ever to have a problem, it's easier to maintain control of the aircraft if it's lighter. It makes it safer for the whole aircrew."

Mr. Hilton said the back rack was so successful that they are going to use the same technology on the front. (Story by Lanorris Askew, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Public Affairs)

New system leading way for safer military flights – RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFPN) -- Thanks to a new software-based program being implemented here, terminal instrument procedures specialists will soon be able to support flying missions within U.S. Air Forces in Europe's area of operations more efficiently and with increased safety.

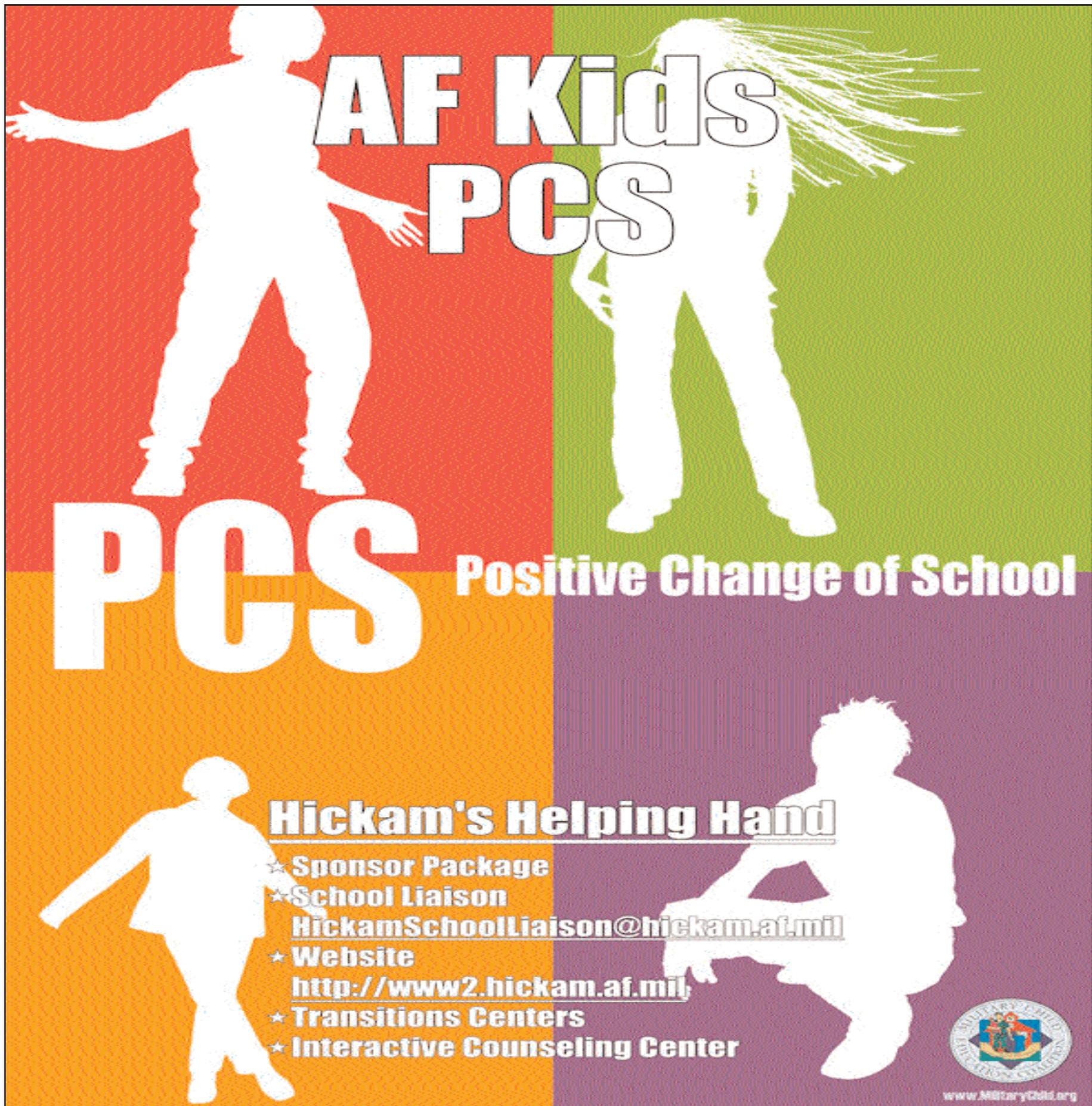
The new system, called the Global Procedure Designer, allows the specialists to provide a better evaluation of obstacles and terrain in the arrival and departure path for aircraft, said Capt. Mack Coker, air procedures flight commander for USAFE.

USAFE's terminal instrument procedures facility is the first organization in the world to implement the new system, Captain Coker said. However, the program has been in development nearly seven years and is going to be released to all Air Force major commands after specialized training has been completed.

"Ramstein Air Base is in the midst of the Rhein-Main Transition Program," the captain said, referring to returning Rhein-Main Air Base back to the German government and moving all flying assets from Rhein-Main to Spangdahlem and Ramstein Air Bases, in Germany, by December 2005. "Part of the program consists of Ramstein and Spangdahlem getting instrument procedures developed to international criteria, a new feature never possessed by the old software."

Andrews Air Force Base, Md., is the only other Air Force base that has that capability, he said.

"This is the largest change to the criteria since the inception of TERPs," he said. "Air Force TERPs specialists haven't had the tools to take advantage of the newest technology in 20 years, so this new program is light years ahead of what we've used in the past. It revolutionizes the way we do business." (Story by Tech. Sgt. Mona Ferrell, U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)



The poster features a background divided into four colored quadrants: top-left is red, top-right is green, bottom-left is orange, and bottom-right is purple. Silhouettes of a boy, a girl, a woman, and a boy are placed in the quadrants. The text 'AF Kids PCS' is at the top, 'PCS Positive Change of School' is in the middle, and 'Hickam's Helping Hand' is in the bottom section. A list of services and contact information is provided in the bottom-left quadrant.

AF Kids PCS

PCS Positive Change of School

Hickam's Helping Hand

- ★ Sponsor Package
- ★ School Liaison
HickamSchoolLiaison@hickam.af.mil
- ★ Website
<http://www2.hickam.af.mil>
- ★ Transitions Centers
- ★ Interactive Counseling Center



www.MilitaryChild.org

This summer the base library helped take Hickam youth To infinity and beyond

Photos by
Mike Dey



Young Jedi Master

Domonic Dunham (5) reads his favorite Star Wars book to his mom Mary Anne.



Brady's bunch of prizes

Brady family readers from left Terri (6), Elli (9), Georgi (3), Con (5), and Katie (7) receive their awards for participating in the reading program from Phyllis Frenzel, base librarian. The family members collectively read 68 books.

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Editor

Hickam keiki had a pretty hectic summer. Many battled pirates and other ne'er do wells. Some roamed the floor of the ocean looking for sunken treasure or took to the heavens for inter-galactic adventures. And, as always, hanging out at Harry Potter's place helped pass many a scorching summer day.

How were they able to accomplish these feats without benefit of a submarine, rocket ship, or a passport? Simple, they headed to the base library and participated in their youth summer reading program.

This year's program theme was 'explore new worlds – read,' and 88 base youth took that advice to heart, logging in more than 1,840 books enjoyed, according to Phyllis Frenzel, Hickam Base Librarian.

To celebrate the children's scholarly summer success, the base library hosted an end-of-program celebration Saturday. Close to 70 youth and their parents enjoyed an afternoon of pizza, prizes, and party favors.

Gold medals were given to the 42 program participants who read at least 19 books during the summer time frame. Keeping with the day's aquatic theme, each child received a goodie bag filled fish bookmarks, notepads, stamps, visors

and one scary shark pen.

There were also random gift drawings to make it more fun and interesting for the keiki, according to Ms. Frenzel, who said it was apparent early on which prizes were the most in demand.

"The children have been asking about the Nemo blow-up fish all summer," she said. "We made quite a few of them happy when we had the drawing and gave them away."

The high number of participants and books read was a result of a concerted effort to keep interest strong. They gave out small incentive prizes to children who came to the library with their reading logs at several points during the summer, and every Wednesday in July they hosted a story time session at the library.

The results of everyone's efforts impressed new Pacific Air Forces Command Librarian Cindy Tews.

"It was a great turnout with the number of people who showed up at the celebration," Ms. Tews said. "I'm very thankful to see so much parental support of their children's reading habits."

Though the summer may be drawing to close, book-filled adventures never go out of season, Ms. Frenzel said. For more information, contact the base library at 449-7163.



Nemo found, kept

Warren Evans (6) holds on tight to the inflatable fish he won during the prize giveaway portion of the afternoon activities.

Trained for Tibet

JPAC warriors go to extremes preparing for latest mission

By Army Staff Sgt. Erika Gladhill
Joint POW/MIA Command

From three weeks of mountain training in Alaska to triathlon training in Hawaii, a U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command recovery team declared that they were 'ready to execute' their mission.

The JPAC recovery team from Hickam departed Thursday to the Tibetan Autonomous Region, People's Republic of China to recover the remains of three individuals lost in a C-46 aircraft crash in the Himalayan Mountains during World War II.

The site is located at an altitude of more than 14,000 feet and is only miles from the border of India. It can only be reached after trekking for four days from the nearest village.

The JPAC team trained for this mission with the Northern Warfare Training Center at Fort Greeley, Denali National Park and Mt. McKinley, Alaska for three weeks.

This 13-member specialized team includes Army mountaineers, an Air Force pararescuer, a Marine Chinese linguist, an orthopedic surgeon, an explosive ordnance disposal expert, a special forces medic and several mortuary affairs specialists.

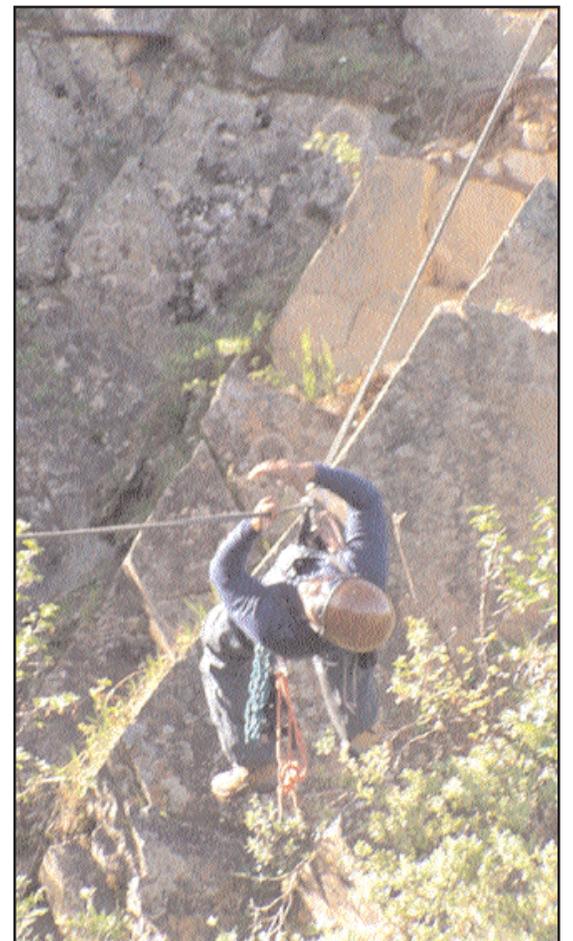
The team has prepared for their Tibetan mission by gaining mountaineering experience, reacting to changes in altitude, validating the team's fitness program, learning critical survival skills, familiarizing themselves with their equipment and ensuring the team was prepared for a grueling expedition and recovery into remote Tibet. The training challenge was highlighted by the location – the West Buttress route of Mount McKinley – where there are 80-mile-per-hour winds, sub-zero temperatures and a blistering wind chill factor.



Joint POW/MIA Command team members hike through Denali National Park, Mount McKinley, Alaska 3:30 a.m. during the three-week training event. The JPAC recovery team departed Thursday to the Tibetan Autonomous Region, People's Republic of China to recover remains of Americans lost as a result of a C-46 aircraft crash in the Himalayan mountains during World War II.

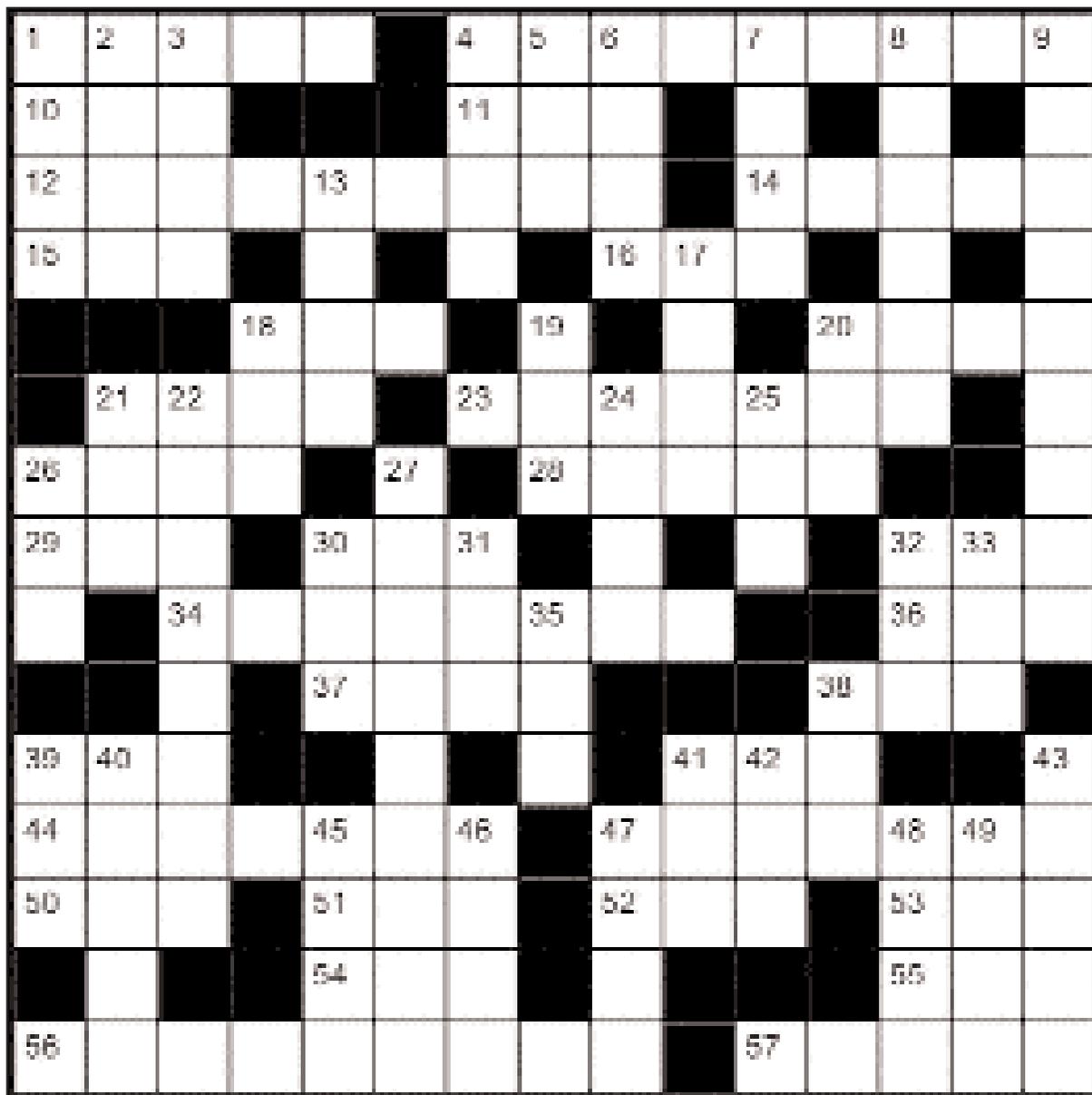


Joint POW/MIA Command Marine Sgt. Ricardo Morales, a forensics photographer, breaks for chow at the Black Rapids training site in Alaska.



A team member crosses a canyon on a 'rope bridge' at the Black Rapids training site.

Crossword puzzle: Alphabet Soup



ACROSS

1. AFSC 11 A/B/E/F/G/H/K/R/S/T
4. AFSC 12 A/B/E/F/G/K/R/S/T
10. Oklahoma town
11. Due
12. AFSC 91C
14. Terror
15. A type of military pay allowance
16. Dined
18. AFSC 1C1X1, in short
20. Swain

21. Org. concerned with protecting civil rights
23. AFSC 15W
26. First African-American male to win Wimbledon
28. Chubby
29. Federal org. for environment
30. 23rd letter of Greek alphabet
32. Mock
34. AFSC 88P
36. Tribunal
37. Sea eagles

38. CBS show Judging ____
39. 7th letter of Greek alphabet
41. Former Vietnamese leader Ho ____ Minh
44. Toiling
47. AFSC 8P000
50. Fox competitor
51. ____ Paulo, Brazil
52. Can. province
53. Automotive org.
54. Term of familiar address, especially for males
55. In launch tests, site of activity, in brief
56. AFSC 61S
57. AFSC 2F0X1

DOWN

1. Warsaw ____
2. Fox show American ____
3. Spiritual leader Dahi ____
4. Fibroid
5. Wonder
6. Designer Wang
7. Yawn
8. Berlin Airlift commander
9. AFSC 8R000
13. AK island occupied by Japan in WWII
17. Dorothy's friend
18. Pub order
19. Military pay statement
20. Gamble
21. Cleopatra killer
22. AFSC 52R
24. Air Force guide for CBRN warfare, in short
25. Mil. cockpit essential for 1 ACROSS
26. Air Force deployment set, in short
27. AFSC 13A
30. The Pit and the Pendulum author
31. Charged particle
32. AFSC 13B or 1A4X1, briefly
33. Earning
35. Co. head
38. Demeanor
39. Flightless bird
40. Agenda
41. Dupe
42. Shack
43. Clothe
45. Book identifier
46. Mongolian desert
47. Paint
48. Atoll
49. British hereditary title

See Page 22 for SOLUTIONS

Team Hickam History *The Air Force's most historic airfield*

This week in 15th Airlift Wing and Hickam Air Force Base History:

August 14, 1885 - Horace Meek Hickam was born in Spencer, Indiana.

August 14, 1973 - Bellows beach area was entered into the National Register of Historic Places due to significant archaeological findings, which determined it to be one of the oldest places of human habitation in the Hawaiian Islands.

August 15, 1980 - The Hickam Fire Department responded to a fire which broke out at the Chevron tank farm in downtown Honolulu. A workman with a welding torch ignited fumes in a fuel tank he was repairing. Base fire fight-

ers fought the blaze for more than three hours with two P-2 aircraft crash rescue vehicles and a new P-15 pumper, spreading foam until the fire was contained. Two Honolulu Fire Department firemen, who were seriously burned, were flown by an Air Force plane to California for treatment, but both subsequently died. The Mayor of Honolulu later presented base fire fighters with certificates of appreciation.

August 17, 1984 - The Makai Recreation Center had a grand opening ceremony at its new Area 61 location.

For additional information concerning the 15th Airlift Wing and historic Hickam AFB, visit: <http://www2.hickam.af.mil/ho/>

Reunion Tips

From your Family Readiness Program Staff

Editors Note:

Reunion is a time of adjustment after separation. The following tips will appear in the Kukini and are suggestions to help people prepare for a loved ones homecoming and their greatly anticipated reunion.



This week's tip:

Remember that after a deployment, we are all a little rusty at cooperation— All of the decisions were made solo, so we need time to practice being a team again.

Alphabet Soup AFSCs
This week's crossword answers

P	I	L	O	T		N	A	V	I	G	A	T	O	R
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Chapel

Editor's 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.

Protestant

Nelles Chapel
Sunday contemporary service – 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Worship – 11:15 a.m.
Chapel Center
Wednesday Mid-Week service – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday traditional – 8:30 a.m.

Jewish

Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor – 473-0050
Jewish Lay Leader – Mr. David Bender – 527-5877
Naval Sation Chapel – 473-3971

Catholic

Nelles Chapel
Weekday Mass – 11:30 a.m.
Saturday confessions – 4:15 p.m.
Saturday Mass – 5 p.m.
Chapel Center
Sunday Mass – 10 a.m.

Orthodox

For more information, call 438-6687.

Islamic

Friday congregational service (1935 Aleo Place, Punahou) – 1 p.m.
Muslim Association of Hawaii, 947-6263.

Buddhist

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin A Shin Buddhist Temple – 536-7044.

Movies

Friday and Saturday

“Spider-Man 2” – Peter faces new challenges as he struggles with “the gift and the curse,” desparately trying to balance his dual identities as the web-slinging superhero Spider-Man and his life as a college student. Peter finds that his relationships with all those he holds dear are in danger of unraveling. His life-long yearning for M.J. becomes even stronger as he fights the impulse to reveal his secret life and declare his love. Peter’s life is about to become even more complicated as he encounters a formidable new foe Dr. Octavius.

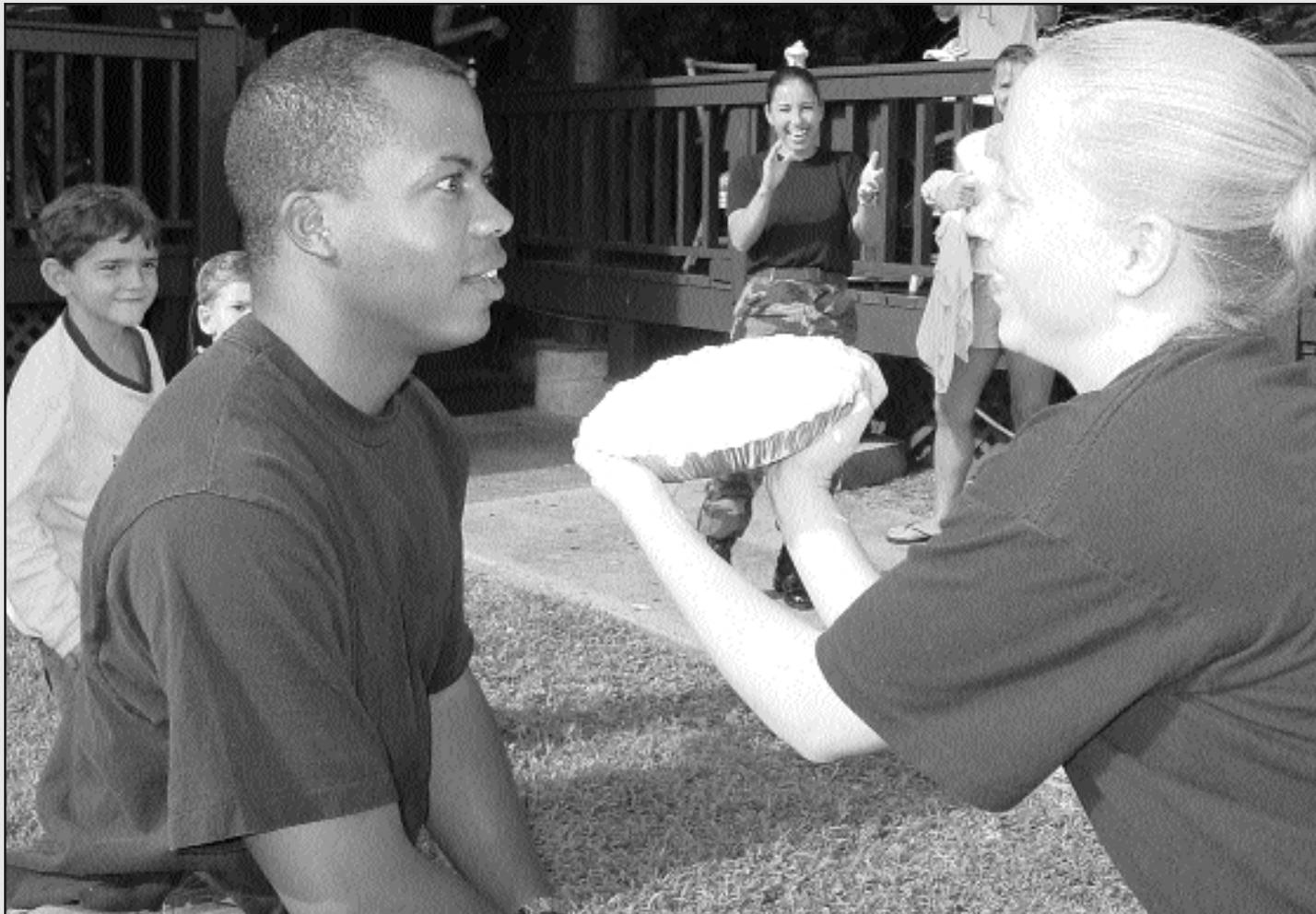
Starring Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst. Rated PG-13 (for stylized

action violence).

Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday

“Sleepover” – Before their freshman year in high school, Julie has a slumber party with her best friends and they end up having the adventure of their lives. In an attempt to cast off their less-than-cool reputation, they enter into an all-night scavenger hunt against their “popular girl” rivals. Hijacking dad’s car, sneaking into clubs, evading Julie’s mother, and even a first kiss...anything is possible at Julie’s Sleepover.

Starring Alexa Vega and Mika Boorem. Rated PG (for thematic elements involving teen dating, some sensuality and language).



Just desserts

Staff Sgt. Erin Page, 15th Mission Support Squadron, prepares to smash a whipped-crème pie into the face of her commander, Maj. Christopher Herring at the Sea Breeze Aug. 6. Sergeant Page outbid her unit coworkers during the squadron booster club event, driving the fundraiser total to close to \$1,100.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey

SPORTS DAY

August 20, 2004

**Earhart Sports Complex
7:30 a.m.**

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Dodgeball • Bowling • Tennis • Soccer
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