

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

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Photo by Mark Bates

## The long road home

Members of a multi-service Honor Guard team transport remains during a repatriation ceremony on the base flightline Tuesday. The remains are believed to be missing Americans lost during the Cold War and Korean War. They were recovered by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, who will transport the remains to their Central Identification Laboratory for forensic identification and eventual return to next of kin.

# Commanding Historians

## *15th Airlift Wing team named PACAF top office*

By Maj. Tracey Saiki  
Pacific Air Forces Historian Office

Present members of Team Hickam were rewarded for their ability to keep the past alive.

The 15th Airlift Wing History Office was the recipient of the 2004 Pacific Air Forces Excellence in Wing History Programs Award – Multiple Person Office.

Senior Master Sgt. Randy Richardson, Steve Diamond, and Gary Miller, make up the wing history team.

Their management and efforts have achieved excellence in a variety of historical projects and commemorative events.

Their history production was superb, according to PACAF historian officials. A combined 2001-2002 history earned an outstanding rating and was one of the best seen in the command.

In addition, the wing history office made significant progress toward becoming a paper-free office, according to Dr. Tim Keck Pacific Air Forces command historian.

"The history was presented in an all-free electronic format for the first time," Dr. Keck said. "This was indeed a pioneering effort and

reflects the attitude and spirit of our historians at the 15th Airlift Wing," he added.

Sergeant Richardson and Mr. Diamond answered 390 inquiries for information from staff, wing and tenant organizations and the broader community in 2003. Automated procedures were implemented for logging research requests and other projects.

With the inactivation of the 15th Air Base Wing and activation of the 15th Airlift Wing, Sergeant Richardson and Mr. Diamond provided extensive historical research for the wing commander in support of a historic display of artwork in the wing headquarters conference room and took care of the many lineage and honors procedures in renaming squadrons and groups throughout the wing.

Mr. Miller was instrumental in orchestrating the acquisition of a P-40 bronze replica that was dedicated at the base flagpole December 7. He oversaw the development of a Hickam interpretive plan. The plan, funded for more than \$100,000, provided the first effort to showcase the history and heritage of Hickam by establishing a heritage center, self-guided tours of the base, restoration of coastal artillery

emplacements, and restoration of Fort Kamehameha, along with historical development of pre-European sites on the base that were important in native Hawaiian history.

Mr. Miller also conducted preliminary planning for the recovery and restoration of a B-18 that crashed on the island of Hawaii in 1942. This project involved detailed work with the U.S. Army and the Hawaii Air National Guard.

The history team was extensively involved in Operation Homecoming - the base commemoration of the return of POWs to American soil in March 1973.

"Last year, our nation celebrated a hundred years of aviation history. Hickam's history office was indeed busy. Their proactive and creative efforts should be applauded," said Dr. Keck.

"They included recurring articles for the *Kukini* highlighting early military aviation in Hawaii. Additionally, historical exhibits and displays for the Friends and Neighbors base open house held in August and the Centennial of Flight at Kalaeloa Airfield in December informed the people of Hawaii of their rich and significant impact in military aviation history."

*Knowing the difference between right, wrong*

# What does your conscience say

By Col. Walter Saeger Jr.  
Air-to-Surface Munitions Directorate

**HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah** - How many times have you started to do something only to stop and ask yourself if you really should be doing it? Maybe it doesn't happen too often for you, but it does for me.

Every time I have to decide what action to take, I hear this little voice guiding my decision. Some people would call it my conscience.

The conscience is a wonderful thing when it's there and listened to. It can keep us from doing things that could get us in trouble.

But, it has to be there and it has to be listened to. Most people have a conscience they listen to - at least I assume they do or we would have a lot more crimes being committed or laws being broken.

So why am I worried about whether you have a conscience or not?

It comes down to the business we are in. Being in the Air Force - civilian or military - we are entrusted to perform a service for our country. How we perform that service depends highly on our conscience.

How many times have you stretched your coffee break an extra 15 minutes and thought it didn't harm anyone since you still got all of your work done for the day? How about the time you went TDY and came back when you were scheduled to even though the meeting ended early and you could have come back a day earlier? Hopefully no one reading this has been tempted to do the latter although I'm sure many people have done the former.

Both scenarios are examples of the Air Force being short-changed; in the

first example it's "only" time while in the second it's both time and money. Maybe you work hard and rationalize that the Air Force owes you that much, but does it? If you were paying the bill, how would you feel then?

That is how you should look at everything you do. If I were paying the bill, would I still be willing to do what I am about to do?

Another way to ensure you do the right thing is the "60 Minutes" test. If someone from "60 Minutes" - the TV show with Mike Wallace - were to walk up and ask what you were doing and why, would you be willing to tell them everything and wait to see it on TV? Or better yet, have someone from your family see it on TV?

I've always asked myself why I would do something I wouldn't want to read about in the newspaper or see on the TV news. When your actions can

stand the "60 Minutes" test, you can be pretty confident you're doing the right thing for the right reason. There will always be exceptions, but unless you're lying to yourself (and your conscience won't help you there), people will trust you.

Now I'm sure you're asking yourself, "What does all of this have to do with me?" It goes back to being in the Air Force.

Americans trust us to do our best to protect them and our way of life. This trust is based on each of us doing what is right, no matter what others may think or do, and you cannot always do what is right without guidance like your conscience or the "60 Minutes" test. Use them often enough and eventually you won't even hear them - it will just be natural to do the right thing all the time. *(Information courtesy of Air Force News Service)*

## Action Lines



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

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 [aw.pal@hickam.af.mil](mailto:aw.pal@hickam.af.mil).

## Airmen should put 'best foot forward'

By Staff Sgt. Elaine Aviles  
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

**INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey** - My friend was taking a walk on the beach recently when a sunbather called out to her. Thinking she knew him, she stopped for a moment.

He proceeded to tell her she was "too fat to wear a bathing suit" and she resembled a "side of beef."

When she told me about her weekend, I was sickened and angered by the unnecessary cruelty of these remarks.

I asked her if it was a kid who had taunted her. She said, "No, it was an Airman from Incirlik."

I've recently heard other, equally disturbing, stories. Airmen who urinated off balconies, started drunken brawls or deliberately disrespected our host country laws.

I am confused by this kind of behavior. While many Airmen are young and fresh out of high school, they are not children who are unable to discern right from wrong. Many are responsible for billions of dollars worth of equipment; others protect assets that can tilt the balance of power during a war. That is an incredible responsibility for an 18- or 20-year-old who still vividly recalls his high school prom night.

We need to show the same maturity and responsibility off duty as we do when in uniform. It is tempting to "let loose" when we are far from supervisors and commanders, but a night of seemingly innocent fun could land someone in jail. In fact, according to the Area Defense Counsel here, a charge like indecent

exposure can carry some weighty penalties, such as a bad conduct discharge and a six-month confinement.

We have heard countless times, as Airmen in another country, we are informal U.S. ambassadors. I think we need to take this calling to heart.

What do our host nation friends and neighbors think of Americans when they see someone exposed on a hotel balcony urinating on their ground or starting a fight at a nightclub? What does my civilian friend think of Airmen when she can't even walk down a beach without being subjected to cruelty?

Whether in or out of uniform, people look to us and form judgments about the military and Americans through the example each one of us presents.

There are, of course, countless Airmen who are exemplary models to the community. They volunteer in orphanages and chapels, and take time out of busy schedules and weekends to help others. These Airmen are an example to our host nation friends and to the Air Force.

Hopefully, a few "bad apples" won't detract from their selfless accomplishments and sway people to think their behavior is reflective of all military people.

I know every service member is under an inordinate amount of stress. It is important to blow off steam. But, as we do so, let's not embarrass ourselves and each other.

When we take off the uniform at the end of each duty day, let's not also remove what it represents - a symbol of pride and freedom. Whether people recognize we are in the military or not, let's put our best foot forward and show them what we are all about.

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## Crisis Response Lines

**Hickam Family Support Center**  
**449-0300**

**Life Skills Support Center**  
**449-0175**

**Law Enforcement Desk**  
**449-6373**

**Base Chaplain**  
**449-1754**



## Crab hunters

Dana Howard, spouse of Capt. John Howard, 65th Airlift Squadron, helps her children Kevin, 5, and Emily, 8, get a closer look at a sand crab while they spend a day at Hickam Beach Thursday. Lifeguards are on duty from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day of the week.

Photo by Mike Dey

## Countdown to the UCI

**Editor's note:** *The 15th Airlift Wing Unit Compliance Inspection is scheduled to start August 9. The following is the sixth in an eight-part tip series from the 15th AW Inspector General's Office.*

**Hot Tip No. 6** – Review the best practices from other bases. They are located on the Pacific Air Forces Web site [www.hqpacaf.af.mil/ig](http://www.hqpacaf.af.mil/ig). The information could possibly be used at your unit.

**Short Note No. 6** – Ensure all hazardous material is accounted for, properly handled and stored.

For more UCI information, contact the 15th AW IG office at 448-4444.

## Airmen donate \$6.7 million to 2003 AFAF campaign

**By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey**  
Kukini Editor

The final results of the 2004 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign are in, and once again Team Hickam shattered their own goal.

They contributed \$123,723, exceeding their requirement of \$74,000 by more than 60 percent, a result that didn't surprise 1st Lt. Kim Drews, base AFAF project officer.

"We had a great turn out this year," Lieutenant Drews said. "We blew past our donations goal. I'd like to thank all unit coordinators for spreading the word and making this year's base campaign such a success."

Air Force-wide, people gave more than \$6.7 million to this year's AFAF campaign - \$800,000 more than last year.

The fund raises money for four Air Force-related charities that benefit Active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retirees, surviving spouses and families.

"The 2004 campaign raised more money than any other since 1989 when we had twice as many people in the Air Force," said Mr. John Lowrance, Air Force Personnel Center AFAF campaign project officer. "The generous gifts donated by our active duty, Guard, Reserve and retired members shows a real appreciation for the help these charities provide our Air Force family."

This year's campaign was helped by 18,000 new contributors. About 71 percent of donations are designated for the Air Force Aid Society, the largest of the four charities, said Mr. Lowrance.

"It's great news that this year's AFAF campaign was the most successful in years, and as a result, lots of Airmen and their families will benefit from these generous contributions," said retired Lt. Gen. Mike McGinty, Air Force Aid Society's chief executive officer. "Once again it proves that Gen. Hap Arnold's 'Airmen-helping-Airmen' philosophy lives on in today's Air Force."

Airmen are asked during the campaign to contribute to one or more AFAF charities through cash, check or payroll deduction. The charities include the Air Force Aid Society, the Air Force Enlisted Foundation, the Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

This was the 31st year for the campaign. For more information on the AFAF, visit Web site [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund). (Additional information provided by Air Force News Service)

## Need for new paralegals is paramount

**By Tech. Sgt. Karen Wimberly**  
15th Airlift Wing Legal Office

Team Hickam enlisted members who are looking for an exciting, fast-paced career have a venue they may not have previously considered.

Paralegal duty.

Recently, the Air Force Judge Advocate Corps re-opened the paralegal career field to new recruits. However, the vast majority of paralegals continue to come from enlisted members who cross-train from other Air Force career fields, according to Tech. Sgt. Angela Perry, 15th Airlift Wing Claims Office noncommissioned officer in charge.

"Because most paralegals are cross-trainees, the NCOs in a legal office have an incredible amount of practical experience," said Sergeant Perry, a former imagery production specialist. "The base legal office has several NCOs who used to work in security forces, communications, and transportation. Their experience with other agencies is invaluable."

The primary mission of the JAG Corps is to provide legal counsel to commanders, first sergeants, and other key personnel on a broad spectrum of legal and quasi-legal matters. The paralegal's role is to assist judge advocates in achieving that mission.

Consequently, paralegals support virtually all areas of the Air Force's legal practice, including operations law, military justice, claims, civil law, legal assistance, contracts, labor law and environmental law, according to Staff Sgt. Mel Charles, 15th Legal Office Civil Liaison NCOIC.

"As a paralegal, you can help interview victims and witnesses, draft legal opinions, and

provide legal support in virtually all areas of the legal office" said Sergeant Charles, former supply troop.

Most retrainees are staff sergeants. However, a limited number of master and technical sergeants, as well as senior airmen are accepted into the career field each year, according to base personnel officials.

Eligibility requirements include the ability to type 25 words per minute, a minimum Airman Qualification Exam score of 50 and no derogatory records information. An interview with the local law office manager and Staff Judge Advocate are also required.

To ensure paralegals are qualified to support these many legal areas, the JAG Corps provides the necessary training, both on-the-job and in the classroom. Paralegals attend basic and advanced paralegal courses at the Judge Advocate General School, and receive upgrade training within the JAG Corps. They may also attend specialized legal courses, and receive course credit from the Community College of the Air Force.

"The paralegal career field is fun, interesting, and challenging. It is rewarding for those individuals looking for a job that provides a sense of independence, military professionalism, personal growth, and most importantly a sense of accomplishment," said Master Sgt. Antoinette Patters, 15th AW Law Office manager. "If this is what you are looking for, then the paralegal career field is right for you" said Sergeant Patterson, former security forces member.

For more information about the paralegal career field, contact the Law Office Manager at 449-1737.

# Empire of the sun *path lighting, base housing cooling aided by solar power*

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey  
Kukini Editor

Here on Hickam, the sun is doing some of its most important work at a time when it can't be seen.

It's effortlessly lighting the running paths near Ft. Kamehameha housing, the pathway outside of Onizuka housing, and reducing the temperature by as much as eight degrees in some base dwellings.

The sun's never-ending, renewable energy source is being harnessed by the 15th Civil Engineer Squadron using Photo Voltaics, more commonly referred to as solar power.

It's a program with many upsides, according to Dave Stiner, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron energy and water manager.

"The program is designed to decrease Hickam's reliance on fuel-based energy," Mr. Stiner said. "Most of our energy island-wide is produced by burning some form of petroleum-based fuel. With rising fuel costs, it makes good sense to reduce our reliance on electricity generated in this fashion.

"Hickam can save utility dollars and more importantly reduce greenhouse emissions," he said.

Before starting the project near Ft. Kam housing, a smaller-scale project was completed to test feasibility.

"The pathway outside of Onizuka housing was chosen because it was dark, creating both safety and security issues," he said. "PV was chosen because the fixtures were stand alone and no trenching would be required for electrical hookup."

After the success of that project, they moved onto an area more heavily populated during the pre-dawn hours.

"Hickam has just completed a project where solar-powered bollards were used to light the walking jogging pathway between the Fort Kam Sewage Treatment Plant all the way out past Fort Kam housing," he said. "The reason bollards were used was because this is a low fly zone and we couldn't use regular light poles because they would be too high.

"Another obstacle was the cost to run power to that area, so it made sense to put in the solar lighting," he said.

The projects have already paid off, saving the base close to \$35,000 annually in electrical costs. With success like that, it's clear to him this is only the beginning of Hickam's commitment to solar power.



Photo by Mike Dey

**12-year-old Logan Smith and James Gallucci get a safe run in Tuesday night thanks to the recently-installed solar-powered bollards.**

"There is a proposed project to install solar powered parking lot lights in the Visiting Officer's Quarters' parking lot by the Officers Club, providing visibility light to a parking lot that has been under lit for years," he said. "We are also considering installing a solar lit

bus stop on B Street that stores energy from the sun's rays during the day in a battery and then used at night to power the bus stop lighting."

For more information about solar power on Hickam, contact Mr. Stiner at 448-2693.



## TEAM HICKAM

## News Notes

**Kuntz Gate construction** – The Kuntz Gate will operate from 5:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Thursday. This will allow the contractor to work the inbound lane and provide a smoother surface. All base personnel are strongly encouraged to use the main gate during this time frame. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Robert Padar at 449-6641.

**56 AIS CoC** - Lt. Col. Daniel Hausauer will assume command of the 56th Air & Space Communications Squadron at the Hickam Channel Display at a ceremony Monday at 9 a.m. Colonel Hausauer previously served at the Pentagon. He is assuming command from Lt. Col. Joseph Sublousky, who is taking over as the Standing Joint Force Headquarters-North Information Operations Division chief at Peterson AFB, Colo.

**15th MDSS CoC** – Lt. Col. Edwin Hurston will assume command of the 15th Medical Support Squadron at the Hickam Officers' Club Lanai at a ceremony Wednesday at 10 a.m. Colonel Hurston previ-

ously served as the 39th Medical Squadron administrator at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. He is assuming command from Lt. Col. Gregory Stewart, who is taking over as the 59th Medical Squadron commander at Wilford Hall, Lackland AFB, Texas

**Fall youth soccer registration** - American Youth Soccer Organization Hickam/Pearl Harbor Region 188 will hold the final registration for fall youth soccer, July 31 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Hickam BXtra. Registration is open to boys and girls ages 4 to 18, and the season runs from August through early November. Pre-register on-line at [www.aysoregion188.org](http://www.aysoregion188.org). For more information call 834-5979 or e-mail [registrar@aysoregion188.org](mailto:registrar@aysoregion188.org).

**Blood drive set** – The next base blood drive is scheduled for Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Hickam

Community Center. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Mariel Rivera at 449-4923.

**Team Hickam Quarterly Awards breakfast** – The next base quarterly awards breakfast is scheduled for July 30, 7:30 a.m. at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. Contact unit first sergeant for tickets.

**Road closure** - Thurston Pacific is replacing an existing waterline on Fort Kamehameha Road between Bishop Point and the Waste Water Treatment Plant. One lane will be closed through August 30 and flagmen will direct traffic from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. During off-duty hours, contractors will have steel plates covering any openings. Drivers are

advised to use caution while driving along this road. For more information, call Hin-Fai Chan at 449-7268.

**Women's Program Workshop** – The Hickam Federal Women's Program is hosting the Equality Day workshop August 26, from 8 a.m. to noon. It will take place at the Nelles Chapel Annex next to the base library, and will feature guest speaker Gwen Fujie. For more information, contact Lu Sullivan, FWP secretary, at 449-4616.

**New state boating safety requirements** - Hawaii passed a law requiring all boaters sailing more than one mile off shore to carry either a VHF radio or a satellite location device. Many boaters are now acquiring Global Positioning System devices to assist in navigation and to aid the Coast Guard in finding them when lost. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a GPS instruction class, teaching boaters proper use of the GPS. The cost is \$35. Reserve your seat today for the class on July 24, from 2 to 5 p.m. or July 25, from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call

Jason Reed at 845-9900 or 778-2862.

**26 AIS CoC** – Lt. Col. Scott Murray assumed command of the 26th Air Space Intelligence Squadron July 7. Colonel Murray previously served as the Pacific Air Forces Commander's Action Group commander. He replaces Lt. Col. David Johnson, who has moved onto NATO Headquarters, Shape, Belgium, where he is now a security services officer.

**MSS closed July 23** - The 15th Mission Support Squadron is close July 23 for an official function. All flights to include MPF, Family Support Center, Education office, civilian personal and the MSS orderly room with return to normal hours July 26.

### Team Hickam enlisted council call

Col. Ray Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander, will host a meeting for enlisted council members, including chiefs group, Top 3, first sergeant and 56 council, Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the Memorial Theater. Topic subjects include housing privatization update and information about base dining establishments. For more information, contact unit first sergeants.

# 2004 Hickam water report

**Editor's note:** *In the June 25 issue of the Hickam Kukini the incorrect version of the Hickam tap water report appendix. This is the correct appendix, closing out in 2003. The full report information and story can be found on Page 11 of the June 25 issue.*

1. The MCL is the maximum contaminate level mandated by the state of Hawaii.

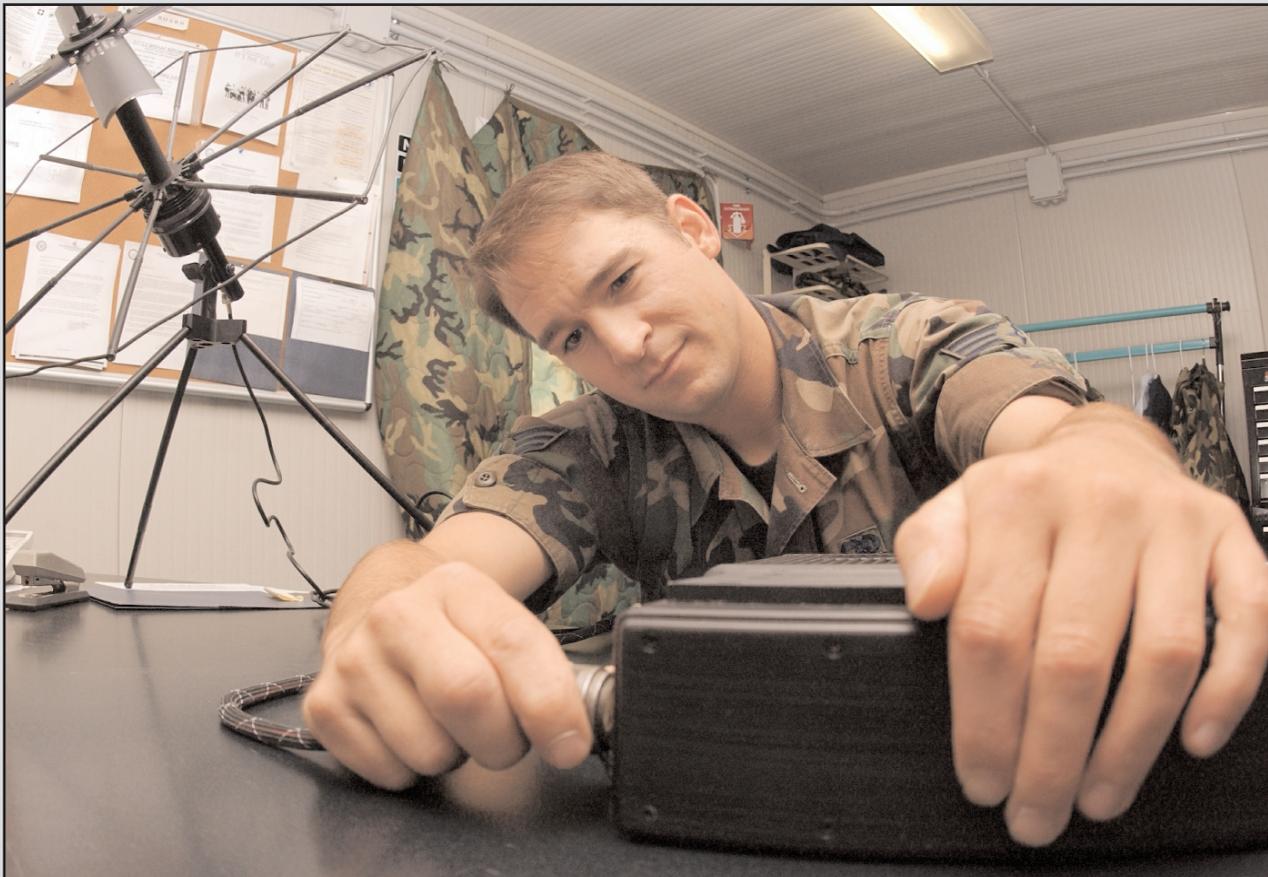
2. The State and EPA require the water system to monitor for certain contaminants less frequently because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. The date of the last sample collected is as indicated.

3. These results are for informational purposes. There are no set standards. EPA will use this data to help determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate these contaminants. At this time, these contaminants do not have MCLs or MCLGs.

4. Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL <sup>1</sup>	Average Level Found	Range	Date of Sample	Exceeded Standard?	Likely Source of Contaminant
<b>Microbial</b>							
Total Coliform (% positive samples)	0	5%	1.7%	n/a	2003	No	Naturally-occurring
<b>Inorganic</b>							
Nitrate as Nitrogen (ppm)	10	10	0.880	0.564 - 1.81	2003	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.007	nd - 0.013	2003	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.56	0.2 - 1.1	2003	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth
<b>Organic</b>							
Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	n/a	1.1	<1.0- 1.9	2003	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
<b>Lead &amp; Copper</b>							
Lead (ppm)	0	n/a	<0.005	nd (<0.005)	2001 <sup>2</sup>	No	May occur from corrosion of plumbing system or erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	n/a	0.07	0.04-0.11	2001 <sup>2</sup>	No	May occur from corrosion of plumbing system or erosion of natural deposits
<b>Radionuclides</b>							
Gross alpha (pCi/l)	0	15	1.2	nd - 2.0	2000 <sup>2</sup>	No	Erosion of Natural Deposits
<b>Info Collection Rule Contaminants<sup>3</sup></b>							
Dibromoacetonitrile (ppb)	n/a	n/a	0.4	nd - 0.8	1998 <sup>2</sup>	n/a	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chlorate (ppb)	n/a	n/a	47	nd - 67	1998 <sup>2</sup>	n/a	By-product of drinking water disinfection
<b>Unregulated<sup>4</sup></b>							
Bromoform (ppb)	n/a	n/a <sup>3</sup>	0.45	nd - 0.9	2000 <sup>2</sup>	n/a	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Dieldrin (ppb)	n/a	n/a <sup>3</sup>	0.07	nd - 0.199	2003	n/a	Run-off from pesticide use
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a <sup>3</sup>	72	28 - 124	2003	n/a	Naturally-occurring
Sulfate (ppm)	n/a	n/a <sup>3</sup>	15	nd - 46	2003	n/a	Naturally-occurring

# Around the Air Force



## Wired up

**AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy -- Senior Airman Steven Hazelett performs an operational check on a satellite communications radio unit here July 8. Airman Hazelett is assigned to the 31st Communications Squadron's wideband radio shop. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Priscilla Robinson)**



## U.S. AIR FORCE

**Military working dog sniffs out suspicious vehicle in Florida** – PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFP) – A four-legged 45th Security Forces member did his job correctly but caused quite a stir here July 8.

While doing his daily sniffing around inbound trucks at the truck inspection area at the base's south gate, Pancho, a 7-year-old military working dog, alerted his handler to a suspicious vehicle.

Immediately after the alert, experts from the 45th Space Wing's explosive ordnance disposal team, fire department and security forces responded to the scene. For security purposes, the gate was closed and a portion of the nearby road and causeway closed for about an hour and 15 minutes.

After a thorough and extensive search of the truck and its flatbed trailer, no explosive devices were detected. But Pancho was correct – he smelled residual black powder from the truck. According to the vehicle's driver, the truck had recently carried fireworks.

Capt. Cheryl Morgan, a 45th SFS operations officer, said security forces will always err on the side of caution when a military working dog alerts handlers.

"We realize that closing certain roads can be an inconvenience to drivers in the area, but it is done with everyone's safety and security in mind, including the civilians in the community," she said. (Story by Sue Walden, 45th Space Wing Public Affairs.)

**Program gives more than \$400,000 in gifts to troops** – Since the Army and Air Force Exchange Service began "Gifts from the Homefront" last year, people have contributed \$406,745 for the program.

The program is designed to lift the morale of deployed troops worldwide by offering gift certificates which can be purchased by any individual or civic organization. This allows servicemembers to purchase items of necessity and convenience at any exchange facility in the world.

"Gifts from the Homefront" certificates can be addressed to "any servicemember" or individual servicemembers.

Because the gift certificates can be used for merchandise already stocked at contingency locations, they are a safe alternative to traditional care packages that strain the military mail system and present force-protection issues, said AAFES officials. Reports from Operation Iraqi Freedom locations indicate the donated certificates are being used for the latest CDs and DVDs, comfort items such as snacks and beverages and phone cards for calling home.

Those wishing to send a "Gift from the Homefront" can log on to [aafes.com](http://aafes.com) or call (877) 770-4438 to purchase gift certificates in \$10 or \$20 denominations. From there, the "Gift from the Homefront" may be sent to an individual (designated by the purchaser) or distributed to "any servicemember" through the United Service Organizations, American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society or Fisher House.

**Loggies keep aircraft, parts flowing to field** – WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFP) – In the war on terrorism, Air Force fighter, tanker and cargo aircraft are flying 200 to 250 sorties per day average, which is tasking mechanical functions to the extreme.

Crew chiefs and unit-level maintainers know certain maintenance procedures, which are beyond their scope, are needed to keep the aircraft, engines, spare parts and munitions running at full capacity.

That is where Air Force Materiel Command and the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center come into play.

The 22,220 military and civilian workers who make up these entities repair and overhaul airframes and engines based on a planned timetable

for each weapon system, said Col. Eugene Collins, AFMC depot maintenance division chief. They also repair any of 36,000 spare parts from the field. Missiles and electronic systems are repaired through depot maintenance as well.

Colonel Collins said, "2003 was a banner year for the Air Force Materiel Command's depot maintenance community. Our organic work force produced 696 aircraft – six more than our goal; we produced 475 engines – surpassing our goal by 31; and our production hours of nearly 23.5 million exceeded our plan by some 1.4 million hours." (Story by Tech. Sgt. Carl Norman, Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs.)

## Rules restrict political activity for DOD people

**WASHINGTON (AFP) –** With election activity steadily picking up, defense officials remind servicemembers and Defense Department civilians they are subject to rules regulating their involvement in political activities.

Gone are the days when the military posted troops at the polls after the Civil War, an act that Steve Epstein, director of the DOD's general counsel's standards of conduct office, said intimidated many southerners into not voting.

Today, Mr. Epstein said two sets of rules help protect the integrity of the political process: a DOD directive for active-duty servicemembers and the Hatch Act for federal civilians. These rules keep the military out of partisan politics and ensure the workplace remains politically neutral, he said.

Servicemembers as well as government civilians can attend political meetings or rallies. Servicemembers can attend only as spectators and not in uniform. They are not permitted to make public political speeches, serve in any official capacity in partisan groups, or participate in partisan political campaigns or conventions.

Mr. Epstein said the basic rules hold true for all DOD workers. They cannot use their position to influence or interfere with an election. And they can never engage in political activity on the job, in a government vehicle or while wearing an official uniform.

More details about restrictions on DOD military and civilian employees' political activities are posted on the DOD Web site. (Story by Donna Miles, American Forces Press Service)

# CROSSWORD: Space, the final frontier

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman  
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

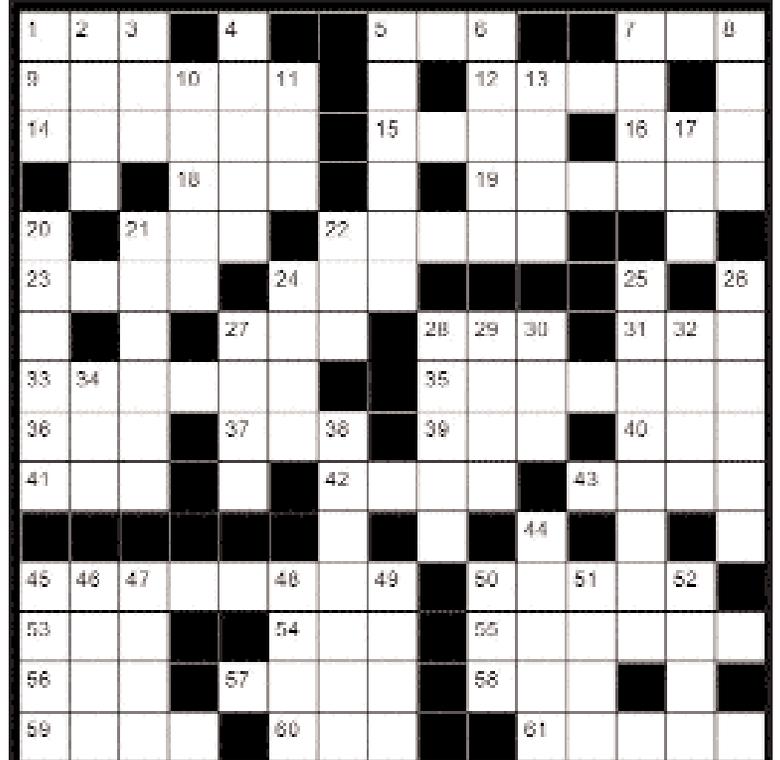
**ACROSS**

1. 2,000 lbs.
5. Nickname for astronaut Virgil Grissom
7. To be sick
9. Space program that took US to the moon
12. Retired person's org.
14. Indian transporters?
15. Foundry
16. Bother
18. Conjunction
19. Leave
21. Actress \_\_\_-Margaret
22. Ionized particle
23. Coat-of-\_\_\_
24. Miss Piggy's reference for herself
27. Actor Mineo
28. Oklahoma town
31. Exclamation of surprise
33. Ado
35. Program that put first Americans in space
36. Actor Stephen of The Crying Game
37. Beginning of American naval vessels
39. Play
40. Basic monetary unit of Peru
41. Zero
42. La \_\_\_ Nostra
43. Current federal org. for space exploration
45. First US spacecraft launched and reused
50. Goes under, as in business
53. Lennon's wife

54. Crock
55. Accepted
56. Fall mon.
57. American poet Pound
58. "The Greatest"
59. First name of first man to walk on moon
60. Destroy suddenly
61. Editorial

**DOWN**

1. One precursor to ACC
2. 56 ACROSS birthstone
3. Persona \_\_\_ gratis
4. First US man to orbit Earth
5. Follow-up space program to 35
6. Navy coastal bombardment shot
7. Capital of Western Samoa
8. Body of water
10. Mortgages
11. SECDEF's office symbol
13. First name of first US man in space
17. Path, in short
20. Rocket that powered US to the moon
21. Dishonest
22. Earthlink competitor
24. Planet explored by Viking I space probe
25. Recycled, as in launch vehicles
26. '70s US space station
27. First king of the Hebrews
28. Hoard
29. Operates military commissaries
30. Fauvism or Dada
32. Greek god of love
34. Architect I.M. \_\_\_
38. Walter M. of the first 7 US astronauts



44. Lunar module that first landed on moon
  45. Type of cap worn by Daniel Boone?
  46. Story opener
  47. French novelist who wrote Pecheur d'Islande
  48. Nickname of astronaut who landed on moon
  49. Quick sleep (two words)
  50. Federal org. concerned with flight safety
  51. Part of the eye
  52. Actress Ward
- For solution to this weeks puzzle go to Page 20.**



# Movies

**Today at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m.**

**"Shrek 2"** – Shrek and Fiona return from their honeymoon to find Fiona's parents inviting them to dinner. Fiona's parents anticipate the homecoming of their daughter and her new Prince. But no one could have prepared them for the sight of their new son-in-law. Shrek now faces his greatest challenge: the in-laws.

Rated PG (crude humor, a brief substance reference and some suggestive content)

Voices of Mike Myers and Eddie Murphy.

**Saturday 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.**

**"The day after Tomorrow"** – A climatological disaster ravages the world beyond recognition. As millions of terrified sur-

vivors flee the south, Professor Adrian Hall heads to New York City, now a frozen wasteland, in search of his son Sam who may still be alive.

Rated PG-13 (intense situation of peril)

Starring Dennis Quaid and Jake Gyllenhaal.

**Sunday at 7 p.m.**

**"Raising Helen"** – Helen is living the life she always dreamed of. Her career is on the rise; she spends her days at fashion shows and nights at the hottest clubs. But her carefree lifestyle comes to a screeching halt when her sister and brother-in-law are killed in a car crash, leaving her to care for their three kids.

Rated PG-13 (intense situation of peril)  
Starring Kate Hudson and John Corbett.



PUZZLE solution  
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Photo by Mike Dey

## Sir crush-a-lot

Hitter Mike Kormos, 15th Mission Support Squadron, crushes a spike over Joint POW/MIA Command players as setter Janna Kuh watches Tuesday night. After losing the first game 25-22, MSS regrouped and won the second game 25-17, eventually winning the tie-breaker 15-9.

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

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

**July 17, 1959** - A major fire in Area 61 totally destroyed Building T-28, which had been used as a barracks by MATS personnel of the 1502 ATW.

**July 18, 1958** - Public Law #85-534 authorized the Air Force to transfer 170.99 acres of land to the Territory of Hawaii for development of Honolulu Airport.

**July 18, 1968** - President Lyndon B. Johnson and South Vietnamese President Ngyuen Van Thieu arrived at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, and held discussions at Camp H.M. Smith regarding the war.

**July 18, 1980** - During a National POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony, a metal

plaque was dedicated in memory of American prisoners of war and missing in action from all wars. The plaque was installed in a landscaped spot within the Hickam Car Care Center area, as close as possible to the actual place where the POWs first set foot on American soil. It was not possible to put it in the exact location where the men deplaned, because what was once an aircraft parking ramp in front of the old MAC Passenger Terminal had become a four-lane thoroughfare next to a military family housing area.

**July 18, 1984** - Construction personnel from Main Erbauer, Inc., arrived at Wake Island to begin construction work on two 100,000-barrel fuel tanks for the Defense Logistics Agency.

For additional historical information concerning the 15th Airlift Wing and historic Hickam, visit [www2.hickam.af.mil/ho](http://www2.hickam.af.mil/ho).

## Reunion Tips

*From the Family Readiness Program Staff*



**Editor's Note:** *Reunion is a time of adjustment after separation. The following tips are suggestions to help people prepare for a loved ones homecoming and their greatly anticipated reunion.*

### **This week's tip:**

Resist the temptation to criticize

Remember that your spouse has been doing her or his best to run the household single-handedly and care for the children while you were gone. Give them credit for their efforts, even if their way of doing things is different from yours.

# At workout time, Team Hickam is *Powered by FitLinxx*

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey  
Kukini Editor

Unto itself, virtue is its own reward, but when it comes to the virtue of documenting your physical fitness regimen in FitLinxx, a new program at the base fitness center spices up the reward pot.

The 15,000 point mark - once you've been there, you'll literally get the T-shirt. Reach 30,000 points, and the 'Fit to Fight' towel is thrown your way.

It's all part of the Fitness Awards Program, a Pacific Air Forces initiative to further expand the value and use of the FitLinxx program.

Getting started on FitLinxx and documenting your progress toward those prizes couldn't be easier, according to Tech. Sgt. Rich Gill, Hickam Fitness Center staff.

"Members go through their unit Physical Training Leaders to get signed up in the FitLinxx program," Sergeant Gill said. "Once that takes place, they can start using the system here at the fitness center or log in on-line to record their progress, including updating any workouts they perform at home."

The points are tabulated monthly, and members can receive their award the first day of the next month after reaching a plateau.

The manner in which the awards are given has been streamlined, too, Sergeant Gill said. "When you reach a plateau for a prize, all you have to do is make a print-out of your point total, bring it in, and anyone on staff can give you your prize," he said.

The prizes available have been flying off the fitness center shelves. As of July 1, 408 T-shirts, towels and water bottles have been awarded to base members, with dozens more eligible to print out their point total and claim their prize at the fitness center.

As soon as the awards for the top three levels of the program are available, the awardees number will rise again, Sergeant Gill said.

For one PACAF security forces member, T-shirts and towels are prizes in his rear view mirror.

Master Sgt. Francis Deniz currently leads the base in program point total, and is the only member who has surpassed the 200,000 total making him eligible for the programs highest prize, the coin.

"Receiving the coin will be nice, but for me the true reward is feeling better and the benefits that come with being fit," Sergeant Deniz said.

For more information about the Fitness Awards Program, contact Sergeant Gill at 449-1044.

Fitness Level	Points	Award
White	15K	T-shirt
Yellow	30K	Towel
Red	50K	Nalgene Bottle
Brown	75K	Backpack
Black	125K	Dri-Fit Shirt
Bronze	200K	Coin



Courtesy photo

Mysti Bicoy and Tim Awaya, base multimedia center, display the first two tiers of the Fitness Awards Program.



Photo by Mike Dey

Staff Sgt. Toni Schmidt, 15th Contracting Squadron, enters her leg extension exercise data into the FitLinxx computer during her workout Tuesday.