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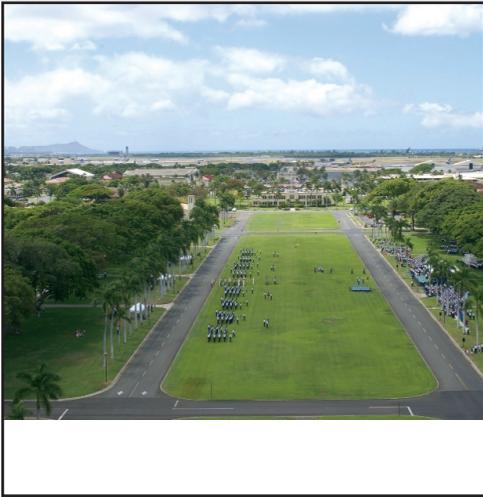
New anthrax, smallpox policy

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Day of change

(Above) Lt. Gen. Paul Hester, Pacific Air Forces commander addresses Hickam personnel at the PACAF Change of Command ceremony July 2. General Hester took over for Gen. Bill Begert, who officially retires Aug. 1. (Right) More than 200 Team Hickam members form up on the Hickam mall and then parade in front of the review stand.

Photos by Mike Dey and Mysti Bicoy



Bellows cooks up winner, named best Air Force Outdoor Recreation facility

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Editor

There are many ways to concoct an award-winning meal, and Bellows Air Force Station came up with the perfect recipe to rise from sea level to the top of the mountain when they were recently named best Outdoor Recreation facility in the Air Force for 2003.

It starts with the 'groceries,' and Bellows was able to spend, and spend large, to acquire the finest ingredients.

There were more than two million dollars in renovations from appropriated funds, transforming 28 outdated cabins into modern beach-front accommodations. Close to another half million dollars was spent to overhaul and update fixtures and furnishings in 107 other cabins.

Eighty thousand dollars brought in new in-room safes and surveillance equipment as well as brand new, top-of-the-line bikes and ocean equipment as well as information technology equipment that will provide guests an internet and e-mail kiosk.

Once the meal is set, next up is the guest list, and Bellows had plenty of visitors in 2003. From the Chairman, Joint Chief of Staff to the Los Angeles Lakers' basketball team, more than half a million beach and cabin visitors came from far and wide.

Bellows boasted a 98 percent satisfaction rating in equipment rental and 94 percent thumbs-up in cabin rentals.

It's also important to make sure the staff is taken care of. Bellows purchased a \$10,000 4x4 all-terrain vehicle to give its lifeguard staff their first-ever motorized patrol. The lifeguard towers were lowered for easier access, and global positioning satellite equipment was purchased for more rapid responses.

The commitment paid off all year, with the members of Team Bellows garnering 20 quarterly or annual awards above the unit level in 2003.

When you put all these items together, and serve it up in a setting as picturesque as Bellows' ocean-front property, the results are easy to attain, according to Capt. Nate Chine, 15th Mission Support Group, Detachment 1 commander.

"The things they've accomplished this past year and the level of the service they provide simply weren't things any commander could've ordered, asked or demanded of them," Captain Chine said. "They naturally went above and beyond because



Photo by Kelly Tran Mau

Aaron Acosta, (right) Bellows Air Force Station programs director, teaches Randy Pauley and Tori Winesett of Savannah, Ga., proper paddling, kayaking and water navigation techniques.

they love Bellows' mission; their workmates are their best friends; and the customers are considered family."

"It's an honor to serve with and for each of them," he said. "I'm thrilled their Herculean efforts were recognized Air Force wide ... they definitely deserve it."

Proud to be 'home'

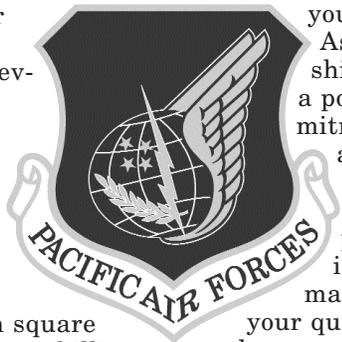
General and Mrs. Hester all smiles upon returning to Pacific region

By Lt. Gen. Paul Hester
Pacific Air Forces commander

"Welcome back to PACAF!" Lynda and I were blessed to hear this often at the Change of Command ... and quite honestly, it put a huge smile on our faces.

We have immensely enjoyed our previous tours in the Pacific both at the personal and professional levels. The cultural richness of the region has deepened our personal lives and the ability to serve professionally throughout the area with Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen has made it feel like "home."

"Home" is half of the earth, 16 time zones, more than 105 million square miles, 45 countries, 30 territories, 3.5 billion people, 30 percent of American trade or \$500 billion – yes, the "B" word. Thus, a stable



and secure "Home" is important to the prosperity of our great Nation and to the rest of the world.

History has proven militaries can be an effective tool for keeping peace as well as making war. The current threat to our region's security puts a premium on your work with the militaries of Asia. Forging these close relationships – family and military – sends a powerful message, America's commitment in the Pacific is real, strong and lasting.

Lynda and I are fortunate to inherit the commitment of our previous commanders to improving readiness, preparing the command for the future and enhancing your quality of life. We will continue that work.

We are proud to be "home." May God bless you and the nation we serve.



Photo by Mark Bates

Lt. Gen. Paul Hester, PACAF commander, and his wife Lynda take a brief moment for a photograph during change of command festivities.

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 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

Mahalo for keiki fishing trip

Comment: I read the Action Line articles on a weekly basis and I see far more compliments than compliments. Having been associated with Hickam since 1987 I have found it to be one of the best bases in the Air Force.

On June 10 three of my six children and I were privileged enough to attend the Friends of Hickam Keiki Fishing Tournament. This event, by-far, exceeded any outing we have ever attended. Although my children did not catch any fish, they could not stop talking about all the fun they had well into the weekend.

My hats off to the Friends of Hickam for their top-notch planning of this event and loads of fun.

Response: It's nice to hear such positive comments about this great event. The Friends of Hickam have sponsored the Keiki Fishing Tournament for five years in a row.

Each year they put in many long hours to plan and execute this tournament, ensuring that our keiki and their parents have a memorable, exciting day at Ho'omaluhia Botanical Park in Kaneohe. Each participating child is guaranteed not only a great grilled lunch with all the trimmings and fun competition but there's also a "goodie bag" stuffed with neat stuff kids like. There are trophies presented to those who catch the biggest or most fish and so much more. It's great fun for the keiki and the parents as well.

This tournament was the brainchild of Friend of Hickam member Lance Terayama and his committee. Members of FOH donate thousands of dollars in prizes, sodas, ice cream, burgers and hotdogs, fishing tackle ... everything! It's totally underwritten by FOH for our Air Force children.

I'll pass your positive comments and thanks on to them for you.

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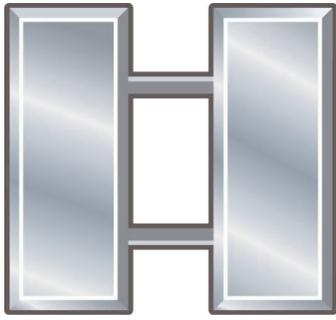
Crisis Response Lines

Hickam Family Support Center
449-0300

Life Skills Support Center
449-0175

Law Enforcement Desk
449-6373

Base Chaplain
449-1754



Captain promotions released

Team Hickam wants to congratulate the following 1st lieutenants on their notification of promotion to the rank of captain.

Joseph Barnard
Pacific Air Forces

Bart Cook
15th Airlift Wing
Judge Advocate

Jeffery Kritsberg
PACAF

James Lee
15th Comptroller Squadron

Jeana Love
PACAF

Michael Silvia
Pacific Command

Julie Tucker
15th AW
Public Affairs



Final look

Team Hickam members march pass Gen. Bill Begert and his wife Jodi, for a final review of troops for the retiring Pacific Air Forces commander. General Begert was the PACAF commander since May 2001. He relinquished his command to Lt. Gen. Paul Hester July 2.

"By Law" designation may miss intended beneficiaries

By Tech Sgt. Karen Wimberly
15th Airlift Wing Legal Office NCOIC of Civil Law

Taking the law into your own hands is generally frowned upon.

But when it comes to your life insurance getting as specific as possible is the best way to ensure your desires are met, according to Capt. Tara Olayvar, 15th Legal Office assistant staff judge advocate.

"Writing 'By Law' on your Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance form could cause your life insurance benefits to be given to unintended beneficiaries," Captain Olayvar said.

SGLI affords military personnel the ability to leave up to \$250,000 to their loved ones. Many members, however, unknowingly put at risk their intended beneficiaries' ability to collect payment from the policy.

By writing "By Law" as the policy's beneficiary, members give up control of the distribution of the proceeds and open the door to claims, disputes and potentially lengthy litigation by third parties claiming to be beneficiaries.

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Korea bound? Roll up the sleeve

DoD announces revised policy for vaccination program

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

More U.S. service members, to include approximately 180 Team Hickam members during the next few months, will be vaccinated against smallpox and anthrax, the Defense Department's senior medical adviser and 15th Medical Group Public Health officials said June 30.

This policy expands the current smallpox and anthrax vaccine program to those deploying for 15 days or more to South Korea and members of the upcoming Air Expeditionary Forces cycle deploying to all areas of the U.S. Central Command. Also, anyone serving tours in South Korea will now be administered the vaccine. DoD will offer the vaccinations to family members in the geographic areas on a voluntary basis.

The availability of additional smallpox and anthrax vaccine will enable the vaccination of all service members assigned to CENTCOM, and many serving in U.S. Pacific Command, including troops assigned on the Korean Peninsula, Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, told reporters at a Pentagon news conference.

Dr. Winkenwerder said he couldn't provide numbers of

troops affected by the policy change, other than saying "tens of thousands" would be vaccinated. The policy change, he pointed out, wasn't precipitated by a definite increase of threat to troops.

"The current expansion of the DoD policy to include all of CENTCOM and Korea was a decision based on the risk for exposure to anthrax or smallpox and vaccine availability," said Lt. Col. Paul Sjoberg, Public Health Flight commander at Hickam. "These biological warfare agents would greatly degrade the mission, if our Airmen were exposed to anthrax or smallpox and not protected.

"The United States has a safe and effective vaccines to protect against exposure to both of these agents," Colonel Sjoberg said. "These vaccines must be provided to our troops to increase the level of protection needed for a commander to maintain the mission."

"There is no substantial change to the threat situation," Dr. Winkenwerder asserted, noting the increased availability of both vaccines "will provide an additional layer of protection" for service members.

Central Command troops deployed to the Afghanistan and Iraq theaters of operation had been vaccinated against smallpox and anthrax, Dr. Winkenwerder noted. Now, he said, "all person-

nel in Central Command" will receive both vaccinations.

Medical studies, Dr. Winkenwerder said, have shown that administration of the vaccines poses little threat to service members' health. Since June 2002, he noted, the Defense Department has vaccinated more than 750,000 troops against anthrax. That number, he said, increases to an aggregate of more than a million if vaccinations administered since 1998 are factored in. Since December 2002, he said, more than 625,000 troops received smallpox vaccinations.

Nearly 2,000 personnel assigned to Hickam AFB have received at least one anthrax shot since the inception of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program in 1998. An important note is when individuals start or resume receiving the anthrax vaccine, individuals will continue to be required to receive the anthrax vaccine once they return from their deployment or Korea.

Since the current policy has just been implemented, very few individuals have been vaccinated at this point, said Colonel Sjoberg. "But we are postured to provide these immunizations to Airmen deploying to these new areas." (Also contributing to this article was Gerry Gilmore, American Forces Press Service.)

Protection, prevention key against skin cancer

Sunscreen, shade, hats, clothing lead measures to combat overexposure

By Staff Sgt. Edward Tovar
Hickam Health and Wellness Center

Skin cancer is the most common form of human cancer. It's estimated more than 1 million new cases occur annually.

Overexposure to sunlight is the main cause of skin cancer. The most common warning sign of skin cancer is a change in the appearance of the skin, such as a new growth or a sore that will not heal. Unexplained changes in the appearance of the skin lasting longer than two weeks should be evaluated by a doctor.

There are several forms of skin cancer and the two most common ones are Basal cell carcinoma and Squamous cell carcinoma.

■ Basal cell carcinoma accounts for more than 90 percent of all skin cancers in the United States. It's a

slow-growing cancer that seldom spreads to other parts of the body.

■ Squamous cell carcinoma also rarely spreads, but it does so more often than basal cell carcinoma.

Basal cell carcinoma (BBC) is the most common form of skin cancer, affecting 800,000 Americans each year. In fact, it's the most common of all cancers. One out of every three new cancers is a skin cancer, and the vast majority are BCC.

Until recently, those most often affected were older people, particularly men who had worked outdoors. Although the number of new cases has increased sharply each year in the last few decades, the average age of onset of the disease has steadily decreased. More women are also getting BCCs than in the past.

Squamous cell carcinoma (SCC), the second most common skin cancer after BBC, afflicts more than 200,000 Americans each year. SCC may occur on all areas of the body including the mucous membranes, but are most common in areas exposed to the sun.

Although squamous cell carcinomas usually remain confined to the

epidermis for some time, they eventually penetrate the underlying tissues if not treated. In a small percentage of cases, they spread (metastasize) to distant tissues and organs. SCC that metastasize most often arise on sites of chronic inflammatory skin conditions or on the mucous membranes or lips.

Prevention

Prevention means guarding the skin against the known causes of skin cancer.

■ Seek shade between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ Wear light-colored, tightly-woven, protective clothing, and wide-brimmed hats (three-inch brim).

■ Apply sunscreens with a SPF (Sun Protection Factor) of at least 15.

Follow the ABCDEs for early skin cancer detection during your monthly skin exams:

Asymmetry of lesion – One half doesn't match the other half.

Border irregularity – The edges are ragged, notched or blurred

Color variation – The pigmentation is not uniform. Shades of tan, brown, and black are present. Dashes of red, white, and blue add to the mottled appearance.

Diameter – greater than six millimeters (about the size of a pencil eraser), any growth of a mole should be of concern.

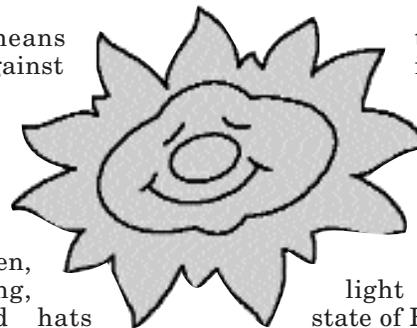
Elevation – is the lesion growing in height?

In summary, skin cancer can be prevented by sun avoidance but the reality of avoiding direct sunlight in this beautiful

state of Hawaii is not going to happen.

In summary, we can prevent this preventable disease by taking other measure, so protect yourselves and others and seek shade at the peak sun hours, wear light-colored, tightly-woven, protective clothing and wide-brimmed hats and last but not least apply sunscreen with SPF of at least 15.

For more information call the HAWC and at 448-HAWC.



Tips on how to display nation's flag properly

By Staff Sgt. Celena Wilson
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

As Americans pay homage to the nation this summer season, here is a review of the proper ways to display the stars and stripes.

Flags can be displayed at night, but proper illumination is required. According to the Promotion Fitness Examination study guide (1 July 2003), Paragraph 3.2.2.1, "It is the universal custom to display flags only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and stationary flagstaves in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness."

Flags should be properly illuminated by a light specifically for the flag pointing up from the ground. Porch and street lights, and moonlight are not proper means of illumination. Flags not properly illuminated, should be taken down at night.

"A simple flood light from the ground would be fine," said Senior Master Sgt. Marcus Snoddy, Hickam Honor Guard noncommissioned officer in charge of training.

Flags can be displayed on vehicles if secured on the antenna or clamped

on the right side of the front bumper. People who display a flag in this manner should pay close attention to the flag's condition over time because of the wind speeds outside the vehicle and exposure to the weather.

When displaying a flag from a staff projecting from a building, it should be "displayed with the union away from the building," according to the PFE Figure 3.2. "Place the union at the peak of the staff, unless the flag is at half-staff."

If a flag cannot be displayed at half-staff because of a short pole, place a black streamer from the spearhead halfway down the flag, according to the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

For a horizontal or vertical display on a wall or window, "always display the flag with the union to the observer's left," according to PFE Figure 3.2. If displayed from a window, the position of the flag is for view from the outside.

"A simple rule of thumb for keeping it straight, posted on the AFPC Web site, is this: "We always speak of the flag as the Stars and Stripes, never the stripes and stars. Therefore, when we look at the flag it should read "Stars and Stripes," that

is the reason the stars come first."

According to PFE Chapter 3.2.4, "extreme care must be exercised to ensure proper handling and cleaning of soiled flags. A torn flag may be professionally mended, but a badly torn or tattered flag should be destroyed. When the flag is in such a condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, destroy it in a dignified manner, preferably by burning."

It is important to properly display the flag, to show the respect and honor the flag has earned.

"To me the flag is truly our nation's greatest symbol," Sergeant Snoddy said. "First, it reminds me freedom isn't free and as members of the Armed Forces we may be called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice in its defense.

"Second, it reminds me of the promise that 'All men are created equal' and it flies freely for all Americans regardless of ethnic origin, socio-economic background or religion," he said.

"That's why whenever I see the flag, whether on the base flag staff or during an Honor Guard detail, I always take a moment to reflect on just how important it is to me and to our country."



Photo by Angela Elbern

Extreme care must be exercised to ensure proper handling of the U.S. flag as displayed by the Hickam Honor guard during President Ronald Reagan's Memorial service June 10.



TEAM HICKAM

News Notes

15 MDG closure – 15th Medical Group is closed today for a family day. In the event of an emergency call 911.

Kuntz Gate construction – Kuntz Gate will operate from 5:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through July 23. This will allow the con-

tractor time to work the inbound lane and provide a smoother surface. All personnel are encouraged to use the main gate, but Kuntz Gate is open for inbound traffic only. For any questions or concerns, contact Tech. Sgt. Robert Padar at 449-6641.

MLS Soccer Camp – Hickam/Pearl Harbor American Youth Organization is sponsoring a summer soccer camp by Major League Soccer Camps from Monday through July 16 on Hickam. Registration is open to boys and girls ages 5 to 18. Session times and fees vary by age. Go to www.aysoregion188.org for more details and to register online. For more information call 834-5645 or e-mail smithn013@hawaii.rr.com.

PACAF RSS Change of Command – Lt. Col. Arnold Holcomb assumes command of the Pacific Air Forces Regional Supply Squadron from Col. George

Borowsky during a change of command ceremony 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Hickam Channel Memorial Display. A reception will follow at the Hickam Officers' Club Polynesian Gazebo. Colonel Holcomb comes from the Pentagon where he was on the Joint Staff, Directorate of Logistics as the Joint Logistics Information Fusion Officer. Colonel Borowsky is will be the Chief, Logistics Readiness Division, PACAF.

Repatriation Ceremony – A POW/MIA Repatriation Ceremony is scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday on the flightline side of building 2050, Base Operations. A practice ceremony is scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday at the same location. For more information call 1st Lt. Kim Drews at 449-0011.

Air War College Seminar – The Air War College Nonresident Programs is enrolling eligible officers and federal employees for the new 2004-2005 seminar method.

All personnel interested should apply online, indicating preference for group learning, at www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awcns.htm. Seminar classes usually meet each week, starting in early August and run through mid-June. This program is open to active duty, National Guard and Reserve O-5 selects or above, of any component of the U.S. Armed Forces and DoD civilian employees GS-13 and above.

Enroll online no later than July 18 to receive your books in time. For questions or more information, contact the Base Training and Education Services at 449-6363.

Fall CDC registration – Fall registration for the Harbor Child Development Center Preschool will be Aug. 16 through 18. Registration hours will be 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Harbor

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CDC. Applicants should bring a current leave and earnings statement and shot record. For more information call 449-9234.

OU – The University of Oklahoma offers a Master of Arts in Managerial Economics and Public Administration. The non-thesis programs can be completed in about 18 months. The one-week classes are very TDY/TAD friendly. Contact OU at 449-6364 or visit the Web site at www.goou.ou.edu.

Volunteering in the community – For people who are interested in getting involved and lending a hand, there are many resources to consider from the American Red Cross and the

United Way to homeless shelters and Human Services and even the Cat Rescue S.A.F.E. House on Hickam. A Web site connecting potential volunteers with numerous agencies in need of volunteers in Hawaii: www.volunteerhawaii.org.

NCOIC of Honor Guard wanted – The 15th Services Squadron is looking to fill the Honor Guard non-commissioned officer position. Those interested should call Master Sgt. Craig Howell, 15th SVS first sergeant, at 449-1030, ext. 233.

Opera summer production – The Hawaii Opera Theatre's summer production, *The Mikado*, is scheduled to run Aug. 6 through 15

at the Blaisdell Concert Hall. The production is a Gilbert and Sullivan comedy Broadway-style musical. A special performance designated as "Military/ Group" Night with every seat in the house is priced at \$20 for Aug. 14. Call 596-7858 for tickets.

Fun and games – Help the Hickam Enlisted Spouse's Club kick off "Operation Fun and Games," as they collect games, DVD's, disposable cameras and sporting equipment to send to Hickam members deployed serving in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. This ongoing project is aimed at reducing stress and raising the morale of the Airmen. A list of suggested items can be found at

www.orgsites.com/hi/hesc and clicking on the Operation Fun and Games link. All donations are welcome and can be given by calling Wendy Pruitt at 422-4198.

Traffic notice – 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 and flagmen will direct traffic from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily until november. During non-working hours, contractor 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.



Grind time

Team Hickam members have another dining option. Cathlene Mendoza gives change to Col. Andrew Knapp, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, after he buys lunch from the newly-opened L&L Drive-In Wednesday. Located at Hickam's Par 3 Golf Course, the restaurant is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week, and features a buffet line as well as ala carte dining.

Photo by Mike Dey

Around the Air Force



Gimme a brake

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan – Airman 1st Class Christopher Griep inspects a C-130 Hercules brake assembly carrier. The Airmen of the 374th Maintenance Squadron's pneudraulics element overhaul, modify and test all pneudraulics components of C-130s assigned and in-transit at Yokota Air Base, Japan.

Photo by Master Sgt. Val Gempis



Taking care of their own, Airmen donate \$6.7 million – AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER – Air Force people are giving more than \$6.7 million to this year's Air Force Assistance Fund campaign – \$800,000 more than last year.

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

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 www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund.

Uniform board releases results – WASHINGTON – Air Force officials recently released the results of the 96th Air Force Uniform Board held June 18 and 19.

The chief of staff approved a number of changes, affecting everything from cell phones to scarves. Among the changes are:

- Establish a standardized Air Force physical training uniform.
- Authorize one small, black, nondescript personal digital assistant, pager or cellular phone at

a time to be worn on the uniform belt.

- Authorize only a solid-color black backpack with blue uniform combinations and solid black, olive drab or woodland camouflage backpack with battle dress uniforms.

- Allow males to cleanly shave their heads or have military high-and-tight haircuts; females are not authorized to shave their heads or wear high-and-tight haircuts.

More information about these and other uniform board decisions will be included in the next update of Air Force Instruction 36-2903, being released this summer. Questions should be addressed to local military personnel flights. (Story by Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter, Air Force Print News)

Air Force symbol now official – WASHINGTON – The Air Force symbol is now official, four years after the service first applied for trademark protection.

"I'm proud our symbol is now an official part of our heritage," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper. "It represents our storied past and links our 21st Century Air Force to our core values and capabilities."

A team of lawyers, public affairs officers, artists and historians are working to expand guidance and standards for the use of the symbol. An official Air Force Instruction is scheduled for release in fiscal 2005.

In the meantime, the intent is to expand use of the symbol today and protect it for the future. Use must be consistent with applicable Air Force instructions and symbol guidelines posted at www.af.mil/library/symbol/. (Story by Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter, Air Force Print News)

Overseas returnee assignment listing available Tuesday – RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for November to January requirements will be available July 13 to overseas returnees and continental United States mandatory movers, Airmen facing mandatory reassignment.

Airmen can work through their military personnel flights to update their preferences by July 29. They will be notified of their selection by mid-August.

Some extended guardsmen, reservists may get GI Bill boost – WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Guardsmen and reservists whose active-duty time is extended past the normal 12-month call-up may be eligible for active-duty-level benefits of the Montgomery GI Bill under certain circumstances, said a senior Department of Veterans Affairs spokesman.

Currently, people participating in the active-duty GI Bill receive \$800 or \$985 per month for full-time training, depending on their length of service. But reserve-component people receive only \$282 per month for full-time training, said Dennis Douglass, VA deputy director for education service.

Reserve-component people are now eligible for the greater active-duty benefit when their active-duty time is extended to 24 or more months, Mr. Douglass said. (Story by Rudi Williams, American Forces Press Service)

New booklet helps families of deployed reservists, guardsmen – WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Separations can be tough on any child whose parent is deployed overseas, but particularly for the estimated 500,000 sons and daughters of deployed National Guardsmen and reservists, said an expert on issues involving military families.

Many Guard and Reserve families lack the tight-knit support network that helps active-duty families during deployments, said Dr. Mary Keller, executive director of the Military Child Education Coalition. This can lead to difficulty adjusting to what Dr. Keller calls their "suddenly military" status. As a result, she said, they can feel isolated and unsure of where to turn for help.

A new booklet is now available to help communities reach out to Reserve and Guard families during deployments. The coalition produced the booklet after repeated requests from military-family representatives, educators and community groups, Dr. Keller said.

"Our goal is to help them through this transition in their lives and this period of separation," she said.

The publications and more information about the coalition are posted on its Web site at www.militarychild.org.

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

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

July 12, 1999 – Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Ledoux became the 15th Air Base Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant.

July 13, 1949 – The Memorial Gymnasium at Hickam was officially opened with a basketball game and a program during half time.

July 13, 1976 – A time capsule was sealed in the entrance to 15th Air Base Wing Headquarters. The capsule was scheduled to be reopened in 100 years.

July 14, 1941 – The Hawaiian Air Force Headquarters moved from Fort Shafter to Hickam Field.

July 15, 1927 – Ernest Smith and Emory B. Bronte were the first civilians to make a non-stop flight from the mainland to Hawaii, crash-landing their Travelair airplane, City of Oakland, in Molokai. They were then transported to Wheeler Field by Army aircraft.

For additional historical information concerning the 15th Airlift Wing and historic Hickam, visit 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:

Do something special to welcome your spouse home

Help the children make a welcome banner, make your spouse's favorite dessert, etc., but be understanding and flexible if your spouse is too tired to notice.



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.*

Catholic

Nelles Chapel
Saturday confessions – 4:15 p.m.
Saturday Mass – 5 p.m.

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.

Jewish

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

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.

“Praise Gathering”

What: *Contemporary Worship Service*

Time: *Sunday at 5:30 p.m.*

Where: *Nelles Chapel*

Regarding instrumental/vocal interest in the Praise Gathering Worship Team, contact Lt. Col. Michael Rits at 230-1624.

CROSSWORD: Self aid, buddy care

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

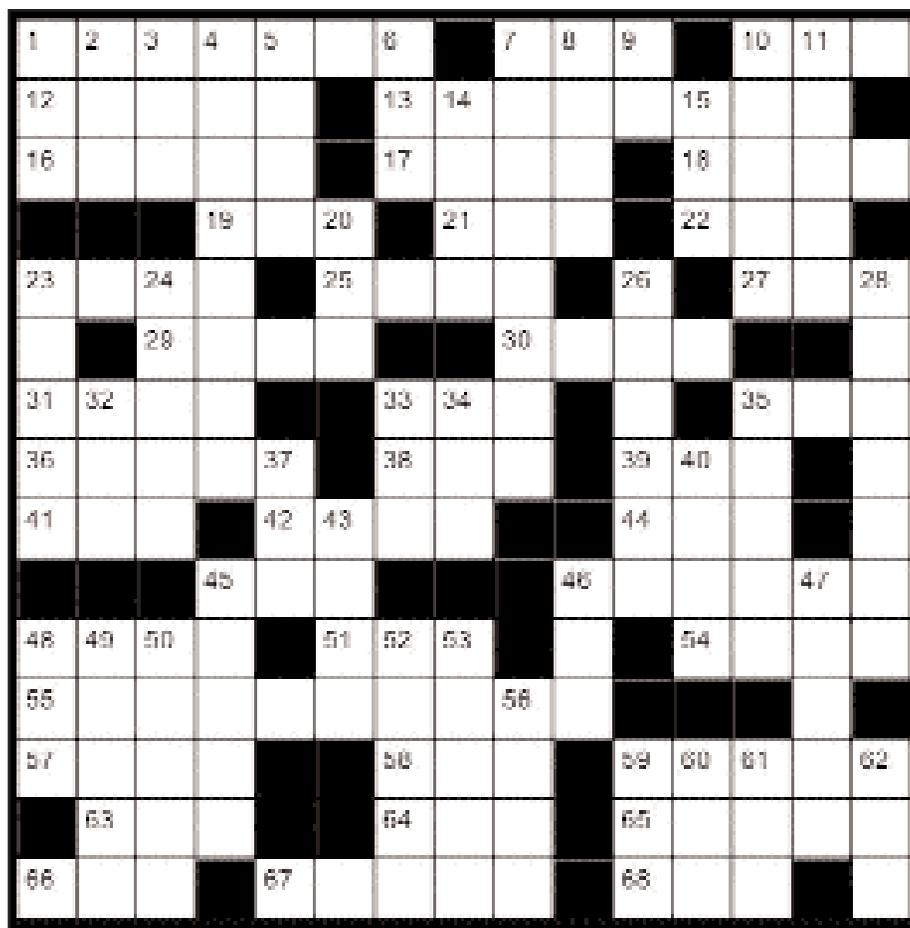
ACROSS

1. Used to hold 4 DOWN in place
7. Use this acronym on unconscious person
10. Task to help someone not breathing, briefly
12. Oak starter
13. Type of bleeding (most dangerous)
16. Bo of 10
17. Code for Pearl Harbor attack (repeated)
18. Crop of a bird
19. Timid
21. Drunkard
22. Together with further examples, in short
23. Taxis
25. Mil. quick
27. Shoe size
29. Skating arena
30. Pet food manufacturer
31. Horses classified by coloring
33. Long time
35. Pub order
36. Bump
38. Rap doctor?
39. Unit of resistance
41. Where injured personnel should go, briefly
42. ___ gin fizz
44. Experimental place?
45. Not many
46. Type of pressure applied to a bleeding wound
48. Pet food maker
51. Special tactics team for SFS
54. Great Lake
55. Last result to control bleeding
57. Grain; barley

58. South central German city
59. Tax examination
63. Chinese statesman Mao ___-tung
64. "The Greatest"
65. Dangerous state caused by pain, blood loss
66. He-Man's female alternate, ___-Ra
67. Essential for staying hydrated, cautious using for injuries
68. Calif. time

DOWN

1. Sinister
 2. USAF "dog fight" pilot
 3. Neither's partner
 4. Used to cover a wound
 5. Cruciform symbol
 6. What an injured person shouldn't do
 7. Used in a MARK I kit during a 23
- ## DOWN
8. What a heart does
 9. Tailmarking on a/c of 302nd AW
 10. ___ blanche; free reign
 11. Identify
 14. Massif in the Pennine Alps
 15. Item to help reduce swelling
 20. Animal native to Tibet
 23. Catastrophic events that necessitate
- ## SABC
24. Short, flat, slight-headed nails
 26. Foreign objects in bloodstream
 28. Do to legs when treating for 65
- ## ACROSS
32. ___ Lady, title of the Virgin Mary
 33. Tokyo, formerly



34. Mining goal
35. Frankincense
37. Compass dir.
40. Jackrabbit
43. Unit of currency in Angola
45. Specialty
46. Pesticide banned in '70s
47. Type of duty?
48. Cash machine
49. Averse
50. Check for this on unconscious person
52. Burly
53. Sheer machine-made net of silk; used for veils
56. Sultan
59. Cleopatra killer
60. Pauses
61. Speck
62. Ring result, briefly

Movies

Today, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.

"The Day After Tomorrow" – A climatological disaster ravages the world beyond recognition. As millions of terrified survivors 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.

Starring Dennis Quaid and Jake Gyllenhaal.

Rated PG-13 (For intense situation of peril.)

Saturday and Sunday 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.

Voices of: Mike Myers and Eddie Murphy

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

Monday and Tuesday Closed

Wednesday and Thursday 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.

Starring Kate Hudson, John Corbett

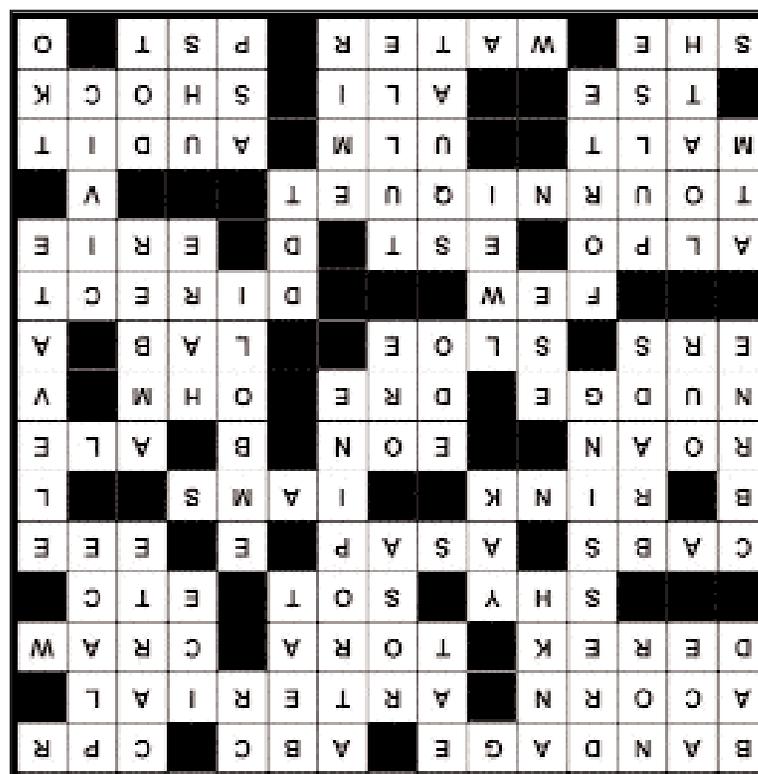
PG-13 (thematic issues involving teens)

July 16 to 19 at 7 p.m.

"The Chronicles of Riddick" – Riddick, on the run from mercenaries eager to claim the price on his head, seeks refuge on the planet of Helion, only to discover he's walked into a world in chaos. Helion has been seized by the Lord Marshall determined to wipe out humanity throughout the universe. Leader of Helion pleads with Riddick to join them in their fight for survival; Riddick agrees, hoping to fill out some of the blank chapters in his history along the way.

Starring Vin Diesel and Judi Dench

PG-13 (intense sequences of violent action and some language)



Got story ideas?

Contact the *Hickam Kukini* staff by calling 449-6662 or e-mail at hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil.

By Law *Continued from Page 3*

When members use a 'By Law' beneficiary designation on their SGLI policy, a court may end up interpreting the distribution of their benefits using definitions from the SGLI federal statute and state laws, she said. As these laws vary from state to state, the legal definition of terms like spouse, child, parent and next of kin may not be the same as members intend.

For example, in 1991, a federal circuit court held that a military member's stepfather was not a "parent" for purposes of distributing benefits under SGLI, even though the member had listed his mother and stepfather as his parents on his

Emergency Data Card. The court, instead, awarded the life insurance benefits to the member's natural father, although his stepfather had raised him.

Courts have also awarded SGLI benefits under the 'By Law' designation to illegitimate children and estranged, separated spouses. If the member does not have a spouse, children, or parents at the time of his or her death, the estate may be awarded to the executor or administrator of the estate before other next of kin.

"The only way to ensure that a particular loved one will receive SGLI benefits is to specifically

name them on the SGLI form," Captain Olayvar said. "Courts have consistently held that a specifically named beneficiary is the best evidence of a member's intent. No one, not even an attorney, can confidently advise a member on just how a By Law designation will ultimately distribute a quarter of a million dollars."

Members should also carefully research supplemental insurance. In deciding on an insurer and policy, ensure coverage will apply in the event of death due to military or terrorist action, either in or outside of a combat zone.

Recently, the family of an Army

soldier learned after his death in Iraq that the additional life insurance policy did not cover death resulting from military action. Members considering supplemental life insurance are encouraged to seek the advice of a legal assistance attorney prior to accepting the insurance.

Members may now fill out an SGLI Form at either the Military Personnel Flight or the base legal office. Questions pertaining to SGLI benefits should be addressed to a personnel specialist at the MPF or a legal assistance attorney. For more information, contact the base legal office at 449-1737.



Above: Combined 15th Services Squadron and Defense Courier Service hitter Clayton McCord tries to hit through a block by 15th Mission Support Squadron blocker Marc Henri.

Serving before self

Combined SVS/DCS defeat MSS

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Editor

In rally-point volleyball, where a point is scored every time a ball is put in play, a hot serving hand will always make a difference between defeat and victory.

Go on a run of four points or more by one server, and the game is essentially over.

Such was the case Tuesday as combined 15th Services Squadron and Defense Courier Service had three streaky servers and solid net play to defeat 15th Mission Support Squadron in straight games.

When he wasn't setting teammates for spikes and dinks, SVS/DCS Joel Lockard had the first extended serving run. Knocking off eight consecutive points, he put his team up 12-3 before MSS wisely took a time out. The delay strategy paid off, if only briefly, as they forced a side out on his next serve.

Lockard returned to his role as SVS/DCS primary setter, lofting perfect lobbs for Shawn

Wiser, Todd Gill and A.J. Jenam to crush.

The eight point lead that came off his service run lasted for the rest of the first game, with SVS/DCS winning 25-17.

Wiser started the second game much the same way Lockard served the first, going on a six point spree to put the SVS/DCS team up by the identical 12-3 score.

After exchanging a few side outs, SVS/DCS' Jenam went on another run, serving six straight points to built what seemed like an insurmountable 20-6 score.

But MSS wasn't through. Ruby Tilley has a run of her own, serving up six straight points for her team to climb back into the game 21-13.

DCS/SVS quickly took a time out, and the strategy again paid off as Tilley sided out. Three SVS/DCS points served by Gill later, game over 25-13.

Photos by
Mark Bates



After taking a set from 15th MSS setter Celena Wilson, hitter Mike Kormos gets 'walled' by SVS/DCS teammates Todd Gill (front) and Clayton McCord.