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PACAF at 60:

America's Commitment in the Pacific

Despite the normally grim news of war, Americans had reason to hope in August 1944. In Europe, the Allies had crushed the German 7th Army, and would liberate Paris before month's end. And in the Pacific, Allied forces had captured the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Guam, which would become bases for B-29 Superfortresses, which would soon reach the Japanese homeland.

Amid the drama of those times, today's Pacific Air Forces was born. PACAF traces its roots, the activation of Far East Air Forces (FEAF) Aug. 3, 1944, at Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. FEAF, which was subordinate to the U.S. Army Forces Far East, served as the headquarters of all the allied air forces in the Southwest Pacific. By 1945, three numbered air forces – 5th, 7th and 13th – were supporting operations in the Pacific as part of the largest and most powerful military organization ever fielded by any country in the world.

Legends of military aviation graced FEAF – Major Richard Bong, America's all-time top scoring ace with 40 victories, along his 9th Fighter Squadron "Flying Knights" mates, ravaged their foes in the skies over the Pacific. Col. Charles Lindbergh was in the Pacific in August 1944, assigned to teach fuel economy for maximum range of the P-38.

After World II, FEAF and 5th AF remained in Japan, while 7th Air Force operated from Hawaii, and 13th Air Force from the Philippines. In the post-war years, FEAF was designated the theater air force for the Far East Command. All air forces in the Far East and Southwest Pacific were placed under one Air Force commander for the first time.

When the North Koreans crossed the 38th parallel June 25, 1950, FEAF consisted of 5th Air Force, 13th Air Force and 20th Air Force and the Far East Materiel Command. Four years after the Korean War armistice, FEAF was redesignated Pacific Air Forces and transferred its headquarters to Hickam.

By 1960, PACAF maintained a combat-ready deterrent force of some 35 squadrons, operating from 10 major bases in a half-dozen countries. In the early 1960s communist military strength and firepower in Vietnam increased. As a result, PACAF began a buildup in the area with the addition of troops and better arms and equipment. During the height of the war in Southeast Asia PACAF operated more than 20 different types of aircraft and flew over six million combat and support sorties.

Combat aircraft of PACAF flew their last strikes in Cambodia Aug. 15, 1973, writing the final chapter to the long and costly history of active American participation in the Indochina War. The post-Vietnam era found the command focusing on improving its readiness.

PACAF's organizational structure saw a marked period of rapid and extensive changes. Andersen was reassigned from Strategic Air Command in 1989, and 11th Air Force became a part of the command in late 1990. Following the volcanic eruption of Mount Pinatubo, Clark Air Base, the Philippines, was closed and 13th Air Force relocated to Andersen in 1991.

In 1992, changes took place in force structure within PACAF as the command assumed control of theater-based tactical airlift wings, theater C-130 aircraft and crews, and associated theater C-130 support. PACAF also gained control of all operational support aircraft and all aeromedical airlift assets in the Pacific.

Throughout its history PACAF has played a vital role in world events. In addition to its key combat role in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, PACAF units fought in Desert Storm in 1991, participated in operations over the Former Yugoslavia and Kosovo. Today, the command continues to provide expertise, aircraft, personnel, and equipment to facilitate the new

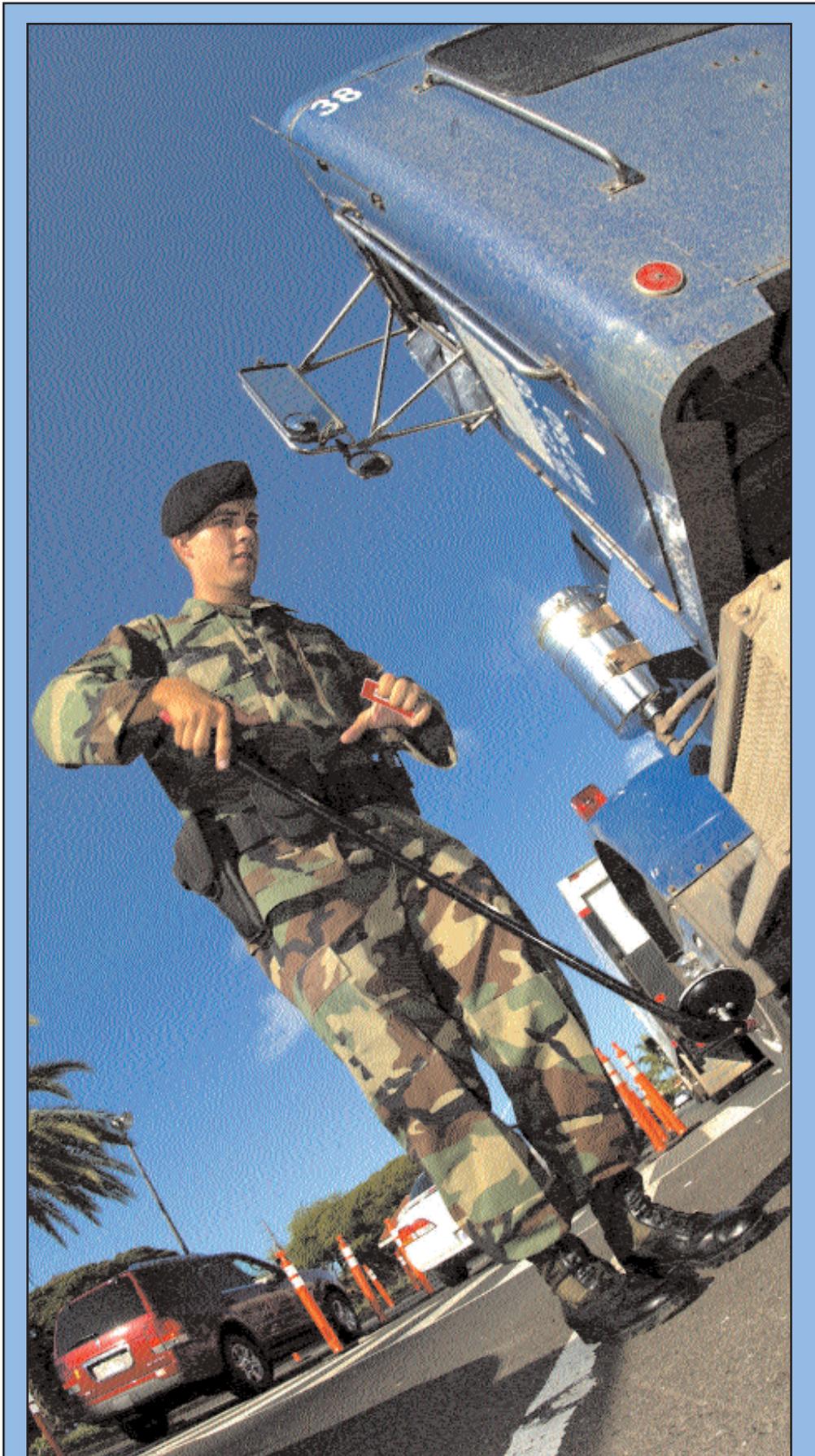


Photo by Jerry Banks

I see everything

Airman 1st Class Wayne Sherman, 15th Security Forces Squadron, does a walk around inspection of a tractor and trailer Wednesday morning at the Main Gate. Later this summer these inspections will not be done at the Main Gate because commercial traffic will be routed through the Kuntz Gate. This should help speed up entry onto Hickam during peak traffic flow hours.

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PACAF celebrates 60 years of service in the Pacific theater

By Gen. Paul Hester
Pacific Air Forces commander

This year, as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of Pacific Air Forces, it's an occasion for each Airman to step back and reflect on the command's proud heritage as America's provider of air and space power in the Pacific theater.

Founded during the trying days of World War II (Aug. 3, 1944) PACAF's role and mission continues to evolve as we now support a continuous bomber rotation from Guam and will soon welcome the C-17 into our inventory.

Sixty years after being activated to plan for the invasion of Japan, PACAF Airmen continue to demonstrate that our Air Force is relevant to the war fighter -- from Korea to Afghanistan to Baghdad, you continue to make a difference. Lethal weapons and advanced technologies provide us advantages, but professional war-

riors ultimately determine victory in combat.

PACAF is strong, and this strength comes from our greatest asset: you, our Airmen, whose courage, compassion, and determination form the bedrock upon which our victories depend.

The events of the past year have called for great sacrifices from many Airmen and their families. While the Global War on Terrorism clearly demands the best from each of us, it is important that we join with our fellow Airmen, families and friends to celebrate PACAF's many achievements and warrior spirit.

We are proud of you, our PACAF family-Airmen, civilians, retirees, veterans, and your families, and you are always foremost in our prayers and in our actions. Thank you for your service and for your steadfast devotion to duty.

May God always bless each and every one of you. (Courtesy of Pacific Air Forces News Service)

As the UCI approaches: It's Team Hickam's time to shine

By Col. Ray Torres
15th Airlift Wing commander

It is Unit Compliance Inspection time. A time for all of the 15th Airlift Wing professionals to highlight all the challenges they have faced, hard work they have completed and the numerous successes they have had in performing their important mission each day.

We are in the business of being the strongest Air and Space Force in the world, this only happens because of the great efforts of our people. Our team of Civilians, Enlisted, Officers and our many Contractors, are responsible for executing our mission each day and planning for the future.

You have all worked very hard, not just for this inspection, but each day to ensure we comply with Headquarters guidance.

This is your chance to really impress, and highlight to the visiting inspection team, all of your professionalism.

Thanks for being great professionals every day, show the inspection team your best effort.

Mahalo

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.

Fitness center computer system

Comment: I'm writing this letter with serious concerns reference the new computer system at the gym. 1) Is this a secure computer system? 2) Who has access to this system? 3) When you PCS from Hickam is your file deleted or just purged? 4) Is it "MANDATORY" for me to release all of this information, just to utilize the gym? 5) Do I really have to have my picture taken? (This goes back to is this secure system?) 6) What is the purpose of this system? Someone at the gym attempted to explain to me, it had to do with funding and this is the only way to track how many people utilize the gym. 7) The form that each person has to fill out, it is main-

tained at the gym on file, thrown out or shredded? In this day and age of identity theft, I believe the military should look into using other means to identify personnel. At Bloch Arena, you just swipe your ID card and some non-identifiable numbers pops up. Simple. Maybe the command needs to issue another statement in the Kukini reference this. I am not the only patron who had concerns about releasing this information.

Response: We appreciate your feedback on the fitness center's new computerized check-in system. Let me assure you the information you provide for this system is secure, and the form which you fill out is shredded daily. Only the fitness center staff have access to the system and the it is a stand alone system, meaning it is not connected to the local area network (LAN) or other computer systems. The Air Force has a five-star rating criteria for fitness centers and having a computerized check-in system fulfills one of the requirements. This system allows fitness center personnel to operate smarter. It assists with retail operations, inventories, record keeping, customer demographics, and program scheduling, thus allowing them to better tailor their programs to customer needs. When you PCS from Hickam your file is purged. We appreciate your comments and, most of all, we hope the Hickam Fitness Center will assist you in achieving your fitness goals.

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Crisis Response Lines

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449-0300

Life Skills Support Center
449-0175

Law Enforcement Desk
449-6373

Base Chaplain
449-1754



Cooking it up

SOUTHWEST ASIA -- Staff Sgt. Brandi Thomas, 386th Expeditionary Services Squadron, prepares Mongolian barbecue July 21, for deployed troops. The dining facility staff periodically serves unique meals like this in an effort to boost deployed troops morale. Sergeant Thomas is deployed from 15th Services Squadron.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Martin Jackson

Water conservation tops list of priorities

By John Camara
15th Civilian Engineer Squadron

Potable (drinkable) water is an extremely important resource island-wide. As a major consumer of water, Hickam has a huge responsibility to conserve when possible.

During these hot summer months water use increases for irrigation. To ensure the aquifer does not fall below safe levels, Hickam needs to do its part and avoid waste.

To really appreciate this valuable resource, Dave Stiner, Hickam's Energy and Water Manager said, "We must first know the natural history of how it arrives to the island."

"One of the keys to our water system is the natural connection between Oahu's mountain range (the Ko'olaus) and our abundant rainfall," said Mr. Stiner.

As he explained, moisture from the ocean is driven up against the mountains where it rises, cools, condenses, and falls as rain.

During normal years, an average of about two billion gallons of water fall on the island every day, according to the Honolulu Board of Water Supply.

This rain soaks into the slopes of the Ko'olaus and slowly makes its way down through the porous volcanic rock, ending deep within the basal aquifers (water-bearing rock) of the island.

According to the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, by the time water reaches these aquifers, it is clean

and safe enough to drink, requiring little chemical treatment. This process takes an average of 25

years from the time rain falls atop the Koolau Mountains, percolates down to the aquifer, is pumped from wells and then piped for use in homes and businesses.

So the next time people take a drink of water or water their lawn, Mr. Stiner said Hickam residents should remember just how important a resource Oahu's water really is and the miraculously lengthy path it follows in preparation for our use. With this in mind, he reminds residents to conserve the

island's water resource and use it wisely.

Military family residents are asked to water their lawns for no longer than 20 minutes per spot and only during the established times. The times are from 6 and 9 a.m. and 4 to 8 p.m. Residents in odd-numbered housing are asked to water on odd-numbered days while those in even-numbered housing are asked to water on even-numbered days.

Watering is not permitted in housing between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., as these are the hottest periods of the day and evaporation rates are at their peak. Due to the nature of topsoil on base, watering longer than 20 minutes provides no additional support for grass or plants, and creates runoff, according to Mr. Stiner.

For more information about Hickam's water conservation measures, call 448-2693.



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Expeditionary Air Force, especially as it applies to successful airbridge operations spanning the vast Pacific Ocean. Following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States, PACAF again demonstrated its intrepid spirit through its units deployed in support of Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Since 1944, the command has participated in more than 140 humanitarian operations within its area of responsibility and beyond. In these operations PACAF people quickly and efficiently airlifted food, medicine and other supplies to areas devastated by storms, floods, earth-

quakes, volcanoes and other natural disasters.

Additionally, the command supported three of the largest evacuations ever undertaken by the Air Force: the Newlife evacuation of Vietnamese in 1975, the Fiery Vigil evacuation of Clark Air Base, Philippines, after the 1991 volcanic eruption of Mount Pinatubo, and the Pacific Haven operation to support and resettle Kurdish evacuees in 1997.

On August 3rd, PACAF turns sixty years young and remains one of two forward-based commands in defense of the nation. Today, PACAF spans half of the earth, 16 time zones, more than 105 million square miles, 45 coun-

tries, 30 territories and 3.5 billion people.

As PACAF turns 60, its mission remains as vital today as ever, according to General Paul Hester, PACAF Commander.

"History has proven that militaries can be an effective tool for keeping peace as well as making war," General Hester noted. "The current threat to our region's security puts a premium on our 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." (*Information courtesy of PACAF History Office and PACAF News Service*)

Helpdesk: Fixing computers one call at a time

Story and Photo by Staff Sgt. Martin Jackson
386th AEW Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Receiving hundreds of calls and e-mails daily, the 386th Communications Squadron helpdesk staff of six has experienced a wide variety of problems; ranging anywhere from customers needing a password change to fixing complete computer system failures.

Accompanying this assortment of problems is an even wider array of customers and their emotions which vary from slightly upset to completely irate.

“It’s challenging enough to troubleshoot a problem over the phone, let alone when the person calling is upset because they lost a file or they are under pressure and their computer won’t respond,” said Airman First Class Bryan Rull, helpdesk technician. “Being able to get the right information from someone who is upset can be difficult. Often times, because of their emotions, the customers make their problems seem much worse than they really are.”

For Airman Rull and the rest of the staff several areas come into play with each new call. From the customer’s computer knowledge to the version of the program or operating system, every bit of information is key to solving the problem. Because of this the technicians can rarely approach two problems the same way.

“While assessing the problem we have to also assess and establish the customer’s level of computing sense,” Airman Rull said. “This determines the level of computer lingo or layman’s terms we will use to understand the problem and then talk the customer through solving it.”

According to Airman Rull, the Communications-Computer System three-and-one-half month technical training course at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., provides him and his peers with a base of knowledge, but the majority of their skill is learned from

on the job training and experience.

“Tech. school taught me about 30 percent of what I use,” Airman Rull said. “The other 70 percent comes from getting on the job and learning from experienced NCOs and Airmen as well as hands-on problem solving.”

For Airman Rull his job here differs from what he was doing at his home unit, the 15th Communications Squadron at Hickam. There he is part of an on-site response team that goes to the customer’s work area to solve the problem.

“Working the helpdesk I can receive and solve nearly 10 problems over the phone in the time it would take me to go to one office and fix the computer and return,” Airman Rull said. “I enjoy the challenges of the heavier workload but I miss the personal interaction with the customers.”

In addition to the day-to-day work, Airman Rull and his peers must also stay up to date on the ever evolving computing world.

“There are always new operating systems, software and hardware coming out,” he said. “If we don’t stay on top of how they function and ways to fix them, there is no way we could troubleshoot problems for the base members.”

Becoming a CCS operator wasn’t his first choice



Airman First Class Bryan Rull, 386th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, removes a hard drive from a computer.

when it came to joining the Air Force, but having computing experience since he was eight, it is a career he may have seemed destined for.

“I was going through college and wanted to work in a mechanical field, but it turns out I am colorblind,” Airman Rull said. “However it worked out for the best, because I like the challenges associated with fixing other peoples problems and working around computers.” (Staff Sgt. Martin Jackson is assigned to PACAF Public Affairs.)

UCI ... right around the corner

Aug. 9 the Headquarters Pacific Air Forces Inspector General will begin its Unit Compliance Inspection of the 15th Airlift Wing. The inspection will run through Aug. 13.

Our team has been preparing for many months and now it's time to show the inspectors our professionalism and skill. While many members of the IG team live and work here at Hickam, more than 40 members of the inspection team are coming from other bases. We welcome these military professionals and look forward to working closely with them as they review our programs.

A unit compliance inspection is normally conducted every two years however, due to recent world events, Hickam's UCI has been

delayed. Our last UCI was four years ago. While an Operational Readiness Inspection or Initial Readiness Response Inspection tests the wing's ability to perform its mission, a UCI checks to make sure the wing is following all applicable instructions and regulations. A UCI is also a chance for us to show our ingenuity and skill. The IG team will also be looking at how we do business in the hopes of finding best practices that can be shared with other wings.

Another big part of the UCI is a Full Spectrum Threat Response exercise, formerly known as a Major Accident Response Exercise.

The IG team will be inspecting two distinct areas during the FSTR. First, they will be looking at how the wing responds to the

incident to ensure all procedures are followed properly. Secondly, the IG team will be inspecting the wing's Exercise Evaluation Team. In other words, the IG will be inspecting how the wing's exercise program is managed and executed.

The FSTR will be conducted sometime during the week of the inspection so personnel, dependents and visitors to Hickam should be prepared. As always, report any suspicious activities to the appropriate authorities.

In the event of a real world event or exercise scenario, all personnel are reminded to take the following actions: first, safety is paramount — render first aid if you can, but do not jeopardize your own safety. Instead, notify emergency response personnel (911) and let them han-

dle the situation. Second, avoid the incident area if at all possible and always follow the instructions of the Security Forces. Expect a cordon to be established around the area. Depending on the situation, a cordon could be 2,000 feet or more around the incident site. Because of this, some buildings may be evacuated and several roads may be blocked. Be prepared for slight delays or detours—your cooperation is essential.

To the members of the 15th Airlift Wing, be proud of your work, be excited about your accomplishments, be professional and courteous, and look sharp. This is our chance to show the IG that Hickam is THE BEST installation in the Air Force. *(Information courtesy of 15 AW/IG.)*

CSAF: Air Force key in Pacific operations

By Capt. Heather Zwicker
Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

The Air Force will become more active in the Pacific theater in the future in response to emerging hot spots, said the Air Force chief of staff after a recent tour of the Pacific Air Operations Center here.

Gen. John Jumper discussed the importance of the Pacific area.

"As we've seen over the past 14 years since [operations] Desert Shield and Desert Storm, we don't know what's going to happen next; we don't know where it's going to happen," he said. "We've got to be ahead of events. We've got to anticipate what's going to happen next and then start learning about it so we can react to it."

General Jumper explained that air operations centers help us in the endeavor to foresee the future.

By standing up a center here near U.S. Pacific Command officials, it places the air component commander next to the joint task

force commanders and the combatant commanders. These are the people who are going to have to "deal with whatever emerges in the theater and have their head in that day in and day out, and that's the important thing," he said.

Hot spots and where they can emerge are things that leaders are always paying attention to, the general said.

"We're always very focused on Korea," he said. "But around the rest of the Pacific, we have to keep our eye on those who might harbor terrorists and how that might affect our operations, and make sure that we have ourselves positioned correctly."

General Jumper said as a process of constant vigilance, forces may be repositioned around the theater in the next few years to make sure that Airmen are in the right place and can be there at the right time should something emerge.

"The plan is that there will be more at Guam in the form of

bombers, tankers and fighters, (which will give us) the ability to respond rapidly," he said.

Developing operating locations throughout the Pacific theater and increasing contact with other countries will lead to improved, closer relationships between the Air Force and militaries and air forces of countries around the region, General Jumper said.

"We can count on the fact that the Air Force will stay active here," the general said. "I think that is exactly what the combatant commander wants from the Air Force. He has asked for more air assets to deploy in an attempt to compensate for the reductions in ground forces [in South Korea]. It's not that airplanes are going to substitute for ground forces but we can be a deterrent when the nation needs those ground forces to go do something else and vice versa.

"I think that Air Force presence actually increased here a little bit; (but) as the world changes, we've

got to be expecting those kinds of ebbs and flows in forces," he said. "During the normal (air and space expeditionary force) rotation cycle, we're taking significant numbers of Airmen out of this theater and putting them over into Southwest Asia. Again [this is] another example of the ebbing and flowing of forces to deal with (what is) out there in the world."

Repositioning forces and establishing operating locations are adaptations Air Force leaders have made in the last 14 years, General Jumper said.

"I think we have done pretty darn well," he said. "The people of America are depending on us to deal with this global war on terrorism. We are indeed a symbol of pride and the strength of this nation. People look to us to uphold that, and I can tell you that the U.S. Air Force is doing its part. I couldn't be more proud to be a part of it."

(Courtesy of Pacific Air Forces News Service)

Team Hickam countdown to UCI

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

Members of the 15th Airlift Wing are fast approaching the final days in the countdown for this year's Unit Compliance Inspection scheduled for 9-13 August.

To help prepare the Wing, the 15th AW Inspector General's office has been providing

information to assist in making the Wing mission ready. These final "tips" and "notes" provide pertinent information that can be used as a memory jogger or to help look at those late minute items.

Final Tip No 8 – Check your unit bulletin boards. Do you have current visual aids posted. Contact points of contact or Hickam webpage to ensure the most current VA is displayed.

Final Note No 8 – Ensure a clean work area

for your inspectors. Make them feel "at home" while working in your while working in your area. This is your time to impress for success.

We have all worked hard throughout the year. Now is the time to show that the 15AW is ready for inspection.

Questions about the UCI may be directed to the 15 AW IG office at 448-4444.

11 days left until UCI



TEAM HICKAM

News Notes

z PACAF parking lot and Atterbury Circle Detours – The Pacific Air Forces Headquarters building North parking lot is scheduled to open Aug. 9. Concurrently, the construction contractor will close Atterbury Circle and connecting streets to through traffic. Local traffic access into the Wing Headquarters building parking lot will be from Mills Boulevard only. North-South traffic on Vickers Avenue will be detoured around Scott Circle. Westbound traffic from O'Malley Boulevard will be detoured onto Hangar Avenue and G Street. Traffic detours are expected to remain until December. Drivers are advised to use caution

while driving along these roads. For more information, call Alan Katase at 448-0564.

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 an absentee ballot materials in time for the general election. For more information contact the voting office.

Parents toddler workshop – Join a panel of experts for a workshop designed to explore a child's toddler years Wednesday 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Family Support Center. Topics include developmental characteristics of toddlers and ways to engage with children in age-appropriate activities, toddler discipline, toddler nutrition and car seat safety. Call 449-0300 to register.

HT3 2004 Senior NCO Professional Development Seminar – The Hawaii Top 3 Association is sponsoring the 2004 Senior NCO Professional Development Seminar and Induction Ceremony. The seminar

is a four-day Professional Development course from Aug 16 to 20 and will be held in the Hawaii Air National Guard cafeteria, building 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 AEF. Although the seminar is primarily intended for those recently selected for Master Sergeant via WAPS and STEP, the seminar is opened to all senior NCOs who have not attended a SNCO PDS. Contact Senior Master Sgt. Helen Noel at 449-0304 to receive an invite letter to the PDS or Master Sgt. Art Simon at 449-3502 for additional information on the seminar and induction ceremony.

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 Liz Perry, Unaccompanied Manager, at building 1805 room 151. All applicants must be a staff sgt. or above. For questions, call Master Sgt. Wayne Wu at 448-0373 or cell 306-2936.

NCOIC of Honor Guard wanted – The 15th Services Squadron is

looking to fill the Honor Guard non-commissioned officer position. Those interested should call 1st Lt. Charles Campbell at 449-1030 ext. 259.

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 is Aug. 14 where every seat is \$20. Call 596-7858 for tickets.

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

HT3 Meeting – The Hawaii Top 3 Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. For more information contact Senior Master Sgt. Jerry Lewis Jr, HT3 President at 449-6311 or Master Sgt. Rhonda Elliott, HT3 VP of Publicity at 448-4605.

Around the Air Force

Guarding the point

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam (AFPN) -- Senior Airman John Key guards an entry-control point near a B-2 Spirit bomber recently during a Coronet Bugle 49 exercise here. Airman Key is assigned to the 509th Security Forces Squadron at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. He is deployed supporting B-2 operations as part of Air Combat Command's ongoing global power missions. The missions enable aircrews to train for long flights from United States to overseas locations.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Tia Schroeder



U.S. AIR FORCE

Absentee ballots can make a difference – RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – In the Nov. 2 general election, the next president, vice president, 34 senators, 435 representatives, 13 governors and hundreds of local officials will be elected.

American voters play a very important role in this process, said Maj. Rickey Harrington, U.S. Air Forces in Europe voting officer.

"The military has a strong voice, and it is imperative that every member is afforded the opportunity to register and vote," Major Harrington said. "We are making sure that installation voting assistance officers and unit voting assistance counselors are making 100-percent contact with every member to ensure they are given the opportunity to exercise their right to vote."

The deadline for completing and mailing a Federal Post Card application (for registration) is no later than 45 days before the election date, or 30 days before the election for the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot.

The registration process is quite easy, Major Harrington said. As long as you complete and mail the necessary paperwork before the posted deadline, your vote will be counted.

The Military Postal Service Agency is also taking precautions to uphold the integrity of the voting system. Each absentee envelope will be inspected by post office workers for proper

date stamping.

"We believe this will diminish the problems we saw in 2000," said Tech. Sgt. Wes Smith, a postmaster here. "Incomplete and inappropriate postmarks, which plagued the last general election, will not be a problem this time."

People should register and send their ballots as soon as possible to ensure that the registration forms arrive on time, Major Harrington said.

While voting assistants and post office workers play a major role in the success of the election process, the buck stops with individual voters.

"We want to make sure the tools are in place to help the voters, but ultimately it is their responsibility to start the process," Major Harrington said.

For more information about overseas voter registrations, visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at www.fvap.gov. (Story By Capt. Kimberly Layne U.S. Air Force in Europe Public Affairs)

SNCO promotion video 'demystifies' board process – AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER, – In an effort to educate all Airmen on senior enlisted promotion boards, the Air Force Selection Board Secretariat and the Enlisted Promotions Branch here have partnered to produce a new video to help shed light on the inner workings of the selection board process.

A copy of the video, entitled "How Senior NCOs Are Promoted to Senior and Chief," will be distributed to each Air Force installation public affairs office, military personnel flight, command chief master sergeant, as well as to all NCO academies and the Senior NCO Academy.

The video provides an insider's view of boardroom activity at the Air Force Personnel Center, including how records are scored and what board members actually do when evaluating candidates for promotion.

"It's important for all enlisted personnel, as well as officers and civil service employees who supervise them, to know how the Air Force promotes senior NCOs to the top two grades," said Senior Master Sgt. Nathalie Swisher,

video production coordinator.

"The career path to chief master sergeant begins early in an enlisted member's career," said Sergeant Swisher. "This video will stress the essence of how Airmen can take control of their careers early, and how supervisors can assist in helping them reach their goal."

The video explains the process from the way board members are chosen to sit on selection boards to how board members impact the final promotion list. One point of emphasis is the importance of each master and senior master sergeant keeping his or her records current and correct.

"We have a great promotion system. There are numerous safeguards in our promotion process to make sure it remains so, while ensuring Air Force members receive fair and equitable consideration," said Col. R.J. Rouse, chief of the selection board secretariat. "The video highlights those safeguards as well as other important promotion topics."

The video should be available by early September. For more information, contact the local MPF.

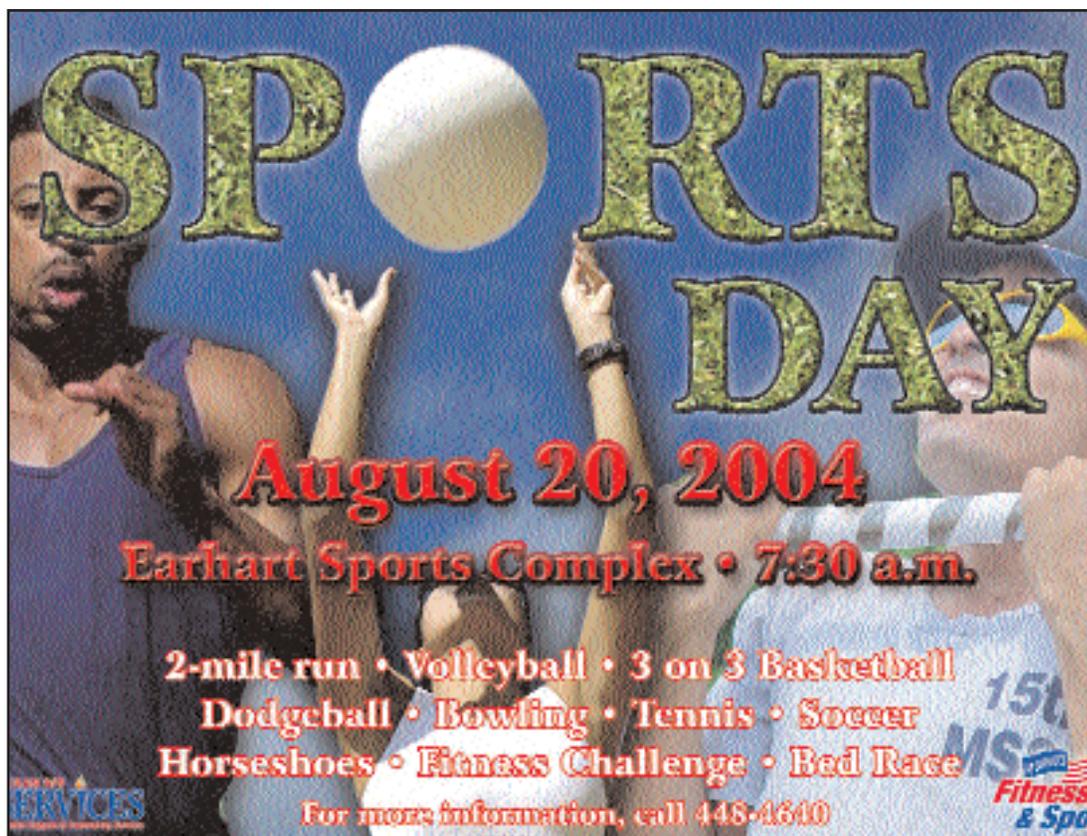
Officials reach agreement for moving U.S. forces – WASHINGTON – Department of Defense officials announced July 23 that South Korean and U.S. representatives finalized agreements to remove all U.S. forces from the Seoul metropolitan area.

Nearly 8,000 U.S. servicemembers will move about 43 miles south to the Pyongtaek area near Osan Air Base.

The decision was reached during the 10th round of the Future of the Alliance talks held in Washington recently. The agreement fulfills a commitment made by President Bush and President Roh Moo-hyun at their summit meeting in Washington in May 2003.

Officials expect the relocation of U.S. forces will be complete by December 2008.

"This relocation agreement helps us meet our enduring commitment to the defense of Korea and to the security and stability of the region," said Richard Lawless, the U.S. deputy undersecretary of defense for Asia Pacific affairs.



SPORTS DAY

August 20, 2004

Earhart Sports Complex • 7:30 a.m.

2-mile run • Volleyball • 3 on 3 Basketball
 Dodgeball • Bowling • Tennis • Soccer
 Horseshoes • Fitness Challenge • Bed Race

For more information, call 448-4640

CHAPLAIN SERVICES

Fitness & Sports

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 Station 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



Ben Stiller one of the stars of "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story".

Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.
"Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" – When corporate workout center Globo Gym moves to

town, locally owned fitness center Average Joe's loses business and its manager can't make the mortgage payment. Faced with going under, the crew from Joe's enters a high-stakes dodgeball tournament in order to save their cherished local gym.

Starring Ben Stiller and Vince Vaughn. Rated PG-13 (for crude and sexual humor, and language).

Monday and Tuesday
Closed

Wednesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

"Two Brothers" – Twin tigers, one bold and one shy, are born in a city of ruins in French Indochina and are soon captured. The bold brother is forced to become a circus performer, while the shy sibling becomes the companion of a governor's son. But an accident leads the governor to sell the tiger to an adventurer and they find themselves

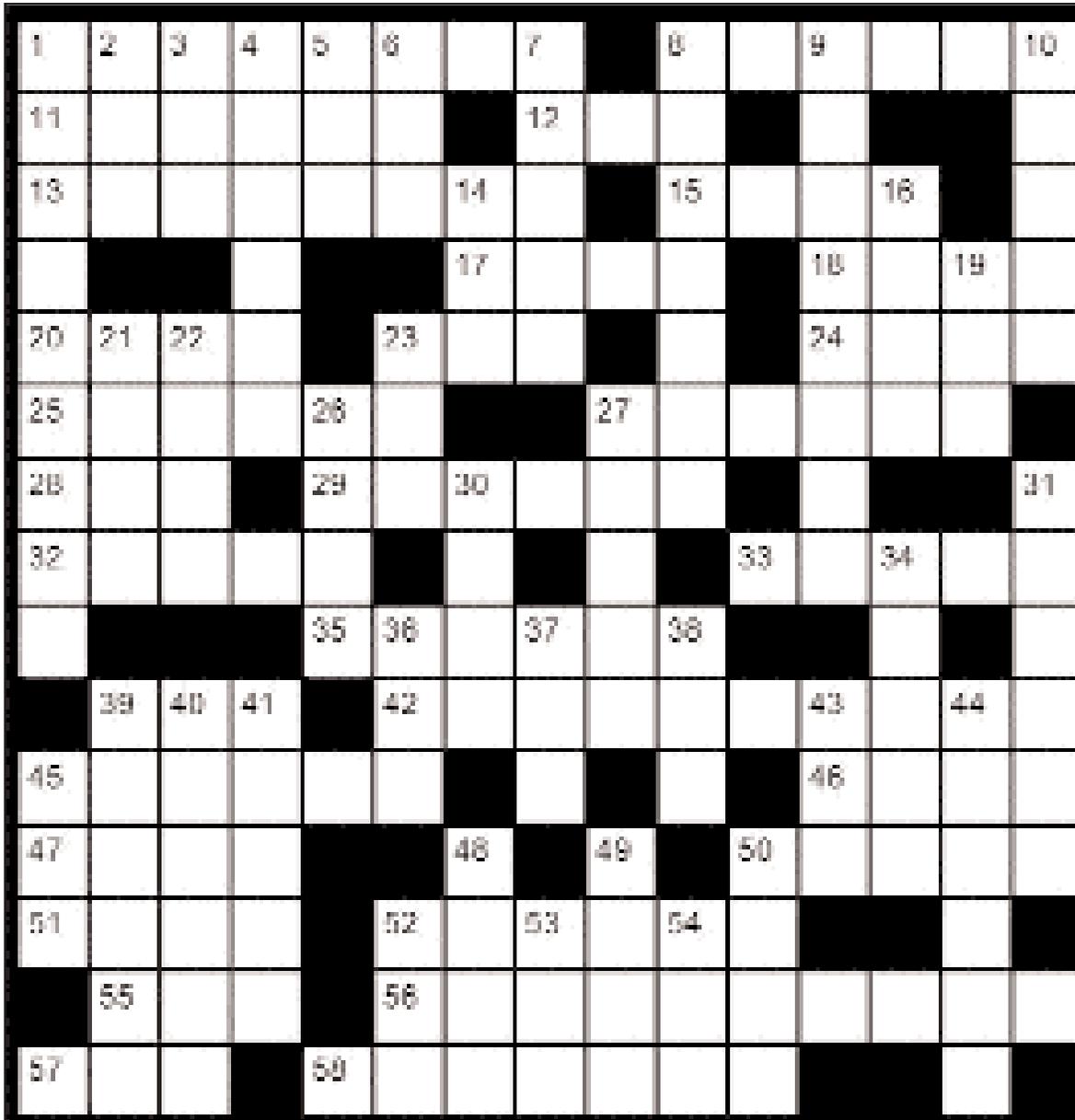
reunited—but as forced enemies, pitted against each other in a fighting match.

Starring Guy Pearce and Jean Claude Dreyfus. Rated PG (for mild violence).



Tigers Kumal and Sangha the stars in "Two Brothers."

Crossword puzzle: Among the general stars ... 5 stars



- 50. Editorial
- 51. Great Pyramid home
- 52. General of the Air Force
- 55. Beige
- 56. First among all Officers of the United States Armed Forces
- 57. Israeli machinegun
- 58. Country of southeast Europe on the Adriatic Sea

DOWN

- 1. General of the Army
- 2. Emulate
- 3. Wrestler Flair
- 4. Movie need
- 5. Vietnamese currency
- 6. Swiss mount
- 7. Fleet Admiral of the Navy
- 8. General of the Army
- 9. General of The Armies of the United States
- 10. Endure
- 14. Frozen water
- 16. Mets home
- 19. Sick
- 21. Spoken
- 22. Wheeze
- 23. Federal org. concerned with drugs
- 26. Thailand river formed by Nan and Ping rivers; ___ Phraya
- 27. Canadian birds?
- 30. California town
- 31. Enthusiasm
- 34. Heavyweight champion Lennox
- 36. Zodiac sign
- 37. USAF SFS quick reaction team
- 38. Explosive
- 39. Fleet Admiral of the Navy
- 40. A desperate attack by Japanese troops in World War II
- 41. Person from the Orient
- 43. Approves
- 44. Captivate
- 45. Haze
- 48. Grouch
- 49. An apostle
- 50. American Pulitzer Prize writer Ferber
- 52. Pointed tool for making holes
- 53. Federal org. concerned with security
- 54. 52 in old Rome

ACROSS

- 1. General of the Army
- 8. Detour
- 11. Articulated with the tip of the tongue
- 12. USAF enlisted report
- 13. North American silkworm moth
- 15. Televises
- 17. African country
- 18. Part of the leg
- 20. Lasso
- 23. Actress Susan
- 24. Supported
- 25. Meditation
- 27. Affable
- 28. Star Wars character Solo
- 29. Fleet Admiral of the Navy
- 32. Fanatic
- 33. USAF base home to Air Armament Center
- 35. Most senior
- 39. Professional b-ball league
- 42. General of the Army
- 45. Disaster
- 46. Fleet Admiral of the Navy
- 47. Hotel chain

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

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

July 29 1993 – The Army hosted a rededication ceremony which officially opened the completely refurbished Fort Kamehameha chapel

July 30 1984 - CMSgt David W. Lachance assumed duty as 15th Air Base Wing Senior Enlisted Advisor, succeeding CMSgt James E. Steinmark, who was reassigned as Senior Enlisted Advisor to CINCPACAF.

July 31 1963 - Retirement ceremonies for General Emmett O'Donnell, Jr., CINCPACAF, held on the Hickam mall, included a parade

and a fly-by of 44 aircraft (C-118s, C-124s, a C-135, F-100s, F-101s, and F-105s).

July 31 1982 – The Royal Air Force Detachment, a long-time tenant at Hickam AFB, closed down its operation and returned to Great Britain.

August 1960 - The first recoveries of DISCOVERER satellite capsules were made by Hickam-based C-119 aircraft of the 6593d Test Squadron, 6494th Recovery Control Group, a unit of the Air Force Ballistic Missile Division that became a Hickam tenant in 1958.

For additional historical information concerning the 15th Airlift Wing and historic Hickam, visit www2.hickam.af.mil/ho.



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Among the stars ... 5 stars

This week's crossword answers

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Sports Shorts

AYSO Fall Youth Soccer Registration – American Youth Soccer Organization Hickam/Pearl Harbor Region 188 will hold the final registration for fall youth soccer on July 31 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Hickam BXtra. Registration is open to boys and girls ages 4 to 18. Season runs August through early November. The registration fee is \$55. Proof of age required for first time registrants. Pre-register on-line @ www.aysoregion188.org. For more information call 834-5979 or email registrar@aysoregion188.org.

Coaches meetings – The co-ed softball coaches meeting will be held on Monday at 10 a.m. at the fitness center. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Mike Hindman at 448-4640.



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Massage therapy for body, mind, soul

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

After a long stressful day at work and with keeping up on a good fitness program, Team Hickam can complete a total body fitness program with an invigorating and relaxing massage.

The fitness center has seven massage thera-

Massage demos

Get a free smoothie during August and September, when you have a one hour massage before 1 p.m. Call 449-1044.

There will be free massage chair demos in the fitness center lobby noon to 2 p.m. each Thursday throughout September.

pists on staff to work the kinks and knots out of any person who wants to add one more dimension to their fitness routine.

"Massage helps with so many things," said Barbara Hudgins, a massage therapist who has worked on Hickam since 1988. "It increases circulation, improves endurance, reduces toxins and most noticeably to clients relieves stress."

Also according to Ms. Hudgins, massage works to lengthen muscle tissues after they have been contracted from a workout and can even help people with Fibromyalgia.

"I have many top Hickam athletes from runners to bodybuilders who come in for the benefits of massage," she said.

The therapist said each individual is different and people who want to incorporate massage into a fitness routine should aim for a minimum of an one-hour session from weekly to monthly.

"There are 168 hours in a week. I always ask people 'why can't you take one of those hours to

help you increase the effectiveness of the other 167 hours,'" she said.

Ms. Hudgins stands by her work, "Many doctors say massage is temporary, well so is Motrin and massage has no side-effects."

Ms. Hudgins and the other therapists provide many different types of massage and the prices are \$25 for 30 minutes, \$40 for 60 minutes and \$65 for a 90 minute massage.

As an incentive to try out massage the fitness center is offering free smoothies to anyone who schedules and has a one-hour massage before 1 p.m. starting Monday through Sept. 30.

To schedule a massage call 449-1044.



Massage relieves stress and helps reduce toxins in a person's muscles.



Smoothie sweet

Gina Galliano, daughter of Chief Master Sgt. John Galliano, 17th Operations Weather Squadron, hands an Acai Energy Smoothie to Jim Meier, retired Department of Defense employee, at Fresh Squeezed Wednesday. Fresh Squeezed is located inside the Hickam Fitness Center and is open Monday to Friday 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard

Playing big in Hawaii's Little League

Hickam all-stars win district, take second in state championships

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Editor

A rag-tag team of all stars from Hickam came up short Sunday against the more-seasoned Kailua all-star team, losing the inaugural Hawaii Little League 11-year-olds state championship but impressing on-lookers along the way.

Despite being shut out 15-0, the Hickam team, with only 13 days to prepare, (three weeks less than their opponents), still managed to make a few believers in the host team stands.

"It's too bad they didn't have as much time to play together as our team," one Kailua father said. "It's obvious they have quite a bit of talent, but it takes time to mold individuals into a team. I'll bet we will see them back next year."

Kailua pitcher Matt Souza came in already having a dominating performance under his belt in the sectionals, throwing a three-hit shutout to send his team to the championship game. Sunday, he picked right up where he left off, again throwing a three-hitter, striking out 10 Hickam batters.

Hickam third baseman Steve Stills was the team's offensive star of the game, going two-for-two at the plate and adding a stolen base.

Before each game, the two battling teams repeat the Little League creed that ends with "I will play fair and

strive to win, but win or lose, I will always do my best."

This credo was epitomized by Hickam starting pitcher Joey May. After the Kailua team built their insurmountable lead off his two innings of work, it would have been easy and understandable for him to pack it in when the coach made a pitching change.

But May went to shortstop, making two great fielding plays for throw outs at first. Add a strikeout by relief pitcher Jason Washburn, and Hickam had shutdown the talented Kailua team to a thunderous roar of applause from both teams' fans.

Kailua was the home team, leaving Hickam the visitors in every sense of the word.

While all the players on the host team grew up within a 13-mile radius, many having played together for five or six years, the Hickam line-up boasted players who were born in Florida, Germany, New Orleans, New York, North Dakota, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Texas and Washington State, many of whom met each other on the field for the first time less than two weeks ago.

Though they came up short, the real lessons were learned just by being there, according to Mike Daniel, Hickam coach.

"They're out there having fun," Coach Daniel said. "This was a great chance to build some camaraderie and represent Hickam in the local Ohana."



Hickam relief pitcher Jason Washburn brings the heat in the third inning. After Joey May made two great defensive plays at shortstop, Washburn struck out the last Kailua batter.



Above: After the game it was all fun and food as the teams combined for some lunch and goofing around Sunday afternoon.

Left: Hickam third baseman Steve Stills, 6, steals second base in the third inning. Stills lead all Hickam hitters, getting singles both times at bat.

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Angela Elbern