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**Team Hickam
Congratulates
Senior Airman
below-the-zone
selectees.**

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Drilling for recruits

Air Force Honor Guard team, shown performing in Colorado earlier this year, are scheduled to be on base June 28. They will conduct a live show at the Memorial Theater from 9 to 11:30 a.m. They will be available for questions base personnel may have about joining the honor guard.

Hickam tops AF promotion cycle averages

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Editor

Air Force-wide, more than one out of every five member's eligible for promotion to technical sergeant, and better than one out of every four eligible for promotion to master sergeant received some great news yesterday when the latest list of selectees in those two cycles was announced.

But 15th Airlift Wing and Pacific Air Forces' members fared even better than those numbers, having higher selection rates in both promotion categories.

Of the 344 base members eligible for E-6, 91 were selected for a 26.45 percent, beating the Air Force average by nearly 5 percent. Those who tested for master sergeant also fared well, with 59 of the 213 eligible, or 27.7 percent, getting notified they will soon need to sew new chevrons on their uniform.

Hickam's tenant unit's saw 45 members selected for technical sergeant and 60 more chosen for their sixth stripe.

Air Force officials have selected 6,217 of 23,956 eligible technical sergeants for promotion to master sergeant, a 25.95-percent selection rate; and 9,114 of 42,248 eligible staff sergeants for promo-

tion to technical sergeant, a 21.57-percent selection rate.

The final tally will increase as Air Force Personnel Center officials here receive test scores for Airmen currently deployed. Each of those Airmen has 30 to 60 days to test after he or she returns home.

"We have roughly 3,000 warriors who haven't tested yet because they've been deployed," said Chief Master Sgt. Mark Billingsley, AFPC enlisted promotions branch chief. "They will be allowed to test when they return, and we'll automatically consider them for promotion. We do this as quickly as possible and announce supplemental promotions on a monthly basis until everyone has been considered."

The master sergeant selection rate rose .39 percentage points from last year, while this year's technical sergeant rate dropped .32 percentage points from last year.

"This year has proven to be another banner year in terms of the number of people who have been able to earn promotions," Chief Billingsley said. "The Air Force had predicted we'd see rates start to stabilize and that's what is happening here."

"The rates this year are almost identical to last year's rates, but we are actually able to promote

several thousand more people to each rank than we did initially last year," he said. "That's because we're getting a better handle on testing folks before they deploy – trying to get in sync with the (air and space expeditionary force) battle rhythm."

"The higher number of people selected is very good news for those Airman who are showing through performance and preparation the potential for more responsibility and the higher rank to go with it," the chief said. "The message is clear: There is opportunity for those who want to step up to the challenge."

The list of Team Hickam selectees can be found on Page 3. The complete list of selectees are posted to the Air Force Personnel Center's Web page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom.

People who tested are expected to receive their score notices in early July, allowing them to see just how their promotion fitness examination and specialty knowledge test scores rank against others within their Air Force specialty. Individuals can also get an electronic copy of his or her score notice Monday by logging into the virtual military personnel flight at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil. (Additional information from Air Force News Service)

My grass is greener on this side of fence

By Capt. Shannon Smith
14th Security Forces Squadron commander

COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. (AFPN) – I got a call recently from the security forces deployment manager at Air Education and Training Command, a person I've become well acquainted with during my brief tenure as a squadron commander.

He asked me if my unit could "step up to the plate" and support yet another out-of-cycle deployment tasking.

Such is life in today's operational Air Force. Many Airmen in my unit have deployed four or five times, and that is just during their first term of enlistment. These deployments take their toll on individuals, their families and the people at their home station who work twice the hours just to keep things going in their absence.

All these factors beg the question we all ask ourselves at one point or another: Is the grass greener on the other side?

Three years ago, I received a flyer from a very reputable recruiting firm. The company specializes in

placing military officers with four to 10 years of service into top-tier corporate jobs across the country. I had received these fliers before and always tossed them in the trash, but this time I hung onto one because I was starting to get burned out.

I had recently returned from a remote assignment only to be rewarded with a 14-hour-a-day, six-day-a-week job with no relief in sight. My wife and I were expecting our first child and were entertaining thoughts of permanently moving closer to home. With all this in mind, I called the number on the flier.

After attending the company's initial presentation, I interviewed and was accepted as a candidate for the corporate placement program. Shortly thereafter, I informed my commander of my intention to separate from active duty.

My military background significantly enhanced my value to corporate America. I'll never forget what one potential employer said to me during an interview. He asked me, "Do you know why we like to hire military people?" In my infinite wisdom, I rattled off several impressive, detailed responses. None were what

he was looking for. He simply stated, "Because they show up for work on time."

Never before or since has anyone so completely encapsulated the high caliber of military people with such a brief, yet powerful comment.

Soon after the interview, I accepted a great offer to work for one of America's largest companies. The base salary was significantly higher than my military pay, the medical plan and stock options were first rate, and the location was just a couple hours from home.

After a month or so, I realized I was doing a lot less work than I ever did in the military. The job was everything I dreamed of. But surprisingly, I dreaded going to work every day.

Why, you ask? I found I missed the camaraderie. I missed the smell of jet fuel. I missed the Air Force song. I missed putting on the uniform. I missed being around people who come together when their backs are against the wall and make extraordinary things happen.

But most important, I missed being a part of something larger than myself. I missed being part of the world's greatest air and space

force and prayed desperately for the opportunity to return.

As an improving economy enhances the job market and the war on terror gets tougher, you, like me, might find yourself contemplating the merits of life outside the Air Force.

When you do, remember this: You'll never be associated with a finer group of people, nor will you answer a more noble calling than the one to serve your country and protect our way of life.

The intense job satisfaction that comes from such an honorable pursuit is something I didn't truly appreciate until I stepped away from the military. Fortunately, the Air Force welcomed me back with open arms.

Just five months after separating, I returned to active duty with a renewed passion for my profession that the bigger paycheck, great location and fantastic benefits could never spark during my brief stint in corporate America.

For me, the grass is definitely greener on this side of the fence, and this is where I intend to stay for a very long time.

Action Lines

Base housing problems

Comment: I am an enlisted member living in Onizuka Village. For the first year my court occupancy rate was at 90 to 100 percent. During the past year and a half it has been a steady 60 percent with units staying vacant for a year plus. Recently, inbound personnel who qualify for a three-bedroom unit and have turned down their first housing offer, have been told it will be two to four months before another three-bedroom unit would be available. The question I have not been able to get a clear answer on from the housing office is why these folks are not then given their second offer of one of the many empty four-bedroom units available in Onizuka? Currently in my court, 10 out of 16 units are occupied, and of the 10, not one single family qualifies for a four bedroom. I am requesting an explanation to provide to newcomers and their families what the housing policy is and why they are not offered one of the many empty units in Onizuka Village.

My second issue is the policy with regards to

the common area responsibility in family housing. I learned about the common area policy by neighbors shortly after moving in. The schedule worked fine until units started to become vacant. I had seen contractors do the common area before on occasion and had assumed the housing office was responsible for the common area when a unit was empty. After a recent visit to the office, I learned that is not the policy. My gripe is we have several empty units. I have a large common area that can take up to two hours a week to maintain, depending on the time of year. When I was advised how many units were empty, one of the sergeants said that they would go ahead and contract out my common area. After a week I followed up with the housing office and was informed they could not contract out the common area due to the cost.

Response: Great questions and very timely as we're entering the summer PCS cycle. Assignment priorities and bedroom requirements are based on the member's rank and number of dependents, exclusive of the spouse. Currently, senior NCOs on the three-bedroom unit waiting

list who have not committed to leases have been offered excess four-bedroom units. With the availability of two- and three-bedroom units, we cannot offer excess four-bedroom units to those members who qualify for two-bedroom units. Excess units are offered only when there are no available units within the applicant's bedroom requirement. Only when a waiting list for a particular bedroom requirement within a category of housing is exhausted, and there are no eligible members in the next lower category. Regardless of age, members with three dependents, qualify for four-bedroom units.

In regards to your question about the maintenance of the common areas, we researched the possibility of adding the common areas to the existing grounds maintenance contract and it was determined the monthly cost would almost double. Therefore, the decision was made to have residents take care of the common areas. Should you have additional questions or concerns, contact William Morris at the Housing Office at 449-2888.

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449-0175

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More than 250 selected to master, tech

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E-7 selection statistics				E-6 selection statistics			
	Eligible	Selected	Select rate		Eligible	Selected	Select rate
Air Force Hickam	23,956	6,217	25.95%	Air Force Hickam	42,248	9,114	21.57%
	213	59	27.70%		344	91	26.45%

These numbers do not reflect Hickam's tenant units.

Chief nominated for federal award

By Airman Ryan Simpson
Staff writer

Chief Master Sgt. Dale Mills, 15th Mission Support Squadron superintendent, is the Pacific Air Forces nominee for the 2004 Federally Employed Women's Military Meritorious Service award. This prestigious award recognizes outstanding military members within all branches of the armed forces, who have distinguished themselves with significant contributions to their branch of service and our nation. "Chief Mills won the award due to numerous achievements in and out of the work place," said Maj.

Christopher Herring, 15th MSS commander. She led and directed a 51-person human resources team consisting of four major duty sections and 10 work centers supporting a customer service base of more than 4,800 active duty members and 16,000 retirees. Chief Mills managed all personnel support functions including accessions, assignments, promotions, evaluations, training, readiness, personnel systems, customer service, and retirements and separations. In preparation for the upcoming Unit Compliance Inspection, she directed and scheduled 26 annual Staff Assistance Visits to field units,

evaluating status of training and compliance with personnel programs. "Chief Master Sgt. Mills is tops in the personnel business," said Col. Ray Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander. Across the base, Chief Mills is regarded as a very credible source for addressing women's issues, evidenced by her selection as the 2004 Women's History Month luncheon guest speaker. "Chief Mills is as good as they come," said Major Herring. "Her leadership, work ethic, and attention to detail in all that she does is the reason why she truly deserves this major award."

BTZ

Eight Airmen earn senior airman early

- Nathaniel Bryant – 25th Air Support Operations Squadron
- Kevin Cenance – 15th Civil Engineer Squadron
- James Fisher – 15th CES
- Derrick Martinez – 15th Communications Squadron
- Samuel McAnally – 15th Medical Group
- Soni Phanthavong – Pacific Air Forces Regional Supply Squadron
- Wendy Roe – 15th Contracting Squadron
- James Stewart – 56th Air Operations Squadron



TEAM HICKAM

News Notes

Senior Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Seminar and Induction Ceremony

– The Hawaii Top 3 Association and Hawaii Chief's Group is sponsoring the 2004 Senior NCO Professional Development Seminar and Induction Ceremony. The intent of the seminar is to provide newly selected Senior NCOs with valuable information and tools needed to aid them in carrying out their responsibilities in their new grade. The seminar will be held in the HIANG Cafeteria, Bldg 3417, from Aug. 16 to 20. The seminar will culminate with a Senior NCO Induction Ceremony on Aug. 20, 6 p.m. at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. For more information contact Master Sgt. Art Simon at 449-3502.

Aerospace Education Foundation award scholarship – Aerospace Education Foundation will award a \$1,000 scholarship this year to an active-duty, full-time guard or reserve member (officer or enlisted) who is pursuing a Master's degree in a non-technical field. "Full time" is defined as permanent full-time active

guard reserve, Air Technician or Air Reserve Technicians. Traditional Guardsmen or Reservists are not eligible.

The generous contributions by the family and friends of Capt. Jodi Callahan have endowed this memorial scholarship in her name. Captain Callahan was devoted to education and the Air Force and, in particular, to the educational goals of the Air Force Association and the Aerospace Education Foundation.

Applications, available on the AEF website at www.aef.org, must be post-marked by June 30. The scholarship will be awarded sometime in September.

For questions or more information, please contact Jancy Bell at 800-727-3337 ext. 5801 or by e-mail at AEFstaff@aef.org.

Trash on Singner Boulevard – There will not be any bulk trash pick-up for Singner Boulevard on July 2 due to VIP visits. The housing office is asking all housing residents to refrain from placing receptacles on the street. For more information contact Master Sgt. Daryl Johnson, 15th CES housing office at 448-3650.

HESC monthly meeting – The Hickam Enlisted Spouse's Club will learn the art of lei making during their monthly meeting Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at the O'ahu room in the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. Monthly dues are \$4/month or \$36/year and all enlisted active duty, dependents, family members and retirees are welcome to join in the fun.

In addition, 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 personnel deployed from Hickam,

in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. This is an ongoing project aimed to reduce stress and raise the morale of our deployed Airmen. A list of suggested items can be found on the HESC website at www.orgsites.com/hi/hesc, then click on the Operation Fun and Games link. For donation information contact Wendy Pruitt at 422-4198.

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

HT3 meeting – Hawaii Top-3 Meeting is scheduled for July 7, 3 p.m. at the Tradwinds Enlisted Club. For more information, contact Master

Sgt. Glenn Taijeron, HT3 vice-president, at 448-BLUE, or Master Sgt. Rhonda Elliott, HT3 Publicity vice president, at 448-4605.

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. Here's link to a website that can connect you 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 noncommissioned officer position they are looking for a super sharp junior NCO to fill this billet. Those interested should contact Master Sgt. Craig Howell, 15 Services Squadron first sergeant, at 449-1030, ext. 233.

Summer Registration begins – Term Courses registration began June 1. The first day of class will be July 6. All military members desiring tuition assistance are required to stop by the Base Training and Education Office once they receive course information from their school to include course title, course number, start/end dates of courses, number of semesters per class and cost of tuition per semester hour. TA will not be issued without the above information. For more information, contact the base education office at 448-0920 or 449-6363.

15 MDG closure – 15th Medical Group will be closed July 9 for a family day. In the event of an emergency call 911.

2004 Hickam tap water report

Team Hickam water consumers can rest assured that their water is safe and reliable, meeting all Federal, Air Force, State, and local safe drinking water requirements.

Continual monitoring at the source and within the system ensures only safe quality drinking water is supplied on Hickam.

Federal Law requires publication of this consumer confidence report to provide water quality information to the consuming public; however, consumers would be notified immediately if a regulated contaminant exceeded standards. Staff Sgt. Guy Cruz and Capt Chris Edwards, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron of the Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight, are available at 449-6814 to answer any questions you have about your drinking water quality.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems.

Within the boundaries of Hickam, the state and the Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight monitor for contaminants in the water system, verifying all contaminant levels were well below the established health and safety limits.

What is the source of my water? Base water is supplied by the Pearl Harbor Water System. The Pearl Harbor Water System uses groundwater from local aquifers as its water source. Groundwater is naturally filtered as it travels from the surface to the aquifer below ground. The water is pumped from the aquifer, then disinfected, fluoridated, and piped into the distribution system.

Why does my water have an unusual

odor or taste? The water on Hickam may taste differently than what you are accustomed; however, it meets all applicable standards. Several things cause different odors and tastes coming from ground water. Some are caused by dissolved salts and minerals as the water percolates through the ground to the aquifer. Some minerals may be filtered out of the water. The absence of minerals such as manganese, calcium, and iron, may cause the water to taste bland. The water on Hickam may also taste differently than water at other areas on the island because some of the local water systems do not add chlorine, as the Pearl Harbor Water System is required to do by Navy policy.

Why are there contaminants in my water? Drinking water, including bottled water, may contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water hotline at 800-426-4791.

What are some possible contaminants? Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Do I need to take special precautions? Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

What are the sampling results? The Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight and Pearl Harbor Public Works Center constantly monitor for various contaminants in the water supply to meet all regulatory requirements. The results are listed in the appendix. The contaminants listed in the table were analyzed at levels above laboratory detection limit; however, levels are well below the EPA and State Safe Drinking Water limits.

For questions or concerns about your drinking water, contact the Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight at 449-6814.

Appendix: Sampling Results

The following table lists contaminants that were detected during the latest round of sampling by the State of Hawaii Department of Health and/or Navy Public Works Center. Unless specified otherwise, data presented in this table is from testing done between Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2002. The state requires us to monitor certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of

these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

Definitions: MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal): the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk, MCLGs allow for a margin of safety; MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level): the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking

water, MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology;

Abbreviations: ppm: parts per million; ppb: parts per billion; mg/kg: milligrams per kilogram, or a unit of measure equivalent to part per million (ppm); mg/L: micrograms per liter, or a unit of measure equivalent to part per billion (ppb); mg/L: milligrams per liter, or a unit of measure equivalent to parts per million (ppm); pCi/L: picocuries per liter, a measure of radioactivity in water

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL ¹	Average Level Found	Range	Date of Sample	Exceeded Standard?	Likely Source of Contaminant
Microbial							
Total Coliform (% positive samples)	0	5%	0.56%	n/a	2002	No	Naturally-occurring
Inorganic							
Chromium (ppb)	100	100	1	nd - 2	2002	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate as Nitrogen (ppm)	10	10	0.76	0.29 - 1	2002	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite as Nitrogen (ppm)	10	10	0.011	nd - 0.046	2002	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.01	nd - 0.015	2002	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.6	0.3 - 1.5	2002	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth
Organic							
Trihalomethanes (ppb)	100	n/a	1.1	nd - 2.2	2002	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Lead & Copper							
Lead (ppm)	4	n/a	<0.005	nd (<0.005)	2001 ²	No	May occur from corrosion of plumbing system or erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	n/a	0.07	0.04-0.11	2001 ²	No	May occur from corrosion of plumbing system or erosion of natural deposits
Synthetic Organic Contaminates							
Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (ppb)	0	6	0.13	nd - 0.9	2000 ²	No	Discharge from chemical factories
Radionuclides							
Gross alpha activity (pCi/l)	0	15	1.2	nd - 2.0	2000 ²	No	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Information Collection Rule Contaminants³							
Dibromoacetonitrile (ppb)	n/a	n/a	0.4	nd - 0.8	1998 ²	n/a	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chlorate (ppb)	n/a	n/a	47	nd - 67	1998 ²	n/a	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Unregulated⁴							
Bromoform (ppb)	n/a	n/a ³	0.45	nd - 0.9	2000 ²	n/a	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Dieldrin (ppb)	n/a	n/a ³	0.005	nd - 0.02	2002	n/a	Run-off from pesticide use
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a ³	65	28 - 110	2002	n/a	Naturally-occurring
Sulfate (ppm)	n/a	n/a ³	13	nd - 45	2002	n/a	Naturally-occurring

1. The MCL is the maximum contaminate level mandated by the state of Hawaii.
 2. The State and EPA require the water system to monitor for certain contaminants less frequently because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. The date of the last sample collected is as indicated.
 3. These results are for informational purposes. There are no set standards. EPA will use this data to help determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate these contaminants. At this time, these contaminants do not have MCLs or MCLGs.
 4. Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it is needs to regulate those contaminants.



Chief Master Sgt. Timothy Driscoll, 15th Airlift Wing command chief, pulls his weight with members of Hickam's 56 Council. They were on the losing end of a heated tug-of-war battle against a team of Airmen during their bash held at the security forces pavillion June 18.

Airman 'Ball out' at 56 Council's Airman's Bash

By Airman Ryan Simpson
Staff Writer

The 56 Council held their annual Airman's Bash for all Senior Airmen and below June 18 at the security forces pavillion.

The council sponsored the five-hour event with aid from the Hawaii Top 3 council and other organizations on base.

More than 200 Airmen attended the event along with several 56 Council and HT3 volunteers.

The bash began with an assortment of free food hot off the grill, while a disc jockey provided the latest musical hits as background to all the activities including volleyball and tug-of-war.

"The Airman's Bash is one giant party for the Airman to enjoy themselves and get free food in the process," said Staff Sgt. Damon Smith, Pacific Air Forces Regional Support Squadron and 56 Council member.

"It is important for us to show our apprecia-

tion to the Airman," said Staff Sgt. Mary-Jane Estelita, Airman's Bash coordinator.

According to Sergeant Estelita, the event took several months to coordinate and get all of the event facts finalized.

"The bash was originally for June 11, but that day was named a day of mourning for the late president Reagan, so we were forced to reschedule the event on very short notice. It took time and patience, but the event turned out great in the end," she said

The bash also gave attendees the opportunity to meet other Airmen that they would not ordinarily meet doing their day-to-day job.

"I love events like these," said Airman 1st Class Warren Garth, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron. "I meet all types of new people that I never would normally meet."

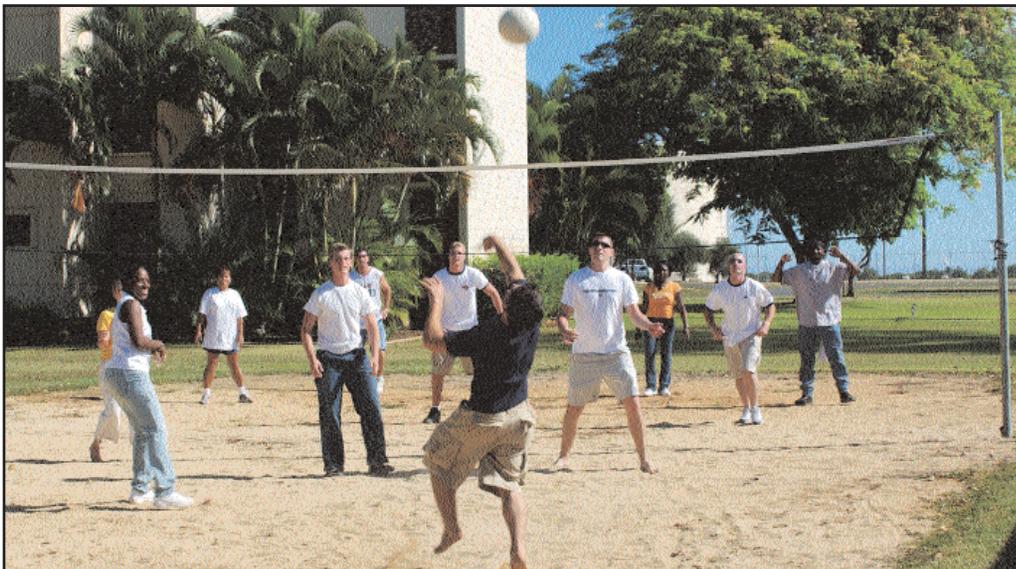
"Free food, good music and a good-time. That is what the Airman's Bash means to me," said Senior Airman James Turner, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron.



Above: (Clockwise from left) Airmen Ashley Jackson and Jennifer Suares, and Airman 1st Class Matthew Steelman and Iris Figueroa play a mean game of dominos, just one of the various activities offered during the Airman's Bash at the security forces pavillion June 18th.

Left: Volleyball was one of several games available to Airmen during the bash June 18.

Photos by Mike Dey



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Bellows hosts military veterans

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Editor

Being stationed at Bellows Air Force Station is pretty good gig. A stunning ocean vista, white sandy beaches and strollable nature trails make for a tranquil environment.

But, there is something that makes Bellows even more special, according to Capt. Nate Chine, Det. 1, 15th Mission Support Group commander.

Getting to share the grounds with others, especially warrior veterans in need of a day out. That helps reinforce the belief that he has the best job on earth, Captain Chine said.

June 1, he was able to do just that as more than a dozen Bellows' active duty and civilians hosted five disabled veterans and five staff members from Hawaii's Department of Veteran's Affairs Center for the Aging.

"One of their most enjoyable activities is what they call 'outings,' where they load up a van with willing veterans for a morning or afternoon away from the center for some fresh air, activity, or a different sight picture," Captain Chine said. "Sometimes it's the mall, sometimes it's a local park area, and we thought Bellows would be an ideal location for an outing."

In addition to spectacular

nature options, Bellows has other points of interest for the veterans, he said

"We were told that they really enjoy history, and Bellows is steeped in local and World War II history with the attack on Pearl Harbor and the surrounding airfields," he said. "They enjoyed an excellent history lesson, with pictures, from our security forces representative, Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Fontenot."

The afternoon also included some fishing and a 20-minute tour through the nature trails.

It was a day well spent, according to Luciano 'Lucky' Corsini, Air Force veteran.

"They treated us wonderfully" Mr. Luciano said. "This is what it is all about, helping each other out."

"I'm proud to part of the Air Force team, it made me want to join up again," he said.

Putting together and hosting these types of events can be both time consuming and a lot of work, but there is a unique payoff that makes it all worthwhile, according to Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Fontenot, event volunteer.

"The smile on their faces when they saw that beautiful teal blue ocean right before them was all the personal reward any of us needed," Sergeant Fontenot said. "We were very blessed to be in the company of our nation's heroes."



Above: Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Fontenot, Det. 1, 15th Mission Support Group security forces member, helps veteran Eric Grolitzer try his hand at fishing at Bellows Air Force Station on June 17th.

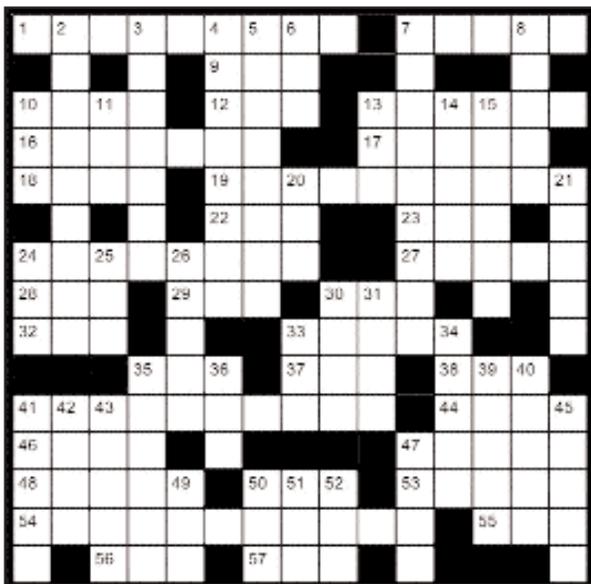
Left: Sergeant Fontenot and veteran Henry Shiroma race Eric Grolitzer around a Bellows nature path during their visit.

Below: Luciano 'Lucky' Corsini talks to Capt. Nate Chine, Det. 1, 15th MSG commander, as Sergeant Fontenot and Henry Shiroma listen in.



Photos by Mike Dey

Crossword puzzle: Places you might not know



ACROSS

- 1. USAF base in UK, RAF _____
- 7. Line up
- 9. German one
- 10. Mammal of the family Cervidae
- 12. ALS, NCOA, SOS, ISS, etc.
- 13. Prosecuted teacher of evolution
- 16. Protozoans of the class Ciliata

- 17. USAF AB in Spain
- 18. Nevada school
- 19. Bookkeeping
- 22. Gov't org. for budget oversight
- 23. Farewell; _____ voyage
- 24. USAF base in UK, RAF _____
- 27. Loosen
- 28. _____ Grande
- 29. State home to 122nd FW

- 30. Distant
 - 32. Place to rest?
 - 33. Schwarzenegger film Red _____
 - 35. Primary color
 - 37. Squid defense
 - 38. USAF org. with personnel records
 - 41. USAF base in UK; RAF _____
 - 44. Radiance
 - 46. Bronze and Iron
 - 47. USAF AB in Turkey
 - 48. Partial or total darkness
 - 50. Man with dishonorable behavior
 - 53. Gives out as a portion
 - 54. USAF base in UK; RAF _____
 - 55. VCR speed _____-mo
 - 56. What the Concorde was
 - 57. Bond writer Fleming
- DOWN**
- 2. USAF base in Germany
 - 3. Place to not be without a paddle?
 - 4. Polygon having

- seven sides
- 5. Something to punch at work?
- 6. Single
- 7. USAF base in UK, RAF _____
- 8. First American to orbit Earth
- 10. BDU variant for SWA
- 11. Length from elbow to finger tip
- 13. Dallas, TX, school
- 14. British playwright with black comedies
- 15. Vanishing and boiling
- 20. Food fish of northern Atlantic waters
- 21. USAF AB in Italy
- 24. Day of the week (abbrev.)
- 25. Charged particle
- 26. Monetary punishments
- 30. A complete set of type
- 31. Egyptian symbol of life
- 33. Knight's title
- 34. Astonish
- 35. Seeds again

- 36. Driving crime
- 39. Mountain lions
- 40. Luxury
- 41. Molten rock
- 42. To stare at impertinently
- 43. Trotsky and Uris
- 45. Crime of maliciously setting fires
- 47. At rest
- 49. Mass. school
- 50. Leader of N. Vietnam, Ho _____ Minh
- 51. Eureka!
- 52. Great noise

Places you might not know

А	С	С	Т	И	В	И	Е	И	И
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			K	E	D		I	I	K
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Crossword Answers
June 18

Movies

Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.

"Man on Fire" – A former government operative, Creasy, takes a job in Mexico City as the bodyguard of the 10-year-old daughter of a wealthy family who are threatened by a wave of kidnappings. He becomes close to the child and when she is abducted, he sets out to hunt the bad guys and stops at nothing to save her.

Starring Denzel Washington and Dakota Fanning. Rated R (for language and strong violence).

Sunday at 7 p.m.

"13 Going On 30" – Jenna makes a wish, if only she could be all grown up, she'd have the life she's always wanted. Miraculously, her wish comes true. The next day, she's 30 years old and not 13 years old anymore. What's more, she is a gorgeous successful

woman with a great job and a fabulous apartment. Jenna soon learns that having it all is not enough.

Starring Jennifer Garner and Mark Ruffalo. Rated PG-13 (for some sexual content and brief drug references).

Monday and Tuesday

Closed

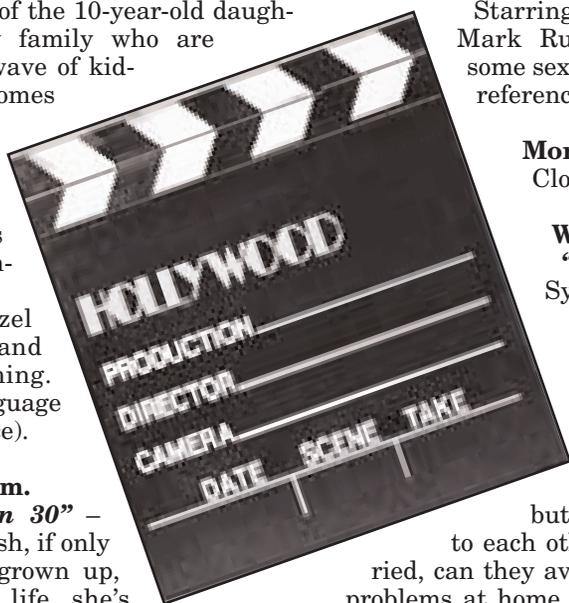
Wednesday

"13 Going On 30" – See Synopsis above.

Thursday

"Laws of Attraction" – Two New York divorce attorneys, Audrey and Daniel, often oppose each other in court, but end up irresistibly drawn to each other. When they get married, can they avoid the same relationship problems at home that provide them fodder for their court cases at work?

Starring Pierce Brosnan and Julianne Moore. Rated PG-13 (for sexual content, some violence and language).



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June 23, 1981 – Secretary of State Alexander Haig visited Hawaii for a few days, primarily to rest and relax. He arrived at Hickam via Military airlift Command C-137 and was quartered at Makalapa Kai by the Navy. Wing support included security and aircraft service.

June 25, 1970 – Grand opening ceremonies were held at the new Hickam Exchange Shopping Center, with the base commander, Col. Ernest W. Pate, delivering the opening remarks.

June 25 1980 – Capt. Angelia Newsom became the first female Air Force officer assigned to Wake Island.

June 25, 1988 – Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita and his wife landed at Hickam for a refueling stop en route back to Tokyo after an economic summit meeting in Canada.

June 27 and 28, 1981 – Vice President and Mrs. Bush touched down at both Hickam and Johnston Atoll to refuel and service their aircraft. The stop at Johnston Atoll was unusual as few high-level officials had ever shown an interest in stopping at that facility.

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

Reunion Tips

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Plan a family vacation

Include each family member in the planning of the vacation.

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June 29, 1927 – Army Air Corps Lieutenants Lester Maitland and Albert Hegenberger completed the first non-stop Mainland-to-Hawaii flight in their Fokker C2-3 Wright 220, Bird of Paradise. They landed at Wheeler Field after flying 2,407 miles from Oakland, California, in 25 hours and 50 minutes.

June 29, 1998 – Colonel Steven B. Walker, 15 Air Base Wing vice commander, departed to become Director of the United States Pacific Command's Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies

June 30, 1920 – Army Captain Robert Olds flew the first-

ever night flight over Oahu.

June 30, 1980 – The new shoppette on Kuntz Avenue in Area 61 was dedicated.

June 30, 1979 – President Carter arrived at Hickam aboard a helicopter from Barbers Point and was transported to the Hickam Officers' Club where Governor Ariyoshi hosted a reception in his honor.

July 1, 1957— After World War II, the Air Force in Hawaii was primarily comprised of the Air Transport Command and its successor, the Military Air Transport Service, until 1 July 1957 when Headquarters Far East Air Forces completed its move from Japan to Hawaii and was redesignated the Pacific Air Forces.

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Movies

Today, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.
"Van Helsing" – Van Helsing the legendary vampire hunter, is in an ongoing battle to rid the world of vampires and other ghouls. He travels to Transylvania to bring down the powerful Count Dracula and joins forces with Anna Valerious to rid her family of an old curse by defeating the vampire.

Starring Hugh Jackman and Will Kemp. Rated PG-13 (for nonstop creature action violence and frightening images, and for sensuality).

Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

"New York Minute" – 17-year-old sisters Jane and Roxanne are on a wild romp through the streets of Manhattan. Sidetracked, sideswiped and

chased from Chinatown to Times Square to Harlem by everyone from assassins to politicians to a whacked-out truancy officer, the sisters also find unexpected romance.

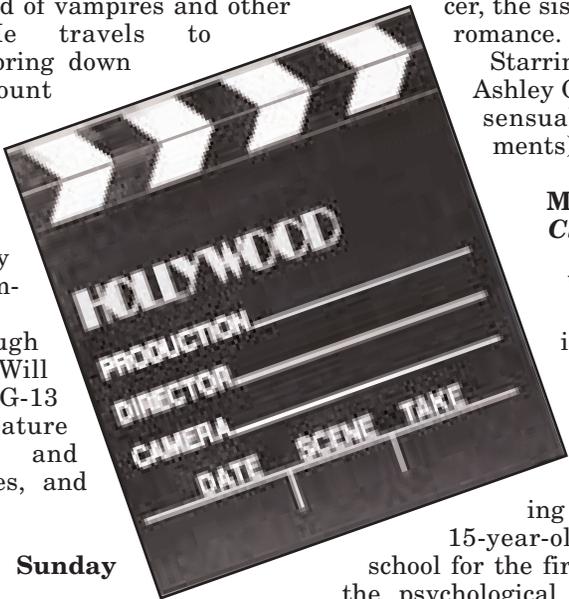
Starring Mary-Kate Olsen and Ashley Olsen. Rated PG (for mild sensuality and thematic elements).

Monday and Tuesday Closed

Wednesday at 7 p.m.

"Mean Girls" – Raised in the African bush country, Cady thinks she knows about "survival of the fittest." But the law of the jungle takes on a whole new meaning when the home-schooled 15-year-old enters public high school for the first time and falls prey to the psychological warfare and unwritten social rules that teenage girls face today.

Starring Lindsay Lohan, Tina Feyon and Johnny Knoxville. Rated PG-13 (for sexual content, language and some teen partying).



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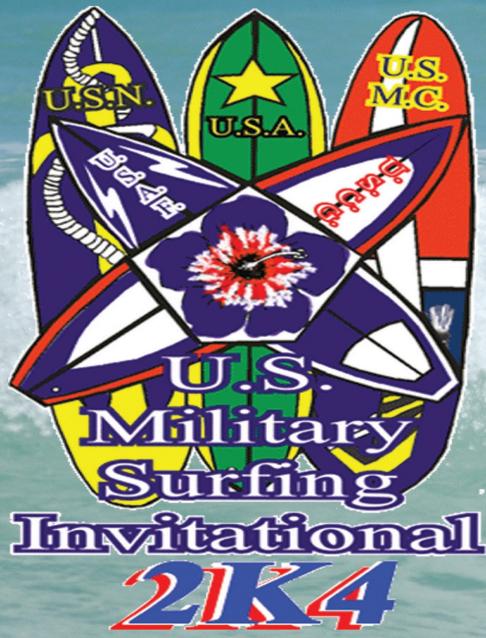
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Three's company

HIANG uses timely hitting, 735th AMS running miscues to capture third consecutive men's softball championship

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Editor

If the men's intramural softball championship were a well-known credit card campaign, it would go like this:

Number of games won, without a single loss, by the Hawaii Air National Guard Team en route to their back to back 2002 - 2003 base championships: 44

Number of regular season losses this year: One, to the 735th Air Mobility Squadron 'A' team May 18

Chance to get retribution against that same team in the league championship game: Priceless

It's not often there's a back story to intramural sports, but this year's men's wrap up was chock full of them

the finals, where the perennial juggernaut HIANG team squared off against the only team to beat them in three years, the 735th AMS 'A' team.

AMS drew first blood as David Spargur singled, bringing in their second run of the first inning. In the bottom half of the inning, HIANG's Mikey Buendia singled, bringing lead-off hitter Gerald Samson around from second base. 735th up 2-1 after one inning.

The second inning was scoreless, with AMS unable to capitalize on a bases-loaded scenario.

With runners on first and second and nobody out in the third, AMS made a tactical error trying to push the runner to third on a fly-out by Chris Capes. Runner Andrew Wiebold arrived at third shortly after the outfielders throw, and a ground out later brought HIANG to the plate.

Taking advantage of their

bases-loaded opportunity, HIANG's Keiokie Lorenzo singled, bringing in two, and John Fukumoto did the same, putting the guard team up 5-1 after three. They'd tack on another run to end the 4th ahead 6-2.

Not wanting to risk gradual advancement on the base paths, Spargur cleared the base paths with a monstrous two-run shot, cutting the deficit in half to 6-4.

The HIANG bats continued to ping in their half of the 5th, with a groundhog day-ish replay from the third inning. Lead off hitter Samson reached on a walk, Sonny Santiago doubled and Buenida singled, bringing in two runs. After Lorenzo singled and reached second on an error, Fukumoto singled bringing in another two runs.

After a scoreless sixth inning, AMS came to the plate with three outs left in their season, needing to erase a 10-4 deficit. And they got close.

After a fly out, the HIANG pitcher embodied the spirit of giving, walking four straight batters to load the bases and donate a run to the AMS cause. Wiebel singled, pushing across two more. Gene Morris also singled, scoring another run, whipping the AMS crowd into a frenzy as they watched their team climb backing the game 10-8 with runners at first and second and two out.

Capes lined a sharp single to left, enticing Wiebel to try and score from second, but HIANG left fielder had other ideas and came up gunning, deadly accurate to the catcher, even deadlier to 735th title hopes. End of inning, end of game.

