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# HICKAM Kukini

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**New look for Hickam Main Gate**

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Photo by Mike Dey

Members of the 15th Civil Engineer Squadron respond to a simulated fuel spill on the base flightline Tuesday. The 15th CES members were reacting to a scenario in the base Operational Readiness Exercise, designed to test Team Hickam's ability to respond and react to real-world events.

## Base ORE tests wing

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey  
Kukini Editor

The political unrest in the fictitious island nation Navatiti wreaked havoc on base for several days, testing Team Hickam's capability to react, respond and maintain force protection.

It was all part of the Operational Readiness Exercise that began Monday.

Though the nation and its mock capital Pongsana were not real, the scenarios surrounding base efforts to provide military assistance were grounded in reality, according to Senior Master Sgt. Brad Martin, 15th Airlift Wing Inspections superintendent.

"We created intense, reality-based scenarios involving the full spectrum of base responders," Sergeant Martin said. "We staged events that could potentially affect everyone on base."

The main Full Spectrum Threat

Response scenario played itself out Tuesday night. A simulated collision between a fuel truck and pick-up truck occurred in front of DV-1 on the flight line, causing the base fire department and security forces personnel to respond.

While they were the first to be affected by the scenario, they were far from the last, according to Sergeant Martin.

"After the initial response, a number of wing agencies, including medical, chaplain, readiness, command post, battle staff and safety got involved," he said. "It also forced the battle staff and the command center to relocate to an alternate facility due to the proximity of the accident."

Occurring simultaneously as the FSTR was a scenario at the base main gate, Sergeant Martin said.

"At the same time as the FSTR there was a peaceful protest at the gate," he said. "Protestors appeared at the gate

with banners and signs.

The number of protestors at the end was not the same as at the beginning of the scenario, he said, and it was a tribute to the authenticity of the ORE scenarios.

"We started out with 34 mock protestors, but apparently a passerby saw the action and became a real-life protestor in the group."

In an effort to fully simulate a team deployment, a movement of nearly 50 base members to a simulated location known as 'Base X' took place later in the week, according to Maj. Mark Ostrov, 15th AW Inspections chief.

"This exercise is a smaller version of what will ultimately be the airlift wing's capabilities," Major Ostrov said. "As the C-17s arrive, the mobility expectations of the wing will rise."

We will be able to load the carriers full of passengers and cargo and deploy to a forward location," he said.

# Make a commitment to care: AFAF

By Col. Ray Torres  
15th Airlift Wing commander

A major benefit of being an Air Force member today is how we take care of our own. At one time or another we have known certain events or emergencies that require immediate action and support to an individual or a family member.

The Air Force Aid Society has a long and distinguished history of coming to the aid of Air Force members during an unexpected personal, financial or family crisis.

Many commanders and first sergeants on Hickam Air Force Base have turned to the AFAS to support one of their airmen during a crisis.

The AFAS is the official charity of the Air Force and is chartered to assist in relieving financial emergencies faced by active duty members and their families. More than \$22 million in direct emergency assistance was dispersed Air Force-wide in 2003 and more than 30,000 people helped.

Last year, Hickam Airmen received nearly \$150,000 in emergency assistance loans and almost \$200,000 was provided through volunteer child care, wellness programs, educational grants and other assistance programs. Three weeks ago, the Air Force Assistance Fund began its annual campaign Air Force-wide to raise money for this and three other worthy charities.

This AFAF drive is one of the primary income-generating sources for these programs. One of the unique characteristics of the AFAF drive, compared to other worthy charitable organizations, is how their programs are designed and the resources distributed.

Financial proceeds collected by the AFAF are distributed directly back to Air Force active duty and retired personnel and their families. In fact,



Photo by Jerry Banks

Col. Ray Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander, and Master Sgt. Gerald Schenk, Air Force Assistance Fund coordinator adjust the base AFAF sign to reflect meeting 25 percent of this year's \$107,000 goal.

more than 95 percent of the money collected goes directly to causes.

Now is the time for us to show our appreciation and support to an organization that has supported us. The money raised during the drive will be used for national and local programs executed by Hickam's AFAS.

One of the top goals of the fund drive is 100 percent contact. This means we want to give every member the opportunity to support and an

understanding of this program. With everyone's support and participation, not only will Hickam's campaign be a success, but we'll also provide for those in our Air Force family who truly need our help. Simply, this is about taking care of our own.

For more information on the AFAF visit the Web site at <http://afassistancefund.org> or call 1st Lt. Kim Drews at 449-0011 or Master Sgt. Gerald Schenk at 449-1328.

## Action Lines

**Editors Note:** 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



Col. Ray Torres  
15th Airlift Wing commander

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](mailto:15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil).

### Basketball goals

**Comment:** Does somebody have to get hurt before something is done?

Multiple times per week as I drive through Melia Place on the way to Melia Court when I have to stop to keep from hitting children playing basketball in the street. This is a busy street and I fear it is only a matter of time before someone gets hurt. Please have this removed before something terrible happens.

**Response:** Playing basketball in the street is not authorized in family housing. Nor is it acceptable to place basketball hoops just off the street (bottom of driveway) so that players are forced to run into the street in a rapid, unexpected manner. Our narrow streets simply do not allow this type of activity. Authorization for, and placement of items such as basketball hoops is addressed in the Military Family Housing Brochure that is distributed to all families upon assignment to family housing. I've asked the housing inspectors to monitor the situation and immediately report any infractions. Security forces will also watch for infractions while on patrol and address any violations as necessary. I appreciate your concern and the opportunity to clarify this important safety point. If you have further concerns don't hesitate to call the Housing Office at 449-2888.

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# Hickam Main Gate gets new look

By Airman Ryan Simpson  
Staff Writer

Construction at the Hickam Main Gate was completed right on schedule March 26.

15th Airlift Wing units began a four-week construction project on the main gate February 26 in order to remedy vulnerabilities identified by the Air Force Vulnerability Assessment Team in August 2002.

With civil engineering, force protection and security forces leading the way, a bollard and cable system was designed to prevent vehicles from crossing over the median, bypassing security and entering Hickam through the outbound lanes.

The 15th Civil Engineer Squadron Simplified Acquisition of Base Engineer Requirements team was responsible for the construction, coordination and execution. Designer Built Systems, Inc. was contracted to accomplish the project.

SABER received the work request, according to Staff Sgt. Jodell Lepley, 15th CES, coordinated with wing safety, force protection, and CES landscape architect in design details. The team also met with heavy equipment and security forces for pre-construction site preparations and lane closures.

The construction process also included planting a variety of trees, bushes and flowers to provide an improved look for the Hickam Main Gate while supplying scenery for Hickam personnel and guests.

"The total construction process cost the wing \$80,000," said Sergeant Lepley.

"The new barrier system will provide more protection and security for all base personnel, making Hickam a safer place to work, live and play."



Photo by Jerry Banks

The new bollard and cable system was designed to prevent vehicles from crossing over the median, bypassing security and entering Hickam through the outbound lanes.

# Child abuse on the rise in Hawaii

By James Gamble  
Family Advocacy Program outreach manager

**Editor's note:** April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

More than 6,500 cases of abuse or neglect were reported in Hawaii for civilian and military families combined in 2002.

Of that total 3,566 were confirmed as abuse or neglect, including children who might have been reported as victims of abuse more than once during the year.

Confirmed incidents of child abuse and neglect increased among the military in Hawaii from 1998 to 2002, according to Hawaii's Department of Human Services

Air Force cases made up 3.5 percent of the total of reported cases that were confirmed or substantiated in Hawaii in 2002, according to DHS statistics.

After legal, law enforcement, or criminal justice personnel, the second highest source of initial

reporters in Hawaii for cases of child abuse and neglect in the military are medical personnel, according to the DHS officials.

It's a role the Hickam medical community takes very seriously, according to Dr. (Lt. Col.) Brantly Baynes, 15th Medical Group Pediatrics chief.

"As child advocates it is our duty to be alert and report anything that is suspicious for child abuse," Dr. Baynes said. "Our responsibility is to keep children safe."

"With 2.5 percent of children 0-17 years of age being abused annually we have to consider abuse or neglect when we see an injured or malnourished child," she said.

State law requires reporting child abuse and neglect to Child Protective Services for employees of schools, childcare institutions, and those in the medical profession.

According to Air Force Instruction 40-301, reporting suspected child abuse or neglect to the Family Advocacy Program is also required of all active duty

members and base civilian employees.

In most cases, incidents of child abuse in military families that are reported to CPS are assessed and treated within the Family Advocacy Program. According to the DHS, about 45 percent of military cases are confirmed, or substantiated.

"As the team physician my role is particularly important in cases involving children, because they are often too young to state what happened to them," said Dr. (Capt.) Matt Hanson, Hickam Family Maltreatment Case Management Team member. "I have to use my training in pediatric child abuse to sort through the case and determine whether or not abuse can be confirmed, often without any statement from the victim."

Remember, suspicion of child abuse or neglect is sufficient for any individual to make a report. Reports can be made anonymously.

For more information or to make a report, contact the Family Advocacy program at 449-0175 or Child Protective Services at 532-8300.

# Team Hickam hosts Retiree Appreciation Day



Photo by Mysti Cabasug

Staff Sgt. William Parker, a physical therapist at the 15th Medical Group, performs a five-minute paraffin wax hand treatment on Theresa Fowler, a spouse of an Air Force retiree, during the Retiree Appreciation Day March 30 at Hangar 7.

By Airman Ryan Simpson  
Staff Writer

To truly understand where the military is going, it is important to embrace the past and learn from it.

Team Hickam hosted a Retiree Appreciation Day Tuesday at Hangar 7.

The event consisted of breakfast, presentation by the wing commander and numerous informational booths from various base agencies to share insight on services that are available to retirees.

"The event served as a way to highlight the accomplishments of military retirees, educate them on upcoming changes to Hickam and on the services that are available to them," said Capt. Derrick Hodges, 56th Airlift Squadron and RAD coordinator.

"The event hosted more than 500 retirees and spouses," said Captain

Hodges

Col. Ray Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander, spoke to retirees about current topics that are influencing Hickam and the community, to include the arrival of the C-17, housing privatization and construction on Hickam.

"Our Air Force retirees have served our country and Air Force proudly," said Col. Ray Torres 15th AW commander. "They remain a valuable asset to our nation. This annual event is our way of saying 'Thanks' and providing an Air Force update and services to them for all they have done and continue to do for the United States."

"The event was great," said retired Air Force Capt. Robert Shoecraft, a Tuskegee Airman. "I enjoyed learning about the future of Hickam and am looking forward to attending the gathering again next year."

# Do you know where to draw the line? Base team offers screening

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey  
Kukini Editor

Thursday is National Alcohol Screening Day, and to commemorate the event the base Drug Demand Reduction Program team will be conducting a free screening from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the BXtra lanai.

Anyone with a valid military identification card is eligible for the screening.

The most stressed aspect of the screenings is the premium placed on privacy, according to Dr. (Capt.) Celene Fyffe, 15th Medical Group Substance Abuse Services element leader.

"The most important thing to remember is that the screenings are free and anonymous, you won't event be asked to identify yourself," Dr. Fyffe said. "Individuals will be offered the opportunity to complete the Alcohol Use Identification Test used to give individuals a glimpse at their alcohol use.

"A mental health or substance abuse professional will be on hand to give valuable feedback on the assessment," she said. "This is a public education program, so the screenings are informational and not diagnostic."

"The screening day started about six years ago," said Patsy Torres, 15th MDG Drug Demand Reduction Program manager. "The goals are to provide outreach, screening and education about alcohol's effect on the health for the general public."

The results of being proactive are clear,

according to Staff Sgt. Nathaniel Perry, 15th MDG Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program noncommissioned officer in charge.

"Hickam has one of the lowest referral rates for alcohol-related events in the command," Sergeant Perry said. "We average about six alcohol-related referrals per month and usually have one or two active-duty members being referred for treatment to help with their alcohol abuse and dependence."

For those not able to make the screen-

ing

Thursday, there is an additional screening scheduled for April 12 at the

15th MDG Primary Care Clinic from 9 to 11 a.m.

For more information, contact the 15th MDG Like Skills Clinic at 449-0175.



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## TEAM HICKAM

## News Notes

### Pacific Air Forces Computer Systems Squadron fundraiser set

– The PACAF CSS is scheduled to conduct a lunch plate fundraiser at the baseball fields near the base bowling alley April 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rotisserie-style chicken will be available for \$7.50 with rice and a soda for just \$1 more. Advance orders are recommended but not necessary. To place an order or for more information, contact Tech. Sgts. Duane Gonzalez at 449-3733 or Ronnie Conrad 448-2132.

**MWR Boarding Kennel opens** – The MWR Boarding Kennel located at the Halawa State Quarantine site in Halawa Valley will be open for cats and dogs. The cost to board a dog is \$12 and a cat is \$10 per day. Limited spaces are available for eligible patrons who include active duty, DoD civilian, retirees and Reserve personnel who are deploying, awaiting housing or just going on vacation. Call 368-3456 for more information or reservations.

**HOSC game night** – The Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club will hold a games night during the function April 20. The social begins at 6 p.m. on the O'Club Lanai and the games begin at 6:30 p.m. Cost for this function is \$5. Desserts will be

served. Reservations are required and must be received not later than noon April 16. Permanent reservations apply. For reservations contact Malia Thompson (A-M) at 421-1179 or Sue Lackey (N-Z) at 422-7283.

**Commissary establishes holiday hours** – The base commissary will be open April 11 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The minicom will be closed. For more information, call 449-1363.

**'Woman 2 Woman' worship celebration** – Hickam's 'Woman-2-Woman Ministries' presents "The Hurt Behind the Smile" worship celebration scheduled for Saturday at 7 p.m. at Nelles Chapel. The guest speaker is Pastor Virginia Domligan, founder of the Prayer Center of the Pacific. The worship service will include orations, dancers, skits and singing. To sign up or for more information, call 422-6200 or email at Maddie4931@aol.com.

**NHKS Annual Auction** – Navy Hale Keiki School will hold its 11th annual silent and live auction, "Mardi Gras ~ Aloha Style" April 17, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Hickam Officers' Club. Ticket prices are \$15 per person which includes heavy pupus, live entertainment and a full cash bar. This year's proceeds are targeted for classroom computer upgrades and safety upgrades for the school's playground structures. If you would like to make a donation or purchase tickets for the auction, contact Lisa Schapel at 227-0954 or sydneyann1313@aol.com.

**AEF scholarship available** – "The Aerospace Education Foundation will award a \$1,000 scholarship again this year to a full time Guard or Reserve, officer or enlisted, who is pursuing a master's degree in a non-technical field. Definition of "full time" is permanent, full-time active Guard, Reserve, Air Technician and Air Reserve

Technicians. Traditional Guardsmen and Reservists are not eligible. Applications must be post-marked by June 30 and the scholarship will be awarded in September. The application can be found on the AEF Web site at [www.aef.org](http://www.aef.org) or you may pick one up at the Base Training and Education Services Center from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact Agnes Borbely at 449-6363.

**Hickam Thrift Shop hours** – The thrift shop will be closed April 9 in observance of Good Friday. The Hickam Thrift Shop is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday and the second Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for sales. It is open Monday and Friday and the second Saturday of every month from 9 to 11 a.m. for consignments. Call 449-6603 for further information and to be placed on the furniture/large item waiting list.

**Food drive needs volunteers April 10, 17, 24** – The Hawaii Food Bank's Annual Food Drive needs volunteers to collect food April 10, 17 and 24 at the Hickam Commissary. The food donations help feed Hawaii's hungry. People who wish to help can contact Senior Master Sgt. Tim Griffin at 449-4695, or Michelle Carlos at 449-4315.

**Hickam Career Advisor relocates to building 1102** – The Team Hickam Career Assistance Advisor Master Sgt. Glenn Taijeron, has relocated to building 1102, room B103A. Sergeant Taijeron can be reached at 448-BLUE (2583); the assistant to the CAA, Airman 1st Class Iris Figueroa, can be reached at 448-2584. The office fax number is 448-2585.

**Services squadron holds membership drive** – The 15th Services Squadron is holding a joint club membership drive "Spring Squadron Challenge." Pick up a squadron challenge signup card at

participating clubs. Every new member each squadron recruits, qualifies the challenge card holder for \$2 in club bucks. The squadron which recruits the highest percentage of new members for the clubs wins a giant pizza/beverage party at its next scheduled commander's call provided completely free by the clubs. For more information, call John Stanchfield at 449-1030 ext. 236.

**Spring term begins Monday** – Term III registration is in full swing until April 9. The first day of class is April 5. Members should stop at base training and education services for tuition assistance paperwork. Call 449-6363 from Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**TA available for active-duty members and spouses** – Spouse Tuition Assistance is available for spouses of active-duty members. Air Force Aid Society will pay up to 50 percent of unmet tuition needs for students pursuing degrees/certifications through an on-base university/college program. Pick up an application from the base training and education office and submit it before May 21, for courses beginning July 1 through July 31. For more information call 449-6363.

**The Hickam Tax Office set to help as April 15 deadline approaches** – The Hickam Tax Office is open Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They take walk-ins 7:30 to 8 a.m. each day and close for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 448-0712.

**New fitness center locker policy** – In accordance with new Air Force Instruction 34-266, effective April 27, all Hickam Fitness Center lockers are available for daily use only. Personnel currently assigned a permanent locker should remove their belongings by April 22. For more info contact Douglas Giannetti at 448-4641.

# Around the Air Force

## Checkin 'it out

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam -- Capt. Jeremiah Baldwin (left), a pilot, and 1st Lt Bentley Brooks, a co-pilot, conduct a preflight check in their B-52 Stratofortress here. Six B-52s and about 300 support people from Minot Air Force Base, N.D., are the first to deploy here following the decision to station a rotating bomber force here. Both Airmen are from the 23rd Bomb Squadron at Minot AFB.

Photo by Master Sgt. Val Gempis



## U.S. AIR FORCE

**Editor's Note:** For these full Air Force stories and more check out [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil).

**Air Force seeks to eliminate inadequate housing** – Air Force senior leaders spoke with members of Congress on March 30 about the service's requests for military construction funding in the fiscal 2005 budget.

In testimony before the Senate Appropriations Committee subcommittee on military construction, the Air Force civil engineer, Maj. Gen. L. Dean Fox, told senators the commitments reflected in the budget request are similar to those of the previous year.

Air Force officials requested \$2.6 billion for total-force military construction and military-family housing and an additional \$2.2 billion for sustainment, restoration and modernization funds. The total Air Force budget request is more than \$4.8 billion.

"We would encourage them to go even beyond the build-to-lease program and to go into what would look more similar to privatization that we do (in the United States)," Mr. Gibbs said. "That would be for them to construct housing and put it at our disposal in exchange for the allowance for quarters over there. They have been apprehensive because of the increased risk. But we want to talk with them about the success it has enjoyed here and to try to convince them to consider that in addition to the build-to-lease program."

Funding to continue work on the Air Force's dor-

mitory master plan is also in the budget request.

The three-phase plan involves eliminating facilities with group latrines and eliminating the deficit of dormitory rooms. The plan also includes conversion or replacement of existing dormitory rooms at the end of their useful life with rooms that meet the new Air Force-dormitory standard.

General Fox said the Air Force has already completed the first phase of that plan.

Also discussed at the senate hearing was the meaning of "excess capacity" in relation to base realignment and closure, Air Force monies being spent on environmental remediation and the locations of new C-17 Globemaster III missions. (Story by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez Air Force Print News)

**Air Force announces new SRB list** – Bluesuiters will see significant changes in the newly released selective re-enlistment bonus list resulting from solid retention rates, Pentagon officials said.

Following the selective re-enlistment review board, the Air Force has published the latest SRB list which contains 62 Air Force specialties.

"The SRB program is a retention tool the Air Force uses as an incentive to help keep the right people in the right jobs to accomplish our mission," said Senior Master Sgt. Maria Cornelia, chief of retention and bonus programs at Air Force headquarters here.

"During this period of improved retention, it is prudent to make adjustments," she said. "Airmen should remember that SRBs are not an entitlement and must be adjusted to meet Air Force needs."

All enlisted skills were reviewed, including reporting and special-duty identifiers, officials said.

The criteria used for determining which enlisted skills will receive an SRB include current and projected manning levels, re-enlistment trends, career-field force structure changes and inputs from individual career-field managers. SRBs are authorized in 0.5 increments, or multiples, and in three re-enlistment zones for people with between 17 months and 14 years of service.

Zone A, which applies to Airmen re-enlisting between 17 months and six years of service, incurred nine increases, 19 reductions and 86 removals. Zone B, which applies to Airmen re-enlisting between six and 10 years of service, had eight increases, 18 reductions and 80 removals.

Zone C, which applies to Airmen re-enlisting between 10 and 14 years of service, saw one increase, four decreases and 32 removals.

Additions and multiple increases are effective March 30. The SRB multiple decreases and deletions are effective April 30.

The new list of bonuses is posted at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/Reenlistments/reenlistments.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/Reenlistments/reenlistments.htm).

For more information, contact local military personnel flight re-enlistment offices. (Story courtesy of AFPN)

**86th CRG pulls Soldiers out of Africa** – ATAR, Mauritania – Twenty-seven Airmen and one soldier traveled down to Africa on March 23 to remove special forces Soldiers from the countries of Mali and Mauritania.

The Airmen were from the 86th Contingency Response Group at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and the soldier was from the 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in Stuttgart, Germany.

"We brought them down, and now we're bringing them back," said Capt. Chris Miller, mission commander for the 86th CRG.

Once the initial pieces were in place, the 86th CRG organized two teams of 14, led by team chiefs Tech. Sgt. Eric Wilhelm and Master Sgt. David Baldrige, and sent them to four locations: Gao; Bamako; Timbuktu, Mali; and here.

The teams include aerial porters, aircraft and vehicle mechanics, communication specialists, medics, special agents, security forces, an aerospace ground equipment supervisor and a hazardous material load certifier.

The soldiers were in Africa for nearly three months training African soldiers to protect their countries borders and combat terrorism supporting the Pan Sahel Initiative

"Our teams work very well together," he said. "Everyone is trained to do everyone else's job and pitch in wherever they are needed."

Sergeant Wilhelm said the morale and unity of the teams are very high despite both teams setting up bare-base locations at Gao and Timbuktu.

"Everyone knows what they need to do," said Staff Sgt. Sean Stackhouse, a communications specialist. "We all work together, get the job done, and then we're good to go." (Story by 1st Lt. Tracy Giles 435th Air Base Wing Public Affairs)

# 56th ACOMS exercises to get 'healthy'

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

We train as we fight – for many Hickam units it's a bonus training in an island paradise called Hawaii.

The 56th Air Communications Squadron spent March 15 to Tuesday at Barber's Point U.S. Coast Guard Station sharpening their skills in the Healthy Thunder exercise to support Pacific Command's only deployable Air Operations Center.

Healthy Thunder was created for the 56th ACOMS as an opportunity to deploy and train outside a day-to-day environment.

"The real benefit of Healthy Thunder is my vision that each member of the squadron will be trained like they will fight and do this in a non-threatening environment where mistakes are allowed," said Lt. Col. Joseph Sublousky, 56th ACOMS commander. "Too many times communicators are forced to make things work at all costs because of the nature of our business."

Communications are foundational to the elements of command and control for exercises and real-world operations, according to Colonel Sublousky.

"At 56th ACOMS, we want to create and foster a squadron of professionals who can be 'operationally relevant' all the time, every time, and do it on demand when needed by using sustainable reliable processes that have been practiced," he said.

The exercise consisted of satellite communications, several classified networks, video teleconferencing, global broadcast services, phone services and many of the critical command and control systems required to devel-

op and transmit an Air Tasking Order, according to 2nd Lt Bernadette Garrett, 56th ACOMS Operation Plans Flight.

"The exercise is tailored toward training of our primary mission, which is to provide deployed communications by way of ground or air in support of the AOC within 72 hours anywhere in the Pacific theater," said Lieutenant Garrett.

The exercise was not graded, according to 56th ACOMS leadership.

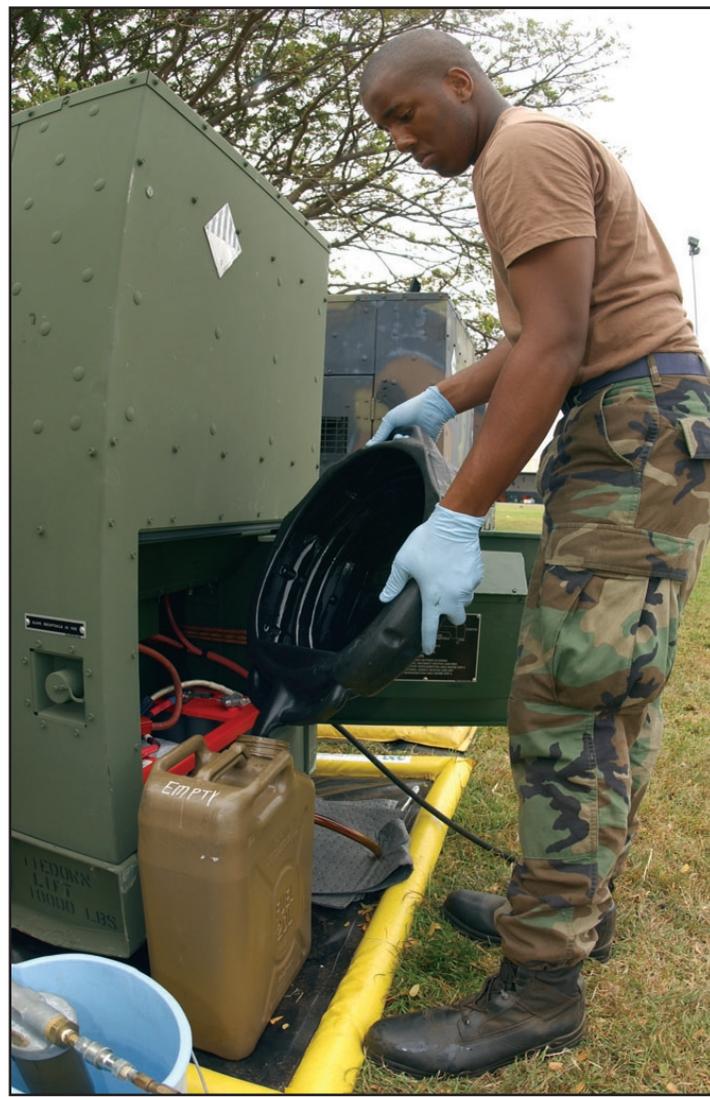
"We intentionally do not grade our efforts," said Lieutenant Garrett. "Based on the commander's vision of no pressure, just pure training, we find that the members of the squadron push themselves harder than any inspector could. We improve on our processes each exercise and this has been the best Healthy Thunder yet."

There were 48 ACOMS personnel, and more than 60 people from 26th Air and Space Intelligence Squadron, weather, 56th Air Operations Squadron and the 56th Air Plans Squadron who participated in the exercise.

Additionally, more than 20 personnel supported the exercise from the host unit, U.S. Coast Guard at Barber's Point.

"I stand in awe of the tremendous talents the 56th ACOMS members possess," said Colonel Sublousky. "Each and every member pushes himself or herself to be the best at their job and they do it for each other because the squadron is a 'team.'"

"I am humbled by their dedication and selfless efforts," he said. "I am proud to be their commander, but most of all; they make me proud to be an American. They are the best."



Above: Airman Keith Smith, 56th Air Communications Squadron, changes the oil of one of the powerful generators providing electricity to the camp during Exercise Healthy Thunder Readiness Training held at Barber's Point Coast Guard Station March 15 through 19.

Left: Master Sgt. Charles Selecky, 56th ACOMS, exits the barbed-wire perimeter which surrounds the Temporary Sensitive Compartment Information Facility during Exercise Healthy Thunder.

Below: Senior Airman Walter Cintron, 56th ACOMS, stores some fire extinguishers in case of an emergency with one of the generators providing electricity to the camp during Exercise Healthy Thunder.



Photos by Mike Dey



Twin 10-year-old sisters Bridgette and Amanda Wheeler create flowers during the deployed spouses function at the Hale Aina dining facility March 24.



Above: Col. Bill Kunzweiler, 15th Airlift Wing vice commander, chats with 4-year-old Taya Malmstead.  
 Right: 2nd Lt. Cherissa DeChico watches 6-year-old Jeremy Malmstead wield a mighty balloon.

# FSC hosts deployed spouses gathering

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey  
 Kukini Editor

A warm meal, fun events for the children and, possibly most important of all, another reminder that they are not alone was offered to the dependents of Hickam's deployed members March 24.

More than three dozen spouses and children enjoyed a camaraderie-filled evening at the Hale Aina dining facility.

The value of the evening goes far beyond a night

free from cooking, according to Mary Clutter, spouse of deployed Pacific Air Forces' member Lt. Col. Stephen Clutter.

"It's a great chance to meet others and see what they are doing for support," Mrs. Clutter said.

After enjoying a free meal served by the dining facility staff, the children were entertained to balloon shaping and flower making and were provided temporary tattoos.

The next spouses' dinner is scheduled for April 28 at 5 p.m. at the FSC lanai.



Photos by Angela Elbern

## Chapel

### Protestant

#### Nelles Chapel

Sunday contemporary service – 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday Gospel Worship – 11:15 a.m.  
Holy Thursday Drama and Communion – 7 p.m.  
Good Friday Tenebrae service – 5:30 p.m.  
Good Friday Footwashing service – 7 p.m.

#### Chapel Center

Sunday traditional – 8:30 a.m.

### Catholic

#### Nelles Chapel

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

#### Chapel Center

Sunday Mass – 10 a.m.  
Thursday Mass of the Lord's Last Supper – 7 p.m.  
Good Friday Catholic service – 3 p.m.  
April 10 Easter Vigil Mass – 7 p.m.

#### Chapel Center

Sunday Mass - 10 a.m.

### Jewish

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

### Orthodox

For more information, call 438-6687.

### Islamic

Friday congregational service - 1 p.m.  
Muslim Association of Hawaii, 947-6263.

**Editors 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.

## Movies

### Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.

"50 First Dates" –Henry, a veterinarian at an aquarium in Hawaii, falls in love with a girl, Lucy, with short-term memory loss, but he has to keep getting her to fall in love with him every time they meet in order for them to have a relationship, since she never remembers the last time she met him.

Starring Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore. Rated PG-13 (for crude sexual humor, drug reference). Running time is 87 minutes.

### Sunday at 7 p.m.

"Welcome to Mooseport" -- A former U.S. president retires to a small New England coastal town to write his memoirs. But his neighbors plead with him to fill the vacant mayoral seat. A local plumber runs against him, setting off a surprisingly fierce and competitive campaign, in which the plumber is also battling to win the love of a local woman.

Starring Gene Hackman and Ray Romano. Rated PG-13 (for sexual comments, nudity). Running time is 93 minutes.

### Monday and Tuesday

Closed

### Wednesday at 7 p.m.

"Welcome to Mooseport" – See synopsis above.

### Thursday at 7 p.m.

"Broken Lizard Club Dread" - At an anything-goes tropical resort for swingers, a non-stop party takes a turn for the weird when dead bodies start turning up faster than you could drink a rum punch. Everyone begins to look suspicious. Can the inhabitants of Pleasure Island unite, solve the mystery and restore their happy hour?

Starring Jay Chandrasekhar and Kevin Heffernan. Rated R (for violence/gore, sexual content, language, drug use). Running time is 104 minutes.



**BELLOWS**  
AIR FORCE STATION

# Easter Sunrise Service

**Sunday, April 11, 2004  
6:15am @ Pavilion 5A**

Join us as Chaplain Sam Tucker and Chaplain Shon Neyland leads guests in a praise and worship service as sunlight breaks, bringing the start of a new day.

After the service, enjoy an all you can eat breakfast buffet in the Recreation Center Lanai. The buffet includes scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage links, bacon and French toast sticks (price is \$3).

Children can enjoy the bouncy clown or our castle playground, and get a picture with the Easter Bunny (all youth activities are free).

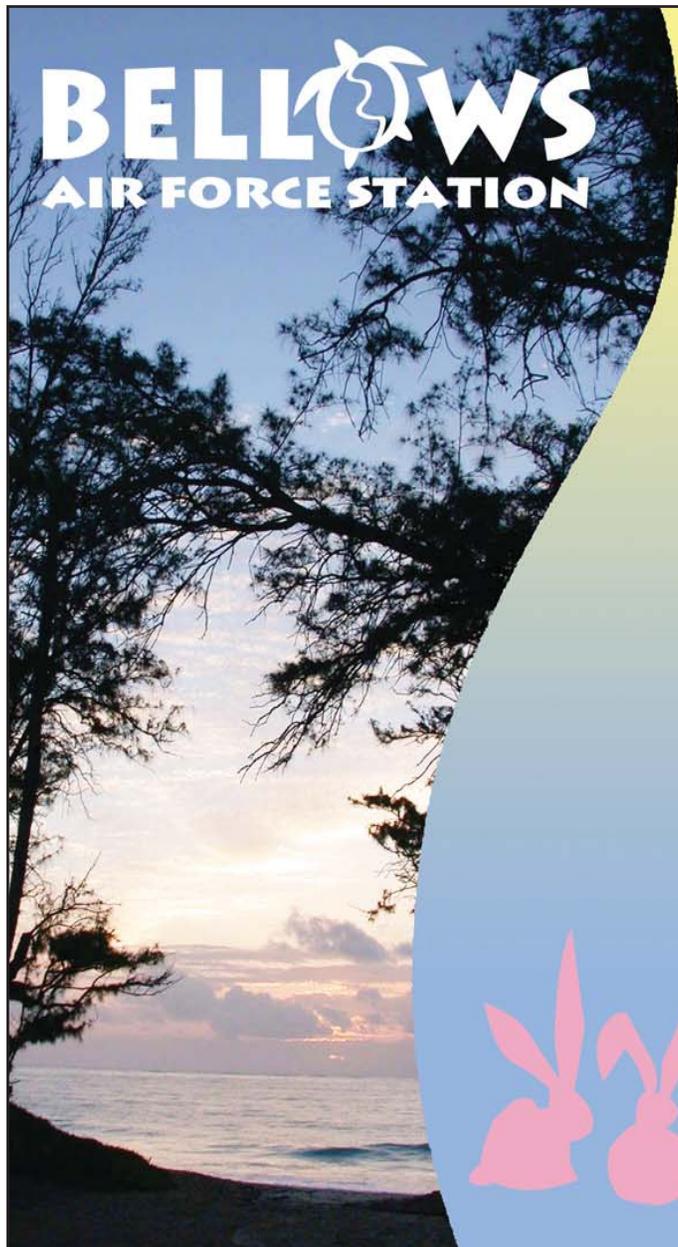
## *Then, the finale to Bellows' Easter Fun-day...*

Our Easter egg hunt begins at 8:30am in the grassy area next to the playground.

Divided by four age groups, groups will hunt for candy-filled eggs. Candy-filled eggs may also hold a miniature golf pass or a ticket for the Grand Prize. One special egg per group will hold claim to a large basket filled with prizes.

Children should bring a basket for the Egg Hunt.

For more information on Bellows' Easter activities, call 259.4121.



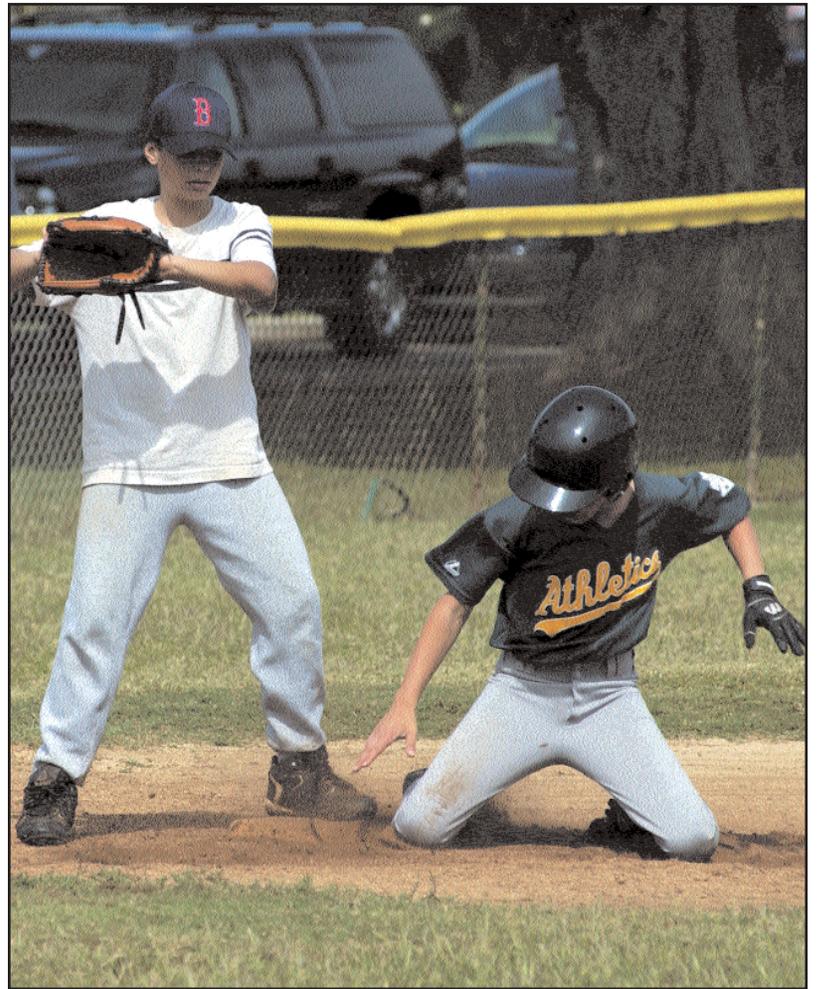


## Surf's up

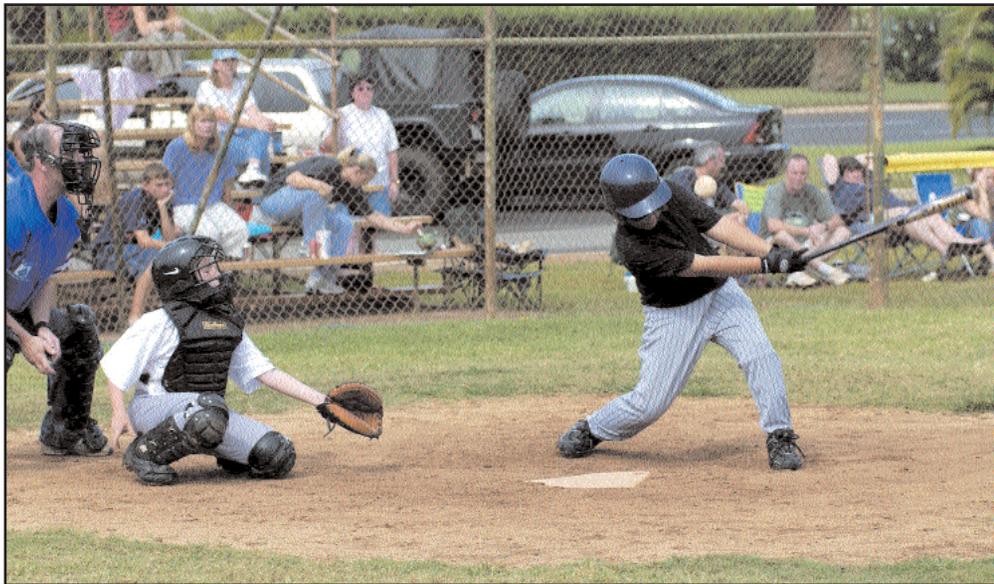
**Brittney Garrigan (daughter of Paul Garrigan, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron) gives Eric Mooney (son of Lt. Col. Lowell Mooney, 735th Air Mobility Squadron) a run for his money on a surf board race put on by Outdoor Rec for the Youth Ocean Adventure activities near Foster's Point during Spring Break.**

Photo by Mike Dey

# Little League season starts tomorrow



Though he's wearing an Athletics jersey, Matt Cook actually plays for the Cardinals and is safe sliding under Red Sox third baseman Mike Marshall during final scrimmage Saturday.



Cardinals batter Charlie Quintanilla fouls one off during a final scrimmage Saturday.

**Editor's note:** Opening day is Saturday. The opening ceremony is scheduled to take place at 8:30 a.m. on the base football field next to the bowling center. For more information, call Eric Day at 422-1851.

## Next week's youth baseball schedule

| Div              | Home    | Visitor  | Start      | Field      |
|------------------|---------|----------|------------|------------|
| <b>Saturday</b>  |         |          |            |            |
| Tee-Ball         | Angels  | Mariners | 10 a.m.    | 2          |
|                  | Orioles | Rangers  | 11:20 a.m. | 2          |
|                  | Cubs    | Twins    | 12:40 a.m. | 2          |
| Coach            | Rangers | Indians  | 10 a.m.    | 10         |
|                  | Pitch   | Cards    | Reds       | 11:45 a.m. |
| (CP)             | Rockies | A's      | 1:30 p.m.  | 10         |
|                  | Astros  | Dodgers  | 5:15 p.m.  | 10         |
| Minors           | Braves  | Cards    | 10 a.m.    | 9          |
|                  | Dodgers | Red Sox  | 12:15 p.m. | 9          |
|                  | Cards   | Rangers  | 9 a.m.     | 8          |
|                  | Red Sox | Yankees  | 11:30 a.m. | 8          |
| <b>Monday</b>    |         |          |            |            |
| CP               | Reds    | Rangers  | 5:15 p.m.  | 10         |
| Minors           | Yankees | Braves   | 5 p.m.     | 9          |
| Majors           | Cubs    | Card     | 5 p.m.     | 8          |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   |         |          |            |            |
| Tee-Ball         | Orioles | Mariners | 5:20 p.m.  | 2          |
| CP               | A's     | Cards    | 5:15 p.m.  | 10         |
| <b>Wednesday</b> |         |          |            |            |
| Tee-Ball         | Twins   | Rangers  | 5:20 p.m.  | 2          |
| CP               | Dodgers | Rockies  | 5:15 p.m.  | 10         |
| Minors           | Cards   | Dodgers  | 5 p.m.     | 9          |
| Majors           | Rangers | Red Sox  | 5 p.m.     | 8          |
| <b>Thursday</b>  |         |          |            |            |
| Tee-Ball         | Angels  | Cubs     | 5:20 p.m.  | 2          |
| CP               | Astros  | Yankees  | 5:15 p.m.  | 10         |
| Minors           | Red Sox | Yankees  | 5 p.m.     | 9          |
| Majors           | Yankees | Cubs     | 5 p.m.     | 8          |



Red Sox pitcher Jason Washburn brings the heat during final scrimmage play Saturday