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Load 'em up

Members of the Army's 25th Infantry Division (Light) from Wheeler Army Air Field watch as members of the 735th Air Mobility Squadron load a CH-47D Chinook helicopter aboard a C-5 on Hickam's flightline Tuesday.

CMSAF talks fitness standards, key issues for today's Airmen

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



Photo by Mysti Cabasug

“ The good news to this is that people are not rushing to get out of our Air Force – it's a great time to serve our nation. ”

Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Murray
Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

The top enlisted Airman made a stop “home” during his Pacific Air Forces visit Monday.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray, who spends more than 230 days a year on the road visiting with Airmen across the globe, took time to chat with base leaders and Hickam NCO Academy attendees.

A changing force and the affection to serve were just a couple of the points that brought a smile to his face.

“In this command and across the Air Force I see an affection for each [Airman's] command,” said the chief. “There is a desire continually improve and make it better.”

That affection bleeds blue with the focus on the mission that according to Chief Murray “... is just terrific.”

Terrific was an adjective that a few Team Hickam technical sergeants also used after visiting with the chief.

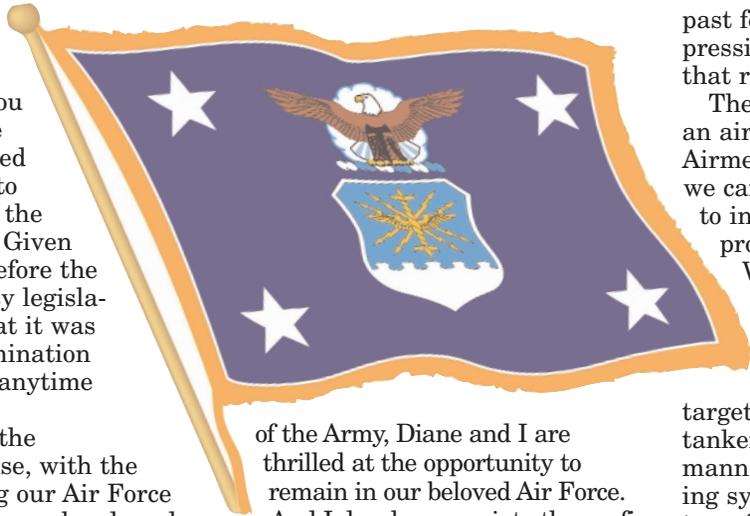
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SECAF defines reasons for staying 'in the blue'

By Dr. James Roche
Secretary of the Air Force

By now, many of you have likely heard the news that I have asked that my nomination to serve as Secretary of the Army be withdrawn. Given the range of issues before the U. S. Senate in a busy legislative year, I accept that it was unlikely that my nomination would be considered anytime soon.

In the interests of the Department of Defense, with the pressing issues facing our Air Force in the months and years ahead, and with the Army's need for a full complement of executive leadership, I decided it was best that I withdraw from further consideration. I want to assure each of you that while I was honored to have the president's trust and confidence to serve as Secretary



of the Army, Diane and I are thrilled at the opportunity to remain in our beloved Air Force.

And I deeply appreciate the confidence that the president and Secretary [Donald] Rumsfeld have in me to stay with the Air Force and my distinguished partner, Gen. John Jumper.

I am honored to continue serving this nation, and the terrific Airmen I have come to know and love over the

past few years. We have many pressing national security issues that require our sustained attention.

The threats to our nation demand an air and space force of the finest Airmen, the best warfighting tools we can deliver, and a focused effort to integrate those capabilities to produce decisive combat effects.

We are working diligently on a range of new capabilities – advanced strike systems such as the F/A-22, advanced ground and airborne moving target indicator systems, new smart tankers, an advanced portfolio of manned, unmanned and space sensing systems, advanced weapons, transformational communications, and many others.

We need the stability of continuing engaged leadership as we address important challenges such as the operational test and evaluation of the F/A-22; assuming management of the F-35; increasing

unity of effort among the Air Force and intelligence community; enhancing space support to the warfighter; and continuing our reforms at the Air Force Academy.

I am committed, along with General Jumper, to developing a comprehensive solution to sexual assault in our Air Force; ensuring a safe environment, encouraging reporting of offenses, a thorough investigation of incidents, and providing focused and sustained support to victims.

As always, I intend to apply myself to the full range of important matters facing the Air Force, including leading the professional Airmen who are serving our country so proudly. Together, we will continue to make the Air Force better.

I am extremely proud of your contributions to protecting America, and I am honored to continue serving as your secretary of the Air Force.

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.

Telephone service

Comment: We live in base housing off of Signer Blvd., and our phone has not been working properly for over a month. We have called Verizon numerous times to get it fixed. Yesterday we contacted Verizon to find out when our service will be completed and they told me that the problem is now a bad line on the base and AT&T is responsible for getting the work completed. They suggested that I contact the base commander to see if they can help with getting the work expedited. I personally find it unacceptable to be without a phone for more than a month and hope you can help resolve this issue. Thank you Sir.

Response: We've had significant challenges with commercial phone service on base in the past few months. Our main challenge centers on a small portion of the Hickam communications infrastructure (government-owned cable, but maintained by AT&T) currently being used by Verizon to provide commercial phone services. This particular section of cable is very susceptible to ground water, especially when we experience heavy rains. Having the government, AT&T and Verizon all involved does not make things any easier for you, the customer. While the base has no control over or responsibility for commercial phone services, the 15th Communications Squadron is working closely with Verizon to resolve these lingering challenges soonest. We're currently installing additional underground ducting to allow Verizon to run new cabling for commercial phone service. This new cabling will be watertight and therefore immune to water in the ducting. Once Verizon installs their own dedicated phone cables, there will be no question when it comes to responsibility for maintenance and repair of a particular cable and the associated phone service. Verizon has

already replaced several sections of defective cable and will continue until all the problems are resolved. In the meantime, you still need to open a trouble ticket with Verizon when you experience problems. However, you should not pay for commercial services you are not receiving. Recommend you check your monthly phone bill to ensure Verizon credits your account for the days your phone is not in service.

Rat problem

Comment: I would like to report some rat problems by the youth center. There is a playground and it is rat infested. I don't know where to call. Thank you.

Response: You are right, playgrounds are meant for children, not rodents. We appreciate your concern for the health and safety of our children. To effectively manage the rodent problem at the playground, we are employing a combination of proven preventive measures and management practices, including improving the area sanitation and trapping. Sanitation is the first element in any rodent prevention program, and is the only measure that ensures long-term rodent suppression. We know that rodents are attracted to food items in garbage cans and we are locating containers with self-closing lids. We have also started trapping operations, surveillance and monitoring techniques, and have coordinated with the base grounds contractor to remove leaves and other debris utilized as nesting and harborage material for rodents. Our entomologists are confident that these actions will alleviate the rodent problem from the playground. When requesting pest control services anywhere on base, customers should call 15th Civil Engineer Squadron customer service at 449-9951 or 449-9952; our entomologists stand ready to employ their expertise.

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Team Hickam hosts AF annual Retiree Appreciation Day

By Capt. David Wang
15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

The Hickam Air Force Retiree Appreciation Day is scheduled for March 30 at the Officers' Club Lanai beginning at 8 a.m.

Retirees can look forward to an event which will show Hickam's thanks for the sacrifices retirees have made in our nations' defense.

Retiree Appreciation Day will showcase information about the latest benefits and services available to retirees with a few services offered as well.

The retirees will be treated to a continental breakfast while Col. Ray Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander, offers his greetings and shares his vision for Hickam.

Exhibits open up at 9 a.m.

Members from the 15th Medical Group will staff booths offering blood pressure screening, glaucoma screening and information on a host of health care issues ranging from depression to dental care.

The medical group will also have representatives from TRICARE, Medicare/Medicaid, and third party collections available to answer questions and to help retirees understand their benefits.

Also members from the military personnel flight will have booths representing finance, personnel services, veterans affairs, and pass and ID.

A shuttle will be provided to ferry retirees to the MPF for those who need to update information in the DEERS system.

Retirees can also expect to see representatives from wing safety, the American Red Cross, Army Air Force Exchange Service and Officers' and Enlisted clubs.

Booths are expected to be open until 10:30 a.m. Afterwards the Officers' Club will offer a lunch buffet.

To honor with dignity



Photo by Jerry Banks

Hickam members comprise an all-female honor guard team who performed a retreat ceremony at the base flagpole Tuesday. The retreat was part of the events commemorating Women's History Month in March. For more information on upcoming events, see news notes on Page 6.



Photo by Celena Wilson

CD-C'ing our future

Corbin Kuh and Zachary Wilson are all smiles during 'tummy time' at the Child Development Center Main Tuesday. The staff at CDC Main care for children ages six weeks through 3-years old. Parents interested in enrolling their children should contact the CDC Main at 449-9880.

Child Development Centers "drive" to make a difference

By Amn. Ryan Simpson
Staff Writer

The Team Hickam Child Development centers are doing their part in aiding the local Hawaii community by contributing to the Hawaii Food Bank 2004 Food Drive this month.

The Hawaii Food Bank provides food for more than 118,000 different individuals each week, some 43,000 are children, more than 17,000 are over 65 and more than 9,000 are homeless. The School Age Program, Harbor, West and Main CDCs have collected more than 2,200 cans in the first two weeks of the drive.

"Cans are coming from all over," said Barbara Miller, the Child Development Center Hawaii Food Drive coordinator.

"We are having a competition between classrooms to see who can raise the most cans."

The food drive has enabled the CDCs to work with the Hawaii Food Bank to meet the critical needs of Hawaii's hungry. The drive accomplishes their objective in two ways: increasing awareness of the problem hunger poses throughout the islands and by collecting needed supplies that the food

bank does not receive on a regular basis. The core mission at the Hawaii Food Bank is to ensure that no one in Hawaii goes hungry.

"The child development center staff got involved because we care about the community that we live in," she said.

"This is our first year as an active participant in the food drive but this won't be the last, said Mrs. Miller, a 11-year employee of the Main CDC. "We are going to do all we can to help people that need it."

"The majority of the cans are being brought in by the parents," she said. As an extra incentive the military parent who brings in the most cans will receive a letter of appreciation from their first sergeant for community service.

The food drive is asking for any of the following five items; canned tuna or meats, canned meals, canned soups, canned vegetables/fruits and canned beans.

All Team Hickam personnel are encouraged to participate in the event. Donations can be dropped off at any of the four child development centers on base. For further information about the food drive visit one of the Team Hickam child development centers or call Mrs. Miller at 449-9880.

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“He was so in depth with his answers,” said Tech. Sgt. Daniel Olson, 324th Intelligence Squadron. “He was personable on how he related to us and how he made things very clear.”

Sergeant Olson, had a question about whether the new physical fitness assessment was going to be incorporated into the Weighted Airmen Promotion System. But according to the chief there was no plan to use it as a promotion guideline.

“Leadership has talked about a possible change to the enlisted performance report that might include a new line about physical fitness standards,” said the chief. “But other than that, right now there is no talk of changing the WAPS.”

Change was a hot topic during his public affairs interview as the chief spoke about force

development and force shaping.

To clear up any confusion about force shaping the chief said it should not be looked at as a means to reduce the force, but to reshape it to meet the expeditionary needs of today’s Air Force.

He also said the reshaping will not increase the Air Expeditionary Forces rotation.

“The Unit Training Code and tasks are based against our authorization, not against our manning,” the chief said.

After the first round for Airmen to submit applications to exit active duty, under the force shaping plan, the Air Force fell short of the anticipated goal. This has an underlying theme for the chief.

“The good news to this is that people are not rushing to get out of our Air Force – it’s a great

time to serve our nation,” continued Chief Murray. “It’s a testament to the quality of life and the commitment to service.

“We don’t want to lose a single quality Airman from our force who wants to stay in,” he said.

Chief Murray has a track record for short stays on Hickam. “I think I may have the shortest time on the job as a command chief for PACAF,” he said.

Chief Murray was command chief for PACAF from August 2001 to July 2002, before being selected as CMSAF.

“It’s exciting to be back [visiting] the command,” he said. “Someone said to Sherry and I ‘welcome home’ and in a lot of ways it does feel like home. Of course home is where the Air Force sends us.”



WHEN WE SAY THANKS, WE MEAN EVERYONE.



New track ready for use in PT assessments

By Amn. Ryan Simpson
Staff Writer

Team Hickam unveiled the newly renovated track adjacent to the rear of the bowling alley Friday at a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The renovation was done to the track because the track holds water during heavy rainfall and there were uneven surfaces on the track.

The track had to be fixed, according to Senior Master Sgt. Jerry Lewis Jr., 15th Civil Engineer Squadron Heavy Construction, because people were reporting twisted ankles, sprained knees and other foot-related injuries.

The existing one-fourth of a mile track was constructed using cinder as a surface base. This is in order to provide a stable foundation for the track, said Sergeant Lewis. It required dragging the track once a week to keep the surface smooth.

"The project was estimated to take six weeks," said Sergeant Lewis. "The project did not come easy, it was a challenging process, but it was complete in three weeks."

In order to compose the base for the new



Photo by Jerry Banks

Team Hickam runners prepare to inaugurate the new track after the ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday.

track the horizontal repair section took old broken up concrete from numerous jobs on Hickam and fed it through a rock crusher. The base course was laid down and compacted for a solid surface; providing the stability and strength for the asphalt.

Once the entire base course was made, the 15th CES team began to remove existing cinder

from the track and dug down four inches. They found the existing subgrade was strong and did not require as much base course as initially planned.

The new surface brought the finish grade level with the existing curbing to ensure the track drains properly during any rain.

"The track now will provide a stable running base for runners of all types, whether they are sprinters or just wanting to run distance," said Sergeant Lewis. "It is also the only approved running surface for the new PT test."

Civil Engineers placed 80 tons of base course and laid down 923 tons of hot mix asphalt to complete the project.

The project cost \$31,000 for materials and took 321 man-hours to complete.

Team Hickam saved \$110,000 in labor and material costs by performing this in-house (versus contract).

"This track will give all Hickam personnel a great, safe place to run or walk for exercise," said Sergeant Lewis. "The track is also lighted so Team Hickam members can use it at night or



TEAM HICKAM

News Notes

Womens History Month luncheon is March 31 – Hickam's National Women's History Month Committee will celebrate "Women Inspiring Hope and Possibility" with a luncheon March 31 at the Hickam Officers' Club lanai from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend, but attendance is limited to 200. The cost is \$10 per ticket. To purchase tickets contact 2nd Lt. Cherissa Dechico at 449-0300. Entertainment will be provided by hula dancers. The keynote/guest speaker will be the renowned Emme Tomimbang.

Healthy cooking demo at HAWC March 26 – The Hickam Health and Wellness Center will conduct a cooking demo March 26 at 11 a.m.. The focus will be on controlling appetite by controlling glucose and insulin levels. Learn how to use the "Glycemic Index" and "Nutrient Dense Foods" as powerful tools in the

war on carbohydrate cravings and obesity. For more information call the Health and Wellness Center at 448-6180.

Hickam Little League Umpire Clinic – The Hickam Community Center is hosting an umpire clinic Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, call Eric Day at 422-1851 or Jonathan Richards at 422-8968.

Opening day for little league is April 3 – Opening day ceremony is currently scheduled for the 8:30 a.m. April 3 on the base football field next to the bowling center. Question can be directed to Eric Day at 422-1851.

Volunteers needed at the Family Support Center – The Family Support Center is soliciting volunteers to assist with exercises, family crisis, disasters, and wartime mission requirements. People interested in volunteering can call 449-0300. Volunteers are invited to attend an orientation March 26 from 9 to 10 a.m., 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. or 5 to 6 p.m.

Blood drive Thursday at the community center – Team Hickam is sponsoring a blood drive Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at the community center. Call Tech. Sgt. Will Karganilla at 448-0149 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

Dental clinic closed in the afternoon March 26 – The 15th Dental Flight is closed for training in the afternoon March 26. Patients requiring emergency dental care only should contact 15th Medical Group Ambulance Services at 448-6195 for assistance. In

the case of a medical emergency, call 911.

Chiefs group meeting is March 26 – The Chief Master Sergeants of Hawaii cordially invite all chiefs, chief-selects and retired chiefs to their monthly meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for March 26 at 3:30 p.m. at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. For more information, call Chief Master Sergeants Mike Stephenson at 477-3181 or Dale Mills at 449-0690.

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.

Housing office looking for new dorm manager – The Civil Engineer Squadron unaccompanied manager is looking for a staff sergeant or above to become a dorm manager. People interested need to submit a resume, five years of EPR's and three letters of recommendation to Liz Perry, Unaccompanied Manager, at building 1805 room 151. For questions, call Mrs. Perry at 448-5267 or cell phone 306-0762.

Spring term begins April 5 – Term III registration is in full swing until April 9. The first day of class is April 5.

Members should stop at the 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.

Customers may experience delays at 15 MDG – People may experience delays in wait times as the 15th Medical Group participates in the 15th Airlift Wing Operational Readiness Exercise from March 29 to April 2. To answer any questions call 448-6000 or for an injury with the risk of loss of life, limb or vision, call 911.

American Red Cross accepting applications for nursing program – The American Red Cross here offers many opportunities to enhance job skills. Currently they are accepting applications for a free Nursing Assistant Training Program. Applicants should be military dependents, more than 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent Contact the Red Cross office at 808-449-0166, or e-mail for more information at arc@hickam.af.mil.

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 to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 448-0712.

ITT is closed Monday – The Hickam Information, Tickets and Tours office is scheduled to be closed March 22 from 1 to 5 p.m. for staff training. ITT will reopen for business March 23. For more information, call 449-5101

Calling all walkers: Team Hickam volunteers needed for MS walk next month

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Editor

It's time once again for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society walk, scheduled for April 3 at Ala Moana Beach Park and McCoy Pavilion.

The walk, designed to raise awareness and funding in the fight to end the devastating effects of MS, is an excellent opportunity for Team Hickam units to come together for a worthwhile cause, according to Master Sgt. Sean McKinney, 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and MS Walk Oahu Volunteer chairperson.

"Traditionally, Hickam has supported this event with 60 volunteers and at least 40 walkers, with most members performing both duties," Sergeant McKinney said. "The event has served as a great team-building event for units who wish to come together for the walk.

Anyone on base can be a volunteer, he said.

"Active duty and civilians are all welcome to sign up," he said. "We are in great need of 60 volunteers to help with set-up and registration and 40 folks to do the walk itself. We encourage members to do both if possible."

The walk is especially important for Hawaii, he said.

"The Hawaii division of the NMSS receives no state or federal funding," Sergeant McKinney said. "All funding is received from local businesses and caring individuals.

"The funds raised at the walk are earmarked for Hawaiian special support programs and services," he said. Hickam's support of the walk is well known, according to



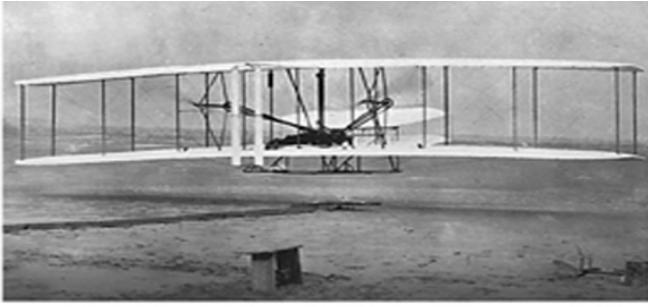
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Tech. Sgt. Terri Bullock, Team Hickam MS Walk captain, her son Warren and Master Sgt. Sean McKinney, MS Walk Oahu Volunteer chairperson prepare for the 2003 MS walk, attended by more than 60 Team Hickam members.

retired Gen. Mike Dugan, former U.S. Air Force chief of staff and current president and CEO of NMSS.

"The commitment, by the public in general but specifically the military community like the one here at Hickam, to the nationwide MS walk, is as heartwarming as it is necessary," Mr. Dugan said.

For more information or to sign up, contact Sergeant McKinney at 306-8034 or Tech. Sgt. Terri Bullock, Team Hickam MS walk captain, at 448-6910.



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Dog day afternoon

Tech. Sgt. Guy Dashnea, 15th Security Forces Squadron, restrains Berry as he attacks an 'aggressor' at the Hickam Security Awareness Day March 9. The dog handler demonstration was one of several presentations, including representatives from the Joint Terrorism Task Force, OSI, EOD and Honolulu Police Department that were enjoyed by more than 3,000 base members who attended the multiple-day event.

Photo by Mysti Cabasug

Need for speed

Hickam Cub Scouts put the 'pedal to the metal' during Pinewood Derby

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

Speed and style were the keys Saturday as 38 cub scouts raced the pine.

Scouts and family members from Pack 297 gathered to race in the annual Pinewood Derby at the Hickam Elementary School in what would showcase an unbeatable and many photo finishes.

Up against age, experience and many other fast designed cars, Tiger Cub Jackson Alicata walk away with the 1st Place trophy and an unbeaten record during more than five hours of races down the track.

Also hot on the track were Jacob Poe, Guille Cepeda and Jarret Taylor who each won in their division.

Alicata, Cepeda, Taylor and Mitchell Snyder will now compete downtown in the Kamehameha District finals at the Oahu Makahiki Scout Show April 10.



Tiger Cubs Jackson Alicata, Daniel Sweeney and Ethan Whitecotton watch as their cars speed through the finish line during division racing Saturday at the annual Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Saturday.

Competitive Racing Results

Tigers

- 1st – Jackson Alicata
- 2nd – Daniel Sweeney
- 3rd – Ethan Whitecotton

Wolves

- 1st – Jacob Poe
- 2nd – Andrew Robertiello
- 3rd – Joshua Knox

Bears

- 1st – Guille Cepeda
- 2nd – Mitchell Snyder
- 3rd – John Gallucci

Webelos

- 1st – Jarrett Taylor
- 2nd – Michael Sweeney
- 3rd – Tanner Cook

Pack Finals

- 1st – Jackson Alicata
- 2nd – Guille Cepeda
- 3rd – Jarrett Taylor
- 4th – Mitchell Snyder
- 5th – Jacob Poe

Family Fun Racing

- 1st (tie) – Savannah Gurley and Matthew Robertiello
- 3rd (tie) – Sabrina Pralle, Melissa Haynes and David Gurley

Most Scout Spirit

- Aaron Lewis
- Weirdest Car
- Bobby Ramirez
- Prettiest Car
- Jackson Alicata

Best Vehicle (not a car)

- Christopher Marry

Best Use of Imagination

- Darian Bell

Best Scout Paint Job

- Jason Ronsse

Most Patriotic

- Cole Jasper

Funniest Car

- Andrew Bolton

Judge's Favorite

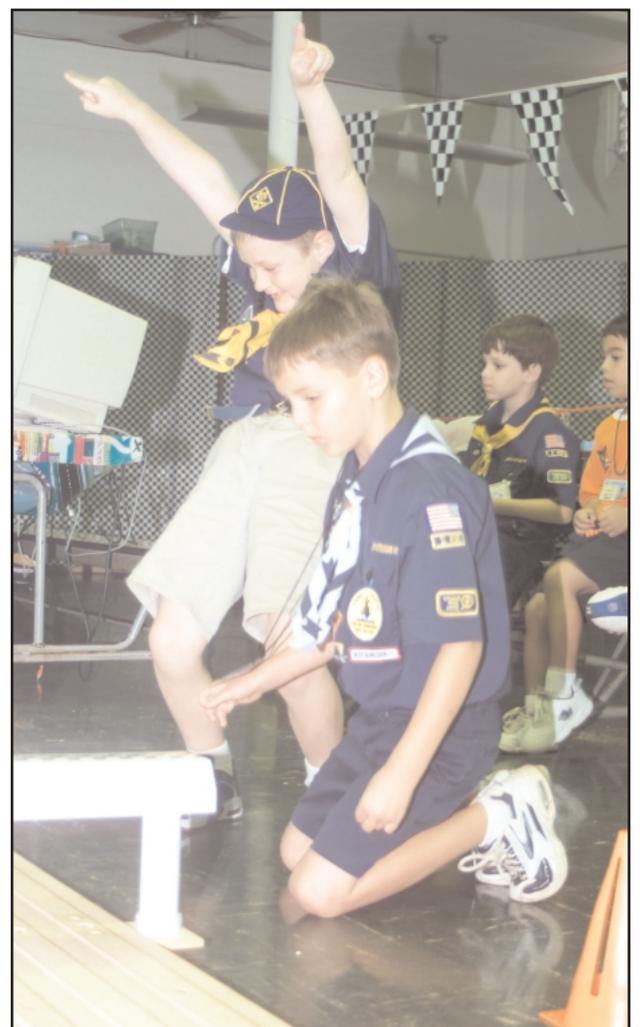
- Nick Meier



Jackson Alicata's undefeated pinewood derby car. Thirty eight scouts raced for the checkered flag but no one could beat Alicata's car.



(left to right) Jackson Alicata, Guille Cepeda, Jarret Taylor, Mitchell Snyder, and Jacob Poe were first to fifth place in the pack finals.



Jacob Poe celebrates his victory over Mitchell Snyder during pack finals.

SVS facilities offer club patrons perks Tuesday

By John Stanchfield
15th Services Squadron Marketing Director

The Hickam Officers' and Enlisted Clubs have declared Tuesday as 'Club Member's Day', a special date designed to add more benefits to club membership, according to Frank Faria, Business Operations Flight chief.

Tuesday, club members will receive a number of free and special discounts throughout 15th Services Squadron activities available only to Air Force club members.

The day begins with a free breakfast at both clubs from 6 to 8 a.m. "Reservations are required so call your club first," Mr. Faria said.

The day continues with more club dining specials and other special discounts at facilities such as the golf courses, skills development and more.

"This idea came about to add some excitement to club membership and showcase our excellent services activities," said Lt. Col. Denise Hollywood, 15th SVS commander.

The clubs are offering a \$3 lunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for primary members only, just for showing their club card and there will be a fun family dinner buffet from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Hickam Officers' Club.

The club member pays for one buffet and gets the second one at half price with children



under 10 eating free.

The Hickam Bowling Center will offer two games and get the third game free along with free shoe rental; get \$1 off the rental of a power cart at Mamala Bay Golf Course and \$1 off the rental of a pull cart at the Par 3 Golf; get a free one-hour kayak rental at the outdoor recreation center and there are several special discounts at the skills development center.

"This is in keeping with our 'Spring Squadron Challenge', Joint-Club Membership Drive," said Mr. Faria. "We want eligible non-club members from around the island to know how great it is to belong to Air Force Clubs. We have so much to offer and fantastic value in one of the most beautiful settings in the world."

The membership drive offers special benefits to new club members as well as a chance to win individual and squadron prizes. The drive runs through April 30.

More Hickam news briefs

Services squadron holds membership drive – The 15th Services Squadron is holding a joint club membership drive "Spring Squadron Challenge." Pick up a squadron challenge sign-up card at participating clubs. For every new member each squadron recruits, it 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.

Rules on dining facility usage – The use of the Hale Aina Dining Facility is restricted to enlisted members and those individuals authorized by the installation commander to meet mission requirements.

The following are authorized: enlisted members who are subsisted-in-kind; enlisted members who receive a BAS; enlisted members receiving the meal portion of per diem; commanders and/or designated representatives; officers receiving meal portion of per diem due to TDY; Department of Defense civilians receiving meal portion of per diem due to TDY; Army, Navy and/or Marines stationed in Hawaii; all TDY personnel when authorization is included in TDY orders and others at the discretion of 15th Airlift Wing commander.

The following are not authorized to utilize the Hale Aina Dining Facility: officers other than commanders or designated representatives; all civilians and/or DoD civilians not on orders; dependent family members of military personnel; retirees of all military branches.

Clippable



Refrigerator-worthy events happening on Hickam over the next seven days

Movies

Chapel

Protestant

Nelles Chapel
Sunday contemporary service - 8:30 a.m.
Gospel worship service - 11:15 a.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.

Jewish

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

Islamic

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

Orthodox

For more information, call 438-6687.



Today, Saturday and Sunday
"Babershop 2" - On the south side of Chicago, Calvin is again struggling to keep his father's shop and traditions alive. Urban developers are looking to replace "mom and pop" establishments with name-brand chains. The world changes, but some things never go out of style. From current events and politics to relationships and love, you can still say anything you want at the barber-shop.

Rated PG-13 (for language, sexual material and brief drug references).

CLOSED - Monday, Tuesday

Wednesday

"You got served"- Hip-hop dancers, David and Elgin, are the best dancing duo in town. But their reputations and friendship end up on the line when they face serious competition and are challenged in the biggest competition of the year.

PG-13 (for thematic elements and sexual references).

Hickam environment *clean-up program helps "slurp" away World War II contaminants*

By Nicole Clements
15th Civil Engineer Squadron

A Hickam environmental program is cleaning up World War II area sites.

Bioslurping systems are being used to clean up sites on Hickam where fuel was used to power internal combustion airplanes during and after World War II was released, seeped into the ground and accumulated on top of the groundwater.

"Around the time of World War II, there were no laws specifying proper disposal for this type of fuel," said Mark Petersen, remedial project manager at the Hickam

Environmental Restoration Program. "The Air Force cleans up old releases under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980."

"Bioslurping technology uses a vacuum-like pump to draw liquid fuel, groundwater, and fuel vapors through pumping wells and into a treatment unit," said Bob Rooks, project manager for Weston Solutions.

According to Mr. Rooks, fuel vapors are burned in the treatment unit, while fuel and groundwater pass through an oil-water separator to separate the lighter fuel from the heavier water.

"The water undergoes additional treatment to remove any remaining traces of fuel," he said. "The extracted fuel is stored in a tank for recycling, and the treated water flows back into the ground."

The original bioslurping system has been in operation since 1996, and has recovered more than 150,000 gallons of fuel, largely as vapors, said Mr. Rooks.

The bioslurper system is scheduled to be used at eight locations for close to 12 days beginning April 5, he said.

The wells will be located in a residential neighborhood between 16th and 17th streets, two in the youth ballfield area and five in the base

exchange and commissary parking lot.

"The Hickam Environmental Office greatly appreciates the support from the Hickam community as we continue our efforts to clean up the environment at Hickam and throughout Oahu," said Todd Lanning, Environmental Flight chief.

Restoration Advisory Board meetings are held quarterly to inform the public of cleanup activities, and everyone is invited to attend. People interested in attending a meeting or having any questions pertaining to this project, can call the environmental community involvement specialist at 449-1584 ext. 229.

American Red Cross celebrates a year of helping Hickam

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Editor

March is National Volunteer Month, and to celebrate their presence base-wide, the American Red Cross will host a Volunteer Recognition breakfast Tuesday.

The breakfast commemorating the work of more than 200 Hickam volunteers, will take place at the Officers' Club Polynesian Gazebo at 8 a.m..

Volunteers are unsung heroes of the base according to Vivienne Edwards, ARC station coordinator.

"At Hickam, the 204 volunteers donated more than 16,000 hours of their time in 2003," Ms. Edwards said. "They are everywhere, including the medical group, legal office, civil engineers, and the family support and health and wellness centers."

The breakfast is meant to be a tribute to all the volunteers, she said, but a few will receive special recognition, most noticeably pharmacist volunteer John Brandon.

"John is a retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel who has been volunteering at the pharmacy for more than 14 years," she said. "He volunteered more than 1,500

hours in 2003, even completing his pharmacy technician exam specifically so he could be of greater assistance to the clinic," she added.

The volunteers can also be seen base-wide during special events.

"Our volunteers have served at Noncombatant Evacuation Order exercise as well as the base carnival and the Ohana Newcomer's Orientation Brief, to name a few," she said.

"Our base volunteers contribute so much to the completion of Hickam's mission and this is a fitting way to pay tribute to their service."

Crossword puzzle

SECAF History (1947-85)

ACROSS

- 1. SECAF 9/18/47-4/24/50
- 8. SECAF 10/1/65-2/14/69
- 11. Dined
- 12. Alias abbreviation
- 13. SECAF 5/1/57-12/10/59
- 15. La _____ Nikita
- 17. Actor Stephen of Michael Collins
- 18. Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue singer Keith
- 19. Soft drink
- 20. A type of jet engine developed from a turbine
- 21. USAF org. at a deployed location
- 22. NIMA system managing national/strategic imagery
- 26. Army equivalent to USAF Tech. School
- 27. SECAF 5/15/73-11/23/75
- 28. Singer Joan
- 31. Horse feed
- 32. Pot
- 33. SECAF 11/23/75-1/2/76 (acting)
- 36. Query
- 37. Soft mineral

- 38. USAF officer eval.
- 39. Rap group Run
- 42. Military org. in Kosovo
- 44. SECAF 2/15/69-5/14/73
- 45. Erosion
- 46. CA AFB home to the 9th Recon Wing
- 47. SECAF 8/15/55-4/30/57
- 50. Actress/model Carol
- 52. Army battalions
- 53. SECAF 4/6/77-5/18/79
- 57. Asner and Harris
- 58. Snakelike fish
- 59. Time maker?
- 60. Giant great
- 61. SECAF 4/24/50-1/20/53

DOWN

- 1. SECAF 12/11/59-1/20/61
- 2. Angry with (two words)
- 3. Simpson trial judge
- 4. American architect
- 5. SECAF 2 / 4 / 5 3 - 8/13/55
- 6. Fine
- 7. Navy equivalent to AFB
- 9. SECAF 1/2/76-4/5/77
- 10. Formerly
- 14. Mongolian desert
- 15. Chicken and duck
- 16. Stoic emperor _____ Aurelius
- 19. Coterie
- 21. Doctor's org.

- 23. SECAF 5/18/79-2/9/81
- 24. Military identity
- 25. California wine valley
- 29. Extension
- 30. SECAF 1/23/61-9/30/65
- 31. SECAF 2/1/81-11/30/85
- 34. 007 once
- 35. USAF enlisted eval.
- 36. Apogee
- 37. Thrust
- 39. Issued (as in cards)

- 40. Bogart film, The _____ Falcon
- 41. Cleopatra's killer
- 43. Test answer?
- 44. Fall, winter, spring or summer
- 45. Belly
- 48. Disconnect
- 49. Number one?
- 51. Link
- 54. Asian holiday

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Crossword Puzzle Solutions

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Intramural Sports

*Standings and Schedule
as of March 16*

Basketball

Monday-Wednesday League

Rank	Team	Wins	Losses	Win %
1	15th CES	11	1	.909
2	PACAF CSS	9	3	.750
3	15th SFS	8	4	.667
4	15th SVS	8	4	.636
5	HQ PACAF	4	8	.364
6	324th IS-A	2	10	.182

Tuesday-Thursday League

Rank	Team	Wins	Losses	Win %
1	PACAF RSS	10	3	.818
2	735th AMS	9	4	.727
3	352nd IOS	8	5	.727
4	15th MDG	7	4	.556
5	502nd AOG	6	7	.545
6	HIANG	6	5	.444
7	15th CS	3	10	.118

Thursday

5:30 p.m – 352nd IOS vs. HIANG
6:30 p.m – 15th MDG vs. 15th CS

Editors Note: Teams not on schedule have a bye that night. Season ends March 25 with any make-up games.

Soccer

Rank	Team	Wins	Losses	Ties	GF	GA
1	HQ PACAF	9	1	1	33	5
2	15th CES	6	2	3	25	10
3	502nd AOG	5	2	4	20	10
4	324th IS	4	3	4	17	19
5	15th CS	3	6	2	12	18
6	352nd IOS	2	5	3	18	25
7	15th SFS	2	5	3	11	30

Monday

5 p.m – 502nd AOG vs. 352nd IOS
6 p.m – 15th CS vs. 15th CES
7 p.m – HQ PACAF vs. 735th AMS
8 p.m – 15th SFS vs. 324th IS

Thursday

5 p.m – 352nd IS vs. 502nd AOG
6 p.m – 735th AMS vs. HQ PACAF
7 p.m – 15th CS vs. 15th CES
8 p.m – 324th IS vs. 15th SFS

March 29

5 p.m – 352nd IOS vs. 15th SFS

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Hickam Flyers Gymnastics Level 4 Team Silver State Meet

Editors Note: This state meet was held in February 2004 and produced three All Around (AA) State Champions

Age 8

Taylor Brown – Bronze Bars
Sonia Benzor – 35.65
Teagan Connor – 34.65

Age 9

Tia Eberline – Gold AA State Champion 37.1, Gold Bars and Floor Champion Silver Beam

Age 10

Jordan Bright – Silver AA State Champion 36.25, Bronze Bars, Beam and Floor
Lana Sjoberg – Gold Bars Champion

Age 11

Holley Macpherson – Silver AA State Champion 36.60, Gold Beam Champion, Silver Floor and Bronze Vault
Olivia Jones – Gold Bars Champion



Photo by Angela Elbern

Bowling for the blue

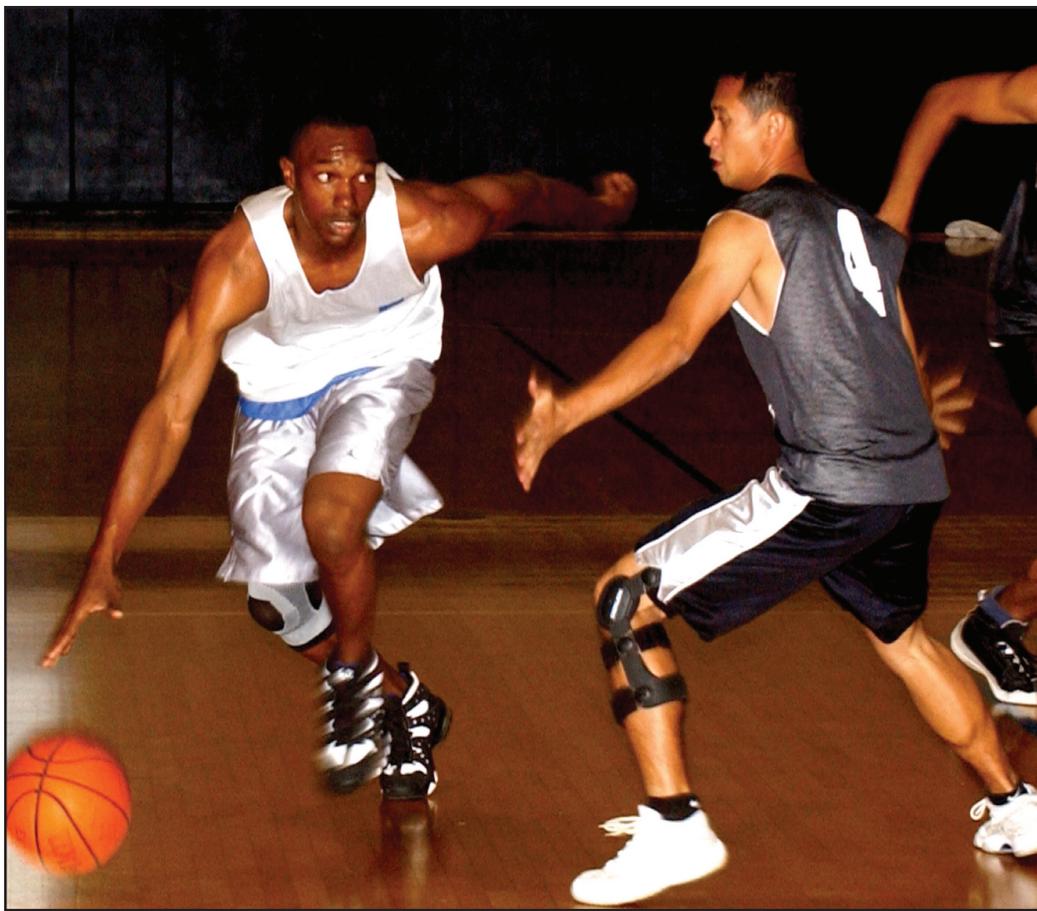
Hawaii Air Force bowling team member Brian Snyder, Pacific Air Forces, let's his bowling ball fly during the 7th Annual Hawaii All Military Bowling Tournament at the Hickam Bowling Center Tuesday. The six-man, four-woman team of active duty and dependents are defending their overall title against sister-service bowling teams on island.

As of Wednesday, the Air Force team led the 'all events' competition by more than 600 pins. For a complete recap of the tournament, see next week's Kukini.





Paul Kalama, Hawaii Air National Guard, gets one of his four blocks over a 15th Medical Group during second half action Tuesday night.



Trey Gathers, 15th Medical Group, sweeps past two Hawaii Air National Guard defenders as he drives to the hoop in first half action Tuesday night.

Back on (the fast) track

15th MDG welcomes a returning hero to speed past HIANG 57-44

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Editor

A rolling stone gathers no moss, but on Tuesday it was more true that a rolling 'Gathers' collected a lot of points, assists, rebounds and style points en route to a 57-44 victory.

It was a rolling Trey Gathers, 15th Medical Group, dominating every phase of the contest to push the 15th MDG past the Hawaii Air National Guard team.

In the first minute of the game, Gathers grabbed a rebound, pushed the ball up court and was fouled while draining a layup. He converted, putting MDG up by three.

After a defensive stop for MDG, Gathers hit the first of his four three pointers to put the medical team up 6-0.

HIANG's leading scorer, Richard Costa, stroked the first of his three pointers to cut the deficit in half, 6-3.

The medic's later brought in their first substitute, Nate Hanzky, their big man who was seeing his first action of the year, and for good reason, according to Marvin Cox, MDG coach.

Hanzky has just returned from a four-month deployment to Southwest Asia, Coach Cox said.

"While he was gone, we learned to play without him," he said. "Now that he is back from deployment, we are going to be a much stronger team heading into the playoffs."

The substitution paid immediate dividends as Gathers grabbed a rebound and fed a court-length pass to the fast-breaking Hanzky for an easy layup and a 12-5 lead.

HIANG scored three in a row to cut the score to 12-11 midway through the first half.

Med group's next four possessions were a Gathers' highlight reel. Meeting HIANG's Paul Kalama in mid-air while driving for a layup Gathers deftly switched the ball from his right hand to left for the bucket. Hustling back on defense, he grabbed the rebound, took three dribbles and caught the fast-moving Marcus Lindsey with a long assist.

On the next play he again gathered the defensive rebound, this time taking the ball the length of the court for a layup. The next defensive rebound belonged to Hanzky, who quickly passed to Gathers on the outlet, who drove to the top of the key before threading the ball between two defenders to Robert Davis for another layup.

In four minutes, MDG scored eight points to open up a 22-13 lead and finished the half up 30-17.

MDG was led by Gathers' 15 points with Lindsey adding six. HIANG was paced by Costa's seven points while Alex Batulayan added four.

Play resumed with a bang as Gathers drained another three pointer eight seconds into the second half, but HIANG had an answer in Rafael Delasierra who drained a three of his own a minute later.

After exchanging baskets, Gathers blocked a shot attempt by Paul Kalama. He gathered the ball for a long outlet pass to Sherod Brown, drawing the defense for a pass to Davis and an easy layup, putting MDG up 37-22.

MDG group had stretched their lead to 54-37 with four minutes left, and though HIANG scored a few more baskets, the game ended 57-44.

Gathers led all scorers with 23 points while Costa was the high scorer for HIANG with 16.

Photos by Angela Elbern