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Hootie and the Blowfish band members (left to right) Mark Bryan, Dean Felber, Darius Rucker and Jim "Soni" Sonefeld.

Hootie and the Blowfish Scheduled to play at Hickam Freedom Tower Mall May 21

Combining combat power with rock and roll, Air Force Reserve Command is bringing the multi-platinum-selling musical group Hootie and the Blowfish to Hickam Air Force Base for a free concert to all DoD personnel May 21 at 7 p.m.

Teaming up with Headquarters Pacific Air Forces at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, Air Force Reserve Command is co-sponsoring Operation Pacific Greetings, a rock and roll tour featuring the world-famous rockers as well as the New England Patriots Cheerleaders, the Band of Air Force Reserve and the PACAF Band-Asia performances.

"This is going to be a great show for the folks supporting Pacific Air Forces," said Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., vice commander of Air Force Reserve Command. "These band tours are a great morale booster for our Total Force team – giving them a taste of home – and the feelings and reminders of our national culture and creative way of life."

The tour will cover about 15,440 miles round trip. The performers, technicians, support troops and about 40,000 pounds of equipment will get a lift from an Air Force cargo aircraft and a KC-10

Extender refueling and cargo aircraft.

"Operation Pacific Greetings will put on a show that is on par with any high-dollar concert back home," said Col. Fred Ryder, director of PACAF Services at Hickam AFB.

"The Air Force Reserve tour group is bringing its state-of-the-art sound, stage and lighting equipment and will put on a show that our troops will never forget."

Hootie and the Blowfish is a world-famous band composed of artists Mark Bryan, Dean Felber, Darius Rucker and Jim "Soni" Sonefeld. The group's first album debuted in 1994 – called "Cracked Rear View" – and was one of the most successful rock debuts of all time. They received the Diamond Award for U.S. sales of 10 million albums, have been certified platinum 16 times, winning best New Artist and Best Pop Performance by a Group at the 1995 Grammy Awards. The group has released six albums including its most recent, "Best of Hootie and the Blowfish" in March 2004. The band's most popular songs include "Only wanna be with you," "Let her cry," "Hold my hand," "Be the one," "Old man and me" and "Time."

"Our outstanding troops make our mission a

success, and great shows like this remind our people that we care about them," said General Batbie.

"Though our people are about as far away from home as you can get, we think this show will give them an opportunity to come together as Americans and celebrate their contributions to the cause of freedom."

The 2003 world champion New England Patriots are sending four members of their cheerleading squad to accompany the tour.

The Band of the Air Force Reserve and the PACAF Band-Asia will perform as the opening act for the show, playing contemporary rock music and other well-known favorites. (Information courtesy of Pacific Air Forces and Air Force Reserve commands)

Limited Parking

For Hootie and the Blowfish concert parking will be limited. Team Hickam personnel are asked to walk or car pool to travel to the concert.

It's important for all to 'ACT' right as the 101 critical days approaches

Gen. Bill Begert
Pacific Air Forces commander

Another year, and we are still fighting a war against terrorism. People around the world realize the armed forces of the United States are bearing the brunt of this effort. I want to extend my personal thanks to each PACAF Airman, active duty, Guard, Reserve and our civilian counterparts, for a job extremely well done during these trying times.

We are also rapidly approaching a different threat to our PACAF personnel—the 101 critical days of summer. This time period between the Memorial Day and Labor Day holidays is historically the Air Force's highest risk period for deaths and serious injuries. In the past three years, the Air Force saw an increase of 60 percent in vehicle related mishaps during this period. Two of

the 35 Air Force members lost during this high-risk period last year were from PACAF. These numbers are the highest the Air Force has seen during this period since 1991. Summer activities help reduce stress, spend quality time with our families, and provide an excellent recuperation period. But, if we're not careful, activities meant to be fun

turn into mishaps or even worse-fatalities.

Sound personal risk management is good "mishap prevention." If you cannot remember the full operational risk management process, then try this three-step version—"ACT." On- or off-duty, if you just stop to think what the acronym "ACT" stands for, that pause may be long enough to let common

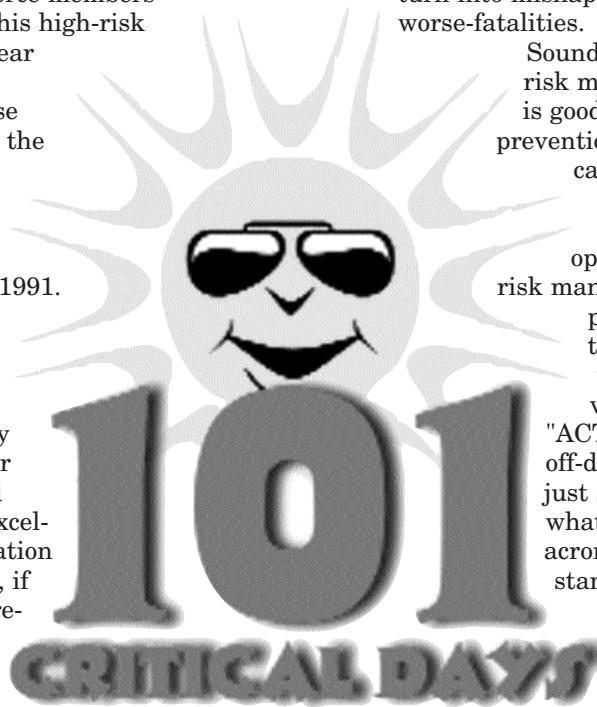
sense prevail, and prevent death or serious injuries. "ACT" stands for:

- A** - assess the situation
- C** - consider the risks/alternatives
- T** - take appropriate action

Each time an individual or piece of equipment is lost in a senseless mishap, that is one less asset the Air Force has to accomplish its mission. With the military going through a personnel draw down, every members' value to the team has increased. I need each of you to take a step back and ensure everything you are doing or going to do, is not only the best way, but the safest way.

Let's make sure we continue our current trend of zero fatalities. I need you to "ACT" this summer. The loss of any personnel due to poor judgment is unacceptable.

Let's be safe out there, and we will win the battle to keep our personnel safe and alive.



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 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.



Col. Ray Torres
15th Airlift Wing commander

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.

Parking spots

Comment: Can a Chief Master Sergeant's spouse or child park in a Chief's spot? If so, does that mean a handicapped person's spouse or child can park in a handicapped spot. If not, how about a little enforce-

ment, please!

Response: Reserved parking stalls are assigned by the Base Traffic Engineer in accordance with wing policy. As it stands now, Airlift Wing Instructions do not preclude family members from parking in sponsor's reserved parking stall.

Handicap parking stalls are to be used by persons in need of close proximity to their destination as well as additional space to maneu-

ver. Persons wishing to use handicap stalls must either register with the State of Hawaii and or with the 15th Medical Group. Persons registering with the State of Hawaii are given a placard for the automobile and a disabled identification card.

Persons registering with the 15 Medical Group must have their medical records updated with appropriate annotations. Once records are updated, the person will be issued a handicap sticker from the Pass and Registration section to be placed on their windshield. Persons who park in handicap stalls without appropriate authorization will be issued a United States Magistrate citation and will pay a monetary sum. This is also in step with the city and county guidance for handicap parking.

In order for a motor vehicle to use a handicap stall, the vehicle must be properly identified with the handicap placard and be used to transport person(s) who are handicapped. If they aren't handicapped then they cannot use the stall. Security forces mobile patrols routinely watch out for handicap stall abuse. If you witness abuse of handicap stalls you should alert the security forces by contacting the Security Forces Control Center at 449-6372/6373.

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Crisis Response Lines

Hickam Family Support Center
449-0300

Life Skills Support Center
449-0175

Law Enforcement Desk
449-6373

Base Chaplain
449-1754



Photo by Jerry Banks

Staff Sergeant Justin Brodrick, 15th Security Forces Squadron, leads Tosca over a high-jump obstacle at the Security Forces Kennel Obstacle Course.

Hickam hosts PACAF K-9 competition

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

Eight teams from all around the command will compete in the inaugural Pacific Air Forces Military Working Dog competition, set for Thursday through May 22.

The public is invited to view the obedience, obstacle and controlled

aggression competitions and see these teams in action at the Hickam Softball Complex at 8 and 11 a.m.

"Each installation within PACAF has selected a dog team, composed of a handler and a dog, which they determined to be the best representatives to compete in the PACAF MWD competition," said Tech. Sgt.

Robert Brown, PACAF Security Forces MWD program manager. "This competition, even though it is a stand-alone competition, will be used to determine what teams in PACAF will go to the Department of Defense Worldwide Canine Competition held at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas."

The teams will run through vari-

ous exercises in which all have been trained – explosive detection, drug detection, area search, building search, obedience and obstacle course, and controlled aggression. The teams will start with a set number of points in each competition and will have points deducted if a team does not fulfill an exercise or breaks the rules.

AAFES helps deployed troops call home

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is now authorized to sell prepaid calling cards to any individual, company or organization that wishes to purchase cards for troops who are deployed.

"AAFES is making it easier for our deployed troops to call home and it is a great program," said Jan Comstock, Human resource manager.

Up until now, those wishing to lend a helping hand had no other alternative, but to purchase prepaid cards that, in many cases, were not designed for affordable international calling in

deployed areas. Now, anyone (even those not in the military) can help troops in contingency operations call home from one of the many AAFES call centers in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

Service members can receive competitive calling rates from OIF and OEF, senders have an opportunity to purchase the Military Exchange 550 Unit Prepaid Calling Card. This card provides minutes that never expire.

The AAFES calling card helps service members stay in touch with friends and family in an

easy manner.

For more information, visit www.aafes.com and click the "Help our Troops Call Home" link. From there, any individual who wishes to pay for troops to call home can send a prepaid calling card to an individual at his or her deployed address or to "any service member" deployed or hospitalized.

AAFES will coordinate distribution of donated cards addressed to "any service member" via the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society or the Fisher House Foundation.

Space A travel equals time, flexibility

By 2nd Lt. Craig Savage
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Space A travel isn't for everybody says Denise Kessler, passenger service agent for Hickam's Air Mobility Command, just for those who have time and flexibility.

Hickam provides outstanding customer support to a number of aircraft missions each week. Service members, dependants and retired personnel have the opportunity to explore exotic regions in Southwest Asia, visit the orient, or even head back to the mainland at no charge.

The A stands for 'available' and that's what you hope to hear when your name is read by a passenger service attendant for the flight you desire. However, don't be set on a specific flight and departure time.

"Although we here in the passenger terminal make the passenger our priority when there's space available, passengers need to remember that the aircraft is flying an Air Force mission and missions have a tendency to change," Master Sgt. Kevin Crane, NCOIC of Passenger Service Operations states.

Travelers are split up into categories based on the reason for travel and military status. After the potential passenger has acquired all the necessary documentation to travel it's time to proceed to the passenger terminal to sign up. This step is essential to hold your place in line.

Note the show time for your desired flight and

check back in with the passenger counter to be marked present. Make sure you listen for the roll call announcement and proceed to the roll call desk.

Hickam's passenger terminal recently installed the Flight Information Display System that provides potential travelers with a briefing on rules, regulations, and what they can expect from U.S. Customs and Agriculture when traversing the Pacific Ocean internationally or domestically.

After the briefing, a passenger service attendant will start at the top of the present list asking individual passengers if they or their group desire a seat on the flight. If you were selected for the flight you'll be asked to proceed to baggage check-in.

AMC allows each passenger two pieces of luggage totaling 140 pounds. No single bag may weigh more than 70 pounds.

Families may pool their bags together and car seats may be checked and not counted toward a passenger's two pieces.

If you are having thoughts of bringing along the family pet, you may want to reconsider as AMC does not allow pets to travel unless the passenger is traveling under permanent change of station orders.

It's usually 2-3 hours from roll call to departure time so take the time to rest, hydrate or eat. Meals are offered on the flights for a small fee of \$3.50 and can be purchased at baggage check-in.

Next, listen for your departure call and board your aircraft.

As financially friendly as Space A travel is, warnings are still issued.

"Passengers need to know that Space A travel can sometimes end up costing them more time and money than a commercial flight," says Kessler.

With the unpredictability of flying missions, flights could cancel or change and service members could be stuck in a remote location when their leave expires.

With supervisors expecting them to return to duty, the service member may be forced to purchase an expensive last-minute commercial flight back to Hawaii.

As Hickam transitions into a Pacific Mobility hub with the arrival of the C-17 Globemaster III, the number of missions in and out of Hickam will increase creating more opportunity for Space A travel.

Sergeant Crane explains that for those who have time and flexibility it's an essential morale tool for those in the military.

"We have an outstanding passenger service staff to support our troops, their families and our retired community," says Sergeant Crane.

"We'll do our best to make your travel as pleasant as possible."

For more information on Space A travel, visit the Web site at www.hickam.af.mil or call AMC's passenger service terminal at 449-1515.

New university on the Team Hickam block

April 27, 2004 was a commemorative day for the Hickam Base Training and Education Services as it welcomed Chaminade University back onto Hickam.

Col. William Kunzweiler, 15th Airlift Wing vice commander and Morris "Skip" Lee, the Director of Accelerated Undergraduate Program at Chaminade University signed the Memorandum of Understanding, renewing an educational partnership between the Air Force and the university.

Hickam is known for offering several degree programs for its military population but until recently did not have an education degree program for those interested in teaching careers. With the establishment of a Troops to Teachers office in Honolulu, it was a perfect time to add a teaching program on Hickam.

The Troops to Teachers program is a Department of Defense program established in 1994 that helps recruit military personnel to become quality teachers for public schools serving low-income families throughout America.

Chaminade University was selected to offer the

Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education. With a B.S. in Secondary Education, students can choose content areas in Math, Social Science (online), and English (online). General Science will soon be available as another content area.

Since 1967, Chaminade University has been offering quality education to meet the needs of military members and their families. The university has an established education program that graduates between 50 to 60 future teachers a year, producing the second largest number of certified teachers in the state of Hawaii. The Hawaii Teachers Standards Board has approved all education degrees. The university is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

For more information about Troops to Teachers, please call 1-800-231-6242 or e-mail: ttt@voled.doded.mil. For more information about Chaminade University, please call 422-1647 or visit the school's website at www.chaminade.edu. (information courtesy of the Hickam Education office)



Photo by Jerry Banks

Morris Lee, Chaminade University's Director of Accelerated Undergraduate Program, joins 15AW Vice Commander Col. Bill Kunzweiler to sign the "Troops to Teachers" proclamation Tuesday, April 27, at Hangar 2.



TEAM HICKAM

News Notes

Wing Commander's Call – Col. Ray Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander, will conduct a commander's call Tuesday in Memorial Theater. The times are 9 to 10 a.m. for officers, 1 to 2 p.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. for enlisted personnel.

Hickam Officer's Spouses' Club – The Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club will hold its annual scholarship luncheon during the Tuesday

function on the O'Club lanai. The social begins at 10:30 a.m. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. Cost is \$9.95 and permanent reservations apply. Reservations are required and must be made by noon today. Call Malia Thompson (A-M) at 421-1179 or Sue Lackey (N-Z) at 422-7283 to make a reservation.

American Youth Soccer – American Youth Soccer Organization Region 188 will hold registration for the Fall 2004 Season at the Hickam BXTRA from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday. Registration cost is \$55 if first time registration with AYSO Region 188, bring proof of date of birth. For any questions, or information on how to pre-register a player or volunteer, please visit Web-site: www.aysoregion188.org or call registrar at 834-5979.

OU master programs – The University of Oklahoma offers a Master of Arts in Managerial Economics and a Master of Public Administration. Their non-thesis programs can be completed in about 18 months. The one-week classes

are very TDY/TAD friendly. Contact OU at 449-6364 or aphickam@ou.edu for more information or visit their Web-site at www.goou.ou.edu.

Children under 14 need consent from both parents for passport –

The law requires that both parents provide consent for a child under 14 to obtain a U.S. passport. Military members who are deploying and have a child, who may need to obtain a passport while they are away, must write out a statement of consent in advance. For official information on passport requirements, downloadable application forms, where to conveniently apply, a list of all Regional Passport Agencies, and other passport and travel information, customers can visit Passport's Web-site at travel.state.gov. Customers can also contact the National Passport Information Center at 1-877-487-2778 or by email at NPIC@state.gov.

WBU educational programs – Wayland Baptist University Hickam Campus offers Associates, Bachelor and Master Degree pro-

grams. There is an abundance of opportunity with WBU. Summer Term will run July 6 until Sept. 15. Registration for this term begins June 1. For more information, call 422-6777 or visit Web-site www.wbu.edu/hi.

Combined Military Band Concert

– A combined military band concert is scheduled for Saturday at the Hawaii Theater from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This year's concert is coordinated by the 25th Infantry Division Band. A pre-concert reception for DVs will begin at 5:30 p.m. on the second floor (special function room) of the Hawaii Theater. Event is free and open to the public on first come, first served basis.

Catholic religious education coordinator position opens June 1

– The Hickam Chapel's will have a Catholic religious education coordinator position opening June 1. Anyone interested should go to the Chapel Center for a Statement of Work by today. For more information, call Kathy Cronin at 449-1754.

Around the Air Force

Let the sparks fly

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq -- Staff Sgt. Clinton Miller cleans a weld with a grinder while repairing the front end of a forklift. He is a vehicle maintenance specialist at Balad AB, Iraq and is deployed from Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Keith Brown



U.S. AIR FORCE

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88 Airmen face involuntary retraining – RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – Many Airmen have volunteered to change career fields or separate under the initial phase of the Air Force's fiscal 2004 noncommissioned officer retraining program. As part of the program's Phase II, Air Force officials have notified 88 Airmen selected as most vulnerable to retrain and asked them to submit their choices of shortage career fields they would most like to retrain into.

If they do not voluntarily apply for retraining by May 24, those without approved retraining or special-duty assignments will have another Air Force specialty chosen for them by Air Force Personnel Center officials here. Their retraining class date will be scheduled by June 7, said Chief Master Sgt. Alvin Diaz, chief of the center's skills management branch.

Under Phase II, not everyone is guaranteed his or her first choice, officials said. Major commands continue to accept volunteer applications and personnel officials encourage all eligible NCOs to also consider special-duty assignments that need to be filled. Some of these include recruiting jobs, military training instructors, first sergeant duty or professional military education instructor, officials said. However, the member must have approval before the May 24 deadline.

The retraining program is designed to help balance the enlisted force by moving NCOs in specialties with surpluses to those with shortages, Chief Diaz said.

Vulnerability listings by grade and Air Force spe-

cialty are posted on the Web and will be updated weekly on the Air Force Personnel Center's restricted site at <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enl-skills/Retraining/retraining.htm>.

Local military personnel flights have more details about the program. (Courtesy of AFPC news Service)

New system simplifies vehicle management – A new program in production aims to revolutionize the way the Air Force's fleet of vehicles is managed.

The Logistics Integrated Asset Management System replaces five systems with one consolidated Web-based application, said Senior Master Sgt. Rex Curry, Air Force Vehicle Policy team member.

Many factors contribute to the complexity of managing about 87,000 vehicles the Air Force owns and 17,000 more the service leases. Airmen in the vehicle management career field are responsible for every type of vehicle from fire trucks to sedans.

Airmen make sure every vehicle in the fleet is properly maintained and new acquisitions are forecasted and worked into the budget. They also keep track of which vehicles are available for deployment when necessary. Vehicle managers administer the U-Drive program, similar to a rental-car service, and the vehicle driver's license program, the certification to drive Air Force vehicles.

Officials said they are counting on the new system to prevent delays for future deployments.

Customers will also see some advantages with the system, including the ability to schedule preventative maintenance at the most convenient time depending on the vehicle control officers' workloads.

"This integrated system will ... give us better visibility so we can make wise choices with an already limited budget," Sergeant Curry said.

And, it is an important step toward an overarching solution for all logistics commodities, he said. It is also being watched closely for application in other areas. (By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter, Air Force Print News)

2003 B-1B records become official – EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AFPN) – Records set by a B-1B Lancer here during the 2003 Open House and Air Show were officially certified April 30 by the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale in Switzerland.

In two flights Oct. 25 and 26, the B-1B set 45 world records and broke five previously set records in the National Aeronautic Association C-1Q and C-1R, Group III weight class.

The 330,000-pound bomber falls into subclass C-

1 for landplanes and Group III for its turbojet engines, said Maj. Wim Libby, 419th Flight Test Squadron assistant director of operations.

After the flights, the NAA observers had to complete a detailed report for each record, he said. Once observers completed the report, the records needed to be approved as "national records" by NAA officials. Then all the paperwork had to be sent to the FAI.

With the start and finish of most record-breaking flights flown above air show activity, the bomber followed three closed-circuit courses and two speed dashes.

This event will possibly serve as icing on the cake for the great things the B-1B is doing in support of the war on terrorism and help solidify it as the weapon system of choice for the future," he said. (By Senior Airman Matthew Dillier, 95th Air Base Wing Public Affairs)

Command post controllers key to information flow – BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq (AFPN) – There is an organization that many people think is the place to go for information. In part they are; however, the unit is a lot more than that.

Airmen in the command post do much more than just pass along information, especially in a combat zone. The 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing's command post here is one example.

The command post has several functions including tracking and reporting on flights in and out of here.

The command post controllers then pass this information on to people at the air terminal operations center and the aircraft maintainers on the parking ramp. This helps everyone prepare for the aircraft, Captain Higuera said.

If the aircrews require flight changes, the controllers will coordinate with the Tanker Airlift Control Center at Scott AFB, Ill., or the air mobility division in the Combined Air Operations Center at a forward-deployed location in Southwest Asia.

Command post controllers are also responsible for compiling the daily situation report as well as operational reports if serious conditions arise, such as a death or aircraft accident. These reports keep senior leaders at all levels informed of events here, officials said.

In a deployed environment, the controllers' roles take on a different meaning.

Airmen in the command post said they know they will take their experiences and put them to great use. (By Master Sgt. Jon Hanson, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs)

25th ASOS troop named PACAF's top TACC



Photo by Jerry Banks

Senior Airman Chris Frobuccino readies his firearm while establishing communications with higher headquarters, giving them coordinates for a Med-Evac helicopter so the wounded can be taken out of the area.

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Editor

In the Pacific Air Forces annual awards kitchen, there was no tried and true recipe for cooking up the perfect Tactical Air Command and Control specialist, but as 25th Air Support Operations Squadron Senior Airman Christopher Frobuccino found out, some ingredients are certain to be highly favored.

Skillfully instructing 320 key Army leaders during a two-week Operation Iraqi Freedom Fire Support seminar.

Conducting day and night helicopter training geared toward OIF deployments that incorporated enemy small arms raid on an airfield and resulted in simulated combat personnel and aircrew being extracted without incident.

Leading a battalion during Exercise Lightening

Thrust Warrior, supervising four personnel and squadron tactical equipment valued over \$900k, controlling aircraft during operations on two islands.

Being awarded the 'Hero of the Battle' during Exercise Sentry Strike, integrating live artillery with F-16 fighters, helping eliminate enemy counterattack during the Army's 25 Infantry Division's largest live fire exercise.

These are but a few of the myriad been-there, done-that, T-shirt-in-drawer accomplishments that set Airman Frobuccino apart, according to Lt. Col. Kevin Cole, 25th ASOS commander.

"Frobo is very dedicated and the consummate team player," Colonel Cole said. "I consider it a great honor to have a troop like him in my squadron."

"He works daily with communications equipment more sophisticated than most people can imagine, and he keeps himself in commando-strength shape."

The year was filled with personal accolades and recognition for Airman Frobuccino, Colonel Cole said. 15th Operations group Airman of the second quarter, one of only four Airman selected to attend the PACAF Chiefs conference, and selection to senior airman below the zone are just a few of the out-front accomplishments achieved by Airman Frobuccino in 2003.

According to Airman Frobuccino, the successful year was just an extension of what the 25th ASOS does best.

"We train in a joint environment," he said. "Our primary mission is to support the Army's 25th Infantry Division (Light) with close air support for their operations.

"But we work with everybody, including



Airman Frobuccino sits in a M-1038 heavy weight High Mobility Multi-Wheel Vehicle and turns on the SINCGARS radio. The SINCGARS radio is a secure, frequency hopping, anti-jam radio used to communicate with Army echelons from division through company level.

Navy Seals," he said with a broad smile.

His favorite part of the job is "actually doing it," Airman Frobuccino said "By controlling air strikes, talking to the aircraft and seeing the bombs drop; it helps make us good at what we do, because the end result of those drops is selfcritiquing."

Airman Frobuccino will experience firsthand how well he and his unit mates have trained later this year.

"In July, a team of us will be deploying to Iraq for six months to replace the 25th ASOS team that is already there."



Airman Frobuccino stands ready with his assault and communications gear.

Military appreciation events

Editors Note: This year marks the 19th annual observance of Hawaii Military Appreciation Month.

More than double the number of Hawaii-based troops have deployed to the Middle East than served in Vietnam, and Hawaii businesses are doing what they can to support them according to the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

May activities:

Saturday — The Polynesian Cultural Center will host its annual Military Days program. Discounted tickets are available through military MWR, ITT and ITR offices.

Saturday — AT&T sponsors the annual Combined Military Band Concert at the Hawai'i Theatre from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Call 545-4300, extension 391, for details.

Saturday — Living History Day will be sponsored by First Hawaiian Bank and hosted by the Hawaii Army Museum Society at Fort DeRussy from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Includes a new exhibit honoring Hawaii's Gen. Eric Shinseki, former U.S. Army Chief of Staff.

Wednesday — First Hawaiian Bank and Alexander & Baldwin Inc. will sponsor the annual Military Recognition Luncheon at the Sheraton Waikiki from noon to 1:15 p.m. The cost is \$38.50 per person, or \$375 for a table of 10. Call 545-4300, extension 391, or register online at www.cochawaii.org.

May 22 — Marine Aircraft Group 24 will hold the 8th annual MAG-24 Spirit Marathon at Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe, starting at 7 a.m. The event includes a 500-meter swim, a bike ride and a 3.5-mile run. Open to military personnel and the public. Call MCCA Athletics at 254-7590 or 254-7591 for details or to register.

May 22 — Borders stores will salute the military with special discounts on most regularly priced items, to include 15 percent off DVDs and 10 percent off electronics and video games.

May 29 — Governor Lingle will host "Support Operation Ohana" at Sills Field on Schofield Barracks from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This will be a good old fashioned ohana (family) picnic filled with games, entertainment, hot dogs and hamburgers, shaved ice, and lots of fun. Governor Lingle will be on hand to talk story, take photos, and share her admiration and deep appreciation for the military. Business and community members will join the Governor's staff in paying special tribute to the spouses of all deployed troops.

May 31 — Memorial Day Ceremony at the Memorial Plaza of the Hawaii State Veteran's Cemetery in Kaneohe starting at 1 p.m. The public is invited to join Governor Lingle and Hawaii's military and veterans in honoring our lost veterans. Cynthia Stine, Commander of the American Legion, will speak on the tradition of the Blue Star banner.

May 31 — Military Appreciation Day at the 50th State Fair from noon to midnight. Free admission for all active and retired military and their families. Valid military ID required. Available will be the \$15 ride wristbands which will be good for unlimited rides for six hours from noon to 6 p.m., or from 6 p.m. to midnight. Lots of food, games, rides and entertainment.

Also during the month of May:

Battleship Missouri Memorial on Ford Island will offer a 50 percent discount on admission and all tours for the active military members with valid ID cards throughout the month. This is their expression of appreciation for the service and sacrifice of all the military and their families.

Atlantis Adventures is offering special discounts throughout the month of May for Atlantis Submarines (Waikiki, Maui, and Kona sites), Atlantis Cruises for the Sunset Buffet Dinner Cruise and Royal Sunset Dinner Cruise, and Sea Life Park. Tickets must be purchased through on-base military ITT/ITR offices.

JN Chevrolet is corporate sponsor for this year's Hawaii Military Appreciation Month Special Discount Book that is filled with special offering from participating Hawaii businesses. The books will be distributed to all military bases at the exchanges and commissaries.

The Hawaiian Humane Society offers free pet microchipping throughout the month of May to all military personnel with valid ID cards.

The Honolulu Academy of Arts offers a special rate of \$10 (discounted from \$15) for active and retired military ID card holders for the

landmark exhibition of paintings by European and Japanese Modernists in its "Japan and Paris: Impression, Postimpression, and the Modern Era" show from May 11 through 16. Advance ticket reservations are recommended for this once-in-a-lifetime exhibition and may be made by calling the Japan and Paris hotline at 532-8719. See masterpieces by Claude Monet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot, Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse and Paul Cezanne. As another special offer during Hawaii Military Appreciation Month, military members are given free admission to visit the Academy's regular exhibits Saturday and May 15.

Updates to the list of events may be viewed at www.cochawaii.org.

More military appreciation month benefits at the Pearl Ridge Shopping Center

Pearlridge stores offer deals

Editor's Note: All offers are for May 1 to 31 and require the member to show a military I.D. card.

Beyond the Beach has 20 percent off all regular-priced merchandise. Excludes Rayban, Reno, Killer Loop, Arnett, Maui Jim and Dragon Sunglasses. Not valid with any other offer.

Candleman is offering 20 percent off regular priced merchandise

Cathay Kai has 20 percent off after tax. Additional on sale merchandise up to 70 percent off.

Cinnabon offers 15 percent off entire menu and \$1 any size soft drink, coffee or iced tea.

FootAction USA is offering 10 percent off all items, including sale items and Jordan products.

Frederick's of Hollywood has 20 percent off any purchase of \$50 or more. Not valid with any other discount promo or coupon, certain restrictions apply.

Gymboree Play and Music has 10 percent off play, music or art classes

Hanai Bear 15 percent off total purchase

HIC 20 percent off all regular priced items, excludes all sunglasses, body boards and surfboards. Other restrictions may apply.

Hobby Company 20 percent off all static model kits (see store for details)

Holotta Ice Cream 10 percent off all items, not valid with any other offers, must show Military ID.

Island Legacy is paying the sales tax for active-duty military personnel and their families.

Jewel Box is offering an additional 10 percent discount (from already 80 percent off sale priced items)

KB Toys, Downtown has 10 percent off for all purchases.

Merle Norman Cosmetic Studios 20 percent off one skin care product with Military ID.

Michael's Fine Jewelry is paying the sales tax for active-duty military personnel and their families.

Napa Auto Parts is offering a 5 percent discount on all parts in stock, not good on special orders or sale items.

Orange Julius is offering 10 percent off any regularly priced item. Does not apply to already discounted combo meals. Can not be combined with any other discounted coupons or specials.

Radio Shack has 10 percent off regular and sale priced merchandise, excluding computers and services to all active-duty military personnel and their dependents, see store for details.

Razor Concepts military members will receive a \$10 Gift Card with purchase of \$50 or more.

Regis Hairstylists is offering 10 percent off Monday to Thursday on haircut, color, perms, relaxers, stylists and designers. They are also offering 20 percent off on retail products, does not include holidays.

Royal Hawaiian Heritage Jewelry 10 percent off showcase items

Sanrio Surprises will double stamp on regular price purchase on Saturday and Sunday for the month of May 2004 with Military ID.

Sizzler has a 10percent discount off any regularly priced item. Does not apply to already discounted combo meals or other discounted coupons.

Sunglass Hut & Watch Station will give an additional 10 percent off sunglasses, watches, and accessories. Offer excludes all Maui Jim and Oakley products.

Thinker Toys has 10 percent off regular and sale priced items. Not valid with any coupon or special offers. Certain restrictions may apply. Must show Military ID.

Verbano Pastaria will take off 10 percent off entire bill, not valid with any other offers, no separate checks

Virtual Comm Wireless is offering 20 percent off non-sale items excludes cellular phones.

Watch Center of Hawaii is giving an additional 10 percent off from already 30 percent discount watches and sale priced items. They will also give 20 percent off battery changing service.

Leadership takes new heights

Cadets accept a new challenge

Cadet Brenda Knowlton
DET175 University of Hawaii at Manoa

Few people have braved a ropes course in their life, either through a school event, or a teambuilding activity for a club. The course is a physical, emotional, and mental challenges that takes a group of people and gets them to work together in order to overcome obstacles, while learning teamwork, leadership, and building confidence.

Put together a team of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Course college cadets from Hawaii, and the outcome is the same, perhaps even better.

The morning started at 5:30 a.m. with a short trip to Hickam and there the cadets hopped on a C-130 ride with the Hawaii Air National Guard 154th Air Tactical Squadron, who were on their way to deliver supplies to Barking Sands Naval Reserve on the island of Kauai.

There, the cadets were to survive a new extreme ropes course. The ropes course the cadets experienced is owned and operated by an organization established to "provide unique programs that enhance the positive development of youth, businesses, and community."

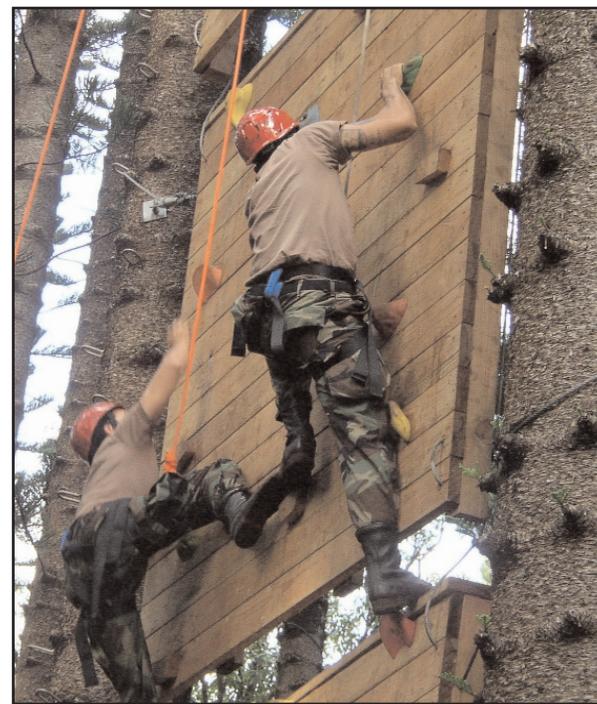
Since its opening in September 2003, the organization has held retreats and week-long camps for groups ranging from students with disabilities to large corporate executives from all over the world. The main goal for owner Juli Lester was to "challenge everyone to gain personal pride and team building skills."

The morning activities focused on problem solving

skills, communication, and working together. There was a "spider web" that cadets had to go through without touching the "web," wooden swings that had to be used to cross a "river of flaming hot lava" (just pretend), a swinging rope used to get on a three-foot square wooden plank across a rushing river. The best one was getting all 18 cadets onto a giant seesaw without having the ends touch the ground. Most of the cadets agreed the greatest part of the whole morning was watching our fearless cadre tackle the same obstacles we did. It allowed us to see members of the Air Force have to overcome difficult situations, regardless of rank.

After lunch there were four obstacles that required personal courage, team motivation, and an open mind. There was a 55-foot swinging rock-climbing wall, a 40-foot high rope bridge, a 32-foot high wire line that needed to be crossed by holding on to various ropes hanging above the climber (like grapevines), and climbing up a tree 52 feet in the air to take a 100-yard zip line across a stream. Each cadet took their own "challenge by choice," whether it was to honk the horn at the top of the wall, or to walk backward across the rope bridge. Cadet Kaina Latham wrapped up the day saying, "I learned to trust myself and push my personal limits on the high level obstacles."

It was a memorable event for all, especially for those like Cadet Mariko Meana who was able to catch a view from the cockpit coming home, "it was awesome to see such an open view of the island, it's not something you get to do everyday." As the cadets adventure ended, they got off the C-130 with a sense of unity, pride and confidence ... all characteristics



Courtesy Photo
Cadets Shawn Jenkins (left) and Robert Yokoi scale the vertical wall on an obstacle course on the island of Kauai.

useful when later becoming lieutenants in the United States Air Force.

Crossword puzzle

Police officers remembered

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. USAF Sq. providing law enforcement (pt. 1)
7. 1 ACROSS (pt. 2)
12. Quid pro ____
13. Baseball stat
15. Architect of the glass pyramid at the Louvre
16. '70s spoon-bender Geller
17. Obese
18. Apse
19. Internet provider
20. Meaning three
22. Baseball great Ripken
24. Words stated at entrance to military service
26. Frilly fabric
27. Surrendering of a territory
30. Observe
31. Description of 43 ACROSS (pt 1--two words)
33. Org. concerned with flight traffic
35. Sib
36. Belize city
39. Clear; as in money
40. Abandoned
43. Subject of this week's observance
47. Unblemished
49. Airport abbrev.
50. One who betrays



51. Mascot for 1, 43 ACROSS
54. Attack
56. Safety org.

57. Ump
58. Catch
59. Abbrev. for state home to

- 122nd FW
60. Behold
61. Made a living
62. Someone who had a farm?

DOWN

1. Type of car driven by 43
- ACROSS
2. European cash
 3. Spring
 4. Update
 5. A Gershwin
 6. Body art
 8. Decides
 9. Actor Stephen
 10. Approximately
 11. Black
 14. Decoy
 21. Bluster
 23. Suspect
 25. Successor
 26. Tosses
 27. Bistro
 28. And others (two words)
 29. Large shrimp
 32. Ending of 31 ACROSS
 34. Pleaded for reconsideration
 37. Sleep
 38. Spice
 41. Tramps
 42. Flower
 43. What 43 ACROSS attempt to maintain
 44. USAF commissioning source
 45. Type of weapon on the ABL
 46. What 43 ACROSS investigate
 48. As in a direction; away
 52. Major or Minor
 53. Investigate; ____ out
 55. Actress Penelope ____ Miller
 56. Unit of resistance
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Movies

Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.

"The Ladykillers" – Goldthwait organizes a gang of double-crossing thieves to rob a river-boat casino. They set up shop by renting a room in the house of unsuspecting, church-going little old lady named Mrs.

Munson. When she figures out what they're up to, the robbers decide she must be eliminated. The bigger problem: they have all seriously underestimated their upstairs host.

Starring Tom Hanks and Marlon Wayans. Rated R (for language including sexual references).

Sunday at 7 p.m.

"Jersey Girl" – Ollie is a powerful entertainment executive whose wife dies

in childbirth. Ollie tasked with raising a child by himself gives up his fast-paced Manhattan lifestyle and moves back in with his father in Jersey, where he finds a new romantic interest and learns some lessons about what's important in life.

Starring Ben Affleck and Liv Tyler. Rated PG-13 (for language and sexual content including frank dialogue).

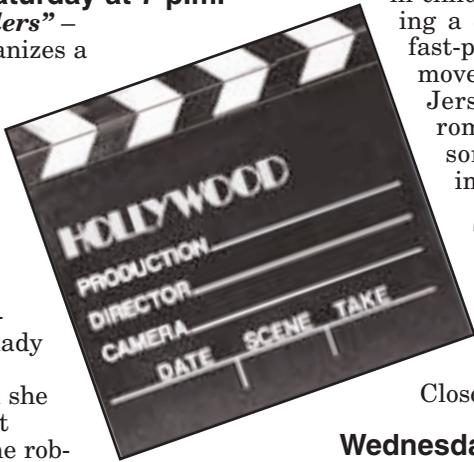
Monday and Tuesday

Closed

Wednesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

"The Prince and Me" – Paige is on the fast track toward her lifelong goal of becoming a doctor. Edward, the Crown Prince of Denmark, trying to escape from his royal life, poses as a college student. Now, Edward is in line to become King. Paige has to choose between two dreams...becoming a princess or a doctor.

Starring Julia Stiles and Luke Mably. Rated PG (for some sex-related material and language).



Crossword puzzle:

Answers to May 14 Police officers remembered

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Hickam intramural softball league standings

Men's Monday - Wednesday		Men's Tuesday - Thursday		Women's	
1. PACAF	13- 1	HIANG-A	13-0	HIANG	6-1
2. 324th IS	10-3	735th AMS-A	9-2	15th CES/MSS	4-2
3. Chief GP	7-3	692nd IOG	9-5	PACAF	2-2
4. 352nd IOS	8-4	502nd AOG	9-6	15th SVS/CSS	2-2
5. 15th SVS	5-7	HIANG-B	7-7	735th AMS	2-4
6. 735th AMS-B	3-7	15th SFS	8-6	352nd/692nd IOG	1-3
7. 15th CS	2-8	PACAF-CSS	6-7	15th MDG	1-4
Next week's 'Game of the Week'		15th CES	6-8	Standings current as of: May 12th	
735th AMS vs Chief GP, Monday, 6 p.m., Field 4		PACAF-RSS	1-12		

735th AMS slides by 502nd AOG: 22-21



Ken Gestring, 502nd Air Operations Group, beats the ball and makes the slide just before Terry Fisher, 735th Air Mobility Squadron, could tag him out during intramural softball play Tuesday.



Above: Jake Pritchard, 502nd AOG, takes a strong swing for a single to first as 735th AMS catcher David Spargur looks on.

Far right: Stephen Summer, 502nd AOG, gives his all as he throws the ball to home plate during intramural play Tuesday,

Right: Sonny Kerbow, 502nd AOG intramural softball coach, shows off his creative pitching style during softball play.



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