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## Aloha Spirit

(from left) Danny Kaleikini, Ambassador of Aloha and local television personality greets Hickam Honor Guard members Senior Airmen Jodi Asprer, Pacific Air Forces and John Dolbee, 352nd Information Operations Squadron, April 29 during the Hawaii Military Appreciation Month Kick-off on the USS Missouri.

# 15th SFS takes lead on unit reorganization

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey  
Kukini Editor

Hickam's 15th Security Forces Squadron is one of two Pacific Air Force units and among seven security forces units around the Air Force testing a new organization concept designed to further Air Force joint operations objectives.

The goal is to ease security forces' transition from peacetime, home-base operations to wartime joint operations.

The six-month test, started in late April, will reorganize the squadron to reflect the structure used by Army and allied-nation force protection units, according to Capt. David Bonifant, 15th SFS operations officer.

"This change will better acclimate our security force personnel as they prepare to deploy and

engage in real world, joint-environments situations," Captain Bonifant said. "It's another proactive step the Air Force is taking in pursuit of optimum force protection."

Currently, security forces squadron commanders have administration, operations and training, and resources flights under their command. The test organizations will include separate orderly room, intelligence, operations and training, logistics, and communications and information functions, just like Army units, said Maj. Mark Stehle, Headquarters Air Force Security Forces project officer.

"The Army and most allied forces refer to these functions by 'J' code," Major Stehle said. Personnel and administrative functions carry a 'J-1' code, intelligence functions are coded 'J-2,' operations functions 'J-3' and so on, he said.

"People operating in that system can ask someone from another service or country, 'Where's your three shop, or where's your five shop,' and everyone knows what they mean," Major Stehle said. "That will make it a lot easier for everyone to communicate in a joint environment or with the 8,000 Army National Guard soldiers assigned to our SF squadrons."

"This is a test in every sense of the word," he added. "The bottom line is we're trying to improve the way we do business in the joint world."

In addition to the 15th SFS, test units include 12th SFS, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas; 20th SFS, Shaw AFB, S.C.; 35th SFS, Misawa Air Base, Japan; 52nd SFS, Spangdahlem AB, Germany; 75th SFS, Hill AFB, Utah, and 347th SFS, Moody AFB, Ga. (Gary Emery, AFSFC public affairs, contributed to this article)

# Great people build great organizations

By Lt. Col. John Specht  
23rd Fighter Squadron  
Spangdahlem, Air Base Germany

Not all organizations are created equal. Some units have something special. Their members seem remarkably happy, the mission always gets accomplished and their names are heard whenever the very best are mentioned.

In my 17 years of service, I've noticed a few qualities that are common to many of the outstanding units I have either observed or been fortunate enough to have been a part of people. Great organizations are always composed of great people. There is no shortage of great people within the Air Force family, yet great organizations have a way of grooming, attracting and keeping quality people.

One of the best ways to make somebody great in his or her profession is by providing the absolute best training available. In the very best units, people are

provided with the right training at the right time and are given the right tools to complete the mission.

It doesn't really matter if the training is formal or informal, initial or follow up, one-time or continuous. The bottom line is that people will never be competent and self-confident unless they've been given the proper training. Their proficiency and confidence enhances their performance and reflects well on the organization. They look good and the unit looks good.

When highly trained people become the trademark of the unit, the unit quickly gets a reputation for being one of the best in the business. Great units are full of people who display loyalty and pride.

It is sometimes difficult to determine if loyalty and pride create great units, or if great units promote loyalty and pride. Suffice it to say, loyalty and pride are contagious attributes and great organizations have little trouble

attracting and developing great folks who display these qualities.

The best units also understand the importance of effective communication. Think about the many ways effective communication enhances a unit.

Good units establish goals and ensure their people know what these goals are and how they'll be accomplished. Good units ensure that everyone understands the mission and where the unit is trying to go.

They make it a point to recognize their folks, both formally and informally, to ensure people get the credit they deserve. They provide formal and informal feedback and ensure people understand their strengths and weaknesses. People are aware of how to improve their performance and contributions to the unit.

Good units also provide their folks with the best information available on deployments, work schedules and contingencies. This enhances long-range planning and creates stability at home and in

the workplace.

If you are fortunate enough to be part of a great organization, congratulations. If not, see what you can contribute to your unit to start moving it in the right direction.

People should get the training they deserve and ensure those who work with and for them do the same. Know how to do the job well and continue to get the training and experience needed to continually improve.

Know what it is that the unit is trying to accomplish. Understand your role, no matter how seemingly insignificant in accomplishing the mission.

Promote and demand long-range planning and stability. Be willing to compliment and reward those who do a great job. Expect and provide feedback.

And finally, be proud and be loyal. Your organization is just that - yours! It is a reflection of you and of those who work with you. Be willing to make it better. Be willing to make it great.

## Action Lines



**Col. Ray Torres**  
15th Airlift Wing commander

**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.

I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing.

The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to [15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil](mailto:15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil).

### Reveille and Retreat

**Comment:** What are the proper actions when reveille or retreat is played? Please address differences if in or out of uniform, and

what to do if on a bike or in a vehicle. What should be done when we hear the music playing from Pearl Harbor?

**Response:** When retreat or reveille is sounded, all personnel not just military, should stop and face the flag or if the flag can not be seen face the direction of the music. Military members should assume the position of parade rest.

After the completion of the retreat/reveille music, personnel should come to attention and a second song will follow, either the national anthem or to the colors. On the first note of the second song military members should salute and hold their salute until the song is complete.

Civilians or military members out of uniform should come to attention as well and place their hand over their heart.

If in a vehicle, you should stop when you hear the music and sit quietly until the ceremony is complete and then proceed. Bike riders, should stop their bike and can remain on the bike, but should sit quietly until the ceremony is complete. The same procedures apply when you hear the music playing from Pearl Harbor.

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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**

# Pet microchipping: Keeping Hickam pets safe

By Airman Ryan Simpson  
Staff Writer

More lost pets die each year than from all diseases combined, 90 percent of lost pets are never identified or recovered, the life of a microchip implanted pets can greatly increase the chance of recovery if a pet becomes lost.

According to AFI 48-104, pet control, all Team Hickam personnel living in base housing must get their pets inserted with microchips.

"It's a more permanent and useful identification system than other identification methods, such as collars, tags and tattoos," said U.S. Army Specialist Christine Wilde, Hickam Branch Veterinary Services. "Collars and tags can come off or get lost easily and tattoos can fade over time and can be altered," she said.

Microchipping provides a permanent, inexpensive form of identification that cannot be lost, altered or removed.

"The size of a microchip is no larger than a grain of rice," said Spc. Wilde.

According to Hickam Branch Veterinary Services it carries a unique identification number and is made of an inert material so a pet's body will not reject it. It has no power source and has a special cap to prevent movement once it has been professionally implanted.

Spc. Wilde stated that each microchip has a unique identifica-

tion number that is never duplicated. Once implanted it can be scanned to find the details of the pet's home and owner.

In the case of dogs, cats and rabbits, a veterinarian using a special pre-packed sterile needle can implant the microchip in the scruff of the neck.

"The implant of the microchip is no more painful than a vaccination," said Spc. Wilde.

"Veterinarians or local animal welfare centers will also be able to advise you where to have more exotic pets, fish or horses microchipped as this a special procedure," she said.

Hickam Branch Veterinary Services recommends that a dog or cat have their final vaccinations before being microchipped.

According to Hickam Branch Veterinary Service staff the microchipping of pets will have a positive influence on the base pet population. Animals which have strayed, but have not been sterilized can contribute to the population of unwanted cats and dogs on base. Having lost pets returned home before they have a chance to breed will reduce the numbers of feral cats and dogs on base.

Microchipping is an inexpensive investment, that will for the life of your pet.

For more information call the Hawaii Humane Society at 946-2187 or the Hickam vet clinic at 449-6481.

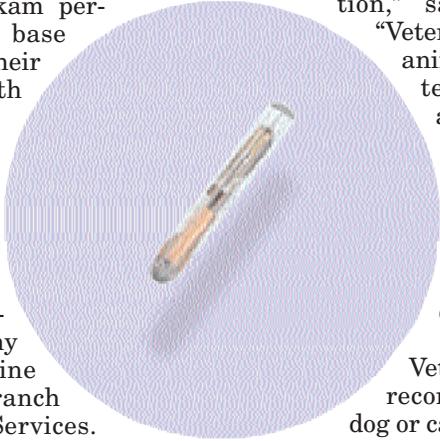


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard

## Clock-Stopppers

Tech. Sgt. Rojas Sarmiento (left) and Senior Airman Nicole Maul (right), 15th Mission Support Squadron, get ready for a photo finish at the Aliamanu Middle School May Day track meet Saturday. They were part of more than a dozen 15th MSS and wing staff volunteers helping time, measure and officiate the track meet.



## Team Hickam, 15th Airlift Wing First quarter award winners

**Editors Note:** The Team Hickam award winners names are bolded, the 15th Airlift Wing winners names are italicized and if the person won both categories their name will be bold and italicized.

### Airman Category

**Airman 1st Class Aleesha Gilmore**  
Detachment 1, 15th Mission Support Group

### NCO Category

**Tech. Sgt. Tonya Reese**  
15th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron

### Senior NCO Category

**Master Sgt. Tracy Chambers**  
56th Information Warfare Flight

*Master Sgt. Richard Vogel*  
15th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron

### CGO Category

**1st Lt. Tess Marcial**  
15th Medical Support Squadron

### Civilian Category I

**Roxane Fujiwara**  
735th Air Mobility Squadron

*Lannette Kalawaia-Neal*  
Detachment 1, 15th MSG

### Civilian Category II

**Roland Alfelor**  
17th Operational Weather Squadron

*Kimberly Kamano-Manatad*  
Detachment 1, 15th MSG

### Civilian Category III

**Janelle Davis**  
15th Comptroller Squadron

### Volunteer Category

**Airman 1st Class Laura Migliaccio**  
324th Intelligence Squadron

*Staff Sgt. Lisa Thomas*  
15th Mission Support Squadron

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days until  
**Hootie and  
the Blowfish**  
concert May 21  
Freedom Tower 7  
p.m.  
Free Admission DOD  
personnel and family

# Hickam hospital named after brave doctor

By Steven Diamond  
15th Airlift Wing History Office

When the newly-completed Hickam Hospital opened in November 1941, little did its doctors and nurses know that within weeks it would become a front-line clinic and receive America's first casualties of World War II.

Today officially named the William R. Schick Clinic, Hickam's "station hospital" was open a few weeks before the Day of Infamy, Dec. 7, 1941.

As its acting commander of the time, Flight Surgeon Dr. (Capt.) Frank Lane recalled, "Our little hospital ... only had a capacity of forty beds, and seriously ill patients were normally sent to Tripler General Hospital, a few miles away." Lane remembered the new clinic only had seven medical officers, five dentists, seven nurses and forty enlisted men assigned.

On the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, 13 B-17s were approaching Oahu, concluding a 14-hour flight from Hamilton Field, California. As fate would have it, some 350 Japanese fighters and bombers were also approaching, aiming to disable Oahu's military installations and destroy the American naval fleet at Pearl Harbor. Among the passengers on one of the B-17s was Dr. (1st Lt.) William Schick, flight surgeon assigned to the 38th Reconnaissance Squadron bound for Clark Field in the Philippines.

The B-17s were supposed to land at Hickam Field, but their timing couldn't have been worse. The airfield was already under attack by Japanese fighters as base operations tried to land the incoming American bombers. Dr. Schick's aircraft was hit by a stream of tracer bullets, igniting some magnesium flares and wounding the doctor in the leg. Almost immediately, the B-17 was a blazing torch from mid-fuselage to tail section. Miraculously, the pilot managed to land the plane



Courtesy photo

**Hickam Hospital "William R. Schick Clinic," as it looked in 1944. The clinic named after Dr. (1st Lt.) William Schick, a doctor who was killed in action Dec. 7, 1941 during World War II.**

on Hickam's runway, only to have it break apart upon impact. Fortunately, the crew survived the landing and began scattering from their exposed position in the middle of the runway.

Unfortunately, as Dr. Schick's group dashed across the runway, they were spotted by a Zero pilot strafing the airfield. Dr. Schick was hit in the face by a ricocheting bullet. Somehow he made it to Hickam Hospital, where he was found by Dr. Lane. The clinic's commander offered to take care of him. Dr. Schick declined, saying he was alright. Pointing to the numerous casualties on litters all around, Dr. Schick said, "Take care of them."

Although Dr. Schick was transported to Tripler General Hospital later that day, he died from his wounds.

Dr. Schick had married Lois Richmond, a nurse, in June 1941. Just five months later, he received orders to join the 38th Reconnaissance Squadron bound for the Philippines. Fifty-six years later, Dec. 7, 1997, the 15th Medical Group clinic at Hickam was dedicated in honor of Dr. Schick in a ceremony. The guest speaker at the dedication was the doctor's son and namesake, William R. Schick of Chicago, who was born eight months after his father's death.

# Hickam's commitment improves island's beauty

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

Commitment to the environment is not just a goal for Team Hickam – it's reality.

From celebrating Earth day; to local stream clean up and school education programs, Hickam is making a positive impact on the environment.

Col Torres, 15th AW Commander, stated in his Environmental Policy Letter, "Hickam Air Force Base is committed to continued excellence, leadership, and stewardship in protecting the environment and conducting its mission in an environmentally responsible manner that will protect human health, natural resources, and the environment."

Making that commitment were 76 Team Hickam people who gathered Saturday morning and collected more than 600 pounds of rubbish

from three different streams in the Waimanalo community

According to Senior Master Sgt. Lewis Weaver, Adopt-A-Stream coordinator, the result made the beautiful Hawaiian paradise a little more environmentally sound.

"It's because of the 15th Airlift Wing and Team Hickam members that our base has established such strong ties with our local communities," said Sergeant Weaver.

Also supporting the environmental policy, the 15th Civil Engineering Environmental Flight took part in Earth Day activities April 22.

"This year's Earth Day theme was 'Water for Life'" said 2nd Lt. Dan Probert, Chief of Pollution Prevention and organizer of this year's Earth Day events.

This year the 15th Civil Engineering Squadron partnered with Mokulele Elementary School and the Hickam Adopt-A-Stream

Program.

"We took a two pronged approach this year. Our first goal was to educate Mokulele Elementary students on the water cycle and help them understand the impacts of pollution and excessive water usage.

Secondly, we wanted to provide an opportunity for the students to get involved with our Adopt-A-Stream Program and actually go out and make a difference cleaning up the Waimanalo Stream and Huli Channel."

Lieutenant Probert gave a presentation to approximately 70 Mokulele sixth graders. The presentation included a slide show on the water cycle, a water trivia game, and a hands-on example of how water is filtered.

The students were also provided a handout with eight tips to prevent water pollution and to conserve water. (2nd Lt. Dan Probert contributed to this article.)

# Asian Americans contribute to our history

**Tech. Sgt. Anthony Zachas**  
Military Equal Opportunity

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage month; a time to celebrate and recognize the many accomplishments Americans of Asian-Pacific descent.

It's important to note, however, many accomplishments were not easy considering the early beginnings of Asian-Americans. Many hardships had to be overcome. Americans of Filipino, Korean, Japanese and Chinese descent can be proud their ancestors became an

integral part of American history.

Early Korean immigrants were treated as cheap labor and usually ended up in low paying agricultural jobs. Most were contract workers in Hawaii and later moved to the mainland. Today, nearly half of the Korean-Americans have a college education and are well-to-do professionals.

In 1848, Chinese immigrants arrived in the United States as contract servants during the California gold rush. Like Koreans, the bulk of the Chinese immigrants came later as a source of cheap labor. Chinese were excluded from

public schools in San Francisco, they were excluded from becoming naturalized citizens, and they were even forbidden to bring their wives from China. It wasn't until after World War II that Chinese-Americans were gradually given the basic rights of equality before the law. Today, Chinese-Americans make up the largest segment of Asian-Americans.

Between 1900 and 1938, nearly 14,000 Filipinos traveled to the United States to attend universities. However, prejudice

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## A light unto the past

Staff Sgt. Brian Ruggiero, 15th Airlift Wing Chapel's office, lights one of the six candles during the base Holocaust Remembrance Service Wednesday. Each candle was lit after reading a biography of a Holocaust victim.

Photo by Jerry Banks





## TEAM HICKAM

## News Notes

**Wing Commander's Call** – Col. Ray Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander will conduct a commander's call May 18 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.

**Porter Gate unmanned** – As of May 1 the Porter Gate, between Hickam and Pearl Harbor will be unmanned.

**Combined Military Band Concert** – A combined military band concert is scheduled for May 15 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.

**Military personnel from Chicago wanted for civic project** – Public Affairs is looking for active-duty Air Force members who are from the Chicago area for a civic outreach project. The project is to spotlight members from the area during the Armed Forces Day - Memorial Day timeframe. Contact 15th AW/PA at 449-6367 for details.

**Traffic detours for Vickers Avenue** – Due to the new force protection work occurring on the west side of Pacific Air Forces Command building, a traffic detour has been initiated through May 17. Traffic barriers will outline the exit route on Vickers Avenue. Follow all traffic signs posted. For questions, contact Capt. Reid Matsuda at 449-1560.

**Trash receptacles not to be left in street** – Housing residents are reminded that trash receptacles and recycle bins must be removed from main traffic flow areas after they are emptied on the day of pickup and placed back in their designated storage areas or otherwise out of sight of vehicle traffic. Trash and recyclables are picked up once weekly as scheduled for each area.

Bulk trash is picked up on Fridays and shall be placed before 8 p.m. on the day before scheduled pickup. For further assistance regarding this matter, please refer to the Hickam Military Family Housing brochure or contact Master Sgt. Daryl Johnson or Tech. Sgt. Edward Marsch at 448-6561.

**HIANG ORI to kick off Monday** – The Pacific Air Forces Inspector General will be conducting an operational readiness inspection of the Air National Guard from May 10 to 16. During this inspection, the unit demonstrates its ability to respond to a multitude of exercise scenarios. The main areas of the base that will be affected include the F-15 ramp (across from the Sea Breeze) and the KC-135 ramp. Refer any questions to the PACAF/IG office at 449-3900.

**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](http://travel.state.gov). Customers can also contact the National Passport Information Center at 1-877-487-2778 or by email at [NPIC@state.gov](mailto:NPIC@state.gov).

**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 May 14. For more information, call Kathy Cronin at 449-1754.

**CCAF Graduation set for May 14** – A graduation ceremony for more than 80 enlisted active-duty Air Force men and women is set for May 14 at 2 p.m. at the Hickam Enlisted Club. These graduates have successfully completed all requirements for the Associate degree in Applied Science from the Community College of the Air Force. There is a scheduled rehearsal for the attending graduates at noon the day of graduation. The education center will be closed for business on this day. The Pitsenbarger Award application was enclosed with the CCAF invitation and should be submitted to the Base Training and Education Services today.

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caused many to return home. Up until 1934, Filipinos were considered to be American Nationals and traveled to and from the United States with American passports. After 1934, Filipinos were classified as aliens and were limited to 50 immigrants per year. Filipinos immigrating between 1934 and 1965 were usually unskilled and were treated as cheap labor. With changes in immigration laws in 1965, many Filipino families immigrated to the United States with nearly two thirds considered as professional, technical, and skilled workers.

At the beginning of World War II, 110,000 Americans of Japanese descent were forcibly placed in camps and segregated from the rest of the Americans.

On Feb. 1, 1943, the government reversed a decision which prohibited Japanese Americans to serve in the armed forces and announced the formation of the 442nd Infantry Regimental Combat Team. The 442nd went on to become a decorated military unit, clearly displaying loyalty by fighting for their country.

In 1989, President George Bush signed a

bill that gave each internee a tax-exempt, one-time payment of \$20,000 in retribution for its inhumane mistake.

Despite the prejudice and discrimination suffered by many Americans of Asian-Pacific descent, they have made considerable contributions to the history of our nation.

They may not have had a glorious beginning, but today they are beginning to be recognized for what they have accomplished.

*(Info. compiled from Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute and MEO Career Development Course)*

# To the Nurses and Medical Technicians of the 15th Medical Group, Thanks for all you do – You make a difference!

**Editor's Note:** Thursday marked the beginning of national nurses week. More than 60 nurses and medical technicians assigned to the 15th Medical Group. take a moment this week to thank them for the dedication to their job.

## The Medic

Where you go I follow,  
From Concord Bridge to An Khe.  
I healed the wounds of those who fell.  
I served America's best – **I am The Medic**  
I was there at the beginning with you at Valley Forge,  
Binding the bleeding feet, assuaging the fevered brow.  
I saw a nation being born.  
I served America's best – **I am The Medic**  
Through the campaigns that led to New Orleans,  
I served Old Jackson in bloody combat,  
And helped extend the Western Frontier.

Wherever you went I followed.  
I served America's best – **I am The Medic**  
In the dark days of civil strife,  
Two masters I served – both blue and gray,  
Through horrible carnage and illness rifle.  
I served America's best – **I am The Medic**  
I followed you up San Juan Hill,  
And against the Moro too.  
In every climb of the wary foe.  
I served America's best – **I am The Medic**  
We fought together in the First World War.  
Over the top and stood with you while they did pass,  
Many did not come back when it was over, over there.  
I served America's best – **I am The Medic**  
A generation passed before we fought again,  
We marched back together from Bataan.  
Together we rose as before,  
And stormed African shores.  
Assaulted the underbelly of Europe,  
And clawed the trail to Rome.

We challenged the beach and hedgerows,  
Broke out and weathered the Bulge.  
Across the Rhine, and on we went together.  
In the Pacific, island by island we did our job, to save.  
I served America's best – **I am The Medic**  
You gathered your strength at Pusan,  
Swept north and fought midst the mountains  
Steaming heat and chilling snow  
I was there, in full array,  
And flew to the fallen to heal their wounds  
I served America's best – **I am The Medic**  
I stood with you on Lebanon's shore,  
And the steaming jungle along the Mekong  
I was there to care for the sick and wounded.  
I served America's best – **I am The Medic**  
I stand with you today, as an angel of mercy.  
Wherever brave men and women fight and die,  
Even in the desert heat of the Middle East.  
The Medic, the hospital, and Aerovac are there to serve,  
I served America's best – **I am The Medic**

# Hickam tops AFAF goal with \$123,633 in contributions

By Tech Sgt Andrew Leonhard  
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

April 25 was the final day for Team Hickam members to help impact a person's life by donating to the Air Force Assistance Fund. All the counting is just about done and Team Hickam should be proud.

After the six-week drive the tally is \$123,633, nearly \$25,000 more than the goal set for Hickam by the Air Force. The contributions were also above the base goal of \$107,000.

"Team Hickam went above and beyond our expectations," said 1st Lt. Kim Drews, 15th Operation Support Squadron and AFAF base coordinator. "It was great to work with the dedicated POCs from the units that helped make this campaign a success."

"Only one word can describe Team Hickam's performance this year ... Awesome," said Master Sgt. Gerald Schenck 15th Civil Engineering Squadron and AFAF base coordinator. "People truly gave from the heart because we bested last year's total by 15

percent and we achieved that with 193 total donations less than the 2003 campaign."

According to Sergeant Schenck approximately 68 percent of all units exceeded their goal, but a few did it by huge amounts.

The 56th Information Warfare Flight exceeded their goal by nearly 580 percent by crushing their goal of \$516 with \$2,996 in contributions. The 15th OSS exceeded their goal by close to 330 percent by beating their goal of \$618 with contributions hitting \$2,022.

Also smashing their goal was the 15th Mission Support Squadron exceeding their goal by more than \$2,000 with contributions topping \$2800 at 350 percent.

Both AFAF coordinators echoed "The Unit Project Office0rs did an outstanding job of reaching every section in their units to ensure contact.

We appreciate their time that they dedicated to the fund drive – we couldn't have done it without them."



Hickam exceeds 2004 AFAF goal.

# Are you prepared to survive a hurricane?

As the 2004 hurricane season nears for Hawaii, Hickam residents need to start preparing themselves and their family for a natural disaster.

In an emergency, you must be able to care for yourself and your family. There are certain things you can learn and do to help you cope with almost any type of disaster.

- **Be prepared** – Develop a family emergency plan now before disaster strikes. Be sure all family members know what to do. Decide where the family will meet if separated, where you will seek shelter, and what to take with you if you must evacuate.

- **Stay calm** – Take the actions you have planned. Listen to the radio for Civil Defense instructions and information.

- **Know the warning signals and where shelters are located** – Listen to the Emergency Broadcast System for shelters and opening times.

- **Prepare a home survival kit.**

- **Prepare an evacuation kit.**

- **Prepare a first aid kit.**

## Evacuation procedures

You will not be asked to leave your home unless your life is seriously threatened. Under routine evacuation procedures, members of the 15th Security Forces Squadron will be going up and down streets on base notifying residents via loudspeaker to evacuate. Residents will also be notified over base cable channel two.

If you are forced to evacuate your home:

- **Follow Civil Defense instruction, including shelter information, issued over the Emergency Broadcasting System (or base cable channel 2),**

by security forces and fire department units, and by Civil Air Patrol aircraft.

- **Shut off electricity at the main switch, and gas and water at the main valves, if instructed to do so.**

- **Assemble the family and leave a note for those absent, stating time, destination and a telephone number.**

- **Secure residence if time permits. Lock windows and doors and wedge sliding glass doors. During evacuation for a flood, tsunami or fire, remember: time is very limited.**

- **Take evacuation kit and small valuables.**

- **Provide for pets** – Pets are not allowed inside public shelters. If you must leave your home because it is considered unsafe for you, it is unsafe for your pet as well. If you could not arrange for sheltering for your pet, as a last resort, your pet can stay in your car parked at an evacuation shelter. Keep the pet in its carrier and provide food and water. Remember to leave a window slightly open to allow for proper ventilation. The Oahu Civil Defense Agency and the Hawaiian Humane Society have prepared a brochure called “Emergency Preparedness Facts for Pet Owners.” The Hawaii Civil Defense Agency and the Hawaii Humane Society have prepared a brochure called, “Guidelines for People with Household Pets.” Both brochures can help you prepare your pet for an emergency.

## Home survival kit

A home survival kit and emergency food and

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## Hurricane facts

The most important thing to be aware of is that hurricanes can pop up out of the blue during the hurricane season in the eastern and central Pacific. The hurricane season lasts until November. There are many things people should know about hurricanes, what to do when they appear and the effects hurricanes can have. The following information was provided by the 15th Civil Engineer Squadron disaster preparedness flight. It can be found on the HickamWeb site at <https://www.hickam.af.mil/ces/limited/cex/sec5.html> from a government computer. For more information, call the disaster preparedness flight at 449-5216 or go to [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

## No one is safe

Hurricane effects can cause bigger problems in Hawaii than on the mainland. There is no “safe haven” to evacuate to since we all live on relatively small islands. The shoreline is fairly near to all areas so there’s less reduction in power as hurricane winds travel over land and heavy rains are quite likely since the storm is over the ocean at the same time it’s over land. Finally, many Hawaiian homes aren’t built to withstand severe storms, we have lots of windows to enjoy the trade winds and the view, and concrete houses are uncommon.

## Destructive winds

Hurricane wind speeds vary from storm to storm. Wind gusts could exceed sustained winds by 25–50 percent. For example, a storm with sustained winds of 100 mph could have gusts from 125–150 mph, and one with 150 mph sustained winds might have gusts over 200 mph. The time between the first rise in wind and rain squalls and a return to moderate winds after the storm is about 24 hours, depending on the size of the hurricane, its forward speed and how close you are to the center of the storm. Destruction is not limited to the area around the center of the hurricane.

Hurricane force winds could extend in a radius of 100 miles out from the center. Storm force winds of 55-73 mph may extend 150 miles from the eye of the hurricane and gale force winds of 39-54 mph may extend up to 300 miles from the center, depending on the hurricane. To be considered a hurricane, the sustained winds must be 74 mph (64 knots) or higher. However, we know that winds of lesser speeds can still cause considerable damage. The associated winds are devastating and can cause major damage. You can also expect that the winds may knock out commercial power and telephone service.

Here are the official definitions of the various storm categories you may hear on the radio or television:

Tropical Depression – Winds less than 40 mph

Tropical Storm – Winds of 40 to 73 mph

Category One (Weak) Hurricane – Winds of 74 to 90 mph

Category Two (Moderate) Hurricane – Winds of 91 to 110 mph

Category Three (Strong) Hurricane – Winds of 111 to 130 mph

Category Four (Very Strong) Hurricane – Winds of 131 to 155 mph

Category Five (Very Strong or “Super Hurricane”) – Winds of 156 to 185 mph

## Storm surge

During a hurricane, there is a general rise in sea level and it begins over the deep ocean. The low pressure and strong winds around the hurricane’s center raise the ocean surface several feet higher than the surrounding ocean surface, forming a dome of water, called a storm surge, which can be as much as 50 miles across. Large swells, high surf and wind-driven waves on top of the storm surge can cause massive flooding and destruction along shorelines. The storm surge, combined with wind-driven waves, is the greatest killer in a hurricane. The surge is an extremely effective battering ram, capable of smashing smaller struc-

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extended power outages that leave you confined to your home.

The following items should be a part of every home survival kit:

- Portable, battery-powered radio
- Extra batteries
- Flashlights
- Candles
- Manual can opener and bottle opener
- Matches in a water-proof container or a lighter
- First aid kit and special medications
- Three to five-day supply of non-perishable foods, needing little or no cooking. Be sure you pack special dietary foods, baby food and formula if needed.
- Ice chest and ice or ice packs
- Water. As a minimum, you should have two quarts of water per person per day for drinking, more for cooking, washing and sanitation. Store as much clean water as possible in clean, non-breakable containers.
- Camp stove or canned heat stove, and enough fuel for three to five days. A hibachi or charcoal grill and charcoal will also suffice.
- Masking tape for windows and glass doors
- Personal hygiene, sanitary supplies and diapers
- Extra pet food

### Evacuation kits

You should have an evacuation kit in case you must leave your home. It should contain the following items:

- Portable, battery powered radio
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries

- First aid kit and special medications
- Three to five-day supply of non-perishable foods. Be sure you pack any special dietary foods, baby foods and formula, if needed.
- Manual can opener and bottle opener
- Water: Minimum of two quarts per person per day for drinking. Store water in clean, non breakable containers
- Sleeping bags or two blankets per person
- One complete change of clothing for each family member
- Personal hygiene, sanitary supplies and diapers
- Important papers and documents (i.e. insurance and mortgage papers) in a water-proof bag
- Pet food as necessary

### First aid kit

A first aid kit is important. Build or buy a first aid kit. Check and replenish first aid supplies at least once a year. Medical assistance will be difficult to provide after a disaster strikes. Learn first aid and emergency medical care or keep reference material with your medical supplies. Adults and teenagers are encouraged to take first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation courses. First aid reference guides can be purchased from the American Red Cross.

### Plan for medical needs

If you or someone in your care has a condition which requires continuous or special medication, or if your medications require refrigeration, contact your doctor on ways you can deal with emergencies and power outages.

Always consult your doctor or pharmacist. Generally, very few medications require refrigeration, but for those that do, such as pediatric antibiotics or some types of insulin, you can keep them in the refrigerator, if the door is kept shut, for up to six hours. After that, it would be best to store medications in an ice chest with ice packs or ice.

You should have enough water to last at least five days. During a major power outage the Board of Water Supply may not have power to pump it to your home.

The minimum is two quarts per person per day, but preferably, one gallon per person per day, for drinking, cooking and washing and sanitation. Be sure to include pets in your calculations.

Buy commercially bottled water and replace each year, or store tap water using clean, non-corrosive, non-breakable, tightly covered containers such as gallon-size beverage syrup bottles or soft drink bottles.

Containers should be refilled every six to 12 months. Wash the containers and refill with clean water. If you notice that the stored water is cloudy, or has an odor, discard it and refill containers as necessary.

When an emergency is imminent, fill the tub, washing machine and all other available containers with water for drinking, cooking and sanitary needs.

It's also a good idea to always have a few ice packs frozen to help keep perishable items cold during those unexpected power outages.

*(Information courtesy of 15th Civil Engineer Squadron Disaster Preparedness Office)*

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tures to rubble, eroding long stretches of beach and undermining poorly anchored buildings. The worst effects will be felt on shorelines facing the approaching storm.

### Flooding

The amount of rainfall varies with each hurricane, its forward speed and other factors. During the time it takes a hurricane to pass by Oahu, as little as two or as much as 30 inches of rainfall can occur. Flash flooding is most likely to occur during heavy rainfall periods.

### As hurricane approaches

When a hurricane approaches Hawaii, it will be reported on radio or television. The news media will report the latest hurricane advisories received from the National Weather Service in Honolulu. Under normal weather conditions, the NWS issues weather forecasts every six hours, beginning at 5 a.m. These advisories are sent to the news media every three hours on the location and characteristics of the storm. Additionally, information concerning storms 1,000 miles from Honolulu can be obtained by listening to the marine forecast broadcast on the NOAA Weather Radio (162.55 mhz or 162.40 mhz). During an approaching hurricane, the NWS will issue the following advisories:

### Hurricane watch

A hurricane watch is issued when there is a strong possibility that hurricane conditions will threaten coastal or inland commu-

nities within 36 hours or less. It means that you should take action to purchase supplies and secure your home. When a hurricane watch is given, this is the time for you to:

- Stay tuned to local radio or television stations for official weather and civil defense instructions.
- Discuss with your family an emergency meeting place should you become separated because of the storm.
- Fill your car with gas. Check battery, water and oil.
- If necessary, prepare to evacuate. Put together your survival kit. Make sure your flashlight and portable radio are in working condition and you have extra batteries. Refill prescription drugs or purchase other necessary medication. Get a five-day supply of non-perishable foods. Resupply your emergency stocks of candles, matches, fuel for camping stoves and lanterns, first aid supplies, pet food and supplies if necessary.
- Sterilize containers, including your bathtub and washing machine, for storing drinking water.

### Hurricane warning

A hurricane warning is issued when there is a very high possibility of hurricane force winds – sustained winds of 74 mph or more – within 24 hours or less. The warning will identify areas where conditions are expected to occur. Do the following:

- Plan your time before the storm arrives and avoid the last-minute hurry which might leave you marooned or unprepared.
- Ignore rumors. Your best source of information is the Emergency Broadcast System

announcements on radio and TV.

● Do not travel during high wind conditions. If you are outside and the wind becomes strong enough to blow down signs and branches, seek immediate shelter. These strong winds can knock you down or you can be injured from flying debris.

● Park your car in your garage or in an open space away from trees and utility poles. Do not park in an underground garage which may flood.

● Bring pets inside. Have plenty of newspaper for sanitary purposes.

● Keep phone lines clear unless you have emergency information for authorities.

● If instructed to do so, be prepared to evacuate immediately.

● Board or tape windows if the winds are expected to be over 100 mph. The danger to small windows is from wind-driven debris. Larger windows can be broken by wind pressure. Close drapes and blinds.

● Secure any outdoor objects that could be blown away. Garbage cans, garden tools, toys, lanai furniture, and other items could be blown about in high winds. Anchor or store these items inside before the storm strikes.

● Fill the emergency water supply items you previously sanitized.

● Monitor the storm's position through NWS advisories and bulletins on radio and television.



Fifth Grader Dakota Witham shows his disapproval for the testimony during the mock trial as reporter Tech. Sgt. Dan 'Monkey' Kazumura observes.

# Tortoise found "not guilty"

## *Law Day mock trial teaches children about legal system*

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

Members of the 15th Airlift Wing Judge Advocate's Office were recently put to the task of defending the Tortoise from accusations of cheating. It may not have been the typical trial for the legal office, but it is something they do every year.

Law Day, celebrated May 1 across the country, has become a teaching tool for school-age children in learning about the legal system. Some offices feature real-life cases, but the Hickam legal team brings it down to the student's level by bringing storybook characters to life.

"Law Day has been an annual celebration since a President [Dwight D.] Eisenhower proclamation in 1958," said Col. Stewart Noel, 15th AW Judge Advocate. "The primary purpose of Law Day is to increase awareness of American citizens to their legal system."

Maj. Owen Tullos, 15th AW JA Magistrates Program chief, said this is one way they can give back to the community by showing the Hickam community's children that the law helps in resolving issues in a fair and often creative fashion.

This year's mock trial put the Tortoise, portrayed by Lori Ann Alves, from the children's storybook "The Tortoise and the Hare" on trial for cheating to win the big race against the Hare, portrayed by Senior Master Sgt. Rodney Wilson. Defending the Tortoise and claiming that "the Hare was lazy and not trying his best" was the defense counsel, Capt. Kristin Cocco. From the prosecution side, claiming the Tortoise cheated was Capt. Tara Olayvar.

Capt. David Voltz was the judge. After listening to the testimony of the "witnesses" Mr. Monkey and Ms. Lion, played by Tech. Sgt. Dan Kazumura and Airman 1st Class Amy Blake, the judge left the decision of guilt to the jury – the students.

At each trial, the Tortoise was found not guilty.

Scripts like this are not found in a textbook, it is created out of the minds of the legal office staff.

"We brainstorm as an office and then Major Tullos incorporates those ideas into a written court-martial skit," Colonel Noel said. "We seek to teach about the legal system through a familiar story in a trial setting, incorporating value lessons. I then run it through Denise Tullos, an elementary school teacher, who ensures it is tailored with the right lessons and remains entertaining for kids. This year's lesson was always try your best and hard work pays off."

The creativity of the office pays off with the requests from the teachers as well as the students for the staff to continue coming back.

"The feedback has been wonderful," Colonel Noel said. "The teachers and principals have welcomed and even requested us to come back. They have mentioned it was not only informative for the students, but the trial format was fun as well. The students often get wrapped up in the excitement of the characters and the story."

Goldilocks, the Big Bad Wolf and the Tortoise have been put on trial during the past three years – who will be next?

"Not sure yet," Colonel Noel said, "but the fairy tales' most wanted list has certainly not



Lori Ann 'Tortoise' Alves gives her testimony before prosecutor Capt. Tara Olayvar.

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Outdoor Recreation helps you

Photos by Jerry Banks

Let the good times roll



By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey  
Kukini Editor

Outdoor. Recreation. Two words that go great together year-round in the local community.

The outdoor recreation staff is here to help Team Hickam members capitalize on the opportunities that abound, providing equipment and services for those who play above, on or below the surrounding waters, according to Jason Vandenberg, Outdoor Recreation program manager.

"We purchased a great deal of new equipment this year, including a fleet of Catalina 14 sailboats available this summer, a 20-foot dual engine rescue and safety boat to perform rescue operation and lead sailboat tours outside the harbor, and epoxy surfboards," Mr. Vandenberg said. "We also have a water trampoline and new sets of kayaks and water bicycles coming to the beach soon."

Those who prefer their recreation on land are covered too, he said.

"There's new pool furniture and lifeguard stands at the swimming pools, a complete new line of tents and sleeping bags and camping equipment, binoculars, bounce houses and cypress hammocks at the beach.

"With party packages available for birthday parties, outdoor recreation has something for everyone," he said.

The equipment issue store has been upgraded to provide better customer service as well as an expanded catalog of items available for use, he said.

"The equipment issue store was redesigned to resemble a self-help store, where customers can pick up and 'test drive'

equipment they want to use," he said.

"Although canopy tents, bicycles and snorkel gear are our most popular items, we rent a variety of equipment to support a range of recreational activities including lawn maintenance, squadron functions, family camping trips, weddings and birthday parties.

"We offer a lot of great new special occasion party packages and a special 'weekender rate' where customers get a free day with a two-day rental, and we are currently assembling 'picnic kits' for use by Hickam squadrons having organizational activities."

Outdoor recreation has myriad programs to take the worry out of summer activities, Mr. Vandenberg said.

"We lead hiking and snorkel trips, provide youth swimming and ocean adventure instruction, sailing, windsurfing, surfing lessons, boat repair and maintenance," he said. "There are daily fishing charters leaving from Bishop Point and a certified dive center and retail shop at the main pool next to the base fitness center."

Any way you look at it, the outdoor recreation programs are a win for Team Hickam, according to Col. Ray Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander.

"With the current emphasis on operational readiness and total body fitness, recreation is a vital component of a healthy, happy lifestyle," Colonel Torres said. "Our outdoor recreation department is ready to introduce the base community to the diversity of activities and outdoor experiences available to those of us lucky enough to live in Hawaii."

For more information about trips or equipment rental, contact outdoor recreation at 449-5215.

Top: Lifeguard Alicia Garrigan, talks proper pool etiquette with (from top) Greyson Miller, 7, Hunter Miller, 5, Peyton Cornelius, 6, Ashlyn Cornelius, 4, and Christian McIndle, 9.  
Bottom: Marlen Scott, left, assists Nicole Lantry with the recently-purchased kayaks while sister Kayla explores the new tents at the Hickam Outdoor Recreation equipment section.



# Around the Air Force



**U.S. AIR FORCE**

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**Active-duty Airmen will test for HIV every two years** – BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. (AFPN) – Beginning June 1, all active-duty Airmen will be required to complete

routine human immunodeficiency virus testing every two years. This is a Defense Department policy change geared toward standardizing testing across the services, officials said.

The policy, recommended by members of the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, will also require Reserve and Guard Airmen called to active duty for 30 or more days to have a current HIV test within two years of the date called.

Under the policy, active-duty Airmen are no longer required to undergo an HIV test before moving overseas or within 12 months of a consecutive overseas tour, Dr. Huynh said.

In 2003, there were 43 HIV-positive cases identified among 335,000 tests on Airmen, said officials at the Air Force Institute for Operational Health at Brooks City-Base, Texas.

This included 26 among 259,000 active-duty, 10 of 35,000 Reserve and 7 of 41,000 Guard Airmen tested. (Story by G.W. Pomeroy Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs).

**Airmen help warriors get home safely** – LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – At an hour when most people are fast asleep, 59th Medical Wing medics from Wilford Hall Medical Center here were wide-awake anticipating the return of 14 servicemembers injured in Iraq.

Standing sentinel, a row of 14 ambulances lined the San Antonio International Airport flightline awaiting the arrival of the patients April 29.

All the patients were driven to nearby Brooke Army Medical Center, where they received care

mostly for burn and shrapnel injuries.

The medics accompanied four extremely ill patients to the medical center.

The 59th MDW teams were able to jump in and take over for the team from Germany, ensuring that the critically ill patients had continuous care.

A CCAT team comprises a critical-care physician, critical-care nurse and respiratory therapist who are able to provide in-transit care for the most severely ill patients. The team essentially forms a mobile intensive care unit anywhere it goes.

The San Antonio mission lasted less than two hours, concluding with the safe arrival of the patients at the medical center. (Story by 1st Lt. Mike Chillstrom 59th Medical Wing Public Affairs)

## Movies

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

“The Passion of the Christ” - During the last 12 hours of Christ’s life, he is betrayed by Judas Iscariot and is condemned to death for blasphemy. He is brought before Pontius Pilate for sentencing. The roaring crowd demands his death, so Pilate orders his crucifixion. Jesus is severely beaten and made to carry his cross up to Golgotha, the hill outside Jerusalem, where he is nailed to the cross.

Starring Jim Caviezel and Maia Morgenstem. Rated R (for sequences of graphic violence).



Courtesy photo

Jesus played by Jim Caviezel, carries the cross

### Sunday at 2 p.m.

“Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed” - An anonymous masked villain wreaks mayhem on the city of Coolsville with a monster machine that re-creates classic Mystery Inc. foes like the Pterodactyl Ghost, The Black Knight and The 10,000 Volt Ghost. Under pressure from the terrified citizens of Coolsville, the gang launches an investigation

into the mysterious monster outbreak that leaves Shaggy and Scooby questioning their roles in Mystery, Inc.

Starring Sarah Michelle Gellar and Freddie Prince Jr. Rated PG (for some scary action, rude humor and language).



Courtesy photo

Matthew Lillard and Scooby-Doo in “Scooby-Doo 2”

### Monday and Tuesday

CLOSED

### Wednesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

“Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind” - Joel discovers that his girlfriend Clementine has had her memories of their tumultuous relationship erased. He contacts the inventor of the process to have Clementine removed from his own memory. But as his memories disappear, Joel recalls the good times they had together and tries to mentally overcome the procedure while he sleeps.

Starring Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet. Rated R (for language, some drug use and sexual content).

## Chapel

### Protestant

*Nelles Chapel*

Sunday contemporary service – 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday Gospel Worship – 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.

*Chapel Center*

Sunday Mass - 10 a.m.

### Jewish

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

### Orthodox

For more information, call 438-6687.

### Islamic

Friday congregational service - 1 p.m.

Muslim Association of Hawaii,  
947-6263.

**Editors note:** For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.

# Number one in command

*15th Security Forces  
Squadron first sergeant  
takes PACAF honors*

**By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey**  
Kukini Editor

From the 15th Security Forces Squadron here to the desert far away, a Hickam first sergeant's duty performance was the Pacific Air Forces diamond that shined the brightest.

Senior Master Sgt. Don Gerrish, 15th SFS, was selected as the PACAF top first sergeant for 2003.

His recognition is well-deserved, according to Lt. Col. Don Derry, 15th SFS commander.

"We're very proud of Sergeant Gerrish," said Colonel Derry. "This award simply validated what we knew already ... he is the best of the best! He continually leads my squadron by example and his enthusiasm is contagious. He is a true leader, friend and mentor.

"We are blessed to have Sergeant Gerrish as the security forces first sergeant. He is today's Air Force Senior NCO and tomorrow's Air Force Chief," the colonel said.

For Sergeant Gerrish, it was a year filled with ensuring his squadron kept up the unprecedented levels of force protection as well as doing what he loves most, helping individuals out in times of need.

"I was at a squadron soccer game, cheering our team on from the stands around 5 p.m. when my work cell phone rang," Sergeant Gerrish said. "One of our troops needed to go on emergency leave.

"I was able to coordinate with the Red Cross, the on-call emergency leave coordinator and the airlines to get the family a flight home, that same night, at no cost to the member," he said. "From the first phone call, we had them on a

flight home in less than four hours, and the best part is I was still able to remain at the game to support our squadron."

Even the harshest of realities, being deployed to the desert, had its own unique rewards, he said.

"Everybody knew what the mission was," he said. "They have a single focus and knew exactly what we had to accomplish."

While at the deployed location, "It was great to be able to go and visit folks, to try and keep up morale without the normal peace time bureaucratic requirements," the sergeant said. "It was great ensuring people went home with all their fingers and toes."

Another possible factor in his being selected as the command's number one diamond could be serving as the base first sergeants group president.

"We have to expand our presence on the base, coordinating efforts with the chiefs group and the Hawaii top-three," Sergeant Gerrish said, "We also got more heavily involved with the First Term Airman's Center and the Airman Professional Development Course."

# Hickam's first Walk to Work Day



Hickam is participating in its first 'Walk to Work Day', May 14, the event is sponsored by the Health and Wellness Center.

Walking is the simplest, most inexpensive and accessible form of exercise you can do daily. This is one daily activity that can improve your health and well-being.

**Healthy Lunch:** After that morning energizing walk, enjoy a healthy lunch. Having a good lunch is important because it gives you the energy to stay alert on the job. Great lunch ideas can be derived from an assortment of whole grains, low fat meats, fruits and vegetables. Make the most of your day – exercise and enjoy a healthy meal. What a combination!

**On-Base:** Leave your car at home and WALK to work. Great for FitLinxx points. Pack-a-healthy lunch before you leave home.

**Off-Base:** Don't park in your usual parking lot. Make the walk worth your while, park 4-5 parking areas from your building.

The first 1000 to come to the HAWC will receive a Walk Day keychain.





## See-worthy

Instructor Leo Noblado (middle) helps Tech. Sgts. Kyle Marshman (left) and Aaron Vermeer visually inspect and prepare to launch a boat from Outdoor Recreation Tuesday. The instructions were part of a motorboat familiarization class, one of many programs available at Hickam Harbor. For more information, call the harbor at 449-5215.

Photo by Mike Dey

# Hickam intramural softball league standings

Men's Monday - Wednesday		Men's Tuesday - Thursday		Women's	
1. PACAF	11- 1	HIANG-A	13-0	HIANG	6-1
2. 324th IS	8-2	735th AMS-A	8-2	15th CES/MSS	4-2
3. CHIEFS	7-3	502nd AOG	9-3	PACAF	2-2
4. 352nd IOS	5-4	692nd IOG	8-5	15th SVS/CSS	2-2
5. 15th SVS	5-5	HIANG-B	7-7	735th AMS	2-4
6. 735th AMS-B	3-6	15th SFS	6-6	352nd/692nd IOG	1-3
7. 15th CS	3-10	PACAF-CSS	6-7	15th MDG	1-4
<b>Next week's 'Game of the Week'</b>		15th CES	5-8	<b>Standings current as of:</b>	
PACAF vs 324th IS, Monday, 6 p.m., Field 4		PACAF-RSS	1-11	<b>May 5th</b>	

# 15th MSS/CE team outlasts PACAF, 9-7

*Combined MSG team hangs tough in see-saw battle, pulls away at end*



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

A perennial power faced a determined foe during women's intramural softball action at the Hickam Baseball and Softball Complex Monday.

When the teams shook hands after the game it was the determination and a little luck that led the combined 15th Mission Support Squadron and Civil Engineering Squadron over the Pacific Air Forces teams 9-7.

After a see-saw game it all came down to "classic display of all around team work," said 15th MSS/CES Coach William Robinson. "PACAF has always been one of the best teams on the field and always makes it hard on opposing teams to enjoy the night.

"The women came out relaxed and ready to have fun," the coach said. "It didn't take them long to realize, we had a chance to win."

The chances were there because of the outstanding hitting of Janna Kuh, Jodell Lepley, Sandy Ware who combined for 11 of 12 at the plate.

The MSS/CES squadron was not just rocking the plate as they ended the game with a near 'ESPN Highlight' double play.

With one down in the seventh inning, Tina Smith from PACAF smacked a line drive at short stop Erin Page who wrapped the cow hide around it for an out then tossed it to second baseman Korri Snead who tagged out the approaching runner from first to complete a double play to end the game.

"We played ok but definitely not with our usual spark," said Melanie Carino, assistant coach for PACAF. "I'm glad we were able to stay in the game and come back when needed." Coach Carino said the team just could not take advantage in the last inning when they had the tying run on base.

"They never quit," MSS/CES Coach Robinson said of the PACAF team. "Just when we thought we were going to pull away in our game, they came up and took the lead from us late. Hats off to the PACAF team, they really are a special team loaded with talent."

**Top:** 15th MSS/CE first baseman Jodell Lepley snags the throw from the team shortstop, forcing out PACAF runner Lani Jean Bergstrom who is trying to leg out a hit.  
**Right:** 15th MSS/CE runner Dale Mills is safe at first after PACAF first baseman Jenne Hutchings was unable to handle the low throw from short.

**Below:** 15th MSS/CE pitcher Sandy Ware launches another throw.

