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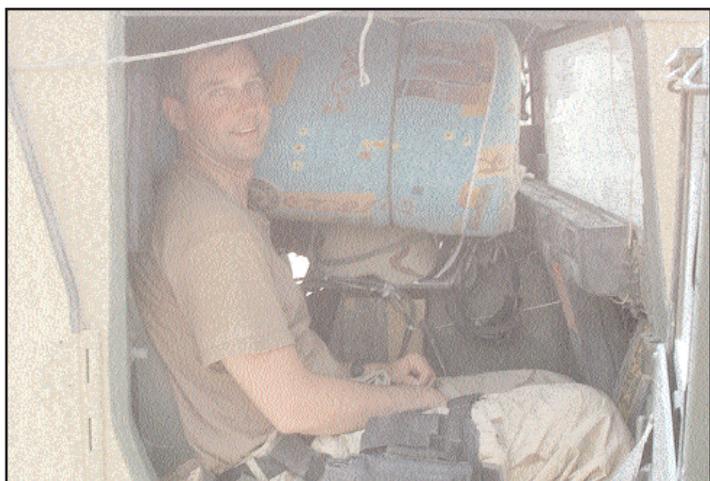


Photo by Staff Sgt. Catherine Thompson

Their journey home

Members of a multi-service Honor Guard team transport remains during a repatriation ceremony on POW/MIA day Tuesday. For more information on the POW/MIA and Patriot Day base events, turn to Page 14.

A Bronzed Star *25th ASOS commander receives combat medal*



Courtesy photo

Lt. Col. Kevin Cole, deployed 13th Air Support Operations Squadron commander, stops for gas during a road trip from Kuwait City to Baghdad in October, 2003. Colonel Cole was recently presented a Bronze Star Medal Wednesday for his action while deployed to Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Editor

Lt. Col. Kevin Cole, 25th Air Support Operations Squadron commander, was awarded a Bronze Star Medal at the 15th Airlift Wing staff meeting Wednesday.

Colonel Cole was awarded the BSM for outstanding achievement while assigned as the 13th ASOS commander, in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, over a six-month period ending in November 2003.

During his time as commander, he was responsible for 22 personnel and six weapons systems, covering a 76,000-square-mile area of Iraq extending from western Baghdad to the Syrian Border.

It was a tour that was equal parts challenge and reward, said Colonel Cole.

"Coordinating air strikes and support for Air Force, Army, Marine, Navy and coalition forces presented a never-ending need to be creative in solutions," he said. "But at the same time I had folks working for and with

me that met every challenge thrown at them.

"Often the best thing a commander can do is point his people in the right direction and get out of their way," he continued.

Adding the OIF tour to his resume was time well served, said Col. Ray Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander.

"Kevin is a highly-experienced joint warfighter," Colonel Torres said. "His recent service in USAFE and during the deployment that earned him this award are two of the reasons he was hired as our 25th ASOS commander.

"He continues to use this experience to ensure our deploying personnel are properly trained and equipped to support the joint warfighter in the global war on terrorism," Colonel Torres added.

Colonel Cole will once again actively utilize that deployment experience. He is scheduled to leave next week with 30 of his troops on a six-month tour to relieve a team that's been deployed in support of the Army 25th Infantry Division (light) since April.

Fallen heroes recognized

Base remembers, returns those who sacrificed

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Editor

As I type this Tuesday night, I can't help but think it's been quite a week on the ol' airplane patch.

Friday afternoon Team Hickam hosted a Patriot Day retreat.

The day, originally envisioned as a never-forget tribute to both the victims and heroes of that ill-fated September morning three years ago, has evolved into something much more.

I received calls from civilian friends saying thanks for our efforts combating terrorism, both here and in the far-off lands that dominate the start of the national news.

To them, Patriot Day is a direct connection to those uniformed images.

While one loss of a GI's life is one too many, during this war we've been very fortunate in the Air Force.

The number of American service-members killed has passed the tragedy-laden milestone of 1,000. The blue-suiter sum total is 12 member's lost.

That's fewer casualties than our

coalition brethren, Poland's Army.

Watching the nightly update, it's easy to become desensitized to the other branches' losses. Resist that urge – one team, one fight.

This morning we held a repatriation ceremony on POW/MIA day.

Hickam has a unique and deeply personal connection to the POW/MIA plight. From the first flight of the Hanoi Taxi in 1973, the military team that has evolved into the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, stationed here, has been bringing our fallen warriors back to American soil, coming through Hickam, for more than 30 years.

I get queried why we run a picture from every ceremony.

In those flag-draped caskets are the remains of men who are, among others, veterans of World War II and the Vietnam War, which were more than 60 and 30 years ago, respectively.

But they were once young like us, building families and futures, full of



fire and indestructible. Now they're reduced to fragments of bones or teeth, eroded by time and neglect, covered in European country sides and Southeast Asian jungles, waiting for us to come get them.

At home, children who never got

to whisper secrets into the ear of their Santa-costumed grandfather are left to listen to Grammy share fable-like stories of the dashing, uniformed young man in the worn and yellowed picture. A whole nation of folks my age lost a wealth of knuckle-ball lessons and free sodas because of the 'cool uncles' left in Vietnam, their only hope for return resting solely on a collection of TEAM Hickam JPAC sleuths, digging for treasure that would put Indiana Jones work to shame.

For those who sit down to Monday night's football game, take a good look at Philadelphia's stadium. It seats a little more than 68,500 fans. Add 12,000 more in the parking lot. That's almost the number of American POW/MIA still unaccounted for.

Imagine each person in that stadium having their own, individual tale of heartache and loss.

As long as JPAC brings back remains, helping bring answers to any of the friends and family members of those more than 80,000 still unaccounted for, that's a picture worth running.

Action Lines



Col. Ray Torres
15th Airlift Wing commander

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name – it's your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. It also allows you to recognize individuals who go "above and beyond" in their duties – and we all know

there are plenty of those folks here. All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line, however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first crack at resolving problems or issues. It's only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you want me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

Casting a light on track concerns

Comment: I have a question about the base running track across from the theater. I like to run at night but the lights have not worked for a couple of months. The front counter at the fitness center was not aware of the problem when I brought it up several weeks ago, but promised to pass the information along to the correct individual. I did not ask for a personal response when I made my inquiry, but expected to either see the

lights start working or hear something in the Kukini or on a sign at the track explaining the problem or policy preventing the lights from being turned on. I continue to run at night, but some spots are really dark and now I have seen several teenagers hanging out in the stands surrounding the track. I have not noticed them doing anything wrong, but the opportunity for indecent activity is there. I would also be nervous letting my wife go to the track alone at night. Are there any plans to fix the lights, or is there a reason for leaving them off in the first place?

Response: We appreciate your concern and desire to ensure we have safe facilities. In an effort to conserve energy when the football/track area is not in use, the lights have been set on a timer. The lights operate on this timer between dusk and 11 p.m. There are two buttons to activate the lights, one to turn on only the track lights and the other for the entire facility. The lights and timer were recently repaired and are now operational. We appreciate your input and bringing this to our attention.

If you encounter any further problems with our athletic facilities please do not hesitate to contact Douglas Giannetti, Fitness Center director, at 448-4641.

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449-0300

Life Skills Support Center
449-0175

Law Enforcement Desk
449-6373

Base Chaplain
449-1754



Photo by Jerry Banks

Pushed up in head gear

From right 324th Intelligence Squadron Airmen 1st Class Mark Gonzalez and David Brown assume the position after receiving their beret's at the 15th Security Forces Squadron Guard Mount Monday. The Airmen were the latest augmentees to successfully complete all the requirements to wear the beret. Joining them down the line are 15th SFS members Maj. Tom Jordan, Tech. Sgt. Jeff Prather, Chief Master Sgt. Scott Piper, and Col. Andy Morgan, 15th Mission Support Group commander.

Fifty-seven and going strong AF celebrates it's birthday

By Gen. Paul Hester
Pacific Air Forces commander

When President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act of 1947, establishing the U.S. Air Force, it was as much a right of passage as it was the birth of a new and separate service.

The value of independent air power had been trumpeted during the 1920s and 1930s by a small cadre of Army aviation theorists from the old Air Corps Tactical School (ACTS) at Langley Field, Va., and later Maxwell Field, Ala. They were junior officers with names like Doolittle, Arnold and Chenault, influenced by airpower theorists, such as Mitchell, Trenchard and Douhet. Independent air power was a concept validated by the Royal Air Force during the Battle of Britain

in 1940, bolstered by the overwhelming success of American Airmen during World War II, and finally debated and approved within the national political process in 1947.

So Sept. 18, when the Air Force celebrates a 57-year legacy, I urge the men and women of Pacific Air Forces to pause for a moment - not only to acknowledge those bold pioneers who established our foundation of independence and excellence, but to also take pride in the role you play in making today's Air Force second to none!

From our humble beginnings in 1947, the U.S. Air Force has transformed into the world's dominant air and space power - and PACAF Airmen have led the way. From our days as the Far East Air Forces, flying the

"Hump" over the Himalayas during World War II, to the first jet-age dogfights over "MIG Alley" during the Korean War, to missions over the Ho-Chi-Min trail during Vietnam, PACAF Airmen have fought bravely. Today, PACAF Airmen are deployed around the globe, prepared to give what President Abraham Lincoln once called "the last full measure of devotion" for freedom.

Happy Birthday to each of you--America's Airmen, past and present! From generation to generation, you have proven that an independent Air Force makes the entire team of America's freedom fighters more lethal, more agile and more effective. I couldn't be prouder to serve with the men and women of the world's greatest Air Force!

Secretary, chief send AF birthday message

WASHINGTON - The following is an Air Force birthday message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper:

"Happy birthday to the Airmen of the world's greatest air and space force! Our 57 years of history may be short, but they are packed with astounding accomplishments. We've broken the sound barrier, expanded military operations to the reaches of space, ushered stealth technology and precision-strike capability into modern warfare, delivered humanitarian aid to austere locations, jointly won the Cold War and provided decisive air and space power for wars in Korea, Vietnam, the Balkans, Afghanistan and Iraq. Your dedication to excellence, your integrity and your faithful service is recognized and appreciated by all Americans.

"Since our inception in

1947, America's Air Force has flown lead in defending peace and freedom around the world. That legacy was made possible by millions of professional Airmen dedicated to accomplishing critical missions with total success.

"Today, you are the torchbearers of our legacy. You are performing remarkably across the globe delivering aid to people in need and defending and protecting our great nation from emerging threats and new enemies. Your competence, dedication to the mission and pride of service is renowned. We know you also have wonderful families who support your long hours and deployments away from home. We are grateful for their support.

"You represent the strength and patriotism of our great nation. America is proud of our Air Force because of you. Thanks for your service and again, happy birthday!"



Photo by Mystfi Bicoy

Hispanic Heritage

Reid Kagemoto, base multimedia center, enjoys the display pieces at the base library during last year's Hispanic Heritage Month activities. Hispanic Heritage Month runs from Wednesday through Oct. 15. The next Hispanic Heritage meeting is scheduled for Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the finance conference room. They will be planning activities to celebrate the month. All Team Hickam members are invited to attend. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Edgar Lopez at 449-8515, Chief Master Sgt. Elba Parrish at 449-0589 or Staff Sgt. Olmarie Ortizlaracuente at 449-4492.

Military personnel data system managed like weapons system

By Master Sgt. Ron Tull
AFPC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Three years ago the Air Force Personnel Center replaced its 30-year-old computer mainframes running on obsolete software with the Military Personnel Data System.

The new system wasn't just an upgrade, but an entirely new platform designed to use Web technology for instant access and feedback; a system that could take on new functions and grow. Planners expected significant improvements in service and capabilities, but the complexity of the personnel system yielded unanticipated problems.

Like the deployment of any new major weapon systems, MilPDS experienced operational challenges.

"When MilPDS was initially fielded, everything from assignments to pay and retirements frustrated Airmen. Untimely outages contributed to customers losing confidence in the system. The Air Force had to act to turn things around and we have," said Col. Greg Touhill, director of personnel data systems at AFPC here. "MilPDS is like a Phoenix rising from the ashes – its performance is getting better by the day.

"We've stabilized the system, fixed most major defects and virtually eliminated unscheduled outages. While we still have challenges to improve the system, we're on the right track."

Part of the MilPDS stabilization has been a new way of thinking behind the system's operation.

"We run the personnel data systems like a weapons system," he said. "We look at our system availability just like a wing looks at aircraft availability. Our technicians are trained and

tested to maintain qualification standards. Preventive maintenance downtime is scheduled to accommodate customer needs, even taking into account Guard and Reserve drill weekends. We rigorously test all system changes in a test lab – just like flight testing – prior to going live on the systems. This helps us ensure the service we provide is secure, reliable and effective."

"Our primary objective is to put a quality product in the hands of our Airmen," said Col. Howard Borst, chief of the systems programs office responsible for acquiring software and hardware for systems. "We've changed our processes to ensure the integrity of the system and improve customer service. We've also worked to insert fixes that improve capability with immediate pay-off to the folks in the field."

A tangible example of that type of technology insertion is the addition of a system that gives personnelists in the field the capability to use their Web browser to access information.

"We're happy with the improvement in performance [of MilPDS], it has definitely made making updates faster and pulling data less frustrating," Maj. Cynthia Gaare, 39th Mission Support Squadron commander at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey said. "The new capability is a huge morale booster to the MPF."

A critical part of any weapons system is training. Analysis showed that initial MilPDS training was deficient and contributed to our early MilPDS end user challenges; our airmen simply did not understand the initial limitations of the new system, said Chief Master Sgt. Kevin White, superintendent of AFPC Field Operations. *(Information courtesy of Air Force Personnel News Service)*

Hickam members learn lesson about UCMJ

By Airman 1st Class Jennifer Kincaid

15th Airlift Wing Military legal office

While punishments imposed for similar offenses may appear to vary from case-to-case, each case is decided based on a number of factors and on its own specific facts. Punishments vary, based on such factors as an offender's age, prior work and disciplinary record, financial condition, suitability for continued service and the level of severity of the particular offense committed. To ensure fair administration of justice throughout the Hickam community, the legal office reviews all cases.

● An Airman first class was charged with dereliction of duty (underage drinking) in violation of Article 92, UCMJ and drunken or reckless operation of vehicle in violation of Article 111, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months, restriction to Hickam for 14 days and 15 days extra duty.

● An Airman first class was charged with adultery, in violation of Article 134, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to Airman, restriction to Hickam for 14 days and seven days extra duty.

● An Airman first class was charged with failure to go on two separate occasions in violation of Article 86, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to Airman and forfeiture of \$200 pay per month for two months.

● A senior Airman was charged with destruction of government property in violation of Article 108, UCMJ, and reckless driving in violation of Article 111, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to Airman first class.

● An Airman first class was charged with making a false official statement in violation of Article 107, UCMJ, and disorderly conduct (drunkenness) in violation of Article 134, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to airman, restriction to base for 15 days and 15 days extra duty.

● An Airman first class was charged with wrongfully using a controlled substance (marijuana) in violation of Article 112a, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of a reduction to airman, restriction to base for 30 days, and 15 days extra duty.**

● A staff sergeant was charged with adultery in violation of Article 134, UCMJ, and failure to obey a lawful order or regulation (unprofessional relationship) in violation of Article 92, UCMJ.

Punishment consisted of forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for two months.

● An Airman was charged with failure to go, in violation of Article 86, UCMJ, and dereliction of duty (failure in dormitory inspection) in violation of Article 92, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to Airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$278 pay, and a reprimand.

● An Airman first class was charged with failure to obey a lawful order or regulation on two separate occasions in violation of Article 92, UCMJ, and disorderly conduct (drunkenness) in violation of Article 134, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of reduction to Airman basic and suspended forfeiture of \$200 pay per month for two months.

● An Airman first class was charged with failure to go in violation of Article 86, UCMJ, and drunkenness—incapacitation for performance of duties. Punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to Airman, forfeiture of \$300 pay per month for two months, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

***Drug use is incompatible with military service. If you are caught using illegal drugs you could be involuntarily discharged from the military and/or face confinement.*



TEAM HICKAM

News Notes

HOSC sets September social – The Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club will hold its September social Tuesday beginning at 11 a.m. The Aloha Tea will start at 11:30 a.m. at the O'Club Poly Gazebo. Speakers Donna Watson, 15th Airlift Wing chief of protocol, and Stacey Martin, of the Oahu Visitors Bureau will discuss what Aloha casual really means, the great places to go on the islands, and much, much more. The cost is \$6. Finger sandwiches, scones, salad and fruit are on the menu. Reservations must be made by noon today. For reservations, call Jolande Murray (A-L) at 423-7097 or Jeannette Ramirez (M-Z) at 422-7444. Those members wearing a "girly-girl" hat will receive a ticket for the membership grand prize.

Dependency Indemnity Compensation – People ever married to a service member who died on active duty or from a service connected disability may be eligible to receive Dependency Indemnity Compensation in the amount of \$967 a month. People may also be eligible for medical benefits from CHAMPVA. Most benefits are for people more than 55 years of age who remarried or have not remarried. For more information, contact a local Veterans Affairs Office, call 1(800)827-1000. or visit www.va.gov.

Blood drive – A blood drive takes place Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Hickam Community

Center. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Senior Airman Tanya Ruiz at 449-0027.

Electrical power outage – A power outage is scheduled for Sept. 25 for an airfield security lighting project. The outage allows the contractor to connect the recently installed underground electrical cables to the existing primary cables near building 2155. The following buildings will be without power from 8 a.m. to midnight Sept. 25: 2125, 2153, 2155, 2156, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2167, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2173, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2181, 2183, 2184, 2192, 41050, 41053, 41054, 41060 and 41093. The following buildings will be without power from 8 to 8:15 a.m. and from 11:45 p.m. to midnight Sept. 25: 1598 1654, 1655, 1656, 1750, 1766, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, 1809, 1815, 1816, 1843, 1844, 1845, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1849, 1850, 1852, 1854, 1856, 1859, 1860, 1864, 1889, 1891, 2104, 2105, 2110, 2115, 2116, 2174, 2176, 4008, softball field, football field, tennis courts (near Auto Skill Center), 4057, 4068, 4069, 4115, 75096, 75097, 75098 and military family housing units on Challenger Loop. People should make sure their computers and other electronics are turned off and plan accordingly for the duration of the outage. For more information, contact Glenn Oshiro at 449-7530.

Veterinary clinic closure – The Hickam Veterinary Clinic will close Sept. 27 and 28 to upgrade the clinic's computer system. The facility will reopen Sept. 29. For more information, call 449-6481.

Career day – All active-duty members, spouses and dependents are invited to attend Team Hickam's enlisted career day Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Glenn Taijeron at 448-2583 or Airman 1st Class Iris Figueroa at 448-2584.

Joint Spouses' Conference Registration open – The 10th Annual Joint Spouses'

Conference, a forum for military spouses from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, will come together as one-family to learn and share experiences from military life. Registration is going on now through Sept. 30. The conference is October 15 and 16 at the Hickam Air Force Base Officers' Club. Forms can also be picked up at base exchanges, commissaries, support centers, thrift shops, and chapels. The cost is \$25 for both days or \$15 for Friday or Saturday only. The fee includes workshops, two continental breakfasts, two lunches and a conference tote bag. Seating is limited to 500, so get your registration forms in early. All forms must be postmarked by Sept. 30. Children are not permitted to attend and childcare is not available. For more information and registration forms visit www.jointspousesconference.com.

College registration is going on now – Fall registration runs until each school's late registration date. The first day of classes is Oct. 4. Military members need to visit their college/university for course information. Military tuition assistance forms for courses beginning in FY05 will be issued after Sept. 30 at the Base Training and Education Services. People who have missing grades from previous courses, will need to bring in grade reports before new TA can be issued. Contact BTES at 449-6363 for questions.

Missouri Memorial salutes Air Force – In honor of the Air Force's 57th birthday Saturday, all active-duty, Reserve and retired Air Force personnel will be offered free admission and 10 percent off retail purchases at the Battleship Missouri Memorial throughout September. In

addition, immediate family members will receive a 50 percent discount on admission and 10 percent off retail purchases. Qualified visitors must present their military ID at the memorial ticket window. Regular admission is \$16 per adult and \$8 per child 4-12. Military and local resident rates are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Guided tours of the Missouri are additional.

Heart Link – New Air Force spouses are invited to participate in the next Heart Link workshop Oct. 1 from 7:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the family support center. Expert presenters, panelists, games and scenarios on military customs, acronyms and your role in the Air Force mission will be presented. Childcare is available and lunch is free. Call 449-0300 to register.

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University – Embry Riddle offers undergraduate and graduate level courses at three center locations on Oahu - Hickam, Schofield Barracks and MCBH Kaneohe Bay, as well as a teaching location at Barbers Point Coast Guard Station. The fall term begins Oct. 4, with registration running from Monday to Oct. 8. In addition to on-site instruction, students can enroll in a wide variety of Distance Learning courses that can be applied to ERAU degree programs. For more information, stop by the ERAU office in Hangar 2, room 117, call 422-0835 or visit the web at www.erau.edu.

Top Three meeting – The next Hawaii Top Three meeting takes place Oct. 6 at 3 p.m. in the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Jerry Lewis Jr. at 449-6311 or Master Sgt. Rhonda Elliott at 448-4605.

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The Crime Line

The 15th Security Forces Squadron would like to keep the Hickam community abreast of security forces incidents on Hickam Air Force Base. Here is a sample of excerpts from the security forces blotter.

Theft/damage to private property:

A car on blocks at the Auto-Resale Lot was reported to be missing all four tires. Damage to the exterior, where the vehicle was jacked up, and near the keyhole of the vehicle, where unauthorized entry was attempted, was also found. Estimated cost for damage is \$1500.

Damage to private property:

An active-duty member reported damage to his 2004 silver Kawasaki Motorcycle. Estimated costs for damages are \$600.

Shoplifting:

Security forces responded to a shoplifting incident at the base exchange by a military spouse.

Investigation through store security cameras revealed the military spouse switching discount tags on merchandise, then attempting to pay the discounted price and exit the facility without rendering full payment for the item(s).

The spouse was charged with shoplifting and released to her sponsor.

Shoplifting:

An active-duty military member was detained for shoplifting at the BX.

Investigation through store security cameras revealed the military member placing computer memory cards in pockets and exiting the store without rendering payment for the items.

The active duty member was charged with shoplifting and released to the first sergeant.

Domestic assault/mutual affray:

An active-duty military member reported a verbal altercation between her and her husband.

Investigation revealed there was an argument with both members, and somewhere during the discussion it became physical by both parties.

Both individuals were charged with assault and later released to their first sergeant.

Damage to government property:

An active-duty military member reported a hole in the perimeter fence facing the Nimitz highway.

Investigation revealed the hole measured 4 inches tall and 18 inches wide. Patrols conducted sweeps of their assigned areas with negative findings.

The offense is still under investigation due to the same

spot being damaged repeatedly throughout the week.

Trespassing:

An individual was reported to be soliciting magazines in base housing. A patrol made contact with the civilian who had neither military affiliation nor sponsor.

The civilian would not state how she got on Hickam and was charged with trespassing and released off base.

Shoplifting:

An active-duty military member was detained for shoplifting at the exchange. The total value of the stolen items were \$2.75.

The active-duty military member was transported to Bldg. 1001 for further processing and then later released to the first sergeant.

Burglary:

A military family member reported her purse with money and credit cards missing from her base residence. She was unsure if she had locked the doors the night before. There were no signs of forced entry to the residence. *Security Forces note: All individuals are encouraged to lock their doors before they go to bed. Don't become complacent just because you live on an Air Force base.*

Theft of private property:

A military family member reported her bicycle stolen from her on-base residence. Investigation revealed the individual secured her bike on the previous night to wake up finding her bicycle stolen. The value of the bicycle was estimated to be \$800.

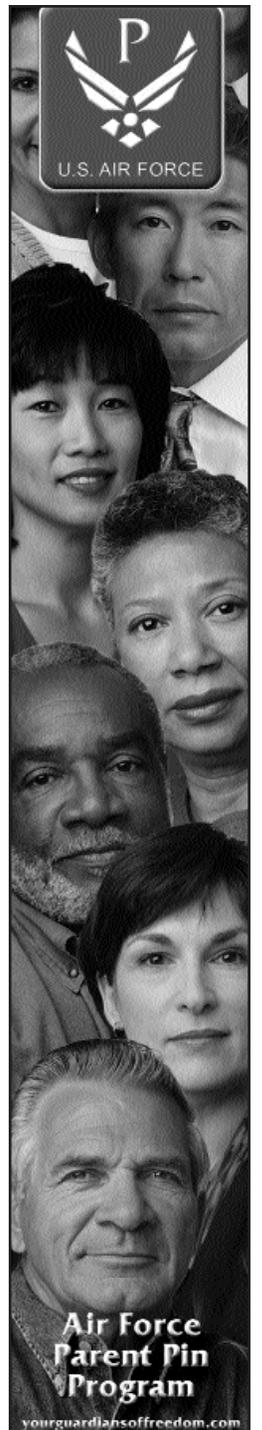
Bomb threat:

An employee from the Hickam Credit Union reported receiving a bomb threat via telephone. The area was cordoned off and an entry control point was established. Sweeps of the area were conducted by military working dogs and an explosive ordnance disposal team with negative findings.

Assault/mutual affray:

A military family member telephoned was involved in a verbal altercation involving juveniles. While the member and her daughter were walking she witnessed two juveniles fighting.

After she asked them to stop, one juvenile shouted profane language at her. During her 911 call the juvenile ran off. Sector sweeps were conducted by responding security forces patrols. Both juveniles were retrieved through the sweeps and charged with assault and later released to their parents.



Around the Air Force



U.S. AIR FORCE

Chief of staff outlines plans for fewer combat aircraft — WASHINGTON — The Air Force will have fewer fighters and strike aircraft, but the lethality of those that remain will increase, the service's top general said Sept. 13 at the 2004 Air Force Association's Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition here.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper said the service plans to reduce its number of combat aircraft. By reinvesting the potential savings from operating and maintaining those "surplus" aircraft, the Air Force can significantly improve the capability of those that remain, he said.

"I don't think that even reduced numbers ... will produce any less killing capacity," General Jumper said. "As a matter of fact, the lethality of even a reduced number of weapons systems will be extraordinarily increased over what we have right now.

"It's already a matter of record that we plan on replacing an F-15 (Eagle), F-15E (Strike Eagle) and F-117 (Nighthawk) fleet that was numbered above 750 with F/A-22 (Raptors) in numbers around 400," General Jumper said.

Money saved from reducing the number of operational aircraft will then be used to improve the remaining fleet.

"To me, it's good sense; it's good finance; it's good decision-making," he said. (Story by Master Sgt. Scott Elliott, *Air Force Print News*)

Survey will measure personnel services delivery — WASHINGTON — Airmen can help make their personnel services delivery system better through survey feedback beginning Sept. 20.

Air Force officials said they are transforming the way personnel services are delivered to make them more effective, efficient and timely. This PSD transformation uses technology to place the capability for conducting routine personnel and pay transactions into the hands of Airmen via a Web-based system and contact centers, while minimizing the need for face-to-face dealings in an office.

The first two surveys being fielded will solicit perceptions on personal customer service satisfaction from military and civilian people of all ranks, and unit leadership perspectives from commanders, first sergeants, command chiefs and senior civilians. Each survey process will continue for several weeks.

The e-mail surveys sent to participants will be anonymous and responses will not be linked to e-mail addresses. While the participation in the survey is voluntary, a high response turnout from will enhance the study, officials said. (Story by Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski, *Air Force Print News*)

Airmen ensure medical lifeline in Pacific — YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — A

ready, reliable and efficient war reserve materiel operation is the "heart and soul of medical readiness," said Senior Master Sgt. Joe Alfaro, superintendent of the 374th Medical Group's logistics flight here.

WRM is pre-positioned equipment and consumable items needed to support Air Force contingency missions worldwide. Although the equipment is kept here, Sergeant Alfaro said that his unit supports military operations worldwide. They deploy people and equipment supporting operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

"Our mission is very important. We save lives," said Master Sgt. Al Leach, noncommissioned officer in charge of the war reserve materiel element.

A couple years ago, the unit played a key role when medical forces deployed to Guam after a typhoon devastated the island. The team worked 48-hours straight packing and prepping numerous cargo pallets. Within 36-hours after the initial call, 374th MDG troops were on the ground in Guam providing health care. (Story by Master Sgt. Val Gempis, *Air Force Print News*)

AMC vice commander addresses mobility in 21st century — WASHINGTON —

Lessons learned during the war on terror are reshaping the way Air Mobility Command wages war, said Lt. Gen. John R. Baker, AMC vice commander, during the Air Force Association's 2004 Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition here Sept. 13.

"(We need) the ability to go into an austere place, set up operations quickly and be able to execute (the mission) in a rapid fashion," the general said.

To accomplish that goal, AMC officials created contingency response groups that the general described as "a tanker-airlift control element on multivitamins." These groups quickly establish expeditionary operations — an air base can be handed off seamlessly to an incoming commander.

But AMC is changing more than just the way it organizes. The culture of the command is also changing.

"We're reinventing the way we look at ourselves," General Baker said. "We're no longer a strategic airlift command — we're a tactical airlift command." (Story by Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter, *Air Force Print News*)

Civil engineers build 'Airmen-Soldiers' legacy — BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq (AFPN) —

Throughout Iraq, Airmen are working side-by-side with Soldiers performing what have been tra-



Air Force Photo by Master Sgt. Natalia DaSilva

Remembering Sept. 11

SOUTHWEST ASIA -- Master Sgt. Christina Hamel receives the American flag during a Sept. 11 retreat ceremony for members of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing at a forward-deployed location. The base honor guard completed the ceremony, which preceded a Sept. 11 memorial service at the base theater. Sergeant Hamel is deployed from the Kansas Air National Guard's 184th Air Refueling Wing at McConnell Air Force Base.

ditionally considered Army jobs. Among those blazing a trail for this new culture of "Airmen-Soldiers" are the 732nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Airmen.

The more than 240 combat-trained engineers in the 732nd ECES are assigned to 10 detachments throughout the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. Their specialties include firefighting, utility maintenance, heavy-equipment operation, and survey and design drafting.

The Air Force engineers, who are working with the Army, and in most instances in place of Army engineers, have had to adjust to a new mission many of them never thought would be required of Airmen.

"It really gives you a new perspective," said Tech. Sgt. Paul Tholen, 732nd ECES structural foreman deployed from Kadena Air Base, Japan. "I never expected to be on the front lines. Here, we are."

When their six-month rotation here ends sometime in November, the 732nd ECES Airmen will be armed with experiences about combat and joint-service operations to pass on to other Air Force engineers.

"We are really working together," Sergeant Brown said. "We've developed some close relationships and are building a bridge of respect between the services."

(Story by Tech. Sgt. Brian Jones, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs)

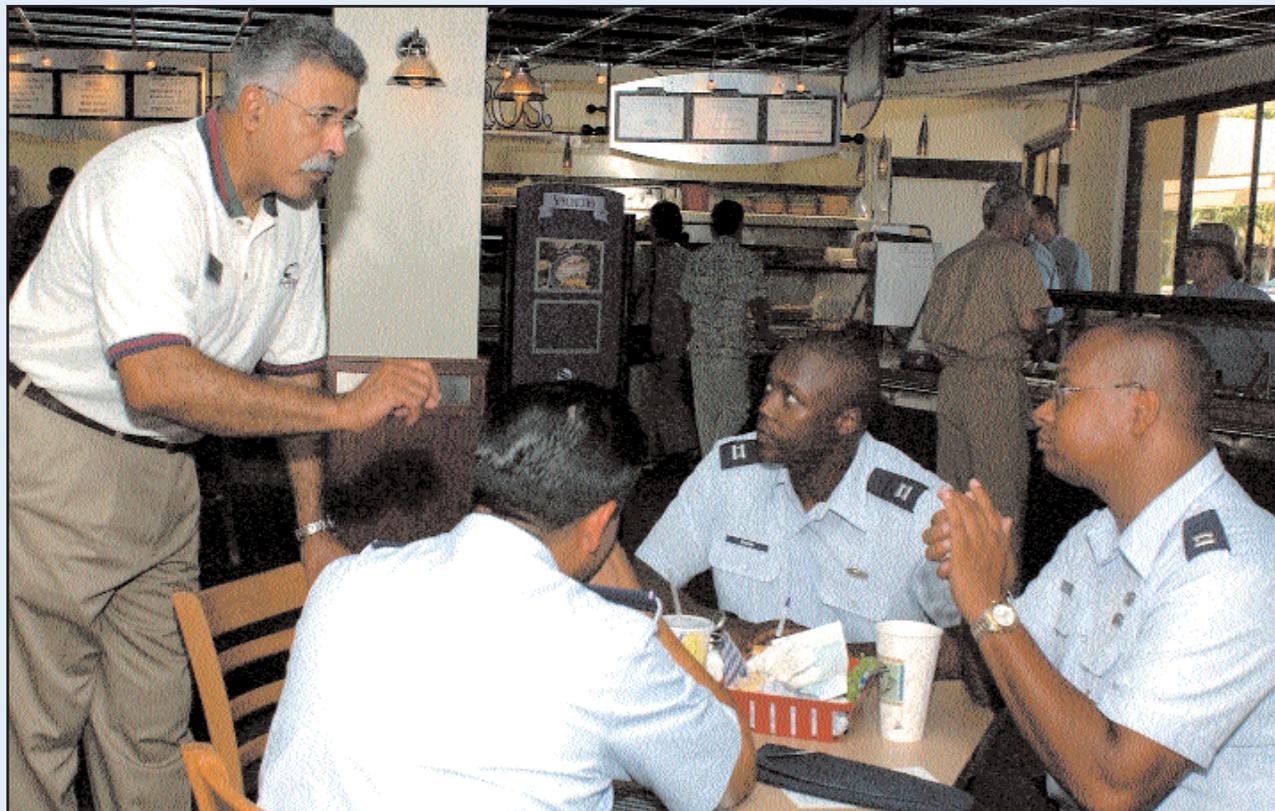


Photo by Mysti Bicoy



Take flight

From right: Pacific Air Forces Capt. Myron Shirley, Capt. Jesse Shaw and Maj. Ed Martinez are greeted by Alex Cruz, Air Force Services Agency, during the opening of the Wright Bros. Cafe and Grille Sept. 10. Wright Bros. Café & Grille offers the tastes and aromas of good home cooking including some local favorites in a classic 1920s era décor celebrating America's early success in powered flight. All ranks are welcome. For more information, call 448-4608, Ext. 50.

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Crossword puzzle: Happy Birthday Air Force

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman

Alaskan Command Public Affairs

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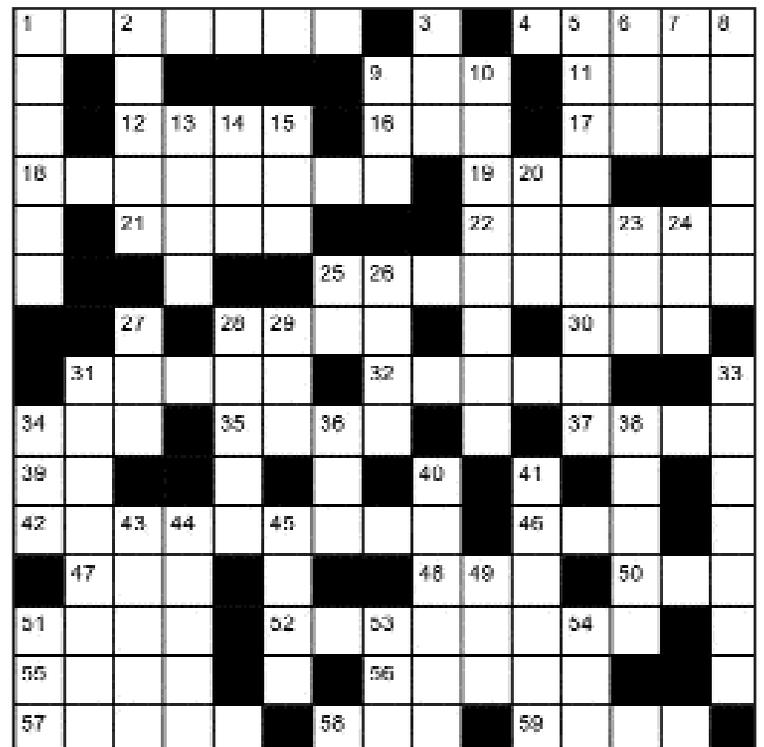
1. First USAF officer to serve as CJCS
4. Basilica
9. Actress ___ Marie Saint
11. Shrek was one
12. Ship
16. Aloha gift
17. Bill Parcell nickname
18. Year of USAF independence (on Air Force Seal)
19. abc...ghi...
21. Places
22. Singer/songwriter King
25. Sport reporter (2 words)
28. War in South Africa
30. Dine
31. What combat aircrews "sat" during Cold War
32. Central Asia country
34. Org. that secures federal products, services
35. Capital of Norway
37. Tardy
39. America, informally
42. First SECAF of the USAF
46. Golf score
47. Airman Medal of Honor recipient Henry E. Erwin's nickname
48. SE regional power provider
50. Snakelike fish
51. Location
52. Only three-time recipient of Mackay Trophy
55. Seat of Irish kings in ancient times
56. Type of Navy officer?
57. USAF plane that dropped first atomic weapon; ___ Gay

58. Actress West

59. Ambition

DOWN

1. President who signed EO 9877 to create separate USAF
2. Long-range nuclear missiles controlled by USAF
3. St. alternative
5. Airman who made first free back-type parachute jump
6. School located in Be'er Sheva, Israel (abbrev.)
7. Sea bird
8. USAF pilot to first break sound barrier
9. Inventor Whitney
10. Name prior to USAF: Army ___ ___
13. Steers
14. Model Carol
15. Boob-tubes
20. Actor Mineo
23. Gametes of animals
24. Allow
25. Gym class
26. River in Tuscany
27. Pie ___ mode (two words)
28. 8th SECAF of the USAF
29. USAF commissioning source
31. Person from ancient empire
33. First airman to receive Medal of Honor after USAF established
34. First USAF astronaut to fly; Virgil I. "___" Grissom
36. Object used in making choice at random
38. First CMSAF of the USAF
40. Main dish
41. First CSAF of the USAF
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45. Prey
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Team Hickam History

The Air force's most historic airfield

Sept. 17-18, 1967 - More than 360 evacuees from Wake Island, which was devastated by Typhoon Sarah, were transported aboard MAC aircraft to Hickam. All base agencies rendered maximum assistance. A reception center was set up in Hangar 5; the dining hall fed arrivals; the Exchange



Service authorized purchase of necessities by evacuees at Hickam; and Family Services, Red Cross, and other volunteers worked around the clock to assist incoming personnel.

Sept. 19, 1977 - A privately owned aircraft, a Beverly Bearcat, out of Dillingham Field landed at Bellows AFS with an oil problem. Takeoff was without incident.

Sept. 21, 1970 - The first group of 96 F-100s returning from Vietnam landed at Hickam en route to the mainland.

Happy birthday USAF
This week's crossword answers



Chapel

Editor's 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.

Catholic

Nelles Chapel
 Weekday Mass – 11:30 a.m.
 Saturday confessions – 4:15 p.m.
 Saturday Mass – 5 p.m.
Chapel Center
 Sunday Mass – 10 a.m.

Protestant

Nelles Chapel
 Sunday contemporary service – 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday Gospel Worship – 11:15 a.m.
 Sunday Praise Gathering – 5:30 p.m.
Chapel Center
 Sunday traditional – 8:30 a.m.

Orthodox

For more information, call 438-6687.

Islamic

Friday congregational service (1935 Aleo Place, Punahou) – 1 p.m.
 Muslim Association of Hawaii, 947-6263.

Jewish

Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor – 473-0050
 Jewish Lay Leader – Mr. David Bender – 527-5877
 Naval Station Chapel – 473-3971

Buddhist

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii
 Betsuin A Shin Buddhist Temple – 536-7044.

At the Movies

Today and Saturday - 7 p.m.

“The Manchurian Candidate” – During the first Gulf War, two U.S. soldiers are taken prisoner and brainwashed into becoming assassins by the enemy. They return home as heroes, though Marco is troubled by dreams and vague memories of his brainwashing. Eventually, Marco remembers what has happened to him and tries to get to Raymond Shaw, who is running for office, to convince him of what he’s remembered.

Starring Denzel Washington and Meryl Streep. Rated R (violence and some language)

Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday - 7 p.m.

“The Village” – The village seems picture perfect, but this close-knit community lives with the frightening knowledge that creatures reside in the surrounding woods. The evil and foreboding force is so unnerving that none dare venture beyond the borders of the village and into the woods. But when curious, headstrong Lucius Hunt plans to step beyond the boundaries of the town, his bold move threatens to forever change the future of the village.

Starring Judy Greer and Bryce Dallas Howard. Rated R (a scene of violence and frightening situations)



Team Hickam Pick 'Em



| | Indianapolis vs Tennessee | Seattle vs Tampa Bay | St. Louis vs Atlanta | Buffalo vs Oakland | Minnesota vs Philadelphia | Last week's record |
|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Capt. Chine | Indianapolis | Tampa Bay | St. Louis | Oakland | Philadelphia | 4-1 |
| Col. Torres | Tennessee | Seattle | Atlanta | Buffalo | Philadelphia | 3-2 |
| Lt. Col. Hollywood | Indianapolis | Seattle | St. Louis | Buffalo | Philadelphia | 2-3 |
| Staff Sgt. Schmidt | Indianapolis | Seattle | St. Louis | Buffalo | Minnesota | 4-1 |
| Chief Bernier | Tennessee | Seattle | Atlanta | Buffalo | Philadelphia | 4-1 |
| Tech. Sgt. Munsey | Tennessee | Tampa Bay | Atlanta | Oakland | Philadelphia | 1-4 |

TEAM HICKAM NFL CHALLENGE

Teams dead even at 9-6 after one week

When bad picks happen to good fans

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Editor

There are events which scream 'that's not supposed to happen,' like the result of my home state Florida's participation in last year's presidential election, the plot twist in 'Crying Game' or Hawaii's taking telephonic hostage of American Idol earlier this year.

I had a Sunday chock full of that expression, first with the early morning revelers at J. R. Rockers, then later at home staring in horror as Stuart Scott and Chris Berman mocked one pick after another.

After one week, I am dead last at 1-4, way behind my enlisted teammates and Capt. Nate Chine, all a solid 4-1.

In retrospect, some of my choices bordered on lunacy.

Going against a Brett Favre-led Packer team in an important, nationally-televised game is akin to saying 'you know, the sun has been rising in the

east pretty consistently, but I have this feeling ...'

Growing up Silver and Black meant loathing the Chiefs just a wee bit longer than the Broncos. Perhaps from now on I'll stake my reputation on something other than blind hatred.

But the Redskins beating the Buccaneers? In my best Austin Powers' voice - *Honestly?*

I went into this one with what I thought was an unshakable theory - The Steve Spurrier Stink.

Every team he's left went south faster than a retiring New York cop.

Prior to bailing on the Redskins, he bolted on the then-third-ranked Florida Gators. In the last nine years of his regime at UF, they averaged two losses a season. His replacement has 10 blemishes in the first two years.

Before the Gators, in three years he brought Duke out of obscurity to Atlantic Conference Coast co-champions. In the 13 years since his departure, the Blue Devils Football team has won 35 games. For perspective, the men's Blue Devils won 31 bas-

ketball games - last year.

His coaching stint prior to Duke, heading the Tampa Bay Bandits for three seasons, was terminated because, well, the league was terminated.

So I was confident that Spurrier hang-over would be good for the Bucs.

I neglected to factor in Joe Gibbs returning to his promised land, and it cost me dearly.

Fortunately my fellow enlisted prognosticators were spot on, and after the first week we are in a dead heat with the commissioned team, both knotted at 9-6.

For those early-rising football fans, J.R. Rockers is an all-ranks establishment, opening their doors at 7 a.m. on Sundays during football season. Breakfast is served from opening until 10 a.m., free for any club member, \$5 for non-members.

If you haven't experienced the raucous atmosphere yet, make it a point to come to the club soon.

And look for me, most likely the guy with the pained expression on his face.

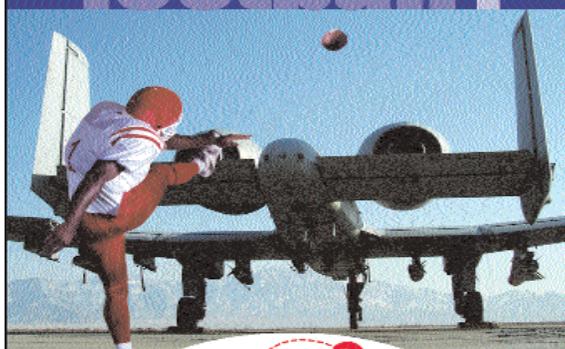


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey

Definitely ready for some football

Members of Cleveland's displaced dog pound celebrate a late-game Browns' interception against the Baltimore Ravens Sunday morning at J. R. Rockers base. The Browns beat the Ravens 20-3 to open their 2004 National Football League season.

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