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Hawaii based Airmen deploy to RED FLAG-Alaska

Story and photos by Capt. Ben Sakrisson

15th Wing Public Affairs

At 3:45 a.m. June 7 the text messages begin to roll in; the anticipated 5:15 a.m. show time for RED FLAG-Alaska is moved up to 5 a.m. sharp. Anyone hoping for a little more sleep is out of luck. Before the sun begins to light the beaches of Oahu, the flight crews are rolling into the 535th Airlift Squadron's parking lot for a pre-flight briefing.

By the time the aircrews reach the awaiting C-17 Globemaster III, aircraft maintainers from the 15th and 154th Wings have preparations well underway. It is obvious that their morning started much earlier but everyone is focused on the task at hand - now is not the time for a break.

Wake an Airman early in the morning; they work without complaint. Watch customs confiscate their awaiting breakfast banana - be prepared for a scowl.

Nevertheless, the aircraft is soon loaded with 35,000 pounds of equipment and fold-down jump seats for the passengers that will make the seven-hour flight from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to drop-off points in Alaska. Some of the maintainers remain in sunny Hawaii, others deploy with the aircraft - a two-week multi-flight mission is an impossible undertaking without skilled maintainers close at hand.

Once the aircraft reaches its cruising altitude, the roulette of passing out boxed lunches begins. Some people quickly find

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Capt. Eric Ziessler, a pilot from the 535th Airlift Squadron, studies while nearby Airmen get some rest during the seven-hour flight from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, to the RED FLAG-Alaska military exercise in Alaska. The flight was June 6 aboard a C-17 Globemaster III.

A 535th Airlift Squadron C-17 Globemaster III is fueled on the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii flightline June 6 prior to an early morning departure to Alaska for the RED FLAG-Alaska military exercise.

Dedication of JBPHH Fitness Center launches new era of fitness, wellness

Story and photo by Randy Dela Cruz

Contributing Writer

Dignitaries prepare to untie the *maile lei* that signifies the grand opening of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fitness Center. Standing, (from left to right), *Kahu* Kordell Kekoa; Frank Faria, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) director; Theresa Phillips, Fleet and Family Readiness director; Rodney Gouveia, MWR athletic program director; Mark McFarland, JBPHH MWR fitness director; Capt. Jeffrey James, commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; and Col. Dann Carlson, deputy commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and commander, 647th Air Base Group.

From its opening in August 1941, Bloch Arena served the armed forces with entertainment and as a meeting place for physical fitness and wellness education.

While it won't be easy to forget about the grand old lady's history-filled past, a sparkling new state-of-the-art Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Fitness Center is set to usher in a fresh timeline – ready to take service personnel and their families into the future.

Open since May 21, the JBPHH Fitness Center celebrated its official grand opening on June 12 with a dedication attended by Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; Col. Dann Carlson, deputy commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and commander, 647th Air Base Group; Frank Faria, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) director; Theresa Phillips, Fleet and Family Readiness director; and Mark McFarland, JBPHH MWR fitness director.

The event also included a blessing ceremony that was conducted by Kahu Kordell Kekoa and the untying of a maile lei to signify the opening of the fitness center.

In his keynote address, James talked about the colorful history of Bloch Arena with its appearances of Elvis Presley, roller derby, pro wrestling and the Harlem Globetrotters.

However, he added that the new 62,413 square feet fitness center, stocked with the most modern and updated equipment, represents the military's strong commitment to wellness.

McFarland, who was involved with the center's development from day one, said that the facility, from its energy-saving operation to its fully stocked exercise area, was designed to help service personnel reach and maintain the highest level of mission preparedness.

"To reiterate what Capt. James said, this is a state-of-the-art facility to close one chapter of our history and open a new one to keep our Sailors and Airmen fit to fight all year around," McFarland said. "This is the hub and will continue to be the hub for many years."

McFarland pointed out that the center is so big—the facility is larger than four times the area of Bloch Arena—that it should cover just about everyone's fitness needs.

"Our second floor has two racquetball courts, two state-of-the-art classrooms, admin space, a very large group exercise room, a spin room that houses 55 spin bikes, and a structured activities room for yoga and pilates," McFarland stated. "Down here (first floor) we have two basketball courts, a large cardio, gym and functional movement area, and our two restrooms. Even when you compare locker rooms from Bloch to here, our locker rooms are way larger. Our ladies' locker room has 55 more lockers and even large lockers that we never had before."

The 20,000-square-feet workout area, said McFarland, is stocked with 68 cardio pieces, more than 100 strength machines, three sets of dumbbells from five all the way up to 150 pounds, a cardio rock climbing wall, along with several other specialty pieces and a one-of-a-kind Kinesis machine.

"We're the only command in the islands that has a Kinesis machine," McFarland claimed. "It's a functional movement machine that basically allows you to move in 360 degrees. It allows you to move in all directions, which is cool."

Carlson said that he and his family have already made good use of the fitness center and calls it a win-win situa-

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RIMPAC to begin June 29

U.S. Third Fleet Public Affairs

SAN DIEGO – Twenty-two nations, 42 ships, six submarines, more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel will participate in the biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise, scheduled June 29 to Aug. 3, in and around the Hawaiian Islands.

The world's largest international maritime exercise, RIMPAC provides a unique training opportunity that helps participants foster and sustain the cooperative relationships that are critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world's oceans. RIMPAC 2012 is the 23rd exercise in the series that began in 1971.

Hosted by U.S. Pacific Fleet and led by Vice Adm. Gerald Beaman, commander of the U.S. Third Fleet (C3F), RIMPAC 2012 marks the first time non-U.S. officers will command components of the combined task force during the exercise.

Commodore Stuart Mayer of the Royal Australian Navy will command the maritime component and Brig. Gen. Michael Hood of the Royal Canadian Air Force will command the air component.

Other key leaders of the multi-national force include Royal Canadian Navy Rear Adm. Ron Lloyd, deputy commander of the Combined Task Force (CTF), and Japan Maritime Self Defense Force Rear Adm. Fumiyuki Kitagawa, vice commander of the CTF.

The theme of RIMPAC 2012 is "Capable, Adaptive, Partners." The participating nations and forces will exercise a wide range of capabilities and demonstrate the inherent flexibility of maritime forces. These capabilities range from disaster relief and maritime security operations to sea control and complex warfighting.

The relevant, realistic training syllabus includes amphibious operations, gunnery, missile, anti-submarine and air defense exercises as well as counter-piracy, mine clearance operations, explosive ordnance disposal and diving and salvage operations.

RIMPAC 2012 will feature the first demonstration of a U.S. Navy "Great Green Fleet," during which U.S. surface combatants and carrier-based aircraft will test, evaluate and demonstrate the cross-platform utility and functionality of biofuels. This demonstration will also incorporate prototype energy efficiency initiatives such as solid state lighting, on-line gas turbine water-wash and energy management tools.

This year's exercise includes units or personnel from Australia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of the Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Thailand, Tonga, the United Kingdom and the United States.

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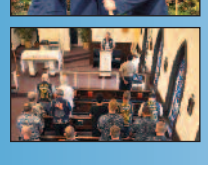

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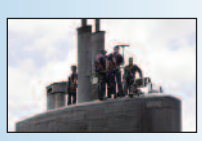

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15th Medical Support Squadron welcomes new commander

1st Lt. Kathleen Eisenbrey

15th Medical Group

Command of the 15th Medical Support Squadron (MDSS) transitioned from Lt. Col. Chris Dun to Lt. Col. Mark Lamey during a change-of-command ceremony June 12 at the Missing Man Formation Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Col. Robie "Vickie" Hughes, 15th Medical Group commander, highlighted Dun's accomplishments as the 15th Medical Group deputy commander and 15th MDSS commander since July 2010.

"When supporting our medics on the front [lines] - who support America's heroes - it was thanks to [efforts by] Lt. Col. Dun," said Hughes. "Today we say goodbye to a fine officer, warrior, leader and medic."

In the two years of his tenure, Dun's accomplishments included increasing squadron manpower by 69 percent, enabling 10,000 patient visits, and earning the Air Force Medical Service Resource Management Office of the Year for 2011. His outstanding leadership was crucial to the 15th Medical Group, earning Air Force Medical Service Patient Safety Program of the Year in 2010, an "excellent" rating on the 2011 Health Service inspection, and Department of Defense Clinic Patient Safety Program of the Year in 2011.

U.S. Air Force photo by Ed Foster

Col. Robie Hughes, 15th Medical Group commander, takes the 15th Medical Support Squadron guidon from Lt. Col. Christopher Dun, outgoing 15th Medical Support Squadron commander, during the 15th MDSS Change of Command ceremony June 12 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

Dun reflected on the squadron's accomplishments during his tenure as commander.

"Our squadron is very unique," he said. "The time of great demand for medical group could not have been accomplished without the teamwork and dedication of the fine Airmen of the Medical Support Squadron. I saw Airmen up at 2 a.m. to bring this squadron from excellent to outstanding. I was touched, moved and proud."

According to Hughes, Lamey brings a wealth of experience to the command position at the 15th Medical Support Squadron.

"Lt. Col. Lamey is a legacy in the field of resource management," she said, noting his accomplishments in the force management structure of the Medical Service Corps.

Lamey most recently served as the chief of the budget and executions branch at the Air Force Medical Operations Agency (AFMOA) at Lackland-Kelly Air Force Base, Texas. Prior to his tenure at AFMOA, Lamey was the resource management flight commander at the 3rd Medical Group at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. He also has experience providing medical support as well as administrative and information systems expertise in the Pacific and European theaters of operation.

"I am exceedingly proud to support you ... to lead you," said Lamey as he assumed command of the 15th Medical Support Squadron.

"I look forward to becoming acquainted with each and every Airman. This squadron is comprised of quality, top-notch Airmen who provide exemplary medical support."

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii holds change of command

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii

Naval Health Clinic (NHC) Hawaii held its change of command ceremony June 1 with the Battleship Missouri Memorial and USS Arizona Memorial in the background as Capt. Kevin T. Kalanta, Dental Corps, assumed command of NHC Hawaii from Capt. Anne M. Diggs, Nurse Corps.

Diggs took command of NHC Hawaii on March 26, 2010. As commanding officer, she led more than 675 active duty and civilian personnel and oversaw six clinics, providing health care to 61,000 beneficiaries.

"NHC Hawaii has a fabulous reputation of taking care of those who have entrusted their health care to us. This is because the staff care deeply about what they do," Diggs said to those attending the ceremony.

She asked the staff to do only three things during her command, "Be prepared, take care of those who rely on us, and take care of each other. NHC Hawaii, you did that and did that superbly," Diggs said.

Rear Adm. Forrest Faison III, commander of Navy Medicine West, was the guest speaker. Faison commented on Diggs' many outstanding achievements during her command, which included dramatically improving clinic efficiency to expand care access for the 61,000 patients who depend on the clinic for their health care and consistently exceeding clinic productivity expectations by more than 15 percent.

This directly translated to more appointments and care for patients who depend on NHC Hawaii. He noted that Diggs significantly expanded wounded warrior care services and enhanced partnership with Tripler Army Medical Center to provide seamless care to those who sacrificed for our freedom.

Faison noted that she increased fleet readiness more than 10 percent for the 34 shore-based Navy commands in the Hawaii region while providing rapid and responsive medical support to homeported and visiting ships.

"The list of achievements goes on, but all characterized by one thing, selfless service to others," said Faison. In addition, under Diggs' leadership, NHC Hawaii earned re-accreditation by the Joint Commission which acknowledges the commitment of NHC Hawaii to continuously meeting national and worldwide health care standards.

Diggs next assignment is deputy M9 for wounded, ill and injured at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, D.C.

Faison congratulated Kalanta on his assumption of command. "Kalanta brings a wealth of knowledge, expertise and talent to lead the NHC Hawaii team and continue building on the great work of Capt. Diggs," Faison said.

Kalanta is reporting to NHC Hawaii after his tour as executive officer for NHC Corpus Christi, Texas.

NHC Hawaii is a part of the Navy Medicine enterprise which is comprised of 63,000 personnel that provide healthcare support to the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, their families and veterans in high operational tempo environments, at expeditionary medical facilities, medical treatment facilities, hospitals, clinics, hospital ships and research units around the world.

Mackey is new 65th Airlift Squadron commander

(Left) Lt. Col. Brian Mackey assumes command of the 65th Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 11.

(Right) Lt. Col. Brian Mackey salutes Col. David Baldessari, commander of 15th Operations Group, as he assumes command of the 65th Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 11.

U.S. Air Force photos by David D. Underwood Jr.

Federal Fire Department hosts wildfire press conference

Fire Inspector Angela Sanders

Federal Fire Department

Federal Fire Department Hawaii officials hosted a press conference at its headquarters June 13 to ask for public cooperation and support in the prevention of wildfires.

Representatives from the Oahu Wildfire Information and Education (OWIE) Group include working group members from Honolulu Fire Department, Federal Fire Department, Army Wildfire Management, Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and Honolulu Police Department.

The group convenes each year to formulate ways to promote public awareness and education about the prevention of wildfires.

OWIE's mission is to create a seamless, cooperative interagency working group, establish a joint information center to disseminate coordinated information during incidents and prevent wildfires. It also promotes public safety and confidence through unified public education efforts and develops a common set of reporting requirements.

"Be vigilant at all times and report any suspected activity," said Fire Chief Kenneth Silva from the Honolulu Fire Department in seeking the public's help during the current dry and active wildfire season.

U.S. Navy photo by Al Balderama

Fire chiefs from Honolulu Fire Department, Federal Fire Department, Army Wildfire Management, Deputy from Department of Land and Natural Resources and Honolulu Police Department speak at a press conference held at Federal Fire Department headquarters June 13. The press conference was coordinated by the Oahu Wildfire Information and Education Group to promote awareness, education and prevention of wildfires.

Federal Fire Department Fire Chief Glenn DeLaura advised the public to, "Ensure your property is cleared of unnecessary shrubbery and debris and call 911 immediately."

Each agency exhibited their wildland firefighting apparatus in front of a fence which displayed a key message,"Prevent Wildfires." The sign was assembled by the fire prevention division fire inspectors from Federal Fire Department.

The working group offered some planning and safety tips for wildfire prevention:

- Report unauthorized dumping of rubbish and vegetation.
- Report overgrown, dry, and tall vegetation.
- Protect your home by cleaning the roof and gutters regularly.
- Ensure that fire apparatus can get to your home.
- Install smoke detectors on each level of your home and in every sleeping area.
- Create a safety zone around your home.
- When wildfires are threatening your area, if you are advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

For more information on wildfire prevention and safety tips, contact Fire Inspector Angela Sanders at 471-3303, ext. 617.

Prepare now for hurricane season

April Phillips

Naval Safety Center Public Affairs

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) -- June marks the start of the hurricane season, and the time to prepare is now before the season heats up, according to the commander of the Naval Safety Center.

Rear Adm. Brian C. Prindle, commander, Naval Safety Center, says preparations should include the whole family during the hurricane season, which continues through the end of November.

"While the forecast calls for a relatively light hurricane season, it only takes one storm making landfall on our coast to wreak havoc," Prindle said. "The time to prepare for a hurricane is now, not the day before a storm hits when store shelves are bare and checkout lines are long."

The National Hurricane Center advises there are two stages to hurricane safety. Prepare for a storm well ahead of time, and then act on those preparations when alerted by emergency officials. The preparedness stage starts now with having a basic disaster kit on hand, including items such as water, non-perishable food, flashlight and batteries, manual can opener and solar cell phone charger.

Once it appears likely that a hurricane landfall is imminent, add items such as prescription medications, glasses, pet food and extra water, cash or traveler's checks, and important family documents.

"Involve the entire family in disaster plans as well, and know where you will all evacuate to should it become necessary. A little planning now will ensure the safety of your family with fewer headaches later," Prindle said.

The dangers posed by a hurricane are not just high winds, but also heavy rains and flooding and tornados.

For more information about hurricane safety, visit the National Hurricane Center at http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/.

(Editor's note: A hurricane pullout section was published in the May 25 edition of Ho`okele. You can access it online at http:// www.cnic.navy.mil/ hawaii.)

State task force addresses needs of women veterans

1st Lt.
Kathleen A. Eisenbrey

15th Medical Group

The newly formed Hawaii Women Military Veterans Task Force continues to progress in efforts to identify the unique needs of women veterans through strategic development with national partners.

"[The] first thing we can do for women veterans is to raise the awareness that women are veterans," said Maj. Gen. Irene Trowell-Davis, director of the Center for Women Veterans at the Department of Veterans Affairs, who was a keynote speaker at the recent National Association of State Women Veteran Coordinators (NASWVC) symposium in Sacramento, Calif.

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> - Maj. Gen. Irene Trowell-Davis

Veterans' coordinators from the nation attended the symposium, including Hawaii Office of Veterans' Services Coordinator Carswell J. Ross Jr. and Hawaii Women Military Veterans Task Force chair, Air Force 1st Lt. Kathleen "Kat" Eisenbrey, stationed at the 15th Wing at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"The NASWVC conference was a tremendous opportunity to interface and network with benchmark women's programs across the nation," according to Ron P. Han Jr., director of the Hawaii Office of Veterans' Services.

Notable topics presented at the symposium included information regarding the Department of Veterans Affairs initiative to establish a Women Veterans Task Force. Since its inception in July 2011, the national task force has worked to "identify gaps in services and identify opportunities to better serve women veterans, and then develop results-oriented recommendations to decisively advance the VA's efforts to address women veterans' needs."

Coalescing with the NASWVC conference, recommendations from the Department of Veterans Affairs were released on May 15, 2012. According to the VA press release, "The draft report is an interim step prior to VA finalizing its overall plan … to address key issues facing women veterans."

"We are seeking feedback from all stakeholders, most importantly women veterans themselves," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki, founder of the task force.

Answering the national call to service, the 14-member Hawaii Women Military Veterans Task Force has provided comments to the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding medical and mental health care, child care services, housing and financial assistance. Noteworthy comments include addressing the needs of homeless women veterans, which is an increasing concern in Hawaii.

According to its mission, the Hawaii Women Military Veterans Task Force aims "to improve the lives of women who are serving or have served in the military, to identify and address the unique needs of women veterans, and to harness the power of women, influencing change."

The draft report can be accessed from the VA's website at http://1.usa.gov/K73JCn. The final action report is due for publication by July 16.

Bell tolling ceremony memorializes lost submariners

MC1 Ronald Gutridge

Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs Office

A special bell tolling ceremony was held at the Submarine Memorial Chapel on June 13 to perpetuate the memory of the submariners and the submarines that were lost in the month of June throughout World War II.

Submariners past and present gathered to honor and remember their costly sacrifices for our nation. Retired Lt. Cmdr. Paul Jurcsak of the Bowfin Base Submarine Veterans spoke on behalf of all who were lost and the significance of the ceremony.

"The bell tolling ceremonies help us remember and share the proud tradition of the U.S. submarine force," said Jurcsak. "It's through the memory of the great submariners who have gone before us that gives us strength to pursue what we do today."

The month of June also marks the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Midway, and the ceremony included a special tolling in its remembrance.

"Although there were no U. S. submarines lost during the Battle of Midway, it is remembered as one of our most historically significant naval engagements in the Pacific, one that changed the tide of the war and the course of world history," said Jurcsak.

"Today we are fortunate to be able to recognize the significance of this battle, and it is a worthy tribute to all of those who turned the war around and put us on a path to victory," he said.

The bell that hangs in the steeple of the Submarine Memorial Chapel, and tolled in remembrance, was donated from the crew of USS Argonaut (SS 166) right before her last patrol, one from which she never returned.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel Barker

Sailors and veterans attend a monthly bell tolling ceremony as a special observance at the Submarine Memorial Chapel at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (*Additional photos on page A-5.)*

On Jan.10, 1943, the entire crew of 105 Sailors was lost when the submarine was sunk by Japanese destroyers. Each time the Argonaut's bell tolls, it is in remembrance of all Sailors and lost crews at a time of war and peace.

Diverse Views

Summer is almost upon us, which means an opportunity for countless outdoor activities. What are some ways military members and their families can have an enjoyable, yet safe, summer?

Maj. Anadis Colladovalentin
13th Air Force

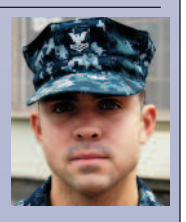
"Spend time with your kids, hydrate and use sun block at all times. Take time to visit all the great military recreational facilities that this island has to offer."

Navy Diver 2nd Class Blake Flohre
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility

"Summer is almost upon us, so I would suggest doing some of MWR's activities. They have a list of many activities that are cheap and inexpensive. There are plenty of hikes, trails and beach opportunities that not a lot of other states can offer, so I'd suggest getting out and doing all of things that Hawaii offers that you can't do anywhere else."

Senior Master Sgt. Chad Nixon
735th Air Mobility Squadron

"Hawaii has some great supervised beaches. We love the calm waters at Bellows seems to be good for all ages. With 365 days of summer here, outdoor activities are great. Just remember the sunscreen!"

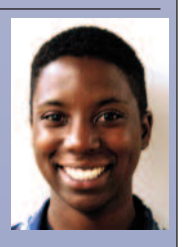


GM2(SS) Rick Stafford
USS Santa Fe (SSN 763)

"Here in Hawaii, families have a great opportunity to experience the outdoors. Such activities as hiking, camping, and going to the beach are safe and exciting ways to enjoy the summer."

Retired Navy Senior Chief
Jun Liwanag

"Summer is here, so the only thing I can think about is to be safe. If you're trying to go to the beach, be safe. Make sure to drink plenty of water, and stay hydrated before you do any sports. Just because it's summer, doesn't mean it's safe to drink and drive. Many people are on summer vacation, so just be careful."



Information Systems Technician 3rd Class
Ashley Stevens
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility

"Some ways my family and I enjoy a safe summer is by going to things like the Banana Man 5K run or a lot of the trail hikes like Aiea Loop where you can bring your dog and bring your kids. … We make sure (our son is) strapped in and occupied on our nature hikes."

Charlene Fukushima
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility

"This summer, I'm looking forward to PHNSY & IMF MWR's Summer Splash and Movie Night. It's being held at Wet'n'Wild in Kapolei on Aug. 11. It will be open to all shipyard employees and guests. Tickets go on sale in July. I expect to see about 1,500 people this year!"

(Provided by David Underwood Jr. and Electronics Technician 3rd Class (SS/DV) Rory Teehan)

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Stars pinned on Air Force leader

Maj. Gen. Clarence A. Tinker, commanding general of 7th Air Force, pins stars of brigadier general on Col. William Farthing, commander of the 7th Air Force Base Command, at the former Hickam Field, Oct. 1, 1941.

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535th Airlift Squadron begins RED FLAG-Alaska flight operations

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(From left) Capt. Mat Klingenberg and 1st. Lt. Nick Fine, pilots from the 535th Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, steer a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft through a turn during a low-level orientation flight June 11 as part of the RED FLAG-Alaska military exercise.

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska – Aircrews from the 535th Airlift Squadron (AS) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam flew their initial sortie here June 8 as part of the second-largest RED FLAG-Alaska, international-air-combat-employment exercise ever assembled.

While the 535th AS aircrews will receive a large amount of C-17 Globemaster III tactical airlift and airdrop training during the 10 flying-days that encompass the exercise, the main focus of RED FLAG-Alaska extends well beyond this solitary topic.

"The RED FLAG-Alaska exercise is a great opportunity for us to hone the skills essential for success during low-level tactical ingresses into drop zones and landing zones in a hostile area," said Capt. Eric Ziessler, a pilot from the 535th AS. "By incorporating Mobility Air Forces' aircraft into a large Combat Air Forces' exercise, it forces everyone to focus on the combined objectives involved during a complex wartime scenario."

U.S. Air Force historical studies have shown that the combat survival rate for an aircrew increases dramatically after their first 10 combat sorties. It is thought that an experience gap may be responsible for many of the past losses.

RED FLAG-Alaska is designed to simulate these earlier missions through a controlled environment with the intent to increase future survival rates in initial combat engagements.

This iteration of the exercise itself is a unique blend of joint U.S. forces and coalition partners, involving a multitude of different airframes and approximately 1,800 participants. Perhaps the best example of this operating environment is the crew of a North Atlantic Treaty Organization E-3 Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft who, by agreement, cannot ever exceed 50 percent from any single country. In addition, international partners from Japan, Poland, Germany and Australia are integral parts of the mission.

Many of the participants highlighted the range here as being perfect for an exercise of this magnitude due to its size. The Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex provides the space, varied terrain and weather necessary to stage a complex exercise, such as this. Combined with the vast variety of airframes present, additional types of training can occur that would not otherwise be feasible.

Throughout the course of the exercise, many different core capabilities for each aircraft will be practiced from airdrop of cargo, airborne tanker refueling, defensive response by aircraft to ground-based threats, and counteracting enemy air defenses to defensive tactics against enemy aircraft.

Simply put, the exercise has one primary goal, "taking what your tactical capabilities are from the unit you brought here and taking them up a notch," said Col. Keith McBride, the deployed forces commander.

For the Airmen from the 535th AS, it is just the beginning of a two-week cycle of intensive planning, executing a mission, evaluating, and striving to do it more effectively the next day.

USS Greeneville leaves for western Pacific deployment

Story and photos by MC2 Ronald Gutridge

Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs Office

Friends and families of the crew from the USS Greeneville (SSN 772) gathered June 5 at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to say goodbye as the Los Angeles-class submarine departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled six-month western Pacific deployment.

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"We are fully ready to deploy and execute whatever tasking the operational commander requires," said Cmdr. Martin Muckian, USS Greeneville commanding officer. "We expect to be busy conducting both real world operations in support of U.S. national objectives and exercises with other U.S. forces and our allies in the region."

Since returning from her last western Pacific deployment in March 2011, Greeneville has undergone maintenance and conducted training in preparation for this deployment.

"Greeneville is in outstanding condition from a material, personnel and training standpoint," said Muckian. "The crew is very excited for the deployment. They have worked extremely hard to prepare the submarine, and they are ready to execute a wide range of missions."

This will be the first time deploying for many of Greeneville's Sailors, according to Muckian. This will be the first deployment for Machinist's Mate Fireman Robert Quinsenberry from Olathe, Kansas, who has been in the Navy for two years,.

"I really don't know what to expect with this being my first deployment," said Quinsenberry. "My goal is to further my training and become submarine-qualified, and I know that I will succeed with the help of my fellow submariners."

Measuring 362 feet long, weighing 7,038 tons when submerged and with a crew size of 152, Greeneville is one of the Navy's most technologically sophisticated submarines.

Greeneville is the 61st Los Angeles-class submarine and the 22nd improved Los Angeles-class attack submarine. Commissioned in 1996, Greeneville is the first ship of the U.S. Navy to be named after a small town in eastern Tennessee.

Los Angeles-class submarines are ideally suited for covert surveillance, intelligence gathering and special forces missions. This stealth, when combined with the submarine's Tomahawk cruise missiles, mines and torpedoes, provide the operational commander with an unseen force multiplier.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*

Senior Airman Genevieve Ramsey, an aerospace propulsion journeyman, and Staff Sgt. Joseph Leugers, a hydraulic systems craftsman, both from the 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, perform maintenance on an engine of a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft from the 535th Airlift Squadron. The airlift is deployed to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, as part of RED FLAG-Alaska on June 8.

U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Ben Sakrisson

(Right) Sailors and Marines render a hand salute, as the multi-purpose amphibious assault ship USS Makin Island (LHD 8) passes the USS Arizona Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Makin Island and embarked Marines assigned to the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit are deployed to the U.S. 3rd Fleet Area of operations.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Dominique Pineiro

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 (SW/AW/SCW) Ronald Gutridge

Chaplain Capt. Sal Aguilera, Navy Region Hawaii command chaplain, presides over Catholic Mass in the historic Submarine Base Memorial Chapel on June 2 while the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel is being renovated. The Submarine Base Chapel was built by volunteers in 1944 to honor submariners who lost their lives serving in submarines during World War II.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Daniel Barker

Members of the Bowfin Base Submarine Veterans attend a monthly bell tolling ceremony June 13 as a special observance at the Submarine Memorial Chapel on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Photo by Kristopher Radder

Indonesians listen to the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band play a concert in Indonesia during Pacific Partnership 2012. Now in its seventh year, Pacific Partnership is an annual U.S. Pacific Fleet humanitarian and civil assistance mission U.S. military, host and partner nations, non-governmental organizations and international agencies designed to build stronger relationships and disaster response capabilities in the Asia-Pacific region.

Pacific Partnership Siau concludes with great results

MC2 Kristopher Regan

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West

SIAU, Indonesia (NNS) -- The third medical civic action project (MEDCAP) conducted during Pacific Partnership 2012's (PP12) visit to Indonesia came to a successful close June 10 on the island of Siau.

The five-day Siau MEDCAP was one of seven medical projects the PP12 crew took part in during its 2-week stay in Indonesia, providing medical services for thousands of locals.

"We treated patients with the help of the host nation's physicians and saw a total of 1,745 patients," said Lt. Matthew Hitchcock, officer in charge of MEDCAP 3.

According to Hitchcock, their MEDCAP saw 415 adult patients, 230 pediatric patients, 225 dental patients and 880 eye patients, with the optometry team passing out about 800 pairs of sunglasses and close to 700 prescription glasses.

"One of the big things we had to offer was optometry," said Hitchcock. "We were able to screen for eye diseases and also give out prescription glasses to help with vision."

The dental crew also committed to the task with a full-force effort.

Using a team of two Australians, three non-governmental organizational members from the University of California San Diego Pre-dental Society, two U.S. service members and two translators, the dental professionals extracted hundreds of problem teeth to the relief of their patients.

"We averaged about 50 to 60 patients a day and primarily performed teeth extractions," said Lt. Cmdr. David Allen, U.S. Navy dentist.

U.S. Navy photos by MC3 Laurie Dexter

(Top) Capt. James Morgan, mission commander of the Military Sealift Command USNS Mercy (T-AH 19), helps transport cases of water in Siau. (Above left) Capt. James Morgan, (second from left) speaks with Siau Bupati (regent) Toni Supit during an island welcome ceremony for Pacific Partnership 2012. (Above right) Senior Chief Culinary Specialist Guy Gagui dances the "ampa loayek" dance with a civil servant from the regency of Siau as part of Pacific Partnership 2012.

"We did have X-ray capabilities which helped us a lot with the extractions," said Allen.

"We were able to do an exam on everyone; we were able to do a fluoride treatment on everyone and also performed X-rays on about 40 percent of those we saw," he said.

The dental team also had a dental hygienist on-hand to perform cleanings and taught general dental hygiene to the patients who attended the MEDCAP.

"They were very grateful for what we were able to do. We had a lot of smiles and a lot of hugs from our patients which was extremely gratifying," said Allen.

The five-day MEDCAP was an exceptional experience for all who were able to attend.

"It's great; everyone enjoyed coming out here and helping out however they could. I think everyone had a great time," said Hitchcock.

"All my physicians said working with the local doctors was the best part, the local doctors taught us way more than we taught them."

PP12 will take part in similar projects in the upcoming mission ports of Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia.

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Success comes naturally to Reserve canoe paddler

Tech Sgt. Richard Gonzalesa

419th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

It's only natural Staff Sgt. Albert Van Gieson is incredible at canoe paddling. He has the pedigree and the physique: long arms and lean muscles (think Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps).

Van Gieson started paddling at eight years old and found it easy to climb into a canoe because his family ran the local paddling club.

"My grandma and grandpa started a canoe paddling club back in 1967, and I was born in '81," Van Gieson said. "So they were going full force with running the paddling club when I was growing up."

Hawaii is home to the best canoe paddlers in the world; Van Gieson is one of those paddlers.

"For sure, he's a top five paddler in the world," said Jenn Lee, Van Gieson's girlfriend. "And I'm not saying that because he's my boyfriend."

Staff Sgt. Alfred Van Gieson, 48th Aerial Port Squadron aerial transportation specialist, who desires to excel as a top competitive canoe paddler and as an Air Force reservist in Hawaii.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kyle Brasier

Van Gieson has the trophies to prove it.

"This year, I haven't finished anything worse than fifth place in all the races I've done," Van Gieson said.

Paddling his carbon fiber canoe that weighs just 16 pounds, Van Gieson can average between 7.5 and 8 miles per hour in a canoe. For perspective, he can paddle faster than more than half the men his age can run the Air Force physical fitness test.

"When it comes to technique, you want to get good leverage with your canoe paddle. People don't think about the angle the paddle blade enters and exits the water and where your body sits to give you good balance and center of gravity. It's just little things you put together to make a big difference," said Van Gieson.

The canoe paddling race season runs from December to early May, although Van Gieson trains year round. The circuit starts with several eight-mile races. Each race progresses in length throughout the season to 16, 18 and 20 miles races with a 31-mile season finale. Lee and Van Gieson agree canoe paddling is Hawaii's biggest sport, but it hasn't received the same commercial success as surfing.

"It's really strange how paddlers don't get paid because it's one of the biggest sports," Lee said.

"If I could do this professionally, that would be awesome, but the reality is nobody is getting paid to do this," Van Gieson said.

The military helped with that. After seven years in the Army Reserve, Van Gieson joined the Air Force Reserve in 2008 and works as an aerial transportation specialist with the 48th Aerial Port Squadron. It's not the most lucrative job, but Van Gieson is just as motivated to be successful as an aerial porter as he is with paddling.

"I want to gain more knowledge and progress in my sport and in the military as well. I want to show [my leadership] I'm serious about staying healthy, showing initiative, and asking for more training opportunities," Van Gieson said.

For Van Gieson, it seems excelling in paddling and the Reserve just comes natural.

"I do want to become a mentor to my community, especially because I'm a reservist so I'm a citizen Airmen like they say," Van Gieson said.

"It doesn't pay the bills," said Van Gieson.

"I told them this is a big part of my life, and they've been so supportive of me."

His canoe measures 21 feet in length and weighs just 15 pounds. The *ama*, a small pod to help with balance, and the *iakos*, aluminum pipes connecting the *ama* to the canoe, add another pound to the setup.

"He was raised in this, so it's only natural for him to be good at it," said Lee.

State-of-the art fitness center represents military commitment to wellness

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tion for the military and its personnel.

"It's state-of-the-art, huge with room for growth and absolutely beautiful," he said. "As Capt. James spoke to, fitness is at the core of everything we do. It's one of the main areas that we focus on. It is important for us to be mission ready. It's very refreshing, compared to when I came in the Air Force, to see the importance of how fitness has become in keeping our Airmen ready to fight."

While the opening ceremonies may have signaled the start of a new age of fitness for JBPHH, McFarland said that the real beauty of the facility is that it will continue to be current for many generations to come.

"We prepped this facility in preparation for change," he revealed. "Most of our machines, with the exception of our 19 treadmills, is energy efficient, running off of batteries or its own energy on an alternator to keep the battery charged. We have a whole new functional movement area, so when you put all those together with a state-of-the-art facility, it makes for a great atmosphere, a great training environment and great platform for many, many years to come."

Chung-Hoon Sailors commemorate Battle of Midway

Lt. j.g. William Tessman

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) Public Affairs Officer

USS CHUNG-HOON, At Sea -- Seventy years after one of the most influential battles in America's history, the crew of USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) honored the memory of the Soldiers, Marines and Airmen who fought to defend the small Pacific island of Midway on June 4-7, 1942.

The crew dressed out in their summer white uniforms for the ceremony, and Cmdr. Justin Orlich Chung-Hoon's commanding officer, gave an address and a brief history lesson on the flight deck of the guided missile destroyer.

After singing of the national anthem and a 21-gun salute, a wreath of flowers was presented in homage to those who lost their lives at Midway. The mountains of Oahu served as the backdrop, as the ceremony was conducted just south of the Hawaiian island, home to USS Chung-Hoon.

Orlich reminded the crew why their service is so important to the country and its future success. "We commemorate the Battle of Midway because it bridges the gap from our past to present and helps us better appreciate our service by remembering those who came before us. Your willingness to serve our country today is what will continue to ensure our nation remains strong for the next generation."

Historians often regard Midway as one of the most decisive naval battles ever fought. Many Sailors lost their lives during the battle, and it is to them that the crew of the USS Chung-Hoon paid tribute.

For more information about Hawaii's Destroyer, visit http://on.fb.me/LF3TTq.

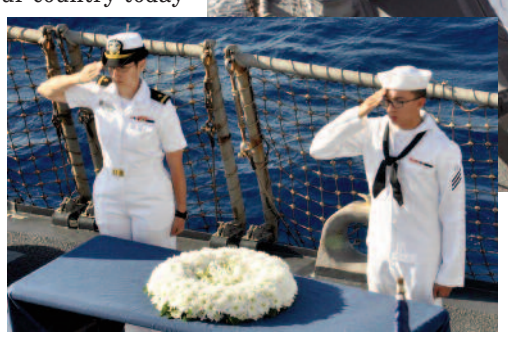

Photo courtesy of USS Chung-Hoon

Off the coast of Oahu, the crew of USS Chung-Hoon held a Battle of Midway commemoration ceremony June 7. The ceremony included remarks from Cmdr. Justin Orlich as well as a wreath laying and a 21-gun salute. Chung-Hoon is currently underway for local operations.

MIA bracelet connects Airmen across decades

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82nd Training Wing Public Affairs

SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) -- Twenty-two years ago, Air Force Academy cadet Amy Santmyer, now Lt. Col. Amy Young, decided she would wear an MIA bracelet honoring Lt. Col. Charles Walling, an F-4C Phantom pilot who was shot down Aug. 8, 1966, during a close air support mission in the Dong Nai province northeast of Saigon, Vietnam.

"MIA bracelets were developed in the 1960s as a way to ensure that fallen service members who are still missing were not forgotten," Young said. "I thought it was a very fitting tribute for any particular individual that no matter what else goes on, by wearing an MIA bracelet you ensure that at least one person will remember that individual who's missing, and keep the faith and not give up hope that they're going to come home."

Young has been one of those people for Walling, who left behind a pregnant wife and a 2-year-old son after volunteering as a replacement pilot. He had hopes of returning home in time for the birth of his second son. His body was not found, which left unanswered questions and a lifetime without proper closure for his loved ones.

But in a remarkable turn of events, Young—now with the 80th Operations Group here—will lead a four-ship Missing Man flyover June 15 honoring the fellow Airman whose name she has worn and remembered for more than two decades.

As the chief of the scheduling division and a T-6 instructor pilot, Young oversees the 80th Flying Training Wing's flight orientation program, coordinating support and approval for aerial events and flyovers.

Young said periodically the Air Force watch cell at the Pentagon sends out requests for volunteers to support upcoming funerals and memorial services.

"On the day this particular request came in, I just happened to be at my computer and the one to open the email," she said. "As I was scrolling through the attachment, I immediately recognized the name: Lt. Col. Charles Walling.

"I was absolutely shocked to see his name," Young said. "As soon as I processed that he had been recovered, I immediately started making phone calls to confirm that they had actually found him and brought him home."

She immediately initiated the approval process for the flyover, routing it through her chain of command. Within 24 hours the flyover was approved. The 80th Flying Training Wing's leadership's decision was quick and easy: "Absolutely. Let's put him to rest properly."

It was a surreal moment for Young. She had always intended to return the bracelet to the family, but not in her wildest dreams did she think she would have the opportunity to help lay him to rest.

"Never would I have imagined to have been fortunate enough to be in a position to be able to do something like this for the family, to help lay him to rest the right way and in an honorable way, and to show some tangible thanks from a grateful nation," Young said.

Courtesy photo

MIA bracelets were developed in the late 1960s as a way to ensure that fallen service members would never be forgotten. Lt. Col. Amy Young, of the 80th Operations Group at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, has worn Lt. Col. Charles M. Walling's name for the past 22 years. She will lead a four-ship Missing Man flyover at Arlington National Cemetery for his funeral June 15.

Walling's funeral will have full military honors and a four-ship missing man flyover of T-6 Texans led by Young. But Young also wanted to offer the Walling family her MIA bracelet so they could lay it to rest with him if they wanted to. So she contacted the family.

The Walling family was thrilled to hear from Young, for they share a special bond. Now Young will be traveling not only for the flyover, but will attend the visitation and the wake with his family as well.

As a combat pilot herself, Young has always found great comfort in the fact that even if something unspeakable were to happen, without a doubt she knows that her country would come looking for her.

"One of the greatest commitments our country has made that people may not be aware of is that we will not leave a fallen Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine behind, and this story is a testament to that fact, that after 46 years we finally brought this particular Airman home, to his family," Young said. " And the entire time that the family was waiting, they were not waiting alone."

The mission of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is to search for, recover and identify missing service members from past conflicts so that their families can lay them to rest.

"I can't imagine sitting in that awful reality for 46 years of knowing that your loved one is gone, but you can't put them to rest, so you don't have any closure," Young said. "But we are finally able to give this family some closure because of the efforts of JPAC."

When asked how she felt about Walling finally being brought home and the opportunity to participate in his homecoming, Young's answer was simple.

"I'm absolutely thrilled for the family. To be able to give them closure is tremendous, and I feel honored to be a part of that," Young said. "We can honor his service and sacrifice but also the service and the sacrifice that his family has made for the past 46 years."

Young has learned a lot from this whole experience and wanted to leave a message of hope for those families who are still waiting on loved ones to return.

"I think my biggest take away from this whole experience is that people and families that are still waiting and don't have that closure yet, they should remember and know that they are not alone," she said. "There are men and women working tirelessly to bring them home, and people wearing bracelets keeping the faith with them every day."

NAVFAC Hawaii officer receives civilian, military community service awards

Story and photo by
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii

Cmdr. Eileen D'Andrea of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii became one of 47 recipients of the President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition (PCFSN) Community Leadership Award on June 4 for her inspiring commitment to fitness within the Boy Scout troop she leads.

"It is our pleasure to present this award to Eileen D'Andrea," said Shellie Pfohl, executive director of the PCFSN. "Individuals like D'Andrea are working tirelessly to encourage physical activity and proper nutrition to positively impact the health of their communities. Together we are all working to make our nation a healthier one."

On May 31, D'Andrea also received a Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (Gold Star in lieu of second award) from Capt. John Coronado, NAVFAC Hawaii commanding officer, for her community service with the Boy Scouts of America between March 2009 and March 2012. During that time, she was selected as the 2011 Scoutmaster of the Year and received the Boy Scouts America District Award of Merit.

Rear Adm. Kate Gregory, commander of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, presents Cmdr. Eileen D'Andrea with a Navy and Marine Corps Meritorious Service Award at an aloha luncheon held recently at Fort Shafter.

"The position of scoutmaster is the most rewarding volunteer job I have ever had," said D'Andrea. "The Boy Scout program teaches not only life skills, such as first aid and communication, but it establishes the foundation of serving the community and has provided me the unique privilege of helping to mold the future leaders of our country."

During her tour at NAVFAC Hawaii, D'Andrea used her leadership skills to help shape the future of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) through the many command positions she held. In her role as the historic preservation officer, she helped create the Navy's first historic preservation division.

"It was the first time in my Navy career that I really had the opportunity to put my architecture background into practice," D'Andrea said. "As a registered architect, I can speak the historic preservation language and having someone in uniform leading the way allowed historic partners to see that the Navy is serious about improving its consultations."

The division identifies specific projects and facilities in the JBPHH area that are historical in nature and consults with historic partners, such as the Hawaii State Historic Preservation Division and the National Park Service, in an effort to maintain their significance while keeping them in active service.

Since the division's standup, it has won 12 historic preservation awards for various projects on JBPHH from the Historic Hawaii Foundation, another first for the Navy.

D'Andrea's next job involved the creation of NAVFAC Hawaii's second integrated products team for utilities and transportation which strategically combined the former Hickam Air Force Base's utilities and transportation divisions with the Navy's existing ones, unifying major operations for the joint base.

During this time, she was also tasked to fill in as the joint base facilities and environmental public works officer (JB4) while Air Force Lt. Col. Bradley Waters deployed to Afghanistan.

"The JB4 position was perhaps the most challenging of all the jobs I held here at NAVFAC Hawaii," D'Andrea said. "The opportunity to work as closely as I did with the Air Force broadened my perspective on their mission needs, something that will pay good dividends down the road."

On May 31, D'Andrea received another important award, a Navy and Marine Corps Meritorious Service Medal for her inspirational leadership, team-building skills and loyal devotion to duty, presented by Rear Adm. Kate Gregory, commander of NAVFAC Pacific.

This summer, she starts her next tour as the executive officer of Amphibious Construction Battalion Two (ACB2) in Norfolk, Va.

Airmen to fly variety of missions

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what they want to eat; others wander aimlessly trying to find their misplaced sandwiches. Sleep rapidly becomes the overriding priority, and most of the tired passengers crash out wherever they can find space inside of the packed cargo plane, be it in their seat or contorted around the outline of equipment.

Soon the time for sleep is over and the warrior passengers come to life, unloading some of their brethren and cargo at Eielson Air Force Base before continuing on the last leg of the journey to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and the grueling endurance test that is RED FLAG-Alaska.

Over the next couple weeks, the Airmen will fly a variety of missions during the RED FLAG-Alaska international air-combat employment exercise. Their skills will be tested in operations of a grander scale than in nearly any other arena outside of actual combat operations.

"In the end, the experience the Airmen gain through this exercise is awesome," said Capt. Mat Klingenberg, C-17 mission commander. "This unique opportunity provides us realistic training with our coalition partners that cannot be duplicated anywhere else in the world. Ultimately, it gives the C-17 the ability to practice and test our combat capabilities in a controlled environment."

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