

Sortie scoreboard

as of Sunday

	Goal	Flown	+/-
13th Fighter Squadron	392	325	-12
14th Fighter Squadron	270	175	-34

source: 35th Operations Support Squadron's scheduling office

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DUI hitboard

Total driving under the influence incidents at Misawa Air Base this year

9

Number of days since the 35th Fighter Wing's last DUI:

17

Last wing unit with a DUI: 35th Maintenance Squadron, April 11

source: 35th FW safety

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Pharmacist wins Air Force's annual honors

by Staff Sgt. Brian Orban
35th Fighter Wing public affairs

For his ability to improve business practices while saving the base hospital tens of thousands of dollars in the process, a major with the 35th Medical Group recently became the Air Force's top field grade pharmacist of the year.

Maj. Eric Shalita, who heads up the hospital's pharmacy department, was lauded for his ideas to correct operational shortfalls in his department, which included reorganizing the department's administration and finance functions, according to hospital officials.

Col. Roy Hobbs, commander of the 35th Medical Support Squadron, added that Shalita's contributions have helped improve the hospital's readiness and health care missions. The major's "timely, comprehensive and safe pharmacy practice" have become routine and reflect the level of service the department provides its patients, the colonel added.

Shalita's commitment to this degree of excellence, "exemplifies our mission of providing world-class health care to the entire Misawa community," said Col. Joellen de Berg, 35th Medical Group commander.

During the year, the major redesigned the pharmacy's outpatient medicine dispensing area. The idea centered around a plan to review all of the pharmacy's medications it stocked and "reshuffling" the system, he said.

Known as a "drug class review," it involved looking at all the medicines the pharmacy could choose from and then stocking those medicines that were "optimum for our patient's needs versus buying medications to treat ailments not common at Misawa," he said. "We told ourselves, 'These are the things we treat and these are the medications needed to treat those things,'" Shalita said.

Through this "smart shopping" idea, the pharmacy saved the hospital more than \$40,000. It also decreases patient waiting times and prevents the pharmacy from wasting seldom-used medication.

Meanwhile, the major led a department-wide project to renovate the pharmacy, which included temporarily moving the agency to the hospital's



Shalita



photo by Senior Airman Jody Kirk

Staff Sgt. Eric Broadus inventories military uniforms in the 35th Supply Squadron's individual equipment issue center. The squadron will lose 43 of its 223 authorized positions by February as the result of Pacific Air Force's Regional Supply Squadron opening up at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

Plan merges supply duties

PACAF program to affect wing supply agencies by February

by Staff Sgt. Christopher Haug
Pacific Air Forces News Service

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii -- In an effort to reduce manning and increase efficiency, Pacific Air Forces will move back-shop supply functions at Misawa and the command's eight other bases to a regional supply squadron at Hickam Air Force Base.

Back-shop functions include equipment management, stock control, mission capability or MICAP, funds management, record maintenance and computer operations.

Approved by the secretary of the Air Force, the PACAF regional supply squadron was established as a field operating agency under PACAF's logistics directorate. The squadron's 134 authorizations will replace 383 positions at bases in the command.

The regionalization plan,

along with recent advances in computer and communications technology coupled with mandatory Quadrennial Defense Review cuts, means the 35th Supply Squadron will lose 43 of its 223 authorized military positions, said Chief Master Sgt. James Harper, supply's chief enlisted manager.

"All 43 positions are scheduled to be dropped in February 2000. However, people currently filling these positions will remain at Misawa and complete their overseas assignments. Through attrition, the authorized manning will balance itself out."

Despite the manning cuts, people at Misawa shouldn't see much change to the service they already receive, Harper said.

"This consolidation effort will only affect tasks that don't require a 'face-to-face' interaction with the customer. We will

still have a few supply folks remaining at Misawa who will act as liaisons between our customers and the Regional Supply Squadron at Hickam. Their main function will be to resolve stock control, equipment management and other issues between the customer and Hickam. The biggest impact will be on the 35th Supply Squadron as we implement this concept and modify our daily business practices."

The PACAF Regional Supply Squadron will be manned around the clock to support units in the varying time zones in the command and around the world.

"The regionalization was directed by the Air Staff in the summer of 1997 for processes in base supply in ACC [Air Combat Command], AMC [Air Mobility Command], PACAF,

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Clarification

In an action line that appeared in the April 16 issue of the *Northern Light* regarding serving Army and Air Force Exchange Service food at Edgren High School, dietitians prepare the menus of meals served at the school to ensure they meet nutritional requirements set for school students. The dietitians don't actually prepare the meals.

Give us one more channel

I'd like to know why Misawa doesn't include the Black Entertainment Television channel in the base's projected television channel upgrade. I understand there's a plan for adding two country channels and MTV. Why not add BET instead of having two country channels?

All programming provided to the Misawa community is available on a free-to-air basis. The 35th Communications Squadron has thoroughly researched all programming available through satellite transmission and is working to provide the widest range of programming available.

We are not being selective in our programming choices, but we're looking to download all the programming we can legally broadcast on our cable system. As of this time, the Black Entertainment Television channel isn't available through satellite transmission on a free-to-air basis within our region.

We need a rink

Are there any plans to build a roller skating rink; not an ice skating rink?

For now, there are no existing plans to build a roller skating rink. It's been discussed on occasion since there are members of the community who, like yourself, are interested in roller skating.

We continue to explore feasible solutions to

provide a year-round capability. However, the expense of constructing a new facility is an impediment.

An asphalt pad was constructed for use by skaters, but weather becomes a limiting factor. Using an existing gym area has been considered, but such use would make the gym floor unusable for other more popular sports like volleyball and basketball.

We salute you for your desire to improve our community, and we will continue to look for an appropriate solution.

Responsible teens

Many of the teens on base feel they are looked down upon by many of the adults on

The Action Line provides "direct communication" between you and me. This valuable open channel has but one purpose -- to make our community better. Your input of ideas, concerns, highlighting problems and suggested solutions are the lifeblood to building a stronger foundation where our families thrive and our mission succeeds. There are many dedicated professionals at Misawa -- officer, non-commissioned officer and civilian -- who are experts in their respective fields. Please offer them the opportunity to answer your question in concert with your unit chain of command. They share the same vision for Misawa as I do. However, those concerns that do come to the Action Line have my personal attention.

Stephen G. Wood

Brig. Gen. Stephen G. Wood
Misawa Air Base installation commander



Who to call

Base exchange manager	222-7410	Hospital	226-3506
Commissary manager	226-3823	Law enforcement desk	226-4358
Family Support Center	226-4735	35th Security Forces Squadron	226-3397
American Forces Network	226-3219	35th Services Squadron	226-3008
AFN pager	172-236	Housing manager	226-2394
Fraud, waste and abuse hotline	226-4444	Chaplain	226-4630

base. How can we, as teens, be more active and a better part of the Misawa Air Base community?

That's a good question. I would say the same thing to you as I would to other adults on base -- look into areas where you can volunteer on base. One of the ways you can get involved is to take advantage of opportunities we have out there for you to enjoy and give us constructive feedback on these programs. We need to know what's working for out there and how to improve the things that are not.

Teens are part of this community too, and we welcome any contributions they are willing to make.

Misawa: An ideal example of cooperation

Opportunities abound for U.S., JASDF members to share ideas and build friendships

by Maj. Gen. Kiyokatsu Fujiki
3rd Air Wing commander

I am very delighted to have the great opportunity to greet the U.S. service members and their families at Misawa Air Base.

Five months have passed since I arrived at this base as the commander of the 3rd Air Wing and Japan Air Self Defense Force installation commander. I feel that I have been able to deepen the friendships and increase the mutual trust and fellowship with the base's senior officers, including 35th Fighter Wing commander Brig. Gen. Steve Wood and Naval Air Facility commander Capt. Keith Denman.

Misawa Air Base is the only installation in Japan on which both Japanese and U.S. forces have fighter wings based together. I think Misawa Air Base is the best place to demonstrate the intimate relationship shared between the U.S. military and JASDF. It is a relationship we highlight to our

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For many years, we have executed our duties based on the regulations of our own countries. Sometimes, the differences between our social systems and cultural backgrounds cause some misunderstandings and confusion. However, it is important for U.S. and Japanese members to coordinate issues like base support and airfield operations closely and to cooperate with each other. This helps us accomplish our duties while building on the mutual understanding and trust we share.



— Maj. Gen. Kiyokatsu Fujiki

As a way to highlight the joint cooperation we enjoy here, we recently decided that the Misawa Air Festival, which is the biggest joint U.S. and JASDF event hosted here, is being held Sept. 12. I know it will be very successful because of the great relationship we enjoy.

Looking ahead, there are major changes on the horizon for the 3rd AW. We will start flying the F-2 fighter, which is based on the F-16 fighter, beginning next year. This is a big change for the 3rd AW since we will become the first JASDF air wing to the fly the F-2.

I believe it will also give us

more opportunities to work with our friends in the 35th FW, which flies the F-16 - the prototype of the F-2.

We would appreciate hearing more from our fighter wing friends on their experiences in dealing with the F-16 as well as any advice and help they can share on operating and maintaining the F-2 airframe and its F-110 engines. In the future, I believe the 35th FW and 3rd AW will meet more frequently to exchange ideas and further promote the friendly relationship between our nations.

The 3rd AW's liaison office is Misawa's point of contact on issues affecting the JASDF and U.S. forces based here. Please contact them whenever you need any assistance.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere respect and appreciation to all U.S. service members and their families here who are far away from their home country and are here to help defend Japan and maintain peace in the Pacific area.



photo by Capt. (Dr.) Don McKenzie

Rite of spring

(Above) People walk past one of the many cherry trees ringing Hirosake City Park during the annual Hirosake Cherry Blossom Festival. Many people from Misawa made the three-hour journey to Hirosake this weekend to see the city's sights during the annual celebration.

(Left) This week's warmer temperatures encouraged hundreds of the base's cherry trees to start blooming.



photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Ron Inman

Shalita: Major earns top award

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conference room during the three weeks of construction. The pharmacy's self-help project included installing much-needed shelf space and a new semi-private consulting area where patients can discuss sensitive issues regarding their prescription with the pharmacists.

"My staff did a great job during this whole project," Shalita said. "They never missed a beat." Despite working out of a temporary location, the staff kept their services going without disrupting patient care.

The major's work didn't end at the pharmacy. He developed a plan to streamline the emergency room's drug cabinet system. Health care providers in the ER use computers to order medications.

Besides saving time, the computer system automatically screens medications to ensure that, if combined with other drugs, they won't produce allergic reactions in patients. It's an added step health care providers use to improve their level of care while improving patient safety, according to hospital officials.

In his off-duty time, the major is an assistant district commissioner for Misawa's Far East Council for the Boy Scouts of America and is a lay leader for the base's Jewish community.

Events highlight yearly police week observance

As a way to spread crime prevention awareness across Misawa, the 35th Security Forces Squadron hosts a variety of events from May 10 to 14 as part of the U.S.' annual National Police Week observance.

"The 35th Security Forces Squadron is holding this event to honor all law enforcement officers -- federal, civilian and military -- that have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect and serve their communities," said Master Sgt. Mark Alston, event organizer. The observance dates back to October 1962 when

President John F. Kennedy designated the week prior to May 15 as National Police Week while May 15 became Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

The following are some of the events scheduled across Misawa during the week-long observance:

■ May 8 and 9 -- Security forces officials host a softball tournament on base fields one and four. The cost is \$100 per team.

■ May 10 -- National Police Week official opening ceremonies held in conjunction with base reveille at 8

a.m. on Risner Circle.

■ May 11 -- Security forces officials hold a variety of events in the Base Exchange mall area from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., including a weapons display, children's fingerprinting, bicycle registration, a mock jail and military working dog demonstration. McGruff the Crime Dog will hand out blue ribbons in support of Project Blue Light, which is part of the police week observance.

■ May 12 -- A nine-pin bowl-a-thon runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Walmsley Bowling Center. This

event is open to everyone on base but is limited to 60 people. The cost is \$30 per four-person team.

■ May 13 -- A golf tournament tees off at 8 a.m. at the Gosser Memorial Golf Course. The event is open to Status of Forces Agreement members and Japanese nationals. The cost is \$16 for SOFA-status people and \$26 for Japanese nationals.

■ May 14 -- Closing ceremonies start at 4:30 p.m. during the day's retreat ceremony on Risner Circle.

For more information on the event, call Alston at 226-4157.

Supply: Program combines functions across Pacific

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and USAFE [United States Air Forces in Europe]," said Chief Master Sgt. Alexander Reyna Jr., senior supply enlisted manager for the PACAF Regional Supply Squadron.

"All four MAJCOMs (major commands) will be operating under the supply regionalization concept by 2002," the chief said. This squadron will also provide support to collocated operating

bases in South Korea during contingencies.

According to Harper, supply's new General Services Administration Mart is part of the squadron's re-engineering effort. The GSA takes over the functions of the base service store and tool issue center here May 31. The current retail operation center closes for two weeks starting May 14 to conduct inventories, complete transfer actions, stock products and set up equipment.

"The concept of operations is significantly dif-

ferent from base supply's normal operating procedures, yet the largest impact on the customer will be requiring IMPAC [International Merchant Purchase Authority Card] to purchase GSA Mart commodities," the chief added. "Customer satisfaction and item availability should increase, while the conversion achieves PACAF's primary goal of minimizing supply backshop and stock fund management workloads." (AFPJN)

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Smile, Misawa!

The Northern Light is published every Friday for people like Staff Sgt. Tom Fischer, 35th Communications Squadron. "He's always friendly and professional to his customers," said Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Welch, 35th CS.



Fischer

Briefly

Heritage month events set

Misawa's Asian-Pacific American history committee hosts a variety of activities starting Saturday as part of the base's annual observance.

"The observance recognizes the contributions and achievements of Asian-Pacific Americans while increasing awareness, mutual respect and understanding for this important ethnic group," said Capt. Nancy Stanley, base project officer. "This observance gives Asian-Pacific Americans a chance to show their ethnic pride in their heritage. They come from diverse backgrounds with a rich history of traditions that are still practiced in the United States." The annual observance gives them a chance to share that diversity.

The following are some of the events scheduled during this year's observance:

- Opening ceremonies -- 10 a.m. Saturday in the Base Exchange mall
- Cultural festival -- noon to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Mokuteki Community Center
- "Surfing the Net" seminar -- 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Army and Air Force Exchange Service training room
- Hawaiian cooking class -- 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Family Support Center
- Korean cooking class -- 6 p.m. May 11 at the Family Support Center
- "Coping with Stress in the Workplace" seminar -- 1 to 2 p.m. May 11 in the AAFES training room
- Asian cultural fashion show and employee cultural dress contest -- 1 p.m. May 15 in the BX mall
- Japanese sake wine tasting -- 5 p.m. May 15 in the main base shoppette
- "Financial Investments & Budgeting" seminar -- 1 to 2 p.m. May 18 in the AAFES training room
- Filipino cooking class -- 6 p.m. May 18 at the Family Support Center
- Japanese cooking class -- 6 p.m. May 24 and 25 at the Family Support Center
- Ikebana flower arrangement and judo demonstration -- 11 a.m. May 8 in the BX mall
- "Health, Wellness, and Fitness" seminar -- 1 to 2 p.m. May 25 in the AAFES training room
- Closing banquet -- 6 to 8:30 p.m. May 29 in the Yonekura Hotel in Hachinohe City. Army Col. Kirk Miyake, deputy commander of the U.S. Army Japan and 9th Theater Army Area Command, is the guest speaker.

Northern Light goes on hiatus

The *Northern Light* doesn't publish May 7 due to the upcoming Japan Golden Week celebration. It resumes its normal schedule with the May 14 issue. Information for the May 14 issue is due to the *Northern Light* office by 4:30 p.m. May 7. For more information, call the newspaper office at 226-3814.

Yard of month contest starts

The 35th Civil Engineer Squadron housing office starts its annual yard of the month competition Saturday. Evaluators choose six yards -- three from the main base housing area and three from the North Housing Area -- for the monthly honors. Housing inspectors recommend the top contenders each month to a committee, who then make the final selection.

Prizes go to the winning families along with a recognition certificate and plaque. For details, call the housing office at 226-2394.



Air Force photo

Staying sharp

Cadet 2nd Lt. Rick Gray from Edgren High School's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps' sabre team checks the sabres of the cadets in his team during a recent open ranks inspection. The team is available to perform at a variety of military functions on base. The team finishes this year's performance season in mid-May, so reservations are required soon. For more information, call 222-7155.

Wing hosts community fair

Event focuses on promoting wellness and healthy lifestyles

The 35th Fighter Wing, in conjunction with the local Japanese community, unite efforts to promote overall wellness and healthy lifestyles during Misawa's first-ever community fair scheduled for May 7.

"Y2K, mind, body and spirit" is the theme for the event, which is designed to give the Misawa community a chance to show off the health and fitness programs and services available here, said Maj. Sherry Sasser, Health and Wellness Center director.

The 35th Medical Group and Potter Fitness Center are hosting the event in conjunction with the wing annual spring sports day. More than 50 base and local organizations will open booths and provide demonstrations focusing on healthy minds, bodies and spirits.

Throughout the day, 35th Medical Group officials will conduct blood pressure checks, cholesterol testing, body fat analysis and private breast exams. Also, Misawa's EDIS office holds developmental screens for children up to 3 years old while Misawa's speech pathologists holds hearing tests. Meanwhile, the hos-

pital's optometry clinic will offer depth perception and color vision testing screenings. A variety of civilian health and medical experts will feature a variety of exhibits on foot massage, reflexology, acupuncture, Kendo and chiropractor practices. During the event, the Potter Fitness Center will feature regular and rhythmic aerobic dance classes as well as judo and karate martial arts demonstrations. In addition to the day's sports competitions, Outdoor Recreation will feature its new climbing wall while the hospital's physical therapy clinic offers a variety of games to give folks a chance to practice stretch-touch exercises the Air

Force will test starting next year as part of its expanded fitness program.

Even pet health is featured at the fair. The Misawa veterinary services clinic will offer information on taking care of pets while the Yoshida Veterinary Clinic and Kitazato University animal hospital discuss veterinary services available in the local area. Also, the 35th Security Forces Squadron will showcase their military working dogs during a various demonstrations.

People curious about the local exotic cuisine may learn more from Japanese tofu and soy sauce company representatives, who will offer samples of their wares. Meanwhile, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service will offer samples of the "healthy choice" foods available at its various restaurants.

Also, Misawa school feeding program representatives are available to answer questions about school lunch menus and how AAFES dieticians plan these menus.

For details about the fair, call the HAWC at 226-6550. *Information courtesy of the Misawa Health and Wellness Center.*

Misawa warrior of the week**Yoshimasa Ishibashi**

Unit and occupation: Grocery department manager with the Defense Commissary Agency
Hometown: Hachinohe, Japan
Time in the civil service: 16 years
Time at Misawa: 16 years
Hobbies: Spending time with his family and daughter
How does Yoshimasa Ishibashi exemplify DeCA core values? "By every measure, Mr. Ishibashi exceeds DeCA's standards. The first and last thought in everything that he does is how it will improve service to our customers. He manages the largest department in the commissary responsible for more than 82 percent of our monthly sales. His leadership style and work ethic inspires excellence in everyone who works with him. Mr. Ishibashi has been the catalyst in making sure all products are displayed, available and quickly returned to its proper shelf location for the commissary patron during our ongoing renovation. Countless hours of dedication and planning by 'Ishi' have resulted in the Misawa commissary being selected as the best large overseas commissary in the Defense Commissary Agency for 1998. He oversees the night stocking crew, the frozen food section and the warehouse operation. Mr. Ishibashi exemplifies all the traits of a true leader. The Misawa Commissary is indeed fortunate to have him, and our customers will benefit for years to come from his selfless dedication to quality service."



photo by Staff Sgt. Milo Ware

Yoshimasa Ishibashi inspects some of merchandise on the Commissary shelves.

-- Karen Ochsner, assistant commissary officer

Military records 'OK' for Y2K

by Army Maj. Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- The Year 2000 computer problem has dominated the headlines for months with alarmists warning of airplanes falling from the sky and banking and power systems going totally haywire.

One thing service members won't have to worry about, though, is their military records.

Rob Brandewie, deputy director of the Defense Manpower Data Center, said the center will face the new millennium with little more than a "champagne headache." That's important news, he said, because the center's holdings comprise the Defense Department's largest archive of personnel, manpower, training and financial data.

The center, based in Seaside, Calif., near Monterey, computerized its system in the late 1960s and early 1970s. It has literally billions of records that affect every service member and retiree, their families, all Reserve members and National Guardsmen, and all DoD civilian employees. Its largest "file" is the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS, which verifies a person's eligible for medical care and a wide range of other benefits.

The Year 2000 problem, nicknamed "Y2K," refers to a past computer industry practice of writing years with just two digits -- 1999 would be "99." Because of this digital shorthand, some computer systems on Jan. 1, 2000, might treat "00" as "1900" or just shut down. Almost any

computer system may be vulnerable and needs to be checked and then, if necessary, fixed to handle the year change or replaced. A computer system that recognizes the year 2000 correctly is called "compliant."

"In our line of work, just about everything is tied to dates -- the date of entry into the service, entitlements, benefits, pay longevity, and the date of eligibility to retire or separate," Brandewie said.

Because key events in service members' careers tend to revolve around dates, Y2K concerns are important, he said. DMDC got a jump on Y2K in 1995 by upgrading DEERS using a database that solved the problem before most people knew there was one.

"We've been sensitive to the century issue for quite awhile," he said. Center programmers routinely use four-digit dates because active data in the client base span three centuries, not just two. Some of DMDC's oldest "clients" -- people tracked -- were born in the 1800s, for example, and many others have retirement dates well into the 2000s, Brandewie said.

The change, he added, assured that military medical beneficiaries' care, whether in military facilities or through TRICARE or CHAMPUS, won't be interrupted because DMDC was unprepared for Y2K.

"Trust that the systems will work," he said. "A lot of people in DoD have paid a lot of attention to this issue, so rest assured that your records are in good hands -- and will continue to be well into the next century."

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-- Rob Brandewie

Misawa salutes ...

Misawa's logistics professionals of the year, who were honored at the base's annual "Log Pro" banquet earlier this month:

Maintenance professionals of the year -- **Senior Airman Vincent Dorla**, 14th Fighter Squadron, airman; **Tech. Sgt. Patrick Edem**, 14th FS, noncommissioned officer; and **Master Sgt. Victor Morgan Jr.**, 35th Maintenance Squadron, senior NCO

Transportation professionals of the year -- **Airman 1st Class Cristina Robisky**, 35th Transportation Squadron, airman; **Tech. Sgt. David Govan**, 35th TRANS, noncommissioned officer; **Master Sgt. Leon Bell**, 35th TRANS, senior NCO; and **Yoshio Ohno**, 35th TRANS, civilian employee

Supply professionals of the year -- **Airman 1st Class Carl Howells**, 35th Supply Squadron, airman; **Tech. Sgt. Byron Gregory**, 35th SUPS, noncommissioned officer; **Master Sgt. Joseph Wright Jr.**, 35th SUPS, senior NCO; and **Mitsuyuki Takahashi**, 35th SUPS

Logistics support professionals of the year -- **Senior Airman Lawrence Bredwell**, 35th Logistics Support Squadron, airman; **Staff Sgt. Todd Charlesworth**, 14th FS, noncommissioned officer; and **Master Sgt. Timothy Herrick**, 35th LSS, senior NCO

Contracting professionals of the year -- **Airman 1st Class Elizabeth Anton**, 35th Contracting Squadron, airman; **Tech. Sgt. Bernice Hofacre**, 35th CONS, noncommissioned officer; and **Mieko Kimura**, 35th CONS, civilian employee

Air Intelligence Agency's logistics professionals of the year -- **Staff Sgt. Shawn Wolfe**, 301st Intelligence Squadron, airman; **Staff Sgt. Todd Larson**, 301st IS; noncommissioned officer; and **Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Barton**, 301st IS, senior NCO

PACAF logistics support professional of the year -- **Senior Airman David Cahee**, 35th LSS

The people of the Misawa Artisans Thrift Shop by donating approximately \$4,000 for the Misawa community. MATS, a non-profit, all-volunteer organization, donated the money raised in 1998 to the Pets Are Worth Saving animal shelter, the Misawa Enlisted Community Organization, American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and the 35th Services Squadron.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Priscilla Morales from Misawa's Personnel Support Detachment after she was selected as the detachment's junior sailor of the quarter.

The 35th Support Group's quarterly award winners -- **Senior Airman Jennifer Craig**, airman; **Tech. Sgt. Richard Knox**, noncommissioned officer; **Master Sgt. Roger Lightner**, senior NCO; **2nd Lt. Edward Hudson**, company grade officer; **Masao Doi**, U.S. civilian employee; and **Toshinobu Kawashima**, local national civilian employee.

Tickets for weekend movies at the base theater go on sale from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Today

Theater -- "True Crime" (R) Clint Eastwood and Isaiah Washington, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Youth Center -- A semi-formal spring prom for children ages 6 to 8 runs from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Tohoku Enlisted Club -- Misawa rock artists Gwaggie & 26 Crazy Fists performs from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the ballroom.

Mokuteki Community Center -- People may sign up for the base teen talent contest scheduled for May 19 at the Tohoku Enlisted Club. The center also need volunteers to help during the show.

Saturday

Theater -- "My Favorite Martian" (PG) Jeff Daniels and Christopher Lloyd, 1 p.m. "True Crime" (R), 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Youth Center -- A semi-formal junior teen and pre-teen prom runs from 7 to 11 p.m.

Skills Development Center -- Due to a planned power outage, the wood shop opens from noon to 6 p.m.

Walmsley Bowling Center -- A midnight madness tournament runs from 10 p.m. to midnight.

Outdoor Recreation -- People may play paintball for half price, which includes all required equipment.

Sunday

Theater -- "My Favorite Martian" (PG), 7 p.m.

Monday

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Family Support Center -- The center's "Intercultural Communication in the American Workplace" seminar begins at 10 a.m.

Tuesday

Theater -- "Meet Joe Black" (PG-13) Brad Pitt and Anthony Hopkins, 7 p.m.

Family Support Center -- The center's transition assistance program workshop starts at 8 a.m. A Hawaiian cooking class begins at 6 p.m.

Youth Center -- The Kids in the Kitchen make pizza at 3:30 p.m. The cost is 75 cents per person.

Family Child Care -- Training begins for people interested in providing home day care.

Tohoku Enlisted Club -- The club closes for scheduled maintenance.

Wednesday

Theater -- "A Simple Plan" (R) Bill Paxton and Bob Thornton, 7 p.m.

Youth Center -- The Boys and Girls Club holds a Cinco de Mayo birthday celebration.

Tohoku Enlisted Club -- The club serves its Cinco De Mayo lunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the dining room.

Thursday

Theater -- "A Simple Plan" (R), 7 p.m.

Family Support Center -- A couples communication brown bag luncheon starts at 11 a.m. A "Kids on the Move" class starts at 3:30 p.m. A "teaching conversational English" workshop begins at 6 p.m.

Entertainment

■ **Sports festival set** -- The Potter Fitness Center hosts the Misawa Air Base May Fitness and Sports Festival May 7. People may sign up for the day's sports events through their unit sports representative. For more information, call 226-2585.

■ **Culture festival** -- The Asian Pacific American Heritage Month committee hosts a culture festival from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Mokuteki Community center. The event features entertainment and exhibits from local Asian and Pacific American groups. Ethnic food is also available.

■ **Showtime at the Apollo** -- The Misawa chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People hosts its first-ever "Juneteenth" celebration June 19 at Leftwich Park and fourth annual "Showtime at the Apollo" June 12 at the Tohoku Enlisted Club. Event organizers need volunteers to helping during both events. For more information, call 222-7291 or 222-7146.

■ **Contest entries accepted** -- The Skills Development Center accepts entries for the Air Force's 1999 adult artist and craftsman contest from May 15 to June 5 at the Craft Shop in Bldg. 645. The contest is open to people ages 18 and up who are authorized to use the center. For more information, call the center at 226-4452.

Youth and teen activities

■ **Scout camp volunteers needed** -- Boy Scouts Pack 18 needs volunteers to help during the annual Cub Scout day camp scheduled for July 19 to 23. The pack needs volunteers to help organize, set up and run the camp's activities. For more information, call Michelle Albert at 222-6744 or Paula Dugan at 222-7200.

Classes and education

■ **FSC events** -- As part of military spouses day, the Family Support Center hosts an information fair from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Mutsu Officers' Club and again from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the Tohoku Enlisted Club.

■ **Club scholarship available** -- The Tohoku Enlisted Club takes entries for the Air Force Club Membership Scholarship through July 15. Candidates must submit an essay of 500 words or less on club membership and how participation makes a difference, or about Air Force club membership's and what they're really worth. For more information, call the club at 222-9511 for more information.

■ **MOSC scholarship** -- The base education center takes applications for the Misawa Officers Spouses' Club scholarships for term five classes through May 7. The scholarships are available to Status of Forces Agreement-sponsored spouses and family members of enlisted members, officers and civilian employees. For more information, call 226-4201.

■ **Spouse tuition assistance available** -- The base education center accepts applications for spouse tuition assistance for term five classes through May 7. For more information, call Phyllis Wheeler from the Air Force Aid Society office at 226-4418 or the education center at 226-4201.

■ **Term five registration** -- Registration for term five college classes runs from May 17 to 28 at the base education center. May 17 to 19 are reserved for active duty members only. For more information, call the center at 226-4201

■ **CCAF graduation** -- The Community College Of The Air Force holds its graduation ceremony at 2 p.m. June 4 at the Mutsu Officers' Club. Everyone is invited.

■ **Troy State graduate programs** -- Troy State

University offers a variety of graduate degree programs in management and education. For more information, check the university's Internet site at www.troyst.edu/tsup.

This 'n' that

■ **Shoppette hours expand** -- The main base shoppette opens from 6 a.m. to midnight starting Saturday as part of a test program. The expanded hours end July 31. For more information, call 222-5730.

■ **Parade volunteers sought** -- The American Day parade committee is looking for people and groups interested in participating and performing during the event's annual parade June 5. The committee is interested in people with unique vehicles and motorcycles, those with American cultural costumes and any groups representing American military, social or recreational organizations.

Coordinators also need volunteers, including military members, civilian employees and their families, to help run several events for the celebration June 5 and 6. Volunteers are also needed to drive buses and act as guides for tours of the base as well as people to set up and tear down exhibits, help with various events and provide overnight security for vendor booths. For more information, call Capt. Nancy Stanley at 226-2164 or Master Sgt. Julius Walker at 226-1515.

■ **Fraternity holds sale** -- The Misawa chapter of Phi Delta Kappa hosts a school yard community sale from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday in the Sollars Elementary School's multipurpose room. Money raised will benefit the chapter's scholarship programs. Refreshments are available. For more information, call Kim Bertola at 226-3933.

■ **Bazaar volunteers needed** -- The Misawa Officers Spouses Club needs volunteers to help during the club's spring Far East bazaar scheduled for May 22 to 23. Volunteers will receive an invitation to bazaar's Saturday morning pre-shop. The bazaar committee is also looking for private organizations interested in setting up food booths during the event. For more information or to volunteer, call Susie Dorris at 222-7752. The club also needs organizations interested in handling parking control during the bazaar. Units must submit bids by May 1. For more information, call Jacquie Burdick at 222-8211.

■ **Craft fair set** -- The Misawa Enlisted Community Organization holds its spring craft fair May 15 in the Tohoku Enlisted Club ballroom. For table reservations or more information, call Shannon Standifer at 222-9539.

Chapel

Catholic Masses

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday — Noon

Tuesday — 4:45 p.m.

Saturday — 5 p.m.

Sunday — 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

CCD — 11 a.m. Sunday at Sollars Elementary School

Protestant services

All services held Sunday unless noted

Liturgical — 8 a.m.

Sunday school — 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at Sollars Elementary School

General service — 11 a.m.

Gospel service — 2 p.m.

Praise and worship — 4:15 p.m.

Jewish Services

From 7 to 9 p.m. first and third Friday every month

Islamic services

From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays

Tuesday

Youth soccer

Minor League

Team	W	L
Fireballs	1	0
All Stars	1	0
Geckos	1	0
Moore	0	0
Black Knights	0	1
Blue Lightning	0	1
Schlappich	0	1

Saturday game results
 Geckos 6, Blue Lightning 0
 All Stars 2, Blue Knights 0
 Fireballs 1, Schlappich 0

Upcoming games

Saturday
 9 a.m. All Stars vs. Schlappich
 10:15 a.m. Fireballs vs. Moore
 11:30 a.m. Knights vs. Bl. Lightning
Tuesday
 5 p.m. Black Knights vs. Geckos
Thursday
 5 p.m. Fireballs vs. All Stars

Major League

Team	W	L
Black Knights	1	0
Lunatics	1	0
Whipple	0	0
Red Devils	0	1
White Knights	0	1

Saturday game results
 Black Knights 2, White Knights 0
 Lunatics 2, Red Devils 1

Upcoming games

Saturday
 11:30 a.m. Whipple vs. Lunatics
 12:45 p.m. Knights vs. Red Devils
Tuesday
 5 p.m. Lunatics vs. White Knights
Thursday
 5 p.m. Red Devils vs. Whipple

Seniors League

Team	W	L
Rebels	1	0
White Jerseys	1	0
Gophers	0	1
Black Scorpions	0	1

Saturday game results
 Rebels 2, Gophers 0
 White Jerseys 9, Black Scorpions 3

Upcoming games

Saturday
 9 a.m. White Jerseys vs. Gophers
 10:15 a.m. Bl. Scorpions vs. Rebels
Monday
 5 p.m. Rebels vs. White Jerseys
Wednesday
 5 p.m. Gophers vs. Black Scorpions

Pee Wee League

Upcoming games
Saturday
 9 a.m. Junio vs. Pocket Monsters
 10 a.m. Lopez vs. Green Ninjas
 11 a.m. Scorpions vs. Johnson
 Noon Brown vs. Jets
 1 p.m. Ridway vs. King
Monday
 5 p.m. Green Ninjas vs. King
Tuesday
 5 p.m. Junio vs. Johnson
Wednesday
 5 p.m. Lopez vs. Brown
Thursday
 5 p.m. Jets vs. Pocket Monsters

Bantam League

Upcoming games
Saturday
 9 a.m. Green Lasers vs. Steelers
 10 a.m. Phinisey vs. Strikers
 11 a.m. Cheetahs vs. Blue Angels
 Noon Boomers vs. Destroyers
 1 p.m. Ninjas vs. Timberwolves
Monday
 5 p.m. Cheetahs vs. Ninjas
Tuesday
 5 p.m. Green Lasers vs. Blue Angels
Wednesday
 5 p.m. Phinisey vs. Boomers
Thursday
 5 p.m. Destroyers vs. Steelers

Schedules and game times may change without notice.

source: Lunney Youth Center

For more information on Misawa's sports programs, call the Potter Fitness Center at 226-3982 or the Lunney Youth Center at 226-3982.



Pee wee power

(Left) Desiree Albano from the Blue Angels, second from left, and Aurora Diaz and Christopher Junio of the Destroyers mix it up while vying for control of the ball during Bantam League soccer action Saturday.

(Above right) Destroyers' Sway Harner keeps the offensive power going by belting the ball away from the Angels' defense. The Blue Angels went on to win their season opener



photos by Staff Sgt. Brian Orban

It's Engineers ... again!

35th CES wins fourth straight base intramural volleyball championship

Sports wrap is compiled from information supplied by varsity, intramural, high school and youth sports coaches and team publicists.

Intramural volleyball

Championship results

Engineers vs. 35th SUPS

For the fourth straight year, the 35th Civil Engineer Squadron's volleyball team claimed the base's intramural crown Monday by containing the 35th Supply Squadron in two games. The Engineers finished the season at 12-0.

The Engineers got off to a slow start after they fell behind early in game one, but they rallied behind the solid setting of Ryoji Ebina and powerful spikes of Lorenzo Fulmore to pull ahead of Supply and win the game 15-10. The second game followed suit as the Engineers dominated the court to clinch the match with a 15-10 win.

Engineers' coach Steve Kembel attributed the outcome of the second game to strong net play by outside hitters Hiroshi Takahashi and Mitsunari Sawakami along with "the perfect mixture of experience and youth."

Other playoff results

Knights vs. 35th SUPS

The 35th Supply Squadron continued to dominate the East Division in post season play as they edged past the 35th Maintenance Squadron's Knights April 21.

The Knights kept pace with Supply in game one but lost their momentum to lose the game 12-15. The Knights rallied back on solid sets by Jose Nunez and key spikes by Fred Johnson, Mike Fridley and Jeff Whiting to crush Supply 15-4 in game two. However, Supply turned the tables again in the final contest as the Knights fell 13-15.

According to Knights' coach Rico Keen, the team let their lead in game one slip past them, then missed several key opportunities to capitalize on Supply's mistakes at the rally point in game three.

Knights vs. 35th TRANS

Jose Nunez setting led the offensive machine for the 35th Maintenance Squadron's Knights while solid all-around play from the Knights helped the team push the 35th Transportation Squadron out of the playoff picture with an easy 15-4 and 15-8 victory April 22.

"We knew we had to play two matches to advance, so we wanted to get this first one over with quickly," said Knights' coach Rico Keen. "We pretty much stayed in control the whole match."

Knights vs. 35th CS

Coming in with a 2-1 post season record, including a win earlier that evening, the Knights of the 35th Maintenance Squadron capitalized on Jeff Whiting's solid offensive plays at the net as the Knights rode on to disconnect the 35th Communications Squadron 15-5 and 15-10 April 22.

"We knew if we won this game, we would have one last shot at beating Supply this season," said Knights' coach Rico Keen.

Facing elimination from this season's playoffs, Comm mounted an offensive attack in game two, but it ran out of steam as the Knights staged a comeback to win the match.

Fred Johnson and Mike Fridley orchestrated key spikes as part of the Knights' offensive strategy while Denny Veale used firm net play as part of the Knights' winning ways.

Knights vs. 35th SUPS

Looking to avenge their loss earlier in the playoffs, the Knights of the 35th Maintenance Squadron lost the advantage late in game one as Supply rolled on to win their semi-final match Monday evening.

The match was a hard fought battle, with the first game alone lasting nearly 30 minutes. However, Supply managed to outlast the Knights 15-13 in the match opener. Going into the second game, Supply gained more momentum to claim an easy 15-7 win to clinch the match.

"We seem to have a supply 'monkey' on our back," said Knights' coach Rico Keen.

Other sport results

Green Day run results

Mike Lily continued his winning ways by claiming his fourth straight base title this season as he won the base's annual Green Day 8-kilometer road race Saturday morning. Clocking an average speed of 20 kilometers per hour, Lily finished the race more than four minutes ahead of the pack with a final time of 24 minutes, 46 seconds.

Yoshiro Yamada unseated male master's division favorite Chris Hale to claim the division title with a 28:50 finish. Hale crossed the finish line at 32:23.

In the men's youth division, Thomas Davis picked up his fourth straight division title so far this year by completing the race at 30:35. Meanwhile, Annie Moore outpaced Norma Fabela by roughly three minutes to win the women's open division with a time of 39:06. Sherry Sasser took honors as the top runner in the female master's division by completing the race at 43:28.