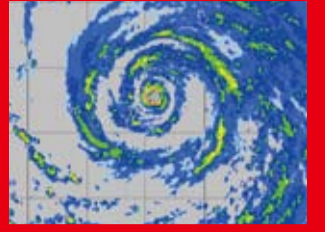




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Tops in Blue brings home one of Kadena's own

By Airman 1st Class Zackary A. Henry

18 Wing Public Affairs

7/30/2014 — Tops in Blue is a world-famous Air Force expeditionary entertainment unit that travels to raise the morale of Air Force personnel stationed throughout the world at remote and deployed locations. On this stop of their tour they brought one of Kadena's own Airmen back home with them for their performances at Kadena's Keystone Theater, July 27 and 28 in front of nearly 1,000 audience members.

Enter stage right, Staff Sgt. Marc Hightower; he is an aircraft electrical and environmental system craftsman at the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron here, but is currently on tour as a keyboard player and vocalist for Tops in Blue.

"The feeling of coming back is just phenomenal," said Hightower. "Plus, Kadena is such a great place and has such a great vibe from the people here."

Like almost all great musicians, Hightower had an inspiration to play music. For him it was his grandmother. He remembers being an usher in his church and watching his grandmother play the organ when he was a child.

"I would look over and see her playing," said Hightower. "I was just amazed by the fact she could play with her hands and all these draw boards and foot pedals and it was just amazing to me."

That inspiration turned into a passion and one day while on the Air Force Portal, Hightower stumbled upon a link to Tops in Blue. He decided to check it out and see what Tops in Blue was all about. After some reading he started the application, but due to multiple reasons he didn't finish it.

"Somewhere along the application process I got lazy and decided it wasn't for me or I didn't have the time to do it so I didn't finish the application," said Hightower.

Fate had a different plan for him. Hightower went on to explain that a while later he received an email from the Tops in Blue staff saying he needed to finish the application and submit a video which pushed him to complete the process.

The Tops in Blue staff used that video to see if he was eligible for the worldwide competition across the entire Air Force, both overseas and stateside.

"I got 2nd place in my division and they selected me for the tour after that," Hightower said.



(U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Zackary A. Henry)

▲ Staff Sgt. Marc Hightower, Tops in Blue keyboard player, and Capt. Fanesha Friar, Tops in Blue Officer in Charge, present an appreciation plaque to 18th Air Maintenance Squadron commander, Lt. Col. John Tran at Kadena Air Base, July 28. The plaque is to recognize Hightower's releasing squadron for their support of Hightower's role in Tops in Blue.



◀ Although usually seen behind the keyboard, Staff Sgt. Marc Hightower is featured as a soloist in one of Tops in Blue's songs during their performance at the Keystone Theater on Kadena Air Base, July 28. Hightower is one of Kadena's own, released from the 18th Air Maintenance Squadron in March of 2014.

After being selected Hightower's next step was to begin two months of practice called "staging" in order to get ready for the tour. He was also expected to be more than just a keyboard player by some in Tops in Blue.

"I look to him as one of our leaders," said Chief Master Sgt. Andrea Falcher, superintendent for Tops in Blue. "We look for that leadership out there and he

has that."

Hightower said it was phenomenal and he had a great time playing his heart out for Kadena. "I just gave it my all ..." Hightower said. "I think it was one of our best performances."

This year's Tops in Blue tour will be ending the first week of January, and that is when Hightower will be rejoining the Kadena family.

First ever all military pediatric critical care training held in Okinawa



The first ever pediatric critical care training class at the United States Hospital Okinawa, prepares to celebrate the end of their course.

(Courtesy photo)

By Laura McGowan

88 Air Base Wing Public Affairs

7/29/2014 - **WRIGHT-PAT-TERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Oh.** — In May 2014, more than 60 Air Force, Army, and Navy military pediatric healthcare

personnel physicians, nurses, paramedics and respiratory therapists received pediatric critical care training at the United States Hospital Okinawa, Japan.

This pioneering team was led by Dr. (Col.) Daniel Bruzzini,

88th Medical Group at WPAFB, and his pediatric intensive care team from the San Antonio Military Health System, Texas, Dr. (Maj.) Joel Reyes and Dr. (Maj.) Matthew Borgman conducted the course, utilizing

the Pediatric Fundamentals of Critical Care Support (PFCCS) course book. The training included interactive lectures, small group skill stations and high-fidelity simulation.

"It was truly a very rewarding mission, as it was the first time ever an all-military pediatric critical care training was accomplished," said Bruzzini. "[It will] better prepare our colleagues for the trauma/critical care needs of children affected by natural disasters, humanitarian crises, and warfare."

He said, "Since 2010, I have set it up to run three times a year at the Center for Sustainment of Trauma and Readiness Skills (C-STARS St. Louis), and it continues to this day with C-STARS students attending it at no charge and military members for a reduced rate."

The attendees were trained in pediatric critical care using interactive lectures, small group skill stations, and high-fidelity

simulation, during this intense two-day training course. The training is based from the PFCCS course book, whose first edition the Society of Critical Care Medicine published in 2008.

The skill stations provided hands-on practice in managing pediatric sedatives, ventilator management, pediatric x-ray interpretation, and pediatric transport. Pediatric simulators were used to integrate and apply lessons learned.

"We see critically ill children in our ER and while deployed," said emergency room nurse, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Tony Torres. "This course provides the training needed to care for them."

Each PFCCS student was awarded 20 hours of continuing healthcare education hours by the military education network, and another course is being planned at the United States Naval Hospital, Guam, for the October/November 2014 time frame.

33rd RQS members receive air and combat medals



(U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Marcus Morris)

^ Brig. Gen. James Hecker, 18th Wing commander, presents Senior Airman Christopher Kersey, 33rd Rescue Squadron mobility airman, with the Air Medal on Kadena Air Base, July 28. This medal was given for participating in sustained aerial flight during Operation Enduring Freedom and over 421 hours of combat search and rescue operations.



< Brig. Gen. James Hecker, 18th Wing commander, presents Staff Sgt. Lee Stasser, 33rd Rescue Squadron mobility noncommissioned officer, with the Air Medal. This medal was given for participating in sustained aerial flight during Operation Enduring Freedom and over 421 hours of combat search and rescue operations.



< Brig. Gen. James Hecker, 18th Wing commander, presents Tech. Sgt. John Medcalf, 33rd Rescue Squadron staff superintendent, with the Air Medal. This medal was given for participating in sustained aerial flight leading to 20 executed Operation Enduring Freedom combat missions.



< Brig. Gen. James Hecker, 18th Wing commander, presents Capt. Michael Dommer, 33rd Rescue Squadron chief of safety, with the Air Medal. This medal was given for participating in sustained aerial flight during Operation Enduring Freedom while under the constant threat of small arms fire and rocket propelled grenades.



< Brig. Gen. James Hecker, 18th Wing commander, presents Capt. Miles Morse, 33rd Rescue Squadron HH-60G Pavehawk co-pilot, with the Air Force Combat Action Medal. The Air Force Combat Action Medal was given for Morse's active participation in combat. Morse was also awarded the Air Medal for participating in sustained aerial flight during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Okinawa vice governor visits Kadena



(U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Zade C. Vadnais)

^ Brig. Gen. James Hecker, 18th Wing commander, shows Kurayoshi Takara, vice governor of Okinawa, and his team the inner workings of an F-15 during a tour on Kadena Air Base, July 30. During the tour, Takara visited sacred and historical sites on base and learned about the 18th Wing's history and mission.



^ Kurayoshi Takara, vice governor of Okinawa, and his team view Kadena's flightline during a driving tour on Kadena Air Base, July 30.



< Kurayoshi Takara, vice governor of Okinawa, and Susumu Matayoshi, director general of the governor's executive office, visit Uehara Bijuru, an on-base sacred site, during a tour on Kadena Air Base, July 30.

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PACANGEL-Tonga wraps up

By Staff Sgt.
Rachelle Coleman

Pacific Angel-Tonga Public Affairs

7/28/2014 - NEIAFU, Tonga

— More than 4,300 patients received care and five schools obtained much needed upgrades as Operation Pacific Angel 14-3, a joint and combined humanitarian mission, closed July 25.

The Pacific Air Forces-led exercise consisted of three tiers — a healthcare services outreach, subject matter expert exchanges and engineering civil action projects. Support came from all over the world - the United States, Australia, France, New Zealand, Indonesia and the Philippines.

“This has been a phenomenal event to see,” said U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. William Burks, Adjutant General for the state of Nevada. “Pacific Angel is designed to help whatever country they’re actually visiting at the time and I’m very fortunate that this year it’s the Kingdom of Tonga.”

The healthcare services outreach program provided general care, optometry services, dental care, physical therapy and a pharmacy to residents of Vava’u and Ha’apai.

The subject matter expert exchanges created a venue for doctors, nurses and health officers to discuss diabetes mellitus management and go through basic life support refresher training.

Electricians, structural craftsmen, carpenters and plumbers

spent more than 5,000 man hours to improve five schools on the island of Vava’u. They repaired and replaced doors, locks, windows, wiring, partitions, sinks, faucets, toilets and various additional requirements during the operation.

“Being able to come up here to Vava’u, to see not only the island but the people, and then just to see the tremendous work being done by the doctors behind me and all the volunteers, it just warms your heart,” Burks said.

The Nevada National Guard and the Kingdom of Tonga marked the formation of the newest official relationship in the National Guard’s State Partnership Program on April 11 with a formal signing ceremony in Tonga.

The State Partnership Program links a unique component of the Department of Defense - a state’s National Guard - with the armed forces of a partner country in a cooperative, mutually beneficial relationship.

The SPP was established in 1994 and, with the addition of the Nevada/Tonga partnership, now features 68 partnerships involving 74 nations around the world.

“Having your presence here has helped immensely so that I’m very grateful and I know that my people are very grateful as well,” said Lord Fulivai, Gov-

ernor of Vava’u. “To be honest, I believe these kind of outreach assistance programs not only for the region but around the world, are about working together.”

PACANGEL takes place in locations throughout the Pacific theater to support the U.S. military charter of capacity building in partner nations.

The operations contain elements of all four branches of the Department of Defense, including active duty, National Guard, and reserve members.

“I know that in our time of need you gentlemen will be here for us,” Fulivai said.

PACAF has conducted previous PACANGEL events in Cambodia, Timor-Leste, Indonesia, Vietnam, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, Laos and Nepal.

“If we reach out to whatever country you are helping, especially U.S. forces and especially ours at this time of our need, it makes people remember — not only ourselves as adults but also the children, the primary level, and it gives them a goal to something in the future,” Fulivai said.

“It’s really a world-class event coming together to help the people out here in Vava’u and some of the other neighboring islands here,” said Burks. “It’s one of those things that almost brings tears to your eyes when you see the good work they’re doing.”

PACANGEL-Tonga will help



U.S. Air Force and His Majesty's Armed Forces personnel work together during an engineering civic action project at Mailefih Siu'ilikutapu College, a future health services outreach site, in preparation for PACIFIC ANGEL 14-3, July 14.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Rachelle Coleman)

Philippines Air Force Maj. Darwin Farnacio, an ear, nose and throat physician, examines a patient during a healthcare services outreach, Neiafu, Vava’u, July 21. A makeshift clinic was set up in a local college auditorium with physical therapy, optometry, dental and family medicine clinics as well as a pharmacy. Farnacio is deployed from Manila, Philippines.

build on the budding relationship with the country and help improve future humanitarian missions.

“We’ll take the lessons learned from here, apply them to the future so that we can come back to Tonga and actually increase the value of the partnership we have,” Burks said.

Officially in its seventh year, PACANGEL supports U.S. Pacific

Command’s capacity-building efforts by partnering with other governments, non-governmental agencies and multilateral militaries in the respective region.

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ACC, PACAF commanders confirmed

By Air Force Public Affairs Agency
7/28/2014 - WASHINGTON—Pacific Air Forces Commander Gen. Herbert Carlisle will be the next commander of Air Combat Command and ACC Vice Commander Lt. Gen. Lori Robinson will be the next commander of Pacific Air Forces, according to a Senate confirmation vote July 23.

Headquartered at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, ACC leads America's Combat Air Forces, with approximately 83,000 active-duty and civilian personnel operating, maintaining, and supporting approximately 1,300 aircraft at more than 50 locations worldwide.

Carlisle has commanded PACAF since 2012. As the commander of PACAF, Carlisle's primary mission is to provide U.S. Pacific Command integrated expeditionary Air Force capabilities to defend the homeland, promote stability, dissuade/deter aggression and swiftly defeat enemies.

PACAF's area of responsibility extends from the west coast of the United States to the east coast of Africa and from the Arctic to the Antarctic, covering more than 100 million square miles. The area is home to 50 percent of the world's population in 36 nations and more than one-third of the global economic output. The unique location of the Strategic Triangle (Hawaii-Guam-Alaska)

gives the United States persistent presence and options to project the country's airpower from sovereign territory.

Before being the PACAF commander, Carlisle was the deputy chief of staff for operations, plans and requirements, Air Force Headquarters Washington, D.C. He also served as the legislative liaison deputy director and director at the office of the secretary of the Air Force. Throughout his career, Carlisle has served in various operational and staff assignments throughout the Air Force and commanded a fighter squadron, an operations group, two wings and a numbered air force.

The general is a command pilot with more than 3,600 flying hours in the AT-38, YF-110 (original designation of the F-4C Phantom II), YF-113 (also known as Mikoyan-Gurevich "MiG-23"), T-38 Talon, F-15 Eagle A/B/C/D, and C-17A Globemaster III.

"My greatest privilege is to continue working for our nation's Air Force as commander of ACC," Carlisle said. "I will miss the PACAF family but am truly humbled at the opportunity to continue to lead Airmen through this challenging fiscal time. I am fully confident in Lori's leadership abilities and welcome her to PACAF. Our Airmen are the cornerstone of the world's greatest Air Force, and I am eager to continue serving them in this new position."

Robinson, who has served as ACC's vice commander since May 2013 will receive her fourth star and become the Air Component commander for U.S. Pacific Command and executive director, Pacific Air Combat operations staff, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. Prior to her position as ACC vice commander, Robinson served as deputy commander of U.S. Air Forces Central Command in Southwest Asia. She has also commanded an operations group, a training wing, an air control wing and has deployed as vice commander of the 405th Air Expeditionary Wing, leading more than 2,000 Airmen flying B-1 Lancer, KC-135 Stratotanker and E-3 Sentry in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. She is a senior air battle manager with more than 900 flight hours in the E-3 Sentry and E-8C Joint STARS.

"I'm honored by the faith our leadership have placed in me with this confirmation," Robinson said. "I also deeply appreciate and value the trust my fellow Airmen have placed in me every day of my service. It has been my privilege to serve the Air Combat Command team and I look forward to doing the same at PACAF. Returning to command is an honor - there is absolutely no greater job in our Air Force than leading Airmen and their families."

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U.S. Pacific Command integrated expeditionary Air Force capabilities to defend the homeland, promote stability, dissuade/deter aggression and swiftly defeat enemies. The command's area of responsibility extends from the west coast of the United States to the east coast of Africa and from the Arctic to the Antarctic, covering more than 100 million square miles. The area is home to 50 percent of the world's population in 36 nations and more than one-third of the global economic output. The unique location of the Strategic Triangle (Hawaii-Guam-Alaska) gives the United States persistent presence and options to project the country's airpower from sovereign territory.

"Hawk and Lori are impressive leaders whose track records of operational and leadership excellence make them the perfect choice for these critically important missions," said Gen. Mike Hostage, the current commander of Air Combat Command.

Hostage, a command pilot with more than 4,000 hours including 600 combat hours in multiple aircraft, is scheduled to retire after 37 years of commissioned service. He has led ACC since September 2011.

"I am excited for them and the Airmen they'll serve," Hostage said. "There is no doubt the Airmen and missions of Air Combat Command and Pacific Air Forces will be in great hands."

Airman helps restore historic aircraft

By Airman 1st Class John Linzmeier

22nd Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs
7/28/2014 - MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE, Kan. — (This feature is part of the "Through Airmen's Eyes" series on AF.mil. These stories focus on a single Airman, highlighting their Air Force story.)

As a child, he spent countless hours drawing aircraft from his World War II book collection, daydreaming of what it would be like inside of one.

As an adult and veteran of 19 years, his aircraft dreams are still alive and even more vivid. Now, he spends much of his free time restoring the Boeing B-29 Superfortress, which is one of few remaining flyable aircraft of its kind.

Tech. Sgt. Geoffrey Jensen, the 22nd Maintenance Group logistic resource management program NCO in charge, became a volunteer for the "Doc's Friends" restoration project in March and has been hooked on helping ever since.

'Doc,' a B-29 named after a character from the fairytale 'Snow White,' was originally built in Wichita during World War II. It has been parked inside a Boeing hangar next to McConnell AFB, close enough for Jensen to do a little work during his lunch break, something he does frequently.

"It's like bringing history to life," Jensen said. "There are a lot of people who have never even heard of this airplane. It's the same model that dropped the atomic bomb and ended World War II."

Working on an aircraft is nothing new to Jensen. He was a flightline crew chief for 18 years and has brought all of his experience with him to aid the restoration project; however, he's not the only one with military experience.

"We've got a large number of veterans helping out here, including a 95-year-old," said TJ Norman, a volunteer manager. "It's so nice having these Air Force guys over here, because all I have to do is show them what

project we are working on and they know exactly what to do."

The aircraft is being pieced together to resemble its original image with a few modifications for increased safety. Jensen has helped to implement modern avionics technologies while trying to maintain the aircraft's originality.

Jensen's enthusiasm for the restoration project has spread to other members in his family as well. His wife is helping to manage operational aspects of Project Doc and even his father has joined him on a few occasions.

"When my dad helped me install the pilot seat, he said that it was one of the best days he's ever had because he was able to help restore it and we worked on it together," Jensen said.

Doc's restoration began 14 years ago and the airplane has been grounded for more than 50 years.

"Thanks to our sponsors and the support we've had from the volunteers like (Jensen), we're on track and expecting to do our



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class John Linzmeier)

Tech. Sgt. Geoffrey Jensen stands in front of 'Doc,' a Boeing B-29 Superfortress, July 22, in Wichita, Kansas. Jensen joined a volunteer group, Doc's Friends, which is restoring the aircraft to flying condition. Jensen is the 22nd Maintenance Group logistic resource management program NCO in charge.

first test flight late October or early November," Norman said.

While Jensen has spent his entire Air Force career working on the maintenance side of flying operations, he is aiming to become a part of Doc's aircrew after he retires in April next year.

"We want to try to get him in as a flight engineer, which is the most important job on this airplane," Norman said.

Out of the six crew members that are needed to fly a B-29, the

flight engineer is responsible for controlling the throttles, monitoring engines, fuel and more.

The volunteers, otherwise known as Doc's Friends, still have a lot of work to do in order for the B-29 to take flight again. Still, Jensen is honored to be a part of the effort of bringing history to life.

"I'm trying to do as much work as I can on it," Jensen said. "It's a huge, prideful thing to do. This truly is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

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JBP HH Fuels Division pumps life into RIMPAC

By Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

7/23/2014 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — Two hundred multinational aircraft are expected to fly 4,000 sorties during Rim of the Pacific 2014, making the air component a significant part of the world's largest maritime exercise; but there's a saying in the petroleum, oils and lubricants community: "Pilots are pedestrians without fuel."

"Aircraft can't fly without fuel ... no fuel, no flights," said Alphonso Parks, Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor-Hickam Fuels Division chief.

To do their part to keep the flying mission on track, the fuels division provides refueling support for all aircraft assigned to and transiting through JBP HH.

Parks said the amount of aircraft deployed here and participating in RIMPAC has increased the demand for fuel, and they are issuing an average of 1.5

million gallons per week in support of the exercise.

An average of 611 aircraft are refueled at JBP HH per month, but Parks said that amount is on track to more than triple by the end of RIMPAC.

"RIMPAC doesn't change what we do or how we do it, but it does increase the workload," he said.

In addition to providing JP8 fuel to aircraft, the fuels division is also supporting the ground and sea missions by supplying diesel fuel for the two tent city locations on JBP HH and Ford Island, and, for the first time in RIMPAC history, refueling small Navy patrol boats.

"We're like a gas station in the middle of the ocean," said Parks.

The Fuels Division prepared for more than six months to ensure there was proper planning for the division to successfully meet the demands of the exercise.

"Every time there is an exercise we

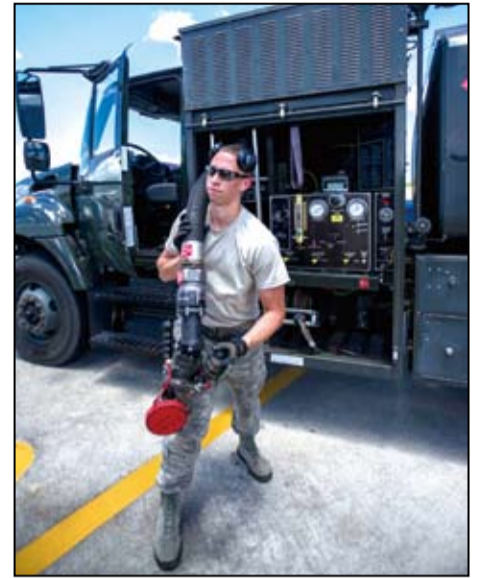
learn," said Parks. "We know what to expect during RIMPAC now and how to adjust to make sure the mission gets accomplished."

Senior Airman Trevor Kuhns, who is deployed here in support of RIMPAC from the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Kadena Air Base, Japan, said he's also learning from the joint and multinational aspect of RIMPAC.

"This is my first time supporting RIMPAC and I've been surprised at how similar our refueling processes are to our joint and international counterparts," he said.

With this year's RIMPAC hosting 22 nations, 49 surface ships, six submarines and more than 200 aircraft Kuhns said he's proud to be an integral part of such a big mission.

"I'm happy to do my small part to put planes in the air," he said. "Planes don't fly on hopes and dreams, they fly on jet fuel, and that's what we provide."



(U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden)

Senior Airman Trevor Kuhns, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels specialist, prepares to refuel an aircraft on the flightline at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, July 18. Kuhns is deployed from Kadena Air Base, in support of Rim of the Pacific 2014.

96th ARS refueling capability keeps planes flying high during RIMPAC 2014



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman James Richardson)

A KC-135 Stratotanker from the 96th Air Refueling Wing, refuels a F-22A Raptor from the 199th Fighter Wing during the Rim of the Pacific exercise July 18, over Hawaii. Twenty-two nations, more than 40 ships, six submarines, and more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel will participate in the biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise 2014 scheduled June 26 to Aug. 1, in and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California.

By Tech. Sgt. Terri Paden

15th Wing Public Affairs

7/22/2014 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — With more than 200 aircraft participating in Rim of the Pacific 2014, the 96th Air

Refueling Squadron will play an integral role in this year's exercise.

The 96th ARS is partnering with the Hawaii Air National Guard's 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, as well as the 465th Air Refueling Squadron from Tinker

Air Force Base, Okla., the 909th Air Refueling Squadron from Kadena Air Base, Japan, and the 117th Air Refueling Squadron from Forbes Field Air National Guard Base in Topeka, Kan., to provide air refueling support to all RIMPAC air assets.

RIMPAC is a U.S. Pacific Command-hosted biennial multinational maritime exercise designed to foster and sustain international cooperation on the security of the world's oceans. This year's exercise includes units or personnel from Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, The People's Republic of China, Peru, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of the Philippines, Singapore, Tonga, the United Kingdom and the United States.

"The KC-135 Stratotanker plays a very essential role in RIMPAC," said Lt. Col. Reese Evers, 96th ARS operations officer. "The projection of air power is vital, especially in the Pacific theater and that couldn't hap-

pen without the air refueling capability."

With so many aircraft involved in the exercise, Evers said the KC-135s will be needed on a daily basis since the versatile aircraft can be reconfigured to refuel most airframes.

"If it happens that a foreign aircraft ends up on our tasking order for the day, then we will refuel it," said Evers. "That is our mission and we know the procedures to safety get our mission accomplished, regardless of what kind of aircraft it is. If we do have the opportunity to refuel a foreign aircraft I would also consider that to be another RIMPAC success."

In addition to providing the unit with the opportunity to strengthen their total force relationships and the chance to refuel a number of different airframes, flying training missions for RIMPAC will also give a few pilots in the 96th ARS the opportunity to upgrade their flying status.

"We're going to use RIMPAC flying hours to upgrade a few copilots to aircraft commanders,"

said Maj. Kelly Church, 96th ARS assistant director of operations. "We're using this opportunity to cultivate our young captains and grooming them to command a jet."

Church said RIMPAC is an opportunity for pilots to get a broader training experience than they might get doing their daily training missions.

"This is a really good experience for them," he said. "Flying during RIMPAC, the airspace will be busier than anything they've ever experienced due to the number of aircraft that are here now."

Extra flying hours aside, Evers said RIMPAC is really about the 96th ARS doing their part to support the mission.

"During the largest Navy exercise in the world it would be easy for the Air Force aspect to get overlooked, but every day there is a KC-135 launching in support of RIMPAC and this is just an extension of what we do every day, which is projecting combat airpower throughout the Pacific region," he said.

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Kadena Air Base Community Notes

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Gate 1 construction project

The outbound lanes of Kadena AB Gate 1 will be under construction from July 16 through Oct. 25. The inbound traffic lanes will be reduced to one lane intermittently and both outbound lanes will be closed with vehicle traffic detoured to Seely and Warfield Roads. From Sep. 1 through Oct. 25, outbound traffic will be limited to one lane. For more information, call Michaelangelo Miyagi at 632-8558.

Kadena and Camp Foster emergency numbers

Kadena Fire Emergency Services would like to remind everyone to program their cell phones with the emergency numbers. To report an emergency on Kadena via cell, dial 098-934-5911, and from an office phone dial 911. For Camp Foster via cell, dial 098-911-1911 or from an office phone dial 911.

Civilian Personnel Office job training

The Civilian Personnel Office will host a USA-Jobs training class from 9:30-10:30 a.m. every first and third Tuesday of the month at Bldg. 721-A in the Bruce Scott Training Room. This training covers the basics on how to create an account and sign in, how to search for a job, how to apply for a federal job through USAJobs, understanding different requirements, and explaining the different eligibilities available for applying in an overseas/stateside location. For more information or to sign-up, call 634-2228 or email kadena.staffing.1@us.af.mil and include a contact number. You may also call Timmie Kerr at 634-2227.

Calling all Air Force female officers

The Kadena Chapter of the Air Force Women Officers Associated is looking for female officers of all ranks to join the local chapter. AFWOA's

purpose is to foster comradeship, maintain ties between active and retired women officers, preserve history and promote recognition of the role of military women, and lend support to women engaged in education and training programs. Their goal is to create a network of female officers, fellowship, and give back to the base and community. For more information or to become a member, call Maj. Brooke van Eeghen at 630-4598 or email brooke.van_eeghen.1@us.af.mil or Capt. Felecia Washington at felecia.washington.2@us.af.mil.

FCC New Provider Orientation

The Kadena Family Child Care Program is offering orientation classes to license individuals to take care of Department of Defense/Military dependents in their home. Programs include, but are not limited to, regular full day and hourly care, extended duty and weekend care, subsidy program, returning home care, and special needs care. For more information, call Mary Bogar at 634-0514 or stop by Bldg. 1850 to pick up an application.

Officers' Christian Fellowship

The Kadena Officers' Christian Fellowship provides Bible studies and fellowship for both families and single officers. The OCF meets every Sunday from 5-7:30 p.m. at 1834 Christos Ave. in Stearley Heights (around the corner from the youth center). Dinner will be provided. For more information, call Lt. Col. Joseph Silvers at 080-6497-4833 or email joseph.silvers@us.af.mil.

Kadena Housing Office New Arrivals in-processing service hours

The Kadena Housing office in-processing service has been changed from scheduled appointments to walk-ins. All new arrivals, active

military service members and their families, may now in-process with Kadena Housing via walk-in basis. Hours of operation are from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for Wednesday, 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, call the Kadena Housing Office at 634-0582.

WIC Overseas Okinawa job opportunity

Choctaw Contracting Services has an upcoming opportunity for a full-time administrative assistant with the Women, Infants, and Children Overseas Program on Kadena. The position requires a high school diploma or equivalent with secretarial/business office experience or education. A business training or Associate's degree is preferred. Experience in health-related field is desirable and applicants must be able to type 40-60 words per minute. Job requirements include excellent customer service skills, good computer skills and U.S. citizenship. Email resume and cover letter to Michelle Viramontes at michelle.viramontes.1.ctr@us.af.mil or fax to 632-6262.

Housing Office In-processing Sessions

The Kadena Housing New Arrivals in-processing sessions are held every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, at 8:30 a.m. hours and 1:30 p.m. at Kadena Housing Office, bldg. 217, off of Douglas Blvd. For more information or to arrange an appointment, call the Housing Office at 634-0582.

Tropical cyclone condition of readiness (TCCOR)

Typhoon season began June 1 and continues through Nov. 30. During TCCOR 4 it is recommended that you take the following steps.

TCCOR 4:

-Winds of 50 knots (58 MPH) sustained or

greater are possible within 72 hours.

Actions:

- Obtain emergency supplies.
 - Have 72 hours-worth of food and water on-hand.
 - Review all TCCOR checklists and actions.
- For more information, call CE at 634-2424.

18th MDG Education & Training office hours

The 18th Medical Group Education & Training office hours has changed, to include appointments. Hours of operation: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday-Friday 3-4:15 p.m., Monday-Friday (Appointments Only). To book an appointment, contact 630-1994 or 18mdg.educationtraining@us.af.mil.

Voting Residents

Washington will hold its primary election on August 5. If you are registered to vote in Washington resident and need to vote absentee, you may register and request an absentee ballot using the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) found at www.fvap.gov <<http://www.fvap.gov>>. Complete, sign and send the Federal Post Card Application to your local election official. Forms need to be received by Aug. 5.

Wyoming will hold its primary on August 19. If you are a Wyoming resident and need to vote absentee, you may register and request an absentee ballot using the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) found at www.FVAP.gov. Complete, sign and send the FPCA to your local election official. This form needs to be received by August 4.

Connecticut will hold its primary election on August 12. If you are a Connecticut resident and need to vote absentee, you may register and request an absentee ballot using the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) found at www.fvap.gov.



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FVAP.gov. Complete, sign and send the FPCA to your local election official. Forms need to be received by August 11.

Minnesota will hold its primary election on August 12. If you are a Minnesota resident and need to vote absentee, you may register and request an absentee ballot using the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) found at www.FVAP.gov. Complete, sign and send the FPCA to your local election official. Forms need to be received by August 12.

Vermont will hold its primary election on August 26. If you are a Vermont resident and need to vote absentee, you may register and request an absentee ballot using the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) found at www.FVAP.gov. Complete, sign and send the FPCA to your local election official. Forms need to be received by August 20.

Arizona will hold its Primary on August 26. If you are an Arizona resident and need to vote absentee, you may register and request an absentee ballot using the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) found at www.FVAP.gov. Complete, sign and send the FPCA to your local election official. This form needs to be received by 7pm August 26.

Detailed information is available at the following website: www.fvap.gov. *If you request your absentee ballot and do not receive it 30 days before the election use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot to vote. The form is also available at www.fvap.gov. under "Get My Ballot".

For more information, contact your Unit Voting Assistance Officer or the Kadena Voting Assistance Office at vote.kadena@us.af.mil.

Free and Reduced Lunch Program accepting applications

The Free and Reduced Lunch Program began accepting applications for the upcoming school year July 1. All SOFA status families with students enrolled in Department of Defense Education Activity schools on Okinawa are eligible to apply. Families are required to reapply annually. Applications, along with all required documents, can be submitted to 18msg.kadenalunchprogram@us.af.mil or dropped off at the Free and Reduced

Lunch Program office in Bldg. 99. To view income eligibility guidelines and download the application, visit <http://www.kadena.af.mil/units/18thmissionsupportgroup.asp>.

Kadena Protestant Chapel Vacation Bible School registration open

Kadena's Protestant Chapel is hosting a Vacation Bible School for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade from 9 a.m. to noon, Aug. 4 through Aug. 8. To register, visit www.tinyurl.com/kadenavbs. For more information, call Kari Johnson at 634-3661.

Unserviceable Flag Disposal

Due to the cancellation of the disposal of unserviceable American flags on Flag Day, unserviceable flags will be collected until Aug. 15 at Bldg. 3504. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Joshua Plevell at 634-9714 or 634-9085.

Caribbean Party rescheduled Aug. 8

Torii Beach's Caribbean Party scheduled for Aug. 1 will move to our rain date of Aug. 8.

Free admission to FC Ryukyu game

FC Ryukyu is an Okinawa City football (soccer) club team and is offering free admission for SOFA status personnel and their families on Aug. 10 at 3 p.m. at Koza Athletics Park. Free admission is for this game only. Show your ID to enter for free. Please wear red clothing to support the FC Ryukyu team.

UPCOMING EVENTS Prepare and Share Typhoon Readiness Drive

The American Red Cross on Kadena will be collecting items to prepare disaster kits for military members and their families who have recently PCS'd to Okinawa and have yet to experience a typhoon. They are asking for members of the military community to donate useful supplies such as duct tape, flashlights, work gloves, tarps, bottled water, batteries, non-perishable food items and first aid kits. The Red Cross is located in Building 6800 between Jack's Place and Gate 1. Donations can be dropped off from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Parenting Children with ADHD

Parenting a child with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder can be challenging. As a result, parents who have a child with an existing ADHD diagnosis are encouraged to attend this informative class. It will take place on Aug 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the 18th Medical group, Building 626, 3rd floor Tsunoda-San room. For more information, call the Advocacy Office at 634-0433.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY Kadena Gift Corner needs volunteers

Kadena Gift Corner is looking for volunteers that would like to be on a list that they can email or call when they have trucks of new shipments come in. This is one of the hardest and most crucial times for the shop to be able to call on volunteers. If you are interested in helping unload, unpack, pricing, and resetting the floor at the Kadena Gift Corner please contact volunteer@kadenagiftcorner.com for more information or to be added to our list.

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Main Line						
Honey Cornish Hens	Baked Chicken	Jerk Roast Turkey	Baked Chicken	Pork Schnitzel	Caribbean Jerk Chicken	Pork Chop W/Asian Glaze
Southwestern Shrimp Linguine	Parmesan Fish	Beef Ball Stroganoff	Beef Stew	Yakisoba	Salmon W/Mediterranean Basil	MeatLoaf
Stuffed Pork Chop	Grilled Steak	Pasta Toscano	Fish Veracruz	Fish W/Lemon Gralic Butter	Broccoli Quiche	Fiesta Fish
Orzo Spinach Tomato&Onion	Spanish Rice	Rice Pilaf	Mashed Potatoes	Jefferson Noodles	Rice Pilaf	Rissolote Potatoes
Jefferson Noodles	Rosemary Roasted Potato Wedges	Mashed Potatoes	Harvest Blend Rice	Steamed Rice	Glazed Carrots	Steamed Rice
Gralic Mint Peas	Collard Greens	Cauliflower Parmesan	Stir Fry Vegetables	Sauteed Mushrooms&Onions	Green Beans	Corn
Carrots	Peas&Carrots	Tempura Vegetables	Broccoli	Grilled Asparagus	Fried Cabbage	Peas&Carrots
Snack Line Specials						
Burritos	Chicken Nuggets	Cheese Fishwich	Sloppy Joe	Tacos	Herbed Grilled Chicken	Herbed Grilled Chicken
Beef Curry	Ravioli	Herb Grilled Chicken	Herb Grilled Chicken	Hrb Grilled Chicken	Cheese Fishwich	Corn Dogs
Chicken Curry	Hrb Grilled Chicken	Corn Dogs	Onion Rings	Ravioli	BBQ Pork Rib Sandwich	French Fries

Menu's are subject to change / Johnson Dining Facility will have the same items as the Marshall

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OKINAWA CITY UPCOMING EVENTS

FC RYUKYU - HOME GAME (VS. Y.S.C.C) **AUG 10**

Venue: Koza Athletics Park
 Date: Aug 10 (Sun) Time: 3 p.m.
Free Admission for SOFA status and their families (valid for this August 10 match only). Show your ID or passport at the entrance gate.
 FC Ryukyu's Home Game in Okinawa City!
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 Inquiries: Okinawa City Tourism Association
 TEL : 098-989-5566

59TH ALL-OKINAWA EISA FESTIVAL **AUG 15 | AUG 17**

Aug 15 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
 - Goya intersection area
 Aug 16 - 17 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.
 - Koza Athletic Park
 One of the biggest Eisa festival on the island, "All-Okinawa Eisa Festival" where Eisa dance groups come from all over the island to perform.
 Inquiries: Okinawa City Tourism Association
 TEL : 098-989-5066 www.zentoehisa.com

OKINAWA ZOO & MUSEUM SATURDAY NIGHT ZOO **JUL 19 | AUG 30**

Venue: Okinawa Zoo & Museum
 Date: Every Saturday July 19 - Aug 30
 Time: 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. (Last enter 8 p.m.)
 Explore the night time in the zoo! Enjoy to see the night activity of animals include feed them.
 Inquiries: Okinawa Zoo & Museum
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353rd SOG, PACAF visit Malaysian orphanage



(U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Kristine Dreyer)

Senior Master Sgt. Jeremy Johnson and Tech. Sgt. Adam Greenwell, both from the 353rd Special Operations Maintenance Squadron, help clean up around the Pondok Penyayang Raudhah orphanage in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, June 14. The 353rd Special Operations Group, alongside participants from Pacific Air Forces Exercise Cope Taufan 2014, came together to raise over \$1,000 in supplies for the orphanage. The two groups donated their time to help with small repairs and yard cleanup around the orphanage in addition to visiting with the children.

Kadena hosts annual historical site visit



(U.S. Air Force photo by Naoto Anazawa)

Hideaki Sakihama, 18th Wing Public Affairs community relations specialist, informs Okinawa City citizens about the history of the World War II Japanese aircraft hangars during an annual historical site visit on Kadena Air Base, July 29. This was the 21st annual historical site visit on Kadena. More than 90 Okinawa City citizens and nine students from Toyonaka City, Osaka, visited three war-related sites.

AFAF donations at 93 percent of 2014 goal

By Staff Sgt. Carlin Leslie

Air Force Public Affairs Agency OL-P

7/29/2014 - WASHINGTON — In spite of economic difficulties for active duty and retirees alike, Airmen have contributed more than \$6 million to the Air Force Assistance Fund during the annual fund drive.

Although the AFAF drive has yet to garner this year's \$6.4 million goal, contributions from the 79 AFAF campaigns around the world continue to roll in. Those coupled with retiree and annuitant contributions may make the difference, said Bill D'Avanzo, Air Force Personnel Center. Even though the AFAF drive has closed for the active duty members, it remains open for the retiree's year-round to submit contributions through the mail.

The overall totals to date paint a sobering picture that may be indicative of the current economy and financial uncertainty that permeates the U.S. and

its government right now, but they also show the Air Force takes care of its own.

"Times are tough and many of our fellow Airmen are in need," D'Avanzo said. "The fact that Airmen are still giving means they are giving sacrificially and it proves to me that we truly are a family."

All the money donated to AFAF directly supports Airmen and their families through four key programs:

- The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation helps Air Force retirees' widows, both officer and enlisted, with grants of assistance whenever needed.
- The Air Force Enlisted Village provides a safe and secure place for surviving spouses of retired Air Force service members.
- The Air Force Village provides a comfortable and affordable retirement community for the widowed spouses of retired Air Force officers.

The Air Force Aid Society provides worldwide emergency assistance to members and their families, sponsors educational assistance programs and offers base community programs to improve Airman and family welfare.

An example of the impact these charities have on Airmen comes from prior-enlisted member, Maj. Jim Murtha, 811th Force Support Squadron operations officer.

As an airman first class at Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany, Murtha and his wife - then pregnant with their twin daughters - ran into a very tight financial situation.

The family was under extreme stress expecting two children at once, which would double their new baby needs (two cribs, two high chairs, two car seats, and more). In addition, they had a 10-year old car that kept breaking down and a home to pay for.

Murtha's first sergeant referred him to the Air Force Aid Society representa-

tive who put him at ease, helped put his family on the right path, offered financial counseling, provided information on food pantries as well as contacts for a support group for parents of twins.

"We were overwhelmed by the support we received from the Air Force Aid Society and 21 years later, we continue to support them during the AFAF annual campaign," Murtha said. "AFAF has been a blessing to my family and me."

Murtha said donors not only give money but something even more important. They give hope.

"I believe donating to the AFAF is like donating blood," Murtha said. "You have no idea who will need it but you know someone will, and when you're on the receiving end of that donation, it's life-saving."

For more information regarding the four charities sponsored by AFAF, go to <http://www.afassistancefund.org>.

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