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## Kadena preps for weeklong MFE

By Staff Sgt. Rachelle Coleman

18th Wing Public Affairs

8/14/2014 — The 18th Wing will conduct a mission focused exercise to prepare Airmen for real world contingencies Aug. 18-22 here.

An MFE is a scenario-based exercise used to assess readiness, evaluate the validity of unit self-assessment programs and a commander's tool to limit the risks of undetected non-compliance through inspection in any of the new four major graded areas. There are two phases to MFEs, the first prepares Airmen to deploy on short-notice taskings and the second to protect the base from chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear attacks.

"Positive attitudes are going to be a big thing and just making sure you know what you're doing," said Tech. Sgt. Joshua Knepp, 18th Wing Inspector General inspection team NCOIC. "Have your Airman's Manual and any other guidance for your job."

The goal of the MFE is to enforce unit self-assessment year-round, keeping units accountable for non-compliance and reporting how each unit prepares to solve the problems through self-analysis and implementation.

Exercise activities have been planned to minimize impact to real-world operations at Kadena.

The areas south and north of



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Hailey R. Staker)

Senior Airmen Devonte Edmond and Anthony Romero, both assigned to the 18th Force Support Squadron Military Personnel Section, treat a victim for shock during a simulated mass casualty inject for a MFE on Kadena Air Base, Jan. 29. The 18th Wing will conduct the exercise to prepare Airmen for real world contingencies Aug. 18-22.

Douglas Blvd., that fall west of McKennon Ave., to include the golf course and the Washington Heights and Clark Vista housing areas are no-play areas. The military personnel section will

remain open for emergency common access card issuance, CAC pin resets, base in-processing and final out processing appointments. The Risner Fitness

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## Okuma detachment changes command



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

Col. Kathleen Weatherspoon, 18th Force Support Squadron commander, passes the guidon to Capt. Adam L. Baker, Detachment 1, 18th Force Support Squadron commander, during his change of command ceremony at the Okuma Recreation Facility on Okinawa, Aug. 8. Baker is taking command of nine military personnel from five different Air Force career fields, three U.S. civilians and over 100 local nationals from eight diverse activities, while controlling a \$750,000 operating budget and capital assets.

## Okinawan families welcome their ancestors during Obon



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

Eisa dancers perform a traditional dance during Obon at Yomitan village, Aug. 10. One of the interesting events during Obon is Eisa dancing, which is performed after the spirits are sent back to the other world. Eisa is performed by groups of young people in cities and villages throughout the prefecture.

## Meet the Operations Group commander

By Airman 1st Class Keith James

18th Wing Public Affairs

8/14/2014 — U.S. Air Force Col. David Mineau took over as the Operations Group commander of the 18th Wing on Aug. 15, at Kadena Air Base. Below is a Q-and-A providing his thoughts on his new profession and new home.

**What do you hope to bring to the 18th Wing during your time as the operations group commander?**

This is my fourth overseas assignment and my second time to Kadena, so I think I bring some good experience and understanding of what it is like to live overseas with or without a family, the challenges that our Airmen face being a long way from home and normal support networks, as well as all

my assignments have been in the combat Air Forces, that we have here at Kadena. I bring a pretty good amount of tactical experience to help us be ready for the mission as it continues to evolve and for us to be prepared to bring combat airpower anywhere in the Pacific or around the world.

**What do you expect of the Airmen under your command?**

I expect my Airmen to be professional Airmen on and off duty. I expect them to live and thrive in the Air Force core values 24/7. Beyond that I expect to be the most tactically proficient Airmen that they can be in their individual combat skill set.

**How do you feel about Kadena Air Base and living on Okinawa?**

It is our second time here and it's a lot of fun

to be back and see some old faces, familiar faces; especially some of the local nationals who work here on base. It's a great place to be; Okinawa has such great weather and it offers opportunities to get back involved in a unique culture as well as travel to mainland and other places in the western Pacific. It's just an all-around great place to live and be.

**Who inspires you and why?**

Here on Kadena it's really the Airmen here at the Operations Group. Going out and seeing the young men and women honing their skills, maturing as a combat Airmen and helping them along the way to become the best warriors they can be; that's what inspires me, that's what keeps me going when working those long hard hours so they can succeed and have a successful career in the Air Force.





# New PACAF command chief introduces himself

Commentary by Chief Master Sgt. Harold Hutchison

Pacific Air Forces



**G**reetings Airmen of Pacific Air Forces. It's an honor to join this proud and powerful team of dedicated men and women serving here in the Pacific. This is a dynamic region of the world with unique challenges and I am excited to witness firsthand the amazing work you all are accomplishing. With that in mind, I'll keep this short, so you can get back on line.

My job is simple — I am to help establish effective policy and procedures for PACAF, to clarify our commander's intent and, most importantly, to identify obstacles that prevent you from succeeding at our vital mission. In short, I am here to serve you — the greatest Airmen

in the world. To be clear, when I say Airmen, I am referring to every enlisted, officer, civilian and family member in this command. You all play a role in our mission, and I owe you the best support and guidance I can offer.

My approach to this job is also simple — I want to get out there and communicate face-to-face with each and every one of you. I intend to be more than just "a picture on the wall." Leadership cannot happen from behind a desk, so over the coming months expect to see me out there among your units taking in your Air Force story. I want to hear all about your successes, challenges and frustrations. Be ready with tough

questions and great ideas. I can't wait to hear what you have to say.

I love taking care of Airmen and choose to spend the majority of my time directly engaging with Airmen in order to do just that. Fair warning: I believe taking care of the people you love is not about giving them what they want, but rather providing what they need. Most people want a break when what they honestly need is someone to hold them accountable. If you really care for someone, you will do what is best for them. Just know that even though it may not always seem like it, my top priority will always be ensuring mission success while caring for your social, emotional, physical and spiritual health.

## Summer burnout

By Staff Sgt. Steve Stanley

Headquarters Air Combat Command Public Affairs

8/11/2014 - LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va., — Some of the very things we enjoy during the summer can also wear us down. Juggling work, family schedules, vacation times, and outdoor squadron activities can take a toll. The chronic engagement of these activities can cause stress, fatigue and eventually summer burnout.

According to the American Psychological Association, burnout is defined as an extended period of time where someone experiences exhaustion and a lack of interest in things, resulting in a decline in their job performance.

Working in the Air Force can be many things: fast-paced, compelling, and demanding. In addition, longer days and sizzling temperatures, on or off of the flight line, can directly contribute to feelings of weariness.

Not to mention the mental and

physical demands of readiness training, unit physical training, or any other continuously strenuous activity. For those reasons, the military lifestyle can easily lead to burn out and begin to affect our work.

I am of the mindset in that whatever I lack in skill or talent I will make up for by work ethic until I reach my end goal. So, for years I arrived early to work, stayed late, worked weekends, and ignored extended family — all the while obsessively worrying about my performance and my career.

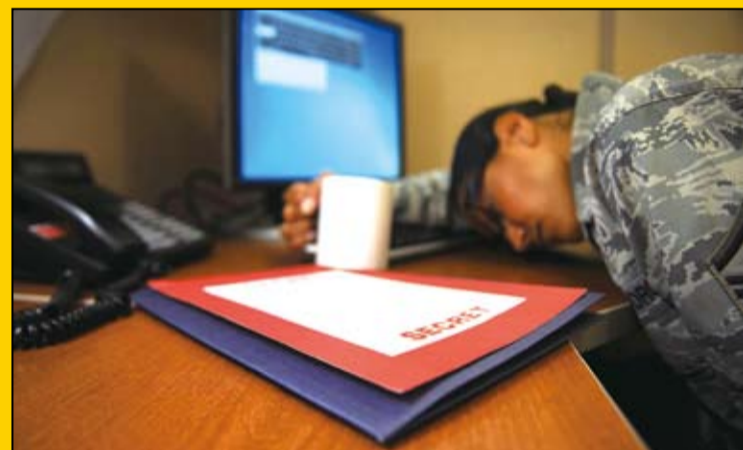
Looking back, it's obvious that my lifestyle wasn't sustainable. I clearly displayed a workaholic's badge of honor. Before I knew it, the choices I was making were leading to a classic case of burnout.

There are many ways to fend off summer burnout before letting it overcome you. Whether you feel the effects coming on or just want to avoid the initial onset of symptoms, try taking steps to keep you at your best.

Do something relaxing each day that lets you forget work to prevent the lull of redundant day-to-day activities from taking over. Take a short walk, grab a bottle of water and disconnect. Not staring at a screen and stretching out a bit, even for just a couple of minutes, can be beneficial to your mental well-being.

Sometimes, after completing a major project, I feel temporarily burnt out. Often, before fully recovering from one monumental obstacle, I begin preparing to take on another. Because of that, it is best to remember take a break and, if need be, take some time off before moving on to the next challenge.

When work becomes so routine that it regularly feels tedious or it seems as though you can complete all of your tasks with your eyes closed, burnout may not be far off. As comforting as it might be to keep delivering the same material for a steady product, it's not a good way to keep a



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Krystie Martinez)

▲ Fatigue could result in extreme sleepiness and loss of situational awareness, which may impact all levels of mission readiness, Aug. 14, Langley Air Force Base, Va.

healthy state of mind.

Find something outside of work that you are passionate about that's challenging, engaging and really gets you going — whether it be a hobby, fitness activity, or volunteering in the community.

Another sign of burnout may be when we no longer see the amazing opportunities in front of us. Those opportunities may be exposure to new technologies, training or education, providing fellow Airmen with extraordinary career broadening experiences or even just being able to accomplish the mission

in a unique location. If you feel yourself losing sight of these things, then the battle against burnout has already begun.

If you are easily distracted by the typical grievances inherent to the work Airmen do, that same distraction might be a sign of something deeper that you need to address in order to recharge the interest you once had in your career.

Burnout can have negative effects on your health, happiness, and job performance. It is a very real threat against being your best, which is exactly what Airmen need to be.

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Center interior, Marshall and Johnson dining facilities will also remain open.

According to Knepp, Wednesday through Friday would be the days to expect alarms through the giant voice system and explosive simulators with the exception of quiet hours. Quiet hours will be 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

All Airmen participating in the exercise are permitted to drive to and from their work areas and will be considered non-players until they arrive or depart for their shift. At the end of their shift they will continue to participate until they begin to drive away from their duty location. Until that point they must respond to attacks and other injects. Non-players will wear blues unless they have an exemption letter from their commander.

"We're just hoping this goes off pretty well," Knepp said. "This is the third since switching to the Commander's Inspection program under the IG construct."

MFEs ensure a force of 8,000 Airmen is trained and postured to support Air Force commitments in the Pacific region as well as U.S. military commitments around the world.

Operating from the largest U.S. installation in the Asia-Pacific region, the 18th Wing defends U.S. and Japanese mutual interests by providing a forward power projection platform with integrated, deployable, combat power.

# What are you doing this weekend?



**By Paul H. Weseloh**

Air Force ISR Agency

8/8/2014 - JOINT BASE

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LAND, Texas — As we

enter another weekend

during the Critical Days of

Summer we should be asking

our Airmen one simple

question "what are you

doing this weekend?" This

question starts the discus-

sion on risk management

and safety. Supervisors

can then review potential

high risk Activities, travel

or a myriad of summer

activities like swimming,

BBQ, hiking and kayaking

as examples.

Communication is par-

amount to effective lead-

ership and establishing

relationships with our Air-

men. Asking this question

also allows you to discuss

the importance of being a

good Wingman and making

responsible choices. It

allows you to review

potential risks, identify

hazards and help Airmen

decide on a plan of action.

A second benefit of asking

Airmen about activities

and interests is the con-

versation that follows and

genuine concern for the

morale and welfare of our

Airmen and their families.

Asking the questions is

about more than safety, it

is about being an effective

supervisor and Wingman.

Once you know their

plans start to use the risk

management cycle and as-

sess, balance, communi-

cate, decide and debrief.

Consider the need to use

the AF Form 4391, High-

Risk Activities Form or for

a group event use of the

AF Form 4437, Deliberate

Risk Assessment Work-

sheet. Emphasis should

be placed on the principle

to accept no unnecessary

risk. Anyone can call a

"knock it off" when an

unsafe practice or situ-

ation occurs. If you see

something unsafe then say

something. As world class

adventurer and moun-

taineer Alison Levine said

"Fear is OK. Complacency

will kill you". (Dodd, 2011)

An important part of

the risk management cycle

includes follow up. Ask

the Airmen on Monday

how the activity went.

Consider lessons learned

that can be shared across

the unit and celebrate

success. Make adjustments

for future activities and

repeat the cycle next

weekend. Asking our

Airmen about their

interests, activities and

goals leads to a stronger

Wingman culture and

saves lives by preventing

mishaps and preserving

combat capability. So ...

what are YOU doing this

weekend?

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# Aviation safety in healthcare

By Senior Airman  
Tory Cusimano

8/5/2014 - Langley Air Force Base, Va. — *Editor's note: This is the part one of a three-part series on the integration of operational risk management and flight line safety procedures into hospitals and dental squadrons across the Air Force.*

The Air Combat Command Surgeon General's office pioneered a program bringing operational risk management and flight line safety procedures into hospitals and dental squadrons across the Air Force.

Brig. Gen. Daniel Wyman, Air Combat Command Surgeon General and a team of ACC aerospace physiologists, well-versed in operational risk management and medical risks of flight procedures, have introduced flight line processes that will unify procedures inside Air

Force operating rooms across the globe.

"We are setting up our operating rooms to a single standard," Wyman said. "In hospitals, you might go to two different operating rooms and experience two different ways of doing things. Our goal is for any doctor, or any surgical technician, to PCS from one base to another and be able to jump right in."

The program focuses on several key concepts of aviation safety including standardization, team-based accountability, and mishap investigations. The concepts are being adapted from the principles of operational risk management. This enables Air Force members in the medical field to determine the best course of action for any given situation.

The goals of the enhance-

ments are to preserve patient health and enhance mission effectiveness at all levels while preserving assets.

The procedures also aim to minimize the risks that come with working in medical facilities that judiciously use the best current evidence in making decisions about the care of individual patients to prevent mistakes or infections.

"There is always a risk for infection, whether it be after surgery or something as simple as placing an IV," said Wyman. "By providing step-by-step standards on how to perform a task, we can be sure it is being done in a way that prevents infection."

Another aspect of the program is team-based accountability. At any time during a procedure, team members are encouraged and expected to

speak up if something is wrong. TeamSTEPPS, which stands for Team Strategies and Tools to Enhance Performance and Patient Safety, enhances attitudes toward teamwork, develops participant knowledge about effective team practice, and improves team skills within the unit.

"By utilizing programs like TeamSTEPPS, we are slowly building a culture to change behavior with a new emphasis on team dynamics," said Lt. Col. Thomas Massa, 633 MDG's Aerospace Medicine Squadron aerospace physiologist.

"Every member of the team is empowered to speak up and say 'hold on, we are doing this wrong.'"

Communication is encouraged among the team so Airmen know their roles and the roles of others going into a

procedure. If everybody knows the plan, Massa said. "Everyone will know if it goes awry."

Medical investigations will now focus on a lessons learned approach for correcting future mistakes instead of levying punishments for human errors.

"We don't want our Airmen to be afraid to tell us what went wrong," Wyman said. "At the end of the day, we just want to know what happened so we can fix it."

Langley Air Force Base, was the test bed for the programs, which Wyman said all fall under the umbrella of a culture change. The results were briefed to Air Force Medical Operations Agency, which then set the procedures in place Air Force-wide.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Steve Stanley contributed to this story

# Journalist recalls travels with Robin Williams

By Jim Garamone

Defense Media Activity

8/12/2014 - WASHINGTON — U.S. service members truly lost a friend with the death of Robin Williams yesterday, Aug. 11.

Williams made multiple USO tours to Iraq, Afghanistan, the Persian Gulf, Bahrain, Kuwait and other bases in Southwest Asia to give Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and DoD civilians a little taste of home.

It was my privilege to accompany him on many of those tours, and I can attest that he truly loved doing what he was doing and the people he was doing it for.

There really was no difference between Robin on stage and Robin behind the scenes.

On the first trip with Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, then-chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the plane stopped at Shannon Airport, Ireland, to refuel. He got off the plane into the midst of about 150 National Guardsmen going home. Robin shook every hand, posed for every picture and ensured the Guardsmen knew he appreciated their sacrifices.

That was Robin.

At the end of every performance — be it a combat outpost or a forward operating base — Robin was always

the last entertainer to leave. In Iraq, a group of Marines came in from patrol and missed his show. He made it a point to meet with them and give them 20-minutes of fun, even as the chopper's blades were turning to go to the next show.

In Afghanistan, the "clamshell" at Bagram Air Field was a favorite venue for him, and he performed there many times. In 2010, he started the show with "I love what you've done with the place."

He was not a prima donna. One time a sandstorm grounded the party at an outpost near Baghdad. Robin along with everyone else crammed into a small "tin can" to spend the night. The next day his jokes about snoring and gaseous emissions pretty much convulsed everyone.

There was a serious side. He knew what was happening in the areas he traveled. He understood what the men and women he was entertaining did for America each day.

He discussed events in the region with knowledge, but used humor — even then — to make his point. Once aboard a C-17, he described the dangers of the terrorist safe havens in Pakistan to New York Times correspondent Thom Shanker and in a way that can't



(DoD file photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Dan Purcell)

Robin Williams with troops gathered at the Camp Liberty Post Exchange in Baghdad during a USO tour, Dec. 14, 2004.

be repeated here, but was right on the money. He also visited enough wounded service members in clinics and hospitals to understand the cost.

One show in 2007 sticks in my mind. He was in the middle of a performance at Camp Arifjan in Kuwait when "To the Colors" and "Retreat" sounded. As one,

the audience stood up and turned around to render honors as the flag came down. Robin had no idea what was happening. Members of the audience told him what was happening once it was over.

I asked him after the show what he thought. "Sort of reminds you why we're here, doesn't it," he said.

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# Tobacco use harms military readiness, official says



**By Claudette Roulo**

Defense Media Activity

**8/12/2014 - WASHINGTON** — Because tobacco use is harmful to military readiness, the Defense Department has an added responsibility to curb its use, the assistant secretary of defense for health affairs said today, noting that service members are more likely to use tobacco products than civilians.

Tobacco use can lead to excess oral cavity disease and morbidity, Dr. Jonathan Woodson said.

"It affects dental readiness, which is very important in making sure that we have a healthy force ready to deploy for the nation's defense," he explained.

"We know that tobacco use figures prominently in development of cancers, but also there are many other health related consequences — [decreased] lung function, heart function, excess heart attacks and strokes," Woodson said. "And so it's something that we really do need to concentrate on as a public health

issue for the services."

In the coming decades, 171,000 of the personnel currently serving are likely to die prematurely due to tobacco use, he added.

"We have an extra responsibility to address this problem," Woodson said. "The way I look at it is, just as we would leave nobody behind in the combat zone [and] we expend every effort to save the life of a battle buddy that's on our right or on our left, we need to do the same with tobacco use."

The Military Health System is partnered with tobacco cessation programs Action to Quit and U Can Quit 2 and has developed Operation Live Well, all in an effort to provide encouragement and resources to tobacco users looking to quit, he said.

The campaigns are more than just buzzwords, Woodson said.

"It's about a concentrated effort to support the health of the men and women who serve — both immediately and long-term — by reducing the use of tobacco products," he said.

This effort isn't about denying the rights of service members, Woodson stressed, rather "it is about encouraging and creating environments to make healthy choices."

Yet, "it's also about protecting the nonsmoker," he added. "We

know the issues that occur in terms of health-related effects from ambient smoke for nonsmokers and so we need to look at the issue of smoking in housing and smoking on installations, again, to protect the health of the entire force."

Tobacco use is pernicious, Woodson said. "Individuals start and then they get addicted to it and then it becomes a lifelong habit," with terrible health consequences, he said.

"You know, at one point in our history when we didn't know so much about tobacco and its health effects, we actually supplied cigarettes in our rations," Woodson said. But, he noted, as science demonstrated the harmful effects of tobacco use, the department reformed its policies to better serve the health of service members.

And concern for the health of the entire force is at the heart of the Military Health System's efforts, Woodson said.

"We need to address all potentially health-related habits that adversely affect the health of our servicemen and women," he said. "... We want to encourage the development of more smoke-free installations, particularly where children learn, work and play — that's very important for their health — but also we want to encourage ... healthy behaviors."

**ARMY OKINAWA  
ACTIVITIES**

## Sobe English program builds friendship



(U.S. Army courtesy photos)

^ Mrs. Jenny Toland (left) and Col. Leon Plummer, (right) commander for the 10th Regional Support Group, begin instruction with local children of Sobe Ward, Yomitan Village on Aug. 13th at the Sobe Community Center. Mrs. Toland and Soldiers assigned to 10th RSG volunteer for the Sobe English Program. The program takes place during summer vacation to teach local children and improve their understanding of the English language and the American culture. In turn, Soldiers also learn more about Japanese traditions. The children range in age and consist of first to sixth grade.



< Master Sgt. 1st Class Tamara Todman, (left) equal opportunity adviser for the 10th Regional Support Group, volunteers to assist local children of Sobe Ward, Yomitan Village on Aug. 13 at the Sobe Community Center.



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# Sailors take Liberty to new heights



(U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Ryan G. Greene)

▲ Airman Alan Urban, of Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi, looks out over the city of Fujiyoshida from Mount Fuji during the second bi-annual All-Japan Liberty climb. The event builds camaraderie and a sense of community for junior Sailors stationed in the 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

◀ Airman Cole Voeller, of Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi, stops to take a picture during the second bi-annual All-Japan Liberty climb up Mount Fuji.

## By Seaman Ryan Greene

Naval Air Facility Atsugi

**8/2/2014 - NAVAL AIR FACILITY ATSUGI, Japan** — For some Sailors coming to Japan climbing Mount Fuji, the highest peak on the island of Honshu, is near the top of a list of things to do.

Beginning in early November, Liberty Center Coordinators from all around Japan came together and began planning for their most ambitious trip yet - a climb to the summit of Mount Fuji.

"For me, I couldn't be more excited about getting to host this trip," said Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi Liberty Center event coordinator Jay Mozilo. "This is the second trip and because the first was such a success, we've decided to go ahead and try it again. This trip we had around 150 Sailors total from seven different installations, and with such a large number of participants, planning for lodging, feeding and moving that

many bodies causes quite the logistical headache."

Fortunately for Mozilo he wasn't alone, with an army of more than 25 volunteers, Liberty Centers all around Japan have worked tirelessly to ensure a smooth and enjoyable trip for everyone.

"I was really excited to come to Okinawa and to see all that Japan had to offer," said Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Jazmyn Hollis, of Commander, Fleet Activities Okinawa Naval Station White Beach. "But, I was upset to find out that because of the liberty policy, getting out to see much of the country wouldn't really be possible. That's why I jumped at the chance to climb Fuji, it's been my dream."

At 3:30 a.m. Aug. 2, the Sailors and Marines who were taking part in the largest pan-Japanese Liberty event left from NAF Atsugi and Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) and

made their way up to the fifth station to begin their hike up Mount Fuji.

"I honestly slept the whole way here, but now that I'm standing here looking up, I'm kind of nervous," said Aviation Support Equipment Technician Airman Justin Gilmore, of NAF Atsugi. "I really wasn't thinking of just how big Fuji is. Now that I'm here, it's pretty imposing."

Gilmore wasn't the only one feeling the pre-climb jitters, several in the crowd discussed the choice of returning to the buses and giving up the climb.

When it came time to start the climb at least one member of the climbing team had chosen to sit it out and instead chose to wait for their companions at the 5th Station.

For the rest of the team, the climb began with relative ease, quickly climbing to above 2,400 meters.

For the roughly 150 Sailors who took part in the climb, almost all made it to

the mountain summit and earned their coveted red stamp.

"This has been such a crazy experience," said Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Eric Mosey, of Branch Health Clinic Sasebo. "I did not anticipate that summiting Mount Fuji was going to be so difficult, especially around 8th Station. But, it was an absolute blast and I cannot wait to do this again next year."

From Sailors who tried to leapfrog up the mountain and those who slid face first down the mountainside, few came off Fuji with anything on their minds other than when they could do it again.

"This was amazing, it was a perfect day and I'm honestly so glad that I decided to climb Fuji," said Airman Cole Voeller, of NAF Atsugi. "I wish we had done these every year, I'll only be here for one more year and I'd love to go again with all the friends I've made from around Japan."

## NMCB 1 Sailors, armed forces of the Philippines cut ribbon on science building in Tacloban

### Courtesy of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1

**8/1/2014** — Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1, deployed as part of Pacific Partnership (PP) 2014, along with members of The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) held a ribbon cutting ceremony at the San Fernando School, July 31, officially turning over the school's science building for use.

Tacloban government officials, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, and representatives from the Philippines Department of Education also attended the ceremony. The scope of the project included construction of a concrete masonry unit block, two-classroom school building. The building included a prefabricated metal truss roof and sheet metal roofing, interior lighting, fans and electrical outlets.

"Tacloban has been through a lot, and it is very heart warming and

satisfying for us to finish here in an area that needs help so badly," said Lt. Cmdr. Michael Guzzi, 30th Naval Construction Regiment operations officer. "After being here for a while I see the strength of this community and its resiliency. I know they will be back at full strength soon and have been amazed at the community's ability to continue business as usual even after the destruction that came from the super typhoon. The 'I love Tacloban' slogan now stands for strength to me, and I will never forget it."

During the ceremony, leaders reflected on the efforts put forth by all who participated in the mission and expressed thanks for their hard work. For two NMCB 1 engineers, not only will they remember the project, but will retain life-long memories from their experience.

"Pacific Partnership made me realize how good I have it back in the U.S.," said Utilitiesman 2nd Class

Matthew Murfin, NMCB1 project supervisor for San Fernando Science Building. "I understand now what these countries have to deal with on a day to day basis and I was more than honored to help these folks. Reality really set in when we learned how many people perished in the old schoolhouse when the typhoon hit. I will look at this one day and tell my grandchildren how I helped build a schoolhouse for Tacloban City."

"During PP14, I felt honored and privileged to have the opportunity to help the community rebuild," said Steelworker 3rd Class Collin Welter, NMCB1 project crewleader for San Fernando Science Building. "During the mission, the thing that kept me going and kept me motivated was the thought of the children having a safe place to learn. I really began to understand what this [PP14] was all about when the plane touched down and I saw the difficulty that the people

have to go through every day. It really makes you thankful for everything you have."

The PP14 engineering mission in the Philippines consisted of four engineering engagements, most of which were in the heart of Tacloban. The mission was staffed with three branches of service from the AFP and two construction battalions from the U.S. Naval Construction Force.

In addition to construction, the U.S. also participated in an engineering subject matter expert exchange with local civilians, military engineers and academic scholars on damage assessment, wind and seismic design, coastal protection and flood mitigation plans.

Pacific Partnership is in its ninth iteration and is the largest annual multilateral humanitarian assistance and disaster relief preparedness mission conducted in the Asia-Pacific region.





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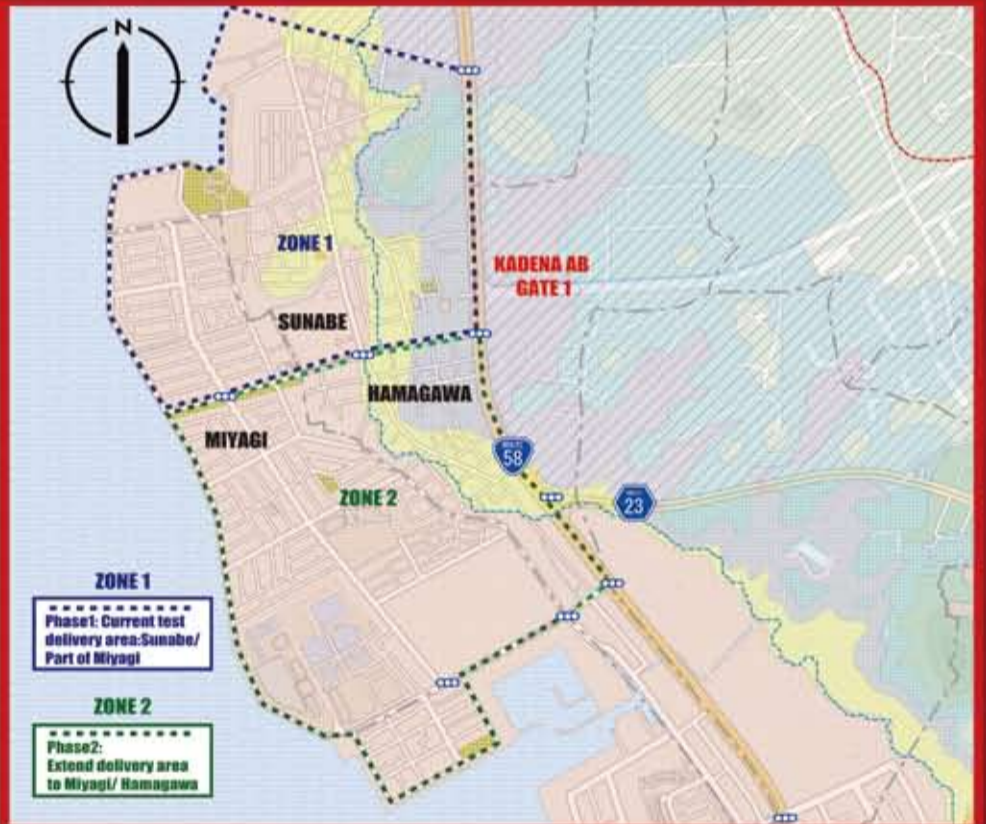
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# Pacific Air Forces NEWS BRIEFS

## Mustangs become kings of the ROK, football champs



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman David Owsianka)

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** — Senior Airman Aaron Wynn, 51st Medical Support Squadron medical logistics technician, prepares to catch the ball during the first half of the game against the Area 1 Army Base, Republic of Korea, football team at the high school football field on Osan Air Base, Aug. 3. Osan's Team 2 won the game 28-6.

## Icemen search for B-29 history



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Araos)

**EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska** — A member of Fort Wainwright's firefighter dive team wrestles through an overgrowth of vegetation during a mission to uncover the "Lady of the Lake" history Aug. 1, Eielson Air Force Base. After six decades of submersion, the B-29 Superfortress was investigated for evidence of its true history.

## Guard Pararescuemen train to be prepared in any situation



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Tammie Ramsouer)

**JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska** — Pararescuemen from the 212th Rescue Squadron, make a plan to evacuate victims as an HH-60 Pave Hawk lands nearby during a routine training mission on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, July 30. The Rescue Squadron trains their team for any military and civilian missions where they may be tasked to recover, rescue or execute a medical evacuation.

## TACP's ruck 275 miles to raise money for organization

**EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska** — Airmen with the Tactical Air Control Party 3rd Air Support Operations Squadron assigned to Fort Wainwright and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, ruck along the Denali Highway July 14-18, between Paxson and Cantwell, Alaska. The Airmen raised over \$5,000 for the



(Courtesy photo by Senior Airman Stephan Phan)

TACP Association and rucked a total of 275 miles in remembrance of fallen comrades.

## USAF, ROKAF pilots fly together



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Matthew Lancaster)

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** — A Republic of Korea air force F-16, from the 161st Squadron, taxis to the runway during the Buddy Wing 14-6 exchange program on Osan Air Base, July 31. The program is an opportunity for U.S. Air Force and ROKAF pilots to interact during a smaller scale exercise.

## Operation PACANGEL 14-4 begins in Mongolia



(U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Justin Billot)

**ULAANBAATAR, Mongolia** — Capt. Alexis Beauvais, assigned to the 559th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, left, MSgt Victoria Gray, assigned to the 374th Mission Support Group, middle, and Maj. Timothy Bonjour, assigned to the 959th Inpatient Medical Squadron, right, provide a medical demonstration at Ulaanbaatar, Aug. 5, during Operation Pacific Angel 14-4. Operation PACANGEL helps cultivate common bonds and foster goodwill between the U.S., Mongolia and regional nations by conducting multilateral humanitarian assistance and civil military operations.

## EW Airmen perform upgrade training



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Derek VanHorn)

**MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan** — Airman 1st Class Jacob Delawder, left, and Staff Sgt. Crayge Majors, 35th Maintenance Squadron electronic warfare team members, work on upgrade training on an AN/ALQ-184 electronic countermeasure pod at Misawa Air Base, July 25. Every one of

# Yokota hosts displaced passengers



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class David C. Danford)

Passengers whose flight was delayed by inclement weather in Okinawa spend the night in the Samurai Fitness Center at Yokota Air Base, Aug. 1. As a transient location in the Western Pacific, Yokota provides shelter for displaced passengers when flight conditions become untenable.

## By 2nd Lt. Ashley Wright

374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

### 8/8/2014 - YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan

— Nearly 200 passengers unexpectedly took up residence at the Samurai Fitness Center here Aug. 1, 2014, after a flight to Kadena Air Base, Japan, was delayed by a monsoonal trough passing through Okinawa.

Members of the 374th Force Support Squadron worked in conjunction with the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron to provide lodging for the displaced passengers.

"Mother Nature had a vote on this one and made flight conditions unsafe," said Mission Support Group Commander Col. Scott Maskery. "When on-base

lodging and the off-base contract hotels were at max capacity, we decided to prepare an alternate location."

Volunteers set up cots, fans and water coolers inside the Samurai Fitness Center in order to accommodate the passengers. Army and Air Force Exchange Service locations also stayed open an hour late and opened one hour early.

"Our primary focus was on the health and welfare of the stranded passengers, especially the families," Maskery said. "I'm very proud of how well our team used a tried and true 'plan on the shelf,' quickly modified it for the situation, and then executed that plan in less than two hours from the word 'go.'"

44 F-16 Fighting Falcons at Misawa AB must have one of these 760-pound pods ready and servicable at any moment.

## Unusual sport sends fuels Airman to France



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Wes Wright)

**JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska** — Staff Sgt. Jonathan MacPherson, 673rd Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels service center controller (blue shirt), jockeys for the ball with Zachari Tate during a cycle polo game at Ben Boeke arena July 31. Although cycle polo has been played since the early part of the 20th century, it has recently seen a surge in popularity.

## Exercise Pitch Black 2014 roars to life in Australia



(Royal Australian Air Force photo by Cpl. David Gibbs)

**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE TINDAL, Australia** — Pitch Black

2014 gets under way as an F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft from the New Jersey Air National Guard taxis out at Royal Australian Air Force Base Tindal. The ANG unit is deployed to Australia from Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Pitch Black is the RAAF's largest and most complex air exercise, traditionally held in the Northern Territory every two years. Exercise Pitch Black is being conducted from RAAF Bases Darwin and Tindal Aug. 1 through 22, featuring participants from Australia, the United States, New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand, United Arab Emirates and French Air Force (New Caledonia) who will cooperate for Offensive Counter Air (OCA) and Defensive Counter Air (DCA) missions.

## Tops in Blue provides entertainment with extra performances on Andersen



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Melissa B. White)

**ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam** — Tops in Blue members perform a song and dance for children at the Youth Center on Andersen Air Force Base, Aug. 7. Tops in Blue, the Air Force's premier entertainment showcase, tours Air Force installations around the world to perform for Airmen and their families.



# AF implements static EPR closeout dates, eliminates change of reporting

By **Debbie Gildea**

Air Force Personnel Center  
Public Affairs

**8/11/2014 - JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas** — The first in a series of changes to the enlisted evaluation and promotion systems announced July 31 will include implementation of static enlisted performance report closeout dates, or SCOD, for each grade and elimination of change of reporting official EPRs.

Evaluation system changes are focused on purposefully evolving the enlisted evaluation system to ensure job performance is the most important factor when evaluating and identifying Airmen for promotion, according to a letter to Airmen from Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody. The changes will occur in stages during the next 18 months for the Regular Air Force and 30 months for the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard.

Regular Air Force technical sergeants will be the first Airmen to experience the change, with a Nov. 30, 2014, SCOD.

"Technical sergeant EPRs due between Aug. 15 and Nov. 30 will all shift to the Nov. 30 closeout date," said Will Brown, the AFPC Evaluation and Recognition Programs Branch chief. "What that means is evaluation periods during this initial crossover phase will range from 12 to 15 months. Annually, after that, all technical sergeants will have the same EPR closeout and will be assessed for the same number of days."

Implementing static, or fixed, annual closeout dates for each rank tied to regular Air Force promotion eligibility cut off dates will enable implementation of the future forced distribution and stratification policies also announced by senior leaders in July, and will result in better performance-based evaluations.

In addition, static closeout dates will enable raters, commanders and support staffs to plan for and schedule the

workload, Brown said.

"EPRs take a lot of administrative time. Under the current system, leaders at every level work a constant flow of evaluations, which affects their ability to dedicate time to other mission requirements" he said. "SCODs will enable supervisors, raters and commanders to plan ahead, clear the deck, focus on the evaluations, and then turn to other duties."

SCODs will also level the playing field for Airmen, since all Airmen will be assessed for work done during the same time period.

"When all Airmen in a unit are assessed for accomplishments during the same time frame, factors like special events or increased workload will not unfairly favor one Airman over another. Quality of performance then becomes the primary focus," Brown said.

Also effective Aug. 15, change of reporting official, or CRO, for EPRs will no longer need to be accomplished for Regular Air Force technical sergeants.

"The rater at the time of the new static closeout date will be responsible for accomplishing EPRs that cover the entire rating period," Brown said. "Although there may be occasions when a midterm assessment is required, other tools exist for those situations and this change doesn't eliminate such tools as commander-directed EPRs or letters of evaluation."

The change will eliminate the need for more than 36,000 CRO reports per year.

"As the Air Force works to accomplish critical missions with fewer Airmen, changes like this become ever more critical," Brown said.

Additional SCOD changes as well as other adjustments to the enlisted evaluation and promotion systems will be announced at a later date.

For more information about enlisted evaluations and promotions, and other personnel issues, visit myPers. Select "search all components" from the drop down menu and enter "enlisted evaluations" in the search window.

## Bagram C-130J loadmasters use new system for airdrops

By **Staff Sgt. Evelyn Chavez**

445th Air Expeditionary Wing  
Public Affairs

**8/5/2014 - BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan** — A C-130J Super Hercules aircraft from the 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron completed an airdrop for the Afghan National Army using the new Wireless Gate Release System Aug. 1, 2014 at Bagram Airfield Afghanistan.

While still in the testing phase in the U.S., the WGRS, is the primary method crews use in Afghanistan.

"We train on the system before we come out here, and now we are putting it into use," said Capt. Jeffrey Furnary, 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron tactician deployed from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas and a native of Vienna, Virginia. "Its main priority is to keep our loadmasters safe. It allows them to work in a safe area, and they can operate the switches and wirelessly drop the bundles without getting in harm's way."

The WGRS is a two part system: the mission control station where loadmasters program mission details and the mechanism that releases the gate holding the bundles that will be air dropped. The mission control system sends a wireless signal to the mechanism which keeps the loadmasters safe behind moving payloads exiting the aircraft.

"With the WGRS the loadmasters no longer have to go behind or beside an unrestrained load," said Master Sgt. Bradley

Nulf, 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron evaluator loadmaster deployed from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas and a native of Columbia City, Indiana. "The process is also faster, the system saves the loadmasters rigging time by 50 percent. If we were to do two-part drops, we could do in 10 minutes what we used to do in 40."

According to Nulf, there was an urgent operational need for the system, hence the reason why it was brought into theater. A group of experienced subject matter experts from across Air Mobility Command including Little Rock, Arkansas, Dyess, Texas and F.E. Warren, Wyoming Air Force bases met for initial training in September 2013.

"Because all the units that come here have the need and requirement to be certified on the system, we trained individuals within our units to be fully capable of performing the need here," said Nulf.

Despite a glitch in the system that caused the cargo prematurely, the manufacturing corporation and engineers fixed the problem in order to continue its use. And the system has already proven to save the Air Force money as well.

"It saves the Air Force in material, fuel costs and man hours," said Nulf. "The type of nylon used for our release gates is very expensive. With the conventional system, the nylon would get cut. With the WGRS it doesn't, so the nylon can be



(U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Evelyn Chavez)

Master Sgt. Bradley Nulf, 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron evaluator loadmaster secures cargo for an airdrop at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan Aug. 1. The squadron is using the new Wireless Gate Release System for airdrops. The WGRS saves the Air Force in material, fuel costs and man hours. Nulf is deployed from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas and a native of Columbia City, Ind.



(From left) Senior Airmen Corey King and Stefan Eiermann, 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron loadmasters program the Wireless Gate Release System before an airdrop at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan Aug. 1. The squadron completed an airdrop for the Afghan National Army using the new WGRS. The WGRS helps keep loadmasters safe and saves the Air Force money in material costs. King is deployed from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas and a native of Hudson, Fla. Eiermann is deployed from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas and a native of Corpus Christi, Texas.

used for multiple drops.

"It's a great feeling to see how much the system can do for us," said Nulf. "From being familiar to proficient and to utilize the system out here the way we are supposed to is just great."

As the unit continues to support the fight and mission through airlift capabilities, the WGRS will continue to assist the loadmasters to operate safely and in a more efficient manner.

"It is important to showcase

one of our main capabilities in the C-130J Super Hercules aircraft," said Furnary. "One of those are airdrops. This allows us to help the ANA fortify their country so when we leave they have the ability to operate."



# 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 until 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 Sept. 1 through Oct. 25, outbound traffic will be limited to one lane. For more information, call Michaelangelo Miyagi at 634-5682.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:brooke.van_eeghen.1@us.af.mil) or Capt. Felecia Washington at [felecia.washington.2@us.af.mil](mailto:felecia.washington.2@us.af.mil).

## OTS Enlisted Commissioning Program reinstated

The Officer Training School/Basic Officer

Training program has reopened and has scheduled boards for later this year and next year. The rated and non-rated boards will be open to ALL degrees. For more information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/m45smur>.

## Voting residents primaries

**Vermont** will hold its primary election Aug. 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](http://www.FVAP.gov). Complete, sign and send the FPCA to your local election official. Forms need to be received by Aug. 20.

**Arizona** will hold its primary Aug. 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](http://www.FVAP.gov). Complete, sign and send the FPCA to your local election official. This form needs to be received by 7 p.m. Aug. 26. Detailed information is available at the following website: [www.fvap.gov](http://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](http://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](mailto:vote.kadena@us.af.mil).

## MiTA is Changing Effective Oct. 1

Recent changes in the instructions governing the military tuition assistance program are going into effect at the beginning of the new fiscal year, Oct. 1, 2014. Check out the Virtual Education Center for the latest news. Air Force will also send out a mass email to students who have an FY15 MiTA form processed in mid-September reminding them of the new

requirements. For more information, call at 634-1500, option 1.

## Recycling rejection notices

If you live in Military Family Housing on Okinawa, many of you may have started receiving the new, green recycling rejection notice. The new sticker is formatted to better inform residents why their recyclables were not picked up. The goal is not only to save money, but to encourage residents to recycle more items through a better understanding of the requirements. For more information, call Environmental at 634-5425 and the website for Kadena Recycling Facebook page.

## Absentee Voters deadlines for some states

**Delaware** will hold its primary election on September 9. If you are a Delaware 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). This form needs to be received by August 25.

**Massachusetts** will hold its primary election on September 9. If you are a Massachusetts 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). This form needs to be received by September 8.

**New Hampshire** will hold its primary election on September 9. If you are a New Hampshire 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). This form needs to be received September 8.

**Rhode Island** will hold its primary election on

September 9. If you are a Rhode Island 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). This form needs to be received by August 19.

\*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. For more information, contact your respective Unit Voting Assistance Officer or the Kadena Voting Assistance Office at [vote.kadena@us.af.mil](mailto:vote.kadena@us.af.mil).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WIC Overseas breastfeeding workshop

The Kadena Women, Infants, and Children Overseas office is holding an hour-long informational workshop regarding breastfeeding Aug. 19, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Bldg. 428, classroom. Topics discussed will be common myths surrounding breastfeeding, health benefits for mother/baby, and tips on getting started. All pregnant, breastfeeding women and their partners are encouraged to attend. You do not need to be a WIC Overseas participant to attend this workshop. For more information or RSVP, call Sarah Jensen at 632-9427.

### Women's self-defense class

A free self-defense class for women aged 18 and older will be held at the Risner Fitness Center Aug. 21, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Increase your situational awareness and improve self-confidence while learning defenses against various attacks. Sign up at the Risner Fitness Center front desk or by visiting the class Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/RisnerFitnessCenterWomensSelfDefenseClass](http://www.facebook.com/RisnerFitnessCenterWomensSelfDefenseClass)

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is hosting a Bike 4 Books race Aug. 23, with the first race starting at 6 a.m. at Marek Park. Individuals may pre-register on the website [www.aahcbike4books.weebly.com](http://www.aahcbike4books.weebly.com) or on the day of the event. Entry fee for all cyclists is \$40 and registration starts at 5 a.m. at Marek Park. Partial proceeds will be used to buy school supplies for military and local community kids. All cyclists will be required to follow all safety regulations for cycling. For more information, call Tony Bostic at 080-9715-4959, David Lukas at 080-6497-4385 or Sabrina Lukas at 080-6497-4388.

**The 18th Med Group Sports Physical Day**

The 18th Medical Group is hosting a sports physical day Aug. 23 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Kadena medical clinic. The event is open to all children between the ages of 6-18 who are empanelled at the clinic. All participants are required to wear athletic gear and must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. For more information, contact Kadena Pediatrics at 630-4817 (press opt 1 then opt 2) or Kadena Family Practice at 630-4817 (press opt 1 then opt 1).

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES American Red Cross seeking leadership volunteers**

The Kadena Red Cross is seeking motivated individuals to fulfill leadership roles, preferably non-active duty members who have time to be an active participant. They're seeking chairs and assistant chairs in the following departments: special events/fundraising, medical/dental, and volunteer management. For more information, email Kadena Red Cross at [kadena@redcross.org](mailto:kadena@redcross.org) or call 634-1979.

**Hispanic Okinawa needs Latin-American folkloric dancers**

Hispanic Okinawa is seeking volunteers to dance and participate during Hispanic Heritage month festivities. It is free to enter and open to everyone. Rehearsals will start soon. For more information on locations and time, email Carla Lauber at [proudmho@gmail.com](mailto:proudmho@gmail.com).

**School of New Thought needs volunteers**

The School of New Thought is seeking volunteers to assist in the feeding of the homeless in Naha. They're seeking clothing and non perishable food donations for the homeless shelter. For more information on donating or volunteer opportunities please contact Christopher Nesbitt at [schoolofnewthought@gmail.com](mailto:schoolofnewthought@gmail.com) or call 080-4403-9855.

**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](mailto:volunteer@kadenagiftcorner.com) for more information or to be added to our list.

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**OKINAWA CITY UPCOMING EVENTS**

**59TH ALL-OKINAWA EISA FESTIVAL**  
Aug 15 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Michijunee: Goya intersection area  
Aug 16 - 17 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. 59th All-Okinawa Eisa Festival: 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: All-Okinawa Eisa Festival Office TEL : 098-937-3986 [www.zentoehisa.com](http://www.zentoehisa.com)

**KOZA BATTLE FESTA 3**  
Venue: Koza Music Town Otoichiba (3F) Date: Aug. 23  
Tickets: SS seat: Advance 5,000 yen / Door 5,500 yen S seat: Advance 4,000 yen / Door 4,500 yen General admission seat: Advance 3,000 yen / Door 3,500 yen (Student and over 60 yrs Advance: 2,000 yen / Door 2,500 yen) (Children 500 yen)  
Come and see the exciting battle of Ryukyu Dragon Pro Wrestling match!  
For Inquiries Ryukyu Dragon Pro Wrestling Tel: 098-956-5500 Website: <http://rd-pw.com/> Koza Music Town Otoichiba Tel: 098-932-1949

**Marshall Dining Facility's Weekly Lunch Menu**  
8/15 - 8/21

FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
<b>Main Line</b>						
Mexican Baked Chicken	Crispy Baked Chicken	Chicken Breast Parmesan	Chicken A LA King	Dijon Baked Pork Chops	Chicken Caciatore	Fried Chicken
Country Style Steak	Smoked Pit Ham	Simmered Beef	MeaLoaf	Pepper Steak	Pacific Salmon	Shrimp Jambalaya
FishW/Southern Style Salsa	Steamed Rice	Au Gratin Potatos	Baja Fish Tacos	Basil Baked Fish	Spagetti W/Meat Sauce	Grilled Steak
Baked Mac&Cheese	Baked Potatoes	Jefferson Noodles	Steamed Rice	Steamed Brown Rice	Wild Rice	Red Beans&Rice
Southern Rice	Dirty Rice	Cauliflower Combo	Parsley Buttered Potatoes	Potatoes&Herbs	Baked Mac&Cheese	Gralic Mashed Potatoes
Spanish Style Beans	French Style Peas	Mixed Vegetables	Creamed Corn	Herbed Green Beans	Asparagus	Vegetable Medley
Corn	Glazed Carrots	Oriental Stir Fry Cabbage	Broccoli	Cauliflower	Summer Squash	Collard Greens
<b>Snack Line Specials</b>						
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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**Be a local speaker!**  
Do you want to learn Japanese? You can be better if you learn casual Okinawan local languages to connect more with Okinawan while living here. We introduce Japanese & Okinawan local languages. It's so easy and useful!

**Situation 2. Taxi**

You English: Can you go to "\_\_\_restaurant" ?  
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Okinawa: "\_\_\_restaurant" ma de onegai shimasu.

Taxi driver English: Where is "\_\_\_restaurant" ?  
Japanese: "\_\_\_restaurant" wa doko desu ka ?  
Okinawa: "\_\_\_restaurant" te ma-ya ga ?  
\*Where → Do ko (どこ) → Ma- (まー)

You English: Turn right, go straight.  
Japanese: Mi gi ni magatte, zutto massugu desu.  
Okinawa: Mi gi ni magatte, cha - massugu.  
\*go straight → zutto massugu (ずっとまっすぐ) → cha-massugu (チャーまっすぐ)

**Let's try!!**  
★Tips for you!★  
Don't worry most taxi drivers know a place in Okinawa, but when you explain a simple direction, you can say these, and then, you can get more closer to locals.





# DoDEA School Registration



To register your child(ren) for school please bring the required forms listed below to the school registrar located at the front office of the school your child(ren) will be attending. Please note that your child's school zone and subsequently the school he or she can enroll is determined based on your housing assignment provided to you when you arrive on Okinawa. Typically DoDDS Okinawa will host a district wide registration event at the beginning of each school year in order for parents to be able to register all their children at once. To find out more information about district wide registration events please contact the District at 634-1204.

Parents with students ALREADY registered for the current school year will need to re-register their child(ren) for each new school year.

### Registration vs. Pre-Registration

DoDEA offers online pre-registration in order to reduce the waiting time for registration on site, however pre-registration does NOT complete the registration process nor can it be used to re-register a student.

### School Zoning

School Zone Maps are available at the Family Housing Office, District Office and the Student Transportation Offices. When you are living in temporary billeting your child is zoned for the school in that area. When you have been assigned permanent housing (on or off base), there is a possibility that your child could be moved to another school, unless you live in the same zoned area. For more information please contact the District Office, School Registrar or Student Transportation Office.

### Entrance Age

**Kindergarten** students must be five years old on or before 1 September of the current calendar year to be eligible to register for the upcoming school year.

**First Grade** students must be six years old on or before 1 September of the current calendar year to be eligible to register for the upcoming school year.

### Required DoDDS Okinawa Documentation for School Registration

#### Required Branch of Service Documentation

**Air Force:** PCS Orders with Dependent names

**Marines:** PCS Orders and Area Clearance with dependent names

**Navy:** PCS Orders and Dependent entry approval listing dependent names

**Army:** PCS Orders with dependent names

**Civilian (DoD or NAFI):** PCS Orders, Certificate or Employment Letter (Current Personnel Action Form for Local Hire Civilians)

**Civilian Contractors:** Logistical Support Section of Contract, Company Authorization to Bill for Tuition

#### Required Registration Forms

\* Student Registration (DoDEA Form 600) Passport or Birth Certificate for student (for age verification)

\* Social Security number for Student

\* Student Health History (DoDEA FORM 2942)

\* Certification of Immunization (DoDEA Form 2942.0-M-

F1) (take to Immunization Clinic to be signed by medical authority)

\* Copy of Immunization Card

\* Special Education Needs Review Form

\* Computer and Internet Access Agreement (DoDEA Form 6600.1-F2)

\* Questionnaire for Race/Ethnicity (DoDEA Form 600A)

\* ESL Home Language Questionnaire

\* Publicity Permission Form

\* Housing Address & School Zone Verification Letter

\* Housing Assignment Letter, Off-Base Lease Agreement, or TLF Receipt

\* PREVIOUS SCHOOL RECORDS FOR STUDENT

Online information available [www.dodea.edu](http://www.dodea.edu)

## FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM

The USDA National School Lunch Program is available to ALL students on Okinawa who qualify and are attending DoDEA Schools

Applications for school year 2014/2015 will be accepted starting 1 July 2014  
**Note: Application is required annually. Applications from SY 13/14 will not be valid as of 30 June 2014.**

Applications can be found at the lunch program office located in bldg 99 on Kadena AB, BX/PX Customer Service Counters or at  
<http://www.kadena.af.mil/units/18thmissionsupportgroup.asp>

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Applications can be submitted at Bldg. 99, Kadena AB located behind Dunkin Donuts or you can email your application and all necessary documents to  
[18msg.kadenalunchprogram@us.af.mil](mailto:18msg.kadenalunchprogram@us.af.mil)

**Between 18 Aug - 12 Sept applications will only be accepted via email or appointment only. Please allow 72 hours for processing**

To make an appointment or for questions, please contact the Free & Reduced Lunch Program Office at:  
DSN: 632-5932/5934  
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