Kadena Shoguns change command Brig. Gen. Cunningham assumes command of 18th Wing Lt. Gen. Jerry P. Martinez, U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force commander, presides over the 18th Wing change of command from Brig. Gen. Barry Cornish to Brig. Gen. Case

By Senior Airman John Linzmeier

18th Wing Public Affairs

7/10/2017 — Brig. Gen. Barry R. Cornish relinquished command of the 18th Wing to Brig. Gen. Case Cunningham during a change of command ceremony July 10 at Kadena Air Base.

Lt. Gen. Jerry Martinez, U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force commander, presided over the event held inside a hangar where Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and distinguished U.S. and Okinawan guests welcomed the new commander.

Martinez commended Cornish for his dedication, innovation, and leadership and welcomed Cunningham to the command.

To show gratitude for Cornish's contributions toward strengthening the bond between the U.S. and Japanese forces, Japan Air Self-Defense Force Lt. General Shigeki Muto, Southwestern Composite Air Division commander, presented him with a defense cooperation award, which was followed by the citation of a letter of appreciation from JASDF General Yoshiyuki Sugiyama, Koku-Jieitai chief of staff. READ COC PAGE 2

Airmen from the 353rd SOG and 18th LRS stand by with Marines from Marine

Wing Support Squadron 172 refuel a

F-35B Lightning II during a forward area

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 121

refueling point joint training exercise June 27, at Kadena Air Base.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman John Linzmeier)

7/7/2017 - U.S. Marines and Airmen conducted the first ever

joint forward area refueling point exercise involving the F-35B Lighting II June 26, at

The two-day exercise enabled the U.S. Air Force and Marine Corps to improve interoperability and develop tactics, techniques and procedures involving the new aircraft for future joint FARP operations throughout the Indo-Asia Pacif-

Marines from Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 121 and Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 trained alongside Airmen from the 353rd Special Operations Group and 18th

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Cunningham July 10 at Kadena Air Base.

F-35B conducts **FARP at Kadena**

> Thanks to planning and teamwork, the operation began and ended within an hour.

"Numerous people and units put in tireless man hours to make the mission a success," said

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The letter stated "His many achievements reflect his profound understanding on Japan, sincerity and strong sense of responsibility. Our respect and confidence toward him will be long remembered as a basis of friendship between the United States and Japan."

In his final address to the Airmen of the 18th Wing, Cornish expressed his gratitude and thanks toward everyone who made his command a success, to include friends, allied partners and his family.

"Fellow Shoguns," said Cornish, "I have one last request. Continue the legacy you have built. Our friends, partners and allies around the Pacific trust you daily to provide air power on demand and you've never failed to deliver. I am humbled beyond words to have served along your side and to have been a part of your team."

After the guidon flag was passed from the previous commander to current, Cunningham stressed his

appreciation for the opportunity to lead the Air Force's largest combat wing and carry out its

Cunningham gave his vision for the 18th Wing and promised his unwavering commitment to continue to improve upon the mission already being accomplished at Kadena. Before taking the reins of the 18th Wing, Cunningham served as commander of the 432nd Wing and 432nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Air Combat Command, Creech Air Force Base, Nevada. He was also the commander and lead pilot for the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds, Nellis AFB, Nev., from 2010 to 2012.

"It is an amazing honor to stand on this stage in front of all of you and join this fantastic team and awesome alliance that is the keystone of keeping the peace in the Pacific, while defending Japanese and U.S. mutual interests," said Cunningham. "I look forward to working with so many of you in this hangar to continue to provide the most ready, capable, resilient, joint and coalition team that Kadena has been known so well for."

Cunningham's operational career began upon graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo. in 1994 as a political science major. Since then, his educational pursuit lead him to earning several other degrees such as a Master of Arts in national security studies, American Military University, and a Doctorate of Philosophy in military strategy, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

As the ceremony came to a close, the new commander shared his vision for the Wing's future.

"Together, we will continue to write the next chapter of Kadena's history," Cunningham said. "These challenging and dynamic times require bold, courageous and exemplary leadership at every single level to be absolutely the most-ready possible with our available resources. You can count on that from me and I'll expect that

Brig. Gen. Cornish conducts final flight at Kadena



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Greg Erwin)
Brig. Gen. Barry Cornish, 18th Wing commander, waves from the cockpit of an F-15 Eagle
from the 67th Fighter Squadron during his final flight June 29, at Kadena Air Base. Cornish
has been the commander of the 18th Wing since April 2015.

from you, as I provide unwavering support for the squadron commanders who lead the Airmen and truly provide the asymmetric advantage that

makes this team so great."

"I'm absolutely honored to join the 'Shogun' family and to serve and to lead you as your wing commander."

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U.S. Air Force Capt. Jordan Carr, 353rd SOG tactics officer. "During the exercise the MC-130 was able to transfer 8,000lbs (about 1250 gallons) of fuel to the F-35 which would have allowed the F-35 to continue to fly for about 1.5 hours. In addition, the MC-130 would have had enough fuel remaining to takeoff and return to staging base hours away."

According to Carr, FARP enables the Air Force to perform a wide range of missions across multiple domains and brings the most advanced technologies and capabilities of the U.S. military to the region by enabling aircraft to land, refuel and take off again.

The exercise tested the compatibilities of 18 LRS FARP operations with the Marine Corps' fifth-generation combat aircraft.

"Although each aircraft presents different challenges in regards to planning, once the fuel sled or cart is in place, single point refueling is straight forward, all due in part to the expertise of the MC-130 loadmasters, VMFA-121 Marines, and 18th Wing FARP crews," Carr said. "It proves that our military organizations and structure are able to remain flexible and adaptive in today's ever changing battle space."

That changing battle space may require services to work together. The U.S. Marine

Corps has its own version of FARP that's called air delivered ground refueling

called air delivered ground refueling.

"We've done a lot of ADGR (FARP) operations at Iwakuni, but that was internally with only the Marine Corps," said U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Michael O'Brien, VMFA-121 F-35B Lightning II fighter pilot. "As a joint force this is the first opportunity we took to share some of those best practices in regards to FARP and really prepare for combat operations in this theater"

combat operations in this theater."

According to O'Brien, the training between services gave the Marine Corps a unique opportunity to practice joint operations with the Air Force.

"Instead of using local trucks and just refueling we were able to utilize an

aircraft," O'Brien said. "This is useful, especially when we are talking about forward deployed operations or expeditionary bases. We don't need trucks, or even an airfield. All we need is a C-130 and a 3,000-foot landing strip. That is the capability this training brings."

Carr considered the first joint FARP operation with the F-35 a success.

"Even though this first operation took a healthy amount of planning and coordination it allowed us to create a well-defined process," Carr said. "This enables all organizations involved to take part in seamless integration as we continue to normalize F-35 and other FARP operations at Kadena Air Base."



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Intelligence driving operations at **Talisman Saber 2017**

By Capt. Jessica Tait

353rd Special Operations Group Public Affairs 7/11/2017 - ROCKHAMPTON, Austra**lia** — Though hidden behind the scenes, the intelligence analysts of the 353rd Special Operations Group and their Australian counterparts paint the big picture of the warfighting scenario for Talisman Saber 2017, a biennial military training exercise from 23 June to 25 July throughout various locations in Australia.

"We are working with our Australian counterparts to do an intelligence based exercise, where operations are driven by the intelligence picture we provide," said U.S. Air Force Tech Sgt. Justin Smith, 320th Special Tactics Squadron noncommissioned-officer-in-charge of special tactics intelligence. "We are usually in the background behind closed doors so people often don't realize the impact we have."

Talisman Saber 2017 provides the relevant training necessary to maintain regional security, peace and stability.

"This is one of the key Australian-led exercises that we participate in," said U.S. Air Force 2nd Lt. Bryce Jarvis, 1st Special Operations Squadron chief of intelligence. "The scenario development helps hone our skills by being able to produce products and tailor actionable intel for our aircrew and special tactics executing missions in a warfighting environment."

With more than 33,000 U.S. and Australian personnel participating in Talisman Saber, there is a significant intelligence presence here than in other international exercises.

"Including our partners, we have a total of 40 intel bodies supporting this exercise due to the sheer size of participation and moving pieces," said Jarvis. "Whether it's from the air component across the different branches of service to include U.S. Air Force, Navy and Army to all the Australian Defence Force units participating. This is just a larger exercise, so there is far more intelligence associated with that."

The uniquely complex and challenging multinational environment provides realistic warfighting training for the special operations forces.

"The critical thinking aspects of our job are being tested in a way that we don't always get to execute in other exercises," said Jarvis. "For instance, how do we defeat a complex weapon system? We don't always look at that, so getting back into a warfighting capacity is always good."

The 353rd SOG will work with the Australian Army's 6th Aviation and 2nd Commando Regiments, 37th Squadron Royal Australian Air Force, 40th Squadron Royal New Zealand Air Force, U.S. Navy Helicopter Sea Combat Squad-



(U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Jessica Tait)

A U.S. Navy Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron-85 intelligence analyst points out locations on a map of Central Queensland in Australia to a U.S. Air Force 1st Special Operations Squadron intelligence officer, as the analysts build the intelligence picture for the warfighting scenario of Talisman Saber 2017, July 10 at Rockhampton, Australia.

ron-85 (HSC-85) and U.S. Marine Corps 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion during Talisman Saber 2017. This military cooperation allows for increased partnership building capacity and interoperability.

"The ability of all of us to get together and partner with each other ensures we are all operating on the same page," said Jarvis. "It's been great to see the differences in how we work, whether that's different briefing styles or products. All of that comes together in the end to fuse and encourage that interoperability we are striving for in this scenario."

Aside from service components working with the Australian military, the exercise also provides an opportunity for U.S. forces to integrate intelligence systems and share tactics, trainings and procedures with other U.S. services.

"HSC-85 brings to the fight a unique

and highly tactical rotary wing platform, with tactical intelligence requirements that other service elements may not have been exposed to," said U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Sean Johnson, HSC-85 tactical intelligence officer. "The sharing of intelligence resources, best practices and product development will greatly enhance future integration as U.S. and coalition forces assist the Combatant Commanders in the shaping of the operational environment."

The U.S.-Australian alliance remains a model in the Indo-Asia Pacific region.

"It's been phenomenal working with our Australian partners and I wouldn't have it any other way," said Smith. "These guys are great and their capability far surpasses my expectations. I'd like to learn more from them as time goes on and hopefully we can provide the same training base they are providing as well."



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Engine shop from afar keeps Osan A-10s flying

By Senior Airman John Linzmeier

18th Wing Public Affairs

7/7/2017 — Every year, about two dozen A-10 Thunderbolt II engines take off and land on the Kadena AB flightline, but no one seems to take notice.

Rather than being fired up for each flight, they are carefully loaded onto a cargo aircraft and sent back home to the 51st Fighter Wing at Osan AB, Republic of Korea.

It's up to the Airmen of the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron TF-34 section to take apart each engine, piece-bypiece, to keep them in top shape.

"We have a really unique circumstance over here because we don't get to see our engines in action every day," said Tech. Sgt. Robert Ryan Slovensky, 18th CMS assistant section chief. "It's also a bit of a challenge for us to communicate with our partners in South Korea, because we aren't able to communicate faceto-face."

To make up for the 750-mile distance between units, Airmen are constantly on the phone and emailing photos back and forward in order to best understand the condition and needs of their assigned engines.

Approximately 80 percent of the engines sent to Kadena Air Base arrive for a regular tune-up and the remainder come here for specialized service in order to help troubleshoot a problem.

Journeyman and craftsman-rated Airmen conduct thorough engine inspections, followed by a final examination from a quality assurance specialist, to ensure the engines are war-ready.

"In this line of work, you need to be on your A-game 24/7 because if anything goes wrong internally or any kind of minor mistake goes unnoticed, it can result in engine failure," said Slovensky. "Day-in and day-out, our guys have got to be sharp."

The repair facility bears not only responsibility as a critical role for Osan A-10 maintainence, the shop is also responsible for providing operational experience for Airmen who have only completed their technical training.

"Our three-level Airmen [apprentices] come here and we have to start from bare-bones scratch," said Slovensky. "We go over the basic tools and assign them tasks while under close supervision. It's on us to get them proficient and ready for their next assignment."

While the TF-34 engine technicians here don't get to see the immediate results of their hard work every day, gratification comes in a variety of forms.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman John Linzmeier)

Aerospace propulsion technicians from the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron service an A-10 Thunderbolt II engine July 6, at Kadena Air Base. The Airmen performed preventative maintenance, which requires them to completely deconstruct the engine prior to rebuilding it.

"Every now and then we'll see some really cool pictures of A-10s showing up on the news," said Senior Airman Osniel Garcia, 18th CMS aerospace propulsion journeyman. "It's always humbling when we see that, because it can't fly and do its mission without us. That kind

of thing is pretty motivating because it reminds us exactly of why we're here."

The A-10 engines maintained at Kadena empower the 25th FS to sustain a long-standing presence on the Korean Peninsula, contributing to the protection of more than 50 million people

and the defense of a U.S.-allied nation.

"The satisfaction that I think we get in the back shop is just producing our motors as safely and reliably as possible and knowing that the mission in South Korea depends on us," said Slovensky.



Warrior Training Fitness program instills warrior ethos for Team Kadena

By 18th Wing Public Affairs 6/29/2017 — The day started like most summer days at Kadena Air Base with a scorching hot sun and thick humidity that fogs up glasses. However, at the Risner Fitness and Sports Complex, there was a level of positive energy that suggested less oppressive weather.

As attendees approached the exercise field, they could hear upbeat music from speakers and the voice of Missy Cornish, fitness professional and Warrior Fitness Training program director.

Cornish started the event with a cardio warmup to get people moving. Then, attendees moved on to a circuit of workout stations, each targeting different muscle groups and cardio techniques.

Circuit training is a full body workout, and the Warrior Training Fitness program is designed to work every aspect of the body.

"It is a whole body workout, and you get out of it what you put into it," said Mr. Charles Kimble, the director at the Risner Fitness and Sports Complex. "If you aren't a little bit more resilient after that workout, then bad on you."

The workout is also designed in a way to be challenging and fun for participants.

"If they're having fun, and they see that working out is fun, they'll continue to do it," said Cornish.

The Warrior Training Fitness workout program is one that the Cornish family started at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. The program builds on the four pillar concept of physical strength, mental tough-



Missy Cornish, fitness professional, leads a Muay Thai exercise as a part of a Warrior Training Fitness workout June 28, at the Risner Fitness and Sports Complex, Kadena Air Base. Cornish developed the Warrior Training Fitness program as a way to reinforce physical resilience and promote alternative workout methods.

ness, social connection, and spiritual faith.

When the Cornish family came to Kadena, the workout program came with them, and they hope the program continues to grow and impact the lives of everyone it touches in a positive manner, creating a deeper sense of the Life of a Warrior concept.

"You're hitting all four pillars with this," said Cornish. "The goal is not just to have this workout, but to have everything else kind of go into those four pillars with what you do every day."

Program organizers aim to create a culture shift with the Warrior Fitness Training workout as a part of the Life of a Warrior program.

"That's what we're trying to get to, a healthy lifestyle culture," said Kimble. "It is an ethos culture that we're looking at continuing and building on."

The program will continue after the Cornish family moves on from Kadena, and the workouts are scheduled to take place every second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

For more information, contact the Risner Fitness and Sports Complex at 634-5128 or visit www.kadenafss.com for calendars of scheduled events.







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AFSOC Command Chief meets with Airmen

By Capt. Jessica Tait

353rd Special Operations Group Public Affairs 6/30/2017 — Air Force Special Operations Command Chief Master Sgt. Gregory Smith met with the enlisted members of the 353rd Special Operations Group during an all-call June 19 at Kadena Air Base.

"I wanted them to realize what an impact they have on this theater," said Smith. "When we talk about all the great things the 353rd SOG does, it's the enlisted force that carries and drives so much of that. I wanted to say thank you to these Airmen, these wingmen of mine and their families."

Traveling to the Pacific, Smith accompanied Lt. Gen. Brad Webb, commander of Air Force Special Operations Command, who presided over the 353rd SOG change of command ceremony.

Smith took the opportunity to address Airmen on changes to developmental special duties, enlisted performance evaluations, enlisted professional military education and the blended retirement system.

erably in four key areas," said Smith. "I wanted our Airmen to understand those changes in order to reduce some of the anxieties associated."

Smith described the significance of

"The Air Force has changed consid-

these changes, provided resources and emphasized the choices Airmen need to make.

"I love how Chief Smith is instantly able to put the crowd at ease so we can absorb what he has to say," said U.S. Air Force. Master Sgt. Earl Mellick, 353rd SOG first



(U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Jessica Tait)

sergeant. "I enjoyed his emphasis on getting back to basics and what we as enlisted can better understand in order to have discussion points within the work center."

Airmen were invited to ask questions at the conclusion of the all-call.

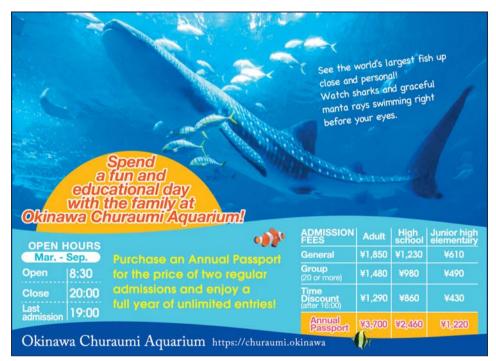
"Getting that perspective from a person with actual answers was refreshing for a change," said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Charles French, 353rd Special Operations Maintenance Squadron personal recovery electronic warfare craftsman. "Using the information he provided, we now know what we can do better at our

level to help facilitate change at his level."

The AFSOC command chief praised the enlisted members who enable SOF operations across the entire Pacific.

"I've learned that when we talk about ingenuity, innovation and doing more with less, the Air Commandos of the Pacific are finding unbelievable ways to enable joint and multinational integration with our international partner," said Smith. "They figure out how to do it every day and they do it better than anybody on our planet. I'm just proud to be part of their team."







SOF leadership visits the 353rd SOG

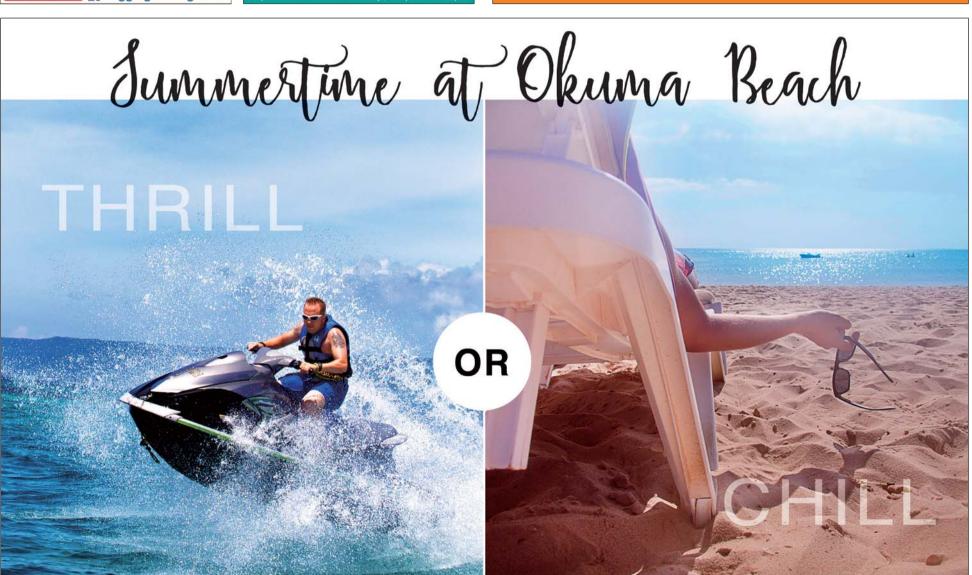


(U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Jessica Tait)
Lt. Gen. Brad Webb, commander of Air Force Special Operations Command, U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Daniel
Yoo, commander of Special Operations Command Pacific and Air Force Special Operations Command Chief Master
Sgt. Gregory Smith visited the 353rd Special Operations Group June 19 at Kadena Air Base.









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By Capt. Jessica Tait

353rd Special Operations Group Public Affairs 6/30/2017 — The JAKALs of the 17th Special Operations Squadron observed their annual 'Day of the Jakal' with a mass launch of five U.S. Air Force Special Operations MC-130J Commando IIs, June 22 at Kadena Air Base and Ie Shima Range, Okinawa.

"It's a great way to showcase the abilities of both the 353rd Special Operations Group and 17th Special Operations Squadron," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Patrick Dube, 17th SOS Operations Officer. "To get out and put mass on objective. It shows how we can meet the emerging mission sets for both SOCKOR and SOCPAC out here in the Pacific theater."

Five MC-130Js flew in formation from Kadena Air Base to Ie Shima Range to practice mass on objective training to include airdrops, aircraft landings, and rapid infiltration and exfiltration of equipment.

"Lots of training and planning goes into 'Day of the JAKAL," said Dube. "First off you have five pieces of iron that weight about 140 thousand pounds flying in formation 500 feet apart. Additionally, aircrews need to drop bundles right on the mark where they need to resupply troops. It's a good training evolution for these guys."

In addition to the 17th SOS, the 353rd Special Operations Maintenance Squadron and 353rd Special Operation Support

Squadron had a role in supporting the event.

"This day is all about building cohesion and comradery within the 17th SOS and rest of the group that are a part of the team," said U.S. Air Force Tech Sgt. Kade Bollinger, 17th SOS instructor loadmaster. "We executed multiple events that we do downrange. It was great to have a competitive training event amongst, not just the aircrew, but encompassing maintenance and enablers as well. The JAKALs are one big family and we wanted to get everybody involved."

The 17th SOS proudly exemplifies their motto, 'no mission too demanding' in both training and real-world contingencies.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Omari Bernard)

"There is no mission too great for the JAKALs," said DuBe. "I have the utmost faith in the guys that I fly with and work with every day. They are the best trained and I'd put them up against anybody in the world."

The 17th SOS traces its heritage back to World War II when the unit was activated as the 17th Observation Squadron (Light) on March 2, 1942. The squadron flew the HC-130P/N, later re-designated MC-130P/N, to provide covert aerial refueling for special operations helicopters. Its other missions included infiltrating, exfiltrating and resupplying special operations forces.

The 17th SOS currently operates six MC-130J Commando II aircraft.











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ARMY OKINAWA ACTIVITIES

Army's home on Okinawa changes command

By U.S. Army Garrison Okinawa

6/30/2017 — Soldiers, civilians and Torii Station's Okinawan neighbors bid a fond farewell to Lt. Col. Lance O'Bryan June 29 as he passed the garrison's colors to Lt. Col. Zachary Hohn during a Change of Command ceremony at Border Landing Zone.

More than 200 people attended the ceremony, including Lt. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl, Commanding General, Installation Management Command, Command Sgt. Maj. Melissa Judkins, Japanese Ground Defense Force leadership and the Ward Chiefs from the surrounding area.

U.S. Army Garrison – Japan Commander William Johnson served as reviewing official under a bright blue Okinawan sky. Johnson said that O'Bryan excelled during his tenure at Torii Station because of his leadership, fierce commitment and professional excellence.

"Lance embraced the challenges associated with an overseas garrison command and has surpassed all expectations," said Johnson. "When Lance and I, a couple of combat-arms officers, took responsibility for all our Army installations in Japan two years ago, we had only a passing understanding of the scope of the task at hand," he said.

Since taking command, O'Bryan's accomplishments have been myriad, said Johnson who called attention to the outgoing commander's focus on readiness through manpower revisions, nurturing



relationships with key stakeholders and bolstering first responder and security capabilities.

"Said simply, Lt. Col. O'Bryan's focus over the last two years has been to "operationalize" the Garrison ... and he has succeeded in splendid fashion," said Johnson.

For O'Bryan, his command time on Okinawa was filled with unique cultural experiences, forging lasting bonds and realizing his goal of operationalizing the garrison. His incumbency as commander was an era of firsts.

"We got our foot in the door and threw it open when it came to operationalizing the garrison," said O'Bryan. "The myriad of joint and bi-lateral security exercises that we began to take part in, local disaster drills, joint-full-scale-mass casualty exercises, emergency evacuation drills, our shared services initiatives in [Army Community Service], and the Japanese



(U.S. Army photos)

Security Guard Law Enforcement Academy ... all firsts for the garrison and a couple that may have been firsts in the Army," he said smiling.

Always proud of his team's accomplishments, O'Bryan ticked off a laundry list of accolades that the garrison staff earned while noting the import of the Army's contribution to operations in the Pacific – even under austere conditions.

"I was lucky enough to become a member of one of the greatest teams of professionals in the Army in the summer of 2015," said O'Bryan. "This team of over 500 professionals got after it every single day, regardless of being under-manned or under-resourced ... the garrison team always made it happen," he said.

O'Bryan heartily welcomed the incoming Garrison Commander and expressed his confidence in the garrison's capacity for enrichment.

Hohn, who is no stranger to Okinawa and Asia, said that he is glad to be returning and looks forward to the challenge of taking the reins.

"It is with both a great sense of pride and humility that I am returning to Okinawa as the Garrison Commander," said Hohn. This is because I know that I am returning to one of the best garrisons in the United States Army," he said.



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CFAO Sailors build camaraderie through traditional dance practice

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Steven Khor

CFAO Public Affairs

6/30/2017 — Sailors from Commander Fleet Activities Okinawa teamed up with a local Okinawan group to learn and perform a traditional dragon dance at a concert in Kadena town.

The Sailors joined a local Seinenkai, a social group for college-aged adults, who are responsible for preserving local traditions, planning events and volunteer activities.

"Being able to do this with our host nation is tremendous," said Yeoman 2nd Class Samantha Rosemond, attached to the administration department at CFAO. "I felt proud because it is something that has history and tradition in it."

"It's a new and a fascinating experience," said Personnel Specialist 2nd Class Raul Florencio, attached to Personnel Support Detachment Okinawa.

This exchange opportunity came about when the CFAO public affairs office received a request from the Seinenkai for Sailors to learn and perform the White Dragon Dance.

"It was such an honor to be invited to take part in this important cultural tradition," said Marshall Smith, CFAO's public affairs officer.

Four Sailors chose to participate, committing to practices twice a week for more than a month.



(Courtesy photo)

"This was an opportunity for our Sailors to develop relationships with the local community and learn about Okinawan culture," said Smith. "Despite the language barrier, the Seinenkai welcomed these four Sailors into their group and patiently taught them an important

Okinawan tradition. It's an experience these Americans couldn't get anywhere else, and it illustrates the strong bond the Navy has with Okinawa."

In addition to the Sailors building camaraderie with the Seinenkai and learning about Okinawan culture, it was also an opportunity for the Seinenkai to learn about American culture and build friendships with their American neighbors.

"We live in the same place and it doesn't matter everyone is close and we should work together," said Tatsuya Nakamura, Seinenkai member and the organizer of the White Dragon dance team. "This is one of many opportunities to get together and make a good effort."

The dance consists of performers manipulating a 15-foot-long dragon with the body of a snake. The performers form a single file line and hold wooden poles connected to the dragon's head and body. The person in the front controls the intricately decorated dragon head, complete with teeth, horns, hair and whiskers, and leads the procession through precision moves such as s-curves and circles. The performance requires strong teamwork to execute the complicated maneuvers smoothly.

"It is strenuous, but it gives me that much more respect for those who have performed it," said Rosemond.

The group performed at Kadena's Uta no Hi concert June 24 in front of thousands of people. They said they plan on continuing to perform with the Seinenkai.

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18th MDG Clinic Closure

The Kadena Air Base clinic will be closed on the following dates this Spring: July 20 (MDG Training Day) - Closed 12-4:30 p.m. / August 17 (MDG Training Day) - Closed 12-4:30 p.m. The 18th Medical Group is responsible for ensuring the 18th Wing's medical readiness in support of the United States' and Japan's mutual interests. In keeping with this mission, the Kadena Clinic will be participating in 18 Wing upcoming exercises. During exercises, our normal patient care and clinical services (pharmacy, lab, immunizations, etc.) will be impacted, as the clinic will be closed for one day during these exercises (exact dates subject to scenario). We ask for your patience as our trusted professionals exercise their skills and work with the Wing and other agencies on island in support of these training events. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause. As always, in the event of an emergency, seek emergency services at the US Naval Hospital on Camp Foster or by dialing ambulance services at 634-1796 or 098-934-5911 by cell phone. For more information, contact Capt. Jennifer Stark at 630-4565, Staff Sqt. Larissa Palmer at 630-4504, or Ms. Melissa Cook at 630-5050.

Kadena New Members Medical Right Start

The 18th MDG is hosting medical inprocessing at Kadena Medical Group. In processing is held every Friday, 12-3 p.m. Shima-San conference room on the 3rd floor Please bring your orders.

WIC Overseas Program Enrollment and Eligibility

The Women, Infants, and Children Overseas is a supplemental nutrition

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Library/Consumer-Confidence-Reports/ You may also pick up a hard copy of the CCR at the DOD Family Housing Office on Kadena. For more information, call the Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight 634-4752. The Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight's business hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Kadena Education Center Closure

The Kadena education center will be closed for a training day from July 17 until July 21 for training. For questions or concerns please call 634-1500 (option 1).

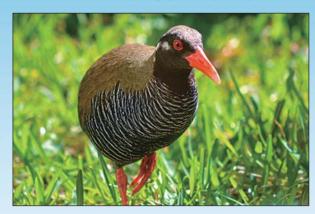
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Its biggest feature is that, unlike other birds, it cannot fly and so it has to jump up into the trees to sleep.

The population of the Okinawa rail is currently about 1500, and the area it is found in gets smaller each year.

It is hard to find in the wild and so those who would like to see the bird up close should stop by Kuina Forest, the Okinawa Rail Habitat Display Learning Facility in Kunigami village.

When driving in the northern part of the main island, there are often road signs with a picture of the Okinawa rail.

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by the flagmen for alternate traffic flow. Construction is expected to last from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will begin July 10 and is estimated to be completed Sept. 2.

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Camp Foster Gate #6 (Legion Gate) will be closed 6/15/17- 8/15/17 for maintenance. Due to the gate closure, Camp Foster Gate #2 (PX Gate) will be open during this time. Visitor Day Passes will be issued out of Gate #5 (Commissary Gate) only. The Visitor's Center will continue to stay open for extended passes.

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Kadena Top 3 Golf Tournament

The Kadena Top 3 is holding a four person scramble, golf tournament on July 21st, at the Kadena Golf Course. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m., tee-off at 7:30 a.m. For sign up and additional details see the flyer located at the following link: https:// kadena.eis.pacaf.af.mil

Kadena Adult Varsity Football

The Kadena Base Varsity Football Team is looking for players 18 and older. All services and civilians are welcome to join the team. Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Risner Softball Field. Football pads are provided. For more information please contact Coach Baker at 0806499-5445 or email kadenafootball@gmail.com

EFMP-Special Needs Group Monthly

"Seeking Okinawa Synergy", S.O.S, EFMP, Special Needs Parents Groupwelcomes families with extraordinary children to come and share, network and grow while part of the Okinawa community. The group will meet the 1st Wednesday of every month from 5:15-6:15 p.m, at the Amelia Earhart Intermediate School. For more information, contact Mr. Jeffrey Sweeney at 634-3366.

Team Kadena 2nd Quarter NCO

Induction Ceremony
On Friday, July 21, Team Kadena will induct its newest Staff Sergeants into the NCO Tier. Please come out and celebrate this awesome milestone with our fellow teammates! The event will be at 3 p.m. at the Key Stone Theater.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AADD

Airmen Against Drunk Driving is looking for volunteers. If you're not a drinker, or if you're under 20, then it's definitely perfect for you! Regardless of rank, the times are 10 p.m.-1 a.m. on weekend nights and there are six volunteers for every night. Non-alcoholic drinks are provided. AADD is also looking for squadron POC's and schedulers. This will help fill weekend and event activities and will hopefully affect even more folks around base. If you have any questions please contact Airman 1st Class Aaron Wright, AADD President, at aaron.wright.15@us.af.mil or Senior Airman Najera, AADD Vice-President, at Iillian. najera@us.af.mil.

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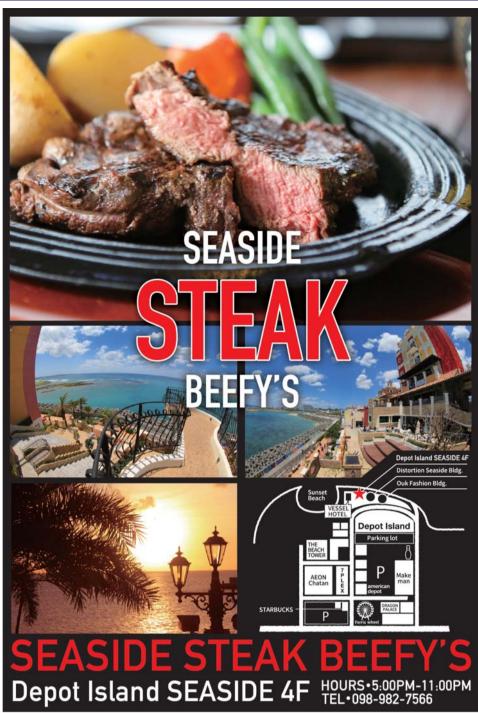
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