



Eagles migrate north for bilateral training



Capt. David Neville, a 13th Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot, banks right during a flight across Northern Japan, July 12.

By Staff Sgt. Deana Heitzman

35th Fighter Wing Public Affairs
7/18/2017 - MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Some birds migrate north for the summer, and over the last week this was the case for a unique flock of eagles welcomed onto Misawa Air Base for a training exercise with the 35th Fighter Wing and the Japan Air Self-Defense Force.

These birds, or F-15C Eagles, assigned to Kadena Air Base, joined F-16 Fighting Falcons and JASDF F-2s in blue skies to enhance interoperability between airframes and nations while also strengthening partnerships during a routine aviation training relocation.

“We do not fly with the eagles on a regular basis,” said Capt. Ben Walters, a 13th Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot. “This training is critical because you don’t want the first time integrating with an asset that is supposed to provide coverage to be on the first day of a war. It has to be during training.”

Due to its strategic location in Northern Japan, Misawa AB is a hub for contingency oper-



▲ Staff Sgt. Christian Ruiz, left, an 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron aircraft electrical and environment technician, Senior Airman Devin Ross, center, an 18th AMXS crew chief, and Staff Sgt. Wesley Martinez, left, an 18th Component Maintenance Squadron aircrew egress systems craftsman, conduct preflight procedures on an F-15C Eagle at Misawa Air Base, July 13.

ations for airframes and units forward deployed across the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. It is important during training such as these to test the abilities of the pilots and maintainers who

work cohesively alongside the aircraft.

“Training here in Misawa is important because it forces us to be in a different environment and overcome different adver-

sities we wouldn’t normally have at home station,” said Senior Airman Hugh Palmer, an 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron dedicated crew chief. “Working here also highlights

our downfalls during a relocation and gives us the opportunity to work with our Japanese counterparts and allies to ensure we are proficient if we ever have to operate out of Misawa.”

In addition to operating alongside U.S. assets, both fleets worked with JASDF, or Koku-Jieitai, closely to empower bilateral partnerships and clearly understand their mission sets.

“We have to train with the Koku-Jieitai and be familiar with the way they do business so we can effectively integrate the way we are supposed to if anything were to kick off here,” said Walters.

Overall, pilots from all three units worked together to solidify air-to-air coverage, offensive counter air, suppression of enemy air defenses and escort procedures. “As pilots, training like this just makes us better,” Walters concluded. “As professionals, it enhances our ability to integrate bilaterally with the JASDF, as well as with different weapon systems. We will exponentially grow more as pilots and as people the more times we conduct exercises like these.”

JOINT HAHO JUMPS AT TALISMAN SABER



A U.S. Marine Corps 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion jumpmaster puts on his helmet on in preparation for high altitude, high opening (HAHO) jump operations July 11, over Shoalwater Bay Training Area in Queensland, Australia during Talisman Saber 2017. The training exercise conducted between the U.S. Air Force and Marine Corps strengthens joint interoperability and working relationship between the armed services.
(U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Jessica Tait)

We belong

By Lt. Col. Charlie Norsky
2nd Space Operations Squadron

As we have been celebrating the 70th birthday of our great Air Force, I took a moment to think about what it means to be in the Air Force.

The thinking started when someone, again, asked me, "What do you do?" I responded as I usually do: "I'm in the Air Force."

I was not asked what organization I work for or who signs my paychecks, but given my answer, that's exactly how you might think I heard the question. My seemingly disjointed response to the question about what I do was not a misunderstanding. It was not an attempt to avoid discussing job specifics.

What my response actually revealed was my deep rooted sense of belonging to an organization that transcends any specific task or job. Let me be clear, our specific jobs are important and we have trained hard to be able to accomplish them. However, the sense of belonging we feel is to a larger organization — our Air Force.

Think about how many times you have answered that question the same way I did: "I'm in the Air Force." If you will, pause for a moment and reflect on

what it is about our Air Force that gives rise to that sense of belonging.

For me, it comes down to two key elements: the mission and the comradery, they bind our people. Both of these elements set us apart from other vocations in a way that gives us a sense of belonging, a truly unique feeling to United States Airmen.

Regardless of the specific mission our unit performs, within Team 5-0, we are focused on delivering global combat effects through our command of space and cyber systems. That mission binds us. It makes us feel, rightfully, as though we a part of something much bigger than ourselves or our specifics jobs.

We all play a role in this larger mission, and what an opportunity it is to serve our country in a military that can fly, fight and win in air, space and cyberspace.

As you embrace the significance of our mission, look around you and realize you are not alone. You are joined by an entire team of active duty, reservists, civilians and contractors who are all committed to the same mission.

The comradery this generates is something that

we should not take for

granted. Rather, it is something each of us must foster, at all levels of the chain of command.

Comradery is not something that just happens. It is incumbent on all of us to identify ways to grow our sense of belonging in the Air Force through our comradery and community.

Whether you are at the flight, squadron, group or wing level, each of you can foster comradery with your fellow Airmen.

Seventy years after the first Airmen were able to proclaim, "I'm in the Air Force," I challenge each of you to think about what it means to you, to belong. Be it the mission, the comradery, or something else — reflect on what makes you feel "in" our Air Force and embrace it.



AF rolls out phased retirement program for eligible civilians

By Richard Salomon

Air Force Personnel Center
Public Affairs

7/14/2017 - JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Eligible Air Force civilian employees now have the option of working part time in a "semi-retired" status, according to new Air Force Instruction 36-817, Civilian Phased Retirement Program.

The civilian phased-retirement program allows eligible full-time employees to request to work on a part-time basis and receive a portion of their retirement annuity. Under the program, phased retirees will work half the number of hours they worked as full-time employees immediately prior to entering phased retirement.

"This program allows dedicated employees with decades of experience to pass on critical knowledge to our other employees in the organization," said Annette Castro, a human resource specialist at the Air Force Personnel Center. "It serves as a mentoring and training tool to ensure the next generation of civilians are prepared for success. Institutional knowledge is often difficult to replace."

Participation is voluntary and requires the mutual consent of both the employee and the Air Force. To be eligible, employees should be employed on a full-time basis for at least three consecutive years before beginning the program. The phased retirement period is for one year with an option to

extend for an additional year.

The rules for employees under the Federal Employees Retirement System differ slightly from those employees under the Civil Service Retirement System. Retirement-eligible employees under FERS will need to have at least 30 years of service and have reached the minimum retirement age (between 55 and 57, depending on the birth year) or have at least 20 years of service and be at least 60 years old. Under CSRS, employees will need to have at least 30 years of service and be at least 55 years old or have at least 20 years of service and be at least 60 years old.

Under the guidelines, civilian employees in the phased retirement program remain in the same position authorization



(U.S. Air Force courtesy graphic)

they were in prior to entering the program and should not be moved to an over-hire billet or to another authorization while in phased retirement. Hiring officials may hire an additional part-time employee to carry out the remaining 50 percent manning hours or a full-time, over-hire employee only if funding is available to support both the phased retiree's part-time salary and the part-time/full-time replacement.

Additionally, phased retirees will be required to mentor

other employees for at least 20 percent of their working hours. Air Force organizations can establish mentoring guidelines to best suit their needs.

"Mentorship plays an important role in shaping our future leaders and for passing on knowledge to successive generations," Castro said. "It's an investment that requires time, effort and dedication."

Civilian employees considering phased retirement are encouraged to fully research the program.

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Pacific Angel 17-3 begins, U.S. and Fiji share medical expertise

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Stratton

35th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

7/18/2017 - LAUTOKA, Fiji — The United States and Republic of Fiji Military Forces along with several non-governmental organizations joined ranks to kick off Pacific Angel 2017 with humanitarian assistance and subject matter expert exchanges July 11 to 24.

PACANGEL missions consist of several concurrent civil-military assistance activities including medical programs, various subject-matter expert exchanges and civic and engineering assistance programs.

During this exercise, U.S. and Fijian service members have the opportunity to work in partnership with local non-governmental organizations providing humanitarian assistance to the residents in the subdivisions of Ba, Tavua and Savusavu, Fiji.

While most of the PACANGEL team worked all week to prepare for next week's health services and civil engineer programs, the subject-matter experts jumped right into information exchanges with their Fijian counterparts.

U.S. Air Force Capt. Paola Rosa, an obstetrician and gynecologist with the 35th Surgical Squadron at Misawa Air Base, Japan, shared how her experience better prepared her for future engagements with partner nations in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

"It broadened my perspective on how other countries practice medicine," Rosa said. "While the U.S. has specialists for nearly every ailment, Fiji has many gen-



(U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Benjamin W. Stratton)

eral practice doctors who may not necessarily have the individualized experience in specific areas of medicine, and we got to share that knowledge with them."

She added that while they taught the Fijians some new tricks, they also learned quite a bit as well.

"They practice medicine a little differently than us in a few areas and have found some really great cures for common ailments we've never thought of in America," explained Rosa.

Similarly, the Fijians expressed how grateful they were for the information learned from the Americans and the opportunity to work hand-in-hand on topics important to the communities they serve.

"I really enjoyed interacting with the Americans," said Alelia Vonotabua, a nurse with the Ba Mission Hospital. "I found the information they presented fascinating and they presented it in such a way that made

it really easy to understand and be able to take back and apply with our patients."

The Fijians said much of their medical knowledge and understanding comes from textbooks, which may not always help in real world situations. Siteri Sautuca, a medical officer with the Nailaga Health Center, Ba Medical Center Division, shared how this approach really opened her eyes and helped her understand her previous training in a whole new light.

"They shared with us tools we can use, which is really going to make a difference for Fijian health care," Sautuca explained. "We don't have many opportunities to learn from other nations and so this was a great experience getting to work with the Americans and exchange information in a classroom setting."

Sautuca said she wishes the training had lasted longer.

"One week, no, two weeks would have

been much better!" she exclaimed. "I loved learning from the Americans and look forward to future opportunities such as this one."

U.S. Air Force Capt. Amber Britt, a public health officer with the 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron at Kadena Air Base, also raved on the experience.

"I learned of a few local remedies I would've never thought of for various diseases present in both our countries," she explained. "It's been a fascinating exchange learning from people that are so innovative in everything they've accomplished — it was simply amazing."

PACANGELs have built positive relations through interactions such as these for the last decade in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Timor-Leste, Indonesia, Vietnam, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Mongolia, Laos, Tonga, Nepal and Papua New Guinea.

PACANGEL 17-3 continues through July 24 with multilateral international participants from across the Indo-Asia-Pacific working together to assist the local community and improve capabilities amongst each other as one team.

"I'm proud of all the work our team has already accomplished and look forward to the great work we're doing alongside our Fijian partners over the next several weeks," said Lt. Col. Catherine Grush, the mission commander. "These operations will cement our interoperability with Fiji and provide much-needed assistance to the local community; we've got a great team and we're honored to be here at the request of the Fijian government."

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U.S. Air Force 320th Special Tactics Squadron combat controllers and U.S. Marine Corps 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion operators exit two U.S. Navy HH-60H Sea Hawk helicopters assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron-85 following their extraction July 13 from Shoalwater Bay Training Area in Queensland Australia.

HSC-85 supports Special Operation Forces at Talisman Saber

U.S. Air Force photos by Capt. Jessica Tait

Two U.S. Navy HH-60H Sea Hawk helicopters assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron-85 (HSC-85) prepare to land at Camp Rocky in Rockhampton, Australia following the extraction of U.S. Air Force 320th Special Tactics Squadron combat controllers and U.S. Marine Corps 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion operators July 13, from Shoalwater Bay Training Area in Queensland, Australia. As the only Navy helicopter squadron dedicated to special operations support as a primary role, HSC-85 brings to the fight a unique and highly tactical rotary wing platform.



320th STS combat controllers and U.S. Marine Corps 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion operators gather together following their extraction July 13.



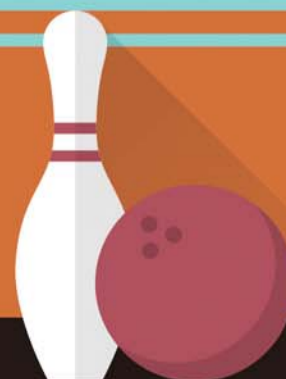
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Kadena selected 221 Technical Sergeants

By 18th Wing Public Affairs

7/21/2017 — Air Force officials have selected 8,167 Staff Sergeants for promotion to Technical Sergeant out of 25,552 eligible for a selection rate of 31.96 percent.

To all the Team Kadena Staff Sergeants who are promoting to Technical Sergeant, congratulations on a well-deserved promotion.

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61 Airmen inducted as NCOs

By 18th Wing Public Affairs

7/21/2017 — Team Kadena welcomed 61 newly promoted Staff Sergeants to the NCO tier during an induction ceremony at the Keystone Theater July 21.

Kadena Air Base leadership hosted the ceremony as part of an all-day seminar that covered various topics concerning the transition from Airman to NCO.

The Team Kadena NCO inductees are:

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Staff Sgt. Udoka Addy,
18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron
Staff Sgt. Jacob Allen,
390th Intelligence Squadron
Staff Sgt. Evan Anderson,
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Staff Sgt. Derek Baker,
718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Staff Sgt. Nathan Chappell,
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Staff Sgt. Ronald Cruz,
18th Security Forces Squadron
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909th Air Refueling Squadron
Staff Sgt. Breanna Edwards,
18th Munitions Squadron
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18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
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(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jerilyn Quintanilla)

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska — Col. Todd Robbins, the 354th Fighter Wing vice commander, explains features and functions in the F-16 Fighting Falcon cockpit to Congressman Gus Bilirakis and Congresswoman Susan Brooks July 7, on Eielson Air Force Base. Seven House Committee of Energy and Commerce members visited the Arctic Region to learn about the energy resources and capabilities of the area.

Kunsan P.A.W.S. sponsors Wolf Pack in adopting another “Pack”



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Victoria H. Taylor)

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea — Tech. Sgt. Cheyenne Jackson, 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron debrief non-commissioned officer in charge, feeds a dog during a volunteer trip with Kunsan Patriots for Animal Welfare and Scholarships in Daegu, Republic of Korea, July 8. The trip was held to help the shelter with daily duties as well as to deliver more than 200 pounds of food and supplies.

Japanese senior enlisted leaders visit Eielson



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Isaac Johnson)

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska — Chief Master Sgt. Terrence Greene, the 5th Air Force command chief, and Warrant Officer Katsumi Yamazaki, the senior enlisted advisor of the Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF), look through JASDF KC-767 goggles, June 23, at Eielson Air Force Base. The JASDF

KC-767 boom operators control the boom from a seat behind the cockpit.

25th Aircraft Maintenance Unit wins quarterly load competition



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gwendalyn Smith)

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea — Senior Airman Michael Smith, 25th Aircraft Maintenance Unit 3-man, prepares to load a missile onto an A-10 Thunderbolt II during a quarterly 51st Maintenance Group weapons load competition at Osan Air Base, July 7. Load crews who performed well in their monthly proficiency loads and quarterly evaluations were chosen to compete in the competition.

Yokota holds MARE



(U.S. Air Force photo by Yasuo Osakabe)

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Senior Airman Jonathan Rodriguez and Senior Airman Richson Bacay, both 374th Medical Operations Squadron aerospace medical technicians, carry a stretcher during a major accident response exercise at Yokota Air Base, July 10. The training exercise simulated a C-130 Hercules accident with varying levels of injuries. Personnel conducted the drill to ensure they are ready for any aircraft emergency.

Pacific Agility enhances capabilities



(U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Heather Redman)

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — Royal Australian Air Force Cpl. Sebastian Devine, 36th Squadron from Royal Australian Air Force Base Amberley, and Tech. Sgt. Joel Membere, 154th Maintenance Squadron, flush the breaks on a C-17 Globemaster III, on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, July 12. The Airmen came together for a week long combined Enhanced Air Cooperation training event designed to integrate maintenance capabilities between the U.S. and Australia.

Last C-130 propeller made at Yokota



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Donald Hudson)

Yokota Air Base, Japan - Members of the 374th Maintenance Squadron propulsion flight perform a low blade angle setting check as part of a MC-130 Talon II propeller test, July 12, at Yokota Air Base. This is the only time the propeller blades are turned aside from when they are attached to the aircraft. This is the last propeller to be built in Yokota's propulsion flight, which is scheduled to close its doors in 2017; the brand new propeller was put together for a MC-130 Talon II at Kadena Air Base.

U.S. B-1B bomber flights demonstrate ironclad commitment to South Korea, Japan



(Photo courtesy of Japan Air Self-Defense Force)

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — Two U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancers assigned to the 9th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, deployed from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, fly with a Koku Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) F-2 fighter jet over the East China Sea, July 7. The Lancers departed Andersen Air Force Base, Guam to conduct a sequenced bilateral mission with South Korean F-15 and Koku Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) F-2 fighter jets. The mission is in response to a series of increasingly escalatory action by North Korea, including a launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) on July 3.

BREAKING BARRIERS



The **F-86 SABRE** entered service with the United States Air Force in **1949** and became the primary air-to-air jet fighter used to counter the similarly-winged Soviet MiG-15 in high-speed dogfights during the **KOREAN WAR**

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U.S. and coalition partners demonstrate global defense capabilities during Talisman Saber



A U.S. Army airborne jumpmaster from the 4th Brigade 25th Infantry division signals "one minute" to drop while he looks out of the open troop door on a C-17 Globemaster III from Joint Base Charleston, S.C., July 12 waiting to airdrop in support of Exercise Talisman Saber 2017.

(U.S. Air Force photo)

By 1st Lt. Allison Egan

Joint Base Charleston Public Affairs

7/14/2017 - ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE RICHMOND, Australia — Four U.S. Air Force and one Royal Australian air force C-17 Globemaster IIIs loaded with more than 300 American and Canadian paratroopers took off July 13 from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Alaska, for Shoalwater Bay, Australia, for exercise Talisman Saber.

Every two years, U.S. and Australian military forces partner to conduct a month-long exercise to enhance global readiness in a realistic training environment. This year's exercise involves over 33,000 troops, 21 ships and more than 200 joint aircraft. The exercise prepares the U.S. and its coalition partners for rapid assistance and delivery of personnel and equipment.

Both countries' mobility forces make the training possible. The aerial refueling and transport of Soldiers demonstrates both countries' abilities to deliver Army paratroopers to any location at any time.

"What we're doing with our C-17s in Talisman Saber is practicing for joint forcible entry operations," said Air Force Capt. Chris Mahan, lead C-17 planner for Talisman Saber 2017, weapons officer and evaluator pilot for the 15th Airlift Squadron. "What makes the C-17 so valuable in a mission like this is the fact it's diverse. It is air refuelable, airdrop capable and has the ability to fly great distances."

The distance spans the length of the planet's biggest ocean. Each globemaster traveled more than 8,000 miles to reach Australia.

"The C-17 is one of the few aircraft that has a perfect balance of strategic and tactical airlift capabilities," said Mahan.

"It allows our crews to execute a direct delivery from Alaska all the way to Australia and demonstrates the capabilities this aircraft has when we're enabled by our KC-10 and KC-135s refuelers in order to employ combat power."

The aerial refueling process demonstrates the importance and necessity of partnership in the realm of global mobility. When conducting a mid-air refueling, precision and confidence are key to the C-17's ability to travel great distances.

Flying the length of the largest ocean on Earth requires a consistent supply of fuel. Each C-17 had to refuel twice on during the 17-hour flight to Shoalwater Bay making support from KC-10 Extender and KC-135 Stratotanker air refuelers vital. The C-17s can't make the flight without that support.

"What's very important about an air refueling is that we are a smaller part in a bigger puzzle," said Air Force Col. Jimmy Canlas, 437th Airlift Wing commander and Talisman Saber mission commander. "We couldn't accomplish this mission without air refueling. It's very challenging because unlike a training environment, we are receiving a large load of gas, 65,000 to 80,000 pounds of gas and the aircraft reacts differently when its heavy weight versus light weight training scenarios."

The tankers were pre-positioned at Eielson AFB Alaska, and Wake Island, a small atoll in the western Pacific Ocean, allowing the C-17s to refuel exactly when needed. Altogether, the tankers offloaded more than 700,000 pounds of fuel.

"This is what the KC-10 was made to do," said Lt. Col. Stew Welch, 9th Air Refueling Squadron commander and the Ultimate Reach tanker mission commander. "Getting a large package of C-17s with their Army payload from one continent to another is not going to happen without air

refueling. This is the bread and butter of what we do in the KC-10 world and it is a privilege to do it [for Talisman Saber]."

Working together is important both mid-air and on the ground. With the C-17s and paratroopers kick-starting exercise Talisman Saber, service members of all branches and nationalities come together to maintain regional security, peace and stability.

"It's very important for us as Airmen to participate in something like this because it opens up the aperture for every Airman who is involved because they realize quickly that it's not all about the Air Force," said Canlas. "In fact, we're a very small part of this whole exercise. It's us supporting the Army, we're also supporting the Navy, and we're also supporting the Marines. We provide the transportation to execute strategic insertion."

Once the C-17s receive fuel, the paratroopers are ready for their drop. With 58 jumps under his belt, jumpmaster and Army 1st Sgt. Bill Ables of Easy Company, 6th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 4/25 Airborne, leads 54 paratroopers in the Ground Force Component of the exercise.

"When I'm jumping out of a C-17 I'm primarily going through my first five points of performance, which is getting the six-second count of the way, making sure my parachute is deployed, and focusing on my tasks to get to the ground safely," said Ables. "The purpose in practicing a jump like this is to prepare myself and my unit for airborne operations in response to any kind of contingency operations we may have to face."

As soon as they hit the ground, their operations begin.

"My mission while on the ground during this exercise will be to locate any kind of resupply items and to get those

items to designated areas for the ground forces and resupply them with water and food," said Ables.

Also supporting the Army's Ground Force objectives are RAAF C-17 pilots. Working closely together with the U.S. military is beneficial to both nations involved in the exercise.

Flight Lieutenant James Tockuss, assistant main co-pilot of a RAAF C-17, is responsible for assisting the aircraft captain with fuel planning and the airdrop exercise in Shoalwater Bay. For Tockuss, working with the U.S. Air Force for the first time is instructive.

"It's been really interesting to see how the U.S. Air Force works as an organization, especially the differences between the U.S. and us back in Australia," said Tockuss. "I look forward to learning how the U.S. Air Force conducts their operations and seeing what lessons the Australians can learn from working with them."

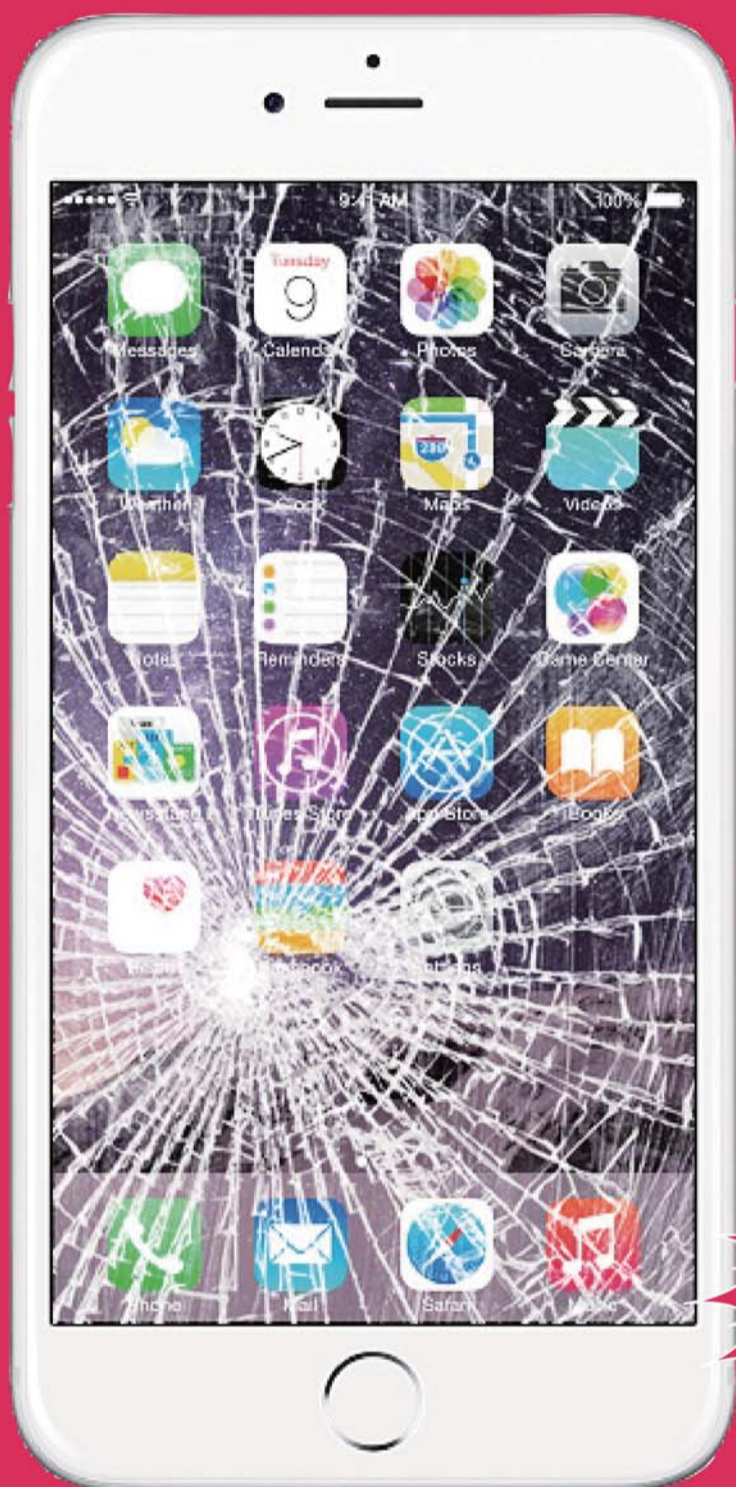
By conducting planning briefs, air refuelings and airdrops together with coalition partners, the U.S. and its allies strengthen their military relationships and prepare to provide security around the globe.

Exercise participants said the sheer size of the mission and wide range of backgrounds for troops involved add the greatest value to the training.

"The greatest thing about Talisman Saber that we don't get to do very often is we get to work with so many different services, components, major commands and nationalities," said Mahan. "Complex exercises like Talisman Saber allow us to expose the crews to what joint operations are going to entail when we go into combat with a coalition, so our military forces can know what to expect and what it's going to look like."

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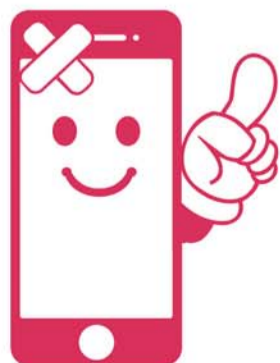
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Kadena and Camp Foster emergency numbers

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AADD: Get Home Safe

Call AADD at the cell phone number 098-961-1110 and then ask for the USO or dial DSN: 634-3889. We're open from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and we're here to help.

How to file a complaint with IG

If you believe you are unable to resolve your complaint through supervisory channels, you may seek IG assistance to determine if the complaint should be filed with the IG. You can file a complaint if you reasonably believe inappropriate conduct has occurred or a violation of law, policy, procedures, or regulation has been committed. Complete the personnel data information on an AF Form 102 and briefly outline the facts and relevant information related to the issue or complaint. List the allegations of wrongdoing briefly, in general terms and provide supporting narrative detail and documents later, when interviewed by an IG person. Allegations should be written as bullets and should answer who committed the violation; what violation was committed; what law, regulation, procedures, or policy was violated; when did the violation occur. Help is available: Call your Kadena IG office at 634-7622 for Mr. Mays or 634-1109 for Mr. Lovingood, or leave a message on the Kadena Fraud Waste & Abuse (FWA) Hotline at 634-0404.

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 Sgt. Larissa Palmer at 630-4504, or Ms. Melissa Cook at 630-5050.

Kadena New Members Medical Right Start

The 18th MDG is hosting medical in-processing 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 program designed for pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, infants and children up to the age of 5. As a WIC Overseas participant, you can receive nutrition education in the form of individual counseling and group classes,

breastfeeding support, supplemental foods such as milk, juice, cheese, cereal, eggs, and fresh fruits and vegetables, and referrals to other health care agencies. For more information, check financial/residential eligibility, visit or call WIC Overseas. All of WIC can be reached at 645-WICO (9426) or from a cell phone at 098-970-9426. (Options 1- Camp Foster; 2- Kadena Air Base; 3-Camp Kinser; 4- Camp Courtney) Kadena Air Base (Bldg. 428) Camp Foster (Bldg. 5674) Camp Courtney (Bldg. 4408) Camp Kinser (Bldg. 107 Rm. 121)

2016 Consumer Confidence Report

Per Air Force Instruction 48-144, Safe Drinking Water Surveillance Program, overseas installations with drinking water systems that serve at least 15 service connections used by year-round residents, or regularly serve at least 25 year-round residents, will provide a water quality report through appropriate means to inform customers. There are the current reports for all Air Force installations and Military Family Housing areas on Okinawa. The reports are intended to increase consumers' confidence and knowledge of their drinking water system. The CCRs focus on the origin of your water supply, the management of the distribution system, and the treatment and overall quality of drinking water being provided to occupants living and working on DOD installations. You can find digital versions of the reports at <http://www.kadena.af.mil/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 at 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.

18th Wing Equal Opportunity

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The mail addressees should inform their mailers to not include "Japan" or "Okinawa" in the APO or FPO mail address format. If included, the mail may be routed through the international postal system instead of the military postal system, which may result in a higher postage rate and longer transit time to the addressee. For more information / questions, contact at 634-3266 or 634-3244.

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The mailing of lithium-ion batteries to and from a US military APO/FPO address is

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What's Okinawaetcetera?

HEAD BY CAR TO THE REMOTE ISLAND OF OJIMA, THE "HOLY LAND OF TEMPURA"

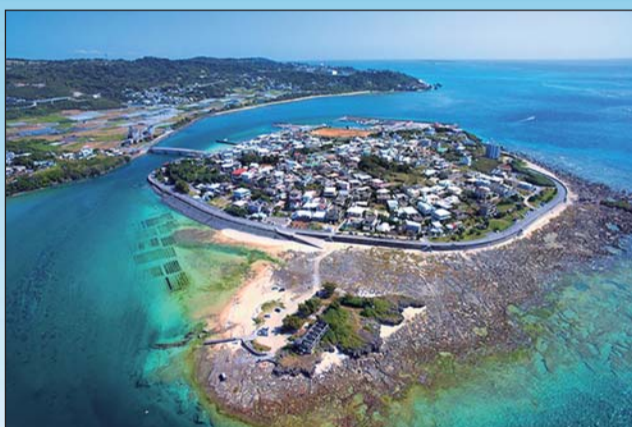
Ojima Island to the south of the main island is perfect for those who want to relax on a small island or travel freely with a car.

A 40-minute drive from Naha airport, Ojima Island is located midway between Sefautaki and the Peace Memorial Park.

The bridge connecting to the island makes it easy to get there, and with a coastline of only 1.6km, it takes less than 10 minutes to drive around this small isolated island.

At the entrance of the island there is a small beach where visitors can enjoy fun activities such as rides on a glass-bottom boat, but most people visit the island for its specialty tempura.

As one piece of tempura costs about 60



yen, it is fun to walk around and taste tempura from different shops.

Each shop has a typical Okinawan tempura menu such as banana fish and goya. Tempura made from locally sourced sea lettuce and mozuku, a type of seaweed, are also a must-try!

Taking a leisurely walk around the island while eating fried tempura is a wonderful way to spend the day.



Okinawa Travel Info
Tourist information for Okinawa, Japan



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Like Okinawa Travel Info



HAI-SAI! (Hello) Chanpuru is Okinawan for "something mixed" and the word also is used when talking about the mixture of cultures. In this corner, we will go over some fun tips as you enjoy your stay on the island.

Vol.21 EISA エイサー

Eisa is a form of folk dance originating in Okinawa. A group of young men and women dance, sing and play drums to honor the spirit of their late ancestors and bid them a good farewell until the next visit. It is performed throughout the year, but it is especially common in the summer.



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Gate Closure

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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UPCOMING EVENTS

Kadena Adult Varsity Football

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EFMP-Special Needs Group Monthly Meeting

"Seeking Okinawa Synergy", S.O.S, EFMP,

Special Needs Parents Group welcomes 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY 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 lillian.najera@us.af.mil.

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