

PUNIPING IN THE NIGHT Kadena FARP Team trains at night

Forward area refueling point team members from the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron refuel a Navy HH-60 Sea Hawk during nighttime refueling training operations Aug. 17, at Kadena Air Base. The 1st Special Operations Squadron and FARP team members train in low visibility conditions to ensure safe operational procedures during contingency mission requiring refueling support in adverse conditions. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Omari Bernard) SEE MORE FARP PHOTOS PAGE 3

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AUGUST 25, 2017

Team Kadena conducts hands-on training with local firefighters

By Airman 1st Class Greg Erwin

18th Wing Public Affairs 8/17/2017 — The 18th Civil Engineer Squadron hosted hands-on fire training with local firefighters from various cities in Okinawa August 14.

"We conducted hands-on training on an F-15 to demonstrate the egress procedures, discussed the hazards associated with the aircraft, and showed a demo on what we would do on an emergency response," said Master Sgt. Billy Parham, 18th CES, assistant chief of training.

The training was a crucial step in preparedness and readiness for the local firefighters in the case of an emergency. Depending on the location of an emergency, local firefighters will be the first to respond.

According to Parham, this training is important for the locals as well to know how to handle emergencies with either our aircraft, or the Japan Self-Defense Force aircraft.

"They have completely different missions than what we have," said Parham. "Our primary focus is on aircraft and then secondary is structural, where their mission is primarily structural. It's great for them to come in and see the aircraft, learn the hazards on the aircraft, and then, if anything happens in their district with one of our aircraft,





Senior Airman Keith Brown, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, makes final checks to his partner's equipment during annual hands-on fire training August 14, at Kadena Air Base. Okinawan firefighters and members of the 18th CES keep Team Kadena and Okinawa safe by learning to work together.

adron firefighter, makes final on fire training August 14, at 18th CES keep Team Kadena 18th CES keep Team Kadena Air Base. More than 50 local firefighters visited to observe how Kadena's firefighters respond during an emergency.

they're prepared to handle it."

The training conducted is in line with the mandated yearly training by the United States Forces Japan agreement, and the host site rotates between the different branches on the island.

"The training happens yearly, it alternates between who takes the lead," said 1st Lt. Jesse O'Connor, 18th CES, readiness and emergency management flight commander. "It's one of a four-part requirement. There's a hands-on, two table-tops, and a field training exercise."

The training is an opportunity to help members from the 18th CES understand more about the different equipment used by the local firefighters, as well as helping break down the language barrier.

"Our stuff is not compatible with theirs when it comes to fire apparatuses, so they get to see what we have and we get to see what they have so that we can put it together," said Parham. "It opens the doors to the Japanese and shows we do care about our impact here."

Training together makes a positive impact on the local community and Kadena. By teaching Okinawan firefighters how Team Kadena's firefighters operate, members of the 18th CES help keep Team Kadena and Okinawa safe, secure, and prepared for any emergency.



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✓ 1st Special Operations Squadron MC-130H Combat Talon II taxis on the flightline after completing nighttime training with the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron forward area refueling point team Aug. 17, at Kadena Air Base. The 1st Special Operations Squadron routinely conducts routine nighttime training with the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron forward area refueling point team to help maintain readiness in adverse conditions. ▲ Airmen from the 1st Special Operations Squadron and 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron forward area refueling point team members prepare an MC-130H Combat Talon to deliver fuel during nighttime training Aug. 17, at Kadena Air Base.



✓ Forward area refueling point team members from the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron survey the refueling site on the Kadena flightline during nighttime training with the 1st Special Operations Squadron Aug. 17, at Kadena Air Base. 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 from austere locations.



✓ Forward area refueling point team members from the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron refuel a Navy HH-60 Sea Hawk during nighttime training operations Aug. 17, 2017, at Kadena Air Base, Japan. The FARP team is capable of rapidly deploying at a moment's notice to support refueling operations anywhere in the Indo-Asia Pacific Theater.



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SecAF, CSAF visit 386 AEW, talk top priorities with Airmen

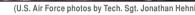


By Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Hehnly

386th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs 8/21/2017 - SOUTHWEST ASIA — Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein visited the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia Aug. 19-20, to talk top priorities with Airmen.

Wilson and Goldfein started their visit with an all call luncheon at the 386th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron's Desert Winds dining facility where the Air Force's top leaders addressed the crowd of U.S. service members and joint coalition partners, thanking them for their role in the fight before making their way around the dining facility and interacting with Airmen.

"For the secretary and I, this is our opportunity to look you face to face, to get around to shake your hand and to say thank you to you and your families for serving when your nation needs you most," said Goldfein. "It matters and I'm



proud to be your chief." The following day, the 386th AEW

hosted a wing town hall where Wilson and Goldfein took center stage to discuss top priorities for the future of the Air Force.

Wilson spoke about the five Air Force Priorities of restoring readiness, cost-effective modernization, leadership development, innovation and strengthening alliances.

"The Air Force of today doesn't win on its own, and neither do the Army or the Navy, and neither do our coalition

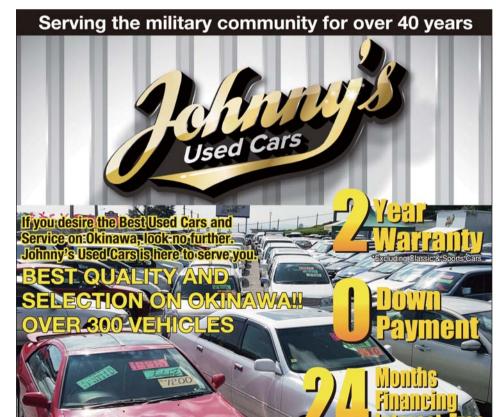


Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson, center right, speaks with Airmen from the 386th Expeditionary Maintenance Group during lunch at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, Aug. 19. Wilson traveled with Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein, visiting deployed Airmen assigned to the U.S. Air Force Central Command area of responsibility. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein addresses Airmen of the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing during an all call luncheon at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, Aug. 19.

partners," said Wilson. "We have to develop joint leaders, and the chief and I are focused on the squadron as where leadership really matters most. The culture of the Air Force is set at the squadron, not at the headquarters, so we will seek to develop those great joint leaders and teams."

Goldfein then went on to emphasize the strategic importance of the Airman's role in supporting and enabling the Iraqis in taking back their country.

"Every Airman matters," he said. "Every mission that we bring here matters."





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AF seeks 69th Annual Arthur S. Flemming Award nominations



By Staff Sgt. Alexx Pons

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs 8/21/2017 - JOINT BASE SAN ANTO-NIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Air Force officials are seeking nominations for the 69th Annual Arthur S. Flemming Award.

The award, sponsored by George Washington University and the Arthur S. Flemming Awards Commission, honors outstanding federal employees who have made significant and extraordinary contributions to the federal government in the categories of leadership and/or management; legal achievement; social science, clinical trials and translational research; applied science and engineering; and basic science.

The Air Force can submit two civil service or military members per category for a total of 10 nominations.

outstanding and meritorious achievement while working for the federal government; to encourage the highest standards of performance in the federal service; to enhance appreciation of our form of government and the opportunities and responsibilities it presents; and to attract outstanding individuals to a career in federal service.

Organizations and base-level personnel must contact their major command, combatant command, field operating agency or direct reporting unit for applicable suspense dates and additional information regarding nomination procedures. Nomination packages are due to the Air Force's Personnel Center by Nov. 17.

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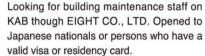
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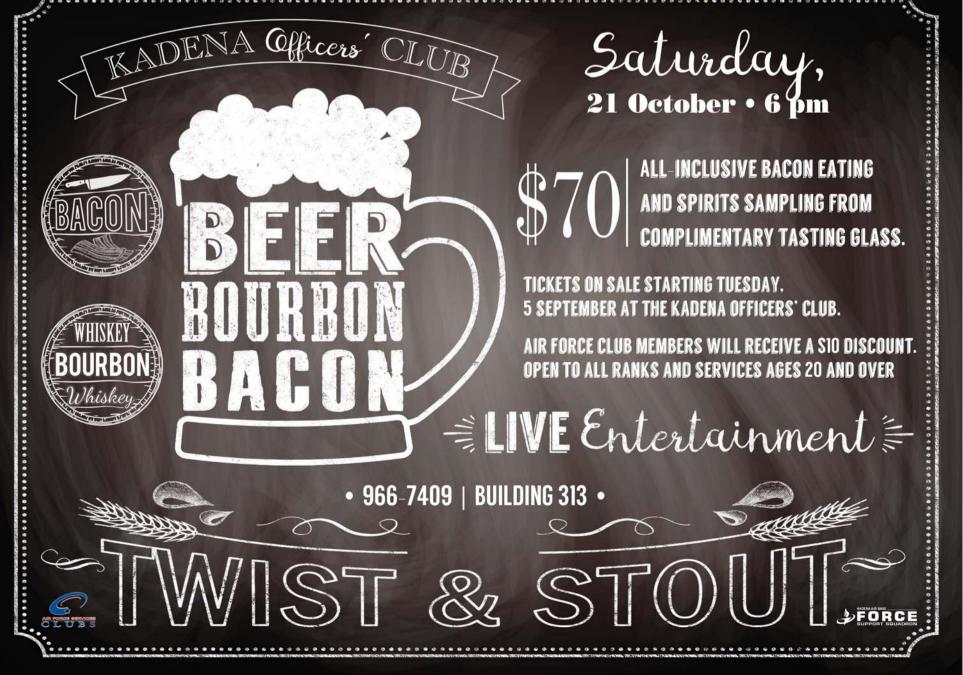
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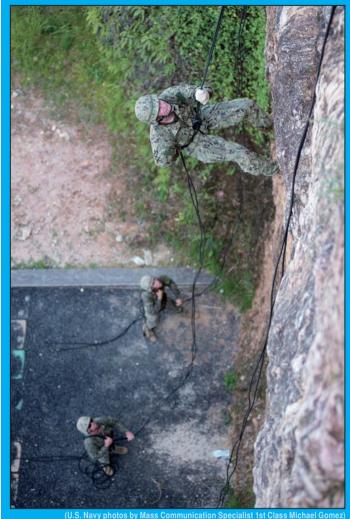
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NMCB 3 Pacific Deployment 2017



Ensign Taylor Burton from Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3, rappels down a 63-foot training wall at the Marine Corps Jungle Warfare Training Center at Okinawa's Camp Gonsalves. A total of 31 NMCB-3 Seabees attended the four-day JWTC course to sustain the battalion's overall readiness as the Pacific Region's primary forward-deployed construction battalion, Okinawa, Aug. 15.



Seabees assigned o Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 8, traverses through a nud-filled trench during endurance course at he Jungle Warfare Training Center at Camp Gonsalves, Okinawa, Aug. 18. The JWTC endurance course ests the Seabee's vill, stamina and the ability to work together as a team. A total of 01 NMCB-3 Seabees attended the four-day raining course to sustain the battalion's overall readiness as the Pacific Region's primary orward-deployed construction battalion.



∽ Equipment Operator 1st Class Emmiee Gutierrez from Montpelier, Idaho, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 3, prepares to rappel down a 63-foot training wall at the Marine Corps Jungle Warfare Training Center (JWTC) at Okinawa's Camp Gonsalves, Aug. 15.



Construction Mechanic Constructionman Kathryn Magieracashen from Oak Hill, Calif., assigned to NMCB 3, monkey crawls across a line over a river as part of one of the B1 obstacles that make up the endurance course at the Jungle Warfare Training Center at Camp Gonsalves, Okinawa, Aug. 18.

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How to Receive Emergency Notifications in English on Cell Phone

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18th MDG Clinic Closure

The Kadena Air Base clinic will be closed on the following dates this year: Sep 4 (Holiday) - Closed All Day / Sep 5 (Family Day) - Closed All Day / Sep 21 (MDG Training Day) - Closed 12- 4:30 p.m. 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.

Blended Retirement System Opt-In Eligibility Notifications

On Feb. 10, 2017, the Air Force Personnel Center began notifying Regular Air Force (RegAF) officer and enlisted Airmen of their eligibility to opt in to the new retirement plan known as the Blended Retirement System (BRS) starting Jan. 1, 2018. Airmen with less than 12 years of service as of Dec. 31, 2017 based on their pay date will be eligible to switch to the BRS upon implementation Jan. 1, 2018. All Airmen (officer and enlisted) receiving this notification must click on the Blended Retirement System link to review the BRS notification data and complete the acknowledgement. Acknowledgement is mandatory. For more information, please contact Tech. Sgt. Agnes Pena, Military Personnel Section, 632-4967.

TMO new walk-in hours

The Personal Property and Passenger Travel sections' operating hours have been extended for summer peak season. New walk-in hours are Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and on Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Housing Office Closure

The DoD Family Housing Offices: Camp Kinser Office, Camp Courtney Office, Camp Foster Office, Furnishing Management Section, Furnishing Management Section Self-Help and Appliance Repair will be closed August 25 for an official function and on Sept. 4th and 5th for Labor Day and the PACAF Holiday. Kadena DoD Family Housing will be open 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for scheduled appointments only. The following services will be available on a limited walk-in basis: TLA processing (AF only), lease validations, and to schedule future appointments. For maintenance emergency assistance, please call 634-4663.

Post Office Holiday Hours

The Post Office will be closed on Labor Day (4 September). On 5 September, the Package Pickup Window will be open from 0900-1500.

Public Affairs photo studio

The Public Affairs photo studio is open Mon.-Thurs. from 9-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Appointments are available in half-hour increments. Award, bio, or package submission photos are scheduled Mon-Wed. Full length photos are only available on Thurs. Official Passports are by appointment only until further notice, Mon-Fri, and require a letter from your UDM or the passport office. For questions or to schedule, please call 634-3813.

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UPCOMING EVENTS 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.

Never Forget 9/11 Memorial 5k/10k Walk or Run

Come out to the Risner Fitness & Sports Complex front parking lot on Monday, September 11th for the memorial 5K/10K walk or run. Check-in/registrations begins at 6:00 a.m., the ceremony begins at 7:00 am, and both runs start at 7:30 am. For any questions, contact Airman 1st Class Taylor Rowe at 632-0623.

Keiro No Hi (Respect for the Aged Day)

Keiro No Hi (Respect for the Aged Day) is a Japanese tradition to express respect for their elderly, to thank them for their contributions to society and celebrate longevity of life. Team Kadena will be hosting 80 elders from the Chatan, Kadena, and Okinawa City Senior Centers. Come join us at the Kadena Officers' Club, 13 September 2017 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Chicken lunch and entertainment provided). RSVP no later than COB 7 SEP 2017 using this address - https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/

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THE CUTE AND MYSTERIOUS CLOWN FISH

The clown fish, which has even been featured as the hero of a movie, is popular throughout the world and there are six varieties that can been seen in Japan. These can all be found in the Okinawan ocean and because they often live in shallow waters, they are relatively easy to find even when snorkelling. Of course they are also a popular resident of the Churaumi Aquarium.





Adan (Pandanus odorifer)

Adan grows near the shoreline of sandy beaches. An aerial root grows from the trunk to the ground to

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and not edible.

They have a symbiotic relationship alongside anemone where the clown fish can hide amongst the anemone, and the anemone can eat plankton and such which is stirred up in the surrounding sea water by clown fish.

It might look cute when their faces

appear from amongst the swaying anemone, but inside they might be looking after their young. When clown fish are born, they are actually all male.

Amongst them, those who are the largest become females and the second largest male breeds with them. This is one of the mysteries of life.



support it. It's called Kikon. Adan can grow as tall as 5-6 meters high.

Leaves on the top

Pineapple

Okinawan pineapples were smuggled in from Hawaii after World War II to help the island's agricultural industry.

More of an oval shape and delicious!

A M U R A I G A T E

anim.cfm?i=360447&k=0167420D7F50 If you are a Japanese civilian working on Kadena and would like to serve as a translator at your lunch table between the elderly and American service members, we would appreciate your assistance. For more information, contact Chaplain (Maj) Mark Moore (mark.moore.5@ us.af.mil) or Ms. Melissa Rafferty (melissa. rafferty.1.ctr@us.af.mil).

National Preparedness Month 5k Fun Run

The 18th Civil Engineer Squadron's Readiness & Emergency Management Flight will be hosting a 5k Fun Run on Friday September 1st starting at 0630 at the Kadena USO to raise awareness for National Preparedness Month. Come out and show your support; there will be prizes for the 1st place male and female finishers! Road guards are needed, to volunteer please contact 18 CES/CEX at 634-4404.

Allies in music present 22nd Annual Combined Concert

The III Marine Expeditionary Force Band



and the Japan Ground Self-Defense Forces 15th Brigade Band will unite for the 22nd Annual Combined Concert on Saturday, September 9th at 7pm onstage at Ginowan Civic Hall. Tickets are free and available to pick up at the III MEF Band Hall, located between the Ocean Breeze and Foster Community Center. For more information, please call the III MEF Band at 098-970-3919.

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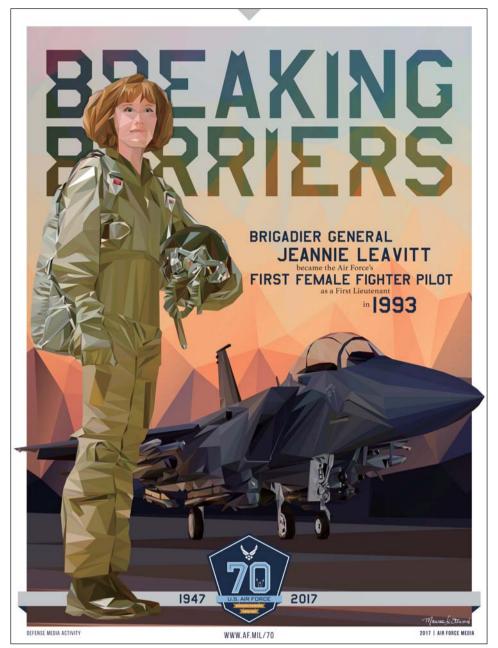
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Kadena Red Cross Disaster Action Team (DAT) is Seeking New Volunteers!

Red Cross' Disaster Action Team (DAT) is seeking new volunteers! Our volunteers provide relief during and after disasters such as fires, typhoons, and tsunamis by planning, preparing for, and exercising disaster situations then responding to emergencies providing food, assisting with shelter, and comforting and caring for affected families. If interested, please stop by our DAT Orientation Saturday, Aug. 26, 10 - 11 a.m. at the Kadena USO.

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Never Forget 9/11 Memorial 5k/10k Walk or Run Volunteer Sign-up The Never Forget 9/11 Memorial 5k/10k Walk or Run is approaching us and we are in need of many volunteers. Volunteers needed for: Road guards, water Stations, registration table. Follow link to sign-up to volunteer: www.SignUpGenius.com/





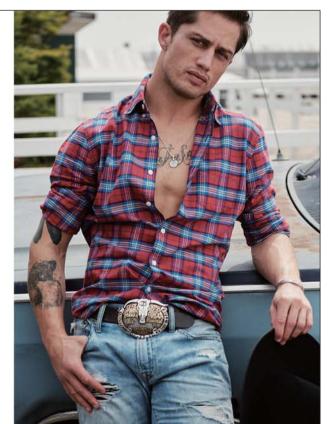
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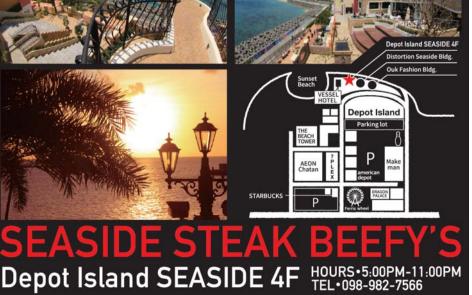
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