



JASDF demonstrates anti-air missile capabilities

The Japan Self-Defense Force demonstrates their deployment of a patriot missile system Aug. 29, at Yokota Air Base. The system displayed was the Patriot Advanced Capability-3 surface-to-air system, which is a mobile patriot missile system designed to be deployed to rapidly respond to a threat.



(U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Kyle Johnson)

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374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

8/30/2017 - YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan

— The Japan Air Self-Defense Force demonstrated their ability to rapidly deploy the Patriot Advanced Capability-3 (PAC-3) guided air-and-missile defense system as a means of rapidly responding to North Korean missile threats at a press conference held Aug. 29.

PAC-3 is a mobile weapons system that can be set up anywhere, anytime to rapidly respond to a foreign missile threat.

Though the conference was held a few hours after North Korea launched a missile into Japanese airspace, the event was planned long before the North Korean launch.

“Having shown our readiness in [ballistic missile defense] operations as a result of this training, it will lead to enhanced deterrence and capability of not only JSDF but also the Japan-U.S. alliance,” said Japanese Lt. Gen. Hiroaki Maehara, head of Japan’s Air Defense Command. “Moreover, it will showcase

Japan’s strong commitment and high capability toward peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region.”

JASDF will temporarily deploy the batteries to several U.S. installations in Japan. The installations - Yokota Air Base, Misawa Air Base, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Yokohama North Dock and U.S. Fleet Activities Sasebo - house both U.S. and Japanese forces and play a vital role in the defense of Japan.

The exercise deployment of the Patriot missiles will test the interoperability of U.S. and Japanese forces, allow for on-site assessments of firing locations, and provide the JASDF with opportunities to test their air defense assets under conditions that will simulate a real-world deployment.

According to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization’s website, the Patriot system was first deployed by U.S. forces in the 1980s and has been subsequently improved with new technology which delivers unsurpassed air defense capabilities.

PAC-3 is designed to target and destroy potential threats to allied assets



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Lauren Russell)

Japanese Lt. Gen. Hiroaki Maehara, head of Japan’s Air Defense Command addresses the press at a Patriot missile defense system demonstration August 29 on Yokota Air Base.

from advanced aircraft, tactical ballistic missiles and cruise missiles by projecting a 320kg missile more than 5,000 kilometers per hour toward its target.

Military-to-military exercises like

this one demonstrate the strength of the U.S.-Japan alliance and the determination of both nations to address the security challenge posed by North Korea’s ballistic missile and nuclear weapons programs.



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If you have identified an airman that may be considering suicide, it's important to Ask your Wingman directly about what's going on. This will help you determine what needs to be done next. Ask about issues early rather than waiting for things to escalate to the point of crisis. Take all comments about suicide

seriously. Be an active listener and let your Wingman tell you about their challenges. Although it can be awkward, it's important to ask the tough questions about whether or not your Wingman is thinking about harming or killing himself. If the answer is yes, or if you even suspect that the answer is yes, don't leave the person alone.

Care for your Wingman by calmly listening and expressing concern. Don't be judgmental or promise secrecy. If your Wingman is having thoughts of suicide, you need to act. Remove anything he could use to hurt himself and immediately seek help.

The final step is to Escort your Wingman immediately to the nearest

emergency room, Mental Health Clinic, chaplain, or primary care clinic, and contact the supervisor or chain of command. If a distressed Airman refuses help or you're not sure what to do, call your supervisor or 911 for help. Never leave an Airman who is having thoughts of suicide alone, even to go to the bathroom.

ASK YOUR WINGMAN

- Have the courage to ask the question, but stay calm
- Ask the question directly: Are you thinking of killing yourself?

CARE FOR YOUR WINGMAN

- Calmly control the situation; do not use force; be safe
- Actively listen to show understanding and produce relief
- Remove any means that could be used for self-injury

ESCORT YOUR WINGMAN

- Never leave your buddy alone

Be There

In any given year, over 40,000 Americans die by suicide, almost twice as many as are killed by homicide. The military is not exempt from the problem of suicide. What do you need to know to effectively raise awareness about suicide prevention?

- Daily connections can make a big impact on some-

one's feeling of loneliness.

- No special training is needed to show genuine concern for someone in crisis.
- Suicide prevention is very much a leadership issue, which means leaders should create climates in which Service Members are encouraged to seek the help they need.

- When members of the military get behavioral health care, they are protected against discrimination by law.

- There are important signs of suicide risk that can be identified: Hopelessness, Anxiety, Self-destructive behavior (for example, alcohol and drug abuse, as well as talking about death)

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The legacy of Mike Bishop

By Maj. George M. Tobias
5th Air Force Public Affairs
8/25/2017 - YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Michael J. Bishop, the Chief of Aviation Affairs at 5th Air Force, passed away in the morning of Aug 9.

He left behind an enduring legacy here in Japan after 55 years of service to the United States Air Force.

“Our hearts, prayers and deepest condolences go out to the family and friends of Mike,” said Lt. Gen. Jerry Martinez, 5th Air Force commander. “We all share in the loss an incredibly valued member of our 5th Air Force family.”

Bishop, was born in Tulare, Calif. on Sept. 14, 1942, and enlisted into the Air Force in 1962 at Beale Air Force Base, California, at the age of 20. He served six tours in Vietnam in various roles in the reconnaissance community. Bishop eventually cross-trained and served his last seven years as an Air Field Management Superintendent in 5th Air Force, Yokota Air Base, Japan. He retired after 28 years on active duty as a Senior Master Sergeant.

Upon his retirement from active duty in 1991, he continued his service in 5th Air Force as an Air Force civilian.

As people come and go through 5th Air Force, many might not realize the far-reach-

ing effects Bishop had on the command and the U.S.-Japan Alliance.

One of his most significant accomplishments came in 2008. Bishop engineered the return of nearly one third of Yokota Air Base’s airspace to the Government of Japan, according to his friend Michael Dolby, an airspace manager who knew Bishop for the last 12 years. The return of airspace to Japan allowed commercial aircraft from Haneda Airport and Narita International Airport to fly direct routes to their destinations instead of having to detour over the ocean. This resulted in the reduction of costs, fuel use and pollution for the airlines and improved air traffic into the airports.

Another of Bishop’s significant accomplishments was enabling the recent establishment of a training airspace called the Gaicho Altitude Reservation at Misawa Air Base. This training area is only about a five-minute flight for 35th Fighter Wing aircraft, which maximizes flight training. Previously, the wing had to fly hundreds of miles out to sea to reach a training range.

In addition, Bishop played an instrumental role in completing the reversion of Okinawa airspace, which took 10 years. For nearly the entire period following World War II, the U.S. retained control of the Airspace over Okinawa. However, in 2010 the

U.S. successfully returned control of the airspace to the Japan.

The most recent pivotal event in Bishop’s career was being part of the Okinawa airspace redesign, Dolby explained. Over a decade in the making, this was an effort to redesign the airspace around Okinawa so that the shape, size and dimensions of that airspace would not only benefit U.S. Forces on Okinawa for current aircraft and next generation aircraft but also benefit the Japan Self-Defense Force and commercial aviation.

“There is not much that goes on in the aviation community or airspace community that Mike [did] not have some influence on,” said Dolby.

Bishop was known as a person who would go out of his way to help get things done in Aviation Affairs for units that required assistance.

If you looked at his office walls you could see all the mementos of thanks for the things he did for units operating in Japan. “Everybody is so appreciative of Mike making things happen,” said Dolby.

Bishop was also regarded a true subject matter expert in his field.

“He was one of those guys that if you don’t know where to turn, you call Mike Bishop first,” said Dolby. “And if he didn’t know, he knew the right person



(Courtesy photo)

to talk to, and that it is such a great asset to have.”

“His expertise was recognized in 2014, by being named “Man of the Year” by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association,” said Lt. Col. Andrew Lipina, 5th Air Force Directorate of Operations and Plans.

He will also be remembered for his work with the Government of Japan.

Negotiating with the Government of Japan can be a very slow and methodical process, but Bishop truly understood the politics of how things worked and how to navigate the issues.

“I can’t think of a single GoJ entity, whether our [Japan Civil Aviation Bureau] counterparts or airspace guys or [Ministry of Defense] guys that we deal with who did not appreciate Bishop,” said Dolby. “I think they all truly

appreciate who Mike Bishop was because he supported them just as much as he supported us.”

For Bishop, it was not just about taking care of 5th Air Force or USFJ, it was truly about working with the alliance the best way he could, to make the alliance between the U.S. and Japan better and stronger.

At his memorial service at the Yokota AB Main Chapel, there was a huge attendance of not just Americans, but also Japanese.

Several former 5th Air Force leaders, Government of Japan and Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self Defense Force) officials have also reached out to pay their respects to a remarkable Airman, whose accomplishments will be remembered for years to come.

He is survived by his wife, Yasue, his daughter, Marnya, and his brother Daniel.

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Levitow's legacy reaches Airmen, family

By Senior Airman
Lauren Russell

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst
Public Affairs

8/25/2017 - JOINT BASE MC-GUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, N.J — Family members of Medal of Honor Recipient U.S. Air Force Sgt. John Levitow received a look into their relative's life, legacy and military service here, Aug. 23 to 24.

Tara Bufis discovered her uncle's story of valor in Vietnam stretched far beyond her family's table during a conversation with an Airman.

"I don't know why, but I asked him if he'd ever heard of John Levitow," said Bufis, a Brick, New Jersey resident. "I had never asked someone that before and he looked at me and said, 'absolutely,' and rattled off every detail of my uncle's career."

Tara was blown away; completely unaware of how well-known her family was. Soon after, she and her family were once again in route to an Air Force installation. John Levitow Jr., John Levitow's son, Tara Bufis with her husband James, joined Airmen for a tour of the Mobility mission at JBMDL and attended an Airman Leadership School graduation ceremony to witness the Levitow award presentation.

The tour included stops at a Medal of Honor display, aircrew flight equipment, and the 87th Civil Engineering electrical pole

yard, where the family was able to experience what Levitow's job duties may have been before he cross-trained to be a loadmaster. They also met with previous Levitow Award winners, and toured "The Spirit of Sgt. John Levitow," a New York Air National Guard C-17 Globemaster III named for the late veteran.

"It's hard to put into words," said Tara. "I had no idea that even 17 years after his passing, he would be remembered by so many people."

Tara explained that growing up, her family was always tight-knit but her uncle's time in combat was not a topic of discussion.

"I had read the stories and heard about the incident from my uncles, but my dad didn't talk about what happened in Vietnam" said Levitow Jr., a Northwood, New Hampshire resident. "He only ever talked about the aftermath."

Although his father's military career all took place before he was born, Levitow Jr. said the Air Force was always a big part of his family's life.

"Everyone knows my dad for what happened on February 24, 1969, but those ten minutes are not what defines my dad," said Levitow Jr. "What defines him is how he supported the enlisted troops after his service."

Levitow Jr. remembers accompanying his father to different Air Force bases to visit



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Lauren Russell)

John Levitow Jr., center, along with his cousin, Tara Bufis and her husband, James, pose with Levitow Award winners in front of the "Spirit of Sgt. John Levitow," New York Air National Guard Globemaster III during a tour of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Aug 24.

with troops and attend speaking engagements, but has not been on an installation in 15 years. He hopes that by being back on a base, he can further spread the messages his father started.

"I'm not my dad, but I am a part of him," said Levitow Jr. "He taught me so much, so maybe I can bring something of value here to the troops."

Levitow Jr. was the guest

speaker for the ALS graduation of Troop 17F, where he, Tara and James were able to watch the presentation of the John Levitow Award, the pinnacle of achievement for enlisted professional military education in the Air Force.

"It will never lose its luster," said Levitow Jr. "It's something he believed in and it's something that's earned."

Levitow Jr. recalled former Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Sam Parish bringing the idea of naming the award after Levitow to the table.

"He probably really had to talk my dad into it, because that's just how my dad was," said Levitow Jr. "But I think my dad embraced it because it was all about education, and he truly believed education was the key to success."



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More Texas Guardsmen Deploy as Harvey Causes Catastrophic Flooding

Texas National Guard soldiers assist residents affected by flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey in Houston, Aug. 27.



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By Jim Garamone

Defense Media Activity

8/27/2017 - WASHINGTON — Weather forecasters are saying the remnants of Hurricane Harvey is causing “catastrophic flooding” in Southeastern Texas, as 3,000 Texas State Guard and Texas National Guardsmen have now been called up to help their fellow citizens, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said today during a news conference in Austin, Texas.

Harvey has been downgraded to a tropical storm, but the National Weather Service says the rain will continue. “This is really going to be an event that is going to continue to worsen,” said Daniel Porter, of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Harvey is the strongest storm to hit Texas since 1961, Abbott said. The

governor said the federal government has provided all the assets the state has asked for. The Federal Emergency Management Agency is the lead federal agency working with the state and local officials — 19 counties in the region have been declared disaster areas.

During a National Incident Communication Conference Call on Hurricane Harvey yesterday, FEMA requested the Defense Department to provide a search and rescue package to the area. This consists of two planners, nine helicopters, two fixed wing aircraft and refuelers, and includes pararescue teams to operate from Joint Reserve Air Force Base in Fort Worth, Texas. In addition, DoD was asked to provide 11 generators and 50,000 gallons of gas and 50,000 gallons diesel to Fort Hood, Texas.

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By Pacific Air Forces, Public Affairs

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Tropic ACE was designed to exercise components of Pacific Air Forces' Agile Combat Employment (ACE) concept of operations (CONOPS), a warfighting concept the command is operationalizing to ensure airpower resiliency. Resiliency is required to ensure survivability and operational

capability in a contested environment.

The objective of Tropic ACE is to exercise operations that facilitate the employment of agile combat concepts by rapidly deploying to a simulated austere location and self-sustain operations for an extended period of time. Additionally, Tropic ACE will exercise the ability to deploy rapid ground refueling capabilities.

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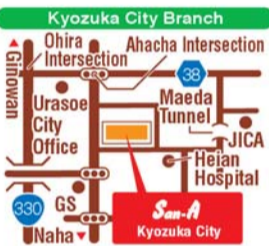
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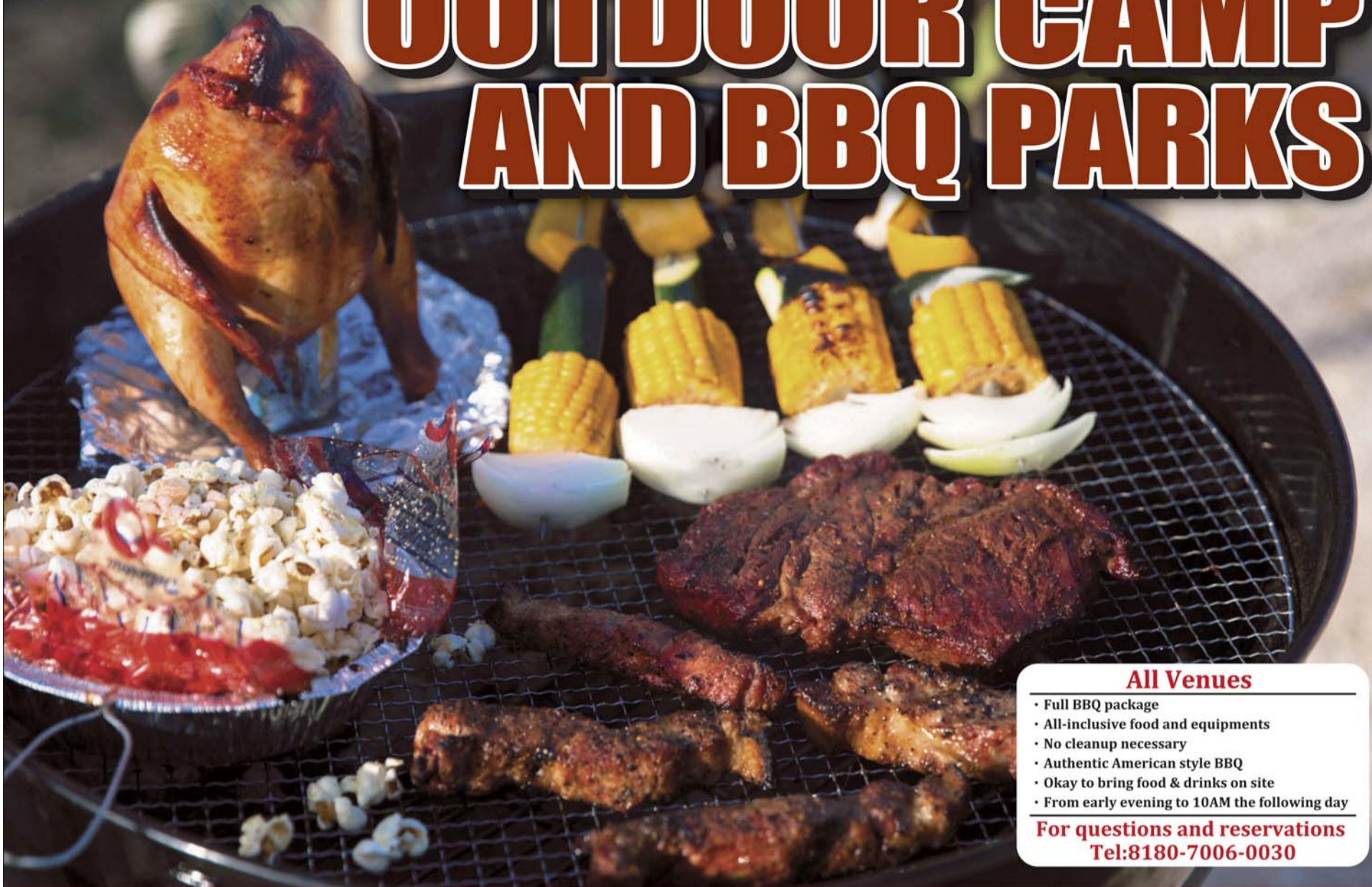
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Pacific Air Forces NEWS BRIEFS

USPACOM commander visits Osan



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

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea — U.S. Admiral Harry Harris Jr., commander of U.S. Pacific Command, visits Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea on Aug. 21. During his visit, Admiral Harris experienced firsthand the critical capabilities that the 7th Air Force and the 51st Fighter Wing provide in the collective defense of the Korean Peninsula, and how Team Osan always remains ready to “Fight Tonight” when called upon.

Washington to Misawa first transpacific flight



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

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Staff Sgt. Travis Tillman, a 35th Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment technician, explains how his section sustains a pilot’s life during flying operations as part of the Wenatchee Valley Delegate visit at Misawa Air Base, Aug. 24. Tillman joined several others from the 35th Maintenance Group and 13th Fighter Squadron during a base familiarization demonstration for the group

from Wenatchee Valley, Washington. The visitors included city mayors, college and high school students, and respective family members touring Misawa City during their annual cultural exchanged visit.

8th Fighter Wing conducts training day



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Colville McFee)

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea — Airmen assigned to the 8th Fighter Wing, practice donning protective Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear during a wing training day at Kunsan Air Base, Aug. 18. The day focused on Ability To Survive and Operate training, self-defense and Self Aid Buddy Care.

CES Airmen participate in Prime BEEF Day



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gerald R. Willis)

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — Airman assigned to the 36th Civil Engineer Squadron operates a radio during a training exercise Aug. 17, at Andersen Air Force Base. Airmen that participated in Prime BEEF Day practiced accomplishing tasks while in Mission-Oriented Protective Posture gear.

730 AMS provides training for CRG Airmen



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. David Owsianka)

▲ Airmen from the 730th Air Mobility Squadron push cargo into a C-17 Globemaster III as they train members from a contingency response group, at Yokota Air Base, Aug. 24. The aircraft can perform tactical airlift and airdrop missions and can transport litters and ambulatory patients during aeromedical evacuations when required.

By Staff Sgt. David Owsianka

374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

8/24/2017 - YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — With service members needing to be ready to perform a multitude of tasks at a moment’s notice, it’s important for them to stay trained and proficient on their daily duties.

Maintenance Airmen from the 123rd Airlift Wing contingency response group stationed at the Louisville Air National Guard, Kentucky, came to Yokota Air Base, Japan, to complete two weeks of hands-on training with the 730th Air Mobility Squadron while working on the C-5 Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III aircrafts. The maintainers also work on C-130J Super Hercules.

“Doing this is important for myself and my maintainers because it helps us maintain proficiency on the aircrafts we don’t see often,” said Master Sgt. Charles Woods, 123rd AW CRG crew chief. “Doing this also benefits us as we integrate with other units to see how they do things at various locations versus our home location.”

The primary mission of the CRG is to provide rapidly deployable forces to the U.S. Air Force to open forward airfields in an expeditionary environment as a completely self-contained unit. The group is also utilized to provide quick reaction logistical support for human-

itarian missions including man-made and natural disasters.

Unit members represent a broad spectrum of specialties including airfield security, ramp and cargo operations, aircraft maintenance and command and control.

During the group’s time at Yokota they prepare the aircrafts for their mission by providing any type of services such as providing fuel and any kind of necessary maintenance.

“Whenever we work with these groups, we integrate them right into our squadron to provide them with the necessary training to help them stay proficient and ready to do their jobs whenever they need to deploy or go to any austere locations,” said Master Sgt. Ray Ponte-Mayor, 730th AMS lead production superintendent. “It also helps by allowing us to exchange information on how they complete tasks and increase our job proficiency.”

With the CRG receiving this kind of training, it enables them to act as an early responder in the event of contingency operations worldwide.

“We loved being here to train with a unit in a different location across the world as we learned how to better maintain the planes,” Woods said. “The exposure to these aircraft we received during our time here will definitely help us whenever we deploy or perform any humanitarian missions.”

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NAVY COMMUNITY NEWS

Service members across Okinawa unite in honor of Women's Equality Day

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Steven Khor

CFAO Public Affairs

8/25/2017 — Service members and civilians from across Okinawa came together and participated in a 1.3 mile run/walk around the Robby Risner block on Kadena Air Base in commemoration of Women's Equality Day, Aug. 25.

Hosted by the 18th Medical Group, participants included Sailors, Airmen, Soldiers and Marines, and their families. Some participants were even accompanied by pets.

Col. Theresa Goodman, attached to the 18th Medical Group, was the guest speaker. She highlighted the importance of women's equality and how women all over the military are helping break down societal barriers.

"The arduous struggle to gain women's right to vote came from the mutual support of many to reach a common goal," said Goodman. "Each of you has the opportunity to empower those



▲ Runners participate in a 1.3 mile run/walk in honor of Women's Equality Day, Aug. 25, on Kadena Air Base. Established by Congress in 1971, Women's Equality Day is celebrated on Aug. 26, and commemorates the 19th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which prohibits the states and the federal government from denying U.S. citizens the right to vote on the basis of sex.

around you. I challenge you to use your strengths to make all those around you stronger and more confident, and I look for-

ward to watching you all continue to break barriers in the future."

Established by Congress in 1971, Women's Equality Day is

celebrated on Aug. 26, and commemorates the 19th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which prohibits the states and

the federal government from denying U.S. citizens the right to vote on the basis of sex.

Women first entered Naval service in 1908 with the establishment of the Navy Nurse Corps. It would be 12 years later with the ratification of the 19th Amendment that women were finally given the right to vote. Women continued to serve in the Navy throughout World War I and World War II, but it was not until June 12, 1948, with the passage of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, that women gained permanent status in the U.S. armed forces.

"Today was an awesome day to come out to participate in a run and to celebrate unique accomplishments for both men and women alike and meet our fellow service members," said Navy Lt. Andrea Baker attached to Commander Task Force 76.

"It's [my daughter's] first official run, and I was glad to bring her out here and support a really good cause for her future and the future of other women," said Melissa Cook, a civilian attached to the 18th Medical Group.

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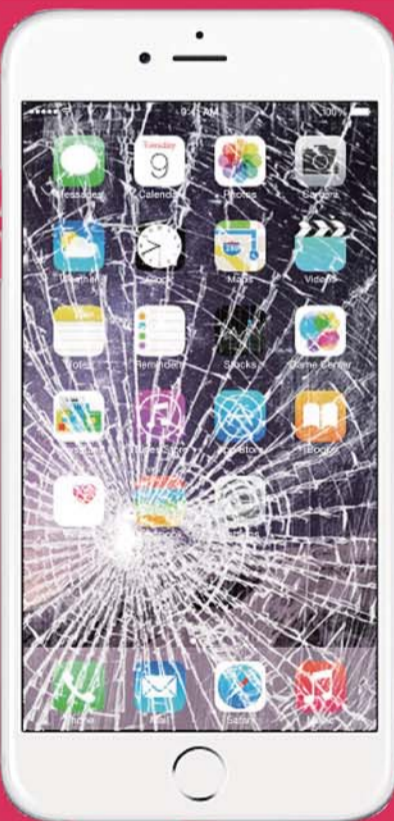
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The Kadena Air Base clinic will be closed on the following dates this year: Sep 4 (Holiday) - Closed All Day / Sep 5 (Family Day) - Closed All Day / Sep 21 (MDG Training Day) - Closed 12- 4:30 p.m. We ask for your patience as our trusted professionals 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

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THE UNIQUE LANDSCAPE OF THE FUKUGI TREES OF BISE

Just a 10-minute walk from Churaumi Aquarium is the small village of Bise, an area where there are still old-fashioned landscapes typical of Okinawa. Here, a green archway made of around 20,000 fukugi trees lined in a row welcomes visitors into an alley of white sand.

The fukugi tree, written as '福木' in kanji which means 'lucky tree', is an evergreen tree native to the Philippines.

They grow straight up reaching a height of more than 15 metres, and because they have strong bark and leaves, they were planted in forests as a way of protecting against typhoons and fires. They are also strong against salt damage making them useful for villages which are close to the sea, such as Bise.

These trees were planted as a way of protecting the area, but today the sunlight which trickles through the trees onto a soft, sandy road creates a sense of relief for those who stroll down it, helping to heal the tourists who pay a visit.



The rows of fukugi trees stretch for around 1 kilometer, and it is fun to rent a bike and cycle down the alley or take a ride in an ox-drawn cart.

One of the trees is estimated to be around 300 years old.

Visitors should try to remember that Bise is still a village with 250 homes where people live and carry out their daily lives.

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Obon

The three days of Okinawan Obon

Day 1 is called **UNKEH**. Families welcome the spirit of their ancestors back home to visit. Day 2 is called **NAKANUHI**. Families pray to their ancestors and go from one family household to another to pay their respects. Day 3 is called **UKUI**. On this day, families get together to feast and send off their ancestor back to the spirit world.

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.

Hiring Protestant Parish Coordinator

The Chapel is accepting bids now for the following Contract Position: Protestant Parish Coordinator. Must be a member of the Protestant faith. Two or more years of experience at a church or Chapel is desired. Possess strong planning/organizational skills and a basic understanding of military culture. Preferred to have at least one year's experience using Microsoft Word, Outlook, Excel and Publisher. Obtain a copy of bid documents at Chapel Two, Bldg. 425 between the hours of 0730-1630 Monday through Friday excluding holidays and down days. The Contract Officer's contact information for submitting bids are Tech. Sgt Jennifer L. DePrinzio who can be reached at Bldg. 2425, jennifer.deprinzio@us.af.mil or 634-2219 and Master Sgt. Kevin T. Chellis who can be reached at Bldg. 425, kevin.chellis@us.af.mil or 634-1288 for questions. Submission and demonstration due date is 07 September 2017 NLT (1300) hours.

Kadena Chapel Protestant Religious Education Fall Program

The Kadena Chapel Protestant Religious Education Fall program starts September 12. Join us for dinner and fellowship at 5:30 p.m. in Annex D of Chapel 1 (near Gate 1). Classes begin at 6:15 pm (Children's ministry available). Children's Choir meets in the sanctuary (grades K-5). Three classes to choose from: The Magnificent Story led by Chaplain Taylor; The Holy Spirit Unleashed in You led by Mrs. Vallone (this is a ladies study); and Evangelism Explosion led by Chaplain Moore. Sign-up for your class at Chapel 1 on Sept. 12, 2017, from 5:30 - 6:30 pm.

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 10th 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/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.

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1553 POW/MIA Memorial Breakfast Ceremony

The Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) Ch. 1553 is hosting a POW/MIA Memorial Breakfast Ceremony on Sept. 14, 2017, at 0800 at the Kadena Officer's Club Ballroom. For tickets please email Tech. Sgt. Squires (brenda.squires@us.af.mil), Tech. Sgt. Garcia-Real (irak.garciareal@us.af.mil), Staff Sgt. Dunbar (nychelle.dunbar@us.af.mil) or Tech. Sgt. Barb (adam.barb@us.af.mil).

Kadena Top 3 Zombie Run

Will you survive this year's zombie epidemic? Test your speed, strength, and endurance while being chased by a horde of flesh-eating zombies at Kadena's 2nd Annual 1/5/10K Zombie Run. Sponsored by Kadena's Top 3, the zombie run will be held at Kadena Air Base 4 Diamonds Softball Fields on Saturday, October 28th at 1900. Register as a human survivalist or an infected zombie at www.RunKadena.com.

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 lillian.najera@us.af.mil.

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 for the event on Sept. 10. Volunteers needed for: Road guards, water Stations, registration table. Follow link to sign-up to volunteer or for more information: www.SignUpGenius.com/

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