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JOINT DETERRENCE

U.S. and Pacific Allies respond to North Korea missile launch



A B1-B Lancer receives fuel from a KC-135 Stratotanker during a mission from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, into Japanese air space August 31. Two B1-Bs, with U.S. Marine Corps' F-35Bs, made contact with Koku Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) aircraft over waters near Kyushu, and then were joined by Republic of Korea aircraft over the Korean Peninsula. This mission is in direct response to North Korea's intermediate range ballistic missile launch and emphasizes the combined ironclad commitment to regional allies and partners.

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

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Each of us has an important role to play

By Keita Franklin

Director, Defense Suicide Prevention Office

9/5/2017 — Every loss of a service member, veteran, or family member is a tragedy. There's no simple reason why suicide occurs, nor a single approach for preventing it. Suicide is a complex issue with biological, cultural, economic, psychological, and social factors.

Interventions such as psychotherapy and prescription medication are critically important in helping to prevent suicide. But according to the 2015 Department of Defense Suicide Event Report, only about 30 percent of service members who died by suicide were previously seen by behavioral health providers. That's why preventing suicide requires a public health approach that includes the entire community.

One strategy is to use the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale, or C-SSRS, to identify individuals at risk for suicide. Based on more than 20 years of scientific research, C-SSRS is a series of questions anyone can use to evaluate whether someone is at risk for death by suicide. The questions cover whether and when a person has thought about suicide, what actions he or she may have taken to prepare, and if a previous suicide attempt was considered but then aborted because of a last-minute change of heart or an intervention.



The answers to these questions help to identify individuals who are at risk for suicide. They also gauge the level of intervention and support an individual may require.

C-SSRS is being used throughout the Military Health System. Army Medicine has incorporated the tool as part of the Behavioral Health Data Portal, and five Air Force military treatment facilities are using the tool as part of the Zero Suicide initiative. Zero Suicide is a program that was founded on the belief that suicides are 100 percent preventable. The program focuses on hospital-based leadership support for strategies such as screening at multiple points, education of the entire hospital system (not just mental health providers), and

the use and monitoring of evidence-based practices as well as intensive follow-up after individuals receive care.

C-SSRS can be used in a variety of settings, either on its own or in combination with other interventions. This tool can also be used by a host of people who may encounter individuals at risk, including Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) victim advocates, chaplains, peers, and family members.

C-SSRS is suitable for use in all ages and populations, and it's available in more than 100 languages. The scale and training are free when used in community and health care settings and in federally funded and nonprofit research.

The Defense Suicide Prevention office is

also involved in research projects to prevent suicide. They include training military chaplains to help at-risk individuals, developing practices and policies centered on firearm safety, and teaching service members and peers to recognize and respond to the warning signs of suicide on social media.

While widespread use of the C-SSRS and other intervention efforts and initiatives demonstrate DoD's commitment to preventing death by suicide, each of us individually has an important role to play, because one suicide is one too many.

Do you know someone who's engaging in self-destructive behaviors or talking about harming him or herself? Reach out. Talk openly and plainly, and listen and respond nonjudgmentally. Don't act shocked or dare someone to act, and perhaps most importantly, don't promise not to tell anyone if you learn someone is at risk. Instead, seek help from peers or from people or agencies specializing in crisis and suicide prevention.

If you or anyone you know is thinking about harming themselves, contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 and press 1. Another resource — specifically intended for service members and their families — is the BeThere Peer Support Call and Outreach Center for those seeking help with everyday life challenges. Call 1-844-357-7337, or visit www.betherepeersupport.org.

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(U.S. Air Force photo)

By Pacific Air Forces, Public Affairs

8/31/2017 - CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii — The United States' newest and most advanced fighter, the U.S. Marine Corps' F-35B Lightning II, joined U.S.

Air Force B-1B Lancers for the first time in a sequenced bilateral mission with Japan and Republic of Korea air forces in Northeast Asia August 30.

Two B-1Bs from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam; four U.S.

Marine F-35Bs from Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan; two Koku Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) F-15Js; and four Republic of Korea Air Force (ROKAF) F-15Ks executed this mission to emphasize the combined ironclad commitment to the defense of Allies and the U.S. homeland. Enhancing combined military readiness through integrated missions ensures national leaders of viable and ready military options.

This mission was conducted in direct response to North Korea's intermediate-range ballistic missile launch, which flew directly over northern Japan on August 28 amid rising tension over North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile development programs.

"North Korea's actions are a threat to our allies, partners and homeland, and their desta-

bilizing actions will be met accordingly," said Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, Commander, U.S. Pacific Air Forces, who just returned from an unscheduled visit to Japan to meet with his counterparts. "This complex mission clearly demonstrates our solidarity with our allies and underscores the broadening cooperation to defend against this common regional threat. Our forward-deployed force will be the first to the fight, ready to deliver a lethal response at a moment's notice if our nation calls."

Over the course of the 10-hour mission, the F-35Bs, B-1B bombers and Koku Jieitai fighters flew together over waters near Kyushu, Japan. The U.S. and ROKAF aircraft then flew across the Korean Peninsula and practiced attack capabilities by releasing live weapons

at the Pilsung Range training area before returning to their respective home stations.

"The F-35 embodies our commitment to our allies and contributes to the overall security and stability of the Indo-Asia Pacific region," said Lt. Gen. David H. Berger, commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific. "By forward-basing the F-35, the most advanced aircraft in the world, here in the Pacific, we are enabling the Marine Corps to respond quickly during a crisis in support of Japan, the Republic of Korea, and all our regional partners."

U.S. Pacific Command maintains strategic bomber and fighter capabilities in the Indo-Asia-Pacific theater, retaining the ability to respond to any regional threat at a moment's notice.

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Ulchi Freedom Guardian Airman supports exercise with a smile

rolled jacket sleeves Senior Airman Darren Kimura greets his his first passengers of the day at 5 a.m. with a friendly smile. The driver is a member of the group responsible for setting up and providing many types of support to the residents of Osan's life support area, Rush Park, where more than 600 augmentees will live during UFG.

Kimura is one of a six person transportation team, gathered from Kadena and Yakota Air Bases and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The group is responsible for shuttling the residents of the LSA to and from their new work stations 24 hours a day.

With his dark eyes on the road, Kimura cracks jokes and brightens the atmosphere on the bus to keep the drive from being another stale ride to work or the dining facility.

"I don't want anyone getting depressed while here," Kimura said. "Because we're all in the same situation, being away from our home, family and friends, I think it's important to stay upbeat and get to know each other."

Along with keeping a friendly environment on his bus Kimura shares useful information and offers a tour, during the normal bus route, to new passengers. He

points out base facilities and services that aren't directly along the bus route and encourages riders to use them to enjoy their free time to the fullest.

"When I got to Osan I had no idea where any of the buildings were on base," said Senior Airman Kim Huston, an Air Intelligence Squadron intelligence analyst deployed from Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, to support UFG. "Kimura's tour gave me an idea of where I needed to go and helped me make good use of my time."

Keeping customers entertained and happy on their way to or from a long shift isn't just for fun. Being able to quickly move large amounts of personnel on time speeds up mission response time. Enabling UFG to run smoothly, allows Airmen, Soldiers and Marines participating in the exercise to form a cohesive team with U.S. allies and partners as they perform drills to defend the Korean Peninsula with precision.

"If participating in an exercise can help keep families safe I feel that it's needed," Kimura said. "My family and friends are very important to me, so if I can contribute to the effort in even a simple way like driving a bus it's worth it to me."

(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jacob Skovo) Senior Airman Darren Kimura, an 18th LRS vehicle operator deployed from Kadena Air Base, poses for a photo August 17, at Osan Air Base.

By Senior Airman Jacob Skovo-Lane

Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

8/24/2017 - OSAN AIR BASE, 41, Republic of Korea — For many, arriving at temporary duty station in a new location can be stressful and disorienting. One ground transportation Airman, deployed to Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, to support exercise Ulchi Freedom Guardian from Kadena Air Base's 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron in Japan, is using his comedic attitude and position as a shuttle driver to lift UFG augmentee's spirits.

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Officers of 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery conduct staff ride to site of the Battle of the Twin Tunnels



▲ The memorial at the site of the ambush, where the railway crosses the road running through the valley. This monument also honors French soldiers who fought here in the days following the ambush.

◀ The Bravo Battery Officers stand for a photo in front of the ridge upon which the Americans held their ground for over 12 hours on January 29th, 1951. (Left to right: 1st Lt. Joseph Brown, 2nd Lt. Bryan Lodge, 1st Lt. Michael Marshall, 1st Lt. Joel Ramos.)

(U.S. Army photos by 1st Lt. Joseph Brown)

By 1st Lt. Joseph Brown

1st BN, 1st Air Defense Artillery,
Bravo Battery Executive Officer

9/1/2017 — During critical Patriot upgrades for the 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment deployed to share in the responsibility for the defense of their various assets with equipment and Soldiers assigned to Okinawa. Taking advantage of the new area of operations and the rich history of the Republic of Korea, Bravo leaders carried out a staff ride to the site of the Battle of the Twin Tunnels, the precursor to a pivotal action and a turning point in the Korean War.

The action leading to the battle was intended to be a reconnaissance mission with the goal of simply making contact with Chinese forces. The US Army X Corps ordered the 23rd Infantry Regiment to conduct a patrol beginning on January 29th, 1951 after an uneventful patrol the day prior. The order of this

patrol reached the man who was to lead it, Lieutenant James Mitchell, the morning of the 29th. Within three hours, he had assembled a group of 44 men and officers and departed north for the village of Sinchon. Along the way, they linked up with 15 other men from the 21st Infantry Regiment to the east, and the group continued north on a narrow, snowy, meandering road.

The Officers of Bravo Battery drove this road to the site of the battle on June 19th, 2017. Were it not for the memorial constructed commemorating the struggle that took place, the group might have missed the site altogether. The Battle of the Twin Tunnels is so named because of two tunnels which allow the east-west passage of a railway underneath two large hills with a broad valley between them. Along the bottom of the valley runs a north-south road, perpendicular to the railway. It was on this road, just north of Sinchon, that Lieutenant Mitchell and his element were ambushed by Chinese forces, leaving them

dangerously exposed and unable to maneuver. The route they had taken in from the south was blocked by Chinese soldiers descending from a large hill. Their initial heavy contact was taken from the north, and Lieutenant Mitchell quickly realized his situation, abandoned his vehicles, and moved his platoon up a ridge to the east. Racing Chinese soldiers to the top, the Americans ultimately reached the crest first. It was on this ridge that the Americans would fight and die for more than 12 hours before a response force could arrive to relieve their few surviving men.

Captain Jonathan Craig, the Commander of Bravo Battery, took the Officers up into the hills of the battlefield and walked through the battle step by step. As they considered the tactical challenges arrayed against Lieutenant Mitchell, the group primarily discussed the effects of the preparation that was done by Mitchell and his leaders. As the situation devolved for the Americans, each new challenge they faced could readily be traced to a



▲ The mouth of the tunnel on the east side of the valley. The railway runs about 200 meters out of this entrance before it reaches the road crossing at the site of the ambush. The ridge Lieutenant Mitchell and his men held was above this tunnel and to the right (south) about 300 meters.

lack of preparation, rehearsals, or even understanding and intent. Captain Craig focused on the principles and application of Mission Command in his discussion with the other Officers, and the group drew lessons applicable to much of the work they do every day.

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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.

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

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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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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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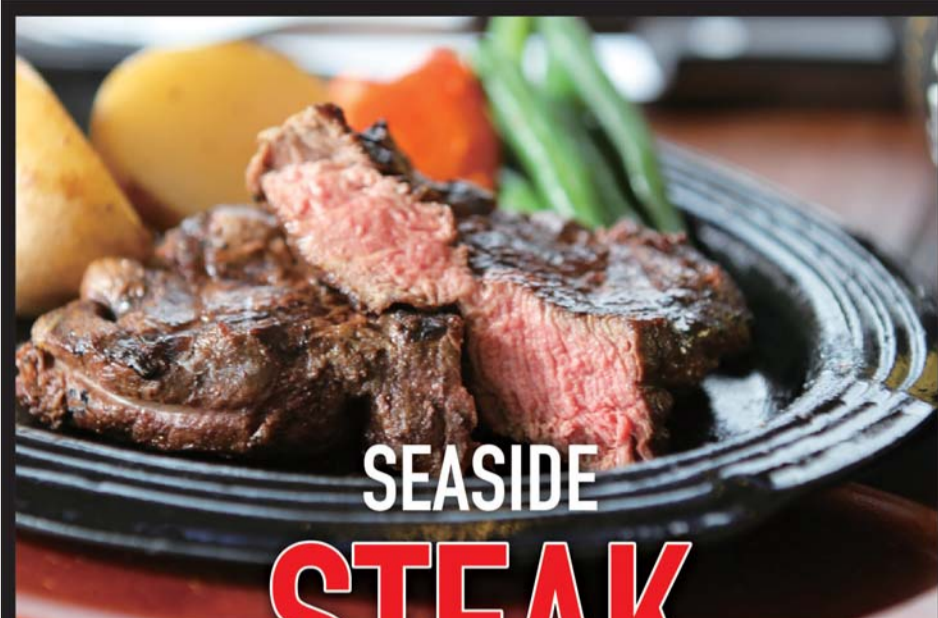
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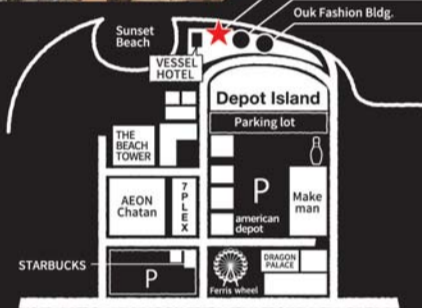
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