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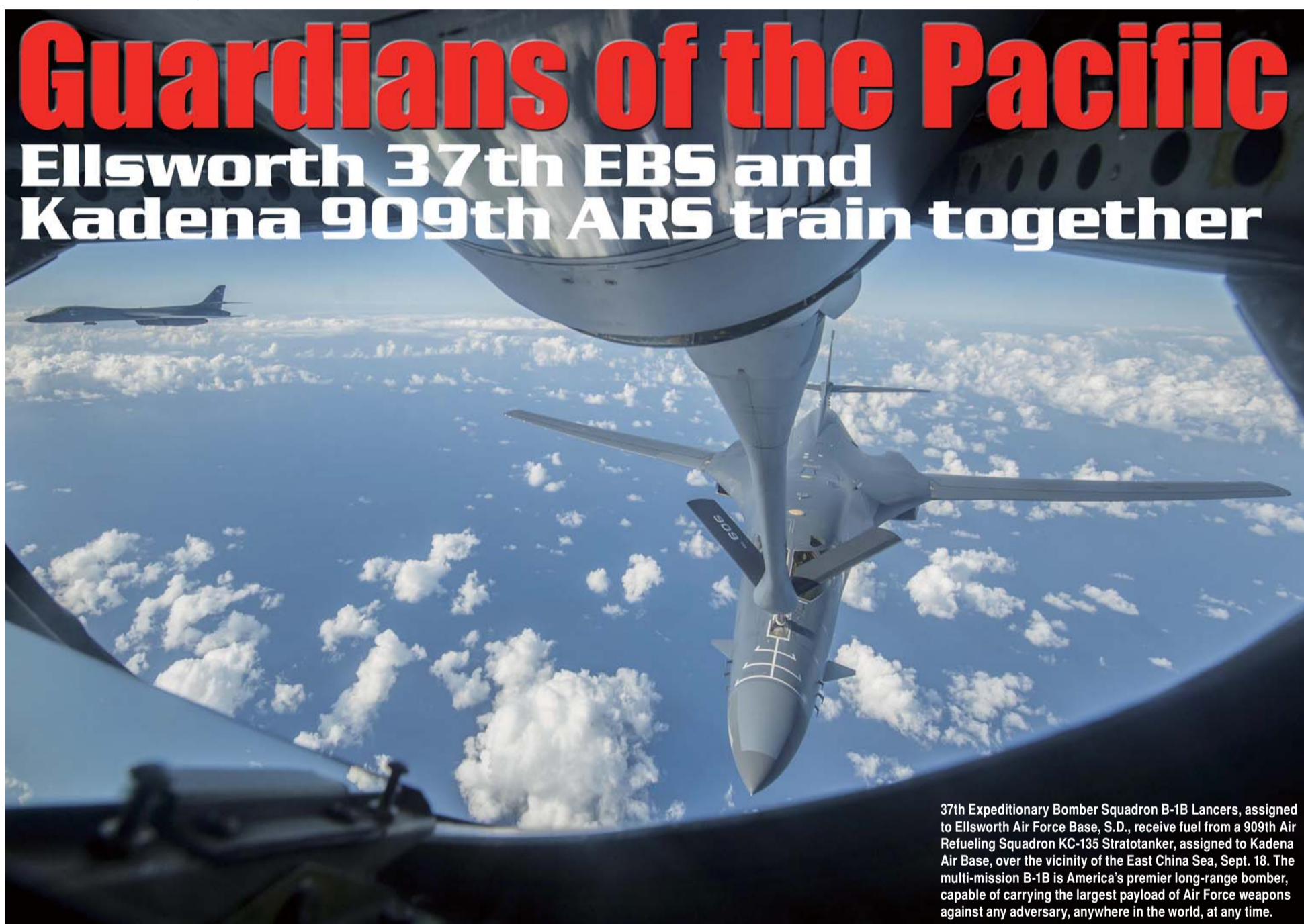
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Guardians of the Pacific

Ellsworth 37th EBS and Kadena 909th ARS train together



37th Expeditionary Bomber Squadron B-1B Lancers, assigned to Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., receive fuel from a 909th Air Refueling Squadron KC-135 Stratotanker, assigned to Kadena Air Base, over the vicinity of the East China Sea, Sept. 18. The multi-mission B-1B is America's premier long-range bomber, capable of carrying the largest payload of Air Force weapons against any adversary, anywhere in the world, at any time.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Peter Reft)

Japanese, Korean and U.S. aircraft conduct show of force in response to North Korean missile launch

By Capt. Cassandra Gesecki

U.S. Pacific Command

9/18/2017 - CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii — United States Air Force and Marine Corps aircraft joined Japan Air Self-Defense Force and Republic of Korea Air Force aircraft in a sequenced bilateral show of force over the Korean Peninsula September 17, in response to North Korea's launch of an intermediate range ballistic missile (IRBM) over Japan on September 14.

Two B-1B Lancer bombers from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam; four U.S. Marine Corps F-35B Lightning II fifth-generation advanced fighters from

Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan; four Republic of Korea Air Force (ROKAF) F-15K fighters; and four Koku Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) F-2 fighter jets executed this mission.

During the mission, U.S. and ROKAF aircraft flew across the Korean Peninsula and practiced their attack capabilities by releasing live weapons at the Pilsung Range training area. The F-35Bs, B-1B bombers and Koku Jieitai fighters flew together over waters near Kyushu, Japan.

U.S. Pacific Command maintains the ability to respond to any threat in the Indo-Asia-Pacific theater at a moment's notice.



(Courtesy photo)

^ B-1B Lancer bombers flanked by U.S. Marine Corps F-35 Lightning II and Japan Air Self-Defense Force F-2 fighters execute a bilateral mission over the Pacific Ocean, demonstrating the United States' ironclad commitment to our allies in the face of aggressive and unlawful North Korean missile tests, Sept. 17. This mission was conducted in direct response to North Korea's intermediate range ballistic missile launch, which flew directly over northern Japan on September 14.

Hacksaw Ridge event shows resilience and heritage go hand-in-hand

By Brett Manis

18th Wing History Office

The Air Force often talks about our resilience and heritage. With our service celebrating its 70th anniversary this year and the 18th Wing celebrating its 90th, we are constantly looking to our past for ways to honor, motivate, and inspire our Airmen. There are boundless opportunities to learn about the legacy of an island that saw the bloodiest battle in the Pacific Campaign of World War II, a history dating back millennia, and ancient castles dotting the landscape. Unfortunately, many people get caught up in their daily lives and never explore the amazing history that surrounds us here on Okinawa.

On Friday, 25 August, the 18th Wing History Office and the Kadena Chapel partnered for a unique experience for some of our young Airmen. The chapel hosted 50 Airmen for a breakfast buffet, a viewing of the movie Hacksaw Ridge, a lunch buffet, followed by a trip to Hacksaw Ridge in Urasoe. This partnership allowed us to offer spiritual resilience and heritage in one event. We discussed what it meant to be spiritually fit and ready to handle the challenges of life. We looked at the life of Pfc. Desmond Doss and saw the strength that faith can offer. Our Airmen were able to see a situation where a normal guy became one of the biggest heroes in World War II.

Whenever I give tours or history briefs, I do my best to explain what a unique opportunity we have while stationed on Okinawa. We are walking in the footsteps of American and Japanese soldiers who fought here in 1945. Although we don't have the Air Force heritage here that USAFE does in Europe, we have the heritage of two mighty armies colliding with the soul of the world at stake. We have the heritage of a civilian population brutalized by war, after being



(Courtesy photo)

^ Brett Manis, 18th Wing chief historian, speaks to Airmen about the historical significance of visiting Hacksaw Ridge Aug. 25, at Urasoe. Airmen from Kadena Air Base visited Hacksaw Ridge to learn more about military history during the Battle of Okinawa in World War II.

mistreated by Japan in the lead up to the battle. These events have shaped this island in ways that most Americans will never understand.

Trying to gain that understanding offers the chance to follow those footsteps and walk the hallowed grounds of this island. When you walk Hacksaw Ridge, it's easy to see only the trees and grass that have long since grown back. It's easy to miss the impact of this event as development and terrain changes have occurred since 1945. Once you picture the ridge as it would have looked in April 1945 – desolate, charred ruins – then the weight of those actions become readily apparent.

Desmond Doss saved 75 soldiers from almost certain death by staying behind while his unit retreated. He could have ran with the others, but he stayed behind to fulfill his duties as a combat medic and care for the

wounded at the expense of his own safety. Relying on faith to get him through an almost unimaginable ordeal, Doss lowered those 75 soldiers to safety while avoiding American artillery fire and Japanese patrols looking for survivors. Doss willingly ran into combat and stayed behind enemy lines without a single weapon, relying solely on his belief in helping those in need.

Although most of us will never be in his situation, it is important to realize that his actions matter. In a battle of enormous destruction, Doss brought peace to 75 men. Those men were able to go home to their families, to their wives and children, because one man chose to go beyond what was required or expected. Once accused of cowardice, Doss proved to be the bravest man in his unit during that battle. His unwavering faith in the need to assist is something we should all aspire to: he embodied service before self before the Air Force even existed.

Doss said his only mantra while on the Ridge was, "God, give me one more." When he felt defeated and exhausted and afraid, he relied on his spiritual beliefs to help him continue. Whatever your belief system, we all need to be reinforced to take on the day-to-day stresses of life. We work at the busiest, largest combat wing in the Air Force. Our ops tempo is high and world events do not slow down when we need a break. Sometimes we have to approach our days and just say, "Get me through one more."

This trip was a fantastic way for our young Airmen to see that spiritual resiliency in action. It was an amazing journey through our combat heritage, just a few miles from where we all live. Together, we reached many people and, hopefully, impacted their view of their stay at Kadena and their service in the world's greatest Air Force.

Team Kadena celebrates Keiro No Hi

> Col. Richard Tanner, 18th Wing vice commander, laughs with Okinawan elders during a Keiro No Hi luncheon Sept. 13, at Kadena Air Base. Keiro No Hi is "Respect for the Aged Day" a Japanese national holiday designated to honor the elderly, during which Team Kadena celebrates to enhance cultural awareness between Americans and the host Okinawan people.



(U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Greg Erwin)



^ Shizuko Yara, age 94, laughs with a translator from the 18th Wing Force Support Squadron during a Keiro No Hi luncheon Sept. 13, at Kadena Air Base. Keiro No Hi "Respect for the Aged Day" was made a Japanese national holiday in 1966 and is similar to Grandparents Day in other cultures, during which participants celebrate the elderly's contributions and longevity.

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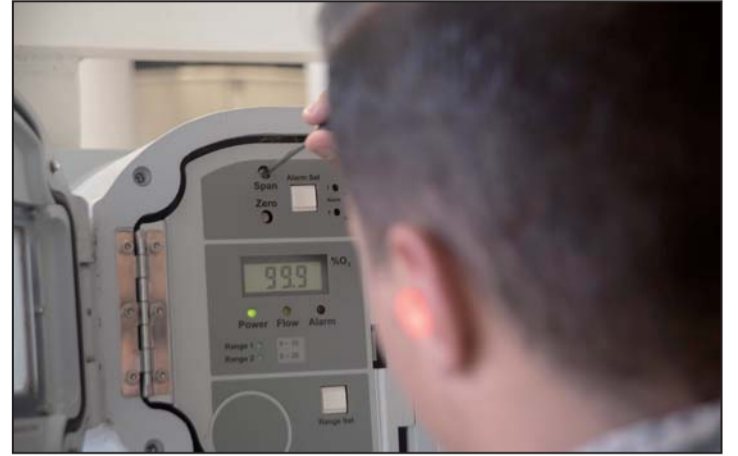
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Cryogenics creates the cool stuff



◀ Airman 1st Class Olavio Benito, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron cryogenic production technician, recalibrates an oxygen purity analyzer Sept. 12, at Kadena Air Base. Oxygen is run through a machine removing all of the moisture from the air before being cooled to -300 degrees Fahrenheit. This cooling causes the gaseous oxygen to turn into a compact, liquid form used by pilots and medical personnel. Cryogenic production technicians require that all of the liquid oxygen produced in their facility have a minimum purity of 99.5 percent.

▲ Airman 1st Class Olavio Benito, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron cryogenic production technician, recalibrates an oxygen purity analyzer Sept. 12, at Kadena Air Base.

By Senior Airman Quay Drawdy

18th Wing Public Affairs

9/14/2017 — A cold brew at work sounds like something a supervisor wouldn't get behind. In a few shops, however, a nice frosty one isn't just encouraged, it's required.

The 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron opened a cryogenic production plant June 16, 2017, to increase the supply of liquid nitrogen and oxygen available to shops that rely on those chilly fluids.

"The upgrade to the new plant has made our job a lot better," said Airman 1st Class Olavio Bisneto, 18th LRS cryo-

genics production technician. "Before we opened, we received everything from off-base, so if anything were to happen and we couldn't get what these units needed, we'd be in trouble. This takes away that guesswork."

The plant is the only operational one of its type in the Air Force and brews up more than 1,200 gallons of brisk oxygen and 100 gallons of nippy nitrogen for more than 50 organizations across Okinawa each week.

Any organization that works with the cryogenics flight has a certain amount of funding set aside for the purchase of their frosty brews. The money goes di-

rectly back to maintaining the machinery and ensuring the plant pays for its own parts and servicing.

"Without us, units would have to spend more of their funds on the same amount of oxygen or nitrogen," said Master Sgt. Donald Scott, 18th LRS NCOIC of cryogenics production. "When flying units, for example, can't get as much liquid oxygen as they need, they have to start doing fewer flights. Fewer flights means less of the mission gets accomplished. We charge as little as possible so units get everything they need and we can keep running."

Cryogenics technicians work with plain oxygen and nitrogen gases, expos-

ing them to sub-zero temperatures. The drop in temperature chills the common gases out, turning them into nice, cool liquids, which can then be used to maintain oxygen levels in aircraft, help maintenance personnel ensure certain nuts and bolts are securely fastened or give medical units access to some of the cold stuff for their many health-related needs.

"Since we opened up the plant, we've stayed near maximum capacity for oxygen," said Bisneto. "We keep it that way so we won't ever run low when agencies need it. Pilots have to breathe to fly, so we make sure to have plenty on-hand, so their missions can keep going."

(U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Quay Drawdy)

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Pacific Angel engineers improve Vietnam schools infrastructure



(U.S. Air Force photos by Tech. Sgt. Kamaile Casillas)



◀ Airmen work alongside their counterparts from the Vietnam People's Army to install ceiling fans at a school during Pacific Angel 17-2 in Tam Ky, Quang Nam Province, Vietnam, Sept. 11.

▲ Army Staff Sgt. Aaron Cabarrus, left, a construction supervisor assigned to the 523rd Engineer Support Company, 84th Eng. Battalion, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, works with members of the Vietnam People's Army to install ceilings at a school during Pacific Angel 17-2 in Tam Ky, Quang Nam Province, Vietnam, Sept. 13.

By Tech. Sgt. Kamaile Casillas

Pacific Air Force Public Affairs

9/14/2017 - TAM KY, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, Vietnam — Over the last few days, U.S. and Vietnam People's Army engineers have been working side-by-side during Pacific Angel 17-2 here, dedicating time and resources to quality of life and infrastructure improvement projects.

A team of 12 Vietnamese engineers and 16 from the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps is responsible for renovating four schools, as well as a health post and three community centers. The team is responsible for infrastructure enhancements to include installing

ceilings, toilets, sinks, along with ceiling and wall fans at Tam Thai Commune Cultural Center, Binh Dinh Nam Commune Cultural Center, Tram Y Te Xa My Tay Commune, Nguyen Duy Hieu Primary School, Trung Hoc CC Sc Nguyen Ba Ngoc School, Truong Thcs Phan Tay Ho School, Hoa Sen Kindergarten School, and Binh Dinh Nam Health Commune.

"Even with the language barrier, integrating with the Vietnamese has been a seamless process and this opportunity has provided the engineers with the experience," said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Dwight Richards, Pacific Angel 17-2 lead engineer from 18th Civil Engineer

Squadron at Kadena Air Base.

Working together in a joint environment also provides the engineers a chance to see how sister services accomplish things and in some cases, requires them to step outside of their primary duties to refine skillsets that are often not utilized.

"Our job as combat engineers normally involves demolition," said U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Antonio Moniz, one of two combat engineers from Camp Pendleton, California. "We learn basic carpentry and construction skills, but our day-to-day job is more focused on [specialized] demolitions for urban breaching and land mine warfare."

PACANGEL builds partnerships between regional nations by conducting multilateral humanitarian assistance and civil military operations, promoting regional military-civilian-nongovernmental organization cooperation and interoperability.

"Our biggest challenge is staying on schedule while working with our counterparts and trying to get it all done," Richards said. "But in the end, knowing that our work will have an everlasting impact on the kids and the people that utilize the facilities we're improving makes it worth all of the effort."

PACANGEL 17-2 will conclude with a closing ceremony at the Truong Thcs Phan Tay Ho School, September 18.

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Tropic Agile Combat Employment observers collaborate on fueling the future

By Airman 1st Class Greg Erwin

18th Wing Public Affairs

9/14/2017 — Members from the Japan Air Self-Defense Force, the Royal Australian Air Force, and Pacific Air Forces converged at Kadena Air Base for a subject matter expert exchange as a part of exercise Tropic Agile Combat Employment (ACE) Aug. 28 - Sept. 15, 2017.

Exercise Tropic ACE gives members of the Air Force, Marines, and even partner nations, such as Japan and Australia, a chance to come together, exchange ideas, and garner a path forward with joint interoperability and contingency solutions. They operationalize the Agile Combat Employment concept of operations, defined as the effective employment of airpower to seize, retain and exploit the initiative in a contested environment.

"Pacific Air Forces routinely deploys assets to various locations across the theater as part of exercises or events, which underscores the U.S. commitment to regional security and stability," said U. S. Air Force Maj. Sean Conley, 36th Contingency Response Group mission commander. "This dynamic presence is a cornerstone of increasing our military's agility and global reach."

The exercise is designed to work on adaptive and mobile aircraft fueling solutions for expeditionary forces in austere environments.

"It is really important for us as we're always looking to partner in the Pacific region," said Royal Australian Air Force Wing Commander Greg Elliot, 382nd



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Greg Erwin) Members from the U.S. Air Force, the Japan Air Self-Defense Force, and the Royal Australian Air Force, observe and discuss fueling operations during exercise Tropic ACE Aug. 29, at Kadena Air Base.

Expeditionary Combat Support Squadron commanding officer. "We're looking at fueling operations like this to build a very similar interchangeable capability, something we can all operate in the same theater, and know that the airfield is going to run."

ACE provides the opportunity for forces to be moved more fluidly across the theater to seize, retain and exploit initiative against an adversary, and exer-

cising this capability is key to ensuring readiness and resiliency. By exercising ACE, Airmen are empowered to make disciplined decisions at subordinate levels, ensuring the air component maintains command and control of forces. Through exercises such as Tropic ACE, PACAF is validating new ways to deploy and maneuver assets during a crisis or conflict in order to operate in contested environments.

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Partnerships strengthened during medical exchange

By Capt. Jessica Tait

353rd Special Operations Group Public Affairs
9/14/2017 - ROCKHAMPTON, Australia — Delivering medical academics in the classroom and hands-on training in the field, the 353rd Special Operations Group medical team proactively engaged with their Australian military counterparts throughout Talisman Saber 2017, a biennial military exercise from June 23 to July 25, 2017, throughout various locations in Australia.

“Our partners absolutely loved the Tactical Casualty Combat Care (TCCC) course, which involved a few hours of didactics and lectures followed by hands-on training in the field, which focused on care under fire, as well as tactical field care,” said U.S. Air Force Capt. Nicholas Garcia, 353rd Special Operations Group flight surgeon. “We had very positive feedback for this course, particularly from the doctors who don’t typically perform care in the field. They benefited by seeing the types of treatments provided to patients before they come through the hospital doors.”

The group was comprised of Australian Army and Royal Australian Air Force medical personnel from varying levels to include paramedics, nurses, doctors and even military members who wanted to strengthen their skills in care under fire.

“The TCCC course was really good and similar to how we train our soldiers and first aiders in the Australian Army,” said Australian Army Lieutenant Madeline Ferguson-O’Dea, 1st Corps Health Battalion nursing officer. “I as a nurse learned some new ways to access the patients and apply treatments. We all shared some laughs, sweated a bit and everybody



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

^ 353rd Special Operations Support Squadron independent duty medical technician (IDMT), 320th Special Tactics Squadron pararescueman and combat controller and Royal Australian Air Force paramedics secure a patient to the litter during a full spectrum mass casualty exercise July 18, at Rockhampton, Australia.

from our first aiders to our medical nurses got something out of the training.”

TCCC was put into action during the full spectrum mass casualty scenario, which involved initial response by U.S. Air Force 320th Special Tactics Squadron pararescuemen and Special Operations Forces Medical Element (SOFME) medics, as well as the higher echelons of Australian military medical care.

“Our mass casualty event flexed the true medical plan we had in place for this exercise,” said Garcia. “Following the initial response by our medical personnel, the Australians provided that higher level of care with the ambulatory response and transport to their local medical facility on Camp Rocky. The doctors and nurses further triaged patients and performed

treatment prior to the final transfer to hospitals in the community.”

Australian medical personnel applied the knowledge learned during the TCCC course to understand why particular treatments were performed in the field, thereby enhancing the speed and effectiveness of their care during the mass casualty scenario.

“For us to undertake a training opportunity established by the Americans and extend it to support a full spectrum mass casualty scenario here at the Role 2 has been truly beneficial,” said Royal Australian Air Force Wing Commander Nicole dos Santos, No. 1 Expeditionary Health Squadron Commanding Officer. “Particularly in the clinical handover of a patient, understanding the slightly

different terms and processes used by the Americans makes it a lot safer for the patient as we move them through the echelons of care. We have worked with Americans overseas for many years, and the opportunity to work with their medical teams here during Talisman Saber has enhanced this partnership.”

The U.S. and Australian militaries have fought alongside each other in every major conflict over the past century and benefit greatly from exchanges which increase interoperability and partnership capacity.

“Medicine, just like technology is a very rapidly evolving beast that we have been able to work with our partners on during this exercise,” said Garcia. “It has been beneficial to learn from their experiences, as well as share updates from clinical trials and new studies that we’re doing in the United States. To work hand-in-hand and do that medical knowledge sharing is a really great partnership building opportunity that I’d like to see done every exercise.”

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

“We don’t always get the opportunity to work with coalition partners, where their medical is just as advanced and in some aspects more advanced than what ours would be in the field just like this,” said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Jennifer Chilson, 353rd Special Operations Support Squadron Operational Medical Support independent duty medical technician. “We’ve never met these people, we’re from different countries, grown-up with different medicines, and here we are passing patients through from point of injury to even surgery. It’s been amazing to see this level of interoperability with our Australian partners.”



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NAVY COMMUNITY NEWS

MCPON Giordano visits Sailors on Okinawa



The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Steven S. Giordano, 8th from left, poses with newly pinned Chiefs following the Chief Petty Officer Pinning Ceremony for Okinawa-based Sailors at the Keystone Theater on Kadena Air Base, Sept. 15. Giordano is the 14th and current Master Chief Petty Officer of the United States Navy and is in Okinawa to tour Navy installations and meet with Sailors.

(U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Steven Khor)

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Steven Khor

CFAO Public Affairs

9/18/2017 — The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Steven S. Giordano, toured Okinawa Sept. 14-16, where he attended the Chief Petty Officer Pinning Ceremony and met with Sailors.

The tour to Okinawa was part of MCPON's visit to Japan where he assessed the climate of the Navy's personnel in the Pacific area of responsibility and the forward deployed Naval Forces.

At an All-Hands Call, Giordano addressed Sailors' concerns. He also thanked the Sailors for their service and their sacrifices.

"Thank you for who you are," said Giordano. "Our Navy couldn't do what it does if you were not out there operating in some of those tough environments that we ask you to operate in, and you do a great job."

Giordano spoke at the island's Chief Petty Officer Pinning Ceremony where more than 35 Chiefs received their anchors and combination covers among family and fellow Chiefs.

Giordano said the mark of a true Chief Petty Officer comes from the example he or she sets for junior Sailors.

"Be authentic, be who you are, know who you are, and let that show in every



◀ The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Steven S. Giordano, speaks at the Chief Petty Officer Pinning Ceremony for Okinawa-based Sailors at the Keystone Theater on Kadena Air Base, Sept. 15.

▶ The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Steven S. Giordano, right, meets a local Sailor following the Chief Petty Officer Pinning Ceremony at the Keystone Theater on Kadena Air Base, Sept. 15.

conversation that you have with your Sailors," said Giordano. "I ask you to be confident in all that you do, be a continuous learner every day, and pass the knowledge on to those Sailors that come on behind us so that our Navy will continue to be our strongest Navy our world has ever known. And finally I'd ask you to be courageous people, be courageous for our Sailors and our families who can't work through the fear that they have

inside them. We need you to be those people for our Navy, and be confident and humble leaders. That is truly what a Chief Petty Officer is in every regard."

Following the ceremony, Giordano spent time meeting and taking pictures with Sailors.

"It was really good to see MCPON and senior leadership taking time out to talk to us and let us express our concerns," said Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Jerome Hodge,

assigned to Commander Fleet Activities Okinawa. "It made me feel good because it shows that they always have time for us."

Equipment Operator 3rd Class Whitney Cedilloglasgow, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3, said she liked the meeting a lot.

"I feel like he really cared about us to fly all the way over to Okinawa to come talk to us one on one," said Cedilloglasgow upon meeting MCPON for the first time.

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The Matsuri Okinawa



The finale, members joining up stage for the Kachashi



"Eisa Dancers"



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The Okinawa Convention and Visitors Bureau proudly presents The Matsuri Okinawa, a brand-new event that combines many of the beautiful aspects of Okinawa Culture into one fun-filled dynamic hour. The word 'matsuri' is Japanese meaning 'festival', and many of the performances you will see at this event derive from the festivities and arts that are customary here on the island. This program was designed with an international audience in mind, narrating both in Chinese and English. The goal is to introduce Okinawa's unique culture to the world. And here you will witness the wonderful talent of the Okinawan people; you will see an array of Eisa dancers, along with Okinawa's more traditional style of dancing, a karate demonstration by season masters, taiko drummers, and song performances by the very talented Okinawan singer, Mion. These and much, much more, are just some of

the festivities you will see at The Matsuri Okinawa. The show is dynamic and the audience will be offered a chance to engage with the performers.

The Matsuri Okinawa debuted on July 11th, 2017. There will be additional showings every Tuesday from September 19th to October 10th. Doors open at 18:30 and the show begins at 19:00. You will not want to miss this family and kid friendly event. All ages are welcome. And now till October 10th, if you purchase your tickets at the Kadena ITT ticket office, kids ages 0-12 can enter for free (children must be accompanied by an adult). Please check with your Kadena ITT agent for more information. For event location and scheduled dates please visit The Matsuri Okinawa website at <http://matsuri-okinawa.ocvb.or.jp/en/>. Take part in the fun. Join our Okinawan friends for a matsuri of a lifetime!



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			Until	8 p.m.

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Kadena Air Base Community Notes

To submit an announcement for the base bulletin, please visit www.kadena.af.mil NO FEDERAL ENDORSEMENT OF PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS OR ACTIVITIES IS INTENDED.

Kadena and Camp Foster emergency numbers

Kadena Fire Emergency Services reminds everyone to program their cell phones with the emergency numbers. To report an emergency on Kadena via cell, dial 098-934-5911, and from an office phone, dial 911. For Camp Foster via cell, dial 098-911-1911, or from an office phone, dial 911.

How to Receive Emergency Notifications in English on Cell Phone

Cell phones across Okinawa currently receive emergency text notifications in Japanese from mobile phone service providers. To receive emergency notifications by e-mail in English, contact the Readiness & Emergency Management Flight at 634-4404.

AADD: Get Home Safe

Did you drink tonight? Made a plan but it's falling through? Can't catch a cab? If any of this applies to you, call AADD. Don't risk it all, when you can get a ride home for free. 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 Maj. Sarabia or 634-1109 for Mr. Lovingood, or leave a message on the Kadena Fraud Waste & Abuse (FWA) Hotline at 634-0404.

Kadena Lodging Shortages

Kadena Lodging is in a compressed state for availability of rooms. We anticipate limited to no space for the next 10-12 months. We will make our very best effort to support your needs based either on base if we have it or through certificate of non-availability and a recommended off base hotel list. Contact 632-1010 "Reservations" for more information.

Become a certified sexual assault volunteer victim advocate

Are you interested in helping others, but unsure how you can make a difference? The Kadena Sexual Assault Prevention & Response office is looking for highly motivated men and women to become Volunteer Victim Advocates. We are conducting a 40-hour course Oct. 2 - 6. Find the required application on the Kadena SAPR SharePoint (under Volunteer Victim Advocate Application). For more info, visit <https://kadena.eis.pacaf.af.mil/18WG/WSA/SAPR> or call Master Sgt. Jedediah Venable at 634-0180.

DoD Offers BeThere Peer Support Call and Outreach Center

Reaching out for support when you need it is a sign of strength. The DoD BeThere Peer Support Call and Outreach Center

represents the longstanding commitment of the military community to take care of each other. Peer specialists know what military life is like because they've been there. Here are the details of your BeThere Peer Support Call and Outreach Center:

- Active duty, National Guard and Reserve members, and their families are eligible to use the center's services.
- Calls, texts and live chats are unlimited and available 24/7/365 from anywhere in the world.
- You can choose the peer specialist you speak with based on a number of qualities, including Service experience, Veteran or spouse, and male or female.
- Support is available for any area of life — no problem is too small.
- Communication with BeThere peer specialists is kept confidential.

Staffed by Veterans and military spouses, the center encourages Service members and their families to seek support for everyday problems from peers who understand military life. For more information or to contact a BeThere Peer Specialist, Call: 844-357-PEER (7337). Text: 480-360-6188. Chat and visit: <https://www.BeTherePeerSupport.org>

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)

Mail Address Format

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.

Mailing of Alcoholic Beverages

Due to transportation safety concerns, please avoid mailing alcoholic beverages such as beer, wine, and liquor through the US military APO/FPO mail system. Please call 634-3244 or 634-3266 for more information.

Mailing Lithium-ion Battery in the APO/FPO System

The mailing of lithium-ion batteries to and from a US military APO/FPO address is permitted when the batteries are properly installed in an electronic device. Because

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What's Okinawaetcetera?

EAT AND COMPARE OKINAWA'S TRADITIONAL 'RYUKYU CONFECTIONARY'

'Ryukyu confectionary' that visitors will want to try during their travels, amongst many others, would be 'Hanabouru' (pictured here), 'Kunpen' and Chirunko.

During the Ryukyu Dynasty, these were important sweets reserved for the high court that only the royal aristocrats and state guests could taste.

Hanabouru is a baked sweet that uses plenty of egg yolks and is like a shortbread cookie. Although the form of the wisteria flower that the biscuit takes varies from store to store, they are all handmade by craftsmen.

Kunpen, or Kunpin, is a baked sweet filled with sesame or peanut flavoured red bean paste.

Chirunko is a cute, Okinawan-style steamed



cake topped with red colored peanuts and often eaten at celebrations.

Today, anybody can try them and they taste great with jasmine or oolong tea.

The taste and look is also slightly different from shop to shop, so tasting and comparing the different styles makes for a wonderful memory.



Okinawa Travel Info
Tourist information for Okinawa, Japan



<http://okinawatravelinfo.com>

Like Okinawa Travel Info



HAI-SAI! (Hello) Chanpru 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.29 Box Jellyfish



ハブクラゲ
Habu Kurage

Habu kurage is a venomous Jellyfish you must beware of when swimming in the waters of Okinawa. From the months of May - October with warm water temperatures, the Habu kurage increase in numbers. To avoid getting stung, swim in areas that are protected by nets. Also, protective clothing such as rash guards will minimize the risk of getting stung. If stung, do not rub area, apply vinegar to area, carefully remove tentacles and seek medical treatment immediately.

of safety concerns, defective lithium-ion batteries or lithium-ion batteries that are not installed in a device and instead packed alone or separate from the electronic device cannot be mailed. Lithium-ion batteries are typically used in devices such as mobile telephones, portable electronics, and laptops. Please call 634-3244 or 3266 for more information / questions.

Mailing Addresses

To help prevent non-delivery of mail, please enclose inside the mail piece the sender's address and the intended addressee. Enclosing the addresses inside the package can help the Postal Service route the mail to the addressee or returned to sender should the exterior addresses become unreadable or is separated from the mail piece. Call Master Sgt. Richard Balanon at 634-3244 or 634-3266 for more information.

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.

Bioenvironmental Engineering Gas Mask Fit Testing

Bioenvironmental Engineering no longer accepts walk-in appointments for Gas Mask Fit Testing (unless deploying or TDY within 30 days). To book an appointment contact your Unit Deployment Manager. If you have any questions please call 634-7932.

18th Wing Equal Opportunity

Do you face concerns of unlawful discrimination or sexual harassment? If so, Kadena Air Base leadership maintains a strict "zero-tolerance" policy pertaining to discriminatory behavior. If you feel you are being unlawfully discriminated against, to include sexual harassment, take action. We encourage members to use the chain of command first to resolve issues at the lowest level. However, you can also contact the EO office at 634-2571 to set up an appointment; or you may visit our office.

Please note that the EO office will not accept a Formal Complaint more than 60 calendar days for military and 45 calendar days for civilian complaints after the alleged offense occurred without sufficient justification.

Road construction on Vincent Ave.

Construction on Vincent Ave. is beginning Sept. 1 and ending Oct. 31. Vincent Ave will be intermittently closed between the hours of 0830 and 1630. Warning signs will be posted two weeks prior at both ends of the closed roads.

Kadena Adult Varsity Football

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

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.

18 LRS/Fuels Management Flight End of Year Inventory - Limited Fuel Support

Attention Vehicle Control Officers: Organizations requiring ground fuel support for government vehicles may access the Main/MUNS Service Stations until Sept. 30, 2017 at 2200 hours, at which time the facilities will be taken offline. All vehicles, to include emergency response vehicles must be topped-off before that time. Fire Department vehicles required to support airfield operations may contact the Fuels Service Center (634-3773) to arrange emergency fuel deliveries. Facilities will

resume normal fueling operations at 0400 on 1 Oct 17. Attention Organizational Tank Custodians: Organizations requiring fuel for organizational tanks must place final fuel orders with the Fuels Service Center (634-3773) no later than Sept. 22, 2017 at 1030 hours to ensure a Sept. 26, 2017 delivery. No new orders or deliveries will occur until Oct. 1, 2017. If you have any questions please contact Staff Sgt. Ethan Staten (634-2338)

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UPCOMING EVENTS EFMP-Special Needs Group Monthly Meeting

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Kadena Fire Muster

Come out and compete for bragging rights in the Kadena Fire Muster. The event takes place at the BX Parking lot Oct. 6 from 1030-1430. The contest consists of five events: Hotel pack carry - Pick up 200 ft 1 3/4 in wrapped hose on to shoulder carry it 50 ft zigzagging around cones. Hose roll drag- Rolled up 50 ft 4 in hose pull 50 ft with rope. Keiser sled- Use a sledge hammer to hit a metal beam 5 ft Dummy drag- Carry a 150 lb dummy 50 ft Hose pull- Carry a charged 1 3/4 in handline 50 ft The first 20 teams to sign up will be eligible to participate. Teams must consist of four people and at least one female. Athletic apparel, boots and gloves are recommended. Prizes will be awarded to the top 2 teams and the fastest male and female. For more information or register your team please contact Staff Sgt. David Clark at david.clark.68@us.af.mil or Staff Sgt. Jacob Banuelos at jacob.banuelos@us.af.mil or call 634-4500.

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.

StoryTellers Volunteer Opportunity

We are introducing an opportunity for Airmen to come together and motivate through testimony and reach resolution through experience, but we can't do it without you! If you are interested in telling your story of resiliency and changing someone's life, please contact Tech. Sgt. Michael Ortiz at michael.ortiz.5@us.af.mil for details.

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