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Service members prepare for humanitarian, disaster missions

By Katie McCalment

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10/14/2017 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii - The USNS Comfort hospital ship is steaming toward Puerto Rico; U.S. Navy and Marine Corps rescue helicopters are helping to evacuate people in Dominica; countless National Guardsmen were called upon after hurricanes wreaked havoc in Texas and Florida. Whether in support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency domestically, or the U.S. Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/ OFDA) internationally, the need for comprehensive civil-military coordination training for disaster relief operations is more urgent than ever.

More than 100 Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and Marines sharpened their civil-military coordination skills during the Humanitarian Assistance Response Training (HART) course held Sept. 26-29 on Ford Island.

Hosted by the Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance (CFE-DM), the HART course prepares United States military commanders and their staff to respond more effectively during civilian-led humanitarian assistance and foreign disaster response missions.

"Close [civil-military] coordination is certainly essential in an operational en-



(Courtesy photo)

 Capt. Lisa Pearse, M.D., director of Global Health Engagement, Navy Environmental and Preventative Medicine Unit Six, discusses details of a disaster response planning culmination exercise with U.S. Army Soldier.

vironment where many civilians are suffering and facing increased potential for a humanitarian crisis," said Lt. Gen. Bryan Fenton, deputy commander of U.S. Pacific Command, in his opening remarks. "Learning how to coordinate, collaborate, and in the end, share operational space with our civilian counterparts is essential

for the success of a disaster relief mission."

The four-day, operational-level course focused on applying the military planning and decision-making process to the unique circumstances associated with a foreign humanitarian assistance operation. Experts from organizations such as the United Nations Office for the Coordina-

tion of Humanitarian Affairs, World Food Programme and International Federation of Red Cross served as guest instructors to provide guidance and best practices from realworld disaster response cases.

"These are the subject matter experts from their respective agencies," said Capt. Lisa Pearse, M.D., director of Global Health Engagement, Navy Environmental and Preventative Medicine Unit Six.

"They provide us the benefit of their actual experience in those response operations as our civilian counterparts, and by being here, we can meet them and ask them questions. That's a huge benefit."

Participants of the course employ realistic scenarios and existing plans to develop a concept of operations for a joint task force response to a major disaster in the Asia-Pacific region, which they brief on the last day. Case studies, small group practical applications, and role-playing exercises enhance lectures by civilian and military experts.

The HART course is taught a dozen times annually, once on Oahu to U.S. Pacific Command and component command staff; the remaining courses are conducted in Okinawa, Fort Lewis and other locations throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

"It is through efficient and effective coordination that lives are saved and communities can start rebuilding," said Joseph Martin, CFE-DM director.

Blended Retirement System Opt-In training now available to all Airmen

By Kat Bailey

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

10/13/2017 - JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — The Defense Department will implement the new Blended Retirement System next year. While no one needs to make a decision until Jan. 1, 2018, all Airmen should take advantage of training and informational resources to research their options during the remainder of 2017.

Airmen eligible for the new

Blended Retirement System began receiving email notifications in February from myPers to ensure they receive correct information regarding their benefits to make the decision best suited for their individual needs.

The Opt-In course is designed to provide sufficient information for eligible Airmen to make an educated decision about their retirement system. However, Airmen are highly encouraged to discuss their personal situations with a personal financial counselor at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. The Blended System Opt-in Retirement training is available on Advanced Distributed Learning Service under the "Selected Force Training" drop down menu.

Only those active Airmen who, as of Dec. 31, 2017, have served fewer than 12 years, or reserve Airmen who have accrued fewer than 4,320 retirement points, will have the option of electing BRS or remaining in the legacy retirement system. These Airmen will be required to take the Opt-In training and should provide a copy of the training certificate to their Unit Training Manager upon completion.

The Air Force recommends BRS training for all Airmen and encourages them to take the Opt-In course. Many leaders may not be eligible to opt-in to BRS themselves, but still need to be knowledgeable about the new system to understand what their junior Airmen should know as they prepare to make their decisions in 2018. The leader training course is also available to those without a Common Access Card - to include family members - via an alternate website.

BRS information is continuously updated on myPers. Click "Retirement" from any military landing page. In addition, a live chat feature on BRS is available for Airmen. To chat live with a Total Force Service Center representative, go to the page and allow about 30 to 60 seconds to enable a representative to come online.

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EXERCISE FROM PAGE 1



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Omari Bernard)

~ F-15 Eagle crewchiefs from the 67th Aircraft Maintenance Unit watch an F-15 taxi onto the runway during a no-notice exercise Oct. 13 at Kadena Air Base. Kadena Air Base F-15 Eagle crew chiefs train night-and-day in all conditions to ensure that their F-15s are combat-ready.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Quay Drawdy

Capt. Chris Popham, 18th Medical Group medical control center team chief (left), assists Senior Airman Adam Henry, 18th MDG MCC member, adjust the hood of his Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear Oct. 12, at Kadena Air Base. Ensuring all personnel can safely wear all of their MOPP gear prepares Airmen to use it in the event their environment becomes hazardous.



Medical Group work to provide patients with their prescriptions in Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear during an exercise Oct.12, at Kadena Air Base. Mission requirements don't stop during an exercise. Members continue working while observing standards and procedures they would follow in an emergency.

Airmen from the 18th

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

By Senior Airman Quay Drawdy

18th Wing Public Affairs

10/13/2017 — The 18th Wing conducted a no-notice exercise Oct. 11 through 13, at Kadena Air Base.

Units conducted training in Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear during the exercise. Members wore the equipment during normal and exercise-related operations and varied their level of protection throughout the training to maintain their efficiency in keeping themselves safe.

"Team Kadena worked hard to make this exercise a success and I'm proud of their dedication to the mission," said Lt. Col. Alexander Haddad, 18th Operations Group vice commander. "While the team did very well, we were able to identify areas for improvement."

Individual units were responsible for ensuring all proper actions and precautions were taken throughout the exercise. Scenarios specific to each organization, such as the medical group administering first-aid, were conducted to give members a better understanding of what would be expected of them when responding to crises.

"The medics adapted really quickly to the stress and the exercise was a great learning environment," said Maj. Richard Caballero, 18th Medical Group Wing Inspection Team lead. "I think we learned a lot and should do exercises like this more often."

While local exercises help support and maintain Kadena, units within the U.S. Pacific Command work together to

maintain a secure and stable environment through their continued support of individual, joint and bilateral missions and training.

"We conduct training such as this to ensure we are prepared to react quickly and effectively by providing responsive forward-based air power to counter any threat to the regions peace and stability," said Haddad. "I am confident that our Airmen are committed to their critical role in the region and are ready to maintain peace in the Pacific."



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COMPACAF showcases alliance, advances in interoperability at Seoul ADEX

By Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

10/16/2017 - SEOUL, Republic of Korea — Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, Pacific Air Forces commander, spoke of the strength of the U.S.-Republic of Korea alliance amid regional tensions at the 20th International Aerospace Symposium Oct. 16.

"The North Korean nuclear weapons and missile development program is truly a threat to us all," he said. "While the United States will always seek peace over war, we remain poised to defend our ideals, our allies and those who help preserve these international rules and norms."

The symposium is one of many events taking place as part of the biannual 2017 Seoul International Aerospace and Defense Exhibition, or Seoul ADEX 17, at the Seoul Airport Oct. 17 to 22.

The day-long symposium featured a variety of speakers, all focused on the theme of "The Role of Airpower in a Vulnerable Global Security Environment."

"Although the threats we all face from North Korea are significant, so is our resolve to tackle them together," O'Shaughnessy said. "The capabilities fielded today by the ROKAF [Republic of Korea Air Force] are truly incredible and would prove to be overwhelmingly decisive in a conflict."

Having spent much of his career directly focused on the security environment on the Peninsula, serving as the Deputy U.S. Forces Korea and 7th Air Force Commander prior to his assign-

ment to PACAF, O'Shaughnessy provided a unique perspective on the region. As such, the relationships across air forces are deep and enduring.

"I feel like I have come back home to be with my brothers-in-arms," he said. "Through their leadership, Korea stands ready and able to face any threat."

The general went on to highlight significant advancements in that relationship that have allowed for further Coalition interoperability.

"We are in the process of rapidly advancing our integration with the next general of fighter aircraft, the F-35," he said. "Game-changing, networked technologies like these, combined with our amazing U.S. Air Force and ROKAF Airmen, provide our militaries with the competitive advantage we have today and will continue to need into the future."

By early next year, ROKAF maintainers and pilots will be training to operate the F-35.

Two F-35s and their crews traveled from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, to participate in the week's events, a first for the Seoul ADEX, and further demonstration of the U.S. commitment to the alliance and the safety and security of the region, he said.

O'Shaughnessy went on to acknowledge the great efforts of ROKAF Airmen standing watch amidst growing aggressions and the significance of maintaining strong partnerships in the region.

"The ROKAF has consistently demonstrated it is both ready and capable to meet any adversary. Together, we present



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

→ Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, Pacific Air Forces commander, speaks during the 20th International Aerospace Symposium in Seoul, Oct. 16.

an extraordinary military force," he said. "A diplomatic solution can only be effective when supported by credible military options. Our forces represent that credible military response...we stand ready to confront any challenge. Katchi Kapshida, we go together."

Seoul ADEX is the largest, most comprehensive event of its kind in Northeast Asia, attracting aviation and aerospace professionals, key defense personnel, aviation enthusiasts and the general public alike.

Approximately 200 U.S. personnel will facilitate a cross-section of U.S. military aircraft, which are scheduled for static displays and aerial demonstrations, including the F-22 Raptor, A-10 Thunderbolt II, C-17 Globemaster III, C-130J Hercules, B-1B Lancer, KC-135 Stratotanker, E-3 Sentry, U-2 Dragon Lady, RQ-4 Global Hawk and the U.S. Air Force's latest fifth-generation fighter, the F-35A Lightning II. Additional displays will include a U.S. Navy P-8A Poseidon and a U.S. Army CH-47F Chinook.



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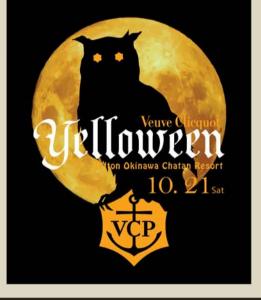
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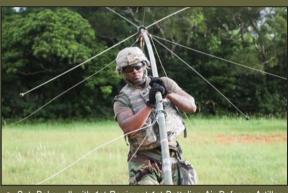


Soldiers with 1st Air Defense Artillery

→ Soldiers with 1st Regiment 1st Battalion Air Defense Artillery, 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, scans the ground with a metal detector in search of possible explosives during a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive scenario on Kadena Air Base, Oct. 17.



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→ Sgt. Bakewell with 1st Regiment 1st Battalion Air Defense Artillery, 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, elevates an OE-254 radio antenna to establish communication to the units command post on Kadena Air Rase, Oct. 17



→ A Soldier with 1st Regiment 1st Battalion Air Defense Artillery, 94th
Army Air and Missile Defense Command, tightens the Antenna Mast
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Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 assumes charge in Western Pacific



Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 4 Command Officer, Cmdr. James Cho (right) receives authority of Camp Shields in Okinawa from NMCB 3 Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Joseph Harder (left) during a Relief in Place/Transfer of Authority (RIP/TOA) ceremony in Okinawa.

By MCC Rosalie Chang

NMCB 4 Public Affairs

10/17/2017 — U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 4 assumed charge of Western Pacific Naval Construction Force operations during a Relief in Place/ Transfer of Authority ceremony on Camp Shields in Okinawa, Oct. 14.

NMCB 4 Commanding Officer, Cmdr. James Cho received authority of Camp Shields from NMCB 3 Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Joseph Harder.

"The past few weeks have been a reminder that it's the people of the organization that drive success," said Cho. "The turnover between both battalions highlighted this further, reflecting a unified team, one naval construction force, working closely together, displaying the utmost professionalism, level of respect and constant demonstration of the 'Can Do' spirit."

In his speech, the guest speaker of the ceremony, Commodore, 30th Naval Con-

struction Regiment, Capt. Jeffrey Kilian, highlighted NMCB 3's accomplishments during their deployment and welcomed NMCB 4 to the area of responsibility.

"The support you provided to the combatant commanders and various task forces has been critical and supports their ability to execute time critical mission objectives," said Kilian. "These commanders rely on the Seabees for your flexibility, technical competence and the famous "Can Do" initiative. I want both battalions to know that your work directly contributes to the defense of our nation and our allies in the region."

A weeklong inspection and review was conducted on all equipment, supplies, projects, facilities and civil engineering support equipment (CESE), prior to the ceremony.

When a battalion deploys, they do not travel with equipment. Instead, all construction equipment and supplies are already at the deployment sites. A detailed turnover must be completed before the incoming battalion begins work.

CESE, including equipment such as cranes and backhoes, undergoes a more thorough inspection, in a process called the Battalion Equipment Evaluation Program (BEEP). BEEP is designed to transfer all knowledge of CESE maintenance operations and techniques to the relieving battalion.

NMCB 3 is redeploying with a comprehensive list of accomplishments including the completion of 33 projects,

valued at seven million dollars in 20 locations across ten countries; and they expended thousands of man-hours maintaining the largest table of allowance in the Naval Expeditionary Force.

"You have made a difference in the Pacific, and you have added your own personal chapter in the legacy of NMCB 3," said Harder. "You embraced my guidance and orders and you have exceeded my expectations."

Cho stated NMCB 4 stands ready to defend whenever and wherever they are needed.

"The current security environment is faster paced, more complex and increasingly competitive." said Cho. "I am humbled and honored to be serving with you. You have inspired me and led throughout our homeport, going above and beyond, to ensure that we set the proper conditions, take care of our Seabees and make a difference during this deployment. We are ready"

NMCB 4 is the forward deployed Pacific NMCB ready to support major combat operations and humanitarian assistance/disaster relief operations and to provide general engineering and civil support to Navy, Marine Corps and joint operational forces. Homeported out of Port Hueneme, California, NMCB 4 has 10 detachment sites deployed throughout the United States and Pacific area of operations, including Diego Garcia, Guam, Japan, the Philippines, Republic of Korea and Timor Leste.



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Kadena's Third annual Veterans Day Parade

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WORLD HERITAGE SITE: THE KATSUREN CASTLE RUINS



Heritage- it is a resource we can use to discover and learn about what happened in the past.

The Katsuren Castle Ruins stand on a hill of Ryukyuan limestone, and is one of the sites where you can see the history of the Ryukyu Kingdom.

The site is well known for having the seat of ruler Amawari from the 15th century, who had fostered a prosperous international trade including Chinese tiles and pottery.

Amawari later attempted to attack Shuri Castle, which led to his defeat and ended with his death.

The Katsuren Castle Ruins were designated as one of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites in 2000 along with eight other Gusuku (castle) sites as "Ryukyu Kingdom Castle and Related Properties."







Hearing

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impaired drivers

should put

this sticker on their

vehicle.

Impaired:

40 marching units; including 1-1 ADA, Commander Fleet Activities, the 320 Special Tactics Unit, Young Marines Pacific Battalion, multiple Air Force units, Boy and Girl Scouts and everyone in between. If you would like to volunteer please contact Tech. Sgt. Jena DeViese email: jena.deviese@ us.af.mil phone: 634-5452 If your unit would like to walk in the parade contact Master Sgt. Lauren Strike at lauren.strike@us.af.mil or call at 634-5475.

ASBP Blood Drive

The 372 TRS/Det 15 will be hosting an ASBP blood drive on October 26th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in building 938. All blood types are needed. Come help support this event and you could possibly save a life.

GIS Day 2017 – Okinawa

Drone demonstrations, GPS activities, mapping displays and apps, and GIVEAWAYS! Join us for GIS Day 2017 to learn about the emerging field of geospatial information technologies. Hosted by GeoFidelis and GeoBase in front of the Camp Foster BX November 15th from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Okinawa City Disaster Preparedness Drill

Okinawa City will conduct a disaster preparedness drill between 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Thursday, November 2. Siren, giant-voice sound may be heard during the subject timeframe. In addition, some schools and welfare facilities will conduct evacuation exercises in the coastal area, so it is advised that you drive with caution to local pedestrians.

Far East Tennis Tournament

The DoDEA Pacific Far East Tennis Tournament will be held on Kadena Air Base at Risner Tennis Courts Oct. 25th - 28th. Kadena High School is the host school for the event. Teams from mainland Japan and South Korea will be participating. Come out and support these High School athletes.

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.

Kadena High School Spanish

program seeking volunteers

The Kadena High School Foreign Language Department is seeking native Spanish speakers to volunteer in some of the Spanish classrooms to interact with students in Spanish. Speakers are needed during the school day (0720-1405) on November 9 and December 8. If interested, please contact Elizabeth Elansari at elizabeth.elansari@pac.dodea.edu.





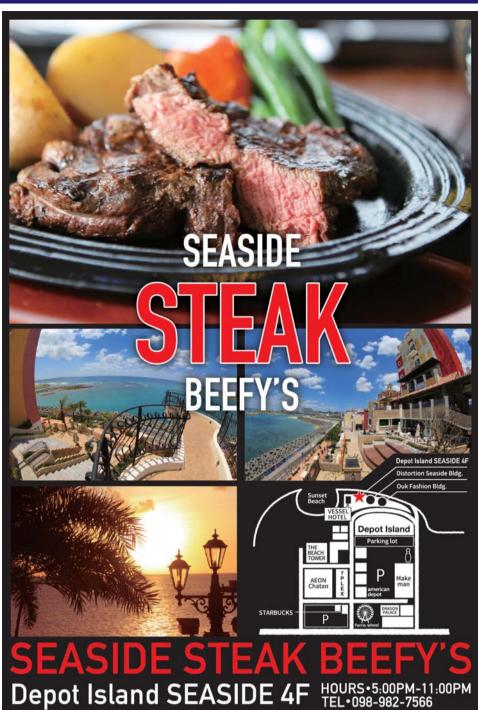














To be held at 6F Event Hall of the RYUBO Department Store (1-1-1 Kumoji, Naha City, Okinawa)
Ticket office:Okinawa Nexiss/Inquiry e-mail: info@samuraigate.jp/1-17-16, Chuo, Okinawa City, Okinawa / Open:10:00~17:00 (Closed on Sat and Sun)