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## RIDE THE LIGHTNING

### Hill AFB F-35A Lightning II's train at Kadena

An F-35A Lightning II from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, taxis for take-off Nov. 16, at Kadena Air Base. The F-35A is being deployed under U.S. PACOM's theater security package program, which has been in operation since 2004. This long-planned deployment is designed to demonstrate the continuing U.S. commitment to stability and security in the region.



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

## Air Force, Navy conduct joint training near Okinawa



A B-1B Lancer assigned to the 37th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, deployed from Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, takes off from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Nov. 16. The U.S. military has maintained a deployed Continuous Bomber Presence in the Pacific since March 2004.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Christopher Quail)

# Air Rapid Response Kit in the Pacific

**By Capt. Jessica Tait**

353rd Special Operations Group Public Affairs  
**11/15/2017** — The 353rd Special Operations Group increased their ability to respond to emerging mission requirements in the Pacific with the recent deployment of the Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) Air Rapid Response Kit (ARRK) Oct. 23-31, at Kadena Air Base and Nov. 1-5, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

“We support real-world contingencies whenever and wherever called upon, so the capability the ARRK brings no longer limits the 353rd SOG to established military bases and brings us closer to the forward edge of the battlefield,” said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Nathaniel Jones, ARRK mission commander and 17th Special Operations Squadron assistant operations officer. “This capability allows us to extend our reach and go where we need to go at any location within the Pacific.”

Special operations forces (SOF) have used the ARRK in U.S. Central Command since 2001, but this exercise marks the tent system’s first employment in the Pacific.

“Though we have had the ARRK in our possession for years, this week-long expeditionary basing exercise is the first time we have forward deployed with the system, fully set-up the operational command and control (C-2) node and bedded down our troops and aircraft for an extended period of time,” said Jones. “Moving from a proof of concept to execution would not have been possible without the 27th Special Operations Wing J-Team and AFSOC’s ARRK program manager, who deployed with our group to assist with construction of the tent system.”

AFSOC civil engineer units known as J-Teams, based out of Cannon Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field, routinely support the inspection and operational use of the ARRK. The ARRK provides a bare basing tent system capable of housing personnel and executing SOF operations from a fully functional C-2 node.

“Guided by the nine-member J-Team from Cannon, our group set-up the ARRK within six hours upon arrival on the Korean peninsula,” said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Marty Cowan, 17th Special Operations Squadron superintendent. “Sixty Airmen from different organizations to include operations, maintenance, civil engineer, communications and logistics worked together to establish a competent command and

27th Special Operations Civil Engineer Squadron J-Team Airmen assemble the skeletal structure of the tent system during the deployment of the Air Force Special Operations Command Air Rapid Response Kit (ARRK) Nov. 1, at Kunsan Air Base. Guided by 27th SOW J-Team civil engineers, 353rd Special Operations Group personnel from civil engineering, maintenance, communications and logistics set-up the ARRK within six hours upon arrival on the Korean peninsula.



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



353rd Special Operations Group civil engineer craftsman guides Airmen on the assembly of the Air Force Special Operations Command Air Rapid Response Kit (ARRK) during the deployment of the tent system Nov. 1, at Kunsan Air Base. As the focal point for special operations aviation activities throughout the Pacific, the ARRK provides the 353rd SOG a bare basing capability for real-world contingencies throughout the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

control capability for a number of aircraft to execute mission requirements.”

Throughout the week-long exercise at Kunsan Air Base, the 353rd SOG worked with the host nation to conduct air operations while testing the ARRK’s ability to support command and control for the U.S. Air Force MC-130J Commando II and MC-130H Combat Talon II.

“We normally support our aircraft

operating in the Pacific from Kadena Air Base, but the forward deployment of the ARRK to Kunsan Air Base enabled us to provide C-2 from the Korea peninsula,” said Cowan. “We remain focused on the threats in the Pacific, but we also see the tremendous value the system will bring to any humanitarian assistance, disaster relief (HADR) contingency. The success of the ARRK has enabled the 353rd SOG

the ability to deploy and operate in any austere environment anytime, anyplace, anywhere.”

The 353rd SOG is the focal point for special operations aviation activities throughout the Pacific. The group plans and executes general war and contingency operations using advanced aircraft, tactics and techniques to infiltrate, exfiltrate, resupply and support SOF.



Col. Jason Kirby, commander of 353rd Special Operations Group utilizes the Air Force Special Operations Command Air Rapid Response Kit (ARRK) command and control (C-2) node to conduct a video teleconference with Special Operations Command Pacific leadership Nov. 2, at Kunsan Air Base.

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# 31st and 33rd RQS showcase abilities



▲ A member of the 31st Rescue Squadron provides rides to attendees of the 2017 Rescue Fest, Nov. 18, at Kadena Air Base. Airmen demonstrated rescue capabilities of the 31st and 33rd Rescue Squadrons during Rescue Fest, an annual event held to educate members and their families on rescue tactics.



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

▲ A member of the 31st Rescue Squadron performs a fast-rope exercise from an HH-60G Pave Hawk during the 2017 Rescue Fest, Nov. 18, at Kadena Air Base. Members of Kadena and their families came out to watch demonstrations and learn from the 31st RQS Airmen about their mission and the training they do.

◀ Members of the 31st Rescue Squadron perform a demonstration of life-saving techniques during Rescue Fest, Nov. 18, at Kadena Air Base. Rescue Fest gave the public a look at the training and possible scenarios the 31st RQS members may respond to.

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# 39 Airmen inducted as NCOs



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## By 18th Wing Public Affairs

11/20/2017 — Team Kadena welcomed 39 newly promoted staff sergeants to the NCO tier during an induction ceremony at the Keystone Theater Nov. 17.

Kadena Air Base leadership hosted the ceremony as part of an all-day seminar that covered various topics concerning the transition from Airman to NCO. The Team Kadena NCO inductees are:

- Staff Sgt. Alexander Brouwer, 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron
- Staff Sgt. Anthony Heath, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron
- Staff Sgt. Any Hobbie, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron

- Staff Sgt. Ashton Stewart, 18th Munitions Squadron
- Staff Sgt. Benjamin Lalime, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron
- Staff Sgt. Bianca Alcantara, 18th Aeromed Evac Squadron
- Staff Sgt. Brandon Marvel, 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- Staff Sgt. Brittney Park, 18th Medical Support Squadron
- Staff Sgt. Clemente Velasco, 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- Staff Sgt. David Sweet, 18th Munitions Squadron
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# Hill's F-35A and airmen mastering first Pacific deployment

By **Donovan K. Potter**

388th Fighter Wing

**11/19/2017** — More than 300 men and women of the 388th and 419th Fighter Wings and 12 F-35As are conducting business for the next six months on the subtropical Japanese island of Okinawa during a deployment known as a Theater Security Package.

Their business is to fly the F-35A, integrate with Kadena Air Base's F-15Cs and other assets and demonstrate the continuing U.S. commitment to stability and security in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region—and they're excited to do it.

"We were very excited to find out we were coming here," said Lt. Col. "Scout" Johnston, 34th Fighter Squadron commander. "It's a wonderful place with wonderful people and the facilities are excellent. The airspace is phenomenal. This allows us to have great training opportunities and integration with other Air Force assets as well as with the Navy and Marine Corps and hopefully with the Japanese Self-defense force. So, we are excited to be here."

Maj. Daniel Toftness, Assistant Director of Operations for Hill Air Force Base's 34th FS, said this TSP took months of planning and is a little different than the others that have staged at Kadena since 2004, as this is the first time the Air Force's version of the F-35 has deployed to the Pacific.

"It's a little bit of a game changer," he said. "We're increasing the capability since we're bringing 5th generation assets. It's the first time the F-35A has deployed for an extended length of time. We have learned some lessons along the way on how to do that, but this is really a big first for us. It's a great opportunity to integrate with all the other platforms here, and it's

An F-35A rolls along the Kadena Air Base parking ramp toward the flight line Nov 15, headed for a training mission during the Hill airmen's Theater Security Package deployment.



(U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)

a great opportunity to reassure our allies of the US commitment to the region.

Col. Jason Reuschhoff said careful planning and good people executing the plan is making this a successful deployment and is what will continue to sustain it through the duration.

"The constant variable is always the people," he said. "The people have been phenomenal from the time we started planning this. It's the ingenuity, initiative and the dedication of the 300-plus professionals who are here and are making it happen. It takes a lot to put something like this together. The logistics part of this whole thing is probably the most challenging. Getting everybody in the right place at the right time is what can hang operations up, and our people made it happen."

Okinawa is the perfect location for the F-35As and Hill airmen to operate because it's a different environment than where they work in Utah.

"Back home, we only have F-35s, so our integration opportunities with other platforms are limited," Toftness said. "Now, out here with the F-15s and all the other assets throughout the region, we are going to get a lot more opportunity to do those things. It's really good training when we get with those other platforms. Also, our training back home is primarily over land and out here it's completely over water. Every piece of airspace over here is over water."

The expectations on what can be accomplished on this deployment revolve largely around flying with the 18th Wing's F-15Cs and coalition partners.

"The integration that the F-35 can facilitate is a big piece in what makes this aircraft so capable," Rueschhoff said. "The opportunities to do that with the F-15 in an air superiority role is huge. Ultimately, if we're able to work coalition engagements and integration, that allows us to fly with other Air Force assets and our coalition partners, it will be a huge benefit to our TSP success."

Johnston said another benefit of the TSP is the ability to work closely with the maintenance and support team, who have continually kept jets in the air here.

"Maintenance has done a tremendous job, he said. "We flew the first day we could possibly fly a plane here, and we have flown every line. I am really impressed with the whole team, maintenance and Lockheed support have been outstanding."

Rueschhoff thanked the 18th host wing at Kadena for being very receptive, helpful and accommodating, and he has no doubts for success because people in every position understand the importance of the mission on this first F-35A TSP deployment.

"I know things will go smoothly, he said. "All the way from the commander to the youngest lieutenant, including the officer in charge of maintenance, down to the youngest airman. Everyone is extremely professional and they understand the significance of what they're doing. The tactical and strategic importance is not lost with any of our folks. This is not just another temporary duty."

U.S. PACOM's Theater Security Package deployments to the Indo-Asia-Pacific region have operated since 2004. This long-planned deployment is designed to demonstrate the continuing U.S. commitment to stability and security in the region.

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# SOC PAC commander visits the 353rd SOG



U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Daniel Yoo, commander of Special Operations Command Pacific (SOC PAC) addresses Airmen from the 353rd Special Operations Group during a visit Nov. 8, at Kadena Air Base. The SOC PAC commander and senior enlisted advisor provided an in-depth exchange on operational efforts in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region during the leadership forum.

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



U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Shane Shorter, senior enlisted advisor of Special Operations Command Pacific (SOC PAC) addresses Airmen from the 353rd Special Operations Group during a visit Nov. 8, at Kadena Air Base.



Airmen assigned to the 353rd Special Operations Group listen to U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Daniel Yoo, commander of Special Operations Command Pacific (SOC PAC) describe the operational efforts in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region Nov. 8, at Kadena Air Base.

# Air Force announces continuation pay rates

**By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs Office**

11/27/2017 - WASHINGTON

— Air Force leaders recently announced the Air Force's continuation pay rates which are part of the new Blended Retirement System.

Continuation pay is a way to encourage Airmen covered by BRS to remain in the Air Force since it will be possible to leave with some retirement benefit prior to 20 years of service.

The system is a blend of a 20-year retirement and contribution plan that allows service members to contribute to a Thrift Savings Plan account that is transferable after separation from the military.

"Continuation pay is a one-time direct cash payout, like a retention bonus," said Lt. Gen. Gina Grosso, deputy chief of staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services. "Members will receive continuation pay at 12 years of service in return for a commitment of four years of service."

For active duty Airmen the payment rate is 2.5, times monthly basic pay. For the Reserve component Airmen to include, Guardsmen and Reserve, the payment rate is 0.5 times monthly basic pay, as if on active

duty. For Reserve component Airmen on active Guard and Reserve orders, the payment rate is 2.5 times monthly basic pay. The rates and parameters for paying CP will remain in effect until changed.

"Modernizing the current retirement system into the BRS will ensure that the vast majority of uniformed service members receive a portable government retirement benefit," said Daniel Sitterly, acting assistant secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. "It will help make the uniformed services more attractive to new generations of American citizens by providing a retirement annuity with options on how to shape their retirement benefit."

The BRS was enacted into law in the Fiscal Year 2016 National Defense Authorization Act, and will go into effect Jan. 1, 2018. All currently serving members are grandfathered into the current military retirement system. However, those with fewer than 12 years of service as of Dec. 31, 2017, or Air Force Reserve component members with fewer than 4,320 retirement points may choose to "opt in" to the BRS during the designated opt-in period from Jan. 1, 2018, through Dec. 31, 2018.

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# JMSDF Commander of Fleet Air Wing 5 visits Patrol Squadron 8



Sailors assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 8 take a group photograph with service members from the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force, in front of a P-8A Poseidon aircraft at Kadena Air Base, Nov. 17. Patrol Squadron 8 is currently deployed to the 7th Fleet area of operations conducting missions and providing Maritime Domain Awareness to supported units throughout the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jerome D. Johnson)



## Okinawa 2017/2018 deployment



(U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class Benjamin Stevens)



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 headquarters company, prepare for a Command Post Exercise by setting up Base-X shelters for the command operation center, Nov. 16. The intent of the 2 day exercise is to establish command, control and communications and train and evaluate personnel in a real world environment.

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# Gen. Brooks visits Kadena

U.S. Army Gen. Vincent Brooks, United States Forces Korea commander, greets members of the 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment Nov. 17, at Kadena Air Base. Brooks has been in command of the USF-K since April 2016, and visited Kadena as part of an Okinawan tour.



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



U.S. Army Gen. Vincent Brooks, United States Forces Korea commander, walks from a meeting at the 390th Intelligence Squadron Nov. 17, at Kadena Air Base. Brooks has been in command of the USF-K since April 2016, and visited Kadena as part of an Okinawan tour.

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# Kadena Air Base Community Notes

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## 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 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.

## 18th MDG Clinic Closures

The Kadena Air Base clinic will be closed on the following dates this year: Dec 21 (MDG Training Day) - Closed 12 - 4:30 p.m. / Dec 25 (Christmas Day) Closed All Day / Dec 26 (5th AF Family Day) Closed

All Day. The 18th Medical Group is responsible for ensuring the 18th Wing's medical readiness in support of the United States' and Japan's mutual interests. In keeping with this mission, the Kadena Clinic will be participating in 18th Wing upcoming exercises. During exercises, our normal patient care and clinical services (pharmacy, lab, immunizations, etc.) will be impacted, as the clinic will be closed for one day during these exercises (exact dates subject to scenario). 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 630-4565, Staff Sgt. Larissa Palmer at 630-4504, or Ms. Melissa Cook at 630-5050.

## Post Office Closures and News

### Holiday Hours:

Finance: Dec 25 - 26 - Closed / Jan 1 - 2 - Closed

Parcel Pick-up: Nov 27 - Dec 29 / Mon - Sat: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Dec 25 - Closed / Jan 1 - Closed

### Family Day Parcel Pick-up Hours:

Dec 26, Jan 2: 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.

### Post Office Holiday Mailing Deadlines

From the U.S. to Kadena, mailing timeframes

Cutoff dates for delivery by Dec 24 / Space Available Mail - Nov 11 / Priority/First Class Mail - Nov 30 / Express Mail - Dec 9

From Kadena to the U.S. mailing timeframes

Cutoff dates for delivery by Dec 24 / Space Available Mail - Nov 18 / Priority/First Class Mail - Nov 30 / Express Mail - Dec 14

## Operation Warmheart

There's bounty on the table, my friends have drawn near. We're gathered together, to give thanks here. If you would like to help sponsor a family in need, please 'pluck' a \$25 gift card off the Commissary Turkey. Drop the card in the Operation Warmheart Treasure chest near checkout. For every \$25, we'll match it! Taking care of Team Kadena Families is what we do (Sponsored by Operation Warmheart and the Kadena First Sergeants). For any questions or for more information contact Master Sgt. Jamie Newsome at [jamie.newsome@us.af.mil](mailto:jamie.newsome@us.af.mil)

## Bioenvironmental Engineering Gas Mask Fit Testing Date/Time Change

Bioenvironmental Engineering will now be conducting Gas Mask Fit Testing on

Thursday of each week from 0730-0930 walk-ins. Located in building 428 across from the Schilling Community Center. If you are deploying or going TDY within 30 days and require a fit test please call 634-4752.

## Okinawa WIC Position Open

Choctaw Staffing Solutions (CSS) has a position available at Okinawa Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Overseas: The position requires the applicant to be a Registered Dietitian/Registered Nurse/Home Economist/Physician Assistant. Requires a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition, Dietetics, Nursing (RN/BSN or RN with AA degree) or a degree in Home Economics with an emphasis in nutrition. Experience with WIC and/or experience with the Maternal/Child population is desirable. Good computer skills required. Must be U.S. citizen and have a current driver's license. For consideration, please e-mail your resume and cover letter to: [jobs@wicoverseas.net](mailto:jobs@wicoverseas.net) or fax to Margaret Applewhite @ (210)525-1398 or you may mail your information to the address: Choctaw Staffing Solutions / Attn: WIC Overseas 70 NE Loop 410, Suite 400 San Antonio, TX 78216 / Ph: (210) 341 - 3336. Choctaw Contracting Services is wholly owned by the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

## 2018 Okinawa Marathon registration

Registration application forms for the 2018 Okinawa Marathon and 10K Road Race scheduled for Sunday, 18 Feb 2018, will be available at the Risner Fitness Center till 8 Dec for all interested SOFA status personnel. Registration will close when the prescribed number of applicants is reached, and will be determined by Okinawa City officials. Participants must be age 16 or older. Entry fees are in YEN ONLY and are NON-REFUNDABLE. Fees

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# What's Okinawaetcetera?

## THE ULTIMATE OKINAWAN PORK BRAND, "AGU"

Pork is one of the essential ingredients in Okinawan cuisine.

For example, the "Soki" in Okinawan soba is pork rib. Also, popular menu items in izakayas such as "Mimiga," "Tebichi," and "Nakami" are pig ear, feet, and intestine respectively.

It is said that "Okinawan people eat every part of a pig, except for its cry."

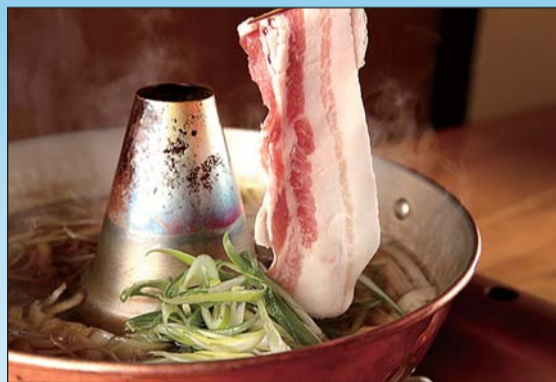
This saying expresses how much pig parts are used in Okinawan cuisine.

Out of the many brands in Okinawa, "Agu" is the most popular and rich tasting pork.

Agu has a long history and it is said that it was first imported from China 600 years ago.

A full grown Agu weighs approximately 100 kilograms, and is quite small compared to the pigs bred in Western countries. It is highly valued because of its slow growth rate.

Although its highly valued, it is very popular because of its soft quality meat and sweet, flavorful fat.



Compared to other pork, Agu has a high level of marbling. The fat of Agu has a low melting point and the meat melts in your mouth.

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Agu is highly nutritional, very healthy, and good for beauty- an ideal pork product.

It is also expected to have fatigue recovering effects, so please try some during your visit here in Okinawa.



**Okinawa Travel Info**  
Tourist information for Okinawa, Japan



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# Hai Sai! Chanpuru Time

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.38 December is "SHIWASU"

師 (teacher/master)

走 (Run)

SHIWASU



As December approaches, it is one of the most festive and busiest months of the year. In Japan, an old name for December is "SHIWASU". This literally means teachers or priests run. There are many theories of the origin of "SHIWASU". One of them is that December is so busy that even priests have to pray on the run!!

for the full marathon are 5,000 yen for ages 16-18 or older than 65; and 6,000 yen for all others. Fees for the 10K race are 2,200 yen for ages 16-18; and 3,700 yen for all others. For more information, please call the Risner at 634-5128/5129.

**Temporary Help Wanted**  

**Santa needed on December 22nd - 25th, 17:00 - 22:00 for Sam's Restaurant Group. Will pay ¥10,000/day. Please call Darin (9:00-18:00) at 098-933-6644 for more information.**

**Early Childhood Ministers needed for the Contemporary Worship Service, Gospel Worship Service, and Traditional Worship Service**  
 The Chapel has started solicitation from Nov 27 to Dec 11 for Early Childhood Ministers. There is only one contracted position per worship service. Early Childhood Ministers needed for the Contemporary Worship Service, Gospel Worship Service, and Traditional Worship Service Basic Specifications and/or qualifications include: contractor must be an adherent to the Protestant Christian faith and be living a life consistent with the morals and ethics of the Protestant Christian faith; contractor must be skilled at directing, training and employing volunteers in order to provide teachers for all necessary children's classes during assigned events; 2 years of experience in children's education in a school, daycare or church environment is preferred. A demonstration of skills is not required. Obtain a copy of bid documents at Chapel Two, Bldg. 425 from Nov 27 to Dec 8, 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. 425, 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 Dec 11 NLT (1300) hours. Basis of Award by which the individual is elected will be Best Value. Requirement for contractor background check(s) for position(s) involving contact with children below 18 years age, as directed by DoDI 1402.5. Any other relevant information includes, please go to Chapel Two, Bldg. 425 to pick up a full statement of work description and requirements.

**Chelvims Animal Garden**  
 This is a No Kill, Nonprofit Animal (dogs and cats) Rescue Center in Ishikawa, Uruma-city. Money donations/Volunteers are welcome. New or used items for dogs and cats may also be donated: Dog collars / Dog leashes / Dog cages / Cat litter / Pet sheets / Winter clothes/sweaters / Steel food bowl / Dog/Cat food (not expired) The shelter is open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. If anyone would like to donate products but would not like to drive to Ishikawa, please stop by and drop them off Mon - Fri from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. in JOS (Bldg 3382, room 31) with Ms. Tanaka. For more information, please contact Ms. Tanaka at 634-4599.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**Team Kadena Cookie Drive**  
 Spread the love and provide cookies to Team Kadena dorm residents! Cookies can be dropped off in disposable trays Dec. 6, 0700-1600 at the following locations; The Schilling Community Center, Chapel One, Karing Kennels parking lot, USO, and Air Power Café (Hosted by Team Kadena and the First Sergeants Council). For questions contact Master Sgt. Benitez 634-7907 or crystal.benitez@us.af.mil


**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**  
**Ryukyu Middle School Seeking Volunteers**  
 Ryukyu Middle School seeking volunteers on Dec 9 7:50 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Volunteers will assist students in school assignments. LOA's will be given to all volunteers. For further information please contact Ms. Lee A. Mik at Lee.Mik@pac.dodea.edu or 634-4849.

**Kadena High School Seeking Native Spanish Speakers**  
 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 (7:20 a.m.-2:05 p.m.) on Dec 8 at Kadena High School. If interested, please contact Elizabeth Elansari at elizabeth.elansari@pac.dodea.edu.

**Kadena Tax Center Volunteers**  
 The Kadena Tax Center needs volunteers for the upcoming tax season and we need your help. Kadena has one of the best tax programs in the Air Force. Last year, Kadena Tax Center Volunteer Tax Advisors (VTA) helped prepare over 2,200 returns, saving service members over \$417,000.00 in tax preparation fees. This is a great benefit for Airmen and their families, but as you're aware, this "FREE" service cannot be offered without help from the VTAs.  
 - Each VTA is required to attend a 5 day IRS training (unless they have been a VTA within the past 2 years) and work 20 days in the tax center during peak season (Jan - June 2018). The work days can be accomplished by working 1 day every week or a block(s) of consecutive days.  
 - IRS training: This will be provided, 8-12 Jan 2018; Volunteers need a laptop for training.  
 - Volunteers do not need tax experience as training will be given. Individuals with prior experience are highly encouraged to volunteer.  
 - DEADLINE: Initial cutoff: Dec 8 Submit VTA names to Capt. Gabriel Bush at DSN 634-3300 or email: Primary: 18wg.jagenerallaw@us.af.mil or Alt: Gabriel.bush.4@us.af.mil.

**Post Office Volunteers**  
 The post office is looking for volunteers for the holidays. Volunteers must be 16 or older and are required to attend a postal training session. Training will be conducted every Tuesday in November starting at 9 a.m. For more information on volunteering, contact Staff Sgt. Nolan Geiser at nolan.geiser@us.af.mil or call 634-2329/4458.

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4-Dec	1100-1800	Butler Express	Old Spices
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5-Dec	1100-1400	Torii Express	Nukumi Kitchen
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Samurai Gate's hot pick of the latest island goings-on  
**Ryukyu Lantern Festival 2017-2018**



This is the third edition of the Ryukyu Lantern Festival, a romantic event featuring thousands of Chinese lanterns adorning the premises of Murasaki Mura. Located in Yomitan Village, Murasaki Mura is a popular cultural theme park where a typical Ryukyuan townscape from the 14th and 15th centuries is reproduced. Entertainment is scheduled for every night of the entire two-and-a-half-month-long festival, and food stands featuring dim sum delicacies including pork buns as well as Okinawa soba and yakitori (Japanese skewered chicken) can be found in the Tenshi-kan area, where they will recreate the world of the movie "Sen to Chihiro no Kamikakushi" (Spirited Away). A variety of stage entertainment, including classical Ryukyuan kumi-odori dance and live music performances, along with projection mapping and more fun awaits you!

About 5,000 lanterns, including some featuring work by prominent Okinawan woodblock print artist Naka Bokunen, will be displayed at Murasaki Mura. The Yomitan Akari Festival is scheduled to be held simultaneously at several locations in Yomitan Village, which will also be beautifully lit up by lanterns.

**Ryukyu Lantern Festival 2017-2018**  
**Date:** Dec. 2 (Sat), 2017 - Feb. 25 (Sun), 2018 **Time:** 18:00-22:00  
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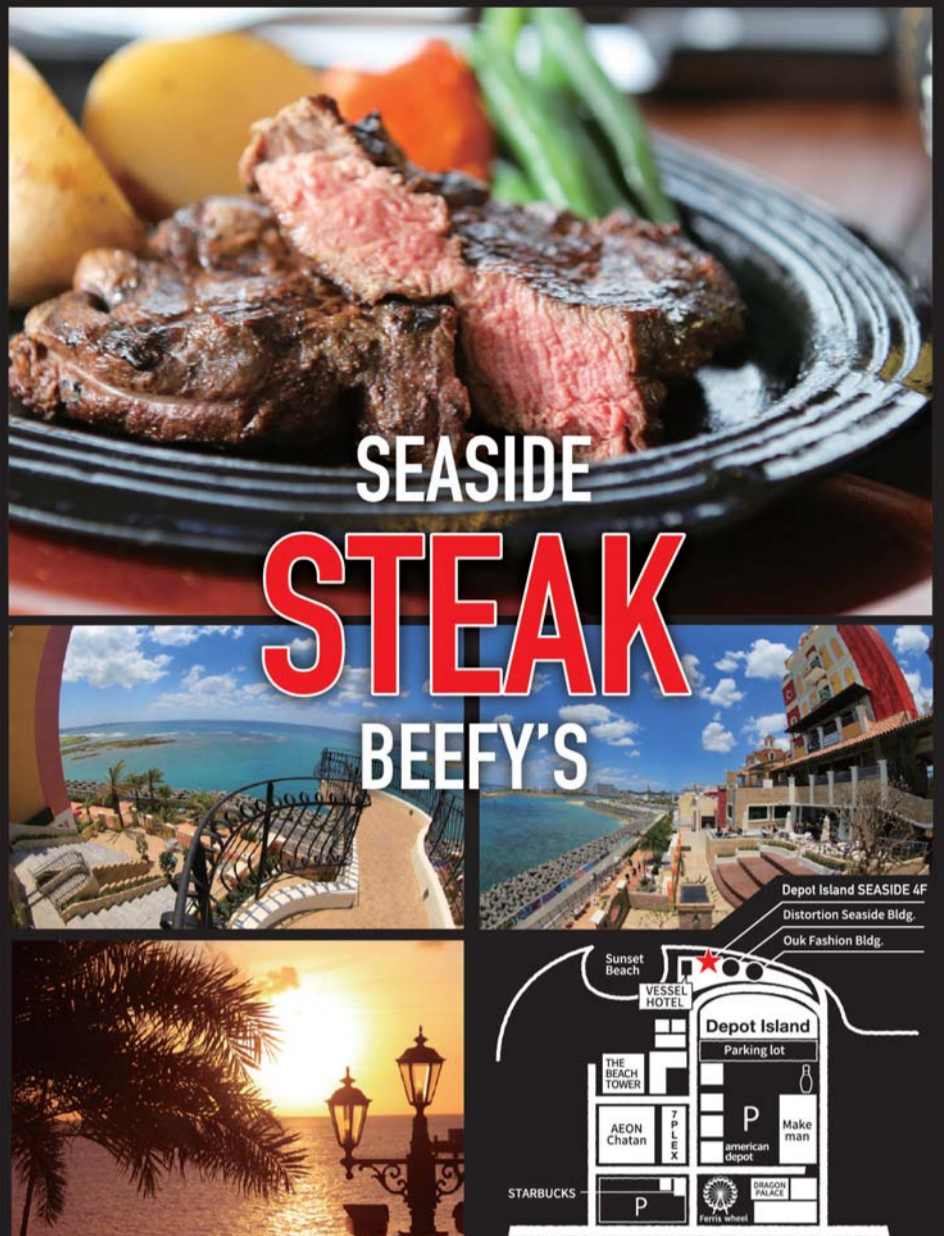
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