



# Hill F-35A Lightning IIs begin deployed operations at Kadena



An F-35A Lightning II from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, taxis for take-off at Kadena Air Base, Nov. 7. The F-35A is deployed under U.S. Pacific Command's theater security package program, which has been in operation since 2004.

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

## By 18th Wing Public Affairs

11/3/2017 — Twelve U.S. Air Force F-35A Lightning IIs and approximately 300 Airmen from the 388th and 419th Fighter Wings, Hill Air Force Base, Utah, arrived here for the aircraft's first operational deployment to the Indo-Asia-Pacific region Nov. 2.

This is the first time the F-35s have deployed as part of a planned U.S. Pacific Command Theater Security Package.

Two of the twelve aircraft, as well as many of the Airmen supporting the deployment, arrived Oct. 30 after participating in the Seoul Aerospace and Defense Exhibition 2017.

The deployment provides the region with the most advanced fifth-generation fighter, capable of a variety of operations including access to the global commons, active defense and power projection.

"The F-35A gives the joint warfighter unprecedented global precision attack capability against current and emerging threats while complementing our air superiority fleet," said Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, Pacific Air Forces commander. "The airframe is ideally suited to meet our command's obligations, and we look forward to integrating it into our



An F-35A Lightning II lands on Okinawa, Nov. 2, at Kadena Air Base.

training and operations."

The F-35s deployment offers unique opportunities to integrate various forces into joint, coalition and bilateral training across many different environments.

The TSP program – which began in 2004 – is designed to routinely showcase

the continuous commitment of the United States to stability and security within the Indo-Asia-Pacific region by deploying aircraft, personnel and equipment that bolster existing U.S. forces.

Theater Security Package deployments are conducted on a rotational

basis by Air Force fighter or bomber squadrons and can vary depending on mission and the combatant commander's requirements.

Theater Security Package deployments enhance the strength of alliances without the need to build vast infrastructure.



# Kadena Special Olympics builds friendships



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



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1. Takuto, Kadena Special Olympics athlete, lights an Olympic torch with the help of his father, Masayuki, and Tech. Sgt. Derek Miller, brave buddy volunteer, during the 18th annual KSO Nov. 17, at Kadena Air Base.
2. Special-needs athletes and family members walk through a cheering crowd during the event.
3. Kenji Kina, a KSO athlete, runs with his volunteer towards the finish in a 200-meter dash during the event.
4. Aimi, KSO athlete, holds her arms out to catch a basketball during the event.
5. KSO athletes and their brave buddy volunteers race for first place in the wheelchair dash event.
6. Participants race toward the finish line during the 50 meter dash at the event.
7. KSO volunteers, family members and participants show their game day spirit after finishing sporting events.

## By Senior Airman Jessica H. Smith

18th Wing Public Affairs

11/4/2017 — Despite the impending rain, athletes, volunteers and spectators gathered at Kadena Air Base, to be a part of the 18th annual Kadena Special Olympics, Nov. 4.

The event, first established in 1999, was created by the commander at the time to break down barriers and bring athletes, families and volunteers from all over Okinawa together as one team.

The KSO consists of athletes from 29

schools and 28 special-needs workshops as well as volunteers from both the American and Japanese communities on the island. The event has grown from a mere few hundred athletes to nearly 1,000 participating in this year's competitions – exponentially increasing in size after almost two decades.

The event is made up of many different athletic competitions such as tennis, softball, basketball, soccer and multiple track runs – from a 100 meter dash all the way to a relay.

Before events begin the athletes are

paired with a “buddy.” A buddy is a volunteer who helps and encourages the special-needs athletes while they participate in their many different competitions. Aside from the buddies, many volunteer to act as interpreters to aid in the language barrier.

While many are participating in and cheering on the games, others are putting on a show. Many groups come to perform their talents during KSO and provide entertainment to the athletes and spectators alike.

The KSO is the largest community outreach of the year in the Pacific theater,

but what some may find more impressive than that is the environment created by the games – one of understanding and acceptance for community members with physical or intellectual disabilities.

This event inspires acts of kindness, courage and team spirit for all involved – fostering friendships and building memories between Okinawan and American neighbors, but most notably, provides an opportunity for all communities involved to stand together in support of people with special needs.

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# Airmen share personal tales of resiliency during Storytellers



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

◀ Tech. Sgt. Chris Jones 18th Security Forces defender, shares his story of reaching out to others going through the same hardships during the Storytellers event, Oct. 30, at Kadena Air Base.

▲ U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Scott Pinkham, 1-1 Air Defense Artillery, shares his story of hardship and overcoming loss during a Storytellers event, Oct. 30, at Kadena Air Base.

**By Senior Airman Omari Bernard**

18th Wing Public Affairs

11/6/2017 — Airmen, friends and family from across the base gathered at the Weekenders Lounge to listen to stories of their fellow Airmen during a Storytellers event Oct. 30.

“Storytellers was created as an avenue for Airmen to come and tell their stories of resilience, warrior ethos, and triumph over hardship,” said Tech. Sgt. Brandon Wolff, 18th Wing Professional Military Education instructor.

Originally created in 2013 at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, the Storytellers program has since spread to other installations across the Air Force. It gives

attendees a chance to meet someone that may have gone through similar struggles but overcame through resiliency.

“All too often we sit in front of a computer with fluorescent lights and get lost in the glow of a monitor while clicking through a slideshow, and we don’t really get any meaning out of it,” Wolff said. “This is a chance for us to come together and get that raw face to face interaction with someone that really has overcome these obstacles.”

According to Tech. Sgt. Shane Gunter, 18th Wing Professional PME instructor, Storytellers is about building resiliency through understanding hardship. During the event, representatives from the chapel corps, mental health and other agencies were there if anyone listening wanted to

reach out for help.

“This program is about military families taking care of military families,” Gunter said. “I think it’s important to understand that we have resilient Airmen in the Air Force. We have Airmen teaching Airmen resiliency skills and these individuals that experienced hardship and learned to cope with it on their own are using these resources already.”

While Storytellers is an Air Force program, it’s open to everyone on Kadena and is not Air Force or enlisted exclusive. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend to share or listen to stories.

“You don’t have to be a great storyteller to be allowed to tell your story, it’s about the message. This is our first event

and we’re trying to ensure it gets off the ground,” said Tech. Sgt. Michael Ortiz, 18th Wing PME instructor. “It’s not going to spread itself so we implore everyone to share the word about the program and look forward to the next event.”

Stories told at Storytellers can be about anything ranging from weight loss to suicide, it doesn’t have to be related to the military, explained Gunter.

“We had a multitude of people show up to this event to support the people that are in this program,” Gunter said. “There are people willing to listen to what they have to say and they want to learn and know people are there for them. I think that’s what this program is all about – it’s about Airmen supporting Airmen.”

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# 18th Wing 3rd Quarterly Awards Winners



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## By 18th Wing Public Affairs

11/6/2017 — The 2017 third quarter award ceremony for 18th Wing was held at the Keystone Theater, Nov. 3.

Congratulations to the following award winners.

### The 18th Wing award winners are:

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# President talks to troops at Yokota Air Base

By Terri Moon Cronk

Defense Media Activity

11/5/2017 - WASHINGTON — U.S. and Japanese service members standing shoulder to shoulder have made Yokota Air Base one of the most capable operational bases in Japan and in the world, President Donald J. Trump said in a troop talk there, today.

The president has embarked upon an Indo-Pacific trip of numerous nations such as Japan, China, Vietnam and the Philippines. But, “there’s no single place I’d rather begin my trip than right here with all with you, the incredible men and women of the United States military [and] your amazing partners, the [Air Defense Command of the Japan Air Self-Defense Force],” Trump said.

Japan is a treasured partner and crucial ally of the United States, he said, adding his thanks for “decades of wonderful friendship between our two nations.”

### A Critical Center

Yokota Air Base serves as a critical center for coordination between American and Japanese commanders as they plan their

missions, the president said.

“For almost 60 years, the military alliance we see on this base has endured a cornerstone of sovereignty, security and prosperity for our nations, this region and indeed, the entire world,” Trump told the audience.

“Today we pay tribute to that legacy — a legacy you protect and grow each and every day,” he said.

### The Best People

The United States dominates the sky, the seas, land and space, the president said, not just because America has the best equipment, but because it has the best people.

Each service member embodies the warrior creed, Trump said, adding their devotion, prowess and expertise comprise the U.S. military as the fiercest fighting force in world history.

“As long as I am president, servicemen and women who defend our nation will have the equipment, the resources and the funding they need to secure our homeland, to respond to our enemies quickly and decisively,” he said, “and when it’s necessary to fight, to overpower and to always ... win. This is the



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Donald Hudson)

President Donald J. Trump speaks to service members and their families during a Troop Talk, Nov. 5, at Yokota Air Base. President Trump spoke to the importance of the friendship between the United States and Japan.

heritage of the American armed forces, the greatest force for peace and justice the world has ever known.”

### Peace, Strength

Free nations must be strong nations and the United States welcomes their allies’ renewal of their commitments to peace through strength, the president said. “We seek peace and stability for the nations of the world, including those right here in this region.”

Like their predecessors,

today’s service members are brave warriors who are the last bulwark against threats to the dreams of people in America, Japan and across the world, Trump said.

The U.S. military comprises the greatest hope for people who desire to live in freedom and harmony, and they are the greatest threat to tyrants and dictators who seek to prey on the innocent, he said.

“As Americans celebrate Veterans Day this month, we

honor all who have sacrificed to make peace and stability possible,” Trump said, adding the United States pays tribute to every proud American who has worn the uniform and served the nation.

“Today, many nations of the Indo-Pacific are thriving because of the sacrifices made by American service members and our allies,” the president said, “and because of the sacrifices all of you continue to make each and every day.”

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Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Dennis Castro signals to launch a U.S. Marine Corps amphibious assault vehicle (AAV) assigned to Amphibious Assault Vehicle Company, Combat Assault Battalion, from the well deck of the amphibious dock landing ship USS Ashland (LSD 48) during exercise Blue Chromite.

U.S. Marines board a CH-53E Sea Stallion Oct. 31, aboard Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Okinawa in support of Blue Chromite 18.

**By Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jonathan Clay**

**11/7/2017 - PACIFIC OCEAN** — The amphibious dock landing ship USS Ashland (LSD 48) departed Okinawa, Nov. 4, after completing of a series of amphibious operations as part of Exercise Blue Chromite 18.

Blue Chromite is a joint field training exercise held annually between all U.S. military services, though primarily focused on the Navy and Marine Corps, to strengthen naval integration and tactical proficiencies in amphibious warfare.

Ashland embarked nearly 300 Marines with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment (1/3) who have been deployed to Okinawa for several months from

Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

The two services worked together to coordinate an amphibious assault, Nov. 2, which culminated the exercise. The amphibious assault featured 12 amphibious assault vehicles landing on a beach in Okinawa and an assortment of artillery, vehicles and personnel coming ashore via landing craft utility (LCU) - all craft departing from Ashland.

"Coordination with the Navy plays an integral part in successful amphibious operations," said Lt. Col. Jeremiah Salame, commanding officer of 1/3 Marines. "We are grateful to the crew of the USS Ashland for their support of Exercise Blue Chromite 18."

Blue Chromite 18 was the first time 1/3 Marines have worked with amphib-

ious ships since they have been deployed in theater. Ashland and other ships of Amphibious Squadron (PHIBRON) 11 routinely partner with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), the forward-deployed MEU based out of Okinawa, but had not previously trained with 1/3 Marines.

Despite the unfamiliarity in working together, both units achieved mission accomplishment in executing the amphibious assault by focusing on fundamentals of amphibious operations.

"In a short period of time, we were able to establish a great working relationship, identify mission essential tasks and solidify a plan that would ensure Blue-Green success," said Cmdr. Patrick German, Ashland's executive officer.

German, who has worked with amphibious operations since 2003, said it's beneficial for a crew to treat every exercise as if it were the first.

"The first time you do an exercise you're double checking everything, sometimes triple checking, just to make sure everything is dialed in," said German. "Approach every exercise as though you're doing it for the very first time, no matter how many times you've done it, making sure everyone knows when, where and what the expectations are."

Part of the Amphibious Force 7th Fleet amphibious ships based in Sasebo, Japan, Ashland has been on a routine deployment for the past five months as a ready-response asset for any of conting-

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# Kadena Special Olympics torch run



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

Okinawa-based Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines participate in a formation torch run to Kadena Air Base's Risner Gym to kick off the 18th annual Kadena Special Olympics (KSO), Nov. 3. All four services participated in the KSO, which is an event for special needs athletes to challenge themselves in various Olympic-style events, and inspires courage, teamwork and friendship between the U.S. and Japan.



## NMCB 4 deployment operations commence in Okinawa

**By Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4**  
11/5/2017 — U.S. Navy Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 4 began conducting deployment operations on Camp Shields, in Okinawa, Japan as part of their regularly scheduled six-month deployment.

The Seabees commenced construction on concrete pads, gravel access roads and six K-spans; installing a drainage and seepage system; and demolishing and reconstructing two pre-engineered buildings (PEB).

“Along with moving the PEB’s, we are going to replace all the roofing; we are currently excavating for the footers and gray beams. Once that’s complete we can start pouring concrete,” said Project Supervisor, Steelworker 1st Class Zebulon Nelson. “This mission gives junior troops a chance to work on an actual project site to gain knowledge and training they need to be successful.”

The project gave troops the opportunity to work outside of their rates, gaining skills in other Seabee community ratings.

“The equipment operators are excavating out a pit so we can put new asphalt,” said Builder Constructionman Vincent Gianfala. “I am cross-training and working with the steel workers to form

rebar for the concrete forms. I feel my skills have improved with all the training and practice I had on the form work.”

Homeported out of Port Hueneme, Calif., NMCB 4 has more than 560 Seabees supporting 11 detail sites throughout the United States and Pacific area of operation, including Diego Garcia, Guam, Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Timor Leste and Ulithi.

“We are operating as far west as Panay, Philippines and as far east as Guam,” said NMCB 4 Command Master Chief Jason Holden.

The battalion is also schedule to participate in several joint exercises in the region, to include Cobra Gold 2018 and Pacific Partnership. During these exercises, the Seabees will be working to increase interoperability with the participating nations by working together on a variety of projects.

“We are doing everything from humanitarian operations such as building schools and clinics in the Philippines to mission support facilities on bases,” said Holden.

The battalion arrived early October and formally assumed authority of Camp Shields, relieving NMCB 3 of all duties and responsibilities in the area of

Seebees assigned to NMCB 4, place an NMCB-4 emblem onto Camp Lenhoff's building front during a change of charge ceremony.



(U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician 3rd Class Ji Han)

operation. During the ceremony, NMCB 4 Commanding Officer, Cmdr. James Cho stated NMCB 4 stands ready to defend whenever and wherever they are needed.

Holden further upholds this statement, knowing his Seabees are ready to support the Navy mission in the region.

“It’s challenging, but we are

willing to support the missions that we are here for,” said Holden. “Our Sailors are motivated and ready to do what they need to do to support the Navy.”



(U.S. Navy photo by Steelworker 1st Class Ray Crumity)

▲ **BUSAN, Republic of Korea** - Builder 3rd Class Hanlin (left) and Construction Electrician 3rd Class Ridge (right), assigned NMCB 4 and two Republic of Korea Navy engineers work together to place new paver bricks, Oct. 17.



(U.S. Navy photo by Construction Electrician Constructionman Ashley Concepcion)

▲ **PALAWAN, Philippines** - Lt. Jeremiah Gill, assigned to NMCB 4, constructs lumber forms to create a foundation for a 150-person barracks to be used during future joint military operations and exercises, Oct. 21.

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14-Nov	1100-1800	Foster Troop Store	Old Spices
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 携帯: 080-9372-3606(担当・島袋)  
 資格: 年齢問いません。未経験者大歓迎  
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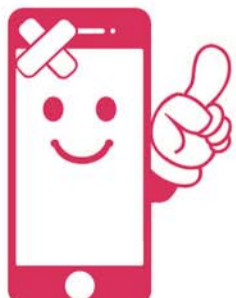
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# Kadena Air Base Community Notes

To submit an announcement for the base bulletin, please visit [www.kadena.af.mil](http://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.

## 18th MDG Clinic Closures

The Kadena Air Base clinic will be closed on the following dates this year.

**Nov 10** (Veteran's Day Observed)

Closed All Day

**Nov 16** (MDG Training Day)

Closed 12- 4:30 p.m.

**Nov 23** (Thanksgiving Day)

Closed All Day

**Nov 24** (5th AF Family Day)

Closed All Day

**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 18 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.

## 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)

## Finance Office Closure

The Finance office will be closed the third Thursday of every month for training. For emergencies please call 080-6487-6969.

## Housing Office Closure

The Kadena DoD Family Housing Office, Camp Kinser Office, Camp Courtney Office, Camp Foster, Furnishing Management Section and Furnishing Management Section Self-Help and Appliance Repair will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day. For emergency assistance, please contact 634-HOME (4663)

## 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)

## 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 Passport photos 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.

## Post Office Closures and News

10 Nov - Veterans Day  
23 Nov - Thanksgiving Day  
25 Dec - Christmas Day  
01 Jan - New Years' Day

### Holiday Hours:

Finance: 27 Nov - 29 Dec / Mon - Sat: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. / 23 - 24 Nov - Closed / 25 - 26 Dec - Closed / 01 - 02 Jan - Closed

**Parcel Pick-up:** 27 Nov - 29 Dec / Mon - Sat: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

25 Dec - Closed / 01 Jan - Closed

**Family Day Parcel Pick-up Hours:**

24 Nov, 26 Dec, 02 Jan: 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Post Office Holiday Mailing Deadlines**

**From the U.S. to Kadena, mailing timeframes**

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

**From Kadena to the U.S. mailing timeframes**

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

## Federal Civilian Employee Health Benefits Open Season

The Health Benefits Open Season runs

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## What's Okinawaetetera?

THE SECRET OF OKINAWA'S LONGEVITY!  
ENJOY VARIETY OF OKINAWAN TEA

When you visit the northern area of Okinawa, you will see tea plantation spreaded through out the skirts of mountain. Variety of teas are cultivated in Okinawa.

The most popular tea out of all is the "Sanpin-cha" (cha means tea in Japanese).

The word "Sanpin" means Jasmine, this tea is a flavored tea where you can enjoy fresh flower scent.

The "Sanpin-cha" is a good match with Okinawan cuisine, and is recommended for hydration on a hot summer day.

Not only it promotes digestion, the scent of flower gives relaxation effects, and very good for fatigue recovery.

A lot of these Okinawan tea has herb and vegetable as its main ingredients, and considered as a "healthy tea". The "Ucchin-cha" is known as one of these "healthy tea".

"Ucchin" is a type of spice called turmeric used for curry.

It contains plenty of antioxidant and minerals, and has many good effects such as hangover



prevention, carcinogenesis and arteriosclerosis prevention.

There also is a tea made from Go-ya (bitter gourd), which is Okinawa's special product.

The "Go-ya-cha" is made by roasting dry sliced Go-ya. It contains plenty of vitamin C and carotene, and it prevents lifestyle related diseases and also effective for diet.

There are other herb teas like "Guava-cha", "Yomogi-cha (mugwort tea)", and "Kumisukuchin-cha (a type of herb called Orthosiphon Stamineus)", we recommend these healthy Okinawan tea for your souvenir.



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.36 SHICHI-GO-SAN Celebration



SHICHI-GO-SAN (seven-five-three) is a Japanese rite of passage celebration for children that turn seven, five and three years of age. Held on November 15th, families visit a local shrine to pray for the healthy growth of the children. Traditional Kimono or formal wear is worn and many families take the children to a photo studio to capture that special moment. CHITOSE-AME (thousand year-candy) is also given in a bag decorated with a turtle and crane to represent longevity.



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



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Like Okinawa Travel Info

from November 13 through December 11, 2017. Mr. Kyle Longton, American Foreign Service Protection Association representative, will brief on the civilian employee open season at 9:30 a.m. on November 6, and at 11:00 a.m. on November 7, 2017. All briefings will be held at the Bruce Scott Training Room, located in building 721-A on the second floor in room 201, near the Civilian Personnel Section. Come out and learn more about the Federal Open Season, including health care, long-term care, dental or vision care options.

**Pass and Registration Visitor's Center Closures**

Both U.S. and Japanese side of the Pass and Registration Visitor's Center will be closed on Nov. 10, Nov. 23 and 24.

**NAF Human Resource Office Closure**

Nov. 23 and 24, 2017, the NAF Human Resource Office in Bldg 723, will be closed from 0730-1630 in observance of Thanksgiving Day and the day after. We will re-open on the following Monday, 27 Nov 2017.

**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 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

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Kadena's Third annual Veterans Day Parade**

Kadena's Top III is hosting Kadena's Third annual Veterans Day Parade, Saturday, Nov. 11, starting at 0900. From Kuter and Douglas to Marek Park. More than 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.

**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.

**Team Kadena 3rd Quarter NCO Induction Ceremony**

On Friday, November 17, Team Kadena will be inducting its newest Staff Sergeants into the NCO Tier. Please come out and celebrate this awesome milestone with our fellow teammates at the Keystone Theater.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**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 December 8, 2017 at Kadena High School. If interested, please contact Elizabeth Elansari at [elizabeth.elansari@pac.dodea.edu](mailto:elizabeth.elansari@pac.dodea.edu).

**Ryukyu Middle School Seeking Volunteers**

Ryukyu Middle School seeking volunteers on Saturday, Nov. 18 & December 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](mailto:Lee.Mik@pac.dodea.edu) or 634-4849. Ryukyu Middle School seeking volunteers on Nov. 29-30. Volunteers will assist the school's nurse in health screenings. LOA's will be given to all volunteers. For further information please contact Ms. Debbie Tomas at [Debbie.Tomas@pac.dodea.edu](mailto:Debbie.Tomas@pac.dodea.edu) or 634-4849.

**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: December 8, 2017

Submit VTA names to Capt Gabriel Bush at DSN 634-3300 or email: Primary: [18wg.jagenerallaw@us.af.mil](mailto:18wg.jagenerallaw@us.af.mil) or Alt: [Gabriel.bush.4@us.af.mil](mailto:Gabriel.bush.4@us.af.mil)

**Tinsel Town Volunteers**

Are you interested in volunteering for Tinsel Town? Please sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4f4aea92ca4f58-tinsel>

**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](mailto:nolan.geiser@us.af.mil) or call 634-2329/4458.

**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](mailto:aaron.wright.15@us.af.mil) or Senior Airman Najera, AADD Vice-President, at [lillian.najera@us.af.mil](mailto:lillian.najera@us.af.mil).

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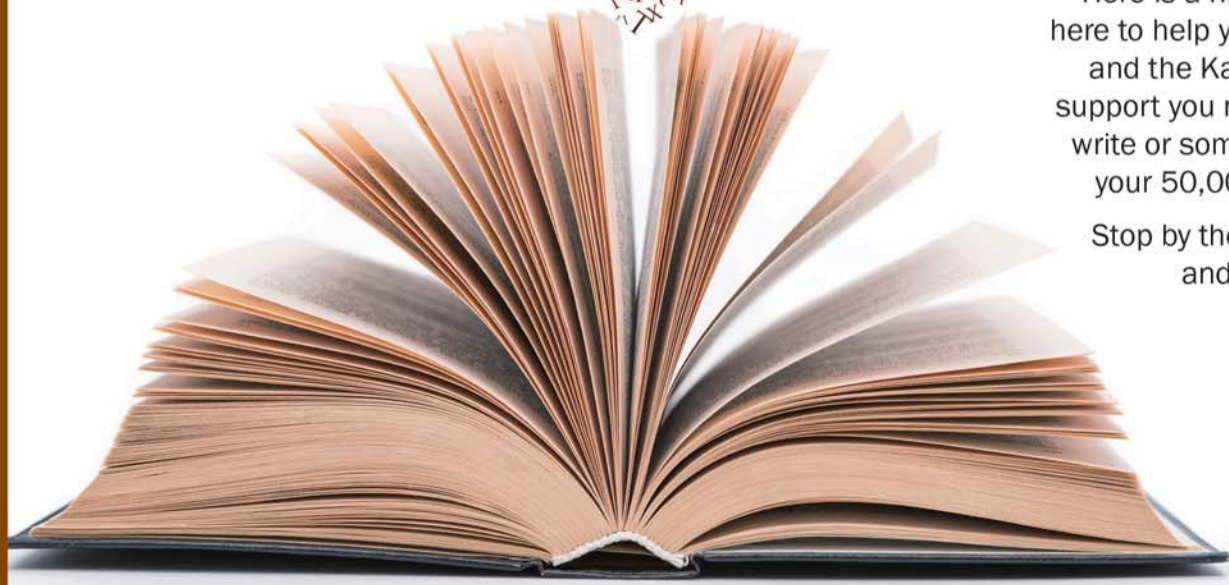
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