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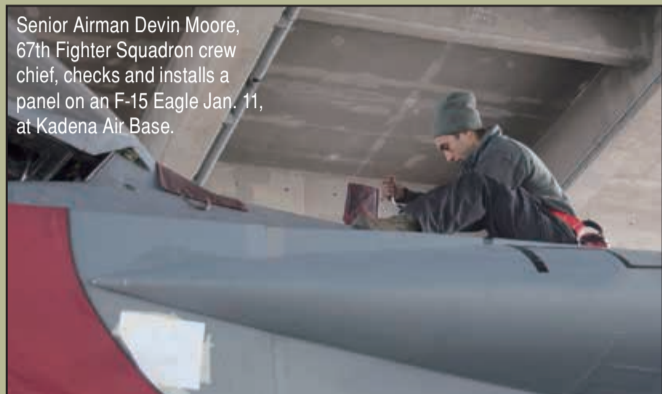


Airmen from the 67th Fighter Squadron check and install panels on an F-15 Eagle Jan. 11, at Kadena Air Base. Dedicated crew chiefs work around the clock to keep F-15s ready to deploy at a moment's notice. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Quay Drawdy)

# Fuel up and power on

## 67th Fighter Squadron conducts maintenance

Senior Airman Devin Moore, 67th Fighter Squadron crew chief, checks and installs a panel on an F-15 Eagle Jan. 11, at Kadena Air Base.



Airmen from the 67th Fighter Squadron run a power-on test on an F-15 Eagle Jan. 11, at Kadena Air Base. Aircraft assigned to Kadena support a variety of missions and exercises throughout the Indo-Asia Pacifica area of responsibility.

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

## Martin Luther King Jr. Day

# A different perspective

By Senior Airman  
Jessica Smith

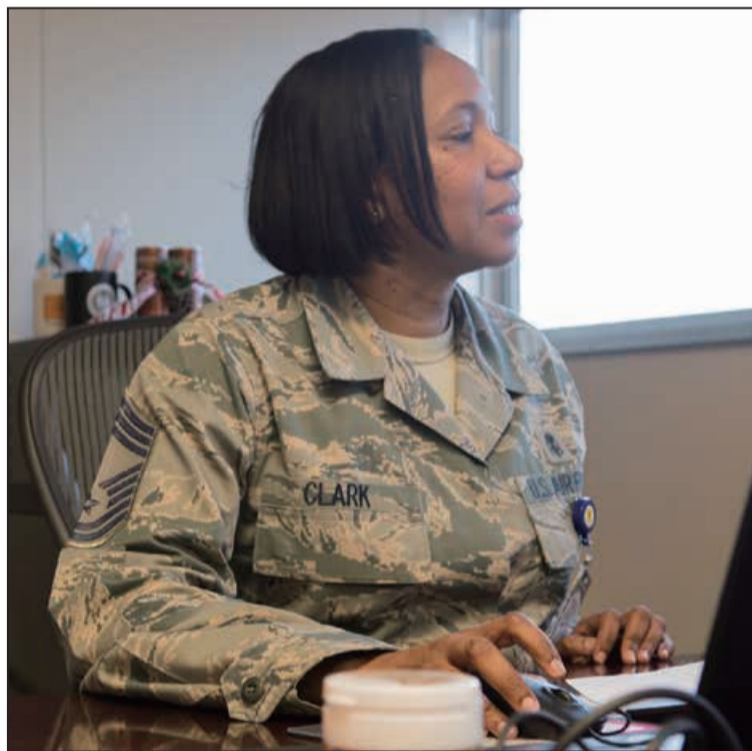
18th Wing Public Affairs

1/12/2018 — Every year, the third Monday of January brings the celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a day representing a call to end racism, the pursuit of true equal opportunity and the famed “I have a dream” speech. For some people, the celebration of King means so much more.

While some may see this as a holiday for people of African American heritage or descent, Coretta Scott King once said, “This is not a black holiday; it’s a people’s holiday.” Dr. King isn’t just an inspiration for those who have experienced racism, but for individuals from all walks of life.

For Chief Master Sgt. Gemma Clark, 18th Medical Group superintendent at Kadena Air Base, Japan, Dr. King is a source of pride – a motivator.

Growing up in the Caribbean Islands, Clark didn’t experience much racism, but after moving to the States at 20 years old and attending a historically black college, her interest in leaders of the



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica H. Smith)

Chief Master Sgt. Gemma Clark, 18th Medical Group superintendent, works in her office Jan. 10, at Kadena Air Base. Clark has a unique and personal perspective on what Martin Luther King Jr. means to her.

civil rights movement peaked.

Her initial interest quickly developed into pride and inspiration

– inspiration to serve her country.

A young individual standing up for what’s right, advocating and

accomplishing change during a time of turmoil, motivated her to join the Air Force.

“As an immigrant, I joined the Air Force because here you have this man fighting for the country – died at 39,” Clark said and then asked herself, “What can I do for this country as well?”

Amongst the many who could’ve inspired Clark, Dr. King stood out the most.

“I know what inspired me,” she said, “He always stood out because of his age and how much he accomplished in that short time – he has and will always be a role model to me.”

Despite the tragic end of Dr. King’s life, his role in the civil rights movement has resulted in great success and encouraged many to continue the pursuit of ending racism. For many in the upcoming generations, racism may just be a thing of the past, another chapter in a history book covering the early sixties, but Clark still sees the importance of knowing who Dr. King was.

“It’s still a part of history, it’s where we come from; you have

to know your history to progress,” she said. “That is a lesson I’ve always taught my son.”

Not only is the celebration of Dr. King’s nonviolent and compassionate accomplishments valuable to Clark’s personal life, but is also just as important to her as a leader in the United States Air Force.

“The Air Force is very diverse and we want to highlight diversity – we recognize and respect all different races – we want to follow his dream that everybody can work together and what a better way to do it than recognize respected leaders,” Clark said.

No matter his race, Dr. King accomplished what some would think impossible in such a short span of his life. Fifty-five years later, taking a day of recognition and reflection for a kind man of extreme undertakings may be just the way to continue on his legacy and further what his dreams set in motion for our nation.

“I love it when all different people celebrate because it’s what’s right,” Clark said. “If you listen to his speech, he said it, he wanted all people to come together.”

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# JASDF General tours F-35A at Kadena



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

**(Top photo)** Japan Air Self-Defense Force members and Airmen pose for a photo in front of an F-35A Lightning II during a tour Jan. 12, at Kadena Air Base. While attending the event, senior officers, warfighters and F-35A experts discussed a range of topics related to integrating the new capabilities of the U.S. Air Force's 5th generation aircraft into multilateral air operations.



**(Left photo)** JASDF Maj. Gen. Koji Imaki, 3rd Air Wing commander, asks questions to F-35A Lightning II air crew flight equipment experts during a tour.

**(Right photo)** JASDF Maj. Gen. Koji Imaki, 3rd Air Wing commander, sits in an F-35A Lightning II during a tour.

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# B-52s return to Pacific for routine Continuous Bomber Presence mission

**By Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs**  
1/16/2018 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — Six B-52H Stratofortress bombers and approximately 300 Airmen from Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, are deploying to Andersen AFB, Guam, in support of U.S. Pacific Command's Continuous Bomber Presence mission.

The Stratofortresses, last deployed to the region in July 2016, will assume responsibility for USPACOM's CBP oper-

ations near the end of January 2018 from the 37th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron B-1B Lancers, deployed from Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota.

During their deployment, the 37th EBS conducted a variety of joint and bilateral training missions with the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, Japan Air Self-Defense Force, South Korean air force and Royal Australian Air Force.

The B-52H's return to the Pacific will provide USPACOM and its regional allies and partners with a credible, strategic power projection platform, while bringing years of repeated operational experience.

The B-52 is capable of flying at high subsonic speeds at altitudes up to 50,000 feet (15,166.6 meters) and can carry nuclear or precision guided conventional ordnance with worldwide precision

navigation capability.

This forward-deployed presence demonstrates the continued commitment of the U.S. to allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific region.

The employment of CBP missions in the USPACOM area of responsibility, conducted since March 2004, are in accordance with international law and are vital to the principles that are the foundation of the rules-based global operating system.



A B-52H Stratofortress bomber taxis after landing at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Jan. 16.

## Air Force saves Airmen time, no longer requires first year evaluations

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

1/6/2018 - WASHINGTON — Air Force officials announced Jan. 4, 2018, Enlisted Performance Reports are no longer required for regular Air Force Airmen in the grade of airman first class and below with less than 36 months' Time-In-Service or Air Reserve Component Airmen below the grade of senior airman.

This policy change supports Air Force senior leaders' focus on revitalizing the squadron and saving Airmen time. It is intended to eliminate an unnecessary administrative requirement and empower frontline supervisors, raters and com-

manders to frequently engage with their Airmen face-to-face, said Lt. Gen. Gina Grosso, deputy chief of staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services.

"While the Air Force values the contributions of all enlisted personnel, the requirement to document performance in a formal evaluation prior to the grade of senior airman is not necessary," said Grosso.

Instead, the Air Force has additional means available to document an Airman's performance and to ensure he or she is meeting the training, developmental and experiential skills required to perform as professional Airmen."

Performance feedback and Airmen Comprehensive Assessments will still be required. Initial feedback sessions will occur within 60 days of raters taking over as supervisors and then every 180 days until an EPR occurs.

The removal of EPRs prior to promotion to senior airman will allow Airmen more time to learn their primary skills and missions before their performance is documented on an EPR, Grosso said.

All active-duty enlisted Airmen will receive their initial evaluation upon reaching their first March 31 Static Close-out Date after either promotion to senior airman, or after completion of a minimum of 36

months' time-in-service, regardless of grade, whichever occurs first. All Air Force Reserve Component enlisted Airmen will receive initial evaluations upon the first March 31 SCOD as a senior airman.

Commanders still retain the option to complete a Directed By Commander evaluation to document substandard performance for those airmen first class and below any time after an Airman reaches 20 months' Time-In-Service. If a Directed By Commander evaluation is written, the Airman will receive a subsequent evaluation the following March 31 SCOD.

More information about the policy change is available at myPers.

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# Air Mobility Command journeys through the Cloud

By Candy Knight

Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

1/12/2018 — Air Mobility Command senior leaders gathered at the Scott Event Center Jan. 8, 2018, for an experiential activity simulating key events of an organization's cloud migration.

As AMC's transition to cloud-based services advances toward completion this spring, an Amazon Web Services team facilitated the event, which was designed to help leaders prepare by focusing on different non-technical issues and key decision points likely develop during the first year of a cloud migration, and how their decisions may affect the overall success of the project.

"The purpose of this event was to bring together Airmen and leaders from across the AMC staff and take them through key decision points organizations will experience during the first two years of a cloud migration," said Lt. Col. Ivan M. Herwick, AMC's representative to U.S. Transportation Command's Cloud Center of Excellence. "Using a case study as a baseline, participants discussed issues and milestones an organization would face, and how best to manage the enterprise migration."

Herwick added there are many potential benefits with transition to a cloud-based service and events such as these help leaders realize them as the migration continues.

"It is beneficial to ensure the executive tier of the organization has an understanding that cloud migration

is not just a technical exercise," he said. "There are many organizational dynamics, budgets and how you process requirements. [Cloud migration] touches every part of the AMC enterprise."

The event was also a chance for senior leaders to work together with an industry partner in learning different companies' best practices and lessons learned during completed migrations. This event was geared toward aiding AMC leaders in building the best strategies for their organization, according to Elizabeth Boudreau, Amazon Web Service's Cloud Executive Advisor.

"The reason why we use an industry case study when we come for these events is so that we are making people think beyond their day-to-day to what other organizations are doing for their best practices," she added.

While the event didn't focus on the technological aspects of the cloud, it did open up a dialogue between different functional areas, offering the opportunity for leaders to gain more diverse perspectives on the impact cloud migration may have on mission success.

"After attending this event, I now have a better understanding of how the change will be implemented and what are some of the issues that may crop up along the way," said Ellery Wallwork, AMC Historian. "Often we see such a change as the responsibility of a specific functional expert, but while that functional expert may be the lead for

## FALLING WITH STYLE Rough Riders conduct air delivery operations



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Tiffany Edwards)

Marines with Air Delivery Platoon, Landing Support Company, 3rd Transportation Support Battalion, wait to board a C-130 at Kadena Air Base, Jan. 10. The Marines with LS Co. conducted air delivery operations as a part of regularly scheduled training at Ie Shima Island, which included cargo drops and personnel parachute jump exercises.

the physical change, each functional area will have to facilitate the cultural and functional change as it relates to the new environment."

Wallwork added he feels that everyone who participated in the event, regardless of their functional area, is better prepared to implement the changes needed to ensure successful cloud migration.

"It's easy to put blinders on and just see our own small piece of the mission," he said. "AMC's success depends on all of us, including industry partners, completing our parts. In addition to our industry partners being in a good position to assist our current mission success, they are also involved in many innovations, such as cloud technology, which can improve our efficiency and effectiveness."



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## Secretary of the Air Force Focus Groups

The Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs team wants to hear your opinion regarding Senior Leader online communications. This is a chance for officers and enlisted of all ranks and AFSCs to tell Senior AF Leaders whether their messages are being received whether by the AF webpage, portal or official social media pages. The goal is to identify any gaps between the wants and desires of Airmen and what is currently being provided when it comes to Senior Leader online communication. Focus groups will take place Feb. 15 with an enlisted (E1-E9) focus group at 9 a.m. and an officer (O1-O6) focus group at 1 p.m. Each focus group will last approximately 90 minutes. If you would like to participate or have questions about the focus groups, please contact Mr. Andre Trinidad at [18wg.papublicaffairs@us.af.mil](mailto:18wg.papublicaffairs@us.af.mil) or 634-3813 before Jan. 26.

## 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.

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## 18th MDG Clinic Closures

The Kadena Air Base clinic will be closed on the following dates:

Jan. 26 (MDG Training Day) Closed All Day  
Feb. 5 (5th AF Training Day) Closed All Day  
Feb. 15 (MDG Training Day) Closed ½ Day  
Feb. 19 (Washington's BDay) Closed All Day  
Feb. 20 (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 may 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 U.S. Naval Hospital on Camp Foster, or by dialing ambulance services at 634-1796 or by cell phone 098-934-5911. 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)

## Kadena MPS Customer Service – Walk-ins only Jan. 22 – 26

For all DEERS updates/CAC/ID cards that need to be created or renewed the Kadena MPS Customer Service office will be on a walk-in basis ONLY from Jan. 22 – Jan. 26 due to the RAPIDS system upgrade. There will be no scheduled appointments during this time. Please plan accordingly. Expect delays or outages. Alternative Options for ID CARD/DEERS Service Schedule Appt @: <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/appointment/default.aspx>

## Chapel Hiring Early Childhood Ministers

The Chapel is now accepting bids for the following Contract Position: Early Childhood Ministers needed for the 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 Jan. 10 to 30 Jan. 30, between the hours of 0730-1630, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays and down days). The Contract Officer's contact information for submitting bids are TSgt Jennifer L. DePrinzio who can be reached at Bldg. 425, [jennifer.deprinzio@us.af.mil](mailto:jennifer.deprinzio@us.af.mil) or 634-2219 and MSgt Kevin T. Chellis who can be reached at Bldg. 425, [kevin.chellis@us.af.mil](mailto:kevin.chellis@us.af.mil) or 634-1288 for questions. Submission and demonstration due date is Jan. 30 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 of age, as directed by DoDI 1402.5. For any other relevant information, please go to Chapel Two, Bldg. 425 to pick up a full statement of work description and requirements.

## Nominations for Volunteer Recognition Awards

The Airman and Family Readiness Center (A&FRC) will host the Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony on April 20, to recognize the contributions and accomplishments of Kadena volunteers in 2017. Nominations for the Volunteer Excellence Award and Angel Awards (seven categories: 1. active duty member, 2. civilian employee (NAF, GS/WG, Contractor), 3. family member (spouse of AD/civilian employee/retiree), 4. retiree (not employed), 5. Youth Angel (youth up to age 18), 6. civilian from the local community (Local National) and 7. Team Kadena (Group/Unit)) are currently being accepted and can be submitted to the A&FRC NLT March 30. Contact the A&FRC for guidance and packages at 634-3366 or email [laurie.lewis.4@us.af.mil](mailto:laurie.lewis.4@us.af.mil).

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**  
**Women's History Month Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteers are needed for Women's History Month from March 1 through March 31. Members who are interested in volunteering, will be the points of contact for planned events throughout the month. We will meet Jan. 18, at 11:00 a.m. at the Schilling (Bingata Room) to discuss potential events. If interested please contact A1C Breonna Lloyd at breonna.lloyd@us.af.mil (Primary POC) or MSgt. La Kisha Tucker at la\_kisha.tucker.1@us.af.mil (Alternate).

**Volunteers needed for 2018 Okinawa Marathon**

Volunteers are needed to provide water and cheer on runners at stations along the base route on Kadena Air Base during the 2018 Okinawa Marathon Feb. 18. Those interested are encouraged to attend a meeting Feb. 8 at 10 a.m. in the Schilling Ball Room (Bldg. 455). If you are going to volunteer as group, you can send one representative to the meeting. For sign-up or more information, email to makiko.miyara.jp@us.af.mil or call at DSN 634-5696.

**Native Spanish Speaking Volunteers Needed At Kadena High School**

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 Feb. 9, March 9, April 20, June 1. If interested, please contact Elizabeth Elansari at 634-1216 or via email at elizabeth.elansari@pac.dodea.edu.

**Volunteers Needed At Amelia Earhart Intermediate School**

Guest Classroom Readers Requested for Black History Month from Jan. 15 - Feb. 15 School volunteers requested to read to students at Amelia Earhart Intermediate School (grades 3-5). Feb.

6, 9:10-10:00 a.m. Selection of books provided, contact POC, Ms. Gatus, sarah.gatus@pac.dodea.edu to sign up, LOA provided.

**Ryukyu Middle School Saturday School Volunteering**

Volunteers needed to assist Ryukyu Middle School students with school assignments. LOAs will be written and given to all volunteers. DATE(s): Jan. 13 and 27. / Feb. 10 and 24. March 10 and 24. / April 14 and 28. / May 12 and 26. / June 2. All classes will be from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information, please contact Ms. Lee Mik at DSN 634-4849 or email lee.mik@pac.dodea.edu

**Seeking Volunteer Weight Trainers**

The Kadena High School football program is looking for volunteers that would like to help with its weightlifting program. Volunteers would be assigned one day a week to come in and monitor the prescribed workout for correct form, effort, safety and motivate athletes through their workouts, helping students write down their weight, sets and repetitions in their logs. The students will be on a prescribed program but extra activities could be added if they finish early or feel that they could benefit from more exercises. Volunteers are needed one day per week for about 60-90 minutes

per day unless the volunteer chooses to do more. The workouts would last from 2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays. The start day is Jan. 8 and ends on May 18. This is a great opportunity for community members to earn volunteer hours and resume experience. If you are interested, please contact Coach Sergio Mendoza, at 634-1216 or via email at sergio.mendoza@pac.dodea.edu. A volunteer packet and background check will be required.

**Come Volunteer At The Wired Bean**

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