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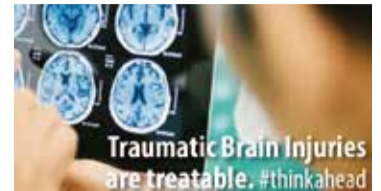
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## Kadena, Okinawa residents share Kyodai Sports Day



Team Kadena volunteers and Okinawa residents start a dodgeball match during a Kyodai Sports Day event March 3, at Kadena Air Base. The sports day is one of many various community engagements to enhance relationships and build friendships among military and civilian populations on Okinawa.

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

# 1-1 ADA fields first operational Dismounted Patriot Information Coordination Central



Delta Battery, 1-1 ADA initiates night operations as the evening sets in.

(U.S. Army photo by Capt. Adan Cazarez)

**By 1st Lt. Matthew Benjamin Li**

1-1 Air Defense Artillery Public Affairs

3/7/2018 — The success of the United States Army is aided by consistent improvement in warfighting equipment. As a forward deployed Patriot Missile Battalion, the 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment (1-1 ADA) continues to protect the force and selected assets from air and missile attack. The addition of the Dismounted Patriot Information Coordination Central (DPICC) increases the Battalion's ability to perform command and control of four firing Batteries currently located on Okinawa.

The DPICC directs identification and engagement orders to subordinate Patriot Batteries. The DPICC provides the ability to relocate the Battalion's Information Coordination Central tactical weapons control system from a vehicle into a collection of transportable cases. This provides the same capabilities of the mounted system, but enables flexibility and maneuver options for Battalions with expeditionary missions.

"Beyond the great capability the DPICC provides to our mission, one of the best aspects of the fielding was the support we received from the higher levels of the United States Army and industry partners," said Maj. Patrick Snyder, 1-1 ADA Executive Officer. "The assistance provided by the Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Capabilities



(U.S. Army photo by 1st Lt. Matthew Li)

▲ Capt. Andreau Wigle, 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Assistant Operations Officer leads the battalion battle staff in phase rehearsal of a training exercise on Kadena Air Base, March 2.

Manager, as well as the fielding team that Raytheon brought forward with the equipment ensured that we were able to seamlessly integrate this great capability."

In order to validate the capabilities of the DPICC, the Battalion utilized a "crawl, walk, run" approach to training. The Battalion executed various exercises involving their Tactical Operations Center, battle staff, and Battery Command Posts in preparation for an upcoming Battalion wide field training exercise.

"We received the DPICC before the

associated manning could be provided, and sourced our crews internally," said Maj. Juan Remy, 1-1 ADA Operations Officer. "Bringing great Soldiers forward from the batteries and training them to direct fires at the battalion level has been challenging, but definitely has shown us the quality of Soldiers we are lucky to work with on the 'Snake Eyes' team."

As the DPICC integrates into the daily battle rhythm, 1-1 ADA continues to spearhead the defense of Japan in the Pacific Theatre.



(U.S. Army photo by Capt. Adan Cazarez)

▲ Soldiers from the Fire Direction Center, 1-1 ADA train on the Information Coordination Central. The Dismounted Patriot Information Coordination Central gives the Battalion flexibility and maneuver in relocating the capability.

"As the Battalion transitions focus from a purely defense of Okinawa to the defense of key assets throughout the Pacific area of responsibility, the DPICC is key to our mission," said Lt. Col. Neal Lape, 1-1 ADA Battalion Commander. "Being the first Army unit to receive the DPICC from production clearly signifies the unique mission our Battalion has. Instead of having to fight in a consolidated footprint, the DPICC allows our Battalion to disperse, with no loss to command and control."

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# U.S., Indonesian air forces kickoff exercise Cope West 2018

By Tech. Sgt. Richard Ebensberger

Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs  
 3/12/2018 - MANADO AIR BASE, Indonesia — Exercise Cope West 2018 (CW18), a Pacific Air Forces-sponsored, bilateral exercise involving the U.S. and Indonesian air forces officially kicked off March 12, with an opening ceremony held at the at Sam Ratulangi International Airport, Indonesia.

CW18 is designed to advance interoperability and build upon already established partnerships between U.S. military forces and Indonesian air forces. The exercise will afford both countries the opportunity to exchange techniques in aircraft generation and recovery, close air support training and air-to-air fighter training, combat search, and rescue, and play host to a subject-matter expert exchange in aircraft maintenance.

“Over the next two weeks more than 250 Airmen from our air forces will exchange tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) for conducting aerial combat,” said U.S. Air Force Col. Jason Cockrum, Cope West 18 exercise director. “This exchange extends from our pilots, maintainers, support personnel, and special operators.”

Approximately 110 U.S. personnel will participate in the exercise along with approximately 150 service members from the Indonesian air force. The exercise will involve approximately 12 aircraft, including U.S. Air Force F-16C/D Fighting Falcon from the 13th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, 35th Fighter Wing based out of



U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, Joseph Donovan Jr., places a patch on a member of the Indonesian air force during the exercise Cope West 18 opening ceremony at Sam Ratulangi International Airport, Indonesia, March 12.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Richard Ebensberger)

Misawa Air Base, Japan, and F-16 fighters from the Indonesian air force as well as Airmen from the 353rd Special Operations Group assigned to Kadena Air Base.

“This will also be the first time Indonesian and U.S. Air Force Special Operations Forces will integrate into Cope West, they will be performing Joint Military Free Fall training and Ground Tactical Air Control operations,” said Cockrum.

Cope West is a recurring exercise that has occurred since 1989. This year will also mark the second time that U.S. fighter aircraft training has taken place in Indonesia in two decades and the sixth time

Cope West has been hosted in Indonesia.

“I enjoy studying history, and especially aviation history, being part of Cope West is very exciting to me. The history of modern combat aviation can trace many of its roots back to this region of the world,” said Cockrum. “More than 80 years ago, Gen. Douglas MacArthur used airpower to accomplish his island-hopping campaign through Southeast Asia. This was an aviation first, today we look back on this effort as the initial foundation for conducting multi-domain joint operations, now it’s a capability that our Airmen provide around the world on a constant basis.”

U.S. forces routinely conduct operations, exercises and training missions with other countries in the Pacific. These regional engagements are focused on improving interoperability and familiarization with allies and partners to safeguard the freedom of the seas and overflight in international airspace, deter conflict and coercion, and promote regional stability.

“The seeds that we sow over the next two weeks during Cope West, are critical to bearing the fruits of strong defense partnership that will promote security, stability and uphold a free and open Indo-Pacific region,” added Cockrum.

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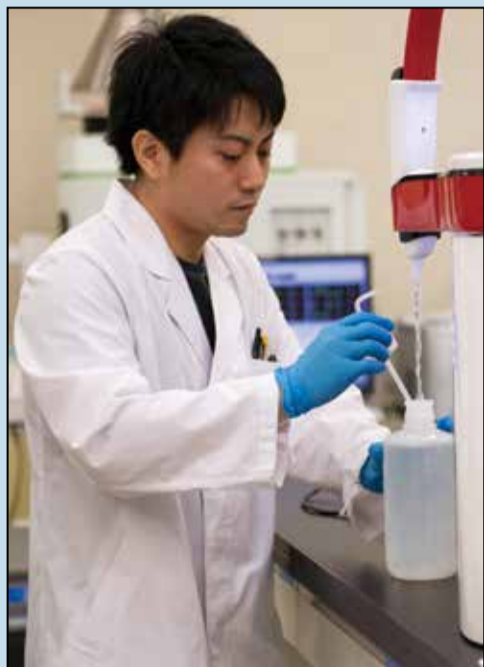
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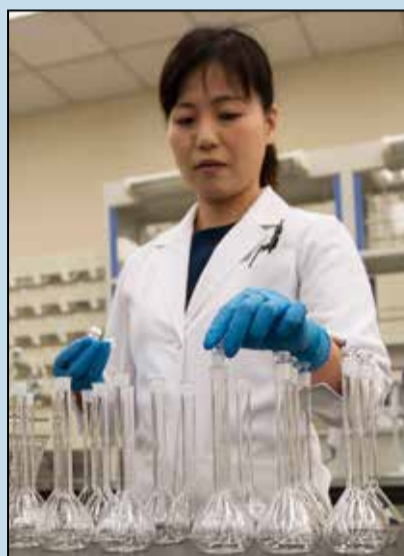
Yoshito Oshiro, 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron preventive medicine flight laboratory services chemist, prepares to clean laboratory equipment March 8, at Kadena Air Base. The lab tests many elements found in the environment of Okinawa, such as water, oil and soil.



Yoshito Oshiro, 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron preventive medicine flight laboratory services chemist, gathers samples to be tested.



Laboratory testing equipment sits on a counter at the 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron preventive medicine flight laboratory services.



Akane Amagai, 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron preventive medicine flight laboratory services chemist, puts away laboratory equipment.

# USS Bonhomme Richard amphibious assault vehicle disembarks at White Beach



(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Elton Charles Wheeler)

An amphibious assault vehicle (AAV), assigned to the 3d Marine Division (MARDIV), disembarks the amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) at White Beach Naval Facility during a personnel and equipment offload following the conclusion of exercise Cobra Gold 2018, March 12, at White Beach, Okinawa. Bonhomme Richard is operating in the Indo-Pacific region as part of a regularly scheduled patrol and provides a rapid-response capability in the event of a regional contingency or natural disaster.

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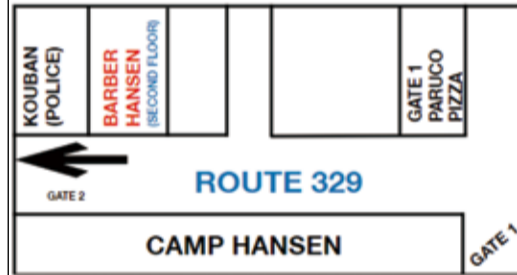
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# Carl Vinson begins bilateral exercise with Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force



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Sailors assigned to the "Black Knights" of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 4 load AGM 114 Hellfire missiles onto an MH-60S Sea Hawk on the flight deck of Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), March 12, at South China Sea.

**By Lt. j.g. Danielle Moser**  
Carl Vinson Strike Group Public Affairs  
3/13/2018 - SOUTH CHINA SEA —  
The Carl Vinson Strike Group began a bilateral exercise with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF), March 11, during a regularly scheduled deployment in the Western Pacific.

Aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) and destroyer USS Wayne E. Meyer (DDG 108) are conducting combined operations with Japanese destroyer JS Ise (DDH 182) to enhance maritime interoperability between longstanding allies.

"Strong maritime partnerships maintain security, stability and prosperity, which the Indo-Pacific region has enjoyed for more than 70 years," said Rear Adm. John Fuller, the strike group commander. "Collaborating with a close maritime partner promotes regional cooperation."

As part of the exercise, four JMSDF liaison officers have embarked Carl Vinson to support combined operations.

The operations will include formation steaming as well as anti-submarine and air-defense training. Ise will also conduct a replenishment-at-sea with Carl Vinson.

The 646-foot Japanese destroyer displaces 18,000 tons and sails with three Y (60 K/J) helicopters. The ship's primary missions include anti-submarine warfare, mine countermeasure, logistics, and search and rescue.

The Carl Vinson Strike Group also includes Carrier Air Wing 2 and a complement of more than 70 aircraft, Destroyer Squadron 1 and guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112).

Michael Murphy conducted a passing exercise with the French frigate FNS Vendemiaire while operating in the Western Pacific and South China Sea in January and February. Sailors practiced communication and shiphandling techniques.

The strike group completed a historic port visit to Vietnam, March 9, which marked the first time an aircraft carrier visited in more than 40 years.

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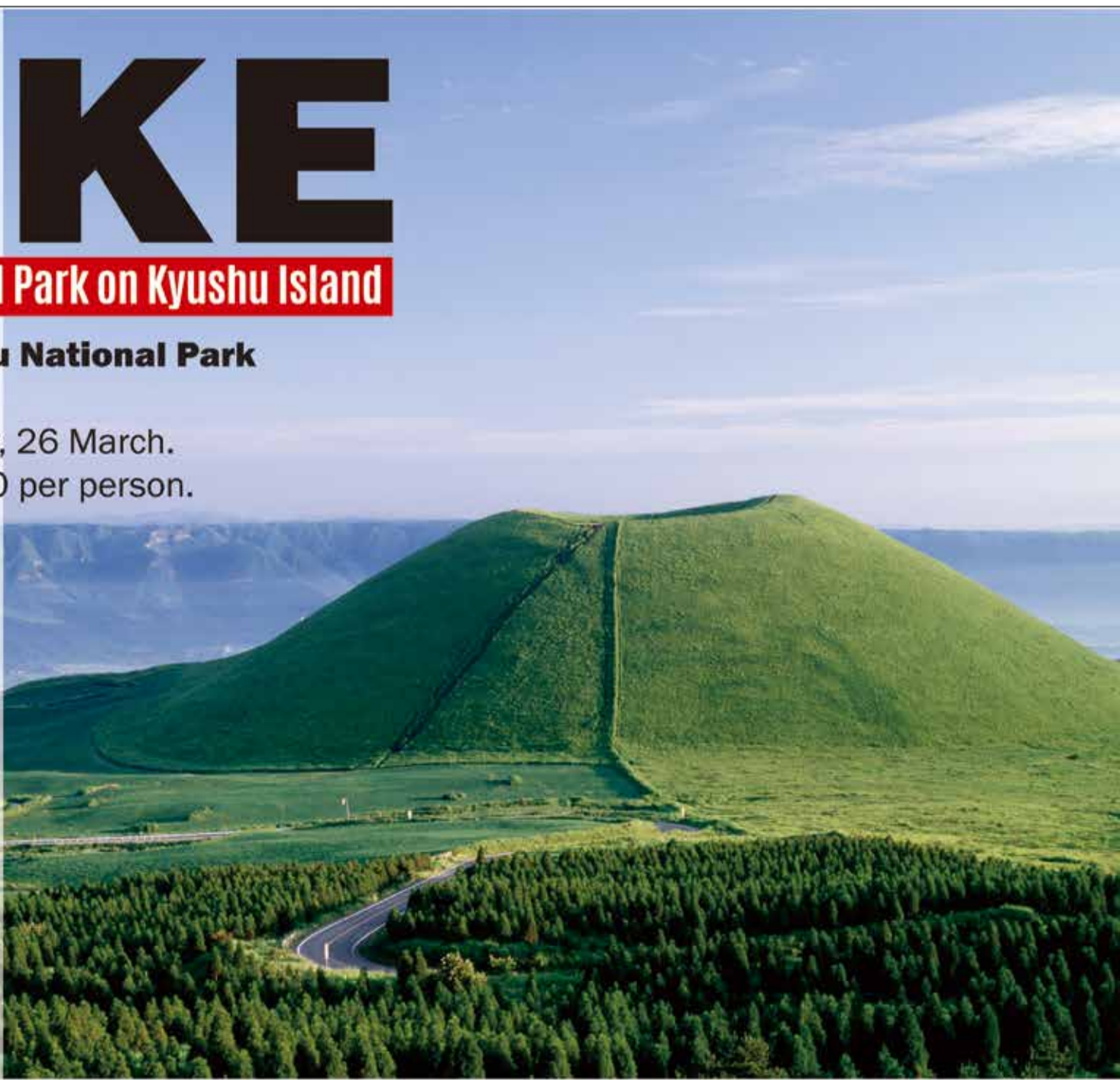
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A photo of the Torii Station Chapel on US Army Garrison Torii Station where non-denominational services have recently resumed.

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## By Robert Purdy

10th Support Group (Regional) Public Affairs  
3/12/2018 - **TORII STATION** — Uplifting sermon and joyous music are once again resonating from the Torii Station Chapel after nearly three years of silence. The chapel, which was used as an auditorium for large military gatherings, briefings and command functions returned to providing one of its primary services - ministry and sharing the word of God.

Through the vision and dedicated hard work of 10th Support Group Chaplain, Maj. Edward Harris and support from fellow Army Chaplains Capt. David Clement, 1st Battalion 1st Air Defense Artillery, Capt. Alfred Matthews, 1st Battalion 1st Special Forces Group and members from the Army community, Soldiers on Okinawa can now take part in services and sermons by their own Army Chaplains right here on Torii Station.

“This building is a sense of pride for the Army chaplains here on Okinawa and resuming services upholds a long standing tradition of spiritual support for

the Army community. For the Soldiers and people that work with the tenth, the feeling is mutual. For our Army community, resuming services is like we are coming home and have an Army place to worship,” said Harris.

Harris explained that due to budgetary constraints, ministry services at the Torii Chapel were unfortunately curtailed. Upon conducting further research and talking to the community on Torii Station, he found that what they wanted were religious resources they could connect with, in the Army language. By restarting services with a new vision and direction, the Torii Chapel is able to fill this void felt by the Army community.

There are about 40 people within the chapel group who are “core” members. In addition to providing music and supporting weekly services, they hold fellowship dinners every Sunday night for anyone who wants to attend and coordinate outreach programs.

The group is currently exploring ways to expand services, plan a vacation bible

school, implement date night programs and mission trips for single Soldiers and enhance community relations with our host community by sponsoring on base events.

The Torii Station Chapel currently holds non-denominational services every Sunday from 1700 – 1800 followed by a fellowship dinner until 1900.

“I’d like to welcome everyone in the community to our chapel. The larger Army community on Okinawa, the single Soldier, family members, those who work on Torii Station and those who have access to the base. We will feed you physically, spiritually and emotionally,” said Harris.

The Torii Chapel will also be holding an Easter Sunset Service at Torii Beach on April 1 beginning at 1600 hours. The event will feature an Easter egg hunt for kids, a service on the beach followed by a fellowship dinner at 1800 hours. All are welcome to attend. For more information on services and events sponsored by the Torii Station Chapel, please call DSN: 644-4454/4356.

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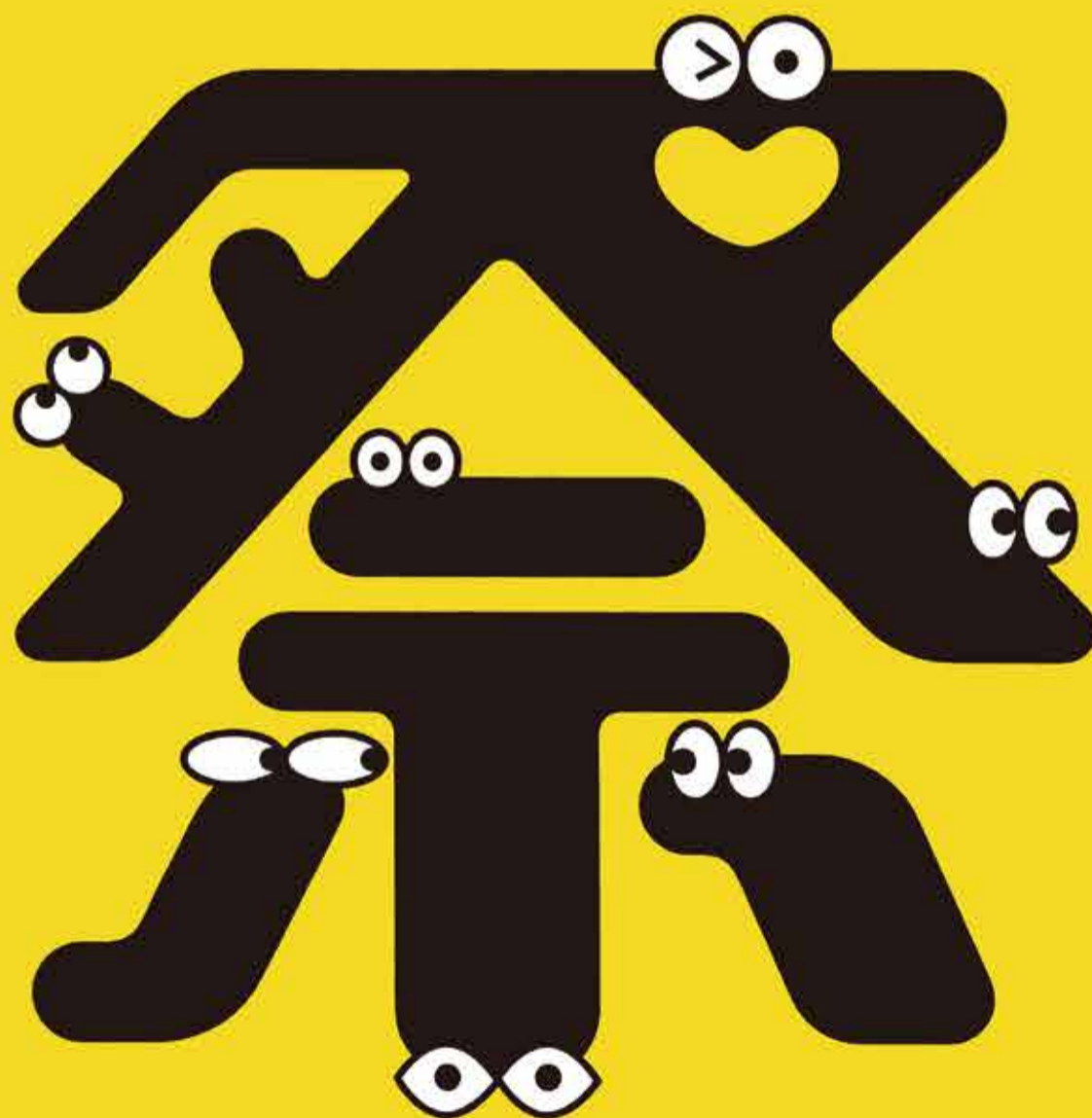
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## AADD: Get Home Safe NOW LOCATED AT THE USO

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## 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.

## Road Cuts on Hampshire Street

Construction is scheduled Feb. 5 - April 14 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Hampshire street and an adjacent unnamed road for installation of electrical and communication conduits.

## Road Cuts on Arnold Ave

Construction is scheduled March 1 to April 14 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Road cut on Arnold ave near intersection of Fairchild ave and Hampshire ave, to install new electrical and communication conduit. One lane of each affected section will be closed, however the contractor will provide flagmen to direct the traffic flow. Any opened trenches after construction operating hours will be backfilled and resume 2-way traffic.

## 18th MUNS Semi-Annual Inventory

The 18th Munitions Squadron will be conducting a 100% inventory of stockpile assets starting on March 17 with a scheduled end date of March 30. During this time, there will not be any transactions conducted unless an emergency request is required. Please contact 18th MUNS Munitions Operations with any questions 632-5233/632-5252.

## Financial Readiness Planning

Schedule an appointment with a Certified Financial Planner to discuss financial goals, budgeting, and investing (TSP/BRS). Contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center (Bldg. 220) at 634-3366.

## 2018 Green Dot Classes Now Available

The 2018 Curriculum has arrived. Starting March 22, 60 min REFRESHERs will be held every Tuesday and Friday at 1 p.m. and every Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 a.m. 90 Min INITIAL Workshops every Thursday at 9 a.m. All classes held in the Schilling Community Center. Holidays are excluded and changes can occur. Class size varies from 15-50 personnel. Those that do not meet the

minimum will be rescheduled and coordinated appropriately. Please register : <https://kadena.eis.pacaf.af.mil/18WG/WSA/SPV/greendottraining/SitePages/Home.aspx>

## TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Select plan information for calendar year 2018

The following changes or improvements to your TRICARE benefits apply for calendar year 2018: TRICARE Select will replace TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra on Jan. 1, 2018. TRICARE Select brings together the features of TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra in a single plan. Enrollees who obtain services from TRICARE network providers will pay lower cost sharing amounts for network care. All current TRICARE beneficiaries will be automatically enrolled in their respective plan on Jan. 1, 2018. TRICARE Prime plan enrollees will remain in their TRICARE Prime plan. TRICARE Standard and Extra beneficiaries will be enrolled in a TRICARE Select plan. Beneficiaries can choose to enroll in or change their TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select coverage during an annual open enrollment period in November-December, 2018 for coverage beginning on Jan. 1, 2019. For calendar year 2019, failure to enroll in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select results in the termination of coverage for civilian care. These beneficiaries who choose to not enroll may only receive care at a military clinic or hospital on a space available basis. However, some exceptions still apply for more information contact TRICARE at 630-4310 Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## UPCOMING EVENTS NCO Induction Ceremony

You are cordially invited to attend this Quarter's NCO Induction Ceremony. It will be held March 23 at the Keystone Theater at 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Please come out and support the new Staff Sgt. Promotees for Kadena Air Base.

## Spring Fling

You have been cordially invited to attend this year's "Dress to Impress" themed Spring Fling hosted by Kadena's Top 3. This event will be a night to

remember with numerous games, great food and music. There will also be a professional photographer for you to collect beautiful memories with your loved ones. Day care will be provided for donations. Cost: \$50 per couple (pairs are encouraged, but individual tickets are available). Tickets on sale until March 23. To RSVP please contact: India Meyers & Joseph Borromeo (315-634-3111), Ronnel Meyers (315-634-6942), Jason Cokley (315-634-6350), or Ryan Celestino & Matthew Alvarado (315-634-6264)

## Blood Drive

On March 19, the 18th Contracting Squadron will be hosting a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Your help can save a life! Please contact Staff Sgt. Lewis Hampton at 634-5839 or Lewis.Hampton@us.af.mil if you are interested in donating or need additional information.

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**Team Kadena Women's History Month Retreat Ceremony**

In honor of Women's History Month, we will be hosting an all-women Retreat ceremony. Women of all branches are invited to participate in this event. Please join our Facebook page Kadena's Women History Month for details about events happening all month long.

**F.A.B. Fair "Females About Business" Fair**

This event is dedicated to the "Ladypreneurs" who have their own products, a service and/or a business they would like to showcase. In order to reserve a table, please sign up through Eventbrite to secure your table. Please join our Facebook page Kadena's Women History Month for details about events happening all month long.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES 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): March 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

**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 April 20, June 1. If interested, please contact Elizabeth Elansari at 634-1216 or via email at elizabeth.elansari@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.

**LGBT Pride Month Volunteers Needed**

The LGBT Pride Month Committee is looking for volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering should come to the volunteer meeting on Monday, April 2 at 3 p.m. in the Equal Opportunity Office Conference Room. If you would like to volunteer but are unable to attend, please contact Tech. Sgt. Kris Johnson at 634-2073.



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**Date & time:** March 25, Sunday, 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
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Saying **"Hello/Konnichiwa, Excuse Me/Sumimasen, Thank you/Arigato"** are always appreciated by providers or just a simple **bow** would also work. Demonstrate **respect** for those you come in contact with.

**Be mindful** of where you can use **your mobile phone**. Your mobile phone should be set at **"manner mode,"** meaning set on vibrate or silent. Talking on the mobile and/or use of your mobile phone may be restricted. All hospitals and clinics should have **signs displaying rules** and preferences. You can download a useful guideline of **mobile usage rules** at Japanese medical facilities here: [www.emcc-info.net/info/pubcom2/2608\\_5.pdf](http://www.emcc-info.net/info/pubcom2/2608_5.pdf)

If you have **other health insurance (OHI)** including **Japanese National Insurance (JNI)**, it must be declared using the OHI form available here: [www.tricare-overseas.com/beneficiaries/claims/other-health-insurance](http://www.tricare-overseas.com/beneficiaries/claims/other-health-insurance). For **JNI holders**, please remember to take the card to the appointment. For all **other beneficiaries with OHI (except JNI)**, please prepare to **pay upfront** and submit a claim for reimbursement.

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**Self-payment** is required for some items that are NOT covered by TRICARE. Examples of these items include: private room upon the beneficiary's request, meals, an extra bed for family or friends to stay with the patient, or certificates (birth/death). **All cash payments** will be collected at the counter (front desk). Not all providers accept **credit card payment**, especially for outpatient fees.

**Remember** to leave plenty of time to arrive to your appointment. The extra time will help you find a parking space and navigate to your scheduled appointment. Punctuality is key.

### DON'T

**Do not be late** for your medical appointment. If you arrive late, you cannot be seen by the provider right away, even with an appointment. **If you need to cancel your appointment, notify International SOS or the provider as soon as possible.** "No shows" can be one of the biggest causes of damaging a good relationship with providers in Japan.

**Do not raise your voice** or yell.

**Do not point fingers** at people.

**Do not record** or take photos in the hospital or clinic.

#### FOR INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Contact your International SOS TOP Regional Call Center 24/7/365 if you have any TRICARE benefit coverage questions or need language assistance!

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