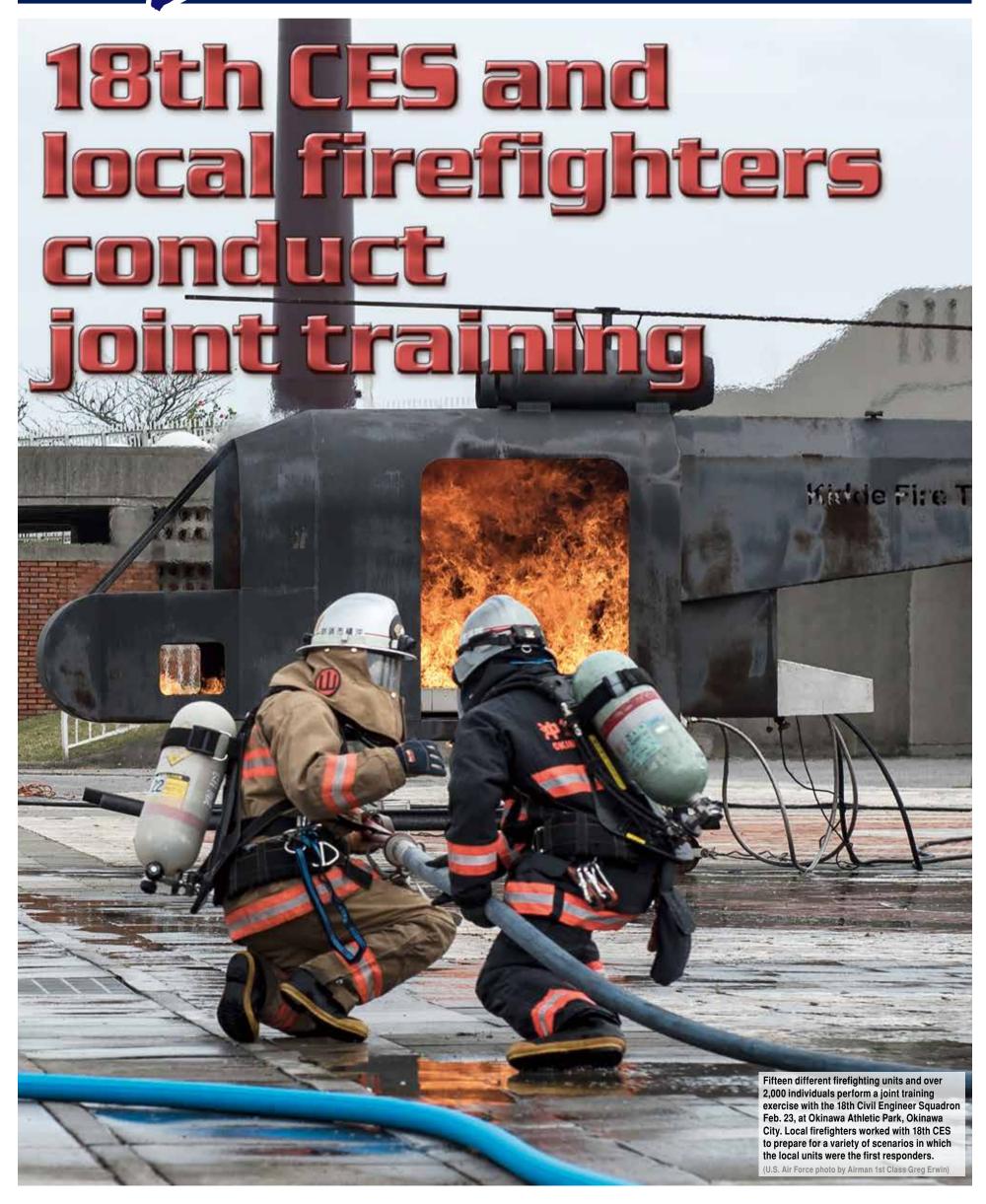
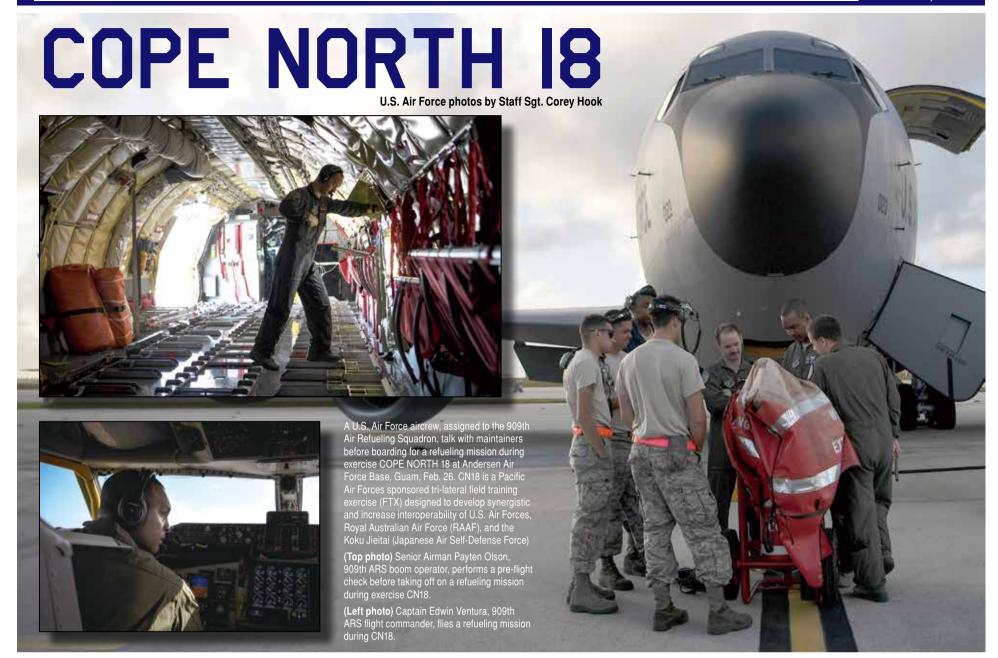




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18th CONS help deliver the goods to Team Kadena

By Airman 1st Class Greg Erwin

18th Wing Public Affairs

2/22/2018 — Every day people go to work, step through the door, grab their tools and start their daily mission. But one may wonder who purchased that vest, or that wrench, or even the pen and paper used to take notes in the weekly meetings? That's where the 18th Contracting Squadron comes through.

"People think this stuff appears out of thin air," laughed Senior Airman Jonathan Andrews, 18th CONS contract specialist. "You can't point out anything that contracting doesn't have a hand in getting for the mission."

While the squadron may not have the glamorized job like that of a pilot, or a gritty, grimy 'dirty job' like maintainers, 18th CONS is crucial to every aspect of accomplishing the Air Force mission.

"We're here to help you get what you need," Andrews said. "We try and keep the mission going, get everyone what they need to be able to do their job properly in the most efficient manner possible."

Without the tools and people to complete the daily tasks, the mission would come to a halt. At a busy base such as Kadena, that's not a viable option. By getting the items needed to prevent hiccups in the mission, 18th CONS show their importance to the fight by keeping everyone else running at full speed.

"30% of the force is contractors – imagine if every third person was missing. There'd be no way we could execute the mission." said Jamaal Valentine, 18th CONS supervisory procurement analyst. "The contractors have become an integral part of what we do, and we need



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

Senior Airman Kield Ross, 18th Contracting Squadron contract administrator, looks over a base map to find a building for a construction contract Feb. 22, at Kadena Air Base. Contracting

people with special skill sets to manage that and protect the United States and its contractual relationships."

Like many other units here at Kadena, there is a contingent of local nationals working side-by-side their military counterparts and civilians from the United States. Due to the small size and isolated location of Okinawa, the connections made in the local community are essential to completing the mission.

"I have to coordinate with the local vendors who may not speak English," said Om Hamamoto, 18th CONS contract specialist. "We have to be able to help the customer understand what we're looking for, and when things don't go well, you have to be able to negotiate and come to a solution."

Every squadron has challenges, and 18th CONS is no different, but when an issue occurs for contracting, it has the



Aurora Salazar-Alas, 18th Contracting Squadron contract administrator, reviews a contract with U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Jesus Hinostroza-Moreno, 18th CONS contracting specialist, Feb. 22. at Kadena Air Base. Without contracting, Airmen would be unable tocomplete the mission with proper equipment, as every purchase must be made through a contracting officer.

potential to affect every other mission.

When purchasing supplies to keep the mission running, the limitations of companies as an option becomes apparent.

"Okinawa is a small island with limited resources," said Master Sgt. Jose A. Hernandez, 18th CONS section chief acquisition flight. "We only have a few big contracting companies that can provide us with everything we need on island – and companies from mainland Japan are unable to move a small section of their business here as an option."

When every single thing has a tie-in to contracting, the result of their efforts is undeniable around Kadena. Everything from lawn care around the base, to construction of a new building and local nationals working at Risner Fitness Center, contracting truly is a base-wide – and in Kadena's case – an island-wide force multiplier.

"Contracting is a team sport," Hernandez said. "We can't do it without the support of our customers, those in finance, our contract administrators and contract officers. When we have cooperation with those parts, things go a lot smoother and a lot quicker."

When deciding to order that next chair for an office, or heavy machinery for a construction project, make sure to thank the local member of 18th CONS for helping complete the mission regardless of the career field.

The next time that crucial bolt arrives on time, or new computers come in for a technology refresh, remember who handled the logistics, red tape, and made sure it arrived on time.

"Bring us your problems, and we'll find a solution," Valentine said. "As the Seabees say, 'The difficult we do immediately, the impossible takes a little longer."





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REMEMBERING THE FALLEN 1st SOS performs STRAY 59 memorial flight

By Staff Sgt. Matthew B. Fredericks

18th Wing Public Affairs

2/28/2018 — Members of the 1st Special Operations Squadron visited the crash site of Stray 59 Feb. 26, to drop a wreath in honor for the eight aircrew members and 15 passengers who died there. The memorial flight has been flown by the 1st SOS every year since the crash 37 years ago.

On Feb. 26, 1981, during the crew's last mission of a 16-day exercise hosted by the U.S. Navy SEALS, the crew of an MC-130E with the call sign STRAY 59 worked to extract a joint multination special operations forces team from Naval Air Station Cubi Point, Philippines.

Shortly after loading the passengers and taking off, without any indication of a problem, the STRAY 59 crew made a call to the ground radio station to report normal operations.

Minutes later, a local fisherman witnessed the 1st SOS Combat Talon I crash into the water. One survivor, the electronic warfare officer, was thrown from the aircraft and rescued by a local.

"I think we always need to remember the individuals who came before us, and the sacrifices they made on our part," said Lt. Col. Abraham Friedman, 353rd Special Operations Group pilot. "It also highlights the fact that everyone here is also willing to make that same sacrifice."

Members from the 353rd SOG joined the 1st SOS aircrew to observe and participate in the ceremony for the fallen.

Two of the lost passengers were 320th Special Tactics Squadron combat controllers. Members of the 320th STS attended



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew B. Fredericks)

MARCH 2, 2018

Crew members from the 1st Special Operations Squadron prepares a wreath and flowers to be dropped from an MC-130H Combat Talon II during a memorial flight off the coast of the Philippines Feb. 26.

to drop additional flowers to pay homage to the lost aircrew and passengers.

It was an opportunity to go there and pay respect to the individuals who fell on that day, Friedman explained.

"The STRAY 59 memorial flight is for us to go out and remember those who have fallen," said Senior Airman Nathan Yenke, 1st SOS loadmaster, "And to remember that what we're doing is not small, and it's not just for us."

The 1st SOS members lost Feb. 26, 1981, during the STRAY 59 crash were Maj. James Kirk, aircraft commander; Capt. Norman Martel, co-pilot; Capt. Thomas Patterson, navigator; Capt. Gregory Peppers, navigator; Tech. Sgt. Stephen Blyler, radio operator; Tech. Sgt. Barry Chumbley, loadmaster; Tech. Sgt. Gary Logan, loadmaster; and Staff Sgt.

The 15 passengers lost were: From the U.S. Air Force and the 320th STS Senior Airman James Bach and Senior Airman David Bingaman From the U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Glenn Bloomer, and Airman First Class Kyle Wells. From the U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Danny Janecki, Staff Sgt. Patrick Estel, Staff Sgt. Davis Hagen and Sgt. Bryan Broadwater. From the Philippine Navy Radioman Petty Officer 3rd Class Rodrigo Penol and Seaman Manuel

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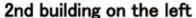
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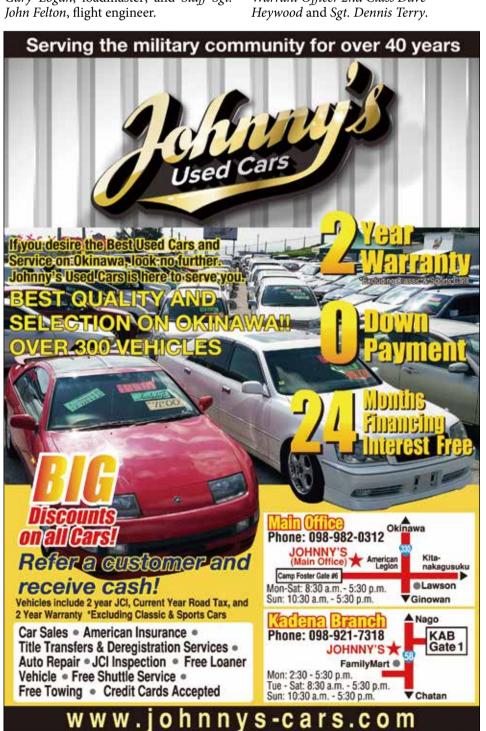




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(U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Quay Drawdy)

Airman 1st Class Jahmal Camp, 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance technician, sands paint from an adapter Feb. 21, at Kadena Air Base. The aircraft structural maintenance shop processes large metal sheets into parts or panels for Kadena-assigned aircraft.



By Senior Airman Quay Drawdy

18th Wing Public Affairs

2/23/2018 — Imagine, for a moment, an F-15C Eagle. In the mind, it's likely flying or looking neat and proper in a hangar, showing the kind of image airshows are made of. Now picture that same aircraft with missing or broken panels. The view is different and probably nowhere near as pleasant. Without members of the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, there would be a whole lot more than just one F-15 looking rough.

Aircraft structural maintenance technicians are responsible for providing parts and panels to many of Team Kadena's assigned and tenant aircraft, to include the F-15, HH-60G Pavehawk and KC-135 Stratotanker, among others. While they definitely provide those parts, they stand apart by going a step further and fabricating them in their own shop.

"If we weren't here to do what we do, the current fleet would not be where they are now," said Tech. Sgt. Adam Hodges, 18th EMS aircraft structural maintenance technician. "We have the capability to repair and manufacture certain parts, so the current aircraft wouldn't be around without our expertise."

With the multiple aircraft and airframes that are on Kadena Air Base, the technical requirements for fabricating specific and individual parts make the job very specialized.

"The most challenging part of our job, in my experience, is becoming acquaint-

ed with the aircraft at your installation," Hodges said. "For this base, we have our aircraft and others from different bases. There are a lot of basics, but there are also nuances that each airframe has we have to be familiar with."

In addition to the highly technical nature of measuring, cutting and altogether creating parts for mission-essential aircraft, members of the 18th EMS maintain a sense of pride in their skills and the affects it has on Kadena Air Base's resources.

"I get to see my job from start to finish," said Airman 1st Class Gilbert Martinez, 18th EMS structural maintenance technician. "I get to create the patch I put on the aircraft and I can be creative with it. The most rewarding part, for me,

is when I can see the patch fully on [the aircraft] and it's signed off. It boosts my confidence and compliments my work."

Providing their services to more than 50 F-15s and the dozens of other individual aircraft on Kadena Air Bae helps to highlight the value of the mission performed by the Airmen from the 18th EMS structural maintenance shop.

"This shop helps promote the commanders intent for maintaining stability in the region through our absolutely pivotal role of keeping these airframes up and readily available," Hodges said. "We keep our aircraft mission-capable through the repairs we do and inspections we complete to make sure the jets are ready to launch and complete their mission."

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humanitarian civic assistance

of Thailand, Feb. 20. Part

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ceremony pose with a picture

By Staff Sgt. Matthew B. Fredericks

18th Wing Public Affairs

2/28/2018 — The 18th Force Support Squadron post office sorts packages and letters for nearly 10 thousand mail boxes. In the last month, Airmen and volunteers processed more than 280 thousand pieces of mail, and they want to process even more.

During the first quarterly mail receptacle review of 2018, it was discovered over eight percent of the mail boxes assigned to Kadena Air Base residents were either not being checked, or were assigned to someone no longer living here.

"If people don't check their mail, and they don't out-process with us, we could get hundreds, if not thousands, of receptacles tied up with these people throughout the years," said Master Sgt. Robert Quinones, 18th FSS assistant postmaster. "That's hours we could be using to (process) packages, to get people the mail that are actually picking up their mail and you could be getting your stuff sooner."

If a letter or package remains at the post office for more than 30 days, it's required to be returned to the sender.

"Our rules come from USPS first and then they trickle down to the DoD level," Quinones explained. "We do have little Air Force supplements, but they can't change our rules. We're mandated by USPS for

In order to abide by those rules and still provide quality customer service, the postal service center has found ways to improve and streamline how they identify receptacles not being checked by members on leave, TDY, deployed or left Kadena without out-processing properly, explained Staff Sgt. Richie Shia, 18th FSS postal supervisor. By identifying those boxes quickly, they can now ensure the member has not PCS'd or separated.

The postal service center has recently cut that identifying process in half and started spending the saved time getting more mail where it needs to go.

"Nobody wants their mail returned," Shia said. "Our end goal is to get that mail out to you."

Kadena post office First building dedication of Exercise Cobra Gold

By Staff Sgt. Jodi Eastham

III Marine Expeditionary Force

2/20/2018 - LOPBURI, Thailand U.S. Air Attaché to Thailand Col. Albert Fritts, with Defense Attaché, Indian Embassy in Thailand Capt. Vikas Sharma, Malaysian Embassy Representative Lt. Mohammed Luqman, Thai Air Vice Marshall Punpakdee Pattankul and Director Nongluk Thumapa of Bangkhaotien School attended the dedication ceremony for the multipurpose building in Lopburi, Kingdom of Thailand, Feb. 20 as part of Exercise Cobra Gold 2018.

Many members of the community were in attendance. All of them viewing the new building with pride and high spirits finally able to see it completed. The dedication ceremony started with a young group of native dancers ending with the distinguished visitors showcasing the building to all who were present.

"The project started January 20th and was finished February 19th," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Jack Robinson, commander of the 18th Civil Engineering Squadron, 18th Civil Engineering Group out of Kadena Air Base.

In total there were six engineering civil assistance projects across Thailand. This is the first dedication of the exercise.

"Now that it's done," said U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Miguel Tavira Garcia from Phoenix, Ariz.,



who works pavement and equipment with 18th Civil Engineering Squadron, 18th Civil Engineering Group, "I don't believe it-because of all the hard work. Working with

Exercise Cobra Gold builds approximately 5-6 multipurpose buildings every year in Thailand with partner and allied nations. India and Malaysia each sent five soldiers who helped construct this building, proving a strong bond exist between the allied nations in the Indo-Pacific region.

other nations and the kids was an

awesome experience to say the least."

The Royal Thai Air Force sent 20 Airmen to help construct the building and the surrounding community of Bangkhaotien provided room and board for the soldiers and airmen.

Communities across Asia-Pacific area came together to build a stronger community at Bangkhaotien School.

"I have a team not just Air Force," said Robinson. "I had multiple nations for a team. We learned from each other for the same purpose."

During the building's construction the community helped provide needed materials to ensure its construction was done properly such as additional dirt for foundation support and a back hoe, said Robinson.

This project was aimed at improving the quality of life of students and their families in a less fortunate area in the Lopburi province.

As Exercise Cobra Gold 18 nears the end all involved in the construction of the building share the good feeling it is to give something long lasting to those in need and have it reciprocated with support and pride.

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353rd Special Operations Group wraps up Cobra Gold 2018

By Capt. Jessica Tait

353rd Special Operations Group Public Affairs 2/28/2018 - U-TAPAO, Thailand -Members of the U.S. Air Force 353rd Special Operations Group participated in the 37th iteration of the annual Exercise Cobra Gold 2018 (CG18), which took place Feb. 3-23 at various locations throughout the Kingdom of Thailand.

The 353rd SOG trained side-by-side with their Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF) counterparts throughout the exercise, conducting formation and low-level aviation, military free fall (MFF) operations, assault zone establishment and control, fixed and rotary wing fires, rigging alternate method Zodiac (RAMZ) airdrops, an overwater search and rescue contingency and the staging of a forward area refueling point (FARP) for close air support (CAS) and assault aircraft.

Similar to last year, our training focused on increasing cooperation, interoperability and collaboration with our long-standing RTAF partners to include the 3rd Special Operations Regiment and 601st Squadron," said U.S. Air Force Maj. Joel Buelow, 353rd SOG mission commander for CG18. "Our forces in special tactics missions, air operations, aircraft maintenance and mission support functions worked closely with their Thai counterparts throughout the exercise to increase mission effectiveness in training and real-world contingencies."

The U.S. Air Force 320th Special Tactics Squadron combat controllers (CCTs) and pararescuemen (PJs) conducted programs of instruction on forward air control and overwater search and rescue, live CAS





A 320th STS pararescueman signals the execution timeline for military free fall operations from a 1st SOS MC-130H Combat Talon II Feb. 20, at Chandy Range, Thailand.

evolutions, assault zone and survey operations and multiple MFF jump profiles for infiltration utilizing air support from two U.S. Air Force 1st Special Operations MC-130H Combat Talon IIs.

"Embedded with the RTAF 3rd SOR, we advanced interoperability and increased partner capacity in the planning and execution of complex and realistic missions," said Buelow. "This partnership has evolved over the last 18 years and will continue to strengthen for years to come."

In addition to supporting airborne operations for Thai and U.S. special operations forces (SOF), the 1st SOS conducted a formation flight with their RTAF C-130 counterparts from the 601st SQN, air intercept training with RTAF 403rd Tactical Fighter Squadron and advanced day and night low-level aviation.

"The airborne operations conducted during CG18 enhance our ability to

provide a rapid multinational response to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) efforts in the Pacific," said U.S. Air Force Maj. Matthew Howard, 353rd SOG air operations planner for CG18. "The experiences gained with our RTAF partners complement our mutual training interests and combined ability to respond to crises across the range of military operations."

The military members demonstrated appreciation to the local community during CG18 with a day of activities, which included sports games, luncheon and bilateral friendship jump.

'To further the educational needs of the students from Sirijantaranmit School Lopburi, we've donated \$15,000 worth of goods to include computers, printers, washers, dryers, uniforms and essential school supplies," said Buelow. "Our bilateral friendship jump with RTAF 3rd SOR served as a culmination to training and

demonstrated our commitment to supporting not only the security of Thailand but also the community and humanitarian interests of a key partner nation."

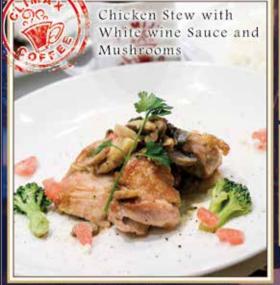
CG18 improved the capabilities of participating nations to plan and conduct combined and joint operations; build relationships among participating nations across the region; and improve interoperability over a range of activities, including enhancing maritime security and responding to large-scale natural disasters.

"Our RTAF counterparts have been amazing hosts," said Buelow. "We look forward to future engagements here and building upon the foundations set as we continue to learn from each other."

Cobra Gold is one of the largest theater security cooperation exercise in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region and is an integral part of the U.S. commitment to strengthen engagement in the region.









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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.

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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.

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The 2018 Kadena Dragons football team are on the hunt to repeat as USFJ-AFL champions. We are currenty seeking active duty, DoD civilians, and the SOFA status dependants to join our dynasty. All positions and talent levels are welcome. Contact head coach Jermaine Baker at 080-6499-5445 or via e-mail at kadenafootball@gmail.com. Follow us on social media https://www.facebook.com/kadenafootball

Men's USAF Dragon Boat Looking for Members

Do you want to be a more "All Around Airman", and feel like losing weight after the new year? Come Join the Men's USAF Dragon Boat team. Practices start Jan. 22, at Kadena Marina and finish with a race through the NAHA Harbor against Military Teams and Local Nationals in May. Practice is held Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday beginning

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at 6 p.m. at Kadena Marina. More information is available on Facebook at: 2018 Kadena Shoguns Air Force Dragon Boat Team.

NDTA, Okinawa Chapter is accepting applications for their 2018 scholarship

The 2018 National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA), Okinawa Chapter scholarship is available for both graduating high school and current college students. Applications may be downloaded from the NDTA, Okinawa Chapter Facebook site at: https://www.facebook.com/ndtaokinawachapter. All application must be turned in with supporting documentation no later than April 20. Once notified, winners will be presented their scholarship at our upcoming NDTA golf tournament on May 11.

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.

18th FSS Military Personnel Section Homepage Updates

The Customer Service Office, which includes Passports / DEERS / Dependent IDs / Common Access Cards (CAC), has updated the Military Personnel Section Marketing Homepage with pertinent information/checklist/links. Information includes: - Hours of Operation / - In-processing Procedures / - MPS Services / - Required Documentation for IDs / - Passport Checklist / - Frequently Asked Questions / - Appointment Links / - Alternate DEERS Locations. Please check out: http://www.kadenafss.com/career/military-personnel-section/

UPCOMING EVENTS 2018 AFSA Golf Tournament

The 2018 AFSA Golf Tournament is coming up on March 7, at the Kadena Banyan Tree Golf Course. This year's event is a four member team scramble with lunch included. Start time is 6 a.m. Contact afsagolfkadena2018@gmail.com for more information or to sign up!

Kadena 5/6 Club General Meeting

Come down to the Kadena O-club every third Thursday of the month for the 5/6 club's monthly meeting! Guest speakers include members of the Top 3, base leadership and your peers from around the island. Free breakfast included! For more information, please contact Staff Sgt. Andreas Rodriguez at DSN 634-5602.

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NCO Induction Ceremony

You are cordially invited to attend this Quarters 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.

2018 Spouse Employment Training sponsored by Air Force Aid Society

The Kadena Airman and Family Readiness Center (A&FRC) is offering "Introduction to MS Office (Word, PPT and Excel), Social Media and Typing" for up to 20 Active Duty Air Force Spouses on Saturdays beginning March 10. This is a free six-week, instructor-led training course to help spouses learn or update office skills. Contact the A&FRC Employment Coordinator at laurie. lewis.4@us.af.mil for an application or more information or call 634-3366.

Air Force Ball 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament Fundraiser

The Air Force Ball Committee would like to invite you to participate in their first fundraiser for the quarter. The event will be held at the Risner Fitness Center, March 24 starting at 9 a.m. Teams of four required, all sign-ups will receive a t-shirt. The winning team players will receive individual trophies. For more information or sign-ups please e-mail: afball2018@gmail.com Costs: \$50 per team 3 Players per team with 1 alternate. RSVP by March 16. Please contact Jonathan Becker, Patricia Gant, and Joseph Goddard @ afball2018@gmail.com to sign up!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Ryukyu Middle School Saturday School Volunteering

Volunteers needed to assist Ryukyu Middle School students with school assigments. LOAs will be written and given to all volunteers. DATE(s): 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 1415-1545 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.

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

Kadena Post Office Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteer to help out the Kadena Post Office with holiday mail Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed on holidays). Times and dates may be claimed at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4dadab2fa2f58-holiday. Please call customer service at 634-4458 for any questions you may have.

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. Sqt. Kris Johnson at 634-2073.



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FULL OF 'THE WORLD'S BEST CORAL', MANY DIVERS YEARN FOR THE OKINAWAN OCEAN.

Coral creates a magical world of vivid colors within the ocean, and it is said that it can only exist where there is a rich, well-maintained and balanced ecosystem.

Of course, the Okinawan ocean is a perfect example of this, and its waters are full of coral that is sought after by divers from all around the world.

The islands of Okinawa are famous for their coral reefs, where roughly 200 types of coral can be found out of the approximately 800 types that have been verified.

Along with sea anemone and jellyfish, coral is also known to lay its eggs on the night of a full moon.

However, did you know that even though coral is not a plant, it still photosynthesizes?

By absorbing carbon dioxide, it produces oxygen at a rate that is 6-16 times the amount produced by trees on land.

Using more than 10% of the entire planet's carbon dioxide, coral plays a major role in



preventing global warming.

Unfortunately, however, coral in Okinawa is decreasing and chlorosis has become a big problem.

Coral is a very delicate organism that can die if the water temperature is even slightly elevated, and it is also difficult for it to grow in waters where there is a lot of ultraviolet light.

In the end, it is man who is having the greatest effect on coral, and the damage to Okinawa's beautiful oceans might just be a reflection of our future.











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