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Airmen from the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron train members of the Japan Air Self-Defense Force on how to safely operate a compact tractor loader with a wheel saw during flightline repair training Feb. 28, at Kadena Air Base. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Quay Drawdy)

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# Local students visit Kadena High School

By Jocelyn Carral Neal

Kadena High School senior

3/2/2018 — On Okinawa, the opportunity to experience different languages and cultures is prevalent. These features have become interwoven to create this wonderful location. Students from two different high schools on island were selected to partake in activities that allowed for languages and cultures to be shared.

This past fall, Kyuyo High School invited 28 students from Kadena High School to visit their school. While there, Kadena students were partnered with Kyuyo counterparts who used the time to describe the administrations of the school and the culture of Okinawa.

On Feb. 26, Kadena HS and Kyuyo HS students participated in a second cultural and language exchange. Students from Kadena's Japanese II classes had the opportunity to apply by completing a written self-introduction. The students from Kyuyo HS went through a similar process with the inclusion of a deciding round of rock-paper-scissors.

Kadena Japanese teacher Seth Renquist wanted the "students interacting in an uncontrolled environment." To achieve this, the two schools participated in a multitude of activities that allowed the students to practice speaking their non-dominant language.

"The idea was to create an opportunity for the students to practice their language skills, and familiarize themselves with the culture, and possibly even become friends," stated Renquist.

The students were escorted to Emery Lanes Bowling Alley where they proceeded to bowl and eat pizza. The students were tasked to speak Japanese during the first round of bowling followed by a second game narrated in English. Throughout the two rounds, the students from both schools were cheering for each other during their turns, high-fiving at the end of it.

"I wanted the students to experience real [communication] that cannot [be achieved] from a textbook," said Kazutoshi



(Photos by Jocelyn Carral Neal)



Fusato who is an English teacher and Renquist's main person of contact. Fusato was accompanied by Satoshi Nobayashi, a fellow Kyuyo English teacher.

After bowling, the students and teachers traversed back to Kadena HS where the students were able to join their designated partners during sixth and seventh period classes. When the final bell rang, the students gathered in

the gymnasium and participated in three team bonding activities.

"It's different," Gaiki Ryo, 11th grade student at Kyuyo HS commented. "The students go to the teacher's classrooms [at Kadena], but in [Kyuyo] the teachers come to the students."

Traditionally, in Japanese schools, the students are assigned a classroom and the teachers circulate in and out of

the classes. This process differs from the American school standard of the students moving to each classroom. Along with the school being on a year-long schedule, Kyuyo HS also has a nine and half hour school day.

"The [start and ending time] of Kadena is nice. [Kyuyo] starts at 7:30 am and doesn't end until 5:00 pm," Maya Takara, a 12th grader at Kyuyo, said.

The students were able to shake their nerves out in a friendly game of dodgeball. After, the students split into groups and were challenged to pass a hula hoop around the circle while keeping their hands linked together. This was followed by the students forming a "Human Knot," crossing arms and holding the hands of the two persons opposite, and then untangle themselves without fully separating. The third activity consisted of the students arranging themselves chronologically by birth date without speaking.

"One thing about being able to do these types [of activities] is that [despite] the language barrier, we can still find similar interests and still become friends," stated Kadena sophomore Caroline Leach.

At 3:00 pm, the students gathered around Kadena's Black Wall to take a photo. Contact information, embraces, and farewells were exchanged between the students of the two school. The Kyuyo students then all gathered their things and began their trek back to their school.

"It's almost impossible," Renquist explained, "to separate language and culture."

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**A L W A Y S P R E P A R E**

# Kadena opens gates to Chatan during tsunami exercise

**By Senior Airman Omari Bernard**

18th Wing Public Affairs

**3/1/2018** — Okinawan and military first responders hosted a bilateral natural disaster exercise at Kadena Air Base Feb. 28, to test and improve evacuation procedures between members of Team Kadena and the local community.

Approximately 50 residents participated in a simulated evacuation of Chatan Town. In the event of a tsunami, residents from low-elevation areas near the Sunabe Seawall will evacuate to higher ground through the base.

The drill began with a simulated tsunami notification; the sounding of coastal tsunami alarms and wide-spread alert notifications sent to mobile phones.

“The drill prepares both military members and Okinawan citizens for tsunamis,” said Master Sgt. David Izaguirre, 18th Security Forces Squadron response force leader. “The 18th Security Forces Squadron supports citizens during a tsunami by providing expedited entry onto Kadena Air Base and escort personnel to an area that provides relief from the disaster to minimize chaos.”

During the drill, Defenders from the 18th SFS provided a route to evacuees as

they made their way from Gate One to the designated recovery zone at Marek Field Park, where medical teams from the 18th Medical Group and local communities stood by to provide care.

In 2011 the Tohoku earthquake that occurred off the coast of Japan caused massive waves that were recorded up to 40.5 meters (133ft) high. The following tsunami that struck claimed thousands of lives. Marek Park is more than 133 feet above sea level making it the ideal evacuation location for Chatan residents.

“Marek Park is a high point on Kadena that serves as a place to get away from a wave caused by an earthquake,” Izaguirre said. “Marek Park and everything west of it is higher than 133 feet above sea level. Additionally, Marek Park is a convenient area to situate large crowds of personnel.”

The evacuation drill ended with closing remarks from Kamiyama Masakatsu, Chatan Town deputy mayor and U.S. Air Force Col. Gilbert Eddy, 18th Force Support Squadron commander.

“This represents the fourth opportunity since 2015 we’ve had to practice for a tsunami that may happen in Chatan,” Eddy said. “We will do our best to continue to work with the military and civilian authorities to ensure we can support



A resident of Chatan makes his way to higher ground on Kadena Air Base, as part of a bilateral tsunami exercise Feb. 28.

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



Col. Gilbert Eddy, 18th Mission Support Group commander, delivers a speech to participants of a tsunami evacuation exercise Feb. 28, at Kadena Air Base.

Chatan as well as possible.”

Exercises like the tsunami drill present an opportunity for both the military and civilian authorities of Okinawa to partner with one another in an effort to prepare for not only a tsunami, but other natural disasters as well.

“We stand committed and ready to provide support for the safety of our Okinawan families and friends,” Eddy said. “This exercise reinforces our pledge to work together to solve areas of concern and to maintain the spirit of cooperation with our hosts.”

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# 18th Wing holds luncheon for appreciation of Key Spouse program



Attendees listen to an announcement during a Key Spouse appreciation luncheon March 2 at Kadena Air Base.

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

## By Airman 1st Class Greg Erwin

18th Wing Public Affairs

3/5/2018 — On March 2, a luncheon was held by the 18th Wing leadership to show appreciation for what the Key Spouse program does for the base and its personnel. The event allowed leadership to put faces to names with their Key Spouses and give thanks in person for what they contribute to the mission.

The Air Force Key Spouse program is an official Air Force family readiness program put in place at the unit level to help Airmen and their families be resilient through all of the challenges of being a member of the armed forces. While

other programs for resiliency may be more visible to the naked eye, some may say that the Key Spouse program is one type of glue that holds the base together behind the scenes.

"The luncheon let our appreciation shine for the Key Spouses," said Val Lombardo, 18th Force Support Squadron work and life consultant. "They are a dedicated group of selfless volunteers who give up their time to support Airmen and their families."

The time volunteered to the program isn't just for a social gathering – the Key Spouses have to earn their title through Air Force mandated training.

Potential Key Spouses go through an

interview process with the unit commander, and upon acceptance into the program are tasked to complete six hours of initial training, as well as additional training each quarter, Lombardo explained. The program is outlined officially in AFI 36-3009.

Even though the program follows a regulation, the Key Spouses don't have to choose the Air Force over supporting families.

"Key Spouses are an intermediary between leadership and the families," said Destiny Erwin, 18th Wing Staff Agencies head key spouse. "We're there to support in making sure everyone is resilient and can complete their mission, whether that is the Airmen or the families who support them."

When thinking of vital resources to completing the mission, the Key Spouses may not be the first thought that comes to mind, but according to Brigadier Gen. Case Cunningham, 18th Wing commander, they are a crucial component to the success of Team Kadena.

"While some Key Spouses serve in groups and various support agencies, the support provided to the families in those organizations not only directly benefits those families, it also pays forward to benefit squadrons and organizations across Team Kadena," Cunningham said. "I can't say thank you enough to the amazing Key Spouses and Key Spouse mentors of Team Kadena!"



Gena Schneider, 18th Wing Sexual Assault Prevention and Response specialist for primary prevention of violence, is honored for winning the 2017 Key Spouse of the Year award during a Key Spouse appreciation luncheon March 2 at Kadena Air Base.

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# 18th CES and JASDF collaborate on an airfield repair project

**By Airman 1st Class Greg Erwin**

18th Wing Public Affairs

**3/1/2018** — The sound of heavy machinery fills the air as dust flies. Noise grows louder as drills and saws cut through pavement, evidence of people hard at work. The cloud of dirt lifts overhead and clears to reveal the project behind the racket and debris—airfield repair.

Members from the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron and members from the Japan Air Self-Defense Force worked together in an exercise on simulated airfield repairs at Kadena Air Base, Feb. 28.

“We’re conducting a joint training with our JASDF counterparts,” said Senior Airman Tyler Preston, 18th CES heavy equipment operator. “We’re going through the rapid airfield damage recovery, or RADR process. We’re trying out different pieces of equipment and showing the JASDF members the process as well.”

Learning a new system and new technology to complete repairs can be a challenge not only for the 18th CES, but for Kadena’s bilateral partners as well. This exercise helped both nations learn the new processes and machinery that would be used in various scenarios they



◀ Airmen from the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron train a member of the Japan Air Self-Defense Force on the correct operation of an impact hammer attached to an excavator during flightline repair training Feb. 28, at Kadena Air Base.

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

▲ Senior Airman Tyler Preston, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, pavement and equipment operator speaks with members of the Japan Air Self-Defense Force prior to heavy vehicle training.

may encounter in the field, whether it’s a small section of airfield or a large scale repair.

“The JASDF Air Civil Engineering Group is doing various research for airfield damage and recovery with this exercise,” said Major Eiji Nakamura, JASDF engineer. “We are honored to train on the latest technology with the U.S. military.”

When working together on a project like this, the two parties are able to share ideas and processes, showcasing interop-

erability of the allied nations. Exercises like this RADR one are used to keep both nations prepared for when their skills may be needed on repairs to infrastructure on short notice. By training together, they’re able to learn different solutions from each other to common problems.

“They bring a lot of knowledge to the table — you see how they do things differently than we do,” Preston said. “It’s nice to pick up different methods.”

Without the Airmen and contractors at the 18th CES, Kadena’s mission may not be able to continue as planned. Whether during peace or wartime, their efforts are directly correlated to every unit being able to push forward at a rapid pace.

“We’re mission critical because we maintain the airfield,” Preston said. “In a wartime situation, the faster we can clear the airfield, the faster we can get planes back up.”

Airfield repair isn’t all that the

18th CES covers, and their footprint can be seen all over the base.

Anything from filling potholes in roadways to construction of new infrastructure the 18th CES works hard, despite what may be unknown to some. Without their efforts, the roads, buildings and the entire base could fall apart – literally.

“I don’t think a lot of people think about us in the 18th CES,” Preston said. “Nobody thinks of civil engineering until something stops working.”

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# Two-cycle officer assignment system means more time for Airmen, families to make career decisions

By Kat Bailey

Air Force's Personnel Center Public Affairs 3/2/2018 - JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — In a move toward a more efficient and transparent process, the Air Force's Personnel Center is transitioning the Air Force Officer Assignment System from three to two cycles. This modification will allow more time for interaction and communication between officers, billet owners, commanders and assignment teams.

Fifty subject-matter experts from a cross section of all officer

Air Force Specialty Codes collaborated to develop the two-cycle assignment timeline, which provides important benefits to both Airmen and commanders, said Maj. Derek Rankin, Assignment Programs deputy branch chief at AFPC.

"The transition will not change the assignment process, but it will expand the assignment advertisement windows to the field and increase the amount of advanced notification officers and their families receive prior to their moves," Rankin said. "With expanded windows of assignment advertis-

ing, Airmen now have more time and a wider spectrum of visibility to make decisions that impact both their family lives and careers."

Additionally, commanders and billet owners will see the reduction of one vulnerable-mover-list, lessening their workload and increasing the time for assignment discussions with Airmen throughout the cycles. However, AFPC will still move the same number of Airmen as required throughout the year.

The optimized two-cycle system is comprised of a "Summer

## 2019 AFOAS TIMELINE (2-Cycle Implementation - 4 and 8 month)



CYCLE	PHASE I Validate	PHASE II Advertise	PHASE III Match/Notify	PHASE IV Report
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SUMMER	AUG 18 - SEP 18	SEP 18 - OCT 18	NOV 18 - JAN 19	JUN 19 - SEP 19
WINTER	FEB 19 - MAR 19	MAR 19 - APR 19	MAY 19 - JUN 19	OCT 19 - MAY 20

(U.S. Air Force graphic by Staff Sgt. Alexx Pons)

– report dates in June through September" cycle and a "Winter – report dates in October through May" cycle.

According to Rankin, the two-cycle assignment system will commence with the Winter "transition cycle" this month to establish the two-cycle time-line. Once AFPC gets to a steady state for two

cycles, the following year's Winter cycle will begin each February.

For more information on the assignment process, visit the active duty Officer Assignments page on myPers from a CAC-enabled computer, or select "Active Duty Officer" from the myPers dropdown menu and search "Officer Assignment."

# Being stationed overseas



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

By Senior Airman  
Jessica Smith

18th Wing Public Affairs

3/1/2018 — For many, being stationed overseas can be a blessing or a curse. Numerous factors can determine the enjoyment an individual has during their time away from the states. The 18th Force Support Squadron Information Tickets and Travel aims to make it a blessing for everyone.

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actually lives here and has all this personal connection to it – it's very interesting," she said.

While ITT offers fun trips and services, their main goal is to ensure that Airmen are given the opportunity and resources to be happy in their homes away from home. The distance and culture change can sometimes be overwhelming – ITT wants to alleviate some of the unease that can come with being overseas.

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# 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit F-35Bs join USS Wasp for historic deployment

By 2nd Lt. Ethan Treacy

31st Marine Expeditionary Unit  
 3/5/2018 - USS WASP (LHD-1), EAST CHINA SEA — A detachment of F-35B Lightning IIs with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 121, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), landed on the USS Wasp (LHD-1) here March 5, marking the beginning of the F-35B's first operational deployment with a MEU.

The aircraft embarked on the Wasp in advance of the 31st MEU's upcoming Spring Patrol 2018, a regularly-scheduled patrol of the Indo-Pacific region with the ships of Amphibious Squadron 11, forming the Wasp Amphibious Ready Group.

"This is a historic deployment," said Col. Tye R. Wallace, 31st MEU Commanding Officer. "The F-35B is the most capable aircraft ever to support a Marine rifleman on the ground. It brings a range of new capabilities to the MEU that make us a more lethal and effective Marine Air-Ground Task Force."

Well-suited for the Marine Corps' amphibious and expeditionary focus, the F-35B can carry more firepower into more uncertain environments for longer periods of time, with better survivability than any other aircraft in history.

The "B" variant of the F-35 is the only one capable of short take-off and vertical landing. The STOVL capability allows the F-35B to launch from and land on amphibious assault ships like the Wasp, greatly increasing the F-35B's

range and deployability.

"The F-35B is a game-changer for the Marine Corps," said LtCol. Richard Rusnok, VMFA-121 Commanding Officer. "We are honored to be the first to deploy such a capable aircraft in support of a MEU, and are looking forward to integrating will all the other elements of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force and Navy Amphibious forces during this and future deployments."

The F-35B combines a variety of specialized capabilities in one aircraft, such as stealth, electronic attack, advanced sensors technology and high payload capacity, all while maintaining the agility that fighters are known for. The resulting flexibility allows a lone F-35B to accomplish missions that would otherwise require multiple aircraft.

With advances in sensors and networking technology, the F-35B is able to share a superior picture of the battlefield with other pilots flying different platforms like the F/A-18 Hornet or AV-8B Harrier. The result is a force-multiplying effect for the Marine Corps' existing fleet of aircraft that illuminates the battlefield for all friendly pilots in the sky.

"It's an unbelievable aircraft," said Maj. Michael Wyrsh, F-35B pilot and VMFA-121's Detachment Executive Officer. "We have seen first-hand in multiple exercises and training events where the F-35 has brought an entirely new level of capability and lethality to the Marines on the ground as well as the overall air fight."



(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Daniel Barker)  
 An F-35B Lightning II with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 121 touches down on the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp (LHD 1), marking the first time the aircraft has deployed aboard a U.S. Navy ship and with a Marine Expeditionary Unit in the Indo-Pacific.

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# NMCB 4 deployment 2018



(U.S. Navy photo by Builder 3rd Class Tabitha McKittrick)

▲ **PANAY, Philippines** – Builder 2nd Class Monica Galindez, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4, and Armed Forces of the Philippines, soldier work together to measure the lumber that will be used for column support, Feb. 8.



**SAN CLEMENTE ISLAND, Calif.** – Seabees assigned to NMCB 4 use hand tools to smooth the concrete for the Pre-Engineering Building floor, Feb. 15.

(U.S. Navy photo by Equipment Operator 3rd Class Sibel Uzun)



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

▲ **PALAWAN, Philippines** – Construction Electrician 3rd class Isiah Gotz assigned to NMCB 4, connects electrical wires in an overhead junction box in the latrine, Feb. 20. The completed construction project will benefit the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the United States forces while conducting training exercises in the Area of Operations.



(U.S. Navy photo by Steelworker 2nd Class Jeffery S. Boerma)

▲ **YOKOSUKA, Japan** – Construction Electrician 2nd Class Gerald Roberts and Utilitiesman Constructionman Marc Gonzales, both assigned to NMCB 4, use a pipe threading machine to cut threads in conduit to be used for electrical wiring inside the Pre-Engineered Building, Feb. 16.



(U.S. Navy photo by Builder 3rd Class Robert Berry)

◀ **SAIKAI CITY, Japan** – Equipment Operator 3rd Class Michael Finley assigned to NMCB 4 uses a pickaxe to loosen the dirt in areas around compressed gas storage facility preparing them for the next phase, Feb. 21.

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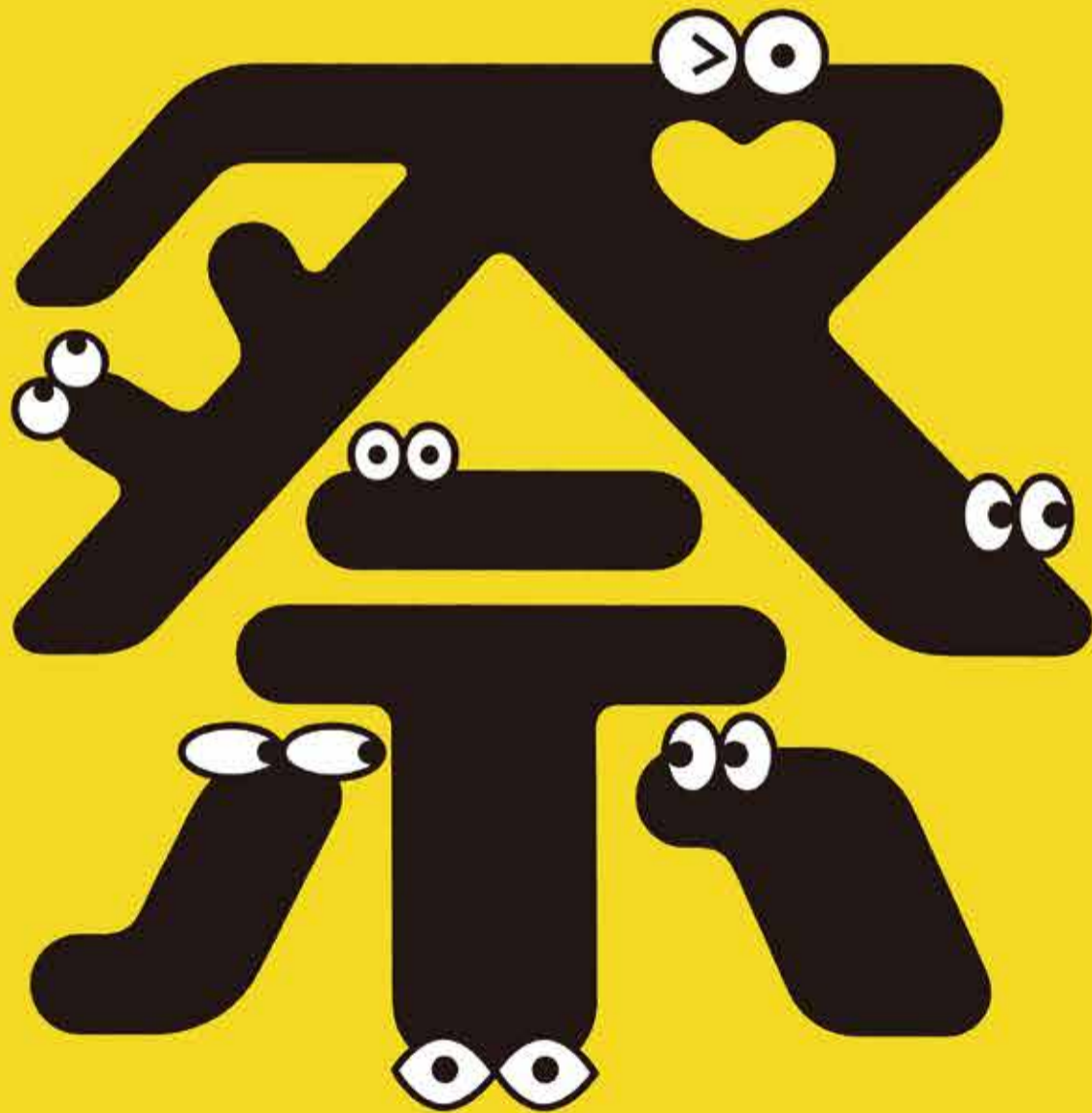
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# Kadena Air Base Community Notes

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.

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

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 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. and we're here to help. Any questions please Email our Work Box or contact us on Facebook, Kadena Air Base A2D2. Angel Vargas, President, 090-9786-9431. Henry Huynh, Vice President 090-9785-7935. Roman Nieves, Secretary 080-6485-6464. Jared Bland, Head Scheduler 070-3135-9906. Zachary Todd, Public Affairs 080-9850-5200.

## How to File a Complaint with IG

If you believe you are unable to resolve your complaint through supervisory channels, you may seek IG assistance to determine if the complaint should be filed with the IG. You can file a complaint if you reasonably believe inappropriate conduct has occurred or a violation of law, policy, procedures, or regulation has been committed. Complete the personnel data information on an AF Form 102 and briefly outline the facts and relevant information related to the issue or complaint. List the allegations of wrongdoing briefly, in general terms and provide supporting narrative detail and documents later, when interviewed by an IG person. Allegations should be written as bullets and should answer who committed the violation; what violation was committed; what law, regulation, procedures, or policy was violated; when did the violation occur. Help is available: Call your Kadena IG office at 634-7622 for Maj. Sarabia or 634-1109 for Mr.

Lovingood, or leave a message on the Kadena Fraud Waste & Abuse (FWA) Hotline at 634-0404.

## 18th MDG Clinic Closures

The Kadena Air Base clinic will be closed on the following dates this year:  
 Mar. 15 (MDG Training Day) Closed ½ Day  
 Apr. 10 - 11 (MDG Training Day) Closed All Day  
 May 17 (MDG Training Day) Closed ½ 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.

## 18th Wing Equal Opportunity

Do you face concerns of unlawful discrimination or sexual harassment? If so, Kadena Air Base leadership maintains a strict "zero-tolerance" policy pertaining to discriminatory behavior. If you feel you are being unlawfully discriminated against, to include sexual harassment, take action. We encourage members to use the chain of command first to resolve issues at the lowest level. However, you can also contact the EO office at 634-2571 to set up an appointment; or you may visit our office. Please note that the EO office will not accept a Formal Complaint more than 60 calendar days for military and 45 calendar days

for civilian complaints after the alleged offense occurred without sufficient justification.

## Finance Office Closure

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

## Kadena Air Base Women's Softball

Are you looking to play slow pitch softball? Our women's team competes all-year round on Kadena with other local bases and there is even opportunities to play in tournaments throughout the Pacific Theater! Practices are held twice per week and is open to all active duty personnel, spouses and DOD civilians. For more information, please contact Master Sgt. Crystal Benitez at [crystal.benitez@us.af.mil](mailto:crystal.benitez@us.af.mil)

## 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 Mar. 1 to Apr. 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.

## 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).

## 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.

## 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/ndaokinawachapter>. 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS 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

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If you take a stroll along the windswept walkway, soon you'll see an elephant-trunk-shaped coral cliff for which the location is famous, and that is what will take your breath away.

Not merely the spectacular views of the ocean but also waves crashing into the cliffs and refreshing air are always enhanced the most by sunset.

Make sure to wear good walking shoes and a windbreaker jacket as the wind is always stronger at the plateau. Small food vendors as well as souvenir stands are available at the parking area.

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**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.

**3rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Half Marathon/10K/5K**

Register for the 3rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Half Marathon/10K/5K, sponsored by the Kadena First Sergeants, March 17 at 7 a.m. behind the Risner Fitness Center! Prices: \$50.00-Half / \$30.00-10K / \$20.00-5K. Children/Pet/Stroller friendly. Sign up: <http://www.runkadena.com> or on Facebook at RunKadena POC: Senior master Sgt. Shawna Broussard-Jones or shawna.broussard\_jones.1@us.af.mil

**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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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](mailto:sergio.mendoza@pac.dodea.edu). A volunteer packet and background check will be required.

**Come Volunteer At The Wired Bean**

The Wired Bean is a home away from home for our junior enlisted and we need E-4s and above to volunteer to monitor the facility and check out equipment. Please sign up using the link below or email Melissa Rafferty for more information at [rafferty515@yahoo.com](mailto:rafferty515@yahoo.com). <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0945aea62ba7f58-kadena>

**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.

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