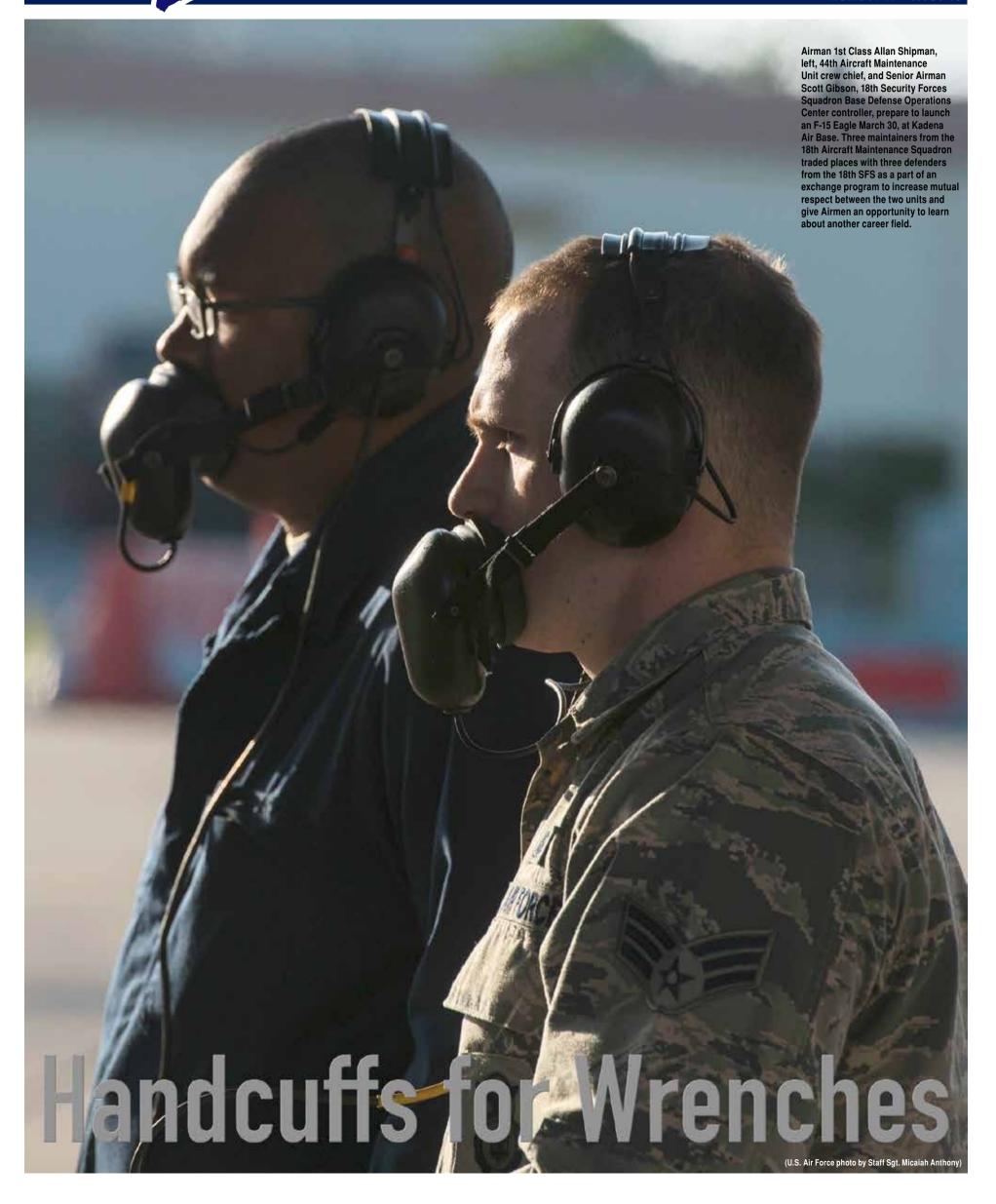
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Airman finds his calling behind the lens

By Airman 1st Class Greg Erwin

18th Wing Public Affairs

ome children grow up wanting to be doctors, actors, professional athletes or business owners. However, life doesn't always turn out the way that you have envisioned it in your mind. For some, that realization happens when they complete high school, and have to make a decision on the next step in their life.

Once you complete high school, there are generally three options – go be a part of the workforce, go to college and continue your education or go into the military. Just like playing the board game "The Game of Life," each path creates a new opportunity.

When I graduated high school in 2006, I had two life paths in front of me – either enter the Air Force or go to college to compete in track and field. At the time the Air Force was a serious option, but I saw a chance to continue competing as an athlete and chose "option B." Ten years later, the Air Force option was on the table again, and this time I made sure to not pass it up.

I come from three generations of military service, with my great-grandfather and grandfather serving in the Army and my father serving in the Air Force. I have always had a deep appreciation of the military and the sacrifices needed by families to keep everyone else safe. After discussing the experience with my father, I found his career in intelligence interesting. To this day, he still is unable to talk about things he

learned in the service, even though the Vietnam era has long since passed its classification time.

When joining the military, they make sure you're medically fit through the Military Entrance Processing Station process, and you're intelligent enough to serve in a career field via the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery testing. Even though I succeeded in both areas, the job I wanted was not available and I came in under the "open general" listing – meaning I would let the needs of the Air Force determine my career path. When making a big life decision, such as joining the military, allowing someone else to make that career choice is difficult.

Upon joining and going through the rigors of basic training, the day came where I found out what my job would be – a 3N0X5. Curious about what that meant, I asked all of my flightmates in the training squadron, and only two of the more than 50 individuals had any clue what that was.

"You're going to be a photojournalist as a part of public affairs."

I had never picked up a camera before and, truth be told, I hate being in photographs. So how was a person – who hated photography, never held a camera, and didn't understand the logic on why some pictures are good and some are terrible – going to be able to be successful in the field? All it took was a chance to relate the bigger picture into "why" the job is needed.

Every second of every day is history.

The key to our job as public affairs is simply telling people's stories. Everyone has a story and whether they think it is important or not: it is.

Every moment is history, and someone has to be trained to capture that moment in time so our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren can learn from our experiences.

When put into perspective – why capturing history is important – that was the moment where the light bulb turned on and my mission became crystal clear. As someone who grew up enjoying history and appreciating the military, to be a part of military history on a daily basis is an opportunity that I am extremely grateful for. At the end of the day, my work may be seen and discussed by my children, grandchildren, etc. the same way "The Kiss" or "Raising the flag on Iwo Jima" are shown in school when studying American history.

Being stationed at Kadena is a daily reminder of history and why I am truly blessed to have found a home in the Air Force – capturing hearts and minds through images and telling people's stories – even if the pathway to this moment felt more like the pathway to the poor farm than the pathway to millionaire acres.

718th CES and Boy Scouts commemorate Earth Day



Scouts from Boy Scouts of America Troop 102 and 109 anchor a sapling during a tree planting ceremony April 17, at Kadena Air Base. The scouts planted six trees with guidance from the 718th Civil

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18th SFS and 18th AMXS Airmen switch jobs for a day



Forces Squadron military working dog trainer, supports, Tech. Sgt. Justin Gestring, 67th Aircraft Maintenance Unit debrief NCOIC, while Staff Sgt. Matthew Helma, 18th SFS MWD handler, gives instructions to Dax. 18th SFS MWD, March 30, at Kadena Air Base. Three maintainers from the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron traded places with three defenders from the 18th SFS as a part of an exchange program to increase mutual respect between the two units and give Airmen an opportunity to learn about another career field.



Shipman, right, 44th Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief, shows Senior Airman Scott Gibson, 18th Security Forces Squadron Base Defense **Operations Center** controller, how to conduct a pre-flight inspection on an F-15 Eagle March 30, at Kadena Air Base.



Tech. Sgt. Justin Gestring, left, 67th Aircraft Maintenance Unit debrief NCOIC, and Senior Airman James Shanahan, 18th Security Forces response force leader, patrol Kadena Air Base, March 30.

By Staff Sgt. Micaiah Anthony

18th Wing Public Affairs

4/2/2018 - "This exchange was thought of between my commander and the 18th AMXS commander," said Capt. Anthony Langdon, 18th SFS operations officer. "It's a way to build a mutual partnership. Our jobs are intertwined when it comes to the safety of the flightline and the aircraft. This was just a good way of getting our Airmen together to understand each other's role and how we can work together."

The day started with defenders shadowing crew chiefs on the flightline where they learned the ins-and-outs of maintaining and launching Team Kadena's F-15 Eagles.

'The person I was training responded extremely well," said Airman 1st Class Al-

lan Shipman, 44th Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief, proudly. "I showed him what to do ahead of time, quizzed him on it and made sure we were both safe. Then, in the end, we had a little fun martialing the jet out."

On the other side of base, three crew chiefs from the 18th AMXS started their exchange with a taser demonstration One maintainer was bold enough to ride the lightning.

"Experiencing that and knowing it's what the [defenders] have to go through to be qualified to carry a taser is amazing. I definitely enjoyed the unenjoyment of being tasered," laughed Tech. Sgt. Justin Gestring, 67th Aircraft Maintenance Unit debrief NCOIC.

After the demonstration, the maintenance Airmen loaded up and headed to the military working dog kennels where they saw Team Kadena's four legged defenders in action. The maintainers were forwarded another opportunity to not only witness the demonstration, but to take part in it as well.

To ensure everything went smoothly, several precautions were put in place.

"We wanted to make sure they were as safe as possible," said Langdon. "We had multiple handlers available to help and we made sure the Airmen were suited up correctly for the bite demonstration."

With the kennels in the rearview, the crew chiefs wrapped up the day by donning ballistic vests and hitting the streets of Kadena with response force Airmen.

We drove around looking for seatbelt, cell phone and traffic violations," said Senior Airman James Shanahan, 18th Security Forces response force leader. "I always like training new Airmen and meeting new people; it was a lot of fun."

At the end of the duty day, both groups of Airmen were given the opportunity to gain valuable insight that could not only increase their respect for their fellow wingmen across the base and give them a deeper understanding that could help them in future leadership roles.

"Every person on this base is here for a reason and we are all equally as important," said Langdon. "When you go and visit another unit or squadron, you have a deeper respect for what they do. If you understand the other functions in the wing then, as you go up in rank and move farther into other leadership positions, you have a better understanding of how to lead different people."



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18th EMS patches up Eagles





from the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron install a patch onto an F-15 Eagle April 18, at Kadena Air Base. The 18th EMS ensures Kadena's aircraft are structurally

sound to fly.



Airman 1st Class Brady Motes, 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance technician, drills holes into a metal plate April 5, at Kadena Air Base. The 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron helps maintain the two F-15 Eagle squadrons stationed at Kadena.



Senior Airman Michael Bock, 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance technician, fastens a metal plate to an F-15 Eagle April 5, at Kadena Air Base. Structural maintenance technicians work directly from their technical orders to create, repair or maintain required aircraft parts.









Shocking and Dirty



Airman 1st Class Zackaria Martinez, 18th Civil Engineer Group electrical systems apprentice, left, checks power transformers with an infrared scanner with the help of Gregory Woodyard, 18th CEG electrician, April 17, at Kadena Air Base. Infrared scanners are used to measure the amount of heat produced within electrical components. If the heat registers over a certain temperature, members are able to identify which components have the potential to break down.

> Senior Airman
Nicholas Groeper,
18th Civil Engineer
Group pavements
and construction
journeyman, operates
a grader during a
parking lot expansion
project April 16, at
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18th MUNS hosts locals for Shimi Festival

By Senior Airman Quay Drawdy

18th Wing Public Affairs

4/22/2018 - The annual Shimi Festival season is a time for locals to visit their family tombs and pay respect to their ancestors through celebration involving traditional foods and rituals. Many of these sites are located within the boundaries of the 18th MUNS.

Every year, members of Team Kadena coordinate with the families wishing to visit their ancestral burial sites as a sign of respect.

"It's a very special day working with the local community to allow them the opportunity to pay respect to their families," 1st Lieutenant Matthew Overbey, 18th MUNS production flight commander. "It's especially important to us because we work with local nationals every day and have built those relationships. It's our pleasure to provide the escort."

Members of the family each bring a different dish to the tomb depending on their position within the family. The type of food can vary widely, from being strictly traditional to being the favorite of one of their ancestors. Members will also burn incense and a special offering called "uchakabi," which is a type of currency used in the afterlife.

"Being able to do something for the [locals] is a great feeling," said Overbey. "It's a humbling event."

The ceremonies are not intended to be in mourning and, instead, are joyful celebrations of the lives of the ancestors. The Airmen who participate in the escort play an important role in the annual festivities.

"Around lunch time, the families will



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



Cocal Okinawans removes vegetation from a tomb April 22, at Kadena Air Base. Members of communities across the island of Okinawa visit the tombs of their ancestors during the month of April. Airmen from the 18th Munitions Squadron serve as escorts for the families whose ancestral tombs are within the defined area of Kadena Air Base.

come and bring food and things," said Airman 1st Class Anthony Alt, 18th MUNS conventional munitions maintenance inspector. "We'll occasionally be invited to

take part in the foods and drinks they've brought. We're always really excited about that because it shows us we're doing something good for the community."







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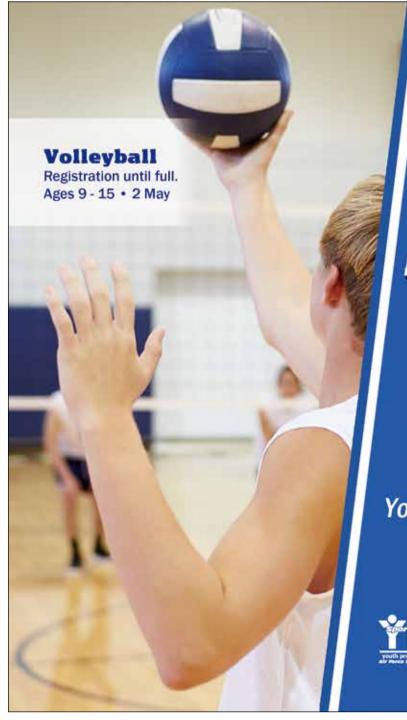
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SHES students bring autism awareness

By Jill Kleinheinz and Angie Fino

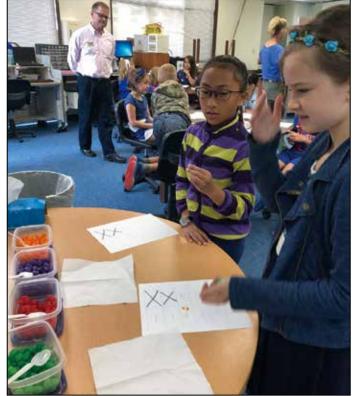
Stearley Heights Elementary School

4/18/2018 - Our Dolphins were feeling "Blue" recently as they participated in the Light it Up Blue campaign in support of April as National Autism Awareness month. Students wore blue in order to show their support for family, friends, and classmates experiencing autism as well as to raise awareness of autism.

During the month of April, our SHES Dolphins are learning about autism, the unique qualities of individuals with autism, and the daily challenges these individuals may face because of autism. We strive to go beyond autism awareness and promote autism acceptance.

On Wednesday, April 11th, many of our students had the opportunity to "Take a Walk in the Shoes" of someone with autism as they went through 8 sensory stations that simulated the heightened sensory perceptions individuals with autism may experience on a daily basis. The goal of this event was to help students understand the frustrations caused by these sensory challenges so that they gain empathy for their friends with these challenges. Understanding the feelings of others and considering their perspective will foster an environment of support for individuals with autism as well as for anyone who is facing challenges due to sensory, social, and learning differences.

Third grade students from Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Villa's classes had the opportunity to actually run these sensory stations. In order to prepare for this responsibility, their teachers, in collaboration with the District Autism Specialists, provided the students with a number of



Students experiencing Wrong Taste Test.

lessons and hands-on learning activities

so they would be prepared to answer

questions and share information about

in Mrs. Davidson's 3rd class was a presenter at the "Dot-to-Dot" station. Students

at this station looked at the reflection of a

dot-to-dot sheet in a mirror and tried to

connect the dots on paper (by only look-

ing in the mirror). This gave students the

opportunity to experience difficulties in

visual perception through the eyes of a

student with autism. William stated, "I

William Bartlow, a third grade student

(Photos by Angie Fino) thought autism was a little thing, but it

is teaching kids that students with autism

are ordinary kids and we cannot judge

them by their actions."

Some of the other stations included "Cheeky Chipmunk" where students put two marshmallows in their mouth and then tried to speak at the same time. This gave them a feeling of the difficulties and frustrations that students with autism can experience in communicating. Another station was "Distorted High-Five and Walk the Line." Students experienced the difficulties that some individuals experience due to dysregulation of their vestibular sense (sense of balance) and proprioceptive sense (eye-hand coordination) as they were tasked to walk a line while wearing goggles that impeded their

Mia Orozco, a fifth grade student in Mr. Riley's class was on the receiving end of the 8 sensory stations. She stated that this experience made her realize how difficult it is for people with autism to experience life on a daily basis. "I only had to experience this for 30 minutes, but they have to experience this their entire life."







(Left to right) Lisa Haydt, Autism ISS; Jeffrey Sweeney, Family Services EFMP Coordinator; Susan Davidson, Third Grade SHES teacher; Jill Kleinheinz, Autism Teacher Leader and Laura Hunt, SHES parent volunteer.

Students Gabriel and Aubrev explaining about "Silly Feelings."







M U R A I

SHES Purple Up 5K



By Stefanie Thompson4/24/2018 - The Stearley Heights
Elementary School PTO and Running Club hosted their 1st Annual Purple Up 5K Fun Run on Saturday, April 21st. Parents and children gathered to celebrate our littlest heroes- our military children. To celebrate the sacrifices our amazing military children make, 145 runners pounded the pavement for 3.1 miles. Running Club sponsors, Stefanie Thompson and Marie Perez-Lumbreras, kicked off the race with speeches about military children's ability to face adversity, adapt well to new surroundings, make new friends, and thrive in any culture. First place finishers Angel M. Olmo, third grade student and his father Angel L. Olmo finished with a time of 21 minutes and 43 seconds. Angel M. is a member of the SHES Running Club.

Angel M. commented that "running club is fun" and his favorite part is that "everyone cheers for everyone else." The Stearley Heights Running Club is 98 students strong ... nearly 25% of the school's student population! The club is open to all students throughout the year and encourages students to build safe running habits; work on running endurance and stamina; set goals and conquer them; and, most importantly, build lifelong, healthy habits.

This event was made possible due to Airmen Leadership School volunteers, Stearley Heights parent volunteers, Stearley Heights staff, and the Stearley Heights PTO. These devoted volunteers manned water and first aid stations, served as crossing guards, and handled registration. Due to the popularity of this event, it will be held again next year!



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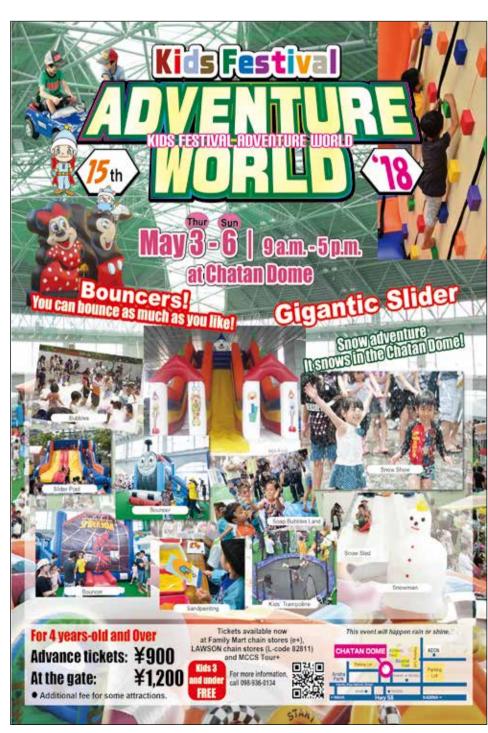
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Wasp (LHD 1) as part of a visit to Wasp to observe operations, April 23, in Okinawa. The U.S. and Japan routinely work together through exchanges and bilateral drills to increase mutual understanding and interoperability.

1st MAW Marines keep the island clean

> Marines from 1st Marine
Aircraft Wing volunteer with the
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The event lasts all day and the order of the races/heats will be decided on the day of the race. The recommended show time to see all races is 10 a.m. The festival will also include live concerts and fireworks.

It's recommended that people park their vehicles inside Camp Kinser and take a taxi from the base to the race site because there will be limited parking.

Kadena's Information, Tickets and Travel office will also offers tours to the event. Call the ITT at 966-7333 for more information.

Golden Week holidays in Japan

Many Japanese take paid time off on the intervening work days, but some companies also close down completely and give their employees time off. Golden Week is the longest vacation period of the year for many Japanese workers. Golden Week is an extremely popular time to travel. Flights, trains, and hotels are often fully booked despite significantly higher rates at this time. Traffic in Okinawa will be very busy during the Golden week holidays.

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The Wing's 2018 Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign will run from March 30 - May 11. We have a \$98,936 goal. Contact your group or unit representative to donate. The AFAF supports Airmen and their families through four charities: Air Force Aid Society, Air Force Villages, Air Force Enlisted Villages and the General & Mrs. Curtis LeMay Foundation.

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The 18th Medical Group is forming a Patient Advisory Council to improve patient safety, processes, and services. We are currently recruiting voting members. The council will meet once a quarter and is open to all empaneled Kadena Clinic patients (active duty, dependents, and retirees.) Call DSN 630-4146 or email KadenaPatientAdvocate@us.af.mil for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS EFMP-Special Needs Group Monthly Meeting

"Seeking Okinawa Synergy", S.O.S, EFMP, Special Needs Parents Group welcomes families with extraordinary children to come and share resources, experience, network, and grow while part of the Okinawa community. The group will meet the 1st Wednesday of every month from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m., at the Airman and Family Readiness Center Building 220. For more information, contact Mr. Jeffrey Sweeney at 634-3366.

Air Force Assistance Funds' Airfield 5K Run

The Wing's 2018 Air Force Assistance Fund Airfield 5K Run will be April 29 from 7 a.m. - 9

a.m. The event will start at the intersection of Fisher Ave and Roberts Ave on Kadena Air Base. There will be a taxiway light desk lamp prize for the 1st place winner. No registration required. Open to all services and host nation personnel with base access. Donations are appreciated! Contact Master Sgt. Dustin Troyer or Tech. Sgt. Evangeline Evanzia with any questions.

EFMP/Month of the Military Child-Pirate Day! All are welcome!

Come out and support exceptional family members during the Event offers information table from the EFMP/Month of the Military Child-Pirate Day! The event will be at Kenney Park on Kadena Air Base, April 28 and will run from 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. There will be helping Agencies, scavenger hunt, bouncy house, and movie to close festivities. Volunteers asked to show at 4 p.m. to assist with set up. Volunteers interested contact: Jeffrey Sweeney at 634-3366 or email: jeffrey.sweeney.1@us.af.mil

Kadena Base Honor Guard Recruitment Orientation

Kadena Air Base Honor Guard is currently recruiting new prospects. An informational briefing will be held at the McDaniel Center on May 15, at 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The training will begin May 21 - 23, from 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. This opportunity is available for Airmen in the ranks of E1 - E6.

African American Heritage Committee Golf Tournament

This year's theme for Black History Month was "African American's in Times of War". Continuing that message, Kadena's African American Heritage Committee would like to bring awareness to the those African American's as well as other ethnicities who not only served in our Armed Forces but also those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. We will host a golf tournament at the Banyan Tree

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IMPORTANT FACTS TO REMEMBER WHEN VISITING NETWORK PROVIDERS IN JAPAN



DO

Be quiet. As Japanese people think a quiet environment is needed for patients, speaking loudly or laughing out loud could be frowned upon and perceived negatively. Always follow the rules of the provider, especially during an inpatient stay. For example, observing visiting hours and honoring lights off time.

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

If you have other health insurance (OHI) including Japanese National Insurance (JNI), it must be declared using the OHI form available here: www.tricare-over-seas.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.

Beneficiaries who do not receive cashless/claimless care must be prepared to pay upfront and submit a TRICARE DoD/CHAMPUS Claim Form - Patient's Request for Medical Payment (DD Form 2642) for reimbursement.

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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Golf Course, May 4, from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. To register at https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=393372&k=0168410A7C55

Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign Movie on the Lawn

The Wing's 2018 Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign Movie on the Lawn event will be May 4 at the Four Diamonds Field A2 beginning at 6 p.m. The movie will be Disney's Moana and admission is free. Contact Master Sgt. Rocio Calero or your Group or Unit Rep if you have any questions. Food will be available for purchase i.e. Hotdogs, popcorn, snow cones.

18th Wing 1st Quarterly Awards

The 1st Quarterly Awards ceremony is right around the corner on Friday, May 4, at the Keystone Theater. The event starts at 2 p.m. don't forget to bring your spirit.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES 2018 Kadena Summer Hire Program

The Kadena APF Summer Hire Program is back! This year, the program will run from June 25 through August 17. Clerk and Laborer positions will be available at various activities on Kadena Air Base. Hours of work will be Part-time (20hrs/ week) earning \$6.00PH. If interested, applicants must apply online through USAJobs. The Civilian Personnel Flight is unable to accept printed resumes. The following links will take you directly to the vacancy announcement (open from 3/12/18 - 06/16/18) to submit your resume: Eligibility: SOFA dependents (age 14 through 22 by June 20, 2018) of DoD military and US appropriated or non-appropriated fund civilian employees assigned to the overseas installation are eligible to participate. / Note: - Dependents of Red Cross employees, DoD Contractors, BX concessionaries, Military banking facilities, USO locally hired appropriated/non-appropriated civilians, or University personnel are NOT eligible to participate in this program. / 21-22 year olds must be enrolled full-time in an accredited college; transcripts required as supporting documentation. / Must be available for the entire duration of the summer employment program. / Must complete initial online questionnaire and additional assessment(s) in USAJobs. For more information please email 18FSS.FSMCU. KadenaSummerHire@us.af.mil or call 632-9326/634-2228.

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): April 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 and French Speaking Volunteers Needed at Kadena High School

The Kadena High School Foreign Language Department is seeking native Spanish and French speakers to volunteer in some the classrooms to interact with students in Spanish and French. Speakers are needed during the school day (7:20 a.m. - 2:05 p.m.) on April 20 and 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.

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.

Lego Robotics Club

Kadena Elementary School is in need of consistent volunteers to assist students with programming Lego EV3 Robots on Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:30 - 8:25 a.m. UOD fine, LOA provided. For more information, contact Jilleane Beard-Archie at jilleane.beard-archie@pac.dodea.edu



Looking for National Anthem Singers

The 18th Wing Protocol office is looking for singers to perform the National Anthems for ceremonies and events around base. If you are able to sing one and not the other that is okay, we are looking for any talent. If interested please contact protocol at 634-1808.





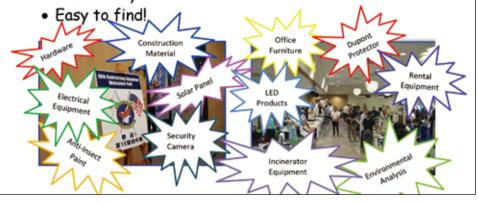
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EAT AND COMPARE OKINAWA'S TRADITIONAL 'RYUKYU CONFECTIONARY'

When talking about Okinawan confectionary, Sata Andagi and Chinsuko are the most famous, but there are also many types of 'Ryukyu confectionary' that visitors will want to try during their travels.

The ones that are the most recommended, amongst many others, would be 'Hanabouru' (pictured here), 'Kunpen' and Chirunko.

During the Ryukyu Dynasty, these were important sweets reserved for the high court

that only the royal aristocrats and state guests could taste. Today, anybody can try them, and they are even sold in supermarkets and convenience stores.

Hanabouru is a baked sweet that uses plenty of egg yolks and is like a shortbread cookie. Although the form of the wisteria flower that the biscuit takes varies from store to store, they are all handmade by craftsmen.

Kunpen, or Kunpin, is a baked sweet filled with



sesame or peanut flavoured red bean paste.

Chirunko is a cute, Okinawan-style steamed cake topped with red colored peanuts and often eaten at celebrations.

Whichever sweet is chosen, they are all influenced by Chinese confectionaries and so they taste great with jasmine or oolong tea.

The taste and look is also slightly different from shop to shop, so tasting and comparing the different styles makes for a wonderful memory.





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