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A KC-135 refuels an F-16 during Red Flag-A 18-1

A KC-135R Stratotanker assigned to the 909th Air Refueling Squadron based at Kadena Air Base, moves into position to refuel an F-16 Fighting Falcon assigned to the 18th Aggressor Squadron from Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, May 2. The aircraft were participating in a training sortie as part of RED FLAG-Alaska 18-1 which takes place in the skies over the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex in Interior Alaska.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jerilyn Quintanilla)

Soaring through the skies during Red Flag-A 18-1

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(U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jerilyn Quintanilla)

Honoring the fallen and healing the family

By Staff Sgt. Jessica Smith

18th Wing Public Affairs

5/1/2018 - On February 17th, 2002, an Army MH-47 helicopter crashed into the Sulu Sea while conducting counterterrorist operations in the Philippines, killing 10 people, one of which was Master Sgt. William L. McDaniel II, a pararescueman with the 320th Special Tactics Squadron.

Two years later a professional development center on Kadena Air Base was dedicated in his memory and is now known as the McDaniel Center.

Nearly two decades later, his family was invited for an opportunity to see firsthand the dedication to their loved one and meet those who were involved.

While it may seem a little late, the timing was just right for his mother and niece to find closure and healing for their loss.

"I think it was just time," said Sheila McDaniel, mother of the fallen. "My granddaughter kind of pushed me a little bit to get this going so we could come and see this ... Maybe put a little bit of closure for me, for my son ... About him."

McDaniel was the first born son, and the only child to follow in the footsteps of his father by joining the military.

Upon finding out he was joining the military, Sheila had mixed emotions for her son, thinking back to a skinny little 13 year old boy.

"He decided to go in the Air

Force and yah, I was happy for him - nervous but happy," she said.

At a young age, McDaniel began to change his physical appearance - his dedication to fitness was a key factor in the confidence that could be seen in his work and a major contributor to his future successes.

After years of dedication as a crew chief he decided to cross-train to become a pararescueman - a challenge for anyone but possibly even more so for him.

"When he went into pararescue, he was the old man compared to the guys that were going through the pipeline at that time," Sheila said. "He was 31, 32, and those guys were 18, 19, 20 years old, and he was doing just what they were and then some."

For everyone who knew McDaniel, it was clear he loved what he did, his mother explained, but was never boastful.

"He wouldn't have liked all this hoopla," she laughed, "He was not into that ... He became Pararescueman of the Year in 2001, and we never knew until he was killed - he never told."

As much as this trip was about the legacy of McDaniel, it was also about the healing of his family - many years later, the heartache is still there.

Sheila still remembers the moment she found out about her son's passing.

"When they first came to tell me, I felt like somebody had stuck me in the gut and just ripped half

of me away," Sheila recalled. "As far as how I feel today ... I miss him very much - his smile, his sweetness, his kindness and beautiful face."

Being able to come to Okinawa, brought a sense of peace to his mother as well as the rest of the family.

Ashley McDaniel was 18 when her uncle, "Bub," died and is one of the key people behind getting her grandmother Sheila, here.

"I pushed for it, I pushed for her to be here because I felt like it would help her in a lot of ways," Ashley said. "To see how happy she is to be here, makes me happy - words don't describe it"

For Ashley, the visit has made dealing with her grief a little easier.

"To see what everybody has done to keep his memory alive is awesome," she said. "[It] makes it a little easier to deal with knowing that he's never been found but he's never been forgotten ..."

During their trip, Sheila and Ashley were able to sense just how much people cared - and still do - for McDaniel.

"I just get it from everybody, and that makes me feel wonderful to know he was loved that much," Sheila said.

The atmosphere of family and comradery made the trip better than expected for Ashley.

"It's been above and beyond - they're a part of our family - nothing will ever change that," she said. "They have absolutely



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jessica H. Smith)

Sheila McDaniel, mother of fallen pararescueman Master Sgt. William L. McDaniel II, poses as her granddaughter, Ashley McDaniel, takes a photo of her. Both Sheila and Ashley visited the McDaniel Center at Kadena Air Base, to see the honoring of their loved one.

made us feel like family and we'll forever hang on to that."

Both Sheila and Ashley believe their loved one is looking down happily on their experience at Kadena. However, their emotions implore them to highlight the importance of valuing loved ones while they're still here.

"Tell them every day how much you love them," Sheila said through tears, "Because you're not promised the next day - ever."

Although the trip was a long time coming, it was still just as valued to the McDaniel family.

"We've never been able to see these things and be a part of what he was a part of, so to do it now, 16 years later ... I think had it

been done years ago or now, it still would've been just as amazing - there hasn't been one bad part of this in any way," Ashley expressed.

As the visit comes to an end, Sheila leaves the island with one parting message.

"If I had anything to say to these guys here, it'd be to tell them they have made my heart happy - I will never forget what these guys have done," she said. "They've helped me in a way that I didn't realize that will help me move forward ... What they've done ... I will never be able to thank them enough and tell them what it's meant - doesn't make it go away, but it has helped tremendously."

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18th WG CCCE's keep the mission going

By Airman 1st Class Greg Erwin

18th Wing Public Affairs

4/26/2018 - Balancing a busy schedule is asked of anyone who puts on the uniform, but that schedule only gets busier as Airmen progress in rank. Once they've achieved a position at the base leadership level, they need another set of eyes to help manage their schedule - making sure their time is spent efficiently for the benefit of the base, and the Air Force.

Keeping the schedule free of conflicts for the top enlisted member at Kadena may be considered a fairly large task, and the team that handles the task is made up of just two Airmen - the Command Chief's Executive Assistants.

"The Command Chief's Executive Assistant is an integral part of the command staff and ensures all correspondence is in regulation and processed efficiently," said Tech. Sgt. Rachel Holmes, 18th Wing CCCE. "This office supports and relays the direction of the 18th Wing Command Chief through communication with unit leaders across the base."

While one may not find executive assistant on the job sheet at the local recruiter's office, it's a necessary position to keep the mission going, especially at a high-paced base such as Kadena. Whether it's the Airmen and their families, the sister services on the base or other countries who need the ear of base leadership, the executive assistants are there to make sure the requests are racked-and-stacked in importance so the CCC can execute their mission.

"The Command Chief's Executive Assistant manages and de-conflicts the Command Chief's daily agenda and business travel, supporting bilateral and multilateral engagement requests," said Tech. Sgt.



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

▲ Tech. Sgt. Rachel Holmes and Tech. Sgt. Robert Martin, 18th Wing Command Chief Executive Assistants, pose for a photo April 19, at Kadena Air Base. The executive assistant also facilitates recognition of Airmen through quarterly and annual awards, Senior Airman Below the Zone, and the Airman of the Week program.

Robert Martin, 18th Wing CCCE. "We also have a large role in Air Force-level processes like the Developmental Special Duty vectoring and Joint Professional Military Education opportunities."

The position is unique in the fact that any Air Force Specialty Code can apply, Homes explained. It's a one-year commitment and is applied for at the unit-level. The CCC conducts interviews and selects the best Airmen to join the command team.

While the CCCE's main priority is handling the schedule for the CCC, they're also responsible for functions that affect Airmen throughout the base, including many additional programs highlighting outstanding Airmen. They facilitate the recognition of deserving Airmen through quarterly and annual awards, Senior Airman Below the Zone, and Airmen of the Week, Martin explained.

With multiple hats worn at times, the CCCE's explain the best part of their job is



▲ Tech. Sgt. Robert Martin, 18th Wing Command Chief Executive Assistant, poses for a photo April 19, at Kadena Air Base. The executive relays information between the Command Chief and unit leaders across Kadena.



▲ Tech. Sgt. Rachel Holmes, 18th Wing Command Chief Executive Assistant, poses for a photo April 19, at Kadena Air Base. The executive assistant position is a 1-year commitment, and is selected by the Command Chief during an application and interview process.

seeing the relationship between leadership on base and those serving under them. At the end of the day, taking care of leadership is the CCCE's main priority, but taking care of the Airmen and helping them be rewarded for their hard work may be the best pay-off for the demanding position.

"Our job is rewarding because we are able to witness the authentic appreciation this leadership team has for every single service member and civilian on Kadena Air Base," Holmes said.

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Staff Sgt. Melanie Marlow

By Senior Airman Quay Drawdy

18th Wing Public Affairs
5/8/2018 - What has two thumbs and orders more than 80,000 parts a year for the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron?

Staff Sgt. Melanie Marlow, 18th CMS NCO in charge of propulsion supply, has those two thumbs and places those orders as the only Airmen that owns that title. She is "on loan" from the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron to help solve

a problem many maintainers were facing.

"I'm the first person to ever hold this position," Marlow said. "I take care of everything that is ordered, issued and taken in within the propulsion shop and manage the largest bench-stock in the Pacific Air Force."

Prior to Marlow taking the position, six different sections within the 18th CMS were trying to coordinate all of their orders through different contacts in the 18th LRS. To cut back on the cost of transport and

countless man-hours, a logistics professional was needed.

"I manage a \$96 million program and order around 82,000 parts in a year," Marlow said. "It's a beast, but I really enjoy the experience. I've gained a lot of respect while filling this position and have even been able to mend some of the relationships between supply and maintenance that hadn't been so great."

The work Marlow has accomplished has not gone unnoticed within the 18th CMS.

"She's incredibly motivated



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

Staff Sgt. Melanie Marlow, 18th Component Maintenance Squadron NCO in charge of propulsion supply, smiles for a photo in a maintenance bay May 2, at Kadena Air Base.

and self-driven," said Tech. Sgt. Robert Slovensky, 18th CMS NCO in charge of support. "Once we let her know what we need, she gets it done and is, basically, the best thing since sliced bread."

The position is temporary, though. With Marlow having served in the position for 18

months, she is preparing to rejoin the 18th LRS within a year.

"I'll be training my replacement soon," Marlow said. "I'll receive my permanent change of assignment and am excited to get back. I'm hoping to get some experience in the warehouse this time around."

Propulsion Support: 18th Component Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Minuet Comstock, 18th Component Maintenance Squadron aerospace propulsion journeyman, cleans a tool as part of her routine duties May 2, at Kadena Air Base. As part of the 18th CMS, the propulsion backshop is vital in the success of the mission.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jessica H. Smith)



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

Staff Sgt. Dustin Flores, 18th Component Maintenance Squadron support technician, refills spray bottles May 2, at Kadena Air Base. The propulsion shop processes more than 80,000 parts across six units annually.



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

Airmen from the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron processes customers returning equipment May 2, at Kadena Air Base. The 18th CMS provides materials and maintenance on electrical systems relating to propulsion, avionics and aviation sub-systems.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jessica H. Smith)

A customer returns equipment to the 18th CMS propulsion backshop May 2. As part of the 18th CMS, the propulsion backshop is vital in the success of the mission.

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(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. James Richardson)



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Master Sgt. Pedro Jimenez)

Members of the U.S. and Philippine air forces discuss the capabilities of the FA-50PH Fighting Eagle at a subject matter expert exchange during a bilateral air contingent exchange at Clark Air Base, Philippines, April 25.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. James Richardson)

Airman 1st Class Michael Flath, aircrew flight equipment (AFE) specialist, teaches a class on AFE during a Bilateral Air Contingent Exchange in Cebu, Philippines, April 24.

FORCE-ON-FORCE Japan Ground Self-Defense members train with 18th SFS Defenders



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

An 18th Security Forces training instructor explains the importance of communication and teamwork during force-on-force training April 20, at Kadena Air Base. The instructors stressed the importance of communication skills and team work to achieve their objectives in a simulated firefight.



An 18th Security Forces Airman takes aim from behind a barricade during training April 20, at Kadena Air Base. Defenders from the 18th SFS trained together with Japan Ground Self-Defense Force members to build comradery and partnership while strengthening communication skills in a simulated firefight.

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Participants run during the Hope Glows 5K Color Run April 28 at Kadena Air Base. The event featured a slip n' slide, black lights, UV color throw powder, and was to support Sexual Assault Awareness Prevention Month of April.



Kadena hosts SAAPM Golf Tournament



(U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Micaiah Anthony)

^ A participant of the Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month golf tournament hits a golf ball April 23, at Kadena Air Base. The Sexual Assault Response Office and the Kadena Sexual Assault Prevention Association hosted the tournament to raise awareness about sexual assault prevention and reporting.



^ Participants of the Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month golf tournament answer trivia questions April 23, at Kadena Air Base.

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Learning and leading in electronic warfare



(U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Jessica H. Smith)

◀ Tech. Sgt. Joshua Dungan, 353rd Special Operations Maintenance Squadron Electronic Warfare Systems craftsman and Airman First Class Anthony Allen, 353rd SOMXS EW systems apprentice work together to maintain electronic warfare systems, April 4, at Kadena Air Base. Both Dungan and Allen ensure the electronic warfare defensive systems are maintained.



▲ Tech. Sgt. Joshua Dungan, 353rd Special Operations Maintenance Squadron Electronic Warfare Systems craftsman works on an electronic warfare system April 4, at Kadena Air Base. Part of his job is to ensure the maintenance of electronic warfare defensive systems.

By Staff Sgt. Jessica H. Smith

18th Wing Public Affairs

4/26/2018 - Every career field can have its highs and lows, and for some there's much more to gain than just knowing how to do the job efficiently. Often, a job can shape someone both personally and professionally creating a unique perspective on their role.

Maintaining the defensive systems of mission essential aircraft is a critical task. Tech Sgt. Joshua Dungan, electronic warfare systems craftsman with the 353rd Special Operations Maintenance Squadron at Kadena Air Force Base, has gained much more than job proficiency over his years in the career field.

Dungan wasn't exactly sure what he had signed up for when he told his recruiter yes for an

electronic warfare job - ready to go, he eagerly accepted. On a daily basis, he's responsible for the preventative and corrective maintenance on the MC-130H Combat Talon II and MC130J Commando II model aircraft ensuring the defensive systems are up to date software and are functioning as needed - a very important part of the mission. Despite the significance of the job, Dungan does it with sureness.

"It's a serious business doing aircraft maintenance and obviously if you don't do something correctly it can have serious implications, but I'm never nervous to go out and do the job," he explained. "I've been trained on how to do it and I've done it for a long time so I'm confident going out there."

Years - and multiple airframe

models - later, he's now helping others excel at it.

"My favorite part of what I do is to pass on the knowledge to our younger Airmen so we can prep the future generation of EW troops that come out here to maintain the aircraft," Dungan said. "That's where I get most of my satisfaction - teaching others."

Although he is passing on knowledge to others, he still faces challenges himself.

"Sometimes we'll run across something that we haven't seen before - chasing that down and finding out how we're going to fix it is the most difficult part, but that's one of the best parts," Dungan said. "You start learning more about the systems you're maintaining so it makes you that much better for the future."

Learning opportunities are

something Dungan welcomes in his career as he is constantly working toward improvement.

"I'm always trying to better myself whether that's through education or working different airframes - learning not just from other EW troops but some other specialists on these aircraft," he explained. "I always try to go out there and learn what they can do just to make myself a better maintainer in general."

Aircraft maintenance isn't the only thing Dungan has learned - being in the Air Force has taught him the importance of leadership.

"I was told once that being a leader isn't just being a leader in one thing in particular ... a leader is a leader everywhere," Dungan said, "Different roles such as being an electronic

warfare craftsman, a father, a brother, or a son ... leadership can fit into all those roles."

For Dungan, being a leader, teaching others and understanding the role he plays in the mission are all things that bring him personal and job satisfaction, but at the end of the day, seeing other's succeed is what matters most to him.

"My biggest accomplishment is to see my troops succeed and to see them going there and seeing the things that they've learned and the things that I taught them - that they're putting that to good use and that they're out there getting the job done," he said. "It lets me know that I'm doing my job and it's almost a sense of pride to see them go off on their own and take care of business."



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'TRASH 'TODAY, GONE 'TOMORROW

By Staff Sgt. Matthew B. Fredericks

18th Wing Public Affairs

4/30/2018 - Eighty volunteers from Kadena Air Base showed up early to help better the community outside of Gate 2.

The Airmen showed up for a week-

end trash pick-up event in the local Okinawan community. Participants spent part of their day cleaning up around neighborhoods and businesses frequented by Kadena residents.

"It's really important to me because I feel like I have a relationship with

some of the people out here in the local community," said Staff Sgt. Colby Davis, 18th Medical Support Squadron pharmacy technician, and event coordinator. "I've made friends with some of the locals here, and I feel like I want to do my part, and put out a good image for us here."

Volunteers picked up litter along Gate 2 street down to Koza Music Town, and expanded their efforts several blocks to the north and south.

"I feel it's important for us, as military members, to be out here," said Tech. Sgt. Zachary Kruly, 961st Airborne Air

Control Squadron flight engineer. "It shows we care, that we're here to set a positive image and play a positive role in the community."

After several hours of clearing gutters and back streets and alleys, the participants collected 85 bags of trash. They then met up at Uechitoshi Ryokuchi Park to sort the litter before it was picked up by the city.

"It's important for us to do these kind of things to show respect for the local community in which we are trying to serve," said Davis. "We're just trying to do our part to help clean up."

Airmen, jets return from Japan deployment

By 419th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

5/7/2018 — HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah - Airmen and F-35A aircraft from the active duty 388th Fighter Wing and Reserve 419th Fighter Wing returned here May 4-5 following a six-month deployment to Kadena Air Base, Japan.

Families gathered on the flightline to welcome the pilots, maintainers, and support personnel who had been working at Kadena and the surrounding region since October 2017. The deployment was part of a routine "theater security package" that demonstrates continuing U.S. commitment to stability and security in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

This marks the first long-term overseas deployment for the

F-35A, which first arrived at Hill AFB in 2015 and was deemed "combat ready" by the Air Force one year later. The 388th FW and 419th FW fly and maintain the jet in a Total Force partnership, which capitalizes on the strengths of both the active duty and Reserve components.

"They accomplished a lot," said Col. Regina Sabric, 419th FW commander. "The biggest thing with being the first operational F-35 theater security package, it sets the playbook for every other operational wing to follow."

While deployed, pilots flew 1,086 sorties and deployed an additional eight times from Kadena to other locations in the region. Personnel worked with other U.S. Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corp aircraft and the Japanese Self Defense Force and



(Courtesy photo by Michael Christopher)

Airmen from the active duty 388th Fighter Wing and Reserve 419th Fighter Wing return to Hill Air Force Base, Utah, May 5 after a six-month deployment to Kadena Air Base.

Republic of Korea Air Force.

Col. Lee Kloos, 388th FW commander, said F-35 pilots gained valuable training with their joint and coalition partners,

and maintainers were able to get the jets back in the air quickly.

"This is the first [F-35] deployment of this magnitude and this duration," Kloos said. "The

jets performed great, it was an amazing performance."

Hill's fighter wings are home to 35 F-35s and will total 78 by the end of 2019.

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Practice makes perfect

Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force Soldiers with the 15th Brigade and Marines with 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, prepare for the annual Naha Dragon Boat race on May 3, at Camp Naha.

(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Jamin M. Powell)

Air Force directs one-day operational safety review

By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

5/8/2018 — WASHINGTON - Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. David L. Goldfein directed all Air Force wings with flying and maintenance functions to execute a one-day operational safety review by May 21, 2018.

"I am directing this operational safety review to allow our commanders to assess and discuss the safety of our operations and to gather feedback from our Airmen who are doing the mission every day," said Goldfein.

After a series of recent aviation mishaps and fatalities, including a WC-130 Hercules crash May 2, the Air Force is taking swift action to ensure the safety of its force. Although safety statistics over the past decade show Air Force Class A and B aviation

mishaps trended downward, the Air Force's manned aviation mishap rate increased since the beginning of fiscal year 2018.

During the safety review, commander-led forums will gather feedback from Airmen who execute the Air Force's flying operations and challenge Airmen to identify issues that may cause a future mishap.

"We cannot afford to lose a single Airman or weapons system due to a mishap that could have been prevented," said Goldfein. "Our men and women have volunteered to give their last full measure for America's security. My intent is to have commanders lead focused forums with their Airmen to help identify gaps and seams that exist or are developing, which could lead to future mishaps or unsafe conditions."

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18th WG/JA speaks with students



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

Students from Amelia Earhart Intermediate School throw paper airplanes they created as a group during "Law Day" May 4, at Kadena Air Base. Each group consisted of a president, judicial and executive branch that served a particular function.

By Senior Airman Quay Drawdy

18th Wing Public Affairs

5/8/2018 - Members of the 18th Wing Judge Advocate met with students from Amelia Earhart Intermediate and Stearley Heights Elementary Schools to celebrate "Law Day" May 3 and 4, at Kadena Air Base.

Law Day is a day of recognition among the legal community that encourages engagement with local communities. Each year, the theme changes dependent on the intended message; the theme for 2018 is "separation of powers."

Students learned lessons on the three branches of the U.S. government before working in groups to create and fly a pa-



Xiomara Carrion, 18th Wing Judge Advocate discharge clerk, assists students from Amelia Earhart Intermediate School during "Law Day."

per airplane; the "judicial branch" was responsible for relaying instructions, the "executive branch" folded the paper and the "president" enforced a series of rules put in place to prevent any one "branch" from taking over the project.

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835th Transportation Battalion recognizes Human Capital

By 835th Transportation Battalion

Mr. Francisco Cardoso, Supply Officer for the 835th Transportation Battalion at Naha Military Port, Okinawa, was selected by the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) to attend a week-long Supply Chain Management Certificate Program at Washington University in St. Louis, April 16 to 20. Mr. Cardoso, who was also recognized as 2017's SDDC Supply and Inventory Management Civilian of the Year, was selected for the course thanks to his high levels of performance.

Faculty from the Olin School of Business led the course, which included topics ranging from how to counteract the Bullwhip Phenomenon, to risk-management and identifying strategic partnerships. The course provided Mr. Cardoso with new perspectives on SDDC's day-to-day activities, along with interaction with counterparts from other industries and



(Courtesy photo)

the private sector. "It was an interesting experience because it presented real-life scenarios and included live exercises. Each activity used real quantities and costs, and we had to consider lead-time and transportation to achieve our objectives," said Mr. Cardoso.

Tax Office Announcement

If you had to PAY federal income tax, hopefully, you have done so by now. If you haven't paid, you should, as soon as possible. Since you are overseas, you have until 15 June 2018 to FILE your 2017 federal income tax return. If you still need to file, you should contact one of the tax centers on Okinawa.

You may call the Torii Tax Center for more information at 644-1040 or 644-4332.

The Joint Tax Center on Kadena is now taking appointments and drop-offs. Drop offs are from 1000-1200 and from 1300-1400 on

Monday through Thursday. Appointments are from 1300-1500 on Monday through Friday. Please call 634-7418 for an appointment or for more information about the Kadena Tax Center. The USMC Tax Center is in Building 5157 on Camp Foster (on the same street as the US Naval Hospital). They see walk-ins from 0800-1500 on Mondays and from 0800-1100 from Tuesday through Friday. Appointments are from 1200-1500 Tuesday through Friday. Please call 645-1236 for an appointment or for more information about the Tax Center on Camp Foster.

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Navy team competes in Naha Haraii Dragon Boat Festival



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The Navy Dragon Boat team, made up of service members and civilians assigned to Navy units on Okinawa, rows during the 43rd Naha Haraii Festival Dragon Boat races May 5 in Naha City. Haraii is an Okinawan dragon boat race and festival that celebrates and prays for good catches and safety of the fishermen and seafarers, a big part of Okinawa's culture. Fleet Activities Okinawa supports the full spectrum of Navy operations on Okinawa, and its major tenant commands are Commander Task Force 76, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5 and Patrol and Reconnaissance Force 7th Fleet.

Patrol Squadron 4



(U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Juan S. Sua)

Members of Patrol Squadron (VP) 4's Aviation Ordnance team pose for a photo following the successful onload of a AGM-84D Harpoon missile to a P-8A Poseidon aircraft during a proficiency exercise on Kadena Air Base, April 26. VP-4 is currently deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operation conducting Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) and Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) missions, as well as providing maritime domain awareness throughout the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.



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Just as the white beaches are made of broken coral and seashells, the 'star sand' is made from the shells of Foraminifera which are part of the same protist as amoeba.

This doesn't mean that it can be seen on all sandy beaches, but the most famous include Kaiji beach on Taketomi Island and Star Sand Beach on Iriomote Island, as well as Tokashiki Island's Aharen Beach.



The star sand can also be found all over Hatoma Island, and the more isolated islands are also good spots.

With its cute shape, the star sand can bring joy to all who find it, but in recent years it has decreased and some beaches have even banned visitors from taking it home with them.

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18th MDG Clinic Closures

The Kadena Air Base clinic will be closed on May 17 (MDG ½ Training Day). Closed at 12 p.m. 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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vegetables, and referrals to other health care agencies. For more information, check financial/residential eligibility, visit or call WIC Overseas. All of WIC can be reached at 645-WICO (9426) or from a cell phone at 098-970-9426 (Options 1- Camp Foster; 2- Kadena Air Base; 3-Camp Kinser; 4- Camp Courtney) Kadena Air Base (Bldg. 428) Camp Foster (Bldg. 5674) Camp Courtney (Bldg. 4408) Camp Kinser (Bldg. 107 Rm. 121)

Mail Address Format

The mail addressees should inform their mailers to not include "Japan" or "Okinawa" in the APO or FPO mail address format. If included, the mail may be routed through the international postal system instead of the military postal system, which may result in a higher postage rate and longer transit time to the addressee.

Mailing of Alcoholic Beverages

Due to transportation safety concerns, please avoid mailing alcoholic beverages such as beer, wine or liquor through the US military APO/FPO mail system.

Mailing Lithium-ion Battery in the APO/FPO System

The mailing of lithium-ion batteries to and from a US military APO/FPO address is permitted when the batteries are properly installed in an electronic device. Because of safety concerns, defective lithium-ion batteries or lithium-ion batteries that are not installed in a device and instead packed alone or separate from the electronic device cannot be mailed. Lithium-ion batteries are typically used in devices such as mobile telephones, portable electronics and laptops.

Mailing Addresses

To help prevent non-delivery of mail, please enclose inside the mail piece the sender's address and the intended addressee. Enclosing the addresses inside the package can help the Postal Service route the mail to the addressee or returned to sender should the exterior addresses become unreadable or is separated from the mail piece. Call MSgt. Richard Balanon at 634-3244 or 634-3266 for more information.

Bioenvironmental Engineering Gas Mask Fit Testing Date/Time Change

Bioenvironmental Engineering will now be conducting Gas Mask Fit Testing on Thursday of each week from 0730-0930 walk-ins. Located in building 428 across from the Schilling Community Center. If you are deploying or going TDY within 30 days and require a fit test please call 634-4752.

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.

Fingerprinting Services

Fingerprinting services at the 18 WG/IP office is by Appointments ONLY. Appointments available every Tuesday and Thursday, from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. for individuals submitting security clearances, child care employees, Nurses, DECA, Red Cross, Chapel, Vet Clinic, Youth Services, VA, Navy, Army and from 3 p.m.- 4 p.m. for DoDEA(teachers) individuals. Please call DSN 634-1657 or 634-0989 to make an appointment. Fingerprinting locations are as follows: Camp Foster: building 5642, S-3 Office, 645-2390 (Next to Vehicle Registration building), building 5699, IPAC, 645-4337, and building 496 PMO, 1st floor through the Customs Section, 645-3885 (Near Legion Gate) Torii Station: building 228 PMO, 644-4715 (After Torii Main Gate, building on right at 4-way) (ink only) Kadena AB: Northside by Gate 4, building 3554, 2nd Floor, room 235, 634-6297 (electronic FP only) and b705, 2nd Floor, room 215

Patient Advisory Council

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.

Preparation for Promotion Testing

As the promotion cycle nears, your Test Control Officer would like to ensure all examinees receive the best opportunity going forward. All examinees should be prepared on their scheduled day by ensuring they: •Are on time (late arrival will generate a no-show) • Have CAC at all time during both tests • Be in appropriate military uniform

USAF Test Pilot School (TPS), "Test Falcon" Selection Board

The annual United States Air Force Test Pilot School (TPS), "Test Falcon" Selection Board, will convene 23-25 July 2018 at the Air Force Personnel Center. The USAF TPS is the world's preeminent fixed-wing test pilot school and trains pilots, combat systems officers, and flight test engineers to develop, test, and evaluate the newest aircraft and weapons systems. USAF TPS graduates will be awarded an accredited Master of Science degree in Flight Test Engineering by Air University. In addition, USAF TPS conducts exchange programs with the US Navy, United Kingdom, and French Test Pilot Schools to train fixed and rotary wing pilots and flight test engineers. Applicants from all aircraft types and backgrounds must have strong academic and technical experience and a deep

desire to help develop the next generation of Air Force weapon systems. For more information, visit the TPS website <https://www.edwards.af.mil/units/usaftps>.

Public Affairs Photo Studio

The Public Affairs photo studio is open Mon.-Thurs. from 9-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Appointments are available in half-hour increments. Award, bio or package submission photos are scheduled Mon-Wed. Full length photos are only available on Thurs. Official Passport photos are by appointment only until further notice, Mon-Fri, and require a letter from your UDM or the passport office. For questions or to schedule, please call 634-3813.

**UPCOMING EVENTS
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.

**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

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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