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Pacific Angel 18-1 unsung heroes enabled medics, engineers in Timor-Leste



U.S. Air Force engineers with the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron from Kadena Air Base, correct the slope of a drainage pipe at the Negri Saran Kote Secondary School during Pacific Angel 2018 in Suai, Cova Lima Municipality, Southwest Timor-Leste, June 9.

(U.S. Air Force photos by Tech. Sgt. Benjamin W. Stratton)



Staff Sgt. Richard Chandler, an 18th Civil Engineer Squadron alarms systems technician from Kadena Air Base, connects the final wire on a fluorescent lighting unit at the Pollo Medical Training Center during Pacific Angel 2018 in Suai, Cova Lima Municipality, Southwest Timor-Leste, June 12.

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Stratton

35th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

6/21/2018S - UAI, Timor-Leste — Logistics, contracting, finance, security, host nation lodging and contractors and many more make up a small team of unsung heroes who nearly a year before Pacific Angel 18-1 kicked off planning the mission with a site visit in January and again in March this year.

The logistics team worked non-stop ensuring they met all required transportation, food, lodging and supply requirements to keep the medical and engineering teams on site and on mission.

“Without us, no one would have the basic necessities of food, water and shelter,” said U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Amy Stultz, the mission logistician with the 940th Aerospace Medicine Squadron from Beale Air Force Base, California. “They would not have the materials they need to accomplish their mission.”

Engagements like PAC ANGELS enable the U.S. military to strengthen its relationships with other nations’ militaries through mutually beneficial activities such as subject-matter expert exchanges, host nation visits, multilateral engagements and exercises.

“Everyone brings their own set of unique skills to the table and it takes everyone as a whole to operate as a well-

oiled machine,” explained U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Justin Haggerty, the 18th Security Forces Squadron flight chief from Kadena Air Base.

“It’s all about coordination,” Haggerty continued. “I’m up first thing in the morning making sure the medics and engineers have transportation and that their sites are secure.”

Haggerty talked with the local police department and Timorese National Police as well as the 17 Timor-Leste Defense Force soldiers dedicated to protecting the PAC ANGEL teams.

“We make sure they’re in place at the HSO site to provide crowd and traffic control as well as just general security,” he said.

Never seen without the other, U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Simone Roberts, the 18th Comptroller Squadron mission support group resource advisor from Kadena Air Base, and U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Darrell Thornburgh, an 18th Contracting Squadron contracting officer also from Kadena, traveled from site to site tallying up lists of required equipment from each of the engineering and medical sites.

Without Roberts and Thornburgh constantly checking in with the teams and purchasing supplies from the local economy, each of the sites’ missions would fail.

“Our job is extremely important,” Roberts said. “We are up early and out

there talking with vendors getting the engineers and medics all the supplies they need to help the community.”

The duo along with Stultz, Haggerty, and the local contractors made every effort to keep the medics and engineers focused and on course in their commitment to supporting Timor-Leste’s efforts to bring humanitarian assistance to their people.

“It’s fulfilling to say, ‘hey we were a part of this,’ and see it from start to execution and see how it impacts the Timorese here,” Roberts added.

Echoing Roberts, Stultz said missions like PAC ANGEL are the reason she remains in the Air Force today after more than 20 years of service.

“I love being able to travel and help people and underserved populations,” said Stultz. “I love coming out here and working with the people and just building those relationships that you know if we help in any small way you can leave here with a sense of pride.”

Similarly, Jomar Pagcaliwangan, the construction contractor director with PAC ANGEL 18-1 and Philippines native, said working with all the nations involved was an “amazing experience.”

“This has been a great opportunity to team up with PAC ANGEL to make the schools and hospitals better and give a better life to the children and the people living here in Suai,” Pagcaliwangan said.

“My favorite part of this effort has been meeting the people on the PAC ANGEL team. I am sincerely thankful for partnership and the job where I got to help the team with this project and make an impact in so many lives.”

On the surface, PAC ANGEL 18-1 completed without any issues and that’s all thanks to the mission’s unsung heroes who established friendships with all the multilateral partners including Australia, Indonesia, the Philippines, the U.S. and host nation partners from Timor-Leste.

“I couldn’t have asked for a better behind-the-scenes crew,” said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Catherine Grush, the mission commander. “This team really are my unsung heroes. They’ve worked long, late hours, longer than the rest of the team in an ongoing effort to make sure the mission completes without any failures and they’ve done it — wonderfully.”

PAC ANGEL 18-1, at the invitation of the Government of Timor-Leste, provided support by conducting medical, dental, optometry and engineering programs. The team encountered nearly 5,500 patients at the health services outreach site and completed engineering projects at seven schools and hospitals.

“Their compassion and attention to detail is the reason this mission was so successful; I can’t imagine having worked with a better group of people,” Grush added.

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Conor Daly's journey to put the Air Force in the Indy 500



Conor Daly, driver of the #17 U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service Thom Burns Racing Honda, gets into the car before a qualifying attempt during "bump day" May 19, at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis.



Conor Daly, driver of the #17 U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service Thom Burns Racing Honda, prepares to put on his helmet on pit road during "bump day" May 19, at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis.

By Airman 1st Class Greg Erwin

18th Wing Public Affairs
6/21/2018 — On the surface, it may be hard to see how the Air Force and auto racing are similar. Upon closer inspection, however, the themes of teamwork, perseverance and excellence ring true in both worlds. For driver Conor Daly, support from his team – and support from the Air Force – may have helped fuel the most gratifying race of his young career.

The crown jewel of North American auto racing is the

Indianapolis 500, and this year's running was the 102nd event. The "Month of May" in Indianapolis starts on May 1st historically, leading through the Memorial Day weekend and running of the race. Daly's effort in the Indy 500 was fielded by Thom Burns Racing, in the number 17 car, and sponsorship from the United States Air Force Recruiting Service. With the partnership, the car's livery – or paint scheme – was made up to look like an F-16, mirroring the Air Force Thunderbird demonstration team.

Before hitting the track, one of

the perks of the sponsorship for Daly was getting a chance to visit Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, to fly with the Thunderbirds. Throughout the visit, Daly was able to get a better look at what makes the United States Air Force the world's greatest.

"The big theme I got from my ride with the Thunderbirds was teamwork," he said. "That's one thing we also have here in racing. It's one of those things where everyone has to do their job, everyone has to execute, and when that happens – good results will come."

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

Good results seem to be in his genes, to say racing is in the family would be an understatement. Daly is the son of former Formula 1 driver – and current TV analyst – Derek Daly. His mother, Beth Boles, is married to the president of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, J. Douglas Boles.

Being the son of a driver who raced in the premier auto racing series comes with a high set of expectations, but a lack of funding can derail fulfilling those dreams. Like many other sports professionals, this has been Daly's struggle toward consistently maintaining a ride.

Fortunately, one race Daly has frequently qualified for is the Indianapolis 500. This year's attempt was the most difficult yet, but sponsorship from the Air Force enabled the team to qualify for the race.

Daly's car owner, Thom Burns, an Indianapolis based contractor and military veteran, has been trying for years to put together a program to work with the Air Force in the Indy 500.

"We've tried to get the Air Force deal for a couple of years, but they had been focused on NASCAR and other sports," Burns said.

This year, the pieces fell into place for Burns to land the sponsorship. Once in place, the process to acquire bodywork, a chassis – or framework – and engine were expedited thanks to a partnership with full-time team Dale Coyne Racing. With the partnership of Coyne, and sponsorship from the Air Force, the only missing piece was a driver – insert Conor Daly.

"I've had multiple people message me since we announced

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6th ARS provides critical support in Pacific, fosters relations between US and Japan

By Tech. Sgt. James Hodgman

60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs
6/20/2018 - TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — At 5:30 a.m. June 1, while most people are probably sleeping at Travis Air Force Base, seven aircrew members from the 6th Air Refueling Squadron meet to discuss their mission.

In a few hours the team, along with two flying crew chiefs from the 660th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, will prep their jet and begin their journey, one that will take them more than 9,000 nautical miles from the United States to Japan and back.

The mission involves refueling two U.S. Air Force F-15C Eagles as they travel from Eielson AFB, Alaska to Kadena Air Base, and six Japan Air Self-Defense Force F-15s as they fly from Japan to Alaska to participate in exercise Red Flag-Alaska, an advanced aerial combat training exercise.

International refueling operations are significant, said Capt. Eddie Miller, 6th Air Refueling Squadron assistant flight commander and the KC-10 aircraft commander for the mission.

"If you look at how we operate in nearly any conflict over the past two or three decades, most everything we do is with oth-

er nations," Miller said. "Having international allies all across the world, especially in the Pacific realm, is critical to our success."

"Helping our friends in the Japan Air Self-Defense Force move their aircraft to Alaska so they can participate in an international exercise is vital to our national defense and helps us further our relationship with Japan," he said.

Miller and his team arrived at Eielson AFB, Alaska, during the afternoon of June 1 after flying 1,855 nautical miles from Travis to prep for the refueling mission. Several hours later on June 2, they were back in the clouds providing refueling support for two F-15C Eagles as they flew across the Pacific Ocean.

Staff Sgt. Zacharia Ploeger, 6th ARS boom operator, refueled the fighters offloading approximately 78,000 pounds of fuel to the aircraft.

"Being a boom operator is a pretty rewarding job," he said. "I get to see the impact we have every day. We take fighters across the Pacific and into several areas all over the world."

Ploeger has supported more than 80 sorties as a boom operator since November 2014. He's responsible for the loading and unloading of cargo, passenger handling, as well as safety and emergency equipment.

"Basically, I'm responsible for everything behind the cockpit door to the back of the aircraft," he said.

He's also responsible for guiding U.S. and international aircraft into position so they can be safely refueled thousands of feet in the sky.

On June 4, Ploeger refueled six Japan Air Self-Defense Force F-15s during a flight from Misawa Air Base, Japan, to Alaska. He offloaded nearly 130,000 pounds of fuel as he refueled the fighters enabling them to fly more than 2,900 nautical miles and arrive safely in Alaska.

Maj. Kento Yamasaki, an F-15 pilot for the Japan Air Self-Defense Force's 304th Fighter Squadron, kept a watchful eye on the mission from inside the KC-10.

"I'm responsible for monitoring the refueling of our six fighters and keeping our headquarters informed," he said. "We conduct a joint refueling effort with the United States at least once a year. We participate in Red Flag annually, and we're usually refueled by U.S. Air Force tankers on the way to Alaska and on the way home."

Kento said Japan appreciates the opportunity to fly missions alongside their American counterparts.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. James Hodgman)

"Missions like this give us a chance to improve our skills, but more importantly, this mission allows our countries to enhance our relationship," Kento said. "Because of this mission, we will be able to join the exercise in Alaska which is a big event for us. We aren't able to participate in such a large exercise in Japan, so for us, being able to partake in Red Flag-Alaska is very important."

The mission also enhances understanding between the two air forces, Kento added.

"The big benefit we gain is to better understand each other," he said. "I'm on the KC-10 now. By being here and engaging with your crew, I can understand what you do and why you do it. Similarly, your leaders can learn about our tactics and procedures."

"The bond between the United States and Japan is strong, and with efforts like today's we are making that bond even stronger and working together to counter potential bad actors," Kento said.

Miller echoed Kento's sentiments.

"Our pilots and crew members learned a little more about what it takes to operate in a foreign country and work with our Japanese counterparts," he said. "One challenge we had to overcome was the language barrier. We all experience the difficulty a language barrier can present and this mission allowed us to work together and try to figure out how to work through that."

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A class of their own

By Staff Sgt. Laura Montgomery
145th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

6/21/2018 - CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The class, put together by North Carolina Air National Guard Phoenix Raven Program Manager, U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Timothy Van Dyke, and deputy managers Master Sgt. James Newman II, and Tech. Sgt. Mark Dow, focuses on getting their apprentices mentally and physically prepped for the mandatory 22-day Phoenix Raven Qualification Course that is held at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in New Jersey and run by the 421st Combat Training Squadron. The three-week, 12-hour-a-day Phoenix Raven Qualification Course covers subjects like cross-cultural awareness, embassy operations, legal considerations, airfield survey techniques, aircraft searches, explosive ordnance awareness, and unarmed self-defense techniques.

“All active duty Air Mobility Command bases give a 2-week prep-course, so we decided to do a 4-day mock of what they cover where we can give the apprentices an idea of what challenges they’ll face to

make sure they’re ready,” said Van Dyke.

The purpose of the Phoenix Raven program is to provide security for aircraft and aircrew in any forward location where danger or hostility is eminent, and locations where the local government offers little to no support. Two incidents in 1996 helped push the program into existence; two young boys from Mongolia were found to have stowed away in the wheel-well of a C-141 B Starlifter aircraft that landed at Kadena Air Base, and the other occurrence was located at a Senegalese Airfield where an aircraft was damaged while host nation forces guarded it. The Phoenix Raven program started in 1997 and following 2001, the North Carolina Air National Guard sent some of their defenders to be trained in the Phoenix Raven course.

“The activities we offer in our indoctrination class include two-three miles runs, calisthenics exceeding 100-three count reps like flutter kicks and burpees, asp baton training, verbal Judo, and memorizing the Airmen’s Creed and Raven Pledge in one day after working 12-16 hour days,” said Dow.

To be a Raven, the defender must be at least a Senior Airman, with a score of 90 or more on their physical training test, and they have to have their professional military education completed. Ravens must volunteer for the position and, once they apply, are then considered by a team for the honor of Raven.

“I wanted to be a Raven ever since I knew what one was, maybe seven years ago, but the opportunity never presented itself. I feel like as a cop, this is the next level for us and it is challenging and exciting,” said Tech. Sgt. Ashleigh Gray, Phoenix Raven Indoctrination apprentice.

The program managers and apprentices are used to working side by side every month so naturally, it’s a change from the normal office camaraderie that veers into the reminiscent basic training situation where your co-worker or supervisor is now your military training instructor and you are fresh meat.

“The biggest thing is that you have to compartmentalize; you know everyone here and you see them on the weekends ... then it switches and they tell you they aren’t your friend and they’re

yelling, but you have to remember they are preparing you for the school-house. You have to mind-over-matter it,” said Staff Sgt. Dillon Haynes, Phoenix Raven Indoctrination apprentice.

“All the physical, asp baton, and red-suit training is just scratching the surface of what will be at the school and so we are a little sore and humbled by the physical training,” said Gray.

When it comes to implementing their newfound skills, the apprentices have a good understanding of what situations they may encounter and how to apply what they’ve learned.

“You’re an ambassador for the United States of America to these other countries that have possibly never dealt with uniformed personnel. These people may come up to you, and it’s nothing for them to wear an AK-47 strapped to their shoulders; it humbles you with what you have here in the U.S. compared to the other countries,” said Haynes.

Once the apprentices finish the Phoenix Raven Qualification course, they will continue to hone their skills every month to remain vigilant and alert.

“I look forward to taking the life skills learned and being pushed past my limit so I’ll be ready for any encounter,” said Gray.

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the deal,” Burns said. “Every single one has said that Conor is the best driver I’ve ever had ... That means a lot.”

Being a one-off effort – or not a full-time team – the team was stretched thin on funding and resources, making the attempt much more difficult at times during the “Month of May.”

Much like the Air Force however, in times of stress, the team found a way to complete the mission.

On qualification day, also known as “bump day”, there were 35 entries vying for the 33 starting positions. After making multiple changes to the car, a stoppage for rain, and some late qualification session drama, the number 17 team found themselves on the right side of the bump line when

the gun was fired signifying the end of the session.

The dream of being in the top 33 had been met; the team would be competing in the 102nd Indy 500. The elation from the members of the team, Daly’s family, and Daly himself, showed just how important making this race was to each of them – especially when they were representing the Air Force.

After another week of preparations, the day of the race came and went. Daly was able to keep the car clean and played the best strategy possible for the one-off effort, coming home in 21st place of the 33-car field. Daly and his team were able to enjoy the accomplishment of making the world’s biggest race – while representing the world’s greatest Air Force.

“It’s an honor to represent the U.S. Air Force, it’s an incredible group of people,” Daly said. “I’m a very passionate American, I try to be the most American guy I can be, and to be able to have this red, white and blue car that looks like a Thunderbird and on Memorial Day weekend – it’s a perfect partnership and we’d love to do more in the future with the Air Force.”

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Todd Stecker, exhibitor for PTC, presents his innovative perimeter security ideas to Airman 1st Class Michael Hickson, client system technician assigned to the 353 Special Operations Support Squadron at Kadena Air Base, at the AFWERX Fusion Experience event in Las Vegas June 20. Personnel across the Air Force were invited to the event to learn more about instilling a culture of innovation within the military and beyond through a series of presentations, panels and workshops dedicated to perimeter security.

RED FLAG-Alaska 18-2 showcases joint, coalition partnerships

By Senior Airman Curt Beach

673d Air Base Wing Public Affairs

6/26/2018 - JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — This year's second iteration of Red Flag-Alaska (RF-A), Pacific Air Forces' premier air combat exercise, concluded at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, June 22.

RF-A is a series of commander-directed field training exercises that provide joint offensive counter-air, interdiction, close air support and large-force employment training in a simulated combat environment.

"Red Flag pays huge dividends toward increasing our interoperability," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Randy Jacobson, 354th Operations Group Detachment 1 commander. "The Indo-Pacific Region is a vitally important area of the globe, and it's critical for us to strengthen our alliances in the region. These exercises allow us to do that, while increasing the tactical skills of the aviators and ground forces who come here to participate. The ranges and airspace Alaska has to offer provide training that is unparalleled anywhere else in the world."

RF-A provided an opportunity for integration at many levels, including among international partners from the Japan Air Self-Defense Force and the Republic of Singapore Air Force, U.S. Navy and Army aviation units, as well

as U.S. Army Alaska and Japan Ground Self-Defense Forces.

Some of the larger units participating included the 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron from Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Alaska; the 961st AACS from Kadena Air Base; JASDF E-767 and C-130 Hercules units; 36th Airlift Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan; and participating for the first time, JBER's 176th Air Defense Squadron.

"In today's culture, we never go to war alone," said U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Mike Day, 962nd AACS superintendent. "We always have a partnership with us. Red Flag and other joint exercises build bilateral relations necessary for the strategic vision of our Air Force leaders, the President and Congress as a whole. Conducting bilateral training strengthens the resolve of all nations involved. There's always a way to improve how you do business. When nations learn from one another, it hones our abilities and makes our partnership a stronger presence moving forward."

The exercises often involve units whose military missions differ significantly. RF-A planners take these factors into consideration when crafting scenarios, so participants are challenged to make the best use of all skillsets available. "As a weapons director, the significant

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Avoiding complacency key to summer fire safety

By Nathan Pfau

Army Flier Staff

6/15/2018 - FORT RUCKER, Ala. — Barbeques, fireworks and camping are all big parts of summer, but if people aren't careful, a weekend of fun can turn into a disaster with lasting consequences.

That's why officials are urging people to take fire safety seriously by taking the proper precautions when taking part in some of their favorite summertime activities, said Jeremy Evett, Fort Rucker fire chief.

When it comes to fire safety, whether it is for camping or cooking, people need to be cognizant of a multitude of factors, said Evett.

"There are several things that come into play in the summer — both on duty and off duty. A lot of people get active during summer time with vacations and traveling, and one thing people need to look at while vacationing are their camp fires," said the fire chief. "They need to take into consideration the dry conditions and windy conditions when building a fire, and they should make sure they are extinguishing them properly and protecting themselves properly so that they don't have embers that could potentially start a wild fire."

Additionally, when starting fires, people should not use items like gasoline or kerosene, which can cause flare ups and result in serious injuries.

"No one is immune to that," Evett said, as he recounted a story of one of his own personnel who relearned the lesson the hard way. "(He) was lighting some grass on his property to burn off, using a mix-

ture of gasoline and diesel fuel and was too close when it lit, and it flashed and burned his face and hands. He was taken to a burn unit and has fortunately made an incredible recovery, but he relearned a valuable lesson that day."

Another big summertime activity, especially with Independence Day coming up, is the lighting of fireworks, and although many see fireworks as a fun activity, Evett said people need to remember that they are essential miniature explosives.

"People need to make sure that they're following all of the manufacturer's safety requirements and recommendations," he said. "They shouldn't be standing too close, and parents need to keep an eye on their children and make sure they are operating them safely. Also, people should make sure to never hold them in their hands when launching them — just follow the directions."

Evett said that people need to make sure they aren't lighting fireworks in areas where there is a lot of dry grass or brush that could potentially catch fire, and have extinguishing materials on standby.

Summer is also well known as barbecue season, and if people aren't cautious, a fun family outing could turn potentially disastrous.

"When people are barbecuing, issues can arise when they are doing something as simple as firing up the grill," said Evett. "When using a propane grill, people need to be careful when lighting the grill because if the gas builds up then the flames can flash up unexpectedly."

For those using charcoal grills, many



(U.S. Air Force photo)

like to use lighter fluid to get the flames going, but sometimes overuse of lighter fluid can cause flames to flash up, as well, so people need to be careful of that," he continued, adding that squirting lighter fluid on open flames should be avoided as the flame has the potential to travel up the stream and ignite the canister.

People should make sure they aren't grilling too close to a residence, and take the proper precautions when disposing of the charcoal after grilling.

Although many of these summertime activities can be relaxing, Evett said that people should never drop their guard when it comes to fire safety.

"One of the biggest culprits when it comes to fire hazards is complacency," said the fire chief. "They think 'I've done it a hundred times and never had an issue,' but you cannot get complacent — you have to keep an eye on things."

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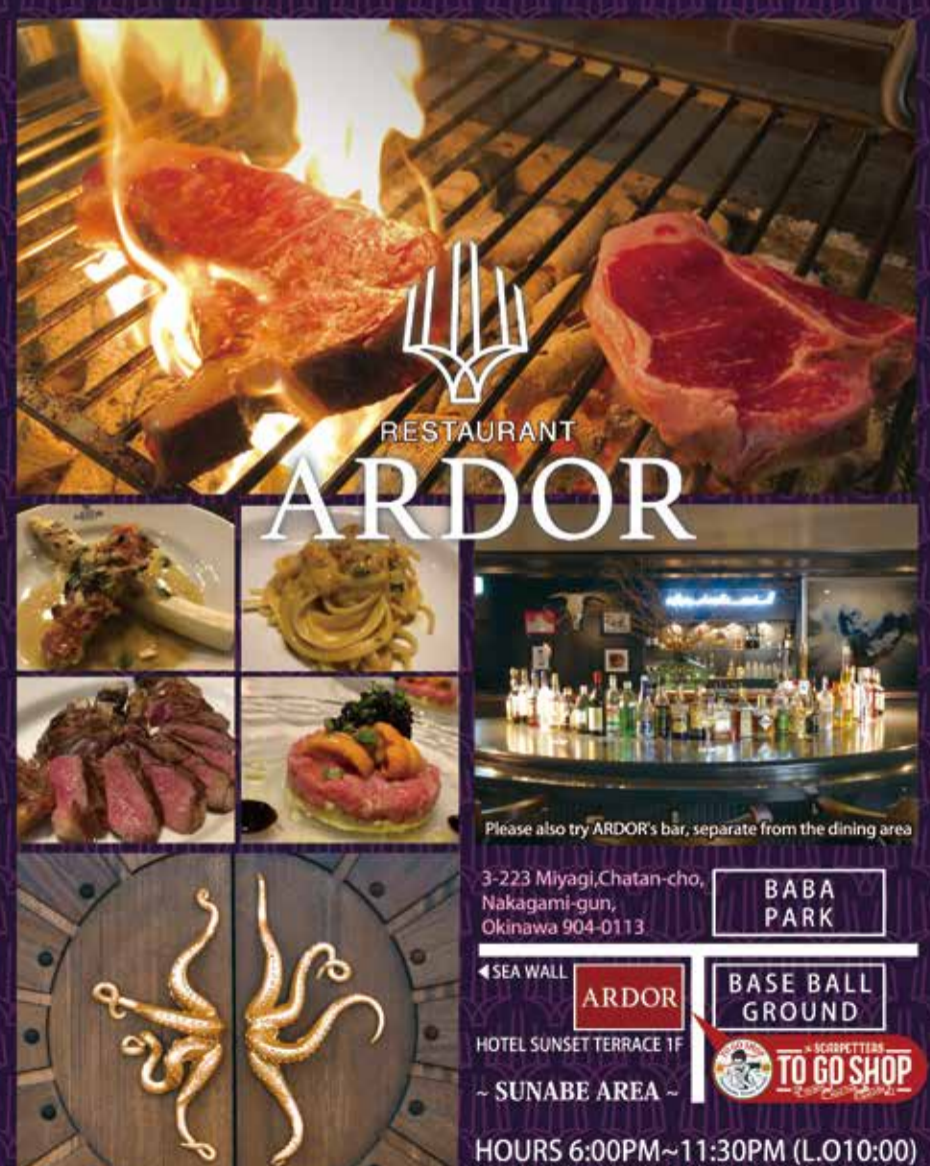
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Commemorating lives lost

By Lance Cpl. Harrison Rakhshani

III Marine Expeditionary Force
6/23/2018 - ITOMAN, Okinawa — During World War II, the Ryukyu Islands were the front line for a series of battles which culminated in the largest amphibious assault in the Pacific theater. The Battle of Okinawa lasted 82 days, from April 1 to June 22, 1945.

The Battle of Okinawa, also known as Operation Iceberg, was the last major battle of World War II. The fight resulted in more than 240,000 deaths of Japanese and U.S. service members, as well as Okinawan civilians.

Seventy three years later, service members, veterans and government officials from Okinawa, mainland Japan and the United States gathered at Okinawa Peace Memorial Park, June 23 in Itoman, Okinawa for the 2018 Okinawa Memorial Day service.

“Almost 250,000 lives, a quarter of a million people; it’s especially hard for us today to imagine the loss represented in these walls behind us,” said Lt. Gen. Lawrence D. Nicholson, the III Marine Expeditionary Force Commanding General, as he gestured to the Cornerstone of Peace memorial wall. “These walls with names of Americans, Japanese and civilians who perished in this fight.”

The attendees joined together around the Cornerstone of Peace and placed wreaths against the walls in remembrance of those who gave their life to serve their country.

“The purpose of this is to commemorate, to remember, all the souls, the lives lost here at the Battle of Okinawa,”



(U.S. Marine Corps photos by Lance Cpl. Harrison Rakhshani)



Lt. Gen. Lawrence D. Nicholson, the Commanding General of III Marine Expeditionary Force, speaks during the Okinawa Memorial Day services.

III MEF Marines and Sailors standby with wreaths to adorn the Cornerstone of Peace memorial wall during the Okinawa Memorial Day services at Peace Memorial Park, Itoman, June 23.

was signed signifying the ending of the battle. Since then, the U.S. and Japanese forces allied together forging a diplomatic relationship that remains a cornerstone of security in the Indo-Pacific region.

“The alliance that we have today between the United States and the government of Japan is one of the strongest in the history of alliances,” said Nicholson. “Over the last 73 years, the alliance has allowed and will continue to pave the way for unprecedented prosperity in the region.”

said Sgt. Maj. Mario A. Marquez, the III MEF Sergeant Major. “Significantly, the Cornerstone of Peace memorial wall commemorates not only Okinawans, but all lives lost during the Battle of Okinawa regardless of nationality.”

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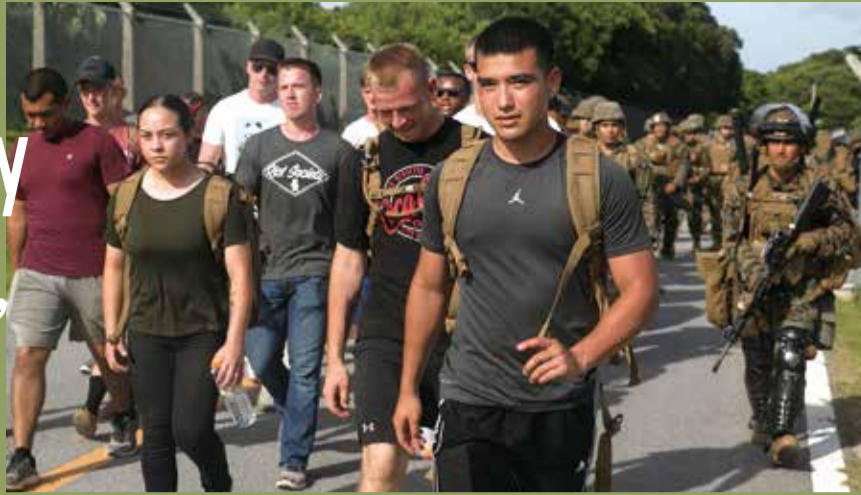
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Cpl. Benjamin A. Allen, a field artillery fire control Marine with Fox Battery, Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, provides security during embassy reinforcement training.



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Naval Aircrewman (Operator) 2nd Class Justin Nakagawa, assigned to Patrol Squadron VP (4) places a candle in a white receptacle during a Lamplight of Peace event at the Okinawa Peace Memorial Park, June 22.

Sailors pose for a group photo at Okinawa Peace Memorial Park during the Lamplight of Peace event, June 22.

By Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class Matthew Dickinson

Commander, Fleet Activities Okinawa Public Affairs Office

6/25/2018 - ITOMAN, Okinawa — More than 30 U.S. Navy Sailors joined dozens of local volunteers to place thousands of ceremonial candles at the Okinawa Peace Memorial Park in Itoman City, June 22, to honor the more than 250,000 Japanese and American lives lost during the Battle of Okinawa, the third deadliest battle ever fought by U.S. service members.

Naoki Matsukawa, the director of the non-profit organization Bankoku Shinryo-No-Kai, said the Navy volunteers

taking the time out of their day to help set up the candles is truly appreciated.

"Everyone, whether Sailors, Americans or Japanese, wishes for peace," Said Matsukawa. "I hope we all work together for eternal peace."

The candles were lit during the Lamplight of Peace event the day prior to "Irei no Hi," or Okinawa Memorial Day, which has been observed by the prefecture since 1961.

For some Sailors this event is more than just putting down candles, but a way of showing that they care about the community they live in.

Sonar Technician (Surface) 1st Class Mark-David Moles, from Ellijay, Ga., as-

signed to Navy Data Center Detachment Okinawa said, "I feel like it is our duty to participate in these things that go on around the local community. It's really good for the local community to understand that for us as service members, we like to give back."

The Peace Prayer Memorial Statue can also be found on the site. It symbolizes prayer for the souls of those killed in wars and for everlasting world peace, and the National War Dead Peace Mausoleum, along with 50 monuments from other prefectures and organizations that are all located in the southern region of the park.

"I'm just really grateful that I could experience this and be a part of it," said Moles.

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Sailors assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 4 stand alongside members of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force and Indian navy during naval exercise Malabar in Guam. This exercise marks the 22nd year of an enduring partnership designed to address common threats to maritime security throughout the Indo-Pacific region.

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

By VP-4 Public Affairs

6/26/2018 - SANTA RITA, Guam — The “Skinny Dragons” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 4, presently deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility, participated in trilateral naval exercise Malabar held in Guam June 6-16.

Malabar 2018 brought together combat warships, tactical aircraft and submarines from partner nations to increase the level of mutual understanding and interoperability. This exercise marks the 22nd year of an enduring partnership designed to address common threats to maritime security throughout the Indo-Pacific, but was the first year that Malabar was conducted in the Guam operation area. The two-phase exercise took place ashore in Guam and underway in the Philippine Sea.

VP-4 supported Malabar by de-

taching one P-8A Poseidon Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance aircraft, 11 maintenance personnel and 9 aircrew personnel to Andersen Air Force Base in Yigo, Guam. The detachment began with multiple shore-based events and exchanges that focused on how the U.S. Navy, JMSDF and the Indian navy conduct Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) as well as surface task group support.

“It was a great learning experience to discuss how each country operates their specific platform to accomplish the same mission,” said Lt. Johnathan Dugan, a pilot assigned to VP-4. “The U.S. Navy works with the JMSDF regularly to conduct ASW operations, so it was great to sit down and talk about how we can continue to successfully operate together.”

The at-sea portion, conducted in the

Philippine Sea, was designed to advance participating nations’ military-to-military coordination and capacity to plan and execute tactical operations in a multinational environment. VP-4, the JMSDF and Indian navy aircraft seamlessly integrated with surface ships from the U.S. Navy including the USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), USS Antietam (CG 54), USS Chancellorsville (CG 62), and USS Benfold (DDG 65). The aircrew conducted high-value unit defense, search and rescue rehearsal and anti-submarine warfare against submarines from Japan and the U.S. Navy.

On one ASW mission, VP-4 took JMSDF and Indian navy riders onboard to demonstrate firsthand the capabilities of the P-8A. “The Indian navy also flies the P-8A so we were able to exchange similarities and differences in how we

operate the same aircraft,” said Dugan. “The knowledge we gained from flying together will certainly enhance the future operations of all three countries.”

The ten-day detachment also allowed the Skinny Dragons to experience the unique history of Guam. In between the pre-exercise meetings, subject matter exchanges and operational flights, VP-4 personnel were able to take a World War II history tour of the island. They learned firsthand the strategic importance of Guam during the Pacific Campaign and the battles that took place there.

Malabar 2018 concluded on June 16 and left VP-4 with an enhanced understanding of ASW concepts of operation employed by both the JMSDF and Indian navy. The insight gained throughout the exercise will promote maritime operations with both nations in the future.

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NMCB 5 conducts Mount-Out Exercise

By Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class Matthew Dickinson

Commander, Fleet Activities Okinawa
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6/21/2018 — Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5 completed a 48-hour Mount-Out Exercise (MOX) onboard Camp Shields in Okinawa, June 19-20.

This exercise simulates one of the core capabilities of a construction battalion to deploy an Air Detachment (Air Det.), along with construction equipment, within 48-hours to any location around the globe in support of Major Combat Operations and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations.

The scenario for NMCB 5 involved a super typhoon that caused severe damage to a Pacific country where people were suffering and the host nation government's infrastructure was critically impaired.

"Our timeline is 48 hours to mount the Air Detachment (Air Det)," said Construction Mechanic Chief Petty Officer Christopher Norris, from Albany, N.Y., maintenance chief for NMCB 5, "It's important so that we can get on scene as soon as possible so we can start providing that life sustaining relief to the people."

The evolution requires coordination and teamwork to build pallets and wash, weigh and

measure each piece of equipment. NMCB 5 has been training over the past few weeks to prepare for the exercise.

"The past couple weeks we've started off with marking and weighing equipment" said Construction Mechanic 1st Class Salvador Linares, from Greenville, Calif., the embark leading petty officer, "We showed the crew how to build pallets and how to net them or chain them down to that pallet, and our last training was on how to prepare all the paperwork to be able to ship all this equipment out."

Specialty-trained load planners input the weight and measurements into a computer program called Transportation Coordinators' Automated Information for Movements System (TCAIMS) to determine how the Air Det. equipment will fit onto a military aircraft. If the load is not properly planned, it could endanger the flight.

The equipment is then chalked, which means the equipment is put in place exactly as it would be on the plane, but on the ground said Linares. This ensures all the equipment will fit before it's put on the plane.

Each Battalion that deploys does the exercise yearly, so they're ready at a moment's notice.

"I think it's important to know that this is a training exercise, but also this is no kidding,



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5, chain a container to a pallet during a 48-hour Mount-Out Exercise (MOX) in Okinawa, June 19.

(U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Matthew Dickinson)



Builder Constructionman Stephen Wetmore, from Deltona, FL, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5, washes down a vehicle during a Mount-Out Exercise (MOX), June 19.



Utilitiesman 2nd Class Xiomara Fairley, from Patterson, N.J., assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5, directs a vehicle during a 48-hour Mount-Out Exercise (MOX), June 20.

getting us ready for a real world natural disaster and humanitarian assistance for relief," said Norris. "So we're here and we're here to proof of concept and to validate we're ready to go."

It lets the team see where they are at operationally added Linares, and it also helps us train new people so they know what to do in case of an actual mount-out.

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contrast I see between operating in Alaska versus Japan is that Japan's training and operating areas are quite a bit smaller, so having this type of grand scale for flying and controlling aircraft offers a very useful approximation of real-world operations," said JASDF Lt. Col. Takahiro Koyama, 602d Airborne Air Control Squadron commander, Hamamatsu Air Base.

JASDF senior enlisted advisor, War-rant Officer Masahiro Yokota, visited JBER for a week to observe the JASDF enlisted corps and see how they worked alongside their international counter-parts.

"The U.S./Japanese alliance is very important," Yokota said. "The Red Flag program is continuously advancing and moving forward into the future and deeply building upon a good relationship between our nations."

On average, more than 1,000 people and up to 60 aircraft deploy to Eielson, and an additional 500 people and 40 aircraft deploy to JBER, for each RF-A exercise. Most participating Red Flag-Alaska units arrive a week prior to the actual exercise. During that time, aircrews may fly one or two range orientation flights, make physical and mental preparations, hone up on local flying restrictions, receive local safety and survival briefings and work on developing orientation plans.

During the two-week employment phase of the exercise, aircrews are subject to every conceivable combat threat. Scenarios are shaped to meet each exercise's specific training objectives. All units are involved in the development of exercise training objectives. At the height of the exercise, up to 70 jet fighters can be operating in the same airspace at one time. Typically, RF-A conducts two combat training missions each day.

All RF-A exercises take place in the



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Curt Beach)

◀ A Japan Air Self-Defense Force Airman marshals a JASDF C-130H Hercules aircraft from Hamamatsu Air Base, Japan, prior to takeoff during Red Flag-Alaska 18-2 operations at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, June 21.

Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex over Alaska. The entire airspace is made up of extensive military operations areas, special-use airspace, and ranges, for a total airspace of more than 67,000 square miles.

"A part of the tactical puzzle is organizing all these different players in an airspace that is merging and coming together at very fast speeds," said U.S. Air Force Capt. Thomas Desbiens, 354th Operations Group, Detachment 1, RF-A team chief. "Even though Alaska offers one of the largest airspaces you'll find, it still gets very small in a hurry when there are dozens of aircraft in it."

Aircrews aren't the only ones who benefit from the Red Flag-Alaska experience. Exercises provide an operations training environment for participants such as unit-level intelligence experts, maintenance crews and command and control elements.

By presenting scenarios using common emerging worldwide threats and simulated combat conditions, RF-A provides an opportunity to make tough calls often required in combat.

RF-A executes the world's premier tactical joint and coalition air combat employment exercise, designed to replicate the stresses that warfighters must face during their first eight to ten combat sorties. RF-A has the assets, range, and support structure to train to joint and combined war fighting doctrine against realistic and robust enemy integrated threat systems, under safe and controlled conditions.

Since its inception, thousands of service members from all branches of the U.S. military, as well as the armed services of multiple countries from around the world, have taken part in RF-A.

"At the end of the day, mastering the combat scenarios, getting the training and testing our aircraft in ways we can't outside a combat scenario are all fantastic attributes that come from this exercise," said Desbiens. "But the greatest significance is working with our joint and coalition partners in a scenarios designed to stress us and force us to come together. That's the greatest value you will ever see."

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Lifelong career coming to end after 7 decades of Army service

By Jon Micheal Connor

ASC Public Affairs

6/15/2018 — An extremely long and glorious Army career spanning seven decades in the Pacific theater will come to an end soon for a man finally calling it quits.

For Alfred Budris it's very simple — work is life and life is work.

Budris, 85, will work just nine more days after a retirement ceremony to honor him June 20 and his lifelong distinguished career, marking the end of an era that most people wouldn't even consider — serving 67 years, six months, and seven days.

He retires as the director, Logistics Readiness Center-Okinawa at Torii Station.

He took a job as Department of the Army civilian in 1956, the day after he got out of the Army as a Soldier and has been one ever since.

"Mr. Budris is a national treasure," said Col. Renee Mann, commander, 403rd Army Field Support Brigade, Camp Henry, Republic of Korea. The brigade has mission command of the LRC-Okinawa.

"He has impacted readiness in North-east Asia for seven decades and has influenced generations of Soldiers, Marines, and civilians both U.S. and Japanese. There are very few civil servants who have built such a legacy," Mann said.

Japan and the Pacific theater is where Budris found a place to plant his roots back in the 1950s, only to permanently go back now to his stateside hometown.

This included serving nearly three years as a Soldier in the U.S. Army from 1953-56 as a supply sergeant achieving



(U.S. Army courtesy photo)

▲ Col. Michael Lopez, 403rd Army Field Support Brigade commander, and Alfred Budris. Lopez welcomes the Logistics Readiness Center-LRC Torii Station to the brigade in October 2012.

the rank of sergeant. He served at Misawa Air Base in mainland.

"No one will ever be able to surpass Mr. Budris' accomplishments through the years of dedication and commitment to providing the very best service to our customers. He will be missed more than anyone can imagine," said Larry Fuller, deputy commander, 403rd AFSB.

Asked what drives a person to work nearly 68 years versus retiring at a more traditional age, Budris replied: "I love my job, and I am a workaholic."

While Budris's career length and age to still deliver professional work is astounding, he has earned the right to stand in good company with others who have served a long military-related civilian career.

On Nov. 3, 2011, John Bruce Jr., an acquisition and contracting employee with

the TACOM Life Cycle Management Command, (a major subordinate command to the U.S. Army Materiel Command) retired after 69 years of federal service. He was described as being in his 90s. He also served in the Army during World War II.

In 2007, Louis Dellamonica, 94, a general engineer who worked his entire career at Hawthorne Army Depot in Nevada, now under AMC, retired after 65 years of federal service. An annual award is presented in his name for integrity, innovation, leadership and outstanding dedication to AMC's mission.

Looking back, Budris said there is nothing he would've done differently regarding his life and career. He never married and has no children.

Budris hails from Thomaston, Connecticut — a town with a population of almost 8,000 which he described as "northwest Connecticut, [in] Litchfield County, quiet farm land, small population."

Here's a look at some of his assignments: November 1956: Budris entered the U.S. civil service as a Department of Army civilian, and was assigned as the Ordnance Materiel Accountable officer for northern Japan. He subsequently was assigned to the Army Engineer Depot at Sagami, Japan, as the chief of Inventory, responsible for maintaining inventory of \$257 million in equipment and materiel.

November 1958: Budris accepted a position with the Army Transportation Depot, U.S. Army Ryukyu Islands/ XI Corps at Naha, Okinawa, as Stock Control chief. He then accepted a position with the Army Engineer Depot at Makiminato,

Okinawa, in various logistics assignments, which included Logistics Management instructor to foreign military personnel. He subsequently was assigned to the G-4, Headquarters, USARYIS.

1960 — 1974: Budris served a variety of functions which included extended periods of temporary duty in Vietnam, Laos, the Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, and Hong Kong. Assignments included chief of Aviation Logistics for Okinawa and Southeast Asia; logistics project officer for the Bangkok bypass road and its extension; Air America project officer; economics development projects for the Ryukyu High Commissioner; counter-insurgency warfare support; contingency planning; staff procurement officer exercising supervision of vessel repair/overhaul projects in Singapore, Taiwan, and the Philippines; and project officer for barter arrangements with Australia.

1964 to 1972: Budris was assigned as G-4 (Logistics), U.S. Army Ryukyu Islands. He became involved in the islands' economic development. At the time, the Ryukyu Islands — Okinawa is the main Island of a chain that reaches to Taiwan — was not a part of Japan and was under the direct administration of the U.S. until it reverted to Japan in 1972.

1967 to 1972: Budris served as the G-4 Supply Division chief which supervised the logistics operations of all Army units on Okinawa, primarily the 2nd Logistics Command which provided the logistics support to Southeast Asia, including Vietnam and Thailand.

1974: Budris got involved in Okinawa reorganization. He was assigned to the U.S. Army Garrison Okinawa in various logistics operations primarily as the Air America project/support officer, and the evacuation of Saigon. As assignment chief of inter-service support agreements, and

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participation in the preparation of various agreements, he implemented the DOD Program Budget Decision 253, under which many Army base support operations were transferred to other services.

1988: Budris was assigned to the 10th Area Support Group, where he served as deputy Support Operations director and chief of Logistics Plans and Operations. He also served as the chief logistics planner for the Joint and Combined Balikatan exercises for several years, held annually the Philippines.

2004: With the separation of the installation and logistics function from 10th ASG, Budris was assigned to the U.S. Army Garrison, Japan, Directorate of Logistics. He also served as director of logistics for U.S. Army Garrison, Torii Station, and Okinawa. Budris managed, supervised, and coordinated all logistical activities. He directed all maintenance, supply, ammunition, food service, laundry, transportation, and property accountability, clothing issue, and other related logistical activities.

2012 to present: While serving as the director, Logistics Readiness Center-Torii Station, Installation Management Command, Budris transferred all resources, personnel, and reassigned the then-Directorate of Logistics organization to the U.S. Army Sustainment Command. He currently works under the general supervision of the deputy commander, 403rd AFSB. In doing so, he directs policy, program planning, and program execution for the directorate.

Budris also manages, supervises, and coordinates all logistical activities. Likewise, he directs all maintenance, supply, ammunition, food service, laundry, transportation, property accountability, clothing issue, and other related logistical activities. Additionally, he oversees a workforce comprised of both in-house



(U.S. Army courtesy photo)

Alfred Budris conducts business at his desk at the Logistics Readiness Center Okinawa Office in May.

and Japanese contracting personnel performing various logistical functions.

And, as an additional duty, he manages the State Department's Humanitarian Assistance Program.

Budris at a glance:

- Awards and decorations: Budris received numerous awards (commendations, achievement, customer service awards to include three Commander's Awards for Civilian Service). Awards were presented by various Headquarters including U.S. Special Forces for exercise support and U.S. Army Pacific for planning logistic support, participation and deployment, for the Joint and Combined Balikatan exercises.

Due to his knowledge of Air America operations, he was able to write what was probably the last chapter (message) on the fall of Saigon. As a result of that message, which had wide distribution, he was informed that he was requested to testify before a Senate Committee along with the U.S. ambassador to Vietnam. Due to changes in personnel, the testimony was

not carried out.

Budris served as Project Officer assigned to manage a bailment agreement and provide logistics support for the transfer of possession, but not ownership, of Army helicopters to Air America for their operations in Southeast Asia. The assignment came down directly from Department of Army.

- He was one of the last U.S. persons still in Saigon, South Vietnam, prior to it falling to North Vietnam in April 1975.

Budris was exempted from having to serve elsewhere during his career based on U.S. control of U.S. Army Ryukyu Islands before conversion to Japanese control.

His grandparents are from Lithuania and although he was born in the United States he speaks fluent Lithuanian. He also knows Latin and speaks French, and some German; he is also fluent in Japanese and the very distinct Okinawa dialect of Japanese.

Budris's parents and siblings were never able to visit him in Okinawa; however, his aunt and cousins did and loved

visiting his new home.

He plans to start a vegetable garden to grow food necessary for certain Japanese dishes.

In regards to the Pacific theater: "It is a great place to work and learn about the culture/history/politics," Budris said.

Budris visits his hometown "every time I [take] re-employment leave," he said. New England is an area of the U.S. he especially likes.

He has one brother and one sister. He is the oldest.

Budris plans to write books in retirement. A book he is planning on writing will be about his experiences during the fall of Saigon and other incredible journeys while on missions across Okinawa, Vietnam, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. He always kept notes on his experiences, which will help him track back history in order to write his books.

When not working, he likes to relax and enjoys photography.

A life lesson his career has taught him: "The world is really getting small, and we need to live together," Budris said.

Budris has said: "The use of common sense and logic will not be tolerated nor encouraged."

Even with all that's been written, perhaps 403rd Command Sgt. Maj. Petra Casarez summed up Budris's career when she said this: "Mr. Budris is our own Brigade Powerhouse Legend: a clever historian who knows the background to every issue; an ebullient character who livens up every meeting or briefing he attends; an energetic individual who at 85 years old can make everyone else around him feel old; a story-teller who can spellbound any audience; a razor-sharp logistician who knows his craft. I cannot wait to buy his book and read all the awe-inspiring stories of which I have only gotten a small glimpse."

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The Kadena Air Base clinic will be closed on the following dates this year: July 4 - Closed all day. July 19 - 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

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Senaga Island Hotel is also located on top of the hill, and has a natural hot spring which is rare in Okinawa. Visitors can take a day trip to these hot springs where they can enjoy the grand outdoor baths while taking in views of the ocean, and it is also a great spot to rest while travelling.

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13:00 Live entertainment at the terrace
14:00 Hula dancing demonstration
15:00 Ukulele demonstration
16:00 Live entertainment on the balcony
18:30 Beach stage entertainment

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Depot Island SEASIDE 4F
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Map showing Depot Island location with nearby landmarks like Starbucks and Vessel Hotel.

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- Bears' Coffee beans to eco bags
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