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A 154th Wing Hawaii Air National Guard F-22 Raptor refuels from a 434th Air Refueling Wing KC-135 Stratotanker from Grissom Air Reserve Base, Indiana, while in flight near Hawaii during the Rim of the Pacific exercise, July 17. Twenty-five nations, 46 ships, five submarines, and about 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel are participating in RIMPAC from June 27 to Aug. 2 in and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California.

Reserve unit sends 'A-team' to RIMPAC



(U.S. Air Force photos Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison)



▲ A Navy F/A-18 Super Hornet from Carrier Air Wing Two, assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), refuels from a 507th Air Refueling Wing KC-135R Stratotanker from Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma., during the RIMPAC exercise, July 10.

By Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison

7/30/2018 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — The 507th Air Refueling Wing from Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, sent a team of more than 100 Reserve Citizen Airmen and four KC-135R Stratotankers to Hawaii, June 27 to Aug. 2, in support of the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise.

The team consisted primarily of pilots, boom operators and maintainers, but also included a small support cadre of administration, medical, life support, intelligence, squadron aviation resource management and communication technicians.

The 507th Operations Group commander, Lt. Col. Kenneth Humphrey, explained that outside of a deployment, RIMPAC offers one of the best controlled training opportunities for a tanker unit and allows for unit personnel to gain valuable leadership experience.

"Training includes getting out of town with a large number of personnel to support tanker operations, setting up a working facility and flying missions in a joint service, international environment," Humphrey said. "This type of exercise hearkens back to the past when we, as a single wing, deployed en masse to a location and operated."

The 507th ARW maximized RIMPAC as a training opportunity by rotating personnel and aircraft halfway through the exercise, resulting in two cycles of Airmen attaining an away-from-home-station experience. By July 30, 507th ARW's RIMPAC team offloaded 1.9 million pounds of fuel and flew more than 147 hours, with more to go until the end of the exercise.

According to Humphrey, the dialogue and experience received at RIMPAC goes far beyond normal training for operations and maintenance Airmen.

507th ARW personnel had the chance to work alongside multi-national partners from across the Pacific rim, members of the U.S. military's sister services and Airmen from different air reserve component units.

Twenty-five nations, 46 ships and five submarines, and about 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel are participating in RIMPAC in and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California. RIMPAC is the world's largest international maritime exercise; providing a unique training opportunity while fostering and sustaining cooperative relationships among participants to ensure the safety of sea lanes and security of the world's oceans.

Humphrey said that, as in previous years, the 507th ARW filled the role as the lead tanker unit in RIMPAC; combining Air Force active duty and Reserve personnel from Kadena Air Base, Grissom Air Reserve Base, Indiana, and the 507th ARW's geographically separated unit, the 730th Air Mobility Training Squadron from Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

"The comradery that comes out of working long hours and executing our assigned mission with multiple units stands out as one of the best parts of RIMPAC," Humphrey said. "I've always been a proponent of the idea that unit cohesion in an increased operations tempo goes a long way in improving mission effectiveness and future retention. RIMPAC gives us an opportunity to do just that."

However, the process of building unit cohesion sometimes comes with a little

competition.

507th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron superintendent, Senior Master Sgt. Corey Still, who has attended almost every RIMPAC since 2004, explained that maintainers keep track of how often each unit's KC-135s fly.

Maintainers take ownership of their aircraft, so it makes a small statement when one is grounded for maintenance, Still said.

Despite the friendly competitiveness, maintainers set those feelings aside in order to help crews from other units get their issues resolved.

"It's a team effort," Still said. "Whenever something breaks, maintainers from all the tanker units here will go out and combine their expertise in order to get that aircraft back up in the air. At the end of the day, we're all one team with the same goal."

Still explained that together they have to successfully maintain six KC-135s in support of aerial refueling to Navy, Air Force and coalition partners to help ensure the requirements of the exercise are met.

"The Navy determines how many KC-135s they need for RIMPAC and it's a testament to the 507th ARW that we keep getting invited back every two years," he said.

According to Still, it's likely the 507th will be invited back for the next exercise, however this is his last RIMPAC with the unit as he's been selected to fill a chief master sergeant's position at McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas.

Still said that he hates to leave the Okies, but couldn't have asked for a better send-off than going to RIMPAC one last time with the Airmen of the 507th ARW. Hosted biennially by Commander,

U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT), and executed by Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet (C3F), RIMPAC 2018 is the 26th in the series that began in 1971.

This year's exercise includes units or personnel from Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, the United Kingdom, the United States and Vietnam.

The 507th Air Refueling Wing is the largest Air Force Reserve Command flying unit in the state of Oklahoma. The 507th ARW reports to Fourth Air Force and performs daily missions both locally and around the world in support of Air Mobility Command and U.S. Strategic Command's national emergency war order requirements, operating out of Tinker Air Force Base.

The wing operates and maintains eight KC-135R Stratotanker aircraft providing world-wide aerial refueling to U.S. and NATO aircraft in times of peace, war, and national emergency.

The 507th ARW Reserve Citizen Airmen fly three to four missions daily and off-load millions of pounds of fuel in support of operations worldwide. The 507th ARW flies more than 3,000 hours annually in support of national defense requirements.

The 507th ARW trains aircrew on the Reserve KC-135 and the Reserve C-17 Globemaster III at a geographically separated unit, the 730th AMTS at Altus AFB, where KC-46 Pegasus flight training will begin in the near future.

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Brown assumes command of PACAF

By Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

7/27/2018 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — Joining a proud legacy of leaders, Gen. C.Q. Brown, Jr. assumed command of Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) during a ceremony here, July 26.

Presiding over the ceremony, Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Stephen W. Wilson expressed confidence in Brown and his abilities to lead those within his area of responsibility.

“When it came time to pick the new PACAF commander (COMPACAF), General Brown was the obvious choice,” Wilson said. “He’s steeped in the critical role of strengthening our alliances and partnerships in order to deter aggression, maintain stability, and ensure free access to global domains. He is a combat-proven leader, supporting multiple operations. He’s gained a tremendous perspective of the Air Force through his operational warfighting experiences and lenses.”

Wilson described one of Brown’s recent roles as the “operational architect, leading and managing the air war that decimated the Islamic state. As then-General Mattis once stated, ‘Put CQ in the war, and the enemy will pay.’” Wilson went on further to describe Brown’s role at U.S. Central Command, where he strengthened political-military ties and helped shape issues



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jack Sanders)

▲ Gen. CQ Brown, Jr. gives his first salute as U.S. Pacific Air Forces commander during an assumption-of-command ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, July 26.

for key decision makers.

“In your new command, PACAF has a joint Airman who is recognized as one of the top team builders, warfighting experts, and leaders, not only in the Air Force but in the entire U.S. military, that’s why he is the right person at the right time,” Wilson said.

As the 35th COMPACAF, Brown now leads 46,000 Airmen throughout an area of responsibility that covers more than 100 million square miles and extends from the west coast

of the United States to the east coast of Africa and from the Arctic to the Antarctic.

“Pacific Airmen serve as our nation’s ambassadors in an area larger than all, and as complicated as any,” Wilson said. “As a component commander, the Airmen here must be ready to employ with the lethality our joint force and our nation depends on ... and the level of readiness our diplomats expect.”

Adm. Phil Davidson, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPA-

COM) commander, welcomed Brown to the Indo-Pacific.

“Leading a component command and integrating the air component in joint warfare is not a new concept for Gen. CQ Brown,” Davidson said. “He has passed the test of leadership multiple times, commanding forces both forward deployed and back home. I know CQ to be a man of integrity, and a man with extraordinary leadership skills ... I know you are the right leader for PACAF and I am honored to have you as part of the team.”

Upon accepting the PACAF flag from Wilson, Brown conveyed his readiness to take on the challenges presented in this complex region.

“I have no doubt the Indo-Pacific will continue to have its share of challenges,” Brown said. “But every challenge provides an opportunity to demonstrate success or to strengthen a relationship. As INDOPACOM takes steps to implement the National Defense Strategy, PACAF, with its sister components, will have to continue to rethink how we think about the Indo-Pacific region. We will build upon a mature, agile combat employment and strategic shaping concepts so that PACAF can provide combat-ready Airmen that contribute to a more lethal, more resilient, and more rapidly innovative joint and combined force.”

Brown closed by communicating his core principles and commitment to the continued advancement of PACAF’s mission before receiving his first salute as the new COMPACAF.

“No matter the challenges and opportunities that come our way, I will lead using four tenants that I have operated with throughout my career: execute a high standard, be disciplined in execution, pay attention to detail, and have fun,” Brown said. “I look forward to working together to employ the resources provided by our Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein and our Air Force to deliver the air, space and cyberspace capabilities Admiral Davidson, INDOPACOM and our nation require, to promote security cooperation, encourage peaceful development, respond to contingencies, deter aggression and, when necessary, fight to win.”

Gen. T.J. O’Shaughnessy relinquished command of PACAF May 20 before becoming the commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command in Colorado.

Following O’Shaughnessy’s departure, Lt. Gen. Jerry Martinez was appointed to command PACAF until Brown was confirmed by the Senate and assumed command. Martinez resumes his previous duties as commander of U.S. Forces Japan and Fifth Air Force, at Yokota Air Base.

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18th FSS hosts river trekking



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kristan Campbell)
 ▲ Naoki Uchida, 18th Force Support Squadron trips planner and coordinator, eats lunch near a waterfall July 25, 2018, in the Genka River of Okinawa, Japan. During the 18th Force Support Squadron's river trekking trip, military members and their families enjoyed their lunches surrounded by Genka's cascades and dense jungle.

Daisen, Kadena city mayors tour CFAO



(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Matthew Dickinson)
 ▲ Capt. Robert Mathewson (third from left), Commander, Fleet Activities Okinawa, poses for a picture with the mayor and officials from Daisen town in Tottori prefecture and the mayor of Kadena town at the CFAO headquarters building during a tour of CFAO, Aug. 1. Daisen and Kadena towns engage in various exchange activities, and the officials took time during this trip to tour facilities and learn about the Navy presence in Okinawa.

AFCEC launches dashboard to share status of military construction projects



By AFIMSC Public Affairs

7/30/2018 - JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas — A new tool puts the status of Air Force military construction projects at people's fingertips.

The tool, known as MILCONnect, provides an efficient way for the Air Force Civil Engineer Center Facility Engineering Directorate to share MILCON project information with its stakeholders around the world.

"Knowledge is power," said Col. Scott Matthews, AFCEC Facility Engineering director. "We want to ensure accurate, timely and consistent information is available for our stakeholders anytime, anywhere."

MILCONnect Spiral 1, which officially launched July 30, on the civil engineering portal known as CE DASH, uses information from existing MILCON data management tools to create custom data views and reports. Users can filter information by stakeholder group, location, initiatives and other factors, and are able to view both summary and detailed information for a project or group of projects.

The tool allows for an enterprise-wide look at the MILCON portfolio, helping leadership and other stakeholders track projects and enhance installation and mission support decisions. The system

is accessible to anyone with a common access card and includes a forum for submitting feedback or questions and participating in discussions.

"MILCONnect allows us to be proactive and transparent with our project information," said Carlton Hendrix, AFCEC Facility Engineering project management subject matter expert and lead for the effort. "Instead of our directorate primarily providing this information at quarterly program management reviews or on an ad hoc basis, the information is now available 24/7 and is refreshed weekly."

The directorate is considering options for enhancing the tool in the future, such as adding additional MILCON Project Key Performance Indicators, an option to track facility sustainment, restoration and modernization (FSRM) projects, as well as expanding the scope of the tool to provide information on projects still in the early planning stages.

"The idea is to start small with basic project data and continually identify opportunities to improve and expand the system" Hendrix said. "We expect the user feedback area to play a big part in shaping future development efforts on the tool."

For more information, contact the AFCEC Facility Engineering Directorate at afcec.cf.workflow@us.af.mil.

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US, Japan bomber-fighter integration training showcases strength of alliance

By Pacific Air Forces, Public Affairs

7/27/2018 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — Two U.S. Air Force B-52H Stratofortress bombers, assigned to the 96th Expeditionary Bomber Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, participated in a routine bilateral training mission July 26.

The bombers took off from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, and integrated with six Koku Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) F-15 fighters in the vicinity of Japan.

Bilateral training missions such as this allow the two countries to improve upon combined capabilities, tactical skills, and

relationships.

On conclusion of the bilateral training, the B-52Hs conducted training with the U.S. Navy in the vicinity of Okinawa, before returning to Guam.

U.S. Indo-Pacific Command's Continuous Bomber Presence (CBP) operations have been ongoing since March 2004; this recent mission is consistent with international law and United States' long-standing and well-known freedom of navigation policies.

CBP operations are intended to maintain the readiness of U.S. forces and are a key component to improving combined and joint service interoperability.



(Courtesy photo)

Two U.S. Air Force B-52H Stratofortress bombers and two Koku Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) F-15 fighters execute a routine bilateral training mission in the vicinity of Japan, July 26, 2017.

Red Flag-Alaska 18-3 takes off early August



An F-16 Fighting Falcon assigned to the 18th Aggressor Squadron, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska takes off prior to a sortie as part of Red Flag-Alaska 18-2, June 11.

(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. John Winn)

By Pacific Air Forces, Public Affairs

7/31/2018 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — Red Flag-Alaska (RF-A) 18-3, a Pacific Air Forces-sponsored exercise designed to provide realistic training in a simulated combat environment is scheduled to begin Aug. 9 with primary flight operations over the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex scheduled through Aug. 24.

U.S. Army and Navy aviators and Air Force Airmen are expected to fly, maintain and support more than 100 aircraft from more than a dozen units during this iteration of the exercise. In addition to U.S.

aircrew, their counterparts from Australia, Canada and Great Britain are also scheduled to participate, enabling an exchange of tactics, techniques and procedures while improving interoperability with fellow airmen. The majority of aircraft will be based at and fly from Eielson Air Force Base and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

Red Flag-Alaska exercises provide unique opportunities to integrate various forces in a realistic threat environment and dates back to 1975 when they were held at Clark Air Base in the Philippines and designated COPE THUNDER. This iteration of RF-A marks the last of the 2018 calendar year.

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Airman to be awarded Medal of Honor

By Staff Sgt. Jannelle McRae

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs
7/27/2018 - WASHINGTON
— President Donald Trump will posthumously award the Medal of Honor to the family of a fallen U.S. Air Force Special Tactics Combat Controller at a ceremony on Aug. 22 for his extraordinary heroism in March 2002 while deployed to Afghanistan.

According to the medal nomination, Tech. Sergeant John Chapman distinguished himself on the battlefield through “conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity,” sacrificing his life to preserve those of his teammates. Chapman was part of a joint special operations reconnaissance team deployed to Afghanistan in 2002 that came under overwhelming enemy fire during a heroic rescue attempt on Takur Ghar mountain, Afghanistan, March 4, 2002.

“Tech. Sgt. John Chapman earned America’s highest military award, the Medal of Honor, for the actions he performed to save fellow Americans on a mountain in Afghanistan more than 16 years ago,” said Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson. “He will forever be an example of what it means to be one of America’s best and bravest Airmen.”

During the initial insertion onto Afghanistan’s Takur Ghar mountaintop, the MH-47 “Chinook” helicopter carrying

As a combat controller, Tech. Sgt. John A. Chapman was trained and equipped for immediate deployment into combat operations. Trained to infiltrate in combat and austere environments, he was an experienced static line and military free fall jumper, and combat diver.



(Courtesy photos)



▲ Tech. Sgt. John A. Chapman, shown at the rank of senior airman.

Chapman and the joint special operations reconnaissance team flew into an enemy ambush. Intense enemy small arms and rocket propelled grenade fire significantly damaged the helicopter, throwing Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Neil Roberts into the “hornet’s nest” of enemies below. Following a controlled crash

landing a few miles away, the remaining team members elected to fly back to the enemy-infested mountaintop in a heroic attempt to rescue Roberts.

During the rescue attempt, Chapman and his teammates once again received heavy enemy fire from multiple directions. Chapman, despite the enemy

fire, charged uphill through thigh-deep snow to directly assault an enemy position. He took the enemy bunker, cleared the position, and killed the enemy fighters occupying the position.

Then, with complete disregard for his own life, Chapman deliberately moved from the bunker’s protective cover to attack a second hostile bunker with an emplaced machine gun firing on the rescue team.

During this bold attack, he was struck and temporarily incapacitated by enemy fire.

Despite his wounds, Chapman regained his faculties and continued to fight relentlessly, sustaining a violent engagement with multiple enemy fighters before paying the ultimate sacrifice. In performance of these remarkably heroic actions, he is credited with saving the lives of his teammates.

“Tech. Sgt. John Chapman fought tenaciously for his nation and his teammates on that hill in Afghanistan,” said Air Force Chief of Staff General David L. Goldfein. “His inspiring story is one of selfless service, courage, perseverance, and honor as he fought side by side with his fellow Soldiers and Sailors against a determined and dug-in enemy. Tech. Sgt. Chapman represents all that is good, all that is right, and all that is best in our American Airmen.”

He continued, “I extend my

deepest thanks to the members of Tech. Sgt. Chapman’s family, his military family, and the Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who were his brothers on the battlefield and who have remained committed to honoring his legacy. He is a true American hero.”

“This is a reflection of our commitment to recognizing the heroic actions of our Airmen,” said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright. “As Chapman’s story reminds us, we have a sacred duty to honor the actions and sacrifices of all our service members. I share our Airmen’s deepest gratitude to the Chapman family, as well as the family members of all those who gave their lives serving our great nation.”

The Medal of Honor is the nation’s most prestigious military decoration. It is awarded by the president, in the name of Congress, to military members who have distinguished themselves conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life, above and beyond the call of duty, while engaged in action with an enemy of the United States.

Chapman will be the 19th Airman awarded the Medal of Honor since the Department of the Air Force was established in 1947. He will be the first Airman recognized with the medal for heroic actions occurring after the Vietnam War.



WHAT TO EXPECT



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International fleet conducts RIMPAC

Navy ships assemble to form the multinational fleet for a photo exercise off the coast of Hawaii during the RIMPAC exercise, July 26.

(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Dylan M. Kinee)



Marines participate in an amphibious landing demonstration as part of RIMPAC at Pyramid Rock Beach on Marine Corps Base

AAV-P7/A1 assault amphibious vehicles assigned to Combat Assault Company, 3rd Marine Regiment, unload service members during an amphibious landing demonstration as part of RIMPAC exercise at Pyramid Rock Beach on Marine Corps Base, Hawaii, July 29.

(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Aaron S. Patterson)



(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Devin M. Langer)

Canadian supply vessel replenishes RIMPAC partners at sea

The guided-missile destroyer USS Dewey (DDG 105) sails alongside the Royal Canadian supply ship MV Asterix prior to a replenishment-at-sea while underway for the RIMPAC exercise, July 24.



(U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class David Weydert)

HMAS Melbourne sails off the coast of Hawaii for training with international partners and allies

The Royal Australian Navy guided-missile frigate HMAS Melbourne (FFG 05) is underway at sunset July 24, during the RIMPAC exercise.



(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kelsey J. Hockenberger)

HMAS Adelaide (L01) conducts flight operations With USMC CH-53E Super Stallion

Royal Australian Navy sailors and U.S. Marines prepare to refuel a USMC CH-53E Super Stallion, assigned to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, on the flight deck of the Royal Australian Navy landing helicopter dock ship HMAS Adelaide (L01) during RIMPAC exercise, July 18.

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Lance Cpl. Mathew J. Kivler adjusts his protective mask during squad tactics training at Jungle Warfare Training Center, July 24.

MARINES WITH TRT PLT. TAKE ON THE JUNGLE

By Lance Cpl. Armando Elizalde

3rd Marine Logistics Group
7/23/2018 — In northern Okinawa under humid canopies of dense jungle, the crunch of rocks echoes through the trees from the strides of U.S. Marines on a patrol.

Marines with Tactical Readiness and Training Platoon (TRT), Marine Logistics Group Headquarters, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, practiced infantry squad tactics at Jungle Warfare Training Center, Okinawa, July 23-26. The training evolution consisted of patrols, squad-sized attacks on known enemy positions and military operations on urban terrain.

Capt. Sean Alexander, the of-

ficer in charge of TRT Plt., said the training allowed the Marines to maintain tactical proficiency within combat environments. This enables the platoon to efficiently train other non-infantry units in 3rd MLG.

“The core mission of TRT is to provide combat skills training for 3rd MLG units to ensure their survivability on the battlefield,” said Alexander.

During the training, the Marines and Sailors used special effects small-arms marking system (SESAMS) rounds to effectively simulate real-world fire fights. When shot, the round leaves a brightly-colored residue that can be used to determine the point of impact.

“They provide the most re-

alistic way to identify who got shot and who’s a casualty,” said Lance Cpl. Mathew J. Kivler, an assistant patrol leader for TRT Plt.

According to Kivler, the SESAMS rounds were a key component in these field exercises because of their similarity to lethal munitions. The flying rounds forced the Marines to be more attentive of their movement when they maneuvered through the thick jungle terrain.

“I saw nothing but the best out of my Marines,” said Alexander. “The Marines came out hungry and put their fundamentals to practice against a notional enemy. They demonstrated that they had the ability to lead large groups of Marines.”

(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Armando Elizalde)

31st MEU MRF raids from the sea, air



(U.S. Marine Corps photos by Gunnery Sgt. T. T. Parish)

▲ A reconnaissance Marine with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit’s Force Reconnaissance Platoon searches for potential threats aboard a U.S. Army landing craft during a combined sea and airborne Visit, Board, Search and Seizure exercise as part of Realistic Urban Training Exercise, off the coast of Okinawa, July 26. Reconnaissance Marines with FPR boarded the landing craft from hovering aircraft while other teams raided the target vessel from small, inflatable rubber boats, known as Combat Rubber Raiding Craft. The 31st MEU, the Marine Corps’ only continuously forward-deployed MEU, provides a flexible force ready to perform a wide-range of military operations across the Indo-Pacific region.



◀ A reconnaissance Marine with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit’s Force Reconnaissance Platoon uses an exothermic torch to cut through a steel obstacle during a combined sea and airborne Visit, Board, Search and Seizure exercise as part of Realistic Urban Training Exercise.

► Reconnaissance Marines with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit’s Force Reconnaissance Platoon detain a possible high-value individual aboard a U.S. Army landing craft during a combined sea and airborne Visit, Board, Search and Seizure exercise as part of Realistic Urban Training Exercise, off the coast of Okinawa, July 26.



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DOWN UNDER 10th SG(R) supports Hamel 18

By Sgt. 1st Class Nancy Lugo
 10th SG(R) Public Affairs Office
 7/25/2018 - TORII STATION, Okinawa — Acting as the higher headquarters and logistic taskforce for the 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT), Indiana National Guard, 30 Soldiers of the 10th Support Group (Regional) (SG(R)) diligently displayed the unit's motto, "Service Through Support", through their daily actions while in support of exercise Hamel 18 held in Australia June 4 – July 23.

Arriving about a week prior to the almost 600 National Guard Soldiers, the logistic support Soldiers coordinated food, accommodation, work space, rental cars and began finalizing the details for the off load of all the brigade's equipment.

"It should be transparent to them that logistics for the exercise are planned and established before they even get here. Everything is in place and they can focus on their training objectives," said Lt. Col. Christopher Venters, logistics taskforce officer in charge, 10th SG(R).

As the Guard Soldiers arrived at the Rockhampton, Australian airport they were met by Soldiers from 10th SG(R) working alongside customs officers and the Australian government. They streamlined the process of entry into Australia and processed all Soldiers for accountability.

"The Indiana Army National

Guard and the Australian Defense Force built the training event, Hamel 2018," said 1st Lt. Nicholas Fraizer, Logistic Planner for 76th IBCT. "Our focus is to work together ... to overcome obstacles and become a better team."

After Soldiers and equipment were staged and ready at Camp Rocky, outside the Rockhampton Airport, it was time to move to Shoalwater Bay training area where the exercise was held.

Hamel 2018 is a combined sea and land exercise. It aims to enhance the understanding of the Army's utility as an effective component of a larger maritime strategy in support of Australia and its national interest.

"Strategic mobility operation is the single point of failure during this exercise," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Ryan Verhine, Mobility Officer, 10th SG(R). "If the equipment doesn't get off the boat, the unit can't train."

The inclusion of The U.S. Army and other coalition partners enhanced interoperability and build readiness.

"Working side-by-side with their [Australian] Soldiers was a great learning experience," said Fraizer. "This type of training is great for retention and continuing to improve our Soldiers' skills for different operations around the world."

At the end of the exercise National Guard Soldiers headed



(U.S. Army photos by Sgt. 1st Class Nancy Lugo)

^ Soldiers with 10th Support Group (Regional) work alongside Australian Customs Agents to in-process Soldiers of 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Indiana National Guard as they enter Australia through the Rockhampton Airport June 13.



^ Sgt. 1st Class Tarrence Carr, senior culinary management noncommissioned officer with 10th Support Group (Regional), guides a military vehicle belonging to 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Indiana National Guard onto a container ship July 10 at Gladstone Port, Australia.



^ Soldiers with 10th Support Group (Regional) work with local stevedores to load military vehicles and containers belonging to 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Indiana National Guard onto a container vessel July 10 at Gladstone Port, Australia.



^ Soldiers with 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Indiana National Guard stand by prior to boarding a bus taking them to Camp Rockhampton, Australia June 13.

home while their equipment were loaded onto a cargo vessel.

"During the upload of the Ocean Grand vessel [and] Hamel 2018 redeployment, 10th SG(R) opted to use Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) man-power for port operations instead of contracted stevedores," said Verhine. "This not only created a

unique training opportunity for NCOs that would not normally participate in vessel operations, it also reduced the cost of port operations by \$10,000. This money will go back into the Pacific Pathways budget ultimately reducing the overall spending budget."

Working with partner na-

tions, learning new skills and saving the Army money are all great achievements for the 10th SG(R) Soldiers.

"... long after they are gone we are here so we are the beginning and the end for Hamel. We cover everything in between, anything that is logistics related that's us," said Venters.

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The Kadena Connect App is available on both the Google Play and Apple App Store for your Android and iPhone devices. The free app enables users to dial DSN numbers on Kadena along with quick and easy access to call emergency and taxi services. The app also hosts a variety of useful information and widgets such as: Important alerts and notifications / Weather conditions / Exchange movie theater show times / Restaurant information / Ordering food online / Family fun / Events / And much much more To download the free app or to find out more information visit the Google Play or Apple App Store!

Gate 5 Closure

Gate 5 will be open during normal morning hours, but WILL NOT open during regular afternoon hours for the remainder of the summer. Gate 5 will be open Monday to Friday from 6:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Once school resumes in the fall, Gate 5 will go back to also opening in the afternoon hours. For more information, contact 18th SFS.

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Kadena Fire Emergency Services reminds everyone to program their cell phones with the emergency numbers. To report an emergency on Kadena via cell, dial 098-934-5911, and from an office phone, dial 911. For Camp Foster via cell, dial 098-911-1911, or from an office phone, dial 911.

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18th MDG Clinic Closures

The Kadena Air Base clinic will be closed on the following dates this year: August 16 (MDG ½ Training Day) Closed at 12 p.m., September 3 (Labor Day) Closed all day, September 4 (5th Air

Force Training Day) Facility Closed / Appointment Line & Camp Foster Acute Care Open. 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, SSgt Larissa Palmer at 630-4504, or Ms. Melissa Cook at 630-5050.

WIC Overseas Program Enrollment and Eligibility

The Women, Infants, and Children Overseas is a supplemental nutrition program designed for pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, infants and children up to the age of 5. As a WIC Overseas participant, you can receive nutrition education in the form of individual counseling and group classes, breastfeeding support, supplemental foods such as milk, juice, cheese, cereal, eggs, and fresh fruits and 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

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The Arnold Ave, Hampshire St and an unnamed street between Hampshire and Walmsley Way will be road cuts to install new electrical conduits and foundation for street lights for the new Military Family Housing. One-lane of each affected areas will be closed. Contractor will provide flagmen to direct the one-way alternation. Open trenches will be covered with steel plates at the end of each day. For more information, contact Akira Fair at 634-4879.

Road Closure

Partial Road Closure/alternate traffic flow is scheduled from July 9 to Oct. 31 on Schreiber Ave near Bldg 250 to Bldg 3416. Flaggers and traffic lights will be posted. This is to support Government of Japan construction project in the vicinity. For any information or concerns, please

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The first opportunity to enroll in FEDVIP will be during the next Federal Benefits Open Season, which runs from November 12 through December 10, 2018, with coverage effective January 1, 2019. If you are currently enrolled in a TRDP plan, you will not be automatically enrolled in a FEDVIP plan for 2019. You must enroll during open season.

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Passenger Travel/Personal Property Closure

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Personal Property PCS Peak-Season: Visit TMO Right Away

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Library Closure

Kadena Base Library will be closed on Saturday, Aug. 11 for Mountain Day, a Japanese public holiday and on Aug. 24 for staff training. During this time, the online library resources will still be accessible via the library's card catalog, which is linked from the Kadena FSS web site, and via the AF Portal under the "Library & Resources" tab.

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AFSA POW/MIA Bake Sale

The AFSA POW/MIA Bake Sale on Aug. 15 outside BX entrance from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. is raising funds to purchase commemorative coins to sell on Sept. 19. All proceeds from the sell will be given to the National League of POW/MIA families.

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