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U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Joseph Orellana, 18th Wing Public Affairs NCOIC of media operations, and Marshall Smith, left, Fleet Activities Okinawa Public Affairs officer, escort a CNN news team on the flightline Aug. 10, at Kadena Air Base. News agencies were invited to fly on the P-8A to learn about the Poseidon's abilities and the role it plays in the Pacific region.

Strength of U.S.-Japan alliance showcased during COMPACAF visit



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Hailey Haux)

By Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

8/9/2018 - TOKYO, Japan — Air Force Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) commander, met with U.S. and Japanese senior leaders here Aug. 6 and 7 as part of his first trip to the Indo-Pacific region as the commander.

Brown visited Japan to affirm the strength of the alliance and shared commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific region, as well as to seek opportunities to enhance cooperation and coordination with the Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF or Koku Jieitai).

"I'm excited to be back in the Pacific, to see firsthand the evolution that has occurred over the last decade," Brown said, who started his career at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, as a young lieutenant. While focused on operations in the Central Command Area of Responsibility in his most recent assignments, Brown served two tours in Korea, to include com-

mand of the 8th Fighter Wing, the "Wolf Pack," at Kunsan.

The Indo-Pacific region has grown increasingly complex since he was last here, and, more importantly, Brown emphasized that current challenges aren't isolated to any one area of the world.

"Those who choose to create challenges for other nations don't just stop in one region, they are seeking global impacts," he said, emphasizing what the National Defense Strategy calls "global disorder."

"The NDS calls on us to not only build a more lethal force, and concurrently, to strengthen our alliances and partnerships throughout the world, making visits like these and our daily efforts to increase our capabilities together ever more important," he continued.

Over the two-day visit, Brown met with Special Advisor to the Prime Minister Hiroto Izumi, Defense Minister Itsunori Ododera, Chief of Joint Staff Adm. Katsutoshi Kawano,

JASDF Chief of Staff Gen. Yoshinara Marumo and JASDF Air Defense Command (ADC) Commander Lt. Gen. Shigeki Muto. The general also met with U.S. Embassy officials and Lt. Gen. Jerry Martinez, U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force commander, and members of his key staff.

While at the ADC, Brown observed a ballistic missile defense demonstration and visited with the Airmen responsible for the vital mission set, commenting on the precision of their work.

"Recent tensions have refined not only our readiness, but the readiness of our allies and partners throughout the region," Brown said, reminding us that "along with shared values and shared interests, we also share many of the same challenges, presenting great opportunities to continue to learn from and improve each other's capabilities."

Among those challenges includes an increase in Japanese intercepts of Chinese and Russian military aircraft operating in



(Courtesy photo)

Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., Pacific Air Forces commander, and Gen. Yoshinari Marumo, Chief of Staff, Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force), perform an inspection of the honor guard during a ceremony at the Ministry of Defense in Tokyo, Japan, Aug. 7.

Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., Pacific Air Forces commander, and Lt. Gen. Shigeki Muto, Air Defense Command (ADC) commander, discuss opportunities to enhance cooperation and coordination during his visit to Yokota Air Base, Aug. 6. While at the ADC headquarters, the general observed a ballistic missile defense demonstration.

the region. That increase, however, has also created a proficiency the JASDF may share with other countries in the region to help respond to similar threats.

In addition to security concerns, discussions throughout the visit focused on opportunities to cooperate further in areas of fifth generation integration, ballistic missile defense, the employment of new operating concepts like PACAF's agile combat employment, and expanding to more multilateral exercises and engagements with like-minded nations in the region.

The JASDF received their first F-35As to Misawa in January, allowing for timely integration with not only the U.S. Marine Corps F-35Bs already in Japan, but also the U.S. Air Force F-35As forward-deployed at the time as part of a Theater Security Package to Kadana.

Both nations also affirmed the importance of and their shared commitment to continued participation in U.S. Indo-Pacific Command's Con-

tinuous Bomber Presence missions. Most recently six Koku Jieitai F-15s conducted bilateral training with B-52s deployed from Andersen Air Base, Guam, within the vicinity of Japan.

Brown also shared his appreciation for the cooperation and coordination that resulted in the rescue of the F-15 pilot who crashed in the waters south of Okinawa in June. The JASDF's quick response was vital in saving the pilot's life, and testament to the many rescue exercises that take place in the region.

"Not only does this validate the bilateral coordination happening at all levels, but how important it is that we continue to work together so we are best prepared for any contingency," Brown said.

"The challenges we face are complex. However, I am confident in our abilities to work together, to build upon the cooperation that has existed between the U.S. and Japan for more than 60 years to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific."

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PACAF takes entomology lessons learned to Sri Lanka

By Tech. Sgt. Heather Redman

Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

8/14/2018 - ANURADHAPURA, Sri Lanka — Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) medics conducted an entomology discussion with Sri Lankan civilian public health officials, entomologists, military doctors, and military public health officials during a four-day exchange as part of Pacific Angel (PAC ANGEL) 18-4 in Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka, Aug. 7-10.

The exchange, lead by U.S. Air Force Capt. Caroline Brooks, 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron medical entomologist, focused on the importance of studying insects and controlling vector borne diseases.

“Vector borne diseases are on the rise,” Brooks said. “Education on control and prevention has proven to be instrumental in helping combat infectious diseases.”

According to the Center of Disease Control and Prevention, the dengue virus is a mosquito-borne, acute illness that is a major public health problem in the tropics and subtropics worldwide.

“It is important for us to ensure others are properly trained and knowledge is passed on to our personnel down the line,” said Air Capt. Rahuman Booso, Sri Lanka air force doctor. “Entomology was chosen because dengue is on the rise throughout the country and the information presented will help us in developing practical solutions to combating this infectious disease.”

About 400 million people are infected with the dengue virus each year, resulting in approximately 100 million becoming ill and causing around 21,000 deaths.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Heather Redman)

▲ Capt. Caroline Brooks, 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron medical entomologist, builds a mosquito trap during an exchange for Pacific Angel 18-4, in Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka, Aug. 9.

To combat the issue of vector borne diseases like dengue, Brooks, Booso and U.S. Air Force Maj. Vicki Charbonneau, 15th Aerospace Medicine Squadron public health officer, held a series of discussions, lectures and hands-on training.

“This exchange has given us an opportunity to share ideas and work together to prepare for potential disasters,” Charbonneau said. “The cross flow of information is integral to our ability to operate together now and in the future.”

PAC ANGEL 18-4 is helping foster partnerships between the U.S. and Sri Lanka through multilateral humanitarian assistance and civil military operations that promote regional cooperation and interoperability between military, civilian and nongovernmental organizations.

PAC ANGEL 18-4 health services outreach in Sri Lanka



U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Michael Leader, U.S. Naval Hospital, Okinawa, Japan, examines a patient's ears during the first day of the Pacific Angel 18-4 health services outreach event in Vavuniya, Sri Lanka, Aug. 13. The health services outreach includes general medical, dental, physical therapy, optometry, and pharmaceutical services for the people of Sri Lanka. PAC ANGEL 18-4 fosters partnerships through mutually beneficial activities such as host nation visits and bilateral engagements that provide health outreach programs.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Heather Redman)

U.S.-Japan Friendship Ride 2018



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Pfc. Kevan Dunlop.)

Marines with III Marine Expeditionary Force and Okinawan locals participate in the U.S.-Japan Okinawa Friendship Ride Aug. 4, on Okinawa. The event is meant to strengthen the friendship between Marines and Okinawans by enjoying a fun and safe ride.

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Hospital Gate open on Camp Foster



Ceremony attendees pose for a photo in front of the U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa, Aug. 7 on Camp Foster.

(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Brennan Priest)

By Lance Cpl. Brennan Priest

Marine Corps Installations Pacific
8/7/2018 - **CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa** — Camp Foster held a ribbon cutting ceremony signifying the opening of Gate 7 Aug. 7 on Camp Foster.

The gate was designed to improve accessibility to the U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa for military personnel and their families.

“As the Camp Foster commander one of my responsibilities

is taking care of the Marines, sailors and civilians that work and live on Camp Foster,” said Marine Col. Vincent J. Ciuccoli, camp commander of Camp Foster. “They depend on several services, and one of the main ones is the U.S. Naval Hospital. Without that hospital and direct access to it, it would delay the services that are available to them.”

Ceremony attendees included: Atsushi Sakima, mayor of Ginowan City; Navy Captain

Cynthia Kuehner, USNH Okinawa commanding officer; Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Dennis L. Hathorn, USNH Okinawa command master chief; and representatives from the Okinawa community.

Ciuccoli and Sakima spoke about the benefits of the newly opened gate.

The gate will help to improve the bond between the military community and the Okinawa residents, by providing better access to Ginowan City for

Camp Foster personnel, according to Ciuccoli

“Just as important as the health and well-being of the Marines, sailors and civilians on Camp Foster is that of the health and well-being of the people of Okinawa,” said Ciuccoli. “I believe that by having this kind of access in and out of the hospital and the commerce here in Ginowan City.”

After the ceremony, a line

of cars waited to use the newly opened gate. Sakima was the first to exit the gate, waving as he left Camp Foster.

The hospital gate will be open 6 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday, except for holidays. Starting Aug. 7, Gate 2, the Spot Gate, is closed until further notice. Also, Gate 5, the Commissary Gate, will be one-way traffic from 6 am-8 am on duty days. For more information on gate openings, visit www.facebook.com/CampFoster.

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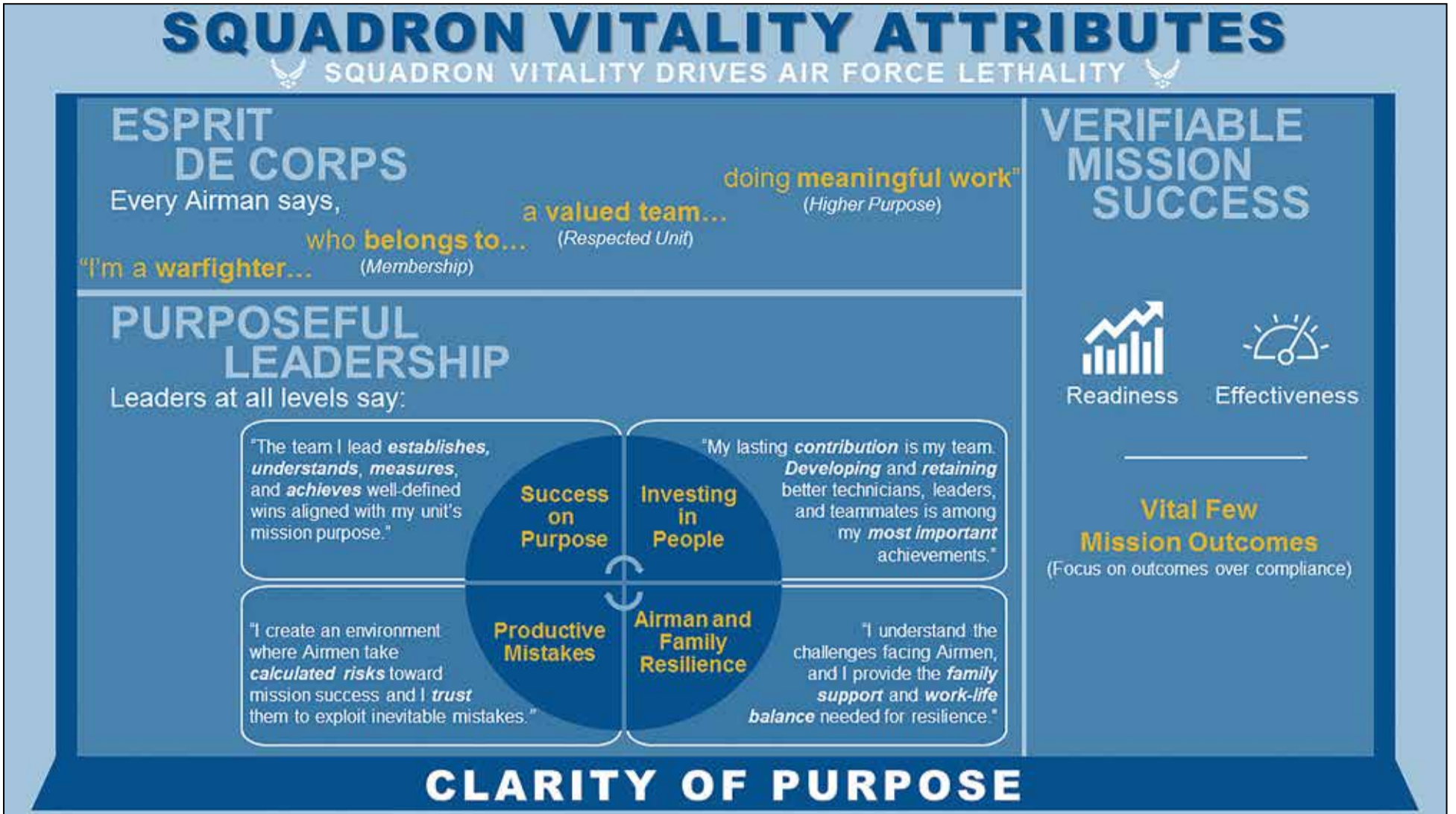
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Revitalizing squadrons, Air Force outlines progress



By Tech. Sgt. Robert Barnett

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs
8/10/2018 - WASHINGTON — Since Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. David L. Goldfein announced his initiative to revitalize squadrons, the assigned task force produced many visible changes and is moving forward with additional changes in an implementation plan.

"The squadron is the beating heart of the United States Air Force; our most essential team," Goldfein said in a letter to Airmen. "Our vision demands that squadrons be highly capable, expeditionary teams who can successfully defend our nation's interests in both today's and tomorrow's complex operating environments."

The task force conducted an Air Force-wide review, driven by Airmen in the field, to promote best practices and identify improvements. Consisting of Total Force Airmen from diverse backgrounds, they reviewed survey data and gathered inputs from across the Air Force through on-line crowd sourcing and face-to-face discussions with nearly 4,000 individuals, including spouses, from 25 different bases representing all major commands, Reserve and National Guard.

Along the way, the Air Force implemented improvements to include authorizations to rebuild the command support staffs, while addressing the manning for superintendents. Additionally, enlisted professional military education has been improved, performance report requirements have been removed for the rank of airman first class, computer-based and ancillary training requirements have been reduced, all based on the feedback from Airmen.

"This is incredibly humbling and exciting to be a part of because if we can get this right, we can hopefully impact the lethality and effectiveness of the entire Air Force," said Col. Russell Williford, current director of the revitalizing squadrons task force. "We can also make Airmen's lives better and more fulfilled."

The team further analyzed the feedback to develop a comprehensive model

for squadron vitality.

According to the findings indicated in the implementation plan, Williford said there are three key attributes to a successful squadron: verifiable mission success, purposeful leadership and esprit de corps.

These key attributes are being implemented through three lines of effort: focus on the mission, strengthen leadership and culture, and taking care of Airmen and Families.

Focus on the mission

Verifiable mission success means aligning a clearly stated mission purpose from the command-level down to each task an Airman performs. Highly successful squadrons clearly define, understand, and communicate their purpose, asking every member of the squadron, "why?" until the purpose behind every task is aligned to mission success.

While this may appear rather easy, the team found that many units struggled with clearly defining and communicating their purpose.

Verifiable mission success drives a culture described as "mission command" in which members of the unit clearly understand why their unit exists; therefore, their efforts are directly in-line with mission outcomes, which enables empowerment throughout the unit.

The plan also calls for better enabling squadron leaders to focus on their missions. For example, support staffs will work with commanders to push daily decision authority to the lowest practical level while scrubbing overly restrictive Air Force Instructions and updating organization models to align with the new National Defense Strategy.

This helps every Airman gain a clarity of purpose to understand how they contribute, add value and are valued.

Strengthening squadron leadership and culture

Purposeful leadership means valuing mission outcomes, investing time in Airmen development, and creating an environment where taking smart risks is rewarded to find better ways of getting the mission done, seizing the opportuni-

ty to learn from mistakes.

Starting in the fall an Air University squadron commander foundational course will be launched to better prepare officers (and civilians for squadron-like units) for purposeful command.

"The first time an Airman leads a large team is as a flight chief or a flight commander," Williford said. "So flight commander and flight chief courses will be developed at the wing-level to help enable leaders to focus on the key skills to succeed in this first essential level of leadership."

In addition, boosting mental and physical fitness is a key ingredient of the leadership and culture line of effort. While there will be no changes to physical fitness standards and tests, squadron leadership gains authority for administering physical fitness tests, and wing commanders will build incentive programs to reward innovative unit-level fitness programs that increase Airmen readiness.

Taking care of Airmen and their families

Williford said the third, esprit de corps, may happen naturally when the previous

two are in place.

"It means belonging to a group that's respected, and they are accomplishing something that's larger than themselves," he said. "They are warfighters who belong to a valued team doing meaningful work. That alignment of purpose to the respective unit, to being a member of this group is what we found creates a high level of esprit de corps."

The plan includes helping squadrons better support Airmen and families by building on their resilience, strengthening family support programs and community connections.

"We tangibly discovered that focusing on supporting families gave the Airmen more focus at work," Williford said. "An Airman who is fulfilled and has a good work-life balance comes to work more focused."

"The process of being able to achieve that long-term vision that the CSAF and the Secretary of the Air Force have, that's incredibly exciting," the director of the task force said. "We know it's a long process to get there, but we're excited to be a part of it."

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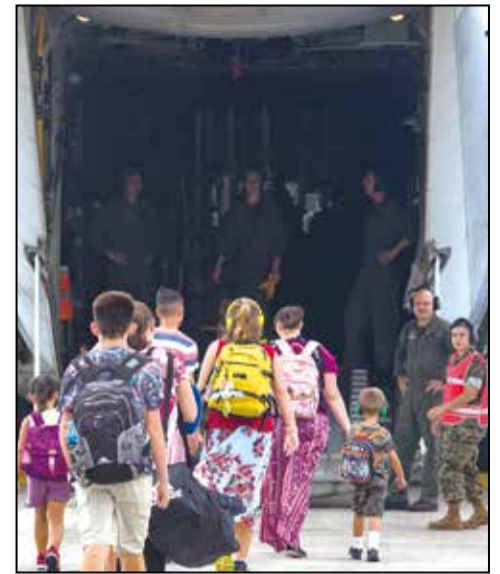
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Marines, civilians take part in evacuation training



(U.S. Marine Corps photos by Lance Cpl. André T. Peterson Jr.)

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Anthony Terry, speaks with Department of Defense volunteers of for an Evacuation Control Center rehearsal Aug. 6 on Kadena Air Base. The ECC rehearsal for 3D Transportation Battalion Alert Contingency Marine Air Ground Task Force ensured the ECC is fully prepared and ready if a national disaster arises.



Department of Defense volunteers begin to board a C-130 for an Evacuation Control Center rehearsal Aug. 7 on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

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By Lance Cpl. Kelcey Seymour

Marine Corps Installations Pacific

8/8/2018 - CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Marines from 3rd Transport Support Battalion preformed a two-day, noncombatant evacuation operations training Aug. 6-7 on Kadena Air Base and Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

During the training, 3rd TSB set up an evacuation control center inside terminals at the air station for volunteers to check-in before and after their flight.

“We are working in conjunction with MCAS Iwakuni on this exercise,” said 1st Lt. Amanda Henegar, alert contingency Marine Air-Ground Task Force officer in charge with 3rd TSB, Combat Logistics Regiment 3. “The civilian volunteers are checked into the neo-tracking system in MCAS Iwakuni and then flown here to

Kadena where we check them into the NTS we have set up in our evacuation control center. This is how we keep track of everyone who is being evacuated.”

The training was conducted to simulate a realistic, small-scale evacuation. The volunteers were registered and issued an identification wrist band. The Marines operating the NTS were able to get the volunteers checked into the system effectively with little issue. The American Red Cross was also on site, just like they would be in a real evacuation, to check the volunteers into their Safe-and-Sound program and provide refreshments after landing into Kadena Air Base.

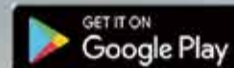
“This training is important because it helps us master the employment of the NTS and develop an analog of process-

ing capably in the event the NTS does not function,” said Henegar.

Before returning to MCAS Iwakuni the next day, they were screened by MCAS Futenma security and logged back into the NTS.

“I think the hardest part of future practices will be integrating the state department,” said Capt. Jessica Davis, landing support company commander with 3rd TSB, CLR-3. “In the event of a real evacuation, our control center will have to link up with their system. Today we had 31 volunteers and were able to process everyone very quickly, but we only had the Marines and Red Cross set up instead of all the entities. I think next time we will have the state department involved too so that we can have a better idea of how we would all work together.”

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U.S. military has strong words for Beijing after warnings during flight over South China Sea

By **Jesse Johnson**

Article from The Japan Times
www.japantimes.co.jp

8/11/2018 — The U.S. military had unusually strong words for Beijing over social media on Saturday after recent reports that an American reconnaissance plane had been warned to “leave immediately” during a flight near China’s man-made islands in the contested South China Sea.

Reporters with CNN and the BBC had been given a rare chance Friday to look at the islets in the Spratly chain of the waterway from aboard a U.S. Navy P-8A Poseidon at 16,500 feet.

During the flight, reporters were shown four low-lying coral reefs in the Spratlys — Subi Reef, Fiery Cross Reef, Johnson Reef and Mischief Reef — three of which were turned into garrisons with massive radar installations, scores of buildings and military-grade runways. The crew received six separate warnings from the Chinese military, telling them they were inside Chinese territory and urging them to leave, CNN reported.

“Leave immediately and keep out to avoid any misunderstanding,” a voice was heard in a video.

In response, the U.S. military plane noted that it was conducting “lawful military activities beyond the national airspace of any coastal state.”

Both reports quoted the U.S. side as saying the warnings were common and had no effect on their operations.

The BBC report also picked up a separate, more vociferous warning by the Chinese, apparently to a Philippine plane nearby. Its tone and wording was starkly different to the ones issued to the U.S. side.

“Philippine military aircraft, I’m warning you again. Leave immediately or you will bear responsibility for all the consequences!” a voice can be heard saying.

Beijing’s relations with Manila have improved under Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, who has not pressed China over the South China Sea. Relations had soured when Duterte’s predecessor took their dispute over the waterway to an international

tribunal in The Hague, which ruled against China.

Beijing has built up a series of military outposts in the South China Sea, which includes vital sea lanes through which about \$3 trillion in global trade passes each year. The Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Taiwan and Brunei have overlapping claims.

China has said the facilities are for defensive purposes, but some experts say this is part of a concerted bid to cement de facto control of the South China Sea.

Washington has blasted Beijing for the island-building, fearing the outposts could be used to restrict free movement in the waterway, with the U.S. conducting a number of so-called freedom of navigation operations in the area.

On Saturday, at least three of the U.S. military’s Twitter accounts had forceful words for China over its warnings.

“We will sail, fly and operate wherever international law allows,” the U.S. Navy’s verified Twitter account said Saturday in a retweet of the CNN story. The U.S. Indo-Pacific Com-

Local students visit Branch Dental Clinic Evans



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

Lt. Bethany D. Brooks directs students from the Okinawa Dental Hygiene School during a tour of Branch Dental Clinic Evans, U.S. Naval Dental Center, on Camp Foster, Aug. 10. Dental hygiene students visited the clinic to speak with dental experts, see the facilities and learn more about the dental field. The students are currently on their second year of a three-year course. Brooks, a native of Littleton, New Hampshire, is a dentist with 3rd Dental Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group.

mand’s verified account also retweeted the story, writing that: “The United States will not be ‘warned off’ from lawful operations in international waters and airspace.”

In Japan, where the P-8A that flew near the South China Sea

islands is believed to be based, U.S. Forces Japan’s Twitter account echoed this sentiment.

“Japan-based US Navy P-8As contribute to regional peace and security every day by flying wherever international law allows,” it tweeted.



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Chinese structures are pictured on one of the disputed Spratly islands in the South China Sea on April 21.

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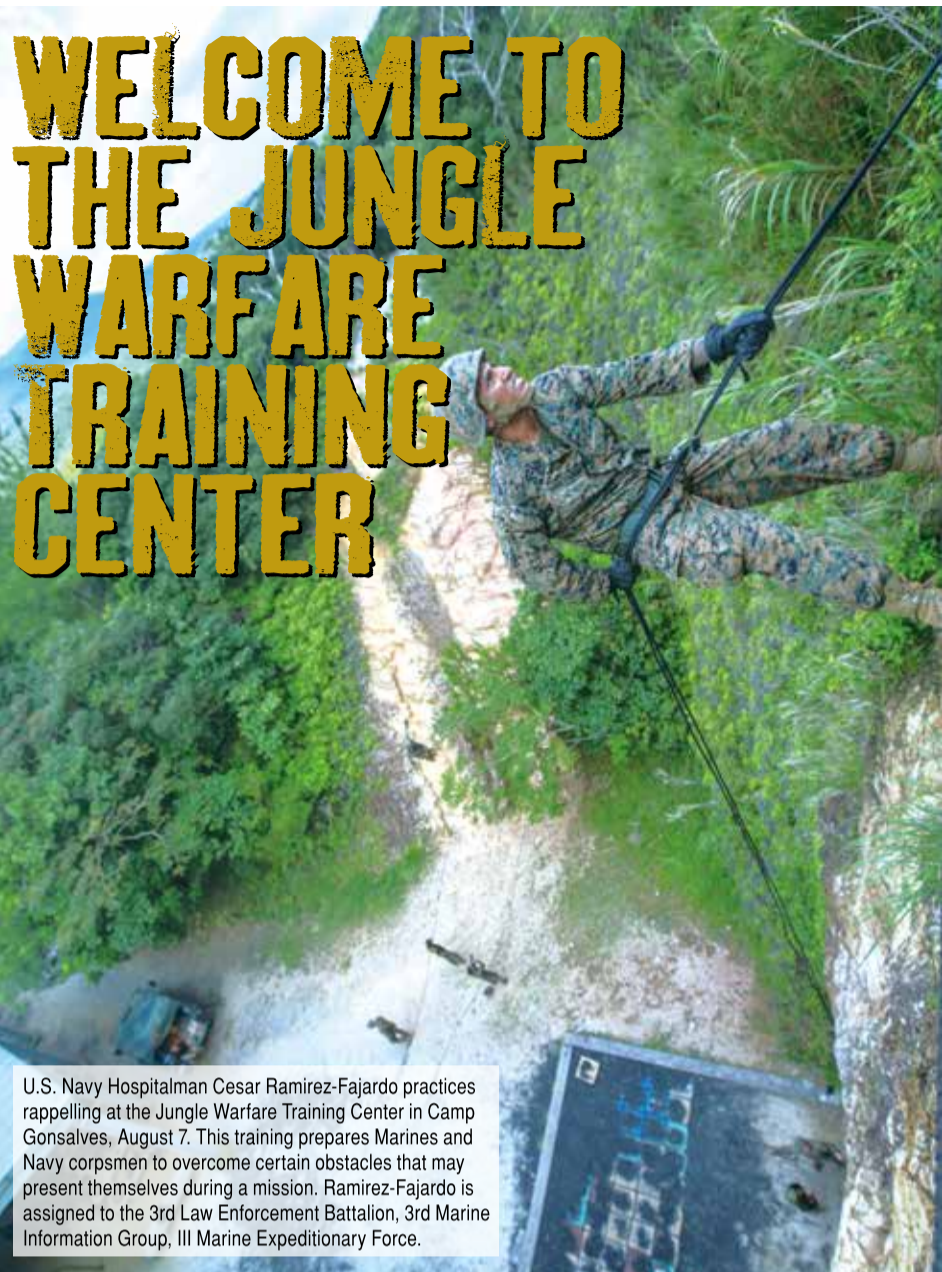
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U.S. Navy Hospitalman Cesar Ramirez-Fajardo practices rappelling at the Jungle Warfare Training Center in Camp Gonsalves, August 7. This training prepares Marines and Navy corpsmen to overcome certain obstacles that may present themselves during a mission. Ramirez-Fajardo is assigned to the 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion, 3rd Marine Information Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl Cameron Parks)

By Lance Cpl. Cameron Parks
3rd Marine Division
8/13/2018 - CAMP GONSALVES, Okinawa — Marines are known for always

being ready for any obstacle that may come their way. Historically, Marines have fought up mountains, through jungles, and across deserts. Nowadays

combat is few and far between; however, Marines continue to train in austere terrain to keep their skills sharp and to continue bettering their techniques.

One of the locations that Marines train is Jungle Warfare Training Center Camp Gonsalves on Okinawa, Japan. Marines learn how to navigate through the dense marsh, repel down steep cliffs, and better their knowledge of patrolling through the area and its terrain.

“You get to see how the units actually work in the jungle,” said Sgt. Nathaniel Strahle, the chief instructor at JWTC. “The jungle itself provides a very dynamic environment in which not a lot of people are accustomed.”

Marines are taught jungle survival skills from the instructors at JWTC putting them in the combat mindset, Every Marine is a Rifleman.

“This course gives Marines the oppor-

tunity to teach other Marines in areas that I’m proficient in,” said Cpl. Caleb Buck a rappelling instructor at JWTC. “I get to train them in rappelling and other infantry related knowledge that is useful in the jungle.”

All units get a chance to experience fighting in the jungle at JWTC. Through the mental to physical exhaustion, they create a deeper sense of comradery that one wouldn’t particularly find working in an office.

“The Jungle Warfare Training Center is great for any unit to attend. It’s uncomfortable at times and embracing uncommon situations is never easy. Yet, when you’re around a good group of people it doesn’t seem as bad,” said Sgt. James West a squad leader with Bravo Company, 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, forward deployed to 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division.

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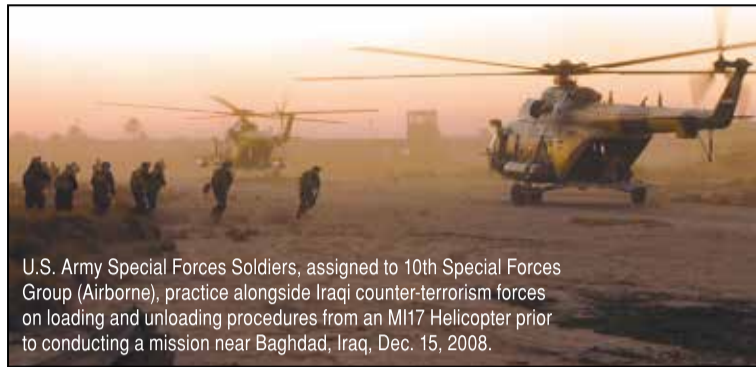
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New DOD policy prohibits GPS-enabled devices in deployed settings



U.S. Army Special Forces Soldiers, assigned to 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), practice alongside Iraqi counter-terrorism forces on loading and unloading procedures from an MH17 Helicopter prior to conducting a mission near Baghdad, Iraq, Dec. 15, 2008.

(U.S. Army courtesy photo)

By Jim Garamone

DoD News

8/7/2018 - WASHINGTON — Deployed service members are going to have to ditch their “geo-location devices” in response to a new memo from Deputy Defense Secretary Patrick M. Shanahan.

This includes physical fitness aids, applications in phones that track locations, and other devices and apps that pinpoint and track the location of individuals.

“Effective immediately, Defense Department personnel are prohibited from using geolocation features and functionality on government and nongovernment-issued devices, applications and services while in locations designated as operational areas,” Pentagon spokesman Army Col. Robert Manning III told Penta-

gon reporters yesterday.

Deployed personnel are in “operational areas,” and commanders will make a determination on other areas where this policy may apply.

The market for these devices has exploded over the past few years, with many service members incorporating them into their workout routines. They use the devices and applications to track their pace, running routes, calories burned and more. These devices then store the information and upload it to central servers where it can be shared with third parties. That information can present enemies with information on military operations.

USING GPS DEVICES POSE RISK

“The rapidly evolving market

of devices, applications and services with geolocation capabilities presents a significant risk to the Department of Defense personnel on and off duty, and to our military operations globally,” Manning said.

These Global Positioning System capabilities can expose personal information, locations, routines and numbers of DOD personnel. Their use in overseas locations “potentially create unintended security consequences and increased risk to the joint force and mission,” Manning said.

Personal phones and other portable devices also contain apps that rely on GPS technology, and they will be affected. Commanders will be responsible for implementing the policy, and they will be allowed to make exceptions only after conducting a thorough risk assessment.

Security is at the heart of this guidance. DOD is seeking a balanced way that allows for legitimate official and personal uses of geolocation technology that does not impact security.

Manning said the department will continue to study the risk associated with these devices and change the policy as needed.

Over 100 service members volunteer clean up Ginowan



(U.S. Marine Corps photos by Pfc. Nicole Rogge)

Service members look for trash to collect Aug. 12 during a city cleanup at the Futenma Shrine. Over 100 service members and their families from Marine Corps Air Station Futenma and Camp Foster walked the streets picked up trash and sorting it into either burnable or recyclable bags. The cleanup was a demonstration by the military community to help keep the community clean. Future cleanups will now be held at the Futenma Shrine.



Service members line up into fifteen groups Aug. 12 during a city cleanup at the Futenma Shrine.

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NOTICES

TCCOR Trash Pickup

All scheduled trash services will cease at the start of TCCOR 2 until ALL CLEAR. For more information, contact 18th CES.

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 on Aug. 27, Gate 5 will go back to also opening in the afternoon hours. For more information, contact 18th SFS.

18th MDG Clinic Closures

The Kadena Air Base clinic will be closed on the following dates this year: Sept. 3 (Labor Day) Closed all day, Sept. 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, Staff Sgt. Larissa Palmer at 630-4504, or Ms. Melissa Cook at 630-5050.

TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Select plan information for calendar year 2018

The following changes or improvements to your TRICARE benefits apply for calendar year 2018: TRICARE Select will replace TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra on January 1. TRICARE Select brings together the features of TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra in a single plan. Enrollees who obtain services from TRICARE network providers will pay lower cost sharing amounts for network care. All current TRICARE beneficiaries will be automatically enrolled in their respective plan on January 1. TRICARE Prime plan enrollees will remain in their TRICARE Prime plan. TRICARE Standard and Extra beneficiaries will be enrolled in a TRICARE Select plan. Beneficiaries can choose to enroll in or change their TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select coverage during an annual open enrollment period in November-December, 2018 for coverage beginning on January 1, 2019. For calendar year 2019, failure to enroll in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select results in the termination of coverage for civilian care. These beneficiaries who choose to not enroll may only receive care at a military clinic or hospital on a space available basis. However, some exceptions still apply for more information contact TRICARE at 630-4310 Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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 Courtney) / Kadena Air Base (Bldg. 428) / Camp Foster (Bldg. 5674) / Camp Courtney (Bldg. 4408) / Camp Kinser (Bldg. 107 Rm. 121)

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 contact Eishin Hiyajo at 634-4285, or Email eishin.hiyajo.jp@us.af.mil.

Government of Japan Quarantine Warning

Certain regions of Japan, including Okinawa, are home to serious plant pests that are not present in other parts of Japan. The government of Japan's Plant Protection Station strives to eradicate these pests and prevent the movement of their host plants to areas the pests are not currently present. DO NOT transport or mail the following plants and species: Sweet Potatoes / Citrus Seedlings / Giant African Snail / Citrus Greening Disease / West Sweet Potato Weevil / Sweet Potato Weevil.

18th CES Minimal Manning

The 18th Civil Engineer Squadron will be minimally manned on Friday, Aug. 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for an annual squadron event. Emergency work tasks services will be available during this time by calling 634-2424. Non-emergency work tasks shall be submitted through TRIRIGA. All other work task services will resume normal operations starting the next duty day. Explosive ordnance

disposal and fire emergency services response capability will be unaffected during this time. For more information, please call CE Customer Service at 634-2424.

Partial Road Closure

Road Closure for portion of FH Smith Dr from intersection of Schreiber Ave to Bldg 3135 from Aug. 11, to March 31, 2020.

Housing Closure

The Kadena DoD Family Housing Office, Camp Kinser Office, Camp Courtney Office, Camp Foster, Furnishing Management Section and Furnishing Management Section Self-Help and Appliance Repair will be closed for a command event on Aug. 17. For emergency assistance, please contact 634-HOME (4663)

Hiroshima Relief donation collection

On July 7th, Typhoon Maria devastated Hiroshima prefecture with widespread flooding and landslides. More than 200 people were killed and hundreds more remain missing. Three million resident were ordered to leave their homes. Join Kadena Airmen in providing assistance to these displaced families. The Kadena Top III: Okinawa Outreach Committee are requesting the following as donations: sanitary napkins, soap, infant diapers and formula powder, toothpaste and toothbrushes, and antiperspirant deodorants. The collection point will be at building 3481. More information can be gathered at <https://www.facebook.com/OkinawaOutreach> OR Staff Sgt. Joseph Kim at DSN 634-9555

Catholic Children's Ministry Coordinator position

The Kadena Air Base Chapel has an open contract position for a Catholic Children's Ministry Coordinator. Bids for the position

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TRICARE CORNER



Did You Know? THE TRICARE RETIREE DENTAL PROGRAM (TRDP) ENDS ON DEC. 31, 2018.

Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP)

On December 31, 2018, the Defense Health Agency's TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) will end. However, as directed in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2017, retired uniformed service members and their families, who were eligible for TRDP, will have the opportunity to enroll in the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP).

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.

FEDVIP Dental Benefits:

- 1.5M current enrollees in TRDP
- Retired members of the Uniformed Services and National Guard/Reserve components
- Current spouses of enrolled members, and children up to age 21, or to age 23 if a fulltime student
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Visit tricare.benefeds.com for the full eligibility guidelines.

Questions/Briefings Requests:

If you would like to learn more information about TRICARE or request a briefing, please contact the TRICARE Referral Service Center (TRSC) at DSN: 630 - 4310 or visit us at the 18th Medical Group, Bldg. 626, Monday - Friday from 0730 - 1630.

FEDVIP Vision Benefits:

- Those enrolled in TRICARE Reserve Select or TRICARE Retired Reserve
- Uniformed services active duty family members
- Uniformed services retirees and retiree family members
- Those entitled to TRICARE For Life

will begin Aug. 13 and close on Aug. 23 at 1 p.m. Copies of the bid documents are available at Chapel Two (Bldg. 425) between the hours of 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday excluding holidays and down days. Documented evidence of the following is preferred: A Bachelor's Degree in Theology or Pastoral Studies, or a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with two-years' experience in business or project management; or, three-years' experience working in the Catholic Church's Youth Ministry, Religious Education ministries, or equivalent. For more information, please contact Tech. Sgt. Jennifer DePrinzio at jennifer.deprinzio@us.af.mil DSN 634-2219 OR Master Sgt. Kevin Chellis at kevin.chellis@us.af.mil DSN 634-1288

18th LRS Cargo Movement sections closure

The Outbound and Inbound Sections will be closed on Friday, Aug. 17 at 10 a.m. for an official function. For Emergency services, please contact the respective section standby personnel: Inbound Cargo Movement: 090-6864-6406 Outbound Cargo Movement: 090-6864-5116 For more information, please contact Master Sgt. Moise Francois at DSN 634-5324

INFORMATION How to File a Complaint with IG

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

at 634-7622 for Maj. Sarabia or 634-1109 for Mr. Lovingood, or leave a message on the Kadena Fraud Waste & Abuse (FWA) Hotline at 634-0404.

18th Wing Equal Opportunity

Do you face concerns of unlawful discrimination or sexual harassment? If so, Kadena Air Base leadership maintains a strict "zero-tolerance" policy pertaining to discriminatory behavior. If you feel you are being unlawfully discriminated against, to include sexual harassment, take action. We encourage members to use the chain of command first to resolve issues at the lowest level. However, you can also contact the EO office at 634-2571 to set up an appointment; or you may visit our office. Please note that the EO office will not accept a Formal Complaint more than 60 calendar days for military and 45 calendar days for civilian complaints after the alleged offense occurred without sufficient justification.

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TRICARE Overseas Off Base Do's and Do not's

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Do's and Don'ts worksheets are available at the TRICARE front desk located at the Kadena Clinic. For additional information please contact Referral Management at 630-4402 Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Finance Inquiries

Finance inquiries may be sent to 18cpts. finance@us.af.mil - include full SSN. Phone calls will be taken from 8 a.m. - noon at 634-3609. Office is closed each 3rd Thursday of the month (Training Day) - Closed - All Day. For emergencies call 080-6487-6969

Kadena and Camp Foster Emergency Numbers

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

Kadena Connect App

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS National Preparedness Month 5K

Come out on Friday, Aug. 31 and run to raise awareness for preparedness! This is a free event with goodies for all, and even a giveaway at the end for two preparedness kits! The start and finish will be at the Kadena USO by Gate 2, with the run kicking off at 6:30 a.m.

Kadena Women's Basketball Team

Kadena Lady Warriors Basketball team is looking for women that interested in playing the game of basketball. The team is open to

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Kadena Thrift Store Volunteering

Need something fun to do for a few hours on the weekend? The Okinawa Enlisted Spouses Club would like a few hands on deck to assist them at the thrift shop. Spend some time giving back to the community while finding cool items in the store along the way. Bldg. 859, OESC Thrift Store, Aug. 11 & 25, 10 a.m. - noon or noon - 2 p.m. or both days and shifts! If you have any questions, please contact Staff Sgt. Mallory Johnson via email or call at 634-4592.

Kadena Women's Flag Football

A few women on Kadena are looking to start a flag football team and need participants. If you're interested in joining the team, please reach out to: Staff Sgt. Marc Acosta: 080-6496-6533 / Staff Sgt. Alondra Vega-Fulton: 089-9853-6245 / Senior Airman David Binder: 080-6489-3739.

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