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# Suicide prevention is everyone's responsibility

#### **By Carlee Hart**

9/25/2018 — Every attempt of suicide or death by suicide affects countless loved ones, coworkers, and friends who are impacted by the long lasting consequences. One suicide is one suicide too many. Whether you are a family member, a contractor, the newest trainee or the most senior individual in your unit, everyone has a role to play in suicide prevention.

Remember to use the acronym A-C-E.

Ask - Asking questions will not drive someone to suicide but, instead, it will give them a chance to open up about how they are feeling. Don't be afraid to ask the hard questions: "Are you thinking of hurting yourself" or "Are you thinking of taking your own life?" In

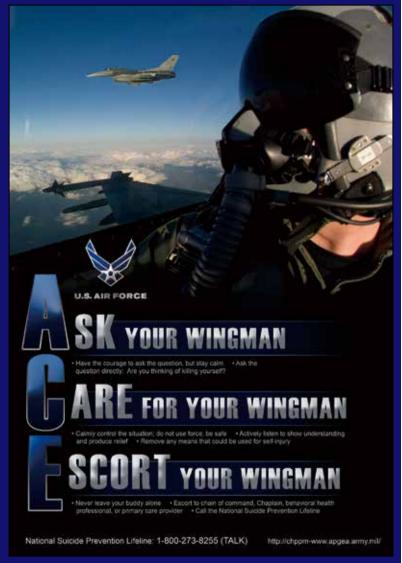
addition, if you are struggling don't be afraid to ask for help. Seeking help is not a sign of weakness; it's a sign of strength, resilience, and a step towards recovery.

Care - You don't need special training to safely talk to an individual about suicide risk or to show genuine compassion to someone in need. Simple everyday connections can make a big difference to someone feeling isolated or having thoughts of harming themselves. Be sure to show you care by showing positive support and helping them understand that they are not alone in the way that they are feeling. One act of kindness makes a difference and it's that one act that often goes on to save a life.

**Escort** - If someone you know

is showing risk factors for increased potential to end their life, offer to escort them to the nearest hospital or mental health building. If relocating is not an option, offer to stay with them until help arrives. Seeking help can often be intimidating and having a familiar face nearby will allow them the moral support to take the next important steps.

Everyone plays a role in suicide prevention. Remember: Ask, Care, and Escort – you could be saving a life. If you or someone you know is dealing with addiction, depression, or thoughts of self-harm please contact Kadena Mental Health at 634-3272 or if it's an emergency contact Kadena's local law enforcement hotline at 098-961-1911.



# Kadena hosts 24 hour POW/MIA run



in Action 24 hour Run, jog around Marek Park Sept. 20, at Kadena Air Base. Participants of the run took turns carrying the POW.MIA flag during the 24 hour long event.

Participants of the Prisoner of War, Missing in Action 24 hour Run, jog around Marek Park

Participants of the Prisoner of War, Missing

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# Firefighters practice rappelling techniques

By Senior Airman Quay Drawdy

18th Wing Public Affairs

9/20/2018 — Something about heights makes many people a little nervous. For some, the fear of the fall causes the butterflies to flutter; for others, the thought of the sudden stop at the end creates a fair amount of anxiety. For firefighters, though, how far away the ground is doesn't matter so long as they can help the person that needs them.

The 18th Civil Engineer Squadron at Kadena Air Base worked with military and civilian members from across Okinawa, to include Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Naval Base White Beach, Camp Kinser and Torii Station, for rappelling training Sept. 14.

"We're teaching technical rope rescue for firefighters," said Staff Sgt. William Campbell, 18th CES fire emergency services contingency instructor. "Trainees rappel down the system, learn to pass an obstruction in their rope and re-ascend back to the top of the building. The principals they learn today will help them when it comes to rescuing people trapped on a rope climb or down in a ra-

When it came to actually going over the edge, a few obstacles became apparent.

"The main challenges, for this group, would be the language barrier and the fear of heights," said Campbell. "We have a lot of local nationals participating in addition to military members, so the fear of going down 50 or 60 feet on a rope combined with communication issues add to the 'scare factor."

Each student, loaded down with gloves, helmets and harnesses, climbed three flights of stairs, tied off to anchoring



(U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Quay Drawdy) Staff Sgt. William Campbell, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron fire emergency services contingency instructor, left, observes as trainees rappels down a building for training Sept. 14, at Kadena Air Base. Safety when training is of utmost importance. Each participant was checked, re-checked and cleared by an instructor before rappelling down the building.

points and prepared to step over the edge.

"The goal of the training for today is to get us comfortable with going over the ledge, rappelling and ascending up the rope," said Senior Airman Jonathan Hayden, 18th CES firefighter. "It's also important to have faith and trust not only in our equipment and what we can do, but trusting our brothers and sisters working beside us."





Firefighters from installations across Okinawa participate in rappelling training Sept. 14. The training aimed to instill a sense of trust in each member for their fellow firefighters, their equipment and their own abilities.

✓ Senior Airman Jonathan Hayden, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, hangs upside down as part of rappelling training Sept. 14, at Kadena Air Base.

Hayden had no problem admitting Campbell was right about one of the challenges he noticed while training.

"For me, the problem was definitely the heights," said Hayden. "I've never really been super comfortable with heights, but the instructors are great and my teammates are good about encouraging each other. Everyone out here today is very positive, so we're able to lean on and trust each other."

Training is an ever ongoing process when it comes to skills used to save lives.

"We're going to keep training," said Campbell. "We still have a few more weeks of these classes, so we plan to add more advanced techniques. I hope they never need the skills they're learning, but it's rewarding, for me, to know they'll be able to save someone's life if they need to."



# Valiant Shield 2018 wraps up

#### By Petty Officer 1st Class Danica M Sirmans

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9/23/2018 - ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — U.S. military forces from the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command wrapped up exercise Valiant Shield (VS) 2018, Sept. 23, around the Marianas Island Range Complex as well as on Guam.

Participants included the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), 15 surface ships, more than 160 aircraft and approximately 15,000 personnel from the U.S. Navy, Air Force, Army and Marine Corps.

"The Marianas Island Range Complex is a premier training environment that allows the joint force a unique opportunity to come together and train side-by-side at the high end in an at-sea environment," said exercise director Rear Adm. Daniel Dwyer. "It's extremely important. In any future conflict, no service will go alone. Any opportunity that we can come together to train as a joint force, makes us that much more lethal and capable."

Valiant Shield is a U.S. only, biennial field training exercise aimed at ensuring the joint force is ready to conduct a wide range of combat operations.

VS-18 was postponed due to Typhoon Mangkhut. The units based out of Guam, as well as the visiting units, quickly adjusted their training exercise to a defense support of civil authorities mission. More than 3,000 personnel were dispatched to assist with clean up, deliver supplies and assist with utilities.

"The U.S. military is not a fair-weather force," said Dwyer. "We'll fight in any conditions; day or night. This is just real-world operational training for us. It has been great for the crews to adapt, over-



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Zachary Bumpus)

come, plan and execute. I am incredibly proud of the joint force coming together."

This year's exercise was peppered with a few firsts. The U.S. Army attended for the first time this year as they led the Multi-Domain Task Force (MDTF) with the 17th Field Artillery Brigade.

Army Lt. Col. Joe Hansen, MDTF commander, said he'd developed three priorities in support of Valiant Shield; to validate and improve communication systems and architecture, facilitate and integrate artillery capabilities in the Indo-Pacific maritime environment, and inform and improve upon the multi-domain operational discussion.

The MDTF is at the piloting stages on the trajectory to operational use, but another series featured in this year's exercise introduced a new shallow-mine capability update from previous iterations.

Following an Air Force and Marine Corps pairing from Valiant Shield 2016, this year the Air Force's B-52 bombers of the 96th Bomb Squadron with the Navy's P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft of Patrol Squadron Five (VP-5) deployed and assessed an updated Quickstrike precision mine outfit for the first time.

"In the past, the mines were dropped by gravity weapons, so the B-52s and bombers had to be low to meet their accuracy," said Air Force Capt. Craig Quinnett, Quickstrike's B-52 test lead. "With Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) and the Quickstrike-extended range weapon we have the ability to deploy precision mines from a standoff role which gives us a huge capability."

Valiant Shield concluded with a sink exercise (SINKEX), which provided the opportunity to find, fix, track, and finish a target at sea.

"SINKEX gives us that opportunity to do an end-to-end test of our joint capabilities," said Dwyer. "It's been incredible to watch the teams come together to become more capable and more lethal."

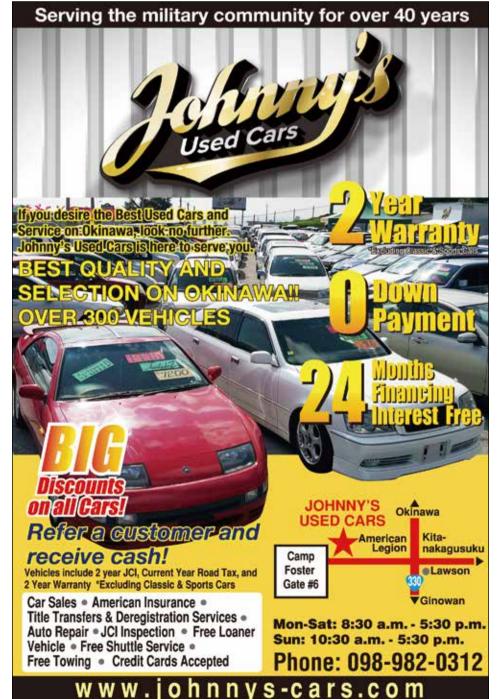
During VS-18, U.S. forces exercised a wide range of capabilities and demonstrate the inherent flexibility of joint forces. The range of capabilities included maritime security operations, amphibious operations, anti-submarine and air-defense exercises.

This is the seventh exercise in the Valiant Shield series that began in 2006.









(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Kenny Nunez)



▼ Tech. Sgt. Michael Voorhees, with 909th Air Refueling Squadron, refuels an F-15C in support of Valiant Shield, on Sept. 20. (U.S. Navy photo Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Darienne Slack)



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Seth Rosenberg)

An F-15C Eagle with 44th Fighter Squadron takes off at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Sep. 20, during Valiant Shield.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airmen Zachary Bumpus)

F-15C Eagles from the 67th Fighter Squadron park on Andersen Air Force
Base, Guam, in preparation for Valient Shield 18, Sept. 14.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Gerald R. Willis)



(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Roger Parsons) → U.S. Air Force aircraft maintainers from the 552nd Air Control Wing, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, monitor an engine start prior to launching an E-3 Sentry participating in exercise Valiant Shield 18 at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Sept. 18.



(U.S. Navy photo Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Darienne Slack)



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# Multi-domain command and control is coming

#### By Maj. Justin Reynolds

Headquarters Air Force Strategic Integration Group

9/25/2018 - WASHINGTON — In his remarks during this year's Air Force Association's Air, Space, and Cyber Conference in National Harber, Maryland, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein explained the importance of Multi-Domain Command and Control in executing the nation's next fight.

In this fight, Goldfein said, the Air Force must master MDC2 to empower commanders to dominate the air, space, and cyber domains.

Leading the MDC2 effort is Air Force Brig. Gen. Chance Saltzman, director of operations, Headquarters Air Force. Saltzman oversaw the MDC2 Enterprise Capability Collaboration Team, which includes a cross-section of command and control space, cyber and air operator experts.

"As we quickly learned, multi-domain command and control got very complicated, very fast," Saltzman said. "But, at its core, we determined that commanders must employ the right operational concepts for multi-domain operations. They must leverage advanced technologies to increase their lethality, accuracy, and decision speed, and their units must be manned with properly trained experts in multi-domain command and control."

Three lines of effort make up the framework for MDC2: operational concepts, advanced technologies, and training and education.

#### Command and Control Operational Concepts

Operational concepts inform the way the Air Force fights, and they include

everything from tactics, techniques and procedures, to command relationships, authorities and doctrine.

A team from the Air Education and Training Command is leading the effort to refine and update current operational concepts while also exploring new concepts for multi-domain operations. To help inform their efforts, a sequence of MDC2 table-top assessments, coined The Doolittle Series, is scheduled to take place in the coming months.

"These wargames will help us to identify the right C2 structures that will allow us to effectively prosecute multi-domain operations," Saltzman said.

MDC2 objectives will also be folded into current exercises, wargames and training events with the intent to improve commanders' abilities to effectively use their resources in all domains.

#### **Advanced Technologies**

"Does it connect? Can it share?" When describing his guide, Goldfein asks these questions when describing his guidelines for how the Air Force should adapt new technology. The CSAF's vision acknowledges that success will require great improvements in the current network and data architecture. Aircraft, spacecraft and cyber nodes must all be able to seamlessly share and connect data in a way that increases a commander's ability to command and control the fight while complicating an enemy's ability to defend himself. Teams at Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts, and Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, are working to make this level of interconnectivity a reality.

Successful efforts at Hanscom, Nellis and other locations will be adopted and integrated into Air Force operations.

"This is going to be an ongoing process where we continue to learn, and the goal is that we're able to learn as fast as possible," Saltzman said.

#### **MDC2** Training and Education

A key finding of the MDC2 ECCT was the institutional knowledge required to effectively operate MDC2 often has a short lifespan. Exposure to C2 often comes randomly to Airmen's careers through deployments or other temporary assignments. The result, the team found, was that C2 was often played as a "pick-up game" where Airmen gather C2 skills and then return to their primary career fields.

"As it is now, we're very platform-specific," the director said. "I was a space operator; I was trained to operate satellites for 12-to-15 years of my career. Same with flyers – you have to have that tactical depth of knowledge in our weapon systems so we spend a tremendous amount of time and energy training our operators to do that."

To address this, the Air Force will incorporate multi-domain operations into its military education and training courses. It will also create a new operational level command and control career field. AETC is leading the charge on this effort, which will take officers at their eight-to-12 year point and train them for the new MDC2 expert career field – operational warfare specialists.

"Building our capability for multi-domain operations, whether you're talking training and education, adapting advanced technologies, or creating new operational concepts, it's a big animal, but we intend to eat it one bite at a time," Saltzman said.

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# Criminal Investigator Marines polish their skills in forensic gathering, analyzing

#### **By Pfc. Kindo Go**III MEF Information Group

9/17/2018 - CAMP HANSEN — TSE is an investigative task in which Marines go into a possible enemy location, search for, and gather as much forensic material as possible in a constrained amount of time. The limited time is because it is usually conducted in hostile environments.

Despite having very little time to conduct the task, it is an integral part in information gathering. It is an effective way to gather information on things such as; the location of high value targets, determining if a site is an improvised explosive device manufacturing house, or discovering enemy plans.

TSEs can be conducted by anyone, but an effective TSE needs to be done by a well-trained team. Staff Sgt. Gustavo Pesquera, a criminal investigator with CID, 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group, set up a TSE in order to evaluate his Marines. He planted and concealed several props within a building to serve as forensic material. Pesquera gave the Marines a scenario and a set amount of time to collect as much evidence as possible.

"You never know how much time you have at a site," said Pesquera, a native of San Juan, Puerto Rico. "You don't know if the enemy will come attack or if there's another mission that needs to be accomplished. Due to our background as criminal investigators, we know what the bad guys think and we know exactly what to look for that would give us the most intelligence."

CID Marines train for TSEs because they have variable scenarios which often lead to unpredictable situations. To ensure the search and collection of forensic material goes as smoothly as possible, CID Marines take several steps in preparation.

Before anything, a team of Marines is formed with one designated leader and another as assistant leader. The team leader receives a brief on what needs to be obtained during the TSE and then passes on the information to his team. The team will then prepare all the equipment they would need, which usually includes cameras, chalk, tape, sample vials, latex gloves and paper bags.

Sgt. Michael Rauch, a criminal investigator with CID, 3rd LE Bn., III MIG, and his team were told the building they were searching was a possible IED manufacturing house and had eight minutes, due to possible nearby hostile forces, to gather evidence that explosives were being made.

The two-story concrete build-



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ing had many rooms and even more inconspicuous places to hide things. Each scenario is different, but how TSE is conducted and the basics always remain the

"Repetition is what makes you better," said Rauch, a native of Kettering, Ohio. "It builds muscle memory. So when it's time to actually execute, you know what to do. When your mind shuts down and your body freaks out, you just go with what you know and what you trained for."

Pesquera observes Rauch's team as they take photos of the

area, mark rooms that possibly contained important materials, and then gather the evidence. Rauch and his team finish the TSE with a few seconds to spare. They grab all of their equipment and secure the evidence, before sprinting a quarter of a mile down the road to their designated rendezvous.

After they consolidated, Rauch and his team met up with Pesquera, who gave them several tips that will continue to improve their skills when conducting TSEs.

According to Pesquera, he's

confident that his Marines will be a great asset to operations in the information environment when the time comes to implement their skills.

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"Tactical site exploitation is extremely important for everybody to know," said Pesquera. "I believe everybody should know at least a basic form of TSE, because anything could lead to intelligence. If everybody is able to do their part, the intelligence and everything we could get [from] doing TSEs could lead to us becoming a better warfighting organization than we already are."

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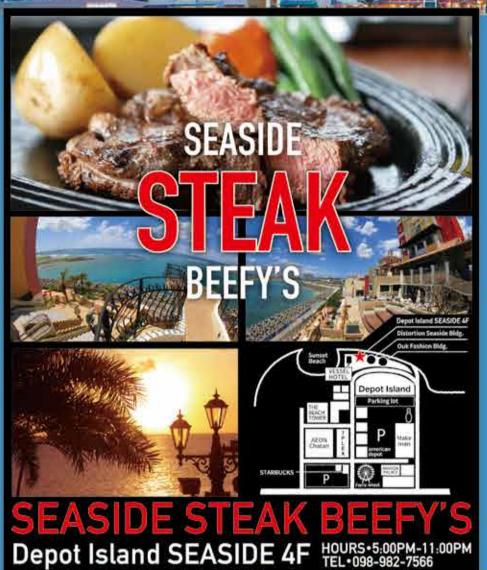
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# VP-4 over East China Sea

Two P-8A Poseidon aircraft assigned to the "Skinny Dragons" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 4 fly in formation over the East China Sea, Sept. 20. VP-4 is currently deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operation conducting intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance and anti-submarine warfare missions as well as providing maritime domain awareness throughout the Indo-Pacific region.



## CNFJ/CNRJ hosts Japanese Ministry of Defense Joint Staff College Senior Officers

#### By Petty Officer 2nd Class Zhiwei Tan

Naval Forces Japan

9/24/2018 - YOKOSUKA, Japan — Fenton spoke with JSC Commandant Vice Adm. Katsuto Deguchi and the group of senior Japanese officers about the importance of the bilateral relationship between the Japanese and U.S. Armed Forces as the cornerstone of security and stability in the region.

"We have had a very good, transparent, open exchange of information that has been based on strong ties between the U.S. military and the Jietai [Japanese Self-Defense Force]," said Fenton. "The outpouring of support from the government of Japan and Jietai has been tremendous, and we stand together during challenging times."

Fenton also shared examples of joint exercises in the South China Sea where combined forces worked side-by-side while showing increased presence in the region. "Japan and the U.S. are global partners on defense and security, sharing a vision for a partnership in which Japan and the U.S. work together for the entire region's benefit by supporting an open,

inclusive rules-based order based on international law," Fenton added. "Our shared interoperability and integrated operations are more important today than ever."

While at CFAY, attendees also toured the U.S. 7th Fleet flagship USS Blue Ridge and participated in an area operations brief. Event coordinator and Japanese Maritime Self-Dense Force Assistant Chief Liaison Officer Lt. Cmdr. Masato Maruyama received excellent feedback from attendees saying the briefs and tour provided great insight allowing for a better understanding of the U.S. Navy roles and responsibilities in the region. Students also said that they recognized the importance of the joint operations too.

The JSC Special Course is a four-week class designed to educate senior Japanese officers on specific matters in joint operations needed by high level commanders or staff. During the class, participants spend about a quarter of their time taking study tours at Japanese and American bases located throughout Japan.

CNFJ/CNRJ delivers vital shore readiness capabilities to the U.S. 7th Fleet, fighter and family throughout the West-



(U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Cmdr. Kristine Voll

Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan and Navy Region Japan (CNFJ/CNRJ) Rear Adm. Gregory Fenton hosts more than 40 senior officers from the Japanese Ministry of Defense Joint Staff College (JSC) at Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka

ern Pacific and Indian Oceans. Its area of responsibility encompasses six naval shore activities in Japan and the Indo-Pacific region: Naval Air Facility Misawa, Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Fleet Activities Sasebo, Fleet Activities Okinawa and Navy Support Facility Diego Garcia in the British Indian Ocean.

# USS Ashland approaches USNS Washington Chambers for a replenishment at sea





√ The dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Washington Chambers (T-AKE 11) conducts a replenishment at sea with both the amphibious dock landing ship USS Ashland (LSD 48) and the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp (LHD 1) in the East China Sea, Sept. 22. Ashland, part of the Wasp Amphibious Ready Group, with embarked 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, is operating in the Indo-Pacific region to enhance interoperability with partners and serve as a ready-response force for any type of contingency.

# Ronald Reagan Strike Group arrives in Guam following Valiant Shield 2018

#### **By Mass Communication** Specialist Seaman **Codie L. Soule**

Task Force 70, Public Affairs

9/24/2018 - APRA HARBOR, Guam - The Ronald Reagan Strike Group arrived at Naval Base Guam for a port visit Sept. 24.

Personnel from the Ronald Reagan Strike Group, to include Sailors from the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) and the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Chancellorsville (CG 62), will have the opportunity to experience the island of Guam, following the successful completion of Valiant Shield 2018.

Over the previous week, the strike group joined with more than 15,000 U.S. Navy, Air Force, Army, and Marine Corps personnel, taking part in the U.S. - only field training exercise that takes place every two years. Participating forces exercised a wide range of capabilities of the joint force in carrying out a range of air, surface, sub-surface and land warfighting scenarios.

The port visit is an opportunity for ship leadership to reflect on the importance of Guam and the Marianas Island Range Complex in providing a premier training environment that boosts strike group readiness and efficiency. The air, land and sea ranges on Guam and the Marianas allow Naval forces and other service assets the location to carry out effective and realistic training.

U.S. Navy ships and aircraft leverage the unique training environment of the island chain, and in the recent Valiant Shield exercise, operate alongside their joint force partners in a geographic area that provides the full spectrum of conditions they might operate under in the future.

"Guam is a beautiful island and the surrounding waters afford a tremendous opportunity to train and execute our wide range of missions," said Rear Adm. Karl Ö. Thomas, Commander, Task Force 70. "The U.S. Navy is committed to the defense of the island of Guam and its people, and Valiant Shield highlighted both joint interoperability and especially the inherent flexibility and lethality of our Carrier Strike Groups. We are grateful for the support that Guam provides us as the most capable maritime force in the world."

The commitment to Guam stretches back decades and will remain strong as the region plays host to Naval forces who seek a broad range of options



Sailors assigned to Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 125 signal the pilots to start up the engines of an E-2D Hawkeye on the flight deck of the Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) during Valiant Shield 2018, Sept 20.

>The aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) pulls into U.S. Naval Base Guam after completing Valiant Shield 2018, Apra Harbor, Guam, Sept. 24.

to conduct live training in a realistic environment. Additionally, Reagan strike group Sailors demonstrated that commitment to Guam in participating in the recent recovery efforts following Typhoon Mangkhut.

Sailors will also be taking the opportunity to give back to the locals in the area by participating in several community outreach events. Some of these events will include spending time with senior citizens in the area, playing sports and talking to kids at their school, and helping to clean up community beaches.

"After demonstrating United States strength and resolve across the region for the last month and completing combat exercises in local waters, Reagan Sailors have looked forward to visiting Guam for some time now," said Capt. Pat Hannifin, commanding officer of Ronald Reagan. "While Guam's strategic value and our common security interests bind us as a Nation, it is our shared values and genuine fellowship that unite us as a people. We are fortunate to enjoy an island of such scenic beauty and character, and look forward to both relaxing and engaging with the local community over the next several days."

The Ronald Reagan Strike Group is forward-deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations in support of security and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.



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## **Assemble the Howitzer**



Vanderhook position a cannon tube during the reassembly of a M777 A2 Medium Towed Howitzer Sept. 14, at Camp Hansen. Armament Repair Platoon repairs weapons in support of 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division to ensure the safety of the Marines operating the weapons. Vanderhook is an artillery mechanic with Armament Repair Platoon, Ordnance Maintenance Company, 3rd Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, and is a native of Southaven, Mississippi. Covarrubias is an Amphibious Assault Vehicle mechanic with Armament Repair Platoon, Ordnance Maintenance Co., and is a native of Chicago, Illinois.





# Bringing uniformity to defensive tactics

#### By Pfc. Andrew R Bray

III MEF Information Group

9/20/2018 - CAMP HANSEN — The Marine Corps implemented a new standardized defensive tactics course to help military law enforcement better defend themselves and be able to properly handle suspects up close.

Previously, law enforcement across the Marine Corps used a variety of defensive tactics programs. Personnel who were moving from installation to installation needed to acquire new skills or conduct remediation.

"I only spent time at one PMO, but I realized that PMO's are getting trained differently," said Staff Sgt. Justin Territo, a defensive tactics instructor with the Marine Corps Detachment on Fort Leonard Wood. "Some were similar, but you could go from one installation to another and be trained up in an entirely different defensive tactics."

Staff Sgt. Jim Cassidy, a defensive tactics instructor with the Marine Corps Detachment on Fort Leonard Wood, had gone to four different Provost Marshall Offices over the duration of five years and encountered variations in the defensive tactics system at each PMO.

A new program is being introduced with the purpose of having all Marine Corps law enforcement units use one standardized defensive tactics program.

By making defensive tactics uni-



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Pfc. Andrew R. Bray)

→ U.S. Marines and civilian law enforcement personnel observe a technique during a demonstration at Camp Hansen, Sept. 12.

form across the Marine Corps, it allows law enforcement personnel to use the same system for the entirety of their career, regardless of their duty station.

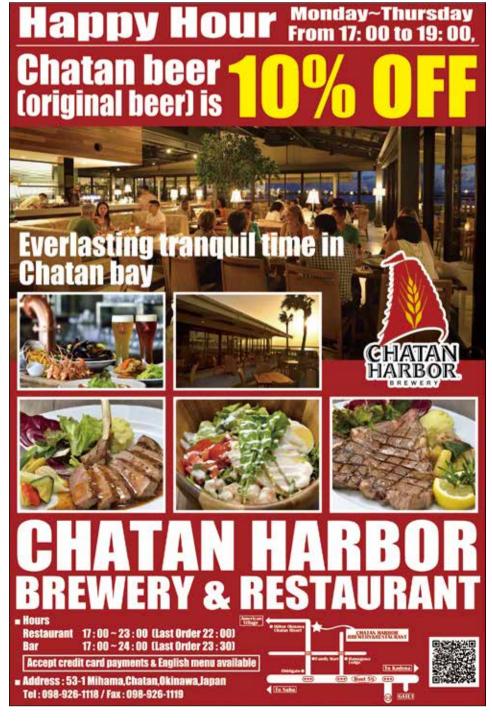
The program is comprised of approximately 80 Marine Corps Martial Arts Program manipulative techniques that have been modified to serve law enforcement better. It also encourages law enforcement to be well rounded in their set of defensive tactics skillset.

Cassidy said that the new system is filling a few gaps in law enforcement defensive tactics. He said that in his experience he never encountered any PMO's that were instructing their personnel on ground fighting, contrary to this system.

The instructor course has been taught in the Indo-Pacific region and the on West Coast of the United States and is scheduled for the East Coast at a later date. The instructors who graduated from the program will return to their home units and train their personnel in the unified defensive tactics program.

"From what we've gotten feedback wise, honestly it has been very positive, but the future of the program doesn't necessarily rest with him and I [referring to the main course instructors]," Territo said. "It rests with everybody else that we're pushing it out to and the belief that this program is better than what we currently have."





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# Army makes premier appearance at Valiant Shield 2018 as a part of the Multi-Domain Task Force

#### By Petty Officer 1st Class Danica M Sirmans

Navy Reserve - Navy Public Affairs Support Element West

9/22/2018 - ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — The penetrating shriek of an aircraft flying overhead fills the tent of the tactical command post as the land-based fire coordination officer shouts longitudinal and latitudinal coordinates of an sea-based enemy target. The exercise is the first of its kind at Valiant Shield and is expected to change the way the U.S. military integrates in years to come.

The U.S. Army made their premier appearance at the biennial Valiant Shield exercise Northern Marianas region, Sept. 16. Soldiers with the 17th Field Artillery Brigade led the Multi-Domain Task Force (MDTF)m integrating Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps assets across domains and operational environments.

"In the Indo-Pacific, with the Navy and Air Force being here for more than 240 years, they've been the chief partner in the domain here," said Army Lt. Col. Joe Hansen, MDTF commander. "Our role in integrating here is to provide some additional capabilities and enablers that can nest and compliment the

ability to employ their freedom of maneuver in this maritime environment and be able to enable the operation and mission here in the Pacific domain."

Hansen said he'd developed three priorities in support of Valiant Shield; to validate and improve communication systems and architecture, facilitate and integrate artillery capabilities in the Indo-Pacific maritime environment, and inform and improve upon the multi-domain operational discussion.

"The enemy will present us with a range of options across multi-domains, whether it be air, land, maritime environments, space or cyber. All of these domains have to be appreciated across the joint force," said Hansen. "We have to be interoperable to be able to influence and affect the enemy across those domains by collaborating without being intrusive to the other joint-force, but to compliment and enable their fight in that environment."

Following on from Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise, High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) crews with the 194th Field Artillery Regiment continue to build on their training and integration across joint forces during Valiant



(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Danica M. Sirmans)

The U.S. Army's Multi Domain Task Force operates from the Tactical Command Post as a part of their premier appearance at Valiant Shield

Shield 2018 (VS-18). Army 1st Lt. Sean Skelly served as the fire coordination officer.

2018 Sept. 20.

"I've enjoyed the experience. After coming out for RIMPAC and working with the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force and the Navy in Hawaii," said Skelly. "It's been a great experience and has helped to enhance my craft. There aren't a lot of officers in the Army that are getting the opportunity to work across the branches not only once but twice in the same summer. For me, it's been a learning experience that hopefully I can bring on and share with my peers."



# Kadena Air Base Community Notes

To submit an announcement for the base bulletin, please visit www.kadena.af.mil NO FEDERAL ENDORSEMENT OF PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS OR ACTIVITIES IS INTENDED.

#### **NOTICES** DBIDS 5.0 - Unescorted passes and contractor badge reissue

A scheduled upgrade to the installation access system has completed and DBIDS 5.0 is now live at Kadena Air Base. For all personnel possessing a DEERS linked form of identification (e.g. Common Access Card) there is no action required; DBIDS will automatically create a database profile the first time your identification is scanned by a hand-held device upon entry to the installation. All previously issued unescorted passes and USFJ 98EJ contractor badges will require registration and reissue of a new secure DBIDS 5.0 hard-card form of identification. To facilitate a smooth transition, these unescorted passes and USFJ 98EJ contractor badges will remain valid for a 90 day period while the Gate 1 Visitor Center conducts the registration and reissue process. All personnel that need reissue are encouraged to visit the Gate 1 Visitor Center at their earliest convenience. On Nov. 16 the installation will no longer accept unescorted passes and USFJ 98EJ contractor badges, and personnel still possessing these passes will be denied access and directed to the Gate 1 Visitor Center for registration and reissue.

#### **TCCOR Trash Pickup**

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

#### 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.

#### Walker Road Repair

Starting Sept. 3 and continuing through Oct. 20, the 718th CES will be conducting repairs on and around Walker Road. Travelers should expect delays Mon. through Sat. from 8 a.m. through 6 p.m. Please direct questions or concerns to Akira Fair at DSN 734-4879.

#### 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.

#### TMO Passenger Travel & Personal **Property Closure**

TMO Passenger Travel & Personal Property office will be closed on Oct. 5 due to an official function. Please plan accordingly and visit our office prior to this day to finalize your travel needs. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause. For more information, contact Master Sqt. Mac at 634-5964.

#### **INFORMATION**

How to Receive Emergency Notifications in English on Cell Phone Cell phones across Okinawa currently

receive emergency text notifications in

4-Oct 1100-1400 KAB Flightline

Japanese from mobile phone service providers. То receive emergency notifications by e-mail in English, contact the Readiness & Emergency Management Flight at 634-4404.

#### 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.

#### 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 SMSgt. Southern, or leave a message on the Kadena Fraud Waste & Abuse (FWA) Hotline at 634-0404.

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#### 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.

#### 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. - 12 p.m. at 634-3609. Office is closed each 3rd Thursday of the month (Training Day) Closed – All Day. For emergencies call 080-6487-6969.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS** Kadena Fire Muster

The Kadena Fire Muster will be held at

the Kadena BX parking lot Oct. 11, at 9 a.m. The challenge will be carried out in 4-person teams, with helmet, gloves and boots provided. Entry is free and prizes will be awarded. Registration ends Oct. 5. For more information, please contact SSgt. Fabian Madrid at fabian.madrid@us.af. mil or 634-4500. To register, visit https:// eventbrite.com/e/kadena-fire-mustertickets-48315372580.

#### Beat the Heat half marathon and 5K

The 18th Security Forces 7th annual "Beat the Heat" half marathon and 5K is coming up and will be held Oct. 6. Signin for the 5K portion begins at 7 p.m. and the half marathon sign-in begins at 7:30 p.m. Registration ends on Oct. 1, or when 200 runners sign up. Registration fees can be payed in cash at the 18th SFS headquarters, bldg. 705, Rm 236. For more information, please visit the Shogun Defender Facebook page under the events tab or contact Lauriele McDermott or Ryan Carrico via Facebook messenger or on Global!

#### Kadena Base Honor Guard **Recruitment Orientation**

Kadena Air Base Honor Guard is currently recruiting new prospects. An informational briefing will be held at the McDaniel Center on Oct. 1 at 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The training will begin Oct. 15-17, from 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. This opportunity is available for Airmen in the ranks of E1 - E6.

#### 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 all ID card holders. If you have any questions or concerns please email Head Coach Artis Gandy at artis.gandy@yahoo.com.

Credit cards and Japanese yen accepted



POC during the events: 090-8171-5388



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Volunteers Needed at Kadena High School JROTC Detachment

The Kadena High School (KHS) JROTC Detachment has 155 cadets and currently has no active duty organization helping them out. This volunteer effort is to help bridge that gap and provide Air Force Career Speakers, Tutors, Mentors, Drill Team leads, CyberPatriot leads, etc. This is a joint Company Grade Officer Council and the Top 3 volunteer effort

and is extremely flexible. You can go to the Kadena CGOC sharepoint site (see below) to see the openings and different programs that you can volunteer for. Click on the JROTC Volunteer Signup for all the details. https://kadena.eis.pacaf.af.mil/orgs/kcgoc/SitePages/Home.aspx. For more information please contact the CGOC POCs, Capt. Daniel Brewer at DSN: 634-3097 or daniel.brewer.10@us.af.mil, Capt. Robert Stone at robert.stone.29@us.af.mil – OR – Top 3, Senior Master Sgt.

Casey Southern casey.southern@us.af.mil or Senior Master Sgt. Keith Grady at Keith. Grady@us.af.mil

#### 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 any of the following POC. Staff Sgt. Marc Acosta: 080-6496-6533. Staff Sgt. Alondra Vega-Fulton: 089-9853-6245. Senior Airman David Binder: 080-6489-3739.

#### Hispanic Heritage Month Volunteer Opportunity: Reading For Kids

Hispanic Heritage Committee is looking for volunteers to read books to kids for 15 - 30 minutes from Sept. 15 - Oct. 13. Spanish & non-Spanish speakers encourage to participate. Please call or email Senior Airman Israel Fernandez at 315-634-4966 or Israel.Fernandez@us.af.mil

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Active Duty Family Member  *Not including adult children enrolled in TRICARE Young Adult	You can change plans during the <b>2018 Open Season</b> .	You must enroll during <b>Open Season</b> .	You do not qualify to purchase a FEDVIP dental plan. You can get your dental care through the TRICARE Dental Program.
Reserve Component Member or Family Member enrolled in TRICARE Reserve Select®	No action needed.  This doesn't apply to you.	You must enroll during <b>Open Season</b> .	You do not qualify to purchase a FEDVIP dental plan. You can get your dental care through the TRICARE Dental Program.
Retired Service Member or Family Enrolled in TRICARE Prime*, TRICARE Select**	You can change plans during the 2018 Open Season.	You must enroll during <b>Open Season</b> .	TRDP ends December 31, 2018.  You must enroll in a FEDVIP dental plan during Open Season to maintain coverage.
Retired Service Member or Family Member using TRICARE For Life	No action needed.  This doesn't apply to you.	You must enroll during <b>Open Season</b> .	TRDP ends December 31, 2018.  You must enroll in a FEDVIP dental plan during Open Season to maintain coverage.

To learn more about Open Season, visit www.tricare.mil/OpenSeason.

For a full description of FEDVIP plans and coverage options, visit www.tricare.benefeds.com.















