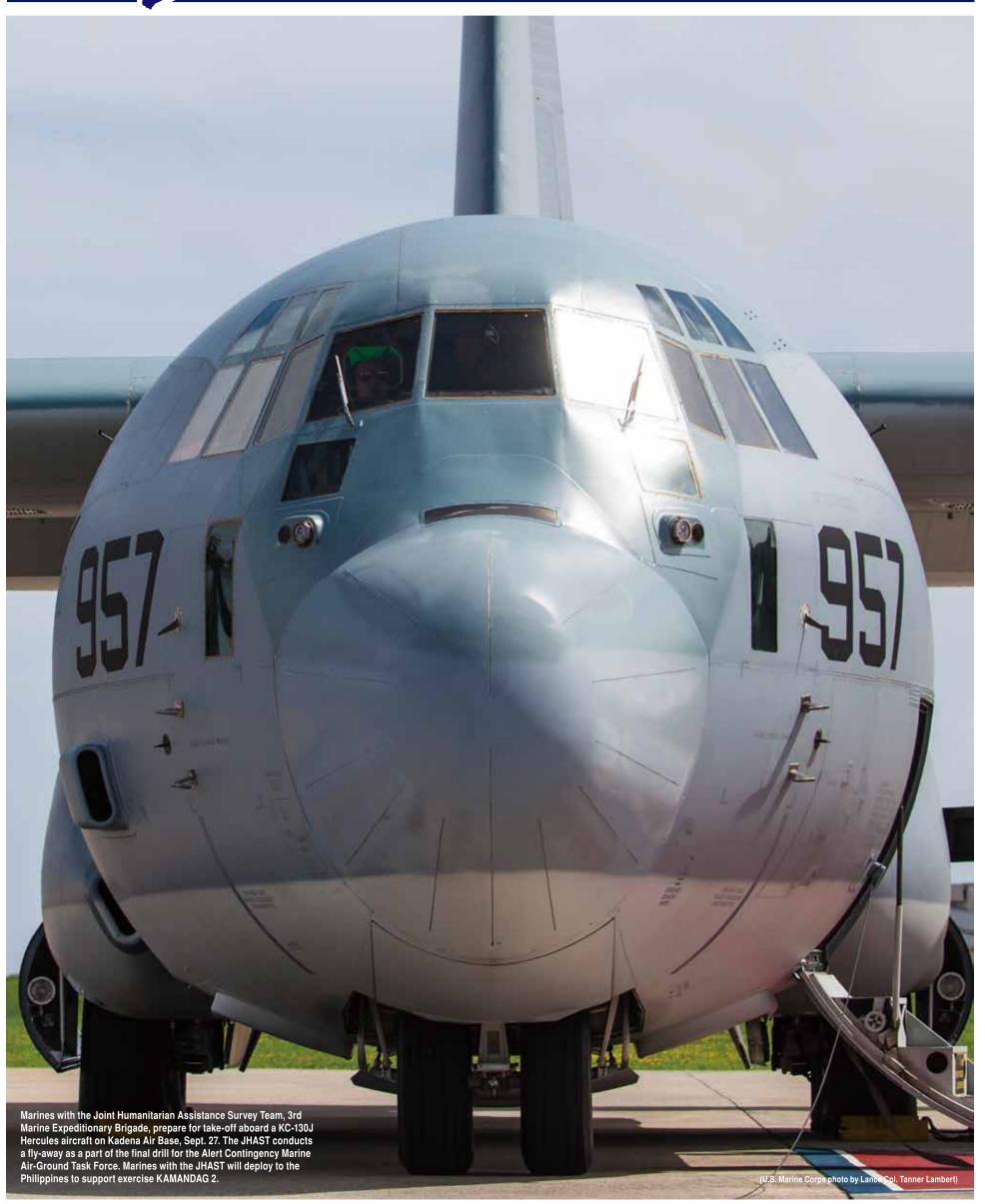


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## What weather flight does for the mission

## By Staff Sgt. Matthew B. Fredericks

18th Wing Public Affairs

10/3/2018 — From clear calm skies and beach weather to violent typhoons, the 18th Operations Support Squadron weather flight provides accurate weather forecasts to the units on Kadena.

Accurate weather forecasting helps the DoD personnel on the base conduct smooth operations, along with the safe planning of outdoor activities on their off-time.

"It's our job to make sure we protect the resources and the people here on Kadena," said Tech. Sgt. Leah Gonzalez, 18th OSS NCO in charge of airfield support function. "It gives them a heads-up as far as the weather that will be coming in, and provides them time to prepare."

From tropical storms to dangerous wave heights, operations at Kadena can pose a unique challenge to the Airmen of the weather flight.

"The tempo here is very high, especially with the typhoons," said Master Sgt. Matthew Chouinard, 18th OSS weather flight chief. "It's very busy, and it's very challenging.'

In addition to seven flying squadrons and a large variety of aircraft calling Kadena Air Base home, there are routinely numerous other units temporarily at Kadena who require support from the weather flight.

"Knowing that we have a very wide array of assets on the island," Chouinard said. "We want to make sure that everyone is protected properly."

On a daily basis, one of the weather flights main concerns is the flying units, Gonzalez explained. Each aircraft has different thresholds or limitations in which they can operate within, and each unit is provided weather briefings

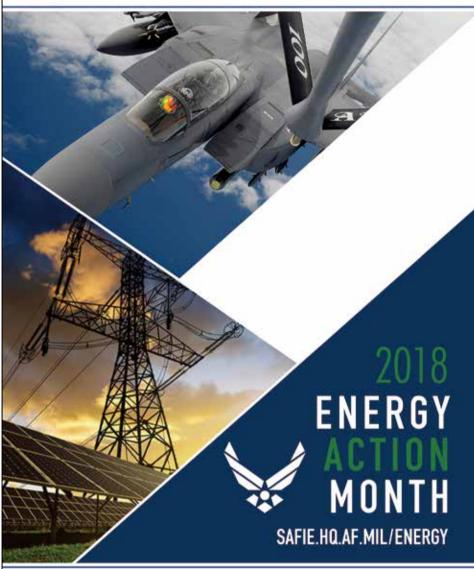
"Kadena is unique in that we have so many different types of aircraft," Gonzalez explained. "We have every service here on the base, so we don't work with just the Air Force partners."

With such a diverse customer base and challenging climate, the weather flight routinely collaborates with the other services' forecasters while producing forecasts during adverse weather.

It's nice to be able to collaborate and talk with them and learn about what is important to each of the other branches," Gonzalez said, "I think it just makes us better as forecasters and more able to support our customers."

## **Protect the Power to Enhance Readiness and Resilience** during Energy Action Month





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## Typhoon Recovery



NMCB 5 Seabees and Kadena Airmen work together to assist the community as a Disaster Recovery Team, at Kadena Air Base, Oct. 3.

## By Melissa Tiedeman

Air Force Installation Energy

9/28/2018 - WASHINGTON — October is Energy Action Month and to Air Force Energy it represents an opportunity to highlight the mission critical importance of energy and water resources and to encourage the smart energy and water use and management for our installations, ground vehicles, and aircraft.

The Air Force theme, "Protect the Power," calls on Airmen and the larger Air Force community to practice smarter, more efficient energy and water consumption behaviors to enhance readiness and resilience.

"Resilient bases require a reliable, uninterrupted supply of energy to assure mission success for our wings," said Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Energy, John Henderson. "Energy Action Month is a time for us to focus on our responsibility to make the most effective use of our energy and water resources to support our warfighting mission and to enhance readiness.

"Reducing demand increases resilience and increased resilience leads

to enhanced lethality," added Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Environment, Safety and Infrastructure Mark Correll. "Airmen and their families can contribute by using energy and water resources efficiently."

"Being smart about the way we consume aviation fuel is not just about saving money - it's about increasing our combat capability, enabling more training, and decreasing maintenance hours," said Roberto Guerrero, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Operational Energy. "There are limitless ways to optimize the Air Force, whether it's uncovering inefficiencies through fuel data collection and analysis, introducing new technology, or becoming a more energy focused culture through Airmen education and training."

Whether you implement an aviation fuel efficiency project or implement an energy project at your installation, every effort taken by our dedicated Air Force community contributes to protecting our energy and water resources and helps us to increase resilience and readiness. No matter the size, every Airman can take action to "Protect the Power."



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## **Aussies** on their way out



→ Australian Defense Force Sgt. Ray Vance, 1st Joint Public Affairs videographer, documents the departure of a Royal Australian Air Force AP-3C Orion Maritime Patrol Aircraft Oct. 3, at Kadena Air Base. The AP-3C Orion project began in the early 1990s.



## Air Force to finalize review process for non-deployable Airmen

#### By Secretary of the Air Force **Públic Affairs**

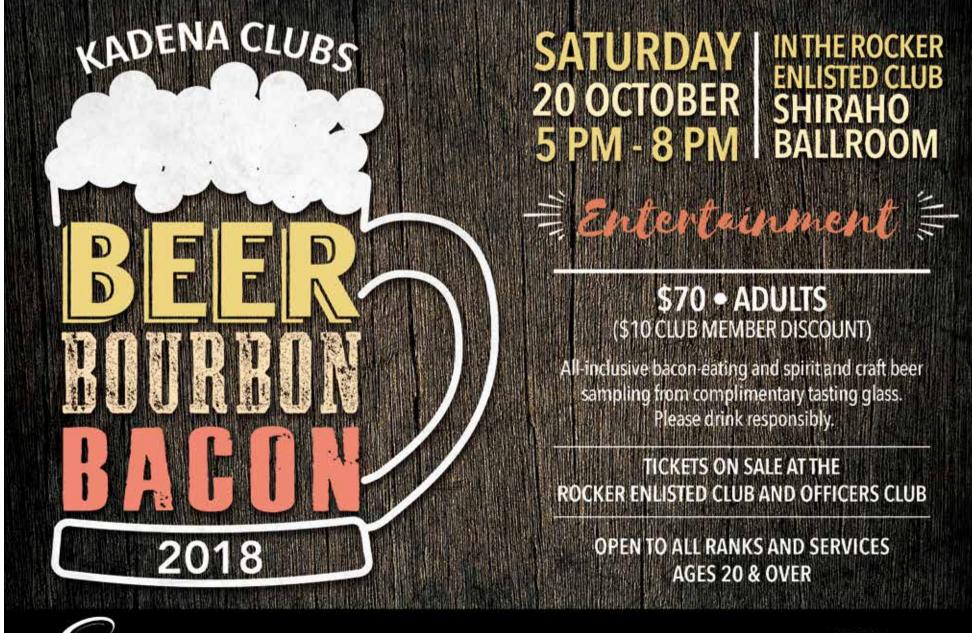
**10/03/2018 - ARLINGTON, Va.** — The Air Force is finalizing details on how it will implement Department of Defense Instruction 1332.45, Retention Determination for Non-Deployable Service Members.

Until the updated policy guidance is complete in late 2018, Airmen who have been non-deployable for 12 consecutive months and their commanders will continue to follow existing procedures.

"It's important to understand this is not an automatic separation policy. It's a process, similar to what we already do today, that allows us to evaluate our non-deployable Airmen to determine if their continued service is compatible with and can meet the requirements the nation

expects of us as an Air Force. In some cases, we'll have Airmen who can meet those requirements and fulfill requirements without being deployable," said Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services. "The process we create will take care of all Airmen while recognizing and ensuring we have a fair and equitable deployment process across our Air Force."

Currently, there are approximately 1,600 active duty Airmen who are expected to be affected by the new policy. Once the guidance is published, the Air Force will begin the process of evaluating them for a retention determination, referral to the Disability Evaluation System, or initiation of administrative separation, depending on each Airman's circumstances.







# 320TH SPECIAL TACTICS SOUADRON JUMPS ONTO KWAJALEN ATOLL



↑ Special Tactics Airmen with the 320th Special Tactics Squadron prepare to land at Kwajalein Atoll, June 19. Special Tactics is U.S.



↑ Special Tactics Airmen with the 320th Special Tactics Squadron prepare to jump from an MC-130J Commando II with the 17th Special Operations Squadron at Kwajalein Atoll, June 19.



↑ Special Tactics Airmen with the 320th Special Tactics Squadron prepare to board an MC-130J Commando II with the 17th Special Operations Squadron at Kwajalein Atoll, June 19. Special Tactics Teams ensure U.S. and allied nations global access to man-made and naturally contested, degraded and operationally-challenged environments, enabling options for assault and power projection.







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# First Hawaii deployment proves B-2 strategic flexibility to ensure free, open Indo-Pacific



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Danielle Quilla)

### By Staff Sgt. Danielle Quilla

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

10/3/2018 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — Three B-2 Spirits and approximately 200 Airmen completed their first deployment to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPH-H), Hawaii, in support of the U.S. Strategic Command's Bomber Task Force (BTF) deployment, Aug. 15 - Sept. 27.

Though bombers regularly rotate throughout the Indo-Pacific, this marked the first deployment of B-2s to JBPH-H.

"The B-2 Spirits' first deployment to JPBH-H highlights its strategic flexibility to project power from anywhere in the world," said Maj. Gen. Stephen Williams, director of air and cyberspace operations, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces. "The B-2s conducted routine air operations and integrated capabilities with key regional partners, which helped ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific. The U.S. routinely and visibly demonstrates commitment to our allies and partners through global employment and integra-

tion of our military forces."

Despite the deployment taking place in the middle of hurricane season, the B-2 pilots accomplished hundreds of local and long-duration sorties and regional training. Each mission focused on displaying the bomber's flexible global-strike capability and the United States' commitment to supporting global security.

One of the key integrations involved the B-2s and F-22 Raptors assigned to the 199th Fighter Squadron, a unit of the 154th Wing under the Hawaii Air National Guard. Like the B-2, the F-22 is virtually invisible to threats. This makes them the perfect match for escorting the stealth bomber and providing situational awareness. The training helped polish the cohesion between the pilots.

"The Bomber Task Force is a total-force integration deployment," said Lt. Col. Nicholas Adcock, Air Force Global Strike 393rd Bomber Squadron commander. "Our active-duty and guard members worked seamlessly together with their counterparts here in Hawaii to determine the best way for the B-2 to operate from this location in the future."

The 154th Wing also supported the B-2 with the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron's KC-135 Stratotankers. Although the B-2 is capable of flying approximately 6,000 miles without refueling, the KC-135s provided aerial refueling for long-duration missions.

"The training with the Hawaii Air National Guard was invaluable," Adcock said. "Together we refined and exercised multiple tactics that are crucial to the Indo-Pacific Command area of responsibility."

In addition to air operations, the deployment also focused on hot-pit refueling. During this technique, the pilots land and continue to run the B-2's engines while fuels distribution technicians refuel the aircraft. The pilots are immediately able to take off again with a full tank and maximize the amount of time they are in the air versus on the ground. One B-2 conducted hot-pit refueling at Wake Island, a coral limestone atoll in the

mid-Pacific, west of Honolulu, Sept. 14.

Finally, weapons load crews exercised loading BDU-50s, inert 500 pound non-explosive practice bombs, into B-2 bomb bays on the JBPH-H flightline.

"This weapons load is the first stepping stone to loading live munitions from this location," said Master Sgt. Nicholas Lewis, 393rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit weapons section chief. "Furthermore, it provides pilots and load crews valuable training necessary to accomplish future BTF missions."

From air to ground support, the first Bomber Task Force deployment at Hawaii has allowed each member to determine what it would take to operate the B-2 from JBPH-H and execute strategic deterrence, global strike and combat support at any time.

"I am very proud of every Airman that was a member of the 393rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron," Adcock said. "We flew to a forward operating location that the B-2 had never operated out of and overcame numerous challenges.







# 17TH SPECIAL TACTICS SQUADRON AIRMEN PARTICIPATE IN JADED THUNDER



(U.S. Air Force photos by Tech. Sgt. Sandra Weld





↑ An HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter flies above Special Tactics Airmen with the 17th Special Tactics Squadron during Jaded Thunder at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, Aug. 20.

🕻 A Special Tactics Airman rith the 17th Special Tactics Squadron fires an M4 carbine during Jaded Thunder at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. Aug. 20. Special Tactics is U.S. Special Operation Command's tactical air and ground integration force. and the Air Force's special operations ground force, leading global access, precision strike, personnel recovery and battlefield surgery operations.

## Air Force begins transition of hospitals, clinics to the Defense Health Agency

## By Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

**10/1/2018** - FALLS CHURCH, Va. — The Defense Health Agency officially assumed administrative and management responsibilities of a handful of hospitals and clinics as part of the Military Health System reforms mandated by Congress.

The transition of the facilities is part of a phased implementation plan developed by DHA and Services medical departments that begins on Oct. 1.

Congress enacted these changes to create a more integrated, efficient, and effective system of readiness and health-care that best supports patients and the Department of Defense.

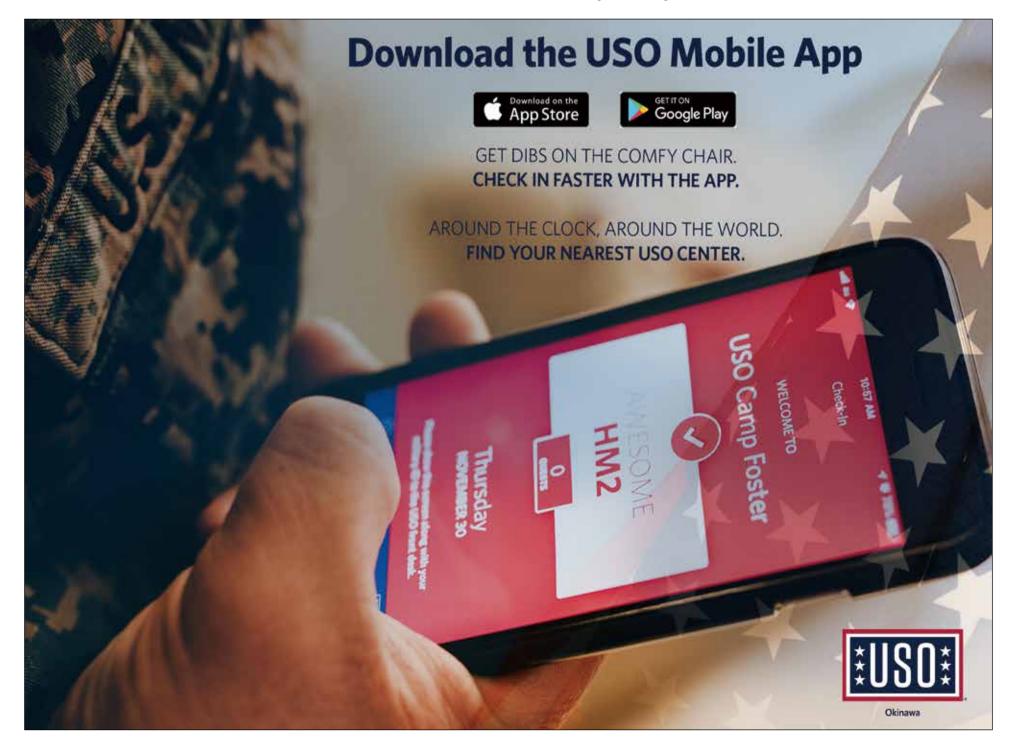
Air Force hospital and clinics transitioning under the DHA's direct management during the first phase include: the 43rd Medical Squadron at Pope Field, North Carolina; the 81st Medical Group at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi; the 628th MDG at Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina; and the 4th MDG at Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina. The remaining Air Force hospitals and clinics will transition to the DHA in phases by Sept. 30, 2021.

"From a patient perspective, most of these changes should go unnoticed," said Navy Vice-Adm. Raquel C. "Rocky" Bono, DHA director. "Patients can expect the same high quality, trusted care they have come to know at our military treatment facilities. Providers can expect to focus on practicing medicine and maintaining their preparedness in the event of crisis."

DHA will be responsible for budgetary matters, information technology, health care administration and management, administrative policy and procedure, and military medical infrastructure at all MTFs. The Services will be retain responsibility for operational mission support and recruiting, organizing, training and equipping Medical Airmen.

"Readiness will stay job number one," said Lt. Gen. Dorothy Hogg, Air Force Surgeon General. "Increased integration with the DHA and the Services will strengthen our readiness, narrow our focus on operational medicine, and enhance our support to the warfighter."

The next phase of integration will be comprised of hospitals and clinics in the Eastern United States and should be complete by October 1, 2019. Subsequent phases include hospitals and clinics in the Western United States followed by overseas medical facilities.



OCTOBER 12, 2018 S A M U R A I G A T E

## **JTWC Coordinates with CPHC and Hurricane Hunters for Hurricane Lane Near Hawaii**

By Lt. Caitlin M. Fine

Joint Typhoon Warning Center 10/10/2018 - PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — From August 22-26, 2018, Hurricane Lane impacted the Hawaiian Islands. The Joint Typhoon Warning Center coordinated with the Central Pacific Hurricane Center, NOAA and Air Force Reserve Hurricane Hunter units to provide up-todate forecast and analysis information to the many DoD assets in Hawaii. As Hurricane Lane approached, it reached Category V on the Saffir-Simpson hurricane intensity scale, with maximum winds of 140 kts. It was forecast to approach Oahu from the south then make a sharp left turn and move westward, away from the islands. It was forecast to bring sustained winds in excess of 50 kts to Oahu, home to U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and many bases and assets, including Arleigh Burke-class destroyers, Los Angeles-class submarines, F-22 Raptors, M/V-22 Ospreys, and others. Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness (TCCOR) One was set on Friday, August 24, and lifted that same day as Hurricane Lane stalled west of the Big Island of Hawaii and weakened more rapidly than anticipated.

When a storm moves west of the 140W longitude line, the Central Pacific Hurricane Center (CPHC) assumes responsibility for locating the tropical cyclone, estimating its intensity, and issuing forecasts for civilians in the Hawaiian Islands. The Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) in Pearl Harbor, HI, retransmits the CPHC warnings and provides center and intensity fixes. JTWC remained in constant contact with CPHC regarding the fixes and forecasts for Hurricane Lane, discussing recent satellite imagery, the latest numerical model guidance trends, and the implications for Hawaii. ITWC also conducted teleconferences with 11 bases in the Hawaiian Islands, ensuring METOC and emergency management personnel across all services had the most updated and relevant information to make resource protection decisions, including sorting assets and setting Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness One on Hawaiian bases. While at TCCOR One, JTWC personnel continued to man their watch floor on generator power, issuing forecasts and coordinating resource protection for Hurricane Lane as well as three other concurrent tropical cyclones- Typhoon Soulik, impacting the Korean Peninsula, Typhoon Cimaron, impacting Japan, and Tropical Cyclone 24W, near Taiwan.

While the storm approached, the NOAA and Air Force Reserve Hurricane Hunters flew sorties into Hurricane Lane, releasing dropsondes into and around the storm from Gulfstream IV-SP and Lockheed WP-3D Orion aircraft, gathering in-situ data for real-time verification of structure and intensity. Hurricane Hunter data is also ingested into numerical weather models, improving the model's forecast accuracy. Several JTWC personnel flew aboard the NOAA WP-3D Orion aircraft as it circled and penetrated Hurricane Lane to gather data.

Oahu itself experienced minimal impacts from Hurricane Lane, limited to rockfalls on highways and power outages. Several surface vessels and submarines, as well as 25 aircraft, were sortied in advance of the storm from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Other islands were more severely impacted- locations on the Big Island of Hawaii recorded 50" of rain, the second highest rainfall total from a tropical cyclone in U.S. history, and experienced devastating flash flooding. Stations in Maui recorded above 15" of rain with accompanying flash flooding, and gusty winds in dry vegetation fanned a wildfire near Lahaina, Maui, that forced 100 evacuations and burnt more than 10 structures and many vehicles in the resort town.

Hurricane Lane was a flagship example of coordination between civilian and military meteoroloPersonnel from the Joint Typhoon Warning Center had the opportunity to fly with the NOAA P-3C Orion Hurricane Hunter aircraft out of Pearl Harbor, HI, into the pproaching Hurricane Lane (14E).

gy and emergency management personnel, where the expertise of the analysts and forecasters at JTWC and CPHC combined to produce the most accurate forecasts possible. Frequent and responsive communication between meteorology personnel in the different services and on different bases enabled maximum disaster preparedness in the Hawaiian Islands.

**ITWC** (Task 80.7.7.1) is jointly staffed by U.S. Navy and Air Force personnel and falls under the operational control of Commander, Task Group 80.7/Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command via Fleet Weather Center San Diego (Task Unit 80.7.7). U.S. Air Force personnel

are administratively assigned to the 17th Operational Weather Squadron, a subordinate squadron of the 1st Weather Group and the 557th Weather Wing.

JTWC provides tropical cyclone reconnaissance, forecast, warning and decision support services for operational advantage to U.S. government agencies operating in the Pacific and Indian Oceans. Navy personnel at JTWC also provide tsunami advisory information and recommendations to shore installations and units, as well as impact forecasts for U.S. Pacific Fleet's airborne Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance and decision support services to U.S. Pacific Command and its subordinate commands.











## Marines with Bulk Fuel Company assemble a fuel site



U.S. Marine Corps photos by Lance Cpl. Armando Elizalde)

Company, 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, unreel a fuel hose from the back of a Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement 7-ton truck during fuel support operations training Oct. 2 at Camp Hansen. The Marines unrolled the hose to connect the fuel site and the fuel pump to distribute water, which is used during training evolutions instead of fuel, through the lines. The bulk fuel specialists assembled fuel sites at Camp Hansen in order to practice fueling support operations for upcoming exercises and

∼ Lance Cpl. Daniel D. Cruz connects a fuel hose to a collapsible fuel bladder during fuel support operations training Oct. 2 at Camp Hansen. Cruz, a native of Tulare, California and bulk fuel specialist with Bulk Fuel Company, 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group connected the fuel lines in order to pump water, which is used during training evolutions instead of fuel, from trucks into a heavy-duty storage bladder. Cruz was part of a training evolution which involved assembling fuel sites at Camp Hansen.

#### By Lance Cpl. Armando Elizalde

3rd Marine Logistics Group

**10/3/2018** - **CAMP HANSEN** — As the sun broke through the clouds over Camp Hansen, boots thumped across the ground as Marines raced against time to set up a fuel site.

Marines with Bulk Fuel Company, 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, practiced fuel support operations training Oct. 2, at Camp Hansen. The purpose of the training was to further develop proficiency in fueling support operations for upcoming exercises and deployments for 3rd MLG.

Warrant Officer John Paul A. Runge, the platoon commander of 2nd Platoon, Bulk Fuel Co., 9th ESB, said that the company is the main provider for fuel distribution throughout 3rd MLG.

"Our mission as a company is to pro-

vide petroleum products to the MLG and its supporting units," said Runge. "We need to be able to set up anywhere and establish these sites anywhere the Marine Corps sends us."

During the exercise, Marines used water to simulate petroleum products, which allowed them to safely pump inert liquids during training. The bulk fuel specialists were timed on their ability to quickly set up and tear down modular systems, as well as their ability to find faster ways to assemble fuel sites.

"We like to train with water because it gives the Marines a simulated idea of getting the lines filled with an actual product, as opposed to laying down hoses that are completely empty and rolling them back up," said Staff Sgt. Bradley W. Hoffman, the platoon sergeant for 2nd Plt., Bulk Fuel Co.

The training began with Marines

unrolling collapsible fuel bladders and connecting multiple lengths of hoses in order to direct water from storage bladders to distribution valves. The modular system, using multiple hoses connected to one another, stretched from the grassy field in front of the Bulk Fuel Co. warehouse to the concrete lot in the back, 200 yards away, where a bladder full of water was stationed.

"We are able to push product between our bags here, or push it several miles down the road to another tank system," stated Hoffman.

The Marines also patrolled lines from fuel sites to distribution points to ensure everything flowed properly with no breaks or stoppages.

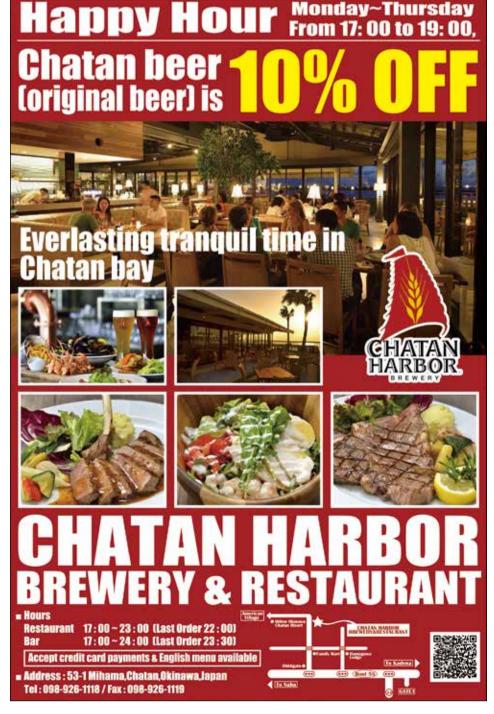
"Our hoses can reach up to 400 feet [when necessary]," said Hoffman. "We walk the line to make sure it's not leaking. If we are losing product, then we

are not going to be able to complete our mission."

The training exercise enabled the bulk fuel specialists to practice quickly building and operating fuel distribution points in various environments, which can be controlled training environments, combat zones or in challenging terrain where natural disasters have occurred. In real-world scenarios, this allows the company to fuel various vehicles and heavy equipment in support of combat operations as well as humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts in other countries.

"We are making sure our Marines are prepared for any type of mission that will come down from the MLG," stated Hoffman. "The Marines can set up in any place in austere environments to store, receive, transfer and dispense fuel to our supporting units."





## 175th FMSC conducts Inaugural Joint Pacific Paymaster Challenge

By Staff Sgt. John Portela 8th Theater Sustainment Command 10/3/2018 - HAWAII — The 175th Financial Management Support Center (FMSC) Fort Shafter, Hawaii, held its inaugural Joint Pacific Paymaster Challenge for INDOPACOM. The 5-day event tested the Financial Management teams on urban warfare simulations, demonstrating critical thinking, formal board interviews, physical fitness challenges, written exams, and warrior tasks and battle drills relevant to today's operating environment while pushing teams to be resilient in a sleep deprived stressed environment. The tasks were chosen to emulate the basic tactics and techniques used by each of the services so one branch would not have an unfair advantage.

"This competition is the premiere event to test the combat readiness of our Financial Management junior enlisted soldiers typically across this theater." Said Lt. Col. Michael Mouritsen, Director of the 175th FMSC. "They are able to work together in an austere environment, challenge themselves physically and mentally to perform tasks under stress, physical stamina and make it through a full week."

In the early morning of day

one, the competition started with teams transported from Shafter Flats to Bellows Air Force Station located on the windward side of Oahu in a Sikorsky UH-60 Black Hawk. For some, this was their first flight in a Black and definitely one they will never forget.

Upon arrival at Bellows, the teams were immediately briefed for their first mission, land navigation and recovery of supplies that included MRE's and the questions for their upcoming board exam.

Throughout the week, Soldiers and Marines worked side-by-side competing and challenging each other through an array of tactical and technical skilled events while building camaraderie amongst each other in a joint environment.

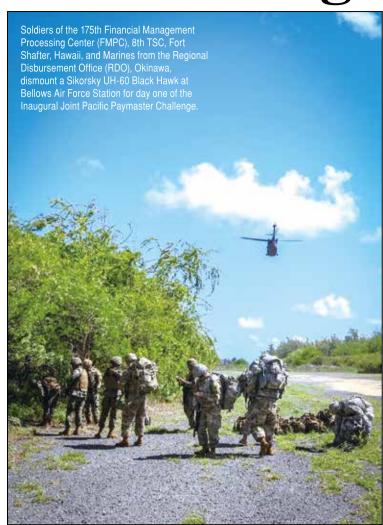
"It's been incredible working with the Marine Corps," said Army Capt. Brandon Buckley, Operations Officer in Charge, 175th Financial Management Support Unit (FMSU). "We work with the Army all the time and to be in the thick with the Marine Corps, seeing how they operate; that was a great and wonderful experience."

"This isn't my first time working in a joint environment, but it is my first time working directly with the Army specifically in our MOS related tasks," said Marine Sgt. Matthew Rodrigues, Dispersing Technician, Regional Disbursement Office (RDO) based in Okinawa. "It's pretty interesting to see how we all wake up, put on different uniforms, but at the end of the day we accomplish the same mission."

Paymasters are the military's link to finances, including budgets, bills, contract payments and Soldier pay. It's important that Paymasters stay tactically and technically proficient as all MOS's should. Knowing where the next battle maybe or what the environment may present, Paymasters need to remain physically fit, mentally strong and able to perform at the highest level of competency.

"I'd like to congratulate them all for doing an outstanding job," said Army Sgt. Maj. Mike Lawson, 175th FMSC. "They all worked hard, not just this week but preparing up to this point. They did an outstanding job. All the teams worked together, so I'm really proud of them."

The team assigned to the 176th FMSU, Camp Humphreys, South Korea took home first place in the challenge. Second place team winners are



from 175th FMSC, 8th TSC, Fort Shafter Hawaii; followed by 125th FMSC, Schofield Bar-

racks, Hawaii; and Regional Disbursement Office (RDO), Okinawa.



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## 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.

#### 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

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#### 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

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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.

## AADD: Get Home Safe NOW LOCATED AT THE USO

Did you drink tonight? Made a plan but it's falling through? Can't catch a cab? If any of this applies to you, call AADD. Don't risk it all, when you can get a ride home for free. Call AADD at the cell phone number 098-961-1110 and then ask for the USO or dial DSN: 634-3889. We're open from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. and we're here to help. Also if you would like to volunteer please click on the Link below! We're open from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and we're here to help. Any questions please Email our Work Box or contact us on Facebook, Kadena AB A2D2 Angel Vargas,

President, 090-9786-9431 Henry Huynh, Vice President 090-9785-7935 Roman Nieves, Secretary 080-6485-6464 Jared Bland, Head Scheduler 070-3135-9906 Zachary Todd, Public Affairs 080-9850-5200

#### 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 Top III 3rd Annual Zombie Run "Run for Your Life"...actually you can walk, creep, or crawl! The Kadena Top III is hosting the 3rd annual Zombie Run FUNdraiser on 27 Oct., at the 4 Diamonds baseball fields with the Kids 1K kickoff at 3 p.m. Visit https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0548afa82ca0fe3-3rdannual and www.Runkadena.Run A.S.A.P for additional details and registration! Volunteers are requested to sign-up by Oct. 19.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES 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

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#### Find Your Exchange Food Trucks at a Location Near You Today! 12-Oct 1100-1400 KAB Flightline Nukumi Kitchen 13-Oct 1100-1700 KAB Concession Mall Nukumi Kitchen 14-Oct 1100-1900 KAB Concession Mall Café Shiyu de Pokko 14-Oct 1400-1800 KAB Concession Mall Churros Chilin-no-Suzu Old Spices 14-Oct 1100-1900 Foster Main Store 15-Oct 1100-1400 KAB Flightline Nukumi Kitchen 15-Oct 1100-1400 AMC Terminal Triple A Café Shiyu de Pokko 16-Oct 1100-1400 KAB Flightline 16-Oct 1100-1800 Butler Express Old Spices MALL 17-Oct 1100-1400 KAB Flightline Old Spices 18-Oct 1100-1400 KAB Flightline Café Shivu de Pokko

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, SMSgt Casey Southern

casey.southern@us.af.mil or SMSgt Keith Grady at Keith.Grady@us.af.mil

## Operation Snowball Drug/Alcohol Prevention Program

Kadena High School 5th Annual Operation Snowball Drug/Alcohol Prevention Program. You must attend the trainings on Oct. 27 and Nov. 3 to facilitate the event held on Nov. 17. Need 20 adult volunteers to attend the training and facilitate the event. POC Gail Wells 634-5593 or gail.wells@pac.dodea.edu

#### 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.

Kadena High School Seeking Volunteer Native Spanish & French Speakers

The Kadena High School World Language

Department is seeking native French and Spanish speakers to volunteer to interact with students in French and Spanish as part of our community collaboration. Speakers are needed during the school day. French volunteers would be requested from 7:15 a.m. - 10 a.m. and Spanish volunteers would be requested from 7:15 a.m. - 2:05 p.m. on Oct. 26, Nov. 30 and Dec. 14. If interested please contact Jason Gusler at Jason.gusler@pac.dodea.edu.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

for Coverage Beginning in

2019

## 2018 Open Season:

November 2018

December 2018

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**TRICARE**° is implementing an Open Season for enrollment. You can only enroll in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select or switch plans during Open Season or after a qualifying life event (QLE). The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) is ending on **Dec. 31**. Many TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries will qualify for the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP).

I am a(n)	I Want to Change My TRICARE Plan	I Want to Enroll in a FEDVIP Vision Plan	I Want to Enroll in a FEDVIP Dental Plan
Active Duty Service Member	You can only change plans if you're retiring.  At retirement, coverage ends. Learn about your options and what to do at www.tricare.mil/Retiring	You do not qualify to purchase a FEDVIP vision plan. You will continue to get your vision care from your military hospital or clinic.	You do not qualify to purchase a FEDVIP dental plan. You will continue to get your your dental care from your military hospital or clinic.
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 denta 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 denta 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.

















