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Members of the Green Team celebrate after being announced the winner of the Okinawa Joint Fitness Challenge Sept. 26, at Kadena Air Base. The OJFC was designed to mimic obstacles and challenges faced in the battlefield such as sprinting, running ammunition cans, transporting wounded personnel to safety and tossing simulated grenades. Each team competed for the best time, however the final challenge brought all four teams together.
(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Micaiah Anthony)

Kadena hosts joint training to boost INDOPACOM interoperability



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Micaiah Anthony)

▲ Chief Master Sgt. Heriberto Diaz Jr., Erwin Professional Military Education Center commandant, congratulates U.S. Marines from the 3rd Infantry Battalion for coordinating the Okinawa Joint Fitness Challenge Sept. 26, at Kadena Air Base.

By Staff Sgt. Micaiah Anthony

18th Wing Public Affairs

10/1/2018 — Select U.S. Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen stationed across Okinawa attended classes at the Erwin Professional Military Education Center on Kadena Air Base, for the Okinawa Joint Experience from Sept. 25 to Sept. 27.

The OJE was designed to give service members an opportunity to come together and learn in a joint environment. Students were split into four classes, each with a mix of 12 service members from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force. “The course is for junior non-commissioned officers and petty officers to foster dynamic leadership and collaborate in a joint environment,” said Sgt. 1st Class Wesley Bates, OJE Green Team instructor. “During the OJE, some of the focus areas we taught were profession of arms; service cultures, customs and courtesies, building partnerships, ethical dilemmas, social media, and standards and discipline.”

To start the course off, Chief Master Sgt. Terrence Green, U.S. Forces Japan command chief, spoke to the class about the importance of joint warfare and understanding service cultures.

“This class was an introductory level for them to get some joint experience,” Green said. “I love that Okinawa-based forces get to share their knowledge with each other and learn more about service cultures, morale, and dealing with discipline on the battlefield.”

During the OJE, teams were pitted against each other for the Joint Force Fitness Challenge which comprised of a push-ups challenge, combat fitness challenge, tug-of-war and a jump rope challenge designed to test the entire class on teamwork.

“The combat fitness challenge was a

test of every aspect, physical, mental and emotional,” said Staff Sgt. Monty Baze, OJE Green Team student.

The fitness challenge was set to mimic obstacles faced in the battlefield such as, sprinting, running ammunition cans, transporting wounded personnel to safety and tossing simulated grenades. Each team competed for the best time, however the final challenge brought all four teams together.

“The challenge was the breaking point where we put our pride and our egos about our services aside and we really started working together,” Baze added. “Everyone came out and gave 100% if not more.”

With lasting bonds forged on the field, students returned to the classroom for a few more lessons, a joint service panel featuring leadership from multiple branches and closing remarks from the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command senior enlisted leader.

“In the USINDOPACOM we talk about partnerships with a purpose and enduring friendships that matter. Friends get stuff done and that’s how we are going to fight,” said Sgt. Maj. Anthony Spadaro, USINDOPACOM senior enlisted advisor. “The best part about a friend is that they’re going to tell you when you screwed up, what you need to improve and how to do it better. We are war fighters and not one service is going into a fight alone.”

After graduating the course, service members returned to their units ready to share their new found knowledge.

“My experience in the OJE is unparalleled to anything else I’ve encountered,” Baze exclaimed. “One of the biggest things that stood out for me was being submerged in the other services’ culture. I definitely learned a lot, I highly recommend this course to all tiers in the military.”

Squadron Revitalization initiative comes to Kadena



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kristan Campbell)

▲ U.S. Air Force squadron leadership from Kadena Air Base, ask questions about the new Squadron Revitalization Implementation Plan Sept. 27, at Kadena Air Base.

By Senior Airman Kristan Campbell

18th Wing Public Affairs

9/28/2018 — U.S. Air Force commanders, superintendents, first sergeants and key spouses attended the Squadron Revitalization Implementation Plan discussion Sept. 27, at Kadena Air Base.

Brig. Gen. Case Cunningham, 18th Wing commander, and Chief Michael Ditore, 18th WG command chief, led the discussion centering on the Air Force-wide initiative promoting better practices, identifying improvement areas and providing opportunities to discuss innovative ideas.

Although the implementation plan was introduced as a way to positively impact Air Force mission sets, its focus is to improve Air Force culture at the squadron level.

“Squadron commanders are responsible for five things: mission, Airmen, families, culture, and fun,” Cunningham said. “The best way to think about this is, most things in the improvement study can be done on our level to affect and revitalize squadrons.”

The program has been examined by key Air Force leadership such as Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson, who has recognized it for its potential impact on Airmen and families.

Following a survey sent to 65,000 total force personnel – which gave Airmen the chance to submit insights about challenges they currently face – a core team of six people and over 25 Major Command representatives conducted interviews and targeted focus groups, designing the implementation plan as a way to offer solutions within their squadrons.

“Squadrons are the power of the Air Force,” Wilson said. “They are the guts, the brains and the clenched fist of American resolve — made real with unmatched resolve, unmatched reach, precision and speed and professionalism.”

Some areas of improvement being implemented include fostering cohesion and morale, improving base programs such as the Key Spouse program, and aligning workload and manning within units.

“The key takeaway to remember is, our key leaders from the top down are listening to what our Airmen are saying, and working to implement those changes,” Ditore said. “We’ve been working to get that info up to the top so we can better focus on our Airmen.”

For more information on the squadron revitalization initiative, please visit www.af.mil.

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Meet the recruiter

By Staff Sgt. Omari Bernard

18th Wing Public Affairs
 9/17/2018 — The mission of the Air Force recruiter is to recruit quality men and women with the right skills, at the right time, in the right numbers to sustain the combat capability and mission readiness of the United States Air Force.

Tech. Sgt. Johnathon Rice, 369th Recruiting Squadron Kadena Recruiter, has been an Air Force recruiter for the past eight years and, in those years, has inspired, engaged and recruited more than 200 future Airmen to the Air Force.

"I love seeing recruits come back to me after joining the Air Force and sharing their experiences with me," Rice said. "I have spoken with at least 150 of them after they graduate basic and that's the reason I continue as a recruiter."

According to Rice, his overall goal is to meet the manning needs of the Air Force and, at the same time, ensure that each applicant is taken care of to the best of his ability. Rice's first recruit from Kadena AB is also his most memorable.

One recruit, now Airman 1st Class Rosemarie River, 18th Security Forces Squadron ap-

prentice, was visiting her sister who works for the 18th Medical Group, when her sister let her know she could join the Air Force on Kadena.

"Tech. Sgt. Rice is a great recruiter," River said. "He's always there for whatever questions I had and answered honestly. The day I swore in, we were looking for an officer on a down day."

Rice found Lt. Col. Tara Opielowski, 18th SFS commander, to swear in the future defender.

"She swore me in and, about a year later, I'm back here and she ends up being my commander," she said. "It's fate."

Based out of Okinawa, Japan, Rice recruits students and other potential Airmen from all over the Pacific theater alongside other recruiters stationed in Hawaii, Guam and Japan.

"To make a good recruiter requires good core values," explained Rice. "The most important for me is integrity first; don't lie to applicants and tell them the pros and cons. Service before self; recruiting can be long hours. Sometimes applicants can't get off work until after 7 p.m. so you have to put them before yourself and put in those extra hours. It all ends with excellence in all we do;



Tech. Sgt. Johnathon Rice, 369th Recruiting Squadron Kadena recruiter, answers Dean Taylor's questions about the delayed entry program, Sept. 20, at Kadena Air Base.

(U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Omari Bernard)

you've got to be a good Airmen to be a recruiter. As a recruiter, you're constantly engaging with students, the general public and families. We're kind of like ambassadors for the Air Force."

As ambassadors, recruiters like Rice are readily available and willing to help applicants successfully join the Air Force.

"The best advice I can give to potential recruits, or people interested in joining the Air Force, is to do your research," said Rice. "Go to airforce.com. Contact me by cell phone or email. Keep an open mind. We are the Air Force, you have to be willing to join the Air Force first and have your job preference as a distant second. It's more than just the jobs, it's



^ Maj. Chris Dufford, 18th Aerospace Medical Squadron bioenvironmental engineering chief of operations, swears Dean Taylor into the Air Force delayed entry program.

the benefits, the education and the chance to wear this uniform."

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Col. Richard Tanner, 18th Wing Vice Commander and members from 18th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighters, pose for a group photo before the Fire Prevention Week proclamation signing Oct. 3, at Kadena Air Base. Fire Prevention Week is dedicated to educating the public about the importance of fire safety. This year's theme is "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware - fire can happen anywhere." Fire Prevention Week takes place Oct. 6-12. During fire prevention week, the 18th CES hosts activities across the base to educate children and their parents on fire prevention and detection.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Naoto Anazawa)

Kadena F-15s bed down with Wolf Pack during Typhoon Trami



F-15 Eagles, assigned to Kadena Air Base, arrive at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 27. Kadena evacuated F-15 Eagles to Kunsan in preparation for Typhoon Trami. Multiple Kadena aircraft have been evacuated and flew to Kunsan for the duration of the typhoon.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Savannah L. Waters)

2018 Bi-lateral Security Forces open house



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Quay Drawdy)

Military working dog Carson attempts to subdue a simulated suspect, Katsunori Kamura, Okinawa Police Department officer, as part of the 2018 bi-lateral open house hosted by the 18th Security Forces Squadron Sept. 21, at Kadena Air Base. Members from the OKPD took part in the bi-lateral open-house with the 18th SFS.

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Wasp ARG, 31st MEU conduct defense of the Amphibious Task Force Drill in the South China Sea

By 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit

9/28/2018 - SOUTH CHINA SEA — USS Wasp Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) with embarked 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) conducted an integrated Defense of the Amphibious Task Force (DATF) drill at sea Sept. 27.

DATF scenarios focus Navy and Marine Corps forces on defending ARG shipping and the drills allowed the ARG-MEU team to improve their proficiency when integrating fires.

“Increasing the lethality of the Navy-Marine Corps Team is the priority for us. Sailors and Marines are doing amazing work and we are becoming more lethal every single day,” said Rear Admiral Brad Cooper, commander of Amphibious Force 7th Fleet. “Today, we showed once again why the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps are the premier combat forces in the western Pacific, reinforcing security and stability in this critical region.”

The DATF drill included firing crew-served weapons attached to Wasp, such as .25 caliber and .50 caliber mounted machine guns. Marines assigned to Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines expended rounds using Light Armored Vehicles’ M242 Bushmaster 25 mm chain guns and .50 caliber mounted machine guns on Humvees. The drill also allowed Marine snipers to fire M107 semi-automatic sniper rifles, and machine gunners to employ lethal fires with M-240B medium machine guns.

Sailors and Marines fired on an in-

Marines with Weapons Company, Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, aim a Light Armored Vehicle’s M242 Bushmaster 25 mm chain gun during gunnery training aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp (LHD 1), underway in the South China Sea, Sept. 24.



(U.S. Marines photo by Lance Cpl. Alexis Belances)

flatable gunnery target commonly called a “killer tomato” while maneuvering in open seas.

“We demonstrated collective combat effectiveness,” said Capt. Jim McGovern, commander of Amphibious Squadron 11. “The ability of these Sailors and Marines to fully integrate, get weapons systems on deck, helicopters in the air, and rounds down range in such a timely manner shows that we are ready for anything. I’m very proud of what this dedicated team of professionals accomplished.”

In addition to deck-based live fire,

SH60S Sea Hawk helicopters assigned to the “Island Knights” of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 practiced their air defense capabilities, fully integrating air superiority capability with shipboard-fired weapons. The helicopters operated within safe distance of the ship while also observing the firing range from the air to ensure safe operations during the drill.

“The DATF rehearsal demonstrated the full integration of Marine Corps and Navy capabilities showcasing the intensity of joint firepower available to defend Wasp, and our forces, in a wide range

of combat situations,” said Col. Robert Brodie, commanding officer of the 31st MEU. “Our ironclad Blue-Green partnership allows us to continuously hone our lethality through training and exercises, in preparation for any operation.”

While at sea, Wasp and amphibious dock landing ship USS Ashland have both conducted live-fire exercises in tandem with the 31st MEU, allowing the ARG-MEU team to enhance their combat effectiveness and maintain proficiency to support contingency operations in the Indo-Pacific region.

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Military spouses connect to home and each other through USO's Operation That's My Dress

By Danielle DeSimone

9/27/2018 — "So much more than a dress."

That's how USO Regional Operations Manager Erin Ramey describes the impact of Operation That's My Dress, a connection program developed by the USO and designed to assist female military spouses and service members in preparing for formal military events by providing them with a brand new gown or dress and accessories.

While past USO Operation That's My Dress programs have included guest visits and fashion shows from professional models and former Miss USA winners, the recent event held on Sept. 18 in Okinawa was designed to focus more on connecting attendees to home and to each other.

"I think that's the highlight of the USO experience for me," said Ramey, explaining the USO's mission of connecting the military community to home and country while stationed overseas. "It really puts us on the map – that goal of connecting spouses and service members while they're far away from home to the things they love like fashion, current beauty trends and the opportunity to meet others who are sharing similar experiences."

Finding something to wear for the more than 50 formal military events that take place on the island throughout the military ball season can be challenging. Local stores off base have limited sizes and styles for American women, and most American stores won't ship to Japan.

That's where the USO comes in. The USO Pacific and USO Okinawa teams



(USO photos by Ashley Perez)
 ▲ Female military spouses and service members line up outside of USO Okinawa's Operation That's My Dress event, Sept. 18.



▲ Military spouses and service members peruse ball gowns at USO Okinawa's Operation That's My Dress event, where dresses are free-of-charge.

planned this event for two years, bringing in local stylists, beauty product experts and 450 dresses shipped in from the United States, alleviating the financial stress that comes with preparing for military ball season, as the ball gowns and accessories are provided completely free of charge.

As the first time this program has been offered overseas, Ramey was determined to make it far more than a shopping experience. As a military spouse herself, she wanted to ensure that participants walked away from the event having learned something, but more importantly, having forged connections and friendships.

"You're in a foreign country, away from family – you might even be new to the military too, which is a culture in and of itself – so how do you get out and add some familiarity to life?" she explained. "We just thought it was really important to give [the event] that extra layer of time to develop friendships and connections."

When the event opened up for registration, the 125 available slots were immediately filled within 30 minutes, and an additional 100 women were placed on the waiting list. The day of the event brought in more than 100 female attendees, 50 volunteers and 10 USO staff members, showing the need and interest in this program.

After listening to the speakers' presentations, the ladies proceeded into the Dress Expo room, where they were able to choose from 450 gowns in a variety of styles and sizes that would have been otherwise impossible to find in Japan. Participants also explored stations around the room that had jewelry, makeup and stylists waiting to help. By the end of the day, military spouses and service members of all branches of service were bonding, chatting and taking photos together.

"The enthusiasm and positive energy was contagious," said Katie Ashford, a

military spouse and USO volunteer. "In the changing room, the volunteers and participants would clap and cheer when a participant found her dress."

Military spouses sacrifice a great deal in their personal lives to support service members and being stationed in a place that is so far from everything familiar can take its toll. USO Okinawa's Operation That's My Dress was an opportunity for female military spouses and service members to take a small break from their daily duties and simply make time for themselves in a way that felt like home – through finding a ball gown and making new friends.

"It took a strong team," said Ramey. "To envision, plan and work together for the common goal of showing appreciation for active-duty service members and spouses serving each and every day in support of our country, and strengthening them during the time of their commitment."

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Okinawa Marines fight to become MCMAP instructors



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Kevan Dunlop)

▲ Sgt. Shijuan Rogers is congratulated by fellow Marines after passing his final test of the culminating event for a Martial Arts Instructor Course at Camp Courtney, Sept. 18. Rogers' final challenge was to ground fight all of his instructors for as long as he could. Rogers, a native of Chicago, Illinois, is a food service specialist with III Marine Expeditionary Force Support Battalion, III MEF Information Group.

By Lance Cpl. Kevan Dunlop

III MEF Information Group
9/28/2018 - CAMP COURTNEY — The MAI Course is a three week program that trains Marines to be Marine Corps Martial Arts Program instructors. MCMAP is an integral part of the Marine Corps, as it strengthens combat readiness and promotes physical fitness, thus allowing the Marine Corps to more easily complete any mission or challenge set before it.

Marines from all across Okinawa have been training to earn a tan tab for their belt, signifying that they are MCMAP instructors.

Marines who went through the course endured rigorous physical training and were required to be proficient in all MCMAP skills up to their belt level.

Sgt. Duane Levy Jr, an electrician with III Marine Expeditionary Force Support Battalion, III MEF Information Group, set up the culminating event to evaluate the Marines and determine if they were ready to become MCMAP instructors.

“Even though this [physical training] sucks, [you’re] out here getting slayed, your body’s hurting and you’re just tired, remember what you came here for,” said Levy, a native of Wash-

ington, D.C., to the Marines. “You all came here to get that tab. Don’t let that be taken from you.”

The Marines first went through a gauntlet of exercises, including burpees, sit-ups, buddy squats, backwards lunging, and sparring matches.

“No matter how hard you train eventually your legs will want to give out on you, but you just [have to] keep pushing,” said Cpl. Colten Savage, a native of Chicago, Illinois, a radio field operator with Headquarters Company, Combat Logistic Regiment 35. “It’s all in your head. I know some say that’s bull, but it really is just in your

Service members clean up after Typhoon Trami



U.S. Navy Seaman Apprentice Paul Aberion, a hospital corpsman with 3rd Dental Battalion, carries a fallen tree branch Oct. 1, during a base cleanup around the perimeter of Camp Foster. The cleanup was conducted after Typhoon Trami struck the island. Marines and sailors worked together to remove tree branches and debris from around base.

(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Nicole Rogge)

head. You just [have to] suck it up and keep going.”

The Marines ran in a two-squad formation from one area to the next, where they went through another set of physically challenging events. The class ground fought in squads, conducted planks and flipped tires. After that, the Marines ran to the beach to spar against one another in waist deep water as ocean waves crashed against them.

Lastly, the Marines ran to a designated point. Their final task was an individual challenge - fight their instructors for as long as possible.

When the Marines could not

fight any longer, the instructors called the match and helped them to their feet. Upon standing, the Marines were congratulated with a handshake and given their tan tab.

They had finally become MCMAP instructors.

“It was a very long three weeks. Honestly, I [wouldn’t have been] able to make it without my fellow Marines pushing me,” said Carmona, a supply chain and material management specialist with Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, “It really is a team effort. If people try to get through it by themselves, it’s just not going to happen.”

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U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Michael T. Morrissey, Commander of the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command (left), Staff Sgt. Clifford T. Burton Jr. (center) and Command Sgt. Maj. Eric R. McCray, the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, Command Sgt. Maj. (right), smile for a picture to celebrate Burton on earning the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Medgar Evers Outstanding Community Service Award on Sept. 28, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

By Sgt. Malcolm Cohens-Ashley
94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command
9/30/2018 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Clifford T. Burton Jr., a Columbus, Georgia, native, received the Medgar W. Evers Outstanding Community Service Award on Sept. 30, during an award ceremony conducted at the Pearl Harbor-Hickam Officers Club.

Burton was one of seven service members who received an Outstanding Military Leadership Award from the Honolulu-Hawaii branch of the National Association for the Advancement of

Colored People (NAACP) for their leadership and selfless service.

“If this world is to move forward with any representation of what right looks like, we have got to train and develop future leaders,” said Alphonso Braggs, the president of the Honolulu-Hawaii branch of the NAACP. “These young men and women here today have certainly exemplified that, and that’s why they’re being recognized today,” Braggs said.

Staff Sgt. Clifford T. Burton Jr., is assigned to 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery, Okinawa. Burton coaches youth basketball, football and regularly

volunteers at a local orphanage by donating clothing, food and toys.

For Burton, service to humanity has been something instilled within him prior to his service in the military.

“My mother and father always raised me to give back to the community and try to help other people out that are in need,” said Burton.

Burton believes come from his humble upbringing.

“Growing up in Columbus, Georgia, it’s a nice city, but the city does have poverty,” Burton said.

Just as Burtons parents taught him the value of community service at an early age, Burton also teaches the importance of community service to his three children.

“I want them to see that it’s not about just having everything, you have to be willing to dedicate your time to help other people,” Burton said. “Helping other people is how you count your blessing and how you receive your blessing,” Burton added.

The Medgar Evers, award comes from the life, legacy and service of WWII veteran Medgar Evers. He served in the U.S. Army and fought in the Battle of Normandy during World II. He was a civil rights activist in the state of Mississippi and also the secretary of the Mississippi NAACP. He continued to serve humanity until he was assassinated in 1963.

Although he is no longer here, his legacy lives on through those who continue to serve others such as Burton.

The Honolulu-Hawaii NAACP recognizes service members who are nominated by their chain of command based on leadership, selfless service and mentorship while serving in Guam, Hawaii, Japan and Korea.

The NAACP, a civil rights organization was founded in 1909 to ensure equality in various fields for all people and to eradicate racial discrimination.

Also, awarded was Master Sgt. Wallace Layne, who was unable to attend the award ceremony. Layne was awarded the Ida B. Wells-Barnett Meritorious Community Service Award. He is assigned to 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery, at Kadena Air Base.

“Considering I have spent the last two decades serving the country and taking care of soldiers and families, it is a nice affirmation and culmination of my efforts and military career,” Layne remarked in regards to earning the Ida B. wells-Barnett Meritorious Community Service Award.

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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.

TCCOR Trash Pickup

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

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 1 Jan. 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 1 Jan., 2018. 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 1 Jan., 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.

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.

Marshall Dining Facility Closure

The Marshall Dining Facility will be closed on

8 Oct., (Columbus Day) for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner for facility maintenance. The Marshall will be open for Midnight meal from 10:30 p.m. - 12 p.m. For your convenience the Johnson Dining facility located in building 843 by the Flight line will be open. Brunch 6:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dinner 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Puro Jimenez at 634-1900, Staff Sgt. Krysann Lawhorn 632-0940 or the Johnson Dining Facility 634-4494.

Housing Office 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 the Columbus Day Holiday and Family Day (Oct., 8-9). For emergency assistance, please contact 634-HOME (4663).

INFORMATION

Typhoon claims

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Cell phones across Okinawa currently receive emergency text notifications in Japanese from mobile phone service providers. To receive emergency notifications by e-mail in English, contact the Readiness & Emergency Management Flight at 634-4404.

18th Wing Equal Opportunity

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Kadena and Camp Foster Emergency Numbers

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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-muster-tickets-48315372580>.

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.

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 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

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

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The featured items of this year's events are beautiful tsurushi-hina, or hanging hina doll ornaments, made with kimono fabric. Hina dolls are traditionally displayed to celebrate the Girls' Day Festival, which takes place on March 3, but they can also be enjoyed as works of art. The kimono tsurushi-hina are available in two lengths, 170cm and 200cm, for 40,000 yen and up. Please note that the ornaments are available in limited quantities only.

The event also features the Chiho Couture booth, which offers a wide variety of clothing and fashion accessories made by recycling old kimono.

The sale will take place at two locations, Kadena Air Base Officers' Club, on Oct. 5-6, and at the Okinawa Convention Center in Ginowan City on Oct. 7-8. At Okinawa Convention Center, visitors can enjoy demonstrations on how to wear this beautiful Japanese garment presented by Ms Takigawa, the professor of the Sakura Bisou Kimono School. Admission is free at all locations.

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