

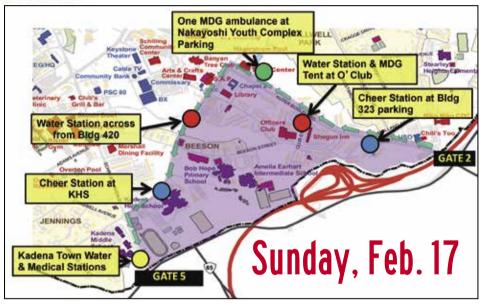


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2019 Okinawa Marathon Kadena traffic delay



By 18th Wing Public Affairs

2/5/2019 — On Sunday, Feb. 17, Gate 2 and Gate 5 will be closed to vehicle traffic from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Roads will be closed from Gate 2 on Kuter Blvd. to Vincent Avenue and from Vincent Avenue to Schreiber Blvd. and from Schreiber Blvd. to Gate 5. However, Gate 2 will remain open for pedestrian traffic with authorized base passes. Gate 1 and Gate 3 will be open as normal.

Runners will enter Kadena AB through Gate 2 on Kuter Blvd., turn left onto Vincent Avenue at Chapel 2, turn left on Schreiber Blvd. at Kadena High School, and exit the base through Gate 5.

The following facilities will be affected by the marathon: Chapel 2; the Kadena Library; Shogun Inn; Officers Club; Kadena High School; Bob Hope Primary School; Amelia Earhart Intermediate School; dormitories located along the route, family housing on Beeson Avenue; the temporary lodging facility; and visiting officers quarters.

Residents living inside the on-base route should consider parking their vehicles outside the affected area if they plan to travel anywhere from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will only be one authorized vehicle egress route into/out of the affected area. Vehicle traffic will be allowed to cross at the intersection of Vincent Street and Beeson Street. Traffic will be regulated by Security Forces. Runners will have priority and wait times to cross may be as long as 30 minutes; please plan accordingly. Pedestrians will only be authorized to cross the marathon route on the crosswalks near the Base Exchange, at the Kadena USO, and behind the Officers Club to cross over Kuter Blvd. These crosswalks will also be regulated by security forces.

Please direct any traffic related questions or concerns to Master Sgt. John McCord at the 18th Security Forces Squadron at DSN 634-9696.

VP-47 conducts monthly weapons proficiency check



(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Kevin A. Flinn)

Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class Joseph Moreland, left, directs Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class Corey Ellis, right, both attached to the "Golden Swordsmen" of Patrol Squadron 47, while using a Munitions Handling/Loading Unit 83 to download a Mark 54 torpedo during a monthly task force weapons proficiency check. The "Golden Swordsmen" are currently deployed to Kadena Air Base, conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance and theater outreach operations within U.S. 7th Fleet (C7F) area of operations in support of Commander, Task Force 72, C7F, and U.S. Pacific Command objectives throughout the Indo-Asia Pacific region.

F-35B Lightning II fighters strike with externally-mounted ordnance at sea for the first time

By Capt. George McArthur

31st Marine Expeditionary Unit

2/8/2019 - USS WASP, PHILIPPINE SEA — F-35B Lightning II aircraft with the fixed-wing detachment of Medium Marine Tiltrotor Squadron 262 (Reinforced), 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, conducted milestone flight operations with externally-loaded inert and live ordnance in expeditionary strike training from the USS Wasp (LHD 1) in the Philippine and East China Seas, Jan. 26 through Feb. 6.

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An F-35B Lightning
II aircraft attached to
the F-35B detachment
of the "Flying
Tigers" of Marine
Medium Tiltrotor
Squadron (VMM) 262
(Reinforced) launches
from the flight deck
of the amphibious
assault ship USS
Wasp (LHD 1), Feb. 3.

Army therapy dog visits maintenance Airmen

By Senior Airman Jean-Paul Arnaud-Marquez

455th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs 2/11/2019 - KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Maintenance personnel got a surprise visit from a therapy dog as part of an effort to showcase the various mental health resources available at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan Feb. 2.

Air Force religious affairs Airmen from the 451st Air Expeditionary Group teamed up with an Army behavioral health team from Train Advise and Assist Command-South. They made their way through various shops within the 451st Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron allowing Airmen and personnel to interact with Eden, an Army therapy dog.

Chaplains and religious affairs Airmen make routine visits across the installation to ensure Airmen and personnel understand the resources available for advice, counseling or friendly conversations. Individuals may come to chaplains with personal or professional concerns, but sometimes, elevating the situation to a more qualified medical professional is necessary.

"Certain issues need to be seen by professionals, so we do these rounds to establish a relationship with Airmen," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Matthew Daniel, 451st AEG religious affairs Airman. "The whole intention is to have Airmen feel more

comfortable going to an Army hospital for those deeper issues."

Army Maj. Sal Bitondo, Behavioral Health officer in charge assigned to the NATO Role III MMU, said bringing a therapy dog with them often helps people be more comfortable opening up to them, which in turn gives them an opportunity to talk about some of the resources they can provide.

"To be able to help service members is pretty special," said Bitondo. "I can offer some help, but nothing says love like some fur therapy."

Air Force Maj. Randy Croft, 451st AEG chaplain, said this joint effort gives them an opportunity to take better care of personnel by initiating relationships between Airmen and Soldiers.

"It's about collaboration," said Croft. "We're stronger when we collaborate no matter what branch of service it is, and the more resources we showcase to our people...the better. "We do a lot of unit engagement where we check the health and welfare of our Airmen so they can do their mission more effectively, but sometimes people are reserved," he added.

Air Force Master Sgt. Shannon Laucht, 104th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron admin superintendent, said she appreciated seeing Eden since she reminded her of the five dogs she owns back home.

"Please bring her by more often," Laucht said. "We love dogs over here."



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jean-Paul Arnaud-Marquez

Laucht and Bitondo took out their phones and began sharing dog photos and fond memories with their respective dogs while Eden waited, wagging her tail with excitement.

"Eden lightens up the mood and makes everybody feel so much better," said Bitondo. "She's an awesome icebreaker for us."

Eden is more than a therapy dog — she's a liaison of information between two sister services. She allows this team to share and open up in an engaging and light-hearted way. Mental health and personal problems can negatively impact people and the mission, so it's vital for base personnel to understand that these resources are

available, even across different branches.

religious affairs

Airmen from

the 451st Air

Expeditionary Group teamed

up with Army

Soldiers from

Train Advise

South Feb. 2

at Kandahar

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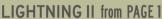
Airfield,

and Assist Command-

behavioral

"Since we've been doing this more often, it's been reported some Airmen have begun using Army resources more frequently," said Daniel. "It's a great feeling to know that something as simple as bringing a dog with us could lead to such positive responses."

The 451st Air Expeditionary Group is a geographically separated unit of the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing headquartered at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. As the Air Force's premier counterterrorism wing in Afghanistan, the 455th provides decisive airpower throughout the region and supports Operation Freedom's Sentinel and NATO's Resolute Support mission.





During the missions, the fifth-generation fighters were loaded with CATM-9X air-to-air missiles and dropped inert and high-explosive munitions with precision Guided Bomb Units, including 500-pound GBU-12 Paveway II and 1,000-pound GBU-32 Joint Direct Attack Munition

ordnance, according to LtCol. Michael Rountree, the F-35B detachment officer-in-charge with VMM-262 (REIN).

"We achieved mission success by using the full capabilities of the F-35B at sea. We flew sorties in both a clean configuration and a configuration with external pylons and weapons. We conducted these missions by launching from the USS Wasp, engaging role-player adversary aircraft, striking simulated targets with internally and externally mounted precision guided munitions, returning to the Wasp, and recovering via a vertical landing - a niche

capability of the F-35B" said Rountree. "This was the first time that this level of training has been performed by an operationally-deployed F-35B detachment with the 31st MEU."

This operational milestone marks the first time that F-35B aircraft performed strikes with ordnance fully-loaded in the Indo-Pacific region, demonstrating an increase in lethality and integrated amphibious capability, according to Col. Robert Brodie, commanding officer of the 31st MEU.

"The combination of stealth tactics and fully-loaded strike aircraft increases the lethality of the F-35B, enabling greater contribution and combat effectiveness by the Amphibious Ready Group/Marine Expeditionary Unit Team," said Brodie, a career F/A-18 Hornet pilot. "The formidable and versatile capability of the F-35B provides a premier platform to support the Marine Air-Ground Task Force's ability to own the fight in the dynamic and evolving Indo-Pacific environment."

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Services improve interoperability through common data standards

By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

2/8/2019 - WASHINGTON — All three military service secretaries signed a memorandum requiring common standards of information-sharing across domains in future weapons systems.

"This is vital to our success," said Secretary of the Army Mark Esper. "After reviewing the capabilities of common standards, we have collectively determined that continued implementation, and further development of modular open systems approaches are necessary to keep our competitive advantage."

Older weapon systems were not developed with common interface standards, making interoperability more challenging.

For the past several years, each of the services has developed, demonstrated and validated common data standards through a cooperative partnership with industry and academia. These validated, shared standards enable a Modular Open Systems Approach, (MOSA), which are best practices to make systems as open and standardized as possible to make it easier for machines to talk to other machines.

The Air Force is already pursuing it with platforms such as its next-generation bomber, the B-21 Raider, while the Army is using these principles to modernize its ability to communicate among its maneuver units. Likewise,

the Navy has seen great benefits to its submarine force by employing such approaches.

When these practices are followed, defense contractors can build systems that are interoperable across services and industry. Proven benefits of MOSA include reductions of up to 80 percent in schedule and up to 70 percent in costs.

"The ability for our systems and forces to exchange information and communicate effectively gives our warfighters the best capabilities to deliver the fight tonight," said Secretary of the Navy, Richard V. Spencer. "This reform will make us a highly integrated and more lethal fighting force."

The joint memorandum directs each service acquisition executive to publish specific implementation guidance for acquisition programs and continue to identify gaps and develop new standards when needed. The memorandum also directs that requirements and programming functions will ensure a modular open systems approach is reflected in our requirements and programs to ensure future weapon systems can communicate and share across domains.

"Victory in future conflict will in part be determined by our ability to rapidly share information across domains and platforms," said Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson. "Sharing information from machine to machine requires common standards."

SHES/KES Kindness Rally

By Richard Wirsich

Stearley Heights Elentary School 2/13/2019 — The annual SHES/KES Kindness Rally will be held February 15th at the Bong Drive Baseball Diamond. All students and staff from Stearley Heights ES and our sister school, Kadena Elementary, will participate. The rally will feature the combined voices of over 1,000 students and staff singing the theme song chosen for this year's rally "Stand By Me," the classic 1962 hit by Ben E. King.

The students have been practicing the song in classes with Choral/Music teacher Mrs. Wendy Miller. The annual rally is held every year in honor of The National Random Acts of Kindness Movement. All of the students and staff will walk

to the location from both schools. The rally will also feature a kindness themed cheer and a kindness pledge to be taken by everyone present. An interpretive dance routine by girls in Mrs. Rice's 5th grade class will be performed to the inspirational song "Rise Up" by pop star Andra Day. The school principals of SHES, Mr. David Burkett and Mrs. Gail Wiley, will provide opening remarks at the annual rally. Counseling team Mrs. Jill Beard Archie, Dr. Jacqueline Winn, Ms. Angela Morrison, and Mr. Richard Wirsich are sponsoring and coordinating



the kindness rally and daily events. Each day of Kindness Week, starting on Feb.11th, features a different theme with various activities at both schools.

Children are writing letters and Valentines to unaccompanied military members. They are also creating a paperchain to feature notes of individual acts of kindness by the students. This colorful visual reminder stretches down the school corridors and serves to symbolically document all the kind acts students are engaged in. National Random Acts of Kindness Day is observed

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CFAO holds change of command

By Petty Officer 2nd Class Matthew Dickinson

Commander Fleet Activities Okinawa 2/8/2019 - WHITE BEACH — Commander Fleet Activities Okinawa (CFAO) held a change of command ceremony at White Beach Naval Facility in Uruma City,

Capt. Scott Hardy relieved Capt. Robert Mathewson and assumed duties as commander of Fleet Activities Okinawa.

During the ceremony, Capt. Mathewson gave full credit for his success to the Sailors and civilians of Fleet Activities Okinawa.

"All of you here today have played an integral role in our lives in a major way," said Mathewson, "and I know that each encounter, each experience will forever have a special place in our hearts

"You have opened your doors to me and my family and the families of this command, you have welcomed us into your communities and homes and treated us as one of your own." Mathewson said about the Okinawan community. "For this I am forever grateful."

Rear Adm. Gregory Fenton, commander of U.S. Naval Forces Japan and Navy Region Japan, had nothing but praise for Mathewson. As guest speaker, he spoke of Mathewson as a person that understands



(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class Matthew Dickinson

the power of partnerships

"Axle built lasting relationships based on trust and respect." said Fenton. "So much of what Axle accomplished is based on his relationships with the community, which were nourished by his deep fondness of the Okinawan people and culture."

Capt. Mathewson is a native of Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He graduated and was commissioned from The United States Naval Academy in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and was designated a Naval Aviator at NAS Meridian, MS in April 1995.

During the ceremony, Mathewson received the Legion of Merit for his superior and loyal service. He also received a letter of commendation from the commandant, Sasebo District, Japan Maritime Self Defense Force as well as a commemorative plaque from Japan Maritime Self Defense Force, Sub Area Activity Okinawa. Mathewson's previous decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross (with Combat "V"), Defense Meritorious Service Medal and various other personal

and unit awards.

His next assignment is to become the deputy commandant of Midshipmen at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

As Hardy assumed command, he said he and his family are very happy to be in Okinawa and expressed his vision for the near future.

"To the men and women at CFAO, it's an honor to be a part of your command," said Hardy, "I want to carry on the great work Axle has done as we forge our way into the future."

Capt. Hardy enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1986 attending boot camp at MCRD San Diego. His tours included HMH-462 in Tustin, Calif. and HMX-1 in Quantico, Va. where he supported Presidents Reagan and Bush Sr. from 1987 to 1991. After transitioning to the Marine Reserves, he attended Texas A&M University graduating in 1994. In the summer of 1995 he attended Officer Candidate School (OCS) at NAS Pensacola, Florida and was designated a Naval Flight Officer in 1997.







DoD successfully completes Yutu relief mission in Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

By Sgt. 1st Class Wynn Hoke

8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs 2/11/2019 - ASAN, Guam — Service members from Joint Task Force West officially concluded Super Typhoon Yutu relief and recovery efforts in Saipan and Tinian in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNM) Feb. 6-7.

Joint Task Group Engineer, a contingent of Task Force west, arrived in Saipan, CNMI, in early January and immediately started working on providing temporary metal roofing to damaged homes.

Rear Adm. Shoshana Chatfield, commander, Joint Region Marianas and commander, Joint Task Force West addressed the service members and thanked them for their service.

'You were the right unit at the right time, with the right skills, and the right leaders to do this mission," she said. "I want to thank you for the time that you put in here, for the experience you have given these survivors of a category five typhoon. The work you have done has impacted lives and will be remembered through each family you have helped."

The engineers are positioned to hand over the recovery efforts to the Federal Emergency Management Agency to continue recovery and rebuilding in Saipan and Tinian.

CNMI Gov. Ralph Torres, thanked the Department of Defense for their efforts and for bringing comfort to residents during a difficult time.

This is a bitter sweet day for me ... saying goodbye to servicemen, our Soldiers. our Airmen, for all the things you have done for this island," he said. "Rebuilding



homes is not just for safety or to prevent water from coming in, but to build that home to build that dream, all of us no matter what you do, you go home to rest and to check your families where there is comfort. That is what you have brought to this island; comfort, rebuilding back our homes, our dreams for our children. Thank you for the things you have done here, from the bottom of our hearts."

Engineers from the Army, Navy and Air Force completed more than 560 temporary metal roofing on homes in Saipan and Tinian, CNMI, while working more than 65,000 hours. During the little more than a month-long recovery mission, engineers staged, distributed and used more than

 Builder 3rd Class Matthew Winnett, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3, Det. Tinian, nails in a truss for a temporary emergency roof for a home that was damaged during Super Typhoon Yutu, Jan. 25.

Landing Craft, Utility (LCU) 1634 brings receive heavy equipment from the 9th Mission Support Command, 411th Engineer Brigade, Guam Army National Guard to the amphibious dock landing ship USS Ashland (LSD 48) for Defense Support to Civil Authorities efforts, Nov. 11, 2018.

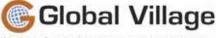
7,600 pieces of lumber and more than 230,000 square feet of tin used in the roof-

Since October 25, 2018, military service members from the DoD have accomplished numerous FEMA-assigned immediate response and recovery mission assignment. The current focus for Task Group Engineers was the installation of temporary roofs.

Military service members from Joint Region Marianas and from locations throughout the Indo-Pacific Command are proud of their efforts to work with the CNMI's civil and local officials and assist FEMA in the efforts to recover from the devastating impacts of the typhoon.







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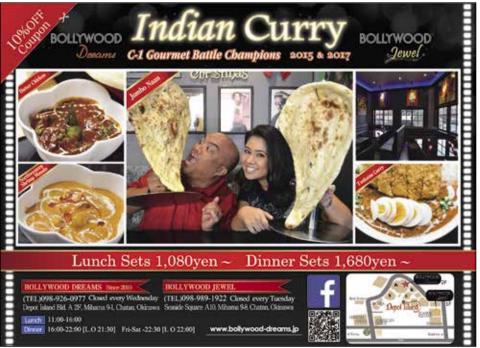
family, co-workers and neighbors They will thank you and we will appreciate you for it.

















3rd Dental Bn. teaches children dental health

By Lance Cpl. Armando Elizald 3rd Marine Logistics Group

2/5/2019 - CAMP KINSER — Sailors from the Naval dental clinics of 3rd Dental Battalion visited students from Kinser Elementary School to give a presentation about oral health awareness Feb. 5, at Camp Kinser, Okinawa.

Navy Cmdr. Monserret Jorden, a pediatric dentist with Branch Dental Clinic Evans, 3rd Dental Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, stated that the battalion is a strong supporter of the efforts of the American Dental Association, which began National Children's Dental Health Month in 1941 in the United States.

"February is National Children's Dental Health Month, which brings awareness to everyone who is a caregiver, teacher or parent about the importance of starting good habits for good oral health in children," Jorden stated.

The dental staff is visiting several Department of Defense schools in Okinawa during the month of February, giving presentations and playing games while including student participation. Activities included an educational PowerPoint presentation on oral hygiene, as well as dental model presentations to demonstrate how to properly brush and floss teeth and a dance competition.

Jorden said the presentation taught students the main uses of teeth as well as the long-term importance of taking care of your permanent teeth.



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

"We stress how super critical it is to take care of your permanent teeth because you don't get replacements," said Jorden. "We also taught the students good habits including brushing, flossing and trying to avoid certain foods that cause cavities."

At the end of the presentation, Jorden and the rest of the dental staff saw the glee-

ful response of their student participants and determined the day was a success.

"I think it was amazing," said Jorden.
"I think it was a lot of fun; the kids were really genuine with their responses. Every class was very involved and in good spirits. I think that the presentation was successful and I am happy with how it turned out."



Lance Cpl. Brenden Jennings, an assaultman with Alpha Company, Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, the "China Marines," stands in the basic warrior stance aboard the dock landing Ship USS Ashland (LSD 48), East China Sea, Feb. 8. Alpha Company Marines are the small boat raid specialists for BLT 1/4, the Ground Combat Element for the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. The 31st MEU, the Marine Corps' only continuously forward-deployed MEU partnering with the Wasp Amphibious Ready Group provides a flexible and lethal force ready to perform a wide range of military operations as the premier crisis response force in the Indo-Pacific region.



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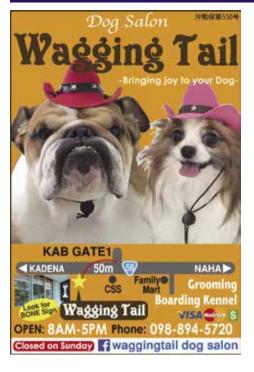








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III Marine Expeditionary Force

1/30/2019 - CAMP FOSTER — Forty-one U.S. service members, spouses, and children walked across the stage of the Camp Foster Theater, Jan. 30, proudly receiving their U.S. citizenship certificates to the exuberant cheers of their friends and family. The individuals receiving their certificate put in years of hard work and dedication to become U.S. citizens.

During the ceremony, families gathered to support their loved ones as they gave the oath of allegiance to the United States of America, declaring themselves as United States Citizens. One of the new citizens, U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Kindo Go, a mass communicator with Communication Strategy and Operations Company, III Marine Information Group and a local of Manila, Philippines, followed in his father's footsteps by gaining his citizenship.

At two years old, Go, with his family, made the trip from the Philippines to the states. Go's father was the first to earn his U.S. citizenship. Now that Go has earned his citizenship, two-thirds of his family has achieved this goal.

"My family came to America in order to live a better life. My dad was the first one to receive his citizenship," said Go. "Soon, I want to help my mom earn her citizenship, that way we can all live the American dream."

Earning your U.S. citizenship is not easy, but it is a great opportunity. Other countries do not have the same freedoms that America does, according to Go.

"It's definitely a hard road to get naturalized, but it's definitely worth it," said Go. "The opportunity is there. It's what America is all about, opportunity. You just have to go and seize it."

Tatsiana Bylund, a local of Pinsk, Belar-

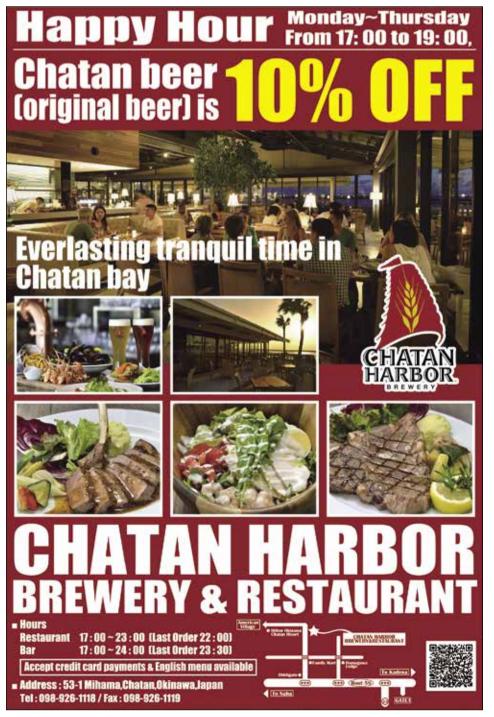
us, was also naturalized in the ceremony. Bylund started her naturalization process by obtaining her green card. Then, following four years of hard work and dedication, came to an end, when she received her naturalization certificate and walked across the stage as a proud U.S. citizen.

"I really admire the United States in many ways," said Bylund. "I think the American dream is true. There are so many beautiful things that the U.S. provides and I am proud to become part of it."

Bylund was excited to receive her certificate with her biggest supporters by her side. Her kids were with her every step of the way; from when she walked in, a Belarusian, until she walked out an American.

"I'm married to a military member and my children were born in America," said Bylund. "My heart belongs to America now."





Cobra Gold 19

Humanitarian **Assistance** and Disaster Response Exercise commenced in Thailand

By Master Sgt. Mary Rose Mittlesteadt

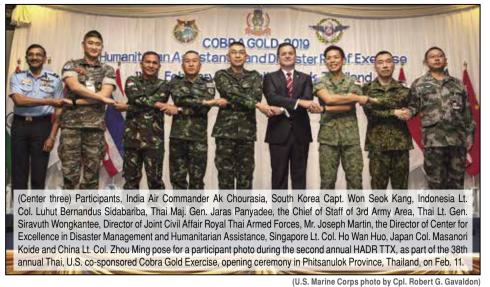
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2/11/2019 - PHITSANULOK, Thailand

 The second annual Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Tabletop Exercise (HADR TTX), as part of the 38th annual Thai, U.S. co-sponsored Cobra Gold Exercise, commenced with opening ceremony in Phitsanulok Province, Thailand, on Feb. 11. The event is being hosted by Thai Lt. Gen.

Siravuth Wongkantee, Director of Joint Civil Affair Royal Thai Armed Forces (RTArF), in collaboration with Mr. Joseph Martin, the Director of Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance (CFE-DMHA) and Thai Maj. Gen. Jaras Panyadee, the Chief of Staff of 3rd Army Area with participation of nine nations.

The HADR TTX consists of a four-day program to learn and share civil military challenges across a spectrum of operational environments, including international disaster response and complex contingencies. The table top exercise is composed of two parts: the first part will



include a focus on international disaster response; and the second part will focus on complex contingencies.

Areas of emphasis discussed throughout the exercise will include: HADR principles, guidelines and practices for civil military interaction across both natural disasters and complex emergencies; roles and responsibilities of core civilian actors operating in the natural disasters and complex emergencies; coordination concepts, guidance and mechanisms to support effective civil-military coordination in and across these operational environments; and protection of civilians and international humanitarian law.

"Every year disaster strikes in every corner of the world. Some of these disasters are sudden and unexpected," said Wongkantee during opening remarks. "Regardless of the cause, planning preparation prior to disasters can reduce the impacts and allow better response and recovery."

The goal of this exercise is to increase participant understanding of the many actors within the HADR realm and how they coordinate and coexist in a shared operational environment.

"It is significant and important for all nations to strengthen engagement and exchange insights in a pre-disaster environment," added Wongkantee. "The work of disaster management requires cooperation between countries."

The event will bring together subject matter experts from the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM), Kingdom of Thailand; the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA), The UN Refugee Agency (UN-HCR), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), RedR Australia, and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). The HADR includes approximately 100 participants from all nine (full and limited) participating nations, including Thailand, United States of America, Singapore, Japan, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia and South Korea.

The Cobra Gold 19 Exercise program will also include a HADR Field Training Exercise (FTX) from 18-20 February at the Chachoengsao Province.







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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.

INFORMATION 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,

Kadena Tax Center Notice

Tax Season is here!! Free tax preparation by trained volunteers is offered at the Kadena Tax Center, Bldg. 1460 on Wilkins Street, located behind Eagle Hardware.

Tax Season Office Hours:

- · 11 15 February: Mon Fri 0900-1130 & 1300-
- 1400 (Drop off for simple returns only) · 18 February - 14 June: Mon - Fri 0900-1130 &
- 1300-1400 (Drop off & Appointments)
- · Mon, Tues & Wed 1500-1600 (Appointments are available for teachers only) Closed for lunch daily at 1130-1300. Closed Holidays and PACAF Family Days: 4, 18,

19 February & 27, 28 May 2019. Appointments by availability, call 634-7418 Bring in the following required documentation

- to complete your Tax Return: - DOD/Military Identification card
- Power of Attorney (if electronic filing on behalf of your spouse)
- Social Security Card(s)
- Bank Routing and Account Number(s)
- Form W-2 (from all employers); 1099-R (from pensions and annuities)
- Form 1099-INT (interest earned); 1099-DIV (dividends earned)*
- Form 1099-B (Sale of stocks/mutual funds)*
- IRA contributions*
- Rental Property (includes total income, mortgage interest, taxes, insurance)*
- Child care cost/providers receipt*
- Form 1098-T and Education related expenses*
- Foreign Employer's information (name,

address, amount earned)*

- Copy of your 2017 Federal and State Income Tax Return
- * If applicable

Don't have time to wait? We offer a drop off service. Just bring in all your tax documents and we will call you when your tax return is ready for review.

2019 Total Air Force Sexual Assault and Suicide Prevention

The 2019 Total Air Force Sexual Assault and Suicide Prevention Program is coming your way. New classes, New Curriculum, New Materials, and a New Team for 2019. For more information contact your WG/CSVP - MSgt Jennifer G. Malone @ 634-4870

Okinawa Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Overseas: Assistant Position **Opening**

Choctaw Staffing Solutions (CCS) has the following part-time position available at Okinawa Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Overseas: Administrative Assistant. position requires a high school diploma or equivalent with secretarial/business office experience or education. Business training or associate's degree preferred. Experience in health-related field desirable. Must keyword 40-60 wpm. Job Requirements include good computer skills and excellent customer service skills. Must be a U.S Citizen. For consideration, please e-mail your resume and cover letter to: jobs@wicoverseas.net or fax to: (210) 525-1398 or you may mail your information to the address. Choctaw Contracting Services, Attn: WIC Overseas, 70 NE Loop 410, Suite 400, San Antonio, TX 78216, Ph: (210) 341 - 3336

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, 634-1109 for SMSgt Southern, 634-2768 for Mrs. Korpinen, or leave a message on the Kadena Fraud, Waste, & Abuse (FWA) Hotline at 634-0404.

AADD: We Get You Home Safe

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. To contact AADD from a cell phone number, dial 098-961-1110 and ask for the USO, or dial DSN: 634-3889. We're open Fridays and Saturdays at the USO (gate 2) from 2200 to 0100 and we're here to help. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please email our Org Box or contact us on Facebook: Kadena AB A2D2

Okinawa 2019 International College Fair held at OCSI

International College Fair open to all at OCSI, March 12, from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Explore college opportunities from around the world! http://ocsi.org/college-fair/

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hiring Our Heroes: Career Summit Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS). MCB Butler, is pleased to announce that the 2019 Hiring our Heroes "Career Summit", sponsored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, will take place 25-26 February 2019, at the Ocean Breeze Club and the Foster Community Center. Join us at the event and meet prospective employers such as Amazon, Amazon Web Services, DoD Defense, Personnel and Family Support Center, Intel Corporation, General Atomics ASI, USO, FASTPORT, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, Wisconsin Department Workforce Development, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and more! For more information visit hiringourheroes.org; this event is open to all DoD ID holders.

Kadena SAPR office is accepting applications for the March 2019 Volunteer Victim Advocate 40-hr Course

The Kadena Sexual Assault Prevention & Response office is looking for motivated and committed individuals to attend the required 40hour course March 18-22. To apply, view 'NEW VVA Applicant Instructions' on our sharepoint https://kadena.eis.pacaf.af.mil/18WG/ WSA/SAPR/Volunteer%20Victim%20 Advocate%20Application/Forms/AllItems.aspx Completed applications must be submitted to 18wg.sarc@us.af.mil and angela.tocci@us.af. mil NLT COB March 13.

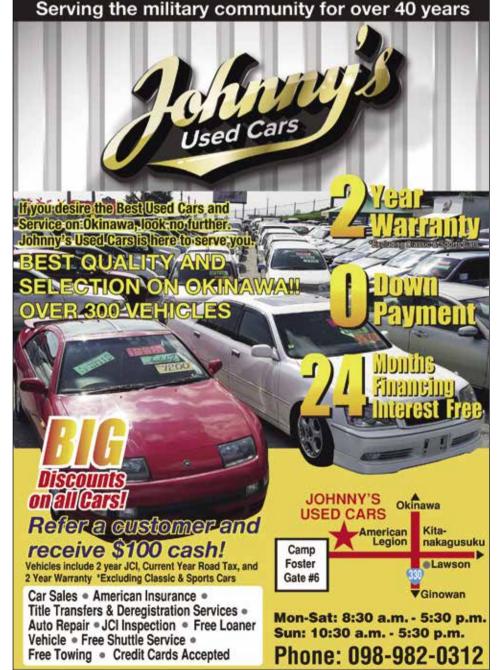
18th Dental Squadron to host 2nd Annual Give Kids a Smile event

On Friday, April 5th there will be an all-day children's clinic for Active Duty Dependents eligible for care on Kadena ages 0-10 to receive their annual dental exam and cleaning as well as limited sealants and fillings on a first come, first served basis. To guarantee your child's appointment pre-register by calling or stopping by the Pediatric Dentistry Front Desk beginning Thursday, March 28 thru Thursday, April 4 between the hours of 8-9 a.m. and Noon-1 p.m. For more information, contact 630-4260/4902.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Kadena High School needed for Volunteer Native Speakers

Kadena High School is seeking volunteer native Spanish and French speakers to engage in conversational practice with students. This is a great opportunity to volunteer and help our students develop their language skills. Civilian attire is appropriate. Military spouses, non-military and civilians are also welcomed to participate in this opportunity. The volunteer

days are Feb. 22, March 29, April 19, May 24. Spanish speaking volunteers are needed 0814-1405 between speaking French volunteers are needed between 0720-1000. You will have the option to sign up for one or multiple time slots. Spanish Speakers sign https:// goo.gl/forms/ cuAEiHdM7lJiBah72 French Speakers sign up: https://

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Come volunteer at "The Wired Bean"

The Wired Bean is a home away from home for our junior enlisted and we need E-4s and above to volunteer to monitor the facility and check out equipment. Please sign up using the link below or email Melissa Rafferty for more information at rafferty515@yahoo.com.

















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Guacamole

1-2-12 Mihama, Chatan Town OPEN: Wednesday-Sunday 11:00-20:00 (Monday & Tuesday Closed)





1-5 Miyagi, Chatan Town OPEN: 11:30 -22:00 (L.O. 21:45) Offir expires on 9/31/2019 (\$/¥ CASH)







902 Toguchi, Kitanakagusuku Village OPEN: 11:00-17:00 (.0.1000) (Sunday Closed) Offer explice on 3/31/2019 (* CASH)







2-198 Miyagi, Chatan Town OPEN: 8:00-21:00 Offer expires on 9/31/2019







2-23-1 Oyama,



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497-1 Furugen, Yomitan Village





1-11-24 Chatan, Chatan Town LUNCH: FRI/SAT/SUN 11:00-15:00 DINNER: 17:00-22:00









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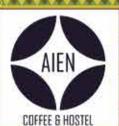




1-16-9 Kitamae, Chatan Town OPEN: 9:00-18:00 Offer expires on 3/31/2019 (S/W) VISA









6-9 Minato, Chatan Town OPEN: 7:00-23:00
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