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18th Wing Public Affairs

2/1/2019 — As part of the Air Force Fitness intiative, Airmen can be found virtually anywhere on base taking time to exercise. In order to shake things up for service members in pursuit of their fitness goals, the 18th Wing Force Support Squadron is hosting a "Quidditch Tournament", February 9th, at the Risner Fitness Center.

The tournament comes during 18th FSS's "Month of Magic" campaign throughout February, which will include a Nighttime Academy at the base library, Kneazle Adoption at the Karing Kennels facility and Wizards Ball at the Officer's Club. During the tournament, players will come together to learn the basics of Quidditch in a friendly competition, while taking care not to prevent any unauthorized broom takeoffs.

"Month of magic is our first campaign highlighting what we will, hopefully, make a new tradition and carry on each year," said Briana Slagle, 18th FSS account executive. "We are highlighting the

Month of Magic to pay homage to the Harry Potter series, help our service members add an interesting element to their fitness routine, and get some atten-

tion to other parts of the base."

Slagle reports that players will also be sorted into their respective houses before the tournament.

"FSS facilities have gathered together to create an unforgettable glimpse into the wizard world through experiences," said Melissa Kowaluk, 18th FSS Venture Magazine editor. "There's something for everyone to enjoy."

In J.K. Rowling's fictional works, Wizards receive their acceptance letter into Hogwarts at age 11. In keeping with this wizarding tradition, participants for some events, such as Nighttime Academy, are limited to age 11 or older.

"Events like this get service members from every demographic involved," Slagle said. "The entire community has a chance to come together and benefits as a whole."

For more information, visit kadenafss.com/venture, or call the Risner Fitness Center at 634-5128.

Camp Kinser and Torii Station host Okinawa Governor



U. S. Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Christopher McPhillips, deputy commanding general of III Marine Expeditionary Force, thanks Okinawa Governor, Denny Tamaki with a hand shake during a tour on Camp Kinser, Jan. 31.

By Lance Cpl. **Nicole Rogge**

Marine Corps Installations Pacific 1/31/2019 - CAMP KINSER U.S. Marine Corps and Army officials in Okinawa hosted Prefectural Governor Denny Tamaki for his first official visits to U.S. military installations since being elected governor.

Governor Tamaki visited Camp Kinser and Torii Station to meet with US military leaders and officials from the Okinawa Defense Bureau and to receive information about efforts to consolidate and relocate US military facilities in the southern part of Okinawa as part of the bilaterally agreed-upon Okinawa Consolidation Plan.

"We were pleased to host Governor Tamaki today and to show him some of the progress being made towards Okinawa consolidation," said Brig. Gen. Christopher A. McPhillips, deputy commanding general for III Marine Expeditionary Force. "It was also an opportunity to reinforce our commitment to being good neighbors as we fulfill our Alliance

commitments to Japan."

The governor received windshield tours at both installations so that he could see firsthand some of the facilities that will be shut down on Camp Kinser and relocated to Torii Station. Officials at Camp Kinser also showed the governor some of the progress already made there, including a portion of land at the Makiminato Service Area along Route 58 that was returned early to the Government of Japan on March 31, 2018.

The United States and Japan are committed to the Okinawa Consolidation Plan of April 2013, as part of an effort to reduce the U.S. military footprint on Okinawa while retaining the necessary operational capability for Japan's defense. The plan is conditions-based and outlines the exact sequencing of steps required for U.S. forces to return land and facilities in Okinawa.

Governor Tamaki thanked U.S. military leaders at Camp Kinser and Torii Station for supporting his visit and sharing information about U.S. forces in Okinawa.

CIENCES CORPS WEEK



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Capt. Suzanne Romeo, 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron operational optometry chief, conducts an eye exam on Airman 1st Class Praise Butler-Davis, 18th AMDS optometry technician, Jan. 11, at Kadena Air Base.

By Staff Sgt. **Micaiah Anthony**

18th Wing Public Affairs

2/1/2019 — Across the Air Force Airmen in the biomedical sciences corps dedicate countless hours to ensure the health and welfare of the force. To recognize their accomplishments and raise awareness for these unsung heroes the Air Force has dedicated the week of Jan. 28 through Feb. 1, as the U.S. Air Force Biomedical Sciences Corps Week.

The BSC mission is to provide allied health support to retires, civilians, service members and their dependents.

"Our career field is a widely competitive category for officers," said Maj. Richard Caballero, 18th Medical Support Squadron

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Lt. Gen. Schneider takes command of U.S. military in Japan

By Gunnery Sgt. Derek Carlson

2/5/2019 - YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Kevin B. Schneider assumed command of United States Forces Japan and 5th Air Force from Lt. Gen. Jerry Martinez before a crowd of U.S. and Japanese service members, Government of Japan officials, dignitaries and community leaders during a ceremony here, Feb. 5.

U.S. Navy Adm. Phil Davidson, commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command presided over the U.S. Forces Japan change of command and U.S. Air Force Gen. Charles Q. Brown Jr., commander of Pacific Air Forces, presided over the 5th Air Force change of command.

Davidson recognized the two outstanding leaders and acknowledged the ironclad U.S.-Japan Alliance.

"At the heart of (the) Japan-U.S. Alliance are the amazing Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen," Davidson said. "They stand ready to deter our adversaries and fight and win should deterrence fail, in order to safeguard our interests and preserve our way of life."

Brown also expressed his gratitude and trust in both commanders as they prepared to execute the change of command.

"This is a special day for Pacific Air Forces as we transfer responsibility to lead 5th Air Force and honor two outstanding Airmen ... Airmen that I've personally known for over 20 years," said Brown. "To be called upon to lead Airmen at this level



U.S. Navy Adm. Philip S. Davidson, commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, (left), prepares to transfer command of United States Forces Japan from U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen Jerry P. Martinez, (center), to U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Kevin B. Schneider (right), at Yokota Air Base, Feb. 5. Schneider previously served as the chief of staff, United States Indo-Pacific Command.

is a humbling responsibility, and today's ceremony reminds us of the service, sacrifice, and dedication we share as Airmen serving our great nation."

In his final address to the 54,000 men and women of U.S. Forces Japan, Martinez recollected the hard work and dedication of USFJ to enhance regional security and strengthen the U.S.-Japan Alliance through the execution of joint, multilateral exercises, and close coordination with the Japanese government. But he also left the people of Japan with a heartfelt message.

"As I leave here, I can say I'm proud to have been the commander," said Martinez who will retire after 33 years of service. "But the thing that I'm truly proud of, and that I will tell everybody in the world is, I'm proud to have lived in the great country of Japan."

Schneider previously served as the Chief of Staff of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command. He is a command pilot with more than 3,800 flight hours and 530 combat flight hours during operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

No stranger to Japan, Schneider reflected on some of his memories as a child, when his father was stationed in Yokosuka as a naval officer.

"Some of my earliest memories as a kid were living in Japan - living in Nagai specifically, running around in local villages, seeing the local sights, traveling with my family and just being exposed to the amazing culture." Schneider would later return to Japan a second time as a young captain flying F-16s at Misawa Air Base and recalled his close relationships with his Japan Air Self-Defense Force partners.

Not wasting any time, Schneider addressed the importance of the U.S.-Japan Alliance, training and readiness and the evolving security challenges in the region.

"Because of the clear threats to peace and security in this region,

we must maintain the highest levels of readiness to respond at a moment's notice to any threat, to any crisis, to any humanitarian disaster," remarked Schneider. "Our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen give the United States a vital forward-deployed capability that deters aggression, aids in Japan's defense, helps strengthen partnerships with other countries in the region, and enhances regional peace and security."

For more than 60 years, the U.S.-Japan Alliance has been the cornerstone of stability and security in the Indo-Pacific and will continue to play that role in the future.

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Naha and Kadena Airmen foster goodwill at 2018 JAAGA Awards

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1st Lt. Antoinio Arnold, 18th Operation Support Squadron chief of intel readiness, receives an award from Mr. Shigeru Iwasaki, Japan-America Air Force Goodwill Association president during the 2018 JAAGA Awards Ceremony Jan. 31. Arnold was recognized for his outstanding skills in a Japan-U.S. defense conference, the Bilateral Leadership Officer Group and the Koku-Jieitai English Competition.



U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Omari E Airmen from the Japan Air Self-Defense Force's Naha Air Base and U.S. Air Force's 18th Wing pose for group photo with Japan-America Air Force Goodwill Association members after the 2018 JAAGA Awards Ceremony Jan. 31, at Naha Air Base. Leadership from Naha Air Base and the 18th Wing came together to recognize the accomplishments of their Japan-America Air Force Goodwill Association awardees and the importance of partnership during the 2018 JAAGA Awards Ceremony.

Srig. Gen. Case Cunningham, 18th Wing commander, recognizes the accomplishments of the JAAGA awardees and the importance of partnership during a speech at the 2018 JAAGA Awards Ceremony Jan. 31, at Naha Air Base



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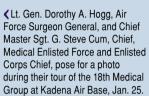
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Surgeon General of the Air Force visits Team Kadena





▲ Lt. Gen. Dorothy Hogg, Air Force Surgeon General, speaks with leadership from the Camp Foster Naval Hospital, Jan. 25. The leaders spoke about the importance of joint readiness during their various stops that included the Neo Intensive Care Unit, Phlebotomy, and Trauma Care.

(U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Michael Jones

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deputy commander. "We encompass a variety of Air Force specialty codes ranging from physical therapists to lab officers."

For the U.S. Air Force the BSC consists of professionals in aerospace and operational physiologists, audiologists, bioenvironmental engineers, biomedical laboratory officers, clinical psychologists, clinical social workers, dietitians, health and medical physicists, medical entomologists, occupational therapists, optometrists, pharmacists, physical therapists, physician assistants, podiatric surgeons and public health officers.

"We catch all those gaps in the medical care that you don't often think about from

testing the water to filling your prescriptions and drawing your blood for your lab work," added Caballero. "We're a wide breadth of allied health professionals."

Officers in the BSC often rely on enlisted members and technicians to help accomplish their mission.

"They are the "tip of the spear," exclaimed Maj. George Diaz, 18th Medical Group Diagnostics and Therapeutics Flight commander. "Their great attention to details and superb work ethic ensure accurate lab results, which helps in the proper diagnosis and treatment of our patients."

Diaz also expressed great joy and a sense of accomplishment in his daily

"Being able to cultivate a cadre of lab professionals, both military and civilians, who would go on to lead the future of biomedical science in the healthcare settings, research and development, and operational medicine is the best part of my job," added Diaz.

This week is in honor of the 2,400 BSC officers and 6,800 enlisted members and civilians across the Air Force dedicated to serving our nation by keeping its war fighters in optimum health.

> > Capt. Andrea Tidd, 18th Medical Services Flight commander and physician assistant, demonstrates how to conduct a joint mobility test on Deana Ladd, 18th Medical Group registered nurse, Jan. 23, at Kadena Air Base Physician assistants are one of several positions in the Biomedical Sciences Corps.



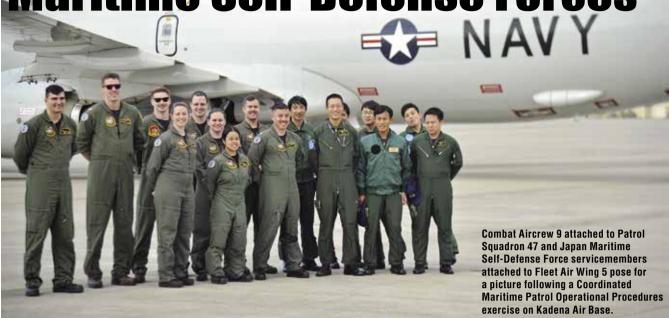


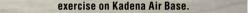






VP-47 conducts joint maritime patrol operations with Japan **Maritime Self-Defense Forces**







Lt. Zach Alcairo, Patrol Squadron 47 Combat Aircrew (CAC) 9 Mission Commander, delivers a preflight brief to CAC-9 and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force servicemembers attached to Fleet Air Wing 5 during a Coordinated Maritime Patrol Operational Procedures exercise.



Aircrewman (Operator) 3rd Class Amy Keller, attached to the "Golden Swordsmen" of Patrol Squadron 47, conducts flight operations during a Coordinated Maritime Patrol Operational Procedures exercise with JMSDF servicemembers attached to Fleet Air

By Petty Officer 1st Class Kevin Flinn

Patrol Squadron 47 Public Affairs 1/31/2019 — The "Golden Swordsmen" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 47 participated with Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force's (JMSDF) Fleet Air Wing (FAW) 5 in a coordinated maritime patrol operational

procedures (CMPOP) exercise, Jan. 29.

"This joint training was an exciting opportunity for VP-47 to work with the JMSDF to reinforce and to continue to build relations with our host nation's military," said Lt. Zach Alcairo, VP-47 Combat Aircrew (CAC) 9 mission commander.

The exercise further demonstrates

military-to-military coordination, while enhancing relations between the U.S. Navy and the JMSDF's maritime patrol and reconnaissance communities. During the exercise, VP-47 and FAW-5 service members employed a Mk 39 expendable mobile anti-submarine training target, emphasizing CMPOP Japan turnover procedures.

(U.S. Navy photos by Mass Co

"This was an incredibly smooth event," said Lt. Cmdr. Meredith Trezvise, commander, Task Group 72.2 tactics officer. "Both crews executed the briefed plan and tactics as discussed, facilitating seamless turnovers throughout the on-station period. This was an outstanding event, overall, and I hope more of our crews get the experience over the remainder of deployment."

nunication Specialist 1st Class Kevin A. Flinn

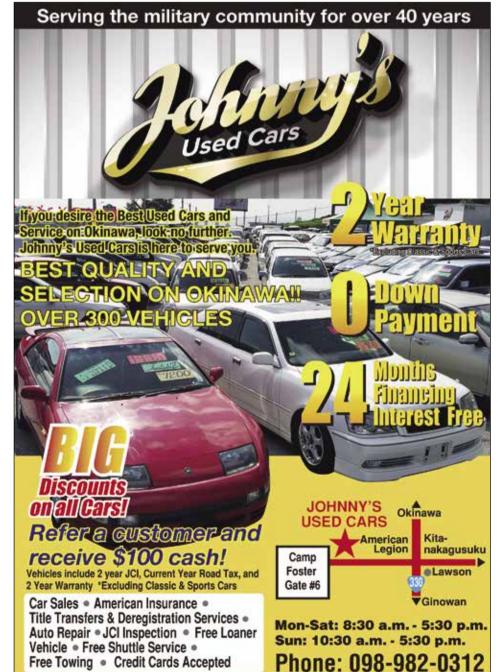
The exercise included a P-8A Poseidon and a P-3C Orion. VP-47 is a P-8A Poseidon squadron. The P-8A Poseidon is the U.S. Navy's premier long-rang, anti-submarine warfare platform. The P-3C Orion is one of the JMSDF's current maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft in service today.

With two dissimilar aircraft involved in prosecution on-station, VP-47 and FAW-5's successful bilateral training stressed anti-submarine and anti-surface operations.

The event proved to be a great learning experience and demonstrated how good planning can improve interoperabil-

ity and alleviate potential communication barriers," said Lt. Shane Lewis, VP-47 CAC-9 tactical coordinator. "We were very impressed with FAW-5's professionalism and proficiency on station and look forward to more opportunities like this in the future."

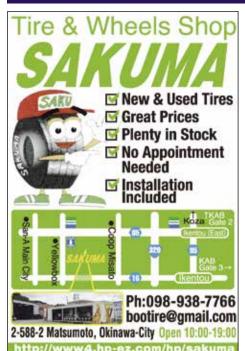
The "Golden Swordsmen" are currently deployed to Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance and theater outreach operations within the U.S. 7th Fleet (C7F) area of operations in support of Commander, Task Force 72, C7F, and U.S. Pacific Command objectives throughout the Indo-Pacific region.



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Air Force ends promotion testing for E-7 and above

By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

2/4/2019 - ARLINGTON, Va. — The Air Force announced today it is removing the Weighted Airman Promotion System testing requirement for active-duty promotions to the grades of E-7 through E-9, beginning this fall with the 2019 E-9 promotion cycle.

The memo, signed Jan. 31, 2019, removes the phase one requirement for senior noncommissioned officers to test for promotion, allowing promotion boards to identify the best qualified Airmen to promote into the senior noncommissioned officer corps.

Prior to the policy change, promotions were conducted through a two-phase process. Phase one consisted of a Promotion Fitness Exam and Specialty Knowledge Test, while phase two consisted of a central

evaluation board.

"We continue to transform talent management across the force," said Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services. "This adjustment focuses on performance being the driving factor we consider when selecting our senior noncommissioned officers. It also continues our work toward increasing transparency and making our processes simple."

The Air Force will use a promotion board process similar to the board process used by officers.

"We trust this board process will continue to give senior leaders and commanders the greatest level of confidence that the right individuals are being selected for promotion to the top enlisted ranks," said Chief Master

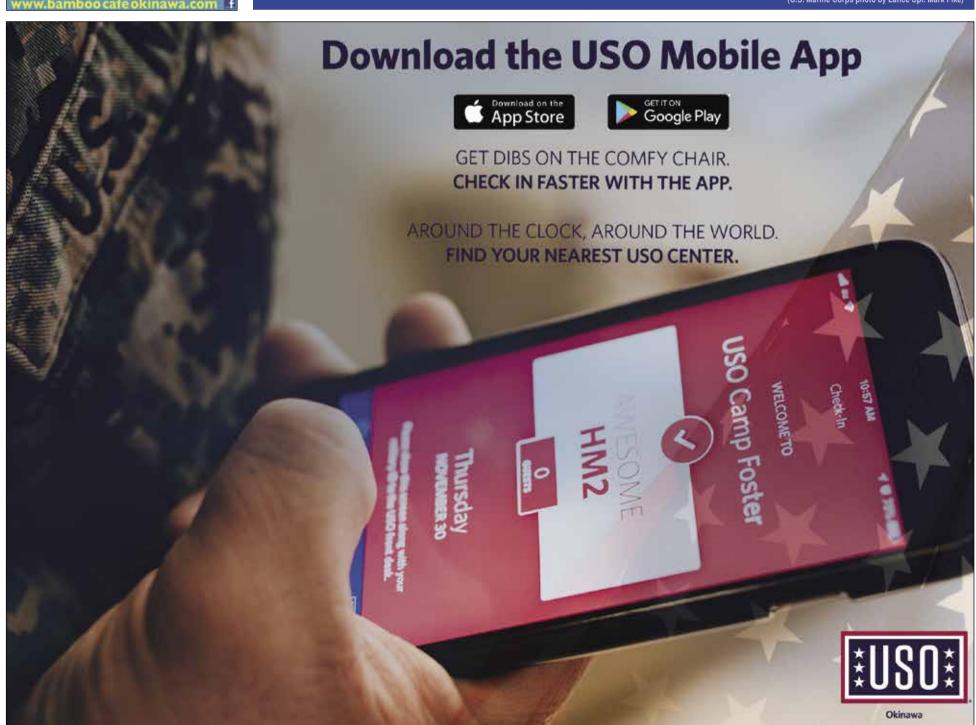
Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright. "We found that removing the testing portion will eliminate any possibility that Airmen without the strongest leadership potential might test into promotion, while also ensuring that our strongest performers continue to earn the promotion they deserve."

Promotion boards will continue to score records using the current scoring process as well as reviewing the last five years of evaluations and all awards and decorations. Decoration points will no longer be utilized because the board will be considering all decorations during its review and scoring records accordingly.

Additional guidance will be published in an upcoming Air Force guidance memorandum or revised Air Force instruction after the last evaluation board is completed.







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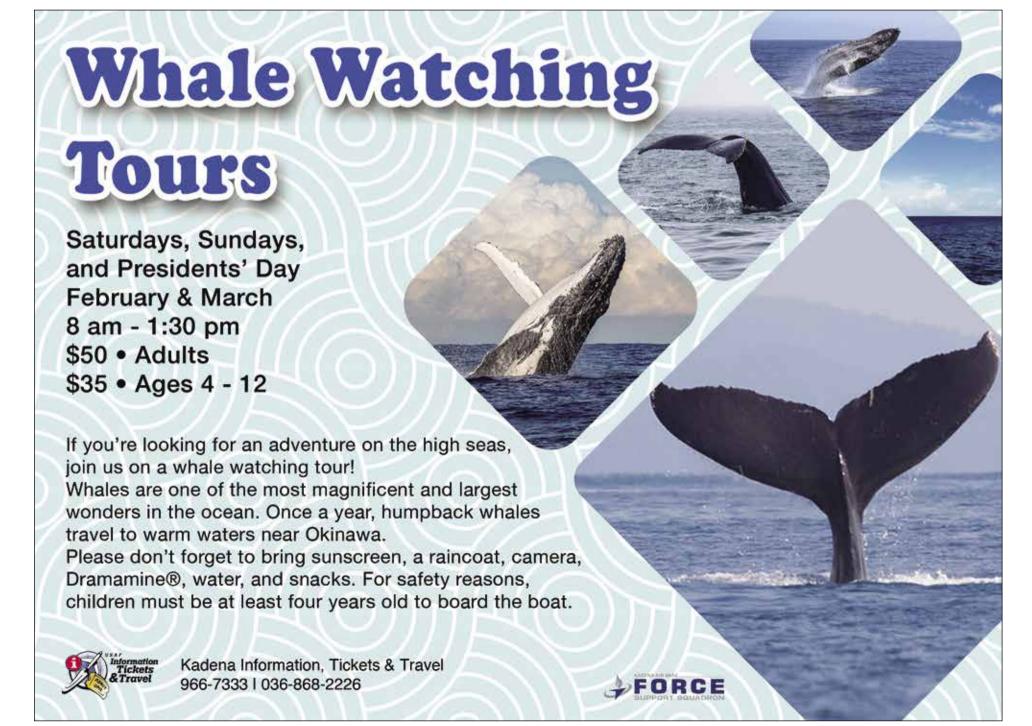
Rear Adm. Fabry tours Fleet Activities Okinawa Post Office



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Fabry was in Okinawa
to tour Navy Munitions
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Rear Adm. Kristen Fabry (left), director, Logistics, Fleet Supply and Ordnance, U.S. Pacific Fleet, talks with Logistics Specialist 1st Class Golfried Kitivi, assigned to Fleet Activities Okinawa. Fleet Activities Okinawa supports the full spectrum of Navy operations on Okinawa, and its major tenant commands are Commander Task Force 76, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3 and Patrol and Reconnaissance Force 7th Fleet.



By Lance Cpl. Krysten Gomez

Marine Corps Installations Pacific

1/30/2019 - CAMP HANSEN — Service members with the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force, command sergeants major course visit the Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Jan. 30, on Camp

The annual event was held to educate the JGSDF Command Sergeants Major Course staff about Marine Corps military education and to share common challenges senior leaders face.

"During the SNCOA visit, we were able to improve ourselves as JGSDF Senior Enlisted Leaders while exchanging ideas with the Director and the Deputy Director" said Warrant Officer Toshio Sanuki, 4th CSMC student leader, with JGSDF. "One teaching method, to make an environment in a classroom where you can speak in a relaxed way in discussion or group work was very helpful when we consider problem solving."

Marine Corps senior enlisted and JGSDF members discussed ethics, educating leaders, and rank structure. For the first time in four years JGSDF members taught Marine Corps senior enlisted about their own military education.

This visit was the JGSDF leadership's fourth visit to the SNCOA in Okinawa.

JGSDF Command Sergeants Major course visits Okinawa Staff NCO Academy



3rd MLG Marines with Bulk Fuel Co. assemble fuel farms



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

By Lance Cpl. Armando Elizalde

3rd Marine Logistics Group

2/4/2019 - CAMP HANSEN — Marines with 2nd Platoon, Bulk Fuel Company, 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group assembled fuel sites at Central Training Area, Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

The training ensured that the bulk fuel specialists remained proficient with their techniques, tactics and procedures. Staff Sgt. Bradley Hoffman, the platoon sergeant for 2nd Plt., Bulk Fuel Co., said the unit came out to the Central Training Area to further enhance their training and readiness events.

'This week we are working with 6.5 miles of hose reel so we can bring our simulated fuel inland to whatever resources are needed out there," said Hoffman.

During the exercise, Marines used water to simulate petroleum products from a central lake where they pulled product from a notional barge. The bulk fuel specialists quickly set up modular systems in several locations widely dispersed around the CTA.

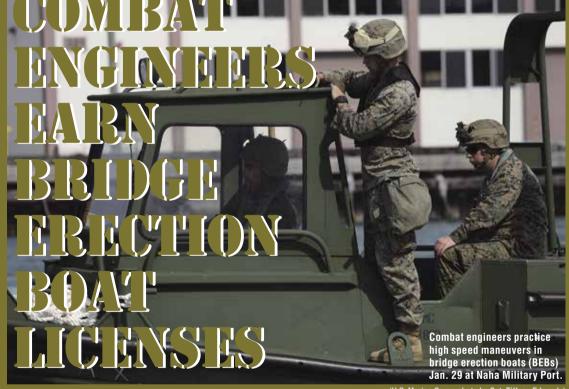
"We like picking these austere environments to challenge the Marines," said Hoffman. "Up hills, down hills and rocky terrain, it's not something simple like back at the warehouse."

Bulk Fuel Co. trains in the field regularly to remain ready to support 3rd MLG and III Marine Expeditionary Force in expeditionary environments.

"We support the MEF and MLG however they need us as a ground support element," Hoffman said. "When the mission comes down from them, we jump on the opportunity to set up in a moment's notice."

The Marines also patrolled lines from site to site to ensure proper liquid flow with no leaks or stoppages. If a cut or hole in the line was found, the Marines rushed to stop the leak while others provided security, working around the clock to ensure that the mission was completed despite long hours and hard labor.

"They've done a really great job," Hoffman said. "They push each other, helping one other up and down the ranks, just to get the mission accomplished."



By Sgt. Tiffany Edwards

3rd Marine Logistics Group
2/1/2019 - NAHA — Engines roared and calm blue water churned white as boats cruised under the bright Okinawa sun. Marines in groups of three piloted small green boats across the quiet industrial port, practicing elaborate patters of turns, spins, lateral movements and sudden stops.

Combat engineers with Improved Ribbon Bridge (IRB) Platoon, Bridge Company, 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group practiced piloting bridge erection boats (BEBs) Jan. 29 at Naha Military Port. The Marines, series of maneuvers at the port in order to attain

"We're practicing maneuvers in the boats that allow us to move bridge bays into place during rafting and bridging operations," said Cpl. Malon Johnson, a combat engineer with IRB Plt., Bridge Co., 9th ESB, 3rd MLG. "I'm out here working to earn my license with the rest of the Marines."

BEBS are used to move and connect Improved Pible or Bridge (IRB) have which is a testical bridge.

Ribbon Bridge (IRB) bays, which is a tactical bridging system that can span an across wet gaps, which are bodies of water, greater than 100 meters or can function as a raft to ferry vehicles and equipment across larger bodies of water.

The boat operators can use the BEBs to push individual IRB bays across bodies of water to get initial supplies and equipment to the opposite shore, then line up and connect the bays to create a sturdy bridge for units to transport across with the

rest of their vehicles and equipment.

"The BEBs are highly maneuverable, highly agile and can move a significant amount of weight," said 1st Lt. Daniel Asheim, the commanding officer of IRB Plt., Bridge Co. "As we license new BEB operators, we ensure we are mission capable by maintaining depth in our personnel readiness as well as taking the time to operationally check and maintain our gear."

The boat operator licensing process begins with classroom instruction periods and written test, then the combat engineers move to Naha Military Port to complete the practical application portion

'The practical application portion of the test starts with basic maneuvers, such as starting the boat and conducting preventative maintenance checks and services," Asheim said. "From there, we move into more advanced maneuvers such as crab-walking, which is moving the boat laterally across the water.

According to Asheim, training the Bridge Co. combat engineers to think and react quickly provides an invaluable skill set to the unit as well as the III Marine Expeditionary Force area of operations.

"This licensing functional exercise really sets a baseline for readiness for our platoon, making sure we have licensed operators at all times," Asheim said. It provides a mobility asset to [III Marine Expeditionary Force] and the MLG that allows us to foster logistics across a [body of water]. IRB operations and employment really benefits III MEF as

Exercise Cobra Gold



(U.S. Marine Corps photos by Lance Cpl. Kenny Nunez) U.S. Navy 1st Lt. Pamela Foss teaches students from the Ban Man Kroi School about nutrition during exercise Cobra Gold 19 at Ban Man Kroi School, Rayong, Kingdom of Thailand, Feb. 5. Foss is a Dietitian/Nutritionist with the Cooperative Health Engagement team from U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Autumn Williams, Left, and Petty Officer 3rd Class Jamarcus Bell, Right, help hand out backpacks to the students from the Ban Man Kroi School during exercise Cobra Gold 19 at Ban Man Kroi School, Rayong, Kingdom of Thailand, Feb. 5. Williams, a native of Poca, West Virginia and Bell, a native of Orlando, Florida are builders with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3.

By U.S. Embassy & Counsulate in Thailand

1/30/2019 - BANGKOK, Thailand — The 38th iteration of the annual theater security cooperation event Exercise Cobra Gold 2019 is taking place February 12 to February 23, 2019 at various locations throughout the Kingdom of Thailand.

Cobra Gold is one of the largest theater security cooperation exercises in the Indo-Pacific and is an integral part of the U.S. commitment to strengthen engagement in the region.

Exercise Cobra Gold will improve the capabilities of participating nations to plan and conduct combined and joint operations; build relationships

among participating nations across the region; and improve interoperability over a range of activities, including enhancing maritime security, preventing and mitigating emerging disease threats, and responding to large-scale natural disasters.

This year's exercise will consist of three primary events: a staff exercise, humanitarian civic assistance projects, and a field training exercise that includes a variety of training events to enhance interoperability and strengthen regional relationships. There will be up to 29 nations either directly participating in or observing CG19, with approximately 4500 U.S. personnel directly participating both ashore and afloat.

Marines, Sailors complete simulated HADR mission with **JGSDF** service members



A service member with the 15th Brigade, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, speaks with Marines and Sailors with Combat Logistics Battalion 31 during a simulated Humanitarian Assistance-Disaster Relief mission at White Beach Naval Facility, Feb. 1. CLB-31 provides security, logistics, transportation, and HADR support as the Logistics Combat Element for the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. Exchanges provide opportunities for III Marine Expeditionary Force Marines and Sailors, and JSDF personnel, to observe training of their counterparts in order to increase mutual understanding and interoperability.



Lt. Cmdr. Todd Ruttenberg. an emergency medicine physician with Combat Logistics Battalion 31, and Lt. Cmdr. Cameron Mathie, an emergency nurse, cross-train with medical personnel with service members with the 15th Brigade, JGSDF during a simulated HADR mission at White Beach Naval Facility,

Cpl. Alec Pease, a landing support specialist with Combat Logistics Battalion 31, watches as vehicles and supplies roll off a landing craft during a simulated HADR mission at White Beach Naval Facility, Feb. 1.



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Road Closure for portion of FH Smith Dr. from intersection of Schreiber Ave to Bldg. 3135 until 31 Mar., 2020.

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

Kadena Base Library Closure

Kadena Base Library will be closed on Feb 17 for the Okinawa Marathon and on Feb 18 for the federal holiday. During this time, the online library resources will still be accessible via the library's card catalog, which is linked from the Kadena FSS web site, and via the AF Portal under the "Library & Resources" tab.

INFORMATION 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:

- 5 8 February: Tues Fri 0900-1130 & 1300-1400 (Drop off for simple returns only)
- · 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.

1. Portions of Omaha Ave will be closed on Feb 1 to construct AFSOC airfield pavement. This

closure is permanent as airfield pavements are to be constructed over the existing road area. The fire training site will remain accessible from Omaha Ave. Traffic will be redirected through Pease Rd and Stethem St. with detour signs posted on site.

2. Stalhecker Street will be closed as of Feb 1 to allow construction of new road (Stalhecker extension) providing access to this area of base. Anticipated opening for the extended Stalhecker Street is Nov 1.

3. The construction area will be barricaded with temporary fences and the contractor will be setting road closure and detour signs redirecting traffic.

18th Wing Equal Opportunity

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

How to File a Complaint with IG

If you believe you are unable to resolve your complaint through supervisory channels, you may seek IG assistance to determine if the complaint should be filed with the IG. You can file a complaint if you reasonably believe inappropriate conduct has occurred or a violation of law, policy, procedures, or regulation has been committed. Complete the personnel data information on an AF Form 102 and briefly outline the facts and relevant information related to the issue or complaint. List the allegations of wrongdoing briefly, in general terms and provide supporting narrative detail and documents later, when interviewed by an IG person. Allegations should be written as bullets and should answer who committed the violation; what violation was committed; what law, regulation, procedures, or policy was violated; when did the violation occur. Help is available: Call your Kadena IG office at 634-7622 for Maj Sarabia, 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.

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.

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

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.

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** Wisconsin Corporation, 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.

Apollo Night & 80s 90s Party!

The African-American Heritage Council will be hosting Apollo Night & 80s 90s Party, this will be a talent show with an 80s 90s theme and party afterwards! Tickets: \$20 advance,\$25 at door, food will be available. Prizes for best dressed individual and group. Rocker NCO Club Ballroom, Kadena, 17 Feb, 1800-2200 President's Day Weekend. If you have any questions, please contact TSgt Mallory Johnson, 630-4524 or

TSgt Jamie Armstrong @634-2220

Operations Group Warrior Banquet Golf Tournament **Fundraiser**

The Operations Group Warrior Banquet Golf Tournament Fundraiser is a four person team scramble with prizes, you can also sign up to participate as a heckler. The event will take place Friday, Feb.

15 at 0700L at the Banyan Tree Golf Course. Contact SSgt. Cody Desmarais for questions at

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 28th thru Thursday, April 4th between the hours of 8-9 a.m. and Noon-1 p.m. For more information, contact 630-4260/4902.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Volunteers needed for 2019 Okinawa Marathon

Volunteers are needed to provide water and cheer on runners at stations along the base route on Kadena Air Base during the 2019 Okinawa Marathon Feb. 17. Those interested are encouraged to attend a meeting Feb. 13 at 2:30 p.m. in the Keystone Theater (Bldg. 446). If you are going to volunteer as group, you can send one representative to the meeting. For sign-up or more information, email to shoko. tamaki.jp@us.af.mil or call at DSN 634-4142.

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.





Find Your Exchange Food Trucks at a Location Near You Today! 8-Feb 1100-1400 KAB Flightline Nukumi Kitchen 9-Feb 1100-1700 KAB Concession Mall Nukumi Kitchen 1100-1700 Foster Main Store 9-Feb Triple A 10-Feb 1100-1700 KAB Concession Mall Triple A Old Spices 10-Feb 1100-1900 Foster Main Store 11-Feb 1100-1400 KAB Concession Mall Triple A Nukumi Kitchen 11-Feb 1100-1400 KAB Flightline 12-Feb 1100-1400 KAB Flightline Café Shiyu de Pokko 12-Feb 1100-1400 Torii Express Nukumi Kitchen 13-Feb 1100-1400 KAB Flightline **Old Spices** 14-Feb 1100-1400 KAB Flightline Café Shiyu de Pokko 14-Feb 1100-1700 Torii Express Old Spices MALL

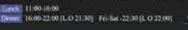




















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Hours:11:00-21:00 Closed irregularly *









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Artwork by

local surfers from Hawai'i Accessories

Accessories, including tracelets by Lily and Laura, Lino Hau, Alex and Ani and others



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