

F-35 multilateral conference sets stage for operational integration in Indo-Pacific



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Hailey Haux)

By Staff Sgt. **Hailey Haux**

Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs 3/15/2019 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — TF-35 subject matter experts from the United States, Australia, Japan and the Republic of Korea met to improve 5th and 4th generation aircraft theater interoperability during the second Pacific F-35 User Group Conference, here, March 12 -14.

More than 80 personnel from the four nations discussed bed down and strategic concepts, operations, logistics and sustainment topics, all building on the success of the March 2017 F-35 Symposium.

"This conference provides a great opportunity to work with our allies to strengthen our interoperability with 5th and 4th generation aircraft as these airframes start to become more prominent in the region," said U.S. Air Force Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., Pacific Air Forces commander. "Improving interoperability between our forces and helping allies increase their capabilities works to deter aggression, maintain stability and ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific."

This year's theme "operational integration in the Indo-Pacific" focused on security, interoperability, training, simulators and logistics information systems.

As the presence of the F-35 increases in the Indo-Pacific, future multilateral exercises will enhance 5th generation aircraft interoperability and integration, as well as agile command and control across the full spectrum of combined warfighter opera-

"It's how we take advantage of all the capabilities we have in the region," said Brown. "The F-35 will bring a full spectrum of capabilities to us and will be a critical part of joint and coalicurrently has F-35Bs based at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, and Eielson Air Force Base is projected to house future F-35A squadrons starting in 2020. The U.S. Air Force last deployed F-35As to the region in 2017, with the 34th Fighter Squadron from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, going to Kadena Air Base, Japan, for a six-month deployment.

The F-35's advanced technologies and sensors, in conjunction with other multi-domain systems to collect, fuse, and distribute information will lead to unprecedented battlespace awareness, survivability, and lethality in future highly contested environments.

"Right now we have all the right people in the right place at the right time," Brown said. 'With that we can address change, identify areas that require additional work, and initiate measurable progress to close gaps. As we posture for the future, remember that we're stronger and more effective when we work together."

JASDF, USAF host bilateral weapons load training



ISR Pacific AF tours VP-47 P-8A Poseidon



(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Kevin A. Filmn)
Col. Thomas Dobbs, Director, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Air Force Pacific, right, speaks with Lt. Bryan Marden, left, Patrol Squadron (VP) 47 Combat Aircrew Two Mission Commander, during a tour of a P-8A Poseidon aircraft, March 12. 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.

VP-47 visits Iwo Jima



Lt. Matthew Kelly, left, assigned to the "Golden Swordsmen" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 47, speaks during a reenlistment ceremony at the memorial on Mount Suribachi, lwo To, March 14. The memorial is to the flag raising during Battle of Iwo Jima on top of Mt. Suribachi. It reads: "Among the Americans who served on Iwo Jima, uncommon valor was a common virtue." — Nimitz. Dedicated to those who fought here by the Island Command AGF. Erected by the 31st USNCB. Old Glory was raised on this site 23 February 1945 by members of the Second Battalion, 28th Regiment, Fifth Marine Division.

Air Commandos gather for 75th anniversary of Operation Thursday

By Senior Airman Caleb Pavao

1st Special Operations Wing Public Affairs 3/5/2019 - HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. — Hundreds of Air Commandos marked the 75th anniversary of Operation Thursday during a commemoration ceremony at the Hurlburt Field Air Park, March 5.

Operation Thursday was an unorthodox operation in which the first Air Commandos worked alongside British "Chindits" to insert thousands of troops behind enemy lines during World War II.

"Long before Operation Iraqi Freedom, long before Bosnia, long before Desert Storm, Just Cause, Desert One, Son Tay, there was Operation Thursday," said Lt. Gen. Brad Webb, the commander of Air Force Special Operations Command. "Operation Thursday is acknowledged as the first allied air invasion in military history. [It] laid the capstone for what is AFSOC today."

The ceremony hosted several WWII veterans including:

- Retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Richard Cole, who served as a C-47 Skytrain pilot
- Retired U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. William Cartwright, who served as an enlisted Stinson L-5 Sentinel pilot

• Retired Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Patt Meara, who served as a B-25H Mitchell gunner

"We continue this legacy today and every day," said Webb. "Air Commando veterans, you are our pathfinders. You are us."

Five types of 1st Special Operations Wing aircraft participated in individual flyovers at the ceremony. Each aircraft has unique capabilities that pay homage to the original aircraft flown by the first Air Commandos.

"This is a legacy of facing the unknown, overcoming fears, and overcoming challenges with adaptability and innovation," said Webb.

Air Commandos and British "Chindits" traveled more than 200 miles to insert more than 9,000 men, 1,000 mules, and 250 tons of supplies behind Japanese lines in Burma. Operation Thursday marked the first time in history that all casualties were successfully evacuated from behind enemy lines.

"It is in these moments, Air Commandos, when unforeseen circumstances threaten failure," said Webb. "It is in these moments, in particular, that Air Commandos prove their worth."



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Joel Miller

U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Brad Webb, left, commander of Air Force Special Operations Command, attaches the distinguished unit citation streamer to the 1st Special Operations Wing guidon during a commemoration ceremony in honor of the 75th anniversary of Operation Thursday at Hurlburt Field, Florida, March 5.

The operation is often considered to be the catalyst that pioneered the elite warfighting force that is AFSOC.

"Operation Thursday provided concepts that you and I have perfected over the years and execute on a daily basis around the globe," Webb said. "We share, at a fundamental level, the same attitude, the same spirit, the same character as the men of the 5318th [Provisional Group (Air)] and now the 1st Air Commando Group."

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AMC EXTENDS OSPREY CAPABILITIES

By Staff Sgt. Luke Kitterman

27th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs

3/15/2019 - CANNON AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. — CV-22 Osprey aircraft, assigned to the 20th Special Operations Squadron, performed Tactical Air-Refueling missions with a KC-10 Extender aircraft March 7-11, over the Southwest region of the U.S.

The KC-10 crew, assigned to the 6th Air Refueling Squadron, traveled from Travis Air Force Base, California, to rendezvous with the Osprey aircraft at an altitude of approximately 10,000 feet where they conducted multiple TAR missions.

"We are very familiar with our own Air Force Special Operations Command counterparts and have a habitual relationship of getting fuel from them," said Lt. Col. Charles Mauzé, 20th SOS commander. "So when we have a chance to train with Air Mobility Command aircraft like the KC-10, we jump at the opportunity because that type of asset provides a whole new set of capabilities for us."

The increase in capabilities is directly related to the KC-10's capacity to hold a large amount of fuel. Between the six different fuel tanks designed into the frame, the aircraft can hold more than 350,000 pounds of fuel – more than seven times the

holding capacity of the MC-130J Commando II aircraft, the familiar AFSOC counterpart Mauzé spoke of.

However, the process of giving and receiving fuel is not universal throughout the different airframes which explains the crucial role this training provides between the two major commands.

"The refueling happens at a considerably lower speed and lower altitude compared to other receivers," said Senior Airman Mason Wells, 6th ARS boom operator. "As a result, the propellers from the CV-22 tend to create an air buffer between themselves and the aft portion of our aircraft, which makes it feel like they are pushing us out of a level flight path and moving us around. To say the least, it is a very different feeling."

That different feeling is not only felt by the tanker and boom operator but by the Osprey pilots as well.

"Air refueling differs from aircraft to aircraft which is why it's important to conduct this training so our pilots familiarize themselves with the different procedures associated with the KC-10," Mauzé said. "Factors such as the air flow behind the tanker feeling different and the change in altitude are dynamics our pilots need to experience and be aware of. Basically, when we have to perform it down range for a real mission, we want our



pilots to think, I've done this before, I know how it feels."

According to Mauzé, that's ultimately what the purpose of this training comes down to: To have proficient air refueling in a deployed location so that the capabilities of the CV-22 aircraft can be performed longer and more frequently knowing they have the security of a gas station flying overhead.

Those abilities were on display as the 20th SOS also performed Combat Search and Rescue training, low-level water training, rescue winch hoist training and operating the .50-caliber GAU-21 as a ramp-mounted weapon system.

All that was possible in a day's workload with the fuel provided by the tanker. Its vital role is known by its members who take

(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Luke Kitterman)

pride in providing a unique asset to the Air Force's priorities and lethality.

"Our training only further demonstrates the importance and the necessity of the KC-10, proving yet again that our capabilities as an aircraft to deliver fuel, cargo, and personnel simultaneously are unmatched by any other asset in the Air Force inventory," Wells said.



Making a difference through daily acts of inclusion HIMARS Embarkation

By Maj. Ebony D. Haney

51st Communications Squadron 3/15/2019 - OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea — As we continue to celebrate diversity throughout the year, this month's focus is on celebrating women for all the contributions made to further and advance our society.

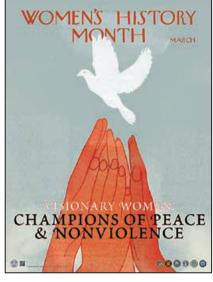
While there is a certain positive aura behind being a minority and female within the world's greatest Air Force, the struggle is still truly real for many of our teammates, especially women.

According to December 2018 DoD Personnel and Workforce reports, women make up 16.6 percent of active duty Air Force members. While the stats may point to an alarming amount of underrepresentation, unheard voices, and untapped potential, we should all pause and think about how we're encouraging diversity and inclusion for the women on our teams as we go about our daily interactions.

Women have unique perspectives and help facilitate diversity and better use of skill sets.

What makes the U.S. Air Force the greatest military is our diversity and ability to critically think, evolve and adapt to change in innovative ways.

In an effort to change the things that detract from diversity



and inclusion, we should reflect on and celebrate how Air Force heroes have trail blazed successful paths for women.

Gen. Janet Carol Wolfenbarger was the first woman to achieve the rank of a four-star general in the Air Force. Chief Master Sergeant Dorothy "Dottie" Holmes was the first African-American female to reach the highest enlisted rank and the first female to serve over 30 years and be assigned to the Air Force Academy. Maj. Gen. Marcelite J. Harris was the first female aircraft maintenance officer, director of maintenance and one of the first to command at the Air Force Academy.

All three women were able to overcome overwhelming chal-

lenges and cultural detractors to pave the way for better opportunities for future generations.

We should consider how culturally acceptable acts such as the use of offensive slogans and chants and the sale of unit coins and patches that portray women as disgraceful and unprofessional are detractors from diversity and the work that these female giants worked so hard to advance.

In a world where body shaming, depression and low self-esteem are potential killers for women, it can be tough to take a stand and speak up to change things that are culturally acceptable, yet do not belong.

If we truly want to foster more diversity and infuse inclusion, we must keep breaking down barriers and uneasiness to build up stronger individuals and teams. We should take the time to help build confidence in young girls and teach our youth how to work in diverse environments. We should welcome new ideas, perspectives and encourage people to stay involved and engaged as critical thinkers.

When it's all said and done, the ultimate goal should always be to foster environments that facilitate a commitment to better our communities and Air Force culture with mutual respect and dignity for all, every day.



A U.S. Marine with Sierra Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment helps guide the driver of a M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System towards an C-130 on Kadena Air Base, March 13. The Marines were preparing to participate in Expeditionary Advanced Base Operations.



U.S. Marines with Sierra Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division prepare to load an M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System into an C-130 on Kadena Air Base, March 13.









What is a TRICARE Qualifying Life Event?

By TRICARE.mil Staff

3/12/2019 — Every year during TRICARE Open Season, you can enroll in or change your TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select health plan. But did you know that outside of TRICARE Open Season, you can only enroll in or make changes to your TRICARE PrimeA managed care option available in Prime Service Areas in the United States; you have an assigned primary care manager who provides most of your care.TRICARE Prime (including the US Family Health Plan) or TRICARE SelectStarting on January 1, 2018, TRICARE Select replaces TRICARE Standard and Extra. TRICARE Select is a self-managed, preferred provider network plan. TRICARE Select is a fee-for-service option in the United States that allows you to get care from any TRICARE-authorized provider. Enrollment is required to participate. TRICARE Select plan following a Qualifying Life Event (OLE)? A QLE is a certain change in your life, such as marriage, birth of a child, change of address, or retirement from active duty. Different TRICARE health plan options may be available to you and your family members after a QLE.

Options Following a QLE

Following a QLE, you and your family members have three options depending on your situation: · If you wish to continue your current coverage following a QLE and remain eligible for your current health plan, you don't need to take action. Your coverage will continue uninterrupted.

· If you want to make a change to your health plan enrollment, you have 90 days following the QLE to make any eligible changes.

· If you're eligible for TRICARE but not enrolled in a TRICARE plan, you have 90 days following the QLE to enroll in a health plan. If you or your family members aren't enrolled in a health plan and don't enroll in one within 90 days of a QLE, you'll only be eligible for care at a military hospital or clinic if space is available.

Remember, a QLE for one family member creates a QLE for all family members.

Examples of QLEs

What counts as a QLE? There are different types of TRICARE QLEs, including military changes, family changes, and government-directed changes. Many of them revolve around changes in job, location, or family status. Some common examples of TRICARE QLEs include:

Change in sponsor status that results in ineligibility to continue existing coverage. This includes retiring from active duty, separating from active duty, activating, or deactivating.

Change in family composition. This includes getting married or divorced, giving birth, adopting a child, placement of a child by a court in a member's home, and more. Moving. This includes moving to a new state, a new Zip code (plus four), a child moving away to college, and more.

Losing sponsor or family member eligibility. This includes when a Retired Reserve member turns 60 or when the sponsor or any dependent turns age 65, and become eligible for Medicare.

To see the full list of QLEs and examples, go to the Qualifying Life Events section on the TRICARE

What to Do Following a QLE

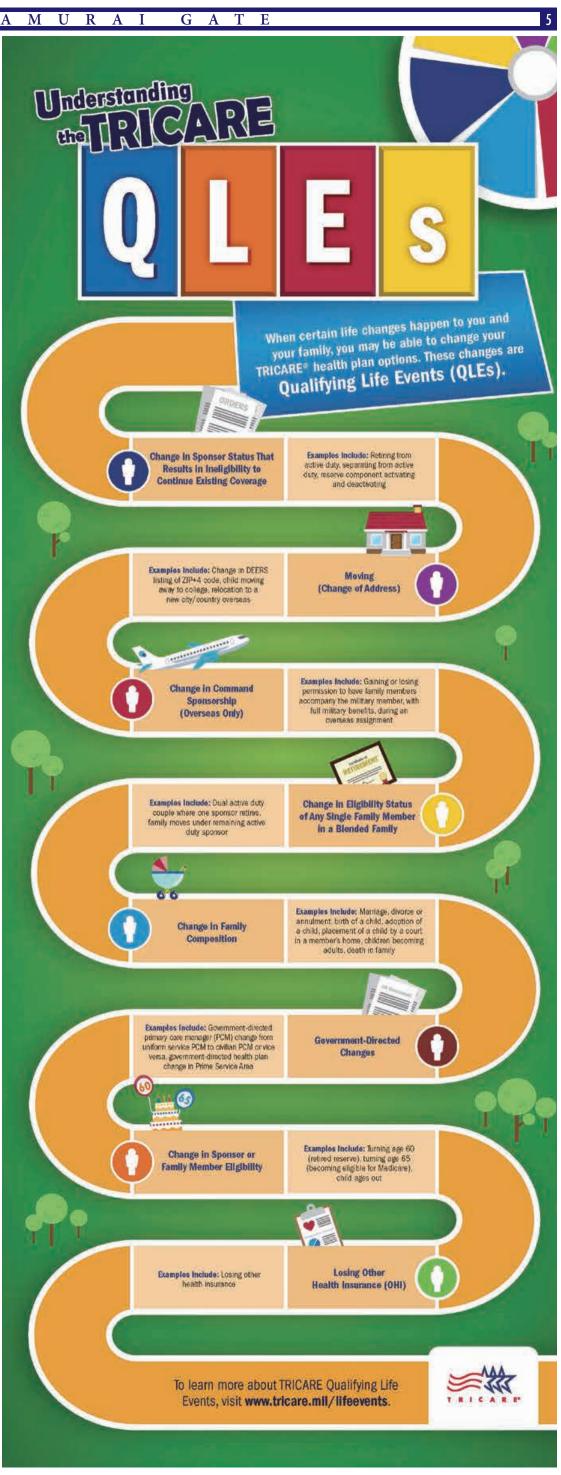
With any QLE, the first step is to update your or your family member's information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). You must update DEERS before you contact TRICARE to make the change. Depending on your QLE, you may need to provide official documents, like a birth or marriage certificate, to update DEERS. Find your nearest ID card office and call ahead to make an appointment or to verify which documents you need to bring.

Once your change shows in DEERS, you can then enroll or change your TRICARE coverage. You may make eligible health plan enrollment changes online, by mail, or by phone. Enrollment must be within 90 calendar days of the date of the QLE. Coverage starts on the QLE date. Enrollment fees, if required, begin on the QLE date, not the date the enrollment request is submitted. Once you enroll, your TRICARE regional contractor can confirm your enrollment.

Making Enrollment Changes When You Don't Have a QLE

If you and your family don't experience a QLE, you can only enroll in or make changes to your TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select health plan during the annual TRICARE Open Season. QLE and open season enrollment rules apply only to TRI-CARE Prime and TRICARE Select. Premium-based plans (TRICARE Reserve Select, TRICARE Retired Reserve, TRICARE Young Adult, and the Continued Health Care Benefit Program) offer continuous open enrollment throughout the year. However, keep in mind that certain QLEs may mean you or your family members may become eligible for TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select (for example, when a Selected Reserve member is called to active duty for more than 30 days).

Life changes are inevitable. When they occur, your TRICARE health options may change too. Knowing how to navigate QLEs with TRICARE can help you take command of your health and the health of your family this year. For more information about QLEs and the impact they may have on you or your family, visit Qualifying Life









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Marines with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit's Maritime Raid Force stand for a safety inspection before a military free-fall jump during simulated Expeditionary Advanced Base Operations, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, March 11

DoDDS-Pacific high school footballers team up to win eighth annual Tomodachi Bowl

By Dustin Perry

U.S. Army Garrison Japan Public Affairs 3/14/2019 - CAMP ZAMA, Japan — At the first of only two practice sessions his team gets before the Tomodachi Bowl, a football game between American high school and Japanese first-year college players, Team USA Coach Tim Pujol does not start with passing drills or by running plays.

"The very first thing I do is tell the players the story of exactly how this game came to be so they understand they're a part of something important that goes beyond competition," said Pujol. "We remind them why we play."

Team USA handily beat Team Rising Sun 23-3 in the eighth annual matchup, thanks largely in part to the five turnovers their opponents gave up March 10 at Naval Air Facility Atsugi's Reid Stadium, but both sides shook hands after the game, assuredly aware of the friendship and bilateral solidarity the game represents.

Beginning in 2010, the best players from Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Pacific high schools in Japan, Korea and Guam had been selected to represent the United States in an exhibition game against Japanese under-19 players in what was then named the Camellia Bowl. The Kantoh Collegiate American Football Association had organized the game as a way to promote American football in Japan.

The second annual Camellia Bowl was scheduled to be played March 12, 2011. The day prior, Pujol and his team met for what was supposed to be their first practice session. That changed at 2:46 p.m.

"We were getting ready to take the field, and that's when the earthquake hit," said Pujol.

That was of course what came to be known as the Great East Japan Earthquake, a magnitude 9.0 quake that struck 70 kilometers east of the Tohoku Peninsula and triggered a follow-on tsunami that devastated a huge stretch of Japan's eastern coastline. The twin disasters resulted in nearly



(U.S. Army photo by Dustin Perry)

16,000 deaths, more than 6,000 injuries, and more than 2,500 missing persons.

In the aftermath of the disaster, U.S. Forces Japan organized a multinational rescue and relief effort known as Operation Tomodachi, the Japanese word for "friend." The following year, the Camellia Bowl was renamed the Tomodachi Bowl to honor the great relationship the United States and Japan have with each other, Pujol said. The game has been played each year since then on the weekend closest to the anniversary of the earthquake.

"This is an opportunity for our players to make some new friends; to interface with their host nation in a different kind of way," said Pujol. "Also, it's quite an honor for them to be selected to represent their school at this event. All of those things make [this game] special."

A crowd of more than 2,000 people filled the bleachers at Reid Stadium, eager for the start of the game, which was replete with all the pomp and pageantry of a college- or professional-level bowl. Naval Air Facility Atsugi Commander Capt. Lloyd Mack and former Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso presided over the pregame ceremonies, which included a Navy color guard and the 7th Fleet Band performing

the U.S. and Japanese national anthems. Aso made the coin toss, and Team USA kicked off shortly after.

On their first possession, Team Rising Sun picked up some early yardage, moving the ball all the way to the 11-yard line. Team USA was able to hold them, however, and their opponents were forced to settle for a field goal. This ended up being the only points either team would put on the board until near the end of the first half.

Team USA scored twice in the last 2 minutes and 30 seconds of the second quarter, both times as a result of turnovers by the Team Rising Sun offense. The first was an interception by Sh'voda Gregory Jr. of Humphreys High School at Camp Humphreys, Korea. This led to a touchdown run by running back Eric McCarter of Kadena High School on Okinawa.

Team Rising Sun again lost the ball on their next possession, this time with an interception Hadyn Guiste of Kinnick High School at U.S. Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan, snatched from the air and ran for yardage. McCarter later scored again, this time with a 9-yard run to finish the half.

The Team Rising Sun defense held their opponents on a few key first-down conversion attempts and actually slightly outpaced Team USA on return yards, but they continued to struggle with opportunities on offense. Pushed back near his own team's end zone, quarterback Kohei Ogawa of Daito Bunka University could not get rid of the ball in time before getting sacked, leading to a safety and two more points for Team USA.

Nicholas Canada, a quarterback from Zama American Middle High School at Camp Zama, Japan, lauded his teammates' intuitive playing on both sides of the field.

"I think once we got that first interception and then got the touchdown, that's when things started to mesh," said Canada. "And our defense really stepped up with five turnovers. They made us able to score most of our points."

Two more of those turnovers came during the third quarter—another interception from Gregory Jr., and one from Kinnick wide receiver Kaine Roberts. Pujol said he knew his defense was capable of pressuring Team Rising Sun into turning the ball over, but what impressed him was the offense's ability to translate those opportunities into points.

"In a 2 minute and 15-second span, we took the ball away three

times and scored twice," said Pujol. "Going into halftime, that gave us so much momentum and confidence."

Already ahead by a practically insurmountable margin late in the fourth quarter, Team USA had no need to do anything spectacular, but Humphreys running back David Key went ahead and obliged them anyway.

Team Rising Sun had possession and were well within scoring position. Quarterback Yuta Sasaki threw a beautiful pass, but Key snatched it from the sky at the 9-yard line and barreled his way down the field, avoiding a few defenders and relying on his team to block the rest, finding his way into the end zone for a 91-yard scoring run.

While Pujol said he was not surprised by the stellar performance from his team, he admitted there are challenges to coaching players from different schools who may come to the field with different styles and rhythms unique to their respective teams. What makes them successful, he said, is their ability to make the most out of their limited practice time and come together as a unit.

"These kids, because they come in here with a great football IQ, they pick it up so fast; it's truly amazing," said Pujol. "The huge game plan that we [initially] have, we cobble it down to two or three things that we do really well and then we just emphasize and focus on those."

Even after time expired and the scoreboard read "23-3," it was difficult to tell who were the winners, because the American and Japanese players were celebrating, laughing and snapping selfies with each other, sharing on the field the spirit of friendship and camaraderie this game represented.

"These outstanding young individuals are both athletes and scholars," Mack said in his pregame remarks, "and as they represent their school in a friendly game on the football field, we hope that this ... is a stepping stone to greater cooperation and friendship between our two countries in the years to come."

NMCB-3 Seabees marksmanship qualification





Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 3 fire M-4 rifles during a marksmanship qualification course onboard Camp Courtney Marine Corps Base, March 12.

Christopher Manero and Equipment Operator 3rd Class Musselmanarthur, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 3, hang a target during a marksmanship qualification course onboard Camp Courtney Marine Corps Base, March 12.

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Marine Corps Base Hawaii

3/13/2019 - MARINE CORPS BASE, Hawaii — U.S. Airmen with the 442nd Fighter Wing descended on Marine Corps Base Hawaii in February to conduct various training exercises across the Hawaiian Islands.

The fighter wing, stationed out of Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, worked alongside III Marine Expeditionary Forces to improve combat strength and joint service effectiveness between the two branches.

"Our objective here focused on packing up and deploying to Pacific region environment," said Chief Master Sgt. Aaron McRoberts, the deployment superintendent with the 442nd Fighter Wing. "Working alongside the Marine aircraft was a unique experience and any issue we had, they were more than happy to help."

The fighter wing conducted various training exercises such as escorting MV-22B Osprey aircraft with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 268 and a forward arming and refueling point exercise where fuel was shared to an A-10 Thunderbolt II attack aircraft increasing flight times.

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Todd Riddle, the commander of the

303rd Fighter squad, 442nd Fighter Wing, said the unit has deployed multiple times to the Middle East, but the U.S. Air Force is pushing towards more training in the Pacific.

"The U.S. Air Force wants to see more Agile Combat Employment and this is the first time we were able to employ ourselves here," he said. "Starting from nothing, we were able to work our way up to improving our joint service effectiveness with the Marines. They were able to setup various live fire exercises for us, while we provided combat search and rescues and escorts."

Agile Combat Employment,



or ACE, is the U.S. Air Force's approach to ensure forward deployed forces are ready for a potential contingency with little notice.

One of the training events took place at the Pohakuloa Training Area, combining close air support from A-10 Thunderbolt II Warthog fighter aircraft with UH-1Y Venom and AH-1Z Viper helicopters assigned to Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367.

Riddle said the training provided a better understanding of how U.S. Marine Corps aircraft operations are conducted and how his squadron can be implemented into the Marine Air Ground Task Force.

Nearing the end of the month, U.S. Marines with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and VMM-268 coordinated with the 442nd Fighter Wing to simulate a downed pilot rescue on MCBH. Warthog fighter aircraft provided aerial security while Ospreys extracted the pilot.

"Being able to work with Ospreys was a unique experience and working with U.S. Marines in general only makes us more of a lethal force in readiness. We collectively figured out a game plan to combine our assets and skills, and at the very end of the training shows how much we grew together."





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The 18th Medical Group TRICARE Plus program will re-open for enrollment on March 15. TRICARE Plus is an optional cost-free coverage for primary care services at military hospitals. It allows eligible beneficiaries access to primary care at a higher priority then space available; however, it does not cover specialty care. All referrals for specialty care services will not be covered and are the responsibility of the member. Additionally, if you are enrolled in TRICARE Plus at USNHO it will not transfer to the 18th Medical Group.

How can I enroll to TRICARE Plus?

- · Present to TRICARE front desk at Kadena
- · Complete TRICARE plus screening application packet
- · Allow 14 days for approval or disapproval notification

Apply now while there is availability!

Kadena Legal Office new operating

The Kadena Legal Office will have new hours starting on April 1.

Walk-in Legal Assistance: Mon & Wed: 0900-100 / Thurs: 1400-1500

Power of Attorney/Notary Services: Mon-Fri 0830-1600

Wills (Appointment Only): Tues: 1300-1400 Please call us at DSN: 634-3300 Visit our legal assistance website at Https://aflegalassistance.

New Community Bank Hours

Beginning March 11, Community Bank operating hours for the Kadena Military Banking Facility

Monday - Thursday: 0900-1600 / Friday: 0900 - 1700 / Saturday: 0900 - 1300. For any questions, please contact the Banking Center at DSN 634-6810. For product and services information, please visit our public website at www.DoDCommunityBank.com.

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

The Kadena Base Library will be closed on Friday, March 29 for staff training and development. 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 Think Before You Drink

Did you know there have 15 SOFA members caught drinking and driving in 2019. Don't become a statistic. Think before you drink. Don't drive - call a ride.

For a safe ride home call these numbers: Kadena Taxi at 098-970-8888(option 8) / Panda Taxi (off base) 098-937-8989 / Daiko 098-932-4035

Kadena and Camp Foster Emergency Numb

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

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

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 Tax Center

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: · Feb. 18 - June 14: 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: May 27, 28. 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.

Public Affairs Photo Studio

The Public Affairs photo studio is open Mon. - Thurs. from 9 - 11 a.m. and 1 - 4 p.m. Appointments are available in half-hour increments. Award, bio or package submission photos are scheduled Mon. - Wed. Full length photos are only available on Thursday. Official Passport photos are by appointment only until further notice, Mon. - Fri., and require a letter from your UDM or the passport office. For questions or to schedule, please call 634-3813.

UPCOMING EVENTS Bataan Memorial Death March

The annual Bataan Memorial Death March is scheduled for April 6 beginning at 0600 on

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Kadena Air Base. The start point will be at the base theater. The march is an 8.5 Mile run/walk/ ruck around Kadena Flight line, with awards given to top finishers in 8 different categories (Male and Female rucks (No weight, +15-34lbs, +35lbs) and a team category. The event is free, so sign up here https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/5080d44aeaa2aa6f49-2019, come out and remember those who had to make the Bataan Death March. For more information contact Tech. Sgt. Christopher Anderson at 634-6466 or christopher.anderson.36@us.af.mil

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Womens History reading at Kadena **Elementary School**

We're looking for volunteers to support Women's History by volunteering to read to students at Kadena Elementary School. Volunteers are needed for the following time slots. · Kindergarten-1130 · 2nd Grade-1030 · 3rd Grade-1015 · 4th Grade-0915. The reading will focus on Extraordinary Women. For more information or to volunteer contact TSgt. Jazmine Miller at 634-8822 or email jasmine. miller@us.af.mil.

Seeking Earth Day Volunteers We would like to have Volunteers to help out

our Kadena Community, both on and off base. If you have something special in mind, we are open for suggestions, or if you want to volunteer for other activities, we have other events plan to include: Jungle Clean-ups, donation collection, Beach Clean-ups, and more! Please contact Mr. Robert Lewis at 634-4038 for more information or to volunteer.

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 appropria te. Military spouses, non-military and civilians are also welcomed to participate in this opportunity. The volunteer days are March 29, April 19, May 24. Spanish speaking volunteers are needed between 0814-1405. French speaking volunteers are needed between 0720-1000. You will have the option to sign up for one or multiple time slots. Call for more info 634-1216 or email: Jason.Gusler@ pac.dodea.edu

Kadena High School Football **Program**

The Kadena High School football program is looking for volunteers that would like to help with its weightlifting program. Volunteers would be assigned one day a week from Feb

25 through May 25, to come in and monitor the prescribed workout for correct form, effort and safety. There would be no more commitment than one day per week for about 60-80 minutes per day unless the volunteer would choose to do more. The workouts would last from 1420-1540 on Mondays through Fridays. Volunteers would motivate the athletes through their workouts, helping students write down their weight/sets/reps in their logs, and ensure proper form and safety. The students will be on a prescribed program but extra activities could be added if they finish early or feel that they could benefit from more exercises. This will be great opportunity for community members to earn volunteer hours and resume experience. If you are interested, please contact Coach Mendoza at sergio.mendoza@pac.dodea.edu. A volunteer packet and background check will be required.

STEAM Day presenters

Bob Hope Primary School will host our annual STEAM Day on April 24 from 0830-1430. We are looking for volunteers to present 25 minute sessions in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM). Your audience will be students in Kindergarten, First Grade and Second Grade. For more details or inquiries, please contact Deborah.fussell@pac. dodea.edu

Kadena Middle School Military Mentor Monday

Kadena Middle Shool is looking for mentors who are willing and able to assist/support middle school students in academics and ageappropriate social interactions. "The intent of the Military Mentor Monday Program or (MMMP) is to build an on-going relationship between our local military community and DoDEA schools as well as provide positive role models to the students" (Pacific South Continuous School Improvement, 2019). This will take place at KDMS in various locations on the campus. Volunteers are needed every Monday to assist between 0730-1430. To volunteer please contact Ms. Traci Cooper at Traci.Cooper@dodea.edu or call 632-0217



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