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## AWWA hosts Friendship Social on Camp Butler



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

The Kadena Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Color Guard presents colors as the Ryukyu Middle School choir sings the Japan and U.S. national anthems during the American Woman's Welfare Association (AWWA) and Marine Officers' Spouses' Club Okinawa Friendship Social on Camp Butler, March 2.

**By Lance Cpl. Nicole Rogge**

Marine Corps Installations Pacific 3/3/2019 - CAMP BUTLER

— Guests took their seats as Kadena's Junior Reserve Officer' Training Corps Color Guard marched to the center floor with Ryukyu Middle School choir standing silently in the background preparing to sing Japan's and U.S.' national anthems March 2 during the American Woman's Welfare Association and Marine Officers' Spouses' Club Okinawa Friendship Social on Camp Butler.

The social is held each year to celebrate the organizations who received grant funds and provide awareness about AWWA to both the U.S. and local communities.

"The philanthropy demonstrated by the organizations

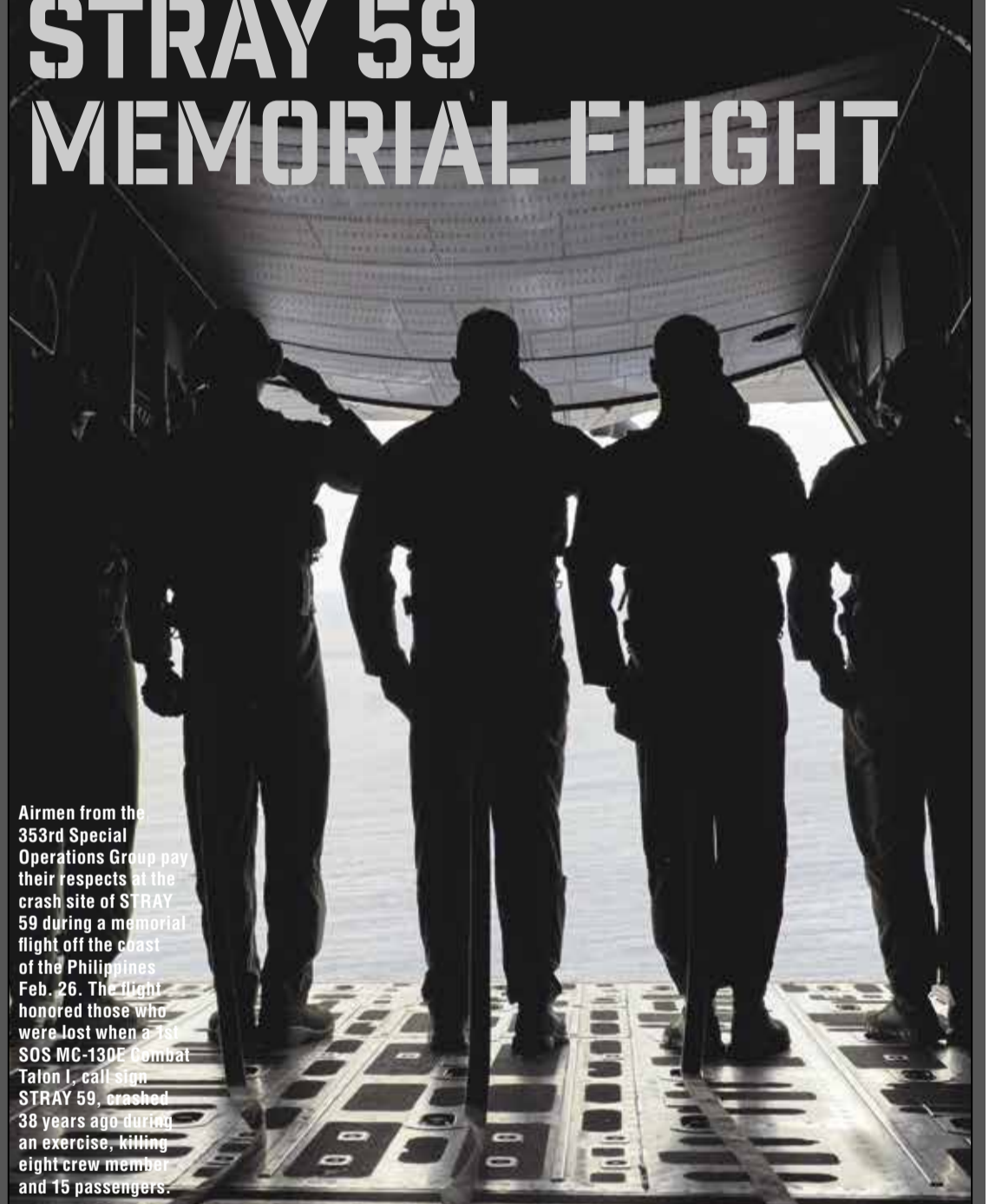
gathered under the AWWA banner play a special role in showing American dedication to our host nation community," said Brig. Gen. Paul Rock Jr., the commanding general of Marine Corps Installations Pacific, Marine Corps Base-Camp Butler, Japan.

AWWA is made up of five member clubs: Marine Officers' Spouses' Club Okinawa, Navy Officers' Spouses' Club Okinawa, Kadena Officers' Spouses' Club Okinawa, Okinawa Enlisted Spouses' Club, and the Marine Thrift Shop.

"Sometimes I fight back tears just thinking about the difference we make in the lives of those who would never even expect the help," said Natasha Harth, the president of AWWA. "It's such a good feeling, and I

**READ AWWA on PAGE 7**

## 1ST SOS PERFORMS STRAY 59 MEMORIAL FLIGHT



Airmen from the 353rd Special Operations Group pay their respects at the crash site of STRAY 59 during a memorial flight off the coast of the Philippines Feb. 26. The flight honored those who were lost when a 1st SOS MC-130E Combat Talon I, call sign STRAY 59, crashed 38 years ago during an exercise, killing eight crew member and 15 passengers.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Matthew B. Fredericks)

## JASDF Cadets visit Team Kadena



Japan Air Self-Defense Force Air Officer Candidate School cadets, instructors and 1st Lt. Chandler Bishop, 44th Fighter Squadron F-15C Eagle-fighter pilot, pose for a photo together in front of an F-15 Feb. 28, at Kadena Air Base. During their tour, the cadets gained a better understanding of the operations and mission of the 18th Wing on Okinawa.

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

# Leveraging theater assets for long term sustainability



An M984A4 Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck (HEMTT), also known as the wrecker vehicle, is being lowered onto a Landing Craft Utility (LCU) 2010 at Naha Military Port Okinawa, Jan. 25.

(U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Nancy Lugo)

## By 1st Lt. Clark Chen

94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command

3/5/2019 - KADENA AIR BASE

— For the Army's only forward stationed Patriot Missile System Maintenance Company in Japan, the Soldiers of Echo Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment (1-1 ADA), has had to take a holistic look at sustainment not only in Japan but also throughout the US Indo-Pacific Theater to support the warfighters.

The result has been an intra-theater sustainment partnership that includes South Korea, Japan, Guam and Hawaii, which in turn has saved \$2,000,000 to date with millions in cost savings forecasted in the next five years.

The Soldiers of Echo Co. have managed to leverage assets within the theater to blaze a path for long-term sustainability while saving the Army millions of dollars in manpower and repair parts.

"We utilized Army Landing Craft Utility assets to offset logis-

tical cost sharing," said Capt. Eric Torrescarovich, commander of Echo Co. "We've shipped multiple HMMWVs [High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles], U.S. Army 5-ton trucks, forklifts and other equipment for a total of 34 pieces of rolling stock and 24 Missile Training Canisters to Material Sustainment Command - Korea (MSC-K), a depot level maintenance facility," he added.

Unit leaders quickly started looking at different logistical options to replace aging equipment that was starting to regularly breakdown, which ate up valuable man-hours and costs.

"At the tactical level we focus on providing direct support to the battalion, but we had to take a look at the 'Big Picture' and say 'Who is providing support to us,'" said Torrescarovich.

"As Gen. Perna [Gen. Gustave F. Perna, commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command] has mentioned in the past, we at the unit level need to recognize and understand the link between tactical and strategic sustainment

capabilities and that relationships matter in building and sustaining those links so that we can build an enduring presence in the Indo-Pacific Theater," he added.

With Echo Co. leadership in the lead, working and establishing relationships with U.S. Army Materiel Command, 10th Support Group, 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command and 8th Theater Sustainment Command was critical.

"We're able to synchronize and establish the vital coordination of water vessels, port space, port off-loading operations, and line hauls to and from MSC-K," said Chief Warrant 2 Binyam Mengestu, Maintenance Automotive Technician with 1-1 ADA.

"The 94th AAMDC [Army Air and Missile Defense Command] G-4 section pushed for support and funding from 8th TSC which secured the opportune lifts on the watercraft saving the battalion \$300,000 in transportation costs," he added.

The established relationships

## Defense Logistics Agency operations



(U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Cynthia Belio)



Defense Logistics Agency fuels distribution system mechanics perform a periodic receipt strainer cleaning operation after a tanker receipt Feb. 28, at Camp Courtney. The DLA Energy's mission is to provide the Department of Defense and other government agencies with comprehensive energy solutions in the most effective and efficient manner possible.

Susumu Gima, Defense Logistics Agency fuels distribution mechanic, performs an on-going corrosion control operation Feb. 28, at White Beach.

and teamwork between the units endured the cargo was transported and disposition was conducted correctly.

"Our Soldiers would take care of getting the vehicles from Fort to Port. 10th SG oversaw the transportation and the on load from Port to Port and 19th ESC would get it from Port to Fort in Korea," said Mengestu.

The creation of the relationships was crucial to the success of the mission.

"As we began planning for the mission, we made a concerted effort to travel to Korea to meet face to face with the Deputy Commander of 19th ESC and the MSC-K Director," said Torrescarovich.

We were also able to meet with the J-4 of USARPAC [U.S. Army Pacific] in Hawaii to ensure we had a shared understanding of the mission and the support required to make it a success. Our efforts were then expanded to include sustainment support to our sister unit in Guam, he added.

This operation was no small feat for the Soldiers of Echo Company.

"Overseeing this coordination was a crash course in theater sustainment," said Torrescarovich. I was able to see more of the 'Big Picture' when it came to Army sustainment and will take these lessons with me as I continue my Army career," he added.

The Army and its logisticians must focus on readiness while also establishing sustainability in the US Indo-Pacific Theater.

"When it comes to coordinating support far away from established maintenance depots, cultivating relationships and finding cost savings to the unit and the Army will be the priority in the near future," said Torrescarovich.

In our current environment, Echo Co. stands as a great example of a smaller unit building relationships with other organizations in order to leverage the broader sustainment enterprise for long-term sustainability, he added.

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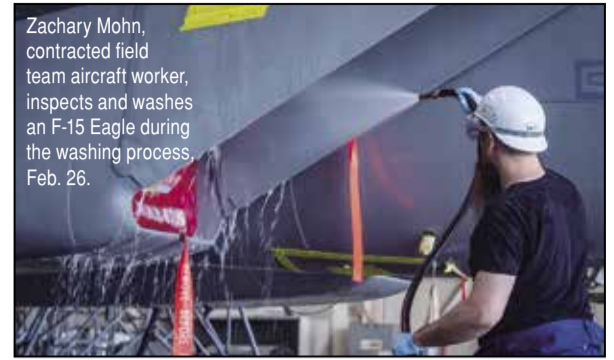
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# CFTs provide clean, corrosive-free aircraft to Kadena Ops



U.S. Air Force contracted personnel inspect, clean and lubricate a KC-135 Stratotanker assigned to Kadena Air Base, Feb. 26.



Zachary Mohn, contracted field team aircraft worker, inspects and washes an F-15 Eagle during the washing process, Feb. 26.



Jon Thomason, contracted field team aircraft worker, lubricates the wing of a KC-135 Stratotanker, Feb. 26, at Kadena Air Base.

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

**By Senior Airman Kristan Campbell**

18th Wing Public Affairs

**3/3/2019** — Here on the island of Okinawa, many who own and operate vehicles have likely heard stories about the island's high corrosion rate. Living in a sub-tropical climate means dealing with weather anomalies such as heavy rainfall, high humidity, typhoons, and high winds — which can spell trouble for aircraft stationed at Kadena Air Base.

To combat corrosion exposure in a highly corrosive environment, Team Kadena has enlisted the help of contracted field teams to service its aircraft fleet. The CFTs specialize in maintaining

airframes and equipment through quality corrosion control, paint touch-ups, refurbishments and lubrication.

"On average, the Department of Defense spends over \$9 billion dollars on corrosion control," said Michael Ward, CFT quality assurance manager. "It's worse on Okinawa, so every aircraft asset owned by Kadena has to be washed at least every 30 days."

Joe Baker, CFT field supervisor, said the 30-day rule factors in harsh environmental aspects such as moisture from the high humidity, and sea salt aerosol carried on wind from the surrounding ocean.

"We also work closely with the AGE

(aerospace ground equipment) and sheet metal shops to maintain aircraft," Baker said.

Since Kadena sports a large airframe inventory, washing the base's entire fleet is a tall order; therefore, the CFT operations are split into two categories between 60 personnel: North side and South side.

Fighter, helicopter and training aircraft are typically washed on the south side, while heavier airframes such as the KC-135 are traditionally serviced on the North.

"It can take eight hours between a 10-12-man crew to wash and lubricate just one of some of our heavies here," Ward

said. "We also have to score the airframes for any deficiencies and spray corrosion prevention compounds on it before it can be passed."

Once an airframe receives a passing score, it can be passed on to resume its normal aircraft operations at the 18th Wing, 353rd Special Operations Group, Navy Commander Task Force 72.2, or one of its associated units.

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# Avalon 2019 comes to an end

By Staff Sgt. Sergio Gamboa

Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

3/2/2019 - VICTORIA, Australia — The Southern Hemisphere's biggest event, the 2019 Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & Defence Exposition (AVALON 19), concluded at Geelong, Victoria, Australia, March 3.

Approximately 130 U.S. military personnel and aircraft participated in AVALON 19 to strengthen military-to-military ties with Australian allies while enhancing relationships with partners in the Indo-Pacific region.

"Building relationships is critical, and coming to these airshows helps us form partnerships, meet counterparts, get more familiar with each other's aircraft and increases our interoperability," said Col. Matthew Nicholson, AVALON 19 U.S. Air Force mission commander. "The world and the Pacific are a big place. If we end up in a major crisis it's unlikely we will be able to do it ourselves. Having an ally like Australia be a part of the coalition makes it a lot easier."

The show featured leading companies and organizations, aerial acts and aircraft static displays from all over the world including F-22 Raptors assigned to the 3rd Wing at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska;

a C-17 Globemaster III assigned to the 15th Wing from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii; a B-52 Stratofortress and RQ-4 Global Hawk assigned to the 36th Wing from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam; an MQ-9 Reaper assigned to 432nd Wing at Creech Air Force Base, Nev.; KC-135 Stratotankers assigned to the 336th Wing at March Air Reserve Base, Calif.; and the P-8A Poseidon accompanied by Sailors from Patrol Squadron 47, deployed to Okinawa, Japan.

"This has definitely been the best year of the show I've experienced so far," said Carrie Gunn, a volunteer at Avalon 2019.

An estimated 200,000 visitors attended the week-long event and had the opportunity to watch the various acts, aircraft displays and interact with military members from around the world.

"Everything we have received from all our Airmen has been great," said Nicholson "All the feedback I've gotten from visitors, foreign military members and the people running the airshow has been nothing short of awesome."

"I want to personally thank all the Airmen for working hard from gate opening to closing," he added. "Everybody looked sharp and did an absolute great job."



(U.S. Navy photo by Aviation Structural Mechanic 1st Class Edward Schafer) Lt. Richard Guevara, Patrol Squadron (VP) 47 Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & Defence Exposition detachment assistant officer in charge, speaks with an Australian servicemember at VP-47's static display during the airshow at Avalon Airport.

# Weapons safety NCO ensures welfare of deployed personnel

By Capt. Anna-Marie Wyant

455th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

3/1/2019 — Staff Sgt. Tomas Gonzalez closely inspects a GBU-54 laser joint directed attack munition in the flightline munitions holding area at Bagram Airfield. He takes some notes, then moves on to the next, and the next, until his inspections are complete.

As the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing weapons safety manager, Gonzalez is responsible for inspecting munitions, assessing the risk of storing explosives in a particular location, helping the wing commander determine the acceptable level of risk and more.

With oversight of 65 explosive site plans and 38 explosive licenses in a combat zone, Gonzalez has his work cut out for him. While the job can be complicated, at the end of the day, he said it's all about safety.

"We try to keep people a safe distance away from a set amount of explosives," Gonzalez said. "My calculations dictate what amount of explosives can be somewhere to cause the least amount of damage possible in case a mishap occurred. It's about saving lives, equipment and aircraft."

To determine the amount of explosives that can be stored in an area, Gonzalez inputs the details into a program and refers to regulations about how far the explosives must be from buildings, people, etc. He then advises leadership about whether an area or the amount of

munitions being stored is safe — or not. As the senior airfield authority, the 455th AEW wing commander bases his explosives-related decisions on Gonzalez's recommendations and risk assessment.

"I'm not here to say no — I'm here to enforce standards and safety requirements," Gonzalez said. "Advising commanders can be intimidating, but that's part of the job."

Gonzalez works closely with joint partners, particularly Army and U.S. Forces-Afghanistan personnel, to ensure munitions are properly stored and handled, thus ensuring everyone's safety.

"This is my first time working with the Army, and they've been really supportive," Gonzalez said. "Having a good relationship with them helps me do my job."

Working in weapons safety for several months at his home station, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, before deploying helped Gonzalez prepare for the fast-paced operations tempo at Bagram.

"Things were happening fairly quickly at home, but then I got here and it was even quicker," Gonzalez said. "Doing the job out here will make me better at doing the job back home. Being here has been a great opportunity to hone my skills and improve my job knowledge."

While he hasn't memorized all the regulations, he knows where to look and continues to learn from researching and doing the job hands-on.

"Sergeant Gonzalez is great for my



(U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Anna-Marie Wyant) Staff Sgt. Tomas Gonzalez, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing weapons safety manager, inspects a GBU-54 laser joint directed attack munition at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, Feb. 22.

team because he tries to leave everything better than he found it," said Lt. Col. Anthony White, 455th AEW chief of safety. "He thoroughly researches every issue and doesn't stop at the first answer he finds. After learning new information, he shares it with the office, making all of us better."

Gonzalez said he gets a lot of job satisfaction knowing he is responsible for ensuring the safety of base personnel and assets. He sees his mission impacts on a daily basis.

"When I site locations to store explo-

sives, then see those explosives being loaded onto aircraft going on combat missions, it's pretty good job satisfaction for me because I know I played a role in that," Gonzalez said. "It's a good feeling."

The 455th Air Expeditionary Wing is the Air Force's premier counterterrorism wing in Afghanistan and supports Operation Freedom's Sentinel and NATO's Resolute Support mission. Headquartered at Bagram, the wing has geographically separated units at Kandahar and Jalalabad airfields in Afghanistan and provides decisive airpower throughout the region.

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# AFCYBER teams with allied partners for XS19

**By Tech. Sgt. R.J. Biermann**

Air Forces Cyber Public Affairs  
3/1/2019 - JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-Lackland, Texas — Operations recently wrapped on Exercise Crossed Swords 2019 in Tallinn, Estonia, which ran Jan. 28 to Feb. 1.

The third annual exercise was co-led by two Baltic States' civilian cybersecurity organizations, the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence and CERT.LV Information Technology Security Incident Response Institution of the Republic of Latvia. This marked the first year Air Forces Cyber participated.

Crossed Swords 19 was

a hands-on, full-scale cyber operations exercise where kinetic and cyber operations were carried out simultaneously, including challenges to industrial control systems, physical security systems, unmanned aerial vehicles and maritime surveillance systems, according to NATO CCDCOE officials.

The exercise hosted more than 100 participants from 21 countries.

24th Air Force/Air Forces Cyber delivers full-spectrum cyberspace capabilities and outcomes to the Air Force, joint force and the nation. Specifically, the unit's disciplined, lethal and ready forces establish, operate, maintain and defend Air Force

networks to ensure warfighters can maintain the information advantage as U.S. forces prosecute military operations around the world.

"Our international partners and allies are critical to success in cyberspace," said Maj. Clara Bayne, AFCYBER Partnerships and Engagements Division chief. "Exercises, like Crossed Swords 2019, provide beneficial opportunities to strengthen these partnerships and maintain global cyberspace superiority."

The year's exercise operations focused participants on offensive cyber capabilities.

"The exercise provided an important opportunity to practice cyber operations with [other



(Courtesy photo)

More than 100 cyber operators from 21 countries participate in Exercise Crossed Swords 19, at Tallinn, Estonia, on Jan. 31.

countries' cyber professionals]," said 1st Lt. Britton, AFCYBER operator and exercise attendee. "We acted in an offensive mind-

set against a defensive force; working together to bolster international alliances and relationships."

# DoD recognizes Brain Injury Awareness month, promotes warfighter brain health

**By Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center**

3/1/2019 — Every year, the Defense Department recognizes March as Brain Injury Awareness month to increase awareness of traumatic brain injury. Throughout the month, the Military Health System will provide tools and resources to educate the military community, and those who support them, about TBI.

To underscore the department-wide effort to understand, prevent, diagnose, and treat TBI, Deputy Secretary of Defense Patrick Shanahan released a memo dated Oct. 1, 2018, that outlines a strategy and action plan to support warfighter brain health.

"Our pursuit of superior lethality must be matched by a commitment to understanding, preventing, diagnosing, and treating TBI in all its forms," Shanahan stated in his memo.

Through the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, a division of the Defense Health Agency Research and Development Directorate and the TBI center of excellence for the Defense Department, the department is leveraging new technologies and cutting-edge research to develop concussion care tools and protocols that prioritize early identification and individualized treatment to maximize warfighter brain health.



(MHS graphic)

## 2019 Theme: Advancing Warfighter Brain Health

The 2019 Brain Injury Awareness Month theme supports the enduring responsibility of DoD to promote and protect the health and well-being of our nation's warfighters and their families.

"Only by amplifying our communications about, and promoting awareness of warfighter brain health and surveillance initiatives, can the department eliminate, once and for all, the stigma that remains attached to help-seeking behaviors," Shanahan stated.

## About Traumatic Brain Injury

TBI is a signature injury of current conflicts and, according to DVVIC, 383,947 service members received a TBI diagnosis from 2000 until the first quarter of 2018. Additional helpful facts include:

- DVVIC defines a TBI as the result of a

blow or jolt to the head that disrupts the normal function of the brain; not all blows or jolts to the head result in a TBI.

- Injuries can be closed or penetrating head wounds and will range in severity from mild to moderate to severe.
- The most common form of TBI in the military is mild TBI, also referred to as concussion.
- Common symptoms following a concussion include headaches, dizziness, sleep disturbances, vision changes, balance problems, fatigue, attention and memory problems, irritability, and mood changes.
- Early detection of traumatic brain injury leads to early treatment; early treatment leads to better outcomes.

"Educating our service members and families to recognize the signs and symptoms indicative of TBI and making it easy for families, loved ones, and friends to seek and receive the information and support they need to respond compassionately and constructively to a member who may have sustained a TBI, are essential first steps," wrote Shanahan.

## TBI Research, Tools for Providers

The MHS will leverage the month-long focus on TBI to highlight ongoing research and breakthroughs that help improve and maintain the quality of life for those living with a brain injury.

DVVIC will also promote the recent

release of new cutting-edge provider tools, such as the updated Military Acute Concussion Evaluation, or MACE 2. The MACE 2 is a screening tool that allows frontline providers to quickly screen for concussion.

## Social Media Engagement

DVVIC and the MHS community will engage the public online via social media channels such as Facebook and YouTube. Use the hashtags #BIAMonth and #TBI-DidYouKnow to join the conversation and learn about available resources.

Mark your calendars for noon (ET) March 12 to join a Facebook town hall featuring Navy Capt. Scott Pyne, DVVIC division chief and former head team physician for U.S. Naval Academy athletics. Learn more by following DVVIC on Facebook.

In addition, A Head for the Future, a DVVIC TBI awareness initiative, will feature a video social media campaign to share real stories of service members, veterans, family members, providers, and advocates in the military TBI community. The stories – captured through user-generated videos or Skype interviews – share how people cope with TBI, as well as the people who support them – including DVVIC and DHA staff who work to improve their lives. Learn more about A Head for the Future on their website.

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# CHARLIE COMPANY MARINES REFINE PLATOON ATTACK FUNDAMENTALS



Marines with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit load rifle magazines before platoon attack training at Camp Schwab, Feb. 28. During the training, Marines with Charlie Company, Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines refined their ability "To locate, close with and destroy the enemy by fire and maneuver, or repel the enemy's assault by fire and close combat," the mission of the Marine Corps rifle squad. Charlie Company Marines are the airborne raid specialists with BLT 1/4, the Ground Combat Element for the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Marines with Charlie Company, Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, hold security during platoon attack training at Camp Schwab, Feb. 28.



(U.S. Marine Corps photos by Gunnery Sgt. T. T. Parish)



An MV-22B Osprey tiltrotor aircraft belonging to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 262 (reinforced) flies above Camp Schwab during platoon attack training at Camp Schwab, Feb. 28.

## Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society kicks off 2019 Active Duty Fund Drive



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Kelcey Seymour)

U.S. Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Paul Rock Jr., commanding general of Marine Corps Installations Pacific, interacts with Marines during the annual NMCRS Active Duty Fund Drive at the Ocean Breeze on Camp Foster, March 4.

### By Lance Cpl. Kelcey Seymour

Marine Corps Installations Pacific

**3/4/2019 - CAMP FOSTER** — The Navy- Marine Corps Relief Society kicked off the 2019 Active Duty Fund Drive March 4 at the Ocean Breeze on Camp Foster.

During the kick off, the NMCRS Okinawa Director Elizabeth Moore the Commanding General of Marine Corps Installations Pacific Brig. Gen. Paul Rock Jr. and Executive Officer of Headquarters and Support Bn. Lt. Col. David Donnell spoke to Marines of all ranks about the important role played and opportunities provided by the NMCRS with help from donations by Marines.

"The Active Duty Fund Drive is where we generate most of our operating expenses," said Moore. "The kick-off event really helps set the tone of the Active Duty Fund Drive with leadership from all across our island coming together and showing support for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society."

The NMCRS helps service members of all branches, retired military and dependents. They are located on Camp Foster at building 5674, open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Camp Hansen at building 2339, open Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Their number is 645-7808 from DSN or 098-970-7808 from a cellphone.

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# Corporal's course graduation ceremony



U.S. Marine Corps Colonel Vincent J. Ciuccoli, commanding officer of Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations Pacific, poses for a photo with Corporal's Course graduates on Camp Foster, March 1.

(U.S. Marine photo by Lance Cpl. Marvin Emmanuel Lopez Navarro)

**By Pfc. Karis Mattingly**

Marine Corps Installations Pacific  
**3/1/2019 - CAMP FOSTER** — A formation of U.S. Marine Corps corporals, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, and airmen shouted the Marine Corps Hymn, March 1 concluding the corporals course graduation ceremony aboard Marine Corps Base Smedley D. Butler, Camp Foster.

The course teaches responsibility and roles as a leader and how to be an example for junior Marines.

"Even though we are two different services we share a lot in common like values and leadership training," said Sgt. 1st Class Sho Hochi, a graduate from the course, with the JGSDF Training Evaluation Support Unit. "I better understand the U.S. Marine Corps which we will be working with more in the future. I enjoyed the course immensely. I was able to immerse myself

in a completely different environment and it was a refreshing change."

Colonel Vincent J. Ciuccoli, the guest of honor at the graduation ceremony, discussed the importance of completing the curriculum.

"The joint course was different but also an honor," said Ciuccoli. "To be able to share this experience, with the military's brothers from next door, was unlike anything else. The benefit of inviting other branches is immeasurable."

Ciuccoli is the Camp commander, with the Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations Pacific-Marine Corps Base Camp Butler.

The U.S. Marine Corps corporals course is not for everyone and is only offered to the most deserving Marine. The Marine Corps is known for the courage to take on challenges. The JGSDF and airmen got a small

taste of what it's like to be apart of the elite group.

"It was completely different, but I really enjoyed it, and it was a really good experience for me," said Senior Airman Ava States, a graduate from the course. "Personally I did it to prove something to myself, and I became a better leader because of it."

When the service members graduate from the course they embody a better understanding of what it takes to be a leader and bring it back to their units.

The students gain knowledge and create strong relationships among one another, said Ciuccoli, at the ceremony. The Marines really did care that the Japanese soldiers were there and sought the wisdom and culture they have.

"I made a lot of good friends, and relationships I hope lasts for a lifetime," said Hochi. "I would do it all again if I could."

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believe the more you give the more you get out of it yourself."

The organization accepts grant requests from American and Japanese organizations to help fund projects such as travel for sports and academic competitions, buses for non-profits and roofing repair after damage sustained from typhoons.

"I'm so full of gratitude and thankfulness," said Terukina Tooru, a member of Ambitious, an organization who receives grant money from AWWA. "What AWWA has done for our organization is unspeakable."

This fiscal year AWWA has already contributed over 75 thousand dollars to Japanese and American organizations.

"The efforts to assist groups of the local community increases their access to basic services, helps them maintain self-sufficiency, and is a very visible symbol of caring for our neighbors," said Rock. "They are not just philanthropists, but ambassadors, helping build trust, understanding, and meaningful friendships."



Typhoon Twisters gymnasts, an organization who received grant money from American Woman's Welfare Association (AWWA), perform a routine during the AWWA and Marine Officers' Spouses' Club Okinawa Friendship Social on Camp Butler, March 2.

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

## Seabees volunteer at Okinawa Youth Center



(U.S. Navy photo by 1st Class Stephanie Fanchiang)

Construction Electrician Constructionman Amber Bojanski and Construction Electrician 1st Class Shantae Taylor, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 3, play a board game with students at the Kadena Youth Center during a volunteer community relations event, Feb. 27.

# MARINES WITH 9TH ESB ASSIST THAI MILITARY IN DEMINING OPERATIONS



Anti-tank landmines are blown up using C-4 during Cobra Gold 19 Feb. 20 in the Kingdom of Thailand.

(U.S. Marine Corps photos by Lance Cpl. Jamin M. Powell)



U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Austin French builds a cofferdam around an anti-tank landmine to demonstrate how to dispose the anti-tank landmines without having to move them.

**By Lance Cpl. Jamin Powell**  
3rd Marine Logistics Group  
3/3/2019 - **UBON RATCHATHANI, Kingdom of Thailand** — As the bright sun raises from the edge of the earth and burns the ground, there is a new light briefly showing itself with the sound of thunder pounding across the earth's surface.

"Shot two, standby," yells Gunnery Sgt. Joel Visser, a platoon leader with Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company and chief instructor of the humanitarian mine action courses in Thailand.

"Fire in the hole, fire in the hole, fire in the hole," screams Sgt. Matthew Sponagle, an EOD technician with EOD Co., "Five... Four... Three... Two... One..."

Another deep, hollowing noise blows through the air. A large mushroom cloud

billows in the sky.

During Cobra Gold 19, Marines with EOD Co., 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, assist the Royal Thai Armed Forces in disposing mines left over from insurgents and government forces.

Mines were placed on the Kingdom of Thailand's borders with Myanmar, Malaysia, Cambodia and Laos in the 70's, 80's and 90's. On Dec. 3, 1997, the Kingdom of Thailand agreed to work towards being mine free by signing the Ottawa Treaty. Shortly thereafter in 1998, the Office of the Prime Minister of Thailand formed the Thai Mine Action Centre. Compiled of the Royal Thai Armed Forces, TMAC is dedicated to making the Kingdom of Thailand mine free.

Year-round U.S. Marines travel to the Kingdom of Thailand to help teach courses and demonstrate proper disposal techniques as part of an HMA mission.

"The Marines are excited to be here," Visser explains. "Primarily because, among all the other missions that are going on in the world, this is one that we really feel is helping to change a country."

The Royal Thai Armed Forces work all year to clear Thailand of landmines. During Cobra Gold 19, U.S. Marines and the Royal Thai Armed Forces were able to dispose of over 5,000 landmines in less than two weeks.

"This mission contributes to the safety of this country," Visser states. "We are all excited to be here."

HMA courses are just one of the ways Exercise Cobra Gold demonstrates the commitment of the Kingdom of Thailand and the United States to our long-standing alliance, promotes regional partnerships and advances security cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.

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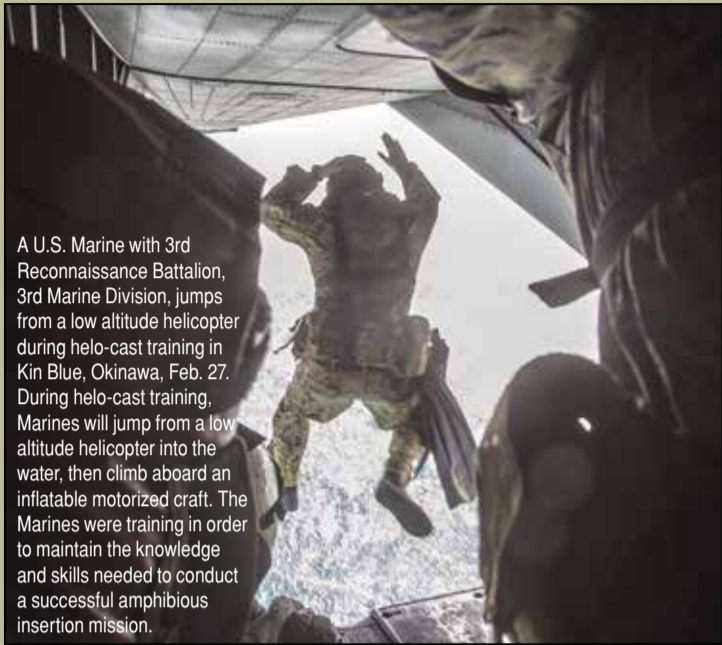
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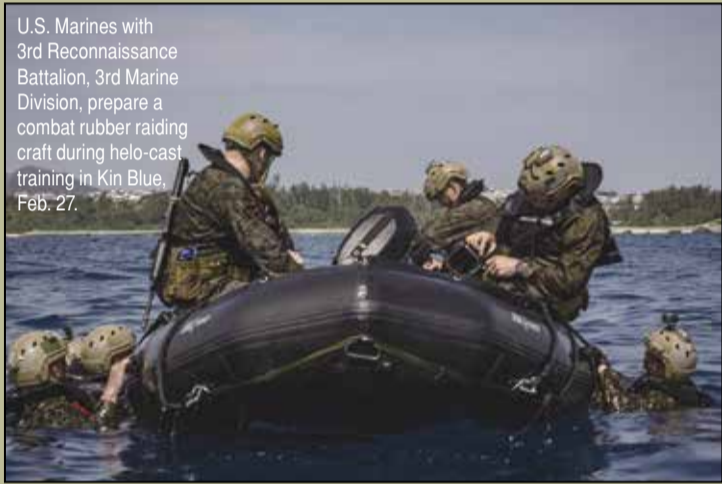


# HELO-CASTING WITH 3RD RECON



A U.S. Marine with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, jumps from a low altitude helicopter during helo-cast training in Kin Blue, Okinawa, Feb. 27. During helo-cast training, Marines will jump from a low altitude helicopter into the water, then climb aboard an inflatable motorized craft. The Marines were training in order to maintain the knowledge and skills needed to conduct a successful amphibious insertion mission.

(U.S. Marine Corps photos by Lance Cpl. Christian Ayers)



U.S. Marines with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, prepare a combat rubber raiding craft during helo-cast training in Kin Blue, Feb. 27.

# Building a Resilient Missile Defense Shield around Japan

By 1st Lt. Matthew B. Brewer

1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery 3/4/2019 — Air and Missile Defense in the Pacific theater is an ever present and growing focus in the National Defense Strategy. Each year, the Resilient Shield exercise partners units in the Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps. Joint and bilateral networks that provide for the common defense of Japan are tested and validated, as well as engagement procedures provide fires de-confliction at all levels.

The 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment (1-1 ADA) participates in this exercise each year, validating its role as the U.S. missile defense system on Okinawa.

The exercise focuses on certifying the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force and United States Navy Ballistic Missile Defense ships.

“We’re working to improve Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures that allow us to reinforce our relationship with the Japan Self Defense Force and joint partners,” said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Martin Head, a command and control systems integrator for 1-1 ADA.

“We take a hard look at improving data link capabilities across the joint and bilateral force,” Head continued.

Improving data links enable



(U.S. Army photo)

A Soldier with 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery, 38th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, performs equipment checks during the unit’s participation in Resilient Shield 19 validating its role as the U.S. missile defense system on Feb. 21, Okinawa.

each missile defense system to share a common operating picture during the air battle, and ensure our readiness for contingency operations.

The 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command used this particular exercise to certify their Air Defense Artillery Fire Control crews.

These crews have the vital task of determining which missile defense system will engage a specific threat. In addition to making engagement decisions, they also ensure that each threat is defeated using the fewest number of interceptors possible.

Resilient Shield gave them the unique opportunity to exercise their skills in a controlled environment, and gain more experience defeating missile threats as

they evolved over the exercise.

“It’s interesting getting to see how the whole air battle comes together. Integrating the naval aspects of missile defense into training scenarios is another way we ensure our assigned assets in Japan get properly defended,” said Sgt. Francisco Cisneros, an early warning systems operator assigned to 1-1 ADA’s Fire Direction Center.

As 1-1 ADA moves into the future, exercises like Resilient Shield will continue to provide critical opportunities to hone and improve combat capability to meet the ever changing missile defense requirements in the Pacific. The Snake Eyes battalion stands as the premier Patriot battalion in the Army, and is ready to “Fight Tonight!”

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## NOTICE

### 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

### Contracting Support & You: How To Get What You Want!

The 18th Contracting Squadron will provide targeted training to highlight the essential elements and principles Resource Advisors and their functional requirements owners need to know – To Get What You Want. The event intends to cover specific "how-tos" that may be unfamiliar; as well as serve as a useful refresher and reference in those areas you may already be knowledgeable. Several contracting professionals will be available to answer any specific questions you bring; a specific time is reserved for Q&A. The event will be available for March 14th and 15th, from 0900-1000, at the Schilling Community Center's Ball Room.

### 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.

### 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.

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### 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:  
· 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

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### 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

### Women's History Open Mic Night

Please join us as we celebrate Women's History during Open Mic Night at the Rocker Enlisted Club on March 12 at 7 p.m. Come express your appreciation for all the women who have laid the foundation we now stand on.

### Women's History Month Observance

Please join us as we celebrate Women's History by watching Hidden Figures during Movie Night at the USO at 5:30 p.m.

### Join Kadena SAPR as we host the Safe Helpline Roadshow

Please join Kadena SAPR as we host the Safe Helpline Roadshow on Thursday, March 14 at the Schilling Community Center's Ballroom. There will be two sessions available with the first from 1200 -1300 and the second from 1400-1500. The Safe Helpline Team will describe how their agency provides support to sexual assault survivors, family/friends of survivors, first responders & SAPR teams across the DOD. Units & work centers email 18wg.sarc@us.af.mil to reserve seating. Individual seating is first come, first serve; call 634-0180 for more info.

### 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 40-hour course March 18-22. To apply, view 'NEW VVA Applicant Instructions' on our sharepoint page <https://kadena.eis.pacaf.af.mil/18WG/WSA/SAPR/Volunteer%20Victim%20Advocate%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.

### 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](mailto: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 appropriate. 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. Spanish Speakers sign up: <https://goo.gl/forms/cuAEiHdM7JiBah72> French Speakers sign up: <https://goo.gl/forms/MunU9DWtCZzDsp7s1> Call for more info 634-1216 or email: Jason.Gusler@pac.dodea.edu

### 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](mailto:rafferty515@yahoo.com).

### 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](mailto: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 Wednesday, 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 School is looking for mentors who are willing and able to assist/support middle school students in academics and age-appropriate 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](mailto:Traci.Cooper@dodea.edu) or call 632-0217

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# ARTILLERY RELOCATION TRAINING PROGRAM 18-4



Lance Cpl. Johnathan Delgado, a field artillery Marine with 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, fires a M777 Howitzer in the Ojojihara Maneuver Area, Feb. 10.

(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Christian Ayers)

**By Lance Cpl. Christian Ayers**

3rd Marine Division  
 3/3/2019 - OJOJIHARA MANUEVER AREA, Miyagi — 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment participates in the Artillery Relocation Training Program 18-4 from Jan. 31 to Feb. 26 in the Ojojihara Maneuver Area, Miyagi Prefecture, Japan. ARTP 18-4 provides the Marines with essential live-fire training to increase their warfighting capabilities and to better support the U.S.-Japan alliance. ARTP is a routine training exercise conducted in accordance with all range safety requirements and prior agreements between the two governments.

Marines take several safety measures to be absolutely confident in where each round will land. "We check each projec-

tile, propellant, fuse, primer and deflection quadrant to ensure the complete accuracy of that particular round," stated Sgt. Jordan Johnson, a Howitzer Chief. As complex as an artillery battery is, each component has its own particular safety measures.

There are three main components of an artillery battery: the forward observers, the fire direction center and the M777 Howitzers. "An artillery battery is like the human body. Our forward observers are the eyes, the fire direction center is the brain, and our howitzers are the muscles," said Lt. Col. Richard Robinson, the battalion commander of 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines. The training conducted at ARTP allows the Marines to effectively employ the various components of a battery in a field environment.

As much as these Marines are warfighters in the field, they do not hesitate to lend a helping hand. The Marines volunteered at Ohiramanyo Kindergarten and a local special needs home. This opportunity allowed Marines to establish bonds with the local community and strengthen the relationships between our two nations. "We are strengthening our relationship with the locals through giving back to the community," said Lt. Johnson Folan, the chaplain for 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines. The Marines volunteered to give back to the community that has been their gracious host for almost 20 years.

Artillery Relocation Training Program is a Japanese-funded exercise which has been occurring for over two decades and provides the Marines with the opportunity to conduct live-fire training in Japan.

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