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PACAF Explosive Ordnance Disposal tech to compete for top Air Force level award

By Staff Sgt. Benjamin Raughton and Airman Ist Class M. Foster

18th Wing Public Affairs

4/19/2019 - KADENA AIR BASE — Tech. Sgt. Bryan Woiewucki, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal flight NCO in-charge of training, begins his morning the same way as many Airmen: P.T., breakfast and a morning meeting.

However, Tuesday, April 2, would turn out to be different.

"I was on standby, so my phone was in my window because of bad reception and I see a number that says no caller ID on it and it was a DSN number," Woiewucki said. "I thought, well, it's a standby call, no big deal. I answered and it was my commander."

Woiewucki was told that he was selected as PACAF's NCO of the Year and that he would go on to compete as one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

"Wow, I did not see this coming," Woiewucki said. "You don't really know what to say to that because you never expect to actually go that far. You think about when are put up for an award, that you might just make it through the gauntlet of the squadron, group or wing."

Woiewucki said he let out a deep breath to exhale and take in the moment, then he contacted his wife to inform her of the good news. He also contacted his flight chief and thanked him for the opportunities that enabled him to be competitive in the field and win the PACAF award.

Throughout 2018, Woiewuc-ki experienced a deployment to Africa, volunteered as a Team 5/6 committee lead and professional development coordinator, fielded new technology that would help CE personnel survey airfield damage, all while performing his regular job of training the next generation of EOD troops in nearly 200 core

tasks, alongside many others.

"He's very tenacious," Senior Master Sgt. Loren Green, flight chief assigned to the 18th CES EOD flight. "Once he gets an idea in his head of how he's going to get something done, he gets it done."

Woiewucki is Green's third troop to win at the major command and later compete at the Air Force level.

"Each EOD techs do a lot of the same stuff," he said. "For me, it was [Woiewucki's] deploying to Africa and excelling there and then coming back to home station, not missing a beat, and excelling at both places. It's part of his tenacity."

Woiewucki credits the senior NCOs who mentored and opened the doors of opportunity for him throughout his career, as well as his squadron overall.

"It's been a great year for the organization as a whole," he said. "The squadron won Outstanding Large Civil Engineer Unit, our flight was the Most



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Mandy Foster)

Outstanding EOD Flight in PACAF, and we had an Airman win Master Blaster of PACAF."

The Air Force will announce the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year this summer.

Airmen sharpen capabilities through dispersal exercise



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Matthew Seefeldt)

By Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

4/22/2019 - JOINT BASE PEARL HAR-BOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — Pacific Air Forces Airmen and aircraft from across the command joined together at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, April 22 to participate in a dispersal exercise throughout Micronesia.

The exercise, named Resilient Typhoon, is designed to validate PACAF's ability to adapt to rapidly developing events, like inclement weather, while maintaining readiness in sup-

port of allied and partner nations throughout the region.

The exercise tests PACAF's ability to execute flight operations from multiple locations in order to maintain readiness and involves Airmen and aircraft concentrated in one place – Andersen AFB – separating via a dispersal, recovering, and then rapidly resuming operations at airports and airfields in: Guam, Tinian, Saipan, The Federated States of Micronesia

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AF releases findings on 2018 Kadena Air Base F-15C mishap

By Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

4/23/2019 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — Pacific Air Forces released the results of its investigation into an F-15C aircraft mishap that occurred June 11, 2018, off the coast of Kadena Air Base, April 23.

On June 11, at approximately 6:17 a.m. local Japan Standard Time, an F-15C assigned to the 44th Fighter Squadron, 18th Wing, Kadena Air Base, Japan, crashed into the Pacific Ocean approximately 70 miles south of Kadena. The aircraft broke apart upon impact. The pilot ejected from the aircraft and sustained serious injuries. Japan Air Self Defense Force rescue forces flying a UH-60J helicopter, recovered and transported the pilot to a military hospital at Camp Foster.

The incident did not result in any other injuries, fatalities or damage to private property.

The Accident Investigation Board (AIB) president found by a preponderance of the evidence that the cause of the mishap was pilot error, which resulted in a negative G departure

from controlled flight due to the coupling of aerodynamic forces of yaw and roll.

Additionally, the AIB president found by a preponderance of the evidence that spatial disorientation, lack of emergency procedure training for negative G departures from controlled flight, and limited time to analyze the situation and recover were substantially contributing factors to the mishap.

Following this incident, the 18th Operations Group adjusted training standards to allow for increased decision time for pilots experiencing similar situations. Also, training and evaluation requirements have been increased on advanced aircraft handling characteristics.

In accordance with AFI 51-503, Aerospace and Ground Accident Investigations, the accident investigation board conducted a legal investigation to inquire into all the facts and circumstances surrounding the accident, prepared a publicly-releasable report, and obtained and preserved all available evidence for use in litigation, claims, disciplinary action, and adverse administrative action.

ADFA visits KAB, learns about the Battle of Okinawa



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Sutton)

Cadets from the Australian Defence Force Academy pose in front of a static display of the F-15C Eagle April 9, at Kadena Air Base.

By Staff Sgt. Benjamin Sutton

18th Wing Public Affairs

4/19/2019 - KADENA AIR BASE — Fifteen members from the Australian Defence Force Academy recently spent time here learning about the 18th Wing's capabilities and visiting historical sites.

The cadets and cadre were hosted by the 18th WG's History office during their tour of base and the surrounding battlefields from World War II.

"The students and staff from the Australian Defence Force Academy visited Okinawa to get a detailed and hands-on look at the U.S. military experience during the Battle of Okinawa, which lasted roughly 83 grueling days from April 1 to June 23, 1945," said William McEvoy, 18th

WG chief historian.

The ADFA comprised cadets from all three Australian military services.

"Having all the military service organizations present for this military history tour was very important for us because this is the first time the Australian Defence Force Academy has come to Okinawa," said Lt. Col. Ross Cable, Australian Army Knowledge Group historian and Australian Armored Corps officer. "There is so much history across the Asia-Pacific region."

Cable explained how excited he was to come to KAB because it's a fantastic location for a battlefield tour. Many of the Japanese defense locations and fortifications are still intact and the terrain is largely unchanged since the war.

"Okinawa is one of the best locations we can take our cadets to see historical battle sites," Cable explained. "We can stand on Kadena Air Base and can see the exact invasion beaches, airfield and ground through which the American forces attacked. The same holds true for other battlefields like Hacksaw Ridge. Plus, it's extremely affordable and easy to travel here as opposed to other battlefield locations around the Pacific."

One of the priorities of KAB is readiness and warfighting integration, which McEvoy echoed during his tours.

"Always training and being prepared is key for the U.S. Forces here," he explained. "It's extremely likely if there's another major conflict, the United States will be fighting it with our Australian allies. Readiness along with joint integration and operability come when we work together at every opportunity—be it combat operations or historical site tours. If we understand what happened before, we can work to duplicate what worked and avoid making the same mistakes. Since the U.S. is such a strong ally with Australia and have fought alongside them before in the Pacific, we should continue to work with them now and in the future."

The praise of the longstanding partnership between the U.S. and Australians was also emphasized by Cable.

"We are also very fortunate to have fantastic support from our U.S. allies," he stated. "The U.S. Air Force and Marine Corps here have been courteous and helpful in assisting us. Both of our guides are true experts of the battlefields and have taught our cadets so much about the military history here. Australia stood with the United States during World War II and has in every major conflict since, it's a partnership we care deeply about. It's important to also ensure a high-degree of interoperability and understanding as we move forward to meet the challenges we face together."

Fostering key partnerships is vital especially in the incredibly vast Pacific area of operations.

"This type of training opportunity gives us all a chance to get to know each other and learn from each other in an educational, but low-stress, environment, and is key to helping foster trust and familiarity between the two nations," said McEvoy. "It also gives us a chance to share stories and become friends. For the history office, we hold and add to the institutional memory of Kadena AB and the USAF. We have a duty to not only share our knowledge and data with American military leadership, but also share it with our partner and allies."

The KAB history office collaborated with Marine Corps Community Services to provide tours of battlefields across the island as well as a few military bases.

"As I was explaining to the cadets while we drove around the Kadena airfield, the primary lesson for them to learn here is the sheer capabilities of the U.S. Forces and think about how they will integrate with them in the future," said Cable. "Kadena Air Base is extremely impressive. The amount of equipment and people along with the high rate of readiness here, really shows how committed the U.S. is to the defense of Okinawa."

The cadets and staff left Okinawa with knowledge and memories they can take to their military units over the next few years.

"This was a terrific experience for everyone involved and I am honored to have been a part of it," said McEvoy.

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(FSM) and Palau.

Scheduled training activities include: airfield rescue firefighting, post-disaster communications, and the rapid movement of people and cargo which share resources and foster interoperability.

"Operational environments and global threats evolve rapidly," said Brig Gen Michael Winkler, PACAF director of strategy, plans and programs. "We must ensure that all forward-deployed forces are ready for a potential contingency with little notice and that we can move more flu-

idly across the theater to seize, retain and exploit the initiative in any environment."

The general added that while Andersen serves as a premier power projection platform, a number of factors – to include weather – can influence how PACAF maneuvers and postures forces in the region. Over the past year, the threat and impact of inclement weather has become increasingly relevant in the wake of typhoons that created training stoppages during the most recent iterations of both the Vigilant Shield and Cope

North exercises in Guam.

Units and aircraft participating in the Resilient Typhoon exercise include: F-16s from Misawa Air Base, Japan's 35th Fighter Wing; F-15C Eagles from Kadena Air Base, Japan's 18th Wing; C-130Js from Yokota Air Base, Japan's 374th Airlift Wing; C-17s and F-22s from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's 15th Wing and 154th Wing (Hawaii Air National Guard); and supplemental capabilities and personnel from the 36th Wing, Andersen AFB, and 3rd Wing, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

Military forces routinely operate and train from and in the vicinity of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), as well as the FSM and Palau in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific.

"Pacific Air Forces appreciates the long-history of support it has enjoyed in the region and strives to be a good partner with the people across Micronesia in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific," Winkler said. "These exercises serve to enhance our relationships, while

also providing invaluable training and operational readiness. Our Airmen will be exercising innovative concepts with as light and agile a footprint as possible, while upholding the strictest safety and environmental standards."

Static displays of the aircraft and interactions with the Airmen operating and maintaining them will be made available to the public as mission allows. More information will be made available through local media outlets through Joint Region Marianas.

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U.S., Okinawa officials attend annual Ie Shima Lighthouse Memorial Service

U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. William Dorris, the le **Shima Training Facility staff** noncommissioned officer in charge and U.S. **Marine Corps** 1st Lt. Timothy Steinberg, the le **Shima Training Facility officer** in charge, salute Ernie Pyle's memorial site April 21 on le



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Pfc. Brennan Beauton)

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Marine Corps Installations Pacific

4/21/2019 - IE SHIMA — U.S. and Okinawa officials gathered to remember casualties of World War II and specifically a light house keeper and his family during the annual Ie Shima Lighthouse Memorial Service April 21 at Ie Shima on Okinawa.

74 years ago, during the Battle of Okinawa, a lighthouse keeper and eight of his family members were killed by an air raid, at the same location the ceremony was held. Wreaths were laid by U.S., Okinawa officials, and descendants of the late lighthouse keeper.

After the ceremony, incense were burned for ceremonial purposes.

"We came out to represent the U.S. forces

and to show that we care about the family," said 1st Lt. Timothy Steinberg, the Ie Shima Training Facilty officer in charge. "We came to pay our respects in hope to build our relationship with the local community."

Gov. Denny Tamaki, the governor of the Okinawa prefecture, Mayor Hideki Shimabukuro, the mayor of Ie Shima Village, Cmdr. Masaki Kasai, the commander of the 11th Regional Coast Guard Headquarters Japan Coast Guard, and Col. Darin J. Clarke, acting deputy commander, Marine Corps Installations Pacific-Marine Corps Base Smedley D. Butler, were in attendance for the Ie Shima Lighthouse Memorial Ceremony.

"The ceremony was for the light house keeper and his family," said Kasai. "The light house keeper was killed during the war. We want to maintain his spirit for the future safety of boats traveling in the area."

Next year will mark the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Okinawa.







New training prepares Airmen to save lives

By Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

4/22/2019 - **FALLS CHURCH, Va.** — Airmen are "arming up" their life-saving skills with Tactical Combat Casualty Care, also known as TCCC.

TCCC is a standardized course created to equip every Airman, Soldier, Sailor and Marine with the basic skills to save lives in combat operations.

Replacing the Air Force's Self Aid and Buddy Care Program, TCCC teaches Airmen to treat injuries until medical care arrives.

TCCC is a two-day course created by the Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care, and adopted by National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians. It teaches life-saving skills and methods proven effective in a combat environment.

"Injuries happen every day," said Maj. Barbara Jean Air Force Medical Service Training and Doctrine Branch deputy chief. "TCCC ensures all Airmen are equipped with effective life-saving skills needed to tackle them."

In addition to training Airmen how to deliver care under fire or threat, or when equipment is limited, TCCC also prepares them to deliver basic care during and after tactical evacuation to higher levels of care.

Exposure to medical training and techniques is valuable for Airmen who work in medical fields but do not directly treat patients.

"Teaching and executing these critical life-saving skills changes how our health services management Airmen relate to patient care," said Tech. Sgt. Dustin L. Mayo, TRICARE Operations

and Patient Administration Flight Chief at the 366th Medical Support Squadron, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. "TCCC combines our administrative talents with leading trauma techniques, and we are bringing that to the battlefield."

The TCCC course teaches skills such as nasopharyngeal airway insertion, wound packing and tourniquet application. It focuses on controlling massive bleeding first, then airway management. Training also focuses on care under fire, in addition to tactical field care and tactical evacuation care, essential need-to-know capabilities to save lives while undergoing hostile combat conditions.

"This type of training ultimately supports the unit and the mission by equipping all warfighters across the military with vital medical readiness training," said Jean. "TCCC prepares them to care for casualties, including themselves, in any environment."

Air Force medical groups are in the process of establishing TCCC training centers to support their wings. At the 366th Medical Group, Mayo says the goal is to train 3,000 Airmen in casualty care every 18 months.

"We jumpstarted that vision in our medical group by creating a combat-ready culture through innovation starting with our health services management TCCC-certified instructors," said Mayo. "It's a true honor to be a part of the TCCC roll out. Our experience learning TCCC within the medical group is valuable as we bring the training and innovative technology to the rest of the 366th Wing."

At the 366th MDG, TCCC trainees

have access to a bleeding mannequin known as TOMManikin, which is a trauma simulator mannequin made for classroom environments, field scenarios and immersive training. This allows Airmen to experience a variety of wound treatment such as burns, blasts, gunshot wounds and tourniquet application.

"What makes this innovative mannequin unique is that if a tourniquet is not properly applied and tightened correctly, the TOMManikin will continue to bleed until proper application," said Mayo. "Needless to say the experience was educational and interesting."

The 366th MDG also uses a Wound-In-A-Box, a device featuring a deep prosthetic wound to realistically simulate arterial bleeding. To stop the simulated bleeding, combat gauze must be properly packed to staunch the wound.

"Several health services management Airmen in the class had never experienced this before and were eager to step up," said Mayo. "For me, learning this combat casualty care took multiple attempts, but I got the hang of it."

With standardized course guidelines, hands-on training, and innovative teaching materials, all Airmen can prepare to save lives through the TCCC course.

"As health services management Airmen, we focus on health administration, so the TCCC course is an amazing opportunity for hands-on medical training," said Mayo. "TCCC gives us the confidence, attitude and experience to save lives in the event of deployment to a combat zone, or if we encounter an injury here."







MEDICAL GROUP SIMULATES PATIENT AIR EVACUATION



18th Aeromedical **Evacuation** Squadron personnel train 374th Medical group members on patient air evacuation procedures on the Yokota AB flightline, April 18. This was the first time traditional 374th MDG medical personnel had the opportunity to do hands-on patient air evacuation training.

Military community celebrates Month of the Military Child at Kubasaki High School

Maj. Reginald R. Gaye, the sergeant major of Combat Logistics Battalion 4. serves hamburgers and hot dogs to Kubasaki **High School** students during the Month of the Military Child **Barbeque April** 17 on Camp Foster.



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Christopher A. Madero)

By Lance Cpl. Christopher Madero

Marine Corps Installations Pacific

4/17/2019 - CAMP FOSTER — Kubasaki High School students were treated with a barbecue lunch for the Month of the Military Child, April 17, in Camp Foster, Okinawa.

The barbecue was held to commend

military children for persevering and adapting to the many challenges they face as part of the military community.

"This is a special time of year when we recognize the challenges that these kids are under," said Gregg Mowen, the principal of Kubasaki High School. "We want them to know that the challenges they face and the way they move through it with resilience is

met with love and support."

Marine and sailor volunteers prepared hotdogs and burgers by the hundreds, whilst senior military leadership served it to of high school students. Many of the senior leadership themselves are parents, which prompted them to participate in the event. It was more than just volunteering, instead, it touched on a more personal level

Col. Vincent J. Ciuccoli, the commanding officer for Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations Pacific-Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, attended the event as well. According to Ciuccoli, the true military child contributes to the family by building readiness. Ciuccoli continued by adding that the contributions and volunteer work done by military children, especially young adults, make them just as much a part of the community as any service member.

"We have to listen to them. They have a voice here, and listening to that voice is important," said Ciuccoli.









NMCB-3 completes Indo-Pacific deployment, relieved by NMCB-4



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

By Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Lopez

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3

4/19/2019 - CAMP SHIELDS — Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 3 transferred authority of all Indo-Pacific Region Naval Construction Force (NCF) missions to NMCB-4 during a Relief in Place/Transfer of Authority (RIP/TOA) ceremony at Camp Shields in Okinawa, April 19.

The RIP/TOA symbolizes the end of NMCB-3's six-month deployment and the start of NMCB-4's deployment to the

Indo-Pacific Region under the operational authority of the 30th Naval Construction Regiment.

Capt. Steven Stasick, commodore of the 30th Naval Construction Regiment, presided over the ceremony.

"Seabees of NMCB-3, I want to congratulate you on an outstanding deployment," said Stasick. "Sharing an observation between myself and my staff: you all pushed to the end with quality and safety. It's easy when you're close to the end to become more relaxed on safety and cut corners on quality for the sake of finishing a project

while leaving the oncoming battalion to fix the mistakes, but you all did not of that and you worked hard until the end. Thank you." Stasick extended his welcome to

NMCB-4 as the oncoming battalion.
"NMCB-4, welcome aboard," said
Stasick. "We are grateful to have you here.
It's a great time to be in the Pacific and

It's a great time to be in the Pacific and there's a lot going on to keep you busy and challenged. I look forward to working with you throughout this deployment."

In delivering his remarks, Cmdr. Joseph

In delivering his remarks, Cmdr. Joseph Harder, commanding officer of NMCB-3, described the goal behind the battalion's deployment.

"When we deployed here we had a clear purpose," said Harder. "We were going to provide capability and readiness to the 7th Fleet and be an integral part of the team here in Okinawa, but most importantly, we left our families to make a difference. We serve our nation to make a difference, and while we were out here we wanted to give meaning and identity to that effort that pulls us away from our loved ones."

Harder addressed the Seabees of NMCB-3, explaining that they have exceeded his rigorous expectations.

"You delivered on every single mission," said Harder. "You served your nation with honor on foreign soils with a level of dedication, commitment, and sacrifice that has earned the respect and trust of the citizens of our great country. Through the execution of 50 projects in 12 nations, 148 warfare devices, hours of deck-plate leadership, accountability and mentorship, I'm convinced you have built combat-ready Seabees. Thank you for leading our Seabees with loyalty and integrity."

In closing, Harder welcomed NMCB-4 and described his wishes for their way forward.

"Skipper Santiago and the Seabees of NMCB-4: you now have the watch," said Harder. "I will tell you that we genuinely have given you our best effort to enable your successful deployment and we would also like to thank you for what you have done to prepare to make this RIP/TOA transparent, professional, and thorough. You all have an impressive head of steam, and I'm really looking forward to seeing you getting off with a fast start. My great desire is that your deployment is exceedingly successful."

Following Harder's remarks and the transfer of authority to Cmdr. Angel Santiago, commanding officer of NMCB-4, the

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ceremony continued with the command master chiefs and command master-atarms of both battalions lowering NMCB-3's battalion flag and raising NMCB-4's to signify the transfer.

Santiago delivered remarks in conclusion of the ceremony and in setting the tone for the start of NMCB-4's deployment.

"To the Seabees and families of NMCB-4: I'm extremely proud of your hard work during our arduous homeport preparing for this deployment," said Santiago. "I am honored to serve with you and I'm thrilled to finally make it out to the Indo-Pacific theatre. As I've mentioned to you before, I only ask that you give me your best each and every day, and give your best on and off duty and continuously trust in each other and build upon the amazing legacy of the Seabees."

Before the RIP/TOA occurred, an overlapping period of inspection and review was conducted of all equipment, supplies, projects, facilities, and civil engineering support equipment to ensure accountability and the success of the oncoming battalion in executing NCF missions.

During their deployment, NMCB-3 conducted humanitarian aid and disaster recovery (HA/DR) efforts, construction readiness operations (CRO), theater security cooperation, engineering projects, and multi-national exercises while maintaining constant readiness to support major combat operations throughout the duration of the deployment.

NMCB-3 Seabees provided Defense Support of Civil Authorities relief efforts to the island of Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in response to the devastation caused by Super Typhoon Yutu. The Seabees constructed over 60 emergency temporary roofs during the HA/DR mission to make many of the local resident's homes habitable again.

The Seabees carried out construction

civic action detail missions constructing school houses and completing quality-of-life enhancing engineering projects in several geographic locations included the Philippines, Timor Leste, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

NMCB-3 completed 15 CRO projects on Navy and Marine Corps installations throughout Diego Garcia, Japan, San Clemente Island, and South Korea valued in excess of \$2.9M. Seabees in Japan planned and constructed three k-span structures, completed two pre-engineered buildings, a shade structure, and constructed concrete trash enclosures for residential base housing. Projects on San Clemente Island include completion of a pre-engineered building and a BQM target drone launcher pad, as well as blasting and quarry operations, which yielded over 7,500 cubic yards of mineral products. Seabees in Diego Garcia constructed a bus stop and tension fabric structure as well as placed concrete pads to store U.S. Air Force and war reserve equipment. Seabees in South Korea placed concrete pads for storing gangways and built a dog park to enhance quality of life. In addition to tasked projects, the Seabees completed many discretionary projects to improve living conditions on the respective installations they supported.

Additionally, NMCB-3 participated in seven multinational and bilateral exercises to enhance interoperability with units from the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, and U.S. Marine Corps as well as military engineers from multiple host and partner nations to include Australia, Canada, China, Malaysia, Philippines, South Korea, and Thailand.

NMCB-3 is home-ported in Port Hueneme, California. Seabees are the expeditionary engineering and construction experts of the Naval service. They provide task-tailored, adaptable and combat-ready engineering and construction forces that deploy to support Navy objectives globally.





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Air Force senior leaders update OCP uniform guidance

By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

4/23/2019 - ARLINGTON, Va. — The Air Force announced April 23 new rules on Operational Camouflage Pattern uniforms that aim to better fit the needs of Airmen and the jobs they do while also holding fast to tradition.

The changes highlighted include authorization of the two-piece Flight Duty Uniform in garrison and updated patch guidance for the OCP uniform.

"During the initial rollout of the OCP, we originally matched our sister services regarding patch configurations as we sought to emphasize our role as a joint warfighting force," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein.

"In response to overwhelming feedback received from Airmen, we will make an easy 'sleeve swap' of the patch configuration to further elevate our focus on honoring the heritage of squadrons as the war-fighting units of the world's greatest Air Force. We will now place the squadron patch on the right sleeve along with the U.S. flag and move the higher headquarters patch to the left sleeve of the OCP."

Additionally, to provide commanders with expanded uniform options to fit myriad missions, on April 15, the two-piece flight suit, otherwise known as the 2PFDU, will be authorized to be worn in both garrison and deployed locations. The 2PFDU continues an effort to provide Airmen with improved form, fit and function to perform their duties in any environment.

The traditional flight duty uniform will also continue to be an option. Squadron commanders will now have the flexibility to make combat uniform decisions based on what is best for their Airmen to meet mission requirements.

"The new unit patch configuration of the OCP and 2PFDU also aligns with the traditional FDU, elevating the significance of squadron focus and identity, which supports CSAF's intent to revitalize squadrons," said Lt. Gen. Mark D. Kelly, Headquarters Air Force deputy chief of staff for Air Force operations.

In May 2018, Air Force leaders decided to transition to the OCP following feedback from Airmen that it is the best, battle-tested utility uniform available. It will also eliminate the need to maintain two separate uniforms – one for in-garrison and one for deployments.

The service expects to fully transition to OCPs by April 1, 2021.

For more information, Airmen should view Air Force Guidance Memorandum 2019-01 and check Air Force Instruction 36-2903 for updates, which are available on the public website of the Air Force's Personnel Center.

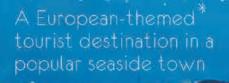


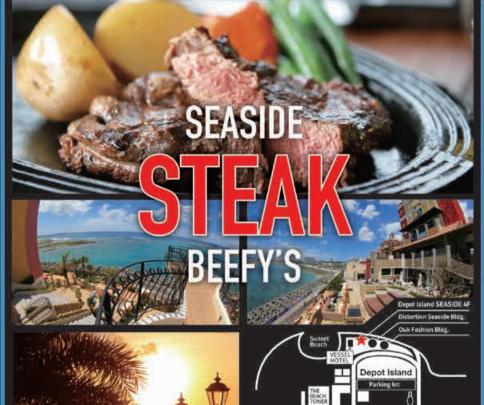
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Further official wear guidance will be available soon in AFI 36-2903. Dress and Personal Appearance









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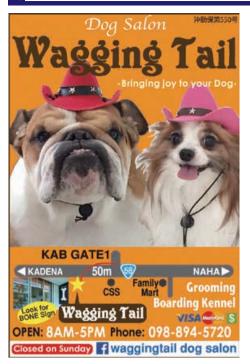


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JGSDF, 31st MEU gets reps in coordinating supporting arms fires

By Lance Cpl. Harrison Rakhshani

31st Marine Expeditionary Unit

4/19/2019 - CAMP HANSEN — "As allies, it's vital that we know how to work together," says Cpl. Joseph Roche, a joint fires observer with Alpha Company, Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Roche, along with other individuals with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, spent the week conducting fire liaison observation and exchange alongside service members with the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force.

"It's been a learning experience. It takes practice communicating in English, and using the proper format to conduct a joint call-for-fire drill," said 1st. Lt. Takaki Naoto, a platoon leader with Fire Power Leading Company, Field Artillery Battalion, Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade.

Six JGSDF members and a group of senior JSDF officers arrived on Camp Hansen April 9, to be greeted by key leaders of the 31st MEU. At the Command Post, JSDF officers actively engaged in a Rapid Response Planning Process brief with the command, including introductions and an overview of ongoing events with the exchange for the week.

"Utilizing the SAVT improves the quality of our training," said Naoto, in reference to the Supporting Arms Virtual Trainer Facility, where a handful of enlisted JGSDF personnel tested their skills plotting coordinates alongside joint fires observers with BLT 1/4. "We've been exploring different skill levels, starting from the very basic of call-for-fire drills with



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artillery and mortars," says Roche. "After running through very basic missions, we do full tactical execution templates on the simulator."

The simulator, equipped with an immersive 360 degree projection and surround sound system, takes users through a variety of training environments and combat scenarios. In the simulator, the "Marines and JGSDF members rehearse coordinating artillery, conducting callfor-fire drills, and establishing close-air support," says Roche. "This training ensures we're on the same page as our allies. We know we can conduct these operations jointly, when necessary."

Daily visits to the SAVT throughout the week were complimented by a real world exercise conducted from lookout hill, Camp Hansen; the group, now functioning as a bilateral team, identified predetermined enemy targets visible from their observation post. After confirming their locations, JGSDF members used radio equipment to contact AH-1Z Viper

and UH-1Y Huey helicopter pilots with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 262. Tablets in hand, linked via satellite to the targets, gauged the accuracy of the notional air support fire coordinated through the combined effort of the two countries. According to Roche, "it was a definite success. The joint-exercise enhanced and confirmed the Marine Corps and the Japanese ability to work together conducting call-for-fire and close air support."

Aside from providing a valuable opportunity to exchange knowledge and tactics, Naoto says "this Subject Matter Expert Exchange will deepen our mutual understanding and the communication between the Marine Corps and JGSDF." It's a testament to the lasting bond between Japan and the United States, which though already strong, has continued to strengthen through the years. "This observation and exchange will enhance our good relationship," says Naoto. "Even in peacetime, we must train bilaterally. Then we know we can perform bilaterally."







Service members complete advanced motorcycle training Service members prepare to begin the Level 3 Advanced Motorcycle Training April 19 on Naha Military Port.

By Pfc. Karis Mattingly

Marine Corps Installations Pacific

4/19/2019 - NAHA PORT — Service members attended the Level 3 Advanced Track Day Motorcycle Training on Naha Military Port April 19.

The level 3 course is a voluntary advanced training course for all active duty service members who have already obtained their motorcycle license. The layout of the track is designed to include multiple turns and straightaways to mimic realistic roads. Coaches and flaggers hold up flags to gain riders' attention in order to communicate procedures and safety precautions. They use a variety of safety props to train the students on drills, procedures and techniques.

"We value training," said Pat Yamashiro, the training technician coach with Installation Safety Office, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler. "With the training we provide, we are able to see the riders skill-set escalate throughout the day. This is designed to get riders up to real world speeds with a controlled environment so we can observe what they are doing,

(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Private First Class Karis Mattingly)

identify errors and teach them correct techniques."

According to Yamashiro, while the training is open to all service members, the Installation Safety Office hosts the training to specifically target Marines.

"The United States Marine Corps saw increased fatality on motorcycles, and implemented the level 3 training as a continual effort with the traffic safety program, "said Yamashiro.

The training provided is the most advanced out of 3 different ability levels and the motorcycle riders were able to put their skills to the test.

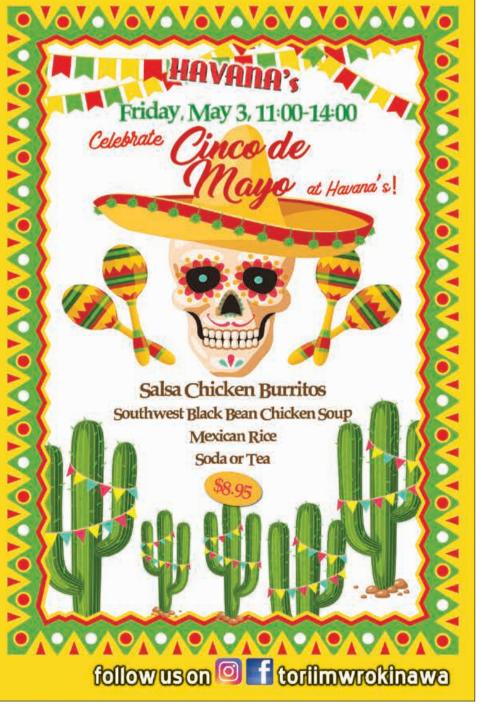
"It's challenging, realistic, and teaches the rider the limits of their capability," said Gunnery Sgt. Terrance Harrell, a participant in the course. "Doing this course allows us to focus on technique and body position. The training is very beneficial."

Service members interested in any of three different levels courses, including advanced track day motorcycle training, should contact their local installation safety office.









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Women of Okinawa, US discuss leadership



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By Nika Nashiro

Marine Corps Installations Pacific

4/23/2019 - URASOE, OKINAWA — Lt.Col. Kelly Frushour, director of Communication Strategy and Operations for III Marine Expeditionary Force, shared her experiences of being a female Marine officer and a leader at a Woman of Okinawa Power Alliance Network, or WOPAN, panel discussion March 16 at Urasoe City, Okinawa. WOPAN started in 2014 as an intergenerational and cross-cultural support network to promote women's empowerment and workforce diversity. This program is sponsored by the U.S. Consulate General Naha.

The two other panelists were Kanako Tomihara, the CEO of Ryuseki Shoji Co., Ltd, and Izumi Hamada, the vice president of Janssen Pharmaceutical K.K. All three panelists shared their thoughts and expe-

riences about what it means to be a female leader.

The members of the panel described what their thoughts on good leadership were. Summary points from the panel discussion included: addressing the purpose behind every task, having dialogues with employees, making healthy work environments, thinking how to contribute to the organization, having a good sense of teamwork, taking initiative, and being transparent, receptive, and humble.

"As a leader, my ultimate responsibility is to those who have been entrusted into my care, to make them the best they can be, to ensure they know how they fit in to the bigger picture and that their contributions are important and valued, and to create an environment where they can make mistakes and learn from them," said Frushour. "It's only a failure if you fail to

learn"

Around 50 members participated in the discussion with most of the audience members being women, with several men also in attendance. Participants interacted with the panelists through asking questions moderated by Irene Cooper, a professionalism coach.

Leaders exchanged their opinions on how females can advance in both Japanese and U.S. working societies. Making gradual headways is the key to naturally shifting the societies to acknowledge women's effort, according to Tomihara.

"I want our working environment to know that women are also capable of doing the same task as men," said Tomihara. "We, women, will have to gradually accumulate those experiences that will eventually become our armor of knowledge."

Hamada encouraged the audience to be confident in taking on challenges even when they think are not ready.

"Opportunity is lying around," said Hamada. "You may feel that you're not ready for it, but I believe it's important to take initiative and take on the challenges. It may be difficult, but go at it, and don't be afraid to make mistakes."

Having faith in your ability is a first step toward being successful, according to Frushour.

"I always like this quote from Henry Ford – 'whether you believe you can do a thing or not, you are right," said Frushour. "You have to believe in yourself and your capability to learn and grow. There are enough barriers to female leaders succeeding. We should not add to them by being a barrier to ourselves. Regardless of gender or nationality, people who want to improve their leadership have many of the same challenges and questions."



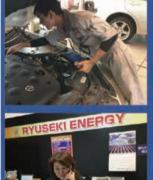
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Imperial Accession Events on May 1

LN employees may be excused from their regularly scheduled duty day on May 1 with the exception of those who, in the judgement of their chain of command, cannot be excused due to reasons of national security, defense, mission, or other essential public need. Employees excused from duty on that day will be granted administrative leave (with pay). Employees already on an approved leave status will continue to be charged pre-scheduled leave. For more information or questions, contact to the JN Civilian Personnel Section at Ms. Nikki Uehara at 632-7909.

18th LRS Air Force Equipment Management System (AFEMS) Freeze

The 18th Logistics Readiness Equipment Accountability Element wants to inform all property and equipment custodians starting April 1 the Air Force Equipment Management System (AFEMS) records will be frozen. The Equipment office will no longer be accepting AF Form 601's for authorization change requests until the freeze is lifted and the migration to Defense Property Accountability

To submit an announcement for the base bulletin, please visit www.kadena.af.mil or send info@samuraigate.jp

System (DPAS) is completed July 1, 2019. For more information please call 634-3653.

TMO Personal Property

Hours of Operations: Monday, Wednesday, Friday (0830-1530) / Tuesday, Thursday (0730-1500) Location: Building 756, DSN: 632-0068 PCS Group Briefings: Every Tuesday & Thursday (1500). Kadena customers will need valid PCS orders before scheduling any Household Goods and Unaccompanied Shipments.

INFORMATION Think Before You Drink

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Kadena Taxi at 098-970-8888(option 8) Panda Taxi (off base) 098-937-8989. Daiko 098-932-4035.

Mail Collection Box Locations on Kadena Air Base

For your letter mailing convenience, five mail drop box locations are available and their respective pickup schedules are below. Each letter must have the appropriate postage adhered to the letter before placing in the mail drop box. If postage is needed please visit the post office to purchase. Drive-up mailboxes and pick up times are listed below:

Nearby the Community Bank drive-through ATM (across from Schilling Community Center). Mail will be picked up Monday - Friday at 2:30 p.m. and on Saturday at 1230 p.m. / Near the Fairchild Shoppette. Mail will be picked up Monday - Friday at 2:36 p.m., Sat at 12:36 p.m. / Near the Kadena Base Exchange main entrance, Mon - Fri 2:43 p.m., Saturday 12:43 p.m. / Near the Kadena post office main entrance, Mon - Fri 2:48 p.m., Saturday at 12:48 p.m. / Nearby Popeye's Restaurant at

Olympic Mail, Mon - Fri 2:53 p.m., Saturday at 12:53 p.m. For more information, contact Nick Tolosa at 634-7909.

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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Off Base Event: Kids Festival Adventure World 2019

Plenty fun attractions for kids during the Golden Week Holiday, May 1 - May 5, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Chatan Dome. Advance tickets available at MCCS Tour+ or call 098-936-0134.

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CCAF Graduation

The Kadena Air Base Top 3 Organization will host the Community College of the Air Force Graduation at the Rocker NCO Club, May 17 at 3 p.m. Reception to follow. Military guests of the graduates may wear the uniform of the day. For more information, contact the Education Office at 634-1500.







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Seeking Earth Day Volunteers

Kadena Environmental would like you know of the Earth Day 2019 events we have currently underway. Help support through volunteer and donations! Clothes donation now thru 30 April. There will donation bins located throughout Kadena base facilities to include the Kadena BX and others. As you consider your spring cleaning or get ready to plan for your PCS, think about donating your unwanted clothes. The clothes will be going to the local orphanages and homeless shelters within our surrounding community. Look for the clothes bins marked Earth Day 2019! Beach clean-up at Sunabe Sea Wall (3 May, 0800). Please come out and join us as we clean up our community's beaches. We ask that you bring your own hydration sources, gloves to enjoy the day with us.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Kadena High School needed for Volunteer Native Speakers

Kadena High School is seeking volunteer native Spanish and French speakers to engage in conversational practice with students. This is a great opportunity to volunteer and help

our students develop their language skills. Civilian attire is appropria te. Military spouses, non-military and civilians are also welcomed to participate in this opportunity. The volunteer days are 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

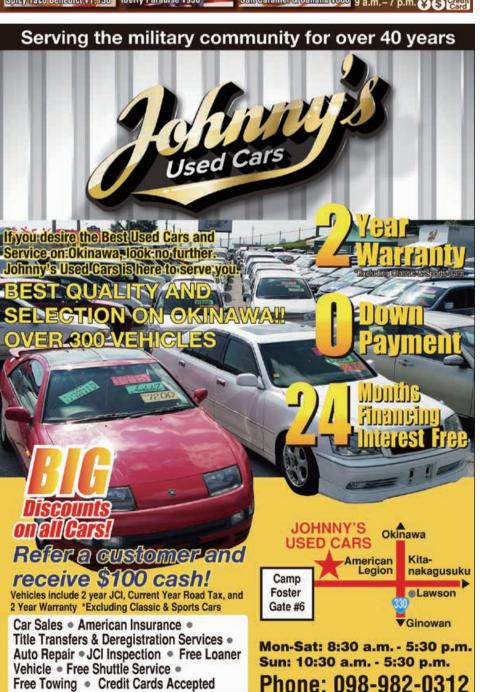
in their logs, and ensure proper form and safety. The students will be on a prescribed program but extra activities could be added if they finish early or feel that they could benefit from more exercises. This will be great opportunity for community members to earn volunteer hours and resume experience. If you are interested, please contact Coach Mendoza at sergio.mendoza@pac.dodea.edu. A volunteer packet and background check will be required.

Kadena Middle School Military Mentor Monday

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 or call 632-0217







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