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Typhoon Forecasters

By Staff Sgt. Daniel Fernandez

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Rivalry remains a healthy cornerstone of the U.S. armed forces, but when push comes to shove, Airmen, Marines, Soldiers and Sailors put differences aside to unlock their potential. Such is the case during natural disasters, where joint weather teams band together, ensuring the safety of those in range of cataclysmic disasters.

Typhoons are inevitable on the island of Okinawa, but for every storm on the horizon, there's a team ready and qualified to safeguard U.S. assets and personnel.

Enter the Joint Weather Okinawa team (JWO).

"We work tirelessly together to ensure the safety of U.S. personnel on Okinawa when a typhoon may impact the island," said Capt. Richelle Greer, weather flight commander from the 18th Operations Support Squadron. "On a normal day, these weather flights have their own missions to support and they don't include being the island's weather channel."

The JWO leave the weather forecasting to the Armed Forces Network (AFN) and local public affairs shops (PA). The 18th OSS Kadena Weather Flight instead provides mission execution forecasts to all flying squadrons assigned to the 18th Wing. The 353rd Special Operations Group Weather Flight provides specialized weather support to the Air Force special operations forces on Okinawa. Navy Oceanography and Anti-Sub-



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Daniel E. Fernandez)

marine Warfare Detachment Kadena provides oceanography and subsurface forecasts to Navy P-3 Orion and P-8 Poseidon aircraft on Kadena, and the III Marine Expeditionary Force Weather provides support to all amphibious operations across the island.

As storms approach, priorities shift from safeguarding military personnel and

assets to also protecting military families. When these units combine their expertise, it elevates the accuracy and detail, and accelerates timelines necessary to delivering life-saving data.

According to Capt. George Mills, senior weather officer from the III MEF weather, five days before a typhoon may hit the island, meteorologists from JWO study

the storm's movement and development by observing everything from tropical disturbances over the Pacific Ocean, to the typhoon's strength as it hits the island.

The team then advises and informs military leaders, AFN and PA, providing the forecasts to determine Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness, or TCCOR, for all U.S. military installations on Okinawa.

A Taiwanese Beauty Snake is held by a

AGE Specialists ensure Kadena's aircrafts ready for flight





The Presence of Comrades on Memorial Day

By Tech. Sgt. Brandon Boyd

142nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

his was supposed to be an easy assignment. As a Marine Corps Fallujah veteran, now a photojournalist for the Oregon Air National Guard, it was my first time at a Memorial Day ceremony. And to be honest, I wasn't expecting much.

Pageantry, maybe a few overly patriotic Lee Greenwood songs, some pleasantries and the photographs I planned to shoot. Then the rain began; a steady sheet of water, unrelenting, as I headed up to the highest point of the grounds with a camera in tow at Willamette National Cemetery. The band crescendos, playing a John Philip Sousa march and I realized I was marching in step to the music.

I made a decision to let down my guard and to truly engage in a drenched uniform, in this hallowed ground and talk to as many veterans as possible across multiple generational lines. I wanted to learn why they were here when they could be taking the day off, firing up the BBQ or kicking their feet up. Why here and why now?

As the ceremonies began and the downpour lifted on the rolling hills of Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon, a different feeling emerged, something unexpected.

I became one of them; a Vietnam veteran, a Gulf War warrior in desert BDUs, running up the beaches of the Pacific in WWII. The campaigns stretched across the globe and across decades defined by skirmishes and confrontation

When the battle banners had been rolled up and put away in storage after weathered boots and uniforms were put into bins, discarded or forgotten. One element remained: brotherhood.

There was just an understanding that was unwritten but seen in the weary eyes that had seen too much. Battle after battle, survivors of multiple wars and eras were here, standing at attention, duty surpassed any injury or remnant of injustice.

Eyes met that had seen the best and the worst of human nature. It was unwritten and the air was poignant.

Impoverished people; the eyes here had seen too much of that. Perhaps it was something I myself had seen during the long 24-hour shifts in the desert, somewhere in between combat and aggression there was tedious boredom, the unwrapping of rations, rifle cleanings and steady cadence of gallows humor that

resonate even today.

Although all were welcome at this Memorial Day ceremony, the open arms of America have sometimes been crossed in more difficult times of political turmoil and unrest.

"I'm out here today because in 1968 when I got out, there was no crowd like this saying hello or goodbye. This cemetery was a mess in 1968; nobody was taking care of it. It was slipshod, it was muddy, and it was muddy trails. When that started to change, when Iraq and the War on Terrorism all started, the cemetery changed during that time too," said Jim Pernetti, Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran and now a member of the 1st Marine Division Association.

That missing welcome left a mark across a generation of veterans, not always visible but somewhere beneath. Muddy trails were mended when a groundswell of support returned. In the case of our National Cemeteries, the solemn duty of funeral rights and the ceremony is often taken up by those lucky enough to survive the battle of time.

"So I come to pay my respects. I have brothers up here that are buried. With the 1st Marine Division Association, we do every Marine Corps Funeral that we can. So I spend a lot of time here."

"Why do you come here on Memorial Day?" I asked. "It's way bigger than just me. It's the camaraderie that we have as a group, and we'll never let down another Marine or his family: ever. It's important stuff."

No Marine left behind. A hero's welcome offered at the final resting place with respect freely given and acknowledgements made. For those still serving, the memory is carried, sometimes through a family connection that's passed on through generations.

"This celebration is really about freedom and about respect for all those who died for us. Even my Great Uncle, he's buried here and served many years in WWII, even if he didn't talk about it over the years. Just respect for all Airmen and Soldiers who fought over there," said Tech Sergeant Doug Martsolf of the Oregon Air National Guard's 142nd Maintenance Squadron.

Families and military supporters were here. They wore American flag shirts, camouflage, cowboy hats, and kids on laps, handing out sunflowers as tokens to those with ties to family members who had served. Motorcycle engines roared in as leather-vested veterans

pulled in to pay their respects.

"It's amazing because there's so much pageantry and recognition of our veterans here and gone. We come every year we can and help out the veterans. It's a big thing we look forward to every year," said Diane Wheatley, Oregon State Curator for the Oregon State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Through the ceremony and fanfare, often dubbed "the dog and pony show," in jocular enlisted language, some here longed merely for a viable excuse to stand shoulder to shoulder with others who served, if just for a moment in time, whether living or gone.

Specialist Peter Jubitz from Alpha Battery, 218th Field Artillery Regiment, Oregon Army National Guard said, "I think it's pretty important to be here. There are a lot of people who have lost family members and loved ones. I have a relative here as well. One of our sergeants was saying that during the Vietnam War, a lot of Vet's didn't get a good welcome back, so this means a lot for them. We just want to respect and honor them."

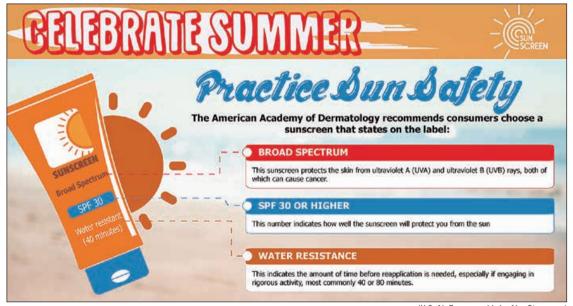
As I approached and asked for a photograph, two veterans who had never met before, from the Marine Corps and the Army, glued together for a photograph, their smiling faces spanned across the two branches of service.

WWII veterans came to pay their respects and I was fortunate enough to hear the story of one who survived the largest amphibious assault in the Pacific Theater of World War II on the Island of Okinawa.

"I got clear up to the rank of PFC before I got shot during the battle of Okinawa. That's when he got it. No more on the line than 5 minutes and my buddy got shot. We landed on the beach but the beaches were secure by then. The Japanese spent two years so that they could defend every bit of that island, no matter where you were, they had it covered. They let everybody get off the landing craft, on the beach. As soon as they got on the beach, then, they opened up," said PFC Don Hoyt.

To be honest, I didn't think my experience in Iraq had much in common with other veterans groups. There were different locales, new technology and different age and time. But on this Memorial Day, I felt something deeper, which hadn't been expressed before; through the lens of a camera and through the stories we shared as fellow service members.





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CREW CHIEF CEREMONS

Airman from the 44th and 67th aircraft maintenance units attend a crew chief dedication ceremony May. 31, at Kadena Air Base. Along with the responsibility of being assigned to a specific aircraft comes the time-honored tradition of painting the dedicated crew chief's name onto the side of the aircraft.





MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

Take Command of your health during Men's Health Month

By TRICARE.mil Staff

6/6/2019 — Men, are you taking command of your health? Taking command of your health means making positive decisions each day that contribute to your overall physical and mental wellness.

Men's Health Month is a great time to focus on taking preventive steps and making small changes to your lifestyle. You can start by getting familiar with the preventive services that TRICARE covers and health issues that more frequently affect men. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the leading cause of death among men in the U.S. is heart disease. Some of the factors that lead to heart disease and stroke are preventable,

especially with early detection and timely treatment.

Here are a few tips for men to get and stay healthy, happy, and strong:

- Visit Your Doctor Make an appointment. A yearly Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Examination is covered if enrolled in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select. TRICARE covers clinical preventive screenings. Your doctor can help you decide what tests you need based on your age and risk factors. Some important health tests for men include:
 Blood pressure and cardiovascular screenings
- Colorectal, prostate, testicular, and skin cancer exams
- Develop a Good Relationship with Your Provider During your visits, be honest about your health concerns. Open communication can prevent misdiagnoses and unnecessary tests. Use these tips for talking to your doctor from the National Institutes of Health before your next appointment. And if you don't have a primary care manager or need help finding a doctor, use Find a Doctor on the TRICARE website.
- Be Aware of Signs and Symptoms -Notice potential health concerns, beyond when you're sick or injured. Pay attention to that mole, persistent cough, or other symptom that seems new or unusual. Get familiar with your family's health history. Your provider can assess your risk of

disease based on your family history and other factors.

• Develop a Healthy Lifestyle - Exercise regularly, get enough sleep, and eat healthy balanced meals to stay in control of your mental and physical health. If you feel depressed, seek help. Your doctor can help you identify problems, like being overweight or feeling anxious. Learn about mental health services that TRICARE covers.

This June, take steps to get healthy, schedule the health care visits you need, and take command of your health. Go to the Military Health System Men's Health Month spotlight to learn more about health issues important to men.

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Medal of Honor recipient John Chapman memorialized at Pope Army Airfield

By Danielle Knight

Special Warfare Training Wing 6/6/2019 - POPE ARMY AIRFIELD, NC — Master Sgt. John Chapman was

commemorated during a Medal of Honor dedication at Pope Army Airfield on May 30.

A life-size figure of Chapman, a handdrawn portrait and a replica of his Medal of Honor were unveiled and placed on permanent display at the Benini Heritage Center, a nationally-recognized museum that is part of the 352nd Special Warfare Training Squadron, home of the Combat Control apprentice course. An outdoor memorial ceremony hosted by Col. James Hughes followed the reveal, with Ms. Valerie Nessel, the spouse of Chapman, and other Gold Star spouses: Melanie Sather and Tabitha Brown. Gen. Stephen W. Wil-

was keynote speaker at the memorial. Hughes extended his thanks to the Gold Star families that came out to the event, stating that their presence means more to the Special Warfare community than they realized. His sentiment was met with a standing ovation in thanks of their enduring support.

son, Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force,

"Pope Air Force Base, now Pope Army Airfield, is a special place in the history of Air Force combat control and special tactics over the past four decades. It is a special place for John Chapman, where you have the combat control schoolhouse he went through," said Hughes. "Memorializing him here, where we forge the next generation of Special Tactics warriors is particularly fitting.

Combat control is the most highly-decorated career field in the Air Force



for acts of valor since the Vietnam War. The museum was put into place upon the building of the schoolhouse in order to inspire the students and instructors on a daily basis. The figure of Chapman and the replica of his Medal of Honor are placed at the entrance to the schoolhouse as a centerpiece for the museum, to both inspire and remind students of the sacrifices of the fallen.

"This is truly the intersection of heritage and heroes," said Wilson. "Every Airman here has measured themselves or has been inspired in past centuries by heroes like Levitow, Pitsenbarger, Sijan. They will do the same for John Chapman and they will do it for years to come."

Prior to the event, Nessel had the opportunity to address the upcoming graduating class of combat controllers.

"It is particularly impactful that John's legacy is standing guard over the future of our combat control community; a community I consider to be family." said Nessel. "I hope John's dedication and sacrifice continue to inspire the next generation of heroes who are answering the call to serve and protect our nation. And that they always remember the stories of those who have gone before them, so their names are never forgotten."

Maj. Michael Bain, commander of the 352nd Special Warfare Training Squadron, was a close friend and teammate of Chapman's. He and others made it possible to have the likeness and Medal of Honor replica housed in the Heritage Center.

"[Chapman] understood the capabilities that combat controllers bring to the fight, and it was a badge of honor to know that he was on my team," said Bain. "He was the first friend to go, and sometimes I don't feel like we talk enough about him. Having him memorialized at the schoolhouse feels like a way of bringing him home."







JASDF bilateral training exercise



⟨ Tech. Sgt. Adam Decker, south aerospace ground equipment section chief assigned to the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, demonstrates how to use the hydraulic test stand during a bilateral training exercise with the Japan Air Self-Defense Force May 23, on Kadena Air Base.

A M U R A I

Senior Airman Diana Garcia-Ferrufino, nondestructive inspection journeyman assigned to the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, performs a metals check using the joint oil analysis program during a bilateral training exercise with the





Airman 1st Class Zacharius Shaw, nondestructive inspection apprentice assigned to the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, demonstrates how to use an eddy current nortec 600 inspection unit during a bilateral training exercise with the JASDF May 23.

✓ Airman 1st Class Miguel Bravo, nondestructive inspection journeyman assigned to the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, demonstrates the use and function of the Lorad LPX-160 x-ray apparatus during a bilateral training exercise with the JASDF.

USS Ronald Reagan flight operations



Sailors aboard the aircraft carrier USS **Ronald Reagan** (CVN 76) watche as an F/A-18E Super Hornet from the "Royal Maces" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 27 and an F/A 18-E Super Hornet from the "Eagles" of VFA-115 fly in formation with two U.S. Air Force F-15s of the 44th Fighter Squadron, Philippine Sea, June 5.

(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Janweb Lagazo



(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Rufus Hucks)

An F/A-18E Super Hornet from the "Eagles" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 115 launches from the deck of the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), Philippine Sea, June 5. Ronald Reagan is forward-deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations in support of security and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.





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18th EMS works phase

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Shawn McMahon, engine specialist assigned to the 44th Air Maintenance Unit, inspects the inside of an F-15 Eagle during phase maintenance at Kadena Air Base, May 15. Phase maintenance is an important opportunity to inspect and replace aircraft systems from the ground up.



NSA, Microsoft warn of Windows vulnerability

By National Security Agency 6/6/2019 - FORT GEORGE G. MEADE,

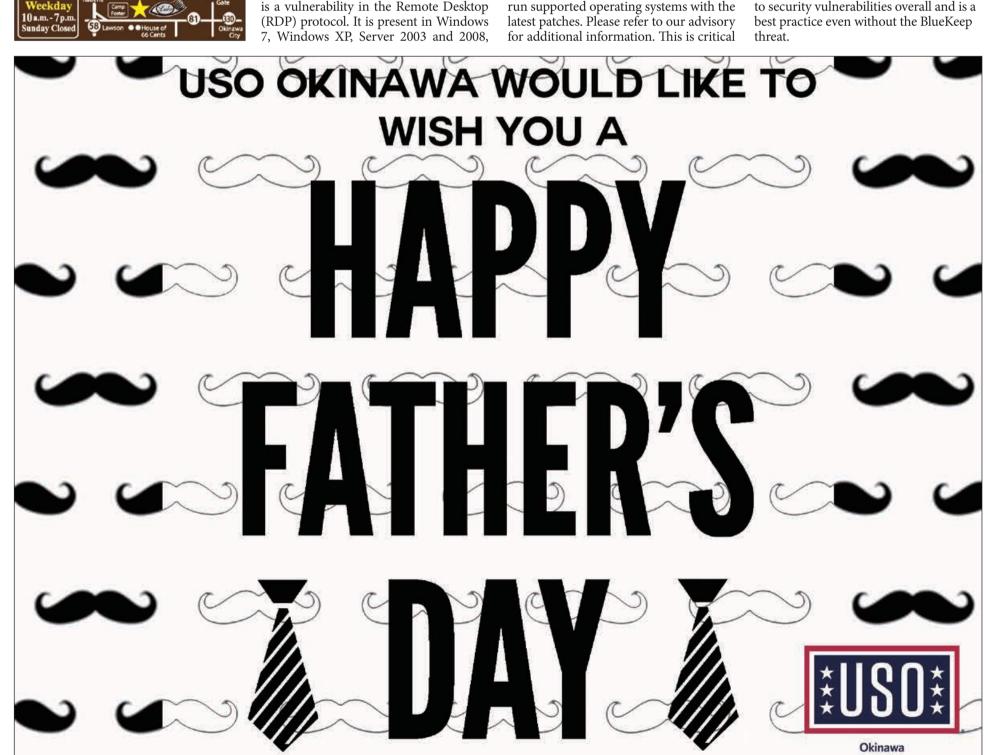
Md. — The National Security Agency is urging Microsoft Windows administrators and users to ensure they are using a patched and updated system in the face of growing threats. Recent warnings by Microsoft stressed the importance of installing patches to address a protocol vulnerability in older versions of Windows. Microsoft has warned that this flaw is potentially "wormable," meaning it could spread without user interaction across the internet. We have seen devastating computer worms inflict damage on unpatched systems with wide-ranging impact, and are seeking to motivate increased protections against this flaw.

CVE-2019-0708, dubbed "BlueKeep," is a vulnerability in the Remote Desktop and although Microsoft has issued a patch, potentially millions of machines are still vulnerable.

This is the type of vulnerability that malicious cyber actors frequently exploit through the use of software code that specifically targets the vulnerability. For example, the vulnerability could be exploited to conduct denial of service attacks. It is likely only a matter of time before remote exploitation code is widely available for this vulnerability. NSA is concerned that malicious cyber actors will use the vulnerability in ransomware and exploit kits containing other known exploits, increasing capabilities against other unpatched systems.

NSA urges everyone to invest the time and resources to know your network and run supported operating systems with the not just for NSA's protection of National Security Systems but for all networks. In order to increase resilience against this threat while large networks patch and upgrade, there are additional measures that can be taken:

- Block TCP Port 3389 at your firewalls, especially any perimeter firewalls exposed to the internet. This port is used in RDP protocol and will block attempts to establish a connection.
- Enable Network Level Authentication. This security improvement requires attackers to have valid credentials to perform remote code authentication.
- Disable remote Desktop Services if they are not required. Disabling unused and unneeded services helps reduce exposure to security vulnerabilities overall and is a best practice even without the BlueKeep



August Cole, co-author of "Ghost Fleet," discusses future technological warfare with Marine

By Lance Cpl. Tanner Lambert

III MEF Information Group

6/4/2019 - CAMP HANSEN — August Cole, co-author of "Ghost Fleet," participated in a forum hosted by III Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group on June 4. This forum began in a lecture format about "Ghost Fleet" and shifted into a question and answer portion after.

Many of the technological and computerized advancements described in "Ghost Fleet" bears a striking resemblance to the operations of III MIG. "Ghost Fleet," written by Cole and P.W. Singer, describes a near future in which superpowers are engaged in open conflict on a world war scale. Cyberspace is no longer a science fiction novel. The ramifications of a weak cyber network not only play out in Cole's novel but fall under the domain of defensive cyberspace operations – one of III MIG's newest companies.

"One of our goals was to talk about some of the assumptions that people no longer challenge and problems that are too big to tackle," says Cole. "And show, not just tell, but show why they must be addressed seriously."

The necessity to challenge these assumptions and ask questions about the future is key to progress. Throughout the information environment, these questions are of primary concern to Marines of III MIG; this forum allowed an opportunity to engage in discussion with one of the men who probed many of those questions in a fiction novel.

"Our aim is to challenge the way people view the world and give them something tangible to facilitate that discussion," says Cole.



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Tanner D. Lambert)

Cole's visit also included a writing workshop and a battle sites tour across Okinawa. The writing workshop allowed Marines with an interest in writing to pick the brain of a successful author and gain insight into the writing process. The workshop also morphed into a discussion on how Cole and Singer viewed the effect their writing has on the military community.

nity.
"I think it's easy to underestimate your adversary," says Cole. "It was important in 'Ghost Fleet' to really walk forward some of the technological developments we're seeing. This is a really important way to tell the reader, but also the policy community, that we should not underestimate our adversaries."

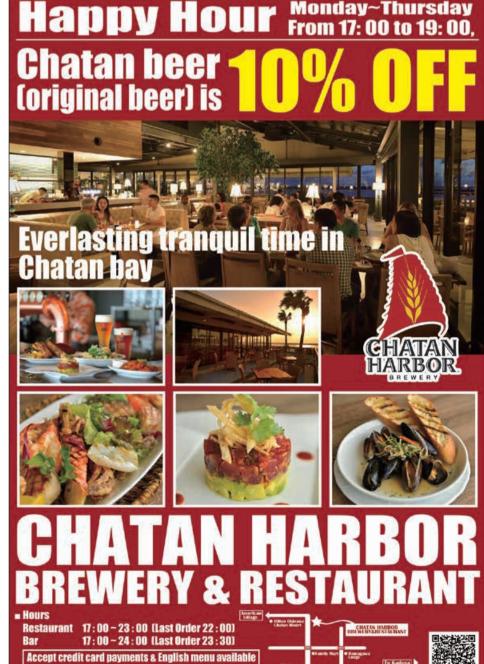
37th Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Robert B. Neller has placed "Ghost Fleet" on the reading list he advises all Marines to read. Neller states that "Ghost Fleet" "...kind of opens up the aperture and makes you realize that the future is here. It's not five to 15 years from now." With information warfare being the domain of III MIG, Cole and Singer's book has and will continue to make an impact on the evolving dialogue within III MEF's Information Group.











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3rd TSB Marines train with the JPADS

U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Dustin Murphy, left, and Gunnery Sgt. Christopher Bird, right, conduct military free fall operations June 6 on le Shima, Okinawa. 3rd Air Delivery Platoon, Landing Support Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 3, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, conducts regular training to certify their Marines in various airborne resupply missions. Murphy, an air delivery specialist with Air Delivery Platoon, LS Co., 3rd TSB, CLR 3, 3rd MLG, is a native of Indianapolis, Indiana. Bird, an operations chief with Air Delivery Platoon, LS Co., 3rd TSB, CLR 3, 3rd MLG, is a native of Jonesboro, Arkansas



Conclusion of salvage operations surrounding the December 2018 aircraft mishap



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Ryan Harvey)

A Spanish Air Force F/A-18 Hornet with 462 Squadron receives fuel from a
U.S. Marine Corps KC-130J with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 252,
Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force-Crisis Response- Africa during an

By 1st Lt. Jose Uriarte

III Marine Expeditionary Force 6/10/2019 - CAMP COURTNEY

— The salvage operation related to the December 6, 2018 aircraft mishap involving an F/A-18 and a KC-130J has concluded. The operation occurred from May 27 to June 7, 2019.

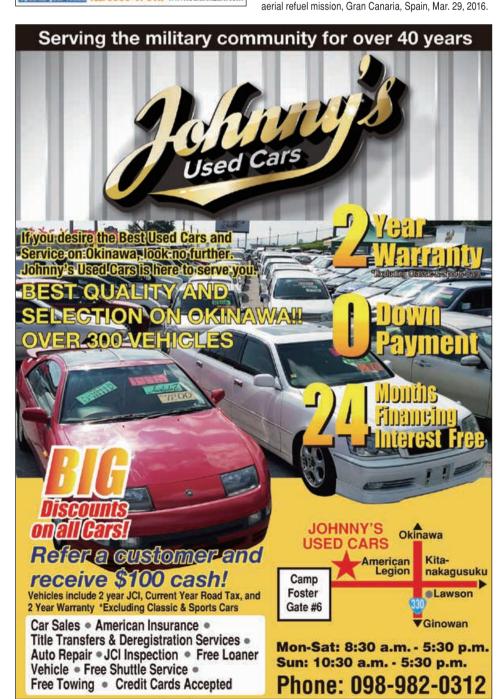
The salvage effort accomplished the task of recovering the KC-130J's cockpit voice recorder and digital flight recorder. These devices are being delivered to Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Maryland for analysis to assist in the on-going investigation.

Additionally, human remains

were recovered during the salvage operation. At this time, the number and identity of those recovered is not known. The remains will be transferred to Dover Air Force Base, Delaware where formal identification will be made by competent medical authorities.

We reaffirm our deepest sympathy for all affected by this tragedy and those grieving the loss of the six Marines who perished in this accident. We also would like to express our sincere gratitude for the cooperation and expertise of the underwater salvage team.

The cause of the December 2018 aircraft mishap remains under investigation.



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Lester Middle School student represents DoDEA at National Geography Bee in Washington, D.C.



(right) an eighthgrader at Lester Middle School, represented all of the Department of Defense **Education Activity** at the National Geography Bee in Washington D.C, smiles for a photo with his mother. Sandra Melendez. (left) June 6, on Camp Foster.

M U R A

(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Brennan J. Beauton

By Lance Cpl. **Brennan Beauton**

Marine Corps Installations Pacific

6/6/2019 - CAMP LESTER — Lester Middle School eighth-grader Eddy Melendez, 14, represented all of the Department of Defense Education Activity at the National Geography Bee May 19-22 at the National Geographic Society Headquarters in Washington D.C.

Melendez won the National Geography State Bee where he earned an all-expenses paid trip to Washington to compete against kids from across the world.

"It hasn't really sunk in that I represented the entire DoDEA," said Melendez. "I was so lucky to get so much support from my school. Some of my teachers gave me books that really helped."

According to Melendez, there are different levels of the completion before going all the way to Washington. Melendez started off his journey by competing against 20 students from Lester Middle School. After winning that, he outscored the winners of the two Kadena Air Base schools on Okinawa and went on to the DoDEA competition. Melendez outscored all competitors at the DoDEA competition and punched his ticket to represent the entire Department of Defense in Washington.

Upon arrival in Washington, Melendez was given his medal for winning the National Geographic State Bee. The competition started off with the preliminary rounds where the first three questions were to be written down and the fourth question being an essay response. After the written portion, the competitors were to answer questions orally.

"I was very nervous," said Melendez. "The written part, I was ready for, but the oral part I became really nervous."

According to Melendez, he finished in the middle of the board; not super high, but not super low.

"He did amazing," said Sandra Melendez, Eddy's mother. "I could not be more proud of my son. I felt overwhelmed and super proud seeing him up there with all the other kids from around the world."







Kadena Air Base Community Notes

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

Gate 2 Visitor Control Center Extended Hours

The 18th Security Forces Squadron have extended Gate 2 Visitor Control Center hours and will be open from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m., 7 days a week. Sponsors are authorized to sign on all visitors from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Members with visitors/family member coming in from Naha Airport between 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., with a valid passport and dated stamp (or airline ticket as

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Partial Road Closure

Partial road on Douglas Blvd. (near Christos Ave. to near Bldg. 852) will be closed from June 3, 2019 to Jan 31, 2020, 24 hours daily. One lane in each direction will be open for traffic. For more information, contact Mr. Akira Fair at 634-4879

Half Lane Road Closure

The road between Hamshire Ave. and Walmsley Way will be closed to a half-lane and alternate traffic flow will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., June 10 to Aug 31. Half lane road closure to install water line and repair road. For more information, contact Mr. Eishin Hiyajo at 634-4285

POV Shipment Authorize

Effective immediately, Air Force members are authorized to ship a Privately Owned Vehicle on subsequent Permanent Change of Station orders from Okinawa/Japan when a member does not use the storage entitlement under JTR, para 0532. These members in this category can ship a car from Okinawa to their next Permanent Duty of Station, on a case by case basis. *Federal, state, local, and/or international requirements and cost therein fall entirely on the member.* Members must still visit TMO PPSO well in advance to coordinate this request, to ensure they are fully briefed

on the entire process. For more information, contact TMO Personal Property at 632-0068.

Housing Office Closures

The Kadena DoD Family Housing Office, Camp Kinser Office, Camp Courtney Office, Camp Foster, Furnishing Management Section and Furnishing Management Section Self-Help and Appliance Repair will be closing in observance of Independence Day and an official function. June 28, Friday, closing at noon for an official function. / July 4, Thursday, closed for Independence Day. / July 5, Friday, closed for a Family day. For emergency assistance, please contact 634-HOME (4663).

INFORMATION Kadena and Camp Foster Emergency Numbers

Kadena Fire Emergency Services reminds everyone to program their cell phones with the emergency numbers. To report an emergency on Kadena via cell, dial 098-934-5911, and from an office phone, dial 911. For Camp Foster via cell, dial 098-911-1911, or from an office phone, dial 911.

Think Before You Drink

Did you know there have 15 SOFA members caught drinking and driving in 2019. Don't become a statistic. Think before you drink. Don't drive – call a ride. For a safe ride home call these numbers: Kadena Taxi at 098-970-8888(option 8) / Panda Taxi (off base) 098-937-8989. / Daiko 098-932-4035.

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

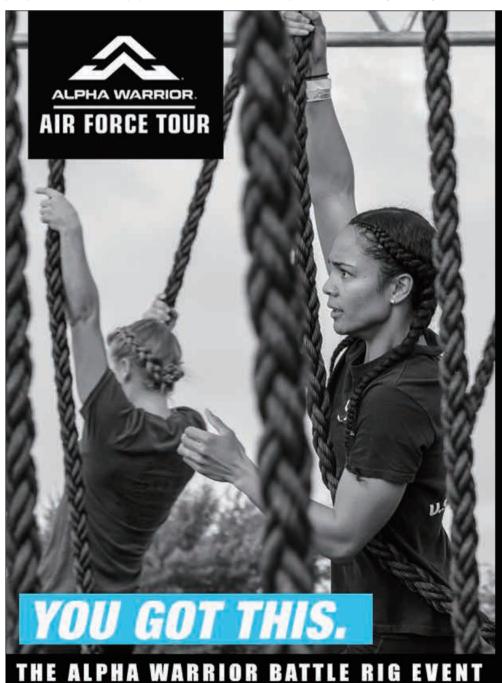
the personnel data information on an AF Form 102 and briefly outline the facts and relevant information related to the issue or complaint. List the allegations of wrongdoing briefly, in general terms and provide supporting narrative detail and documents later, when interviewed by an IG person. Allegations 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, 634-2768 for SMSgt Aguirre, or leave a message on the Kadena Fraud, Waste, & Abuse (FWA) Hotline at 634-0404.

18th Wing Equal Opportunity

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

Safety Message Regarding Divers and UXOs

With peak diving season around the corner, it is imperative that divers are aware of the potential hazards of tampering with or recovering unexploded ordnance (UXO) within the waters of Okinawa, Japan. If any ordnance items are found in the waters, recreational divers should not relocate, recover, or touch said items. Individuals who recover these items risk potential harm to themselves or others in the



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area. Furthermore, transporting UXOs through residential areas and on/off installations risk the potential of creating an international incident if involved in either an accident or when stopped by local police.

AADD: We Get You Home Safe

Did you drink tonight? Made a plan but it's falling through? Can't catch a cab? If any of this applies to you, call AADD. Don't risk it all, when you can get a ride home for free. To contact AADD from a cell phone number, dial 098-961-1110 and ask for the USO, or dial DSN: 634-3889. We're open Fridays and Saturdays at the USO (gate 2) from 2200 to 0100 and we're here to help. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please email our Org Box or contact us on Facebook: Kadena AB A2D2

New Master's Program at University of Maryland University College

University of Maryland University College is offering a new Master's Program for active duty and veterans. The Master's of Science in Transformational Leadership is designed to help prepare you for senior leadership positions in public, private, and non-profit organizations in various fields. We will accept up to 12 credits from selected professional military education institutions. For more information, please contact us at 634-4383 or kadena-asia@umuc. edu.

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

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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AFSA Chapter 1553 General Membership Meeting

The Air Force Sergeant's Association (AFSA) Chapter 1553 is holding its monthly general membership meeting June 20 at 11 a.m. in the Kuba Room at the Rocker NCO Club on Kadena Air Base. All ranks and services are welcome to attend. For more information, Contact Donald Fisher (632-5085)

KAB LGBT Pride Month events

All events are open to anyone with access to Kadena Air Base. June 14 - LGBTQA+ Social & Networking at the Rocker (5:00 p.m.) / June 22 - Reverse Sprint Triathlon (6:30 a.m. start at Fairchild Pool) E-mail KadenaLGBTPride@gmail.com to sign-up / June 29 - Drag Show at Kadena O-Club Ballroom (7:00 p.m.) Ticket purchase required, ages 18+. For more information, videos & historical facts, check us out on FaceBook at http://www.facebook.com/KadenaLGBTPride or e-mail KadenaLGBTPride@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES 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.Kadena Middle School Military Mentor Monday

320th STS needs volunteers for STS Training Op

The 320th Special Tactics Squadron will be conducting tactical training June 26 and are looking for 10-15 volunteers to role play as wounded military members and/or OPFOR for training scenarios. The training begins around noon and may end around 10 p.m. This is a great opportunity to help train the 320th STS operators, who are Indo-Pacific Command's sole Air Force Special Operations air-to-ground integration force. For more information or questions, email TSgt John Smith at john. smith.210@us.af.mil

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