

Japanese, U.S. teachers boost bilateral future AIR FORCE - ARMY - NAVY - MARINE - COMMUNITY NEWS Number 12 - Issue 21 Team Kadena bids farewell to Col. Richard C. Tanner



U.S. and Japanese elementary school teachers participate in group activities during We Can bilateral training at the Ryukyu Middle School, Kadena Air Base, May 24.

By Staff Sgt. **Peter Reft**

18th Wing Public Affairs

6/3/2019 - KADENA AIR BASE — Upon first glance, a first-time observer might think this colorfully-dressed group of fully-grown adults are teaming up for a children's contest to win prizes and candy, with huge smiles on their faces and laughter filling the ears. The "We Can!" bilateral training program is the result of a partnership between the U.S. and Japanese governments to roll out new English language curriculum for all Japanese students across the country by 2020.

Team Kadena middle school shared activity-driven English lessons to Okinawa elementary teachers in support of the Foreign Language Initiative at the Ryukyu Middle School (RMS) May 24.

Dr. Tracy Rice, regional English Language Coordinator, developed the "We Can!" training program in support of the Department of Defense Educational Activities (DoDEA) role in the bilateral agreement, enabling RMS to host training for local Okinawa teachers.

"The Foreign Language Initiative is a joint effort between the Japanese Ministry of Foreign

Affairs, DoDEA, and the State Department to foster positive relationships between Japan and the U.S. by providing training for local Okinawa teachers," said Dr.

The bilateral training program began in 2018 after Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology revised foreign language requirements for elementary students.

"This endeavor began through collaborative meetings between the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, DoDEA, and the State Dept. in May of 2018," said Dr. Rice. "There have been several training sessions to include follow-up network workshops on Saturdays."

The RMS training sessions provide Japanese teachers with teaching activities designed to fully engage students with English language classes.

"The training is focused on interactive cooperative learning and team building challenges that enhance English language acquisition skills," said Dr. Rice. "The engaging activities are aligned to the We Can! books and can easily be implemented with students in the classroom."

Okinawa teachers who participated in the "We Can!" training appreciated the format of the

lesson demonstrations.

"This is very productive, Dr. Rice has so many ideas, and I was very impressed and touched with her creativity," said Yuko Sakurai, Ginowan City Kakazu Elementary School teacher. "I was so impressed after our last session that I couldn't sleep last night because I was making a numbers card game lesson plan with ice cream flavors, an idea I got from this training."

Not only are RMS staff engaged with the training program, but U.S. students also participate in the cooperative learning environment.

The Kadena English for Speakers of Other Languages team students are an integral part of the professional development, and they assist with heading English language activities," said Dr. Rice. "Many of these students are also bilingual."

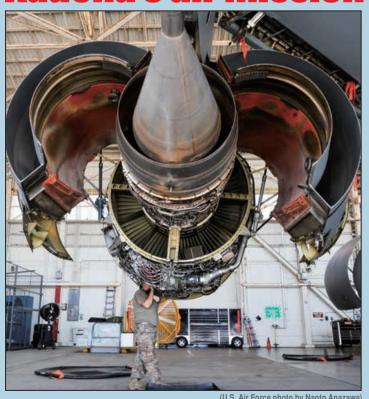
Dr. Rice and DoDEA support for the Foreign Language Initiative aim not only enhance national educational programs, but also to further improve international relations between the U.S. and Japan.

"This is an innovative way to foster relationships between Japan and the U.S. while providing educations opportunities for all students," said Dr. Rice.



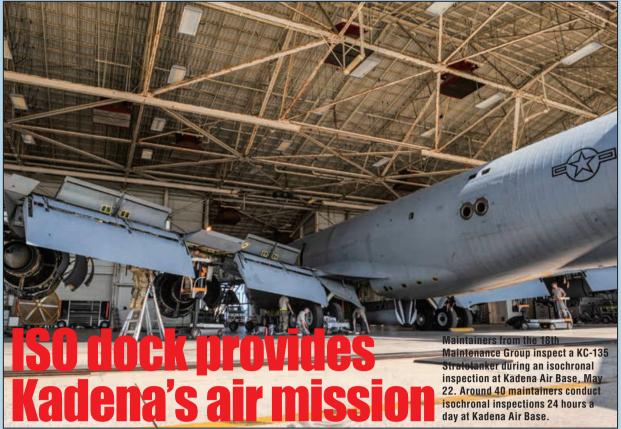
Team Kadena bids farewell to U.S. Air Force Col. Richard C. Tanner, 18th Wing vice commander, at Kadena Air Base, May 29. While stationed at Kadena, Tanner provided the commander of U.S. Pacific Command trained and equipped tactical air superiority forces, combat search and rescue forces, command and control platforms, aeromedical evacuation capability, and global mobility resources for contingency operations. Tanner received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 1998, and after Undergraduate Pilot Training, he qualified in the C-17A Globemaster. He has served in various operational positions, including Special Operations Flight Commander and Squadron Director of Operations, and has commanded operational and combat missions worldwide in support of Operations Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn. He served as the Commander of the 305th Operations Support Squadron at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, where he led more than 385 Airmen, Sailors and Soldiers in the Air Force's only tri-service Operations Support Squadron. In 2006, he was selected as an Olmsted Scholar to Osaka University, Japan, and has served in staff capacities as the Japan Country Director on the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Chief of Officer Development at HQ Air Mobility Command. Tanner leaves Kadena to become the installation commander of McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas

ISO dock provides Kadena's air mission



(U.S. Air Force photo by Naoto Anazav

A maintainer from the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, inspects a KC-135 Stratotanker engine during an isochronal inspection at Kadena Air Base, May 22. The purpose of the inspection is to ensure aircraft are reliable, safe and mission ready





Maintainers from the 18th Maintenance Group inspect a KC-135 Stratotanker during an isochronal inspection at Kadena Air Base, May 22. During the inspections, aircraft maintainers look for and repair problems in every system, from nose to tail and wing-tip to wing-tip.



Maintainers from the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron check a KC-135 Stratotanker rudder during an isochronal inspection at Kadena Air Base, May 22. KC-135 Stratotankers undergo an isochronal inspection, which consists of a 12-day detailed inspection before the plane can fly again.

MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE IS INTEGRAL TO ACHIEVING MY CAREER GOALS

By Military Health System Communications Office

6/4/2019 — Vaccinations, physical fitness tests, weight and body fat measurements with everything the military mandates for service members to help ensure force readiness, it's easy to forget that these health and wellness requirements also benefit service members as individuals. Men, especially, may take the attitude of not doing anything beyond checking the boxes. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's annual National Health Interview Survey, men ages 18 to 65 are more likely than women to use tobacco products and drink alcohol to excess. We're also less likely than women to seek advice from health care professionals.

I'll admit I haven't always been as focused as I could be on health and wellness. In the past few months, though, I've been paying closer attention. Maintaining a healthy lifestyle is integral to achieving my career goals.

I enlisted in the Navy in my mid-20s and was assigned to surgical technician training and then training to become a urology technician. My experiences have led to the desire to become an officer in the Navy Medical Corps. I'm doing everything I can to get ready to apply to the Enlisted

to Medical Degree Preparatory Program, or EMDP2.

Once I started digging into the program and seeing what the requirements were, it reminded me of what it means to be a sailor, and that I can't let physical fitness fall to the wayside. The program actually considers the physical fitness of candidates as part of the application process.

I also need a bachelor's degree to apply. For six months, I commuted three times a week from Oceanside to San Diego to attend classes at National University. Each commute meant sitting in traffic in my car for about two hours, and sitting in class for four and a half hours. Instead of making excuses about why I couldn't schedule a workout at the gym, I made a concerted effort to squeeze in exercise whenever and where ever I could. During breaks, for example, I'd find a quiet corner somewhere in the building and do pushups or squats. This is where I adopted the philosophy of, "If you think about working out, then do it right there and then."

My wife is a great cook who prepares healthful meals in large batches. So there's always something good for me to grab instead of fast food or vending machine snacks. But at some point, I realized I was eating right, but I was still eating too much.

So I scheduled an appointment with a nutritionist. It was really eye-opening to see the size of daily recommended allotments for proteins, fruits and vegetables. I've looked into other resources the military offers for nutrition and fitness.

Emotional health is also important. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, only about half of all people who need psychological help actually receive it. Further, men may be less likely to reach out. There's a stereotype that we aren't expected to share our feelings and should keep our problems to ourselves. As I've gotten older, I've learned

that if something's bothering me, I need to speak up instead of keeping everything bottled up. One of my leaders once said, "If you ever need a day, just ask. Sometimes, you need a day." That definitely resonated with me. When I'm in a more senior leadership position, I'll take that stance as well. I haven't had to take a day yet but knowing it's available can do wonders. I appreciate that, along with the mental health resources available for military families.



(Courtesy photo

Petty Officer 3rd Class Logan Talbott gets exercise and fresh air when taking dog Odin on long walks. Here, they're at Oceanside Pier in California

I have about six more months of classes before completing my bachelor's degree. The remaining coursework can be done online, so I won't have to deal with the physical and mental stress of a long commute. Still, I'll be busy, and I may find it challenging to keep sight of health and wellness on top of everything else I'm doing. But I've already learned the most important lesson of all: Fulfilling goals can't happen without a healthy mind, body, and spirit.

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Allied Airmen are a Powerful Weapon







→ Japan Air Self-Defense Force members watch a load demonstration during the first bilateral weapons load exchange between Kadena Air Base and the JASDF, May 23. The goal of the training is to accurately and safely load munitions while strengthening the U.S.-Japan alliance in order to secure a free-and-open Indo-Pacific.

√ U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Jacob Johnson, 18th Maintenance Group weapons lead crew member, prepares an F-15D Eagle for weapons during the first bilateral weapons load exchange between Kadena Air Base and the Japan Air Self-Defense Force, May 23.

RED FLAG-Alaska 19-2 kicks off

By Master Sgt. Miguel Lara IIIPacific Air Forces Public Affairs

6/4/2019 - JOINT BASE PEARL HAR-BOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — Red Flag-Alaska 19-2, a Pacific Air Forces-sponsored exercise designed to provide realistic training in a simulated combat environment, is scheduled to begin June 6 with primary flight operations over the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex (JPARC) scheduled through June 21.

Approximately 2,000 personnel are expected to fly, maintain and support more than 85 aircraft from more than a dozen units during this iteration of the exercise. In addition to the U.S., pilots from the Japan Air

Self-Defense Force (JASDF) and Republic of Korea Air Force (ROKAF), and Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF) are scheduled to participate, enabling them to exchange tactics, techniques and procedures while improving interoperability with fellow airmen. The majority of aircraft will be based at, and fly from, Eielson Air Force Base and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

Red Flag-Alaska exercises provide unique opportunities to integrate various forces in a realistic threat environment and dates back to 1975 when it was held at Clark Air Base in the Philippines and called exercise COPE THUNDER.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Eric M. Fisher)

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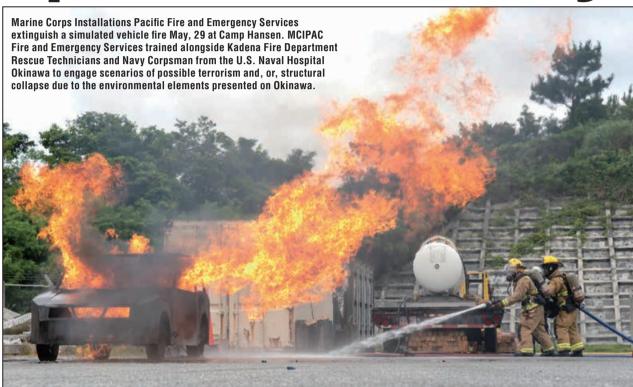


NASCAR honors fallen Special Tactics Airman

Family members and teammates of U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Dylan Elchin attend the NASCAR Coca-Cola 600 Miles of Remembrance race on May 26, Concord, North Carolina. Elchin, a Special Tactics combat controller, was killed in action when his vehicle hit an improvised explosive device in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan, Nov. 27, 2018, while deployed in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel. Special Tactics operators are U.S. Special Operations Command's tactical air-to-ground integration force and the Air Force's special operations ground force leading global access, precision strike, personnel recovery, and battlefield surgery operations.



Urban Search and Rescue Operations Training in Okinawa





a Kadena Fire Department Rescue Technician enter the breached wall May, 29 at Camp Hansen.

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

By Lance Cpl. **Brennan Beauton**

Marine Corps Installations Pacific

5/29/2019 - CAMP HANSEN — Marine Corps Installations Pacific Fire and Emergency Services exercised urban search and rescue interoperability training alongside Kadena Fire Department Rescue technicians and Navy Corpsman from the U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa for a simulated structural collapse May 29-30 on Camp Hansen, Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler.

The training was designed to simulate scenarios of possible terrorism, or structural collapse due to environmental extremes presented on Okinawa.

"Training always prepares for us to

respond to real-world emergencies," said Staff Sgt. Kyle Ledford, a firefighter for Kadena Fire Emergency and Services. "They can happen anytime, anywhere, so we have to train to practice our skills, hone them, and make them better."

Crews arrived on scene to a possible terroristic event. The simulation systematically unraveled as a vehicle had careened over victims and crashed into a two-story building exploding into a fireball perpetuating a partial building collapse.

"This training consists of an emergency response to a situation for example; if an earthquake, typhoon or even a terrorist attack hits and a building on an installation collapses, we will be prepared to support ourselves," said Jerry Bowling, assistant chief of operations MCIPAC Fire and Emergency Services Japan.

The firefighters worked to extinguish a fire, triage surface victims and called for the mobilization of the MCIPAC Urban Search and Rescue team while Corpsman addressed the immediate needs of multiple critical patients for a Mass Casualty Incident. Kadena Fire Department's rescue technicians arrived on scene to support a labor intensive rescue effort of trapped persons.

"I would say the hardest part of this training is cutting into the concrete structure," said Ledford. "It's very time consuming and a lot of manual labor to use the equipment."

After rescue technicians worked together to stabilize crumbling structures from further collapse, they breached six inch thick concrete walls, braced ceilings, and navigated an extremely confined space to conduct lifesaving rescue operations.

According to Bowling, today's training was an avenue to test the three agencies ability communicate and operate success-

fully.

"To put the pieces in place and to rescue somebody, communication is vital," said Bowling. "This will definitely help in real-world situations. The more hands-on training we have the better we are able to communicate with each other and rescue whomever maybe in trouble."





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Patrol Squadron Five strengthens relations with Royal Malaysian Air Force



(U.S. Navy photo by Lt j.g. Bryan Mullins)

Sailors assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 joined the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) for the Malaysian Subject Matter Expert Exchange (MYS SMEE) May 6-10.

By Lt.j.g. Michael Miller

Patrol Squadron 5

6/3/2019 - SUBANG, Malaysia — Sailors assigned to the "Mad Foxes" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 joined the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) for the Malaysian Subject Matter Expert Exchange (MYS SMEE) May 6-10.

This exercise is held on a quarterly basis, serves to strengthen relations between the two countries, and advances the common goal of improved maritime domain awareness.

The engagement included an aviation symposium, where SMEEs from both countries exchanged their expertise on the capabilities of their respective aircraft, and techniques for all phases of flight to include: mission planning, briefing, inflight execution, and post flight.

Combat Aircrew ONE (CAC-1) took six RMAF riders and three United States embassy riders into the WMD-412A working area to display and execute the

material exchanged during the aviation symposium.

'This was my first detachment, but it was one I will never forget," said Naval Aircrewman Operator 2nd Class Marcus Arduini, one of CAC-1's Acoustic Operators. "The RMAF were fantastic and I hope I get another opportunity to work with them again in the future."

CAC-1 hosted Maj. Gen. Dato' Tengku Muhammad Fauzi bin Tengku Ibrahim and Brig. Gen. Anuar Anas bin Abdul Wahab of the RMAF for an orientation

"It was an honor being able to take those gentlemen flying with us," said Lt. Bryan Mullins, a Naval Flight Officer for CAC-1. "They were very down to earth and extremely knowledgeable. The crew we brought down to Malaysia had a great time, we learned a lot working with the RMAF, and we are looking forward to further strengthening our relationship with them."

VP-5 change of command



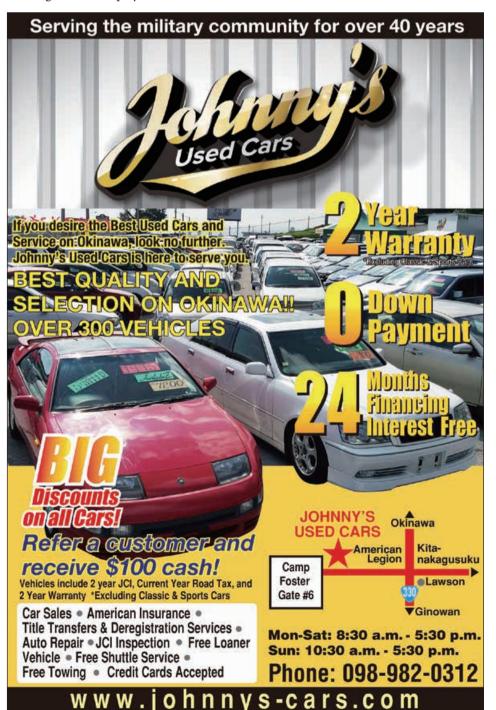
ceremony at Kadena Air Base, June 3. VP-5 "Mad Foxes are deployed to Kadena conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance and theatre outreach operations within U.S. 7th



Robert Wilkerson (Right) with a gift from Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 chief's mess during the change of command ceremony.



Cmdr. Robert Wilkerson salutes the side boys during the change of command ceremony in which he was relieved by Cmdr. Carl White as the commanding officer of Patrol Squadron



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III MEF commanding general change of command

By Pfc. Francesca de la Reza

III Marine Expeditionary Force

5/31/2019 - CAMP COURTNEY — Lt. Gen. Eric M. Smith relinquished command of III Marine Expeditionary Force to Lt. Gen. H. Stacy Clardy, III, May 31, 2019 at Camp Courtney, Okinawa, Japan.

Prior to assuming command of III MEF, Clardy served as the Military Deputy for the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. Smith relayed his excitement for Clardy's future.

"You think I have passion?" said Smith. "Wait until you meet Stacy Clardy. You have no idea how good a deal you're getting. For those of you in the U.S.-Japan alliance, you have no idea how fortunate you are that a veteran of Japan has come back."

Clardy's most recent service in Okinawa was from 2013 through 2015 as the commanding general of 3rd Marine

Division. During the ceremony, Clardy expressed an optimistic outlook on his future with III MEF.

"Okinawa is a special place," said Clardy, a Georgetown, South Carolina, native. "This is my 4th tour in Japan. I watched my children grow up here. I consider this my second home."

III MEF provides the United States with a forward-deployed force in readiness in the Pacific theater. It is a globally responsive, expeditionary, and fully scalable Marine Air Ground Task Force, capable of employing forces for operations ranging from crisis response to major combat.

"I am humbled to be back here again," said Clardy. "III MEF is a forward-deployed, expeditionary Marine Air-Ground Task Force, ready for any crisis and to lend a helping hand. They've shown that in the past and they'll do it again tomorrow."



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Pfc. Francesca de la Reza)

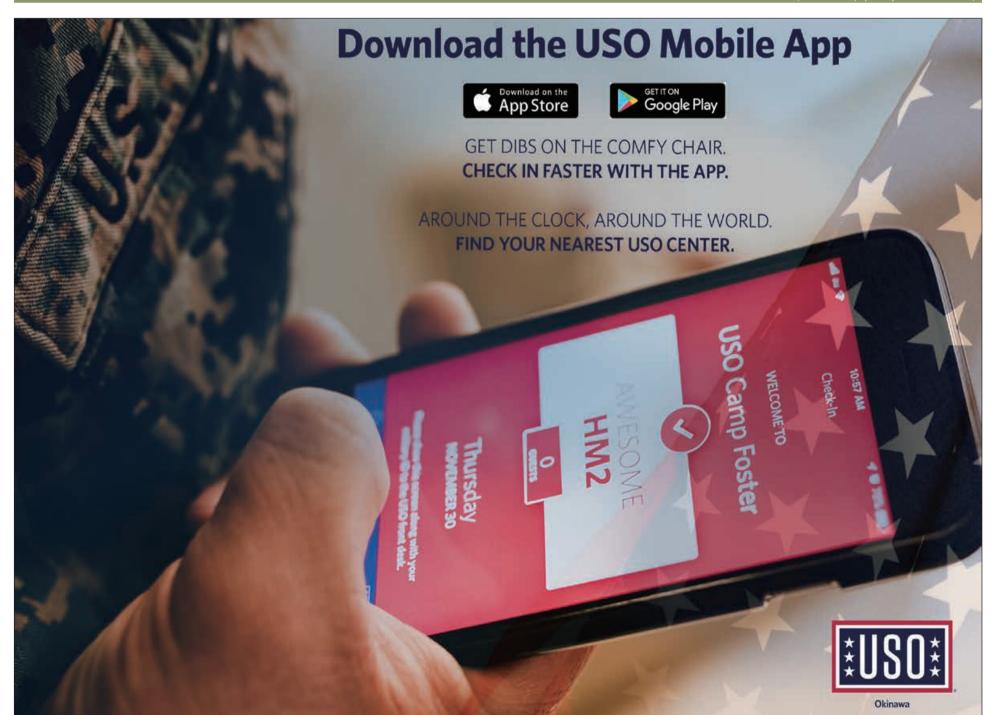
Lt. Gen. Eric M. Smith, right, relinquishes his duties as commanding general to Lt. Gen. H. Stacy Clardy, III, during the III Marine Expeditionary Force change of command ceremony at Camp Courtney, May 31.

1st MAW, JASDF strengthen ties during visit to MAG-36

U.S. Marine Corps and Japan Air Self-Defense Force leaders listen to a tactics brief during a JASDF Marine Aircraft Group 36 visit June 3 at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma. Key leaders from 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and the JASDF met to discuss readiness, aviation assault support, tactics, safety, maintenance and more. This meeting was a step toward continuous integration and cooperation of bilateral forces—further strengthening the longstanding U.S.-Japanese alliance.



J.S. Marine Corps photo by Pfc. Gerardo W. Cano



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(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Savannah Mesimer)

U.S. service members with Marine Corps Installations Pacific and III Marine Expeditionary Force pick up trash as part of cleanup efforts at Tropical Beach, May 31.

By Lance Cpl. Savannah Mesimer

Marine Corps Installations Pacific

5/31/2019 - CAMP FOSTER — Members of the local and military community gathered for a beach cleanup May 31 at Tropical Beach on Okinawa.

The cleanup was hosted by 3rd Dental Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group.

"We hosted this clean up because we wanted to bring various units together and to give an opportunity for senior enlisted members to interact with their junior enlisted, this gives us a chance to mentor outside of the office and do something good for the local community," said Chief Petty Officer Amanda Derequito, a hospital corpsman with the battalion.

Beach cleanups are held often by various units across III Marine Expeditionary Force, not only to clean up the environment, but to also show the local community that personnel assigned to Okinawa truly care about their surroundings.

"We really want our neighbors to know that we care about what they have given to us. We want to take care of the island and help in any way possible," said Seaman Alexa Laygo, a hospital corpsman with 3rd Dental Battalion.

If you are interested in participating in the next beach cleanup, you can contact your local Single Marine Program.



3rd Dental Battalion Safety officials hosts beach cleanup share tips for in Ginowan share tips for outdoor fun



By DLA Safety and **Occupational Health**

5/30/2019 — Summer weather is here and with it comes the desire to spend hours outside. Many people enjoy the weather hanging out at the pool or beach, grilling food, playing summer sports, setting off fireworks, riding amusement park rides or enjoying road trips. For hundreds of people, though, summer festivities will end badly because they failed to take proper safety precautions. Following are a few tips to help you and your loved ones stay incident-free.

High temperatures pose a significant risk for heat injury. Exposure to the heat may result in heat injuries as mild as heat cramps and as deadly as heatstroke. Alcoholic drinks and soda are dehydrating so moderation is important. Use waterproof or sweat proof sunblock and drink water when engaging in outdoor events. Wear loose fitting, light colored clothes. And wearing the right shoe for the activity can prevent foot injuries like sprained ankles.

Water-related activities come with certain risks. Open bodies of water like rivers, lakes and oceans have the potential for rapidly changing conditions. Follow posted warning signs of unsafe water conditions. Horseplay in swimming pools or natural bodies of water can result in injuries. Never consume alcohol or large meals before swimming or taking part in water sports.

Let's face it - a Fourth of July celebration without bottle rockets, Roman candles and sparklers feels incomplete. Unsafe handling of fireworks often results in injuries to the hands and fingers, eyes and legs. Only use fireworks outdoors. Read and follow all warnings and instructions before igniting fireworks. Ensure spectators are out of range and only light fireworks outside on a smooth, flat surface away from homes and flammable materials. Don't pick up leftover or previously lit fireworks because they might still be active.

Good food and great conversation are staples of a summer barbecue. Before firing up the grill, be aware of proper grilling techniques. Never use a grill indoors, and keep them away from flammables. Keep children and pets away from fires and grills.

Amusement and theme parks are also a fun and popular way to spend a summer day with friends and family. Always keep hands, arms, legs and feet inside the ride. Use safety equipment properly and never fidget with or loosen the equipment. Despite the rare instance of an amusement or theme park accident, it is important to review and follow the posted safety guidelines before going on any ride or attractions to stay safe.

Outdoor activities are popular during warm weather, but physical injuries can put you and your family members on the sidelines during the fun. Don't let an accident or injury spoil your fun this summer. Use risk management and enjoy activities safely. Know your limits, use sunscreen, drink water and pay attention to your surroundings to ensure your day in the sun and surf does not end in tragedy.



CLR-35 conducts relief and appointment ceremony

Leadership with Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, render a salute while being honored during pass and review at a relief and appointment ceremony May 31, at Camp Kinser. Sgt. Maj. Kenneth A. Miller ceremoniously transferred accountability and authority of enlisted Marines to Sgt. Maj. John R. Preston during the ceremony. Miller, the outgoing regimental sergeant major of CLR-35, 3rd MLG, is a native of Woodland, California. Preston, the incoming regimental sergeant major of CLR-35, 3rd MLG, is a native of Easley, South Carolina



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Terry Won

Okinawa University students learn about Marines, visit historical display

By Nika Nashiro

Marine Corps Installations Pacific

5/20/2019 - CAMP KINSER — Students from the University of the Ryukyus visited the Battle of Okinawa Historical Display and were informed on the Marine Corps presence in Okinawa May 20 at Camp Kinser. A total of 52 students participated in this field trip as part of their political science class.

Representatives from G-7, Government and External Affairs, Marine Corps Installations Pacific explained the organization and capabilities of MCIPAC and III Marine Expeditionary Force and how they mutually support security and stability from Okinawa for the region. The session also provided information covering the Marines involvement with community relation activities and their efforts in supporting humanitarian assistance and disaster relief in Japan and throughout the region.

"I did not know that the Marines from Okinawa supported the earthquake relief in Kumamoto in 2016," said Toshifumi

Nakamura, an Urasoe City native who is majoring in Economics. "I decided to participate in this school trip simply because it sounded fun. I am glad I had the opportunity to learn about how the bases in Okinawa operate."

The brief was followed by a discussion and exchange session. Students asked questions about surrounding regional threats, relationships between Marine Corps camps and other bases in Okinawa, how operations and command structure works, future land returns, and the Futenma replacement facility at Camp Schwab.

"The purpose of school visits is to create opportunities for students to think about the presence of the Marine Corps on Okinawa," said Ron Appling, the community relations officer with G-7, MCIPAC. "After every brief, we do a question-and-answer session to give students a chance to express their opinions and ask whatever they want regarding the Marine Corps here. During those discussions, I sometimes tell students

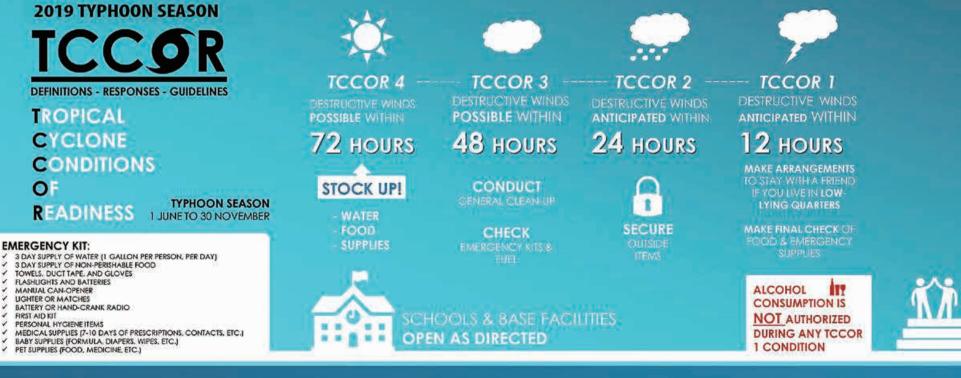


Ichino Kuba, the Camp Kinser community relations specialist, explains artifacts used during postwar in Okinawa. A total of 52 students from the University of the Ryukyus visited the Battle of Okinawa Historical Display and received briefs on Marine Corps Installations Pacific and III Marine Expeditionary Force in Okinawa.

not to let anyone decide for them what their opinion is regarding the bases. They need to do that on their own. To create an informed opinion, however, they need information. So I tell them to take what they hear from me, talk to those who oppose the bases, and then use that information to come up with their own opinions."

While half of the students were taking part in the discussion, the other half toured the historic display in the museum. Ichino Kuba, the Camp Kinser community relations specialist, provided in-depth histories behind multiple artifacts from the Battle of Okinawa.

"I am glad I was able to hear the U.S." approach to peace during World War II from a different perspective during the historical display tour," said Kazuyuki Matsuda, a native of Urasoe City and a junior studying political science. "There are various ideas in this society, but in the end, everyone is aiming for peace."



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Joint hypersonic weapon tests to start next year



(Courtesy photo of U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command)

By Sean Kimmons

Army News Service

5/31/2019 - HONOLULU — The first joint flight test of a future hypersonic weapon will take place next year, followed by tests every six months until the weapon is fielded by fiscal year 2023, the chief of Army's hypersonic program said last week.

Under the joint venture, the Army is responsible for producing the weapon's common glide body, which will also be used by the Air Force and Navy.

In fiscal 2022, Soldiers are expected

to fire a hypersonic glide body from a transporter erector launcher, said Lt. Gen. Neil Thurgood, director of the Army's new Rapid Capabilities and Critical Technologies Office, which includes the hypersonic project office.

"It is the first shoot ever off of the transporter erector launcher," he said May 23 at the Land Forces Pacific Symposium, hosted by the Association of the U.S. Army. "It will be done by Soldiers."

Prior to that test, the system will be fielded to a unit without the live rounds for

training purposes in late fiscal 2021.

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Soldiers will practice command and control of the system as well as loading and offloading canisters, similar to those on Patriot and Terminal High Altitude Area Defense, or THAAD, systems.

"The reason we're going to do that is because we need them to start training," he said. "So when we get to the first (live round) shot a year later, they'll actually know what it looks like."

The Army plans to field the system to a battery. That unit, which Thurgood said could include a part of the Multi-Domain Task Force that is currently being piloted and headed by a field artillery brigade, will receive four launchers with two rounds

The launchers, which are about 30 feet long, will be transported by four heavy expanded mobility tactical trucks, or HEMTTs, and trailers.

"That is what we're fielding," he said. "That is the outcome of an experimental prototype unit with residual combat capability."

The command and control system will be the Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System 7.0, which is now available to artillerymen.

"We're using a kit we have because the Soldiers know how to use it already and there's already a school set up to use that,"

With near-peer competitors developing their own hypersonic capabilities, the Army plans to counter them with about \$1.2 billion on experimental prototyping through fiscal 2024.

Thurgood's office officially received the glide body mission in March.

"We've been in a full-out sprint since then and I personally just love it," he said. "I think it's very exciting."

The glide body program is currently at the Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico.



Lt. Gen. Neil Thurgood, director of the Army's new Rapid Capabilities and Critical Technologies Office, which includes the hypersonic project office. The first joint flight test of a future hypersonic weapon will take place next year, followed by tests every six months until the weapon is fielded by fiscal year 2023, Thurgood said May 23, while at the Land Forces Pacific Symposium in Honolulu,

"My job is to transition out of the labs into a commercial industry base," the general said, "and we're on the path to do that right now."

His office brings together scientists and acquisition experts to expedite its programs, which also include directed energy and space technologies.

"By doing that I create a bridge from the science and technology community to the prototyping community to the program of record community," he said.

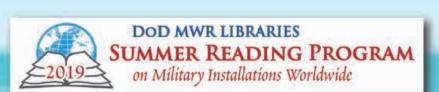
The office is also authorized its own contracting authority and milestone decision authority to speed up projects.

"So for a certain dollar figure I don't have to go outside my command to make that decision," he said. "I can do all that in-house, which is a huge advantage."

The goal is to get prototypes, even if it's a 70% solution, he said, for Soldiers to test before fielding across the service.

We need to get this equipment in the hands of Soldiers quickly to learn," he said, "and then give the Army a decision point."







Storywalk 2019 at Torii Beach

09:00 - 11:00 June 15th

Meeting Start/End Point: CJ's Sunset Grill

Kick off event for island wide DoD MWR Libraries Summer Reading Program! Enjoy a 1 Kilometer walk and story with your children on the beach!

Visit your local Okinawa DoD Library to sign up for the Summer Reading Program!

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

For more information call 644-4468/5335 (DSN) or 098-962-5335 (Direct)













Kadena Air Base Community Notes

NOTICE 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 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.

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 proof of late arrival on the requested date of the pass) may receive a visitor pass. For more information, contact SSgt Dylan Finch or TSgt Janice Romero at 634-1033.

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.

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

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.

TMO Passenger Travel

Hours of Operations: Monday, Wednesday, Friday (0830-1530) / Tuesday, Thursday (0730-1500) / Location: Building 756 / DSN: 634-7792/7794

Mandatory PCS Briefings: Every Wednesday at 1530. / Leave in Conjunction with Official Travel (LICWO) Walk-in Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday (0830-1100) / Tuesday, Thursday (0800-1100) / Circuitous Travel Hours: Monday – Friday by appointment only (1230-1500)

Please call TMO to book an appointment at 634-7792/7794.

For Scheduled Airline Ticket Office (SATO) assistance, please call 1-855-431-7707 (option 3). Submit 'PCS Port Call Reservation Worksheet' as soon as you are notified of assignment to the 18 LRS/PAXPCS Org box (even without orders). PCS Port Call Reservation Worksheet can be

found on the Kadena SharePoint: https://kadena.eis.pacaf.af.mil/18MSG/18LRS/LGRD/TMO/PT/SitePages/Home.aspx If you are Separating or Retiring, submit your 'Ret Sep Port Call Request' to the 18 LRS/PAXPCS Org box (even without orders). RET SEP Portcall Request can be found on the Kadena SharePoint: https://kadena.eis.pacaf.af.mil/18MSG/18LRS/LGRD/TMO/PT/SitePages/Home.aspx

Common Mistakes for Port Call Request:

- Missing Full Middle Name
- Date of Birth Format
- Next of Kin (someone not traveling with you)
- Expired/inactive Passport Information
- Expired/inactive GTC card

TMO Outbound Freight/Cargo new phone numbers

TMO Outbound Freight/Cargo has recently moved to Bldg. 795 and with it new phone numbers have been added. You can now reach us at: Packing & Crating Office: 634-1391//634-6631//634-6623//634-6612//634-6451//634-6465 / Outbound Freight Office: 634-6412//634-6414//634-1162//634-6431//634-1750//634-6437 / Water Port Office: 632-6530//634-6671

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.

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 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.

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



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 iustification.

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 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 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.

Off Base Language School

1) Japanese Classes by licensed and experienced teacher. Study one-on-one or create your own group. Call 090-6862-0404 2) Christian English School is looking for a Christian teacher to teach 5-10 classes a week. Please send your resume to openheavenjapan@ yahoo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS Quonset Hut Open House

The 18th Wing History Office will be conducting the Q-Hut open house June 8 from 9 a.m. to noon at Quonset Hut (bldg. 16). If you have any questions about the base, the Wing, or the Battle of Okinawa, come out to the Quonset Hut and speak to one of the base Historians. This is a free event, come see some of Kadena's Incredible and unique Heritage! For more information or question, contact the History Office at 634-3752 or 634-8875.

ACE free Lunch

The Kadena Airmen Committed to Excellence (ACE) invites for a FREE lunch at the Wired Bean June 11, from 11 a.m. to noon. ACE will introduce brand new executive board and discuss upcoming opportunities and events and is an organization dedicated to the growth and development of junior enlisted Airmen and provides volunteer opportunities. For more information, contact A1C Nathasha Ortiz García at 634-8590 or via email at nathasha. ortiz_garcia@us.af.mil.

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)

Inaugural AFSA Chapter 1553 Run for the Butterflies 5K

The Air Force Sergeant's Association (AFSA) Chapter 1553 is hosting an inaugural 5K on June 8, starting at 8 a.m. at the Risner Fitness Center on Kadena Air Base. All proceeds go to the Turner Syndrome Foundation. For more information, contact Lathaniel Bryant at 632-3335 or Robert McNally at 630-4056.

KAB LGBT pride month events

All events are open to anyone with access to Kadena Air Base. June 8 - Movie Night at the Schilling Community Center Ballroom "Between the Shades" at 3:30 p.m. & "TransMilitary" at 5:00 p.m. / June 9 - Rainbow Reading at KES, SHES, and Kadena Library, and Tuesdays at Nico Nico / 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 signup / 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

Air Force Regional Alpha Warrior Competition

Compete in the 2019 Air Force Regional Alpha Warrior Battle Rig event is held June 29 start at 10 a.m. at the Risner Fitness Center. The competition will include the basic Osprey Challenge. The top Air Force male and female will advance to compete at the Super Regional Competition held at Osan AB, South Korea, July 19. The top 6 male and female qualifiers from each Super Regional will advance to the finale battle in San Antonio, TX, September 19, 2019. Airmen may sign up via SignUpGenius. For more information, contact Mr. Dwayne Reed at 634-

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**

Kadena Middle Shool is looking for mentors who are willing and able to assist/support

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

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.

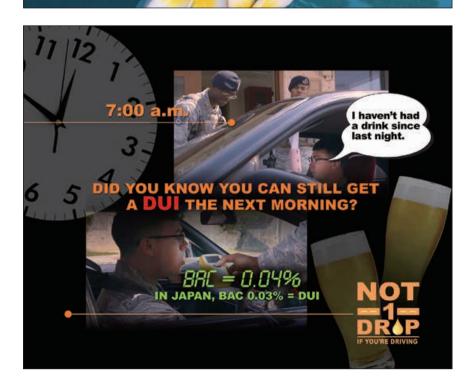




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JUNE-JULY CALENDAR

Passport Acceptance Days

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Save your passport slots by email at NahaACS@state.gov

7/17 WED FUTENMA FUTENMA USO**

**REGISTER by calling DSN# 636-2113(Futenma USO)

Immigrant Visa Presentations / I-130 Acceptance Days

6/7 FRI KADENA **Airman & Family Readiness Center** 10:00-12:00 *Register by calling 634-3366(AFRC) Ocean Breeze (Presentation only) 6/14 FRI **FOSTER** 10:00-11:00 *No Appointment Necessary 6/21 FRI **FOSTER** Multi-Purpose Room Bldg#439 09:00-11:00 *Register by calling 645-2104(MPR) 6/28 FRI **HANSEN Hansen USO** 09:00-11:00 *Register by email at NahalV@state.gov 7/12 TUE FOSTER Ocean Breeze (Presentation only) 10:00-11:00 *No Appointment Necessary 7/17 WED FUTENMA **FUTENMA USO** 14:00-16:00 *Register by email at NahalV@state.gov 7/19 FRI TORII **Training & Support Center** 09:00-11:00 *Register by email at NahalV@state.gov



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