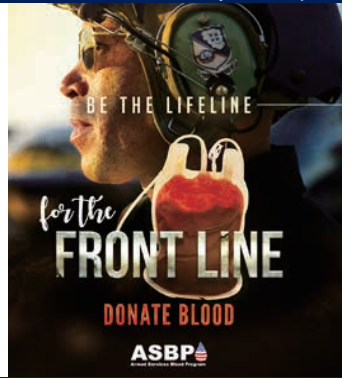


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Firefighter HazMat Training



Staff Sgt. Zachary Steinkamp, fire emergency services firefighter assigned to the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, walks out of a decontamination tent during a hazardous material training exercise July 11, on Kadena Air Base. Airmen exposed to a hazardous chemical must be decontaminated before they take off their Level A suit to prevent further contamination.

U.S. Air Force fire emergency services firefighters assigned to the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron listen to an informational brief before a hazardous training exercise July 11, on Kadena Air Base. The main objective of the HazMat training is for firefighters to familiarize themselves with hazardous materials and prevent them from spreading.

(U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Cynthia Belio)

Kadena splits 18th FSS, activates 718th FSS



Col. Thang T. Doan, 18th Mission Support Group commander, passes the 718th Force Support Squadron guidon to Maj. Jama Stillwell, 718th FSS commander, during the 718th FSS activation ceremony at Kadena Air Base, July 16.

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

By Senior Airman Kristan Campbell

18th Wing Public Affairs
7/18/2019 - KADENA AIR BASE — Kadena Air Base activated a new squadron, the 718th Force Support Squadron, during the 18th Force Support Squadron change of command at Kadena Air Base, July 16.

Col. Thang T. Doan, 18th Mission Support Group commander, presided over the ceremony. He said, "The revised organizational structure right-sizes the scope of responsibility, provides

the squadron commander with a tailored mission focus, and dramatically increases whitespace to effectively lead Airmen."

The change aligns with two elements of Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein's squadron revitalization initiative to ensure squadrons are correctly sized and properly organized. Doan said the action improves the scope of responsibilities for commanders, allowing them to lead their squadrons more effectively.

During the ceremony, 18th FSS Commander Col. Gilbert

Brian Eddy passed command to Ms. Victoria Fragomeli, who assumed duties as the 18th FSS Director. Directly following, Maj. Jama Stillwell assumed command of the newly activated 718th FSS.

"Vicky and Jama, I look forward to seeing the goodness you both will bring to each organization," Eddy said. "It is with my hope that your joint leadership will continue to foster the relationship between the 18th and

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IDENTIFYING FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY

By Special Agent Michael Miklosi

AFOSI Detachment 624

7/22/2019 - KADENA AIR BASE — Your unit and your Air Force need your help to identify and report fraudulent activities that deprive us all of precious resources. In addition to major crimes, counterintelligence and technology protection missions, a significant amount of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations' (AFOSI) resources are dedicated to investigating fraud allegations. In the past few years, AFOSI has recovered well over a billion dollars from fraudsters worldwide. This amount is astounding, considering only about 10 percent of fraudulent activity is detected or reported.

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(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kristan Campbell)
 ▲ Maj. Jama Stillwell, 718th Force Support Squadron commander, speaks to the audience during the 718th FSS activation ceremony at Kadena Air Base, July 16. Stillwell made history as the first to command the 718th FSS.

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718th Force Support Squadrons, and continue to provide unrivaled support to Okinawa and Oahu."

Although the 718 FSS is newly activated, it traces its lineage through the 18th FSS, which traces its own lineage back as far as 1948 when the 18th Food Service Squadron was created. Throughout its activation to present, the 18th FSS has been renamed several times while maintaining campaign streamers and citations as far back as March 1953.

The new 718th FSS includes Military and Civilian Personnel and Manpower offices, library, Risner Fitness Center, dining facilities, Shogun Inn, laundry services, and Education and Training.

The change will not impact customers as there will be no loss in services or programs currently provided.

Technical Sergeant Release Party 2019

More than 250 staff sergeants from around the 18th Wing celebrate their promotion to technical sergeant on Kadena Air Base, July 19. The promotees are charged with being their organizations' technical experts, and must continuously strive to further their development as technicians, supervisors and leaders through on- and off-duty professional development opportunities. They are responsible for their subordinates' development and the effective accomplishment of all assigned tasks. They must ensure proper and effective use of all resources under their control to ensure the mission is effectively and efficiently accomplished.



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



▲ Brig. Gen. Joel Carey, 18th Wing commander, speaks during a technical sergeant Release Party on Kadena Air Base, July 19.



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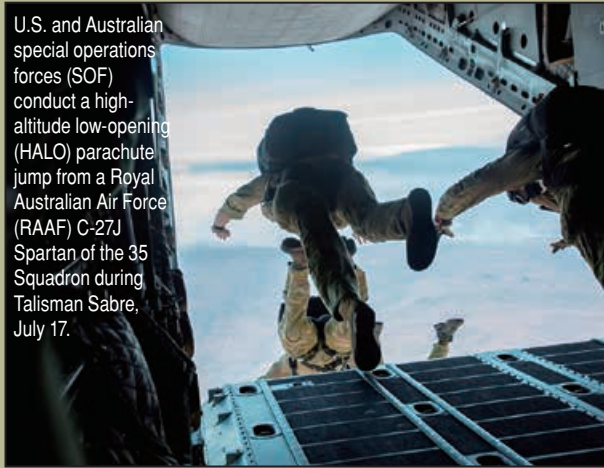


TALISMAN SABRE 2019

Air Commandos from the U.S. 353rd Special Operations Group and Australian Army soldiers from 6th Aviation Regiment prepare to hot refuel an Australian S-70A-9 Black Hawk at a forward area refueling point (FARP) during Talisman Sabre, Australia, July 13. Talisman Sabre is a bilateral exercise that tests the two forces combat training, readiness and interoperability.



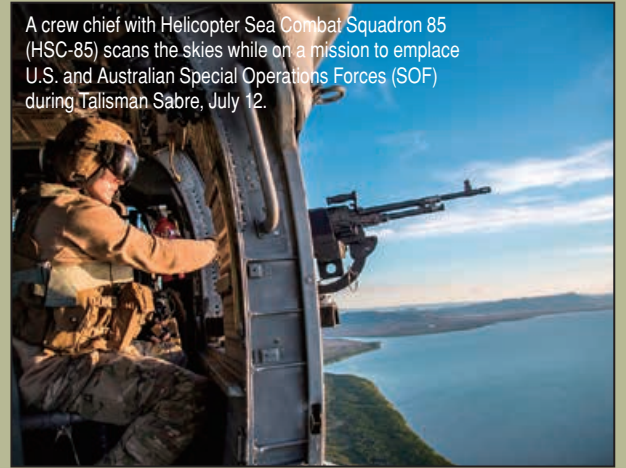
(U.S. Marine Corps photos by Lance Cpl. Nicole Rogge)



U.S. and Australian special operations forces (SOF) conduct a high-altitude low-opening (HALO) parachute jump from a Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) C-27J Spartan of the 35 Squadron during Talisman Sabre, July 17.



Air Commandos from the U.S. 320th Special Tactics Squadron evacuate a downed pilot with simulated injuries while conducting a personnel recovery (PR) training mission during Talisman Sabre, July 20.



A crew chief with Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 85 (HSC-85) scans the skies while on a mission to emplace U.S. and Australian Special Operations Forces (SOF) during Talisman Sabre, July 12.

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FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

VR TRAINING PROGRAM RECEIVES SPARK TANK INNOVATION FUNDING



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



^ An Airman from the 18th Maintenance Group avionics flight uses a virtual reality headset to conduct training at Kadena Air Base, July 19. The avionics flight won funding from the Kadena Spark Tank Innovation competition in May 2019, and will use those funds to better develop the program for avionics training.

< Airmen from the 18th Maintenance Group avionics flight, conduct training using a virtual reality headset at Kadena Air Base, July 19. The VR devices showcase the electrical systems of three separate aircraft at Kadena and teaches technical application to Airmen before going to perform maintenance tasks on a specific airframe.

Pacific Air Forces commander highlights 75th anniversary of command



(Courtesy photo)

By Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

7/17/2019 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., Pacific Air Forces commander, wrote a memo to Airmen stationed throughout PACAF, commemorating the command's 75th anniversary:

The Far East Air Forces (FEAF), or PACAF as we know it today, celebrates 75 years of service on August 3, 2019. PACAF's humble origins start as a subordinate command to the U.S. Army Forces Far East, headquartered in Brisbane, Australia, and led by Lt Gen George Kenney. By 1945, the command expanded to include three Numbered Air Forces supporting operations in the Pacific Theater.

Since then, FEAF moved its headquarters from Australia to Japan and finally to its current location in Hawaii with a re-designated moniker—PACAF. The command's role has been vital to our national security, participating in every major conflict from WWII to present day. Today, as the Air Com-

ponent to United States Indo-Pacific Command, we've operationalized as a Component MAJCOM to refine our warfighting mission. Throughout the years, PACAF has proudly stood ready to support combat and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations across the globe while simultaneously engaging in actions to preserve a free and open Indo-Pacific. PACAF has prioritized efforts to cultivate regional relationships, finding opportunities to strengthen our alliances and partnerships, while creating avenues to build new partnerships and increase collaboration across the theater. Finally, PACAF continuously leverages lessons learned from our operations, exercises, and engagements across the region to prepare and prime our Airmen for future challenges.

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Fighting Tigers participate in Guam exercise



The "Fighting Tigers" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 8 conduct Anti-Submarine Warfare operations with USS Milius (DDG 69), during Ship Anti-Submarine Warfare Readiness and Evaluation Measurement (SHAREM) 199, July 8.

(U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Jerome Johnson)

By Petty Officer 1st Class Jerome Johnson

Patrol Squadron EIGHT (VP-8)
7/18/2019 - ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — A P-8A Poseidon aircraft from the "Fighting Tigers" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 8 recently participated in Ship Anti-Submarine Warfare Readiness and Evaluation Measurement (SHAREM) 199, a coordinated Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) exercise off the southern coast of Guam, July 5-10.

A P-8A from Patrol Squadron Five (VP-5) and USS Milius (DDG 69) also participated in the exercise, which was designed to simulate the escalating hostilities between friendly and opposing forces in the surface and subsurface environments.

The six-day long exercise provided Surface Warfare and Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft (MPRA) communities the opportunity to utilize their respective ASW equipment in order to practice and refine their coordinated submarine hunting tactical proficiency.

P-8As from VP-5 and VP-8 were able to successfully locate and pass subsurface contact to each other and to surface assets, all while continuously maintaining the ability to conduct subsurface attacks. This exercise afforded the ability of the crews in the air and on the surface to demonstrate and promote operational excellence and Navy lethality.

Each day involved a pre-planned scenario requiring USS Milius and a MPRA asset

to search, localize, track, and conduct simulated attacks on an opposing force (OPFOR) submarine. A series of mini simulated wars were executed during the last day of the exercise.

"We aren't often afforded these opportunities to work with other ASW platforms besides other P-8s, so this week has been such a valuable experience for our crew," said Lt. Danielle Tatchio, VP-8 Tactical Coordinator.

The "Fighting Tigers", based out of Jacksonville, Florida, are deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet (C7F) area of operations conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance operations in support of Commander, Task Force 72, C7F, and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command objectives throughout the Indo-Pacific region.

Joint CBRN Exercise



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

Members from the U.S. Army, Marines, Japan Air Self-Defense Force, Air Force and Air Force National Guard from Michigan and Texas participated in the Joint and Coalition Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Response Exercise at Kadena Air Base, July 18. The exercise allows the members to practice reconnaissance and surveillance, the use of command and control, all hazard detection equipment, personal protective equipment, hazardous scene sample collection and operational decontamination.



U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Chris Tarquinio, emergency manager assigned to the 127th Wing at Selfridge Air National Guard Base Michigan, assists a member of the Japan Air Self-Defense Force in removing his mask during the Joint and Coalition Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Response Exercise at Kadena Air Base, Japan, July 18, 2019. The different services brought their tactics, techniques, and experience to Kadena to train, learn, and collaborate.

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the popular cultural theme park, Murasaki Mura for a limited time. Held only on the weekends throughout August and September, the festival is full of delightful sights, delicious foods, and great entertainment including traditional Eisa every night. There are even Yukata or summer kimono rentals for an opportunity to really embrace the local culture. The rental package includes a professional to put this traditional garb on you to wear while you visit the park. This is a great way to make unforgettable memories, and awesome photos to share!

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LGBT Journey to Service

By Senior Airman Matthew Gilmore

374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

7/18/2019 - YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan

— On June 26, 2015, the United States Supreme Court ruled on Obergefell v. Hodges, providing the fundamental right to marry to same-sex couples in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, guaranteeing not only the recognition of same-sex marriages throughout the country, but also the accompanying rights and responsibilities that were provided to marriages of opposite-sex couples.

“I will always remember that day,” said Nathan Evans, 374th Force Support Squadron Unite program community cohesion coordinator. “It was on that day I jumped in my car and drove all the way from South Carolina to be there for that ruling. It was obviously a huge deal for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community and everyone wanted to be there for another moment history. It was as if the entire LGBT world was right there in D.C., an endless sea of rainbow to celebrate what was another step on our road to equality.”

“That night they painted the White House rainbow with light and I just couldn’t stop crying at the sight of it. It all just felt so right. As a nation we had come so far and I was so proud of the progress we had made. My husband Shawn couldn’t be there with me because he was at U.S. Air Force Basic Military Training but it felt like he was right



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Matthew Gilmore) Nathan Evans, 374th Force Support Squadron UNITE program community cohesion coordinator, left, and Shawn Clark, 374th Communications Squadron cyber operations technician, right, pose for a photo at Yokota Air Base, Japan, July 17.

there with me. It was our night.”

Earlier that June, Shawn Clark, now a 374th Communications Squadron cyber operations technician out of Yokota Air Base, Japan, would swear in to begin his military career. Shawn would take the Oath of Enlistment, but like all military families, he would not be the only one to serve.

Since that day both Shawn and Nathan have proven to be a model Air Force family. With each not only excelling in their fields, but more importantly so, striving to create an all-around more tight-knit and resilient force right here at Yokota.

“I wanted to serve for the longest time but it really just wasn’t an option for Nathan and me,” said Shawn. “Progress needed to be made and things needed to happen for our service to be a reality and that didn’t occur until 2013 with the overturning of The Defense of Marriage Act. That is what finally gave us the comfort of knowing my husband would receive the benefits provided to any other military spouse. It gave us the confidence to know the military would treat and take care of us just like any other family.”

“It was immediately after that DOMA repeal that we had the conversation of can we really make this happen? We had our concerns of course, only a few years prior in 2011 did the Department of Defense do away with Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell and without being in the military, we were worried about if culture in place would truly accept us.”

Despite those initial fears lingering, the couple made the leap and the truth ended up being the farthest thing possible from the thoughts of discrimination that had kept them up at night.

“In hindsight it’s crazy that we lost any sleep being worried about it,” said Shawn. “From the moment I stepped foot at BMT I was welcomed. I was cautious and hesitant to tell people I was married to a man, but when I finally felt comfortable enough to do so, the people I told were frustrated with me because I didn’t tell them sooner. They just wanted me to be me. It’s been that level of acceptance that has welcomed not only me, but my family everywhere we have gone.”

It has been that acceptance that has allowed both Shawn and Nathan to be exactly who they are, themselves. At work Shawn has excelled in every facet, leading

him to be a 374th Airlift Wing Airman of the Quarter and a John L. Levitow Award recipient while also acting as the 374th CS Booster Club president, and volunteering countless hours to organizations throughout his career like Airmen Against Drunk Driving, the United Service Organizations, and The American Red Cross, all while still finding time to act as a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response volunteer victim advocate.

Nathan’s impact is equally impressive in his time here at Yokota. As the Unite program community cohesion coordinator he plans and organizes morale events for just about every squadron on base, ensuring Airmen and their families have things in place to stay resilient and ready to fulfill the mission. Prior to that, Nathan was also the USO Yokota field program manager. In that role he did even more of the same. Planning and organizing weekly events across the base, guaranteeing families and single Airmen a place to go, a place to belong. On top of all of that, Nathan has also found time to be a part of Yokota’s community action team.

“From the moment we joined and became a military family, helping other families became my passion,” said Nathan. “It can be a difficult life for not only Airmen, but also their families and I wanted to do anything I could to make that life an easier one. I wanted everyone to feel welcome. Especially coming here, far from the comforts of home, I wanted to make this place feel like a home away from home.”

“For the single Airmen that came into the USO, I strived to create events that offered them the chance to make new friends. If only one person showed up, I would make it a point to talk to them myself the entire time because when you are this far from home, having that friend can make all the difference in someone’s life. As long as I’m able to affect one person’s life in a positive

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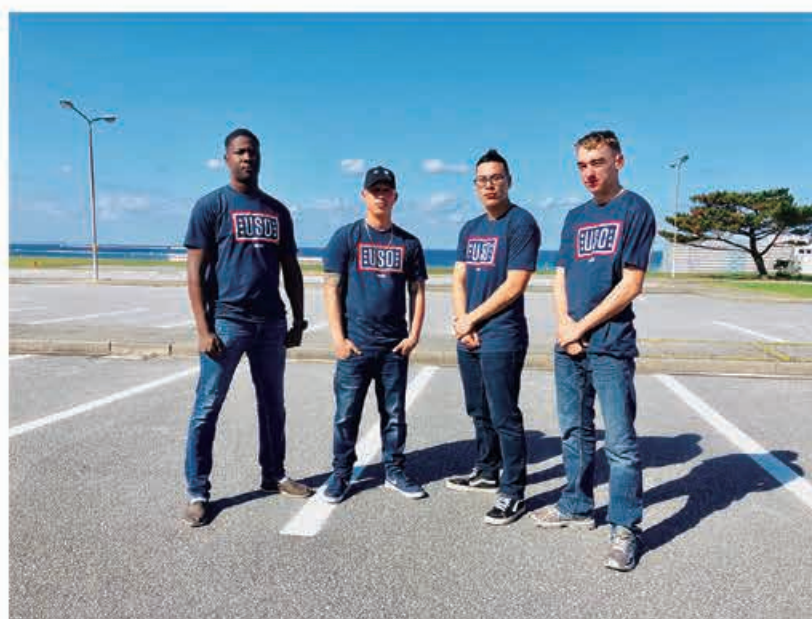


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Marines volunteer as crossing guards for local elementary school children

By Lance Cpl. Samuel Brusseau

Marine Corps Installations Pacific

7/18/2019 - CHATAN — U.S. Marines hit the streets in the local community to assist as crossing guards for Chatan Elementary School July 18.

Three Marines on camp guard duty volunteered their morning to serve as crossing guards near the elementary school in support of the recent safety campaign.

“Today I’m pretty much just helping the little kids cross the street to go to school,” said Lance Cpl. Timothy Silva, with Combat Logistics Battalion-4, 3rd Marine Logistics Group.

Silva is currently serving camp duty on Camp Foster, Okinawa for the next twenty days.

“The reason I am at this spot particularly is because there is a hill to my right, and what I was told was that, the cars, they just come speeding up here and can’t really

see the kids when they are crossing, so I’m just here making sure that the kids that do come here, cross safely.”

The elementary school personnel and Marine volunteers made an effective team working together to ensure student safety.

“I volunteered myself for this duty, it is fun,” Silva also stated standing on a street corner helping children attend their second to last day of the school year.

School will resume in September.

Silva went on to say that this duty has given him the best look into Okinawan culture.

“You get to see all the little kids, the local kids, you say hello to them and see how they interact with each other in the morning when they are tired and on their way to school.”

Marine volunteers participate in activities island-wide to enhance the relationship with the local community.



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Pfc. Colton K. Garrett)
 ^ U.S. Marine Corps Pfc. Alfonso Padilla, guides a local elementary school child and his mother at a crosswalk July 18.



Senior Airman Shawn Clark, 374th Communications Squadron cyber operations technician, is presented the Airman level 2nd Quarter 2018 award by Col. Otis C. Jones, 374th Airlift Wing commander, at Yokota Air Base, Japan, Aug. 2, 2018.



Nathan Evans, United Service Organizations field program manager, surprises an Airman from the 374th Communications Squadron with the USO's Operation Birthday Cake Love at Camp Zama, Japan, Apr. 19, 2018.

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way with my events, they are a success in my book.”

While they each work to help support others, it is their support for one another that has really allowed Shawn and Nathan to contribute more than they ever could have hoped to as individuals.

“My favorite thing about Shawn is I can always rely on him to be right there with me,” said Nathan. “We really are each other’s biggest cheerleader. The amount of times I’ve told Shawn we are picking up some family new to Yokota to get dinner with them or take them to the commissary is incredibly high and yet he has never complained. We just understand what is important to each other and make sure to go out of our way to be there for one another. We don’t need to know the ins and outs of each other’s work, but you’ll be sure to see us cheering each other on at every opportunity we get.”

Never one without the other, as a family they have made it a point to have a positive

impact on Yokota. Whether for an Airman, a family, a squadron or for the entire Wing, they have each gone above and beyond for their causes of choice. Putting in the time to make this home a better place. The sad reality of it is, just a few years ago this family would not have been allowed to be a military family and Yokota wouldn’t be the same without their contributions.

“It took a lot for our family to even get the chance to serve,” said Shawn. “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell in 2011, DOMA in 2013, and finally Obergefell v. Hodges in 2015. So much has happened and it really is recent history. The LGBT community had to fight for so long and that fight is what has allowed my husband and me to be a part of the Air Force family. We take great pride in that journey just like we take pride in the work we each do here. Joining the Air Force was the best thing that could have happened for us. The Air Force is our home now, this is where we belong, and we are going to keep doing everything we can to make that home a better place.”

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OKINAWA PREFECTURAL POLICE AND MARINES PARTICIPATE IN POST-BLAST ANALYSIS TRAINING

By Lance Cpl. Christopher Madero
 Marine Corps Installations Pacific
 7/17/2019 - CAMP HANSEN - "Fire in the hole! Fire in the hole! Fire in the hole!"

The last radio call a Marine detonating an improvised explosive device makes to Marines on the other side of the sound-waves outside the danger zone of an oncoming blast.

One, two, three seconds - then instantaneously - a sound like thunder rings through the dense Okinawan jungle.

The shockwave lifts the ground, shakes concrete bunker walls, and pulses through the center of ones chest.

As the sound of the explosion vanishes into the air, Marine Explosive Ordnance Disposal technicians and Okinawa Prefectural Police patiently wait 45 seconds for any debris or shrapnel from the blast to return to earth.

EOD technicians with Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations Pacific, coordinated and worked alongside members of Okinawa's Prefectural Police Department during a



Explosive Ordnance Disposal technicians with Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations Pacific, and members of Okinawa's Prefectural Police Department pose for a photo following bilateral post-blast investigation training on Camp Hansen, July 17.

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

bilateral post-blast investigation training evolution July 17, at Camp Hansen.

The training was conducted to instruct Okinawa policemen proper procedure to approach, investigate, and examine a scene following an IED detonation.

The Criminal Investigative Division with Marine Corps Base Camp Butler attended the event to translate to non-English speaking policemen. Both EOD technicians and Okinawan policemen agreed that CID's presence was crucial to the success of the training.

"If an IED were to detonate out in the island of Okinawa, It's important for Okinawa PD members to know what they're looking at and what to look for in that situation", said Sgt. Alexander Moore, an EOD technician with H&S BN, MCIPAC. "Today the training went really well. The Okinawa PD caught on very quickly and conducted their investigations with great efficiency."

Okinawa policemen swept the area cautiously; when they found something that could possibly be shrapnel from an IED, it was put into an evidence bag

and analyzed after the exploration was completed. While all this unfolded, EOD technicians kept a close-eye to guide and assist Okinawa policemen during and after the investigation.

"You have Marines with experience in Afghanistan, real life situations. They've had experience with bombs and how to stop it. That experience and feedback is important to us", said Tetsuya Kohatsu, senior forensic scientist for Okinawa Prefectural Police Headquarters. "Hopefully we can continue training like this in the future. We'd like to be a part of that."

The Marine Corps Explosive Ordnance Disposal mission is to support the Marine Air Ground Task Force, Supporting Establishment, Homeland Defense, Special Operations Forces, and other government agencies by detecting / locating, accessing, diagnosing, rendering safe/neutralizing, recovering, exploiting and disposing of hazards from foreign and domestic, Unexploded Explosive Ordnance, Improvised Explosive Device, and Weapons of Mass Destruction that present a threat to operations, installations, personnel, or material.

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Law enforcement detachment provides versatility, realistic training to 31st MEU

By 2nd Lt. Jonathan Coronel
31st Marine Expeditionary Unit
7/21/2019 - CORAL SEA – From reinforcing an embassy besieged by hostile rioters to subduing an aggressive detainee, it is critical to have non-lethal means of dealing with the contingencies that the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit could face while embarked on the USS Wasp (LHD 1) as part of Amphibious Squadron 11. While the 31st MEU prides itself on being ready, partnered and lethal, lethal force is not necessarily the best course of action in every situation the MEU could face. Given this, the 31st MEU's Law Enforcement Detachment is a key tool in the MEU Commander's toolkit.

Some of the many unique capabilities and assets the Law Enforcement Detachment provides are non-lethal weapons employment and tactics, detainee handling, tactical site exploitation, and K-9 support. Of course, the detachment is also able to bring a lethal punch to operations, with experience in close-quarters battle tactics and mounted and dismounted patrols utilizing a variety of weapons from small arms to heavy machine guns.

While underway aboard the Wasp, whether they are in the well-deck conducting aggression training with their trusted military working dogs or simulating detainee operations in the brig, law enforcement Marines can be found hard at work honing their craft. Sgt. Arielle Lahtinen, noncommissioned officer in charge with the detachment, says that falling under the Command Element has given the detachment more exposure and a greater chance to reach more Marines with the unique training they can provide. A defensive tactics instructor,

Lahtinen regularly teaches Marine Corps Martial Arts in the hangar bay, at least when she isn't busy providing non-lethal weapons instruction to Marines by zapping them with a Conducted Energy Weapon, or TASER.

"[Non-lethal weapons training] is important because it broadens peoples' perspectives. Grunts are taught all about lethality, but the law enforcement community utilizes an escalation of force continuum when it comes to subduing subjects in different situations," said Lahtinen regarding the importance of the training the detachment offers on ship.

As the 31st MEU continues to take part in Talisman Sabre 2019, a bilateral, biennial event designed to improve U.S. and Australian interoperability, the detachment will be active participants in nearly every training exercise. Specifically, the detachment is keen to support as enablers on missions such as tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel, airfield seizures, and mechanized and boat raids. Whenever an objective is seized by the battalion landing team, the detachment has enablers who can conduct a tactical site exploitation of the objective – recovering hard drives, cell phones and documents that the S-2 can then exploit for follow-on operations.



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Cameron Parks)
Sgt. Arielle Lahtinen, noncommissioned officer in charge with the 31st MEU's Law Enforcement detachment, tases a Marine with a Conducted Energy Weapon, or TASER, during a non-lethal weapons course aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp (LHD 1), underway in the Coral Sea, June 30.

Regardless of the mission, the detachment stands ready to offer their wide range of skills to accomplish the mission. When operating in today's complex environments that characterize the Indo-Pacific region, the detachment serves as a multi-tool for the MEU Commander, according to Captain Steven Cox, Law Enforcement Integration Officer with the MEU.

"Our Military Police Marines are uniquely trained in lethality, professionalism and precision, and we take our job seriously," said Cox. "The 31st MEU allows us the flexibility to employ our trade in the most effective way, and we truly embody the MAGTF concept in all we do. A Military Policeman can be employed in almost any mission across the MAGTF and be a huge contribution to overall mission accomplishment. We are constantly ready for the next mission."

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1st Lt. Austin Peterson is authorized to make disposition of the personal effects of SSgt Peter Nguyen, deceased, 718th AMXS, as stated in AFI 34-244, Disposition of Personal Property and Effects. Any person having claims for or against SSgt Nguyen should contact 1st Lt. Austin Peterson at 632-9838.

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The Chatan Tourism Association is presenting the second American Village Morning Mart event on July 28 at the area surrounding the Ferris wheel. The booths open at 7 a.m. and close at noon.

The food and sales area feature local bakeries, sweetshops, cafes, and restaurants offering delicious treats to start the day with. The emphasis is on vegan food but baked goods, specialty coffees, sandwiches, fresh veggies, handicrafts and other interesting stuff is also for sale.

For those who want to start their day with a bit of exercise, there are free morning yoga class and kickboxercise. The participants should wear comfortable clothes and bring their own yoga mats, towels, and other necessities.

Physical instructor Aiko Horiuchi from Chatan's hula and Tahitian dance studio Halau Hula Na Pua O Ka Hala and an instructor from Puahinano Polynesian Dance Studio hold free lessons. Appropriate rental dresses are available for those who don't have their own.

Finally, local handicraft artisans offer hands-on craft making experiences at Chatan Media Center studio that goes on all day through 5 p.m.



The 2nd American Village Morning Mart features about 30 vendors.



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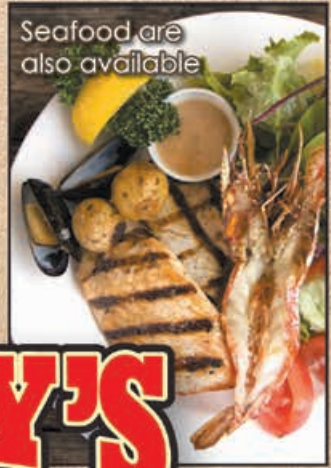
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