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Kadena historian deploys to SE Asia



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

Nilliam P. McEvoy, 18th Wing History office chief, loads rouns into the magazine of an M9 pistol during qualification training June 24, at Kadena

By Staff Sgt. Benjamin Sutton

18th Wing Public Affairs 8/1/2019 - KADENA AIR BASE

— Deployments are a common occurrence throughout the

armed forces. This holds true for both the uniformed service members as well as their civilian counterparts.

According to the U.S. Air Force's website, around 400 civilians a year join their military teammates in Afghanistan, Iraq and other locations around the world. Recently, the 18th Wing's History office chief, William P. McEvoy, became one of those teammates.

"Certain civilian career fields like historians, tend to deploy on a consistent basis just like active-duty members," said McEvoy. "I think many of us have a deep desire to serve our nation, and that intrinsic desire to serve is a must for these opportunities."

For their personal safety and security, the civilian-Airmen are issued two sets of operational camouflage pattern uniforms when headed to the area of operations.

"It's very rare for civilians to wear the OCPs," said McEvoy. "But I understand the necessity as I am deploying to an area where this uniform is required. Mostly, I am excited to get in place and begin working on cataloging the history of my deployed unit."

According to McEvoy, the responsibility of every historian is simple: capture and document what happens for each unit, every year.

"My colleagues and I record the Air Force's history, and in doing so, we preserve its institutional memory and provide this information to leaders for analysis and decision making," he stated. "Further, we present that history and heritage to the Airmen."

Part of McEvoy's pre-deployment training required him to become proficient with an M-9 pistol.

"He scored a 44 out of 45 hits on target," said Staff Sgt. Rogelio Rios J.R., 18th Security Forces Squadron combat arms instructor. "He is the first civilian employee I have trained and he did an excellent job."

McEvoy explained he is excited to meet a variety of people from other nations and have the unique opportunity to work in a joint environment with members from other military branches.

"The opportunity to deploy is something I have looked forward to, and frankly, find humbling," he said. "The Air Force's mission doesn't stop, and its actions must be documented. I'm honored to be chosen to deploy and support this vital mission.

STS Airman named one of 2019 Outstanding OAY



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Mandy Foster)
Tech. Sgt. Kenneth O'Brien, special tactics section chief from the 320th Special
Tactics Squadron, stands in front of a zodiac boat at Kadena Air Base, July 30.

By Airman 1st Class Mandy Foster

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BASE — Each year Air Force
officials select 12 Airmen from
a pool of 36 nominees based
on their superior leadership,
job performance and personal
achievements to represent the

service's top enlisted members. Tech. Sgt. Kenneth O'Brien, special tactics section chief from the 320th Special Tactics Squadron, was selected as one of the 2019 Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

Twelve years ago, O'Brien started his Air Force career when he left for basic training right after graduating high school. He said he had always wanted to be the one jumping out of planes but he also had the

desire to help people.

"I went to the recruiter specifically looking for pararescue," said O'Brien. "I had been looking into it since I was 12 years old and it was my only goal."

Air Force special operations leadership informed O'Brien about winning the 2019 OAY after receiving his Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

"I was shocked and never thought I would win," said O'Brien.

Public recognition and awards have always been an afterthought for O'Brien who said his goal has always been to do his best and excel at his job.

"If someone needs to go do something dangerous, I volunteer," said O'Brien. "If someone

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◀ U.S. Navy Seaman Blakley Jones, U.S. Pacific Command Armed Services Blood Bank Center corpsman, inspects a pint of blood before storing it July 30, at Kadena Air Base. The standard donation is one pint of

New DOD program leaves sexual predators nowhere to hide



By C. Todd Lopez

Defense.gov

8/5/2019 - WASHINGTON — A new Department of Defense program called Catch a Serial Offender, or "CATCH," aims to make it more difficult for perpetrators of sexual assault to evade identification and capture by law enforcement.

While the new tool isn't good news for offenders, it's expected to allow victims making a restricted report of sexual assault — a reporting mechanism that allows a victim to remain confidential — to help investigators do a better job of finding wrongdoers and bring them to justice.

"Victims of sexual assault deserve our best support and resources," said Dr. Nate Galbreath, acting director of the

DOD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office. "We're excited for the launch of CATCH, which will empower victims to disclose information about their assailant or assault in a safe and confidential way."

Sexual aggressors don't always limit themselves to just one victim, said Galbreath, a forensic psychologist who has assessed and treated a variety of offenders. What's more typical, he said, is that they tend to commit multiple assaults over time.

"Research suggests that some suspects commit multiple incidents before being reported or caught. With the launch of the CATCH Program, the department has a new tool to identify these suspects," Galbreath said.

DOD's new CATCH Program



allows victims of sexual assault who've opted to file a restricted report to anonymously put the details of the assault into an online repository. Details can include such things as the name of the perpetrator, rank, height, tattoos or other distinguishing factors. Both recent victims and those from years past can participate in the program, Galbreath

"What's great about this new program is that both currently serving and veteran service members who made a restricted report can participate," he said. "We hope that those who have since left the service will consider contacting a sexual assault response coordinator and opt into CATCH."

The CATCH Program database is accessible worldwide. As a new entry into CATCH is created in one location, the details regarding the perpetrator can be compared to the details of other unrestricted reports of sexual assault that have happened elsewhere at other times.

Victims of sexual assault remain anonymous when they volunteer to add information into the

CATCH Program. After details of an alleged assault are entered into the system, criminal investigators at the headquarters of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, and the Air Force Office of Special Investigations — not agents at local installations - who analyze suspect information that has been entered. These investigators will never know the name of the victim.

If those agents find a "match," which means that one victim's submission describing a suspect matches the submission of another victim's suspect — then those investigators will notify Sexual Assault Prevention and

Response personnel of their findings.

Once that notification is made, a CATCH Program representative or a sexual assault response coordinator will contact the victims to let them know. Victims can then use the new information to decide whether they want to convert their restricted report to an unrestricted report, which will allow a criminal investigation into the assault allegations to go forward.

If victims choose not to convert their restricted report to an unrestricted report, they continue to be anonymous their names are never revealed. CATCH submissions remain in the system for up to 10 years.

"We are constantly looking for new ways to empower victims to participate in the military justice process through our Sexual Assault Prevention and Response programs," said Elizabeth Van Winkle, executive director of DOD's Office of Force Resiliency. "We encourage greater reporting to connect victims with the care they need and as a way to hold offenders appropriately accountable."

For more information on the CATCH program, go to https:// www.sapr.mil/catch.

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146th Medical

Nevada Air Guard conducts medical training in Okinawa

By Senior Airman **Matthew Greiner**

152 Airlift Wing Public Affairs 8/2/2019 — The 152nd Medical Group, Nevada Air National Guard, along with 146th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, and 146th Medical Group from the California Air National Guard at Channel Islands, completed Monday a weeklong Military Facility Annual Training to temporarily backfill active duty military.

The MFAT took place during the permanent change of station time frame, which temporarily left the hospital short staffed and presented a need for the Air National Guard to provide temporary medical support.

"This is the first time that the Air National Guard has entered into Okinawa to do any form of medical training in this country," said Chief Master Sgt. Jason Farnsworth, 152nd Medical Group superintendent.

The medical personnel worked at 15 different medical units and operated at five separate locations during the exercise.

"The MFAT is a fantastic opportunity for the Air National Guard, both for Reno and Channel Islands," said Lt. Col. Jim Vogus, flight physician, 152nd Medical Group. "It gives real world training and facilitates a joint operation experience. We bene-



fit from real world training, they benefit from extra man power."

More than 30 airmen were involved in the exercise working a variety of professions: clinical specialties, including family medicine, pediatrics, aerospace medicine, laboratory services, dental hygiene, emergency medicine, critical care, hospital medical surgical inpatient care, optometry care, inpatient mental health, pain management, flight medicine, sports medicine and post anesthesia care.

"The Air National Guard is able to fill some critical gaps during our PCS season," said Lt. Jesse Pendergrass, administrative officer, U.S. Naval Hospital in Okinawa.

The cost savings to U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa was about \$200,000, said Maj. Jasmin Quiocson, chief nurse, 146th Medical Group.

Key achievements for the MFAT included 2,439 clinical hours worked; 462 provider-to-patient sessions and 194 continuing education units issued.

"I would love to see other MFAT's at this installation," Pendergrass said. "I think it is an incredible value add to have a joint operation with the Air National Guard."

He added: "I think this makes the military stronger. This is the evolution for Navy medicine and U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa."

Master Sgt. Halle recognition ceremony



(Left) Kinjo Toshiaki, Nirai Fire Department fire chief, recognizes U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Roger Halle, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron assistant chief of operations, for his role in saving the life of a Japanese boy July 31, at Kadena Air Base. Halle, a Willard, Missouri native, enjoyed showing Toshiaki around the 18th CES fire station, while discussing the events surrounding saving the Japanese boy from drowning.

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needs a leader, I volunteer. I happened to be in the right place at the right time and that's what helped me stand out because I sought out key positions or responsibilities."

He had an eventful year from being a part of President Trump's security team for the North Korean Summit to saving children in the Thai cave rescue of 2018.

During the rescue, O'Brien was the lead medic in chamber three which was the farthest inside the cave of any American. He was the first person to have access to the children as they came out of the water.

"When we got the last child out of the cave that was a big moment because we did not think they all were going to survive," said O'Brien. "When we found out they had that was obviously huge for us."

O'Brien stated he is still undecided about how long his career in the Air Force will last, but for now he cannot think of doing anything else.

"I want to keep doing this as long as I can or as long as my body can handle it," said O'Brien. "Hopefully I can continue to do the big missions like this and continue to help



AFRL's Digital Hangar to support lifecycle management of aerospace systems

By Bryan Ripple

88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

8/6/2019 - WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — There is a new hangar under construction at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, but this will be made of digital ones and zeros rather than steel and concrete.

The Air Force Research Laboratory's "Digital Hangar," a concept created by Dr. Rick Graves, an Air Force Research Laboratory's design and analysis branch aerospace research engineer, is a virtual repository containing digital surrogates of aerospace systems that have been gated through rigorous validation and verification processes.

One goal of the effort, Graves says, is to research and identify high-value data that need to be maintained, or curated, to produce an enduring set of digital artifacts for aerospace platforms that can be shared with other AFRL researchers, Air Force Service Program offices and other agencies such as NASA.

Creation and curation of the Digital Hangar is part of a Department of Defense Digital Engineering initiative that began in June 2018, with the publication of a Digital Engineering Strategy that explains how DoD hopes to transform how the services design, develop, deliver, operate and sustain systems. To read the strategy, visit https://www.acq.osd.mil/se/initiatives/ init_de.html.

The strategy defines digital engineering as an integrated digital approach that uses authoritative sources of system data and models as a continuum across disciplines to support lifecycle activities from concept

through disposal.

AFRL continues to develop the Digital Hangar, which will eventually house high-value design information for digital representations of Air Force aerospace systems that will inform decision-making within AFRL and other stakeholder orga-

The Digital Hangar is focused on the design and analysis phase of the acquisition life cycle, Graves said.

"It's a lot cheaper to address problems or to look at physics-based questions through simulation as a project moves up the scale to ground testing or even a flight test, where it becomes more and more expensive," he said. "We want to know what types of information we should be generating and using to make decisions during early design phases because that's where a lot of the costs for an aircraft get locked in. We want to know what types of information we should be gathering over the life cycle of the airplane. The idea is to identify what data is worth keeping, and reuse that data."

It's a good idea to give decision makers the options to explore concept development through digital means rather than going all the way to flight tests, Graves said, adding, "to look at preliminary concepts in terms of transitioning technology is something we really like to look at as early as we can. This helps us transition our technology more efficiently."

Graves said he and other researchers plan to add new aerospace systems to AFRL's Digital Hangar strategically, based on a set of rigorous validation and verification criteria.

'We are taking a few candidate test cases and maturing those to see how it looks and is received. It really isn't just a digital description of a model - it's all the data that goes along with that model," Graves said.

With a background in sensitivity analysis and uncertainty quantification, Graves says he has long had interests in data science, data engineering and machine learning. As a graduate student, he was employed by the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado, and was exposed to uncertainties associated with forecasting weather events. He hopes to apply these concepts and required skill sets to benefit

AFRL's Digital Hangar is an exciting area for young professionals who are interested in working for AFRL, according to Graves.

"We are defining what the digital transformation for AFRL is going to look like in the next 10 years. This is a time for new ideas and new approaches," he said. "We are looking at an area where we as scientists and engineers are trying to get the people who are accepting the technology we are developing to embrace more risk. The organizations we deliver technology to may be risk adverse. You want to get them much more comfortable with the risk that you are taking to deliver them the technology that they really want. That requires a lot of communication between the two parties."

Graves' advice for people who may be interested in working at the lab: "come to the lab and be prepared to take risks; you are going to make mistakes. Feel free to make mistakes and learn from them."

"We bring students in and expose them to our modeling and simulation processes," he continued. "Anyone who leaves our organization will have hands-on experience with developing the data that's associated with the models that might go in our Digital Hangar."









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These social media scams target the military



By Katie Lange

Defense.gov

8/5/2019 - WASHINGTON — Nowadays, you have to be cautious of everything you do online. Scammers are always trying to get money, goods or services out of unsuspecting people — and military members are often targets.

Here are some scams that have recently been affecting service members, Defense Department employees and their families.

ROMANCE SCAMS

In April, Army Criminal Investigation Command put out a warning about romance scams in which online predators go on dating sites claiming to be deployed active-duty soldiers. It's a problem that's affecting all branches of service — not just the Army.

CID said there have been hundreds of claims each month from people who said they've been scammed on legitimate dating apps and social media sites. According to the alleged victims, the scammers have asked for money for fake service-related needs such as transportation, communications fees, processing and medical fees — even marriage. CID said many of the victims have lost tens of thousands of dollars and likely won't get that money back.

Remember: Service members and government employees DO NOT PAY to go on leave, have their personal effects sent home or fly back to the U.S. from an overseas assignment. Scammers will sometimes provide false paperwork to make their case, but real service members make their own requests for time off. Also, any official military or government emails will end in .mil or .gov — not .com — so be suspicious if you get a message claiming to be from the military or government that doesn't have one of those addresses.

If you're worried about being scammed, know what red flags to look for. If you think you've been a victim, contact the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center and the Federal Trade Commission.

DOD officials said task forces are working to deal with the growing problem, but the scammers are often from African nations and are using cyber cafes with untraceable email addresses, then routing their accounts across the world to make them incredibly difficult to trace. So be vigilant!

'SEXTORTION'

Sexual extortion — known as "sextortion" — is when a service member is seduced into sexual activities online that are unknowingly recorded and used against them for money or goods. Often, if a victim caves on a demand, the scammer will just likely demand more.

Service members are attractive targets for these scammers for a few reasons:

- They're often young men who are away from home and have an online presence.
- They have a steady income and are often more financially stable than civilians.
- Because of their careers, they're held to a higher standard of conduct.
- Military members have security clearances and know things that might be of interest to adversaries.

To avoid falling victim to sextortion, don't post or exchange compromising photos or videos with ANYONE online, and make sure your social media privacy settings limit the information outsiders can see — this includes advertising your affiliation with the military or government. Be careful when you're communicating with anyone you don't personally know online, and trust your instincts. If people

seem suspicious, stop communicating with them.

DOD officials said sextortion often goes unreported because many victims are embarrassed they fell for it. But it happens worldwide and across all ranks and services. Here's what you should do about it if it happens to you:

- Stop communicating with the scammer.
- Contact your command and your local CID office.
- Do NOT pay the perpetrator.
- Save all communications you had with that person.

SERVICE MEMBER IMPERSONATION SCAMS

Scammers love to impersonate people of authority, and that includes service members.

These people often steal the identity or profile images of a service member and use them to ask for money or make claims that involve the sale of vehicles, house rentals or other big-ticket items. These scammers often send the victim bogus information about the advertised product and ask for a wire transfer through a third party to finish the purchase, but there's no product at the end of the transaction.

Lately, fake profiles of high-ranking American military officials have been popping up on social media websites using photos and biographical information obtained from the internet. Scammers often replicate recent social media posts from official DOD accounts and interact with official accounts to increase the appearance of legitimacy. As an example, there are impersonator accounts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

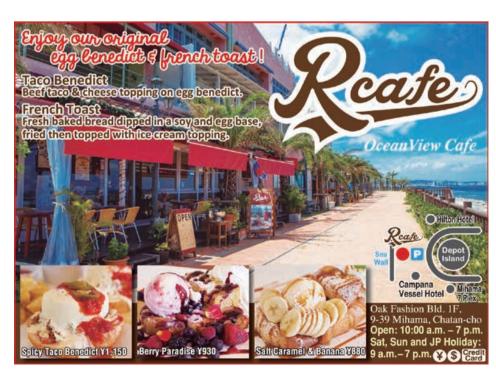
These accounts are also interacting

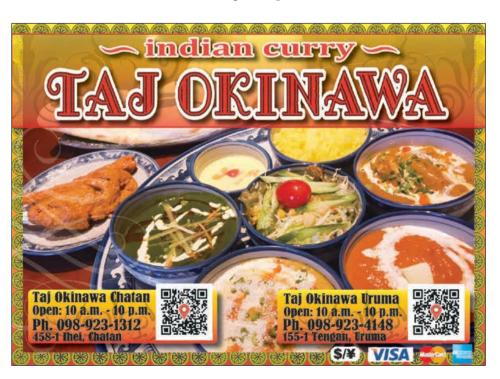
with Joint Staff account followers in an effort to gain trust and elicit information. The only Joint Staff leader with an official social media presence is Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman Army Command Sgt. Maj. John Wayne Troxell, who is listed as @SEAC.JCS on Facebook and @SEAC_Troxell on Twitter.

Scammers are making these profiles to defraud potential victims. They claim to be high-ranking or well-placed government/military officials or the surviving spouse of former government leaders, then they promise big profits in exchange for help in moving large sums of money, oil or some other commodity. They offer to transfer significant amounts of money into the victim's bank account in exchange for a small fee. Scammers that receive payment are never heard from again.

Here are some ways to lower the chances of you being impersonated or duped by a scammer:

- To avoid having your personal data and photos stolen from your social media pages, limit the details you provide on them and don't post photos that include your name tag, unit patch and rank.
- If an alleged official messages you with a request or demand, look closely at their social media page. Often, official accounts will be verified, meaning they have a blue circle with a checkmark right beside their Twitter, Facebook or Instagram name. General and flag officers will not message anyone directly requesting to connect or asking for money.
- Search for yourself online both your name and images you've posted — to see if someone else is trying to use your identity. If you do find a false profile, contact that social media platform and report it.





CyberLOG's the safe word for medical devices, equipment

By Military Health System Communications Office

8/2/2019 — Cybersecurity for medical devices and equipment was the focus of breakout sessions Thursday at the 2019 Defense Health Information Technology Symposium, or DHITS. The theme of this year's event, sponsored by the Defense Health Agency, was "One Team, One Mission – Enabling MHS Transformation."

Air Force Maj. Jeffrey Barnes, chief medical information officer for DHA Medical Logistics, and Army Capt. Louis Weldon, information management officer, spoke about "RMF and Medical Devices: The New CyberLOG." They explained progress toward standing up a center of excellence to unify cybersecurity efforts for medical devices and equipment. It will plan, implement, and sustain medical device and equipment security across the Military Health System enterprise, they said.

Barnes is coordinating the transition of DHA medical logistics as well as the medical device Risk Management Framework, or RMF, program. RMF is a structured process that identifies potential cyber threats, and defines strategies to eliminate or minimize risks.

The purpose is to transition



(DHA phot

Air Force Maj. Jeffrey Barnes, chief medical information officer for DHA Medical Logistics, is coordinating the transition of DHA medical logistics as well as the medical device Risk Management Framework.

away from service-specific processes to one functional capability, Barnes said, likening it to a "one for all, all for one" approach. "We've been talking about it for almost two years," he said, adding that foremost in their mind is that patient safety, privacy, and security are never jeopardized.

Barnes described a strategy that involves standardization, integration, and transparency. "Each service has its own good process," he said. "But blending them together can be a challenge. We'll start getting away from all these silos of repeating requirements. We can bring them in together and really look at them."

Barnes also was part of a second presentation, "The Future Path for Medical Devices and Equipment in DHA." He was joined by Air Force Lt. Col. Richard Keller, chief of Medical Logistics Enterprise Information; Frank Boals, chief of Healthcare Technology Management, DHA Medical Logistics; and Nigel Stone, Clinical Engineering Support, Health Technology Management, DHA MEDLOG.

Barnes said that currently, the various services are managing equipment processes uniquely. "They're accomplishing the same thing but in myriad different ways," he said. The goal, he said, is to standardize decision-making across the enterprise.

Barnes said the overall goals are to focus on large-impact solutions; be smart to gain natural efficiencies; increase visibility and enterprise management; and align to data instead of "how we have always done it."

"If we bring a legacy way of thinking to MHS GENESIS, we're not going to get it done," said Barnes, adding that he was paraphrasing Air Force Maj. Gen. Lee Payne, assistant director for Combat Support at the DHA.

DHITS brought together approximately 2,000 government, military, and industry information technology professionals to share knowledge, ideas, new developments, and lessons learned. The symposium was held July 30 through Aug. 1 at the Caribe Royale in Orlando, Florida.

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U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Phoenix Drohan, left, assists Sgt. Cesar Quintero in Itting on his Level-A fully encapsulated chemical protective suit at Camp Kinser, August The suit provides the highest level of protection against unknown threats and protects earers from substances known to damage lungs, skin and eyes.



⟨ U.S. Marine Corps
 Sgt. Cesar Quintero, left,
 operates a multiRAE
 detector while Cpl. Kendall
 Jones operates an M4 Joint
 Chemical Agent Detector
 during a training exercise at
 Camp Kinser, August 1. The
 Marines ran the instruments
 over the entrance to a
 mock-laboratory to test
 the levels of volatile
 organic compounds and
 other chemical agents in
 the surrounding air and
 to test for toxic industrial
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Military and civilian student 2019 Cohort completes Pacific ALLIES Internship

By Petty Officer 1st Class Robin Peak

U.S. Indo-Pacific Command

8/5/2019 - CAMP H.M. SMITH, **Hawaii** — A group of students from the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, the University of Hawaii and Whitman College recently wrapped up a summer internship on the Ebeye Atoll as part of the Pacific ALLIES Program.

The Pacific ALLIES program brings together students from the United States and host nation sponsors from the Government of Kwajalein (KALGOV), in the Marshall Islands - where the Ebeve Atoll is located.

This part of the Marshall Islands, often described as a "living sustainability laboratory" by U.S. researchers and Marshallese leadership, is a unique place where organizations and nation states can test ideas and study environmental problems, like sea-level rise mitigation and food and water security techniques.

While on Ebeye Atoll, the cohort was able to assist with a unique geo-location and census effort titled the Streetview Coastal Research and Demographic Survey. This effort was supported by the Office of Naval Research (ONR), Code 34 Warfighter Performance Department, Human and Bioengineered Systems Division.

"The whole internship was very eye-opening," said U.S. Coast Guard Cadet Ani Phelps, a Marine Science major. "On our first day we were sitting in the back of a truck with some students who were singing and playing their ukuleles. Ever since that first moment, the songs continued the whole time -- along with the stories and laughter. I feel this internship has allowed us to have so many connections with the Marshallese."

Phelps wants to do research in areas such as Oceania in the future. Being able to live in Ebeye and experience the culture was helpful in her understanding of the area and allowed her and the others to develop ideas for future projects.

We are thinking of making marine science a larger part of this internship," said Phelps.
"Next year there may be more coral reef research and work with the students."

Ebeye has an especially vulnerable population with a higher density than Manhattan, and sixty percent of people living on the atoll are under 18 years of age, with little opportunity beyond working on U.S. Army Garrison, Kwajalein Atoll (USAG-KA).

The geo-location and census effort is the first time that these types of initiatives have been undertaken on the atoll and will aid in improving situational awareness for disaster awareness and health emergencies.

"We were able to reach about 200 homes," said Skye Goedert, a recent graduate of Whitman College. "We asked simple questions such as, how many people live here, how many are under 18 years of age, and do you have food or fresh water. This setup is a basic structure of the survey so the local people can do this in the future by themselves."

They used a phone application that allows high school students to go around the community and record what their basic needs are and assign people to addresses, which is a system that has not existed there, Goedert explained.

"If a disaster were to ever hit, knowing how many people are on the island would be extremely important," said Goedert. "Knowing who has electricity, food and who needs provisions and where to go to give them the help will be easier in the future."

The geo-location effort has the added benefit of allowing people thousands of miles away, the ability to see what Ebeve looks like, said U.S. Coast Guard Cadet Elaine Weaver. This gives the people of Ebeye a sense they are part of a global community.

The students' research and host-nation engagement focus on addressing core vulnerabilities to real-world security and stability issues, namely through youth education and capacity building. Projects to date include coastal surveys, robotics instruction, scientific methods for reef health, and STEM assistance for Ebeye Middle School summer

After the internship, the cohort traveled to the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPA-



Members of the Pacific ALLIES 2019 cohort walk with Spartan Camp students on Ebeye

COM) headquarters where they briefed Maj. Gen. Suzanne P. Vares-Lum, Mobilization Assistant to USINDOPACOM Commander on the program.

"This program is helping to equip our next-generation military leaders to face complex non-traditional security challenges through civilian and military collaboration," said Vares-Lum. "The fantastic work these cadets and midshipmen did this summer is going to greatly help the Government of Kwajalein as well as reinforce USINDOPACOM's ment to maintain relationships with our allies and partners in the Oceania region."

'Some may ask, what could you do with four students and cadets," said Gregg Nakano, a doctoral candidate with the College of Education at the University of Hawaii. "The idea is not the numbers, the idea is proof of concept. If we can show this can work with just a couple friends and almost no resources, then imagine using a larger institution with many talented people. Scale this effort throughout other locations around the world and they can have a greater impact in larger communities."

USINDOPACOM protects and defends, in concert with other U.S. Government agencies, the territory of the United States, its people, and its interests. With allies and partners, USINDOPA-COM is committed to enhancing stability in the Indo-Pacific region by promoting security cooperation, encouraging peaceful development, responding contingencies, deterring aggression, and, when necessary, fighting to win. This approach is based on partnership, presence, and military readiness.

NMCB 4, Indonesian Marines conduct Ribbon Cutting **Ceremony at Elementary School during CARAT 2019**



(U.S. Navy photo by Steelworker 2nd Class Candace Lightsey)

U.S. Consul General in Surabaya, Indonesia, Dr. Sambari Halim Radianto, head of Gresik District Government, and Indonesian Navy Kolonel Laut Eka Prabawa, assistant for maritime potential, cut a ribbon to mark the completion of a construction project at the SDN Duduk Sampeyan Elementary School during Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Indonesia 2019

Mark McGovern,

By Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Kelsey Adams

Commander Task Force 75

8/5/2019 - GRESIK DISTRICT, Indonesia NMCB 4, Indonesian Marines Conduct Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Elementary School During CARAT 2019

U.S. Navy Story by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kelsey L. Adams, CTF 75 Public Affairs

GRESIK DISTRICT, Indonesia (NNS) -U.S. Navy Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 4 and Indonesian Marines assigned to the 2nd Engineering Battalion conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of a construction project at the SDN Duduk Sampeyan Elementary School as part of Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Indonesia 2019, Aug. 5. Mark McGovern, U.S. Consul General

in Surabaya, represented the United States and delivered remarks.

"It is no accident that our builders have spent their time working on a school," said McGovern. "As democracies, our countries value education, and we have much respect for our educators. The U.S. Navy and TNI will be forever connected to this school, these students, and this community."

Since breaking ground June 19, the teams have constructed a two-room classroom building, with one room wired to support 20 computers to meet Indonesian Ministry of Education and Culture standards, renovated two existing classrooms and a

library, built a drainage ditch around the school, and updated and tiled the existing passageways between the classrooms.

"Our mission out here on this site was to not only build new classrooms and renovate the existing buildings, but to strengthen our relationship with the local military, as well as the members of the surrounding community," said U.S. Navy Lt. j.g. Ivan Rodriguez, officer in charge of the CARAT Indonesia 2019 NMCB 4 detachment. "With the completion of construction, these 12 Seabees and 45 marines were able to successfully accomplish the mission in a way that surpassed all of our expectations?

In addition to the scheduled construction, the teams worked together to build a new volleyball and basketball court and long jump pit, and installed grass in the courtyard for the children to use for outdoor recreation.

'What we have accomplished here together has really meant a lot to the children, the community and myself," said Indonesian Marine Lt. Nandar Maykal, officer in charge of the CARAT Indonesia 2019 2nd Engineering Battalion. "Everything our two teams have done here during this mission will have a positive impact on our working relationship with the U.S. military and the community for years to come."

According to Rodriguez and Maykal, their favorite thing about this mission was the interaction and knowledge exchange that occurred between the U.S. Seabees and

the Indonesian Marines. We may have had different methods of doing certain jobs, but at the end of the day, we worked together and accomplished the mission," said Rodriguez. "CARAT 2019 gave us the opportunity to not only strengthen our partnership with our Indonesian counterparts and build lasting friendships with them, but the work we did here at this site will serve as a symbol for years to come of what can be accomplished when the U.S. and Indonesian militaries work together."

CARAT, the U.S. Navy's longest running regional exercise in South and Southeast Asia, strengthens partnerships between regional navies and enhances maritime security cooperation throughout the Indo-Pacific.

CARAT builds upon other engagements in South Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands including Pacific Partnership, the largest annual multilateral humanitarian assistance and disaster relief preparedness mission, Maritime Training Activity Malaysia, Maritime Training Activity Philippines, Pacific Griffin with Singapore and Southeast Asia Cooperation and Training (SEACAT), which involves nearly a dozen partner nations. These engagements bring like-minded naval forces together routinely based on shared values and maritime security interests.



(U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jeanette Mullinax)



By Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeanette Mullinax

Media Center - Japan 7/30/2019 - CAMP GONSALVES - "Corpsman!"

"Corpsman!"

Adrenaline boils, fueling first-responder instincts as 10 hospital corpsmen respond to an ambush in the dead of the night. There is little to no visibility in the crude field hospital, armed with only their M16s and jungle medical packs.

This is the Jungle Medicine Course.

Two days into the course, Hospitalman Mitchell Bromley, 3d Medical Battalion, described the nature of the living conditions.

"Our uniforms are getting pretty smelly and really muddy at this point."

"It's rainy, humid, and the temperature can change really, really fast," Bromley said. "There are some really dangerous points where you can get hurt, but at the same time it's honestly worth it because it puts everything into perspective."

The Jungle Warfare Training Center at Camp Gonsalves, Okinawa, Japan, hosts a rigorous 10-day Jungle Medicine Course, designed to train medical personnel to operate and treat patients in a tropical combat environment.

Located in northern Okinawa, the only Department of Defense jungle training facility for Marines and joint forces welcomes students on day one into the jungle with course conditions that include Meal, Ready-to-Eat rations, two-person tents and luxurious field showers.

While the course continues to

focus on jungle survival and unit leadership skills, the latest revisions reflect a shift to more hands-on jungle medicine practice.

The Jungle Warfare Training Center's medical staff, led by the command's independent duty corpsman, Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Phillip Morris, implemented the revisions. As instructors and role players, the staff was able to recognize areas for improvement and took the time to redesign the curriculum.

"We wanted to focus more on the jungle medicine portion," Morris said. "The course still has the physical aspect of it, but in the form of having patients in the jungle, retrieving and tracking those patients, treating them in the jungle and then medevac-ing them by air or vehicles."

As a lead course instructor, Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Kevin Gizara spent time each day with the students through training evolutions that included tracking patients, land navigation, rope systems, rappelling techniques, tactical combat casualty care and casualty evacuation.

"It really is go-go-go," Gizara said. "The training is definitely hard, and all of the JWTC medical staff have done it. However, we're not just breaking people off. There are reasons why we train the way we do, and there are definitely reasons why we give the students rest days."

The course schedule outlines the objectives for each day, allotting time for classroom training, followed by practical application of each skill. This allowed the corpsmen to hone hands-on skills outside of the medical field.

"As corpsmen, we are going to

go where the Marines go, whether that's the jungle or the desert," Morris said. "Just because we are not in the infantry or the Marines, we still need to learn how to land navigate, we still need to learn how to track, because we might be that person that needs to do it."

During the latest class, Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Windell Kellogg, returned to the training center to instruct a portion of the course, which he originally began developing in 2011.

"Upon coming here, I noticed that there was a need for this training," Kellogg said. "For the last twenty years, our focus has been primarily on desert warfare. Now is a great time to start building up our foundation for that new set of knowledge to take everything in that history and incorporate that into our modern medicine, techniques and equipment."

The Jungle Warfare Training Center occupies 17,500 acres of forest and is home to 24 endangered species, as well as a variety of poisonous insects, spiders and the infamous Habu snake species

A Jungle Medicine Course student, Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Alfredo Gregorio, 3d Medical Battalion, said that he recommends every field corpsman to take advantage of the hands-on training.

"This experience is like nothing else," Gregorio said. "A blue-side or hospital corpsman wouldn't get this field experience. Out here, your mission is still the patient, but you're learning other techniques like patient tracking, movements, evacuation, and how to sustain yourself and the patient as you battle the jungle."



→ Staff Sgt. Sean Moore, center, 353rd Special Operations Support Squadron, a survival, evasion, resistance and escape specialist, instructs a class of hospital corpsmen on patient shelter construction during a Jungle Medicine Course, June 10.



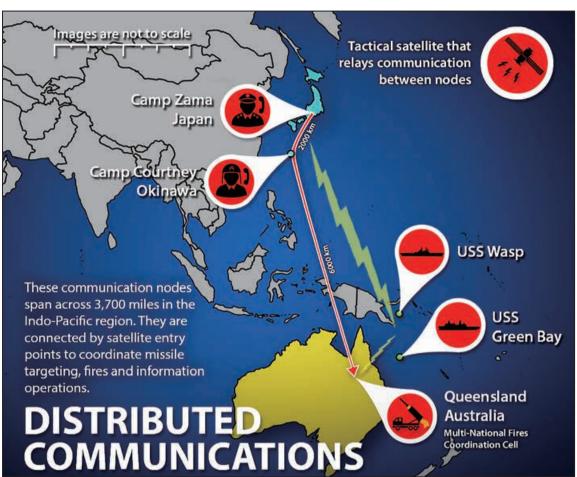
→ Hospitalman Patrick Newton, left, from Clinton, Iowa, and Hospitalman Solomon Jose, from San Diego, maneuver a patient in a sked stretcher up a cliff during a Jungle Medicine Course, June 5.





Staff Sgt. Sean Moore, 353rd Special Operations Support Squadron, a survival, evasion, resistance and escape specialist, instructs a class of hospital corpsmen on water sanitation methods during a Jungle Medicine Course at Jungle Warfare Training Center, June 10.

Communication Marines connect units throughout the Indo-Pacific



(U.S. Marine Corps art by Sgt. Dominic Clay)

By Lance Cpl. Brienna Tuck

III MEF Information Group

8/2/2019 - CAMP COURTNEY— U.S. Marines with 7th Communication Battalion conducted a Distributed Command and Control Exercise (DC2EX) July 10-23, 2019, spanning more than 3,700 miles across multiple locations in the Indo-Pacific region. The ex-

ercise integrated communication nodes for command and control (C2) between a High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) live-fire exercise at the Shoalwater Bay Training Area in Queensland, Australia, a command element on Camp Courtney in Okinawa, Japan, a forward-deployed node in Camp Zama, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan, as well as two ships, the USS Green Bay (LPD-20) and USS Wasp (LHD-1).

"What we are doing is changing the paradigm," said Maj. Brian M. Chamberlain, the operations officer for 7th Comm. Bn. "We've reduced our numbers to small teams with numerous capabilities being sent to several different locations and then connecting them to one command element.

With smaller numbers, they are able to move and establish lines of communication very quickly. It enables a commander who is several thousands of miles away to prosecute targets through C2. It isn't something we've traditionally done, and that's what makes it so impressive. We are creating a highly lethal capability."

Operations during wartime or humanitarian disasters require split-second decisions and decisive actions from a distance. This is difficult to accomplish without Marines who can set up communication in situations like the one present during this exercise.

"The purpose of DC2EX was to demonstrate communication operations with multilateral interoperability and to test our communication assets," said Staff Sgt. Michael A. Rivera, a network administrator for 7th Comm. Bn. "The importance of the exercise was not only the C2 element, but also the proficiency of data communications. The strategic aspect, geographically, was to demonstrate a situation of needing to complete an operation quickly involving bilateral allies. It was a stepping stone for future operations."

During the weeks of planning beforehand, Rivera's Camp Zama team expected issues to come up due to anticipated weather conditions and the distance between their node and Australia. Once the radio operators arrived, they were able to establish lines of communication faster than expected and without any significant issues.

"DC2EX provided us the opportunity to work on the communication architecture required to coordinate targeting, fires and information operations across multiple fronts," said Col. Mark Coppess, III Marine Expeditionary Force Fires and Effects Coordination Center director. "As the Marine Corps seeks innovative solutions that support a persistent presence well within the range of adversary's weapon systems, it is increasingly becoming more important that we be able to command and control over greater distances, both at sea and on land."

The Marines sent to Camp Zama set up the communication node using satellite tactical entry points to distribute internet services to the other nodes in less than 6 hours.

Chamberlain stated, it's remarkable he can put together a series of forces, launch them anywhere on short order and they will enable C2 in less than 24 hours.

Complex operations on the battlefield require precision down to the second. The successful coordination between air, ground and sea-based forces can be achieved at a faster rate with the advancements being made in the communication field. Through future exercises like DC2EX, timeliness, in all aspects of the mission, will continue to improve.



Kadena Air Base Community Notes

NOTICE Tricare Corner: Overseas Enrollment

All newborn and adopted children must be registered in DEERS within 120 days. To do this, the sponsor must go to a uniform services ID card office and present the child's birth certificate, certificate of live birth from the hospital, record of adoption, or letter of placement of your child into your home by a recognized placement, adoption agency or the court. Once they are registered in DEERS, your child will be automatically enrolled in TOP Select. You will need to change or transfer your newborn's enrollment to TOP Prime (if command sponsored) within 120 days of birth or adoption. If you do not enroll within the 120-day period, your child will remain in TOP Select. If your child is registered in DEERS after the allotted time period, they will only be able to receive care on a space available basis at a military hospital or clinic, and a PCM will not be assigned to your child. The sponsor can only enroll the child in an eligible TRICARE plan if they have a Qualifying Life Event or during the annual TRICARE Open Season. For more information, visit www.tricare.mil/overseas or visit your local TRICARE office.

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.

To submit an announcement for the base bulletin, please visit www.kadena.af.mil or send info@samuraigate.jp AFSA Chapter 1553 General For more information, contact Akira Fair a

Membership Meeting
The Air Force Sergeant's Association
(AFSA) Chapter 1553 is holding its monthly
general membership meeting on August 15
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. Click

here to view current and historical agendas

or contact Donald Fisher (632-5085) for

Disposition of Personal Effects of SSgt Peter Nguyen

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.

Housing Office Closure

more information.

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 closed August 9 for a Command Beach Bash Event.

Housing Office Minimal Manning

The Kadena DoD Family Housing Office will be open, but minimally manned on August 12 during the MLC holiday. Please expect longer wait times for service. However, our Camp Kinser Office, Camp Courtney Office, Camp Foster, The Furnishing Management Section and Furnishing Management Section Self-Help and Appliance Repair will be closed for The MLC Mountain Day Holiday.

Partial road closure

The Partial road on Schreiber Ave (near bldg. 3409), will be closing from September 1 to December 19 / 24 hours daily. Flaggers and temporary traffic lights will be posted.

For more information, contact Akira Fair at 634-4879.

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.

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

WIC Overseas Program Enrollment and Eligibility

The Women, Infants and Children Overseas program is a supplemental nutrition program designed for pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, infants and children up to the age of 5.

As a WIC Overseas participant, you can receive nutrition education in the form of individual counseling and group classes, breastfeeding support, supplemental foods such as milk, juice, cheese, cereal, eggs, and fresh fruits and vegetables, and referrals to other health care agencies.

For more information, check financial/residential eligibility, visit or call WIC Overseas. All of WIC can be reached at 645-WICO (9426) or from a cell phone at 098-970-9426. (Options 1- Camp Foster; 2- Kadena Air Base; 3-Camp Kinser; 4-Camp Courtney) Kadena Air Base (Bldg. 428) / Camp Foster (Bldg. 5674) / Camp Courtney (Bldg. 4408) / Camp Kinser (Bldg. 107 Rm. 121)

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.

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AUGUST - SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Passport Acceptance Days

8/13 TUE	KADENA	Schilling Community Center	11:00-13:00
8/16 FRI	SCHWAB	Schwab SMP	11:00-13:00
8/20 TUE	FOSTER	Foster USO	11:00-13:00
9/10 TUE	KADENA	Schilling Community Center	11:00-13:00
9/17 TUE	FOSTER	Foster USO	11:00-13:00
9/20 FRI	COURTNEY	Courtney SMP	14:00-16:00
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Save your passport slots by email at NahaACS@state.gov

Immigrant Visa Presentations /

8/2	FRI	KADENA	Airman & Family Readiness Center	10:00-12:00
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8/9	FRI	FOSTER	Ocean Breeze (Presentation only) *No Appointment Necessary	10:00-11:00
8/16	FRI	SCHWAB	Schwab SMP	09:00-11:00
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9/6	FRI	FOSTER	Multi-purpose Rm Bldg. 439 *Register by email at NahalV@state.go	09:00-11:00
9/13	FRI	FOSTER	Ocean Breeze (Presentation only) *No Appointment Necessary	10:00-11:00
9/27	FRI	KINSER	Kinser USO *Register by email at NahalV@state.go	09:00-11:00



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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 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.

Receipt of Legal Proceedings against the United States

If you or your family members ever receive through the mail, electronic media, or in person any written notice of legal action against the United States or the USAF to include a writ, summons, notice of legal proceedings, or any other foreign civil process, IMMEDIATELY send or deliver it to the Legal Office for appropriate actions.

TRICARE Overseas off Base Do's and Don'ts

Tricare Operations would like to ensure

all AD members, dependents, Civilian and DoD employees are familiar with the cultural etiquette that is expected when visiting Japanese medical facilities. This will insure clarity on all questionable customs and courtesies with our host nation providers. Do's and Don'ts worksheets are available at the TRICARE front desk located at the Kadena Clinic. For additional information, contact Referral Management at 630-4402 Mon – Fri from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS Kadena's Storytellers Event

Storytellers was created to encourage Airmen to share stories and get them out into the open and to watch them change lives. Storytellers relies on an informal vibe versus a formal class room set up. Storytellers provides Airmen with a greater sense of resilience, motivation and pride. You can attend the event on August 15 at 1100-1200 at the Kadena Officer Club Weekender Lounge in bldg. For more information, contact TSgt Justin Sims at 634-5459 or justin.j.sims6.mil@mail.mil

Kadena Air Force Ball 2019

Kadena Air Base is getting ready to celebrate the 72nd birthday of the United States Air Force by hosting the Air Force Ball September 14. The ball will be held at the Rocker Enlisted Club. Social Hour begins at 6 p.m. and official ceremony begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are now on sale, please see your unit rep. Please come out and support this great event. For more information / event details, follow Kadena Air Force Ball on Facebook.

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.

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