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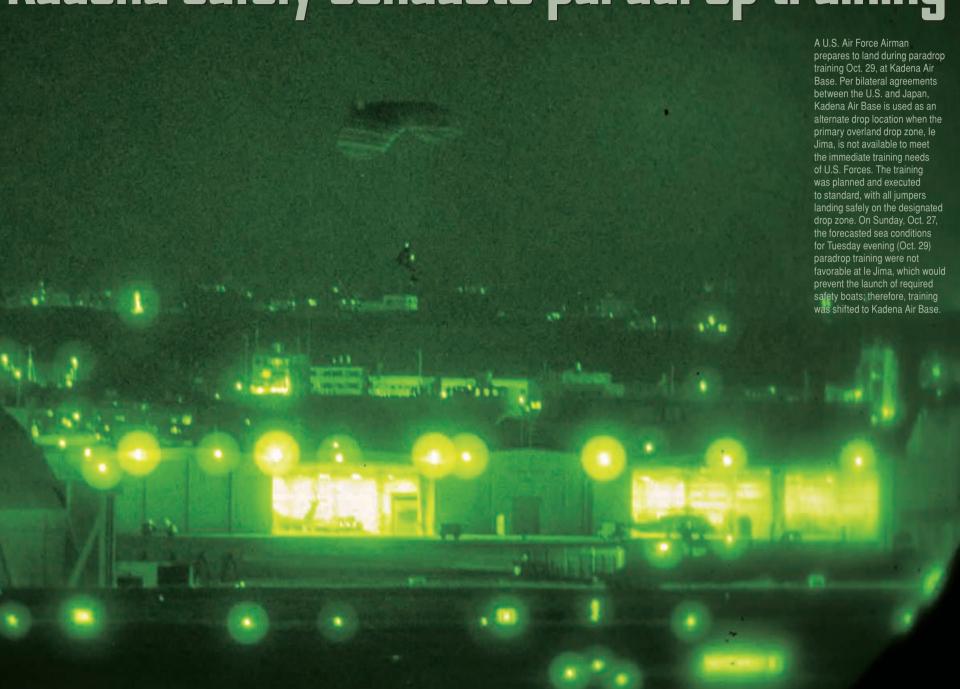
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## Kadena, Okinawa celebrates Trunk-or-Treat



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

U.S. military members visit and give candy to children from the local community as part of the Trunk-or-Treat event at the Okinawa World Children's Zoo and Museum, Oct. 26.

#### By Senior Airman Kristan Campbell

18th Wing Public Affairs

11/1/2019 - KADENA AIR BASE — To celebrate Halloween, a holiday steeped in American tradition, Team Kadena and Okinawa Children's World Zoo and Museum hosted the Trunk-or-Treat event in Okinawa City, Oct. 28.

During the event, kids went from trunk to trunk collecting candy with U.S. military members and their families, who decorated the trunks of their cars and dressed up for the Halloween-themed event. They also played games and took pictures with U.S. military members in costume.

"This is an opportunity to interact with our neighbors," said Katsue Yonamine, deputy mayor of Okinawa City. "Through these opportunities, we can feel the English-speaking culture and become closer to one another."

For volunteers, working the event was a way to further strengthen the U.S.-Japan alliance, one of Team Kadena's primary focuses, while introducing American tradition and customs to the Okinawan community.

"I volunteered because I really enjoy events that include the entire community of Okinawa, both U.S. and Japanese locals," said Staff Sgt. Sekoya Kinsey, event volunteer. "It's nice to give back to the kids and see them have a good time dressing up for the holiday."

Kinsey said his favorite part about Trunk-or-Treat was seeing the coordination involved in bringing the event together successfully.

"Seeing the smiles on the children's faces are priceless, as well as the creativity that went into the costumes and the car decorations," Kinsey said.

The Trunk-or-Treat event focused on strengthening the understanding between the U.S. and Japanese community on Okinawa, strengthening the alliance by being good friends, partners, and allies.

"Today was the first time for me to participate," Yonamine said. "We were able to see many wonderful costumes, different from what we usually see in Okinawa. I think children along with their families enjoyed participating in the Trunk-or-Treat and I would hope that these kind of events would continue here (in the future)."

## AFSOC Airmen recognized at ACA convention

#### By Staff Sgt. Lynette Rolen

Air Force Special Operations Command
Public Affairs

**10/30/2019 - HURLBURT FIELD, Fla.**— Air Force Special Operations Command Airmen were recognized during the Air Commando Association's convention from Oct. 24-27, 2019.

The convention included the presentation of the ACA Commander's Leadership Awards and inductions into the Air Commando Hall of Fame.

The convention began with the ACA Heritage Seminar, during which the leadership awards were presented. The award recognizes AFSOC's outstanding performers, who were all hand-chosen by their respective commanders for making the most significant contributions to mission accomplishment. The following Air Commandos received the award:

Staff Sgt. Marisol Burfield, 1st Special Operations Civil Engineer Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Luke Cavanaugh, 23rd Special Tactics Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Jordan Churchill, 352nd Special Operations Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Eric Denman, 71st Special Operations Squadron

Maj. Brandon Downey, 492nd Special Operations Training Squadron

Capt. Christopher Hanson, 415th Special Operations Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Joaquin Hernandez, 711th Special Operations Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Amber Kaufman, 524th Special Operations Squadron

Capt. Ramiro Leenen, 1st Special Operations Squadron

1st Lt. Christopher Locke, 1st Special Operations Civil Engineer Squadron

1st Lt. Jedrick Lyon, 352nd Special Operations Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Aaron Matulac, 27th Special Operations Logistics Readiness Squadron

Capt. Jefre Potterbaum, 919th Special Operations Communications Squadron



(U.S. Air Force photo by Statt Sgt. Lynette

Capt. Daniel Sullivan, 27th Special Operations Group

Maj. Rylan Tanner, 23rd Special Tactics Squadron

Staff Sgt. Lindsey Vaillancourt, 353rd Special Operations Group

The day following the seminar featured the Air Commando Hall of Fame inductions, during which five AFSOC Airmen were honored.

The Air Commando Hall of Fame recognizes service members who made significant contributions to the readiness of AFSOC's mission, served honorably and were assigned to AFSOC for no less than three years.

Retired Col. Dave Sammons served AFSOC throughout his 28-year career. While commanding the 15th Special Operations Squadron at the beginning of Operation Enduring Freedom, Sammons' leadership proved critical to many firsts for the Special Operations Forces missions. His leadership ultimately set the stage for the end of the Taliban rule.

Retired Col. Donnie Williams, AFSOC executive director of logistics, engineering and force protection, served AFSOC throughout his 25-year career and presently serves as a civilian. Williams served in a multitude of leadership positions involving operational, aircraft maintenance and logistics assignments. While commanding the 16th Aircraft Generation Squadron, AFSOC's largest squadron, the unit earned four AFSOC and one Air

Force Maintenance Effectiveness Awards as the best maintenance unit in the command and in the Air Force.

"I was honored just to be nominated," said Williams. "I am absolutely overwhelmed to have been selected. It has been the privilege of my life to be a part of AFSOC and the Air Commando community. We've had tremendous commanders and leaders that supported me and my family through some challenging circumstances. I am grateful for the Chiefs that have guided and advised me and developed our enlisted force every step of the way. I am unbelievably proud of the Airmen, NCOs, young officers and civilians in our work force that selflessly take on the mission challenges every day."

Williams offered comments about why serving is rewarding to him.

"I am happy to come to work every day and do my part to support our Air Commando mission," said Williams. "I am proud to be a part of a greater team that works very well together to support our forces and our family members. There is nothing I'd rather do and no place I'd rather be than right here."

Retired Lt. Col. Edward Reed served AFSOC as a Pave Low pilot. While serving at the 58th Special Operations Wing, Reed created the most sophisticated mission rehearsal, simulation and training architecture in the entire Department of Defense. His vision of highly realistic simulators was unparalleled.

Retired Senior Master Sgt. Maurice Kunkel (inducted posthumously) served more than eight years in Special Operations Weather assignments, including serving in Laos for six years. His expertise led to successful weather missions in every conflict from the war in Southeast Asia to today's modern battlefield. Kunkel established, operated, and maintained clandestine weather observation sites in austere, hostile environments and trained weather observers throughout the country.

Retired Master Sgt. John Smith, AFSOC A2 intelligence analyst, served AFSOC for more than 46 years and presently serves as a civilian. Smith's expertise was critical to the development of the modern day Special Tactics Training Squadron. Even after retirement, Smith continued to coach, train and mentor Air Commandos.

"I was a plank holder," said Smith. "I went to the ST group under command of the legend, Coach John Carney. I was in ST from 1988 until my retirement in 1999. If ever you went to the dictionary and looked up being in the right place at the right time, my picture would be there. I was always fortunate enough to be there, be available, be ready, with the ST community and my career. We were all empowered to recognize opportunity, recognize need and to act on that."

Smith plans to continue to serve AFSOC after his induction.

"It's one of the most humbling things that has ever happened to me," said Smith. "When you think of all the people that have been inducted before, to be identified with that group is quite humbling."

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#### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOUR SHOGUN MEDICS

In order to provide better care to our patients, and allow our healthcare teams to focus on readiness, the 18th Medical Group is undergoing a transition starting November 2019 until February 2020. During this transition you may see a change to your Primary Care Manager (PCM), yet the care you receive will remain largely unchanged.

We thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. If you have any comments or concerns you can contact our TRICARE Operations office at 630-4310.

In case you were wondering...

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How will I know if my PCM changed? Patients should receive an email notification letting them know of the change to their PCM.

Am I able to request to keep my original PCM? Quality of care and patient satisfaction are both important to us. However, requests for a PCM change will be routed through MDG leadership and be determined on an individual basis. (All patients have the right to request an appointment for a second opinion with an alternate provider.)

#### Is there a way to communicate

**concerns?** Our Patient and Family Partnership Council (PFPC) meets the first Thursday of every month and allows MDG leaders to hear the voice of the patient and family. For specific details on PFPC, or concerns with your PCM change please contact our Patient Advocate at 630-446

How can I communicate with my PCM team? Please check TRICARE Online's Patient Portal to enroll/log in to Secure Messaging at www. TRICAREOnline.com! You can communicate with your PCM team for questions, appointments, medication refills and much more.

## Barrett publicly sworn in as secretary of the Air Force

**By Charles Pope** 

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

11/2/2019 - ARLINGTON, Va. — Barbara M. Barrett was publicly sworn in Nov. 2 as the 25th Secretary of the Air Force at the symbolically potent U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado, using the high-profile location to salute the service's history and potential as it positions itself to meet future challenges.

David Norquist, deputy secretary of defense, conducted the public swearing-in, which preceded Barrett's first formal remarks since becoming the secretary. Barrett said her highest priority is protecting – and prolonging – the Air Force's unrivaled excellence.

"The men and women of the United States Air Force have earned the confidence of our nation. We know that it is ready, resilient and capable of defending America," Barrett said in her remarks.

Norquist, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright, other senior officials, family and friends joined Barrett. In separate remarks, Norquist both highlighted Barrett's background and experience and reinforced her focus on confronting new threats, adapting to an era of "great power competition" and fulfilling requirements outlined in the National Defense Strategy.

"For the Air Force, that means maintaining our air superiority and making greater investments in the modernization of our conventional and nuclear forces," Norquist said. "It means assembling the best minds in space and cyber to address our vulnerabilities and lead the way in these new warfighting domains."

Barrett, Norquist added, "is, without question, the most competent person to



(U.S. Air Force photo by Wayne Clark)

take on each of these challenges and lead our Airmen with the integrity and diligence that has enabled the Air Force to dominate the skies."

Adapting to the new reality and succeeding means pushing hard to continue modernizing the force while continuing the "superb flight plan for the Air Force's future path" established by her predecessor, Dr. Heather Wilson, Barrett said. Wilson was also in attendance for the ceremony.

Achieving that means holding fast to Air Force core values and ensuring those values serve as a compass guiding the service forward.

"The United States Air Force is enduringly guided by its core values, its Polaris," she said. "Integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do. These unchanging values represent our Polaris.

"And guided by the core values, the United States Air Force is the best in the world at what we do: defending our nation in air, in space and in cyberspace."

At a time of stresses to mental health and concerns about suicide across the Air Force,

it means focusing on the needs, health and fulfillment of "our greatest asset," the Air Force's Total Force personnel, she said.

"The Airmen who wear our nation's uniform are our greatest asset and treasure. We have no greater charge than to develop and care for them and their families," she said.

Barrett, who was administratively sworn in Oct. 18 at the Pentagon, said the U.S. Air Force Academy was intentionally selected as the location for her ceremonial swearing-in and her first extended public remarks.

"It is not by accident that we gather at Polaris Hall, at the Academy, for this ceremony instead of the steps at the Pentagon," Barrett said.

"Here at this venerable institution, entrusted to mold future leaders of the United States Air Force, is a monument to character and leadership, the oculus, above us, points directly to Polaris, the North Star... true north.

The location of the speech – Polaris Hall in the Academy's Center for Character of Leadership Development – also reinforced Barrett's emphasis on ethics and integrity.



## **Air Force announces NCO Career Status** Program for Airmen with 12 years of service

#### By Secretary of the Air Force **Públic Affairs**

**10/30/2019 - WASHINGTON** — The Air Force announced Oct. 30 it will implement the new Noncommissioned Officer Career Status Program for active duty Airmen, which will affect reenlistment contracts executed on or after Nov. 18.

The change will eliminate the need for Airmen who have 12 or more years of service to continue to reenlist by aligning their separation dates with their high year of tenure dates.

"Career Airmen are consummate professionals who have demonstrated their commitment to service," said Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services. "They play a crucial role in developing the next generation of Airmen. With this adjustment, we're providing them the associated flexibility to make individualized career decisions."

Airmen who reenlist under the NCO Career Status Program will follow processes similar to those of officers and will incur active duty service commitments.

The Selective Retention Bonus program will not be impacted by CSP other than a few administrative processing changes. If eligible for an SRB, Airmen electing to accept the bonus--and the associated AD-SC--will apply for the SRB via myPers and complete an application electronically. The Air Force's Personnel Center will identify and notify those Airmen on career status contracts who are eligible for an SRB on a

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Like officers, enlisted Airmen may apply for separation prior to their high year of tenure date with an effective date no later than 12 months and no earlier than 180 days from the date of request.

"What we are saying to our Airmen is we hear you," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright. "We recognize your commitment to a profession in the Air Force, and we're going to manage your service commitment in a way that provides you with reduced paperwork and increased efficiency."

Airmen with 12 years of service who sign a reenlistment contract on or after Nov. 18 will fall under the CSP and that will be their last contract. CSP Airmen will no longer see a date of separation in their records until they are within 12 months of their high year of tenure date. Upon getting promoted, the date of separation for CSP Airmen will automatically be updated to the high year of tenure date of the new

Current high year of tenure lengths of service by rank are:

- 20 years for E-5
- 22 years for E-6
- 24 years for E-7
- 26 years for E-8
- 30 years for E-9

The reenlistment form has also been changed to increase efficiency and reduce errors between the personnel and financial

For more information, visit the NCO Career Status Program page of the AFPC public website.





## **Pacific Air Forces Airmen** participate in Junior Enlisted Leadership Forum in Canada



Leadership Forum at the 17 Wing, Winnipeg, Canada, Oct.

Forces Airmen

participate in a

group activity

during the Junior Enlisted

#### By Pacific Air Forces **Public Affairs**

11/1/2019 - JOINT BASE PEARL HAR-**BOR-HICKAM**, **Hawaii** — Thirty-one service members from eight nations met for the Junior Enlisted Leadership Forum at the 17 Wing, Winnipeg, Canada October 21 - 25.

The JELF is designed to inform junior Non-Commissioned Officers about professional development strategies to grow them into tomorrow's senior enlisted leaders. Pacific Air Forces co-hosted the annual five-day event with the Royal Canadian Air Force and with the theme of "Leadership Challenges," the senior enlisted leaders discussed the importance of communication.

"These junior enlisted leaders are the future of our forces," said U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Johnson, PACAF command chief. "By coming together and learning the similarities between our respective forces and building those connections, they can broaden their perspectives. Our countries work together as a coalition, so we should learn from each other and work together as often as we can to ensure we keep our bonds strong."

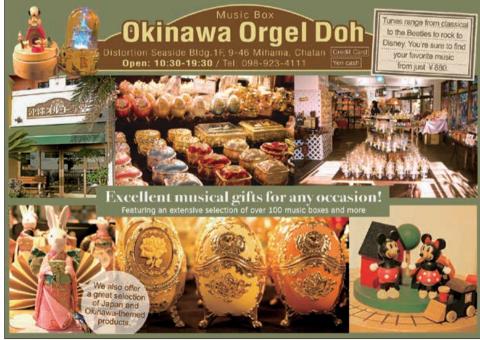
Participants were able to learn from their counterparts as well as senior enlisted leaders from other nations, which covered many topics including resiliency, culture, ethics, and the complexity of the geopolitical environment.

"As leaders, our job is to make sure that the goals we are trying to achieve are communicated down the chain, so that everybody understands what we are talking about," said Royal Canadian Air Force Chief Warrant Officer Dennis Gaudreault.

Throughout the event, participants had different scenarios, discussions, and challenges including the "marshmallow challenge," which involved building the highest spaghetti tower they could with tape, string, spaghetti noodles and marshmallows, emphasizing teamwork, and problem solving.

This year's JELF included rising non-commissioned officers from the Air Forces of Canada, the United States., Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Singapore, Bangladesh and the Philippines, and although each country may do things different, participants learned overall there were many similarities between the

"It is a privilege to be picked for something like this," said Royal Canadian Air Force MCpl Kevin Griffin. "I feel like my supervisors recognized the hard work I have put in at my unit. I was excited to come and interact with other Air Forces."





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## What you don't know can hurt you



on the wall outside the 916th Air Refueling Wing's director of psychological health's office; nembers write on the leaf what they are grateful for and adds the leaf to the

#### By Staff Sgt. Mary McKnight

11/1/2019 - SEYMOUR JOHNSON **AFB, N.C.** — "I mean I slipped up when I talked to you," said actor, Derek Luke as Antwone Fisher. "Three sessions, right? Can't be flouting regulations. Well what do I do, commander? Cause (Because), I don't know what to do, I don't know what to do," said Luke as he walks out of the office and closes the door on his therapist.

This is how Luke depicted the feelings of a young sailor in the movie Antwone Fisher.

While these feelings came about in a movie, they are very much a reflection of an Airmen's reality.

"Our teammates are taking their own lives," said Chief Master Sgt. Kaleth Wright, chief master sgt. of the Air Force, in his resiliency message to Airmen. "We lose more Airmen to suicide than any other single enemy, even more than combat. Seventy-eight of our brothers and sisters have given up on life this year alone, 78. That's (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mary McKnight

78 teammates, that's 78 wingmen, that's 78 spouses, that's 78 brothers and sisters and sons and daughters. Seventy-eight, who couldn't find a single reason to keep going."

Wright placed the responsibility of taking care of Airmen on the entire Air Force and the 916th Air Refueling Wing has not taken this task lightly.

"I really want people to feel comfortable seeking help," said Jennifer S. Price, 916 ARW director of psychological health. "Being mentally healthy is a part of comprehensive fitness. Psychological health is going to have an impact on your overall well-being, including your ability to do your job, interact with your family and others. If you're not psychologically healthy other areas of your life are going to be im-

As a reservist the reality of problems spiraling out of control falls within a shorter window of time than some may think.

Members of the reserve force face a unique set of stressors including balancing



a full time civilian career, family, military responsibilities and other obligations. It is vital for reservists to be resilient, said Price.

Recovering from an illness, depression or adversities such as: moving into a new home, being involved in a car accident, financial difficulty, time management, starting a new job, marital issues, postpartum depression and much more can be difficult; which is why the wing has resources in place for Airmen, civilians and their families to help navigate such obstacles.

"I'm available to meet with reservists as well as civilians and their immediate family members for short term solution focused problem solving," said Price. "The services I provide are not clinical. If someone comes to me and they need more than I am able to provide in this role, I can help connect them to other resources."

If Price cannot provide assistance based off of a person's need she will connect them to an alternate resource.

"When someone comes to me for short

term solution problem solving, I may determine they could benefit from specific resources they may not be aware of," said Price. "I am a link to resources such as the Wounded Warrior Program or the Recovery Care Program."

The Wounded Warrior Program helps members with illnesses and injuries. The Recovery Care Program helps members with appointments, relocations, employment, and all other needs as they process through the medical board. The goal is to find long-term healthy solutions opposed to an unhealthy solution for a temporary problem.

Services provided are confidential granted there are no safety concerns or mission impacting concerns, said Price.

The wing has made Price and other resources available for Airmen to champion through obstacles and come out on top. In some situations, what someone does not know can hurt them, so spread the word, and be the change that saves a life.







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## Joint Army-Air Force-Navy medical partnership saves lives downrange



(U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Rau)
Airmen work with members of the Extracorporeal Membrane
Oxygenation team to save the life of a NATO troop at the
Craig Joint-Theater Hospital on Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.

#### By 59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

10/31/2019 — JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas — At any given time, there are more than 100 medics deployed worldwide from the 59th Medical Wing, executing a Joint U.S. mission in support of global operations.

Air Force personnel assigned to Brooke Army Medical Center, the Department of Defense's only level 1 trauma center, are the core for trauma care readiness at the Role 3 facility, Craig Joint Theater Hospital in Bagram, Afghanistan.

Additionally, a close partnership with Army and Navy colleagues at home station extends to the deployed environment where tri-Service team members from BAMC are deployed throughout the trauma system delivering high quality trauma care.

In the deployed environment, the term "role" is used to describe the level of medical support based on capabilities and resources.

A Role 3 facility delivers a definitive level of care, provides full surgical repairs, and has the ability to hold patients until they are stable for medical evacuation.

Serving as the first Joint Trauma System chief under the Defense Health Agency governance, Air Force Col. (Dr.) Stacy Shackelford, has deployed to Craig Joint Theater Hospital her last four rotations and was responsible for coordinating trauma care delivery for multiple Role 2 and 3 surgical facilities throughout Afghanistan.

"There isn't an Air Force, Army or Navy type of medical care," Shackelford said. "Delivering care along the continuum and passing it along from a Navy forward surgical team to an Army MEDEVAC to an Air Force surgical hospital, it's all interrelated."

The Joint Trauma System collects data on all combat causalities to analyze and incorporate back into clinical practice guidelines, the foundation for training service members.

Medical personnel with varying surgical experience are deployed across the world, all equipped with pre-deployment and simulated training but not all having first-hand experience.

BAMC is comprised of Army, Air Force and Navy members working side-by-side providing outstanding care to wounded service members and the San Antonio community at large.

"The gap between treating civilian trauma patients and combat-related trauma patients can be narrowed by military-specific simulation training prior to deployment," Shackelford said.

The Bagram Role 3 is made up of more than 180 service members with over a third coming from the 59th MDW, extending the highest level of trusted care to the combatant command.

# 3rd Med. Bn. corpsmen conduct Preventative Medicine Skills Course



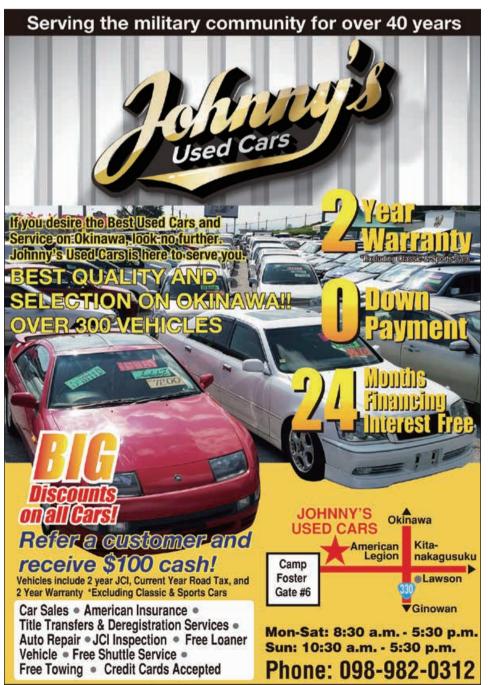


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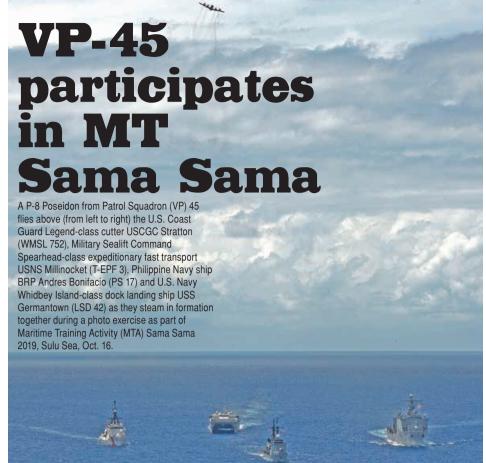
U.S. Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class
Wesley Shivers captures a ball python
at Camp Foster, Oct. 31. Sailors with 3rd
Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics
Group and Airmen with the 18th Civil
Engineer Squadron took part in the
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Course, service members refined their
skills in tracking the weather, testing
water and equipment and operating in
austere environments.







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By Commander Task Force 72 10/31/2019 - PUERTO PRINCESA, Philippines — Maritime forces from Japan, Philippines, and the United States concluded Maritime Training Activity Sama Sama in Puerto Princesa, Oct. 21.

Patrol Squadron (VP) 45 participated in the week-long exercise with the Philippine navies, as well as Sailors from the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF).

Now in its third year, MTA Sama Sama promotes regional security cooperation, strengthens strategic maritime partnerships and enhances maritime interoperability between nations.

"The exercise went off without a hitch," said Lieutenant Josh Markley, a VP-45 pilot who participated in MTA Sama Sama. "It was impressive to see such diverse naval platforms from different nations perform at a high level so well together."

This year marked the first time the JMSDF participated alongside U.S. and Philippine navy counterparts during MTA Sama Sama.

The exercise featured both shore-based and at-sea activities designed to allow participating nations to advance complex maritime training utilizing diverse naval platforms and operating areas.

Shore phase events included multiple exchanges by subject matter experts on a wide array of naval capabilities, including a maritime domain awareness brief conducted by VP-45. Other subjects discussed were force protection, explosive ordnance disposal, medical care, engineering, dive

and salvage operations, humanitarian assistance/disaster relief and visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS) operations.

VP-45 conducted two flights during sea phase of the exercise including a photo exercise, search and rescue exercise and vessel of interest tracking, followed by VBSS support.

Participating U.S. Navy assets include USS Montgomery (LCS 8), USS Germantown (LSD 42), USNS Millinocket (T-EPF 3), USNS Salvor (ARS 52), USCG Stratton (VMSL 752) and Patrol Squadron FOUR FIVE P-8A Poseidon aircraft.

VP-45, based out of Jacksonville, Florida, are operating out of Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan. The squadron is conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance as well as theater outreach operations within U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations

MTA Sama Sama builds upon other maritime engagements with the Philippines including Pacific Partnership, the largest annual multilateral humanitarian assistance and disaster relief preparedness mission, Southeast Asia Cooperation and Training (SEACAT), which involves more than a dozen partner nations, Balikatan, ADMM-Plus (Association of Southeast Asian Nations Defense Ministers' Meeting Maritime Security Exercise) and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations-U.S. Maritime Exercise (AUMX), along with other military engagements and exchanges. These engagements serve to enhance information sharing and coordination and support long-term regional cooperation.





## **3rd Marine Division participates in the** 46th Annual Henoko District Citizen's **Track and Field Meet Sports Day**





Ovanek, a communications chief with 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, helps Okinawan children win a tug of war competition during the 46th Annual Henoko District Citizen's Track and Field Meet Sports Day in Henoko, Nov. 3.

U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Garrett Burn, n engineer platoon sergeant with 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, competes in a relay race with Okinawa residents during the 46th Annual Henoko District Citizen's Track and Field Meet Sports Day.

#### By Cpl. Josue Marquez

3rd Marine Division

**11/3/2019 - HENOKO —** U.S. Marines with 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, and Okinawa residents participated in the 46th Annual Henoko District Citizen's Track and Field Meet Sports Day in Henoko, Okinawa, Nov. 3.

Personnel from Camp Schwab have been included in the track and field meet since 1973 and carried on the tradition of good will and togetherness with the people of Henoko.

"It's important that we maintain the relationship between us and the community," said U.S. Marine Corps Master Sgt. Chris Ovanek, a communications chief with 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division. "It's nice to be invited out to the community like this. As Americans, this isn't our home and the fact that these people have allowed us into their home by participating in this event is pretty awesome."

The field meet consisted of multiple events, such as centipede races, children's tug of war, obstacle races, bicycle rim bal-

ancing races, and much more. Marines from Camp Schwab competed in selected slots and won first place in the rugby ball-handling relay race and the 200-meter men's relay race.

"I love competition and my guys love competition," said U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Garrett Burn, a platoon sergeant with 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division. "It's not just that, though. It's interesting to see how different styles of track meets go and how they bring the community together to have a fun event."

After many years of participating in this event, Marines show continuous interest in the community and are excited to have opportunities like this to strengthen their relationship with their allies overseas by gaining a better understanding of their cul-

"We care and we want to be part of the community," said Burn, a native of Tacoma, Washington. "We want to show that we're not any different and that we're not just here for military purposes. We want to be part of the community."



## RECON PARACHUTE **OPERATIONS**



U.S. Marines with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division prepare to conduct parachute operations by jumping out of a KC-130 Hercules on



U.S. Marines with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division conduct parachute operations by jumping out of a KC-130 Hercules on le Shima. Okinawa, Oct. 28-30. This combined training included Marines from 3rd Transportation Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, as well as support from Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 and Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169. 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. This military training ensures the Marines from III Marine Expeditionary Force are constantly trained and ready to provide aerial delivery of personnel or equipment wherever needed, quickly

U.S. Marines with 3rd econnaissance Battalion, umping out of a KC-130

## Marine HIMARS and Army Landing Craft conduct joint amphibious training



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. D'Angelo Yanez)

U.S. Marines with 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, and U.S. Soldiers with 97th Transportation Company, 10th Support Group, work together to quickly embark transportation vehicles and a High Mobility Artillery Rocket System on the U.S. Army Vessel Harpers Ferry (LCU-2022) during a joint service HIMARS embarkation training exercise in Kin, Oct. 31.

#### By 1st Lt. Christina Metzler

3rd Marine Division

**10/31/2019 - KIN** — U.S. Marines with 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, and soldiers with 10th Support Group successfully embarked and disembarked a U.S. Marine High Mobility Artillery Rocket System onto a U.S. Army landing craft, utility, 2000, Oct. 31. This marks the first time a Marine HIMARS was loaded on an Army landing craft in the Indo-Pacific.

Strategic mobility is key in the Indo-Pacific due to the terrain and abundance of water. The ability to transport the HIMARS over water is a vital capability that the 3rd Marine Division is now able to expand upon by partnering with the 10th Support Group, which is able to provide strategic mobility quickly and effectively for HI-MARS and other critical assets.

"This training today represents that nothing in this region happens in isolation, " said U.S. Marine Corps Col. Mi-

chael Roach, the commanding officer of 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division. "Our ability to strengthen our alliances and deter any adversaries occurs when we [work] jointly, not only with our Army partners but with our allies as well."

This training marked the first, but not the last time 3rd Marine Division will partner with 10th Support Group in HIMARS mobility. While this was a critical first step, there is still progress to be made to improve communication, processes, and flexibility between the two units and services.

"With additional [repetitions] we will be able to make our joint capabilities smoother," said U.S. Marine Corps Master Sgt. David Morgan, a field artillery chief with 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment. "The importance of this operation is to ensure we are utilizing our joint capability and the flexibility that is needed in the Indo-Pacific area so we can come together as a unified team in the future."

# U.S. Army Corps of Engineers kicking off the journey

#### **By Anthony Mayne**

11/4/2019 - JAPAN — "Leaders are made, not born" Vince Lombardi

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is an Army organization that is predominately civilian. The majority of these civilian employees are technical experts. They have honed their skills in multiple disciplines including various types of engineering, architecture, resource management, public affairs, project management and logistics. All of these skill are necessary for the success of the Corps mission.

To guide and mentor these experts you need leaders. USACE recognizes that and has developed a four level program to develop leaders at all levels of the enterprise, the USACE Leadership Development program

Japan Engineer District kicked off its 2019-2020 ULDP level II program.

"The ULDP Level II Kick Off was a great success," said Earnest L. Patterson, JED training and organizational development specialist. "Each of the students learned more about who they are as a person, and this will help them develop into a better leader."

The Kick Off began with a two day retreat, bringing together the selected employees from around the District to Tama Hills Recreation Center. Here the students met their facilitators and classmates.

"Thank you to Bill Craven and Earnest Patterson for guiding us through the two day Kick Off retreat," said Frederick T. McNeely, electrical engineer. "The twelve

of us work in different areas of Japan, Sasebo, Okinawa, and Zama. We all have different strengths and experiences, but the curriculum showed us how leaders transcend differences among people."

Patterson and Craven serve as the facilitators and mentors for the class. Their job is to challenge the class and also to keep them focused on their journey of discovery on how to be better leaders.

"Leader development is a critical area that greatly benefits the individual and the entire team," said Lt. Col. Daniel A. Segura, JED deputy commander. "It's important that the District continues to invest in our workforce."

The highlight of the Kick Off were the two speakers, Segura and United States Army Garrison Japan Command Sgt. Maj. Billy J. Norman, who shared their leadership experiences throughout their Army careers.

"Lt. Col. Segura explained how leaders establish purpose and Command Sgt. Maj. Norman explained why leaders act with empathy," said McNeely. "Breaking away from our normal offices to the silence of Tama Hills, we were able to focus on drawing out the strengths we will cultivate to become better leaders for the Army Corps of Engineers."

"The ULDP Kick Off was not what I had expected," said Amanda R. Faulkner, electrical engineer. "I didn't think I would learn as much about myself as I did. I am excited to see where the program will take us next."



(Photo by Anthony Mayne)

This was the first session in the nine month multifaceted leadership and management development program. The program will meet monthly and culminate with a class project that will have a direct impact on the District and its programs.

"I applied to the ULDP II to get the opportunity to network with others outside of my section/branch, learn to look at challenges from different perspectives,

and understand people's emotions to create a good teamwork, improve productivity, and achieve a common goal," said Erika Miyagi, project manager. "The two days kick-off event was very dynamic, interactive, and very fun. I am thankful for this opportunity, and even more for the amazing people participating in this program, and I will try learn as much as I can from them."





## TORII FALL FEST

トリイビーチ秋フェスト 2019/11/16 (土

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019 12:00-18:00

Great fun for the whole family!

12:00-18:00 AT TORII BEACH

EVENT WAY BE CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

CASH ONLY / NO ATM ON SITE

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#### **OPEN POST EVENT**

COPEN TO ALL SOFA AND JAPANESE NATIONALS WITH VALID PHOTO ID)
JAPANESE NATIONALS CAN ENTER THROUGH GATE 4 (TOGUCHI GATE)

OVERNIGHT PARKING IS PERMITTED, VEHICLES MUST BE CLAIMED BY 1300 ON SUNDAY 11/17.

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FOOD & CRAFT VENDORS
KIDDIE PLAY AREA (FEE AREA) & MO









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## Kadena Air Base Community Notes

To submit an announcement for the base bulletin, please visit www.kadena.af.mil

#### NOTICE **FMO Relocation**

Effective Nov. 6, the Furnishings Management Accompanied Self-help Customer Service will be relocated to Bldg. 54413 in Chibana. For more information, contact Military Family Housing at 634-4008.

#### **Power Outage**

The 718th Civil Engineer Squadron has scheduled a power outage for hydrant fueling system. Power outage wil be Nov. 16, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the backup date is January 11, 2020 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The following facilities will be affected by these outages: bldg. 3124, 3127, 3129, 3130, 3132, 3134, 3135, 3136, 3140, 3585, SET-3584, 73112, Valve Box 29 DLA (near 3136), ITN inside of bldg. 3127 and parking lights circuit (near 3136) motor pool. For more information, contact Mr. Akira Fair, construction inspector at 634-4879. The alternate building for 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron ground transportation will be bldg. 794 Document Cargo (634-2100 / 1313).

#### AFSA Chapter 1553 General Membership Meeting

The Air Force Sergeant's Association (AFSA) Chapter 1553 is holding its monthly general membership meeting Nov. 21, at 11 a.m. in the Kuba Room at the Rocker NCO Club. All ranks and services are welcome to attend. Click here to view current and historical agendas. For more information, contact Donald Fisher at 632-5085.

#### 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.

#### **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

#### TRICARE Corner

Nov. 11, 2019 until Dec. 9, 2019, TRICARE is having the open season. This allows eligible beneficiaries to make changes to their health and dental plans, as well as enroll into FEDVIP. However, if you decide to not change your dependents health plans, they will be locked in until the next enrollment season or until a QLE occurs. QLEs are any change in a beneficiary's status, such as PCS, separation, retirement, new baby, college age dependents, or death in the family. You can contact the TRICARE Operations Office at DSN: 630-4310/4026, or come into the MDG, Mon-Fri 0730-1630, we are located across from the Pharmacy on the Main Floor.

#### 2020 Okinawa Marathon registration

Registration application forms for the 2020 Okinawa Marathon and 10K Road Race scheduled for February 16, 2020 will be available at the Risner Fitness Center, until December 9th for all interested SOFA status personnel. Registration will close when the prescribed number of applicants is reached. Participants must be age 16 or older as of Feb. 16, 2020. Entry fees are in YEN ONLY and are NON-REFUNDABLE. Fees for the full marathon are 7,000 yen for ages 19-64, and 6,000 yen for ages 16-18, and 65 or older. Fees for the 10K race are 4,700 yen for ages 19-64, and 3,200 yen for ages 16-18, and ages 65 or older. For more information, call the Risner at 634-5128 / 5129.

#### 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

#### **New Finance Cashier Cage Hours**

Effective Nov. 1, the Finance Cashier Cage will close on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The new Cashier Cage operating hours will be Mon, Wed, Fri from 8 a.m. to noon. Our regular Customer Service Office hours will remain the same Mon -Fri from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. but if you have a member who needs assistance beyond those times, they can request an appointment by emailing our customer service org box: 18cpts.finance@us.af. mil. We can also set-up an appointment between 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for shift workers as needed. For more information, contact Finance Office at 632-3609 / 634-3609.

#### 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 SMSqt Aquirre, or leave a message on the Kadena Fraud, Waste, & Abuse (FWA) Hotline at 634-0404.

#### **CGOC Monthly Meetings**

The Kadena Company Grade Officer Council hosts professional development (speakers, unit tours, etc), volunteer opportunities, social and more throughout the year. Third Thursday of every month: CGOC meeting / social start at 5 p.m. at NCO Club, Hanabi's. First Friday of every month: O'Club social hour start at 5 p.m. at Officers Club. We welcome CGOs from other branches to most of our events and are trying to think of more family friendly outings. Please like/follow us on social media @KadenaCGOC on Facebook and Instagram or email us at michelle.g.sierrakwandham.mil@mail.mil.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS** 5th Annual Veteran's Day Parade

The Kadena Top 3 Heritage Committee will hold the 5th Annual Veteran's Day Parade Nov. 10, starting at 9 a.m. on Douglas Blvd. We have several organizations signed up, music and entertainment will also be provided, and lots of candy for the children.

#### **Armed Service Blood Bank Drive**

The 18th Dental Squadron is hosting a blood drive on behalf of the Armed Services Blood Bank Center Nov. 13 at Kadena USO. Help support the military community in the PACOM area of operation by donating blood on behalf of service members, dependent family members, civilians, and retirees in their most crucial time of need. It is walk-in only so please plan for the donation process to take about 45 minutes. For more information / signing up, email Senior Airman Mekenzie Mazur at mekenzie.k.mazur.mil@mail.

#### Single Tennis Tournaments

Men's Intermediate Division: 4.0/3.5/3.0 and Women's Open Division: Open/4.5 Nov. 16, start at 1 p.m. at Kadena tennis court. Men's Open Division: Open/4.5 and Women's Intermediate Division: 4.0/3.5/3.0 Nov. 23, start at 1 p.m. at Kadena tennis court. Registration Deadline: Nov. 11th. To register and for more information, contact Kadena Tennis Center at 966-7431 or 050-5865-

#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES **KDHS Volunteer Opportunity**

The Kadena High School World Language Department is seeking native French and Spanish speakers to volunteer to interact with students in French and Spanish as part of our community collaboration. Speakers are needed during the school day on Nov. 22 and Dec. 13 between 7:20 a.m. - 2:05 p.m. If you would like to participate, please contact Elizabeth El Ansari at elizabeth. elansari@dodea.edu for more information and to

#### Kadena Middle School Military Mentor Monday

The Kadena Middle School is looking for mentors who are willing and able to assist / support middle school students in academics and age-appropriate social interactions. "The intent of the Military Mentor Monday Program or (MMMP) is to build an on-going relationship between our local military community and DoDEA schools as well as provide positive role models to the students" (Pacific South Continuous School Improvement, 2019). This will take place at KDMS in various locations on the campus. Volunteers are needed every Monday to assist from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To volunteer, please contact Ms. Traci Cooper at Traci.Cooper@dodea.edu or call 632-0217.

#### Kadena Tax Center Volunteers

The Kadena Tax Center needs volunteers for the upcoming tax season, and we request your help. Kadena Tax Center Volunteer Tax Advisors (VTA) helped prepare over 1,379 returns, saving service members over \$345,331.00 in tax preparation fees, last year. This is a great benefit for Airmen and their families, but as you're aware, this "FREE" service cannot be offered without help from the VTAs. While no longer an extra duty requirement, we request your assistance in determining if any of your personnel are willing to volunteer, and if so, determining if your mission requirements would allow for such support.

- Each VTA is required to attend a 5-day IRS training (unless they have been a VTA within the past 2 years) and work 20 days in the tax center during peak season (February - June 2020). The work days can be accomplished by working 1 full day every week, 2 half days every week, or a block(s) of consecutive days.
- IRS training: This will be provided January 13
- 17, 2020; Volunteers need a laptop for training. - Volunteers do not need tax experience as train-
- ing will be given. However, individuals with prior experience are highly encouraged to volunteer.
- DEADLINE: Initial cutoff: January 3, 2020. Submit VTA names to Mrs. Leigh Dedrick at 634-3300 or email leigh.dedrick@us.af.mil or 18wg. jagenerallaw@us.af.mil.

# Consulate General Naha

#### NOVEMBER & DECEMBER CALENDAR

#### Passport Acceptance Days

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	11/8 FRI	KINSER	Kinser USO	14:00-16:00
	11/12 TU	E KADENA	Schilling Community Center	11:00-13:00
	11/19 TU	E FOSTER	Foster USO	11:00-13:00
	11/22 FRI	TORII T	Fraining & Support Center Bldg. #287	14:00-16:00
	12/10 TUE	KADENA	<b>Schilling Community Center</b>	11:00-13:00
	12/17 TUE	FOSTER	Foster USO	11:00-13:00
	12/20 FRI	<b>SCHWAB</b>	Schwab USO	11:00-12:00

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

#### Immigrant Visa Presentations / I-130 Acceptance Days

KINSER USO 11/8 FRI KINSER 9:00-11:00 \*Register by email at NahalV@state.gov TORII Training & Support Center Bldg. #287 11/22 FRI TORII 9:00-11:00

\*Register by email at NahalV@state.gov 12/6 FRI KADENA Airman & Family Readiness Center

10:00-12:00 \*Register by calling 634-3366 (AFRC)

12/20 FRISCHWAB SCHWAB USO 9:00-11:00

\*Register by email at NahalV@state.gov

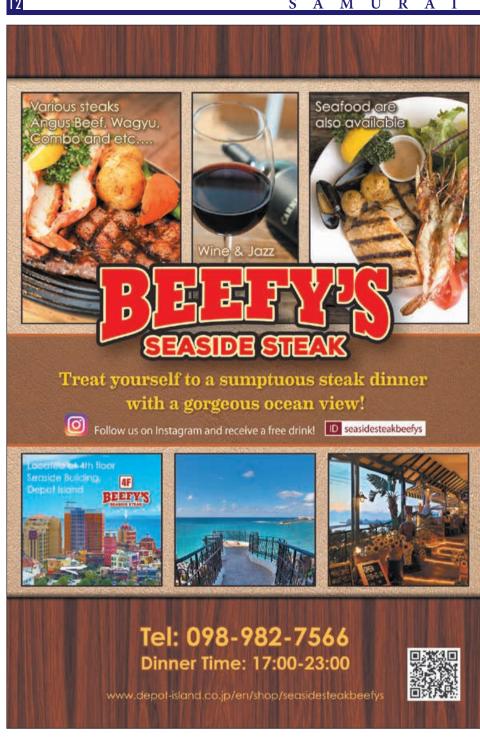


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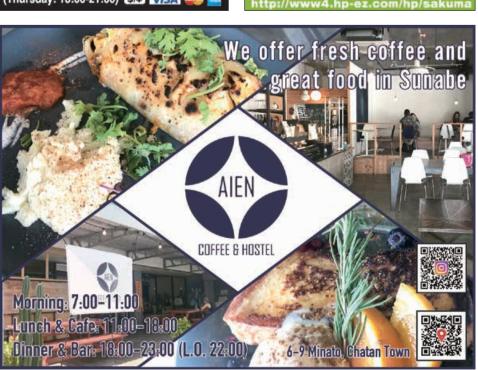














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