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MFLC stands by to listen

By Tech. Sgt. Matthew B. Fredericks

18th Wing Public Affairs

12/6/2019 - **KADENA AIR BASE** — Military life can create any number of challenges for service members and their families, which can only be made worse by being stationed overseas, away from friends and family.

The military has a variety of resources to military members and their families to help work through tough times. The Military Family Life Counselor program is one such resource.

"We have a commitment to take care of

our Airmen and their families," said Cathy Catling, 18th Force Support Squadron Child and Youth Services chief. "Everyone deserves a better life."

According to Catling, the MFLC program provides confidential, non-medical, short-term counseling services. The main objective is to assist service members and their family members with circumstances occurring across the military life cycle and aim to enhance operational and family readiness.

"The stresses of military life are complex, requiring a wide range of problem solving skills," stated Catling. "The coun-

seling is supportive in nature and counselors address issues relevant to individual needs."

The Kadena program provides 28 Masters or Ph.D. level licensed clinical counselors assigned to the Department of Defense Education Activity schools, Child and Youth Programs, the Airman and Family Readiness Center, and directly assigned to each 18th Wing group.

Catling explained the counselors provide support to individuals, couples, families and groups for a range of issues including, but not limited to, deployment stress, reintegration, relocation adjustment, separation, anger management, conflict resolution, parenting, parent-child communication, relationship and family issues, coping skills, homesickness, and grief and loss.

The MFLC services are otherwise confidential and/or private with the exception of mandated reports concerning child abuse or domestic abuse, with counselors having flexible work hours and meeting locations.

"Seeking help early helps to mitigate or reduce stress," She said. "It's okay to seek help."

For more information about the MFLC program, the KAB mental health flight and other resources visit: https://www.kadena.af.mil/Agencies/Kadena-Medical-Clinic/Mental-Health-Clinic/Search/

Yokota breaks ground for AFSOC Airfield Apron

By Staff Sgt. Taylor A. Workman

374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs
12/5/2019 - YOKOTA AIR
BASE — Members from Yokota
Air Base, Air Force Special
Operations Command, U.S.
Army Corps of Engineers and
Nippo Corporation performed
a ground breaking ceremony for
the new AFSOC Airfield Apron
at Yokota Air Base, Japan, Dec. 5.

The AFSOC complex will provide the 21st Special Operations

Squadron a permanent home for the CV-22 Osprey as a new apron is added to the existing airfield pavements as well as new utility and communication infrastructure

"The project will ensure the 21st SOS has the permanent capability needed to effectively execute long-range infiltration and exfiltration missions, and provide disaster relief support

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U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Taylor A. Workman

(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mikaley Kline

2019 Pacific Air Chiefs Symposium



Operation Christmas Drop 2019 is here and Santa's C-130s are ready to fly

By Senior Airman **Matthew Gilmore**

374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

12/9/2019 - ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — As the seasons change, December often times leads to trees without leaves, snow, and frigid air signaling what is the holiday season. For the island of Guam and many others scattered throughout the Pacific, the holiday season is marked not by the arrival of the more traditional winter, but that of the arrival of C-130s in the sky.

Now in its 68th year, Operation Christmas Drop 2019 has become a yearly ritual of holiday cheer, humanitarian aid, and vital training between the U.S. Air Force and its allies in the Japanese Air Self-Defense Force, Royal Australian Air Force, and the newest addition of the Royal New Zealand Air Force to better prepare for future humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts in the Pacific, all the while providing critical supplies to 56 Micronesian islands, impacting 20,000 lives across a 1.8 million square nautical miles of operating area.

Before that training and OCD officially begin, Santa 01 and other practice airdrop flights take to the skies to get their first taste of the unsurveyed drop zones they will encounter throughout the course of the event.

"The practice drops we do actually have a lot of advantages," said Maj. Ryan Wells,

5, train on the M4 Rifle on board Camp Shields, Dec. 5

36th Airlift Squadron pilot and aircraft commander of Santa 01 out of Yokota Air Base, Japan. "Each aircraft conducted 3 simulated surveys of islands to determine where to best place our Low-Cost, Low-Altitude practice bundles and one actual practice drop off Guam to ensure we were hitting our target.

"It's a team effort between the entire crew to make that happen. We need to communicate with our loadmasters to figure out how to drop the bundle in a position that is safe, but also easily retrievable for those we are providing aid."

A task that is no simple feat on islands that often times have not been flown over since the previous year's delivery of goods.

"As time goes by and the people on these islands move around or in some instances, the emergence of new infrastructure can really throw off our initially planned drop zone," said Senior Airman Lauren Shaw, 36th Airlift Squadron loadmaster and crew member of Santa 01. "When that happens we need to adapt to the situation and quickly come up with a new drop zone as a team. OCD really solidifies our trust in one another as part of the crew, a chance for us further gel in a real-world training environment."

For the members of Santa 01 and the rest of the C-130 crews in attendance, the practice drops mark just the beginning of



Tech. Sqt. Mario Montoya, 36th Airlift Squadron loadmaster out of Yokota Air Base, cuts free a Low-Cost, Low-Altitude practice bundle during a practice drop as part of Operation Christmas Drop 2019 at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam,

what's to come as OCD continues for the next week and half.

"We've got a lot of work to do in getting these supplies out to the people that need them," said Wells. "In doing that, as we have in OCD's in years passed, we are going to build on that trust not just among our crews, but among all of the nations participating. As we each complete the mission, we can to grow to rely on one another's capability and ability to get the job done. It's that level

of trust we foster here that will make the difference when the time comes to respond to disaster relief or humanitarian aid needs throughout the Pacific."

Before that trust can further blossom, and for everyone awaiting supplies in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau, Santa's C-130s are ready to fly and will be in your area spreading holiday cheer shortly.

U.S. Navy Seabees with NMCB-5 train on the M4 Rifle



Construction Electrician Constructionman Adrianna Barraza (left), from Salem, Oregon; Construction Electrician 3rd Class Francis Vinoya, from Brockton, Massachusetts; and Builder Constructionman Apprentice Crystal Valadez, from San Antonio, all deployed with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) in the event of crisis or contingency," said Lt. Col. Jason Hock, 21st SOS commander. "Forward-basing the CV-22 at Yokota provides an increased level of security, disaster preparedness, and emergency airlift capability during crisis situations that will allow U.S. Forces to support of the defense of Japan and the region.

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The ceremony included a Shinto blessing, to purify the site and wish safety on the construction crew, offerings and prayers from the project partners, and a sacred sake rite. Remarks and thanks made by Col. Oits Jones, 374th Airlift Wing commander, Col. Christopher Fuller, AFSOC Command Engineer and Deputy Director of Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, and a Nippo Corporation representative concluded the event.

"I am proud that our team here at Yokota is able to accommodate such an important project for our mission partners," said Jones. "We look forward to seeing this lead to increased capabilities for our Air Force and an opportunity to strengthen our relations with our community and mission partners."

With our Alliance relationship in mind, Japan Engineer District, AFSOC, Yokota and NIPPO have taken great measures in the design and construction practices to minimize impact to the surrounding communities.

"From ensuring the storm water drainage of the completed campus does not significantly change its current status to utilizing innovative procedures for contractor access, which minimizes off-base traffic congestion, we worked diligently to ensure the local communities will see little impact with the new construction," said Col. Thomas J. Verrell Jr., JED commander.

Creating this permanent home for the CV-22 Osprey in Japan is a clear example of our commitment to the Alliance. The U.S. military continues to forward position some of its most advanced capabilities to the Indo-Pacific region in support of the defense of Japan and to project safety and security regionally.

This is a U.S.-funded military construction project awarded through the USACE to Nippo Corporation. USACE awarded the contract in August 2019 in the amount of \$63M USD and the construction is estimated to be completed in 2022.

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Air Mobility Command hosts Japan's Air Support Command commander for bilateral visit

By Air Mobility Command **Públic Affairs**

12/9/2019 - SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — Japan Air Self-Defense Force Lt. Gen. Shinichi Kaneko, Air Support Command commander, visited Scott Air Force Base to tour their U.S. counterpart, Air Mobility Command, during a visit hosted by Lt. Gen. Jon Thomas, AMC deputy commander, Dec. 5-6.

"This visit provided an opportunity for effective, bilateral discussions between AMC and ASC as well as to share knowledge on mobility and logistics capabilities crucial to both our countries," Thomas

During the two-day visit, Kaneko met with multiple mobility experts and leaders at both AMC and U.S. Transportation Command, including an office call and mission brief with Gen. Steve Lyons, USTRANSCOM commander, and a tour of the USTRANSCOM Global Operations

Kaneko also met with Thomas for an office call and a tour of AMC's 618th Air Operations Center, where Kaneko was provided insight on the center's efforts to plan and execute mobility operations 24/7 across the globe. Along with the AOC visit, Kaneko received briefs on behalf of the command, surgeon general and Agile Combat Employment, which offered up-

dates and insight on AMC and USTRANSCOM initiatives and operations undertaken since the last Japan Air Self-Defense Force ASC visit to AMC in March 2018.

Additionally, Capt. Kazuya Sakamoto, Japan Air Self-De-

fense Force aide-de-camp, provided an ASC brief to Thomas and the AMC staff, which highlighted ASC initiatives and topics of interest including Japan's current security environment and opportunities for continued interoperability and cooperation in future bilateral exercises. The Japanese delegation also discussed efforts to expand Japan's aerial refueling fleet, and improve upon its growing contingency response capabilities as ASC continues its 30-year history of providing global humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations.

During the second day of the visit, Kaneko received an aeromedical evacuation en route care mission brief and participated in tours of the 375th Air Mobility Wing's AE simulator, AE equipment warehouse and AE fuselage, all of which are instrumental to helping AMC Airmen maximize readiness in the AE mission set.

AMC experts also briefed Kaneko on the command's efforts to integrate the KC-46A Pegasus into the U.S. Air Force aerial



refueling fleet, and the recent completion of its premier exercise, Mobility Guardian 2019, which increased interoperability with 29 international partners, to include the Japan Air Self-Defense Force, who were observers in the exercise.

Mobility Guardian 2019 focused on increasing interoperability between U.S. forces and international partners, like Japan, by testing forces against threats faced in the current fight and future, highend conflicts, with a focus on addressing mass casualty flow and complex clinical situations where total-force and interoperable partners will need to supplement the patient demand signal.

"My visit to AMC and U.S. Transportation Command provided many insightful discussions on how our two countries can work together and improve our collective mobility capabilities to strengthen the U.S-Japan Alliance," Kaneko said. "I'm grateful to Gen. Lyons, Lt. Gen. Thomas and all the U.S. mobility experts who took time to talk and show me their operations."

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.

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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

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(U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Austin Fox) Army Lt. Gen. Gary J. Volesky, commander, I Corps, consults Canadian army Brig. Gen. Stephane Boivin, deputy commanding general-operations, I Corps, during a combined arms rehearsal (CAR), Dec. 8, at Camp Asaka.

Australian Army service members stand at-ease just before the opening ceremony of Yama Sakura 77 at Camp Asaka,

By Spc. John Weaver

U.S. Army

12/9/2019 - TOKYO — Hundreds of fists punched the sky, mingling with the warm wisps of breath in the cold morning air, as a resounding cry of "Together to the future!" roared across the band square in both English and Japanese.

With that, U.S. Army I Corps and Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) service members kicked off Yama Sakura 77 at an opening ceremony held in Camp Asaka, Japan, Dec. 9.

"I'm honored and humbled to fight alongside you," said Lt. Gen. Gary J. Volesky, I Corps commanding general. "Today, the U.S. and Japan commit well over 1,000 (service members) to Yama Sakura, as it stands as the premiere joint bilateral exercise conducted between U.S. forces and the

Japan Ground Self-Defense Force."

The exercise's goal is to enhance combat readiness and interoperability between the U.S. Army and JGSDF, with both forces working together to overcome virtual adversaries, replicating a multi-domain and cross-domain through real-time simulated scenarios.

Each year the exercise location rotates between the five regional armies of the JGSDF. This year the opening ceremony was held by the Eastern Army, based out of Camp Asaka.

JGSDF Western Army, at Camp Kengun, Kumamoto, is also participating with 40th Infantry Division in Yama Sakura 77.

During the ceremony, Volesky and Lt. Gen. Takayuki Onozuka, commanding general of the JGSDF Eastern Army, championed a spirit of cooperation and trust between both nations, promoting the exchange of tactics, techniques and experiences to ensure the defense and support of Japan and regional allies.

"Our (service members) are the strength of our armies, and our ability to operate together makes them more effective," said Volesky. "We are committed to this strategic alliance between our great nations, and I am confident our units will learn and grow from one another to build a partner capacity capable of deterring any adversary."

Since 1982, Yama Sakura exercises have highlighted the strong bond between the two nations and U.S. support of allies within the Indo-Pacific region. Through their continuous evolution, the U.S. and Japan have forged a relationship built on a shared vision of peace, prosperity, democracy and regional stability.

"What we do during this exercise will become our legacy," Onozuka said. "I ask all of you to fight shoulder to shoulder, so that we may achieve a great victory and conclude this exercise with a strong sense of accomplishment."





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By Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group 7 Public Affairs

12/6/2019 - SASEBO — Amphibious assault ship USS America (LHA 6) joined the U.S. 7th Fleet forward-deployed amphibious force in Sasebo, Dec. 6, after transiting the Pacific Ocean from its former homeport of San Diego.

"America's Sailors and Marines are ready to join the high-performing team of 7th Fleet with our allies and partners to fulfill the enduring mission of our forward-deployed Naval Forces," said Capt. Luke Frost, America's commanding officer. "We're looking forward to integrating America's flexible and adaptable fifth generation capabilities into theater to maintain peace and stability and contribute to the prosperity and security of the Indo-Pacific."

America was designed from inception to maximize the capabilities of the U.S. Marine Corp's F-35B Joint Strike Fighter. America is adaptive and flexible with superior aviation facilities; advanced communications, combat systems and command and control equipment; and incredibly capable medical facilities.

Amphibious Squadron 11, part of Ex-

peditionary Strike Group 7, integrates regularly with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) to ensure the services are trained and ready to operate together to provide the most efficient amphibious fighting force in the Asia-Pacific region.

"Our entire team is thrilled to welcome the crew and families of USS America, a ship that is exceptionally well suited to support the full spectrum of military operations conducted by our forward-deployed force," said Rear Adm. Fred Kacher, commander of Expeditionary Strike Group 7. "I could not think of a more fitting ship or namesake to play such a central role supporting the United States' commitment to the security, stability and prosperity of this vital region as we work together with our allies and partners to safeguard a free and open Indo-Pacific."

America replaces USS Wasp (LHD 1) as the U.S. 7th Fleet's forward-deployed amphibious assault carrier. Wasp departed the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations as part of a scheduled transition Sept. 4. and returned to Norfolk, Virginia Nov. 18.

"With the 60th anniversary of the U.S.-Japan Mutual Defense Treaty fast approaching, USS America arrives at an im-



portant juncture in the history of our alliance, and she would be hard-pressed to find a port more welcoming than the one here in Sasebo," said John C. Taylor, principal officer for the U.S. Consulate in Fukuoka, Japan. "For decades, this city has been a gracious host to our Sailors. From the consulate, we look forward to using this occasion to further foster friendship and goodwill among our peoples."

Amphibious Squadron 11 also gained the San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship USS New Orleans (LPD 18) Dec. 1 which also brings a host of warfighting capabilities to the 7th Fleet.

The U.S. 7th Fleet spans more than 124 million square kilometers, stretching from the International Date Line to the India/Pakistan border and from the Kuril Islands in the north to the Antarctic in the south. Encompassing 36 maritime countries, approximately 50 percent of the world's population also falls within its area of responsibility. As the U.S. Navy's largest forward-deployed fleet, 7th Fleet operates roughly 50-70 ships and submarines and 140 aircraft with approximately 20,000 Sailors.

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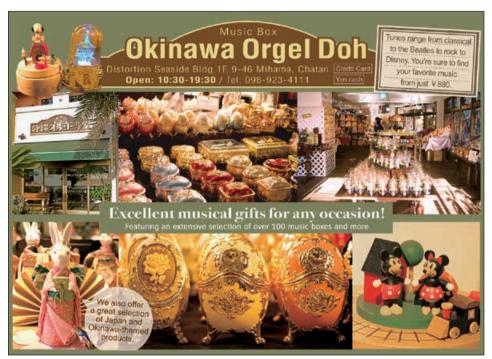
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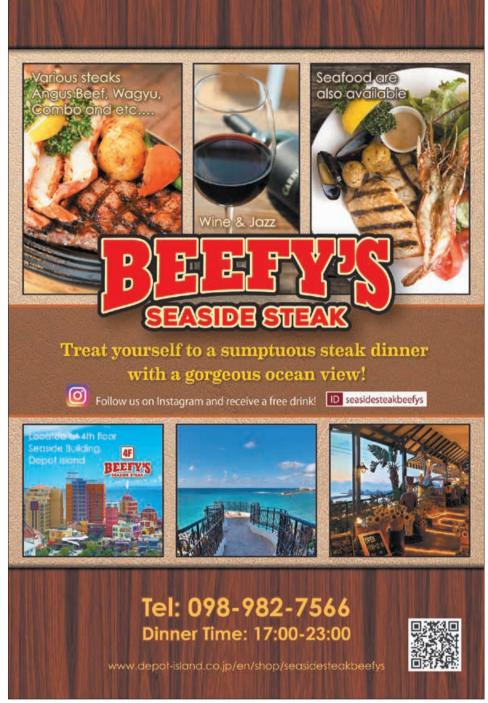


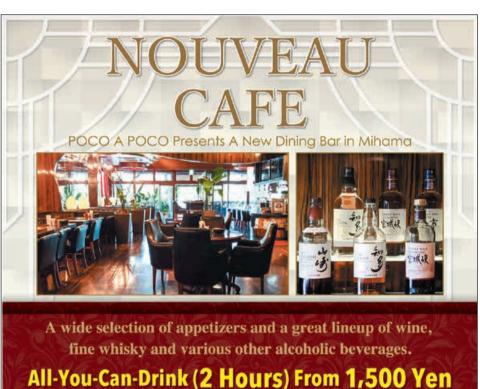
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US-China hold 15th Annual Disaster Management Exchange

By Maj. Oliver Schuster 11/27/2019 - KILAUEA MIILITARY

CAMP, Hawaii — U.S. Army Pacific hosted the 15th Annual Disaster Management Exchange with China's People's Liberation Army and representatives from various disaster management agencies November 15-21 at Kilauea Military Camp and Kilauea Military Reservation on the island of Ha-

The Indo-Pacific region is susceptible to major natural disasters such as earthquakes, typhoons and flooding. These disasters can require large-scale military and civilian emergency response. The design of the DME is to improve the ability of both militaries to respond cohesively while using international humanitarian aid or disaster relief standards set by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Over the past 15 years the DME has matured from basic visits and briefings into a substantive exchange that focuses on and facilitates risk reduction while increasing dialogue between the U.S. Army and the

U.S. Army Pacific Deputy Commanding General-North, Maj. Gen. Daniel R. Mc-Daniel, stated "No one nation can do it all by itself. The best results, we know by experience, are achieved together."

This year's exchange was based off a scenario of a notional country suffering from the effects of a volcanic eruption and included the use of a multi-national coordination center led by host country. The key events consisted of an expert academic discussion, a table top exchange and a practical field exchange. The academic portion was held Nov. 15-16, with approximately 15 personnel from each nation participating and presenting topics centered on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief for dis-



the key security coordination events the U.S. conducts with the PLA each vear: the DME has matured from basic visits and briefings into a substantive exchange that uses table top and practical field exchanges to focus and facilitate risk reduction and interaction between the U.S. Army and the PLA.

The DME is one of

cussion and to share knowledge.

A highlight of the academic discussion was the presentation by Mayor Harry Kim, mayor of the county of Hawai'i, Hawaii. Kim talked about his vast experience with volcano eruption responses and how to deal with the unknowns that could arise from natural disasters.

The tabletop exercise took place Nov. 18-20. It included approximately 35 U.S. military and interagency personnel and 35 PLA participants, specializing in civil coordination, disaster planning, rescue operations and public information. This group examined how to promote international coordination in responding to a volcanic eruption scenario and the importance of the multi-national coordination center construct as a platform by which both armies can coordinate and synchronize support to a stricken nation within international stan-

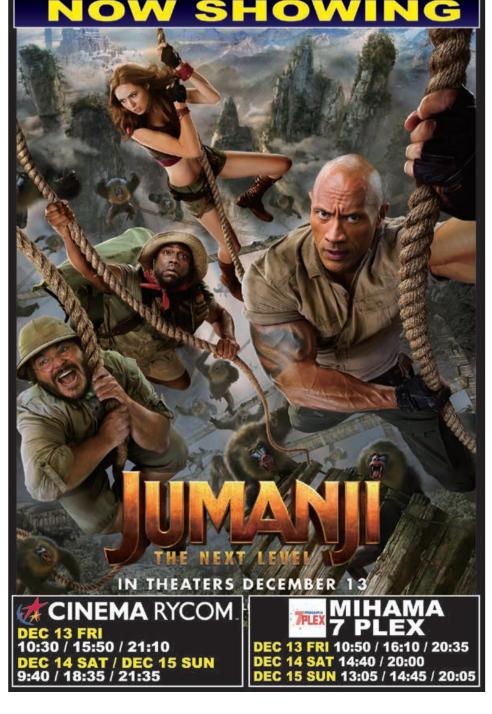
The practical field exchange ran concurrently with the tabletop exercise and covered displaced civilian operations, medical aid, search and rescue, environmental assessment and debris clearance. Allowing U.S. and PLA soldiers to practice the lifesaving procedures used during disaster relief events.

These three events enable hands-on, side-by-side interaction with the PLA on the topics of humanitarian aid and disaster relief operations to assist in the sharing of lessons learned.

"It is not a question of if the U.S and China will be called upon for a disaster response but when such a request will come, McDaniel stated. "This exchange brings us together and it brings us together to learn how to work together, and with other nations to support such a request."

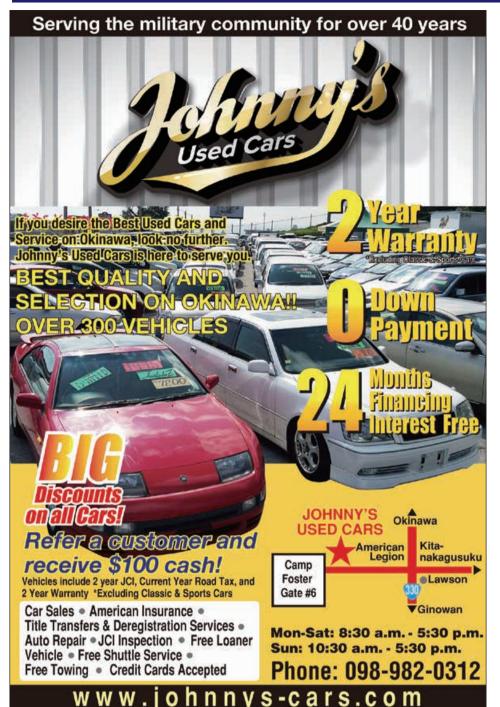
U.S. Army Pacific continues to conduct exchanges like the DME to improve our ability to save lives, protect property, and better prepare for the next major disaster in the Indo-Pacific. It is about conducting operations in accordance with the international standard to provide aid in the wake of a disaster when requested by civilian au-

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AFSA Chapter 1553 General Membership Meeting

The Air Force Sergeant's Association (AFSA) Chapter 1553 is holding its monthly general membership meeting on Dec. 19, 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 more information.

AFRC Closure for Monthly Staff Training

The Airman & Family Readiness Center will be closed for monthly staff training Dece. 27 from noon – 5 p.m. For more information, contact Hiroko Bush at 634-3366.

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.

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.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS NCO Career Status Program

The Military Personnel Flight will be conducting town halls to provide details regarding the new NCO Career Status Program. On Dec. 10 at 1300 and Dec. 12 at 0900 it will be held at the Keystone Theater. On Dec. 16 at 1300 and Dec. 17 at 0900 the location will be the Schilling Community Center. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Sade Williams at 634-7201 or email sade. williams@us.af.mil.

Modified Newcomers Orientation

Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays being on Wednesdays and the closure of Bldg. 455, the Schilling Community Center, the 18th Wing will NOT hold Kadena AB Newcomers Orientation on these days. Instead, we will conduct two modified Newcomers orientations: Monday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 30 at Bldg. 455, the Schilling Community Center, from 8 a.m. to noon; on both days the sign-in registration is from 7-8 a.m. Members will be able to re-enroll in TRICARE, complete travel vouchers and test for the SOFA driver's license/permit. For more information, contact Ames Guidry at 634-3366.

Erwin PME Center Open House

The Commandant and Erwin PME Center staff are holding open house Dec. 18, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Erwin PME Center (bldg. 716). This event is open to all ranks, please bring your Airmen and come enjoy a lunchtime discussion on Enlisted PME. The 718th FSS Food Trucks will be located on the front drill pad. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Scott Duncan at 634-5459.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Kadena High School's First Annual Wellness Day

Operation Snowball needs adult volunteers to help run the First Annual Wellness Day, an event centered on students' mental health and wellness. Operation Snowball is an organization focused on strengthening the positive community in and around Kadena High School. Your job will be to help mentor and facilitate team-building activities with the students. Training will take place on Dec. 14, Jan. 4, and Jan. 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Kadena High School, and the main event will be from noon to 7 p.m. on January 18. For more information, contact Alex Jusell at 080-6490-7246 or to participate, email Alex.Jusell@dodea.edu.

Library volunteers needed for Month of Magic event

Kadena Base Library needs adult volunteers to plan and participate in our second annual Nighttime Academy for Witches and Wizards, part of Force Support Squadron's Month of Magic, which will be held Feb. 28, 2020. Volunteer positions range from creating decorations to cosplaying and running activities the night of the event. There will be a planning meeting December 7 at 11:00 a.m., at the Kadena Base Library. For more information email Holly May at holly.may.1@ us.af.mil

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 training 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.

Volunteers needed for 2020 Okinawa Marathon

Volunteers are needed to provide water and cheer on runners at stations along the base's route on Kadena Air Base during the Okinawa Marathon Feb. 16, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those interested are encouraged to attend the sync meeting Feb. 7, at 2 p.m., in the Schilling Community Center (Bldg. 455). If you are going to volunteer as a group, you can send one representative to the meeting. To sign-up for the event or for more information, please email shoko.tamaki.jp@us.af. mil or call at DSN 634-4142.





DECEMBER & JANUARY CALENDAR

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 11:00-13:00

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 Schwab USO
 11:00-12:00

 1/14 TUE
 KADENA
 Schilling Community Center
 12:00-14:00

 1/21 TUE
 FOSTER
 Foster USO
 14:00-16:00

 1/31 FRI
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 Kinser USO
 11:00-13:00

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Immigrant Visa Presentations / I-130 Acceptance Days

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10:00-12:00

12/20 FRI SCHWAB SCHWAB USO

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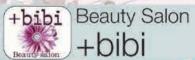


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