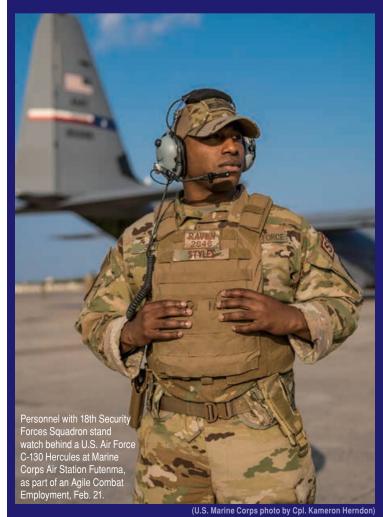


Aircraft fly in formation during exercise Cope North 20



An 8-ship joint coalition formation flies over Guam during exercise Cope North 2020, near Andersen Air Force Base, Feb. 19. The mass aerial formation showcased unity in the area of responsibility (AOR) with coalition partners through a trilateral, joint formation of aircraft that displays capability to plan and fly together to defeat future threats.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Larry E. Reid Jr.)

Breaking tradition: airborne sensor operator makes history



By Staff Sgt. Gregory Nash

Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs 2/21/2020 - ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — Enclosed in a dimly lit aircraft soaring over the Pacific Ocean, a man intensively stares at images of aerial and maritime threats on his console display. While scanning the screen, he simultaneously details the most accurate, real-time picture of the battlespace to mission crew leaders.

Illuminated by the monitor's glow, U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Daniel Propst, 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, sits and embraces the challenge of being (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Greg Nash)

the Air Force's first E-3 Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) airborne sensor operator.

Eight years total in the making, the Ponce de Leon, Fla., native is proud to have fulfilled his dream of continuing his family's Air Force tradition. Though he's held many unique jobs in his lifetime, his newest gig is the most rewarding.

"This accomplishment is a unique feeling," said Propst. "Since I first saw the airborne mission systems job description prior to joining, I was excited about the mission. Although I have added responsibilities with the new position, the excitement is still there and I'm glad enlisted members have this opportunity to greatly improve the Air Force mission."

Due to job demands, officer equivalent airborne sensor operators are more likely to move to a staff duty or ground assignment, which can hinder a member's airframe readiness and proficiency. In contrast, enlisted aren't put into non-flying billets as often.

As the enlisted trailblazer for his aircraft, Propst leads a 4-member surveillance team out of Kadena AB. Now, he's enhancing his readiness in the Western Pacific at COPE North 2020, an annual trilateral field training exercise at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

With US Forces, Japan Air Self-Defense Force and the Roy-

al Australian Air Force personnel performing one mission as a multinational task force, Propst looks forward to providing blue air control and a single integrated air picture to the blue forces during the 17-day exercise.

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"Being able to fly, brief and debrief with the Japanese and Australian forces in a large-scale movement like this is special for me," Propst added. "This experience can help in my day-today job by not only solidifying and refining our own operational procedures but helping develop new ones. Having the ability to exchange expertise with our partners ensures the safety and security in the theater. The same people we are training with are the people we will depend on in the worst-case scenario."

For Propst, seeing the hundreds of sorties over the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia take place will stand out, but honing his proficiency and taking them back to home station is the ultimate goal.

MCAS Futenma Agile Combat Employment exercise

By Lance Cpl. Karis Mattingly Marine Corps Installations Pacific

2/22/2020 - MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA — U.S. Marines with Marine Corps Air Station Futenma partnered with U.S. Air Force personnel from Kadena Air Force Base for an aircraft exercise, Feb. 21, at MCAS Futenma.

Agile Combat Employment, the partnership concept to the Marine Corps' Expeditionary Advanced Base concept, enables the Air Force to rapidly command, control, and logistically support its aircraft within the enemy's Weapons Engagement Zone.

The ACE training was held to enhance the Air Force's tactics, techniques and procedures by utilizing U.S. Air Force F-15C Eagles and C-130 Hercules at the MCAS Futenma flightline.

"This ACE training is an outstanding example of the strong partnership and interoperability between Kadena's 18th Wing and MCAS Futenma," said Harold B. Treadway Jr., the MCAS Futenma Airfield Manager. "It flexes our resilient capability to operate within an environment contested by our

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enemies," he said.

MCAS Futenma is expanding on a previous and successful exercise done with the F-15's on Kadena Air Base.

"The Agile Combat Exercise is all about getting off your home station and going somewhere new," said Air Force Lt. Col. Brian Knauf, an F-15C Eagle pilot and the deputy director for 18th Wing.

"That is why Futenma is absolutely vital because it allows us to learn in a new environment," he said. "It is a huge benefit to us and our training."

MCAS Futenma additionally plays a vital role within the integration between Marines and Airmen by providing a non-standard operating location to rearm and refuel in a quick manner.

"By utilizing Futenma we have the capability to interoperate with Marines here on Okinawa, which is a huge win," said Knauf. "The Marines have a 'can do' attitude, and honestly their desire to try something new and explore the realm of possibilities to say 'yes, we can do this for you' is a terrific attitude and learning experience."



U.S. Marines with Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Futenma partner with U.S. Air Force personnel from Kadena Air Force Base to refuel a U.S. Air Force C-130 Hercules during an aircraft exercise, Feb. 21, at MCAS Futenma.

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By Senior Airman Rhett Isbell 18th Wing Public Affairs

2/24/2020 - KADENA AIR BASE — Airmen from Kadena Air Base, executed a training exercise on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma Feb. 21, in cooperation with Airmen from the 317th Airlift Wing from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, and MCAS Futenma Marines to sharpen 18th Wing Airmen's force generation capabilities by training in the Agile Combat Employment concept.

Team Kadena Airmen flew to MCAS Futenma with minimal manning and equipment to demonstrate their ability to land in an austere environment without an established support network and refuel, rearm, and relaunch F-15C Eagles within 12 hours.

"In order to provide a lean, agile, lethal

force here we utilize ACE training to be able to turn operational- level movements into smaller, tactical level initiatives," said Lt. Col. Brian Knauf, deputy director of the 18th Wing ACE agency. "We now have a capability to find a location outside of Kadena, create a force to go into that location, set up a base, do a forward area rearm and refuel and get back into the fight. We're bringing all of our normal capabilities, but with a much smaller footprint.

Seven aircraft and over 50 Airmen demonstrated their ability to project airpower from remote locations in a constantly changing wartime environment. Executing the core of this operation were the Airmen, on land, who quick-turned the F-15C Eagles after arriving only a few hours prior. The implementation of this ACE concept allows aircraft to rearm and refuel to get back into the fight quickly and efficiently.

"It was great being able to fully test what we were capable of in regard to how quickly we could get the F-15s back out in the fight," said Master Sgt. Michael Bell, 44th Aircraft Maintenance Unit production superintendent. "We went with minimal crew and cargo and were still able to accomplish the mission we were given."

Swiftly transporting this efficiently-manned and -equipped team required the expertise of loadmasters knowledgeable in their career field and experienced in operating remotely. Happy to show their proficiency in both aspects, loadmasters from Dyess AFB, volunteered to take part in the exercise to showcase their ability to further the ACE mission.

"We were responsible for ensuring all of the cargo and people required for this mission were brought to and from Futen-

(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Rhett Isbell)

ma as quickly and safely as possible," said Staff Sgt. Jacob Snider, 40th Airlift Squadron instructor loadmaster. "The ACE concept is constantly evolving and exercises like this allow us to not only accomplish the mission, but improve it as well."

With the aid of Snider and his team, Kadena Airmen were able to successfully accomplish the ACE mission within a single day. An operation that would typically take up to five or six days. Knauf finds himself excited to see the ACE concept further improve the capabilities of Kadena Air Base and the U.S. Air Force as a whole.

"I think we get a lot of good training out of it," Knauf said. "I would like to see more scaled-down events like this in the future. We need to know how to pick up and move our forces if the situation requires because it's always good to be less of a target."



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Sailors support STEM at **Amelia Earhart Intermediate School during Engineers Week**



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By Mass Communication Specialist Ist Class David R. Krigbaum

Commander. Fleet Activities Okinawa Public Affairs 2/21/2020 - KADENA AIR BASE -Sailors visited Kadena Air Base's Amelia Earhart Intermediate School to help children learn about engineering and construction Feb. 21. The Sailors, led by Lt. Aaron Kotlarz, Commander, Fleet Activities Okinawa public works officer, were from CFAO public works department.

Using simplified architectural plans and connectable building blocks the children were challenged to recreate a gate house canopy based on the one at White Beach Naval Facility. The construction rate Sailors assisted them in understanding the objective and providing ideas using their real world expertise as the children learned to work together and

collaborate on the project.

"We talked about engineering practices throughout our science instruction and our science curriculum, but this takes it to the next level," said 5th grade teacher Michael Callahan. "It gives the kids an opportunity to see those real world applications of what engineering looks like and the variety of engineers you have in our community."

The Sailors assisting the students came from a variety of construction related rates and two officers were engineers. Kotlarz said that they were eager to learn and came together to accomplish the task with all six teams finding six different ways to accomplish the construction. He said it showed them there are a lot of different ways to solve problems.

"Engineering is a little bit more than

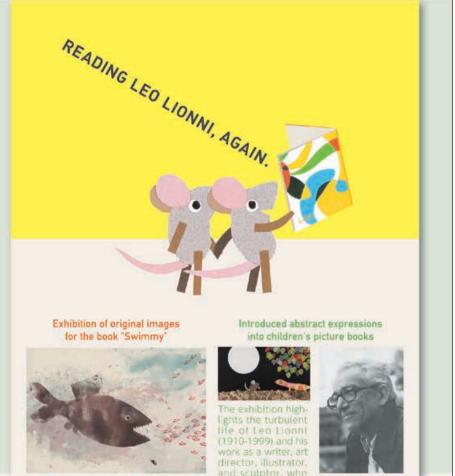


 Equipment Operator 1st Class Eduardo Ellorin, assigned to Commander, Fleet Activities Okinawa public works department, helps children understand a construction activity at Kadena Air Base's Amelia Earhard Intermediary School Feb. 21.

math and science, we do things for people even though they aren't always seen,"said Kotlarz. "Its extremely important to get kids interested in STEM careers, the world is rapidly changing and advancing. Its important to plant that seed in children so they understand in the future what kind of career opportunties will be available to them."

The visit was one of many conducted at schools around Navy Region Japan to support STEM initiatives during National Engineers Week. This year National Engineers Week is Feb. 16-22 and according to the National Association of Professional Engineers is dedicated to ensuring a diverse and well-educated future engineering workforce by increasing understanding of and interest in engineering and technology careers.





See five original sketches for the picture book "Swimmy" (courtesy of The Slovak National Gallery), loved throughout Japan by people of all ages.

and sculptor, who

spent his time between Europe and the United States, Lionni was the first to intro duce abstract expressions into children's



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U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Kevin Kovach, 18th Security Forces Squadron response e leader, places a tourniquet on the simulated ent's arm during the Defenders Challenge . 13, at Kadena Air Base. This was one of eral events participants had to overcome ng the Defenders Challenge varying from sical exercise, a three-mile run, to weapon



▲ U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Gonzales, 18th Security Forces So armorer, assembles an M240 mach armorer, assembles an M240 machine gun during the Defenders Challenge Feb. 13, at Kadena Air Base. The members partici in the Defenders Challenge, an challenging participants to run through an obstacle course designed to test their physical



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Michael Justice, urity Forces Squadron response force leader, perfor ps during the Defenders Challenge Feb. 13, at Kao Base. This Defenders Challenge tested basic con s and competitor knowledge at various stations along



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* if applicable

Battles like Iwo Jima must never happen again, Milley says

By David Vergun Defense.gov

2/20/2020 - WASHINGTON - Seventy-five years ago today, about 70,000 Marines and sailors, backed up by about 400 ships, made the assault landings on Iwo Jima, a Pacific island that is only several square miles in size.

It was the bloodiest campaign in American history per square mile, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said.

'They slugged it out, inch by inch, yard by yard for the next 36 days," Army Gen. Mark A. Milley said, resulting in almost 50% of the battle's participants being killed or wounded.

Of the 22,000 Japanese defenders, only about 1,000 survived the battle, he added.

Milley noted that his father, Alexander Milley, was a Marine who fought in Iwo Jima and other campaigns during the war.

The chairman was the keynote speaker at a commemoration marking the 75th anniversary of the start of the battle of Iwo Jima at the National World War II Memorial in Washington.

Last year, Milley visited Iwo Jima with his counterpart from the Japan Self-Defense Forces. "It's an incredibly humbling experience to walk through that island ...

trying to imagine what hell on earth was like, and that was Iwo Jima," he said.

From 1914, the start of World War I, to 1945, the end of World War II, the world was engaged in two of the biggest wars that have ever been fought in the history of humanity, Milley said.

But those who fought in the wars fought for something — they fought for a better peace, he noted. At the end of 1945, he said, that greatest generation bequeathed a set of freedoms and a world order that has held good since then.

This is the 75th year of no great-power war, and that is what World War II veterans, including those at today's event, fought for, the chairman said.

Today, the United States is in a great-power competition with China and Russia. "It is incumbent upon all of us to make sure that great-power competition of today stays at great-power competition and great-power peace and doesn't yet again turn into great-power war," he said.

"Let us resolve once again to never let it happen again," Milley said. "Let us resolve that we're not going to have another great-power war, because the slaughter that is involved is beyond the imagination. It's beyond the pale."





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2020 Hiring Our Heroes Career Sumn

By Lance Cpl. Zachary Larsen Marine Corps Installations Pacific

2/25/2020 - CAMP FOSTER — Members of the U.S. military community on Okinawa participated in a Career Summit hosted by Hiring Our Heroes Feb. 25.

Over twenty employers showed up to participate in the Camp Foster Career Summit. Microsoft, Toyota, First Command, and Amazon Web Services were among the employers seeking to hire Marines with redeeming qualities, work experience, and who are fresh in the workforce.

"We know that members of the military that are stationed overseas don't have access to the resources of employers right outside of the gate," said Marnie Holder, director of veteran programs at Hiring Our Heroes. "We know that service members and their families need to be informed of what jobs and opportunities are out there for them," she said.

Holder goes on to say that the employers that came out were expectant to meet great

people. "We have 24 different employers here today. We had many more that wanted to come out, especially after the success of last year's Career Summit."

At the end of the summit, a fair was held for everyone in attendance to connect individuals to representatives from companies in which they found interest.

"This Career Summit is important because every Marine is going to transition out of the Marine Corps, whether that be after four years or, if you are like me, 45 years," said retired Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps Ronald L. Green, 18th sergeant major of the Marine Corps. "If you are within two years of getting out of the Marine Corps you should be coming to these summits, and then come back the last year to learn anything you may have missed,





or really keen in on an employer that you happen to take interest in," said Green.

Green also shared his philosophy as advice for Marines who are close to transitioning out.

"I have a new analogy called 'Jump', which is that everyone in the military is riding an aircraft, and when someone transitions out, they take that chance in life and they jump. The military gives us all the tools we need before jumping and we

Members of the U.S. military community on Okinawa participated in the Hiring Our Heroes Career Summit at Camp Foster, Feb. 25. The summit was held to help service members and their families transition out of the U.S. armed forces.

need to trust those tools they gave us. This Career Summit today is one of those tools, so use it as a tool for when you jump," he said.

The summit was hosted by Hiring Our Heroes, whose mission is to connect the military community with civilian companies to create economic opportunity and a strong and diversified workforce. For additional information please visit www. hiringourheroes.org.



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DoD to restructure 50 hospitals, clinics **to improve readiness** By Military Health System Communications Office Of the 343 facilities in the United State initially screened for this report, 77 wer

2/19/2020 - FALLS CHURCH, Va. — The Department of Defense today announced plans to restructure 50 military hospitals and clinics to better support wartime readiness of military personnel and to improve clinical training for medical forces who deploy in support of combat operations around the world.

Military readiness includes making sure MTFs are operated to ensure service members are medically ready to train and deploy," said Tom McCaffery, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. "It also means MTFs are effectively utilized as platforms that enable our military medical personnel to acquire and maintain the clinical skills and experience that prepares them for deployment in support of combat operations around the world."

The restructuring effort focused on strengthening on the prime responsibility of military medical facilities for training medical personnel and "for keeping combat forces healthy and ready to deploy according to readiness and mission requirements - all while ensuring the MHS provides our beneficiaries with access to quality health care," McCaffery added.

These plans were described and explained in a report sent to Congress earlier today, titled "Restructuring and Realignment of Military Medical Treatment Facilities." This report was required by law under Section 703(d) of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2017, which directed the DoD to analyze its hospital and clinic footprint and submit a plan to Congressional defense committees.

Of the 343 facilities in the United States initially screened for this report, 77 were selected for additional assessment, with 21 identified for no changes.

Of the 50 facilities ultimately designated for restructuring, 37 outpatient clinics now open to all beneficiaries will eventually see primarily only active-duty personnel. Active-duty family members, retirees and their families who currently receive care at those facilities will transition over time to TRICARE's civilian provider network. The report states that seven of these clinics may continue to enroll active duty family members on a space-available basis.

In addition, many active duty-only clinics will continue to provide occupational health services to installation civilian employees related to their employment.

The report acknowledges that transitioning patients from MTFs to the TRI-CARE network will take time - in some cases several years - and if local TRICARE networks cannot provide access to quality care, DoD will revise implementation plans. "Markets are expected to transition MTF eligibles to the network at different rates and, in certain markets, the transition could take several years," the report states. Detailed implementation plans will be developed through coordination with MTFs, the Defense Health Agency, the Military Departments, and the TRICARE Health Plan.

TRICARE is the health care program for the U.S. armed services. The two most popular plans available to most eligible beneficiaries under 65, TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Select include more than

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6.7 million enrolled patients. Other plans are targeted for specific beneficiary groups, such as Reservists and those eligible for Medicare.

During his keynote address at the December 2019 annual meeting of the Society of Federal Health Professionals, known as AMSUS, McCaffery offered a broad overview of intentions for changing the scope of operations at certain MTFs in what is known within the MHS as the Direct Care System.

"In optimizing the operation of the Direct Care system to most effectively support the MHS readiness mission, we need to identify those areas where we could expand capacity at MTFs that offer potential for sustaining the skills and knowledge of our medical force," McCaffery said during his AMSUS speech. "But we also must examine those areas where facilities do not offer now, and likely will not be able to offer in the future - a platform for maximizing capabilities to support medical readiness. In those situations, we need to be open to right-sizing MTF services and capabilities so as to ensure that we are using finite resources most efficiently ... while not compromising our ability to meet mission."

The final report delivered to Congress contains a summary of all the changes, a description of how each change was made, and supporting data.

For a complete list of military hospital and clinic changes listed in the report, go to http://www.health.mil/MTFrestructuring.

U.S. Navy Seabees with NMCB–5 replace a transformer at KAB





ent Operator Constructionman Brendan Rowland (right), Construction Mechanic 2nd Class Christopher McNell and Equipment Operator 2nd Class Charles Sharp, all deployed with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion NMCB) 5, replace a transformer at Kadena Air Base in support of 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, Feb. 14.

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By Cpl. Isaac Cantrell

31st Marine Expeditionary Unit 2/21/2020 - SOUTH CHINA SEA — Since its emergence in 1775, mission accomplishment within the Marine Corps has rested on the shoulders of leaders at the lowest levels; namely, its noncommissioned officers. Often said to be the "backbone of the Marine Corps," NCOs are in the unique position to serve as the vital link between their junior Marines and their higher leadership and ensure mission accomplishment. This frame of mind focused on small-unit leadership has honed the Corps into one of the most illustrious and revered fighting forces in world history. Now, the Marine Corps is beginning to push this mentality outward to its brother and sister services in the U.S. military.

On Feb. 21, 11 Sailors and 79 Marines graduated a Corporals Course while deployed aboard amphibious assault ship USS America (LHA 6). Corporals Course, traditionally offered solely to Marines once they reach the rank of corporal, is focused on honing leadership traits through open discussions, leadership development, physical training and classes focused on a variety of topics, ranging from warfighting to the Marine Corps ethos of honor, courage and commitment. It's absolutely vital to establish and develop these traits in the early stages of our young leader's careers in order to allow them to develop both personally and professionally, according Sgt. Maj. Matthew Dorsey, battalion sergeant major of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, and the director of this iteration of Corporals Course.

"When you build a house, you start at the foundation," Dorsey said. "We need to start as soon as possible setting a foundation with our junior leaders and making sure they understand the importance of their role.

"Corporals Course breaks them away from their primary jobs to focus on the things that will allow them to be better as leaders and help them gain perspective from others in the class," Dorsey went on to say.

At the end of each iteration of Corporals Course, one Marine from the graduating class is voted by their classmates to be the Gung-Ho Marine– the individual that demonstrates an attitude of motivation and esprit de corps.

"The Gung-Ho recipient is voted on by the class, which is a great opportunity for the class to determine what right looks like in their eyes and serves as a reward to that individual for being a good example at all times," Dorsey said.

Due to the integrated nature of this iteration, one Sailor, Fire Controlman 3rd Class Chandler Price, was also chosen to be the Gung-Ho student. Working sideby-side with his green-side counterparts was a unique experience for Price, who said that although he may work on a ship with Marines, he rarely gets an opportunity to sit down, talk and work through problems with his brothers and sisters in the Corps.

"We've done a lot of small group work and I think that may have been the most important part – to break down and sit there and brainstorm as a group over a topic and discuss it," said Price. "We all have different backgrounds that allow us to approach a subject in a different way and teach that to other people."

Cpl. Michael Cenci, a force reconnaissance Marine with the 31st MEU's Maritime Raid Force and the Gung-Ho Marine from this course, echoed Price's sentiment, expressing that Marines often don't get an opportunity to participate in professional military education with people from different jobs, let alone different branches of service. "To get their perspective on how the Navy runs things vice how the Marine Corps runs things was unique," Cenci said. "We were able to find out how similar we are when it comes to our ethos and mission in general. We're all in this together."

One of the most important aspects of this course was the opportunity to network with his teammates on the America, according to Cenci, who said that this collaboration would help things run much smoother on the ship.

"As a force reconnaissance Marine, after a raid I have to conduct tactical site exploitation," Cenci said, referring to the process of photographing and documenting sensitive enemy information after an objective has been seized. "Now, when I get back to the America I personally know who to hand that info off to and I know it's going into the right hands."

Along with Gung-Ho certificates, Cenci and Price were both presented with special challenge coins from Sgt. Maj. Edwin Mota, sergeant major of the 31st MEU, for their performance during Corporals Course.

Although few service members outside of the Marine Corps

(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Audrey M. C. Rampton)

have been provided the opportunity to participate in Corporals Course in the past, Price believes that this course should more commonly be offered to members of all branches, especially his fellow Sailors. While the focus of Navy petty officer indoctrination courses is on the formalities of the rank and how to address subordinates and superiors, Corporals Course develops its participants into more effective small-unit leaders, according to Price.

"This course gets in to a lot more detail with professional military knowledge," Price said. "It's really opened my eyes and helped me learned a lot of things, especially leadership traits that I can use to lead my junior Sailors."

While this course was unique in its integration, Dorsey hopes for more opportunities for his Marines to work alongside service members from other branches and continue to build essential relationships with their brothers and sisters in arms.

"I think this is a unique and necessary opportunity to bring the Navy and Marine Corps teams together," said Dorsey. "It's another chance to reinforce the fact that our integration and partnership as a Blue-Green team is vital."



Members of U.S. military community volunteer at English Day Camp





Volunteers from accross the island of Okinawa came to participate in the English Day Camp at the Nago Youth House, Feb. 22, Nago.

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2/22/2020 - NAGO — Volunteers from the U.S. military community across Okinawa helped the youth of Okinawa to learn english through games, conversations, and skits at the Nago Youth House's English Day Camp Feb. 22. Learning english is an important

Learning english is an important part of education for some children in Okinawa. The Nago Youth House held the camp as a chance to teach english in fun and effective ways.

"There is a great intrest in the community to learn English and to interact with people who speak English," said U.S. Marine Corps Col. Jason Perry, commanding officer of 4th Marine Regiment.

"For us, it is an oppurtunity to interact with our neighbors in the commu-

nity," he said.

Volunteers spent the day playing games that helped local students understand English in everyday sentences.

"For me, it isn't us building relations with the local community, it is being a part of that local community and contributing to that community," Perry said.

The day ended with the students performing a skit where they said both English and Japanese phrases to the volunteers and the rest of the students.

"I'm excited when I come to these events becuse these are the kids of the future and we can teach them some things that other students or teachers can't," said U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Robert Nard with 7th Communications Battalion.



Kadena Air Base Community Notes

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

NOTICE A&FRC Hours

The Airmen and Family Readiness Center will be closed for monthly staff training on Friday, Feb. 28, from 12-5 pm for monthly staff training.

Kadena ITT Closure

ITT will be closed on Tuesday, March 10 for a staff training day. ITT will resume normal business hours on Wednesday, March 11 (1000-1700).

Kadena Base Library Closure

The Kadena Base Library will be closed on Friday, Feb. 28 for a staff work day. During this time, the online library resources will still be accessible via the library's card catalog, which is linked from the Kadena FSS website, and via the Air Force Portal under the "Library & Resources" tab. For more information, contact Holly May at DSN: 634-1502.

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.

Job Opportunity with WIC Overseas

Choctaw Staffing Solutions (CCS) has the following full-time positions available at Okinawa Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Overseas: Administrative Assistant: Requires a high school diploma or equivalent with secretarial/business office experience or education. Business training or associate's degree preferred. Experience in health-related field desirable. Must keyword 40-60 wpm. Job requirements include good computer skills and excellent customer service skills. Must be a U.S. citizen. For consideration, please e-mail your resume and cover letter to: mpapplewhite@ choctawglobal.com or fax to: (210) 525-1398 or you may mail your information to the address:

Choctaw Staffing Solutions / Attn: WIC Overseas

/ 70 NE Loop 410, Suite 400, San Antonio, TX 78216s / Ph: (210) 341 -3336

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.

Have you received a referral from your Primary Care Manager (PCM) and wondering what you should do next?

Please stop by the Referral Management Center (RMC) to update all of your contact information and provide any required additional referral information. Once RMC receives your referral from the PCM, they will process it to either the Naval Hospital on Camp Foster or to TRICARE ISOS, for off-base specialty care. If your referral is with the Naval Hospital, please allow them 3 business days to contact you to book your appointment. If your referral is for off-base specialty care it is processed to TRICARE ISOS, who has the ultimate responsibility to source a Host Nation facility and book the appointment. The length of time to receive an appointment date varies on the clinic specialty; this wait time may fluctuate between 2-8 weeks. ISOS will communicate with beneficiaries via email. If you have any questions regarding referrals, please contact the RMC at 630-4817.

Public Affairs Photo Studio

The Public Affairs photo studio is open Mon -Thurs from 9 - 11 a.m. and 1 - 4 p.m. Appointments are available in half-hour increments. Award, bio or package submission photos are scheduled Mon. - Wed. Full length photos are only available on Thursday. Official Passport photos are by appointment only until further notice, Mon. - Fri., and require a letter or voucher from your UDM or the passport office. For questions or scheduling, please call 634-3813 / 634-4013. Photos are for official use only.

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 KAB Quonset-Hut Open House

The 18th Wing History Office invites you to come

see some of Kadena's incredible and unique heritage! If you have any questions about the base, the Wing, or the Battle of Okinawa. come out to the Quonset-Hut at building 16 and speak to the history office staff. This is a free event, and the Open House runs from 0900-1200 on Saturday, Feb. 29.

FY20 Pre-Season Motorcycle Brief

March 6 is the FY20 Pre-Season Motorcycle Brief. This briefing is open to all motorcycle riders to fulfill their pre-season briefing requirement. Audience must be in place by 0850, and opening remarks will start promptly at 0900 at the Wing Safety Complex. This event will last seven hours and lunch will be available for purchase: \$5 Combo - 2 Hotdogs, 1 Bag of Chips, and 1 Drink / \$6 Combo - 1 Burger, 1 Hotdog, 1 Bag of Chips, and 1 Drink / \$7 Combo - 2 Burgers, 1 Bag of Chips, and 1 Drink *Individual prices will be available* If you have any questions, contact SSgt Clemons at DSN: 634-SAFE (7233)

Kadena ACE (E1-E4) Meeting Join Kadena ACE (Airmen Committed to Excellence) on March 17 at the Wired Bean Café from 1100-1200, as we enjoy a FREE LUNCH and talk about how we can make the experience at Kadena the best it can be! We use this time to discuss upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and professional development workshops that we conduct on a regular basis. Please contact our president, SrA Jhed Manalo at 634-1177 or via email at jhed.manalo@us.af.mil.

Amazing Kadena Race The Risner Fitness Center will be hosting our FIRST EVER Amazing Kadena Race on March 20 at 1000. The event is free and open to all DoD ID card holders 18yrs and older. Contestants will race across Kadena in two-person teams competing in unique activities and solving clues to the finish line. Winning team will receive a \$100 dollar FSS gift card. Please stop by the Risner Fitness Center to sign up of for more information.





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OKINAWA BRANCH OFFICE 7-3-1Matsumoto.OKINAWA CITY Reception Time 10:00~16:00 Holiday: SAT/SUN/U.S. Holiday

TEL:080-5864-4162 FAX:098-989-0340 dillingham@eight-jp.net

Kadena Top 3 Golf Tournament

Kadena Top 3 is hosting a Golf Tournament on Friday, March 27 at 0730 at the Banyan Tree Golf Course. Team prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Individual prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin, and best dressed. Please contact MSgt. Mario Belber at 634-4054 to register for this event.

Ultimate Frisbee

Torii Chapel 2:42 would like to invite you to our Ultimate Frisbee every Tuesday at Torii baseball field and Thursday at Kadena Air Base Marek Park starting at 6:00 pm. Enjoy a fun game of ultimate frisbee and fellowship with our members to create new connections that keeps our fighting force ready.

Kadena Company Grade Officer Council Triathlon

The Company Grade Officer Council is hosting a reverse sprint triathlon (5k run, 20k bike, 200m swim) on Saturday, April 18 at the Kadena Air Base Fairchild Pool. Check-in will be from 0600-0715 and the race starts at 0730. For more information, contact Capt. Matthew Smith at DSN 634-9700 or Capt. Kaili Moikawa at DSN 632-8811.

2020 Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony Nominations

The Airman and Family Readiness Center (AFRC) will host the 2020 Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony (AVRC) on April 24 to recognize the contributions and accomplishments of Kadena volunteers in 2019. Nomination for awards are currently being accepted. The following awards will be presented at the AVRC pending nominations: Volunteer Excellence Award (VEA), Angel Award, Presidential Volunteer Service Award (PVSA), and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (MOVSM). For more information, please contact the AFRC at 634-3366 for award package nomination information and submission deadlines.

CCAF Graduation

The Kadena Air Base Top 3 Organization will host the Community College of the Air Force Graduation at the Rocker NCO Club, June 10 at 3 p.m. Reception to follow. Military guests of the graduates may wear the uniform of the day. For more information, contact the Education Office at 634-1500.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Vision and Hearing Screening

The Kadena Elementary School is looking for volunteers to assist vision and hearing screening on March 11 and 12 from 08:30-14:00. Volunteers will need to arrive 30 minutes prior to the event to

receive necessary training. Volunteers will help the vision portion by pointing at letters on the vision board; they will also help the hearing portion by pressing the button checking for responses to the beeping sound. Contact Adjoua Kouadio at DNS: 634-0722 for more information.

Seeking Earth Day Volunteers

The 718th CES Environmental Office is gearing up for this year's Earth Day 2020 early. Even though Earth Day is celebrated in April, we have a lot of planning to get started. We have our first meeting scheduled for Feb. 6 at 10:00 in building 3621, Environmental Office. If you would like to be a part of helping out some of the events we have lined out, or you have something special in mind based on this year's theme, "Opportunities for a Zero -Carbon Future," please join us: 12 Hour Walk/Run kick off, Art Contest (At DoDEA Schools), Beach Clean-up, Clothes Donation, Housing and Facility Clean-up, Reef Diving Clean-up, Sacred Site(s) Clean-up, Tree Planting. For more information, contact Robert Lewis at DSN 634-4038 or Andrea Gatch at DSN 634-3253.

Stearley Heights Elementary School STEM Day

SHES will host a STEM DAY on March 13 from 8:00 am - 2:30 pm. The event will feature fun STEM focused activities for our student body and we need help from our community to pull it off. We are looking for 10-20 volunteers, all volunteers will be given a STEM station to operate – materials provided by the event coordinator. Volunteers can sign up using the link below or email Mr. Chris Riley, at chris.riley@dodea.edu.

Active Duty Dads Wanted

Kadena Family Advocacy Program is looking for active duty dads to facilitate our childbirth education class called "Newborn 101". We already have the curriculum you can follow. We want you to share your experience on being a dad in the military. These classes are offered a couple of times a year and are scheduled in the morning. We will train you, and offer a Letter of Appreciation for your volunteer time. Contact Family Advocacy 634-0433, ask for Nora or nora.kohri.ctr@mail.mil for more information.

Shogun Crossfit Volunteers

Shogun Crossfit is looking for volunteers with a Crossfit Level 1 Certification or higher and a CPR card to help lead our community during the scheduled training times (05:45, 11:45, 17:30). Volunteers help keep our affiliate free for all DoD military and dependents in Okinawa. Email us at shoguncrossfit@gmail.com if you want to join the Shogun Crossfit Team.



Passport Acceptance Days

| 4/14 TUE | Schilling Community Center | 14:00-16:00 |
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| 4/21 TUE | FOSTER USO | 11:00-13:00 |
| 4/24 FRI | Training & Support Center Bldg. #287 | 11:00-13:00 |
| 3/10 TUE | Schilling Community Center | 11:00-13:00 |
| 3/17 TUE | FOSTER USO | 14:00-16:00 |

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

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