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DOD providing leave leniency due to COVID-19 travel restrictions



Culinary Specialists with Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) Commodore Matthew C. Perry General Mess or "Jewel of the East" galley, load to-go food boxes into crates to be delivered to Sailors under Restriction of Movement (ROM) and those in quarantine during the COVID-19 epidemic. During every galley shift, more than 150 meal kits are prepared that consist of a main entrée, sandwich, vegetables and a drink, April 13.

(U.S. Navy photo by Taylor Curry)

By David Vergun

DOD News
4/20/2020 - WASHINGTON — Travel restrictions made necessary by the COVID-19 pandemic have resulted in the Defense Department providing leave leniency for service members who accrue too much leave and might otherwise lose it.

Each year, active-duty service members are granted 30 days of leave, but at the end of each fiscal year, they normally lose any unused leave exceeding 60 days. With the leniency granted due to the pandemic travel restrictions, service members can now accrue a leave balance of up to 120 days

until Sept. 30, 2023.

Matthew Donovan, undersecretary of personnel and readiness, signed the authorization for that change April 16.

DOD encourages service members to take leave whenever possible; however, it's not always possible due to deployments and operational commitments, Pentagon officials said, though some extensions have been granted due to long deployments.

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit service members particularly hard because many are not allowed to travel to see friends and loved ones who live many miles away — a big incentive for taking

leave, Donovan said. Therefore, he continued, the restriction on the leave balance ceiling was relaxed.

"The department's actions to stem the spread of COVID-19 have significantly limited the ability of service members to take leave during this national emergency, and we know that leave is vital to the health and welfare of our force," Donovan stated in his memorandum.

For DOD's civilian workforce, Office of Personnel Management policy already makes allowances for leave accrual under exigent circumstances, such as COVID-19. All restored annual leave must be scheduled and used not later than

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the end of the leave year ending two years from the year the annual leave was earned after the termination of the current emergency. The normal leave balance service members may carry over each year is 240 hours. However, more hours may be carried over during the current emergency.

Defense Secretary Dr. Mark T. Esper signed a memorandum today restricting all DOD uniformed and civilian personnel and their families from traveling to, from or through places identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's travel health notices as Level 3 COVID locations.

The memo is in effect until June 30, though that could change because reviews are taking place every 15 days based on CDC guidance.

The travel restrictions include permanent changes of station and all other official travel, as well as personal leave. Also, flights to or from non-Level 3 countries cannot transit through Level 3 nations.

As of today, the CDC website listed Germany, Italy, Qatar, Af-

ghanistan, South Korea and Japan — countries where large numbers of service members are stationed — as Level 3 locations. Many other countries also are at Level 3.

Numerous exceptions to the travel ban have been made on a case-by-case basis, Donovan said at an April 18 Pentagon news conference, citing exemptions for medical treatment, personal hardship, separation and retirement.

"The coronavirus disease continues to present significant risk to our forces as the DOD considers domestic and overseas personnel travel," Esper stated in his memorandum. "These movements present the threat of spreading COVID-19 within our ranks and communities. My priorities remain protecting our service members, DOD civilians and families; safeguarding our national security capabilities; and supporting the whole-of-nation response."

This is not the first time extensions have been granted, officials noted. Special leave accrual of up to 75 days was granted during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, due to long or multiple deployments.

USNH Okinawa's COVID-19 joint care line

By Lance Cpl. Brennan Beauton

Marine Corps Installations Pacific
4/16/2020 - CAMP FOSTER — U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa implemented a COVID-19 joint care line April 15 on Camp Foster.

The 24/7 phone line was put in place to answer questions that patients may have in regards to COVID-19.

"The call center staff can provide information about how to provide self-care," said U.S. Navy Capt. Jenny S. Burkett, a senior nurse executive with the Hospital. "They are also co-located with Preventive Medicine Technicians, who can assist with contact tracing, if a patient is under investigation and is tested."

The line is available to the Okinawa military community. Its representatives have the ability to connect callers to services across

the island, including where the patient is seen for primary care.

"If someone calls saying they have symptoms of COVID-19, the team at the [call center] will ask additional questions about symptoms, length of symptoms, contacts, and other questions, using a screening protocol," said Burkett. "This information will help determine next steps for the patient—whether they have an appointment or need to see someone more urgently."

The COVID-19 care line is staffed with Air Force and Navy medical personnel, taking a team approach to combat the virus.

"Cooperation is important for the [care line] because COVID-19 could happen to any of us," said Burkett. "We need to work together to successfully care for the people living and working on Okinawa."



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Brennan J. Beauton)

U.S. Air Force Maj. Lynn Nguyen, a flight nurse with 18th Aero Medical Evacuation Squadron, receives paperwork from Petty Officer 2nd Class Roy Chan, the leading petty officer for the COVID-19 Care Line, on April 16, on Camp Foster.

COVID CARE LINE

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USNH Okinawa and the 18th Medical Group have setup this island-wide call line for all your COVID-19 questions and concerns. DoD patients across Okinawa can now call 098-971-9691 (from on base-646-9691) 24 hours a day/7 days a week.



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COVID-19

Expeditionary Medical Facility constructed at U.S. Naval hospital Guam

By Senior Airman Zachary Heal

36th Wing Public Affairs

4/19/2020 - ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — In response to the growing number of COVID-19 cases on Guam, the 36th Wing, with support from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and Hickam Air Force Base, is constructing an Expeditionary Medical Support System or EMEDS, on the grounds of U.S. Naval Hospital Guam. The EMEDS facility consists of 11 medical units, and six warehouse units.

The extra space and additional staff of 77 Air Force personnel will allow for expanded capacity for U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, adding an additional 25 total beds that can be used for COVID-19 pa-

tients. The warehouses will be used to store medical equipment used at the EMEDS facility.

"This is very much a joint effort," said Senior Master Sergeant Marty Trembl, 554th RED HORSE Squadron Operations superintendent. "We have assets and support from both the Navy and Andersen, as well as medical supplies being flown in from JBER and Hickam."

With the rapid support of 30 Airmen from the 554th RED HORSE Squadron, the EMEDS facility has been almost completely finished within the span of just a couple days.

"It's truly a testament to the preparedness and hard work of our Airmen in the 554th," said Trembl.

Fortunately, this quick-turn operation is exactly what these

units have been trained for, having completed a similar exercise during Cope North 2020 only a few months ago.

"It really is a culminated effort of many different units from multiple bases to pull off the logistics of getting all the supplies here for this operation," said Lt. Col. David Johnson, Troop commander for the operation. "This is a huge operation that took a lot of work to complete, but in this instance, it was incredibly smooth."

This project will directly support military efforts to get the crew of the USS Theodore Roosevelt healthy and back out to sea, but

will also give U.S. Naval Hospital Guam capability to further support the Government of Guam's medical capacity in the island-wide fight against COVID-19.

"Our mission here is to help support the Navy operations with the USS Roosevelt," said Lt. Col. Damian Pardue, 36th Medical Group administrator. "The intent is that we are ready for whatever we are needed for during this unprecedented time."

"We can't say enough good things about the RED HORSE Squadron," said Pardue. "They've been instrumental to getting this operation off the ground."



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Zachary Heal)

3rd TSB sews masks to help slow the spread of COVID-19

Parachute riggers with 3rd Air Delivery Platoon used their sewing skills to assemble masks to help stop the spread of COVID-19 on Camp Foster, April 8. In line with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance, 3rd Marine Logistics Group Marines and Sailors are required to wear a face covering while outside their residence to stay healthy and remain ready for any mission anytime.



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Jamin M. Powell)

Fidelis Rides: U-Shop



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Alpha Hernandez)

A Kubasaki High school student and U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Niko Abutin, center, an aviation ordnanceman with 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, load groceries into a car April 19, at Camp Foster. The volunteers were part of "Fidelis Rides: U-Shop", a free-to-use shopping service that allows patrons to order their groceries over the phone instead of risking exposure of COVID-19.

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Doctors to Guam



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Erin Baxter)

U.S. Air Force Airmen with the 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, conduct pre-flight maintenance on a 535th Airlift Squadron C-17 Globemaster III, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, April 13. The 535th AS transported U.S. Army medical personnel from the 18th Medical Command Deployment Support to Guam in support of the global COVID-19 response.

Coming together in the face of the unseen



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew Gilmore)

Staff Sgt. Gabriel Franco, 374th Maintenance Squadron Fabrications Flight metals technology craftsman, adjusts the design of a National Institutes of Health approved face shield to produce a sturdier product for use by 374th Security Forces Squadron and 374th Medical Group personnel at Yokota Air Base, April 2. Amid what is a worldwide shortage of PPE, these 3-D printed shields will increase the lifespan of other vital protective equipment, bolstering Yokota's ability to protect its personnel and provide a safe, quality level of care to those that require medical assistance.

EOD supports COVID-19 frontline Airmen

By Staff Sgt. Mackenzie Mendez

8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

4/21/2020 - KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea — The 8th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal flight is taking the fight to the coronavirus, using their 3D printing capabilities to create protective face shields for Wolf Pack Airmen fighting against COVID-19 at Kunsan Air Base.

The EOD flight began manufacturing plastic face shields two weeks ago in preparation for mask shortages the Wolf Pack may face.

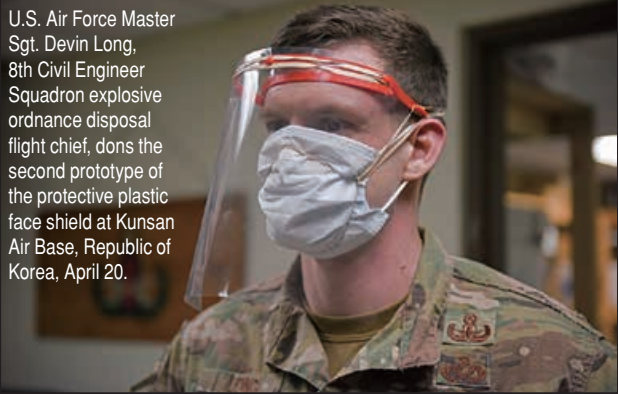
"With diminishing supplies around the world, we are using the resources we possess to create face shields," said Staff Sgt. Tyler McMillan Wammack, 8th CES EOD journeyman. "By engineering proper personal protective equipment, we are helping keep our frontline Airmen safe. We want to protect them as much as possible so they can continue their mission."

The flight created two initial face shield designs, working closely with the 8th Medical Group to ensure the design both protects Airmen and prevents the spread of the disease. The current design uses three distinct pieces; the headband, plastic transparency sheet and elastic strap that holds the mask in place.

EOD has also been working closely with the 8th CES geobase flight to produce a mask that is lightweight, fitted and cost effective. EOD can use their printer to produce approximately 20 face shields per day, each costing less than \$1 to produce.

"We've seen how fast this virus can spread, by producing protective face shields, we are able to maintain a backstock in the event we need them," said Master Sgt. Devin Long, 8th CES EOD flight chief. "We're at war with this virus, it's all hands-on deck. We're doing whatever we can do to help fight the good fight."

U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Devin Long, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal flight chief, dons the second prototype of the protective plastic face shield at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 20.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mackenzie Mendez)

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III MEF combats COVID-19 with 3D printing



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Nickolas C. Beamish)

U.S. Marine, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Sean Flores, III Marine Expeditionary Force force utilities officer, displays a mask created from a 3D printer on Camp Courtney, April 15.

By Lance Cpl. Francesca Landis

III Marine Expeditionary Force
4/14/2020 - MARINE CORPS BASE
CAMP BUTLER — Marines and sailors with III Marine Expeditionary Force are using cutting-edge additive manufacturing technology here to mass produce and distribute personal protective equipment in the fight against COVID-19.

III MEF has 3D printed and distributed more than 400 face shields and 4,800 face mask frames to its forces throughout Okinawa, freeing up the PPE supply chain for medical personnel and first responders.

“We can create things that don’t exist and solve problems in a new, innovative way” said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Sean Flores, III MEF force utilities officer. “I think that’s the key to fighting any adversary, to include COVID-19.”

When confronted with a potential shortage of PPE, Marines in III MEF rapidly developed an innovative answer.

“We recognized the problem, turned our Marines loose, and within 48 hours we had developed, tested, and mass-produced a solution,” said Flores. “It’s incredible what our Marines can do when given a problem that requires creative thinking.”

The plastic face shields prevent airborne

germs from reaching the wearer. The face mask frames, when combined with a cloth covering, create a seal around the wearer’s mouth and nose, stopping Marines and sailors from potentially spreading germs. In total, they are increasing the MEF’s resiliency throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

3rd Maintenance Battalion and Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 36 were the first units to produce face shields and mask frames for III MEF, but production has spread throughout the island. The effort has been collaborative, leveraging the capabilities of the joint force, including Navy healthcare professionals and additive manufacturing specialists at the Air Force’s 18th Wing.

III MEF has utilized additive manufacturing assets located throughout the Marine Air Ground Task Force to attack the PPE problem. The nation’s only permanently forward-deployed expeditionary force has over 60 printers running around the clock on Okinawa to continue to adapt and refine PPE production to combat the spread of the coronavirus.

“Traditionally, we make supplies for weapons systems – for trucks, but today we’re making PPE for people to be pro-

ected against COVID-19,” said Lt. Col. Matt Milburn, commanding officer of 3rd Maintenance Battalion. “We were able to shift our focus in a matter of hours.”

The mask frames and face shields, coupled with preventive measures in place by Marine Forces – Japan, are minimizing the effects of COVID-19 on the force’s readiness and demonstrating III MEF’s capability to produce resources as soon as they are needed.

“These masks protect our most vital asset, the Marine and sailor” said Flores.

Additive manufacturing is also a force multiplier, said Flores. III MEF is not only able to produce personal protective equipment to prevent the spread of COVID-19, but a variety of vital equipment it may need to complete its mission throughout the Indo-Pacific.

“3D printing makes us flexible and agile,” said Milburn. “This technology gives a small footprint and a big advantage. We can localize the production process and create a new supply chain, setting us apart and up for success.”

“We are helping to create supply where supply did not exist,” said Milburn. “We have built things for every element of the MAGTF.”

Seabees with NMCB-5 sew cloth face coverings



Builder 3rd Class Kaitlin Bohm (front) and Construction Mechanic Constructionman Ryan Golemo, deployed with NMCB-5, measure and cut fabric for cloth face coverings at NMCB-5’s mask-making workshop onboard Camp Shields, to comply with Navy requirements, April 9.

Utilitiesman 1st Class Nicole Grieve (left) instructs Construction Electrician 1st Class Alfredo Ortiznavia, both deployed with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5, on sewing cloth face coverings at NMCB-5’s mask-making workshop onboard Camp Shields, to comply with Navy requirements, April 9.



(U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Stephane Belcher)

F.I.R.S.T. Mentorship spouses assemble masks for community



(Courtesy photos by Lisa Song)

Schuyler Crowder, 1st Battalion F.I.R.S.T. Spouse Mentorship Group events coordinator, and Kati Poston, 1st Battalion F.I.R.S.T. Spouse Mentorship Group Chair, prep their workstations to begin assembling masks to be packaged and sent out in Okinawa, March 29.



Tiers Arnts, 1st Battalion F.I.R.S.T. Spouse Mentorship Group advisor, sews fabric squares for face masks to be used in emergency departments in Okinawa, March 29.



Amanda Patterson, 1st Battalion F.I.R.S.T. Spouse Mentorship Group events coordinator, presses fabric squares to be used for masks in Okinawa, March 29.

By Staff Sgt. Ryan Hohman

1st Special Forces Group (Airborne)
4/10/2020 - TORII STATION — Spouses participating in the F.I.R.S.T. Mentorship Program for 1st Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) in Okinawa assembled more than 1,000 protective masks amid the COVID-19 pandemic on April 10.

As the demand for personal protective equipment increased from the spread of the disease, spouses from the F.I.R.S.T. Mentorship program responded to this need by assembling, sewing, and donating hand-made facemasks to medical personnel on Kadena Air Base and at the U.S. Naval Hos-

pital Okinawa on Camp Foster.

Spouses in the group are encouraged to engage in public service and leadership roles. A desire to provide for others during times of need is rooted in the program’s foundational principles - Friendship, Information, Resiliency, Support and Trust.

“We always try to empower the spouses to do outreach so we felt like this was the perfect opportunity to give back,” said Schuyler Crowder, 1st Battalion F.I.R.S.T. Spouse Mentorship program event coordinator.

Due to developing precautionary policies along with information about COVID-19

and its effects, the spouses agreed it was vital to provide an added measure of protection for families and the force.

The volunteers washed, cut, and then properly assembled mask kits for the Emergency Response Center and the Emergency Department of U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa.

The funding for the masks came through personal contributions from spouses within the F.I.R.S.T. Mentorship Program with no external assistance.

“There was no fundraising for this project; volunteers within our mentorship program were called upon to donate their time

and any materials they were willing,” said Kati Poston, the F.I.R.S.T. Mentorship program chair for 1st Battalion, 1st SFG (A). “The response was so great, we were able to complete our initial 1,000 masks.”

This delivery of masks to medical facilities has been welcomed by those working on Kadena Air Base. Hospital employees say they will benefit from using the masks and they are now better postured to fight the virus while protecting service members through these times.

“The entire staff of the emergency room knows and appreciates the time, care, and concern for others these masks represent in fighting the spread of this deadly COVID-19 virus,” said Laurie McDaniel, a registered nurse with the Naval Hospital Okinawa. “The entire staff of the emergency department and I cannot thank [the] volunteers enough in helping to keep everyone safe during these trying times.”

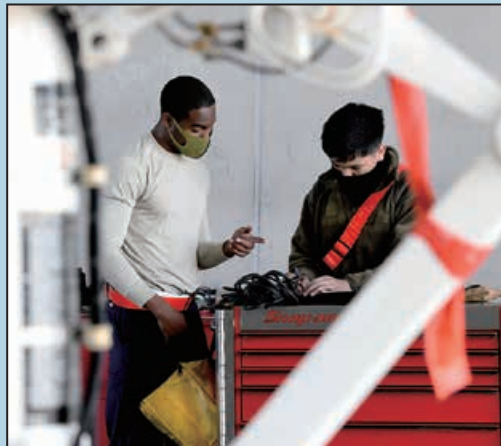
Since distribution of the first 1,000 masks, the mentorship group has set a new goal to complete and deliver an additional 2,000 masks throughout April. These new masks will specifically support the needs of service members and families of 1st Battalion, 1st SFG (A).

“Even though we are only physically getting together with a small number of spouses,” said Poston. “We all understand we are coming together for a larger effort and we will continue to do what we can in support of one another.”

67TH AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE UNIT



^ Airman 1st Class Jacob Boyer, avionics technician from the 67th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, collects discharged water from an F-15C Eagle, at Kadena Air Base, April 17.



^ Airman 1st Class Isaac McDowell, left, and Airman 1st Class Steven Cox, right, discuss post flight inspection paperwork, at Kadena Air Base, April 17.



Airmen from the 67th Aircraft Maintenance Units prepare for post flight inspections on Kadena Air Force Base, April 17.

(U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Rebeckah Medeiros)

US Marines host Okinawa Vice-Governor Jahana

By Maj. Andrew Aranda, 1st Lt. Timothy Hayes and Lance Cpl. Zachary Larsen

Marine Corps Installations Pacific
4/17/2020 - MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA — Okinawa Vice-Governor, Kiichiro Jahana, visited Marine Corps Air Station Futenma today and was welcomed by U.S. Deputy Consul General Hilary Dauer, U.S. Marine Corps Brig. Gen. William J. Bowers, Commanding General of Marine Corps Installations Pacific, and Col. David M. Steele, Commanding Officer of MCAS Futenma.

Jahana's visit comes a week after Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) was released aboard MCAS Futenma and flowed off-base through a storm drain into a watershed in the City of Ginowan. The purpose of the visit was to have a meeting and view the site of the aircraft hangar where AFFF was released on April 10, 2020. The visit was done in accordance with bilateral agreements between the United States and Japan, and highlighted the positive relationship between our governments and local communities. During the visit, Marine Corps officials provided the Okinawan Prefectural Government a detailed review of what occurred, discussed the immediate clean-up response, prevention

of future spills, and on-going efforts to safeguard the community.

The visit began with a meeting in which Bowers expressed his personal apologies for the troubles that the AFFF incident caused the Okinawan people.

"We apologize that this incident has caused trouble for local residents," said Bowers. "We responded diligently to the spill and focused on containment in order to prevent as much foam from as possible from exiting the base. We will continue to cooperate with the City of Ginowan on any specific spill response requests."

During the meeting Bowers, Dauer, and Jahana discussed details about the spill.

"This incident involved approximately 60,000 gallons of water mixed with 1200 gallons of undiluted concentrate," explained Bowers. "We estimate that approximately 38,000 gallons flowed off of the camp. This is not dangerous to touch but it should be avoided. A senior Marine colonel is conducting a thorough investigation to determine the cause of the spill. When the investigation concludes and based upon the recommendations in the final report, we will implement measures to reduce the likelihood of similar incidents in the future."



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Zachary Larsen)

^ Okinawa and Marine Corps officials tour the flightline and surrounding areas on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, April 17.

After the meeting, both Japanese and U.S. Marine Corps officials moved to the spill site where they visited the hangar where the foam originated. They were also able to see where the AFFF flowed from the flight line to the storm drain.

Steele detailed the clean-up and mitigation conducted, including immediate actions using a variety of absorbent material to prevent AFFF mixed with water from entering storm drains and the vacuum system to accumulate the water from the Ginowan Fire Department for storage on MCAS Futenma awaiting proper disposal.

When talking about prevention, Steele explained "We are in the process of replacing all legacy foam with a more environmental friendly variant that meets military specifications for firefighting, and will do

so in accordance with guidance from the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Navy. The U.S. works diligently to comply with the Japan Environmental Governing Standards and Department of Defense instructions."

Jahana thanked U.S. military leaders at MCAS Futenma for supporting his visit and sharing information about the U.S. Marine Corps environmental response.

The U.S.-Japan alliance has been the cornerstone of stability and security in the Indo-Pacific, and is the United States' most important alliance in the 21st Century. Marine Corps Installations Pacific is committed to maintaining an open dialogue about this incident with our local communities to preserve the strategic alliance between our two countries.

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- 4) Pick up your groceries at the Commissary curb

JSVRO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT 2020 ROAD TAX

1. ROAD TAX PAYMENT. The on-base 2020 Mobile Road Show events are cancelled.

2. ROAD TAX OFFICE are no longer accepting SOFA members at their office for payment, due to COVID risk increase.

Members may pay their 2020 Road Tax fees through the following means:

- **INSURANCE OFFICE OPTION:** Y Plated Vehicles can process payments at any on-base insurance offices. Please contact your local insurance office for verification of service. Members must bring fees in Yen and their original Japanese title, individuals will receive a Road Tax receipt upon payment.

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3. DECAL ISSUANCE. All SOFA members must receive a 2020 Road Tax Decal from JSVRO. Members must bring their 2020 Road Tax payment receipts for JSVRO. Please utilize the Drive-Thru Lane, at JSVRO Bldg 5638, Camp Foster with the following documents:

- 2020 Road Tax Receipt
- Original Japanese Title

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Kadena Medical Clinic Notice

Patients and visitors of the main clinic and mental health clinic:

- a. Will wear a cloth face covering within the facility at all times
 - b. Will be encouraged to wash hands after adjusting/changing the mask
 - c. Exceptions will be made for children less than two years old, anyone who has difficulty breathing, or when it needs to be removed for medical care. Children ages 2-5 who can't, or won't, keep the mask on will be taken directly to an exam room. The 18 MDG and U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa have started a COVID Care Line. This is an island-wide call line for all your COVID-19 questions and concerns. It was established to offset the influx of calls that the Nurse Advice Line was receiving in the States. Department of Defense patients across Okinawa can now call 098-971-9691 (DSN: 646-9691) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you are not able to get through to the COVID Care Line, please contact the Nurse Advice Line at 012-099-6985 (from Japanese cell phones) or 0066-3382-1820 (Japanese toll free number). If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (fever, coughing, or shortness of breath) please call ahead before visiting a medical facility. The Kadena Medical Clinic can be reached at 630-4817 and 098-960-9817. The U.S. Naval Hospital can be reached at 090-6861-5230.
- COVID-19 Testing:** We are following current CDC guidelines for testing and are prioritizing patients with fever or signs of lower respiratory illness (cough or shortness of breath). Providers will consider such things as severity of the illness, age, and chronic medical conditions, along with travel history and potential exposure to someone

diagnosed with COVID-19. The only proven, effective way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is by preventing face-to-face contact as much as possible. Therefore, the 18 MDG is converting all routine face-to-face appointments to telephone appointments until further notice. A provider will call you the day of your scheduled appointment. There is no specific time so please be patient and ensure you answer your phone. Incoming MDG phone calls will appear with "no caller ID." If during the phone call the medical personnel (nurse or provider) determines that an in-person visit is necessary, they will provide instructions on how to report to the MDG building for an exam. We will not be offering walk-in treatments, to include sore throat, wart, blood pressure checks, urinary tract infections, or confidence checks. To handle these needs, please call the appointment line or book via Tricare Online (TOL) <https://www.tricareonline.com/tol2/>. To practice good social distancing and avoid unnecessary risk of exposure, please stay away from the clinic unless your visit is of the utmost importance. Space-available patients cannot be seen at this time.

Laboratory: Due to COVID-19 laboratory efforts, the lab will have limited services. All routine lab work is discouraged at this time and will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Radiology: Services remain unaffected by the change in operations.

Immunizations: Services remain unaffected by the change in operations.

Pharmacy: Prescriptions will be available for pick-up between 0900-1100 and 1400-1600 Monday to Friday. Prescription pick-up will not be available at any other time.

A Third Party individual that is picking up for another patient requires 2 things:

1. The patient's military ID card OR a picture of the front and the back of the patient's military ID card.
2. A written statement with the following verbiage: "I (patient's name) give permission for (Third Party) to pick up any and all of my prescriptions from the 18 MDG Pharmacy." Once the statement is signed, please bring in either a hard copy or photograph

of statement (for example you may show a picture of the signed statement received via text.) When coming to pick up prescriptions, patients will be directed by the staff on where to park to receive prescriptions.

Urgent Care Needs: If you have a medical emergency, please dial 911 on base (098-934-5911 off base) or proceed to the Emergency Department at the Naval Hospital on Camp Foster. If you feel you must be seen in the clinic within the next 24-72 hours, please call our Central Appointment Line. Alternatively, the Nurse Advice Line is also available to you 24/7.

Routine Care: Please consider delaying routine care or follow-up in the clinic if you feel this would be appropriate. This will allow us to save appointments for those needing more urgent care.

Dental Care: Our dental clinic is following the ADA (American Dental Association) COVID treatment guidelines. We are delaying routine dental cleanings, treatments such as fillings and crowns and focusing on Active Duty annual exams and treatment as well as dental pain. The dental front desk staff is reaching out to patients already scheduled for routine work to cancel their appointments and reschedule for a later date. Sick call appointments can still be made through the Central Appointment Line.

Below are more specifics related to our specialty clinics.

Pediatrics:

- All well child visits for children over the age of 18 months are postponed until further notice.
- All well child visits, and required scheduled appointments for children with issues other than fever, cough, congestion, etc., will be rescheduled to the first appointments of the day to limit the risk of coming into contact with other patients.

Flight Medicine:

- Fliers needing a return to fly, or fliers without fever, cough or shortness of breath will be seen during morning walk-in hours. Fliers with symptoms of fever, cough or shortness of breath should call flight medicine to speak with a provider.

Women's Health Clinic:

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 - Pre-natal care will continue as scheduled.
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 - Services will continue as scheduled.
 Beginning Monday, March 30, the 18 MDG will screen patients before using a single point of entry. Patients who have a fever, cough or shortness of breath will not be permitted to enter the clinic building, but every effort will be made to ensure their concerns are addressed. In the event patients are experiencing a fever, cough or shortness of breath our medical personnel will ensure that the patient understands their next step in receiving care.
Contact Information:
 Central Appointment Line: DSN: 630-4817 or COMM: 098-960-4817
 Nurse Advice Line (24/7): DSN: 94-888-901-7144 or COMM: 0120-996-985 or 0066-33-821820
 (The Nurse Advice Line is also experiencing high call volumes). Web app to text chat or video chat at <https://mhsnurseadvice.com>.

USNHO notice
 Are you a healthcare professional interested in volunteering at USNHO to care for COVID 19 patients if an emergency were to be declared? Volunteers interested in participating during an emergency should contact Angela Reese-Conver at usn.butler.navhospokinawaja.mesg.credentialsstaff@mail.mil for pre-credentialing. Patient care would only be enacted in case of an emergency. If an emergency is declared, both those who have been pre-credentialed and others presenting at that time can be credentialed and begin volunteering. Personal Protective Equipment would be issued such as gowns, gloves, goggles, and masks for those providing direct care. Pre-credentialing does not obligate your service.
 Required documentation consists of:
 (1) Valid photo ID (Please don't scan or email a DoD ID or CAC Card, a driver's license will work!)
 (2) Evidence of valid state licensure.
 We are seeking individuals with experience in the fields below:
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 Physician (Critical Care)
 Physician (Emergency Medicine)
 Physician (Internal Medicine)
 Physician (Family Medicine)
 Physician (Radiologist)
 Nurse (Acute Care Nurse Practitioner)
 Nurse (Medical Surgical)

Nurse (Emergency Trauma)
 Nurse (Perioperative)
 Nurse (Critical Care)
 Pharmacist-Inpatient
 Environmental Health
 Laboratory Technician
 Respiratory Therapist
 Surgical Technician
 Pharmacy Technician
 Radiology Technician
 Preventive Medicine Technician
 Nurse (Licensed Practical/Licensed Vocational)
 Childcare Workers (to care for the children of essential medical personnel)
 *Additional medical skill sets are welcomed to augment as needed.

Okinawa-wide COVID Care Line is Now Live!
 DoD patients across Okinawa can now call 098-971-9691 (from on base-646-9691) 24 hours a day/7 days a week. This is an island-wide call line for all your COVID-19 questions and concerns. If you are not able to get through the COVID Care Line, please contact the Nurse Advice Line at 012-099-6985 (from Japanese cell phones) or 0066-3382-1820 (Japanese toll free number).

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Virtual conference focuses on competition, resiliency

By Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

4/21/2020 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — In lieu of the normal in-person attendance, commanders, command chiefs and directors from across Pacific Air Forces connected virtually for the spring commander's conference, including a China Symposium, Operational Plan table top exercise and resiliency discussion April 13 and 15.

"While the ongoing pandemic has certainly presented challenges to our ability for physical attendance, it was my determination that the information, discussion, and collaboration from both our China Symposium and our semiannual conference, were too important to say it was too hard to execute," said Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., PACAF commander.

As with every conference, Brown's vision for the event focused on enhancing leadership awareness, challenging our thinking, and driving collaboration and discussion across leadership at all levels.

"All of this is designed to make us think, increase our dialogue and make us better, to include how we might all change our perspective and understanding in a post-COVID world," he said. "We should take full advantage of the things we're doing differently now to think differently about how we approach the future."

Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., Pacific Air Forces commander, discusses resiliency initiatives with commanders, command chiefs and directors from across the command as part of the virtual spring commander's conference. Leaders gathered through a number of communication platforms, for a China Symposium, Operational Plan table top exercise and resiliency discussion April 13 and 15.



(U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)

The China Symposium portion of the conference brought together experts from academia, think tanks, and within the U.S. military to discuss opportunities to bolster understanding, identify ways to support and enable the Joint Force, allies and partners, and collaborate on ways to ensure the command is postured to compete, deter and win.

"This event really helped us gain a better understanding of where we are, where we need to be, and where we need to go," Brown said. "We are committed to our role in promoting long-term peace and prosperity and need to think about how each of us can address actions that threaten or undermine the rules-based international order."

Discussion included the abundance of disinformation regard-

ing the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and the importance of our strong network of allies and partners to counter regional threats.

"We can't overemphasize the need for transparency, cooperation, and trust, not only with our allies and partners, but especially with our Airmen and families," Brown said.

Transitioning to the broader conference discussion, Brown addressed a number of areas where the command has made progress since the fall gathering, to include an overhaul of DOC (Designed Operational Capability) statements that define unit wartime capability, a command-wide review of exercise priorities, the Air Force-wide adoption of the Agile Combat Employment concept of operations, and an enhanced focus on

initiatives to develop and ensure the resiliency of the force.

The timing also offered the opportunity to discuss how adaptations to preserve readiness and resiliency through COVID-19 should drive us in shaping a "new normal" across PACAF.

"We have to be ready to lead in the changes ahead, to include capturing what we're doing right, where can we improve, and what can be eliminated or needs to be added," he said. "And most importantly, how do we stay socially connected?"

A week prior, Brown and Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Johnson, PACAF command chief, released a video focused on just that, the importance of prioritizing social connection despite the physical distancing and travel restrictions in place to ensure

health and safety of our Airmen and families.

For many units, their efforts since the Fall CSAF-directed Resiliency Tactical Pause have paid dividends in today's physically-distanced environment, to include the involvement of family and community members. That connection has expanded beyond the local area to many commanders and chiefs intentionally timing their virtual engagements to directly connect with family members around the globe.

"We're inspired by the initiatives we're seeing across the command and grateful for the opportunity to share ideas and best practices, and to identify where we need to leverage more resources," Johnson said.

All in attendance applauded the work across the command from the medical community, chaplains, mental health providers, family life counselors, and child care workers. A number of chiefs also highlighted Airmen-led initiatives that have taken hold, from Dorm Councils developing creative fitness solutions, to using social media to share talents, provide professional development and organize virtual events.

"Our mission hasn't slowed and the need to care for one another hasn't changed. They've evolved and will continue to evolve going forward," Brown said. "We're all in this together."

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