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Kadena 3D prints shields in COVID-19 fight

By Airman 1st Class Mandy Foster

18th Wing Public Affairs

4/28/2020 - KADENA AIR BASE

— As experts search for vaccines, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) shortages have become a critical issue during the outbreak of COVID-19. Many companies, individuals, and institutions have stepped up to fulfill this growing demand — Kadena Air Base is no exception.

By utilizing the resources and talents of Airmen across Team Kadena, the Wing Innovations team determined how to best assist their community.

It was decided that designing and printing face shields would be best in conserving medical PPE, explained Maj. Darrell A. Lee, Jr., 18th Wing Innovations chief.

“We were immediately able to see the challenges other innovation hubs were having within their wings and had the opportunity to pull our resources together to come up with a solution that fit

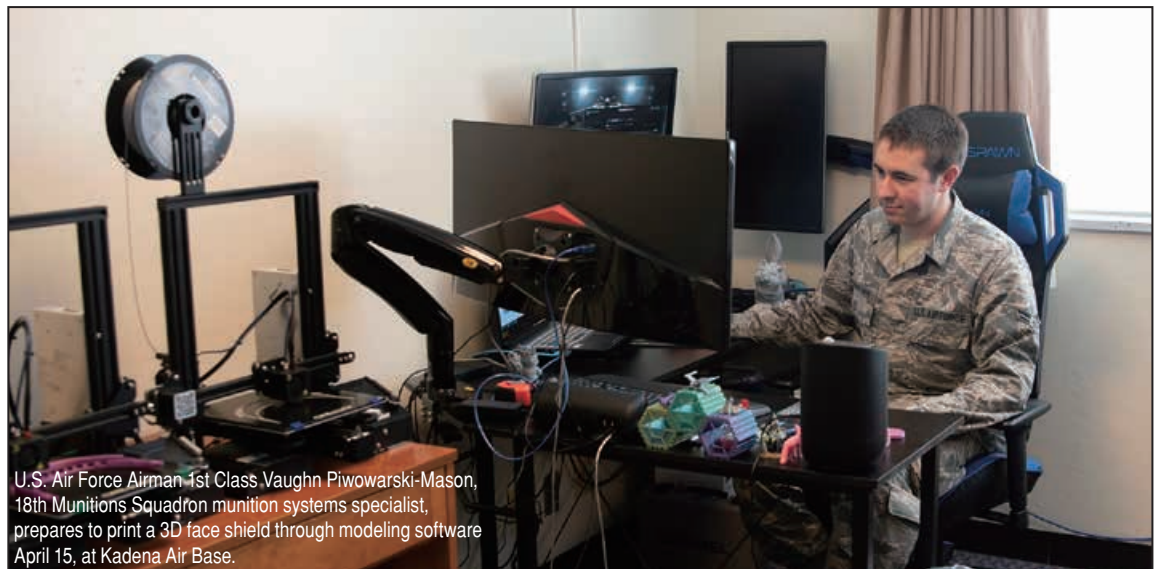
our situation here,” he said.

The design began with a fabrication team from the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron that modified the original face shield design to use materials that are readily available.

“What’s great about this effort is that we learned from other Air Force innovation hubs from around the globe to do what we can with our resources and technology to help the 18th Wing prepare for a potential spike in COVID-19 cases,” Lee explained.

Along with the 18th EMS, the 18th Dental Squadron also started printing face shields on the unit’s 3D printer and guided the Shogun Spark Innovation Hub on how to use their 3D printers to maximize production.

Because of the team’s efforts, almost 100 face shields were distributed to the 18th Medical Group and Security Forces Squadron. Once there is a surplus of face shields, the Wing Innovations team will donate the excess to the



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Vaughn Piwowarski-Mason, 18th Munitions Squadron munition systems specialist, prepares to print a 3D face shield through modeling software April 15, at Kadena Air Base.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Mandy Foster)

Naval Hospital in Guam.

“The face shields we are making help protect our front-line workers, like Security Forces, who are interacting with a large amount of people every day,” Lee stated.

In order to maximize efforts, the Wing Innovations team put

out a call to Airmen who have the experience and capability to 3D print. Four of Team Kadena’s very own volunteered to step up and assist with the printing.

From work centers to dorm rooms, leisure time to duty hours, printing face shields has been a unified effort across the 18th

Wing.

“Our Wing Innovations team was able to concentrate and coordinate the Airmen’s abilities to come up with a solution that will ultimately help conserve our vital medical PPE and more importantly help protect our Airmen from this potential threat,” Lee said.

Service personnel policies help with retention during pandemic

U.S. Air Force basic military graduation is held April 16, at the 320th Training Squadron’s Airman Training Complex on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Johnny Saldivar)

By C. Todd Lopez

DOD News

4/29/2020 - WASHINGTON — While the private sector suffers from social distancing and the effects of illnesses and forced shutdowns related to COVID-19, the U.S. military must continue to do its job. And though it’s too early to tell if challenges with employment among civilians have driven more people to military recruiting stations, one thing that has benefited is retention, the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness said.

Speaking yesterday as part of an online

discussion with the Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies in Washington, Matthew P. Donovan said that because of the increased social distancing and quarantine requirements, the military services have had to reduce the numbers they move through basic training. That reduction might leave a gap in total end strength, he said, because service members might still retire or separate in the same numbers as usual.

To address that issue, Donovan said, the military services have adjusted personnel policies to get existing service members to perhaps stay longer — and

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many are doing so.

As the services put voluntary extensions on enlistments and voluntary extensions on retirement dates or dates of separation into effect, that is making up for some of that gap now, Donovan said. “Folks are deciding to stay longer because they look on the outside and they [say], ‘You know, I’ve got a pretty good job now, so I want to stay,’” he added. “It’s one of the things that we’re tracking, but it seems to be evening out right now.”

Over the long term, the military does face competition with the private sector for talent, Donovan said, and changes might need to happen in the future to address that competition.

One possibility, he said, is looking at existing “up or out” policies requiring service members to meet timed promotion milestones or risk being asked to leave the service. Some he noted, may be happy in a particular place and in their current rank.

Other considerations include providing the opportunity for personnel to “take a pause” in their career without suffering

a penalty. For example, service members might be able to leave or pause their service to start a family and then come back at a later time and pick up where they left off.

“One of the things that we’re working with the Congress is to apply more permeability, the ability to move between the different components at different times in your life,” Donovan said. “It may be when you’re younger and you want to start a family. And that applies to either males or females, depending on who has the career going at the time.” And many senior service members have parents who may be aging and in need of care, he noted, and they may want to be able to take time off and return without any penalty.

Such policy changes wouldn’t mean that during such a pause personnel would get promotions or advance in seniority, but “you ought to be able to come in at the same place you left,” he said.

Donovan said the Defense Department is in close consultation with Congress on these types of personnel issues.

COVID-19

Airmen caring for Airmen

By Airman 1st Class Erin Baxter

15th Wing Public Affairs

4/27/2020 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii —

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, Air Force operations continue, with some modifications to keep Airmen safe and healthy.

To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, service members traveling from outside of Oahu, are placed on a restriction of movement to monitor for symptoms before returning to the mission, based on DoD guidance.

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam established the COVID-19 Support Team to ensure personnel placed in ROM are cared for.

"This global pandemic is historic, alarming, and extremely challenging for our nation," said Chief Master Sgt. Steven O. Koehler Jr., 15th Wing command chief. "Our volunteers have unselfishly stepped up to the plate to show that we are

in this together. They bring convenience to those that are not able to travel between public shopping facilities and they also bring that positive face-to-face interaction that provides a huge morale boost."

"The world is fighting an unconventional war against a faceless enemy," added Master Sgt. Jason L. Gabel, 15th Medical Group first sergeant, and COVID-19 Support Team manager. "It is critical to ensure the health and safety of our Airmen and that is why the COVID-19 Support Team was created."

The CST, composed of Airmen and Sailors, delivers three meals from the Hale Aina Dining Facility and essentials to personnel placed on ROM, to ensure their daily needs are met.

"I feel like I'm making a difference by being able to assist incoming Airmen," said Airman 1st Class Andrea Mann, 392nd Intelligence Squadron communications signal

intelligence analyst and CST volunteer. "In this way, we let them know they are welcomed onto our base and that they will be taken care of."

In addition to providing needs for their physical well-being, the team also assists with the mental well-being of the Airmen.

"Not only are we providing meals, but we're there to provide a wellness check," said Staff Sgt. Karl L. Gifford, 535th Airlift Squadron Globemaster C-17 loadmaster and volunteer. "We need to make sure that we care about and check on them in these times where they may instead wish to be with their families."



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Zachary Healy)
▲ U.S. Navy Sailors deliver meals from the Hale Aina Dining Facility to newly arrived personnel placed on restriction of movement on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, April 16.

Taking care of Airmen and families is one of the 15th Wing's priorities. Although Airmen in ROM are physically distanced from their fellow Airmen, the CST ensures they are still cared for.

"I'm giving my fellow wingmen a positive perspective on how the Air Force handles crisis situations and still manages to help their people," Mann said. "I feel proud to be a part of this team."

Maryland National Guard provides meals for homeless

By Capt. Brendan Cassidy

29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

4/22/2020 - SALISBURY, Md. —

The Maryland National Guard began a multiweek mission preparing and delivering meals to an emergency encampment for homeless people displaced due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Five Soldiers from the 115th Military Police Battalion, Maryland Army National Guard, will cook and transport more than two dozen dinners daily to Lake Street Park in Salisbury through mid-May.

"I can't say enough about my guys and their dedication to what

they put forth today," said 1st Sgt. John Clayton, acting sergeant major of the 115th Military Police Battalion. "We are going to be out here for 25 days bringing dinner chow so they have something hot to eat each night."

The mission brought together Soldiers from three military police units. In the kitchen of the Blair Crockett Armory in Salisbury, food was added to carryout containers in an assembly line before it was taken to the residents at the encampment, affectionately renamed Camp Hope.

"Having the National Guard help



(U.S. Army photo by Capt. Brendan Cassidy)
▲ Maryland National Guard members are preparing and delivering meals to an emergency encampment of homeless people in Salisbury, Maryland, who have been displaced due to COVID-19 pandemic.

us feed the [citizens] that are experiencing homelessness is a huge blessing," said Christine Chestnutt, housing and homelessness manager for Salisbury. "It is incredible and makes my heart happy."

Camp Hope is one of seven food distributions operations

across the state assisted by the Maryland National Guard. More than 2,000 MDNG Soldiers and Airmen are supporting Maryland's response to COVID-19 – part of a nationwide force of almost 41,600 National Guard members activated in the fight.

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Additional medical Reservists called up to support fight against COVID-19

By Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

4/24/2020 - ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — More than 150 additional Air Force Reserve medical specialists were mobilized in the latest Air Force Reserve call-up in support of COVID-19 relief efforts with most Reservists set to assist medical staff in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

The latest deployment brings the total of Air Force Reservists mobilized in support of COVID-19 relief efforts to more than 770 around the nation. Most volunteered and reported in less than 48 hours to support.

"I've never been more proud of our Reserve Citizen Airmen and how they've stepped up to support Americans," said Lt. Gen. Richard Scobee, AFRC commander and Chief of the Air

Force Reserve. "The Air Force Reserve is designed to provide critical rapid response and this capability is on full display as we provide support where it's needed most."

The Reserve Airmen – traditional Reservists, Air Reserve technicians and individual mobilization augmentees – come from 18 Air Force Reserve units around the country and will continue to provide medical support to Americans in the U.S. Army North's and Task Force New York/New Jersey's area of responsibility. ARNORTH is designated as the lead component to work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to align federal military support to validated requests for assistance. There are more than 2,500 active duty, Reserve and Defense Department civilians providing assistance as part of the feder-

al response in the region to the COVID pandemic.

"We remain committed to maintaining cooperation with our federal, state and local partners while providing requested and approved support to the areas of our country impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic," said Lt. Gen. Laura Richardson, the DOD's COVID-19 response Joint Forces Land Component commander, and ARNORTH commander.

This latest call for additional medical support adds to the nationwide efforts by the Air Force Reserve to include Air Force Reserve aeromedical evacuation specialists called up last week and Air Force doctors, nurses, physician assistants, public health, respiratory support and other technicians to help with the



(U.S. Air Force photo by Lt. Col. Stan Paregien)

Master Sgt. Blair Bookland and members of the 932nd Medical Group board a C-40C, April 22, at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., to support COVID-19 relief efforts in New York as the 932nd MDG commander, Col. Chris Spinelli, right, says farewell as they depart.

fight against COVID-19.

There are currently more than 54,300 DOD personnel supporting COVID relief efforts with almost 15,000 deployed in support of response operations. Nearly 5,000 U.S. Navy, Air Force, and Army personnel are Reservists and 35,750 National Guard professionals are also supporting the COVID-19 response around the nation.

Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka delivers goodie bags to ROM Sailors

By Edward Holland

Commander, Fleet Activities

Yokosuka Public Affairs

4/24/2020 - YOKOSUKA, Japan — Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) Chapel of Hope personnel delivers goodie bags to Sailors currently under Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Restriction of Movement (ROM) at Transient Personnel Unit (TPU), April 23.

The goodie bags were put together at the Yokosuka USO, and the nearly 100 bags were filled with items from snacks to hygienic items for those under the

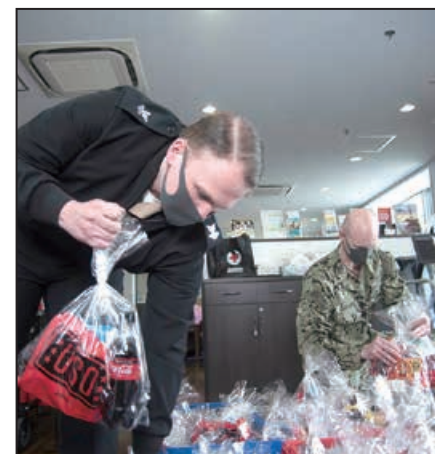
14-day ROM.

"Since March 17, we have been accommodating ROM-status Sailors," said Lt. Henry Villatoro, CFAY's TPU officer in charge. "These goodie bags from the USO are just one more measure to positively boost those affected by COVID-19 (protection measures)."

The renovated TPU, which reopened in September 2019, is perfectly suited for taking care of Sailors in ROM. The TPU staff was able to deliver the goodie bags by setting them in front of the TPU room doors while maintaining physical distancing.

"The availability of goodie bags are just one of the ways to make a two week isolation period less difficult for everyone," said Capt. Philip King, CFAY's Chaplain who helped organize the program. "Seeing our CFAY numbers remain low and manageable is also an indication that we are on the right course."

For 75 years, CFAY has provided, maintained, and operated base facilities and services in support of the U.S. 7th Fleet's forward-deployed naval forces, tenant commands, and thousands of military and civilian personnel and their families.



(U.S. Navy photo by Edward Holland)

Religious Program Specialist Second Class Petty Officer Tyler Mabry and Lt.j.g. John Eldredge, one of CFAY's Chaplains, prepare goodie bags at USO Yokosuka for delivery to ROM Sailors at CFAY's TPU, April 23.

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Pacific Air Forces announces 2019 Outstanding Airmen of the Year nominees, winners

By Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

4/17/2020 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — Pacific Air Forces announced the nominees and winners of its 2019 Outstanding Airmen of the Year awards, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam April 17, 2020.

The PACAF Outstanding Airmen of the Year and First Sergeant of the Year awards recognize outstanding personnel for exceptional job performance in their primary duty, superior leadership and followership, and epitomizing the whole airman concept.

The Honor Guard awards recognizes the member who has made the most significant contribution in the area of military honors and ceremonies at base level programs.

The nominees in the following categories will go on to compete at the Air Force level.

- **First Sergeant of the Year:** *Senior Master Sgt. Andrea Dimick, 673rd Security Forces Squadron,*

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

- **Airman of the Year:** *Senior Airman Richard Kim, 607th Air Support Operations Group, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea*
- **Noncommissioned Officer of the Year:** *Tech. Sgt. Matthew Dobbins, 354th Security Forces Squadron, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska*
- **Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year:** *Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Ricks, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces PACAF/A4, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii*
- **Honor Guard Member of the Year:** *Staff Sgt. Suchi Xiong, 51st Communications Squadron, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea*
- **Honor Guard Program Manager of the Year:** *Master Sgt. Bradley Parker, 718th Force Support Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan*

The following Airmen are winners in their respective categories:

- **Company Grade Officer of the Year:** *Capt. Jeffrey Downie, 80th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan Air Base, Korea*
 - **Civilian Category I of the Year:** *Yasushi Oshiro, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan*
 - **Civilian Category II of the Year:** *Takashi Miyamoto, 35th Civil Engineer Squadron, Misawa Air Base, Japan*
 - **Civilian Category III of the Year:** *Janney Dunlavey, 3rd Weapons Group, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska*
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Japanese officials work with U.S. Marines at MCAS Futenma



By U.S. Forces, Japan

4/24/2020 - YOKOTA AIR BASE, Tokyo

— Engineers with the U.S. Marine Corps conducted soil scraping operations at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Futenma on April 24, to remove probable contaminants next to an underground storage tank after firefighting foam spilled on April 10. The scraping is designed to be deep enough to achieve a high degree of certainty that all possible contaminants from the spill are recovered. The spill happened when an aircraft hangar fire suppression system accidentally triggered, releasing a mixture of approximately 1,200 gallons of Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) and 40,000 gallons of water. This was followed by an additional 20,000 gallons of water. About 22,000 gallons of the mixture was captured on base through U.S. Marine Corps containment systems and response efforts, while the rest escaped the base. An investigation into the cause of this incident is ongoing.

The commander of U.S. Forces in Japan, Lt. Gen. Kevin Schneider, expressed his regret at this spill, but also his appreciation for the close cooperation between the Government of Japan, the Okinawa Prefectural Government, the city of Ginowan, and the U.S. Marine Corps.

“We regret this spill and are working hard to find out why it happened in order to ensure an event like this does not happen again. However, I am very pleased with the level of cooperation we have seen at the local and national levels as we clean this up and work to manage the global challenge presented by these substances,” said Schneider. “I especially want to commend the leadership of Ginowan City and MCAS Futenma for their close coordination and cooperation following this unfortunate event. We were able to coordinate four site visits to the base starting the day after the event as well as to conduct a water sampling as soon as it was requested. I am pleased by the open communication and quick response.”

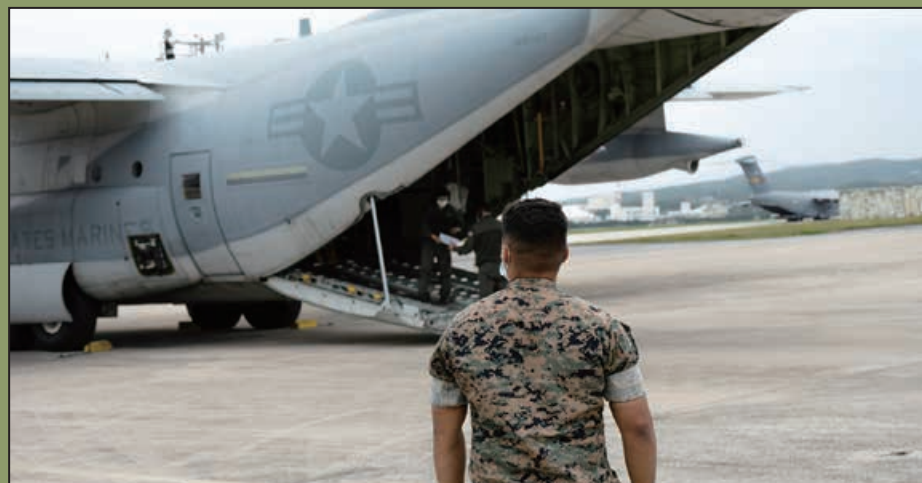
Fire suppression systems like this are used around the world in both civilian and military applications and contain chemicals known as PFOS, perfluorooctane sulfonate and PFOA, or perfluorooctanoic acid, which rapidly extinguish fuel fires and protect against catastrophic loss of life and property. These are two chemicals of a larger class known as PFAS, or per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances, and are considered “emerging contaminants” that have been used everywhere in a wide variety of applications.

In solid form, PFAS substances are also used commonly in household products such as nonstick cookware, clothing, shoes, furniture and carpeting. Both the U.S. and Japan are working to find safer alternatives, but there are no national environmental governing standards for these substances in either country. Despite this lack of standards, however, both countries have suggested limitations on the combined levels of these substances ingested through drinking water. Although no standards or suggested limitations exist on these substances in ground water, the United States Department of Defense proactively recovers these chemicals if spilled out of an abundance of caution.

To help address this global issue, the U.S. Secretary of Defense, Dr. Mark Esper, created a task force last year to ensure a coordinated, aggressive and holistic approach to department-wide efforts to address these chemicals. The PFAS Task Force released a progress report outlining its efforts on March 13. Additionally, U.S. Forces Japan and the Government of Japan continue close coordination on this issue through the Joint Committee and the Environmental Sub-committee. The Joint Committee is the formal coordination mechanism for bilateral cooperation.

(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Zachary Larsen)
 ▲ The Okinawa Defense Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Okinawa Liaison Officer, and Ministry of Environment all came to Marine Corps Air Station Futenma to conduct sampling of water, April 21. Also in attendance, Masanori Matsukawa, mayor of Ginowan City, observed the sampling process conducted by both Okinawan officials and U.S. Marines.

COVID-19 Travel Screening



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

▲ U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Willie Marshall escorts returning personnel at K5-R on U.S. Air Force Base Kadena, April 20. Marines with 3rd Transportation Support Battalion facilitate the distribution and reception of personnel and equipment to support III Marine Expeditionary Force.

◀ U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Jason Allen checks the temperature of returning personnel for symptoms of COVID-19 at K5-R on U.S. Air Force Base Kadena, April 20. Marines with the Combat Logistics Regiment 35 COVID-19 screening team, have been assembled to examine III Marine Expeditionary Force personnel deemed mission-essential for travel in compliance with travel restrictions.



DLA sends more protective equipment to Pacific troops

By Jacob Joy

DLA Disposition Services

4/28/2020 - COLUMBUS, OH — The Defense Logistics Agency continues sending excess personal protective equipment to Pacific-based warfighters to limit the spread of COVID-19.

DLA Disposition Services recently sent 125,000 surgical masks to Marine Corps units deployed to Okinawa after previously shipping 50,000 masks to three aircraft carriers in the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command region.

In all, the agency has provided almost half a million surgical and N95 masks that were considered Defense Department surplus before the pandemic. The items were recalled from DLA's public sales contract holder, GovPlanet, and sent to military units, the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Health and Human Services, Federal Emergency Management Agency and other federal agencies.

“During these unprecedented times, we are all doing our best to support those battling COVID-19 on the front lines,” said Mike Cannon, Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services director. “We are work-

ing closely with our partners to ensure items get to those who need them. GovPlanet has done an inventory of all items they have acquired from us to find anything that may be useful to the pandemic response efforts.”

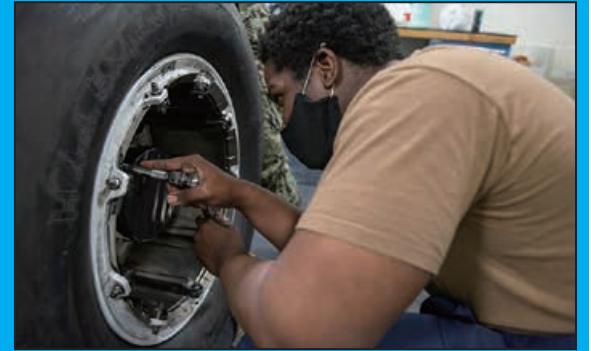
Other surplus medical supplies provided to military and federal agencies in March and April includes 24 ventilators for FEMA and Army medical teams, about 8,000 human remains pouches and over 41,000 protective suits also transferred to FEMA. The additional items are worth about \$4.5 million.

Ben Waller, who directs operations at DLA Disposition Services sites in Northeast states where the pandemic has so far hit the hardest, said his employees continue to overcome challenges to quickly put helpful items in the hands of troops, first responders and medical professionals who need them the most.

“Our entire team is showing a collective brave face during a very dangerous pandemic,” he said. “We understand the seriousness of this situation, but our people are committed to executing the mission at hand while simultaneously taking care of our personal well-being.”

AIMD Detachment Kadena conducts maintenance on P-8A Poseidon main landing gear tire

> Aviation Structural Mechanic Airman Apprentice Tyler Ariniello, from Texarkana, Texas, and Aviation Structural Mechanic 2nd Class Natalie Schobel, from Apple Valley, Calif., assigned to Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD) Detachment Kadena, conduct maintenance on a main landing gear tire from a P-8A Poseidon aircraft, April 21.



(U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class Matthew Dickinson) ^ Aviation Structural Mechanic Airman Julian Denerson, from Clemmons, N.C., assigned to Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD) Detachment Kadena, checks the torque on the nuts of a main landing gear tire from a P-8A Poseidon aircraft, April 21.

Daily life of Marines during COVID-19 pandemic

By Lance Cpl. Brennan Beuton

Marine Corps Installations Pacific 4/27/2020 - CAMP FOSTER — The daily lives of U.S. Marines have seen drastic changes following the recognition of COVID-19 as a global pandemic March 11. Marines stationed aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler have implemented teleworking as a way to practice social distancing and combat the spread of the virus.

Teleworking is defined as working from home while maintaining contact with colleagues, customers or a central office.

With these new rules and regulations, the work life, social life, and home life of Marines in the barracks deviates from life before COVID-19.

Marines assigned to the Distribution Management Office on Camp Foster have an especially unique and difficult task amid the outbreak.

DMO Marines are tasked with booking flights for temporary assignment duties and permanent change of station orders, as well as moving all of a Marine's personal property during those times.

With the Department of Defense's travel ban affecting Marines and sailors on Okinawa trying to move to and from the island, the DMO Marines who are teleworking, take on constant work.

Lance Cpl. Amanda Martinez, a personal property clerk with Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations Pacific - MCB Camp Butler said communication is the most challenging aspect of teleworking during this outbreak.

"We are used to face-to-face interactions, but we are having to call and email members and they're teleworking as well," said Martinez. "It has been taking a little bit longer as far as documents being signed and information being sent back and forth."

While teleworking is an effective way to combat the spread of the virus, it hinders

the DMO to operate at its full potential.

"Half of our staff is in office and half of the staff is teleworking at the barracks so we're trying out a bunch of things to figure out the best way to communicate with our members and our team to make mission," said Cpl. Ricardo Casarez, the passenger travel office noncommissioned officer in charge with H&S BN, MCIPAC - MCB Camp Butler. "Regardless, we continue to work as a team in order to adapt and overcome COVID-19."

Not only has their job been affected, but their daily duties as Marines and the uniform they wear.

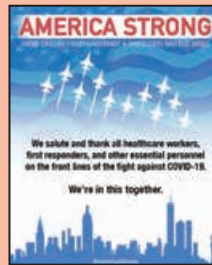
"We are now required to wear masks, it's become a part of our everyday carries for us, and we are required to maintain social distancing which are both not part of our daily routines but it has become a norm for Marines," said Casarez, a native of Montclair, California.

Even the Marines' physical training schedule has been altered, but it does not stop them from working out however they can.

"We used to PT every day, now it's all on yourself to maintain your physical fitness," said Martinez, a native of Sante Fe, Mexico. "It is kind of hard because of the gyms being closed, but a lot of us are just running every day, and do what we can with what we have. We are just adapting and overcoming to still be ready to fight if we have a calling."

III Marine Expeditionary Force announced Health Protection Condition Charlie Plus, which entails off-base liberty becoming prohibited. However, the Marines still see a bright side of things during these difficult times.

"Due to COVID-19, Marines [are not] able to execute liberty off base and enjoy the island, I think it's brought comradery within units," said Casarez. "It has definitely brought that feeling of being close for us. I believe it has made us more united than we have ever been."



OPERATION AMERICA STRONG

The U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, and U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds, honored frontline COVID-19 first responders and essential workers with formation flights over New York City, New Jersey and Philadelphia on April 28.



(U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Cmdr. Aaron Hicks)



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NOTICE 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.

- CITY HALL OFFICES: A/Yellow Plated/Mini-Cars and motorcycles must process their payments at their respective City Hall Office. Members must bring fees in Yen and their original Japanese title, individuals will receive a Road Tax receipt upon payment.

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

- Valid JCI Policy

- Valid PDI (American Insurance) Policy

- Updated Military Registration.

*Due to COVID-19 measures, the deadlines for Road Tax payment and decal issuance may change. Please visit our website or our official website for further information or Contact JSVRO staff members for any questions/inquiries 645-7481.

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/to/2/>. 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:

- Routine annual pap smear and well-woman exams are postponed until further notice.

- Pre-natal care will continue as scheduled.

Physical Therapy:

- 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

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 (The Nurse Advice Line is also experiencing high call volumes). Web app to text chat or video chat at <https://mhsnurseadvice.com>.

facilities
 Noncompliance with this directive by military members is punishable under the Uniformed Code of Military Justice. Those not subject to military law may be barred or denied access to the installation. For any questions or information, please see your respective chain of command.

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 (Emergency Medicine)
 Physician (Internal Medicine)
 Physician (Family Medicine)
 Physician (Radiologist)
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 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.

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.

Contact tracing has been implemented to track the possible spread of COVID-19.
 All personnel who live on, work on, or access the 18th Wing are required to maintain a daily contact tracing record. The contact tracing record will only be reviewed by medical personnel in support of COVID-19 tracing investigations. The record must include date, time, duration of contact, location, and names of individuals who meet the following conditions:
 1. Being approximately within six feet or two meters of an individual for longer than 10 minutes
 2. Anyone with whom they've had physical contact while caring for, living with, or visiting
 3. Anyone having direct contact with an individual's secretions (coughing or sneezing on, or being coughed or sneezed on)
 4. Individuals will also log date, time (arrival/departure) and location for any visits to healthcare

The next Samurai Gate will be newsstand on May 15.
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5- May	1100-1400	Torii Express	Nukumi Kitchen
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10- May	1100-1700	KAB Concession Mall	Churros Chilin-no-Suzu
11- May	1100-1400	KAB Flightline	Nukumi Kitchen
11- May	1700-1900	Torii Express	Triple A
12- May	1100-1400	KAB Flightline	Café Shiyu de Pokko
12- May	1100-1400	Torii Express	Nukumi Kitchen
13- May	1100-1400	KAB Flightline	Old Spices
13- May	1700-1900	KAB Concession Mall	Triple A
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US, Japan bomber-fighter integration demonstrates dynamic force employment



A U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D. and F-16 Fighting Falcons from Misawa Air Base, Japan, conducted bilateral joint training with Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF) F-2s off the coast of Northern Japan, April 22.
(U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Timothy Moore)

By Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

4/22/2020 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — In demonstration of the U.S. Air Force's dynamic force employment model, a U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer bomber flew from the continental United States and integrated with the Koku Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force or JASDF) to conduct bilateral and theater familiarization training near Japan April 22.

The B-1, flew a 30-hour round-trip sortie from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., to the Indo-Pacific and teamed up with six U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons, seven JASDF F-2s and eight JASDF F-15s over Draughton Range near Misawa as part of a joint U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPACOM) U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) Bomber Task Force (BTF) mission before returning home.

"This operation showcases our unwavering commitment to the security and stability of the Indo-Pacific region through the employment of strategic forces from

around the globe," said Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., Pacific Air Forces and INDOPACOM Air Component commander. "From confronting invisible threats of a global pandemic to addressing military aggression and coercive activities, we remain a lethal, innovative and interoperable force focused on a shared vision of upholding a free and open Indo-Pacific."

In line with the National Defense Strategy's objectives of strategic predictability and operational unpredictability, the U.S. Air Force transitioned its force employment model to enable strategic bombers to operate forward in the Indo-Pacific region from a broader array of overseas and CONUS locations with greater operational resilience.

"Like the advancements of our Agile Combat Employment concept of operations, we continue to innovate and adapt our approach, to include how we deploy and employ the various weapons systems we integrate with our allies and partners," Brown said. "Bringing the B-1 into theater ensures our bilateral interoperability

accounts for any combination of flying operations to prepare for and outpace the rapidly growing threats in the Indo-Pacific region."

This marks the second CONUS-based bomber bilateral training to occur this year with the JASDF. On Feb. 3, two B-52s integrated with six USAF F-16s and more than 45 JASDF fighter aircraft in the vicinity of Misawa Air Base, Japan. Those bombers flew from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, and Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

"The rapid employment of airpower directly supports the National Defense Strategy and assures we can provide overwhelming force anywhere, anytime in support of American interests or our Allies and partners," said Gen. Tim Ray, Air Force Global Strike Command and Air Forces-Strategic commander. "This mission is a demonstration to our friends throughout the region: we will continue to remain fully predictable in our commitment to ensuring peace, while also demonstrating that we have the ability to operate from numerous locations across the globe,

even during the global pandemic."

The B-1 is assigned to the 28th Bomb Wing and the F-16s are assigned to the 35th Fighter Wing from Misawa Air Base, Japan.

The last time the B-1 was in the INDOPACOM area of responsibility was January 2018, when the airframe and crews completed a six-month Continuous Bomber Presence mission at Andersen. During that time, the 9th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron from Dyess Force Base, Texas, conducted a number of sequenced bilateral missions with the Republic of Korea Air Force and the JASDF.

USSTRATCOM has conducted BTF missions (previously known as Bomber Assurance and Deterrence missions) since 2014 as a demonstration of the U.S. commitment to collective security, and to integrate with Geographic Combatant Command operations. The first mission included B-52H Stratofortresses and B-2 Spirits traveling from the continental United States to Joint Base Pearl-Harbor Hickam in April 2014.

嘉手納基地の皆さんへ

2020年4月27日付

(新型コロナウイルスの)接触者の追跡調査については、すでにご存知の方も多いかと思えます。嘉手納基地においては、調査対象者 (PUI) が判明すると、万が一のウィルスの感染拡大に備えて、第18医療群の公衆衛生専門官らが追跡します。

今後、嘉手納基地及び第18航空団の管理区域に居住、勤務又は訪問するすべての者は、自身の接触者の履歴を毎日記録・保管することが求められます。記録する内容として、日付、時刻、接触時間、場所、及び次の基準を満たす接触者の氏名が必要になります。

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質問など

監督者へ連絡

注意: 嘉手納基地に立ち入り可能な者が、新型コロナウイルス感染の深刻なリスクを生じさせるような行為をした場合、または、部隊の健康・安全・福祉や任務の脅威となる悪質な行為をした場合は、基地への立ち入りが取り消されるなどといった行政制裁の対象となる場合がある。

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