

Future Ops maintains counter COVID-19 momentum



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kristan Campbell)

Members of the Future Operations team analyze COVID-19 data at an emergency operations center, May 6, at Kadena Air Base.

By Staff Sgt. Peter Reft

18th Wing Public Affairs
5/15/2020 - KADENA AIR BASE — As Team Kadena leaders consider how to implement and update force health protection measures, the Future Operations team, or FUOPS, works behind the scenes to arm decision makers with situational awareness and knowledge to make the most informed decisions.

The FUOPS mission enhances leaders' abilities to protect families while maintaining mission readiness during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"When you look at some of the force health protections and postures we are in, that is the result of our FUOPS team bringing together subject matter experts and recommending solutions to identified problems," said Maj. Richard McCann, one of two FUOPS Division Chiefs, from the 33rd Rescue Squadron. "The team puts together the series of options that help leaders understand all the benefits of each measure, but also at what cost."

FUOPS consists of subject matter experts from across the base who bring knowledge in medical, logistics, civil engineering, operations, and maintenance fields.

"We consider every possible situation, identify problems and then plan to mitigate those issues, so by the time we get to the prob-

lem we have a way of addressing it," McCann said. "We can go to the wing commander and say 'we know this is coming,' staying proactive instead of just reacting to issues as they come up."

Protecting the health of his people and maintaining mission readiness are the biggest priorities for the wing commander.

"In order to maintain mission readiness, we first need to protect the lives of our people. If the force is not preserved, our abilities to maintain mission readiness are inherently reduced," said Maj. Travis Church, the other FUOPS Division Chief, from the 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron. "The FUOPS team, in conjunction with all units across Kadena Air Base, have taken deep looks into how we can reduce our interactions, such as maximizing procedures for social distancing and sanitization while maintaining our mission proficiencies."

In addition to focusing on the safety of Team Kadena, FUOPS also engages with the Okinawa-wide Joint COVID-19 Response Cell as part of the planning process, which allows for data sharing throughout the different commands on island.

"To determine what problems we may face in the future, we look at what other bases are doing, their environment, and their posture," McCann said. "We also consider the actions Kadena

is taking today and try to project the second- and third-order effects of those actions in order to develop preemptive solutions."

Some of the issues FUOPS works through include determining potential health protection condition measure implementation and retraction, as well as balancing inbound and outbound permanent change of station (PCS) movement. Due to the unpredictable nature of the pandemic and complexity of implementing protection measures that impact thousands of people assigned to Kadena AB, the FUOPS team must overcome challenges that require them to reassess the situation at a moment.

"The challenge is keeping pace," said McCann said. "While the team is working feverishly on recommendations, such as figuring out PCS issues, new guidance may be released in the middle of all the research and hard work that changes everything. Sometimes this happens right after a recommendation has already been made and then the team just has to reassess and adjust."

Members of the FUOPS team understand COVID-19 is a threat, and are dedicated to protecting Team Kadena and its mission. According to FUOPS team leads, members

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Mental Health Awareness Month: Resiliency, wellness

By Shannon Hall

Air Force Wounded Warrior Program
5/15/2020 - JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — May is Mental Health Awareness month and this year it comes during a time of uncertainty and physical distancing that can be hard on everyone. Mental health plays a huge role as a priority for the Air Force Wounded Warrior Program, or AFW2, which sprung the creation of the Wellness and Resiliency Program.

The WAR team's goal is to help ensure there is a resilient community being built and maintained throughout all areas of a wounded warrior's life to include their physical, spiritual, mental and social fitness. During COVID-19, the team assists warriors, caregivers and staff cope with the mental stresses a pandemic can cause.

"The wellness program was created last year due to the increase of Air Force suicides," said Armando Franco, wellness team lead and resiliency interim. "Resili-

ency has always been a part of the AFW2 mission, and this program offers a multitude of activities and skills to help enable Airmen to make sound choices."

During this time it may be hard, almost impossible, for people to get out of, not only their homes, but their own heads and create a positive energy within themselves. Some activities that the WAR team teaches on live social media are journaling, different forms of art, improv, resiliency skills and live music. All activities apply resiliency skills in day-to-day living in order to promote healthy wellness.

"Keeping a healthy mental state during this time is more important than before because many people have never had to focus on it as much as they do now," said Candace Escobedo, WAR program manager. "The activities and skills taught through our program will help people maintain a well-balanced healthy lifestyle to continue beyond this pandemic."

There are many resources available to

help people through difficult times like these to include websites, social media groups, phone apps and many 24/7 hotlines. If you find yourself just needing a short breather, put some music on and dance, tackle a quick workout, do a puzzle or just step out in your yard and get some fresh air. Most importantly, make sure to stay socially connected to family and friends, even if it is a simple text. Always check on one another.

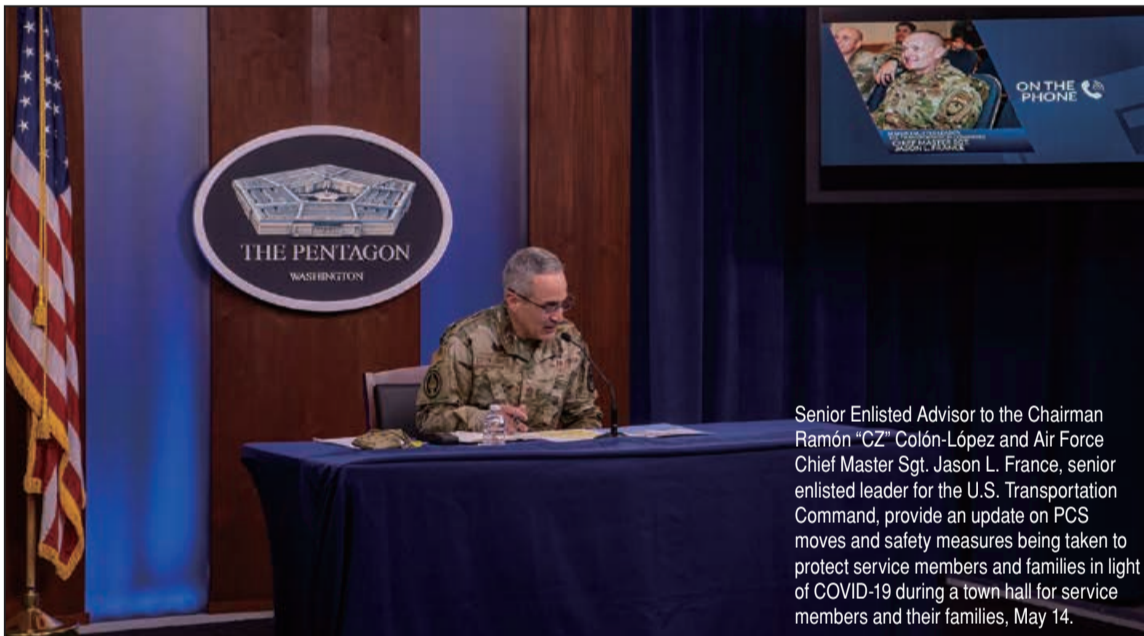
"Be mindful of where you are and the here and now," Armando said. "Join our events and witness for yourself the love, compassion and growth they can provide you."

AFW2 is hosting daily virtual socials live on Facebook to help everyone get through their stay at home. Visit the program's Facebook page to hear stories of resiliency and engage in wellness activities hosted by Air Force wounded warriors.



For additional information, visit www.woundedwarrior.af.mil to refer an Airman to the program, read about the program's mission, or learn about additional services offered to caregivers and families.

Top enlisted leaders answer questions on stop-move process



Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman Ramon "CZ" Colon-Lopez and Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Jason L. France, senior enlisted leader for the U.S. Transportation Command, provide an update on PCS moves and safety measures being taken to protect service members and families in light of COVID-19 during a town hall for service members and their families, May 14.

(DoD photo by Staff Sgt. Jack Sanders)

By Jim Garamone

DoD News
5/15/2020 - WASHINGTON — Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman Ramon "CZ" Colon-Lopez and U.S. Transportation Command's senior enlisted leader, Air Force (SEAC) Chief Master Sgt. Jason France, shed some light on moving in the time of COVID-19 during a vir-

tual town hall meeting.

The SEAC hosted the meeting with France today, as the two enlisted leaders answered service members' questions.

Defense Secretary Dr. Mark T. Esper froze movements soon after the pandemic hit U.S. shores. This stopped most military and civilian moves. Those deemed crucial required an ex-

ception to policy.

Each year, the Defense Department relocates more than 400,000 service members, DOD civilians and their families. Traditionally, this would be the beginning of the prime move season. COVID-19 has changed that, and it will change again once the restrictions are lifted.

Service members asked

when the order will lift. The current stop-movement order runs through June 30.

"Every 15 days, we're conducting a review to make sure that the implementation of practices makes sense," Colon-Lopez said. "And we're taking a common-sense approach to everything that we're doing with regards to the restrictions imposed by COVID-19. Whether it's going to be extended or stopped, it is yet to be determined."

Transcom has the responsibility for the moves, and France detailed some of the actions going on in anticipation of the go-ahead.

He said Transcom officials are meeting with the services, the Joint Staff and industry groups to ensure proper communications. The command has also set parameters for moving in a COVID-19 environment.

Essentially, Transcom mandates that the moving industry must adhere to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention protocols regarding health protection while working in service

members' homes. "Those measures include face coverings, minimizing crew size to enable social distancing, the fact that crews must practice good hygiene, and they also must routinely clean frequently touched surfaces in our service members' homes," France said.

This applies whether the move is from an on-base or off-base home, he said. The moving companies are also required to provide illness screening verification to service members.

The priority list for those moving was also a question to the SEAC and France, as each service grants exceptions to policy a bit differently. Involvement of the chain of command is crucial to the process, and France and Colon-Lopez urged those affected to work through their leaders on the process.

Moving pets was another concern for service members. France said there were no real changes with the policy. But space for pets is at a premium, he said, and he recommended getting a reservation early in the process.

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Expert panel on infection control to tackle COVID-19 questions



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Personnel with the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps help staff with the donning and decontamination of Proper Protective Equipment in Detroit, Michigan, April 17.

By Military Health System Communications Office

5/18/2020 — During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Defense Health Agency has received a flood of questions from military treatment facilities about infection control and prevention. The questions focus on providing a safe environment for patients and staff against the highly contagious respiratory virus.

“The rapidly evolving nature of this global pandemic has presented unique challenges for clinical management,” said Helen Crouch, infection prevention program manager, Quality and Safety Center U.S. Army Medical Command.

The DHA responded by gathering experts from the field and created a tri-service panel known

as the Infection Prevention and Control Tiger Team. The IPC Tiger Team provides evidence-based answers to approximately 475 military hospitals, medical clinics and dental clinics within the Military Health System in a timely fashion, said team member Christopher Florez. “This team provides recommendations to the DHA task force, similar to the White House task

force, which provides timely consistent, unified, evidence-based guidance for decisions,” added Florez, program director, EPIC Course AF/SG infection prevention consultant.

The IPC Tiger Team includes subject matter experts with various backgrounds in infection prevention and control, pharmacology, health care information technology, dentistry, quality, safety, and medical logistics. The fixed 12-member panel meets daily to review COVID-19 issues and questions from across the MHS.

Many of the questions posed to the team have dealt with personal protective equipment in different situations and potential scenarios. In April, the team began providing answers to common questions “based on the most current clinical

guidance from various federal agencies, professional organizations, and peer reviewed publications,” according to Crouch.

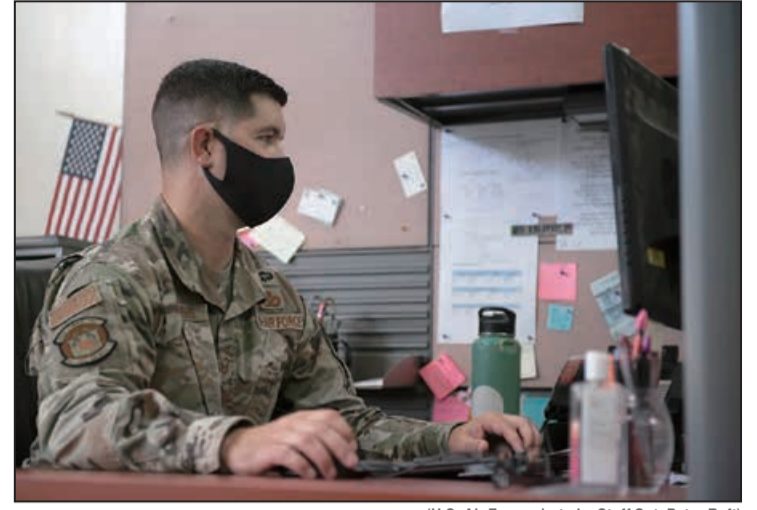
The IPC Tiger Team is also taking requests for video consultations that leverage virtual health capabilities to provide “real time” assistance. Recently, the team conducted its first virtually enabled consult about infection control and prevention with the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam. “We are extremely excited to offer this capability,” Crouch added.

Under normal circumstances, infection prevention and control is key in any health care setting. Such measures directly impact the readiness of service members, explained Crouch. In the swiftly changing health care environment of COVID-19, the goal of the IPC Tiger Team is to provide unified expert guidance to the field, she said.

“We receive about 10-15 questions per week and the majority of the questions are complex, and require a significant amount of research. Our team works diligently to provide a concise, evidence-based, relevant answer,” said Elizabeth Campbell, the infection prevention control manager at the Naval Health Clinic Annapolis.

The IPC Tiger Team has

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(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Peter Reft)

U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Andrew Sanders, Future Operations team member from the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, coordinates COVID-19 data with U.S. Forces Japan teams at an emergency operations center May 13, at Kadena Air Base.

are closely monitoring and researching responses, reactions, preventive actions and recovery steps being taken by other installations in areas such as South Korea, Italy, Texas, and local communities on Okinawa. They continuously monitor and analyze any data that can be used to help develop recommendations for Team Kadena.

“After nearly two months in this fight, the number of cases both on and off installations across Okinawa are sig-

nificantly lower with a flatter curve than locations the team has researched,” Church said. “This is a testament to the combined diligence of not just the team’s recommendations, but of Kadena Air Base personnel taking seriously the directions provided by base leaders. Church added, “FUOPS is still in the fight, constantly reassessing the COVID threat and continuing to plan for all possible scenarios for the months ahead.”

combed through research publications and other resources created by front-line health care workers to find evidence-based solutions that can protect patients, visitors, and staff in MTFs, added Campbell.

“It has been truly amazing to

witness how people have come up with new and innovative ideas to deal with health care challenges related to COVID-19. There have been some fantastic ideas and processes, which will undoubtedly become best practices,” she said.

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New England, New York based Marine infantry battalion completes deployment with 3rd Marine Division



U.S. Marines with 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, conduct a simulated assault on U.S. Marines from 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion during a force on force training event during exercise Northern Viper on Yausubetsu Training Area, Hokkaido, Japan, Feb. 7, 2020.

(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Jackson Dukes)

By Chief Warrant Officer Izzel Sanchez

3rd Marine Division
5/15/2020 - OKINAWA — U.S. Marines with 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, return home after being away for almost

a year. The unit has been authorized to return to the U.S. after completing a six-month deployment with the 3rd Marine Division in Okinawa, from Oct. 2019 to May 2020.

Stationed across New England and

New York, 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, is a reserve infantry unit with 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve. Since World War II, they have regularly operated alongside the active component, seamlessly integrating during exercises and operations. The battalion's history includes actions in Kwajalein, the Battle of Iwo Jima, the Battle of Saipan, the Battle of Tinian, the Korean War, the Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan.

1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, traveled to Japan to execute a six-month deployment under the Unit Deployment Program (UDP). The UDP rotates Marine units from the U.S. to 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, and is designed to increase the readiness of the units by exposing them to realistic, relevant training environments throughout the Indo-Pacific.

Being a reserve unit, the battalion's readiness is continuously validated as they often augment the active Marine forces during time of war, national emergency

or contingency operations. Reserve units also provide personnel and operational relief to the active forces during peacetime.

While deployed to the Indo-Pacific region, the battalion participated in back to back exercises such as Fuji Viper, Forest Light, Northern Viper, and others.

"The strategic partnerships in this area are at the forefront of our national interest," said Maj. Christopher Peterson, the executive officer of 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment. "The bilateral training and varied terrain gave the Marines and Sailors some of the most realistic exposure to tomorrow's fight."

After many months of continuous training, the battalion's readiness exemplifies the fighting spirit of 3rd Marine Division, bringing true meaning to 'any clime, and any place.' The UDP allows 3rd Marine Division to maintain a high standard of combat readiness and efficiency. If called upon, we remain ready to Fight Tonight in defense of our ideals and allies.

Marines in route to Darwin arrive in Okinawa for first of two 14-day quarantine periods



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Harrison Rakhshani)

U.S. Marines with 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment arrive at Kadena Air Base, May 15. The battalion arrived from California and were screened for COVID-19 symptoms. They will join Marine Rotational Force - Darwin on an upcoming deployment to Australia's Northern Territory.

U.S. Navy, Marine Corps strengthen integrated warfighting capabilities



(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class Jason Isaacs)

U.S. Navy Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Eric Alexander, from Houston, operates a rigid-hull inflatable boat during a man overboard drill with the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Rafael Peralta (DDG 115), May 12.

By U.S. 7th Fleet Public Affairs

5/14/2020 - PHILIPPINE SEA — Units and personnel from the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps are conducting integrated operations in support of regional security and stability in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.

These operations at sea focus on interoperability to further develop warfighting concepts, improve distributed maritime operations, and enable real-world proficiency and readiness in response to any contingency.

"Our forward-deployed naval forces at sea are spread from the Sea of Japan to operations in the South China Sea and Indian Ocean," said Destroyer Squadron 15 Commodore, Capt. Steven De Moss. "I am excited to bring some of those forces together to conduct a large scale integration of this nature. It sharpens our warfighting readiness, while continuing to support regional security, stability, and international norms."

Operations include III Marine Expeditionary Force, San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship USS New Orleans (LPD 18), Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyers USS Barry (DDG 52), USS Mustin (DDG 89), USS Rafael Peralta (DDG 115), and USS Russell (DDG 59), Combat Logistics Force ships USNS Alan Sheppard (T-AKE-3), USNS Pecos (T-AO-197), and maritime patrol and reconnais-

sance aircraft.

Integrated operations at sea helps the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps further develop regional capabilities that provide layered defensive options to protect U.S. interests and those of allies and partners. The participating forces exercised a wide range of capabilities and demonstrated the inherent flexibility of our forces, enabled by professional mariners from the Combat Logistic Force.

"Our Civilian Mariners serving aboard our Combat Logistics Force ships are unsung heroes," said Capt. Robert Williams, commander, Military Sealift Command Far East. "Every day, our CLF Mariners sail alongside our Sailors and Marines ensuring the readiness and resiliency of our forward-deployed naval forces."

Operating together enhances the ability of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps to confront any contingency, and prepares forces to provide the ready, credible deterrence that stabilizes the Indo-Pacific and promotes peace and prosperity for all nations throughout the region.

U.S. 7th Fleet provides security alongside allies and partners throughout a free and open Indo-Pacific. As the U.S. Navy's largest forward-deployed fleet, 7th Fleet operates roughly 50-70 ships and submarines and 140 aircraft with approximately 20,000 Sailors.

HMH-466 conducts GTR training



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Ethan M. LeBlanc)

U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. James P. Carmody, a helicopter crew chief with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 466, mans a GAU-21 machine gun on the rear of a CH-53E Super Stallion Helicopter during ground threat reaction training at a live-fire range off the coast of Okinawa, May 8. The GTR training is designed to help Marines develop and better improve tactical maneuvering and evasion techniques.

Seabees with NMCB-5 place asphalt for Marine Air Control Squadron 4



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

U.S. Navy Seabees deployed with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5, lay asphalt onboard Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, May 15. Seabees deployed with NMCB-5 are constructing support facilities for Marine Air Control Squadron 4's Ground/Air Task Oriented Radar System.

Plant-based menu items introduced at Okinawa Marine Corps mess halls



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Christopher A. Madero)

▲ Mess hall patrons test a new menu item, May 13 at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

By Cpl. Christopher Madero

Marine Corps Installations Pacific
5/13/2020 - MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA — Marines step in line to try the newest addition to the mess hall menu - plant-based burgers.

In August 2019, Marines with the MCI-PAC-MCBB Installation Food Service Office conducted their annual review board with patrons from across Okinawa. During the board, patrons expressed their concern for a lack of plant-based items on Marine Corps menus.

The review showed that a Marine who is vegan, vegetarian, or simply does not prefer eating meat products, can feel very limited in their mess hall line due the lack of vegan/vegetarian options.

However, the Marine Corps is always finding ways to be more inclusive to Marines of all lifestyles.

May 13 marked the first day a plant-based burger made an appearance in MCAS Futenma's mess hall.

This was not the just the first time plant-based food were served at MCAS Futenma, but in any military dining facility in Okinawa according to U.S. Marine Corps Chief Warrant Officer 2 Thomas Heinsohn, the

base food service operations officer.

There was no special setup or announcement for the newest menu item. The only adjustment made to the MCAS Futenma mess hall was a small addition to the main line.

Food service specialists asked patrons if they'd be willing to try the new item, and served them as they passed through.

"It was a great burger," said Lance Cpl. Alexander Skelton, an air support operations officer with 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. "It's nice to see the [mess hall] committed to giving more choices to Marines with different diets and beliefs."

This is not, however, the first time dining facilities on Okinawa have had plant-based options.

Food items are adopted into and removed from menus depending on its feedback. If a food item has a decline in demand, it is removed from the menu. There have been times in the past where plant-based options were introduced into the menu, but its demand from patrons dwindled over time.

Now and in the future, the Marine Corps will continue striving to choose what's best to put on a Marine's plate.

U.S. military provides Php10 million in medical supplies to Philippine frontliners



(Courtesy photo)

By U.S. Embassy in the Philippines

5/19/2020 - MANILA, Philippines — Service members from the U.S. Army, Marines, and Air Force delivered over Php10 million (\$203,000) in personal protective equipment (PPE) and medical supplies to hospitals in ten provinces across the Philippines, working in partnership with the Philippine Coast Guard, Army, Marines, and Air Force. This new donation brings total U.S. government COVID-19 assistance to the Philippines to more than Php780 million (nearly \$15.5 million).

The assistance, delivered in conjunction with the U.S. Embassy and Philippine Department of Health, will provide medical clinics from Luzon to Mindanao with much-needed PPE and other essential equipment to support frontline workers battling COVID-19. This joint U.S.-Philippine operation builds on decades of bilateral military cooperation in counterterrorism, humanitarian relief, maritime security, and many other fields.

Lt. General Ramiro Manuel Rey, AFP Northern Luzon Commander, expressed thanks for the donation, "Indeed, there is strength in unity. We would like to express our gratitude for the aid given by the U.S. Embassy. These items will greatly benefit

the Bataan General Hospital and Medical Center in Bataan and Talon General Hospital in Tarlac City for a better COVID-19 response. With the world in unison, we truly will heal as one."

Over the next month, this medical equipment will be distributed to fourteen medical clinics, hospitals, and local Departments of Health in Palawan, Isabela, Tarlac, Laguna, Bataan, Bulacan, Sulu, Zamboanga del Sur, Maguindanao, and Basilan. The supplies include disposable gloves, masks, medical clothing, various types of face protection, and tools such as infrared thermometers.

"With this effort, we are trying to do our part to provide the heroes of this fight, the medical professionals, with the necessary tools that they need to protect their fellow workers and citizens. Times like these show the strength of our friendship, partnership, and alliance as we work together to combat this virus," said Captain Tim Johnson, Team Leader, Civil Military Support Element - Philippines.

The United States has provided more than Php228 billion (\$4.5 billion) in development assistance to the Philippines over the past 20 years, including over Php29 billion (\$582 million) in health assistance.

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NOTICE

Kadena Post Office notice

Kadena Post Office will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. We will be open from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. for parcel pick-up only on Tuesday, May 26.

PCS (Current as of May 12)

18th Logistics Readiness Squadron Passenger Travel and Personal Property Shipments (HHG and UB) for Air Force PCS, TDY, and government-funded leave are stopped IAW latest Stop Movement policies with the exception of the following:

- Passenger Travel and Personal Property Shipments for approved Retirements or Separations
 - Personal Property Shipments that have been picked up by carrier and are in transit
 - Passenger Travel and Personal Property Shipments with a GO-level approved Exception to Policy (ETP)
 - Passenger Travel and Personal Property Shipments allowed for Joint Staff-Approved deployments
- Members with an approved ETP can contact the local TMO to reschedule Passenger Travel and/or Personal Property Shipments with Unit Commander endorsement.

At this time all other members can schedule Passenger Travel and/or Personal Property Shipments for a pack date or travel start date after 24 May 2020 for moves to/from OCONUS or 15 May 2020 for moves within CONUS.

For guidance on stop movement, PCS, TDY, contingency deployments, and leave, log in to "https://mypers.af.mil" for the most up-to-date Air Force information.

Squadron commanders are authorized to make specific exemptions to the Stop Movement Order.

1. Personnel with orders to Kadena on an unaccompanied short tour
2. Personnel who have final out-processed with the MPF and were ordered to remain in place
3. Personnel whose household goods have been picked up and shipped
4. Personnel with orders to AETC training courses, to include ROTC and OTS.

Additionally, commanders are authorized to make

exceptions to allow travel of inbound dependents to join their member at Kadena and to allow the return of Kadena personnel from non-GFM TDY or leave.

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.

Medical Information (Current as of May 20)

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/tol/>.

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



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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 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>.

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 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.

**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.

**Base Facilities
(Current as of May 20)**

The following on-base activities/facilities are authorized when made available. All personnel will comply with posted mitigation measures and staff directives as applicable:

1. Dine-in restaurant services
2. Auto-hobby, arts and crafts, and similar activities/facilities
3. Outdoor equipment rentals
4. Gyms or fitness centers
5. Pools and aquatic centers
6. Bowling
7. Education centers and libraries
8. Pet boarding and adoptions
9. Scuba rental and retail
10. Golf courses, clubhouses, and pro-shops
11. Movie theaters
12. Beaches, camping, and resort areas

Kadena Recreation Areas (Kadena Marina, Okuma, Chibana Recreation Area, Bellows) may open. Patrons will comply with all posted safety guidelines and social distancing mitigation measures and staff directives.

Schools and Childcare

DoDEA Schools: Closed indefinitely School Age Care: Open to single and dual military parents; military with working spouse. Additional open spaces now allow categories of DoD civilian and Dual DoD. Child Development Center: Open to single and dual military parents. Youth and Teen Center: Closed Family Child Care: First come, first served basis - 11 spaces, including 1 infant space is now available.

Defense Commissary Agency

At this time, the commissary remains open and has enough resources to accommodate Team Kadena's service members and their families. Hand sanitizer will be limited to one per transaction to ensure access for more individuals. AAFES and DeCA are working closely with their U.S. and local supply chains to ensure hand sanitizer and disinfectant products are available to their customers. Updates will come in-store and across their social media.

Dining Facilities

Dining facilities remain open.

FSS Activities

Please monitor the KadenaFSS website for event updates.

Military Personnel Flight

Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. by appointment only.

Chapel

Chapel is no longer conducting mass gatherings all week. However, Chaplain services are still available.

McDaniel Center

All professional development seminars and lunch'n'learns are temporarily suspended until further notice with the exception of FTAC. One-on-one counseling sessions still available on an appointment only basis.

Public Affairs Photo Studio

Open Wednesdays from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. by appointment only. Call 634-3813 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays to schedule. Appointments are limited to the issuance of official passport photos or if photo is required for a special duty application.

**Approved & Restricted
Non-essential Activities
(Current as of May 20)**

All personnel will comply, to greatest extent feasible, with social distancing measures (e.g., maintain 6 feet apart, minimize close contacts) and ensure proper hygiene at all times. (moved from the medical section) The following travel restrictions/off-base activities applies to any personnel desiring to gain or maintain access to Kadena Air Base and areas under 18th Wing control:

* Those who live and work on Kadena AB are restricted to KAB.

* Those who live on KAB, but work off KAB, are restricted to KAB unless traveling directly to and from their place of work.

* For those personnel who live off KAB (in the local community or on another military installation), off-base travel is limited to traveling directly between their place of residence and their place of work/military installation.

* This direction is not meant to restrict freedom of movement while on a military installation beyond that already implemented, nor prohibit traveling directly between military installations (including to/from KAB).

* Use of off-base child care and schools is authorized; however, use of on-base services is highly recommended due to potential for these facilities to be placed off-limits in the future.

Exceptions to Policy for Off-Base Restrictions: All ETPs for off-base restricted activities will be limited in nature, will detail the risk and mitigation measures, and must be approved in writing by the first Field Grade Officer squadron commander (or civilian equivalent); all approved exceptions must be forwarded through the chain of command to the 18th Wing Commander no later than 24 hours prior to the time an exception is required.

The following activities/facilities remain prohibited:

1. Off-base chapels and church services
2. Nail salons
3. Massage services

Shopping at the BX, Commissary, and AAFES concessionaires (unless prohibited above) is authorized. DoD ID and face covering/mask required for all personnel to enter.

The availability and hours of operation of Force

Support Squadron (FSS) functions can be found on the Kadena Connect app and the Kadena FSS Facebook page.

Authorized off-base activities (with proper social distancing) are limited to the following:

- Housing/Financial activities such as paying rent/utility bills and banking
- Grocery shopping and procuring other essential household items
- Physical exercise outdoors such as walking, running, and biking
- Activities required by the Government of Japan such as paying road taxes
- Medical or veterinary care
- Vehicle repair and gas fill-up
- Drive-thru from dining establishments
- Command-authorized health and wellness checks
- Take-out from dining establishments/convenience stores. Personnel will limit the number of group/family members in an establishment at one time to ensure social distancing
- Visiting beaches and public parks
- Only MLCs, IHAs, and non-SOFA contractor employees are authorized to patronize off-base barbershops and beauty salons.
- Any person who refuses to obey or otherwise violates these directives may be detained and held accountable. Uniformed personnel and retired members of the uniformed services may be punished under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Those not subject to military law may be subject to administrative action including, but not limited to, an early return of dependents, termination of a civilian tour, and/or denial of access to/barrament from the installation.

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COVID-19 RESPONSE

DAFB postured to serve as key hub in COVID-19 fight



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Christopher Quail)

DOVER, DE — Airmen cover two Transport Isolation Systems with tarps due to inclement weather at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, April 30. The TIS units were delivered to Dover AFB by C-17 Globemaster III from Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina. In accordance with health protection policies, Dover AFB will serve as the sole hub for TIS decontamination on the East Coast.

Sailors check in to the USS Theodore Roosevelt after completing off-base quarantine



(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Erik Melgar)

NAVAL BASE GUAM — Ensign Rocky Bowman, right, checks Aviation Structural Mechanic 2nd Class Justin Banks, from Reading, Pa., into the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) May 16, after Banks completed off-base quarantine. Theodore Roosevelt's COVID-negative crew returned from quarantine beginning on April 29 and is making preparations to return to sea to continue their scheduled deployment to the Indo-Pacific.

Medical Task Force departs Philadelphia after COVID-19 response

PHILADELPHIA, PA — U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to Urban Augmentation Medical Task Force 352-1, prepare for demobilization movement after completing deployment duties in Philadelphia, Pa., May 16.



(U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Daniel J. Alkana, 22nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)

UAMTF 352-1 provided assistance to civilian medical personnel treating COVID-19 patients throughout Philadelphia. U.S. Northern Command, through U.S. Army North, remains committed to providing flexible Department of Defense support to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the whole-of-nation COVID-19 response.

Arizona Guardsmen facilitate COVID-19 testing on the Navajo Nation



(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael Matkin)

TONALEA, AZ — Arizona National Guard service members direct visitor check-in at a temporary COVID-19 testing site on the Navajo Nation May 19, in Tonalea, Ariz. The Arizona Department of Health Services and Gov. Doug Ducey, along with personnel support from the Arizona National Guard, continue a statewide testing blitz with hopes of testing up to 60,000 Arizonans this month.

First Air Force provides COVID-19 support through CAP



(Photo courtesy of Civil Air Patrol)

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — Capt. Matt Roberts and Lt. Col. Paul Kloehn, Civil Air Patrol pilots, transport test kits to the Sawyer International Airport, Mich., May 14. CAP partnered with Michigan State Police, who handle emergency management and lead the state's emergency operations center. CAP, made up of volunteers, used one of the 10 available single-engine aircrafts assigned to the Michigan Wing to make multiple trips throughout the state, delivering test kits and picking up test kits that require processing.

Warehouse support enables frontline medical workers



(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Julianne M. Showalter)

FONTANA, CA — U.S. Army Spc. Michael Shintani, of the 250th Expeditionary Military Intelligence Battalion, California Army National Guard, inspects a package of medical supplies for accurate quantity and quality at the Meyer Canyon Warehouse, in Fontana, California, May 6. Shintani is one of two soldiers responsible for checking personal protective equipment purchased by the state ensuring it is correct and meets standards to keep people that receive these products safe from COVID-19.

Washington National Guard members support food bank missions



(National Guard photo by Master Sgt. John Hughel)

TOUCHET, WA — Washington National Guardsmen work to pack and distribute food at a local community food bank site at Touchet, Wash., May 13. Washington Air and Army National Guards service members are supporting food banks around the state during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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