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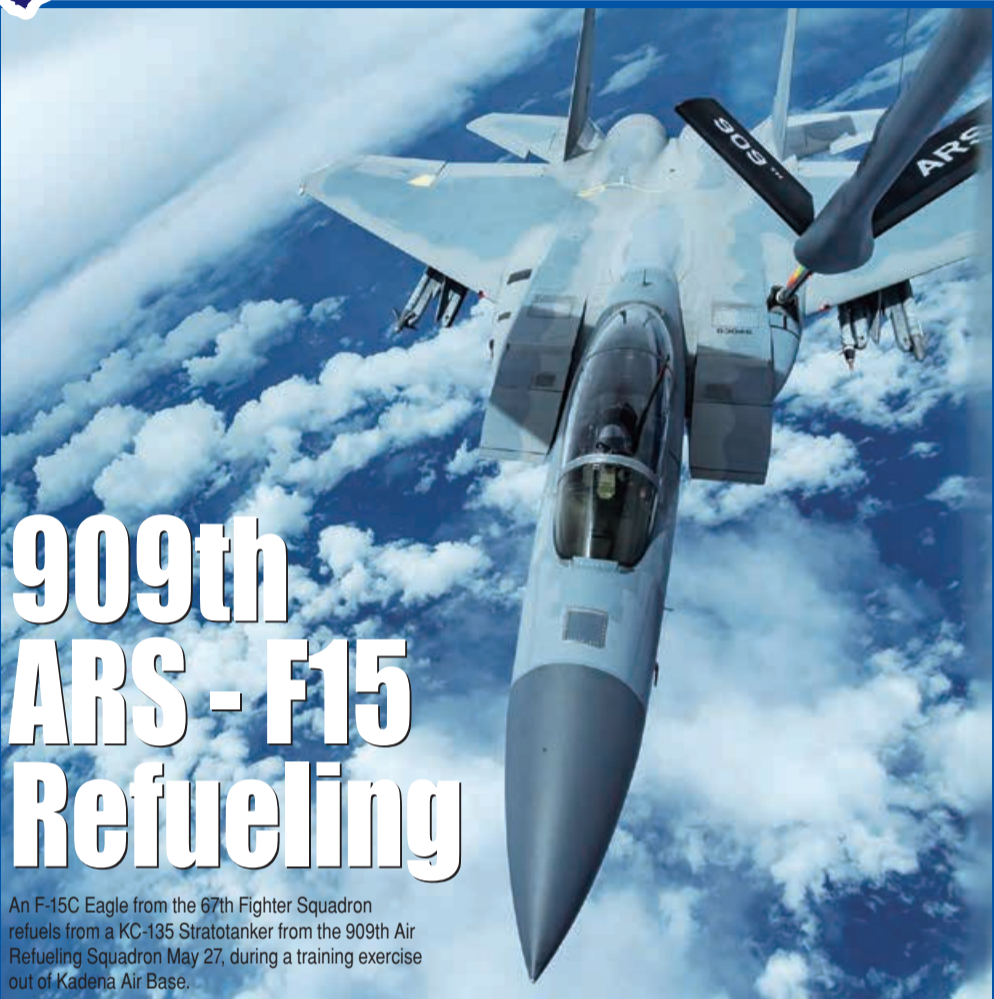
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909th ARS - F15 Refueling

An F-15C Eagle from the 67th Fighter Squadron refuels from a KC-135 Stratotanker from the 909th Air Refueling Squadron May 27, during a training exercise out of Kadena Air Base.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Cynthia Belio)



Eric Vegas, Aircraft Mechanic 1 from the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron corrosion contract field team, applies a new 909th Air Refueling Squadron stencil to a KC-135 Stratotanker boom ruddervator during a corrosion control inspection and paint process May 21 at Kadena Air Base. Aerial refueling is critical to operations in this region and ensuring a free and open Indo-Pacific.

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

Air Force IG directed to independently examine racial disparities in service's discipline, advancement opportunities

By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

6/9/2020 — Department of the Air Force Secretary Barbara Barrett and service chiefs, Gen. David Goldfein and Gen. Jay Raymond, have directed the Department of the Air Force Inspector General to independently review the service's record on military discipline and developmental opportunities for African American Airmen and Space Professionals. The review will assess and capture existing racial disparities, assess Air Force-specific causal factors, like culture and policies, assimilate the analysis and conclusions of previous racial disparity studies by external organizations and make concrete recommendations resulting in impactful and lasting change.

By law, IGs operate as independent entities. The full results of both reviews, good or bad, will be shared with Airmen, Department of Defense senior leaders, Congress and the public.

The request formalizes a step Goldfein publicly raised for the first time on June 1 in an official note to commanders and other senior leaders. That official message was Goldfein's response to the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis and the public protests about racial injustice.

"We are not immune to the spectrum of racial prejudice, systemic discrimination and unconscious bias," Goldfein wrote in his message to commanders. "We see this in the apparent inequity in our application of military justice. We will not shy away from this; as leaders and as Airmen, we will own our part, and confront it head on."

In an open letter signed by Barrett

and the two service chiefs, the leadership team wrote, "We are listening, and we are taking action. We have directed the Department of the Air Force Inspector General to conduct an independent review."

As part of the review, the IG will widely reach out to Airmen and Space Professionals via interviews, group discussions, targeted and anonymous surveys. In addition, to better scope this review, the IG has formed a Senior Leader Advisory Group composed of ten African American general officers, ten African American chiefs and four African American senior executive service Airmen. In addition, a number of Airmen from all major commands will be selected to join the IG review team. While other disparities also need to be reviewed, this phase will focus on African American racial disparities.

"We want to make sure our Air and Space Professionals are able to share their experiences and concerns, and we want to empower them to be a part of the solution. Their voices will be heard and captured for the record. We have a tremendous opportunity here, and we will not waste it," said Lt. Gen. Sami Said, the Air Force Inspector General.

Anonymous surveys will be made available on www.af.mil by mid-June so anyone who wants to provide feedback will be able to do so. Directions for how to submit the feedback will be included on the survey form. The surveys will include specific questions but also accommodate any desired comments. Finally, the surveys will also include an email address for Airmen and Space Professionals to personally communicate with the IG team conducting the review.

Senate confirms Brown to be 22nd Air Force chief of staff on unanimous vote

By Charles Pope

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs
6/9/2020 - WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate confirmed Gen. Charles Q. Brown Jr., June 9, to be the 22nd Air Force chief of staff, clearing the way for the decorated pilot and experienced commander to become the first African American in history to lead a branch of the U.S. military as its highest-ranking officer.

The vote was 98-0.

In advance of today's vote on his confirmation, Brown testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee during a hearing May 7. During the hearing, Brown pledged to ensure Air Force readiness to support the National Defense Strategy, if confirmed. "I am committed to the Air Force achieving irreversible momentum towards implementation of the National Defense Strategy and an integrated and more lethal joint force," Brown said.

Secretary of the Air Force Barbara Barrett congratulated Brown on his confirmation and highlighted the important role he

will play leading the Air Force into the future and carrying on the strategic vision of the current Air Force chief of staff, Gen. David L. Goldfein.

"I join leaders, Airmen and Space Professionals from across the forces in congratulating Gen. Brown and his wife Sharen," Barrett said. "Leaders of their caliber will perpetuate the legacy of excellence that Gen. Goldfein and Dawn Goldfein have epitomized over the last four years. Gen. Brown's unrivaled leadership, operational experience and global perspective will prove crucial as we continue modernizing the Air Force to meet tomorrow's national security challenges and protect our nation."

Goldfein also congratulated Brown and cited his unparalleled qualifications to be the next Air Force chief of staff. "There is no one I know who is better prepared to be chief of staff, no one who has the experience and the temperament to lead the Air Force," Goldfein said. "The Air Force and our nation will be in good hands under his leadership."

Chief of Space Operations and fellow service chief, Gen. Jay Raymond also congratulated Brown on his confirmation.

"Gen. Brown is an innovative leader who clearly understands the complex and evolving strategic environment we face today as a Department," Raymond said. "He clearly understands the importance of leading across all domains to compete, deter and win — especially in war-fighting domains like space. I am thrilled with Gen. Brown's confirmation. I couldn't ask for a better teammate."

Brown was commissioned in 1984 as a distinguished graduate of the ROTC program at Texas Tech University. He is a command pilot with more than 2,900 flying hours, including 130 combat hours.

Brown currently serves as the U.S. Pacific Air Forces commander and the air component commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. U.S. Pacific Air Forces is responsible for Air Force activities spread over half the globe in a command



(U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)

that supports more than 46,000 Airmen serving principally in Japan, South Korea, Hawaii, Alaska and Guam.

Brown will replace Goldfein Aug. 6 at a swearing-in ceremony.

Yokota Team member recognized as top performer

By Staff Sgt. Miquel Jordan

374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

6/3/2020 - YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan—

There is a lot to be said about an individual so assiduous, they catch the attention of one First Sergeant. Being on an entire group of shirts' radars is taking dedication to the next level. The Diamond Sharp Award is a reflection of that hard work and keenness in getting the job done.

The impact of COVID-19 currently has the whole world implementing safety precautions, stay-at-home orders and country-wide travel restrictions.

Japan now requires all Status of Forces Agreement members arriving to the country to go on

restriction of movement status at the nearest military instillation.

Since Yokota Air Base is the main hub for service members arriving into the country, before heading to their next location, they have to complete ROM at Yokota for 14 days. This has created a road block for the 18th Wing; the only way to get to Okinawa is through Tokyo.

This is where Mr. Andy Litchfield, 374th Force Support Squadron motor pool manager, shined through, coordinating with Kadena's Emergency Operations Center. He collected all the information for arrivals in country and secured transportation and lodging for over 2,000 personnel. Andy also worked with the

corresponding First Sergeants to ensure members were supported during their stay in Yokota.

"I just try to put myself in the same place that the person I'm helping is in," said Litchfield. "If I was in that position, what would I want someone to do for me? What kind of questions would I have, and I try to provide that same service to the member that's out there."

Recently, the First Sergeant Council voted Andy the winner of the Diamond Sharp Award for his work and coordination with the 18th Wing at Kadena Air Base, ensuring their new members arrive in country in accordance to Japan's new travel procedures.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Miquel Jordan)

Andy Litchfield, 374th Force Support Squadron motor pool manager, poses with Senior Master Sgt. Mark Hughes, 374th Civil Engineering Squadron First Sergeant, after winning the Diamond Sharp Award May 13, at Yokota Air Base.

"Mr. Litchfield has the heart of a First Sergeant," said Master Sgt. Teresa Tyler, 374th Force Support Squadron First Sergeant. "He takes care of every traveler, Air Force, Navy, Army, contractors, civilians and many more, in any status, any situation, in and out of Japan."

Thanks to Andy Litchfield,

many personnel have made it onto a rotator, completing their journey to Kadena and commenced the next chapter in their military careers.

Having people with mindsets like Mr. Litchfield is one of the many reasons why the Air Force is able to excel in its missions in the face of adversity.

Service members, civilians bound by DOD rules during election campaigns

By Terri Moon Cronk

Defense.gov

6/8/2020 - WASHINGTON —

It's election season again, when federal, state and local political campaigns kick into high gear. Defense Secretary Dr. Mark T. Esper's latest ethics video lays out the importance of political activity rules that Defense Department civilian employees and service members must follow.

In the 2020 DOD Public Affairs Guidance for Political Campaigns and Elections memorandum of Feb. 11, DOD spokesman Jonathan Rath Hoffman summarized the rules that apply to all DOD personnel regarding involvement in political events.

"The Department of Defense has a long-standing and well-defined policy regarding political campaigns and elections to avoid the perception of DOD sponsorship, approval or endorsement of any political candidate, campaign or cause," Hoffman wrote.

"The department encourages and actively supports its personnel in their civic obligation to vote, but makes clear members of the armed forces on active duty should not engage in partisan political activities," his memo read.

Sources of Authority

The Hatch Act is a federal law passed in 1939 that limits certain political activities of federal employees, according to the

U.S. Office of Special Counsel. It applies to DOD civilian employees. The law's purposes are to ensure that federal programs are administered in a nonpartisan fashion, to protect federal employees from political coercion in the workplace, and to ensure that federal employees are advanced based on merit and not based on political affiliation, the OSC site added.

DOD policy for service members is contained in Department of Defense Directive 1344.10, Political Activities for Members of the Armed Forces. It is DOD policy to encourage members of the armed forces to carry out the obligations of citizenship while keeping with the traditional concept that members on active duty should not engage in partisan political activity. All members of the armed forces, including active-duty members, members of the reserve components not on active duty, and retired members are prohibited from wearing military uniforms at political campaign or election events.

As the secretary said in his ethics video, both active-duty service members and civilian employees must understand federal rules and DOD policies pertaining to political activities. Service members and employees should direct any questions to their supervisors or their supporting legal office, said a senior official in DOD's Standards of Conduct Office.

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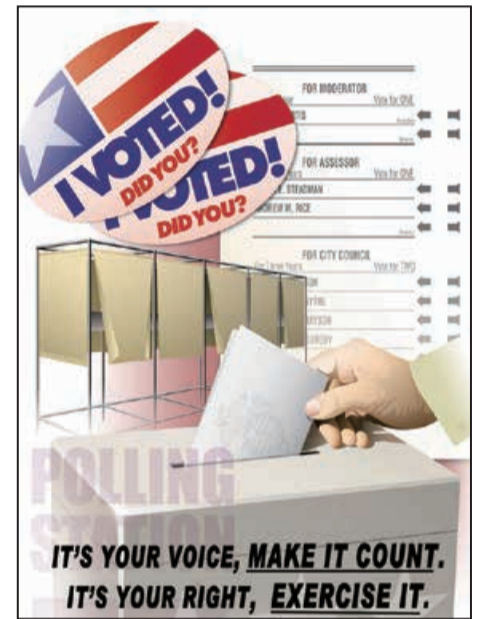
For particulars and more in-depth information concerning political activities, check out DOD Directive 1344.10 for service members and the U.S. Office of Special Counsel website for civilian employees.

Ethics and Leadership

In his ethics video, and in previous ethics messages to the department, Esper emphasized the importance of leaders regularly training their subordinates in the importance of maintaining ethical standards.

"Maintaining the hard-earned trust and confidence of the American people requires us to avoid any action that could imply endorsement of a political party, political candidate or campaign by any element of the department," he said.

"As the secretary has stated, we must continuously train and prepare so that we are ready to do what is right when ethical dilemmas arise," said Scott Thompson, director of DOD's Standards of Conduct Office. "Training is not a one-time event. The secretary expects department leaders to be personally involved in training their organizations, and to talk about examples of ethical decision-making, good and bad. In addition to annual ethics training, leaders should routinely make conversations about ethics a natural part of meetings and engagements with personnel."



(Graphic by U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Anthony Brosilow)

As leaders, teammates and colleagues, all must inspire one another by setting the right example of ethical conduct, Thompson emphasized.

"Shortly after taking office, Secretary Esper reminded DOD personnel that each of us takes a solemn oath to support and defend the Constitution. The department's mission imparts a special responsibility on each of us to serve with the utmost integrity and be vigilant in protecting the duties and confidences with which we have been entrusted," he added. "To ensure we are ready to do what is right when ethical dilemmas arise, we must train and prepare ourselves."

(Katie Lange of Defense Media Activity contributed to this report.)

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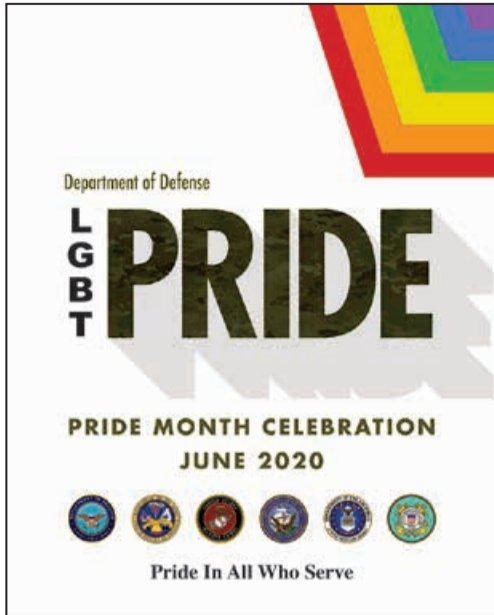
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Celebrating Diversity



Airmen add to the inclusivity and rich diversity of the Air Force family.

Since the days of lesbian and gay service members having to hide their true identity while serving their country, the Department of Defense has made many strides in promoting equal rights as well as inclusivity for all sexual orientations. The DoD recognizes the equally unwavering dedication of LGBTQ Airmen to serve and protect their country.

- In 1993, the Department of Defense issued the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy, a directive prohibiting the U.S. military from barring applicants from service based on their sexual orientation and would not be asked or required to reveal whether they are homosexual.

- On June 2, 2000, President Bill Clinton issued Proclamation No. 7316 for the first Gay and Lesbian Pride Month to recognize contributions made by LGBT.

- In 2008, Anthony Loverde had been a Staff Sgt. for seven years when he was discharged under the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy after telling his commander that he was gay. In May 2012, he reentered the Air Force becoming the second person and first gay Airman to return to active duty since the DADT policy was repealed.

- On December 22, 2010, the DADT Repeal Act became law and was fully implemented of the Act occurred in September 2011 and LGB military members could then serve openly with honor and integrity.

- Effective March 27, 2015, the Family and Medical Leave Act extended coverage to all legally married same-sex couples to take FMLA leave to provide care for spouse.

By Stacey Geiger

88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs
 6/4/2020 - WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Celebrating and recognizing the diversity of both civilian and service members across the Department of Defense, June is Pride Month.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride Month was chosen to be recognized in June to commemorate the riots that occurred in June 1969 at the Stonewall Inn in Manhattan, New York. The event, known as Stonewall Riots, became the catalyst for the gay rights movement in the United States and around the world to achieve equal justice and opportunities.

Throughout history, LGBTQ Airmen have bravely served and defended their country. Their commitment to service has made the Air Force stronger and the nation safer. Their courage and the sacrifices made along the way with their fellow

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- June 6 - Virtual Brunch via Zoom @ 1200
- June 26 - Drive-in Movie: Jungle Book @ 1800
- June 27 - Global Online Pride
- June 27 - Kadena Driving Parade meet at Chapel 1 parking lot 1400
- June 28 - Picnic in the park @ 1100 (tentative based on COVID restrictions)

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3rd Recon Close Engagement Range



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U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Brent Stephens, a reconnaissance Marine with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, evaluates his shot groups after firing his M4 service rifle during a close-quarters range on Camp Schwab, June 4. The training was designed to engage close range targets to increase Marines' speed and lethality by allowing them to focus on shooting fundamentals.

Marines with 9th ESB sustain and build proficiency in gap crossing

U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Samuel Wood, left, and Lance Cpl. Ezra Omoyo, place the deck unit of a Double Story Medium Girder Bridge down on Camp Hansen, June 3. Marines with Bridge Platoon, 9th Engineer Support Battalion sustain and build proficiency in gap crossing operations utilizing advanced DS MGB employment.



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Pfc. Courtney A. Robertson)

How III MEF is innovating to ensure medical readiness



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

By Cpl. Nickolas Beamish

III Marine Expeditionary Force
5/31/2020 - OKINAWA — U.S. Navy Lt. John Nicholson, assistant battalion surgeon with III MSB, described some of the changes made at Bush Clinic to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 as the clinic works to ensure the continued medical readiness of personnel assigned to III MEF.

“One of the first things we did was create an isolated space within the clinic for anyone evaluated with a respiratory complaint,” said Nicholson. “We took out some of the seating in the waiting room, and if anyone has a respiratory complaint they can come through a different entrance.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend social distancing as one of the best tools to prevent exposure to the virus and to slow its spread locally.

In accordance with social distancing guidelines, immunizations were moved to the Camp Courtney Theater to ensure proper social distancing measures were followed, while allowing III MEF to maintain its medical readiness.

“We usually do immunizations in the front lobby of the command element building, but due to social distancing requirements we have

moved it to the theater,” said Nicholson. “The theater isn’t in use right now and it’s big enough that we can have a decent amount of people spread out.”

While III MEF has relaxed certain Health Protection Condition measures, all personnel are still advised to continue to follow recommended safety precautions as COVID-19 remains a real and present threat.

“Washing your hands is the big one and the other is following the rules already set out. Wear your face masks, and don’t sit inside restaurants or bars,” Nicholson explained. “That will help limit the number of infections on island so the medical system isn’t overwhelmed.”

For a short duration, Bush Clinic limited their operations to treating patients with acute issues and administering vaccines to deploying units. With COVID-19 cases on island decreasing, the clinic has resumed full operations with new safety measures to ensure Marines and sailors are medically ready.

“Just as always, its important readiness requirements are met so troops are ready to fight,” said Nicholson. “Just because COVID-19 is going on doesn’t mean we won’t get called to fight. We can’t just ignore certain requirements and hope for the best.”

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From Guam to Okinawa, the Exchange supports Medical Task Force during COVID-19



(U.S. Army photos by Staff Sgt. Mark A. Kauffman)

On March 23, Tonja Norris, Camp Foster Exchange main store manager, James A. Pigford, Foster's stockroom manager and Yoshimi Ikeda, administrative specialist, fills 102 "Welcome Home" gift bags for the Sailors and Marines of 3rd Medical Battalion who spent the past 2-months providing medical care to the crew of USS Roosevelt.

By Army & Air Force Exchange Service Public Affairs

6/8/2020 - CAMP FOSTER — For more than 100 Medical Task Force for Sailors and Marines, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service provided comforts of home after they returned to Okinawa and into a 14-day quarantine.

Beginning June 2, Sailors and Marines assigned to the 3rd Medical Battalion returned home to Okinawa after spending more than 60 days providing medical aid to the crew of USS Theodore Roosevelt while the Navy's aircraft carrier was docked in Guam in

support of COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

Even with COVID-19 restrictions in place, Larry Borum, 3rd Medical Battalion deployment readiness coordinator, still wanted to make the return special, so he reached out to the Exchange for assistance.

"Providing them "welcome home" bags would be a nice gesture letting them know that everyone at 3rd Medical Battalion appreciate what they did," Borum said.

The Camp Foster Exchange team worked together to provide the heroes a "Welcome Home"



The members of "Medical Task Force" gets medically checked for symptoms of the Corona Virus when they returned home to Okinawa on June 2 after spending the past 2 months medically aiding the crew of USS Roosevelt.

bag filled with items such as hand sanitizer, face masks, sunglasses, and a \$10 gift card to name a few, to remind them that Exchange is here to support them.

"We are here to support all of our service members and this is a thank you from us to them for their support of our Nation," said Tonja Norris, Camp Foster Exchange store manager. "We appreciate the work they did during this mission and every day."

As a precaution, all of the returning Sailors and Marines must quarantine for 14 days. During quarantine, the Exchange will continue to meet their needs.

31st MEU MRF Marines conduct CQT qualification



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Joshua Brittenham)

An explosive ordnance disposal technician with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit's (MEU) Maritime Raid Force prepares to clear a room with his M45A1 service pistol during a close-quarters tactics range on Camp Hansen, May 20. The 31st MEU, the Marine Corps' only continuously forward-deployed MEU, provides a flexible and lethal force ready to perform a wide range of military operations as the premier crisis response force in the Indo-Pacific region.

Service members can use the Exchange personal shopper service and i360 food delivery for contactless shopping and dining, both essential customer support programs while personnel are in 14-day quarantine.

"The personal shopper program is a godsend," said 3rd Medical Battalion commander Capt. Ronald L. Schoonover (US Navy). "If [Corpsmen and Marines] need anything to make restriction of movement more pleasant or are craving a hot meal from a name-brand restaurant, it's just a phone call away."

During their recent mission, Schoonover recalls the critical aid the Andersen Exchange in Guam provided.

"The consumption of our sanitization supplies was being outpaced faster than originally

planned and resupply was needed quickly, Schoonover said. "I called Col. Scott Maskery, Exchange Pacific Region commander back in Okinawa, and within a few hours, we were contacted by the local Andersen Exchange manager, Ms. Patricia Murauskas, to let us know our order was ready for pick-up."

With around-the-clock hard work and dedication to duty, the Corpsmen got the crew of USS Roosevelt back on the waters patrolling the Pacific Region.

"The Exchange played a vital part in our successful mission as we acquired the majority of our needed items for battalion functions from the Exchange," Schoonover said. "Thanks for keeping the operating forces in mind when stocking items and supporting our mission in Guam and back at home station in Okinawa."

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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 June 4)

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. Tours and educational or instructional classes and programs such as local ITT/ODR trips, dive boats, arts and crafts, scuba and driver's education, fitness, aerobics and newcomer's briefing are authorized when made available.
11. Golf courses, clubhouses, and pro-shops
12. Movie theaters
13. Beaches, camping, and resort areas
14. Non-contact outdoor sports and activities such as volleyball, softball, baseball, etc. are authorized. While these select sports are permitted, personnel in the stands and dug-outs must observe social distancing.
15. Bars, clubs and lounges are also authorized on base and all members are reminded to drink responsibly and ensure they have a plan to get home safely since taxi services remain unauthorized.

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.

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 and Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. by appointment only. Call 634-3813 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays to schedule. All studio requests except award photos will be scheduled.

Approved & Restricted Non-essential Activities (Current as of June 4)

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.

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: Force health protection measures

previously implemented remain in place such as prohibition of using mass transit and limiting base access to non-mission essential visitors.

* 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. Dining inside an off-base restaurant/café
2. Off-base chapels and church services
3. Nail salons

4. 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:

Non-essential shopping, dining at restaurants and cafes (outdoor seating only) whose primary purpose is food service, and youth programs such as taking piano or swimming lessons are authorized. Dining inside an off-base restaurant/café remains unauthorized.

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- 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/barment from the installation.

Current situation on Okinawa regarding COVID-19 (Current as of June 9)

As of June 10th, there have been no new cases of COVID-19 for 41 days straight. A total of 143 people in Okinawa were diagnosed with the disease and seven have died. As of June 8th, there are no patients hospitalized with COVID-19—the first time there have been zero cases since March 22nd. Responding to the Government of Japan bringing 80% of the country out of the nationwide state of emergency – including Okinawa – Okinawa Prefectural Government has lifted its own state of emergency. All elementary, middle and high schools in the Okinawa Prefecture have

reopened and 99% of public schools have returned to their normal class schedules. Local buses on Okinawa have returned to their usual timetables and the business closure requests have been lifted. The prefecture will fully lift the COVID-19-induced restrictions on the movement of people across its borders on 19 June. The prefecture will start welcoming tourists gradually for 18 days. The prefecture has started to accept people from mainland Japan starting 1 June, minus the following six areas: Hokkaido, Tokyo, Kanagawa, Saitama, Chiba and Fukuoka prefecture. Gov. Tamaki has laid out guidelines to ensure effective border control as restrictions are lifted. OPG is calling on Okinawa residents to adopt a new lifestyle that incorporates antivirus measures such as wearing face masks, maintaining social distancing, promoting teleworking, etc. The Eisa Festival scheduled for September has been cancelled due to the pandemic. The Naha Tug-of-War scheduled for October has been cancelled due to the pandemic.

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