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Kadena E-5 becomes first Pacific Air Forces enlisted air surveillance officer



Staff Sgt. Daniel Propst, 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron air surveillance officer, poses in front of an E-3 Sentry April 27, at Kadena Air Base.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Sutton)

By Staff Sgt. Benjamin Sutton

18th Wing Public Affairs
7/1/2020 - KADENA AIR BASE

— Recently, the Air Force made the decision to send highly qualified enlisted members to the air surveillance officer training course.

Historically, the ASO has been a rated aircrew commissioned officer only, typically a Captain or Major.

“I am the one and only non-commissioned officer in Pacific Air Forces performing the air surveillance officer job,” said Staff Sgt. Daniel Propst, 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron ASO. “I was initially qualified in November of 2019 and since then have been performing the ASO responsibilities. Primarily this in-

cludes management of my team which detects, identifies, reports, and tracks all airborne contacts in our area of operations.”

As an ASO, Propst is in charge of the senior surveillance technician and air surveillance technicians on the aircraft. He also manages specific data links and sensors.

“The significance of having an enlisted member, the first Pacific Air Forces enlisted member to be qualified as an ASO, is that it opens up a whole new avenue for our enlisted aviators to have a much bigger responsibility than normal,” said Lt. Col. Jamey Frazier, 961st AACS commander. “These Airmen are already actively involved in the mission but in this case by Propst being the air surveillance officer, he is run-

ning the entire surveillance section as well.”

Frazier explained the remotely piloted aircraft program has transitioned from primarily commissioned officer pilots to majority of them now being enlisted aviators.

“We are transitioning these enlisted members into a vital role formerly held by officers,” Frazier stated. “They are in charge of the section now giving them the opportunity to find the next step and showcase what they can do for the Air Force as career enlisted aviators.”

Due to his stellar performance, Propst was approached by his squadron leadership and asked if he was interested in the applying for the program.

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EXERCISE GRYPHON JET



Air Force Special Tactics operators with the 320th Special Tactics Squadron wait to load their tactical vehicles into a C-130J Super Hercules during an engine running onload/offload (ERO) training as part of Exercise Gryphon Jet at Yokota Air Base, June 23.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Yasuo Osakabe)

By Yasuo Osakabe

374th Airlift Wing public affairs
6/30/2020 - YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The 353rd Special Operations Group organized exercise Gryphon Jet from June 17-26 at Yokota Air Base.

Over that 10-day period U.S. forces teamed up to execute the high altitude high opening, high altitude low opening, fast rope, and repel training needed to get its special tactics operators where they need to be quickly, efficiently, and most importantly, ready to respond at a moment's notice.

“Essentially, as part of our COVID-19 response and ensuring the health and safety of our Airmen, we haven't been able to do a lot of the integration exercises that we've been able to do under normal circumstances,” said Lt. Col Jason Hock, 21st SOS commander, “We've been able to maintain a lot of our training at Yokota and within the 353rd

SOG, but not as much with our other mission partners. This exercise gave us an opportunity to travel within Japan from base to base and train with our mission partners to increase our interoperability and capability within the special operations community.”

Gryphon Jet's complete list of participants included: U.S. Air Force C-130J Super Hercules assigned to the 36th Airlift Squadron, CV-22 Ospreys assigned to the 21st Special Operations Squadron, 374th Operations Group Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) specialists, all out of Yokota, 353rd Special Operations Group special tactics operators out of Kadena Air Base, U.S. Navy special operators with the Navy SEALs (Sea, Air and Land) Team One, and Army Special Operators with the 1st Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) out of Torii Station, Japan.

“What makes this training so important is it guarantees that we remain ready to respond to near peer competition, contingency response and personnel recovery scenarios throughout this area of responsibility,” said Hock. “Whatever we need to do in the defense of the U.S., Japan, or any of our allies in Indo-Pacific region, we are prepared as a force to do just that.”

In maintaining that capability to respond, it is the flexibility and professionalism of the members of the special operations community that allows them succeed.

“This is our bread and butter, this is what we do,” said Hock. “When we come together, regardless of our branch of service, we are able to get after that mission to make it happen. We've worked together seamlessly across the globe for so many years and that's not going to stop anytime soon. Gryphon Jet only further cements that fact.”

'Walk for Unity' brings Team Kadena together, builds understanding



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Daryn Murphy)

Team Kadena members take a moment of silence before the Walk for Unity 5K at Kadena Air Base, June 20.

By Staff Sgt. Daryn Murphy

18th Wing Public Affairs
7/1/2020 - KADENA AIR BASE

— The 18th Wing hosted a 5K “Walk for Unity” on Kadena Air Base, June 20.

The event signified Team Kadena's commitment to bringing the community together and resolving racial divides and inequalities in our nation and Air Force.

The 5K was open to all members on base and allowed civilians, contractors, families, and service members to show

their support and appreciation for one another no matter color or creed.

The walk began at the Schilling Center with words of encouragement and inclusiveness from base leadership.

“Today is a great opportunity to come together in unity as we provide this platform, this space, to have open dialogue and open conversations about racial inequalities, racial divides and other human relations issues that we need a space to be

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Ribbon cutting ceremony held for new Teen Center

By 18th Wing Public Affairs
7/1/2020 - KADENA AIR BASE
— After being closed due to moving buildings, renovations, and COVID-19 restrictions, the Teen Center on Kadena Air Base has officially reopened.

Wing leadership celebrated the grand reopening with a ribbon cutting ceremony held June 24.

“Our teens are excited to return to their ‘home away from home’ amidst the COVID-19 restrictions,” said Laura Jefferson, 18th Force Support Squadron teen program coordinator. “Teens are becoming young adults and seeking their independence from their parents or guardians. The Teen Center allows these students to learn new skills, gain confidence, volunteer, and

make new friends in a casual setting.”

Some teens are looking forward to a new beginning in a new setting, explained Malena Boylan, Kadena Air Base Youth of the Year 2020.

“With everything that has been going on this year and COVID-19, it’s been very challenging,” Boylan explained. “Opening this new teen center is a way to give back to the base community. For us the year has been difficult as schools were closed and we couldn’t see our friends so this is a way to bring everyone back together.”

One unique way the teens were able to help bring everyone back together was by working hand-in-hand in designing certain zones of the new center themselves.

“Students created the Chill, Real,

and Thrill Zones inside the new teen center,” explained Jefferson. “The Chill Zone is the place to catch a movie or check out the music closet all the while catching up with friends. The Real Zone is designed to hold the majority of our teen clubs. Students can work on art projects, study science, engineering, technology classes, access the college and career prep library, as well as do their homework. The Thrill Zone is where students can enjoy music, play video games or a game of pool and have something to eat in the snack area.”

The Teen Center has relocated to building 439 across from the Base Exchange. It’s open to teens aged 13 to 18.

For questions regarding the Teen Center, please call 634-3866.

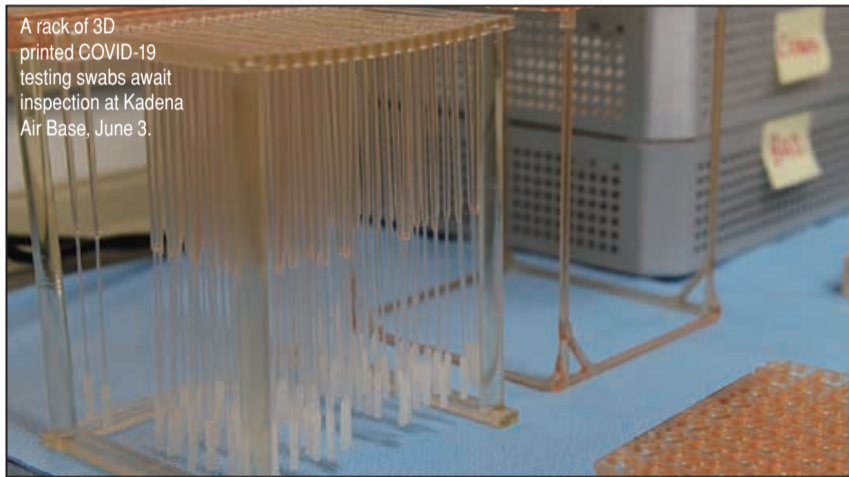


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▲ U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Joel L. Carey, 18th Wing commander, and Malena Boylan, Kadena Air Base 2020 Youth of the Year, cut the ribbon during a grand reopening ceremony for the teen center June 24, at Kadena Air Base.

18th Dental Squadron creates COVID-19 test swabs

A rack of 3D printed COVID-19 testing swabs await inspection at Kadena Air Base, June 3.



(U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Daryn Murphy)

By Staff Sgt. Daryn Murphy

18th Wing Public Affairs

7/1/2020 - KADENA AIR BASE

— While we’ve seen no new cases of COVID-19 on Okinawa, the threat of the pandemic is still very real. The Regional Dental Laboratory, which falls under the 18th Dental Squadron, has played an instrumental role in the 18th Wing’s innovation efforts to help flatten the curve.

The RDL wasted no time in using their 3D printing capabilities to create face shields, door handle openers, and other per-

sonal protective equipment when protective measures were first implemented on base.

“With the reduction in patients due to the pandemic, we switched gears by using our innovation and expertise in our field to find new ways to treat patients or help the base,” said Staff Sgt. Guadalupe Flores, Dental Technician, 18th Dental Squadron.

Along with personal protective equipment, the RDL began producing nasopharyngeal swabs with 3D printers to help support COVID-19 testing.

When faced with COVID-19, members started reading articles addressing the nasopharyngeal swab and found out the lab’s 3D printer company, Formlabs, was working with the University of South Florida and Northwell Health to manufacture NP swabs, explained Tech. Sgt. Samuel Brown, CAD/CAM NCO in charge, 18th Dental Squadron.

The NP swabs are narrow sticks made of a plastic rod that’s covered with absorbent material, which collects nasal secretions from the back of the nose and throat. Once the swabs are 3D

printed, they’re washed, cured, quality controlled, sterilized, packaged and then labeled.

To ensure the safety of patients, the dental lab is following an NP swab 3D printing workflow document provided by the joint forces of the 3D printing company, the university and New York’s largest healthcare provider.

In order to gain Federal Drug Administration approval, two requirements must be met.

Legal and medical guidelines are one requirement and clinical trials are the other, Flores explained.

Kadena doesn’t have enough patients for clinical trials – fortunately – which means no FDA approval as of now, he said. However, this hasn’t stopped the unit from finding outside-the-box innovations to help fight COVID-19.

Despite not being able to get FDA approval themselves, the team is sharing their groundwork for the swabs with other Air Force Medical Treatment Facilities in an effort to help bases across the world create tests with an expedited approval process.

Not only does this help during the current and potential future pandemics, but it also allows the RDL to expand on skills that aren’t necessarily used in the day-to-day dental operations.

“What we do on the day-to-day basis is just help people,” said Tech. Sgt. Christian Kendall, Dental Technician, 18th Dental Squadron, “In this case it allowed us to branch out and excel and really work on other areas that we don’t usually get the time to work on ... Being able to research and manufacture multiple products just to try to help out during the current pandemic.”

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Misawa, Kadena Airmen further ACE capabilities with FARP training

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Trey Branch, an 18th Logistic Readiness Squadron forward area refueling point team member, waits to refuel an F-16 Fighting Falcon during a FARP training event at Misawa Air Base, June 25.



(U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Melanie A. Bulow-Gonterman)

By Staff Sgt. Melanie A. Bulow-Gonterman

35th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

7/6/2020 - MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Misawa F-16 Fighting Falcon pilots, in collaboration with Kadena Air Base Airmen, executed a unique refueling capability for the first time at Misawa Air Base, June 25.

“Forward area refueling point” entails the rapid transfer of fuel from one aircraft to another. On this occasion, an MC-130J Commando II and four F-16 Fighting Falcons completed the procedure with all engines running. This capability makes it possible for fighter aircraft to land, replenish fuel and return to air-battle operations within a short timeframe in austere environments.

“This capability adds another toolset to facilitate rapid force deployment and is part of the basis of the [Agile Combat Employment] concept,” said Maj. Walter Studley, the 35th Fighter Wing Inspector Gen-

eral director of wing inspections.

The FARP program is designed to train petroleum, oils and lubricants (POL) Airmen for covert refueling operations in deployed locations where fueling stations are not accessible or when air-to-air refueling is not possible.

“It was a new concept to perform FARP refuels on F-16s here at Misawa AB,” said Staff Sgt. Trey Branch, an 18th Logistics readiness Squadron FARP team member. “It was an awesome experience and I am glad to participate in this training opportunity despite the pandemic.”

Members of the 18th LRS and 1st Special Operations Squadron validated their FARP training and certified five crewmembers on the procedures, while Misawa Airmen observed the refueling capability.

“Our POL Airmen witnessed an exciting assignment opportunity as a ‘FARPie,’” said Studley. “Our crew chiefs were able to provide F-16 specific training for the MC-



U.S. Airmen from the 18th Logistic Readiness Squadron and 1st Special Operations Squadron from Kadena Air Base, prepare for a forward area refueling point training event at Misawa Air Base, June 25.

130 crews, and our pilots saw an ACE refueling capability in action.”

When a fighter squadron has FARP support, options are vastly increased, as any accessible airfield or island can be used to replenish fighters and send them back to the fight.

Studley continued saying that the training demonstrates another milestone in the ACE program overall.

“The more we get comfortable with these capabilities in training, means the more effective they will be if we ever need to use them,” said Studley.

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"Of course I immediately agreed to be a part of the program," Propst said. "After I completed training I made sure to come back to my squadron and begin passing on everything I learned to my fellow Airmen. This innovation opens up a lot of opportunities for enlisted members in our career field and will extremely assist our mission effectiveness across the globe."

Propst didn't just graduate the ASO course, he was recognized as distinguished graduate for his class.

"It was a real honor being selected as distinguished graduate but the greatest honor I have is managing the team of surveillance operators and integrating with other team members on the aircraft efficiently," Propst explained. "For me, that's the most rewarding part of his job."

By stepping into this new role Propst is allowing surveillance airmen aboard the aircraft the opportunity to progress through their careers and to lead in a very active way.

"It's not uncommon for Staff Sergeant Propst to be leading members of his team who are senior noncommissioned officers, all of whom outrank him," said Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Fowler, 961st AACS superintendent. "However, he is their leader on the aircraft because he is the ASO. It gives a new upgrade path for the air surveillance and senior surveillance technicians as well as allows the AWACS community to utilize its airborne battle managers in the most efficient way possible and capitalize on their strengths."

According to Fowler, Propst was selected because he was simply one of the best as his tactical and technical expertise is unparalleled.

"It's fantastic to watch him be so successful and lead in such an extraordinary capacity," said Fowler. "We are excited to

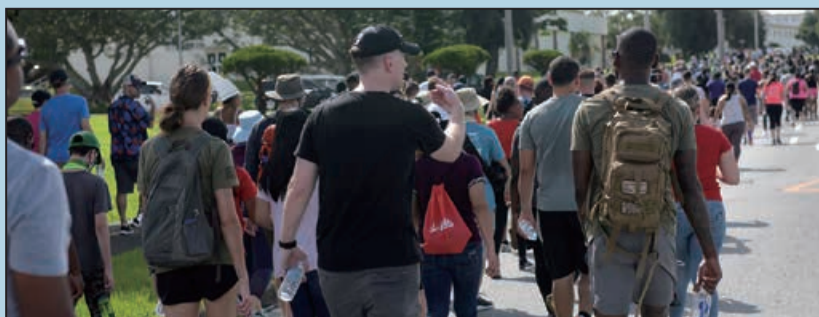
see this program continue and have our enlisted force members take on additional roles inside the aircraft. From what we have seen at our squadron, the program has been a tremendous success."

Enlisted aviators have years of experience, knowledge and expertise running the systems, while also tracking and identifying contacts. Frazier explained how this is the logical next step, giving them the ability to lead and manage the section.

"This is a perfect opportunity for the Air Force to use our high-performing, technical expert members effectively so they can move on to the next step and show how much more we are able to get from them," Frazier stated. "For us, Staff Sergeant Propst stands out. He is the definition of a subject matter expert. Even before his selection to become an air surveillance officer, he was the person we went to regarding questions in our career field world. He was the natural choice because he is such a technical expert in this area."

For Propst it's simple; he understands how vital the mission is, takes care of his teammates and ensures his team meets their requirements in order to assist the larger Air Force mission.

"The most exciting part of this job is knowing how critical our responsibilities are to the larger Air Force mission," said Propst. "Every day is exciting and working with phenomenal people makes it a truly enjoyable experience. I'm just extremely thankful and humbled to have been selected by my leadership for this new opportunity. They have really guided and shaped me in accomplishing this new role effectively. It's good to see the Air Force is moving in this direction and that other enlisted members will have the same opportunity to serve and excel in this role making our total force mission a success."



Service members, civilians, contractors and families participate in the Walk for Unity 5K at Kadena Air Base, June 20.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Daryn Murphy)

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together in unity," said Chief Master Sergeant Tracie Duvall, 18th Mission Support Group command chief.

The peaceful event allowed members of the community to connect and to learn about the history, grief, and pain over racial divides and inequality that people may still experience.

"This is a Team Kadena effort and this is part of a Team Kadena conversation," said Brig. Gen. Joel Carey, 18th Wing commander. "It's going to be part of an ongoing conversation and an effort as we move forward. As Chief Duvall and Chief Bender mentioned, thank you so much for your leadership. There is a lot of pain, a lot of hurt, a lot of justified anger that we have in our community and in our nation. I am so proud about is this team of service men and women and your family members. This is yet another way you're serving, and you're doing it in a beneficial way, you're doing it in a way that builds our community. You're doing it in a way that loves one another in a selfless way. I'm incredibly proud to be part of this."

Carey continued by discussing how he has charged base leadership to make sure they're listening before they speak and to make sure they are putting in the effort to really listen and learn from the stories.

"Based on the color of our skin, the neighborhoods we grew up in, the different socioeconomic backgrounds we

had, there are certain things that if you haven't experienced them personally, then there is just a blind spot you are going to have," continued Carey. "It's a fact that we all have them, but if we start off with a conversation and listening, developing an understanding, educating ourselves, and moving forward in unity we have proven time and time again that this Air Force and this community can do amazing things. Thank you all very much."

In addition to open dialogue, the event also featured booths manned by members of the community who led conversations between participants about issues such as racial prejudice, discrimination, bias and systematic discrimination as acknowledged by top Air Force leaders.

"Discussing our different life experiences and viewpoints can be tough, uncomfortable and therefore often avoided," stated Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General David Goldfein, in a letter to commanders, "But we have been presented a crisis. We can no longer walk by this problem."

As many leaders have expressed, all members need to know without a doubt that their military family stands with them.

"I don't have the answers, but I do know there is no room for bigotry, hatred or small mindedness in our force. Period," Goldfein continued, "Every member of our team needs to know we have their back."

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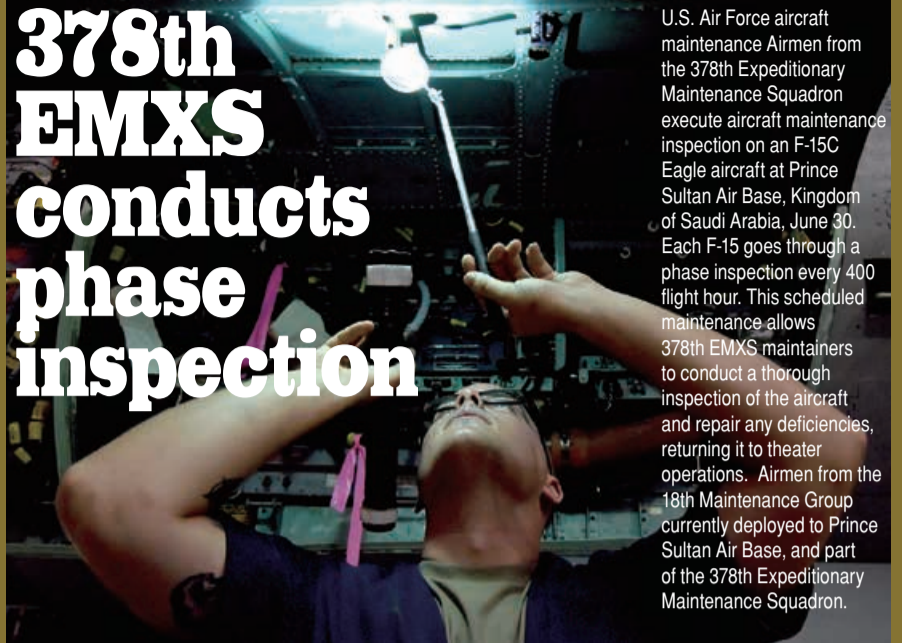
An F-15C fighter jet from the 44th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, flies in formation with two F-15SA Royal Saudi Air Force jets from the 6th Squadron, King Khalid Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and a KC-135 Stratotanker from Al Udeid, Qatar, during an integrated sortie flight in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, June 25. The integrated sorties allow U.S. and RSAF pilots to familiarize themselves with communications and mission planning procedures. It also allows them to maintain readiness for longer mission capabilities.



(U.S. Air Force photo by AFCEM/PA)

378th EMXS conducts phase inspection

U.S. Air Force aircraft maintenance Airmen from the 378th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron execute aircraft maintenance inspection on an F-15C Eagle aircraft at Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, June 30. Each F-15 goes through a phase inspection every 400 flight hour. This scheduled maintenance allows 378th EMXS maintainers to conduct a thorough inspection of the aircraft and repair any deficiencies, returning it to theater operations. Airmen from the 18th Maintenance Group currently deployed to Prince Sultan Air Base, and part of the 378th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Benjamin Wiseman)

AAFES serves up nearly 40,000 Grab-and-Go meals at Pacific schools during pandemic

By Army & Air Force Exchange Service Public Affairs

6/26/2020 - OKINAWA — With schools in the Pacific region transitioning into the summer break, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service has wrapped up its highly successful grab-and-go school meal program. Implemented as schools in the Pacific went virtual during the COVID-19 pandemic, the program served 39,281 breakfasts and lunches in four months.

As the pandemic shuttered schools and children began virtual learning, the Exchange quickly pivoted to ensure students could still enjoy healthy and nutritious meals.

“We are thrilled that so many families participated in this program and had

peace of mind during a very trying time,” said Col. Scott P. Maskery, the Exchange’s Pacific Region commander. “While learning went on in virtual classrooms, students were still enjoying healthy meals. The Exchange’s core value of family serving family truly resonated.”

The program began in Korea in early March with schools in Okinawa and Japan coming on board March 23. At designated times each day, families could stop by one of the centralized locations for the grab-and-go meals. Exchange associates and school personnel monitored and enforced physical distancing and ensured a safe, sanitized and secure experience when students and families arrived.

“We are appreciative for all that the Ex-

change Pacific team has done for service members and their families,” said Brig. Gen William J. Bowers, Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations Pacific. “Flexible, agile, supportive and proactive—the Exchange team has shown all these qualities and more throughout the school year, and every day, while supporting all their customers during this pandemic.”

The Exchange school meal program will be ready to support military children when schools resume in August, whether it is gr-



(Courtesy photo)

Chiaki Lamptey (left) and Ayako Tripp (right) prepares “Grab-N-Go” lunches at Kadena Elementary School for students as they adjust to the changes caused by COVID-19 pandemic to “Virtual Classrooms”. United States Forces Japan and Department of Defense Education Agency asked the Exchange to amend their School Meal Program to support the students and parents during the pandemic.

ab-and-go meals or if the students return to the classroom.

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-Two visitors who are identified by the patient are allowed in to visit.

-USNH Okinawa will provide instruction before visitors enter a room on hand hygiene, limiting surfaces touched, and the use of personal protective equipment while in the patient's room.

-At this time, we will support 1 person over the age of 18 for Obstetrics patients with scheduled non-emergent Caesarean delivery.

-Children will be allowed to visit with their newborn sibling post-partum. They MUST be free of fever, symptoms associated with Covid-19/ cold/flu, and any diarrhea, nausea or vomiting.

-Official command visits may be conducted at any time, limited to two personnel.

-Parent(s) may visit children at any time. A parent or guardian appointed adult should remain with the child at all times whenever possible to support patient safety as well as maintain parent/guardian to child relationships. Children under the age of 6 must NOT be left without a parent or guardian appointed adult for an extended period of time.

-When the patient's condition warrants the termination of visitation, the visitors will be requested to leave and come back at a more suitable time. If any specialized treatment/procedure is needed, visitors will be asked to

leave until the procedure is complete.

Sick List/Very Sick List patients may have two visitors at anytime but will be limited to immediate family or significant other.

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.

Job Opportunity with WIC Overseas

Choctaw Staffing Solutions (CCS) has the following full-time position available at Okinawa Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Overseas: The position requires the applicant to be a Registered Dietitian/Registered Nurse/Home Economist/Physician Assistant. Requires a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition, Dietetics, Nursing (RN/BSN or RN with AA degree) or a degree in Home Economics with an emphasis in nutrition. Experience with WIC and/or experience with the Maternal/Child population is desirable. Good computer skills required. Must be U.S citizen and have a current driver's license. For consideration, please e-mail your resume and cover letter to: mpapplewhite@choctawglobal.com or fax to:

(210) 525-1398 or you may mail your information to the address below.

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

Kadena Base Library Closure

Kadena Base Library will be closed on July 20 for Ocean Day. During this time, the online library resources will still be accessible via the library's card catalog, which is linked from the Kadena FSS web site, and via the AF Portal under the "Library & Resources" tab. For more information, contact Holly May at 634-1502.

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.

TMO PCS Personal property shipment requests require

Due to PEAK PCS SEASON 2020, from now until end of November 2020. Please note that if you already have your passenger PCS flight date and then you contact the TMO Personal Property Office Kadena, and the date you are requesting is not available, be prepared to either change or adjust your PCS flight date or set up a Power of Attorney (POA) to get your move completed, after you departure. The Personal Property Office on Kadena needs at least a "10-day window" to get your Personal Property shipment booked (HHG/UB) with a local agent. For more information, contact MSgt Mac Honk at 634-7845.

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VA Benefits Advisor

VA Benefits Advisors are available to provide remote One-on-One assistance sessions via phone or email. They can answer questions, explain benefits, and connect service members, Veterans, and loved ones with helpful resources. Contact Cathy Cooley at Cathylyn.cooley@serco-na.com or Kevin Saskowski at kevin.saskowski@serco-na.com for assistance.

Mail Address Information

The mail addressees should inform their mailers to not include "Japan" or "Okinawa" in the APO or FPO mail address format. If included, the mail may be routed through the international postal system instead of the military postal system, which may result in a higher postage rate and longer transit time to the addressee. To prevent

non-delivery of mail, please enclose inside the mail piece the sender's address and the intended addressee. Enclosing the addresses inside the package can help the Postal Service route the mail to the addressee or returned to sender should the exterior addresses become unreadable or is separated from the mail piece. For more information, contact MSgt Robert Quinones at 634-2155 / 5098.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kadena ACE (E1-E4) Meeting

Join Kadena ACE (Airmen Committed to Excellence) on July 14 at the Wired Bean Café from 11:00-12:00, as we enjoy a FREE LUNCH and talk about how we can make the experience at Kadena the best it can be! We use this time to discuss upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and professional development workshops that we conduct on a regular basis. Please contact our president, SrA Dyana Dillard at 634-1275 or via email at dyana.dillard@us.af.mil.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Airmen Against Drunk Driving

Airmen Against Drunk Driving is always looking

for volunteers to drive military personnel and their families home safely during the weekends. This opportunity is open to all ranks of all services. If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering with us, please share the link below to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054baeae2ca7fe3-aadd>
Your participation in this program will help us ensure the safety of service members as we continuously work to eliminate DUI's on and off base. Please feel free to reach out to A1C Alejandro Rodriguez (alejandro.rodriguez.14@us.af.mil) or the AADD org box (AADD/Kadena) if you have any questions and/or concerns.

Ryukyu Middle School Summer Volunteers

Ryukyu Middle School is looking for summer volunteers from now until August 3 at Ryukyu Middle School Bldg. 1985 on Kadena AB Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Volunteers will help to up file papers, move furniture, set up classrooms, etc. Volunteers do not have to stay the entire day but as long as they can. For more information, please contact Maria Negrón at DSN: 634-4849.

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Okinawa after the war

The exhibition introduces the history of Okinawa from the end of American rule in 1972 through today.

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