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67th FS fighters conduct a small force exercise



A U.S. Air Force 67th Fighter Squadron F-15C Eagle and a 909th Aerial Refueling Squadron KC-135 Stratotanker prepare to conduct air-to-air refueling during a training exercise July 8, off the coast of Okinawa. Fighter squadrons from Kadena Air Base conducted a joint small force employment exercise to enhance fighter intercept strategies, bomber escort, and small force employment. U.S. Air Forces are postured and ready to respond to crises and contingencies throughout the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, contributing to regional stability and a free and open Indo-Pacific.

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

Team Kadena's Intel, Recon squadrons outsmart COVID-19



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

Members assigned to the 82nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron perform daily tasks while adhering to COVID-19 protection measures July 8, at Kadena Air Base. By enacting and adapting to these measures quickly, members were able to devote themselves to mission success.

By Senior Airman Rhett Isbell

18th Wing Public Affairs
7/9/2020 - KADENA AIR BASE
— The COVID-19 pandemic has birthed many obstacles, but the ingenuity and fighting spirits of Team Kadena's 82nd Reconnaissance and 390th Intelligence Squadrons have persevered against the virus with new policies and an unfaltering operations tempo.

The powerhouse duo hustled right at the beginning of the pandemic and worked to accomplish their vital mission and persistent-

ly protect their Airmen from harm by enacting several health safety measures throughout their squadrons.

"Our squadron has adapted to the new normal by changing the way we operate," said Lt. Col. John Jewell, 82nd RS commander. "We've broken the Airmen up into teams, enforced social distancing and communicated electronically to keep in touch, among other things."

By enacting and adapting to these measures quickly, members were able to devote themselves to a top priority...mission success.

"Our mission is to collect intelligence to give to U.S. INDO-PACOM leaders, so they can make informed decisions on how to continue protecting this area of responsibility," said Staff Sgt. Jonathan Dandrea-Garcia, 390th IS production manager. "We're a key intelligence producer in this area, so it's imperative we continue our mission and not slow down. We can't let ourselves falter."

These changes had to work in tandem with the intelligence mission supporting theater and

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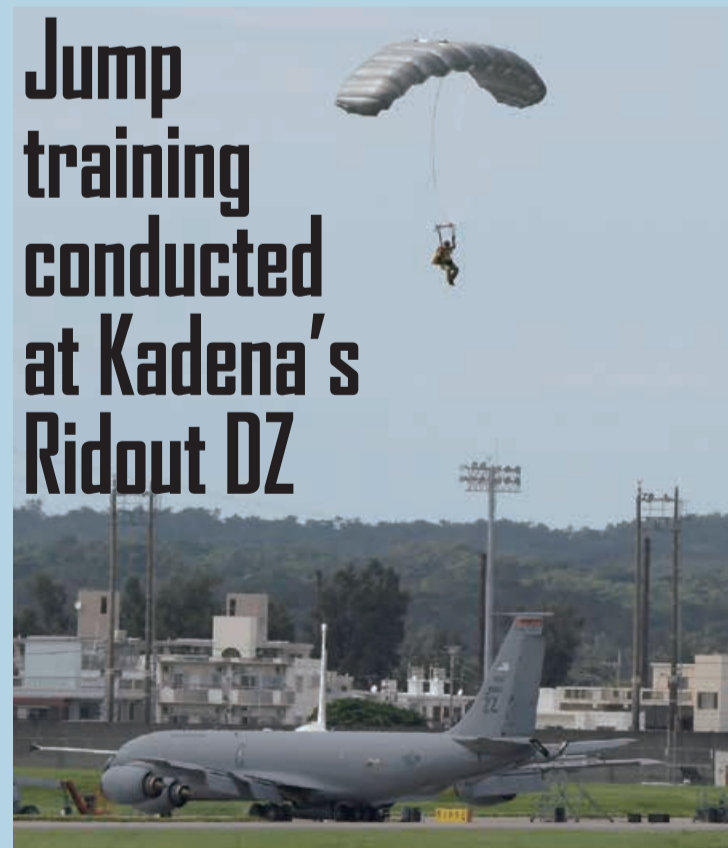
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Jump training conducted at Kadena's Ridout DZ



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

A U.S. Air Force servicemember descends toward the airfield during paratroop training at the Ridout drop zone July 9, on Kadena Air Base. Paratroop training is designed to maintain the readiness of search & rescue units and other U.S. forces to support commitments to the defense of Japan, to meet U.S. obligations under the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security, and to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific.

378th EOG execute integrated combat turn launch technique



Airmen from the 378th Expeditionary Operations Group conduct an integrated combat turn to test their capability to land, refuel, weapons reload and take off at Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, July 3. An integrated combat turn allows the fighter jet to land, refuel and weapons reload in a rapid rate. This process allows for the fighter jet to spend less time on the ground and more time in combat operations.

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

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national level consumers with near real-time on-scene intelligence collection, analysis and dissemination capabilities.

They accomplished this by detecting, identifying and geolocating signals throughout the electromagnetic spectrum, while using the RC-135V/W on-board suite. The mission crew then forwards gathered information in a variety of formats to a wide range of consumers.

Maintaining this high level of readiness and flexibility may be difficult for some, but Lt. Col. Jarrod Knapp, 390th IS commander, feels his Airmen only gained more

resolve as time went by.

“We weren’t really able to take a knee,” Knapp said. “The key fact is we have not stopped operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We’ve prevailed despite the virus.”

Many members hope that operations can return to normal as soon as possible but stand ready to accomplish their mission no matter the circumstances.

“I hope that we can open things up to normal operating procedures,” Dandrea-Garcia said. “If that’s not possible, then we’ll just stay here and keep on going as long as it takes.”



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Rhett Isbell)

U.S. Air Force Airmen with the 390th Intelligence and 82nd Reconnaissance Squadrons board an RC-135V/W May 5, at Kadena Air Base. The 82nd RS is responsible for supporting theater- and national-level consumers with near real-time, on-scene intelligence collection, analysis and dissemination capabilities.

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嘉手納基地 - 嘉手納基地の皆さん(軍人・軍属・米国民間人従業員・MLC・IHA・その他関係者)、新型コロナウイルス感染から基地関係者並びに地元の方々を守るため、第18航空団司令官は本日(7月15日)正午より、下記の通り基地内外での行動ガイドを変更し、規制を強化します。

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18th Wing Law Center wins Legal Office of the Year Award



Members of the 18th Wing, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate team pose for a group photo on Kadena Air Base, June 19.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Daniel E. Fernandez)

By Tech. Sgt. Daniel Fernandez
18th Wing Public Affairs

7/15/2020 - KADENA AIR BASE — The 18th Wing Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, commonly known as the Kadena Law Center, received record-breaking inspection results and won the highly coveted Air Force's Legal Office of the Year Award for 2019.

This award is the highest honor bestowed on an Air Force legal office by the Judge Advocate General Corps Headquarters, and recognizes the legal team that best provides Airmen with the professional, full-spectrum legal support required for mission success.

The Kadena Legal team competed against all of the legal offices in the Air Force. After inspection, legal offices receive a grade out of a five-tier system in ascending order of unsatisfactory, satisfactory, commendable, excellent, and outstanding.

The Kadena law center received the first "Outstanding" rating under the current JAGC inspection framework and the second "Outstanding" rating in JAGC history.

Step foot inside the Kadena Law Center

and you will quickly sense a positive atmosphere of morale and camaraderie. Smiling faces and open lines of communication run left to right with lawyers, paralegals, and support staff fluidly collaborating and moving like clockwork.

This welcoming aura is underscored by the influence and leadership of the team's superintendent, Master Sgt. Edrienne F. Flores.

"We emphasize empowerment – people first, then the process – at every echelon, encouraging individuals to take ownership of their programs and get creative to improve their areas of responsibility," Flores said. "As a paralegal superintendent, the best part was seeing the growth, confidence, and expertise in each of my teammates from the officer, enlisted, and civilian personnel."

The team underwent a critical inspection as required by Article 6 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, while simultaneously being inspected during the 18th Wing's Unit Effectiveness Inspection.

The inspection periods covered three years of work performance and thorough-

ly examined 120 areas of work product spanning four legal sections including Civil Law, Military Justice, Operations and International Law and Leadership.

"Putting in the extra time to getting to know your customers and building strong ties with them pays incredible dividends and makes work enjoyable," said Capt. Gabriel W. Bush, chief of military justice. "The inspectors found it most impressive that the team's cohesion and morale was high while also producing timely, quality, and relevant legal support to the base and the Air Force as a whole."


The team went so far as to innovate and raise recommended improvements to legal processes to higher headquarters, providing feedback on issues that were visible at the base level. This willingness to operate in excellence, provide timely, relevant and candid feedback coupled by a top-down empowered staff ultimately led to Air Force-wide policy changes.

"Each section and individual knew his or her role, unique talents and how they fit into the strategic mission of the legal field, as well as the importance of

the service they provide to Team Kadena," said Flores. "As a result, each individual became a technical expert in their respective field, thus enabling them to provide commanders and leadership teams with accurate, confident, and consistent advice and services."

The role of the Legal Office is critical especially as changes within the law and regulations constantly take place. The Kadena Law Center's top rating is truly a testament that when leaders make the time to take care of the people through relationship building and networking, then the process will naturally thrive as well.

"As a JAG, I've never seen a team come together so well over such a long period of time and function so well together," said Col. Jason S. Wrachford, 18th WG staff judge advocate. "Building on our diverse backgrounds, different life experiences, and varied perspectives, we were and remain committed to the mission and delivering the best product possible. To achieve the highest JAG Corps inspection score to date for this type of inspection validated the strength of our team."

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Wilsbach assumes command of Pacific Air Forces

By Staff Sgt. Hailey Haux

Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

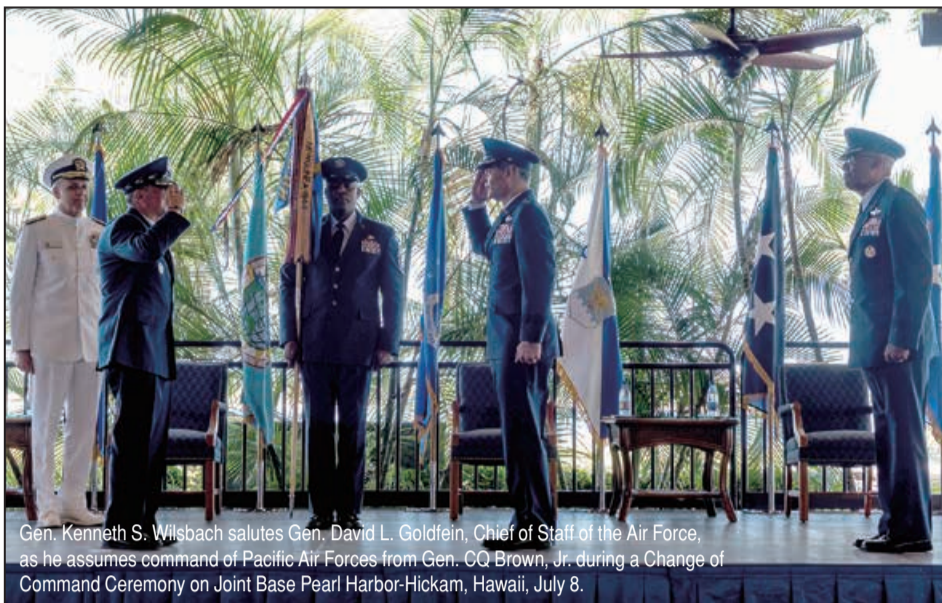
7/8/2020 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — Pacific Air Forces' Airmen welcomed Gen. Kenneth S. Wilsbach and bid farewell to Gen. CQ Brown, Jr. as Pacific Air Forces' commander during a Change of Command Ceremony held here and virtually across the region, July 8.

Presiding over the ceremony were U.S. Navy Adm. Philip Davidson, Commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, and Gen. David L. Goldfein, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force.

"Ken is no stranger to the Indo-Pacific [area of responsibility]," Goldfein said. "This will be his 9th assignment in the Pacific, having had multiple tours at Kadena Air Base, Japan, Elmendorf, Alaska, here in Hawaii and most recently at Osan Air Base, Korea, as the 7th Air Force commander. He is laser-focused on joint warfighting excellence, ready today, to fight tonight. 'Cruiser' and Cindy epitomize the concept of a command team and do it with unparalleled class and style."

A change of command ceremony is a highly honored tradition amongst military personnel; all stops are pulled out and everything and everyone is put on display. Generally there is a hangar bursting of Airmen from across the command, the stage is set with one of the biggest American flags one would possibly ever see, with a backdrop of various aircraft such as the behemoth and most flexible cargo aircraft—the C-17 Globemaster III; or the compact, multi-role fighter—the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

No matter the aircraft, all eyes are on the stage— and with a simple, simulated 'pass' of the guidon, a final, and first salute, and the words, "Sir, I relinquish command,"



Gen. Kenneth S. Wilsbach salutes Gen. David L. Goldfein, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, as he assumes command of Pacific Air Forces from Gen. CQ Brown, Jr. during a Change of Command Ceremony on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, July 8.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Hailey Haux)

and, "Sir, I assume command," Wilsbach is now the commander of Pacific Air Forces.

Those words and the authority and responsibility conveyed in them have been said many times throughout history. Dating back to the Continental Army of the United States, the change of command ceremony has survived as an integral part of the Air Force heritage to this day.

As the 36th COMPACAF, Wilsbach now oversees approximately 46,000 Airmen, serving principally in Japan, Korea, Hawaii, Alaska and Guam. PACAF's area of responsibility is home to 60 percent of the world's population in 36 nations spread across 53 percent of the Earth's surface and 16 time zones, with more than 1,000 spoken languages. The command oversees nine Air Force installations and three numbered Air Forces.

In his speech, Wilsbach previewed a few of his priorities for PACAF, including readiness and resilience of the Force, working

with allies and partners, supporting Airmen and their families, and coordinating with other components in the theater.

"As has been stated, I've been fortunate to serve here about half of my career, and over that time the theater has certainly matured, it's changed dramatically, it's become a lot more complex, and it's become, frankly, the strategic epicenter for our nation," said Gen. Wilsbach. "And I am totally energized for the opportunity, and I'm very proud to lead the Airmen in the priority theater."

Prior to taking the command at PACAF, Wilsbach served as the 7th Air Force commander and Deputy Commander of U.S. Forces Korea. Other assignments include Commander of Alaskan Command, Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, and 11th Air Force.

PACAF delivers agile air, space, and cyberspace capabilities in support of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command's objectives, uniting allies and partners to enhance regional

stability and security. For more than seven decades, PACAF has served in defense of the nation. The command continually prepares to bring air power quickly and decisively to the far reaches of the Pacific.

Even though Brown said good-bye to PACAF Airmen, it is more of a "a hui hou" or "see you later" as he is headed to Washington D.C. to become the next Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

Davidson recapped the importance of Brown's tenure.

"His leadership over the past two years demonstrates his unique ability to innovate, to inspire, and to impress, and that includes his subordinates, his peers and his superiors alike," Davidson said. "CQ's leadership has led to the proliferation of 5th Generation fighter capability by PACAF, by the Royal Australian air force, and by the Republic of Korea air force, increasing our Joint and Combined Force lethality and helping us deter aggression here in the Indo-Pacific."

While in command, Brown conducted 256 key leader engagements, visited 15 Indo-Pacific nations and hosted the largest Air Chiefs gathering in the history of PACAF.

"No different from the day I took the command, every day that I've been in command I've been extremely honored, blessed, and proud to serve as the 35th Commander of Pacific Air Forces," said Brown. "I'm honored by the opportunity to lead PACAF. I'm honored by the trust and confidence afforded to me by both Adm. Davidson and Gen. Goldfein to lead in the Department of Defense's priority theater, the Indo-Pacific."

"I'm proud of all that we've accomplished together at PACAF, but I know there's much more to be done," Brown continued. "Sharene and I are very honored to pass the PACAF leadership responsibilities to 'Cruiser' and Cindy Wilsbach."

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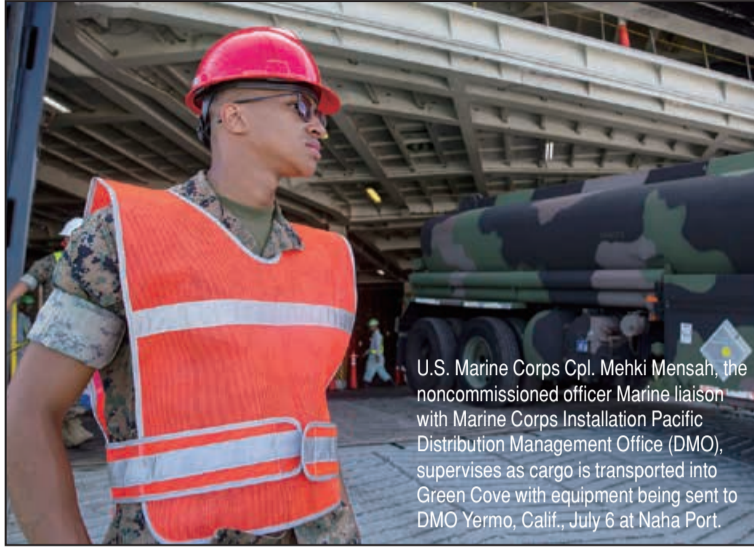
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MCIPAC DMO: Loading up the Green Cove



U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Mehki Mensah, the noncommissioned officer Marine liaison with Marine Corps Installation Pacific Distribution Management Office (DMO), supervises as cargo is transported into Green Cove with equipment being sent to DMO Yermo, Calif., July 6 at Naha Port.

(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Karis Mattingly)

By Lance Cpl. Karis Mattingly

Marine Corps Installations Pacific 7/7/2020 - NAHA PORT — Marine Corps Installation Pacific Distribution Management Office and 835th U.S. Army Transportation Battalion worked together to load the Green Cove with equipment to send to DMO Yermo, Calif., July 6 at Naha Port.

The Green Cove is a transportation vessel from Mobile, Ala., that measures 199 meters, the length of two football fields, and has the capability to carry 22747 tons. The operation began with processing shipping documents, coordinating bookings of transportation, movement of cargo to the port and finally loading of the cargo.

III MEF Band and the JGSDF 15th Brigade Band perform together amidst COVID-19



U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Jessica Wright, a flutist with the III Marine Expeditionary Force Band, takes notes during a combined performance with the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force 15th Brigade Band on June 18, on Camp Foster.

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

By Lance Cpl. Brennan Beauton

Marine Corps Installations Pacific 7/8/2020 - CAMP FOSTER — The III Marine Expeditionary Force and the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force 15th Brigade bands performed together from June 15 to 18 on Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan.

The two bands came together to perform a rearrangement of “Cap’s Promise,” a piece composed by Henry Jackman, to thank all frontline workers, first responders and health care officials for all their contributions and continuing efforts while life surrounded by COVID-19 becomes the new normal.

Staff Sgt. Wayne C. Geary, the enlisted conductor with the III MEF Band, said this project was just another avenue to show how we can cooperate and prevail during this pandemic.

“I think this project is not only important to play great music with great musicians, but to thank everybody who has been involved and effected by this pandemic because it’s not just a Marine Corps issue. It’s a global issue,” said Geary, a native of Woodbridge, Virginia.

Capt. Ken Yamashita, the officer in charge of the JGSDF 15th Band, said this performance was

very important to hold.

“When we perform the combined concert together we try to show people our strong bonds of friendship between the 15th Band and the III MEF Band,” said Yamashita. “Also, we can send a message to the people that we can conquer the COVID-19 situation.”

The bands strictly reinforced the precautions to mitigate the potential transmission of the contagious virus.

“We are checking body temperature twice a day, and we wash and sanitize our hands often,” said Yamashita.

Musicians had a rotational schedule where certain sections would play in a specific time frame throughout the week. They were placed six feet apart while recording took place to maintain proper social distancing.

Both the III MEF Band and the JGSDF 15th Band work together frequently and always enjoy the collaboration, said Geary.

“They [the 15th Band] are such high caliber musicians and it’s like working with someone who is either just as good as you or even better,” said Geary. “I always learn something new from them and they always bring the best out of the Marines.”

The 835th Transport Battalion partnered with Marines to execute this operation. The 835th also supports all vessel operations on the island.

“COVID-19 has changed the way we operate entirely, but we are able to overcome it and push through by implementing the new safety precautions,” said Maj. Scott Daniels, the executive officer with 835th U.S. Army Transportation Battalion. “The partnership between us and the Marines is the reason why this operation is so successful. This is my first experience working with Marines, and I am really proud to be a part of this.”

The significance of the inco-

ordination between 835th Transportation Battalion DMO and III Marine Expeditionary Force strap mobility was understood by all partnerships to achieve this operation. COVID-19 ultimately elongated the operation, but was quickly overcome and completed.

“We always want to be prepared, and at our best as DMO, to help ensure mission completion to ultimately strengthen the Marine Corps,” said Master Sgt. Joel Castillo, a distribution management chief with DMO. “The 835th Transportation Battalion helps ensure that we get cargo transported around the world. It’s a joint effort and without them this wouldn’t be possible.”

Castillo also noted the additional value of the operation.

“This job means a lot to me because I know we are supporting the warfighter,” said Castillo. “One way or another we are making it better for you all coming up in the ranks.”

The mission of the Marine Corps Distribution Management Office is to provide fast, friendly, and effective services for shipment, receipt, pickup, delivery, and storage of all personal property for military and civilian members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and other Department of Defense agencies moving into, within or out of the geographic area.

NMCB-5 steadfast for 9 months on Indo-Pacific Deployment

By MCI Stephanie Belcher

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5

7/13/2020 - OKINAWA — Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5’s originally planned six-month deployment was extended due to COVID-19, and the U.S. Navy Seabees continue to press on in the Indo-Pacific region.

NMCB-5’s Seabees with NMCB-5 took over the Indo-Pacific region from NMCB-4 in October 2019 to support humanitarian aid/disaster relief (HADR) and major combat operations (MCO), if needed, throughout the region.

NMCB-5 continues to operate detail sites throughout multiple host nation countries on mutually beneficial projects, strengthening relationships, building new partnerships, and maintaining their operational readiness skills by providing construction and community relations projects throughout the Pacific Islands.

Throughout the deployment, the Seabees worked on more than 40 projects, taking 29,000 man-days of construction valued at more than \$11 million, from a landfill capping project in support of Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, to building and renovating elementary schools in remote islands—such as Timor-Leste and Pohnpei, the Federated States of Micronesia; and Palawan, Philippines.

“NMCB-5, like all Seabees deployed to the Indo-Pacific, feels a special responsibility to live up to a long legacy of delivering high-quality construction in support of local communities across the region,” said Cmdr. Ryan Carey, NMCB-5’s commanding officer. “For example, NMCB-5 recently completed the 100th Seabee project in Timor-Leste. This project provided valuable Seabee construction and logistics training and delivered a school for the Timor-Leste community of Fatumeta.”

The Seabees employ fully capable task-organized general engineer units independently

U.S. Navy Seabees deployed with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5, lay asphalt onboard Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, May 15.



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

or as part of a combined or joint force. They have enhanced the joint forces environment through construction projects, like Detail Diego Garcia’s work to build tension fabric structures in support of the U.S. Air Force, or Detail Marshall Islands work to building an evacuation center, which serves as the disaster preparedness building.

“The Sailors of NMCB-5 exemplify the ‘Can Do’ ethos, and have built upon the legacy of Seabees who have been operating in remote locations across the Pacific for decades,” said Cmdr. Seth Cochran, NMCB-5’s operations officer. “They provide high-quality construction and promote regional security through tangible projects that contribute to the well-being of the local communities in which we operate.”

These construction projects ensure the Seabees remain capable of quickly responding and supporting any MCO in their area of responsibility.

“Although deployed longer than originally planned, NMCB-5, with the strength and support of our families back home, is proud to represent our nation abroad through the COVID-19 global pandemic, doing our part to maintain our warfighting readiness while helping local communities stay healthy and safe,” said Carey. “Willing hearts and skillful hands of NMCB-5 ‘Professionals’ steadfastly continue to deliver results where and when needed.”

Other locations, such as Detail Tinian, supported host nations

by revitalizing Tinian Children’s Park, which was destroyed by a category 5 super typhoon that took place in 2018; and assisting in the quelling of local brushfires during the recent dry season.

“The Seabees of NMCB-5 are robust, both individually and as a team,” said Cochran. “Their legacy, and access, are vital in meeting the Navy’s mission to protect and defend the United States, and its interests, through strengthened partnerships and continued regional security.”

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, NMCB-5’s Seabees adjusted how they operate to meet the U.S. military protocols while continuing to provide support to the host nations.

The Seabees helped construct a 150-bed Expeditionary Medical Facility in Guam as part of the COVID-19 response for the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). In addition to supporting fellow service members, they were able to accomplish the mission, maintain the operational tempo, and adjust to local government needs by designing and building hand-washing stations, as well as head and shower facilities in isolated islands in the Pacific in an effort to help the local government prevent the spread of COVID-19.

NMCB-5 is deployed across the Indo-Pacific region conducting high-quality construction to support U.S. and partner nations to strengthen partnerships, deter aggression, and enable expeditionary logistics and naval power projection.

Kadena Air Base Community Notes

To submit an announcement for the base bulletin, please visit www.kadena.af.mil

NOTICE

U.S. Forces Japan extends Japan-wide public health emergency

The commander of US Forces Japan has extended the Public Health Emergency (PHE) for Japan in accordance with DoD Instruction (DoDI) 6200.03, "Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) Within the DoD." The PHE will automatically terminate on August 13, 2020, unless it is renewed and republished or sooner terminated by the commander.

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.

Minimal Manning Days

Both holidays July 20 and Aug 11, the Kadena DOD Family Housing Office will be OPEN during these holidays, however with minimal manning. Please expect longer wait times for service. However, our Camp Kinser Office, Camp Courtney Office, Camp Foster, The Furnishing Management Section and Furnishing Management Section Self-Help and Appliance Repair will be CLOSED for the MLC Marine Day Holiday. For more information, contact Kristen Midyett at 634-0333.

U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa notice

Managing visitor access and movement within the hospital is essential in keeping our patients and staff safe from Covid-19. Visitations to USNH Okinawa require access restrictions supported by Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations and U.S. Forces Japan (USFJ) directives. These policies are to protect the health and safety of our patients and staff and will be adjusted as required.

-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.

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 household good requests

Due to Peak PCS Season 2020, from now until end of November 2020.

1) In an effort to expedite customer support and reduce wait time at TMO, all PCS customers desiring household goods/HHG movement are asked to log into DPS, <https://www.move.mil>, register and initiate requests online (i.e. self-counsel). PCS order and MILO (memorandum in-lieu-of amendment) is required to complete the request. Step-by-Step Instructions available at <https://kadena.eis.pacaf.af.mil>.

2) Email: 18lrs.pptyoutbound@us.af.mil. Once process completed with a copy of PCS order and MILO. Making positive contact with TMO counselor is critical.

3) All shipment dates are tentative until all required paperwork completed, signed, reviewed and accepted by the moving company. Due to the high-demand during peak PCS season, desired pick up dates may not be available. Please remain flexible and understand that shipments cannot be initiated earlier than 60 days prior to your DEROS as published on your MILO. Shipments can also be secured using a "special POA," as needed.

For more information, contact MSgt Hon Mac at 634-7845.

TMO Personal Property & Passenger Travel PCS

In an effort to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission, visiting our office is not necessary to initiate household goods and unaccompanied baggage shipments. To set up your shipments, please visit the Defense Personal Property System at <https://www.move.mil/> except for retirees, separates and first-time movers.

For any related inquiries i.e. date change request, please contact the TMO Outbound Personal Property Section through Org Box: 18lrs.pptyoutbound@us.af.mil / 18lrs.pptyinbound@us.af.mil or call 632-0068 / 634-7863. Walk-ins will only be from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. We will be closed on Thursday from 2-4:30 p.m. while we conduct needed administration. All required forms and other information can be found on our SharePoint: <https://kadena.eis.pacaf.af.mil/18MSG/18LRS/LGRD/TMO/PP/SitePages/Home.aspx>.

In an effort to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission, visiting our office is not necessary to arrange your PCS/TDY travels. For travel arrangements, please contact the TMO Passenger Travel Section through Org Box: 18lrs.paxpcs@us.af.mil or call 634-7792/94. Walk-ins will only be from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. We will be closed on Thursday from 2-4:30 p.m. while we conduct needed administration. All required forms and other information can be found on our SharePoint: <https://kadena.eis.pacaf.af.mil/18MSG/18LRS/LGRD/TMO/SitePages/Home.aspx>.

Please note, you must have orders & memo-in-lieu (MILO) from MPS to set-up your Personal Property shipment(s). However, orders are not required to make your travel reservations with Passenger Travel.

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The next issue of Samurai Gate will be newsstand on July 31.

personal property shipments, travel arrangements and current CSD. We are here to help. Thank you for your understanding. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Lakearea Autry at 634-5298.

Single Airman Free Bowling Program

Every Monday between 5:30 - 9:30 p.m., single airmen on unaccompanied orders of all ranks are invited to come to Emery Lanes and get 3 games and shoes for free. Simply request the program at the Front Desk. For more information, contact Michelle Brannan at 966-7303.

Finance Customer Service Hours Update

Due to current COVID-19 climate and HPCON Charlie measures our Finance Customer Service Lobby is by Appointment ONLY. Customer Services Hours are 0800-1600. Cashier's Cage Operations: Mon & Wed 0800-1200 DSN 634-4158. For assistance, members can call at 632-3609 or email 18cpts.finance@us.af.mil include full SSN. You can make an appointment on our Share point site by using the link : <https://cs2.eis.af.mil/sites/er/0713/SitePages/Home.aspx>

Armed Forces Voter Emphasis Week

Informing service members, civilians and their voting-age family member of their right to vote and the steps they need to follow to get their vote home. Visit FVAP.gov to complete your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) voter registration form immediately. You can also visit or call the Installation Voter Office locate in the Airman & Family Readiness Center (A&FRC) at 634-3366 for assistance.

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.

Government of Japan Quarantine Warning

Certain regions of Japan, including Okinawa, are home to serious plant pests that are not present in other parts of Japan. The government of Japan's Plant Protection Station strives to eradicate these pests and prevent the movement of their host plants to areas the pests are not currently present. DO NOT transport or mail the following plants and species: Sweet Potatoes / Citrus Seedlings / Giant African Snail / Citrus Greening Disease / West Sweet Potato Weevil / Sweet Potato Weevil. For more information, contact MAFF, Naha Plant Protection Station, Kadena Branch at 098-938-1024 or email pps_kadena@maff.go.jp

UPCOMING EVENTS Bowl League

Individual Handicap League Bowl anytime Monday-Friday during open hours. Points will be awarded based on how you bowl each week. Payout will be based on numbers of points won for duration of 12 week league. For more information, contact Michelle Brannan at 966-7303 or come by Emery Lanes to sign up.

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 Negron at DSN: 634-4849.

Car Wash Fundraiser Volunteers

The African American Heritage Committee is looking for volunteers. The AAHC is hosting a car wash fundraiser event July 25 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Public Affairs back parking lot. The proceeds will go towards future events sponsored by the AAHC. If you would like to volunteer, please contact MSgt Rodney Dunn at 634-5458 or by email rodney.dunn.1@us.af.mil or MSgt Destinee Jones at 634-6606 or by email destinee.jones@us.af.mil

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25-Jul	1100-1700	Foster Main Store	Triple A
26-Jul	1100-1700	Foster Main Store	E&C Kebab
26-Jul	1100-1900	KAB Concession Mall	Café Shiyu de Pokko
26-Jul	1100-1700	KAB Concession Mall	Churros Chilin-no-Suzu
27-Jul	1100-1400	KAB Flightline	Triple A
28-Jul	1100-1400	KAB Flightline	Café Shiyu de Pokko
28-Jul	1100-1800	Butler Express	Old Spices
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THAI CAVE RESCUE TWO YEARS LATER

By 1st Lt. Renee Douglas

353rd Special Operations Group

7/8/2020 - KADENA AIR BASE — The two year anniversary of the Thai-led, multi-national operation to rescue the Wild Boar youth football team from Tham Luang cave park was remembered recently. The rescue happened July 8-10 2018 and involved a highly organized and synchronized effort involving critical coordination with multiple governments, international companies and foreign non-government agencies.

It's believed the boys and coach set out into the cave on a team building exercise, something they had done before. With dry weather, the boys were able to hike back through the cave. But when it began to rain, the cave flooded. On June 24th reports of the boys missing began surfacing and their bikes were discovered by the mouth of the Tham Luang cave.

Soon after, the Royal Thai Army Special Forces Regiment and the Royal Thai Navy SEALs began search and rescue operations at the cave site. As news spread, the search drew the attention of local residents and international civilians looking to help in any way they can. With multiple lines of effort to determine the best way to enter the flooded cave and search for the boys, Thai Special Forces initiated patrols across the mountainside to find another way into the cave. It quickly became evident the massive size of the cave system the search area had to expand.

At the request of the Royal Thai government, the U.S., through U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, sent a search and rescue team from Okinawa, Japan to assist Thai rescue



(U.S. Air Force photos by Capt. Jessica Tail)

authorities in locating the team. Approximately 40 U.S. military personnel from U.S. Indo-Pacific Command including pararescuemen, a survival specialist and support personnel to include medical, communications and logistics, and U.S. Embassy Bangkok were brought on-site to assist with the rescue efforts.

During the initial phase of the operation, the U.S. military team accessed the environment and worked with Thai authorities and international search and rescue teams on the development of potential courses of action to locate the missing boys and coach. The combined rescue efforts included dive operations, land surveys with the Royal Thai Army, establishment of helicopter landing zones and high-angle

rope operations in confined spaces.

Once the youth football team had been discovered alive, the U.S. military continued its support while in close coordination with Thai authorities and international search and rescue teams. Serving in an advise and assist capacity, the U.S. military team supported the development on potential courses of action for extraction and contributed to the logistical resupply effort with the donation of food and dive equipment.

The Thai Navy SEALs demonstrated incredible leadership by diving back to the boys and staying with them day-in and day-out throughout the 8-day rescue. Retired Thai Navy SEAL Suman Kunan voluntarily came to support his SEAL



▲ Airmen from the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM) visit Tham Luang Cave in Northern Thailand to meet with Royal Thai military officials and authorities to assess conditions June 28, 2018, at Chiang Rai, Thailand.

◀ Airmen from the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM) work with Royal Thai Navy SEALs and international search and rescue teams on the plan for dive operations July 2, 2018, at Chiang Rai, Thailand. At the request of the Royal Thai government, the United States, through USINDOPACOM, sent a search and rescue team from Okinawa, Japan to assist Thai rescue authorities in locating 12 youth football players and their coach.

brethren and unfortunately died due to dive complications during the rescue. His passing underscored the risk these divers were willing to take to save the children and their coach.

The U.S. and Thailand, as longstanding allies and friends, have worked together to address challenges in both countries and around the world. The U.S. stands with our allies and partners during difficult times and we are committed to providing humanitarian assistance and disaster relief throughout the world as requested. We constantly conduct multilateral humanitarian assistance and disaster relief exercises with our key allies, so when a disaster strikes we are better prepared to work together.

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