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B-1s conduct bilateral training with Koku-Jieitai in vicinity of Japan



A 28th Bomb Wing B-1B Lancer, from Ellsworth Air Force Base, conducts aerial refueling with a 909th Aerial Refueling Squadron KC-135 Stratotanker, from Kadena Air Base, during a Bomber Task Force (BTF) mission July 27.

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

By 1st Lt. Joshua Sinclair

28th Bomb Wing Public Affairs
7/28/2020 - ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — A B-1B Lancer flew from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, to the vicinity of Japan to conduct integration training with the Koku-Jieitai, or Japanese Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF), on July 27.

B-1s are deployed to Guam from Ellsworth AFB, S.D., to conduct long-range, long-duration Bomber Task Force missions, which give aircrews opportunities to train alongside Allies and Partners in a joint environment and build interoperability to bolster their ability to support a free and open Indo-Pacific.

“The value these sorties have on our team’s confidence and readiness is immense,” said Lt. Col. Lincoln Coleman, Commander of the 37th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron. “We know these missions make us more prepared, more agile and most importantly, more lethal.”

During the mission, Koku-Jieitai F-2s integrated with the bomber in the vicinity of Japan to enhance bilateral interoperability and mutual readiness between the



1st Lt. John Lewis Elliot, 909th Aerial Refueling Squadron KC-135 Stratotanker pilot, conducts a pre-flight checklist prior to a Bomber Task Force (BTF) mission, July 27 at Kadena Air Base.

U.S. and Japan.

“To maintain and strengthen a free and open Indo-Pacific, we, Koku-Jieitai, continue to seek out every opportunity to enhance our capabilities and operations with our Allied teams,” said Koku-Jieitai Lt Col. SHIROTA Takamichi, 204th Fighter Squadron commander. “Regular bi-lateral exercises further enhance each teams’ capabilities and interoperability.”

In line with the National Defense Strategy’s objectives of strategic predictability and operational unpredictability,

the U.S. Air Force transitioned its force employment model to enable strategic bombers to operate forward in the Indo-Pacific region from a broader array of overseas and continental U.S. locations with greater operational resilience.

The flexibility and dependability of the multi-mission B-1 help make it the backbone of America’s long-range bomber force. It can rapidly deliver massive quantities of precision and non-precision weapons against any adversary, anywhere in the world, at any time.

US-Japan Joint Statement on COVID-19

By U.S. Forces Japan

7/29/2020 - YOKOTA AIR BASE — The Government of Japan (GOJ) and United States Forces Japan (USFJ) have worked closely in our joint effort to combat COVID-19. The GOJ and USFJ are seriously concerned by the global pandemic and challenges posed to the health of the Japanese community as well as the personnel of USFJ. In recognition of the challenges posed by this pandemic, Lieutenant General Schneider, Commander of USFJ, has maintained the Public Health Emergency for USFJ since April. USFJ has implemented comprehensive and rigorous health protection policies, which are consistent with measures taken by the GOJ to combat COVID-19 and to alleviate local concern. Every time there are positive cases among USFJ personnel, both sides share necessary information between the respective health authorities and notify the local governments concerned. Both sides will continue to work together to ensure that such exchange of information will be done as expeditiously as possible.

The GOJ and USFJ agree that strict enforcement of the measures that USFJ is taking, including the following, is critically important in the joint effort to combat COVID-19.

- All inbound USFJ personnel arriving on or after July 24 will continue to undergo mandatory 14-day Restriction of Movement (ROM) and also undergo PCR testing prior to release from ROM.
- The Health Protection Condition Level (HPCON) throughout Japan

remains elevated at Bravo, and the Commander of USFJ has also extended the Public Health Emergency through the middle of August. In addition, all installations in Okinawa have elevated their local HPCON to C+, which means significant additional restrictions are in place due to the recent outbreaks. USFJ has also conducted thorough and extensive contact tracing and PCR testing when there is a positive case to prevent further spread of the virus.

• USFJ has also implemented a new policy for public information, which includes sharing the number of active cases of COVID-19 at US facilities. Each affected installation will issue a press release announcing any new cases, while USFJ maintains a nation-wide list of active cases per installation to be updated twice weekly on its website. This policy is an effort to balance operational security with transparency.

• Since the beginning of this outbreak, USFJ has shared information about positive cases with the relevant local health authorities in accordance with bilateral agreements. As the pandemic spreads, our bilateral information sharing processes continue to be refined as we work together to share necessary information as expeditiously as possible.

The GOJ and USFJ reaffirm their commitment to ensure day-to-day close coordination, including with the local governments concerned, and between the respective health authorities, and to take the necessary actions to prevent further spread of COVID-19 in Japan.

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Prince Sultan boosts CENTCOM AOR refueling capabilities

By Master Sgt. Benjamin Wiseman

378th AEW/PA

7/23/2020 - PRINCE SULTAN AIR BASE, KINDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA — As a KC-135 Stratotanker turns to approach Prince Sultan Air Base, the 378th Expeditionary Logistics Squadron Fuels Flight has prepared a different, more effective way to gas-and-go the massive refueling aircraft.

Just 48 hours before the KC-135 Stratotanker from the 349th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron leaves Al Udeid Air Base to conduct refueling missions in the region, the 378th ELRS was given a task. That task was to develop, build and sustain a rapid refueling capability at Prince Sultan Air Base. That's exactly what they did.

"Our squadron, the 378th ELRS, was tasked to set up an R-20 refueling station and the fuels team took action immediately. It required coordination with the 378th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron and Expeditionary

Operations Support Squadron to make this happen and the support that we received was amazing," said Senior Master Sgt. Basye, superintendent, 378th ELRS fuels. "With a team of about 20 Airmen, we laid roughly 500 to 600 sandbags and 1,700 feet of hose line, which led to the R-20 being operational."

Then, on July 14, with the equipment prepared and the installation plan completed, the 349th EARS and 44th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, having aircraft in the region, were selected as the proof of concept units to precisely demonstrate the capability.

"We, the crew, were in the region on mission. Once we accomplished our mission, we landed at Prince Sultan Air Base, refueled and turned for another mission," said 1st Lt. McDaniel, KC-135 Stratotanker pilot, 349th EARS. "With the rapid refueling process, it was a lot faster. We took 85,000 lbs of fuel in less than an hour. This will allow us to get off the ground,

provide the fueling capability in the [area of responsibility] and sustain combat operations."

The new capability provided by the 378th ELRS paralleled with the 378th Expeditionary Operations Group's rapid fighter jet launches and integrated combat turn process, makes Prince Sultan Air Base a very agile, combat ready location for U.S. Central Command to deploy and redeploy aircraft to the region. It is a vital force multiplier while significantly reducing logistics, manpower and most important translates into agile combat employment.

"This refueling capability shortens the ground and servicing time for a large aircraft, and we wanted to test this capability concept in the austere environment. Every minute on the ground is a minute the aircraft is not conducting its critical air refueling mission. For fighters in particular, that air-air refueling is vital," said Col. Hurrelbrink, commander, 378th Expeditionary Operations Group.



The 378th Expeditionary Logistic Readiness Squadron install a rapid refueling platform at Prince Sultan Air Base, July 13.

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

"We wanted to demonstrate an expedited refuel capability (rapid refuel) of a large aircraft and that Prince Sultan has the capability to rapidly turn tankers on the ground so the aircraft can return to the fight to provide fuel to U.S. and Coalition partners."

With the cooperation of several units varied across a wide range of responsibilities, now the 378th AEW has a new, proven capability that CENTCOM can use in the region.

"This rapid refuel quantifiably proved that the turn time for a large aircraft could be greatly reduced. Plus, we accomplished it in an expeditionary, hot, sandy and austere environment." Hurrelbrink continued. "The success today has also set the stage for future iterations using multiple aircraft simultaneously refueling, servicing and conducting follow-on missions. Our plan is to capitalize on today's success and further mature our capabilities."

Misawa, Kadena Airmen train at Draughon Range



A U.S. Air Force joint terminal attack controller, left, fills in information for a 9-line while another JTAC, both assigned to the 320th Special Tactics Squadron, evaluates him at Draughon Range, near Misawa Air Base, June 15.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Timothy Moore)

By Tech. Sgt. Timothy Moore

35th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

7/7/2020 - MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Airmen assigned to the 13th Fighter Squadron and the 320th Special Tactics Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan, conducted close air support training at Draughon Range, near Misawa Air Base, Japan, June 15-17.

CAS is defined as air action by

fixed- and rotary-winged aircraft against hostile targets that are in close proximity to friendly ground forces requiring detailed integration of each air mission with the fire and movement of those forces.

CAS is not a primary part of the 35th Fighter Wing mission set, but it is one they can be called upon to perform in coordination with joint terminal attack controllers.

"We have a lot of young pilots who haven't worked with JTACs around here, so we are building the foundations," said Capt. Adam Engelhardt, a 13th Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot. "If we end up deploying or in a scenario like this, the JTACs trust the F-16 units to go ahead and do this."

Due to the urgency a CAS scenario can present, it is critical that pilots and JTACs not only trust each other but also understand each other. Though there are publications that unify the verbiage used throughout the CAS community, participants still need opportunities to practice it in application.

"If we don't have JTACs, it ends up becoming a lot of roleplaying in the airspace," said Engelhardt. "I'm pretending to be the JTAC while I'm flying the aircraft, so my wingman can understand the communication going on. It's not as effective as when you have someone whose actual job it is on the ground."

Typically, there are several training opportunities throughout the year for pilots and JTACs to work together and obtain or maintain their proficiency, but precautions taken to limit the spread of the coronavirus have led to many trainings either being

postponed or cancelled.

"We came out to Misawa because there is no fixed-wing CAS platform on the island of Okinawa, and it is required biannual training for us," said Master Sgt. Steven, the 320th STS JTAC Evaluation program manager. "The training went well. We were successful in conducting two JTAC evaluations."

Though training opportunities at Draughon Range can't replace the missed training at other locations, such as RED FLAG-Alaska, the willingness and ability of the 35th Operations Support Squadron and flexibility of the range to meet training requirements for the JTACs was critical.

"It's a good range considering it is not designed for CAS," Steven said. "If we were not able to come out here, we were in danger of having all of our qualified JTACs non-current, which would require an outside element to oversee our program manager training until we were able to become green again. The ability to utilize Draughon Range during this time saved our unit's JTAC program."

For that, the JTACs were very grateful for the use of Draughon Range, with many of them saying they would come back as long as they are allowed.

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Acknowledging racial disparity within our ranks



Members from the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron discuss racial disparity, discrimination and inequality during their monthly open forum July 24, at Kadena Air Base.

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

By 18th Wing Public Affairs

7/28/2020 - KADENA AIR BASE — Since the murder of George Floyd, discussing and addressing racial injustice throughout the ranks has become an important part of our total mission success.

U.S. Air Force senior leadership has prompted all servicemembers to take the time to learn and show humility by addressing racial blind spots and looking inward, at every echelon of command, so we emerge stronger as a profession of arms.

“I think it’s important for me, as a commander, to publically and promptly acknowledge to my squadron that there is a problem,” said Maj. Jennifer Rogers, 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron commander. “I use social media and a squadron-wide email to express my thoughts on what had been happening in the United States. Over two days, I attended 21 roll calls across all of my flights with my first sergeant and squadron superintendent to make my perspective very clear.”

For Rogers, her perspective is crystal clear.

“I have personnel affected and/or who know people affected by recent events, and

I wanted them to know it’s okay to feel what and how they feel,” Rogers said. “I support an environment where individuals can speak to each other about difficult subjects in a respectful and dignified manner, where differing opinions and perspectives are valued and where my Airmen trust their leadership.”

Rogers continued by explaining what’s not tolerated is racism or discrimination of any kind, and if anyone feels discriminated against, she wants them to feel that it’s okay to tell their leadership or the Equal Opportunity office, so appropriate action can occur to hold members accountable.

Additionally, the 18th EMS has held nine small group discussions in an open forum facilitated by Airmen who have personally experienced discrimination in their careers.

“We need to talk about racial disparity and discrimination more often and small groups are a great format for individuals who haven’t experienced or don’t understand discrimination/racism to gain perspective and understand why recent events are so important and need to be acknowledged,” Rogers said.

During the small group discussions,

Rogers explained that personal experiences and accounts were discussed and how she felt by hearing these stories.

“I was sad and concerned, especially for the younger Airmen, by what I heard in the discussions,” She said. “I’m enough of an idealist to hope we have evolved enough and that the younger generation of Airmen would have it better. But no, discrimination and racism still exist. Maybe not on the grand scale of 60 years ago, but people are still sending insensitive texts and saying inappropriate things, oblivious to the effect they have on the individual they are disrespecting and isolating.”

Recent events involving racial injustice and discrimination has caused leaders like Rogers to focus on ensuring inappropriate activity isn’t occurring and will never be tolerated.

“On one hand, it’s disappointing that we have to be motivated by recent events to focus on something so important,” she said. “On the other hand, recent events have created momentum toward positive change and awareness. It’s important we utilize this time and these events as a catalyst to correcting systemic issues within the military, so everyone feels valued and respected.”

In order to ensure members continually feel valued, respected and safe, the 18th EMS has established monthly forums to continue the conversation.

“The monthly open forum continues the conversation about racial disparity,” explained Rogers. “I want to give my personnel a safe space to speak about their personal experiences, vent, learn differing perspectives, and seek mentorship without feeling judged. We’ve also set up an anonymous feedback page on our squadron SharePoint site. We’ve established a re-education opportunity for members focusing

on the front line supervisors and we plan on keeping racial disparity and discrimination as topics for our next resiliency day event.”

Rogers continued by expressing how necessary the work is at continuing to actively seek change.

“If these discussions and open forums were just a ‘check the box’ event, then my Airmen wouldn’t see how serious they are,” Rogers said. “It’s important to me that my Airmen understand why we’re having these discussions. Discrimination and racism impact people’s lives, their self-worth, and/or their relationships. I need my squadron to function as a team, to have personnel who can rely on each other to make the mission happen, and to trust each other as well as their leadership.”

After participating in so many possibly uncomfortable and serious conversations, Rogers explained how she is ensuring no members of her squadron are victims of racial inequality.

“It’s all about words and actions,” she said. “I’ve stated my position on discrimination during work center roll calls and during the squadron’s monthly newcomer’s briefings. Zero tolerance. Any discrimination or harassment claim brought to my attention is investigated and addressed, whether through disciplinary measures or counseling.”

“I truly believe the way to stop it within my own organization is through education and accountability,” she continued. “People need to recognize their implicit biases, myself included, acknowledge them and change them. If they can’t, it’s my job to hold them accountable. The E.O. office has provided us with great resources on how to identify and address unconscious/implicit bias, and we’ve been utilizing those resources to do better for our Airmen.”

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MCIPAC and USNHO leadership host media on Camp Foster



U.S. Marine Corps Col. Neil Owens, director of Marine Corps Installation Pacific (MCIPAC) Government and External Affairs, and U.S. Navy Capt. David Krulak, commanding officer of the United States Naval Hospital (USNHO) were interviewed by reporters from Japan's major media outlets, Nippon Hoso Kyokai (NHK) and Kyodo News, to discuss the current COVID-19 climate.

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

By Lance Cpl. Karis Mattingly

Marine Corps Installations Pacific
7/24/2020 - CAMP FOSTER — U.S. Marine Corps Installations Pacific leadership and medical health professionals were interviewed by Okinawa media reporters to discuss COVID-19 related information on Camp Foster, July 24.

The purpose of the event was to highlight the strength of the MCIPAC and USNHO team and their efforts to maintain readiness while preventing the spread of COVID-19.

The media roundtable consisted of U.S. Navy Capt. David Krulak, Commanding Officer of the United States Naval Hospital, Okinawa, and U.S. Marine Corps Col. Neil Owens, Director of MCIPAC Government and External Affairs, interviewed by Nippon Hoso Kyokai and Kyodo News media outlets.

Owens opened up the event by stating, "Everything we do in this region supports the singular goal of promoting security and stability across the Indo-Pacific while also maintaining and strengthening our partnership."

The discussion questions were focused

on testing capabilities, tracing efforts, and reporting procedures regarding the current COVID-19 situation.

"We have implemented a large-scale, aggressive COVID-19 testing program," said Krulak. "We are not only testing those in close contact with someone who has tested positive, we are testing as many people as possible if any potential contact occurred. We conduct thorough contact tracing investigations to understand the scope of exposure an individual may have had with other personnel, on base or out in town. USNHO promptly shares this information with Okinawa public health officials."

The Naval Hospital works closely with MCIPAC, advising them on integrating public health and medical preparedness in their installation response planning. Working in close collaboration, USNHO and MCIPAC are able to quickly and efficiently identify, isolate, and conduct testing and contact tracing for suspected cases of COVID-19.

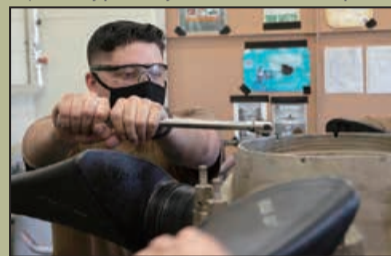
"USNHO is committed to taking every measure possible to protect the health of our service members, civilians, families, and host nation community," said Krulak.

Kadena AIMD propeller disassembly



(U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class David R. Krigbaum)

Aviation Machinist's Mate Airman Daniel Magana, Aviation Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Robert Bixler and Aviation Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Tyler Johnson, assigned to Commander, Fleet Air Western Pacific Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Detachment Kadena, disassemble a P-3C Orion propeller at AIMD Kadena July 27.



Aviation Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Robert Bixler, assigned to Commander, Fleet Air Western Pacific Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Detachment Kadena, disassembles a P-3C Orion propeller at AIMD Kadena July 27.

MID-RANGE TOW TRACTOR INSPECTION



(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Matthew Dickinson)

Sgt. Daniel Guzman, from Huntington Beach, Calif., assigned to Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron (MALS) 12, raises a mid-range tow tractor at the Commander, Fleet Activities Okinawa (CFAO) Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Department in Okinawa, July 23.

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Paratroopers and Sumo-42; VMGR-152 conducts airborne operations with 1-1 SFG



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by 1st Lt. Alyssa J. Morales)

U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Jaritzel Roberts, paratrooper with 1-1 Special Forces Group (Airborne) waits to depart Kadena Air Base on a KC-130J Super Hercules with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron (VMGR) 152 to participate in airborne operations at Ie Shima, July 15. This training maintains readiness, combat proficiency and enhances interoperability essential for joint and combined military operations in austere, expeditionary environments within the Indo-Pacific.

MCIPAC joint reception center operations uninterrupted throughout COVID-19 pandemic

By Lance Cpl. Karis Mattingly

Marine Corps Installations Pacific 7/17/2020 - CAMP FOSTER — “It’s a challenge,” said U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Preston Batson, the assistant barracks manager for the Joint Reception Center Marines.

Although many of the services across Marine Corps camps on Okinawa have stopped and resumed based on the COVID-19 climate, JRC has continued to be a 365 day, 24/7 operation.

“The JRC staff and I are always on the go,” Batson said. “While we wear masks and stay 6 feet apart, there’s always a chance to be exposed to COVID-19. We are surrounded by Marines new to the island who have executed the 14-day restriction of movement, and Marines whose flight has just landed to Okinawa.”

Despite COVID-19 restrictions, JRC Marines have continued to assist hundreds of accompanied and unaccompanied service members with their overseas transition.

New unaccompanied E-5 and

below Marines and greenside sailors step-off the Patriot Express into Kadena Air Base Terminal to be greeted by the JRC staff. Batson, eager to welcome the Marines and sailors, helps facilitate the process of checking the Marines in and accounting for their wellbeing.

“Our job is continuous,” said Batson, also a driver for JRC. “We live with the JRC Marines, so when we go home we are still with them - always on call.”

All inbound personnel to Okinawa are mandated to execute a 14-day ROM. However, the JRC staff still continuously ensures their safety, by conducting wellness checks three times a day, bringing chow to them, and ensuring they thoroughly clean daily.

“On average, we have 60 or more Marines and sailors in both barracks,” said Batson. “COVID-19 has not stopped JRC; we have only adjusted what we do.”

After the 14-day ROM cycle, the Marines execute their week-long orientation to the island. Before the global pandemic, the JRC Marines used to have classes ev-

ery day, and toward the end of the week, they would visit Hacksaw Ridge. Health protection condition restrictions limit the staff to only allowing the most vital classes to be taught. Under current conditions, the battle site tours have been suspended.

“COVID-19 has put a hold on some of the things we do, but we always adapt and overcome,” said Cpl. Daniel Chavez, a troop handler with JRC. “It’s kept us on our toes, and we adjusted as needed to continue helping the Marines in JRC.”

With COVID-19 still prevalent, it has caused an adjustment to the organization and procedures of JRC. However, the staff has worked hard to overcome and push forward.

“There is a lounge for the JRC Marines to interact with one another, of course staying 6 feet apart and wearing a mask,” said Batson. “There is a TV, video games, board games, and books for them to use. The biggest thing is to make sure they are ok. I don’t like to see a Marine sad, I want to do everything I can to



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Karis Mattingly) U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jonathan Paschal, a driver within the Joint Reception Center (JRC) welcomes the new Marines to the island of Okinawa on Kadena Air Base, July 9.

make them smile and know we are here for them.”

The JRC staff help establishes principles for other noncommissioned officers to uphold when placed in a leadership position with Marines under their command.

“In a way, we are a mentor to these Marines,” said Chavez. “NCOs should be watching out for their Marines, making sure they get chow, and be somebody who

helps with anything they need.”

The main effort of the JRC staff is to take care of every Marine and sailor who comes through the program.

“At the end of the day it’s our job as the JRC staff to make sure the new Marines and sailors are safe,” said Batson. “A part of keeping them safe is checking on them multiple times a day and ensuring they are healthy physically and mentally. They are important.”

Kadena Exchange and food court continues to serve the U.S. Navy



◀ A sailor from the USS Peralta poses for a picture after Kadena food court team delivered a load of pizzas and wings from Pizza Hut and Wings Street. During the Fourth of July weekend, 220 large pizzas and 1,200 wings were delivered to the crew.

(Courtesy photo)

By Army & Air Force Exchange Service

7/16/2020 - OKINAWA — While the USS Rafael Peralta’s leaders continued to deal with effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, their ultimate responsibility was for the safety of their crew while they quarantined on the White Beach pier over the Fourth of July weekend.

The crew of more than 300 received comfort and relief while restricted as the Army & Air Force Exchange Service’s Kadena team provide daily essentials and a little taste of home.

The Kadena Pizza Hut delivered 220 large pizzas and 1,200 wings from Wings Street over four days.

The Exchange earned an official Bravo Zulu shout-out from the USS Peralta’s team. Main Store Manager Flor Payton; Sales and Merchandise Manager Delia Eidson; Food Court Manager Andrew Nims; and Food Outlet Manager Tomoko Okuma were highlighted in the congratulatory message.

“With all the COVID-19 protocols in place, we will gladly deliver the taste of home experience to them,” Nims said. “It’s always a pleasure taking care of our service members.”

While the food court took care of their hunger, the main store team filled and delivered more than 100 buy online, pickup in store orders.

“It’s really heartbreaking knowing that our Sailors are stuck in a place and won’t have the liberties to get the supplies they need,” said Nancy Jordan, member of the Kadena Exchange operations squad. “The Exchange’s mission is to supply service members with the daily necessities they need and that’s what the Kadena team did for the Sailors at White Beach.”

In the past couple of months, the Kadena Exchange and food court team have come to perfect the mass delivery process. They have used this procedure two other times as they helped the crews of USS Blue Ridge and USS New Orleans during the pandemic.

“It is truly gratifying to be able to help sailors, especially when you hear the comments of how grateful they are for receiving their orders,” Delia Eidson said. “We are always talking about family serving family, and this really brings it home. My son was in the Navy, which is why helping these Sailors means so much to me personally.”

Inventory Control Associate Mako Price says she’s honored to serve during hard times.

“It always feels great to be able to help others but knowing that the Sailors were on the ship for so long with only the minimal supplies and being able to gather items they needed makes it even more awesome,” she said. The Exchange once again lives up to its core value of family is serving family.”

NMCB-3 completes turnover, assumes execution of Indo-Pacific Region NCF operations



(U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Michael Lopez)

◀ Cmdr. Jonathan Nieman, commanding officer of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 3, delivers his remarks during a Relief in Place/Transfer of Authority ceremony at Camp Shields in Okinawa, in which NMCB-3 received authority of the camp from NMCB-5, July 20. NMCB-3 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. The battalion stands ready to complete assigned tasking, support Humanitarian Aid/Disaster Relief and Major Combat Operations throughout the area of operations.



◀ Cmdr. Jonathan Nieman, commanding officer of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 3, delivers his remarks during a Relief in Place/Transfer of Authority ceremony at Camp Shields, July 20.

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NOTICE AADD Update

Airmen Against Drunk Driving is now fully operational! We will be operating from the Heritage Room in Building 728 for the time being. If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering with us, please feel free to share the link below to our sign up genius page. For more information please stay tuned to our Facebook page: Kadena AB A2D2, or contact A1C Alejandro Rodriguez at alejandro.rodriguez.14@us.af.mil. Thank you for your patience during these challenging times. We hope to see you soon! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054baeae2ca7fe3-aadd>

U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa notice

In response to the current situation regarding Covid-19, U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa (USNHO), Japan has implemented a number of precautionary measures to protect patients and staff. This includes controlling access. Visitations to USNH Okinawa require access restrictions supported by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations and U.S. Forces Japan (USFJ) directives:

-One visitor who is identified by the patient(s) will be allowed in to visit. No visitors under the age of 18 will be allowed to visit.

-USNHO will provide instruction, before visitor enter patients' rooms, on hand hygiene, limiting surfaces touched, and use of personal protective equipment (PPE) while in the patient's room.

-At this time we will support one person (over the age of 18) for Obstetrics patient with a scheduled non-emergent Cesarean delivery.

-Official command visits may be conducted, limited to two visitors.

-Parent(s) may visit children who are patients at any time. A parent or parent-appointed adult should remain with the child at all times whenever possible to support patient safety as well as supporting parent child

relationships, children under the age of 6 must NOT be left without a parent or parent-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.

-Sick List (SL)/Very sick List (VSL) patients may have one visitor at anytime, but will be limited to immediate family or significant other. This may be adjusted on a case by case basis.

-If any specialized treatment or procedure is required during visitation, visitors will be asked to leave the area until the treatment or procedure has been completed. The nursing staff will inform the family member when visiting hours may be resumed.

Kadena Housing Office Change in Operating Hours

The Kadena DOD Family Housing Office will take walk-ins only from 9 – 10 a.m. and 2 – 3 p.m. hours, Mon thru Friday. To schedule an appointment, call at 634-0582/3 or email kadenahousing.customerservice@us.af.mil. All Air Force TLA will only be processed via email. The Kadena MHO will close at noon every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month for training. For more information, contact Kristen Midyett at 634-4008.

Kadena Housing Office Closure

The Kadena DOD Family Housing Office, Camp Kinser Office, Camp Courtney Office, Camp Foster, Furnishing Management Section and Furnishing Management Section Self-Help and Appliance Repair will be closing August 5 for an official function. For emergency assistance, please contact at 634-HOME (4663).

Kadena Base Library Closures

The Kadena Base Library will be closed

August 11 for Mountain Day and August 21 for a staff training & work day. During these times, the library's online 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.

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



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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.

Again, you can do most of your TMO business online, emails and phone calls. Contact the Traffic Management Office for any questions regarding 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.

Public Affairs Photo Studio

The Public Affairs photo studio is open Mon - Thurs from 9 - 11 a.m. and 1 - 4 p.m. Appointments are available in half-hour increments.

*Award, bio or package submission photos are scheduled on Monday - Wednesday.

*Full length photos are only available on Thursday.

Official Passport photos are by appointment only on Mon - Fri, and require a letter or voucher from your UDM or the passport office. Photos are for official use only. For questions or scheduling, please call at 634-3813 / 634-4013.

Cloth Face Coverings

All individuals will wear cloth face coverings when they cannot maintain 6 feet of social distancing. Cloth face coverings worn while in uniform must present a neat and professional appearance, be one of the specified solid

colors below and must appear professional, have no interference with required gear, and cannot interfere with military duties or safety requirements. Patterned materials are forbidden except for current OCP or ABU pattern material, but coverings must match the uniform style worn by the member. Treated uniform material should not be used. Allowed colors: - white - black - tan - coyote brown - sage - olive drab - ABU - OCP

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.

Free Vehicle Safety Inspection

The "Free Bumper-to-Bumper Safety Inspection" to all personally owned vehicles Aug. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center parking lot. Event will be hosted by a team of expert automotive technicians from within the vehicle maintenance community. We want you to be safe on the road and informed about your automobile's condition. For more information, contact TSgt Richard Burritt at 634-5050.

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.

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