

U.S. Air Force 67th Fighter Squadron F-15C Eagles conduct a combat training sortie during Exercise Westpac Rumrunner July 31 out of Kadena Air Base. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Peter Reft)

Exercise WestPac Rumrunner – the second iteration

By Staff Sgt. Jessica H. Smith

18th Wing Public Affairs

8/5/2020 - KADENA AIR BASE — The 18th Wing hosted the second iteration of Exercise WestPac Rumrunner – an exercise designed to train and improve capabilities and joint interoperability using agile combat employment (ACE) concepts – July 31, at Kadena Air Base.

The exercise allows for the United States Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force to meet up, train, and fight as a cohesive unit all in one day's time. WestPac Rumrunner enables units and assets currently stationed or TDY in the Western Pacific area of responsibility to train together without the typical demands of a TDY.

"Rumrunner was designed to allow bases and players to meet up and fight without the logistics required for multi-day TDYs," explained Capt. Calvin Day, 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron E-3 senior director. "The idea was to cut down the

cost and be able to conduct this training at a moment's notice ... Just meet up for a single fight and then go home or stay for one night instead of a whole week."

For the second iteration, Kadena provided the perfect training environment for the Army, Navy and Air Force. Between the airspace and the base already being integrated with combat search and rescue, tankers, fighters and E-3s, the 18th Wing confidently welcomed more units and assets.

The day-long exercise hailed P-8s, F-16s and C-130Js; some coming all the way from Yokota and Misawa – providing a number of training opportunities from the planning, to the completion of the exercise.

Most bases spend their days employing operations with whatever assets are on location, not allowing them to integrate and practice tactics with multiple assets outside of their own, which is what makes WestPac Rumrunner so valuable.

"This exercise represents an evolution in how the 18th Wing trains with joint partners," said Capt. Scott Addy, 18th Operations Group standardization and evaluation F-15C branch and exercise director for Exercise WestPac Rumrunner. "Rumrunner is a unique exercise because it was a grassroots effort to strengthen Western Pacific joint forces as a cohesive fighting force capable of transiting vast distances, entering the same battlespace from dispersed locations and being capable to fight while remaining agile, flexible, autonomous, and lethal."

Capt. Adam Engelhardt, 13th Fighter Squadron lead planner for Exercise WestPac

Rumrunner from Misawa Air Base, Japan, feels the success of the exercise speaks volumes for all involved.

"We typically don't plan for large force exercises at a distance; we typically all gather together in one location, plan and execute the mission," he explained. "For this exercise, we completed all the planning through teleconferencing and phone calls – it's a testament to the professionalism of the participating forces to be able to execute an event like this so seamlessly."

Although the exercise may seem all about Air Force training, other branches had important roles as well.

The Navy served as the primary maritime strike component of the mission and was able to complete the entire surface warfare kill chain and was critical to mission success, explained Day, all while the Air Force provided over-watch and air defense for the P-8 and the personnel recovery assets.

While the Army didn't participate in the tactical aspect of the mission, the large exercise allowed them to test their systems integration.

"We're really far away here ... There's no one branch at this point that can do all the operations that we need to do from this base by themselves, so we're going to be integrating with all of the forces that we have available here," Day explained. "We're going to need those guys as well as the Air Force."

As Pacific Air Force looks to validate new ways to deploy and maneuver assets in order to operate in contested environments, ACE-related operations directly support the National Defense Strategy by being strategically predictable, but operationally unpredictable, Addy said.

"The goal of Rumrunner is to utilize ACE concepts to ensure forward-deployed forces in the Indo-Pacific are ready to protect and defend partners, allies and U.S. interests at a moment's notice," he explained.

Despite obstacles presented world-wide by COVID-19, the joint team was still able to accomplish their desired training through the exercise.

"This exercise tested our ability to project air power across a vast distance and defend different aircraft performing multiple mission sets while mitigating the risks of COVID-19," Engelhardt said. "Projecting combat air power has its own set of challenges and having the opportunity to practice that capability is crucial in enhancing our agile combat employment skills."

With the changing environment of warfare, combat interoperability is as important as ever.

"As war is getting much faster than it used to be, you need to be able to mobilize at a moment's notice and execute quickly, and also do that from dispersed locations," Day stated. "Getting everybody together and then dispersing again is a critical test of that capability."



An E-3 Sentry assigned to the 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron takes off during Exercise Westpac Rumrunner, July 31, at Kadena Air Base. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Sutton)



A C-130J Super Hercules assigned to Yokota Air Base, Japan, takes off during Exercise Westpac Rumrunner, July 31, at Kadena Air Base.



Team Kadena Airmen perform an Integrated Combat Turn during Exercise WestPac Rumrunner at Kadena Air Base, July 31.

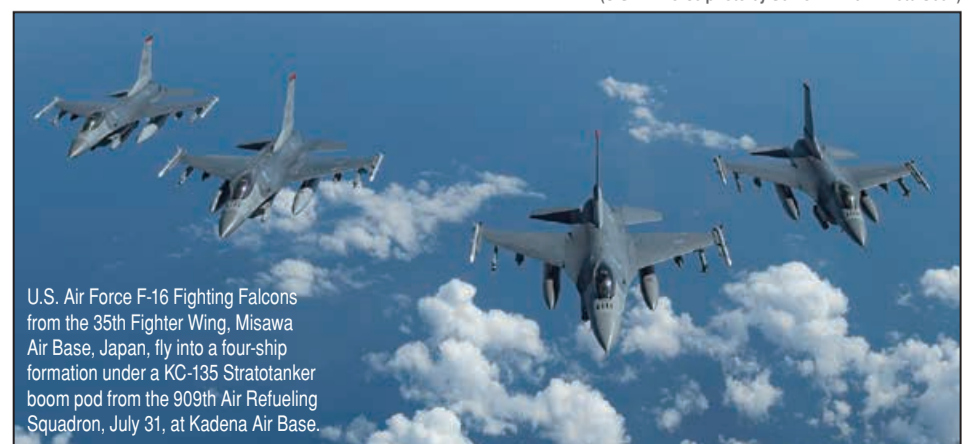
(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Rhett Isbell)

WESTPAC RUMRUNNER FARP OPERATIONS

Forward area refueling point Airmen from the 353rd Special Operations Group prepare to refuel a U.S. Air Force F-15 Eagle during Exercise Westpac Rumrunner, July 31, at Kadena Air Base.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Micaiah Anthony)



U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons from the 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa Air Base, Japan, fly into a four-ship formation under a KC-135 Stratotanker boom pod from the 909th Air Refueling Squadron, July 31, at Kadena Air Base.

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

Heritage Bird

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Alliance between the United States and Japan, the cornerstone of stability and security in the region. On June 29, the 67th Fighter Squadron flew an F-15C Eagle with a custom heritage paint job to commemorate this milestone. The paint scheme was designed to pay homage to the F-100 that the 67th FS flew over 60 years ago, but adjusted to fit the F-15's structure.

U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Rebeckah Medeiros



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378 EDG conduct night integrated combat turns



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



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 directly supporting agile combat employment.

378th EMXS backshop hydraulics versatility and innovation



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

^ Airmen from the 378th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron use innovation to test aircraft components at Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Aug. 3.

By Senior Master Sgt. Russell Oliver

378th AEW/PA

8/4/2020 - PRINCE SULTAN AIR BASE, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA — It is often said that necessity is the mother of invention. One could argue the

same assertion as it pertains to innovation as a whole.

In this spirit of innovation, the hydraulic back-shop technicians of the 378th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron at Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, have responded to the

needs of their organization and its mission with tangible results. They refused to allow the absence of traditional diagnostic equipment to render their operation fruitless.

Both Airman First Class Wellbaum and Staff Sergeant May agree that equipment constraints are the biggest challenge to operating a hydraulic back-shop in a deployed environment.

In a conventional hydraulic back-shop setup, the team is outfitted with an Avitech Test Stand with robust features in order to conduct precision pressure checks on hydraulic components. However, in a deployed environment, with lean operations and long supply chains, resourcefulness is key. For that reason, Sergeant May and Airman Wellbaum relied on their technical savvy to find a way to perpetuate

the success of their unit's mission. Realizing that they had a portable hydraulic test stand at their disposal, with similar features to the Avitech Test Stand, these technicians procured adapter fittings and hoses in order to configure this piece of aerospace ground equipment into a makeshift component test station.

The portable test stand, affectionately known by maintainers as the "mule" is typically used in providing hydraulic pressure to aircraft to troubleshoot discrepancies or to operationally check aircraft systems.


What these technician were able to successfully achieve was to exploit what is known as an organizational level maintenance capability, applying it into a broader context and leveraging it in an intermediate level maintenance capacity. This conversion enabled

the maintenance squadron to enhance the repair network at Prince Sultan Air Base, thus circumventing significant mission impacting parts delays. Furthermore, this technical versatility embodies the very mindset that is the driving force behind agile combat support.

For Staff Sergeant May, it is prioritizing mission success over moderate inconvenience that allowed his team to enjoy success in this environment, despite the lack of amenities. "Being prepared for the unexpected has become a part of military life," said Sergeant May.

Airman Wellbaum attributes his training and understanding of the normal processes as the reasons he feels comfortable resorting to alternate methods.

At the end of the day, when it comes to challenging situations, hydraulic technicians are built to handle this kind of pressure.

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PSD Okinawa Frocking Ceremony



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

Personnel Specialist 3rd Class Kendrick Smith, from Valdosta, Ga., assigned to Personnel Support Detachment Okinawa, is pinned to the rank of third class petty officer during a frocking ceremony on Kadena Air Base, Aug. 3.

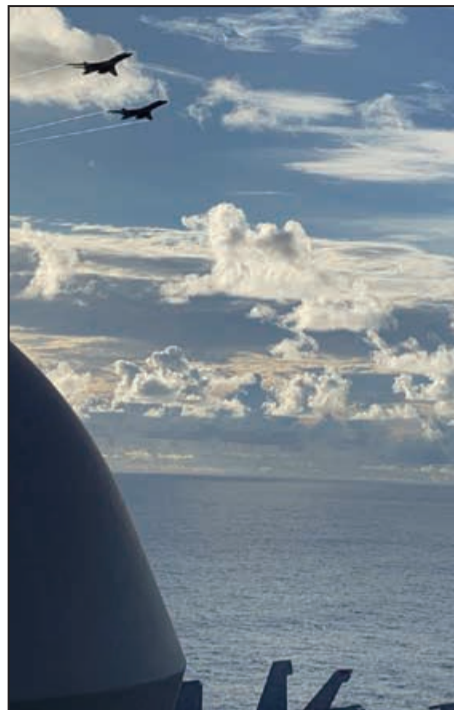
CNN Japan interviews Camp Hansen Base Commander on COVID-19 preventative measures



◀ Camp Hansen Base Commander and III MEF Information Group Commanding Officer, U.S. Marine Corps Col. Ray Gerber, is being interviewed by Kaori Enjoji, a news reporter with CNN Japan on Camp Hansen, July 24. Gerber was interviewed by CNN Japan to discuss Camp Hansen's COVID-19 preventative measures, along with the health, safety, and well-being of service-members and the local community.

(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Timothy Hernandez)

B-1s conduct Bomber Task Force Mission in South China Sea



(Courtesy photo by U.S. Navy)

▲ U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancers fly by the USS Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group in the Philippine Sea during a Bomber Task Force mission, July 21.

By 2nd Lt. Joshua Sinclair

28th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

7/22/2020 - ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — A pair of B-1B Lancers conducted a long-range strategic Bomber Task Force mission in the South China Sea July 21, before returning to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

During the flight, the 37th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron conducted a maritime integration operation with the USS Ronald Reagan carrier strike group in the Philippine Sea. The B-1 and its crews demonstrated the U.S. commitment to the security and stability of the Indo-Pacific, while also displaying the ability to rapidly deploy to a forward operating location and

sustain operations whenever called upon.

The non-stop mission – made possible with support from KC-135s from the 506th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, and the 28th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 37th Aircraft Maintenance Unit – took the B-1s to the South China Sea and allowed the bomber to fly for 14 consecutive hours.

“The BTF construct provides the flexibility for our bombers to operate in any area of responsibility and enhances our readiness,” said Lt. Col. Lincoln Coleman, 37th EBS commander. “It gives us the ability to project air power across the globe.”

U.S. Strategic Command routinely conducts BTF operations across the globe as a demonstration of U.S. commitment to collective defense and to integrate with Geographic Combatant Command operations and activities.

Coleman noted these missions provide B-1 aircrews the opportunity to train with allies and partner nations they may work with in future operations.

“These missions strengthen our partnerships and increases our interoperability with a wide variety of military assets,” Coleman said. “Not only throughout the Department of Defense, but also with our allies across the globe.”

The Airmen from Ellsworth AFB, S.D. arrived at Andersen AFB July 17 to conduct BTF missions in the Indo-Pacific.

Before arriving in Guam, the B-1s conducted bilateral intercept training with Koku-Jieitai, or Japanese Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF), F-15Js over the Sea of Japan to enhance bilateral readiness and interoperability.

The B-1 serves as the backbone of America's long-range bomber force. The bomber has the ability to rapidly deliver massive quantities of precision and non-precision weapons against any adversary, anywhere in the world, at any time.

3rd TSB Marine awarded with Marine Corps Motor Transport Mechanic NCO of the Year award

By Pfc. Courtney Robertson

3rd Marine Logistics Group

7/29/2020 - CAMP FOSTER

— Motor Transportation is one of the biggest and most important occupational specialties in the Marine Corps. Each year, Headquarters Marine Corps selects the top-performing Marines in the field for special recognition of their efforts.

The 2020 Marine Corps Motor Transportation Non-commissioned Officer (NCO) of the Year is Sgt. Harris P. Lacanilao of 3rd Transportation Support Battalion (TSB), Combat Logistics Regiment 3, 3rd Marine Logistics Group.

“I was well-rounded by good NCOs... they built me up, taught me all the knowledge I have, and now I am about to share all that I can with my junior Marines,” said Lacanilao shortly after receiving the award.

Lacanilao, originally from the Philippines, comes from a large family. The youngest of five, Lacanilao knew from a young age that he wanted to follow in his older brothers' footsteps and join the Marine Corps someday. When he turned 18 he moved in with his older brother in Hawaii

and shortly after, he decided to find the nearest recruiter and sign up.

“Growing up and seeing their accomplishments, their sacrifices and service to the Corps motivated me and made me choose to serve and become a United States Marine,” explained Lacanilao.

Lacanilao's first duty station brought him to Okinawa to serve with “The Roughriders” of 3rd TSB. The mission of 3rd TSB is to provide transportation and support for III Marine Expeditionary Force and facilitate the distribution of personnel, equipment, and supplies by air, land, and sea. He has been serving with 3rd TSB for 6 years, beginning as a private first class and promoting all the way up to his present rank of sergeant.

“I was blessed to have amazing NCOs, Staff NCOs and officers,” said Lacanilao, “they trusted me, they were confident in my skills, and they really took the time to teach, lead, and get me to where I am right now.”

For Lacanilao, his experiences alongside his peers shaped his leadership style as he rose through the ranks and became an NCO with added responsibilities of his own.

“When I was first promoted to corporal, I had the ‘bulldog’ hardcore mindset like all my prior NCOs and I wanted to be like them,” Lacanilao said, “That changed very quickly. I understood life here at 3rd TSB as a junior Marine. It's always early mornings, late nights, hard work, and stress. I understood where they were coming from and I knew what they needed in me wasn't a ‘bulldog,’” explained Lacanilao.

A typical day as an automotive maintenance technician involves servicing, inspecting, maintaining, and repairing every type of vehicle motor transportation Marines use. Marines within this military occupational specialty are challenged with meeting the demands of a high-operational tempo, and quick turn-around times required to efficiently repair and operate vehicles in support of the many training exercises, missions, and deployments taking place in the Indo-Pacific region – rain or shine.

For this reason, Lacanilao believes that commitment is the most important trait a leader can possess.

“If you're going to show up to your job, and you're not



(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Ryan Harvey)

▲ U.S. Marines with Combat Logistics Regiment 3, 3rd Marine Logistics Group offload tactical vehicles on Naha Military Port, June 25.

committed to what you do, then what are you here for? You're cheating yourself! You have to be committed to your job, your tasks, and most importantly to your Marines. They look up to you, they seek out your guidance, and if you're not loyal to them and to the mission to mentor them, you're lost,” Lacanilao said.

The process of being chosen for the Marine Corps Motor Transport NCO of the Year award evaluates the selected Marines' mission accomplishments, impact of their actions, problem-solving skills, and leadership. After a rigorous selection process by Headquarters Marine Corps, Lacanilao was selected as this year's winner.

To Lacanilao, the award was a

pleasant surprise.

“I don't think I am any different from my peers. We are all supposed to be leaders and to mentor. On top of that this award is determined by evaluating the eligible Marines throughout the entire Marine Corps, not just Okinawa! I was shocked I actually got it,” said Lacanilao.

For Lacanilao, the honor of winning the award comes from the basics that his leaders ingrained in him from the beginning.

“I don't do anything special. I do what I am told, when I am supposed to, and I do it right the first time. I think what set me apart and gave me an advantage is my commitment. I am committed to what I do. That's it.”

31ST MEU MRF MARINES CONDUCT FREE FALL TRAINING



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

▲ A Force Reconnaissance Marine with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit's (MEU) Maritime Raid Force dives out of a KC-130J Hercules with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, during free fall training at Ie Jima, July 30. The 31st MEU, the Marine Corps' only continuously forward-deployed MEU, provides a flexible and lethal force ready to perform a wide range of military operations as the premier crisis response force in the Indo-Pacific region.

Force Reconnaissance Marines with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit's (MEU) Maritime Raid Force return to a KC-130J Hercules with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, after completing free fall training at Ie Jima, July 30.



Exchange welcomes new Pacific Senior Enlisted Advisor



By Army & Air Force Exchange Service

7/31/2020 - OKINAWA — The Army & Air Force Exchange Service recently welcomed Army Sgt. Maj. Wayne Crudup, who took over the duties as the Pacific Region's Senior Enlisted Advisor.

As the senior enlisted advisor, Crudup is the focal point for communication between Exchange leadership and the service members, their families and retirees.

"I'm excited to start this journey with the Exchange and exude Pacific Pride," Crudup said. "I want to help the team meet all the needs of the Soldiers, Airmen,

Sailors and Marines here in the Pacific.

Crudup, a native of Bunn, N.C., has served in the Army for more than 22 years with multiple deployments, including two to Iraq and to Qatar. He started his military career as an automated logistical specialist at 17 and remembers turning 18 while earning his sharpshooter badge at the marksmanship range.

"I joined the Army because I wasn't ready to go to college but knew I needed to do something to get me started in life," Crudup said. "It was the single best decision I ever made."

During his tours away from the United States, Crudup appreciated that the Exchange was always there to make life a little easier and give him and his Soldiers a taste of home.

"The Exchange was my lifeline to all the necessities I needed to keep up with my normal routines in my life as if I were back in the U.S.," Crudup said.

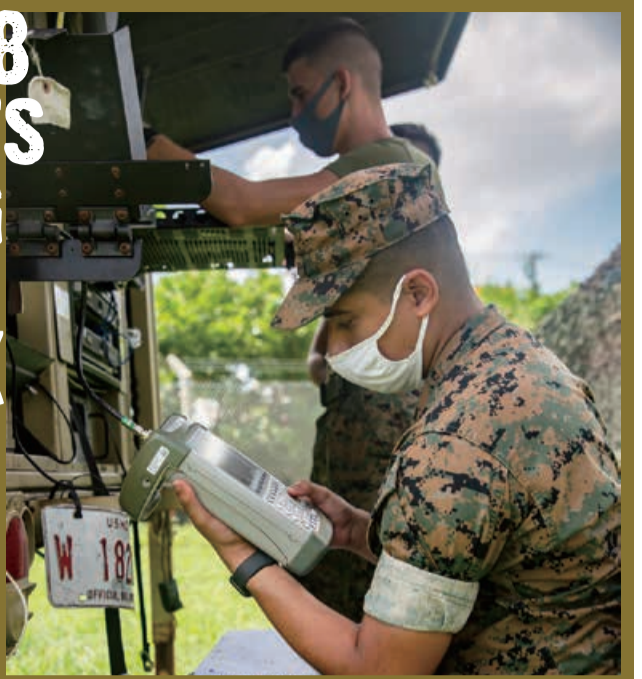
His most recent assignment was at Fort Hood, Texas with III Corps as its Supply and Services sergeant major. He managed and oversaw all supply operations that comprised more than 45,000 Soldiers on four Army bases.

During his time on Okinawa, Crudup would like to continue his weightlifting training, learn to surf, and learn the Japanese language and culture.

Crudup replaced Sgt. Maj. Jermaine Thomas who retired in May of 2020 after 23 years of military service.

MWCS-18 CONDUCTS TRAINING DURING COMMEX

U.S. Marines with Marine Wing Communications Squadron 18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, conduct a communications exercise (COMMEX) to enhance the proficiency and readiness while aboard Camp Foster, July 28. The Marines of MWCS-18 are dedicated and working continuously to stay prepared in every situation, particularly in conditions such as the current COVID-19 pandemic.



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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

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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.

INFORMATION

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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>.

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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

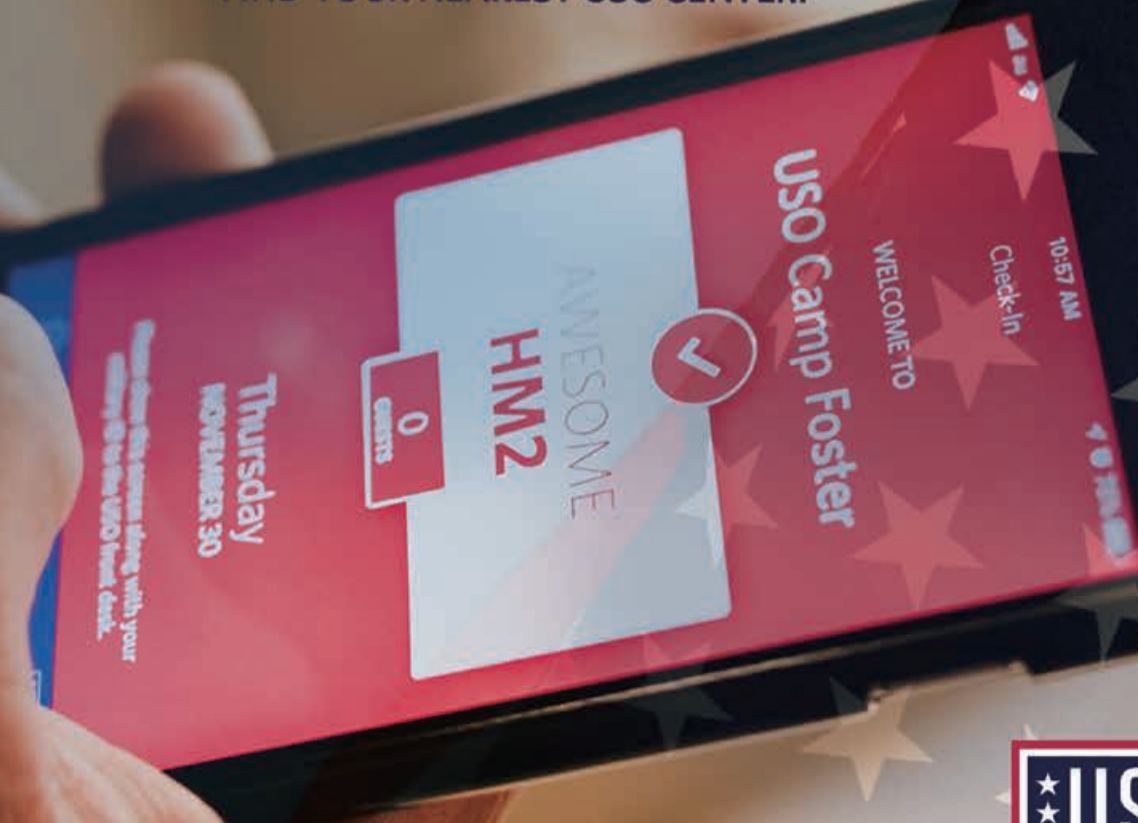
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VA Benefits Advisor

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.

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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS
Bowl League**

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Air Force Ball Golf Tournament

There is a golf tournament to help raise money for the 2020 Air Force Ball. The event will be held on Aug 21 at the Banyan Tree golf course starting at 7 a.m. It will be a shotgun start and a four person team scramble style tournament. Pick your own team. 19th Hole Taco Party included. Prizes awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams as well as longest drive and closest to the pin. This event is open to all personnel and cost is \$60 for E-1 to E-4, \$70 for E-5 to E-9 and officers, \$80 for MLC/IHA. Rain or Shine. The 18th Wing force health protection measures will be in place and social distancing will be required. For more information, contact Sara Hanson at 080-6495-0343 or Benjamin Levchenko at 080-9852-4024.

**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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Grab Lunch with an Exchange Food Truck!

07- Aug	1100-1700	KAB Concession Mall	E&C Kebab
07- Aug	1100-1400	KAB Flightline	NUKUMI KITCHEN
07- Aug	1700-1900	Camp Lester	Old Spices
08- Aug	1100-1900	KAB Concession Mall	Old Spices
08- Aug	1100-1700	Foster Main Store	E&C Kebab
09- Aug	1100-1900	Foster Main Store	Old Spices
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10- Aug	1100-1400	KAB Flightline	Nukumki Kitchen
10- Aug	1700-1900	Camp Lester	Triple A
11- Aug	1100-1800	Butler Express	Old Spices
11- Aug	1100-1400	KAB Flightline	Café Shiyu de Pokko
11- Aug	1100-1400	Torii Express	NUKUMI KITCHEN
12- Aug	1100-1400	KAB Flightline	Old Spices
13- Aug	1100-1400	Torii Express	Old Spices
13- Aug	1100-1800	Butler Express	Old Spices
13- Aug	1100-1400	KAB Flightline	Café Shiyu de Pokko

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- Events with high density crowds
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- 3 WEAR A CLOTH FACE COVERING**
when not in the water*
* Don't place cloth face coverings on children under age 2 or anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, weak, or otherwise unable to remove the cover without help.
- 4 WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol
- 5 COVER YOUR COUGHS AND SNEEZES** with a tissue or your elbow, throw the tissue in the trash, and wash your hands

Now, **let's swim!**

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DOD medical officials outline COVID-19 testing approach

By C. Todd Lopez

DOD NEWS

7/31/2020 - WASHINGTON — Though the rate of confirmed positive COVID-19 tests among those in uniform is lower than that of the nation's civilian population, the most junior service members have a slightly higher rate than that of their civilian counterparts, the medical advisor to the Defense Department's coronavirus task force said.

"From a data standpoint, after adjusting for the age of our force, the confirmed case rate in our active duty service members remain slightly lower than the U.S. average in all age groups except those aged 18 to 24 years old," Air Force Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Paul Friedrichs said at a Pentagon news conference today.

Department leaders, Friedrichs said,

believe the slightly higher rate among the youngest service members is due in large part to more testing done within the military — for example, the services test service members at the entry to basic training and at the end of basic training.

"We think that this is a reflection of our commitment to the [Defense Secretary Dr. Mark T. Esper's] first priority of reducing risk to the force and protecting them as they go through performing their duties to protect and defend our nation," Friedrichs said.

Air Force Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Lee E. Payne, the DOD lead for COVID-19 testing, said the department has increased the amount of COVID-19 testing it does fivefold over the past three months.

"To date, we've conducted over 540,000

tests since January," Payne said. "And DOD testing capacity has expanded greatly since March." Now, he said, the department has 125 labs certified to test for COVID-19 — up from 15. That greatly expanded testing capacity can do more than 200,000 tests per week if needed, he added. However, the department instead works to meet a goal it set for itself in May to conduct 56,000 tests a week, Payne said.

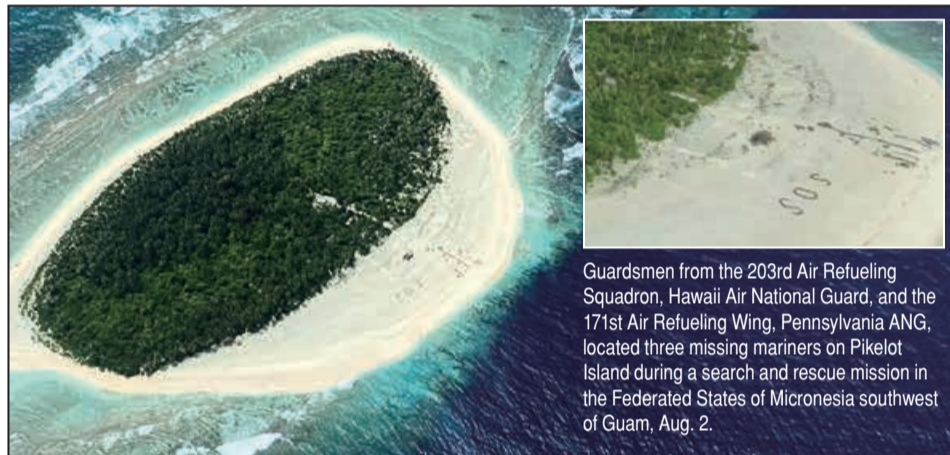
"Thanks to the tireless work of thousands in the Military Health System, we have met that goal, administering nearly 60,000 tests per week over the last several weeks," he added.

Payne said the active duty positive rate is holding at about 5.3% over the last several weeks. That, he said, is lower than in the civilian population.

Pressure CONEX" for transporting infected patients on military aircraft while at the same time keeping the crew safe are all important parts of the department's response to COVID-19, and individual efforts are just as important, Friedrichs said.

"The foundation of our response has been and remains both the individual and the collective commitment to those basic public health measures that we've talked about over and over again — things like social distancing, washing hands, [and] wearing a mask," he said. "While not necessarily high-tech, they are incredibly effective, and we're grateful for the support from everyone who's embraced those in order to reduce the risk to the force into the mission."

Andersen AFB KC-135 crew locates missing mariners on lone Pacific island



Guardsmen from the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard, and the 171st Air Refueling Wing, Pennsylvania ANG, located three missing mariners on Pikelot Island during a search and rescue mission in the Federated States of Micronesia southwest of Guam, Aug. 2.

(Courtesy photo)

By Master Sgt. Richard P. Ebensberger

36th Wing Public Affairs

8/4/2020 - ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — Guardsmen from the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard and the 171st Air Refueling Wing, Pennsylvania ANG deployed to Andersen Air Force Base, were the first to locate three missing mariners during a search and rescue mission in the Federated States of Micronesia southwest of Guam, Aug. 2.

On July 29, three mariners aboard a 23-foot white and blue skiff departed Puluwat Atoll intending to travel approximately 21 nautical miles to Pupal, Chuuk. However,

they never made it to their destination and were reported missing.

"Joint Rescue Sub-Center Guam received notification of an overdue skiff last seen in the vicinity of Chuuk and requested our assistance," said Maj. Shaun McRoberts, 506th Air Expeditionary Aerial Refueling Squadron assistant director of operations. "Once notified, we began immediately working a plan to launch crews to locate the missing vessel."

Lt. Col. Jason Palmeira-Yen, Maj. Byron Kamikawa and Tech. Sgt. Shane Williams, Hawaii Air National Guardsmen, along with Tech. Sgt. Rodney Joseph and Senior Airman Jeremy Williams, Pennsylvania Air National Guardsmen, took off from

Andersen AFB in their KC-135 Stratotanker destined to locate the missing vessel.

After almost three hours into their mission, and flying at about 1,500 feet, the crew located the mariners on the tiny island of Pikelot, Yap.

"We were toward the end of our search pattern," said Lt. Col. Jason Palmeira-Yen, the KC-135 pilot. "We turned to avoid some rain showers and that's when we looked down and saw an island, so we decided to check it out and that's when we saw SOS and a boat right next to it on the beach. From there we called in the Australian Navy because they had two helicopters nearby that could assist and land on the island."

The Royal Australian Navy ship HMAS Canberra (L02) was also in the region and agreed to divert and provide search sorties

with embarked helicopters while the FSS Independence departed from Yap to assist.

A helicopter crew from HMAS Canberra delivered supplies to the stranded mariners while a U.S. Coast Guard HC-130 Hercules from Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii, airdropped a radio and message block informing them the FSS Independence was en-route to rescue and return them home.

"Partnerships" said U.S. Coast Guard Capt. Christopher Chase, Coast Guard Sector Guam, commander. "This is what made this search and rescue case successful. Through coordination with multiple response organizations, we were able to save three members of our community and bring them back home to their families."

At 12 a.m., August 3, the Independence arrived on scene, launched a small boat crew and rescued the mariners.

AF removes uniform barrier for women, authorizes pants option for mess dress

By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

8/4/2020 - WASHINGTON — Based on overwhelming feedback from the field, Department of the Air Force officials announced today women may elect to wear pants or a skirt with their mess dress uniform.

The changes, which are effective immediately, are outlined in an exception-to-policy memorandum addressed to all Air Force personnel.

"It's our responsibility to provide flexible uniform options that are functional and comfortable for all Air and Space Professionals," said Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services. "We have a lot of people working really hard to review our existing policies to make sure there are no unintended barriers or unfair practices that may be impacting specific groups of people on our team. We still have our work cut out for us, but this is a step in the right direction in creating an inclusive culture."

Previously, women were required to wear a floor-length skirt with the mess

dress uniform. As an interim solution, until women's mess dress slacks are available for purchase in approximately 18-24 months, women are authorized to immediately purchase and alter men's mess dress trousers.

Alterations for women opting to wear the men's mess dress trousers will be provided by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service at no cost to the member.

"We hear you," said Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Kaleth Wright. "This is a bit of good news for some of our teammates who've wanted this change for a while now. A small thing, but one that I hope can go a long way to helping Airmen realize that we listen, we hear and we care."

Changes will be incorporated in the next update of Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel. In the interim, for more information, the exception to policy memorandum and frequently asked questions are available on the public website of the Air Force's Personnel Center at <https://www.afpc.af.mil/Career-Management/Dress-and-Appearance/>.

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