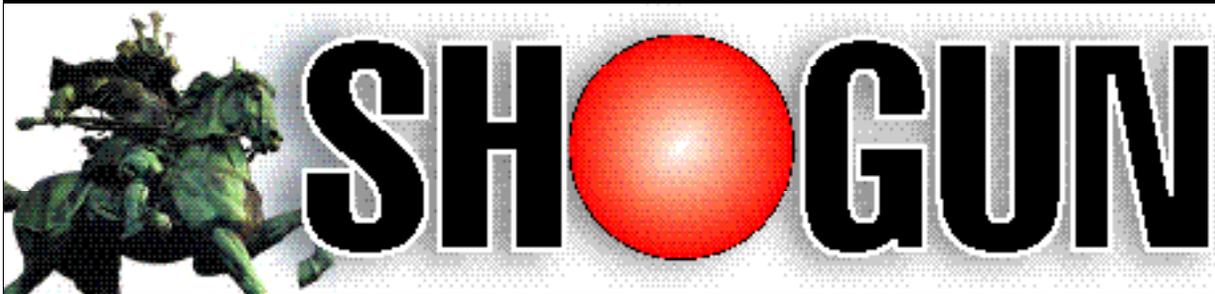


MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS

961st Airborne Air Control Squadron	39.8
Monthly flying-hour contract	42.1
Hours flown	+2.3
Monthly offset	
33rd Rescue Squadron	102
Monthly flying-hour contract	77.7
Hours flown	-24.3
Monthly offset	
909th Air Refueling Squadron	174
Monthly flying-hour contract	165
Hours flown	-9.0
Monthly offset	
44th Fighter Squadron	252
Monthly sortie contract	257
Sorties flown	+5.0
Monthly offset	
67th Fighter Squadron	258
Monthly sortie contract	216
Sorties flown	-42
Monthly offset	

Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of March 11

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WEEKEND WEATHER

	TODAY: Mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers SW winds @ 8-20 knots High: 72 Low: 64
	SATURDAY: Mostly cloudy N/NE winds @ 12-20 knots High: 68 Low: 63
	SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy E winds @ 12-18 knots High: 68 Low: 59

FRIDAY MORNING'S
COMMUNITYBANK
EXCHANGERATES
BUYING: \$1=Y108 SELLING: Y114=\$1

18th CES captain nets AF award after OEF deployment

By Master Sgt.
Adam Johnston
18th Wing Public Affairs

For 235 days, a captain from Kadena was deployed in 2002 and 2003 to one of the Air Force's toughest assignments — Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

But, his work during his long deployment at that frontier-like air base was largely responsible for Capt. Chris Fuller being named the Air Force's outstanding civil engineer military manager for 2003.

Captain Fuller, chief of resources with the 18th Civil Engineering Squadron received the Maj. Gen. Eugene A. Lupia Award recently in an official ceremony at Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.

Captain Fuller was the base civil engineer at Bagram from November 2002 to July 2003 and led a \$2.3 million runway reconstruction project at Bagram where he led 120 coalition forces from six countries in repairing a heavily damaged Soviet-era runway during that time.

"This was really a team



Courtesy photo

Capt. Chris Fuller, of Kadena's 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, stands near a Danish F-16 that overshot the runway and crashed into a Russian mine field at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan in December 2002. Captain Fuller helped direct coalition explosive ordnance emergency response teams to help recover the aircraft.

project," said Captain Fuller Thursday.

"We're trained for rapid runway repair and base recovery after attack and

that's exactly what we did there day in and day out. I was fortunate to be the front man of a hand-picked team of experts who endured great

risk and austere working conditions to get the job done and support the troops in the field," he said.

Working with coalition

forces, Captain Fuller acknowledged that there were some language and cultural custom obstacles. "We had a universal engineering language despite the difference in language and culture."

But language and culture weren't the only obstacles facing Captain Fuller and his engineers.

"Because it was a single runway, aircraft were operating on the left half while we reconstructing on the right," he said.

"We were literally working 20 to 30 feet from the wingtips of aircraft landing and taking off," he said.

Civil engineers at the airfield — host to A-10s, Harriers and a variety of Army attack helicopters — could not leave the tarmac because the infield still contains mines.

An unusual feat because ongoing operations prevented Captain Fuller's engineers from closing the runway to make the necessary repairs.

"The airfield was the lifeline for close air support and base sustainment," he said.

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Internet, cable service upgrades begin April 15

By Capt. C.K. Keegan
18th Wing Public Affairs

Upgrades to Internet and cable television service begins April 15 and will be completed island-wide within 90 days.

Users can expect better cable package deals and Internet service six to 10 times faster than the current dial-up.

Officials from the 18th Contracting Squadron and Marine Corps Community Services have been working together on the franchise agreement with Mediatti Broadband Communications LLC, which best reflects customer requests.

"We conducted a survey to identify the channels people most wanted and then incorporated those channels into the packages," said 1st Lt. Duke Santos, contracts manager, 18th CONS. "Some of the most requested channels were WTBS, Country Music Television and a channel from the Philippines."

Military members can even expect a sneak preview of all the cable channels during their transition time.

"As the company switches out old cable boxes with the new, the customer will have access to all the channels for a short time," said Lieutenant Santos. "The logistics are still being worked as to what the 90-day transition price will be, however, everyone will get the premium channels for free during this period."

Availability will cover Kadena, Camp Foster, Camp McTureous, Camp Shields, Camp Lester, Camp Kinser, Camp Courtney, Camp Schwab, Camp Hansen, White Beach, Torii Station and Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

Mediatti is offering online signup and payment, package discounts and a temporary 24-hour hotline to smooth the transition and answer customer questions any time of the day. Other options besides online

payment include cash, credit cards and mail-in.

Basic rates for cable television range from free to \$47.90, not including premium channels, and Internet service is \$39.95.

Combo packages will reduce customers' costs and the company will also offer advance-payment discounts up to 35 percent off the total price.

Customers who pay 12 months in advance will be able to get over 60 TV channels and Internet for less than \$55 a month.

Mediatti will upgrade the existing cable television infrastructure to facilitate broadband cable Internet working one area at a time; the island is split up into 35 different sections, also called nodes.

They are still determining the most efficient route to take, and don't know what area will be the first to receive the new Internet.

Officials ask for more water conservation

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake
18th Wing Public Affairs

Local media reported Monday that the water levels at Okinawa's nine reservoirs had reached its lowest point since May 2000 at 49 percent capacity.

As a result of the dropping capacity, Okinawa Governor Keiichi Inamine sent a formal request to Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Remington asking for further water conservation measures.

On Tuesday, base officials held an emergency meeting to discuss what measures should be taken to help contribute to the water conservation effort.

These measures are suggested for base residents to follow:

At the office

a. Survey facilities and report all water leaks to Civil Engineer customer service at 634-2424. CE will expedite repairs.

b. No outside watering, car washing, sidewalk washing or using water to wash shop floors. CE will not loan out pressure washers during this time.

c. GOV Vehicle wash - change from weekly to monthly. (Approved by Transportation)

See SAVE on Page 4



Family support builds a successful career

By Maj. Tom Coppersmith
623rd Air Control Flight
commander

Family support is an essential part of making a successful career in the military.

This statement has been an underlying key to my own personal success throughout my career in the Air Force.

My first years in the military did not involve a wife or kids to support me, but my parents greatly affected my personal success during these first years.

My mother and father were never excited about my decision to join the military, yet they were very supportive and helped me in any way to further my career.

They have always been there for me through the tough times and during the good times. I would have found it very difficult to continue my career without their support.

Even though it has been difficult for me to see them as often as I would like, they are always in my thoughts and I try to call them often. This has been especially true since I

found out that my mother has cancer.

I could have easily separated from the military to be closer to my mother, but with her and my father's support I decided to stay in the military.

They as well as I realized that what I do in the military is very important to guarding the freedom that we all hold dear as Americans.

This was a very difficult decision because I love my parents very much and would hate to lose my mother, especially while I am stationed overseas so far away from home.

When my mother found out she had cancer, the doctors only gave her a few years. I pray for my mother every day and she has been blessed to live through nine years with cancer.

Not only have my parents been supportive of my career, but my wife has been my greatest supporter and fan.

She has lived with me and without me during some of the most difficult times that I have had in the military.

When our first son was born, I was deployed about

half of his first three years. She had to raise him as well as hold down the household.

I was deployed when the largest tornado ever recorded in Oklahoma came within about half a mile from our home.

She also was on her own when Sept. 11 occurred and I was in Saudi. All of these were very frightening for her and she had to be strong for our son.

I know that these were all very difficult times for her, and I know that I am the luckiest man in the world to have her as my wife. That is why I love her so much.

Without her support, I know that my career would not be half of what it is now.

So what is my point to all of this? My point is that if you want to be successful in the military, your family should support you in your decisions.

Your decisions should be made through careful consideration and with input from your family.

I personally thank every family out there that supports our military men and women.

This chapter isn't in the book

by Command Chief
Master Sgt. Doug Hodge
65th Air Base Wing

LAJES FIELD, Azores — As many of you study for promotion in the coming days, I should caution you. There is a chapter in the Promotion Fitness Examination that has been left out. It is called "experience." We senior noncommissioned officers asked the book's makers to leave it out for a good reason. Here is why.

Recently, I had the privilege of being allowed to spend time with wounded soldiers at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. Injuries to the patients there varied. Some would be returning to the fight. Others were fighting a second war in intensive care to stay alive.

Many of these brave recovering soldiers are my son's age. As I listened to their stories and asked them questions about their service, I heard the same message repeatedly: "I want to get back to my unit." "I want to fight again." "I want to continue this important mission of freedom."

Sometimes we become numb to a fact we should never overlook. Those of us who wear

the uniform swore to defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic. Lying in those hospital beds, those soldiers with missing arms and legs have more than fulfilled that oath.

However, at times, the fact we are sworn to give our lives for our country can escape us. The 8-to-5 routine, the gray cubicle walls and the monotony of daily work can dull our edge.

What may help is keeping in mind the greater good, the big picture, how our mission fits in the overall effort. It is about knowing that your efforts contributed to helping an F-16 Fighting Falcon put a bomb on target; or helped a combat controller guide an A-10 Thunderbolt II air strike on target. You need to tie it all together.

It is overwhelming and reinforces the message of duty, honor and country. Collective experiences cannot be written into any book, studied or shrunk into flashcards. It is something you can and should see for yourself. We need to continue sharing, working and promoting our mission of freedom and peace across the globe. Continue to study hard.

ACTION LINES

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Brig. Gen.
Jeffrey Remington
18th Wing
commander

The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play.

If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it.

Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.

Muffled mufflers

I recently moved to Kadena and discovered that there does not seem to be a regulation for loud mufflers. I know there is a regulation on the volume for car stereos, but now the noise has been replaced by car mufflers. It would seem that if you could hear a car three blocks away in your living room that it would be too loud. Could you please shed

PHONE NUMBERS

AAFES Action Line.....	645-4301
Base Exchange.....	633-4570
Clubs.....	634-3002
Commissary.....	634-3640
Finance.....	634-1996
Fraud, Waste & Abuse Hotline.....	634-0404

light on this issue?

Our security forces are always checking for people that have loud vehicles and mufflers that don't fall into the regulations.

Base traffic regulations state that a vehicle will not be operated with a muffler louder than the factory installed system.

When you hear a vehicle with a loud muffler, call the law enforcement desk with a vehicle description and a full license plate number to include the small numbers on top.

If the vehicle is out of regulation, the member will be cited.

Home Telephone Helpline.....	634-4080
Housing Maintenance.....	634-HOME
Kadena Services.....	634-1719
Medical and Dental.....	630-4785
Safety.....	634-SAFE
Security Forces.....	634-1397



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SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Staff Sgt. Ray Bradshaw II

718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Assistant NCOIC of the consolidated tool kit section

Hometown: Fayetteville, N.C.

Reason for nomination: According to his supervisors, Sergeant Bradshaw is an exceptional leader who takes charge of a situation and makes things happen.

Time at Kadena: 3 years

Editor's note : *Shogun Warriors* are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.



CLOSURE: The 18th Munitions Squadron munitions storage area will be closed today for inventory. Only emergency requests approved by a group commander or equivalent, will be accepted. For more information, call Master Sgt. Keith Krigger at 632-5309 or Senior Master Sgt. Gassie Orr at 632-5064.

FAITH CONVENTION: The Kadena Holy Family Parish kicks off its 2004 Faith Convention at Chapel 1 at 6 p.m. tonight. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes desserts, seminar entry and Lenton lunch. For more information, call Faron Petteys at 938-1949 or e-mail cwocinoki@yahoo.com.

NATIONAL PRAYER LUNCHEON: The 2004 National Prayer Luncheon will be held at the Rocker NCO Club at 11:30 a.m. March 19. Cost is \$5 for all ranks above E-5 (E-4 and below are free). For more information, call 634-1288.

SUMMER HIRE PROGRAM: The Civilian Personnel Flight is now accepting applications for Kadena's Summer Hire Program at Bldg. 721. Applications will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. U.S. citizen SOFA dependents of DoD military and civilian employees who are 14-22 years of age are eligible to apply. Applications are available at the Kadena CPF. Employment will begin July 6 and end Aug. 20. Spon-

sors may apply on behalf of their dependents who are not currently on island. Applicants' passports and Social Security cards will be required for verification. For more information, call 632-7914.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: The Kadena Top 3 Association is accepting applications for their first quarter junior enlisted scholarship program. All services, grades E-1 through E-4 nominated by a Top 3 member are eligible. Applications are due by March 22. For an application or more information, call Master Sgt. Brett Workman at 634-0239, or e-mail brett.workman@kadena.af.mil.

HOME BUSINESSES: The family support center is looking to hear from home businesses to be part of a new yellow pages project. To be included in the publication, e-mail oehring@kda.attmil.ne.jp or call 634-3366.

SNCO PROMOTION PARTY: There will be a promotion celebration for newly selected senior master sergeants at 3:30 p.m. March 18 in the Rocker NCO Club ballroom. Free food and beverages will be offered to all base personnel who attend.

CHILI COOK OFF CONTEST: The Kadena 56 Club will sponsor a chili cook off contest at the Erwin Professional Military Education Center Monday from 11 a.m. to noon.

School zones to change next year

By Henry Meyer
DoDDS Okinawa Public Affairs

The Department of Defense Dependents Schools – Okinawa, Chief of Staff Ron Sharik, recently announced that there would be upcoming zone changes for schools here in Okinawa.

“For the next few years there will be many changes in family housing and these changes will effect enrollment at our schools,” he said.

Mr. Sharik added that because of overcrowding in some schools, DoDDS officials would grant less waivers in the future to allow students to attend a school outside their school zone.

This rezoning is also part of a plan to balance enrollment in elementary schools on Okinawa.

“The American footprint on Okinawa has changed and that change has effected our schools,” Mr. Sharik added. “We had to come up with a plan to decrease enrollment at Zukeran Elementary School and increase enrollment at Stearley Heights Elementary School. Zukeran is full and Stearley has a surplus of space. When enrollments are balanced, our schools are in a much better position to provide optimal educational and support services to all students.”

Under the plan for next school year:

- Plaza housing will be zoned for Stearley Heights ES

- New Sada multiplex will be zoned for Zukeran ES (the families that move into these units are moving from Chatan housing and currently attend Zukeran ES).

- New Sada towers will be zoned for Killin ES. (Families from Futenma housing, will be relocated in Sada towers.)

- Stearley Heights ES start time will be changed to 7:30 a.m. to coincide with Zukeran's start time

- WestPac Lodge students will attend Zukeran ES.

- The new Kiwata Terrace housing on Kadena will be zoned for Stearley Heights

- “Space A” students will not be assigned to Zukeran ES.

“The goal of our rezoning efforts was to solve our problems while effecting the smallest number of students,” according to Dr. Gayle Vaughn-Wiles, Superintendent for DoDDS Okinawa. “We had a panel made up of representatives of all the military services, parents, housing, student transportation, and our officelook at numerous proposals. Every elementary school was included in the proposals. In the end, this proposal solved the short term problem while leaving us some flexibility to adjust to further changes.”



PACAF officials combat sexual assault

By Staff Sgt. Martin Jackson
PACAF News Service

As a result of sexual assault allegations and cases surfacing at the U.S. Air Force Academy, the Pacific Air Forces commander formed a Sexual Assault Assessment Group.

This multi-functional committee was chartered to assess the occurrences of sexual assault in the command, develop courses of action to eliminate sexual assaults and develop a command-wide preventive and defensive education program for PACAF Airmen.

"As the events at the Air Force Academy unfolded, I wanted to make sure we in PACAF had a handle on the situation," said Gen. Bill Begert, PACAF commander. "I wanted to make sure we were doing everything possible to prevent sexual assaults, and in cases where they occurred, I wanted to make sure we were doing everything possible to take care of the victims."

The group, comprised of medical, legal, Office of Special Investigations, and law enforcement experts first met in November to begin reviewing and assessing the details of the 92 reported rape allegations that occurred within the command over the last three years—2/3 of which resulted in disciplinary action.

"We went from just looking at numbers to looking at a lot of other data associated with each reported case,"

said Colonel Steve Lepper, PACAF Staff Judge Advocate and the assessment group's chairman. "As a result, we have been able to capture a fairly good picture of the number and kinds of sexual assaults that have been reported, so that we can educate our Airmen in PACAF on how to prevent sexual assaults, how to respond to such attacks if they occur, and how to avoid the types of activity that lead to these assaults."

The group's research led them to identify high-risk situations that factor into sexual assaults, and at the top of the list was alcohol. Of the 92 cases, 63 percent of the suspects and 65 percent of the victims had consumed alcohol prior to the alleged offense.

"We found that the single most influential factor in PACAF sexual assault cases was alcohol," said Colonel Lepper. "Whether it caused male suspects to do things they normally wouldn't do or prevented female victims from responding or resisting the way they would to protect themselves, on both sides it proved to be a significant factor."

One of the first products resulting from the group's findings is an action plan sent to the command's numbered air force and wing commanders. This plan outlined nine action items ranging from all Airmen being briefed on risks, responsibilities and consequences of sexual assault, to assigning victim

advocates to help victims deal with their trauma and the investigative and prosecution processes.

"We've studied the problem and have translated what we learned into these actionable items," said General Begert. "I'm confident these measures will make an immediate impact to help resolve the problem."

Additionally, the group is developing command-wide briefings to be used as an education tool at all PACAF bases.

"We are in the draft stage of creating briefings we will employ throughout the command," said Colonel Lepper. "These briefings will be designed and intended to educate all our Airmen on high risk situations and behaviors to help them prevent, respond to, and deter future sexual assaults."

According to Colonel Lepper, the group's findings have been briefed to Air Force leaders, and the results are being incorporated into efforts at the Pentagon to identify the issues involved in sexual assaults.

"Any time we have a sexual assault, it is a problem. We hope our study and the efforts we are undertaking now to address some of the issues we identified will help reduce the number of sexual assaults in PACAF," said Colonel Lepper.

"Our ultimate objective is to eliminate sexual assaults in PACAF, and the only way we can do that is to educate the entire PACAF community."

New guidelines

Gen. Bill Begert, Pacific Air Forces commander, has directed commanders at all PACAF installations to implement the following actions to prevent future sexual assault:

1. All airmen will be briefed upon arrival and at least annually thereafter on the risks, responses, and consequences of sexual assault. Airmen will be divided into male and female audiences for these briefings.
2. All wing staff judge advocates must provide commanders written legal reviews upon receipt of sexual assault reports of investigations.
3. Victim Liaisons must be appointed to all victims immediately after they report an offense.
4. Victim Liaisons must be trained in crisis intervention and serve as victim advocates.
5. Victim/Witness Assistance Program teams must take a multidisciplinary, proactive approach to victims and consist, at minimum, of representatives from Legal, Security Forces, Office of Special Investigations, Life Skills, and Medical.
6. Commanders will provide victim support for as long as needed.
7. Wing staff judge advocates must solicit victim feedback for the purpose of improving support.
8. Commanders must assess and track a suspect's ability to deal with the stresses of the investigation and military justice processes.
9. Legal, Office of Special Investigations and Security Forces databases must contain references to all sexual assault cases arising on PACAF installations or involving PACAF personnel.

Fifth AF names two Kadena troops Outstanding Airmen of the Year

Compiled from staff reports

Two Airmen from Kadena were named Fifth Air Force's Outstanding Airmen of the Year Thursday.

Senior Airman William Moore, 31st Rescue Squadron, and Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Melahn, 18th Civil Engineer Group, were named the Outstanding Airmen of the Year in the Airman and First Sergeant categories.

Fifth Air Force officials select-

ed five other winners for their contributions to the 5th Air Force community.

Commanders, first sergeants and supervisors, joined keynote speaker Lt. Gen. Thomas Waskow, commander of 5th Air Force, in honoring the seven individuals who, out of 27 nominees, were named one of the 5th Air Force Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2003.

The other 2003 award winners that were announced include:

Non-commissioned officer: Tech. Sgt. Ronnie West II, 35th Fighter Wing; Misawa AB, Japan

Senior non-commissioned officer: Master Sgt. Joseph Howell Jr., 374th Airlift Wing; Yokota AB, Japan

Company grade officer: Capt. Patrick Hermes, Fifth Air Force Headquarters; Yokota AB, Japan
U. S. civilian: Cheryl Orraca, 35th FW; Misawa AB, Japan

Japanese national: Kenichi Ishihara, 35th FW; Misawa AB, Japan

KADENA SPOTLIGHTS

Congratulations to the following captains that were recently selected for promotion to major: **Craig Augustino**, 67th Fighter Squadron; **Lorena Bailey**, 18th Medical Operations Squadron; **John Barnett**, 18th Medical Support Squadron; **Trevor Benitone**, 1st Special Operations Squadron; **Brett Blake**, 18th Operations Support Squadron; **Samantha Blanchard**, 18th Mission Support Squadron; **Richard Carrell**, 1st SOS; **Shawn Cochran**, 33rd Rescue Squadron; **Patrick Daley**, 67th FS; **Anthony DiCarlo**, 67th FS; **Bradley Dow**, 33rd RQS; **Jameson Dugdale**, 18th Wing; **Darrin Dronoff**, 733rd Air Mobility Squadron; **Janel Egana**, 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron; **Brian Foutch**, 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron; **Christopher Fuller**, 18th Civil Engineer Group; **Thomas Geiser**, 1st SOS; **Michael Guischar**, 353rd Special Operations Group; **Brad Hedeloom**, 18th OSS; **Douglas Horne**, 1st SOS; **Barton Kenerson**, 18th Component Maintenance Squadron; **Clifford King**, 623rd Air Control Squadron; **Karen Kirk**, 18th MDOS; **Joshua Kovich**, 733rd AMS; **Anthony Kusek**, 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Denton Mack**, 961st AACS; **Dorothy Martino**, 82nd Reconnaissance Squadron; **Jerry Meadows**, 390th Intelligence Squadron; **Clark Olander**, 353rd Operations Support Squadron; **Anthony Piente**, 718th AMXS; **Bradley**

Pyburn, 18th Communications Squadron; **Robert Ross**, 1st SOS; **Jennifer Trinkle**, 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron; **John Trube**, 1st SOS; **Matthew Vanwieren**, 67th FS; **Michael Wascher**, 18th AES; **Hazel Wright**, 18th MDOS
Congratulations to the following first lieutenants that were recently selected for promotion to captain: **William Bierenkoven**, 44th Fighter Squadron; **John Desir**, 33rd Rescue Squadron; **Ronda DiMaggio**, 18th Medical Operations Squadron; **Paul Egbalic**, 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **James Cecil Fields II**, 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron; **Jeffrey Guttman**, 909th Air Refueling Squadron; **Shannon LeBlanch**, 18th Logistic Readiness Squadron; **Jenifer Soetekouw**, 18th Aeromedicine Evacuation Squadron; **Jason Clendenin**, 17th Special Operations Squadron; **James Foster**, 353rd Operations Support Squadron; **John Davitt**, 390th Intelligence Squadron; **Vanesa Marratt**, 733rd Air Mobility Squadron

Congratulations to the following senior airman of Airman Leadership School, Class 04-C who were awarded the following:

- Academic Achievement Award - **Benjamin House**, 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- Leadership Award - **Jesse Meno**, 718th AMXS
- Distinguished Graduates - **Shannon Roman**, 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron; **Jason Bond**, 353rd Operations Support Squadron; **Robert Morgan**, 18th Component Maintenance Squadron; **Jared Roman**, 82nd Reconnaissance Squadron
- John Levitow Award - **Jesse Meno**, 718th AMXS

SAVE

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d. Fill one-quart containers with water and place them in the toilet flush tank.

At home

- a. Report water leaks to housing customer service at 634-4663. Housing will expedite repairs.
- b. Fill one-quart containers with water and place them in the toilet flush tank.
- c. Flush once and only for sanitary reasons.
- d. Take "sailor" showers instead of baths. (Turn water off when not rinsing)
- e. Minimize the amount of water used for baths.
- f. When shaving or brushing teeth, only turn water on to rinse or fill basin.
- g. Reuse water from dehumidifiers for watering plants.
- h. Use half sink for hand washing dishes. Don't run water continuously for rinsing.
- i. Minimize garbage disposal use by using waste catchers.
- j. Wash only full loads in dishwasher.
- k. Wash only full loads of laundry or set the water level to match load size.
- l. No outside watering, car washing and sidewalk washing. CE will not loan out pressure washers during this time.

In January, General Remington implemented a ban on car washing, to including fundraisers, throughout all military housing on Okinawa after reports that the water storage rate fell below 60 percent.

Col. Steven Lillemon, 18th Civil Engineer Group commander and executive agent for all military family housing, said the car wash ban will remain in effect "until further notice, or when there is no longer a danger of water rationing."

JASDF flies first humanitarian mission to Iraq

by Maj. Dave Honchul

U.S. Central Command Air Forces Public Affairs

AL UDEID AIR BASE, Qatar — The Japan Air Self Defense Force flew its first humanitarian mission into Iraq as part of coalition air forces, landing at Tallil Air Base on March 3.

While self defense forces have previously conducted humanitarian deployments to other locations in the world, this is the first time Japanese airmen have deployed to a conflict zone since the end of World War II.

Flying from an undisclosed air base in Southwest Asia, the Japanese C-130 carried 5,000 pounds of supplies for the Iraqi people. This first shipment consisted of medical materials, school supplies and soccer balls.

"We are very proud to do this mission," said Col. Tadashi Miyagawa, JASDF airlift coordinator here. "The JASDF has been doing the same kinds of missions as peacekeeping operations, but this mission is special for us."

Once at Tallil, U.S. and Japanese airmen took the cargo from the C-130 and loaded it aboard trucks from the Japan Ground Self Defense Force. The ground forces will distribute the humanitarian supplies within Iraq.

Officials welcomed the participation from the newest coalition partner.

"What sets this air operations center apart from others is that we are truly a Combined Air Operations Center," said Maj. Gen. Robert Elder, deputy combined forces air component commander. "I'm thrilled to have the JASDF as part of the coalition



Air Force/ Tech. Sgt. Bob Oldham

A Japanese C-130 sits empty on the tarmac as a cargo loader backs away with more than 5,000 pounds of humanitarian supplies.

team, and so is our commander, (Lt. Gen. Walter) Buchanan. They bring a wealth of experience with them from their peacekeeping operations. We value

them as a coalition partner, and we look forward to their continued contributions to our collective efforts in the reconstruction of Iraq."

AWARD: Bagram deployment reaps top award for Kadena engineer

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"Normally you'd close a runway to do this type of work, but here we couldn't because of ongoing operations in support of Army ground troops."

Another highlight of Captain Fuller's deployment to Afghanistan was directing coalition explosive ordnance emergency response teams to help recover a Danish F-16 that overshot the runway and crashed into a Russian mine field at Bagram.

"It was an Army EOD battalion with very little aircraft experience, I merged into the team as the aircraft ordnance expert," he said.

Ironically the incident was one which Captain Fuller had previously scoffed at during training because he thought such an incident would never happen.

"This exact scenario is trained at the Joint EOD school and I always criticized it because I thought it would never happen. But I will never dispute any "school house" training again," he said.

"A C-130 crashed on the runway five days after the F-16 and my team spent Christmas recovering two aircraft," he said.

During the recovery effort, Captain Fuller personally "safed" ordnance inches from landmines and for his efforts he received a letter of appreciation from the Danish Defense Minister.

He also led Bagram from the "dark ages" by designing and installing latrine trailers with flushable toilets, lighting, air-conditioning and heating and running water

"The trailers replaced port-a-jons that had been in place for eight months and this essentially was the biggest quality of life project of the base," Captain Fuller said.

Of all his work during his deployment, Captain Fuller said he'll probably most be remembered for this quality of life project. "My legacy is flushing toilets at Bagram," he said with a laugh.

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Capt. Christopher Fuller
Air Force's outstanding civil engineer military manager for 2003.

Air Force: manpower unevenly distributed

by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force leaders said manpower within the service is unevenly distributed.

While testifying March 2 before the Senate Armed Services Committee subcommittee on personnel, Michael Dominguez said the service is in the process of rebalancing its manpower resources. He is the assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs.

"(We) have developed a comprehensive, coherent human-resources plan that will guide our efforts to relieve the stress on our force and to transform that force so it can more effectively meet the demands of the global war on terrorism," Mr. Dominguez said.

Part of the unbalance in manpower resources is that there are not enough Airmen assigned to the jobs the Air Force needs done, said Lt. Gen. Richard Brown III, the deputy chief of staff for personnel.

"Currently, we have too many people in some career fields, and at the same time, we don't have enough in others," General Brown said. "We are going to take steps to shape our force as we get back to our authorized strength. We need to do this smartly and need to avoid Draconian measures that break faith with our people. Our goal, if possible, is to give every Airman the possibility to stay in the Air Force."

A key component of the reorganization begins with an emphasis on an Air Force core competency: developing Airmen. Education and training will be a focus of the reorganization plan.

"Over the past year, the Air Force has implemented a new method of developing our force,"

General Brown said. "Force development combines focused assignments, and education and training opportunities to prepare our people to accomplish the mission of the Air Force. Rather than allowing chance or happenstance to guide an Airman's experience, we take a deliberate approach to develop officers, enlisted and civilians throughout the total force."

The Department of Defense's National Security Personnel System's approval was also critical to the manpower reorganization. The system's flexibility, Mr. Dominguez said, allows the Air Force to modernize its civilian personnel management system and to expedite military-to-civilian job conversions.

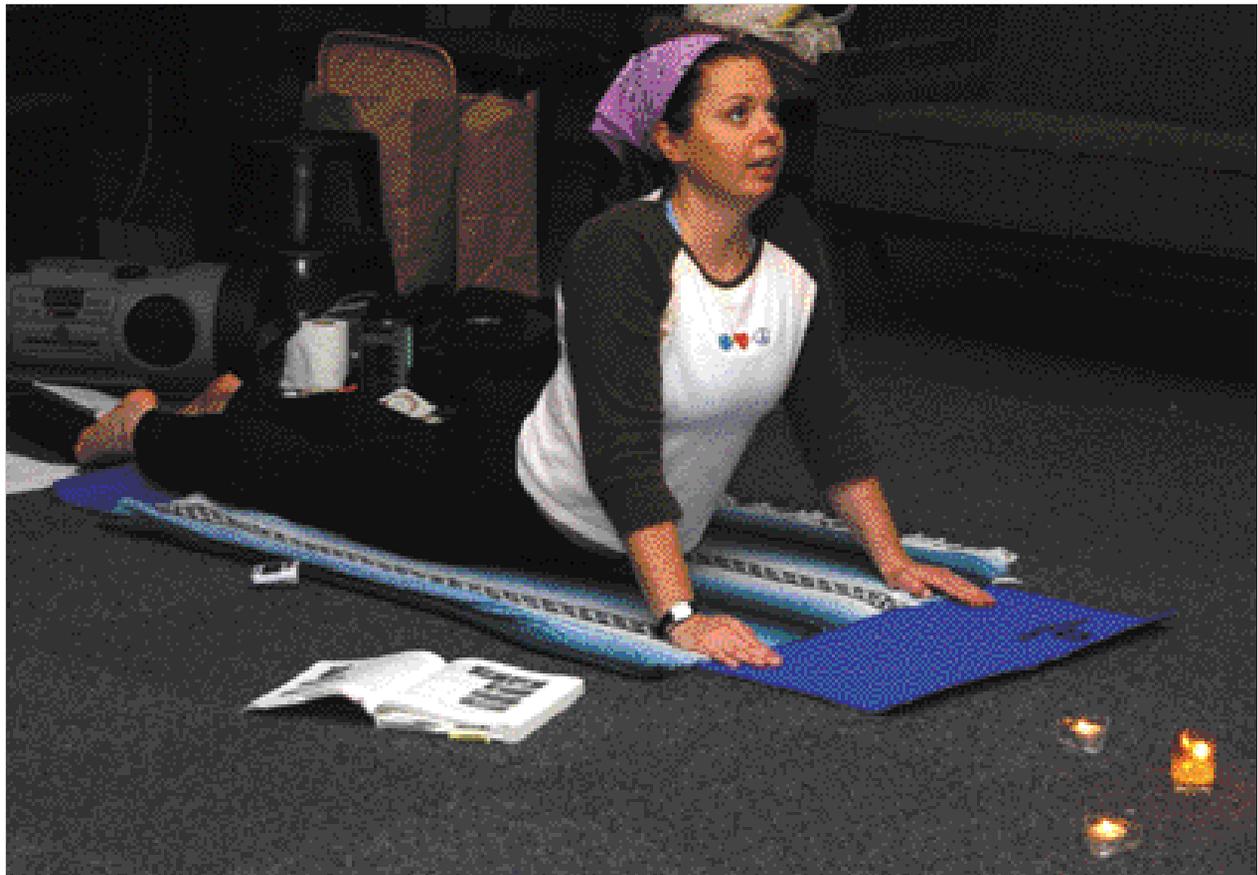
"The (new) system is a critical component of our plan," Mr. Dominguez said. "The modern management concepts included in that plan provide flexibility and agility needed to integrate our civilians ... fully, completely and seamlessly into our total force."

In response to questions about over-dependence on Air Force Reserve forces, Mr. Dominguez told committee members he did not think the reserve component was being unduly tasked.

"(Reserve Airmen) are totally integrated into what we do, and we cannot do our job without them," Mr. Dominguez said. "We are not overusing them. There are elements of the force that we are (working) pretty hard, but they are not being overused."

Also discussed during the testimony were service efforts to support families of deployed airmen, benefits for the Guard and Reserve, retention, benefits of selective re-enlistment bonuses and the beginning of the expeditionary force.

(CLOCKWISEFROMRIGHT)
YOGA: Andrea Kowalski teaches a brief yoga session to a group of women attending the Joint Women's Forum Saturday. The forum was started by Dr. Janet Breslin Smith, the wife of former 18th Wing commander, Brig. Gen. James Smith, in 1999. Since it began, the program has expanded to include members of the local community.
DRAW: Megan Melrose makes a decorative pin during a jewelry making class. This year there were more than 40 classes offered to volunteers ranging from Origami to Canine Obedience Training.
PAINT: Crystal Bernardo practices Japanese brush painting during the Joint Women's Forum Saturday.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Heather Tower





Kadena officials host Sixth Annual Okinawa Joint Women's Forum



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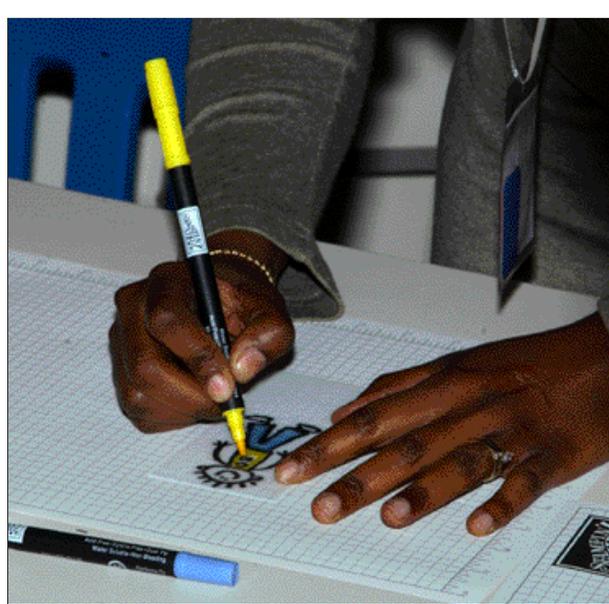
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PAINT: Kenmei Nakamura, a well-known Okinawan artist, teaches Japanese brush painting, or Sumie, to volunteers at the Joint Women's Forum Saturday. In previous forums, there have been a few distinguished guests such as Noriko Inamine, wife of Okinawa Governor Keiichi Inamine, who taught attendees the art of calligraphy. Inamine participated in the first three forums from 1999 to 2001.

COLOR: Allisha Pinkney makes a pin design during jewelry making class.



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Brother in arms

Kadena maintainer celebrates twin brother's promotion to top enlisted rank

by Keith Pannell
27th Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

CANNON AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. — In the womb they were so close, according to doctors, that their heartbeats were synchronized.

Not much has changed for Ivan and Evan Godwin since their birth at Beale Air Force Base, Calif., in 1962. Their lives have been full of the normal pushing, pulling and competing associated with twins.

However, at the chief induction ceremony here Feb. 26, it was Ivan's time to shine as the 27th Civil Engineer Squadron's fire chief was inducted into the chief's group.

In the audience just a few feet away and beaming with brotherly love, sat Evan, the 18th Maintenance Group weapons chief from Kadena.

"I couldn't be more proud of my big brother," said Evan, who is younger by 10 minutes. "I fully expected him to make chief when I did two years ago. He has the right character and demeanor, and is an excellent leader."

"We're both so competitive, yet supportive. I was so proud when he made it," said Ivan, who pinned on his eighth stripe March 1. "He was very sad that I didn't make it at the same time."

Dual promotions have happened twice in their careers. They both pinned on master sergeant and senior master sergeant at the same time.

Evan joined the Air Force straight out of high school, three years ahead of Ivan. Ivan caught up with his twin at the rank of technical sergeant.



Air Force/ Staff Sgt. April Kujawski

Chief Master Sgt. Evan Godwin (left) and his brother, Ivan, share a moment before Ivan's chief master sergeant induction ceremony at Canon Air Force Base, N.M. Evan is an 18th Maintenance Group weapons chief at Kadena while Ivan is a fire chief for the 27th Civil Engineer Squadron at Canon.

"I'm extremely proud of the both of them, as I am of all seven of my kids," said their father, Ivan Godwin Sr. "I retired as a technical sergeant, and it's really hard to believe, when 1 percent of the enlisted ranks make chief, I have two of them. The people who work for them are really lucky."

"Dad didn't have to make chief," Ivan said. "If you put him up against the Chief's Creed, he shines. He's our chief."

In the ever-shrinking Air Force,

twins who are similar in rank are bound to be confused for each other.

"We've never been stationed together, but we've been to the same bases at different times, and people confuse us all the time," Ivan said. "It's almost like we have double the friends we actually have. I get handshakes from people I don't even know, who think I'm my brother."

"At least we've left good reputations for ourselves," Evan said.

That kind of playful banter, tinged

with mutual admiration, permeates any conversation between the Godwin chiefs. But both men take their duties in the highest enlisted rank very seriously.

"It is a pinnacle as far as rank goes, but there's so much left to do after you pin on the chief's stripe," Ivan said. "You get the opportunity to do a lot of work on behalf of those who deserve it."

"Making chief is not the time to sit back on your laurels," Evan said. "As chiefs, you have to be even more aggressive in your leadership."

All three men agree that without ultra-supportive wives and families, the eighth stripe never would have come. They have also taken a lot from one another.

"We've shared advice throughout our careers," Ivan said. "We mentor each other and that started..."

"When I stole his bottle in the crib," interrupted Evan.

"It started before I went to basic training in 1980, and my dad was a mentor before that," Ivan said.

In fact, after Evan made chief two years ago, he felt it was his sad duty to let Ivan know he had not made it at the same time. However, after Evan's chief induction, Evan gave Ivan a chief's coin in the shape of the eight stripes. Ivan held that coin in his hand while he studied for the promotion test.

"Every time I would drift off or lose focus, I would squeeze that thing, and it would poke into my palm and bring me back to reality," Ivan said. "It's just another way my brother helped me."

Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service

Air Force Portal provides information, access, instant messaging

by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force senior leaders have asked that all airmen sign up for a new Web-based technology that promises to streamline access to information across the force — the Air Force Portal.

In a December information technology initiatives memo, Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. John P. Jumper asked that all airmen sign up for an Air Force Portal account as soon as possible.

Airmen may register for access to the portal by logging onto the Web site at <https://www.my.af.mil> and clicking on the self-registration link. The registration process is self-guided.

The portal is a Web-based system developed to incorporate as many Air Force information applications as possible. The result of such an integration is that systems such as the virtual military personnel flight or functional area applications, such as a munitions ordering or parts tracking system, would all be accessible from one Web site, said Lt. Col Dan Hausauer, portal integration division chief.

The key benefit to such an integration is the idea of a single user login. Once a user logs in, the portal itself authenticates a user into the application. This means that with each new application integrated into the portal, users will have one less Web address, login name and password to remember, Colonel Hausauer said.

"You can log into the portal with a single user name and password, and from there, these users can

get to their applications without having to reauthenticate," Colonel Hausauer said. "Some users within the logistics community have told me that in the past they've had (more than) 50 user names and password combinations, and now they need only one."

The logistics community has done the most to integrate their applications into the portal and to integrate the system into their own processes, Colonel Hausauer said. Besides logistics applications, other applications such as myPay and LeaveWeb are soon to follow.

A recent change to the portal makes it even easier for users to get access. Now, users can access the system from any Internet-connected computer at home, at work or on the road, Colonel Hausauer said.

When users are on temporary duty, the portal makes it easy to stay in contact with co-workers at their permanent duty stations in real-time. The portal now includes an instant messaging system similar to those found on the dot-com side of the Internet. The Air Force Instant Messenger was used most recently during operations in Southwest Asia, Colonel Hausauer said.

During those operations, AFIM had been set up to interface with commercial messaging systems so deployed airmen could communicate with friends and family on their "buddy lists." That capability has been temporarily disabled, but Colonel Hausauer said it would return following a security review.

For every application that has already been assimilated into the portal framework, there may be many others that have not, Colonel Hausauer said.

One way to expedite their integration is for those most familiar with those systems to speak up, and ask for them to be incorporated into the portal.

"A challenge for us is to get owners to come to us with their applications and to work with us to integrate them into the portal," Colonel Hausauer said. "We can make our security layer work for them, plus give them the benefit of the single user login. We also look to users to insist upon having the applications they use brought to the portal. Users need to ask their (leaders) if they can make that happen."

Besides providing an integrated interface to existing Air Force applications, the portal provides functionality of its own.

The portal includes a "white pages" section that lists everybody in the Air Force. It includes personalization features that let users adjust the presentation to suit their needs. The system even allows users to upload favorites from their desktop computers, so those frequently used Web addresses are available from anywhere in the world.

As more systems are brought into the portal, the Air Force moves closer to its overall vision for a Net-centric force.

"The Air Force vision is to bring a virtual desktop to the airman and to bring all the applications you need to do your job to that desktop," Colonel Hausauer said. "You will have the ability to access them all with one login name and password, they will all work together seamlessly, and you will be able to access them from anywhere. That is the future."



Air Force/ Tech. Sgt. Richard Freeland

International Bazaar

(Right) Barbara Longova, looks through a Takara collection sold by Charlotte Holm during an International Bazaar at the Risner Fitness Center gym March 6. More than 30 international vendors offered various items such as jewelry, antiques and island imports. The event was co-sponsored by the Air Force Sergeants Association and USO Pacific.

Kadena Activities

Free concert: Eliot Sloan of the Blessed Union of Souls will play a free concert at the Kadena Officers' Club March 27 beginning at 8 p.m. Patrons must be 20 years of age or older to attend. For more information, call 634-3663.

Photo contest: 18th Services Squadron officials recently announced plans to hold a photo contest until June 1. Photos taken during any Services activity, event, program, or facility such as: a sporting event at the Risner Fitness Center or a day out at Okuma, are eligible for the contest. The winner will receive \$500-worth of gift certificates. Photos can be dropped off at the Services Marketing Office, Building 435 along with the contestant's name, phone number, rank (if applicable) and pictures title/description.

Pampered Pet Day: The Kadena Karing Kennel will hold a pampered pet day adoption campaign at the Kadena base exchange from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 632-4062.

Discover classes: Visit the Schilling Community Center and sign up for one of the following Discover classes: Karate, Calligraphy, Rinkin Band, a local tour or golf.

Kadena ITT

Tonight: *Urashima Dinner Theater*, 5:30 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$60 for adults, \$39 for children ages six to 12 and \$5 for children under age five.

Saturday: *Battle of Okinawa Tour*, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$28 for adults, \$19 for children ages six to 12, \$11 for children ages four to five and \$5 for children under four.

• *Whale Watching Tour*, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$84 for adults, \$57 for children.

Sunday: *Okinawan Craft Exploration*, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children ages six to 12.

• *Azalea Flower Festival*, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$18 for adults, \$12 for children ages six to 12 and \$5 for children under age five.

Thursday: *Central 100 Yen Shop Exploration*, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children ages six to 12 and \$5 for children under age 5.

Clubs

Tonight: *Trance Pool*, begins at 10 p.m. at the Banyan Tree Club.

Saturday: *Comedy Jam*, begins at 8 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club. A.J. Jamal will perform with Olivia Arring-

ton, Charles Washington and Dean Howard. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.

Wednesday: *Membership Night*, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Banyan Tree Club. Enjoy a complimentary buffet-style dinner followed up by a comedy showcase featuring Charles Washington and Dean Howard at 8 p.m.

• *St. Patrick's Day Membership Night*, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club. Enjoy a free dinner in addition to games and prizes.

March 22: *Banyan Tree closed for maintenance from 6 a.m. to midnight.*

Kadena Library

March 27: *Suessentennial Party*, begins at 9:30 a.m. Children ages three to six are invited to celebrate Dr. Seuss's 100th birthday. Three Dr. Seuss books will be read and all children will receive coupons and be eligible for prizes. For more information, call 634-1502.

Kadena Arts & Crafts

Fridays: *Activity Day*, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Kids can play games and get creative. Open to ages 6-8.

Schilling Community Center

Saturday: *Bingo*, Cards go on sale at 1 p.m., games begin at 2 p.m.

March 20: *Cards and Comic Show*, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tables are available to vendors on a first-come, first-served basis for \$5.

March 22: *Japanese Fine Art and Crafts*, Shop from an assortment of gold leaf, bamboo dolls, ironware and other beautiful and unique items.

Family Support Center

Saturday: *Give Parents a Break*, 6 to 11 p.m.

Monday: *Dating and Healthy Relationships*, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday: *Creative Crafts Class*, 9 to 11 a.m.; *Sponsor Training*, 3 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday: *Accompanied Newcomers Tour*, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; *Washi Class*, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Thursday: *Scrapbook Class at the Hershey TLF*, 10 a.m. to noon; *Kimono Wearing*, 1 to 3 p.m.; *Getting Started with Stocks*, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Movies

Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.

Keystone Theater

Tonight: 6 p.m., 50 First Dates, *PG-13*; 9 p.m., Chasing Liberty, *PG-13*

Saturday : noon, Big Fish, *PG-13*; 4 p.m., Chasing Liberty, *PG-13*; 7 p.m., 50 First Dates, *PG-13*

Sunday : noon, 50 First Dates, *PG-13*; 4 p.m., Big Fish, *PG-13*; 7 p.m., 50 First Dates, *PG-13*

Monday: 7 p.m., Chasing Liberty, *PG-13*

Tuesday: 7 p.m., Big Fish, *PG-13*

Wednesday: 7 p.m., Chasing Liberty, *PG-13*

Thursday: 7 p.m., Welcome to Mooseport, *PG-13*

March 19: 6 p.m., Starsky and Hutch, *PG-13*; 9 p.m., Welcome to Mooseport, *PG-13*

Foster Theater

Today: 7 p.m., Welcome to Mooseport, *PG-13*; 10 p.m., Big Fish, *PG-13*

Saturday : 1 p.m., Chasing Liberty, *PG-13*; 4 p.m., Welcome to Mooseport, *PG-13*; 7 p.m., Big Fish, *PG-13*; 10 p.m., House of Sand and Fog, *R*

Chapel

Catholic

Mon-Fri. : Mass, noon at Chapel 2

Saturday : Confession, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Chapel 2; Vigil Mass, 5 p.m. at Chapel 2

Sunday : Mass, 8:45 a.m. at Chapel 3; 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. at Chapel 1

Protestant

Wednesday : Bible Study at 7 p.m. at Chapel 1.

Sunday : Inspirational, 8:30 a.m. at Chapel 2; Liturgical, 8:45 a.m. at Chapel 3; Evangelical, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. at Chapel 1; General Protestant, 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 3; Gospel, 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 2; Sunday school at 10:45 in Bldg. 326 and Bldg. 327

Hindu service: noon on Mondays at Chapel 1

Eastern Orthodox service: call 645-7486

Jewish services: call 637-1027

Islamic services: call 636-3219

Sport Standings

Basketball Playoffs

March 4:	18th EMS (A) 58	18th CS 64
	18th CMS (A) 47	18th DS/AMDS 60
	18th SFS 52	18th CES 57
	18th MDSS 38	18th MUNS 52
Monday:	18th EMS 61	18th CES 44
	18th CS (A) 49	18th DS/AMDS 42
Tuesday:	18th CES 54	18th CS (A) 59
	18th SFS 47	18th CES 38

Racquetball

Division 1

Team	W	L
18 SFS	4	0
18 OSS (A)	4	0
Det. 1, 554	3	0
18 LRS	2	2
18 CES	2	2
733 AMS	1	3
18 CS	1	2

Division 2

Team	W	L
18 AMXS	4	0
VP9 (B)	2	0
VP9 (A)	1	0
353 OSS	1	1
18 MSS	1	1
18 MOS	1	2
18 OSS (B)	0	1

Volleyball

Division 1

Team	W	L
733 AMS	2	0
18 CES	2	0
18 LRS	2	0
DODDS (A)	1	1
18 EMS	1	1
18 CS (A)	1	2
18 SVS	0	2
18 CMS (A)	0	3

Division 2

Team	W	L
390 IS	3	0
353 OSS	3	0
18 CMS (B)	2	1
623 ACF	2	1
909/961	2	0
18 CS (B)	1	1
18 CPTS	1	1
DODDS (B)	1	3

SOURCE: 18th SVS fitness center staff (current as of Wednesday)

Kadena-trained Okinawan hockey team ranks best in Japan

By Charles K. Steitz
18th Wing Public Affairs

Special needs athletes from Okinawa make history by being the first athletes from Okinawa to ever compete in the Japan National Special Olympics.

Fourteen athletes from Yoto Yogo Gakko, a high school in Gushikawa City for mentally challenged students, competed in the Japan National Winter games in Nagano, Japan last week along with 960 athletic team members.

Their participation was made possible in part by the United States servicemembers who volunteered hundreds of hours to train the athletes and raise money to finance their trip.

The Okinawan athletes participated in floor hockey, the only team sport in Special Olympics winter sports.

After defeating the team from Nagano by a score of 2-0, Okinawa was ranked number one in Japan and placed in the top division to compete against Singapore and China.

Although delighted by the results, coaches Ayaka Kinjo and Michelle McDonough were concerned about having their players compete against international teams.

"I was amazed by (the



Air Force/ Charles Steitz

Rieko Toyama, one of 14 members from Okinawa's Special Olympic floor hockey team, faces off with a member of the China international team at the Special Olympic National Games in Nagano, Japan last week.

international team's) power. Despite the odds, our team kept their spirit. They walked away with more than a medal, they walked away with pride knowing they did their best," said McDonough.

Head coach Kinjo added, "Both teams from Singapore and China were awesome as they had been playing together for months, but our team was incredible and their spirit captivated the audience."

During the last game Okinawa competed against China. In spite of the incredible goal tending by 17-year-old Tsubasa Tengan, who stopped over 50 shots during the first six minutes, China ran up five

goals. "Even though I didn't have much practice as a goalie, I thought I did well during the game," said Tengan.

Takako Fukuhara, president of Friends of Kadena Special Olympics, pointed out the significant impact the participation in these games had not only on the athletes but also on the volunteer coaches.

"After the fifth goal by China, Dai Yonahara, our center caught a pass and scored...the crowd went wild. Immediately after the face off, Yonahara received another pass and scored again. The crowd was on their feet cheering for Okinawa. As I looked

to my right, I saw a young woman who had volunteered over the past two days. She had tears coming down her face," said Fukuhara.

"At first we had a hard time getting the puck. Each passing game, our team improved. I was so happy when I was able to score," explained Yonahara. "What I enjoyed most is that everyone tried their best." Added Yonahara.

Here on Okinawa, the Kadena hosted-Special Olympic Games has grown from 100 athletes in 1999 to more than 1,000 participants last year. More than 1,000 Okinawa special needs athletes and artists (as well as 15 U.S. special needs athletes and artists) participated in the sports and arts festival last year. This represents a 20 percent increase from the previous year.

More 2,500 volunteers from all military branches contributed more than 35,000 volunteer hours to support the games and approximately 5,500 people participated in the game day activities.

This year's Kadena Special Olympic Games is slated for June 12 at the Kadena High School.

Servicemembers interested in volunteering can call at 634-1093.

HOP DREAMS

By Master Sgt. Brad Carder
18th Wing Public Affairs

Lisa Leslie isn't going. Sue Bird won't be there and neither will Larry. However, the next Women's National Basketball Association superstar just might. For one Kadena public affairs officer, the chance to display some of her basketball magic is drawing near.

Chrystal Smith, a second lieutenant with the 18th Wing public affairs office, was selected to attend the Air Force women's basketball trial and training camp at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, March 15 through April 1. There, she will test her skills against the Air Force's top female cagers.

Smith, a native of Dunn, N.C., is no stranger to competition. She was a 4-year all-conference selection where she starred at Triton High School in Erwin, N.C.

Following high school, Smith attended Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C., where she was a four-year starter, and served as team captain her final three years for the Lady Camels.

Smith enlisted in the Air Force in 1998 and served three years as a Meteorological Navigation Systems journeyman before being selected to attend Officer Training School.

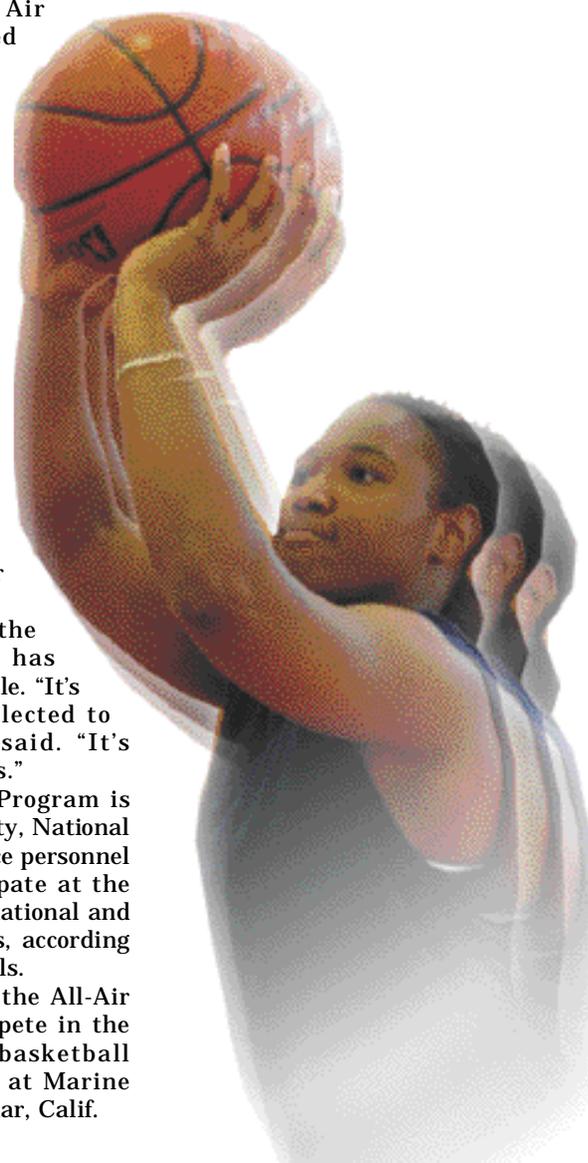
The point guard has played on womens' base basketball teams at Moody AFB, Georgia and Keesler AFB, Mississippi.

"The competition is going to be on the same level or better than what I competed against in college," Smith said. "I'm eager to see how I stack up against the other players. It's going to be the best players in the Air Force."

Smith said attending the camp is something she has looked forward to for a while. "It's really an honor to be selected to attend the camp," she said. "It's always been one of my goals."

The Air Force Sports Program is designed to allow active duty, National Guard and reserve Air Force personnel an opportunity to participate at the Air Force, Armed Forces, national and international sports events, according to Air Force Services officials.

If Smith is selected to the All-Air Force team, she will compete in the Armed Forces womens' basketball championship April 2-10 at Marine Corps Air Station in Miramar, Calif.



SPORTS BRIEFS

EXTRAMURAL GOLF APPLICATIONS:

Applications for extramural golf are due to the Risner Fitness Center staff no later than March 30. For more information, call 634-5128.

SOCCER CUP TOURNAMENT:

The Kadena Soccer Cup tournament is scheduled for April 2-4. Applications are due by Thursday at the Risner Fitness Center. For more information, call 634-5128.

KADENA KLASSIC BASKETBALL:

The first Kadena Klassic basketball tournament begins at 6 p.m. tonight at the Risner Fitness Center.