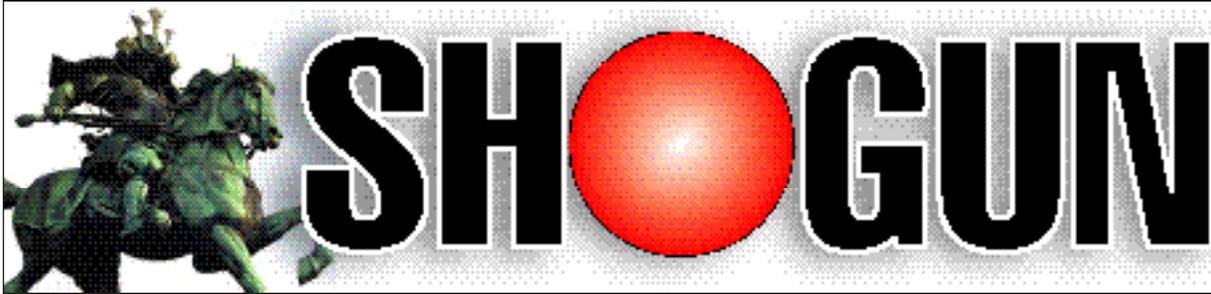


MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS

961st Airborne Air Control Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	70.0
Hours flown	74.6
Monthly offset	4.6
33rd Rescue Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	138.7
Hours flown	132.7
Monthly offset	0.0
90th Air Refueling Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	470.0
Hours flown	463.0
Monthly offset	-7.0
44th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	265.0
Sorties flown	262.0
Monthly offset	-3.0
67th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	284.0
Sorties flown	245.0
Monthly offset	-39.0

Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of Sep. 27

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WEEKEND WEATHER

	TODAY: Partly cloudy N winds @ 10-12 knots High: 82 Low: 70
	SATURDAY: Mostly cloudy N winds @ 12 knots High: 82 Low: 68
	SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy NE winds @ 12 knots High: 82 Low: 72

**FRIDAY MORNING'S
COMMUNITY BANK
EXCHANGE RATES**
BUYING: \$1=Y108 SELLING: Y113-\$1

Gas prices change today



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

Airman 1st Class Daniel Styche fills the gas tank of his car at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service gas station on Kadena's Douglas Boulevard last week. AAFES is changing the way it calculates gas pricing today by moving from a yearly price rate to a monthly rate based on the Department of Energy's gas price average in the United States. Airman Styche is assigned to 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron as an electronics and environmental specialist.

By Sgt. 1st Class
Amanda Glenn
AAFES Public Affairs

CAMP FOSTER - Today Army and Air Force Exchange Service gas prices on Okinawa will change monthly based on the Department of Energy's previous four-week gas price averages in the United States.

This change replaces the current policy, established December 2001, that set prices once a year on Oct. 1.

The new policy brings prices more in line with stateside pricing practices, explained Col. Michelle Gardner-Ince, AAFES Pacific Region commander. Prior to the implementation of this new policy, only AAFES gas prices in Japan, Turkey and the Azores were set for the entire year.

As a result, the downward swings in the market that reflected lower prices did not impact these three areas.

Gardner-Ince explained that AAFES understands that the change may be a shock to customers, but added that AAFES plans to mitigate the costs as much as possible through the continuation of the \$2-off gas coupon and by phasing in the price increase over several months to smooth the transition.

The AAFES military Board of Directors approved this policy change in March.

Market based pricing means that AAFES sets prices for each month based on the prior month's DOE average price of gas in the continental United States, plus incremental costs such as labor and other expenses. Incremental costs are unique to each country.

"Synchronizing the gas policy will ensure that the price of gas at all overseas locations reflects the U.S. market price, month to month," said AAFES Commander Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost.

Kadena Airmen help clean Okinawa

By Senior Airman
Anna Fitzhorn
18th Wing Public Affairs

Rain-soaked volunteers from Kadena collected more than a ton of trash Saturday along Okinawa's Sunabe Seawall as part of the 18th Wing's continuing *Churamachi* (beautiful community) Project.

Some 65 volunteers braved the elements for two hours to collect bottles, cans and cigarette butts as Typhoon Meari loomed off the coast of Okinawa. U.S. bases island-wide were in Typhoon Condition of Readiness 1, indicating a storm is scheduled to hit the island within 12 hours, as volunteers weathered the elements to help the local community.

"It showed a commitment to the island for those of us

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Air Force/Senior Airman Anna Fitzhorn Master Sgt. Pierre Alcidas picks up trash along the Sunabe Seawall, west of Kadena, Saturday with more than 65 volunteers from the base. Sergeant Alcidas volunteered for the cleanup and is assigned to the 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron.

Combined Federal Campaign kicks off Monday at exchange

By Master Sgt. Adam Johnston
18th Wing Public Affairs

The 2004 Combined Federal Campaign will kick off Monday at noon with an event at the Kadena Base Exchange, officials say.

Organizers of the event are trying to schedule local agencies that benefit from the annual campaign to speak at Monday's ceremony.

"A lot of people don't know that they can support family and youth programs through the campaign," said Capt. Fenny Evers, wing co-chairperson for this year's campaign. "This allows people to give right back to the community," she said. Last year about \$18,000 was raised for local programs at Kadena through the campaign, she said.

This year's campaign begins Monday and is scheduled to end Dec. 3. "We're looking at trying to raise about \$400,000

from the base," said Captain Evers. She said the campaign is organizing a list of unit campaign representatives who will be making 100 percent contact with potential donors, and will provide donors assistance with the forms to make a donation.



EVERS

Last year Kadena's campaign raised \$418,000 through about 30 percent of the base population, said Captain Evers. "I think we can reach our goal," she said. "CFC is a great way to donate because the money can either be drawn directly out of your paycheck or you can make a one-time cash contribution."

An air battle manager with the 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron, Captain Evers said she originally volunteered to be a representative for this year's campaign. "But I got elevated to a higher position," she said with a laugh. Tech. Sgt. Stephen Cornelius is the other wing co-chairperson for this year's campaign.



Character: an essential component of leadership

By Col. James Cutter
18th Wing Chaplain

"What goes TDY..." how would you complete this sentence?

If you answered, "Stays TDY," I say you have missed an important component of leadership. What one does while TDY or when they think no one else is watching is a reflection of one's inner convictions and values. So why is this important for a leader?

People will follow a leader they can trust. Furthermore, they can only trust a person if they honestly believe their leader will make the right decision, even if it is not the popular decision. People gain confidence that their leader will make the right decision by observing how that leader lives

through actions they perform every day.

You see, people intuitively understand that a person who cannot be trusted with the little decisions of life cannot be trusted with the big decisions either. So people will watch their leaders and will silently draw a conclusion that the leader is either going to take care of their troops or they will simply take care of themselves at the expense of their troops. Only the former will be followed and respected.

General Robert E. Lee said, "I cannot trust a man to control others who cannot control himself." A person who cannot discipline himself or herself to do the right thing, even when no one else is watching, cannot be

trusted to perform selflessly in the face of temptation, danger or human tragedy. In essence, a person who cannot perform selflessly cannot be trusted to lead others.

General H. Norman Schwarzkopf once said, "Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one, be without strategy." Above all other pursuits, seek to be a person with great character.

This is a nice ideal, but how do we actually go about building our character?

Aristotle said: "Men acquire a particular quality by constantly acting a particular way... you become just by performing just actions, temperate by performing temperate actions, brave

by performing brave actions." So, if your goal is to grow in character, begin today living like the person you want to become, set high standards and develop goals to help you reach them, and find at least one other person you trust and admire who will hold you accountable for your actions and decisions. By making little changes now, you build a solid foundation for future actions and decisions.

This brings me back to my original question. The correct answer is, "What goes TDY demonstrates the depth of your character." So the next time you're tempted to do something you normally wouldn't do, remember, there will always be at least one person present who knows who you really are.

Customs, courtesies key in Okinawa

By Lt. Col. Evin Westerner
909th Air Refueling Squadron commander

"Konichiwa" is such a simple phrase, but using a greeting such as this actually makes quite a difference.

What a beautiful place and an extraordinary opportunity we have being a part of the "Keystone of the Pacific," living and working where many only dream of being. Such a place is often referred to as "Paradise."

I'll start by stating the obvious. We are all loyal Americans with a proud and unique heritage, who tend to look at the world from a Western point of view—a tendency that has both positive and negative impacts.

I realize that the majority of us who proudly serve as part of Team Kadena would never dream of offending our gra-

rious hosts here in "Paradise," but it only takes a few bad eggs to spoil the bunch.

We are ambassadors of the United States of America, on display 24 hours a day, seven days of the week. As American military members in this theater of operations, most of us also stick out like sore thumbs, even while off-duty. Therefore it is a necessity that we are more vigilant of our public behavior than what is required in an assignment back home.

Think of yourself as a guest in someone else's home. Courtesy and respect for the occupants of the household, their belongings, and their traditions would be your guide. We should take that same approach in our everyday activities here on Okinawa. Indeed, we should take advantage of the many cultural activities and educational opportu-

nities this assignment affords. So go ahead and take that language class, visit a local attraction, take one of the many excellent tours that are offered here on the island or even visit other countries. Nevertheless, be sure to remember that you are always an ambassador wherever you go.

Virtually everything I have said is summed up by our service's core values, and former Air Force Chief of Staff, General Ronald R. Fogleman, distilled the essence of what we are all about into three simple phrases, "Integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do." With these fundamentals as your guideline, you cannot go wrong.

It is an honor to be associated with those who would volunteer to endure sacrifice for the cause of freedom. "Ari-gato gozaimasu--Thank you."

ACTION LINES

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Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas
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.

Veterinary Clinic phone service

Since arriving at Kadena I have heard nothing but horror stories about pets being abandoned and the service at the base Veterinary Clinic. Today, I got to experience it for myself. I tried calling for two days to get my sick dog an acute appointment, and after listening to the automated voice messaging service over and over and over again, I took time off work to make a personal visit to the clinic. When I arrived, I was told the phone system was working fine. If that was the case, why couldn't I get a hold of anyone? Something needs to be done to make the appointment system better (i.e., another telephone line, web access, a person dedicated to phone customer service, etc).

I agree with you -- we have a problem with the phone system at the vet clinic, and it

needs to be fixed. We're currently working with local base agencies to fix this sub-standard communication tool. Prior to your inquiry, a team had been set up to correct this situation. They have made some improvements: the phone was moved out of the reception area, and a dedicated person now answers the phone. Furthermore, the 18th Mission Support Group improved the on-line service (visit the 18th Services Squadron web site at www.18services.com and click on 'Pets,' then 'Veterinary Clinic' to make on-line appointments). They are currently exploring the idea of using a phone system similar to the one used by the 18th Medical Group. The 18th MSG continues to address this problem and is working hard to re-gain customer confidence. I need to know if you or others continue to have problems in this area, because I'm very serious about getting it fixed. Thanks for your inquiry.



SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Tech. Sgt. Donald Long Jr.

18th Civil Engineer Squadron, electrical systems NCO in charge

Hometown: Linden, New Jersey

Reason for nomination: Sergeant Long is the epitome of today's committed, result-orientated NCO. He was the driving force behind Kadena's power restoration after Typhoon Songda wreaked havoc on Okinawa's power grid. Under his direction, he and his crews had 90 percent of Kadena's electrical system back in service within 14 hours, remarkable considering the extent of infrastructure damage.

Time at Kadena: 3 months

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Don't drink and drive

A Kadena airman was found guilty of drunk driving on base with a breath-alcohol content of .141 percent. This conduct violates Articles 92 and 111 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. This was his second offense with the previous resulting in an Article 15. He was sentenced to eight months confinement, reduction in rank to airman basic, forfeiture of \$795 per month for eight months, and a bad-conduct discharge. The airman basic is currently confined at the Camp Hansen brig.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE: Did you know -- per Air Force Manual 31-201V7, State licensing agencies will be notified, by mail, of all DUI/DWI cases as well as revocations of base driving privileges or refusal to submit a blood alcohol test.

SCHEDULED POWER OUTAGE: The Housing Office will have limited services today and will close at 1 p.m. for a scheduled power outage.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: Kadena Fire and Emergency Services invite all base residents to participate in annual Fire Prevention activities: **Sunday**--Mobile Fire Safety Trailer and a kitchen fire demonstration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Main Exchange. **Oct. 8**--Kadena High School Confidence Course from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. "Kids Night Out" from 8 to 9 p.m. at the Kadena Youth Center. **Oct. 9**--Open House at the Fire Department Headquarters, Bldg. 3489, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more details contact the Fire Prevention office at 634-4500 or 632-6091.

GATE 2 CONSTRUCTION: Kadena's Gate 2 will close on or about Nov. 1 for gate construction. This is a delay from the previous date of Oct. 1 as announced in the Aug. 27 edition of *The Kadena Shogun*. When Gate 2 closes, Gate 5 will open full time. However, pedestrian traffic may continue to enter and exit through Gate 2. When Gate 1 closes in February 2005, Gate 4 will open full time. Officials still expect renova-

Golden Wrench Award



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

Maj. Michael Lawrence, 18th Component Maintenance Squadron commander, receives the Golden Wrench Award from Larry Jones, Vice President of Military Customer Support for Pratt and Whitney, Sept. 24. The 18th CMS won the award for modifying older aircraft engines to meet new specifications. Pratt and Whitney produces the engines that power the Air Force's F-15 Eagles and Strike Eagles, and F-16 Fighting Falcons.

tions to be completed by February 2006.

CAR WASH CLOSURE: The Kadena car wash will close Monday through Oct. 16 for renovations.

5K RUN/WALK: In observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Joint Services Family Shelter is spon-

soring a free run/walk, Saturday at the O'Connor Gym. Opening ceremony begins at 7 a.m., and the run/walk starts at 8 a.m. Call 634-7221 for registration.

YOUTH SWIM TEAM: Tryouts for the Okinawa Dolphins Youth Swim Team are Monday through Oct. 8 from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. at the Foster 25-meter pool.

For more information, call 645-2787.

FRESHMAN NIGHT: Kadena High School teachers and counselors will give a presentation to enrolled freshmen on transitioning from middle school to high school, from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday in the school media center. Parents are welcome to attend. For more details, call 634-7833 or e-mail Stephanie.Steadman@pac.odododea.edu

SPECIAL DUTY ASSIGNMENT TEAM BRIEFING: A briefing will be held Oct. 12 at 8:30 a.m. in the Rocker NCO Club Ballroom for Airmen interested in becoming an Air Force recruiter or military training instructor. Please contact Senior Master Sgt. James Cooper at 634-3337 before attending the briefing.

RECALL OF SCUBA INFLATORS: The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has recalled the Halcyon SCUBA Buoyancy Compensator Inflators. For more information, contact Halcyon Manufacturing at (800) 425-2966 or www.halcyon.net

JOINT SERVICES 24-HOUR HELP LINE TRAINING: Bi-annual training for volunteers will be held Oct. 16 and 23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more details, call 634-0634.

NEW REQUIREMENTS AT JSVRO: The Joint Services Vehicle Registration Office has new requirements for PCS or terminating SOFA status customers. E-mail jsvro@mcbbutler.usmc.mil or call 645-7481/3963.

CLEAN: Volunteers help clean local seashore

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who showed up," said Chief Master Sgt. Martin Weglarz, one of several volunteers for the weekend event. Chief Weglarz is assigned to the 733rd Air Mobility Squadron as the superintendent of maintenance and was one of more than 140 volunteers initially registered for the cleanup.

The chief said the Saturday cleanup showed local residents that Airmen here are not just tourists to the island, but are committed to the community.

Senior Airman Shane Woodward of the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron said, "It's always good to show the community that the military cares."

According to organizers, that was the reason behind Saturday's cleanup, which was sponsored by 18th Services Squadron. "The purpose of the cleanup was to show our support to the local community and to improve local dive sites," said Ayako Kinjo, program coordinator for 18th Services Kadena Marina. "I know we saved a lot of fish, mammals and coral reef from that trash," she said.

Volunteers will receive certificates from their squadron commanders for participating in the event, organizers said.



Air Force/Senior Airman Anna Fitzhorn
Airman 1st Class Jessica Buckner, 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron, picks up trash along the Sunabe Seawall, west of Kadena, Saturday with more than 65 base volunteers.

Child's concern cues community cleanup

By 1st Lt. Chrystal Smith
18th Wing Public Affairs

A paperless e-mail to *The Kadena Shogun* action line column by an 11-year-old recently inspired a community clean-up of real paper, junk and debris from a riverbed near Kadena.

Kayla Lyons, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Richard Lyons of the 623rd Air Control Flight, expressed her concern for the appearance of the Higa River in Chibana Family Housing and received permission from the installation commander to allow the clean-up to happen.

"I got a book from my teacher," said Kayla in response to where she got the idea. She was motivated after reading, *"Come Back, Salmon,"* a book about an elementary school's effort to clean up a nearby creek so

that salmon could use it as a place to spawn.

"I'm proud she took the initiative," said Sergeant Lyon. "She asked who she needed to ask and got it cleaned. I wish other kids would get ideas on how to keep the community clean."

The e-mail stirred 20 members from the 623rd ACF and the 718th Civil Engineer Squadron to form a community clean-up effort, Sep. 18.

The overall effort lasted about two hours as they gathered enough junk to fill the back of a flatbed, said Sergeant Lyons. "It was a lot of fun and people seemed surprised at how much fun it turned out to be," he said. "I got a little ribbing at work about taking my daughter's e-mail privileges, but no one was sulking or mad that they were there."



Courtesy photo
Members of the 623rd Air Control Flight and 718th Civil Engineer Squadron cleanup a river near the east side of Kadena Air Base.

60 Kadena Airmen participate in Korea exercise

By 2nd Lt.
Timothy J. Lundberg
18th Wing Public Affairs

More than 60 Kadena Airmen from a variety of career fields recently deployed in support of Ulchi Focus Lens, one of the two annual exercises held jointly between U.S. and South Korean forces.

The goal of UFL is to ensure that U.S. and South Korean forces can fight together and that U.S.

forces are able to rapidly deploy to the Korean peninsula if war ever breaks out there.

U.S. forces came from the continental United States and the Pacific Command. All services were represented.

"It was a large exercise," said 2nd Lt. Bradley Pirolo, 18th Operations Support Squadron intelligence officer. "It brought together units from both the Pacific and CONUS, and helped

them learn how to work together."

Lieutenant Pirolo was also glad to work with the variety of different units located on Osan Air Base. He learned the primary functions of what they do and how to best support them.

To make the training as realistic as possible UFL brought in a large number of personnel to make sure that it was an accurate simulation.

"It seemed like a deployment more than an exercise, so in that way it was very successful," said Staff Sgt. Jacque Lawrence, 18th Aerospace Medical Squadron information manager.

With U.S. and South Korean forces working together, both sides were able to learn how the other operated and the processes they go through to get the job done.

"It was good for Americans and the Republic of

Korea forces to see how each other work," said Maj. Laurel Dove, 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron bioenvironmental engineer flight commander here. "There was a lot of good cross communication. Everyone was on the same page, doing things the same way."

Major Dove was also very impressed with the living conditions while deployed for UFL. "We had great living conditions, services took really good care of us."

Air Force Ball goes on despite typhoon



Staff Sgt. Mary Beth Benham, from Pacific Air Forces Final Approach Band, sings for a crowd at the Air Force Ball, hosted by the Rocker NCO Club Saturday. Air Force/Staff Sgt. C.E. Campbell



Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander, cuts the Air Force birthday cake for Col. Richard Zink, 18th Wing vice commander, and Airman Basic Crystal West, 33rd Rescue Squadron, who were for the evening the Airmen with the most and least time in service. Air Force/Staff Sgt. C.E. Campbell

Over 800 attend

By Senior Airman
Anna Fitzhorn
18th Wing Public Affairs

Some 800 people braved the wind and rain in their Sunday best on Saturday night to attend Kadena's Air Force Ball.

"We planned on more people attending," said Capt. Josh Kovacic, 18th Civil Engineer Group executive officer, "but because of the typhoon people weren't sure if [the ball] was still going on. We were lucky to be able to pull it off right before the typhoon."

More than 66 distinguished visitors were in attendance from the wing and sister services, as well as Okinawan guests.

The ball, whose theme was "The greatest generation...the tradition continues," began with a prisoner-of-war and missing-in-action ceremony followed by a drill performance by Kadena's Honor Guard.

"To see the way the honor guard respected our POWs was not only incredible to see, but memorable as well," said Airman 1st Class John Segura, 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, who was the 18th EMS Airman of the Quarter and invited by his commander to attend.

There was a special cake-cutting ceremony to honor the Air Force's 57th birthday, and Gen.

Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander, did the honors of using a ceremonial sabre to cut the first pieces.

He presented them to Col. Richard Zink, 18th Wing vice commander, and Airman Basic Crystal West, 33rd Rescue Squadron, the Airmen with the most time in service and the least time in service, respectively.

"It was awesome," she said. "I was really nervous at first because I am an airman basic and I felt really young, but because of that I got to meet the General and the Colonel."

Captain Kovacic felt the ball was a great success and others agreed.

"It was a good chance for all of us to come together to experience Air Force tradition and celebrate the service that brought us here," said Staff Sgt. Louis Stutz, Air Force News broadcast maintenance technician.

Though the ball went well, Sergeant Stutz said he would have liked to see more participation from junior airmen because they are the ones who will be inheriting and carrying on the tradition.

Airman Segura thought the ball was all around "an enjoyable experience and very informative."

"It was a lot cooler than I thought it was going to be," he said.



Attendees at the ball dance to music by the Pacific Air Forces rock band. Air Force/Staff Sgt. C.E. Campbell



Members of the Kadena Honor Guard Team pay respects to the POW/MIA table while Taps plays, Saturday. The table was set up for the Air Force Ball. Air Force/Staff Sgt. C.E. Campbell



Mr. Vegas, a major Reggae artist, performs to a huge crowd, Sep. 19, on Okuma Fest's main stage. The free two-day event was held at the Okuma Joint Services Recre

Okuma Fest 2004

By Airman 1st Class
Michael Pallazola
18th Wing Public Affairs

Hundreds of people were delighted at the 5th annual Okuma Fest, Sep. 18-19th, at the Okuma Joint Services Recreation Facility north of Kadena. The free festival, open to the public, included music and dance performances, food vendors and a variety of rides and games.

Japanese salsa group Diamantes and Reggae artist Mr. Vegas headlined the two-day festival. Both brought in a huge crowd. Sound Terror, a popular dance troupe, entertained on-lookers with a myriad of break dancing moves.

Capt. Bonnie Ward, Okuma commander, also presented plaques of appreciation to the many volunteers and contributors that made the festival possible.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

Many local groups, such as the break dance group Sound Terror, performed throughout the two days of Okuma Fest.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola
Facility located approximately 50 miles north of Kadena.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola
Hundreds of military members, local nationals and civilians came to see the many performances during the free two-day festival.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola
Mara, 2, and Jarek Bartel, 5, enjoy one of the many rides for children at Okuma Fest, Sep. 18.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola
erto Shiroma of "Diamantes", a Japanese Salsa group, sings to the crowd, Sep. 18.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola
Spectators were treated to a fireworks display at the end of the day, Sep. 18.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola
rtine and Kevin DeGuire try their hand at one of the games at the



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola
Shi Shi dancers from the taiko drummer group Imagine.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

Yotsutake, the four bamboo castanets dance, is a classical Ryukyu dance which includes the wearing of tropical-colored Hanagasa hats, Binigata kimonos and bamboo castanets, and is performed at the Urashima Dinner Theater.

Lights, camera, pig ears

By Senior Airman
Anna Fitzhorn

18th Wing Public Affairs

It had all the great elements of dinner and a play, except this one had pig ears and no subtitles.

Information, Tickets and Tours hosted the Urashima Tea House Dinner Theater Tour Friday where visitors were able to watch traditional Okinawan dancing as well as eat some of Okinawa's authentic Japanese food.

Covered in white face paint and red lipstick, five Okinawan dancers in colorful Kimonos performed traditional dances on stage while Kadena tour participants enjoyed dinner and soaked up the show.

The dancers--all female--train for more than three years before they are allowed to perform for local nationals and tourists, said April Marling, Kadena ITT director. "Just to be able to see traditional Okinawan dance--a source of entertainment here--is incredible," she said.

Traditional dancing is not the only item on the menu at the local dinner theater. Visitors -- for approximately \$50 per person -- also have the option of trying a gamut of Okinawan delicacies, to include lobster, *sashimi* (raw fish), pickled vegetables, cold noodles with salmon eggs, egg custard, rice and *mimiga* (pig ears).

Yes, pig ears, an Okinawan delicacy.

"Being a country boy, it tastes like fat back," said Senior Master Sgt. Tom Robinson, superintendent of life support at the 18th Operations Support Squadron.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

April Marling, right, pours a drink for Senior Master Sgt. Tom Robinson, 18th Operations Support Squadron, and his wife Milli during the dinner portion of the show.

"It's good."

For those less adventurous, the tea house also offers an American-style steak dinner.

The dinner theater is one of several tours offered by Kadena's ITT. Miss Marling recommends the tours because visitors can visit new places and learn new things about Okinawa that they might have never found out about on their own.

"Okinawa can be hard to navigate and has little to no parking, and since we provide the transportation, our groups don't have to find parking. They can learn about Japanese culture, and they can drink responsibly on this tour," she said.

One tour participant -- Suzanne Howell, wife of Chief Master Sgt. Dean Howell of the 390th Intelligence Squadron -- said she really enjoys the tours and tries to take one or two a month with ITT. "It's easier for [ITT] to drive me and to be able to go with an instant party, than for me to try and find these activities myself," she said.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

Pickled vegetables known as *tsukemono* sit on a tray before being served.

"Going with [ITT] helps to break the language barrier too."

While some tour participants paid for the dinner theater, others went for free.

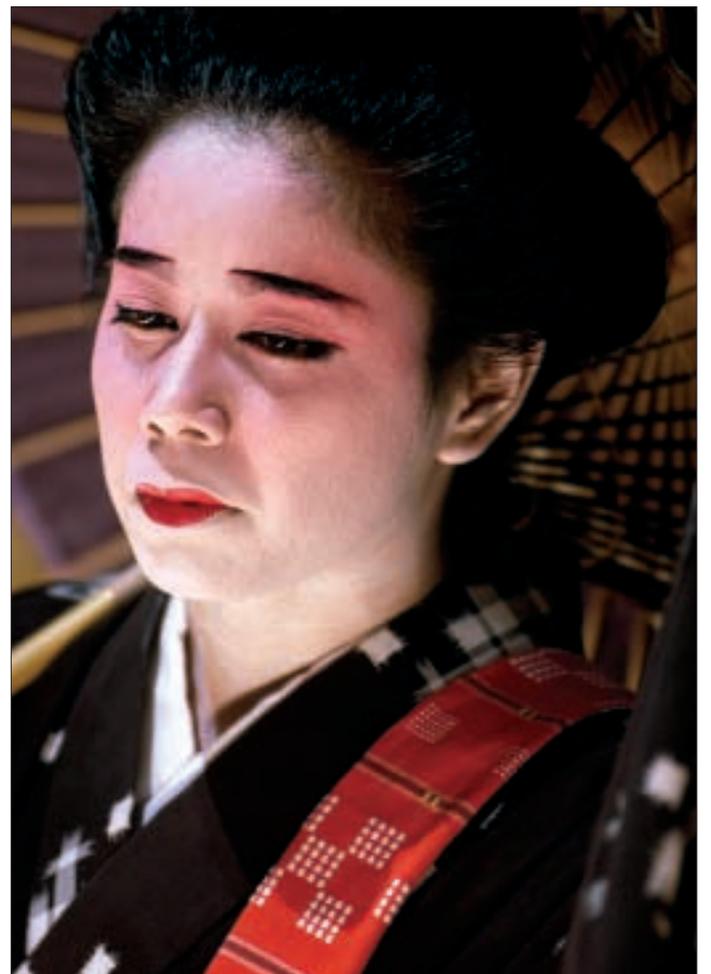
"I took advantage of the spouse deployment package from ITT and came on this tour for free," Mrs. Howell said. "I will definitely come back." The ITT spouse deployment package gives Kadena residents a free tour coupon while their spouse is deployed.

The next Urashima Dinner Theater tour will be Oct. 22. To register for the tour or for more information about other ITT tours, call 634-4322.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

Staff Sgt. Luke Thelen of the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron snaps a picture during the performance.



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Okinawan traditional performers wear a makeup style that shows its influence from both Japan and China.

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KUMON MATH: Math study for children ages 5 to 18 in 40-minute sessions from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

\$50,000 BINGO: Play for a chance to win BIG at the Rocker NCO Club, Oct. 18. Tickets go on sale today through Oct. 17, \$75; Oct. 18, \$85.

THUNDER BOWL: Rock 'n bowl fun with Rock 300 music from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Emery Lanes.

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER: Sign-ups begin for November classes. Schedules available at the Arts and Crafts Center or call 634-1666.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Super Snacks and Blast from the Past from 5 to 7 p.m., Virus Fridaze from 10 p.m. until 3 a.m. and Coyote Ugly night.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Super Snacks Social and Deja Vu with the Doctor from 5 to 7 p.m. Variety dance beats from 7 p.m. until closing.

Saturday

PRIVATE PILOT GROUND SCHOOL: Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. for eight weeks starting Oct. 5 at the Aero Club, Bldg. 736. Call 634-5758 for more information.

YOUTH/ADULT BOWLING TOURNAMENT: Sponsored by the Okinawa Youth Alliance Bowling Association. Sign ups begin at 12:30 and bowling begins at 1 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Call 632-3258.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER: Bring your pooch for a swim at Hagerstrom Pool from 2 to 8 p.m. Karing Kennels will be on site with pets for adoption (fee waived) and information about PCSing with your pets. Free food, beverages, and doggie toys will be available. Donations of dog or cat food, or kitty litter will be taken at the entrance.

HEARTS APART YELLOW RIBBON TOUR: For more details call 634-4322.

SAX, FLUTE, CLARINET LESSONS: One hour session for ages 5 and up from 7 a.m. to noon at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

LET'S JUST PLAY: All kinds of games and the results are the same: happy, healthy kids. From noon to 6 p.m. at the Kadena Youth Center. Call 634-0500.

GOURMET NIGHT: Enjoy fine dining at the Kadena Officers' Club Flame Room.

TABLETOP WARRIORS CLUB: Join the Schilling Community Center for tabletop gaming from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call 634-1387 for more details.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Country night with DJ Leis from 8 p.m. until closing in the ballroom and R&B from 8 p.m. until closing in the lounge.

PATCHWORK QUILTING CLASS: From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER: At the Rocker NCO from 8 p.m. until closing and Top 40 hits and Latin music in the lounge.

Sunday

YUI MONORAIL AND KOKUSAI STREET TOUR: Call 634-4322.

COLLEGE GAME DAY: Watch the "Big Game" in the lounge at the Rocker NCO Club from 7:30 a.m. until the end of the game. Open to all ranks and services.

19TH ANNUAL SHISHIMA FESTIVAL TOUR: Call 634-4322.

FAMILY DAY: Bowling games are reduced price for parents and children that bowl together at Emery Lanes from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call 634-2290/5572.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Top 40 Melt-down from 7 to 11 p.m.

Bright lights, big shopping



Air Force/Master Sgt. Adam Johnston

Kadena residents looking for a place to shop, grab a bite to eat, or just catch a nice glimpse of the waterfront can visit the Mihama American Village. The area has countless restaurants, clothing stores and various forms of entertainment, including occasional live band performances in the market square and a movie theater (shown above). Mihama American Village is located approximately five kilometers south of Kadena off Route 58 in Chatan Town (across from Camp Lester).

ROCKER NCO CLUB: All that Jazz and table and card games from 5 to 8 p.m., and Old School music from 8 to 11 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Crazy Karaoke from 8 to 11 p.m.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Latin music from 5 to 7 p.m. followed by Country night with DJ Chaps from 7 p.m. until closing.
ROCKER NCO CLUB: Hot Latin variety music from 10 p.m. until closing.

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EXPO PARK CHURAUMI AQUARIUM TOUR: Call 634-4322.

BOOGIE NIGHTS: Dress as your favorite artist or group for a chance to win \$500. Additional contests for best afro and best bell bottoms, plus giveaways, snacks, prizes and more at the Rocker NCO Club from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Call 634-0740.

FAMILY DAY: Bowling games are reduced price for parents and children that bowl together at Emery Lanes from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call 634-2290/5572.

Monday

CAKE DECORATING: From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

JAPANESE CLASS: Adult conversational class from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

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BANYAN TREE CLUB: 50 cent hamburgers and hot dogs from 5 to 7 p.m. or until sold-out and variety dance hits from 7 to 11 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Rock around the clock with C Note classic to modern rock from 7 p.m. until closing.

Tuesday

FOOTBALL FRENZY: Catch the game and enter to win prizes at the Banyan Tree Club starting at 5 p.m. Club members only.

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TAI CHI CHUAN: Adult classes from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

SING TO WIN: Karaoke contest at the Rocker NCO club starting at 9 p.m. First place weekly winners receive \$100 and will compete in the grand final, Nov. 16 for \$500 first place overall. Call 634-0740 for details and rules.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Rock night with DJ Mad Cap from 7 p.m.

Wednesday

AIR FORCE FAMILY AND TEEN TALENT SHOW: Held at the Keystone Theater, the Schilling Community Center invites moms, dads, brothers and sisters to sing, dance and perform together in a family-oriented event. Winners will be submitted for the Air Force-level contest. Call 634-0365 to register to participate by Oct. 13.

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BANYAN TREE CLUB: Request night Top 40 from 7 to 11 p.m. and Social Hour from 9 to 10 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Ladies Night with Rob Ski from 8 p.m. until closing.

Thursday

JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY: Adult class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

TAI CHI CHUAN: Adult classes from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

FREE SALSA LESSONS: At the Kadena Officers' Club from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Weekender Lounge. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes.

JAPANESE CLASS: Adult conversational class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

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Oct. 8

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Live rock band, super snacks and blast from the past from 5 to 7 p.m. and Virus Fridaze from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

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KRAZY KARAOKE: At the Rocker NCO Club from 7 to 10 p.m. followed by Top 40 variety dance until 3 a.m.

Oct. 9

COLUMBUS DAY WEEK-END AT YORON ISLAND: Call 634-4322.

COLORAMA: Bowl three games and try your luck at winning money and other prizes at Emery Lanes. Sign-ups begin at 6 p.m.; bowling begins at 7 p.m. Call 634-2290/5572.

TABLETOP WARRIORS CLUB: Join the Schilling Community Center for tabletop gaming from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call 634-1387 for more details.

C H A P E L

Catholic

- ▲ Monday through Friday: Mass, Chapel 2, noon.
- ▲ Saturday: Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday: Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m. Mass, Chapel 1, 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Protestant

- ▲ Wednesday: Bible Study, Chapel 1, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday: Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m. Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m. Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. General Protestant, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m. Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m. Sunday school, Bldg. 326 and Bldg. 327, 10:45 a.m.
- ▲ Hindu service: Mondays, Chapel 1, noon.
- ▲ Eastern Orthodox service: call 645-7486
- ▲ Jewish services: call 637-1027
- ▲ Islamic services: call 636-3219

M O V I E S

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

Keystone Theater

- ▲ Today: Papparazi, PG-13, 6 p.m. Harold & Kumar go to White Castle, R, 9p.m.
- ▲ Saturday: I Robot, PG-13, noon Papparazi, PG-13, 4 p.m. Harold & Kumar go to White Castle, R, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday: Papparazi, PG-13, noon Harold & Kumar go to White Castle, R, 4p.m. I Robot, PG-13, 7 p.m.
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- ▲ Tuesday: I Robot, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Wednesday: Harold & Kumar go to White Castle, R, 7p.m.
- ▲ Thursday: Resident Evil: Apocalypse, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Butler Theater

- ▲ Today: The Bourne Supremacy, PG-13, 7 p.m. Resident Evil: Apocalypse, R, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday: Thunderbirds, PG, 1 p.m. The Bourne Supremacy, PG-13, 4 p.m. The Bourne Supremacy, PG-13, 7 p.m. Resident Evil: Apocalypse, R, 10 p.m.
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- ▲ Wednesday: I Robot, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday: Mr. 3000, PG-13, 7 p.m.



Air Force/A1C Michael Pallazola
Megan Kranenburg, 18th CES softball team, tries to beat a throw to first base from 18th AMXS' Tom Schwenk.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola
Lyneta Jackson of the 18th CS softball team, makes a run to first base, while Brad "Rhino" Swope catches the ball from Bobbie Caron, both of the 18th MSS softball team Tuesday. MSS beat CS, 17-7.

Co-ed softball season kicks off at Kadena

By Master Sgt.
Adam Johnston
18th Wing Public Affairs

Co-ed softball action kicked off Sep. 23 and Tuesday in both Division II and I. The league, which mixes men and women players, is the first league of its type at Kadena in more than six years. The following are small roundups of games in both divisions.

Division II 12th EFS forfeits to 554th RHS

554th RHS won by default over 12th EFS according to Chris Randel of the 12th EFS. Because the deployed fighter squadron team didn't have a required fourth woman player to kick off the co-ed softball season it was forced to forfeit.

"We might've beat them, but due to the number of players showing up we had to change out our complete team roster," said 12th EFS coach Jonathan Payton.

But despite the technical loss, the teams scrimmaged and the deployed fighter unit team from Alaska beat Red Horse 12-8.

Or was it 12-4?

Red Horse coach Cilbiano Rivera said the fighter team actually won the scrimmage game 12-4. Some may say scores in scrimmage games are irrelevant, either way.

"Their scrimmage game lineup wasn't the same as it would have been in a regular game," Rivera said Thursday. Rivera said the 12th EFS team had all of its women bat first and then followed with the men. "That really helped them as far as hits," he said.

Rivera also said the Red Horse team will continue to improve every game and plans on going out and having a good time. "554th RHS has never had a softball team before and some of our players have never played the game," Rivera said.

In the game, Payton started EFS off with a two-run homer in the bottom of the first inning with his only at bat.

"We scored a few more during the scrimmage," he said. "It was fun for a lot of the team members."

372nd TRS grounds 733rd AMS, 16-7

"In the first inning Jenedy Boseman made a leaping catch at second to squelch a rally by the 733rd," said 372nd TRS coach Gary Soloman. Other outstanding players in Tuesday night's game for TRS were Rachael Conaway with some outstanding digs in the first, fourth and sixth innings at first base, and TRS' Jewel Crowder who made two diving catches and several crucial base hits, according to Soloman.

"Our team looked good for the first game of the season," said 733rd AMS coach Brian Dixon. Although the 733rd AMS team lost 16-7, he remained hopeful for the team.

"Thanks to all the support of the 733rd AMS Airmen, including our local nationals," he said. "We should have a good season." AMS members -- Kathleen Rubler, Laura Gurganus, Cami Bruns and Jennifer Peralta -- were key in scoring the team's seven runs,

according to Dixon.

Division I 18th LRS cuffs 18th SFS, 17-6

"In the bottom of the first inning Scott Roe hit a three-run shot and two batters later Jeffrey (JC) Cross hit a two-run bomb to get us off to a fast start," said 18th LRS coach Gary Alexander. "We just never looked back after that."

Alexander said one of the strengths of the LRS team in the co-ed league are the women -- Loralee Amandus, Kristy Wanke, Christine Roe and Amy Alexander. "They were very patient at the plate and seemed to always be on base," said Alexander. "If our ladies continue to get on base like that, we will have a very tough team in this league," he said.

The coach for 18th SFS -- Leo Pereira -- seemed to agree.

"The 18th LRS has a lot of strong players on their team," Pereira said Wednesday. "They had us by a couple of runs and we thought that the game would be close, but Scott Roe and Jeffrey Cross came up with a couple of big home runs which sealed the game for them," he said.

For the SFS, Pereira and Kevin Healey were the most productive. Pereira was two for three with a triple and a double.

He also scored two runs while Healey was three for four with a single and two doubles. SFS' Stacy Collins pitched in with a couple of hits and a run.

"We just couldn't keep up with the home runs by Roe and Cross," said Pereira.

18th EMS edges 18th CMS, 8-6

"Nate Aucker (of 18th EMS) hit a go-ahead triple in the fifth inning to make the score 8-5, and we couldn't come back in the low scoring win," said Adrian Abram of the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron team.

"Despite the wind blowing, Dan Miller of CMS hit the game's only homerun," said Abram.

18th MSS stomps 18th CS, 17-7

"We had a rough start, but once we got rid of all the kinks we broke out and played like the team we know we are," said MSS coach Don "DT" Darling. "All of our players came out to play and individually all played a good game," he said.

Darling also said there are no individuals on the MSS team because its strategy is to come out to play and just work together.

"Hopefully this is a promising start of what is to come from MSS," he said.

"18th MSS was able to capitalize in the sixth inning on the fact that we played 18 different players," said 18th CS coach Jason Norgaard. Norgaard also said many of those 18th CS players were playing in their first game of intramural softball.

18th AMXS nails down 18th CES, 18-5

"18th AMXS played a complete game," said 18th AMXS coach Eric Hale.

"I give all the credit to our female players (because) they stepped up and hit the ball

with the men and they also made plays in the field," he said.

Hale said Ariana Sorenson, April Rupp, Jodie Vickers and Ashley White combined for a total of 7 hits.

I think the co-ed league will be a big success, it reminds me of when softball was fun here at Kadena in the 1990s," Hale said.

"This is going to be a great season," he added.

18th MUNS kills 18th MDG, 17-1

"I really didn't expect us to win that big, we haven't really played much as a co-ed," said Jeremy Griffin, assistant coach for MUNS.

"We put a pounding on them, we went out there, played ball and had fun," he said. "We plan to keep it up."

Candace Dugo, 18th MUNS, sparked the MUNS onslaught in the 3rd inning when the outfielder played her short. Dugo noticed and crushed the ball over the right-center fielder for a triple.

"That started our rally," said Griffin.

MUNS this week had the biggest win, and Griffin said the team plans on trying to go undefeated in this year's co-ed softball league with a strategy of hitting the ball and playing good defense.

He also said while this year's new co-ed softball league is not as serious or intense as the regular intramural softball season, "it's still competitive."

We all had fun and that's the whole point behind it," Griffin said.