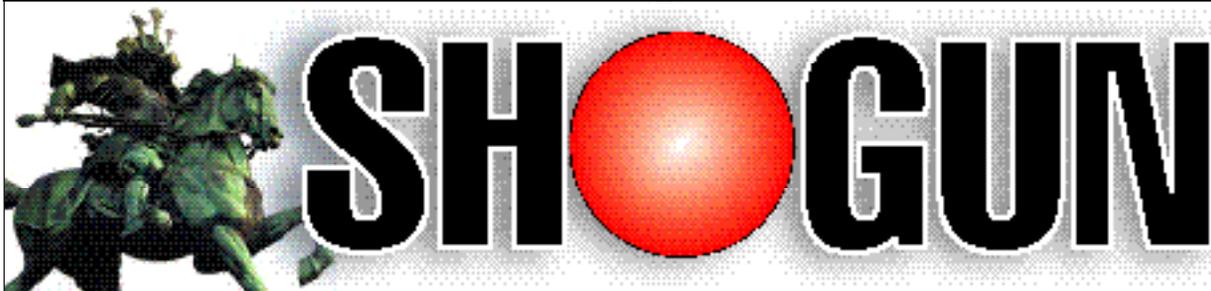


## MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS

<b>91st Airborne Air Control Squadron</b>	
Monthly flying-hour contract	0.0
Hours flown	0.0
Monthly offset	0.0
<b>33rd Rescue Squadron</b>	
Monthly flying-hour contract	0.0
Hours flown	3.3
Monthly offset	3.3
<b>909th Air Refueling Squadron</b>	
Monthly flying-hour contract	0.0
Hours flown	49.0
Monthly offset	18.0
<b>44th Fighter Squadron</b>	
Monthly sortie contract	0.0
Sorties flown	9.0
Monthly offset	9.0
<b>67th Fighter Squadron</b>	
Monthly sortie contract	0.0
Sorties flown	11.0
Monthly offset	2.0

Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of Oct. 6

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## WEEKEND WEATHER



**TODAY:** Mostly cloudy  
NE winds @ 20 knots  
High: 81 Low: 73



**SATURDAY:** Mostly cloudy  
with rain showers  
NW winds @ 15 knots  
High: 81 Low: 77



**SUNDAY:** Partly cloudy to  
mostly cloudy  
N winds @ 15 knots  
High: 82 Low: 75

FRIDAY MORNING'S  
COMMUNITY BANK  
EXCHANGE RATES

BUYING: \$1=¥108 SELLING: ¥114= \$1

# PJs help Navy recover Viking

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

Pararescue jumpers from Kadena's 31st Rescue Squadron answered the distress call of the Navy to assist in recovering the remains of an S3-B Viking crew that crashed on the island of Kita Iwo Jima.

The four-man crew, who were all killed in the crash, and aircraft were from Sea Control Squadron 35, based at Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego. The crew had been operating from the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74), and were returning from a mid-air refueling mission in support of Joint Air-Sea Exercise 2004, when their jet went down.

Kita Iwo Jima, a small volcanic island located approximately 43 miles north of Iwo Jima, is covered in jungle vegetation and consists almost entirely of steep, forboding terrain. This is the location where a four-man PJ team--Senior Master Sgt. Craig Sammons, Master Sgt. Hardy, Master Sgt. Charles Stiefken, and Staff Sgt. William Moore--performed search and recovery activities for four days.

Communications with the S-3B were lost at about 7:45 a.m. on Aug. 10. Search and rescue efforts began shortly thereafter, but soon turned into a recovery mission after the crash site was found.

Because the 31st RQS is the only unit in the Pacific theater capable of performing the required special operation, they were notified at 8 a.m. the following day of the Navy's request for assistance. The team is trained to perform



Courtesy photo

**Members of the recovery team, made up of the 31st Rescue Squadron and Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal, are hoisted up Aug. 11 after recovery efforts at the crash site of the U.S. Navy S-3B Viking that crashed on Kita Iwo Jima Aug. 10. As part of their mission, the 31st Rescue Squadron employs by any means available to provide combat and humanitarian search, rescue and medical assistance in all environments.**

high-angle operations--the ability to perform search, rescue and recovery activities in any terrain having more than a 60-degree slope.

That same day, they were on a 1st Special Operations Squadron MC-130E "Combat Talon" headed first for Iwo Jima with mixed anxiety about the mission ahead.

"We got a picture of the island just as we were stepping onto the C-130 and we couldn't really believe what we

were looking at," said Sergeant Hardy. "So that automatically became a huge concern for us. We knew this terrain was going to be brutal and we had to find a way to keep ourselves safe and be able to search on that kind of terrain."

By noon of Aug. 11, the PJs launched their first sortie to Kita Iwo Jima on a Navy SH-60 helicopter. A two-man Navy explosive ordnance destruction team accompanied them to

ensure the aircraft wreckage did not endanger the recovery team.

Once the helicopter reached the crash site, the crew spent much of the first sortie doing aerial reconnaissance to find a good spot to insert the PJs and the Navy EOD team.

"We wanted to take a look at the debris fields and the burn areas and find a place to insert," said Sergeant Hardy. "The first day we found a couple of insertion points, so we

just practiced doing inserts. We found the easiest place to insert was at the point of impact."

On the first day out at the crash site, they found flight gear and personal belongings.

The team spent the vast majority of the four-day operation searching for remains. Their goal was to recover all four crewmembers so that the families would have a means of closure. Even though the weather was steadily worsening, they decided to stay the fourth day.

"On that fourth day we called it off early because weather was moving in on us," said Sergeant Hardy, "We were working above the cloud deck for most of the day. Finally the weather got the better of us. So the fourth day we probably only put in eight hours."

Recovery work of this nature can affect anyone, even if it's part of your job. While all of the PJs involved were directed to get a critical stress incident debriefing, Sergeant Hardy pointed out that this is part of the job of being a pararescueman.

"This is something we do our whole career, everybody who was on this mission had done recovery before," he said. "We have a clinical outlook; we use humor out on the rock to keep each other in check. There are times when it's pretty rough, but we decompress amongst each other, so when we come back we don't bring the stress home with us."

Despite the difficult terrain, the team was able to accomplish their goal for the mission.

"We're happy that we are able to bring closure to that unit, closure to the families," said Sergeant Hardy.

## New cell phone law in Okinawa

By Senior Airman Anna Fitzhorn  
18th Wing Public Affairs

The Road Traffic Law in Okinawa has been revised and new fines for using a hand-held cell phone while driving will go into effect Nov. 1.

The fines will be set at 7,000 yen for large vehicles, 6,000 yen for standard-size cars and motorcycles, and 5,000 yen for scooters with engines of 50cc or less.

The revised law set a maximum fine of 50,000 yen for offenses including the use of hand-held cell phones while driving, and making excessive noise through sudden acceleration or gunning the motor while parked.

Other revisions to the Road Traffic Law on Nov. 1 will raise the maximum fine for inadequately silenced or illegally altered automobiles from 20,000 yen to 50,000 yen, and raise the maximum fine for refusal to take a breath test from 50,000 yen to 300,000 yen.

"Kadena Air Base's cell phone law still stands--people on base cannot use a cell phone while operating a vehicle," said Staff Sgt. Ken Chronister, 18th Security Forces Squadron Police Services Staff non-commissioned officer. "Three points will be assessed against their driving privileges if caught on base."



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

## F-15's collide

Two F-15s were involved in a mid-air collision at about 2:45 p.m. Monday while operating in a military training area located 125 miles south of Okinawa.

The two aircraft inadvertently made contact when the left wingtip of one aircraft clipped the vertical stabilizers (tail fins) of the second. Both aircraft were damaged, but the pilots were able to return safely to Kadena AB.

The aircraft involved are from the 12th Fighter Squadron aircraft are home-based at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Ala., but are deployed to Kadena Air Base through January 2005.

The cause of the incident is under investigation.



# Effective followership for personal success

By Lt. Col. John D. Bird II  
44th Fighter Squadron commander

As a fighter squadron commander in the United States Air Force's largest combat wing, I have the privilege of observing some of the best officers and enlisted personnel that the Air Force has to offer. In a wing chocked full of superstars, one will observe numerous traits that tend to make people stand out from the crowd. In my stint here, I have observed several followership qualities that are most effective in achieving success in an environment such as this.

**Be responsive.** When the boss gives you a tasking, don't put it on the back burner. Make it a priority and get the job done in a timely manner. Average subordinates tend to merge the tasking into their own set of values to see where it stacks up priority-wise. All too often, the tasking receives a lower priority in the eyes of the follower than it does in the eyes of the leader. The effective follower internalizes the value system of their leader and prioritizes accordingly.

**Update the boss.** In a high ops-tempo environment, whether they ask for it or not, your boss values periodic updates. No one likes to be blindsided. It could be as simple as grabbing your supervisor in the hallway or on the flight line for a quick rundown on your current action items. They might have new information for you, and you'll help smooth the information flow both up and down the chain of command.

**Be proactive.** Try to lead turn your boss. If you identify issues within your organization that require corrections, take the bull by the horns and fix the problem before it rises to a higher level. Don't get caught in the trap of debating ownership, especially long meditation such as, "That's not my shop's responsibility." If the organization has a problem, then you have a problem. Don't be afraid of getting a little out of your lane to make it happen.

**Build structurally sound solutions.** Attack recurring problems in your organization with long-term fixes. Trying to avoid making yourself the lynchpin, so that when you permanently change

your duty station, the issue does not crop up again. Use checklists, continuity books, and sound procedures to permanently put the problem to bed. Build a Rolex, not a Casio.

**Don't be afraid to break glass occasionally.** From Billy Mitchell to Robin Olds and beyond, the Air Force culture has always benefited from bold followers and leaders who were not afraid to stand up and speak their mind. There's nothing wrong with questioning the conventional wisdom and looking to shift us all to the next paradigm of excellence. The value we as an Air Force place on individual initiative cannot be measured. Undoubtedly, this is what separates us from our adversaries, so be bold in your undertakings.

Obviously, this list is not all-inclusive. These are just a few examples of world-class followership traits that I've witnessed here as a part of Team Kadena. Why the focus on followership? Because, from the newest airman all the way to the wing commander, we all answer to someone, and effective followership is an essential ingredient to becoming a great Air Force leader.

## ACTION LINES

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Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jous  
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.

## MPF Customer Service

I attempted to get a new military ID card made at the Kadena Military Personnel Flight because of my promotion Sep. 1. Prior to that date I was told by the MPF they would need a source document, which would arrive 4 to 6 weeks after Sep. 1, before they could make a new ID.

After I received the document, I went to the MPF at 7:55 a.m. I was told by a female staff sergeant that they wouldn't be open until 8:30 a.m. because they were at PT, their lobby was being painted and she thought they might even be closed. I waited until 8:30 a.m. and stood in line to sign in on the computer, which went down before anyone could sign in. Another female military member acted put out that she had to come around from behind the desk and log us in. Then she stated there was only two people working that morning and if we were there for an ID, they wouldn't be open until 9 a.m. and only people who needed an emergency ID could get one at that time. I'm going TDY and the rank on my ID and orders need to match or the ID could be confiscated. She told me I still needed to sign in to get an appointment. She then said I could go to the Navy side or Camp Foster because they had walk-in hours. I left and the Navy helped me politely and professionally. Petty Officer Harris showed me where my new rank had been updated and said I should have been able to get a new ID Sep. 1 without the source document.

This isn't the only time I've been inconvenienced and unhappy with the service

I've received at Kadena's MPF. Every time I've had any interaction with that office, I have been treated much the same way. I've been there several times to get a new ID card for myself and my dependents and it's always been a hassle. I am also surprised that Kadena's MPF can rate an "excellent" with this kind of attitude and lack of service. What happened to service with a smile or at least a pleasant attitude?

Thanks for your hotline, which has prompted MPF (which is under new leadership) to review current policies and procedures and improve the way it delivers customer service. I can assure that I'm committed to all our agencies on base delivering clear, concise, and courteous customer service.

Because of your feedback MPF took these steps:

1) Every Monday (due to Newcomers Orientation where we lose 2 of our reps) another office in the MPF will augment the customer service window to ensure all ID card systems are up and running and being fully utilized.

2) ID cards will be issued starting at 0830 hours each day.

3) Walk-in customers will not be turned away and will be given the option to wait for an available slot to receive an ID card.

Please accept my apology for the inconveniences that you experienced. I hope that you'll regain your confidence in the ability and will of the Military Personnel Flight to provide top shelf customer service.



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## SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Airman 1st Class Ashley M. Merashoff

18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, bioenvironmental engineering apprentice

Hometown: Rachel, W. Va.

Reason for nomination: Airman 1st Class Merashoff displays sustained superior performance and total professionalism during weekly gas mask fit-testing and bacteriological water sampling. She recently scored a 95 percent on her CDC's end of volume exam. The squadron is proud to have her on the team.

Time at Kadena: 1 year

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.

## Drink, drive, discharge

A Kadena airman was convicted of driving while intoxicated off base with a breath-alcohol content of .193 percent, and impeding an investigation. This conduct violated Articles 111 and 134 of the UCMJ. This was his second drunk driving offense, with the previous resulting in two Articles 15, one of which was failure to obey an order to remain on base. He was sentenced to four months confinement, reduction in rank to airman basic, and forfeiture of \$700 per month for four months. The airman basic was confined at the Camp Hansen brig and discharged upon release.

**DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE:** Did you know -- a DWI can cost you up to \$5,000 more in car insurance per year?

**PRESCRIPTION RECALL:** The U.S. Naval Hospital and 18th Medical group are no longer dispensing VIOXX prescriptions. They are urging patients to stop taking the medication and obtain the substitute. Call 643-7557 at USNH, 630-4591 at Kadena Clinic, or visit their pharmacies to have the substitute prescription filled. Please contact your primary care clinic if you are concerned about alternate treatments.

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK:** Kadena Fire and Emergency Services invite all base residents to participate in annual fire prevention activities: **Today--**Kadena High School Confidence Course until 3 p.m. "Kids Night Out" from 8 to 9 p.m. at the Kadena Youth Center. **Saturday--**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.

**BASE EDUCATION AND TRAINING SERVICES:** All active-duty Airmen desiring tuition assistance are required to present an individual degree plan on a floppy disk before Tuesday. For more information, call 634-1500.

**SPECIAL DUTY ASSIGNMENT TEAM BRIEFING:** A briefing will be held Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. in the Rocker NCO Club Ballroom for Airmen interested in becoming an Air Force recruiter or military

## Run/Walk for domestic violence



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

**More than 420 people gathered at the O'Connor Gym here Saturday to participate in the first annual Domestic Violence Awareness 5K Run/Walk. The event, coupled with a proclamation signed by Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander, was put on to boost awareness of domestic violence.**

training instructor. Please contact Senior Master Sgt. James Cooper at 634-3337 before attending the briefing.

**ACE MEETING:** Airmen Committed to Excellence invites all active-duty senior airmen and below to get involved in a meeting Wednesday at 5 p.m. at the Banyan Tree Ballroom.

Meetings are held every second Wednesday of every month. For more information, contact Airman 1st Class Christopher Akin at 634-4254.

**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 as needed. Officials still expect renovations to be completed by February 2006.

**SUICIDE/VIOLENCE BRIEFING:** The Life Skills Support Center is holding a suicide and violence briefing Thursday at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Keystone Theater.

**CAR WASH CLOSURE:** The Kadena car wash is closed until Oct. 16 for renovations.

**OFFICER SEMINAR:** Team Kadena is conducting a Company Grade Officer Professional Development Seminar Oct. 14-15 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Kadena Officer's Club. Lieutenants and captains please contact 1st Lt. Jay Tibayan at 634-5235.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** The U.S. Navy Hospital Okinawa is sponsoring a blood drive Oct. 12-13 and 15 at the Futenma Chapel from 8 to noon. Contact Tracy Parmer for more information at 643-7710 or e-mail parmerct@oki10.med.navy.mil

**COLLEGE REGISTRATION:** Register for the University of Maryland University College, Term II classes Oct. 12 through Oct. 22. Military registration is Oct. 12-15. For more information, call 634-4383.



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Justin Stoltzfus (left), and Tech. Sgt. John Mason, provide security for a convoy after clearing the "kill zone" on a training mission at Balad Air Base, Iraq. Both airmen are assigned to the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron and are currently deployed to Balad as a part of an Air Expeditionary Force tasking to support the U.S. Central Command.

## 18th Wing engineers build 'Airmen-Soldiers' legacy

By Tech Sgt. Brian Jones  
332nd Air Expeditionary  
Wing Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq - Throughout Iraq, Airmen are working side-by-side with Soldiers performing what have been traditionally considered Army jobs. Among

those blazing a trail for this new culture of "Airmen-Soldiers" are Kadena Airmen in the 732nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron.

The more than 240 combat-trained engineers in the 732nd ECES are assigned to 10 detachments throughout the U.S. Central Command

area of responsibility. Their specialties include firefighting, utility maintenance, heavy-equipment operation, and survey and design drafting.

The Air Force engineers, who are working with the Army, and in most instances in place of Army engineers, have had to adjust to a new mission many of them never thought would be required of Airmen.

"It really gives you a new perspective," said Tech. Sgt. Paul Tholen, 732nd ECES structural foreman deployed from Kadena Air Base, Japan. "I never expected to be on the front lines. Here we are."

"A lot of Soldiers didn't even know the Air Force had engineers," said Tech. Sgt. Angel Montalvo, non-commissioned officer in charge of the 732nd ECES heavy equipment section deployed from Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska.

Their mission often takes them "outside the wire." Airmen travel in convoys to work and to move supplies. Before arriving at their deployed locations, the engineers spend a month training on convoy operations and how

to use various weapons.

"When we go on the convoys, the Soldiers respect [us] a little more," Sergeant Tholen said. "They know we're convoy trained. They know we're Airmen-Soldiers."

Beyond the confines of a protected base, the engineers have helped Marines repair floating bridges and inspected an Iraqi school and power lines in a local village; however, much of what the Airmen do directly supports Army units.

"We're here to make life better for the Soldiers," said Senior Master Sgt. Eric Turner, 732nd ECES Detachment 6 chief of operations.

"It's a great feeling helping out our Soldiers," said Master Sgt. Stanley Brown, 732nd ECES Det. 10 superintendent deployed from Nellis AFB, Nev. "I take my hat off to all the Airmen who are really embracing this mission. They are taking situations that are less than perfect and making them better."

Sergeant Brown recalls one instance when Air Force engineers improved the quality of life of Soldiers at a forward-deployed location by getting their showers working.

"When we let everybody

know the showers were up and running, they all clapped," Sergeant Brown said.

The engineers here are also lending a hand to the force-protection effort. Heavy equipment operators have fortified mortar pits, dug nearly 1,000 feet of trench and built an equal length of protective berm.

"They've never said no. They're chomping at the bit and asking for bigger jobs," said Lt. Col. Pete Ridilla, 732nd ECES Det. 6 commander. "They are completing jobs that are protecting everybody here and at the same time making Soldier's lives better."

When their six-month rotation here ends sometime in November, the 732nd ECES Airmen will be armed with experiences about combat and joint-service operations to pass on to other Air Force engineers.

"Whenever we exercise and practice our wartime skills, it's really going to hit home," Sergeant Tholen said.

"We are really working together," Sergeant Brown said. "We've developed some close relationships and are building a bridge of respect between the services."



Courtesy photo

Tech. Sgt. Paul Tholen, 732nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron structural foreman, works hard in the heat during his deployment to Iraq.

## Courts-Martial

A senior airman from the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron was convicted of multiple offenses that occurred over the span of 10 days, which included intentionally failing to report for duty, leaving work without permission, failure to report for work on time, failure to obey an order to re-accomplish a work duty he performed inadequately, dereliction of other duties, and failure to maintain proper dress and

appearance standards. These actions violated Articles 86 and 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. His was reduced in rank to airman first class, sentenced to 30 days confinement, and is currently confined at the Camp Hansen brig.

A senior airman from the 18th Comptroller Squadron was convicted of stealing about \$6,000 in equipment from the unit storeroom-- sixteen

Kevlar helmets, fourteen flak vests, and twelve canteens. He was also convicted of attempting to steal two Kevlar helmets and one flak vest. These actions violated Articles 80 and 121 of the UCMJ. He was reduced to airman basic, sentenced to 8 months of confinement, and received a bad-conduct discharge. The airman basic is currently confined at the Camp Hansen brig.

Submitted by 18th Wing Legal



Lt. Col. Coy Speer, 31st Rescue Squadron commander, recovers his shoot after landing on Stewart Drop Zone in the Horn of Africa.

Courtesy Photo

# Kadena Airmen help in Africa

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

Kadena pararescue jumpers, from the 31st Rescue Squadron, recently deployed to the Horn of Africa to interdict terrorists and to help the African population as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Staff Sgt. Jason Fike and Staff Sgt. Bemby King, 31st RQS pararescue journeymen, returned from the deployment where they were part of a six-man Kadena PJ team responsible for combat search and rescue for the entire theater.

"We were there to support the guys that are going out and trying to win the hearts and minds of the locals by providing schools, churches and food," said Sergeant King. "In case something happens to those guys, we're there to pick them up. Overall, it was a good experience on the OEF side."

Sergeant Fike also thought it was a good mission to be a part of.

"We were there to let the African people know we're the good guys, not the bad guys."

While both have been stationed at Kadena for around two years, they have spent at least half of their time deployed either for operational missions, or upgrade training back in the states. However, this is the first time they have deployed for OEF.

Because there were only six PJs

in theater to provide combat search and rescue, the two three-man teams were always on alert.

"We had three guys on a fixed-wing mission. If it was a long ways away we'd do a jump mission. Three guys would go out, jump with their medical rucks--we'd throw an all terrain vehicle out if we needed to--go get the survivor-patient, then treat them," said Sergeant Fike. "A couple of hours later the other guys would roll in on the 53s (Marine CH-53 helicopters) to extract us, or if it was a close distance then we would all jump on two 53s and go down and do our stuff."

"The C-130s opened us up for a long range capability for recovery--for parachuting us in with the ATVs," said Sergeant King.

The Marine CH-53s were used to get the PJs back to base and allowed them to treat any patients they might get while returning. Once the PJ's reached base with a patient they could take them to a follow-on facility designed to further treat any serious injuries, he said.

"Anytime you have an injured patient, time is crucial, especially the time it takes a first responder to get to them," said Sergeant King. Air Force PJs provide quick response time and treatment, while their patient is taken to a medical facility for more in-depth treatment, he said.

When asked about the time he spent deployed in Africa, Sergeant

Fike especially remembered the conditions most Africans live in.

"I thought it was very dirty, poor, thousands of people living on the streets," he said. "The thing that I found very interesting is nobody ever asked me for money, not once, but they always asked for food."

Sergeant King felt that while many Africans lacked the necessities, they did give the military much support. "Always we'd hear, 'We love America, We love America,'" said Sergeant King. "You'd see houses as you'd drive along, three story houses, but right next to it you'd see a shanty, which is rocks and plywood. Maybe a five-by-five home with three or four people living inside it, no running water, it's everything you see on TV."

Supporting Civil Engineers and other services with CSAR was a minor part of their mission in Africa.

"This [CSAR] is a small part of what we did in Africa. "It's all part of the global war on terrorism and [civil engineers] are doing a good job down there," said Sergeant King.

Both Sergeant Fike and Sergeant King agreed that the work of the U.S. military in Africa is all good--building houses, schools, churches, roads, as well as the interdiction of terrorists by special operation forces. All of it is helping the African people, said Sergeant King.



Courtesy Photo

Troops from the 31st Rescue Squadron freefall from an HC-130P/N during a jump on Camp Le Monier.



Courtesy Photo

A 31st Rescue Squadron pararescueman jumps from an aircraft to collect an inflatable raft for a mission in the Horn of Africa.

# Kadena Tanker crews keep aircraft soaring across the Pacific

Story and photos by  
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The meat-and-potatoes of their mission may last just a few minutes, but Airmen from Kadena's 909th Air Refueling Squadron have a lasting impact in the success of airpower employment and air combat support operations in the Pacific Region.

"We're a force multiplier," said Capt. Troy Wing, a KC-135 tanker pilot from Kadena's 909th Air Refueling Squadron. "With our help, aircraft here fly farther, carry more payload, and can remain engaged longer during missions."

The 909th ARS provides combat-ready tanker aircrews to support peacetime operations at all levels of conflict in the Pacific Theater.

"We have one of the busiest and most dynamic missions in the Air Force. We're heavily tasked," said Maj. Scott Hollister, another pilot.

Aside from aerial refueling, the group conducts cargo airlift operations, aeromedical evacuations and, though not part of primary missions, they are able to provide communication links during combat search and rescue.

The bulk of their work, however, is air refueling--the in-flight transfer of fuel between tanker and receiver. A KC-135 can carry 200,000 pounds of fuel. With an area of responsibility covering more than 60 million square miles, Kadena's refuelers play an important role in getting

aircraft to destinations.

"There's a lot of water out there," Maj. Hollister said. "Without us these planes aren't going anywhere."

Aside from a busy schedule supporting Air Force assets, the team also provides fuel for U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine and various allied forces.

"I love flying here. The high-ops tempo keeps us on our toes," said 1st Lt. Dave Dameron, a 909th co-pilot.

Every day, KC-135 tankers prowl the Pacific on training and real-world sorties. The crew's schedule depends on the needs of their receivers. They can be gone in a couple of hours or get called in the middle of the night. Their hours are unpredictable and their mission changes day to day.

"It's like being at the end of a whip," said Lieutenant Dameron. "We go where we're needed. Being here makes us better pilots."

Staff Sgt. Chris Maleski, a boomer, said there's never a dull moment. He likes the spontaneity of his job here.

"It's different every day," he said. "We can tank a Navy plane in the morning and the next hour I'm eyeball-to-eyeball with a Japanese fighter. I've gone through the gauntlet of the military aircraft inventory. But the best part of this job is meeting people from other nations," he said.

The 909th ARS is the only active-duty KC-135 unit in Pacific Command. They support various exercises and real-world operations including Enduring Freedom.



Air Force/Master Sgt. Val Gempis

An MC-130E Combat Talon from the 1st Special Operations Squadron is refueled by a KC-135 Stratotanker from the 909th Air Refueling Squadron over the Pacific Ocean.

Capt. Troy Wing, a KC-135 pilot with the 909th Air Refueling Squadron, lands his aircraft at Kadena after a refueling mission.



Air Force/Master Sgt. Val Gempis



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Maj. Jeff Flint, an MC-130E Combat Talon pilot from the 1st SOS, aligns his aircraft with the fuel probe of a KC-135 from the 909th Air Refueling Squadron during a recent mission.



Maj. Dave Hollister, a KC-135 Stratotanker pilot, and command-directed mission.



Air Force/Master Sgt. Val Gempis

Capt. Troy Wing (left), and Maj. Dave Hollister, both KC-135 Stratotanker pilots from the 909th Air Refueling Squadron at Kadena, prepare to land their aircraft at Kadena after a recent refueling mission. The 909th ARS provides combat-ready KC-135 tankers and aircrews to support peacetime operations and all levels of conflict across the Pacific Theater.



Air Force/Master Sgt. Val Gempis

er pilot with the 909th Air Refueling Squadron, prepares to land his aircraft at Kadena. The 909th ARS accomplishes vital daily peacetime, aeromedical evacuation, higher headquar-



Air Force/Master Sgt. Val Gempis

Maj. Jeff Flint, (left), and Lt. Col. B.K. Hammer, both MC-130E Combat Talon pilots from the 1st Special Operations Squadron, prepare to hook up with a KC-135 Stratotanker from the 909th Air Refueling Squadron during a refueling mission near Okinawa. The 909th is Pacific Air Forces' "lead force" for theater air refueling of U.S. and allied aircraft during conventional war.



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Chenzira Mallory

Katherine Larson, three-year-old daughter of Marine Chief Warrant Officer Allison Larson, 1st Marine Air Wing, digs through the dirt in a potato digging contest during the Noguni Sokan Festival hosted by Kadena Town. The festival honored Noguni Sokan and praised his great accomplishments through performances of theatrical plays, traditional performing arts and classical folk music.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola  
Navy Lt. Matt Kahn and Lt. Lynne Whitcomb, dentists at the 3rd Dental Battalion at Camp Kinser, try out some of the festival's traditional Okinawan treats.

## Oh virtuous sweet potato

By Senior Airman Anna Fitzhorn  
18th Wing Public Affairs

More than a million Okinawans are alive today largely because of the life-giving virtue of a Chinese sweet potato.

The 399th anniversary of the introduction of the sweet potato was celebrated Saturday and Sunday as a part of the Noguni Sokan Festival at Kaneku Seaside Park in Kadena Town.

This year about 30,000 people attended the 25th annual festival sponsored by Kadena Town.

The festival is a celebra-

tion that honors the accomplishments of Noguni Sokan, formerly of Kadena Town, who is said to have saved the Okinawan people from famine in 1605 by bringing cuttings of sweet potatoes from China that were cultivated here, and eventually harvested throughout all of Japan.

Attendees of the festival were able to participate in many events over the two days. The festival offered a wide range of activities that included a Sumo tournament, a variety of performances, and a number of contests--especially for children.

The festival was steeped in

Okinawan tradition. Many of the festivalgoers were able to witness and participate in cultural ceremonies and activities that included a tea ceremony, a Shi-Shi Lion dance, a laser show, a karate performance, and a dragon dance to name a few.

"The sumo wrestling was something that I've never seen before, but the children's stage shows were something that could be found in the United States--so it was neat to see Japanese kids doing the same activities that American kids do," said Navy Lt. Lynne Whitcomb, 3rd Dental Battalion dentist at Camp Kinser.

Kadena Town Mayor Tokujitsu Miyagi gave a speech at the opening ceremony to start the festival.

"The festival celebrated an important part of Okinawan history and there were so many activities available--there was something for all ages," said Lt. Whitcomb.

Kadena is tied to Noguni Sokan, whose village has long since perished but would have been located on Kadena Air Base. In addition, the tomb and a statue of Noguni Sokan is located at Kadena Marina, and 18th Wing leaders allow Kadena Town officials to clean the tomb each October before the celebration.

Next year marks the 400th anniversary and is expected to be a huge celebration.



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Chenzira Mallory  
Locals demonstrate a traditional Okinawan dance called *Yutsudake*, the classic Okinawan sound from the bamboo instruments that they play. This dance expresses the joy they have for this happy occasion and was originally performed to greet Chinese ships.



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Chenzira Mallory  
Locals perform a traditional dance with dragons that are said to protect the crops from disaster during the sweet potato festival.

**Today**

**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. until 3 a.m.

**AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING:** Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children must have a card issued by Emery Lanes to be able to participate in this program. 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the lanes designated for this program. Call 634-2290.

**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.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER:** Be sure to sign-up for November classes. Schedules available at the Arts and Crafts Center or call 634-1666.

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

**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.

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

**Saturday**

**COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND 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. and bowling begins at 7 p.m. Call 634-2290/5572.

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

**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.

**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**

**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.

**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.

**NAHA TUG-OF-WAR TOUR:** For more information call 634-4322.

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

**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.

**Monday**

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

**COLUMBUS DAY LUNCH MEAL:** Enjoy a variety of mouth-watering food at the Marshall Dining Facility from 10:30 a.m.

# Ha nosotros nos gusta a bailar!



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

**Adrian Adame and Samantha Aguilar dance the "jarabe tapatillo" during the Hispanic Heritage Dinner and Dance Saturday at the Rocker NCO Club. Maj. Angel R. Olivares, 18th Mission Support Squadron commander, was the event guest speaker; traditional Hispanic dances were performed; closing remarks were given by Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander; and afterwards guests danced until 1 a.m. The event, themed *Hispanic Americans Making a Difference in Our Communities and Our Nation*, raised \$700 that will go toward college scholarships for students in the community.**

to 1 p.m. Call 634-1900.

**AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING:** Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children must have a card issued by Emery Lanes to be able to participate in this program. 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the lanes designated for this program. Call 634-2290.

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

**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 until 11 p.m.

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

**Tuesday**

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

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

**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 finale, Nov. 16 for \$500 first place overall. Call 634-0740 for details and rules.

**AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING:** Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children must have a card issued by Emery Lanes to be able to participate in this program. 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the lanes designated for this program. Call 634-2290.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Rock night with DJ Mad Cap from 7 p.m. until closing and pool tournament at 8 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Krazy Karaoke from 8 to 11 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 today.

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

**DRAW A PRICE DAY:** Draw a ping pong ball out of a jar after you complete your bowling between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and the price indicated on the ball is what you will pay for each game bowled. Prices vary from a quarter to a dollar. Call 634-2290/5572 for more details.

**AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING:** Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children must have a card issued by Emery Lanes to be able to participate in this program. 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the lanes designated for this program. Call 634-2290.

**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.

**LOVE MOTEL TOUR:** Call 634-4322.

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

**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.

**AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING:** Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children must have a card issued by Emery Lanes to be able to participate in this program. 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the lanes designated for this program. Call 634-2290.

**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.

**Oct. 15**

**RIGHT HAND PERSONS EVENING:** Say thanks to your significant other (your right hand man or woman) for all they do with an evening of free snacks and fun at the Kadena Officers' Club from 5 to 7 p.m.

**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.

**FOOTBALL FRENZY:** Root for your team while enjoying complimentary pizza and enter a free drawing for a hat and jersey set. Starts at 5 p.m. at the Kadena Officers' Club. Club members only.

**RETIRED APPRECIATION DINNER:** The Rocker NCO Club will host a dinner for Retired Military Club Member Appreciation Day Nov. 11 from noon to 3 p.m. RSVP Oct. 15 to Nov. 5 at the NCO Club or Officers' Club Customer Service Counter.

**OKTOBERFEST:** Listen to the Brass Hose Band entertainment while enjoyin lots of Oktoberfest style foods at the Rocker NCO from 5 to 8 p.m.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER:** Be sure to sign-up for November classes. Schedules available at the Arts and Crafts Center or call 634-1666.

**AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING:** Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children must have a card issued by Emery Lanes to be able to participate in this program. 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the lanes designated for this program. Call 634-2290.

**POTLUCK POURING PARTY:** Pour the night away with ceramic slips from 5 to midnight at the Arts and Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 for more information.

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

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Dancehall Reggae party, Super Snacks and Blast from the Past from 5 to 7 p.m. and Virus Fridaze

from 10 p.m. until 3 a.m.

**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.

**Oct. 16**

**OKTOBERFEST:** Enjoy a complimentary German-style buffet, entertainment and more at the Kadena Officers' Club parking lot at 4 p.m. Open to club members only.

**PET ADOPTION DAY:** Pets can be adopted on the spot from Karing Kennels at the Kadena BX from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 632-4062 for more details.

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

**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.

**CARD AND COMIC SHOW:** Free admission. Buy, trade or sell comics, cards and other collectables at the Schilling Community Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**BATTLE OF OKINAWA TOUR:** For more information call 634-4322.

**WESTERN NIGHT:** Country hits and fun in the Weekender Lounge at the Kadena Officers' Club from 6 to midnight. Club members only.

**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: Resident Evil: Apocalypse, R, 6 p.m. The Village, PG-13, 9p.m.
- ▲ Saturday: Sky Captain and the World, PG, noon The Village, PG-13, 4 p.m. Resident Evil: Apocalypse, R, 7 p.m. Sky Captain and the World, PG, noon Resident Evil: Apocalypse, R, 4p.m. The Village, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Monday: Sky Captain and the World, PG, noon Resident Evil: Apocalypse, R, 4 p.m. The Village, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Tuesday: The Manchurian Candidate, R, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Wednesday: The Village, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday: MR. 3000, PG-13, 7 p.m.

**Butler Theater**

- ▲ Today: MR. 3000, PG-13, 7 p.m. The Village, PG-13, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday: Sky Captain and the World, PG, 1 p.m. Sky Captain and the World, PG, 4 p.m. MR. 3000, PG-13, 7 p.m. The Village, PG-13, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday: Sky Captain and the World, PG, 1 p.m. Sky Captain and the World, PG, 4 p.m. MR. 3000, PG-13, 7 p.m. The Village, PG-13, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Monday: Sky Captain and the World, PG, 1 p.m. I, Robot, PG-13, 4 p.m. MR. 3000, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Tuesday: Harold and Kumar White Castle, R, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Wednesday: I, Robot, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday: First Daughter, PG, 7 p.m.

# OSS dominates softball in Division II at Kadena

By Master Sgt.  
Adam Johnston  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Extramural co-ed softball action continues Tuesdays and Thursdays at Kadena's Four Diamonds Softball Complex.

## Division II

**18th OSS blanks  
18th AES, 10-0**

"We stopped counting," said John Trujillo of the 18th Aerial Evacuation Squadron about the devastation his team felt from the 18th Operations Support Squadron in Division II co-ed softball league action Sept. 23. Trujillo said the game was called because of the 10-run rule. "OSS has overpowering hitters and super fielders," said Trujillo. "(They) need to go to another league, because they are way above ours," he said.

**12th EFS grounds  
623rd ACF, 15-9**

Although the 623rd Air Control Flight lost by six runs at Kadena's Four Diamonds Softball Complex on Sept. 30, coach Nathan McKeever said major contributions for his team came from ACF's Jorge Gonzalez who had two key hits and ACF pitcher Kandis Bainter. According to McKeever, Bainter pitched the entire game and logged key strikeouts in the match against the deployed fighter squadron from Alaska. ACF's McKeever also tapped a solo home run over the center field fence while ACF third baseman Christina Wolf played an "outstanding game," he said.

**18th AES squeaks  
by 554th RHS, 6-4**

According to 18th Aerial Evacuation Squadron coach John Trujillo, the match up Sept. 30 was a tight game by two evenly matched teams. "This was a team effort, [the 554th Red Horse Squadron] tried to stage a late comeback but time expired," Trujillo said. "This game was a lot of fun," he said, "because, everybody played and we won."

**18th OSS spanks  
372nd TRS, 22-1 (26-1)**

"OSS spanked us good," said Gary Soloman of the 372nd Training Squadron about his team's lop-sided loss to the 18th Operations Support Squadron, Sept. 30. "OSS came out with guns blazing," said Soloman who couldn't remember if his team lost 22-1 or 26-1. OSS remains silent about its softball prowess. A spokesperson for the team has yet to come forward or respond to queries about the avalanche it's creating in the six-team lineup in Division II of the Kadena Extramural Co-ed Softball League. Efforts by two TRS women players saved the



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

Tommy Byrns of the 18th Operations Support Squadron softball team pitches the ball in the game against the 372nd Training Squadron team Sept. 30 at the Four Diamonds softball complex. OSS is dominating Division II of the co-ed softball league with crushing wins and as of Wednesday remained the only team in the six-team division that remains undefeated.

team from a shutout according to Soloman. "Cindy Sanders reached base via a walk, but used her speed and agility to move to third," he said. "Tashawna Wyse smashed a screaming line shot to score Sanders, avoiding the shutout," Soloman said. According to Soloman, both teams showed good sportsmanship despite the onslaught. "But," he added, "Next time we play OSS, we're batting right handed," Soloman said with a laugh.

## Division I

**18th LRS out-processes  
18th MSS, 23-8**

"We really had a great team effort," said 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron pitcher/coach Gary Alexander about his team out-processing the 18th Mission Support Squadron, 23-8, Tuesday in Division I co-ed softball play at Kadena at 8 p.m. on field A-2. In the bottom of the third inning, Alexander said 12 straight LRS batters reached base and scored. "That pretty much sums up our night at the plate," Alexander said Wednesday morning. LRS' first baseman, Christine Roe, stretched and saved sub par throws in the first and second innings according to Alexander. "Those two grabs took away (MSS) chance to have a big inning," he said.

"Even though we lost, we had a few big plays in [the] game," said 18th MSS coach Don "DT" Darling. Shortstop Carlo Aguon of 18th MSS started off the game big with a rocket shot off the fence for a three-run homer, said Darling. MSS' pitcher Brad "Rhino" Swope and "Big" Bobby Gregg

also had breakout games on the field and at the plate.

**18th CMS tightens  
wrenches on 18th AMXS, 8-4**

A grand slam by Dan Miller of the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron in the third inning gave his team the lead as it tightened the wrenches on the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 8-4, Tuesday at 8 p.m. on the A-4 field. "Our defense was superb and [it] helped us hold on to the lead," said CMS coach Jason Wilson. Wilson said the maintainer match up was a close game from beginning to end. "The bottom of our lineup really came through for us and was a major part in the win," he said. CMS' left center fielder Scott Kozina also had three RBIs.

**18th EMS hangs up  
18th CS, 13-8**

"The whole team hit the ball well," said 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron's coach and second baseman Joseph Majkut as the maintainers rang the bells of 18th Communications Squadron, 13-8, Tuesday at 7 p.m. on the A-2 field. "18th CS made a valiant comeback thanks to a homerun by Ricardo Johnson and a triple by Chenzira Malory, but fell in the end thanks to three homeruns by 18th EMS," said CS coach Jason Norgaard. According to Majkut, EMS left fielder Shannon Thomas went 3 for 4 at the plate with one triple that burned the CS left fielder. EMS' shortstop Nathan Aufer also went three for four in the game with a double and a home run. Majkut added a home run for EMS while teammate Twyla Sears, a 2004 member of the Women's

Armed Forces Softball Team, came up with big plays for the whole game at first base, said Majkut.

**18th MDG litter carries  
18th SFS, 15-10**

The medics got a slow start in the top of the first inning against the 18th Security Forces Squadron when the 18th Medical Group's cleanup hitter Kenny Orange struck out as he watched a perfect pitch pass by, ending the inning and stranding two runners on base, said 18th MDG coach Nelson Hernandez Wednesday. But the medics were still able to bandage up a 15-10 victory over the cops Tuesday in the 7 p.m. game on the A-1 field. "[Orange] made a nice comeback by hitting two homeruns in the game," said Hernandez. "We also played solid defense," he said. First baseman for the 18th MDG -- Brandon Mitchell -- was the star of the game, according to Hernandez. Mitchell went three for four at the plate with three home runs. Right fielder Becky Hale of 18th MDG went two for four at the plate and scored a run, said Hernandez. "Overall we had a great team effort by hitting 21 base hits and five home runs," said Hernandez. "A few key errors probably cost us the game," said 18th SFS coach Leo Pereira. "Our squadron has never played co-ed softball so there will be some growing pains for the first year of play," he said. "I'm confident we'll finish at least .500 this year," Pereira said.

**18th MUNS carpet bombs  
18th CES, 27-2**

Scoring 13 runs in the first inning, the 18th Munitions

Squadron carpet bombed the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron 27-2 in the 8 p.m. game on the A-1 field Tuesday. The game was called in the fourth inning because of the 15-run rule. "We played a hell of a game," said 18th MUNS coach Jeremy Griffin. "They made a lot of errors which we capitalized on and we never looked back," he said. The whole MUNS team got playing time. In the bottom of the third, MUNS' Jason Gamza hit a three-run homer bringing in Missy Sims and Stacy Boyd. Candace Dugo, Dan "Roo" Koreen and Jamie Bailey, all of MUNS, got on base, including two triples by the MUNS women, according to Griffin. The hits set up a two-run home run by MUNS' Tre Ebron. "After that, all we had to do was hold them in the top of the fourth for the win, which we did," he said. "We played really well and we look forward to hopefully having some competition out there," said Griffin.

## STANDINGS & SCHEDULE

As of Oct. 6

Division I		
	W	L
18th EMS	2	0
18th LRS	2	0
18th MUNS	2	0
18th AMXS	1	1
18th MDG	1	1
18th MSS	1	1
18th CMS	1	1
18th CS	0	2
18th CES	0	2
18th SFS	0	2

Division II		
	W	L
18th OSS	2	0
372nd TRS	1	1
12th EFS	1	1
554th RHS	1	1
18th AES	1	1
623rd ACF	0	1
733rd AMS	0	1

Upcoming games - Tuesday

Division I

18th CS (0-2) vs. 18th LRS (2-0) at 7 p.m. on A-1.  
18th MSS (1-1) vs. 18th MDG (1-1) at 7 p.m. on A-2.  
18th CMS (1-1) vs. 18th MUNS (2-0) at 8 p.m. on A-2.  
18th CES (0-2) vs. 18th SFS (0-2) at 8 p.m. on A-2.  
18th EMS (2-0) vs. 18th AMXS (1-1) at 8 p.m. on A-4.

Upcoming games - Thursday

Division II

18th AES (1-1) vs. 623rd ACF (0-1) at 7 p.m. on A-1.  
12th EFS (1-1) vs. 372nd TRS (1-1) at 7 p.m. on A-2.  
733rd AMS (0-1) vs. 18th OSS (2-0) at 8 p.m. on A-1.  
554th RHS (1-1) vs. 372nd TRS (1-1) at 8 p.m. on A-2.