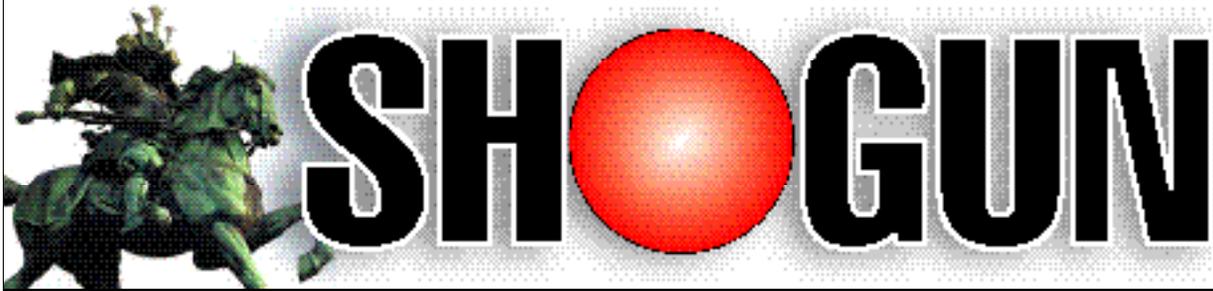


## MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS

961st Airborne Air Control Squadron	11.0
Monthly flying-hour contract	21.4
Hours flown	10.4
Monthly offset	
33rd Rescue Squadron	17.3
Monthly flying-hour contract	7.0
Hours flown	-10.3
Monthly offset	
809th Air Refueling Squadron	100.0
Monthly flying-hour contract	65.3
Hours flown	-34.7
Monthly offset	
44th Fighter Squadron	73.2
Monthly sortie contract	41.8
Sorties flown	-31.4
Monthly offset	
67th Fighter Squadron	54.4
Monthly sortie contract	70.5
Sorties flown	-16.1
Monthly offset	

Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of Aug. 30

# THE KADENA



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## WEEKEND WEATHER



**TODAY:** Mostly cloudy  
SE winds @ 10-22 knots  
High: 86 Low: 73



**SATURDAY:** Mostly cloudy  
S winds @ 15-20 knots  
High: 86 Low: 77



**SUNDAY:** Windy, mostly cloudy  
SW winds @ 10-15 knots  
High: 86 Low: 79

FRIDAY MORNING'S  
COMMUNITYBANK  
EXCHANGERATES  
BUYING: \$1-\$107 SELLING: ¥113-\$1

# Airmen return from Iraq

Story and Photo by

Airman 1st Class

Michael Pallazola

18th Wing Public Affairs

Emotions were high on the flight line here as deployed troops returned from an Air and Space Expeditionary rotation in the Middle East.

The troops were deployed since June in support of AEF 10.

More than 35 troops returned to Kadena Sep. 2, from various deployed locations including Balad, Tallil, Ali Al Salem and Al Udeid.

Families of the deployed members were bused out to the flight line to meet the deployed troops as soon as they left the aircraft.

The returning members were greeted with exuberant cheers as family members, wing leadership and colleagues clapped and waved banners to welcome the troops home.

"It felt good to be there and to do my part to support [Operation] Iraqi Freedom," said Staff Sgt. Corey Coleman, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Sergeant Coleman said, "I am blessed to have made it home," after completing his first ever deployment to Tallil, Iraq.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

Staff Sgt. Corey Coleman, 18th Civil Engineering Squadron, holds his daughter Gabrielle, 1, for the first time in three months after returning from an AEF deployment to Tallil Air Base, Iraq. Sergeant Coleman arrived Sept. 2 along with 35 other Airmen who were greeted by friends and family on the flight line. See more photos of AEF return, page 4.

## Holiday greetings come to Kadena

When professional broadcasters toting video cameras and bright lights soon invade overseas installations worldwide, including Kadena — they won't be seeking the next American Idol, but they will be looking to give servicemembers stationed overseas a chance to say hello to their families in the United States.

Kadena will be a major stop for the Army and Air Force Hometown News Service team, according to Master Sgt. Brad Carder, 18th Wing Public Affairs superintendent. "Historically, Kadena has always generated a large number of greetings when the team visits. Due to the popularity of the program here, we've added an extra day to give everyone who wants to tape a greeting the opportunity to do so." The team will tape

greetings Sept. 23, 24 and 25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rocker NCO club.

Military members of all services, family members, and Department of Defense civilians are all welcome to take advantage of the program.

Walk-in service is available, but Sergeant Carder recommends calling the 18th Wing Public Affairs office to set up an appointment to reduce waiting times.

The team will visit about 70 overseas installations in 40 days with the goal of gathering

### Holiday Greetings

Rocker NCO Club

Sept. 23, 24, 25

4 p.m.

Call Public Affairs for appointment

more than 13,000 individual messages from servicemembers stationed abroad during the holidays, said Army Sgt. 1st Class Jamie Posten, the noncommissioned officer in charge of broadcast operations for hometown news.

Demand for the holiday greetings is at an all-time high with about 1,000 television and 2,400 radio stations subscribing to the service, Sergeant Posten said. "To meet that demand, we're sending out four teams for the first time, instead of the normal three teams we send out each year."

To set up a holiday greeting appointment, call 634-1509. Active duty members must be in uniform of the day and must accompany their family unless deployed.

(Courtesy of AFPN)

## Songda rips through Kadena

Kadena is recovering from affects of Typhoon Songda that struck here over Labor Day weekend.

Base weather officials reported that the storm system reached maximum sustained winds of 67 knots (77.1 mph) over Kadena Air Base, and the Joint Typhoon Weather Center reported that the typhoon reached a maximum intensity of 125 knots (144 mph) — just 5 knots (5.8 mph) shy of being categorized as a super typhoon.

Though no injuries were reported, Kadena family housing residents felt the impact of downed power lines and damaged transformers. Two-thirds of family housing experienced power outages, with some neighborhoods losing power for more than 40 hours. Additionally, Bob Hope Primary School and Amelia Earhart Intermediate School closed Tuesday for power and air conditioning repairs.

Scattered electrical outages continued through Tuesday as civil engineer crews kept busy with repair work. No other significant damages were reported as a result of typhoon Songda.

Base residents who have damage claims as a result of the typhoon should contact the Kadena Legal office at 634-1662.

Read more about Team Kadena's response to Songda in next week's Shogun.



# Professional development in today's Air Force

By Lt. Col Mark Arlinghaus  
18th Operations Support  
Squadron Commander

On May 7, 2004, I received the honor of assuming command of the 18th Operations Support Squadron here. The day was certainly memorable in that I settled into my new office, the same office I entered fifteen years earlier as a second lieutenant reporting to my first squadron commander.

How did I end up in this same office, in the exact same building many years later with the blessing of serving in the role as commander?

I offer three suggestions for professional development which might open doors toward leadership positions.

First, step out of your comfort zone and look for the assignments that will stretch you.

Successful people make challenging tasks look easy and always seem to have their act together. Howev-

er, the truth is they started at the beginning somewhere in their careers and worked hard to fill their "tool bag" with professional skills essential for success.

As a mid-level captain, I volunteered for a daunting executive officer position in a large operations group. I knew long hours, many unfamiliar personnel issues, complex tasks, and considerable coordination challenges would come with the job.

The only way to tackle this challenge was to step up as a volunteer with a good attitude and a desire to get the job done.

The experience proved valuable toward building my knowledge of senior leadership decision making and air operations above the squadron level.

Second, embrace diversity in your professional development. Certainly, every career field carries certain technical competency milestones which require continuity and focus.

Pursue career choices which will broaden your talents while ensuring a sound foundation in your technical skills for the career field you call home.

I found frustration receiving an assignment outside my primary weapons system after a successful first assignment. I was still flying airplanes but they were of a different color and mission.

Much to my surprise, my experiences in that new community immensely increased my awareness of many other mission areas in the airpower arena and furthered my understanding of the different cultures that exist in other Air Force organizations.

The broadening experience increased the tools in my kit and my problem solving abilities that came later while working as an air operations center shift director in charge of all facets of fighter employment.

Third, take ownership of your mission area. The

member who finds solace in blaming "the staff" for the frustrations in their professional life fails to understand the power we all have to lead positive change in our units.

As the end user seeing and experiencing the challenges facing your unit everyday, you should want to be the source providing the solution because ultimately you have the best perspective on the dynamics shaping the environment, the variables in play, and the considerations relevant to potential remedies.

Colonel David Freaney, 18th Operations Group commander, likens this quality to "putting your name on the mailbox."

This is in reference to the responsibility for upkeep of a home that comes with identifying yourself as the owner with your name out front.

Initiative and followthrough shine like brilliant lights when we lay claim to our responsibili-

ties in our Air Force, and realize that we are creating the legacy for those who will come decades later.

Our Air Force today is filled with opportunity, especially at Kadena.

Get out of your comfort zone and capitalize on the challenges waiting for a motivated young professional to step up with a willingness to contribute and spirit to serve.

Don't be afraid to jump into a different mission area after achieving technical competency in the specialty to which you lay claim.

Your expanded tool kit will give you the confidence to take ownership of any mission area in which you are fighting to be successful and make a true positive impact.

Ultimately, this impact on our people and mission will be the sledge hammer breaking down doors that lead to attainment of your professional goals and secure a strong future for the USAF.

## ACTION LINES

E-mail: 18wg.cchotline@kadena.af.mil



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.

## DoDDS Transportation Concern

I am a contractor in Okinawa. My children have attended Kadena schools for the past 4 1/2 years. This year my oldest child had to transfer to Kubasaki. Transportation officials said they will not provide transportation for my son. He was involuntarily forced to change his enrollment and I was told that I am responsible for taking him to and from school because we live in an area that only has Kadena bus routes. I am paying for my son to attend DoDDS this year when in the past transportation was included. School transportation officials have not been able to offer any type of solution. I feel this situation is extremely unfair.

Thanks for your e-mail. Unfortunately I don't have much good news for you in this situation. Space available stu-

dents must attend the school where DoDDS officials have determined there is space based on current school enrollment. During the 2004-2005 school year, high school students who are in the space available category must attend Kubasaki High School. Transportation has never been included as part of the tuition for space available students, and so you must cover this cost. Basically, parents or guardians are responsible for transporting space available students to and from the identified school. In the past there have been seats available on the bus that transports "space required" students to and from their schools, and as a result, space available students were allowed to ride on the same bus. If you wish to try this option, call the student transportation office at 632-9035 to see which Kubasaki High School stop is available.

## SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Master Sgt. Rex S. Boksai

18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, superintendent contingency management

Hometown: Fenton, Mich.

Reason for nomination: Proactively coordinated with AMC's Tanker Airlift Control Center to retask a repaired C-5 leaving empty for the U.S. to carry personnel and cargo to Alaska for a unit whose scheduled airlift was diverted due to Typhoon Songda. Maximized use of assets in a time crunch.

Time at Kadena: 1 year 4 months

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.



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**BLOOD DRIVE:** 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron is sponsoring a blood drive in Building 3384, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today. For more information contact C. Tracy Parmer at 643-7710 or parmerct@oki10.med.navy.mil

**MIDDLE EAST LECTURE LUNCHEON:** Troy State University hosts a Middle Eastern luncheon seminar at the Kadena Officers' Club today at 11:30 in the Weekender Lounge.

**ENERGY SAVINGS:** 18th Civil Engineer Squadron officials ask housing residents to set air conditioning thermostats to 78 degrees Fahrenheit during this week as part of the Kadena Summer Energy Conservation program. A one degree change in air conditioning can reduce the total monthly electricity cost of a home by 3 percent.

**FREE VEHICLE TOW SERVICE:** Free towing service is available for spouses of deployed Airmen assigned to Kadena. Call 634-1126 for more information.

**ANNUAL INVENTORY:** The 18th Munitions Squadron will close Sept. 6 through 17 to conduct a semi-annual inventory. For more information, call 632-5309.

**NATIONAL POW/MIA DAY:** In honor of National POW/MIA Recognition Day, the Air Force Sergeants Association is sponsoring a flagpole ceremony at 6:30 a.m. Sep. 17 at the 18th Wing headquar-

### Vote 2004



Air Force/ Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

**Staff Sgt. Tonya Hines helps Earl Gittens register to vote at the Juneteenth celebration Sept. 4.** The celebration commemorated the Emancipation Proclamation and attendees were able to enjoy free food and music. Sergeant Hines is assigned to the 718th Civil Engineering Squadron.

ters. Breakfast follows at 8 a.m. at the Rocker NCO Club. RSVP by Sep. 14 by calling 634-1809.

**WELCOME ABOARD COFFEE:** Marine and Naval officers' spouses are invited to the Butler Officer's Club at 9:30 a.m., Sep. 20, for a welcome aboard coffee. For more information, call Michelle Cunningham at 646-2095 or Karen

Landes at 936-0871.

**NEW REQUIREMENTS AT JSVRO:** The Joint Services Vehicle Registration Office has established new requirements for issuing a Special Power of Attorney when checking out for PCS or termination of SOFA status. If all required information is not in the SPOA, JSVRO will not accept it. Please give

yourself plenty of time to properly sell, transfer, or dispose of vehicles prior to PCS. For more information email jsvro@mcbbutler.usmc.mil or call 645-7481/3963.

**HOMETOWN NEWS HOLIDAY GREETINGS:** Send video greetings to family and friends in the United States. A Holiday Greetings team will shoot from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sep. 23-25 at the Rocker NCO Club. To schedule an appointment, call 634-1509.

**HEALTHCARE TOWN HALL MEETING:** The 18th Medical Group and United States Naval Hospital will host a meeting at the Rocker NCO Club main ballroom. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Valerie McLean at 630-4492.

**MCU COLLEGE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION:** Seminar programs begin Oct. 1. For information about enrolling, contact Jim Hopkins at hopkinsjp@mcbbutlet.usmc.mil or call 645-2230/2500.

**VEHICLE REGISTRATION OFFICE:** JSVRO has established a new general e-mail mailbox for customers to request information, ask questions and provide feedback at jsvro@mcbbutler.usmc.mil

**POSTAL ADVISORY:** When mailing battery operated toys, games, appliances, etc., remove the batteries and wrap them separately to prevent any damage. For more informaion, call 634-3266.

# Troops return to loud cheers and loving hugs



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

Troops returning from Air and Space Expeditionary Force 10 were welcomed home on the flight line, Sept. 2 by base officials, including Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander, Col. Richard Zink, 18th Wing vice commander, Col. Brent Baker, 18th Mission Support Group commander and Col. Juan Ibanez, 18th Civil Engineer Group commander.

## Readjustment suggestions

18th Wing leaders understand the need for troops to smoothly readjust to their former lifestyle upon return from deployment in hostile areas or combat environments. The Wing decompression program focuses on reintegrating troops back into a normal routine.

Troops are actively monitored while they in-process their units over the course of five days to gradually re-acclimate them to the Kadena environment. Members complete a checklist that includes visits to their unit deployment manager, Personnel Readiness Unit, Force Health Management, Life Skills Support Center, Family Support Center, and Finance. After the five-day period of half-day duty, airmen are released for well-deserved timeoff.

With deployments come changes, and knowing what to expect can make reintegration back into the family less stressful. The following are some suggestions to help the reunion process.

### Family members should...

- \* Be aware of issues involved in returning from deployment
- \* Realize homecoming is very stressful
- \* Plan activities that are conducive to spending quality time as a couple or family
- \* Be realistic in expectations
- \* Be involved in planning of family reunion activities

### Reunion Tips for Troops...

- \* Before the reunion, discuss plans for the initial few days after homecoming
- \* Recognize that fantasies about homecoming are seldom realities
- \* Don't be surprised if it takes awhile to redevelop your previous sense of intimacy
- \* Be prepared to make some adjustments
- \* Express appreciation for each other
- \* Focus time on each other - allow time for each parent to have individual time with children
- \* Don't be surprised by physical changes (loss of appetite, trouble sleeping, bowel trouble, etc.) which may be a result of a heightened physical state.
- \* Avoid tight schedules
- \* Expect interruptions from family and friends

### Reunion Tips for Spouses...

- \* Avoid planning too much too soon
- \* Go slow and make adjustments
- \* Reserve alone time
- \* Remind troops that they are still needed in the family
- \* Stick to your budget
- \* Patience is a key to re-building relationships

### Tips for reuniting with children...

- \* Slowly adapt to old rules and routines
- \* Be available to your child with time and emotions
- \* Let the child be first to renew the bond
- \* Expect some changes in your children
- \* Focus on successes and limit criticism
- \* Encourage them to share what happened while you were away
- \* Patience is the key

For further information contact the Family Support Center at 634-3366.

Contributed by Family Support Center.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

Family members wait to greet deployed troops as they leave the aircraft. They were bused out to the flight line to welcome their families home.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

Kadena Fire and Emergency Services support their troops. Chief Master Sgt. Rausch, 18th Civil Engineering fire chief said, "It's great to have them all back."



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

Andre, 9, Akira, 2, and Vickey Small react to seeing their father and husband Tech. Sgt. Art Small leave the aircraft after a three-month deployment. Sergeant Small is assigned to 18th Operations Support Squadron.

# AMERICAFEST 2004

**SEPT 14 1200 - 2200**  
(LD. HOLDERS ONLY)

**SEPT 15 1200 - 2100**



**18TH WING, KADENA AIR BASE, JAPAN**

# From the Commander

## AmericaFest 2004 provides fun for the whole family

By Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas  
18th Wing commander

**"The AmericaFest committee members, representing many units at Kadena, have worked hard and scheduled a fantastic line-up of events..."**

Team Kadena, get ready for AmericaFest 2004! This will be a special event - the AmericaFest committee members, representing many units at Kadena, have worked hard and scheduled a fantastic line-up of events, surrounding terrific aircraft displays, for the enjoyment of Team Kadena and our neighboring communities.

There will be plenty of entertainment, food and fun, and I encourage all those who can to come down to the flightline and relax with friends or family.

Both days are minimal manning days for the 18th Wing, and Tuesday is specifically set aside as an appreciation day for military members, civilian employees, and our families for the sacrifices they make throughout the year to ensure the security of

America and our allies.

On Wednesday we'll open the gates for our neighbors to come out and learn first-hand about our missions at Kadena; to interact with the outstanding people who, among other global missions help maintain peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region; and to experience a sampling of our multi-layered American culture.

AmericaFest performances will include top entertainment by Okinawa's own reggae-style band

Ryukyu Lion, the soothing variety sounds of the Pacific Air Forces Band, and the classic to alternative rock beats of local American bands Feedback Queen and Storm Watch.

From Jamaica, dancehall reggae star Mr. Vegas will delight and dazzle on the main stage Tuesday from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Don't miss the fireworks beginning at 8:15 p.m., after the Wednesday show!

For children and young adults - good news: no school Wednesday at Department of Defense Dependent Schools island-wide.

On both AmericaFest days younger children can look forward to Kiddie Land, a fun-filled mini-park designed to channel a child's never-ending supply of energy.

So grab your friends and family and head to the flightline - I'll see you there!

## No vehicles allowed to park on flightline School buses provide transportation to AmericaFest

There will not be any parking on the flightline this year for AmericaFest. Instead, buses will transport people to and from pickup/dropoff points.

These PUDOs are located throughout the base with buses leaving about every five minutes. AmericaFest officials request people use the PUDO closest to their residence to relieve vehicle congestion.

On Sept. 14, the Kadena Elementary School, Stearley Heights Ele-

mentary School, and the Kadena High School PUDOs will not be open until 3 p.m., which is after school hours.

On Sept. 15, all PUDOs will open at 11:45 a.m.

~ The Kadena Elementary School is designated for residents living in that area.

~ The wing safety office parking lot is for Chibana, O'Donnell and Camp Shields residents.

~ Stearley Heights Elementary School is designated for residents

living in that area.

~ The NCO Club is designated for residents living near the club.

~ The bus terminal across from the commissary is for non-Kadena residents.

~ Kadena High School is for residents living near the school.

~ The Olympic Mall parking lot is designated for residents near that area.

Military members who live off base may come in the base and gain access to AmericaFest using

a PUDO. On Sept. 15, off-base members may also use the same transportation as our local national guests.

Local national guests without base access will board charter busses at the old Yomitan airfield. They may also walk onto the flightline from the pedestrian gate near Security Hill on Highway 74, or they can walk to a point outside of Gate 2 where they will get on a bus, which will take them to the flightline.

### Prohibited Items



During AmericaFest, 18th Security Forces Squadron personnel say there are a few items that will not be allowed into the AmericaFest area.

They ask that visitors not bring any heavy items to carry, and family pets will not be allowed on the flightline.

"Light-weight and portable baby strollers and umbrellas would be appropriate," said Master Sgt. William Dunlap, 18th Security Forces Squadron.

"But we will not permit large purses, large backpacks, knives, any type of weapon, scissors or sharp objects."

Smoking is also prohibited on the flightline.

"Guests will have to stay within designated areas while attending AmericaFest to avoid potential injuries," said Sergeant Dunlap.

## Static displays

The following is a list of aircraft that are scheduled to be on static display during this year's AmericaFest. Officials also acknowledge that the static display list could change.

### Kadena

- KC-135 Stratotanker
- F-15C Eagle
- E-3A Sentry
- HH-60G Pave Hawk

### Navy

- P-3 Orion
- C-12 Huron
- F-18 Hornet
- S-3 Viking

### Osan

- A-10 Thunderbolt II

### Kunsan

- F-16 Fighting Falcon

### Japan

- F-4 Phantom

--CH-47 Chinook

-- F-1 Mitsubishi

-- U-125A Peace

Krypton

### Aero Club

-- Cessna 172

Many of the pilots and crew will be on hand to answer questions and give a tour of the aircraft.

# Schedule of Events



## SEPTEMBER 14

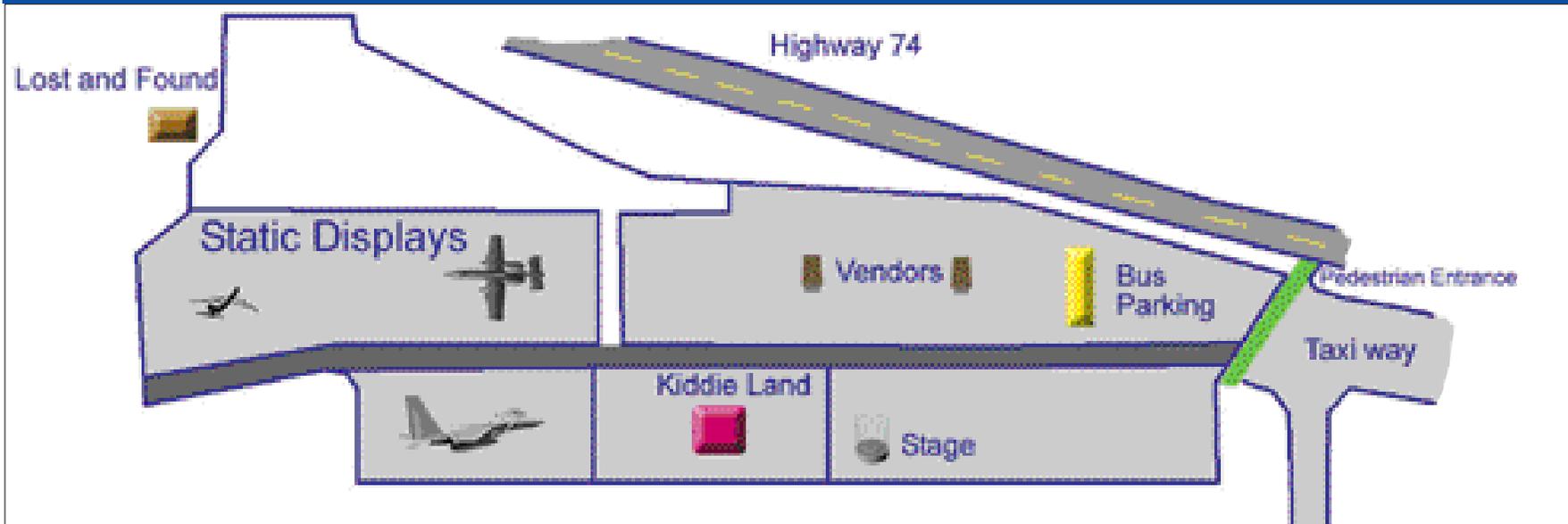
- 12:30-4:30 p.m. DJ
- 4:30-5:30 p.m. PACAF BAND
- 5:30-6:00 p.m. DJ
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. Feedback Queen  
(variety rock band)
- 7:00-7:30 p.m. DJ
- 7:30-8:30 p.m. Storm Watch  
(variety rock band)
- 8:30-9:00 p.m. DJ
- 9:00-10:00 p.m. Mr. Vegas  
(Headliner: Reggae)

## SEPTEMBER 15

- 12:00-2:30 p.m. DJ
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. Steve and Doug  
(variety rock band)
- 3:30-4:00 p.m. DJ
- 4:00-5:00 p.m. PACAF BAND
- 5:00-5:30 p.m. DJ
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ryukyu Lion  
(Reggae)
- 6:30-7:00 p.m. DJ
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. Mr. Vegas  
(Headliner: Reggae)
- 8:15-8:30 p.m. Fireworks show
- 8:30-9:00 p.m. Roach  
(Rock)



## AmericaFest Festival Area



# Kadena Air Base Facts

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## Installation provides variety of operational and support missions

### Mission

The 18th Wing mission is to defend U.S. and Japanese mutual interests by providing a responsive staging and operational airbase with integrated, deployable, forward-based airpower.

The wing is composed of five groups: operations, maintenance, mission support, civil engineer and medical. The wing provides facilities for U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Army and other forces assigned to or transiting Kadena.

Approximately 7,000 military members are assigned to the wing. The total base population of 23,000 from five major commands also includes family members, U.S. civilians, Japanese base workers, and contractors. The wing manages \$6 billion in resources, including 80 F-15, KC-135, E-3 and HH-60 aircraft.

### Operations

The operations group manages the flight activities of the base bringing America's airpower to the farthest reaches of the globe. Search and rescue, air superiority, air refueling and airborne air control are just a few of the flying operations performed by the Air Force's premier combat wing. One third of the yearly flying is conducted off-station, during training, deployed exercises and support missions in the region.

### Maintenance

The maintenance group is the Air Force's second largest with over 2,800 members. After the combat reorganization in August 2002, the maintenance troops previously under specific flying squadrons, all came together under one umbrella. The maintenance group is now able to focus on one of the wing's two most important functions: launching and fixing aircraft.

### Medical

The medical group serves more people on an outpatient basis than any other Air Force clinic, and also operates the Pacific's only hyperbaric chamber. They also run the only neonatal intensive care unit in the Western Pacific.

### Mission Support

The mission support group proves daily how they "enable" combat airpower to every member of Team Kadena including all associate units. With over 3,800 people, it is the

largest mission support group in the Air Force. The commander is considered the "mayor" of Kadena and acts as liaison to the mayors of the three Okinawan towns surrounding the base.

### Civil Engineer

The civil engineer group is the largest in the Air Force with over 1,500 people. The group is responsible for all of Kadena's infrastructure and facilities. It is the Department of Defense's executive agent for all military housing on Okinawa with over 8,100 units.

### Associate Units

- ~ 353rd Special Operations Group (AFSOC)
- ~ Commander, Fleet Activities Okinawa (Navy)
- ~ Support Center Pacific (AFMC)
- ~ Detachment 15, 372nd Training Squadron (AETC)
- ~ 733rd Air Mobility Support Squadron (AMC)
- ~ 390th Intelligence Squadron (ACC)
- ~ 82nd Reconnaissance Squadron (ACC)
- ~ Det. 3, Air Force Institute for Environment Safety and Occupational Health Risk Analysis (AFMC)
- ~ Det. 1, 554th Red Horse Squadron (PACAF)

### Little known facts

Kadena's impact on the local economy exceeds \$700 million a year and the economic impact of all U.S. forces on Okinawa is at least \$1.45 billion, more than 5 percent of the gross prefectural product

Kadena is one of seven bases in Japan which flies the U.N. flag with responsibilities as a U.N. base. The others are: White Beach, Camp Zama, Yokosuka, Misawa, Yokota, Iwakuni.

Kadena Air Base proper has an area of 4,931 acres along with an additional 6,087 acres for the munitions storage area. The total area is 11,018 acres, larger than Osan and Kunsan put together.

The Kadena golf course uses water run-off from rain to water the greens.

The early U.S. explorers labeled Okinawa as the "keystone of the Pacific" since Taipei, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Seoul, Manila, and Tokyo all lie within a 1,500 kilometer radius of the island.

Okinawa is the largest of more than 140 islands in Okinawa Prefecture (of which only 47 are populated). It measures 67 miles long by 2 to 17 miles wide, and covers a total area of 454 square miles.



**TODAY**

**KUMON MATH:** Math study for children ages 5-18 in 40-minute sessions from 3:50-5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

**CHURA-U BATH HOUSE TOUR:** For more information call 634-4322.

**KEYSTONE COUNCIL MEETING:** Voice your ideas and opinions for the Teen Center at the Teen Center Millennium from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Open to ages 13-18 years. Call 634-3866.

**FREE BOWLING:** Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children 10 and older need only to show ID card to join, 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the designated lanes. A three game limit may apply and a waiting list will be used when the free lanes are busy. Call 634-2290.

**LIVE ROCK BAND:** From 8 p.m. until closing at the Banyan Tree Club.

**SUNSHINE TOWN AND KASURI STUDIO TOUR:** Call 634-4322.

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

**KRAZY KARAOKE:** From 7 to 10 p.m. and Top 40 variety dance until 3 a.m. at the Rocker NCO Club.

**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**

**KIDS NIGHT OUT:** Give parents a break with a night of games, movies, crafts and more. Register by Sept. 8. Open to youth ages 6-12 years. Call the Kadena Youth Center at 634-0500.

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

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

**TEEN HIP HOP DANCE:** Party with the best DJs on the Island at the Teen Center Millennium from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Open to members and nonmembers. Call 634-3866.

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

**PATCHWORK QUILTING CLASS:** At the Schilling Community Center from 9 to 5 p.m. Call 634-1387 for more information.

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

**BINGO:** Join the Schilling Community Center for 10 exciting games and lots of terrific prizes. Game cards go on sale at 1, games begin at 2 p.m.

**NISHIZAKI WATER PARK TOUR:** For more information call 634-4322.

**TWILIGHT CRUISE TOUR:** For more information call 634-4322.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Country night with DJ Leis from 8 p.m. until closing.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** King of Fights IX, K1 and UFC style open to all ranks and services. Doors open at 7 p.m., first match at 9 p.m. There will be a meet and greet prior in the Ballroom. Tickets are available at the Customer Service Counter. Call 634-0740.

**SUNDAY**

**SHURI CASTLE AND SHIKINA-EN TOUR:** Call 634-4322.

**OKINAWA FOLK TALES TOUR:** For more information call 634-4322.

**COLLEGE GAME DAY:** Catch the ABC/ESPN 'Big College Game' in the Rocker NCO Club Lounge. Open at 7:30 a.m. until the end of each game. Open to all ranks and services.

**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 for more information.

**VIRTUAL PENTATHLON:** Log on to register for a virtual board game at

**One woman's junk - - another woman's treasure**



Air Force Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola  
**Kat Griego (right), wife of Tech. Sgt. Shane Griego, and Liz Barr, a third grade teacher at Stearley Heights, enjoy the sunshine at the 18th Services Squadron giant yard sale held in the parking lot of the Schilling Community Center Saturday. Mrs. Griego was one of approximately 25 people to sell their belongings at the community center. She said she made more than \$200 at the yard sale to aid in her permanent change of station move this month.**

www.pacfive.com and become eligible to win an assortment of instant prizes and 15 amazing grand prizes. The Pentathlon Game is open to all patrons eligible to use Services facilities. Pentathlon runs now until Oct. 31.

**SUNDAY BRUNCH DRAWING:** Enjoy Kadena Officers' Club lunch buffet and you could win Sunday brunch for two. For more information call 634-3663.

**BREAKFAST BUFFET:** The Rocker NCO club offers a new and improved Breakfast Buffet from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays in the Morrell room. Call 634-0940.

**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 5-8 p.m. followed by Old School music from 8-11 p.m.

**MONDAY**

**FOOTBALL FRENZY:** Root for your team while enjoying complimentary pizza at Kadena Officers' Club with a free drawing for a hat and jersey set each week.

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

**FREE BOWLING:** Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children 10 and older need only to show ID card to join, 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the designated lanes. A three game limit may apply and a waiting list will be used when the free lanes are busy. Call 634-2290.

**POWER HOUR:** Youth ages 9-12 years are invited to participate in a program to raise academic proficiency at the Kadena Youth Center from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Call 634-0500 for more information.

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

**KADENA OFFICERS' CLUB:** Mongolian Barbecue 1 oz - 60 cents in the Flame Room.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** It's football time again at Banyan Tree Club. Call 634-0644 for more details. 50-cent hamburgers and hot dogs from 5 to 7 p.m. or until sold-out followed by 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**

**BIBLE STUDY KICKOFF:** Protestant Women of the Chapel is hosting a non-denominational

Bible-based ministry for all women in Chapel 1. Call Kelly Brown at 965-1868 for more details.

**COMEDY SHOWCASE:** Laugh it up with comedians Peter Johansson and Mimi Gonzales at the Kadena Officers' Club from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Weekender Lounge. Club Members only. Call 634-3663.

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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.

**KADENA OFFICERS' CLUB:** New York Strip for two - \$22.95 in the Flame Room.

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

**POOL TOURNAMENT:** Win cash prizes for playing pool starting at 8 p.m. at Banyan Tree Club.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Krazy Karaoke from 8 until 11 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

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

**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.

**OKINAWA DANCE:** Class from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

**COMPLIMENTARY BUFFET:** Buffet style dinner will be served in the Kudaka Ballroom at the Kadena Officers' Club from 5 to 7 p.m. Primary Club members may bring their spouse or one guest.

**FREE BOWLING:** Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children 10 and older need only to show ID card to join, 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the designated lanes. A three game limit may apply and a waiting list will be used when the free lanes are busy. Call 634-2290.

**POWER HOUR:** Youth ages 9-12 years are invited to participate in a program to raise academic proficiency at the Kadena Youth Center from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Call 634-0500 for more information.

**INFO QUEST 2004 :** Get started on

your quest for fascinating information and win prizes at the Kadena Base Library. Call 634-7719 for more information.

**KADENA OFFICERS' CLUB:** 20 percent off regular menu for Air Force Club Members only in the Flame Room.

**MEMBERSHIP NIGHT:** Banyan Tree Airman's club is offering a complimentary buffet for membership night from 5 to 7 p.m. Free for club members and their spouse, no children please. Call 634-0644.

**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**

**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 for more information.

**FREE BOWLING:** Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children 10 and older need only to show ID card to join, 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the designated lanes. Call 634-2290.

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

**POWER HOUR:** Youth ages 9-12 years are invited to participate in a program to raise academic proficiency at the Kadena Youth Center from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Call 634-0500.

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

**KADENA OFFICERS CLUB:** Prime Rib Dinner for two - \$21.95 in the Flame Room.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Latin music and build your own burrito bar from 5 to 7 p.m. and Country night with DJ Chaps from 7 p.m. until closing.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Latin variety music from 8 p.m. until closing.

**SEPT. 17**

**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.

**WESTERN NIGHT:** Saddle up in your best Western gear for an evening of country hits and fun at the Kadena Officers' Club from

6 to midnight in the Weekender Lounge.

**AMERICAFEST ARTIST CONCERT:** Doors open at 8 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. at Rocker NCO club. Tickets will be available at the customer service counter. Call 634-0740 for more details. Followed by R&B and Reggae until 2 a.m.

**FREE BOWLING:** Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children 10 and older need only to show ID card to join, 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the designated lanes. A three game limit may apply and a waiting list will be used when the free lanes are busy. Call 634-2290.

**DANCE HALL REGGAE PARY:** From 8 p.m. until closing at the Banyan Tree Club.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** 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.

**SEPT. 18**

**AIR FORCE 57TH BIRTHDAY AERO-BATHON:** Join the Risner Fitness Center from 8 to 11 a.m. Call 634-5128.

**OKUMAFEST 2004:** Free admission and free entertainment to Okuma's biggest event of the year! The event features live bands, great food, glass bottom boat rides, games and prizes from noon to 10 p.m.

**OKUMAFEST FREE TRANSPORT:** For more information call 634-4322.

**AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY LUNCH:** From 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Marshall Dining Facility. Call 634-1900 for more details.

**SAX, FLUTE, CLARINET LESSONS:** One hour session for ages 5 and up at the Schilling Community Center from 7 a.m. to

**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: Anchorman, PG-13, 6 p.m. Alien vs. Predator, NR, 9 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday: King Arthur, PG-13, noon Anchorman, PG-13, 4 p.m. Alien vs. Predator, NR, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday: Anchorman, PG-13, noon King Arthur, PG-13, 4 p.m. Alien vs. Predator, NR, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Monday: King Arthur, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Tuesday: Anchorman, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Wednesday: King Arthur, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday: Without a Paddle, PG-13, 7 p.m.

**Butler Theater**

- ▲ Today: Spiderman 2, PG-13, 7 p.m. Without a Paddle, PG-13, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday: Sleepover, PG, 1 p.m. Spiderman 2, PG-13, 4 p.m. Without a Paddle, PG-13, 7 p.m. Without a Paddle, PG-13, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday: Sleepover, PG, 1 p.m. Spiderman, PG-13, 4 p.m. Without a Paddle, PG-13, 7 p.m. Spiderman 2, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Monday: Spiderman 2, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Tuesday: Without a Paddle, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Wednesday: Spiderman 2, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday: Anacondas, PG-13, 7 p.m.



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Gunnery Sgt. Gary Chaney of Yellow Box gets a hit in a game against the Kadena Falcons during the Kadena Klassic, Sept. 3.

# Songda spoils Kadena Klassic

By Senior Airman Anna Fitzhorn  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Kadena held opening ceremonies to kick off the Kadena Klassic annual open invitational softball tournament Friday at the Four Diamonds softball field complex here.

Fifteen men's and six women's teams geared up to play in the four-day tournament scheduled over Labor Day weekend.

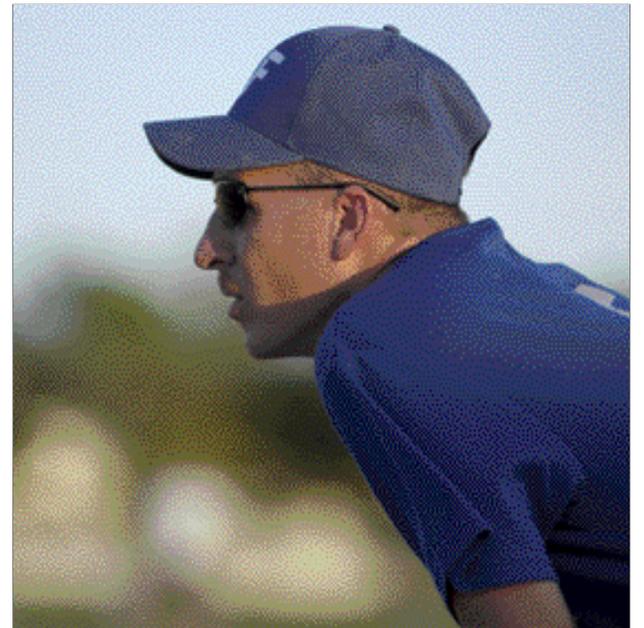
Tournament action got underway but was spoiled by Typhoon Songda that encompassed the island for two days.

Tournament officials postponed play because of the ensuing weather conditions, and play is scheduled to resume tomorrow at the softball complex.

The Kadena base teams were in full force with the Kadena women's team holding the top standing before the postponement and the men's base team ranked second in Pool A.

Play will resume with the women's play starting at 4 p.m. and men's play beginning at 5 p.m.

Anyone interested in additional tournament details can contact Risner Fitness Center at 634-1128.



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Staff Sgt. James Wanke of the Kadena Falcons watches the play from first base in the game against Yellow Box, Sept. 3. Sergeant Wanke is assigned to the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron.



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The teams stand together for the opening ceremony, while the Honor Guard presents the flag during the National Anthem on the first day of the Kadena Klassic, Sept. 3.



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A team member from OutXast, based out of Andersen Air Base, Guam makes a run for second base after a hit, Saturday.



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Mia Brown of the Kadena Divas throws a ball back into the infield in their game against a Kadena women's team, Sept. 3.