

## MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS

<b>961st Airborne Air Control Squadron</b>	
Monthly flying-hour contract	11.0
Hours flown	21.4
Monthly offset	10.4
<b>33rd Rescue Squadron</b>	
Monthly flying-hour contract	17.3
Hours flown	7.0
Monthly offset	-10.3
<b>909th Air Refueling Squadron</b>	
Monthly flying-hour contract	100.0
Hours flown	65.3
Monthly offset	-34.7
<b>44th Fighter Squadron</b>	
Monthly sortie contract	73.2
Sorties flown	41.8
Monthly offset	-31.4
<b>67th Fighter Squadron</b>	
Monthly sortie contract	54.4
Sorties flown	70.5
Monthly offset	-16.1

Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of Sept. 7

# THE KADENA



Kadena Air Base, Japan

Friday, Sep. 17, 2004

## WEEKEND WEATHER



**TODAY:** Partly cloudy  
SE winds @ 6-12 knots  
High: 88 Low: 77



**SATURDAY:** Partly cloudy  
E winds @ 6-12 knots  
High: 86 Low: 77



**SUNDAY:** Partly cloudy  
E winds @ 6-10 knots  
High: 86 Low: 77

**FRIDAY MORNING'S  
COMMUNITY BANK  
EXCHANGE RATES**  
BUYING: \$1=Y107 SELLING: Y113=\$1



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

The Kadena High School Choir sings the Star Spangled Banner Saturday to start "The Price of Freedom" ceremony in remembrance of the events of Sept. 11, 2001. Col. Brett Baker, 18th Mission Support Group commander, was the guest speaker at the event and the Kadena High School Choir sang a salute to the Armed Forces.

# Kadena remembers 9-11

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

September 11, 2001 is a day few may forget. Last weekend the Kadena community remembered too.

Saturday marked the three-year anniversary of the terrorist tragedy that changed America.

A Saturday morning formation at 18th Wing headquarters, Building 10, consisted of rescue workers -- firefighters, medics, and police officers -- to honor their civilian counterparts who died in the res-

cue effort after the attack on the World Trade Center.

During a speech at the commemoration ceremony, Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander, reminded rescue workers of the events of the day and of how first-responders rushed into two burning towers in New York City, into the Pentagon, and to a field in Pennsylvania.

"In New York they ascended the 110-story twin towers up smoke-filled stairwells to save as many people as they could," he said. Among the 2,800 peo-

ple from more than 115 countries, including Japan, were 23 New York City Police Department officers, 37 Port Authority police officers and from the Fire Department of New York, some 343 firefighters and paramedics.

"At the Pentagon, 125 souls would perish that morning, many of them our brothers- and sisters-in-arms," said General Jouas. Another 246 people, including children, died on the four hijacked passenger planes.

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## A handy situation

Lauryn Daley, 2, daughter of Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason Daley, picks a prize from Ishida Azusa at one of the game booths during AmericaFest, Tuesday. AmericaFest was sponsored by the 18th Wing. Base officials say approximately 15,000 people attended the two-day event.



Air Force/Staff Sgt Chenzira Mallory

## Songda causes \$1M in damage to Kadena

By Senior Airman  
Anna Fitzhorn  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Kadena is still recovering from Typhoon Songda that hit over Labor Day weekend and caused more than \$1 million in damage to the base and island-wide housing.

Capt. Fuller, 18th Civil Engineer Operations Flight commander said that while Typhoon Songda was not the

largest typhoon, or had the highest wind speeds, Songda was the most damaging typhoon Kadena has had since Typhoon Sinlaku in 2002.

"This was the most painful typhoon for families, as about 75 percent of all military family housing on Okinawa lost power anywhere from 18 to 40 hours," said Captain Fuller.

Engineers were out in full force after the storm restoring  
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# Sept. 18 marks 57 years for Air Force

By Gen. Paul Hester  
Pacific Air Forces  
commander

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii - When President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act of 1947, establishing the United States Air Force, it was as much a right of passage as it was the birth of a new and separate service.

The value of independent air power had been trumpeted during the 1920s and 1930s by a small cadre of Army aviation theorists from the old Air Corps Tactical School (ACTS) at Langley Field, Va., and later Maxwell Field, Ala.

They were junior officers with names like Doolittle, Arnold and Chenault, influenced by airpower theorists such as Mitchell, Trenchard and Douhet.

Independent air power was a concept validated by the Royal Air Force during the Battle of Britain in 1940, bolstered by the overwhelming



success of American Airmen during World War II, and finally debated and approved within the national political process in 1947.

So Sept. 18, when the Air Force celebrates a 57-year

legacy, I urge the men and women of Pacific Air Forces to pause for a moment - not only to acknowledge those bold pioneers who established our foundation of independence and excellence, but to also

take pride in the role you play in making today's Air Force second to none!

From our humble beginnings in 1947, the U.S. Air Force has transformed into the world's dominant air and

space power - and PACAF Airmen have led the way.

From our days as the Far East Air Forces, flying the "Hump" over the Himalayas during World War II, to the first jet-age dogfights over "MIG Alley" during the Korean War, to missions over the HoChiMin trail during Vietnam, PACAF Airmen have fought bravely.

Today, PACAF Airmen are deployed around the globe, prepared to give what President Abraham Lincoln once called "the last full measure of devotion" for freedom.

Happy Birthday to each of you—America's Airmen, past and present!

From generation to generation, you have proven that an independent Air Force makes the entire team of America's freedom fighters more lethal, more agile and more effective.

I couldn't be prouder to serve with the men and women of the world's greatest Air Force!

## ACTION LINES

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



Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jousas  
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.

## Can I get new trashcans?

I have been trying to get replacement outdoor trashcans for about two months now and the self-help store hasn't had any nor gotten any in. I was just wondering if the base has considered getting plastic outdoor trashcans similar to that of the old recycling bins (tall with the flip top lids) instead of the metal ones they are currently using. I feel that the Air Force could save a considerable amount of money by using the plastic ones rather than having to constantly replace metal ones because of how fast they rust and get corroded due to the weather here on Okinawa. Several times I have had my trash left in the can because the bag had gotten torn from the rusted out bottom. A simple and possible cost effective way to do this would be to gradually replace the metal ones with the plastic ones when people need to exchange them instead of having to do them all at once. Just a few reasons why plastic would be more helpful is they are much easier

to be kept clean, bags wouldn't be getting torn open because the bottoms of the trash cans aren't rusted out, as well as it would be safer for the people whom collect the trash because they wouldn't risk getting cut on the rusty metal.

Thanks for your letter -- you have a very good idea. I agree with you that plastic trash cans would probably be better than the metal trash cans we currently use, and I've asked our civil engineer environmental team to look into the feasibility of providing plastic containers in our housing areas. If cost and other factors support this switch, we'll phase in the use of these containers when funds become available. Until that time, we've already ordered and paid for metal replacement containers that should arrive in the self-help store by the end of September. Thanks again for bringing this matter to my attention -- I'm impressed by your good citizenship and willingness to help our community!



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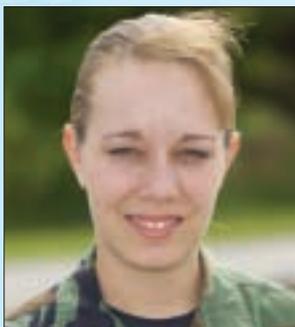
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## SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Senior Airman Constance L. Flores

18th Medical Support Squadron, Diagnostic Imaging Journeyman

Hometown: Las Cruces, N.M.

Reason for nomination: She consistently provides optimum customer service and has received noteworthy comments from numerous customers as to her professionalism.

Time at Kadena: 1 year 11 months

**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 to 25 at the Rocker NCO Club. To schedule an appointment, call 634-1509.

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

**WELCOME ABOARD COFFEE:** Marine and Naval officers' spouses are invited to the Butler Officers Club at 9:30 a.m., Monday, 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 e-mail [jsvro@mcbbutler.usmc.mil](mailto:jsvro@mcbbutler.usmc.mil) or call 645-7481/3963.

**HEALTHCARE TOWN HALL MEETING:** The 18th Medical Group and U.S. Naval Hospital at Camp Lester will host a town

## Vote 2004



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**Master Sgt. Daniel Ortiz, Unit Voting Representative for the 31st Rescue Squadron, helps people register to vote last Thursday at Kadena's Commissary. Voting registration booths were at the post office and the commissary Sept. 7 through 11 as part of Armed Forces Voting week.**

hall meeting Sept. 29 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club in the main ballroom. For more details, contact 2nd Lt. Valerie Jones at 630-4492.

**SCHEDULED POWER OUTAGE:** The Housing Office will have an all-day power outage Oct. 1 and 2. Services will be limited.

**COLLEGE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION:** Seminar programs begin Oct. 1. For details about enrolling, contact Jim Hopkins at [hopkinsjp@mcbbutler.usmc.mil](mailto:hopkinsjp@mcbbutler.usmc.mil) or call 645-2230/2500.

**5K RUN/WALK:** The Joint Services Family Shelter is sponsoring a free run/walk Oct. 2 at the O'Connor Gym. Opening

ceremony begins at 7 a.m., run/walk starts at 8 a.m. Call 634-7221 for registration.

**CAR WASH CLOSURE:** The Kadena car wash will be closed Oct. 4-16 for renovations.

**MUSICIANS NEEDED:** The Pacific Okinawa Players are looking for musicians to play in the pit orchestra for a production of Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. Performances start Oct. 15 at the Foster Performing Arts Center. Please e-mail [POPS\\_PRES@hotmail.com](mailto:POPS_PRES@hotmail.com)

**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](mailto: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 information, call 634-3266.

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

**POSTAL ADVISORY:** Fresh fruits, meat products and pornographic materials, are prohibited items and cannot be mailed through the postal system. For more information, call 634-4240.

# Recycling increases at Kadena, base officials say

By Capt. CK Keegan  
18th Wing Public Affairs

The number of people actively recycling has increased nearly 300 percent in the last three months, according to Katie Ramirez, 718th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental engineer.

Now base officials say they want the base to get to 100 percent so recycling reduces pollution and reduces the waste put into landfills.

"There are only two landfills on the island where we are allowed to put our garbage," she said. "Japanese officials told us that those will fill up in the next two years at the rate we are going."

As landfill space decreases, Kadena has had to pay more for garbage disposal. Just recently, rates rose from 13 yen to 25 yen per kilogram. In 2003, Kadena paid over \$2.6 million for trash disposal. In 2004, the cost will almost double to \$5.7 million.

Instead of contributing to Kadena's landfill costs, Mrs. Ramirez said people can help the center make money through recycling. That money goes to pay the overhead costs of running the recycle center.

If the center makes a profit, the funds go to morale, welfare and recreation activities and pollution prevention initiatives.

According to the recycling Web site, one ton of recycled paper saves enough electricity to heat a home for six months, one glass bottle saves enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for four hours, and one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a television set for three hours.

Unfortunately due to the recycling increase there isn't enough labor or

vehicles to keep up with the increase, she said.

Trucks are unable to complete routes on the designated day, and MCCS, who runs the program, has stopped picking up recyclables at offices to give housing residents priority, she said.

"People are getting frustrated and we are getting a lot of complaints," said Mrs. Ramirez.

Officials at the MCCS recycle center have tried to make recycling as easy as possible for base residents to encourage involvement.

Previously, residents had to separate every different kind of recyclable, including the different plastics.

That's 10 different bags people had to keep track of and now the center requires only six.

"This has put the burden on the people working at the recycle center," said Mrs. Ramirez. "After drivers collect from the routes, it's their job to sort it all."

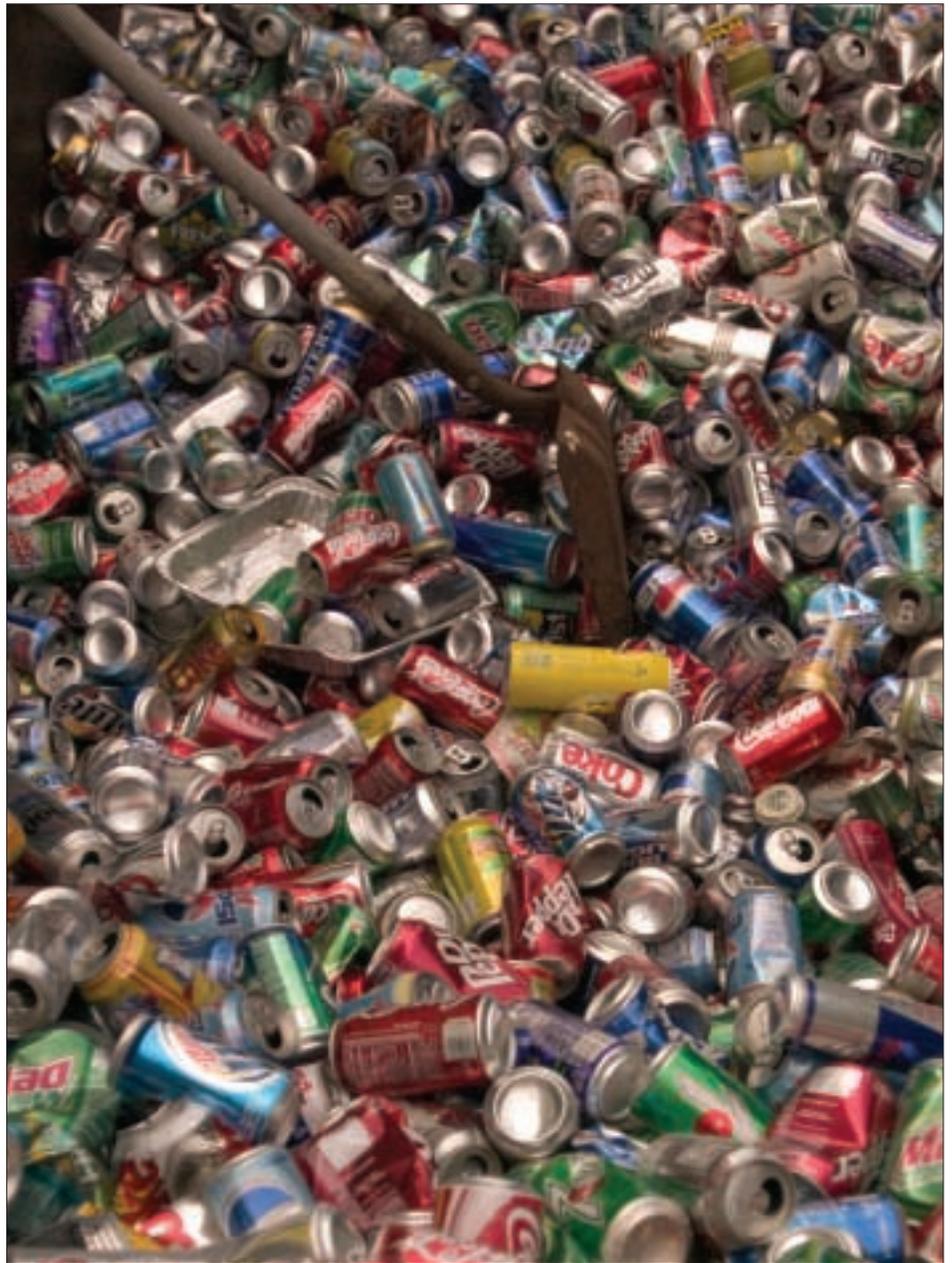
The center is developing ways to expand operations and get collections running smoothly again.

Officials just ask that residents be patient until then and to keep recycling. "We really appreciate that so many people have started to participate, and I want to apologize for the frustration we are causing people," said Mrs. Ramirez.

"Please continue to support the recycling efforts."

Mrs. Ramirez said people don't have to wait for their collection day to recycle. The center on Kadena and Foster both accept recyclables from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, people can call the Kadena recycle center at 634-2833 or the Foster center at 645-



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Instead of contributing to Kadena's landfill costs, Katie Ramirez of the 718th Civil Engineer Squadron, said people can help the center make money through recycling.

# More than 500 Kadena Airmen set to swap dorms

By Senior Airman Anna Fitzhorn  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Nearly 500 Kadena Airmen are required to relocate to different dormitories between now and February 2006, Kadena officials say.

The "integrity move plan" supports a new policy that requires unit (squadron) integrity in the dorms, said Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Bishop, 18th Wing command chief master sergeant.

"That means Airmen from the same squadrons will be living in rooms adjacent to each other," he said.

"Due to an increase in the size of some of the squadrons, we need to move some Airmen to realign our dormitories to meet Commander Pacific Air Forces guidance," he said.

The funding for the move was approved by the 18th Wing at an estimated cost of \$35 per telephone relocation and \$100 for every 800 pounds of household goods per person. "Any time it is a government-directed move, we must pay the cost of the move, so the member doesn't have to bear the burden of it," said Chief Bishop.

Among those who will move, all E-7s residing in dorms 302, 330 and 333 will

move to dorm 325. Dorms 149, 302, 330 and 333 will be designated NCO dorms.

"Our Airmen are extremely professional and they understand the need for the moves," said Chief Bishop. "Furthermore, supervisors understand and support this move and are doing what ever it takes to assist their members."

The 18th Civil Engineer Squadron expects to move 30 Airmen per week from various squadrons according to rooms available.

Airmen on extended temporary duties, leaves and any other remaining Airmen are expected to relocate by February.

"It is highly unlikely we will be asking multiple Airmen from a given shop to move at the same time," said Chief Bishop. "Therefore, it should have minimum mission impact."

Cable and Internet reconnection fees will be waived by the cable contractor for this move.

The fourth quarter dorm competition is postponed due to the moves. However, Chief Bishop said the next quarterly competition will be in November 2004, and he said he looks forward to the continued great competition between all of the dorms.

## New dorm listing

**Dorm 138-** 18th Communications Squadron, 733rd Air Mobility Squadron

**Dorm 176-** 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 961 Airborne Air Control Squadron, AFN

**Dorm 177-** 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 18th Maintenance Operations Squadron, 44th Fighter Squadron, 67th Fighter Squadron, 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

**Dorm 613-** 18th Security Forces Squadron, 18th Wing, 18th Mission Support Squadron, 18th Contracting Squadron, 18th Comptroller Squadron

**Dorm 629-** 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 623rd Air Control Flight, 909th Air Refueling Squadron, 33rd Rescue Squadron, 31st Rescue Squadron

**Dorm 630-** 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 18th Operations Support Squadron

**Dorm 700-** 18th Civil Engineer

Squadron, 718th Civil Engineer Squadron, 390th Intelligence Squadron, 82nd Reconnaissance Squadron, 18th Services Squadron, DET 3

**Dorm 758-** 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, 18th Dental Squadron, 18th Medical Operations Squadron, 18th Medical Support Squadron, Vet Services, 1st Special Operations Squadron, 17th Special Operations Squadron, 353rd Maintenance Squadron, 320th Special Tactics Squadron, 353rd Operations Support Squadron

**Dorm 141-** (convert from E-5 to E-1 to E-4 dorms) 18th Munitions Squadron

**Dorm 145-** (convert from E-5 to E-1 to E-4 dorms) 18th Component Maintenance Squadron

**Dorm 149-** (NCOs) 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 18th Component Maintenance Squadron, 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 18th Security Forces Squadron

## Courts Martial

An airman from the 18th Munitions Squadron was found guilty of drunk driving on base with a breath-alcohol content of .141 percent. This conduct violates Articles 92 and 111 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. This was his second offense with the previous resulting in an Article 15. He was sentenced to eight months confinement, reduction in rank to airman basic, forfeiture of \$795 per month for eight months, and a bad-conduct discharge. The airman basic is currently confined at the Camp Hansen brig.

A staff sergeant from the 82nd Reconnaissance Squadron was convicted of driving his motorcycle off base while drunk, with a blood-alcohol content of .206 percent that caused an accident in which he was injured. This conduct violates Article 111 of the UCMJ. He was sentenced to 30 days confinement at the Camp Hansen brig, reduced in rank to senior airman, and forfeited \$350 per month for two months.

A senior airman from the 353rd Maintenance Squadron was convicted of disrespect to a commissioned officer and thereafter making two false official statements. This conduct violates Articles 89 and 107 of the UCMJ. He was seen by the officer executing an unsafe maneuver on a base road and then refused to inform the officer of his assigned unit. The airman then lied to a senior NCO and his commander about his actions. He was sentenced to 21 days confinement at the Camp Hansen brig, and reduced in rank to airman first class.

An airman first class from the 33rd Rescue Squadron was convicted of committing an indecent sexual act upon an intoxicated and incoherent fellow female airman. This conduct violates Article 134 of the UCMJ. He was reduced to airman basic, fined \$500, and assigned three months extra duty.

An airman from the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron was convicted of driving while intoxicated off base with a breath-alcohol content of .193 percent and impeding an investigation. This conduct violates 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 is currently confined at the Camp Hansen brig.

An airman first class from the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron was convicted of violating an order prohibiting him to go to Gate 2 street area and being drunk and disorderly with a breath-alcohol content of .137 percent. This conduct violates Articles 92 and 134 of the UCMJ. He was sentenced to 18 days confinement at the Camp Hansen brig, 12 days restriction on base following confinement, reduction in rank to airman and forfeiture of \$400.

A senior master sergeant from the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron was convicted of receiving and viewing numerous images of child pornography over an extended period of time that was disclosed by an OSI investigation. This conduct violates Article 134 of the UCMJ. He was sentenced to 21 months confinement, reduction in rank to senior airman and a bad-conduct discharge. The senior airman is currently confined at the Camp Hansen brig.

A staff sergeant from the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron was convicted of driving his mini-bike in base housing while drunk with a breath-alcohol content of .214 percent and without wearing required personal protective equipment. This conduct violates Article 111 of the UCMJ. Previously he received two Articles 15 for drunk and disorderly conduct, being drunk on duty, and for inappropriate behavior with a trainee at his previous assignment. He was sentenced to 21 days confinement, reduction in rank to airman first class and forfeiture of \$500 per month for four months. The airman first class is currently confined at the Camp Hansen brig.

# Kadena implements PACAF Legal Readiness Program

*Submitted by 18th Wing legal office*

Team Kadena recently implemented a new Legal Readiness Program under the direction of the Commander of Pacific Air Forces.

The LRP requires all Airmen to receive an annual "legal checkup" to ensure they are ready to deploy, support the mission and meet other unexpected challenges.

"Our wing must be ready to deploy when our nation calls us to action," said Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander, "and we as individuals must also be ready to deploy. The legal readiness program will help ensure that we are prepared when that day comes."

The LRP responds to command concerns that Airmen are not legally ready to deploy. A January 2003 survey indicated that just 50 percent of Airmen in PACAF had wills or consulted a legal representative about a will. Additionally, the majority of

airmen in PACAF fatalities did not have a will.

Identifying the proper life insurance beneficiaries is another concern. In one case, an Airman unintentionally deprived his loved ones of continuing support. For his entire military career, the Airman sent monthly allotments to his foster parents who raised him. When he died, his insurance benefits-designated as "by law"-were awarded to the mother who had abandoned him, and not to his "real" parents.

The LRP consists of two phases. The first phase requires all Airmen at Kadena to take a web-based survey available at <https://lrp.hickam.af.mil>. Upon completion, the survey tells the Airman whether or not he is "legally ready." If he is legally ready, he will be able to print out a computer-generated certificate to be filed in the Airman's mobility folder. If not, the Airman will be directed to the second phase of the LRP.

During the second phase of

the LRP, those Airmen identified as not legally ready will receive a briefing from the Team Kadena legal office. The briefing will discuss the value and benefits of various legal documents, such as wills, powers-of-attorney, various healthcare documents, and life insurance. After the briefing, the Airman may decline the assistance or obtain further legal assistance to create or update any of these documents. An Airman who declines additional legal assistance will still receive a legal readiness certificate at the end of the briefing. All Team Kadena Airmen must visit the LRP site, <https://lrp.hickam.af.mil> by 30 September 2004. Those Airmen who are not legally ready must then attend a briefing. The briefing schedule will be publicized through the chain of command and specifically the respective Unit Deployment Managers. Questions regarding the LRP can also be directed to the Team Kadena Legal Office at 634-3309.

## In your face!



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

18th Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas tastes some of the pie that was thrown in his face by Airman 1st Class Jon Peters of the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron at the Pie in the Face event held at Rodriguez Park, Sep. 10. The event was a fundraiser for the annual Air Force Ball that is held in celebration of the Air Force's Sep. 18 birthday.



Senior Airman Allen Hager, 18th Component Maintenance Squadron, smacks a pie into the face of Senior Master Sgt. Guy Ragan of the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron, Sept. 10. People at Rodriguez Park made bids to get the chance of "pieing" someone. This year the Air Force celebrates its 57th birthday, and more than \$2,700 was raised to benefit the Air Force Ball scheduled Sep. 25 in the Rocker NCO Club Ballroom.



Okinawa City Higashi Young Men's Eisa Group dance at the 49th annual Eisa Festival held Sunday at the Koza Athletic Field in Okinawa City adjacent to Kadena. Twenty day and Sunday with traditional Okinawan dance and cultural events.



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Groups like the Okinawa City Sonda Young Men's Group used a variety of drums in their performance.



A small number of performers in each group paint their faces to represent a character or to add comic relief to a performance.



# Okinawa's Eisa Festival



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ive groups from throughout the island entertained spectators Satur-



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Women in Eisa troupes typically wear a summer kimono called a Yukata as they perform highly traditional dance maneuvers.



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A typical Eisa troupe has a variety of drums and costumes when performing for large crowds.



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hosts to help keep a group syn-



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Costumes for Eisa performances typically have a unique and similar style for men but also come in a range of colors.



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A member of the Okinawa City Higashi Young Men's Group yells out during a performance with Taiko drums.

# Kadena celebrates Hispanic heritage month

By Senior Airman Talisha Simon  
18th Wing Military Equal Opportunity

Wednesday marked the anniversary of independence for five Hispanic countries - Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, while Mexico and Chile achieved it on the 16th and 18th respectively.

Hispanic Heritage Month is recognized by presidential proclamation and extends annually from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15.

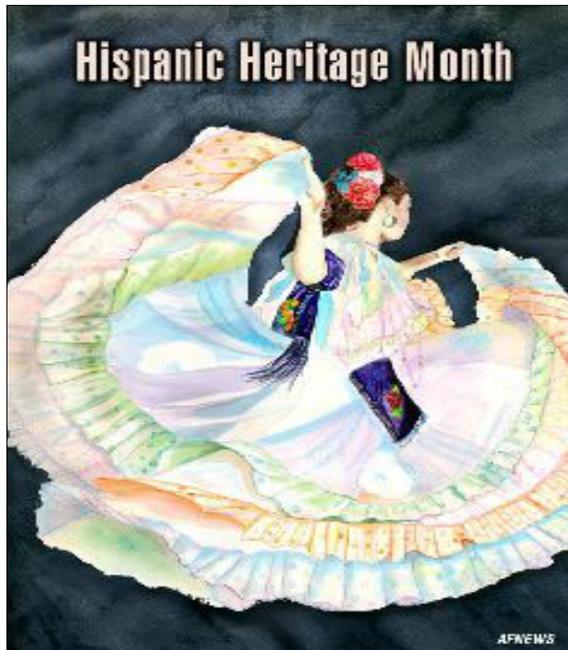
Hispanic Heritage Month provides all Americans an opportunity to commemorate the varied contributions that Hispanics have made to the United States culture. The Hispanic population stands out as one of the strongest culturally influential groups in our nation.

The population of Hispanics in the U.S. currently equals the African American, and is poised to become the single largest ethnic group in the nation. In fact, the number of Hispanics in the United States today is greater than the entire population of Canada and has grown more than 60 percent in the last decade.

Hispanic Americans make up the fifth largest Spanish-speaking community in the world, just behind Mexico, Colombia, Spain and Argentina.

Our nation's military has also been blessed by the bravery and dedication of Hispanic Americans.

The history of military events is replete with stories of courage and heroism, and more than 109,000 Hispanic men and women currently proudly serve



in the enlisted ranks. According to the Pew Research Center, Hispanic Americans make up about 9.5% of all active-duty personnel; they were some of the first troops captured during Desert Storm, and during Operation Iraqi Freedom they were some of the first to give the ultimate sacrifice while participating in combat.

The growth of Hispanic Americans in the United

States has sparked a surge in entrepreneurship and growth in the number of Hispanic-owned companies. Presently there are more than 1.1 million such companies, equal to four times the number that existed two decades ago.

According to the latest census data, Hispanic Americans now own one out of every 20 U.S. companies and nearly 27,000 of these businesses have annual revenues of \$1 million or more, which puts them in the corporate elite. Hispanic Americans are leading the way in our nation's continued success—paving the way culturally, economically and politically.

The significant efforts of Hispanic Americans are evident in all facets of American society, including government, sports, entertainment and economics. The celebration of the Hispanic heritage helps to shed light on the contributions made by Hispanics and Latinos in the development and success of the United States.

During the 2003 National Prayer Breakfast, President George W. Bush stated, "The Hispanic American brings many gifts to this nation - hard work and strong cultural traditions and patriotism."

In celebrating this cultural heritage we also recognize America's cultural diversity and the contributions of all its citizens in making America a nation committed to freedom, equality, and democracy.

Taking time to learn about the significant contributions of a culture different than your own helps to show there is strength in diversity.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola  
Brian Worrell talks with Capt. Mike Conrad, a pilot with the 44th Fighter Squadron, during a tour for spouses Sept. 10.

## SONGDA: \$1M in damage

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outages, damaged transformers, roof leaks, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems failure, and damaged doors in Kadena's facilities and housing units. "There is a lot going on, and we are working very hard to get everything restored," said Captain Fuller.

"CE, working with facility managers, has gotten all facilities powered, cooled, water flowing, and holes and broken windows secured," said Captain Fuller. However, they will be working permanent repairs for at least the next month and beyond for some large air conditioning replacements, said the OPS commander.

To decrease the amount of damages to the base during a typhoon, engineers ask facility managers and coworkers to ensure that their facilities are secured, typhoon checklists completed, and garbage

secured. In addition, housing occupants can help keep themselves and neighbors safer by ensuring trampolines, kid's toys, and all loose material are stowed properly, said Captain Fuller.

"There were several items in housing that broke free, traveled across streets, and damaged cars and homes," he said. "Luckily, no one was injured." CE also asks that Kadena residents remain professional and understanding when calling in damage to CE Customer Service and Housing Service Call. "These CE troops are busy restoring power, not just to you, but to their families too, who are sitting in the dark without their service member," said Captain Fuller. Next time you see a young CE troop or local national technician, pass him your thanks; because no one wants your base restored faster than CE.

## 9-11: Firefighters, medics at Kadena honor those fallen

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"In the world we live in today the word 'hero' is loosely applied...to be a firefighter, a member of our security forces or a medic takes a great deal of courage," said General Jouas.

"That courage is needed still as we continue to fight the Global War on Terrorism -- a war that may seem to have no end, but a war that we can win, we must win, and I believe, a war that we are winning," said General Jouas.

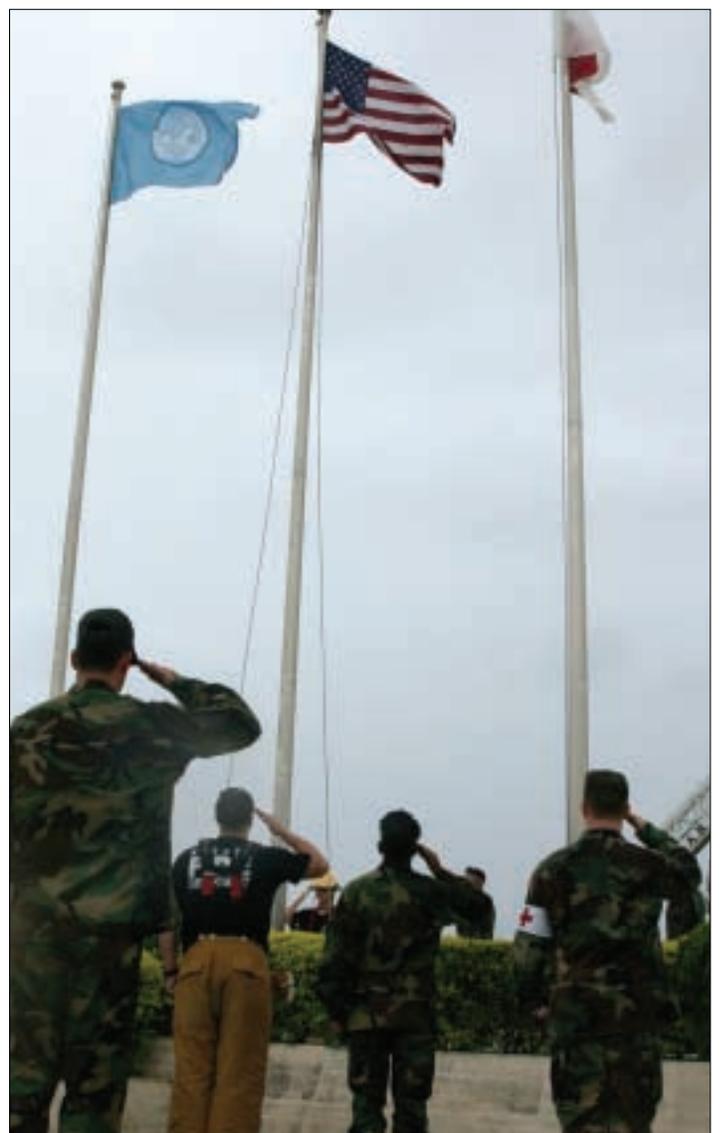
"After 9/11 our focus changed regarding what we have to be prepared for," said Chief Master Sgt. Gene Raush, Kadena fire chief.

"Fiscally you can't be prepared for everything, but you do have to be at the top of your game," he said.

At Kadena High School Saturday, students and the community held a memorial ceremony entitled "The Price of Freedom," that honored the victims who were killed "the day America came under attack."

Leaders and students gave tribute as they rendered songs and inspirational words in remembrance of that day.

They saluted the armed forces, those who served and those who continue to actively defend our freedom today.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola  
Military firefighters, medics and police officers salute at the base flag poles Saturday.

TODAY

**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.

SATURDAY

**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 noon. Call 634-1387 for more information.

**CARD AND COMIC SHOW:** Buy, trade or sell comics, cards and other collectables at the Schilling Community Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free. Call 634-1387 for more information.

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

**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 information.

**EXPLORE THE NORTH TOUR:** For more information call 634-4322.

**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 Super Ladies Night 3rd Anniversary Party. Open to club members only.

**KADENA OFFICERS' CLUB:** Gourmet night in the Flame Room from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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

SUNDAY

**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.

**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.

Bowling them over



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola Ciara Taylor, 8, and her mother Vivian, get an autograph from Randy Pedersen, a U.S. professional bowler at Kadena's Emery Lanes Tuesday. Mr. Pedersen gave a clinic on bowling and showed off a few trick shots to bowling fans. Mr. Pedersen has had more than 64 games bowled with a 300 score and he's also an ESPN Professional Bowling Association tele-cast color analyst.

**TUNNEL RATS TOUR:** For more information call 634-4322.

**VIRTUAL PENTATHLON:** Log on to register for a virtual board game at 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 634-0704.

**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. Old School music from 8 to 11 p.m.

MONDAY

**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.

**JAPANESE CLASS:** Adult conversational class from 7:30 to 9 p.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. A three game limit may apply and a waiting list will be used when the free lanes are busy. Call 634-2290.

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

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

**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

**PWOC BIBLE STUDY KICK-OFF:** 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 for more information.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

**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

**CATFISH FRY:** At the Kadena Officers' Club from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Weekender Lounge. Open to all club card members. Call 634-3663 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. 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.

**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 calligraphy class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

**FREE SALSA LESSONS:** At the Kadena Officers' Club from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Weekender Lounge.

**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. followed by Country night with DJ Chaps from 7 p.m. until closing.

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

SEPT. 24

**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.

**URASHIMA DINNER THEATER TOUR:** 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.

**SUPER LADIES NIGHT:** From 8 p.m. until close at the Banyan Tree Club.

**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.

**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.

SEPT. 25

**THIRD ANNUAL DUATHLON:** Join the Risner Fitness Center in a 5K run and 25K Bike Ride at the Risner Fitness Center at 7 a.m. Registration will begin at 6 a.m. and 1st, 2nd, 3rd place prizes will be awarded. Call 634-5128 for more details.

**AIR FORCE BALL:** At the Rocker NCO club. See your Squadron/ Unit Rep for details.

**TEEN ALTERNATIVE 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 for more information.

**DISCOVER OKINAWA FIELD TRIP:** Children 9-12 years can travel with the Kadena Youth Center to Okuma for a day of fun in the sun. Call 634-0500.

**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 information.

**BEACH AND UNDERWATER CLEAN UP:** Help the ocean remain trash-free at the Sunabe Sea Wall and Kadena Steps at 9 a.m. and the tank is free for this dive. Register at the Kadena Marina Scuba locker. Call 634-6541 or 634-6344 for more information.

CHAPEL

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, Bldg. 327, 6:30 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, 8:45 a.m., 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

MOVIES

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

Keystone Theater

- ▲ Today: A Cinderella Story, PG, 6 p.m. Without a Paddle, PG-13, 9 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday: Catwoman, PG-13, noon Without a Paddle, PG-13, 4 p.m. A Cinderella Story, PG, 7 p.m. Without a Paddle, PG-13, noon A Cinderella Story, PG, 4 p.m. Catwoman, PG-13, 6 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday: A Cinderella Story, PG, 7 p.m. Catwoman, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Monday: A Cinderella Story, PG, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Tuesday: Catwoman, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Wednesday: A Cinderella Story, PG, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday: Anacondas, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Butler Theater

- ▲ Today: King Arthur, PG-13, 7 p.m. Anacondas, PG-13, 10 p.m. King Arthur, PG-13, 1 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday: King Arthur, PG-13, 4 p.m. Anacondas, PG-13, 7 p.m. King Arthur, PG-13, 10 p.m. Anacondas, PG-13, 1 p.m. Anchorman, PG-13, 7 p.m. Anacondas, PG-13, 4 p.m. Anchorman, PG-13, 7 p.m. Anacondas, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Monday: King Arthur, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Tuesday: King Arthur, PG-13, 7 p.m. Collateral, NR, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Wednesday: King Arthur, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday: Paparazzi, PG-13, 7 p.m.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

Two of the 21 men's teams -- Guam and Sasebo -- had to dropout of the tournament after Typhoon Songda postponed the Kadena Klassic over two weekends.

## Yellow Box stomps Marines to win Kadena Klassic

### Outkast women conquer Kadena Falcons 16-6 in typhoon-delayed tournament

By Master Sgt.  
Adam Johnston  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Three innings of softball was all it took Yellow Box as it grounded the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing team 17-1 to wrap up the men's championship game in the Kadena Klassic Sunday.

Outkast pounded the Kadena women's team 16-6 to win the women's championship game in the tournament.

Both championship winning teams are open teams.

Tournament MVP Jeff Cross nailed the game ending home run for Yellow Box.

Women's MVP Stacy Collins of Outkast also led her team to a 16-6 downing of the Kadena Falcons.

"Overall it was a great tournament," said Dex High, tournament director and left fielder for Yellow Box.

According to Dawn Pierce, Risner Fitness Center director, the tournament -- one of four major tournaments in the Pacific -- originally had 21 men's and six women's teams scheduled to play.

When the tournament was called off because of a typhoon, both off-island teams had to call it quits and get back home.

The tournament, originally scheduled Sept. 3 through 5, was postponed Sept. 4 because of Typhoon Songda. The tournament resumed last weekend.

"Even though the weather tried to stop us from getting games in, we worked night and day to get the fields together and for the games to start on time," said High.

But a typhoon wasn't the only factor that almost canned the Kadena Klassic this year.

According to Pierce the tournament almost didn't occur.

"The tournament almost didn't happen due to low manning because of Air and Space Expeditionary Force deployments," she said Wednesday.

A friend called High and said the tournament needed help if it was going to happen at all.

High raised his hand to help and that action turned

into a full blown spot as the tournament's director. "I'm normally used to just going out and playing...I think I'll stick to the playing part."

The Kadena Klassic is one of four major tournaments for serious softball players in the Pacific. The other three are -- the Pacific-wide Invitational at Yongsan Army Garrison in Seoul, the Firecracker Shootout at Camp Foster, the Kadena Klassic and the Typhoon Classic at Torii Station.

High predicted his teammates on Yellow Box would win the upcoming Typhoon Classic to sweep three of the four softball tournaments this year.

"Right now we are by far the best team on island if not in the Pacific," he said.

Last year Pacific Force won the Klassic but this year Yellow Box seems to be on a hot streak.

Although it lost the Pacific-wide Invitational to the International Guzzlers, the team has chocked up wins at the Firecracker Shootout and Kadena Klassic and hopes to three-peat at Torii.

### Kicking back at the club

Saturday Night fans of K-1 and Ultimate fighting were treated to six matches at the Rocker NCO Club's "King of Fights IX". Special Guest, Chuck "The Iceman" Liddell, worlds number one Light Heavyweight, was on hand for photos and to sign autographs before the fights.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola