

## 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	
909th 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	

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## WEEKEND WEATHER



**TODAY:** Mostly cloudy  
NE winds @ 10-15 knots  
High: 84 Low: 73



**SATURDAY:** Mostly cloudy  
with rain showers  
NE winds @ 15 knots  
High: 82 Low: 75



**SUNDAY:** Cloudy with isolated  
rain showers  
S winds @ 12-15 knots

**FRIDAY MORNING'S  
COMMUNITY BANK  
EXCHANGE RATES**  
BUYING: \$1=\$107 SELLING: ¥112=\$1

# Kadena opens gates to community

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

About 15,000 people attended AmericaFest Sept. 14-15 to see static displays of aircraft, listen to live music, watch fireworks and spend time with family.

"My three boys had a blast," said Lisa Hunt. "They loved Kiddie Land with all the bouncy toys and the big slide. My youngest liked the static displays, and thought the airplanes were 'cool'."

Lt. Col. Dennis Delaney, AmericaFest coordinator, said the committee did an outstanding job putting the event together, and that it went off exactly as planned with very few problems.

"The work of the committee was fantastic, especially in light of the Thunderbird cancellation," said Colonel Delaney, speaking about the announcement that occurred just 11 days prior to the event. "The committee took all the changes to our initial operational plan in stride to provide an outstanding event that strengthened Air Force ties with Okinawa and provided fantastic entertainment to the Okinawan community."

"It was a massive effort, not only from transportation, but of transformation of an aircraft ramp into open house grounds with info booths, food booths and static displays," said Cletus Beard, assistant AmericaFest Director.

This is the first year Kadena has opened its gates since the 9-11 terrorist attacks and heightened security required alternate methods for transporting visitors to the flight line.

The transportation office worked up a plan for an internal bus route for base-access people and bused Okinawans from an airfield in nearby Yomitan.

"I have had many reports that [the transportation] was simple to use, very comfortable, and highly effective. Most individuals would prefer driving themselves to the event, but the lack of space and operational considerations did not allow this to happen," said Colonel Delaney. "Our contracting and logistics team members managed and orchestrated the use of the buses flawlessly with great support from the local bus companies and their employees."

Colonel Delaney said there are always lessons learned with an event like this, but overall, the base provided a special day for families and he didn't think it could have gone any smoother.



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister

18-month-old Sarah Alexander scoops a duck from the pond with help from her mother, Rebecca. In addition to aircraft displays, kids enjoyed games such as ring toss and balloon darts during AmericaFest 2004.

## Assessment sparks changes

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

Kadena members and spouses will soon take part in research that will forever impact the Air Force community.

The Kadena Community Assessment Survey, administered by the Integrated Delivery System (IDS) Working Group, will be given to random service members and spouses as a preliminary effort toward determining needs for enhancing the quality of life here.

A wide variety of social issues affect the balance that leaders strive to maintain daily in the Kadena community. Those issues vary among domestic violence, child neglect, childcare, healthcare, and unemployment to name a few. Installation leaders, as well as Air Force leaders, will use the results of the survey to best target resources to alleviate issues that negatively impact Kadena

Air Base.

Airmen and their spouses will be randomly selected to participate in the study. A notification letter that includes a link to the Web-based survey will be sent out to the work e-mail address of each Airman selected to participate.

"Participation is crucial to the success of the project; selected service members are strongly urged to take part," said Major Julian McLeod, 18th Aerospace Medical Squadron base IDS chairman.

"The Kadena Community Assessment Survey is a top priority," said Major McLeod. "It is the best way for us to listen to service members and then provide services to help them meet their needs and the needs of their families. It allows them to express their opinions anonymously so participants can respond openly and honestly to issues that affect them every day."

In past assessments, survey

responses have directly impacted available family services and related support activities at Kadena and Air Force-wide.

New and improved programs offered on Kadena by the Family Support Center, Life Skills Support Center, the Childcare Development Center and other community service-oriented agencies become available as result of CAS responses.

"This survey provides our people a superb opportunity to improve our military community at a personal level," said Col. Richard Zink, 18th Wing vice commander. "We ask those who receive it to please respond thoughtfully, honestly and as quickly as possible so we can make smart adjustments to quality of life here at Kadena."

If you have any questions regarding the Kadena Community Assessment, please contact Major Julian McLeod, your local IDS Chairman at 634-5013.

## Gate meeting Community invited

Col. Brent Baker, 18th Mission Support Group commander and Col. Juan Ibanez, 18th Civil Engineer Group commander, will hold a meeting open to the Kadena community at the Keystone Theater at 3 p.m. Sep. 29. The purpose of the meeting is to provide upcoming gate closures and alternative base access routes.

Wing leaders and project officials expect that the gate construction project will highly impact traffic and personnel seeking to gain access to base during the various phases of construction.

Beginning October 2004 and lasting through February 2006 there will be scheduled construction at various gates at Kadena.

Gate 2 is the first scheduled gate closure for this phase of construction, and is scheduled to be closed Oct. 1 through Aug. 2005.



# Drinking, Driving and potential Discharge

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

Last week I met with Team Kadena's commanders and first sergeants and discussed a problem that has become epidemic at Kadena -- drunk driving.

In the past month alone we have had 11 DWI incidents. In 2004, we are headed for an all-time high, with 64 DWIs to date. It's nothing less than miraculous that no one has been seriously hurt or killed yet - but that kind of luck will eventually run out, with unfortunate and disastrous consequences.

If you're a member of Team Kadena, you may have noticed that the potential penalty for DWI can be very severe.

In the past few months, several Airmen were court-martialed following their apprehension for drunk driving. While some may view this as harsh punishment, it doesn't begin to compare to the impact one drunk driver can have on a family, a squadron, or our community.

Every DWI is another link in the chain of events leading to the inevitable accident that will claim the life of someone we know. We **must** and **will**

take every step necessary - **including potential discharge from the Air Force** - to break the chain that leads to a drunk driving fatality.

Let me be clear: the intent of our anti-DWI program isn't to punish offenders - the intent is to deter anyone from getting behind the wheel of a car when they're drunk. The intent is to stop the crime before it's committed - before someone is killed.

Fortunately, 99% of Team Kadena never gets behind the wheel if they're intoxicated, nor do they let anyone else endanger themselves or others by driving after drinking.

For that I **thank you** - for being responsible drivers, and for looking out for one another - that's what true teammates and friends do for each other. Our roads, our families, our fellow Airmen and our neighbors are all safer because of you.

I ask for your help in creating a culture at Kadena where **NO ONE** would ever consider drinking and driving, no more than they would consider committing any other crime.

And let there be no question that DWI is a crime - not a mistake. Criminals are apprehended, punished and lose their privilege to drive. Criminals drink and drive.

For the 1% of the Kadena populace that just doesn't get it yet - you will. If you drive while intoxicated it's just a matter of time until the local police, our security forces, or the grim reaper catches you.

I can assure you that those who insist on endangering themselves, our Kadena teammates, our families, and our neighbors off base by their reckless behavior will wish they had been a designated driver - not a drunk driver.

My thanks again to all of you who drink responsibly - to those who make a plan, and know how they're going to get home safely at the end of the evening. When you use a designated driver, a taxi, or our Airmen Against Drunk Driving program, you're making the **smart** decision.

You can relax and enjoy your night out, knowing you won't have to worry about getting pulled over, being apprehended, or worse yet, becoming or causing a drunk driving fatality.

We can succeed in eliminating this DWI epidemic by following a simple rule: **DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE, AND DON'T LET OTHERS DRINK AND DRIVE - EVER.** It's a rule we can all live with.

## ACTION LINES

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



Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas

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.

## Big Bikes For Skilled Riders

As someone who recently arrived at Kadena I have a question regarding the "no more than 600cc" rule for motorcycles. I understand the intent on this, as someone who is new to riding may not be able handle some of the more powerful sport bikes. However, I do think that the meaning of the rule does not accomplish its intent.

As an example, I could go out today and buy a 600cc ninja (or a similar sport bike) and be safely within the confines of the regulation. That having been said, I cannot go purchase an 883cc sportster as the engine is too large. When compared together it is easy to see that the sport bike is made for speed and essentially will get me from "0 to death in 60 seconds," and in the hands of a novice is just as likely to get a new rider into trouble as a 1000cc sport bike.

The cruiser (883) on the other hand is made for a slower pace, is more stable, and easier to handle. For a novice, that is especially true.

One other thing is I could get a 50cc scooter and in a year upgrade to a 1000cc sport bike. I may be wrong on this, as I haven't ever owned a scooter, but I don't think that it would prepare me for that kind of bike. My ques-

tion is, would it be possible to rescind the "no more than 600cc" rule?

The 18th Wing policy on motorcycle engine restriction (600cc for 4-stroke and 200cc for 2-stroke) for inexperienced riders was implemented because of the number of riders hurting themselves in single vehicle mishaps on large motorcycles. The causal factors in many of these mishaps are lack of experience and speeding; consequently, we decided to limit the engine size of motorcycles for those personnel just learning to operate a motorcycle. Furthermore, HQ PACAF recently implemented this policy as a command-wide requirement.

Since implementation of the policy, we have not had a reportable mishap involving an inexperienced operator. Inexperienced riders must attend the two-day Basic Rider Course and have their operators permit stamped with the motorcycle size restriction. After one year, riders may take the one-day Experienced Rider Course with a larger motorcycle to remove the motorcycle size restriction.

By the way, I own a Honda Shadow, 800cc, and fully support this policy. I've seen too many young, inexperienced riders get injured or killed over the years on motorcycles that were just too big or fast for them.



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## SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Airman 1st Class Jessica Sara Wright  
623rd Air Control Flight, aircraft ground controller and assistant resource advisor  
Hometown: Citrus Heights, Ca.

Reason for nomination: Airman 1st Class Wright performs well above her peers! She assisted in executing a \$150 million flying hour program and the \$4 million 18th Operations Group budget. In addition, we count on her to train and assist unit resource advisors in solving funds issues within their squadrons. She simply stands out because few in her peer group have the knowledge or the opportunity to fill such a demanding role.

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.

**HOMETOWN NEWS HOLIDAY GREETINGS:** Send video greetings to family and friends in the U.S. until 4 p.m. today and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Rocker NCO Club. Military members must be in uniform. Bring names and addresses of family back home.

**BLOOD DRIVES:** Veterans of Foreign Wars will host a blood drive Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United Service Organizations. For more information contact Tracy Parmer at 643-7710.

18th Maintenance Operations Squadron will host a blood drive Wednesday from 8 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 775. For more information contact Tracy Parmer at 643-7710.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Kadena Top III will host a golf tournament Oct. 1 at the Kadena golf course. For more details or to register, call or e-mail Master Sgt. Travis Williams at 634-4321, Master Sgt. Curtis Williams at 634-9402, or Master Sgt. Valeria Richardson at 634-3865.

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

**5K RUN/WALK:** In observance of Domestic

## Sharing excellence with the boss



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

**Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander, tells Airmen at the Airmen Committed to Excellence meeting, "You are willing to get involved, willing to be active, and willing to make a difference--because of you Kadena is a better place for all of us." ACE meets every second Wednesday of the month at the Banyan Tree Club.**

Violence Awareness Month, 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.

**TELEPHONE OFFICE CLOSURE:** Kadena's Telephone Customer Service, Telephone Trouble Reporting, and Communica-

tions Cable Digging Permit offices located in Bldg. 400 and 3136 will close at 10 a.m. Oct. 1. Normal operating hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more details, call 634-1005.

**WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD:** Family Support Welcome Center in Hershey Temporary Lodging facility is open every Monday and Wednesday from 9

to 11 a.m. For more details, call 634-3366.

**SCHEDULED POWER OUTAGE:** The Housing Office will be open but services will be limited during an all-day power outage Oct. 1 and 2. The office will close at 1 p.m. on Oct. 1.

**BASE EDUCATION AND TRAINING SERVICES:** All active-duty Airmen desiring tuition assistance are required to present an individual degree plan on a floppy disk before Oct. 12. For more information, call 634-1500.

**YOUTH SWIM TEAM:** Tryouts for the Okinawa Dolphins Youth Swim Team will be held the week of Oct. 4 from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. at the Foster 25-meter pool. For more information, call 645-2787.

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

**THREE-BEDROOM POLICY:** E-6 new arrivals and applicants must meet eligibility requirements to receive a minimum of three-bedroom housing due to ongoing renovations. Individuals currently on the list will be grandfathered. For more information, call 634-0582/83.

# POW shares memories during ceremony

By Maj. Michael Paoli  
18th Wing Public Affairs

At noon on July 27, 1965, 34-year-old Capt. Robert Purcell was leaving Mass at Korat Air Base, Thailand. By 2:30 p.m. he was the 17th American taken captive by the North Vietnamese Army. His F-105 Thunderchief lay smashed in pieces 30 miles west of Hanoi, after seeing him through 24 combat missions.

Retired Col. Purcell would remain a captive for another seven years and seven months. He would know the pain of "unimaginable torture," according to Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander. So would then-Lt. Col. James "Robbie" Risner, who also flew with the 18th Tactical Fighter Wing; he was shot down two months later and held for seven years and five months.

They both knew Maj. Larry Knight, shot down in October 1966, but they would never see him among the prison cells. Major Knight remains listed as "missing in action."

In an early morning National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony Sep. 17 before the flagpoles at 18th Wing Headquarters, Colonel Purcell stood nearby as General Jouas called attention to these Airmen.

The 18th TFW Airmen share history with 103 other

18th Fighter-Bomber Wing and 18th TFW Airmen held captive or, in the case of five, still listed as missing from the Korean and Vietnam Wars. They are among more than 227,000 Americans who have been held captive or declared 'missing in action' since the beginning of World War II.

Following the general's remarks, members of all services--overflowing from bleachers set up for the event--stood at attention during a wreath presentation and 21-gun-salute. Staff Sgt. Tina Davis, from the 18th Medical Support Squadron, then played the mournful notes of Taps on a silver trumpet that glistened in the morning light.

On the last note, four F-15 Eagles from the 44th Fighter Squadron executed the missing man formation- the four fighters streaked overhead, and, as they passed over the ceremony area, a lone Eagle raised its nose and climbed into the clouds. The remaining aircraft continued on without their wingman.

During a breakfast sponsored by Kadena's Air Force Sergeants Association following the ceremony, Colonel Purcell recalled how, while weighing only 100 pounds, he would slip through a narrow hole in the ceiling of his cell to feed other



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

Staff Sgt. Ray Bradshaw presents a POW/MIA flag to Col. Robert Purcell (ret.) at the POW/MIA breakfast at the Rocker NCO Club. More than 93,000 Americans remain listed as missing in action since the start of World War II--a war that holds great historical significance for Okinawa. General Jouas referred to the land beneath his feet Sep. 17 as "hallowed grounds...land for which Americans fought and died." Staff Sgt. Bradshaw is assigned to the 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and is a member of the Kadena Honor Guard.

prisoners suffering from half-rations or none at all.

"We knew the words for doctor and water, and if you were lucky, the guards understood you 50 percent of the time," Colonel Purcell told the crowd of more than 700 servicemembers.

The mood lifted from somber to lively as Colonel Purcell

quickly slipped from one humorous remark to another, reflecting on the lighter moments of his past. Toward the end of his comments, however, he brought the room back to the hard underpinnings of POW/MIA Day.

"I owe a dept of gratitude to those guys in prison who were

tortured to death," said the colonel, highlighting the camaraderie that helped keep many others alive.

During concluding remarks, General Jouas faced Colonel Purcell, and, before rendering a hand salute, said, "You have suffered for our country, and you came back--welcome home."

## Alaska's 3rd Wing deploys to Kadena

By Senior Airman Anna Fitzhorn  
18th Wing Public Affairs

The 12th Fighter Squadron, based out of Kadena from 1980 until 2000, came back home in August, well, temporarily.

Some 262 Airmen, one dozen F-15s, and equipment from the 12th FS, now stationed out of Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, are deployed to Kadena until the end of January.

Lt. Col. Ross Woodley, 12th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron commander, said his unit has folks working in all areas of the base. "We deployed here with enough manning to conduct robust flying operations, as such we have numerous personnel spread out in various parts of the base," he said. "We also have people working in the ammo dump, back shops, operational shops and phase docks."

While at Kadena, the 3rd Wing Airmen enhance regional security and stability by maintaining a visible and effective deterrent force posture.

"Our mission is to deploy in support of a Theater Security Plan, which is designed to show our support to our regional allies -- Japan being one," said Lt. Col. Woodley.

"We have been well received

here," said Colonel Woodley in reference to the support the squadron has received at Kadena. "We have gotten everything we asked for so far and we're getting settled in," he said.

Airman 1st Class Krystal Hancock, 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, said she loves it here, even though it is incredibly hot and humid. But the newlywed is ready to get back to her husband in Alaska, though she isn't ready to get back to the snow. "I like Kadena and my husband is jealous that I'm here," she said with a smile.

While permanently stationed at Kadena from 1980-2000, the 12th FS participated in over 50 deployments around the world in support of combat training and operations.

In April 2000, the squadron was transferred to Elmendorf because of internal Air Force downsizing and force restructuring.

Colonel Woodley said he looks



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

Senior Airman Kenneth Granville does a preflight check on an F-15 on the Kadena flight line, Monday. Both the aircraft and Granville are deployed here from Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. Granville is part the 3rd Wing's 3rd Maintenance Operations Squadron and the F-15 belongs to the 12th Fighter Squadron.

forward to spending the winter at Kadena so the squadron will be able to get the flying hours they require, which can be difficult to get in the winter months in Alaska. "Because we will be here over winter, we will be able to get everyone

trained and ready, when typically we wouldn't be able to do that in Alaska because of the weather," said Lt. Col. Woodley. He also said the squadron is trying to get a tan before they head home to wintry Alaska.

# Shoplifters Beware... "It's not worth it"

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

"Shoplifters beware." If you are planning a five-finger discount at the local exchange, Army Air Force Exchange Service loss prevention officials warn it could be an attempt that could cost you your future or career and impact the entire military community in morale, welfare and recreation dividends.

The summer months showed an increase in base larcenies here, and shoplifting statistics ranked high in types of larcenies reported. The Kadena base exchange was one of the primary targets for reported shoplifting cases.

Potential perpetrators should be warned that AAFES' loss prevention program is effective in the apprehension of shoplifters and the recovery of stolen merchandise. With top-quality surveillance cameras and covert loss prevention operators wandering throughout the store, a person's chances of getting off the premises with stolen merchandise are greatly reduced.

All main base exchanges, various shoppettes and class six stores on Okinawa are equipped with electronic video surveillance systems. "Loss Prevention Operators work with technology that is capable of zooming in on a dollar bill at a cash register and easily reading off the serial numbers," said George Shaffer, AAFES Area Loss Prevention Manager for Okinawa and Japan. The monitoring system also allows an operator to locate a potential shoplifter (based on their actions) and follow that person throughout the facility.

If would-be shoplifters are not convinced by the technology that AAFES uses, the loss prevention program also employs undercover (loss prevention)

detectives that complement the "sophisticated, top-quality" electronic video surveillance system, said Mr. Shaffer.

"The detectives walk throughout the store constantly seeking out possible shoplifters. Shoplifters could be standing right beside a detective and not have a clue of what's going on. Detectives pose as everyday customers, that may be right next to you at any given day and any given time," said Mr. Shaffer.

Additionally, AAFES implemented the civil recovery program to help recover the administrative costs of running the loss prevention program.

Mr. Shaffer said when a person passes the 'last point of final sell' -- leaves the store without paying -- they are detained and turned over to security forces for processing. Shortly after the incident the sponsor will receive a Civil Recovery Demand letter, charging them a \$200 fee plus the cost of the merchandise if the merchandise is non-merchantable. For example, if a customer, regardless of age, opens up pack of sports cards that sell for \$3, and decides to take their favorite player, the cost of the cards will be added into the demand letter. So, that \$3 pack of cards will now cost you \$203.

"Save the excuses for security forces, because the loss prevention operators do not determine guilt, they only detain you until security forces arrives." Mr. Shaffer said he has been involved in numerous shoplifting detainings and has heard the gamut of excuses as to why people shoplift.

"People shoplift for many reasons," said Mr. Shaffer. "To support drug habits, to refund or sell merchandise for cash. Kids do it for reasons of peer pressure, and occasionally we have people who shoplift because they have a sickness."



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

AAFES keeps an eye on everything in the Kadena base exchange with several cameras installed throughout the facility. Operators have the ability to control the cameras and zoom in enough to read the serial numbers on a dollar bill.

Even the thieves who have gotten away, especially those who steal to get cash, will eventually be caught. The LP department has the technology designed to guard against the many scams that shoplifters attempt to game the system for dollars. AAFES has fraud-watch programs capable of tracking details that show specific trends of abnormal activity such as tracking how many returns a specific person makes and the dollar amounts returned or refunded. LP operators can then focus on that specific person's activities while in the BX.

The efforts and success of the Okinawa regional loss prevention department are closely related to AAFES' ability to offer the Kadena community the lowest possible prices, and to donate funds toward base MWR programs.

AAFES is mandated by the Department of Defense to generate revenue to support the services' programs.

AAFES paid \$229 million in MWR dividends in Fiscal Year 2003. "So when customers buy that new DVD player or the newest styles in clothing, they are contributing to the base bowling alley and after school programs for their kids, and fun trips for families and single service members," said Keith Boettiger, region loss prevention manager, AAFES Pacific.

Every time someone shoplifts from AAFES, they not only are taking money from the MWR dividends, they are responsible for merchandise increases needed to make up for the cost of the stolen items. "It's a momentary action that has infinite repercussions," said Boettiger.

# Sergeant lives 'high life' on KC-135

By Senior Airman  
Anna Fitzhorn  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Laying down on the job is generally frowned upon in most work forces, but for one staff sergeant here, it's standard procedure. But what's also different about Staff Sgt. Chris Maleski's line of work is that he normally does his laying down on the job at an altitude of 10,000 feet or higher. "I love this job," said Sergeant Maleski, a boom operator with the 909th Air Refueling Squadron.

For nearly eight years, the 29-year-old Airman has been refueling jets as part of what some might consider an unusual job. While he acknowledges that the job can be stressful at times, he also says his trade is one of the best enlisted jobs in the Air Force. "I've been able to travel to Germany, Alaska, Singapore, and fly over the Rocky

Mountains, which are beautiful at that altitude," he said.

The 909th ARS is the only active-duty KC-135 air refueling squadron in U.S. Pacific Command, according to 1st Lt. David Dameron, co-pilot.

"Our mission is to provide the ability to keep our air assets airborne for extended periods of time to accomplish the mission," said Sergeant Maleski. "We refuel any U.S. military aircraft as well as [Japanese Air Self Defense Force] F-15 fighters."

Sergeant Maleski generally flies two to three missions per week as his unit supports jets all over the Pacific. His unit averages nine sorties a day.

"We assist in training missions, reconnaissance missions and aeromedical evacuations," said Lieutenant Dameron, whose job daily defies the guidance that operating aircraft in close proximity can be dangerous.



Air Force/Master Sgt. Val Gempis

Staff Sgt. Chris Maleski, a boom operator with the 909th Air Refueling Squadron, lays in his "boom pod" at 10,000 feet and watches intently as he guides an air refueling boom into the receptacle on a MC-130E Combat Talon I from the 1st Special Operations Squadron.



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Chenzira M

Seven-year-old Baylee Bartgis, daughter of Capt. Bryen Bartgis, 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, scales a rock climbing stunt during AmericaFest, Sept. 14 at Kadena.



Air Force/Airman Gary Edwards

Japanese and American food was available at the two-day event. Okinawa is known for its ability to mix and adapt to other cultures particularly in its food.



Air Force/Staff Sgt. C.E. I

Approximately 15,000 American and Japanese spectators toured static displays and watched various stage performances during the two-day event that celebrated American culture and Kadena's mission.



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAllister

A Japan Air Self Defense Force F-4 Phantom honoring the 50th anniversary of the service was one of several aircraft on display at Kadena's flightline during AmericaFest.



Air Force/Staff Sgt. C.E. Lewis

Spectators line up to view the inside of a Kadena E-3 Sentry at the festival to get a close-up view of the mission of the 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron.



Air Force/Airman Gary Edwards

A festivalgoer gets a prize during a game at AmericaFest. Several game booths were setup as part of a variety of entertainment venues.



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAllister

Kindal Lindsey sits inside the crew compartment of a rescue helicopter at Americafest 2004.



Air Force/Master Sgt. Val Gempis  
**Staff Sergeants Ehren Wahl (left) and Wesley Brown, communications navigation mission systems specialists with the 353rd Maintenance Squadron at Kadena, adjust an APN-59 antenna. The 353rd Maintenance Squadron provides maintenance for all MC-130 assigned to the 353rd Special Operations Group.**

## Maintainers team up on tiny troubles

By Master Sgt Michael Farris  
 353rd Special Operations  
 Group Public Affairs

Ehren Wahl and Wesley Brown are both staff sergeants, they're assigned to the 353rd Maintenance Squadron, and they've each spent most of their careers on this tiny island in southern Japan.

That's where the similarities end.

Sergeant Wahl is an outspoken, 24-year-old New Yorker who prefers baggy pants and sneakers. Sergeant Brown, a 25-year-old West Coast type, is decidedly blue jeans and cowboy boots.

Oddly, it's their differences rather than their similarities that allow them to work together in sorting out bugs in some of the Air Force's most complex communications and navigation equipment.

Sergeants Wahl and Brown are back shop specialists who turn broken parts into the eyes and ears of Kadena's Combat Talon and Combat Shadow fleet, highly modified MC-130s assigned to the 353rd Special Operations Group.

"When an infrared receiver comes in," Sergeant Brown said, "Ehren typically examines the origin of the problem. I tend to start at the opposite end of the mechanical chain and examine the processes leading up to the problem."

Together, the technician tandem tackles the problem much faster than they if they worked independently. It helps that they're fast friends.

The communications navigation mission systems section maintains more than \$10 million worth of support equipment that turns night into day and allows the Air Commando crews to see their way through darkness and foul weather.

"Without all this equipment, those high-tech Chariots of War are just Cessnas," said Master Sgt. Thad LaTour. "The job can be technically challenging and troubleshooting tends to eat up the hours."

LaTour's seven troops work in the back shops while other "comm nav" troops work on the airplane removing and installing the "eyes and ears."

"We all carry the same Air Force specialty code, just different flavors," LaTour said.



Air Force/Master Sgt. Val Gempis  
**Staff Sgt. Ehren Wahl, a communications navigation mission systems technician from the 353rd Maintenance Squadron, uses a screw driver to repair an MC-130 infrared receiver during an inspection here.**

Sergeant Brown said working on the 100-pound, beach ball-sized infrared receivers can be intimidating at first.

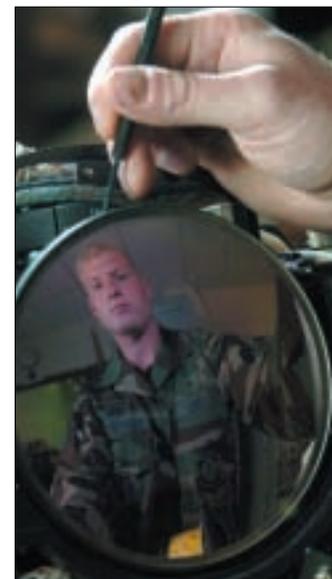
"The impact of a mistake can be huge," he said. "And the work can be tedious at times. Occasionally we tweak electronic components with tolerances as slight as plus or minus .001 millivolts. We have to be very careful."

Working out a stubborn bug or tracking down a defiant short rarely ruffles the feathers of these pros. But a bird of a different feather once threw

them a curve.

"About a year ago one of the planes had a bird strike," Sergeant Wahl explained. "The bird smashed right through the infrared window and pretty much disintegrated. We had to clean out all the shattered shards of glass and completely realign the unit."

Troubleshooting the highly complex radars and communications equipment can be challenging for the communications navigation mission systems section, but that's



Air Force/Master Sgt. Val Gempis  
**Sergeant Wahl's face is reflected on an MC-130 infrared receiver lens during an inspection.**

only part of the burden. They also maintain test benches used to fine tune and troubleshoot the sensors.

"It's often more difficult to get parts for the test equipment than it is for the components themselves," explained Sergeant Brown.

The impact these experts have on the readiness of the Special Ops Group's low-density, high-demand armada cannot be overstated. Their equipment and their expertise allow the planes to fly anytime, anywhere.

**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.

**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.

**SATURDAY**

**3RD ANNUAL DUATHLON:** Join the Risner Fitness Center in two 5K runs plus a 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.

**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.

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

**HANDMADE CRAFTS FAIR:** Shop from a variety of crafts created by on-island crafters at the Schilling Community Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Call 634-1387 for more information.

**ZANPA GLASS BOAT RIDE AND YOMITAN:** Call 634-4322.

**EXPLORATION TOUR:** Call 634-4322.

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

**IN THE MIDDLE OF IT ALL TOUR:** For more information call 634-4322.

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

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Enjoy the great taste of a Steak House at T-Bones Steak House. Located in the Rocker NCO club, Kazoku Place will convert to T-Bones Steak House at 5 p.m. daily.

**SUNDAY**

**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

**'Outcasts' take the big trophy**


Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

**Kadena's women's softball team "Outkast," winners of the Kadena Klassic, wait to receive a championship trophy Sept. 12. Trophies and other awards may be purchased in the custom shop at the Arts and Crafts Center on Camp Foster, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call the Custom Shop at 634-7902.**

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.

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

**VIDEO AND COMPUTER GAME SWAP:** Trade, sell or buy video and computer games at the Schilling Community Center from noon to 2 p.m. Call 634-1387.

**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.

**OCEAN OBSERVATORY TOUR:** For more information call 634-4322.

**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. in the Morrell room. Call 634-0704.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Top 40 Meltdown 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**

**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.

**KIDS MEMBER-SHIP NIGHT:** Children ages 10 years and under can enjoy a complimentary buffet dinner with cake and ice cream at the Kadena Officers Club from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Kudaka Ballroom. Club members only. Call 634-3663.

**KADENA OFFICERS CLUB:** Mongolian BBQ 1 oz ñ 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 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.

**75-CENT DAY:** Enjoy food, sodas and games of bowling for 75 cents each at Emery Lanes from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

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**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**

**HAIL & FAREWELL PARTY:** If you are new to Kadena or PCSing, find out about Kadena or your new base's youth activities at the Kadena Youth Center from 4 to 5 p.m. Open to youth ages 6-12 years. Call 634-0500 for more information.

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

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

**TEA CEREMONY TOUR:** For more information call 634-4322.

**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.

**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**

**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 at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

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

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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:** 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.

**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: Thunderbirds, PG, 6 p.m. Anacondas, PG-13, 9 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday: The Bourne Supremacy, PG-13, noon Thunderbirds, PG, 4 p.m. Anacondas, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday: Thunderbirds, PG, noon Anacondas, PG-13, 4 p.m. The Bourne Supremacy, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Monday: Thunderbirds, PG, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Tuesday: The Bourne Supremacy, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Wednesday: Thunderbirds, PG, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday: Papparazzi, PG-13, 7 p.m.

**Butler Theater**

- ▲ Today: Papparazzi, PG-13, 7 p.m. Papparazzi, PG-13, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday: A Cinderella Story, PG, 1 p.m. Catwoman, PG-13, 4 p.m. Papparazzi, PG-13, 7 p.m. Papparazzi, PG-13, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday: A Cinderella Story, PG, 1 p.m. Catwoman, PG-13, 4 p.m. Papparazzi, PG-13, 7 p.m. Papparazzi, PG-13, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Monday: Papparazzi, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Tuesday: Catwoman, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Wednesday: The Bourne Supremacy, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday: Resident Evil: Apocalypse, R, 7 p.m.

# Kadena Airmen play in National softball tourney

## 4 Kadena softball players compete at Air Force level

By Master Sgt. Adam Johnston

18th Wing Public Affairs

One of four Airmen that competed on Air Force softball teams earlier this month will play today through Sunday as part of the Women's Armed Forces Softball team at the Nationals tournament in Shreveport, La.

Twyla Sears of the 353rd Operations Support Squadron

was selected by service-level coaches during the Women's All-Armed Forces Softball Tournament at Petersen AFB, Colo., Sept. 13-18.

"I don't know her stats, but she was the starting pitcher for the Air Force team," said husband, Staff Sgt. Don Sears of the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron on Tuesday.

Sears was one of four Airmen from Kadena selected to play on Air Force softball teams this summer.

Peni Nery of the 353rd Maintenance Squadron also



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Members of the Air Force men's softball team celebrate their victory over the Army team 16-3 at Eglin AFB, Fla. earlier this month. Scott Roe of the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron and Carlo Aguon of the 718th Civil Engineer Squadron were on this year's team.

made the 2004 Air Force team for the third year. "It's a great honor," Nery said Tuesday. "There's a lot of great players out there to be picked. It's really competitive because the team is picked from Air Force bases around the world, including Air National Guard bases," she said.

Nery, who plays short stop, says her New Year's resolution earlier this year was to make the women's Air Force

softball team.

The Air Force women's team lost the final to the Army 36-24.

Competing on the Air Force men's softball team this year were Scott Roe of the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron and Carlo Aguon of the 718th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Roe belted a three-run homer in the fourth inning as the Air Force grounded the Army 16-3 to win the Gold

game earlier this month in the Men's All-Armed Forces Softball Tournament at Eglin AFB, Fla.

This was the first year Roe was selected for the team after being passed last year at the Air Force training camp.

"I wasn't on last year's team, so avenging last year's loss wasn't a big deal to me," said Roe in an e-mail interview last week.

But, "it was the gold medal

game and that in itself was a big deal," he said. "You want to do anything and everything you can as a player to help your team achieve its goals. Our goal was to win the gold and we achieved it," he said.

Roe said he was looking forward to taking at least a month off from softball but said a new co-ed softball league starts this week. Over 30 softball starts in the middle of October and the open team he plays on - Yellow Box - is playing in numerous tournaments over the next several months. Roe will be on the field.

"It's pretty unusual to have



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four people from one base make Air Force-level teams," said Dawn Pierce, fitness

director at the Risner Fitness Center. "We had seven people from Kadena go to the training camps and four people made the team, so it's a pretty incredible ratio," she said.

Also attending Air Force softball training camps from Kadena were Adrian Abram of the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron, "Joey" Chastain of the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, and Shannon Thomas of the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

# CO-ED softball league kicks off on Kadena fields

By Master Sgt. Adam Johnston

18th Wing Public Affairs

Sports officials at Kadena will kickoff a new co-ed softball league this week. The league is the first of its type in more than eight years according to officials here.

"We're excited about this," said Dawn Pierce, fitness director with the Risner Fitness Center. "We were worried we wouldn't get enough teams -- six was our bottom line -- but instead 18 teams signed up for the league," she said. "It shows me that this is something that's meaningful to our community."

Each team must have at least four women on the field during play said Pierce. "The success can only come from those who participate."

"Two hundred plus people participating in the program! I'm estatic. This is incredible," she said. The first games were scheduled to begin Thursday.

### Sept. 23 - Division II

Field A-1, 554 RHS vs. 12 EFS at 7 p.m.  
Field A-2, 372 TRS vs. 733 AMS at 7 p.m.  
Field A-1, 18 OSS vs. 18 AES at 8 p.m.

### Sept. 28 - Division I

Field A-1, 18 EMS vs. 18 CMS at 7 p.m.  
Field A-2, 18 MSS vs. 18 COMM at 7 p.m.  
Field A-1, 18 CES vs. 18 AMXS at 8 p.m.  
Field A-1, 18 SFS vs. 18 LRS at 8 p.m.

### Sept. 30 - Division II

Field A-1, 554 RHS vs. 18 AES at 7 p.m.  
Field A-2, 12 EFS vs. 623 ACF at 7 p.m.  
Field A-1, 372 TRS vs. 18 OSS at 8 p.m.

### Oct. 5 - Division I

Field A-1, 18 CMS vs. 18 MDG at 7 p.m.  
Field A-2, 18 CES vs. 18 SFS at 7 p.m.  
Field A-1, 18 MSS vs. 18 LRS at 8 p.m.  
Field A-2, 18 EMS vs. 18 AMXS at 8 p.m.

### Oct. 7 - Division II

Field A-1, 623 ACF vs. 733 AMS at 7 p.m.  
Field A-2, 12 EFS vs. 18 AES at 7 p.m.  
Field A-1, 554 RHS vs. 372 TRS at 8 p.m.

### Oct. 12 - Division I

Field A-1, 18 CMS vs. 18 AMXS at 7 p.m.  
Field A-2, 18 EMS vs. 18 SFS at 7 p.m.

Field A-1, 18 MDG vs. 18 COMM at 8 p.m.  
Field A-2, 18 MSS vs. 18 CES at 8 p.m.

### Oct. 14 - Division II

Field A-1, 18 AES vs. 623 ACF at 7 p.m.  
Field A-2, 12 EFS vs. 372 TRS at 7 p.m.  
Field A-1, 733 AMS vs. 18 OSS at 8 p.m.

### Oct. 19 - Division I

Field A-1, 18 COMM vs. 18 LRS at 7 p.m.  
Field A-2, 18 EMS vs. 18 MSS at 7 p.m.  
Field A-1, 18 CMS vs. 18 SFS at 8 p.m.  
Field A-2, 18 AMXS vs. 18 MDG at 8 p.m.

### Oct. 21 - Division II

Field A-1, 623 ACF vs. 18 OSS at 7 p.m.  
Field A-2, 18 AES vs. 372 TRS at 7 p.m.  
Field A-1, 733 AMS vs. 554 RHS at 8 p.m.

### Oct. 26 - Division I

Field A-1, 18 COMM vs. 18 CES at 7 p.m.  
Field A-2, 18 AMXS vs. 18 SFS at 7 p.m.  
Field A-1, 18 MDG vs. 18 LRS at 8 p.m.  
Field A-2, 18 CMS vs. 18 MSS at 8 p.m.

### Oct. 28 - Division II

Field A-1, 733 AMS vs. 12 EFS at 7 p.m.  
Field A-2, 18 OSS vs. 544 RHS at 7 p.m.  
Field A-1, 372 TRS vs. 623 ACF at 8 p.m.

### Nov. 2 - Division I

Field A-1, 18 COMM vs. 18 EMS at 7 p.m.  
Field A-2, 18 EMS vs. 18 MSS at 7 p.m.  
Field A-1, 18 SFS vs. 18 MDG at 8 p.m.  
Field A-2, 18 AMXS vs. 18 MSS at 8 p.m.

### Nov. 4 - Division II

Field A-1, 18 OSS vs. 12 EFS at 7 p.m.  
Field A-2, 18 AES vs. 733 AMS at 7 p.m.  
Field A-1, 623 ACF vs. 554 RHS at 8 p.m.

### Nov. 9 - Division I

Field A-1, 18 COMM vs. 18 CMS at 7 p.m.  
Field A-2, 18 MDG vs. 18 CES at 7 p.m.  
Field A-1, 18 SFS vs. 18 MSS at 8 p.m.  
Field A-2, 18 LRS vs. 18 EMS at 8 p.m.

### Nov. 16 - Division I

Field A-1, 18 LRS vs. 18 CMS at 7 p.m.  
Field A-2, 18 AMXS vs. 18 COMM at 7 p.m.  
Field A-1, 18 MSS vs. 18 MDG at 8 p.m.  
Field A-2, 18 CES vs. 18 EMS at 8 p.m.

### Nov. 23 - Division I

Field A-1, 18 SFS vs. 18 COMM at 7 p.m.  
Field A-2, 18 CES vs. 18 CMS at 7 p.m.  
Field A-1, 18 MDG vs. 18 EMS at 8 p.m.  
Field A-2 18 LRS vs. 18 AMXS at 8 p.m.