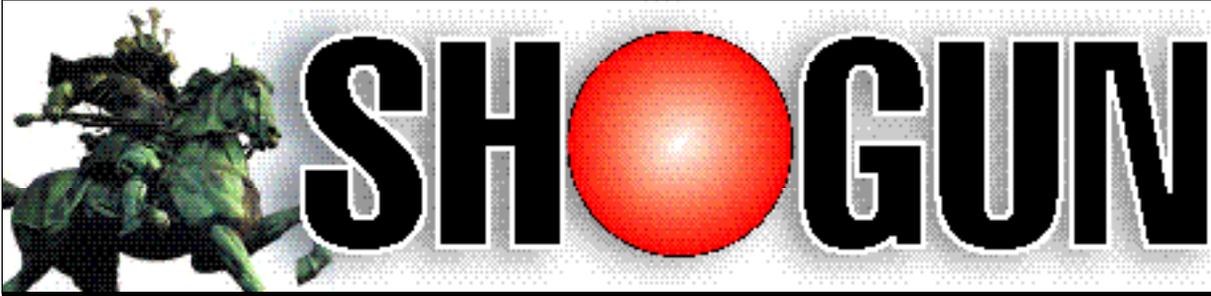


MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS

961st Airborne Air Control Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	26.0
Hours flown	20.8.0
Monthly offset	-5.2
33rd Rescue Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	33.0
Hours flown	34.4
Monthly offset	1.4
909th Air Refueling Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	87.0
Hours flown	101.2
Monthly offset	14.2
44th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	39
Sorties flown	40
Monthly offset	1
67th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	47
Sorties flown	52
Monthly offset	5

Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of April 6

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WEEKEND WEATHER



TODAY: Mostly cloudy with rain showers
WNW winds @ 12-22 knots
High: 72 Low: 66



SATURDAY: Mostly cloudy
NNE-NE winds @ 10-15 knots
High: 73 Low: 64



SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy with rain showers
WNW winds @ 12-22 knots
High: 73 Low: 66

FRIDAY MORNING'S COMMUNITYBANK EXCHANGERATES
BUYING: \$1-Y103 SELLING: Y108-\$1

Officials place 3 clubs off-limits

By Master Sgt. Adam Johnston

18th Wing Public Affairs

Top U.S. military officials from all four services in Okinawa say three off-base clubs will be off-limits beginning today.

Earlier this week, U.S. military officials issued written orders prohibiting

SOFA status personnel from entering the affected clubs, and outlining consequences of violating the off-limits order.

Violators could face adverse administrative action or punishment that includes trial by a court-martial.

According to a policy letter issued Monday by Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Remington, 18th Wing commander, the follow-

ing clubs outside Gate 2 in Okinawa City are placed off-limits to all Air Force SOFA-Status personnel:

- Club Else (Disco Else)
- Club Pyramid
- Club Manhattan

Accordingly, all Air Force military personnel, civilian employees, family members, contractors and others with SOFA status who are assigned or on

temporary duty to Okinawa, are prohibited from entering these clubs.

The only exception to this order concerns personnel entering these establishments in the performance of their official duties.

One such group that will be allowed to enter the clubs is officers and senior NCOs performing courtesy patrols as well as on-duty security police.

AF opens Thrift Savings Plan

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Civilian and military employees can sign up for, or change, their Thrift Savings Plan contribution amounts during the open season April 15 to June 30.

"TSP is a long-term retirement savings plan which everyone should consider," said Senior Master Sgt. Felipe Ortiz, superintendent of the Air Force Personnel Center contact center here. "It's a great supplement to military and civilian-retirement plans.

"It's also important to note that TSP is not limited to investing in stocks," Sergeant Ortiz said. "People can choose safer government securities as well."

This open season applies only to regular contributions. It does not include catch-up contributions, as they are not tied to open seasons, said Janet Thomas, of AFPC's civilian benefits and entitlements service team.

The plan offers investors the chance for lower taxes each year they contribute while not having to pay taxes on earnings until they reach retirement.

"Eligible employees can take out loans and make in-service withdrawals from their TSP accounts," Ms. Thomas said. "And you can keep your account, even if you leave military or federal civilian service."

Investment money is deposited directly from each

See PLAN, Page 8

Follow the leader



Air Force/ Airman 1st Class Heather Tower
Medical "evacuees" walk toward the tail of a Yokota Air Base, Japan C-130 Hercules during a aeromedical evacuation exercise April 1 at Kadena. Medics from the 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron "evacuated" some 25 fake patients aboard the aircraft bound for Yokota. For more photos on the evacuation, see pages 6 and 7.

Kadena adds up water savings to help Okinawa

By Master Sgt. Brad Carder
18th Wing Public Affairs

Rain fell on Okinawa for the second consecutive weekend as Kadena Air Base measured .34 inches of rain Saturday.

As of Tuesday, the base has received 1.16 inches of rain for the month.

Rainfall on the island over the past two weekends, coupled with conservation efforts,

have boosted reservoir levels to more than 51% capacity, as of today.

Col. Steven Lillemon, 18th Civil Engineer Group commander, said he is pleased with the base's conservation efforts.

"The men, women and families at Kadena Air Base have responded very positively to the conservation measures we have in place. We plan to keep those measures in place until

water levels recover to an appropriate level."

Colonel Lillemon also said the conservation program is a team effort.

"U.S. personnel and their families make up only about 5 percent of the total population of Okinawa. However, working together with our Okinawan neighbors, coupled with timely rainfall, we've been able to help move reservoir levels in the right direc-

tion."

Colonel Lillemon said conservation actions people are taking in their homes along with closing Army and Air Force Exchange Service car washing facilities five days per week are some of the ways the base has been able to conserve water.

"People have responded well to the program, but we need everyone's help to continue to make the process work."



Leadership Robbie's Way

By Lt Col Matt "Zap" Molloy
67th Fighter Squadron

What makes a great leader?

Pause for a moment and think of some of the leaders you really admire and the qualities they possess that make them attractive to you.

Rather than listing off good character traits, I'll tell you a couple short stories about one of my favorite leader-heroes and we'll let his actions personify leadership.

Brig. Gen. Robbie Risner is right at the top of my hero list and it's not because he has a fitness center named after him or that he has a 9-foot statue sculpted in his image at the Air Force Academy.

Every day I walk in the general's footsteps as the commander of the 67th Fighter Squadron, as it used to be his squadron back in 1965.

Our walls are filled with his legacy and legend.

Though General Risner's heroism as a POW during the Vietnam War is well known,

few seem to know that he was also a valiant jet ace in the Korean War with eight confirmed MiG-15 kills.

My first leadership vignette begins after General Risner's sixth MiG kill approximately 35 miles north of the Yalu River, as General Risner and his wingman, Lt. Joe Logan were leaving the Chinese airspace, Lieutenant Logan caught flak from "triple-A" which ruptured his fuel tank and hydraulic lines.

There was no way Joe was going to make it home.

General Risner, however, quickly formulated a never-been-tried plan to get the crippled F-86 Sabre out of enemy airspace and into friendly territory.

He directed that Lieutenant Logan shut down his motor moments before flame-out and Risner then "pushed" his wingman-with the nose of his fighter wedged against the exhaust of the Lieutenant Logan's jet.

Indeed, General Risner pushed Lieutenant Logan all

the way over to the friendly island of Cho Do where Lieutenant Logan then successfully ejected. "I'll see you back at the base tonight" was the last thing Lieutenant Logan said before he bailed out. Tragically, Lieutenant Logan died during the water rescue when he became entangled in his risers and drowned.

General Risner continued his heroic career throughout the Vietnam War. He was first shot down in April of 1965 and rescued. Five months later, he was again shot down while on a strafing pass near the infamous "Dragon Bridge" and was captured by the North Vietnamese. He was made a POW for over seven years in the infamous "Hanoi Hilton."

Here, General Risner took charge as one of the prison camp's senior officers and led his fellow prisoners through the daily struggle for survival.

He taught them to never lose hope and never despair of not returning home alive.

His message was basic: "...the things that sustained

me to the greatest extent were my faith in God, the American people, my Commander-in-Chief, my fellow POW's, and my wonderful wife."

General Risner is perhaps best known for organizing a forbidden church service at the camp. While he was led off to be punished by guards, the other 46 prisoners rose and sang The Star-Spangled Banner.

He was held in solitary confinement for 4 1/2 years. Robbie Risner's personal valor, loyalty, adherence to the Code of Conduct, and faith in God and country became rallying points for his fellow prisoners and an inspiration for all Americans.

General Risner's personal example is a clear testament that true leaders exhibit great moral and physical courage; fueled by their love and devotion to core values. However, we also see good leaders will do the right thing for no other reason than it is the right thing to do - integrity.

Because they do this, their

focus is clear; they're fully dedicated to caring for their fellow Airmen.

General Risner was also adamant that, "We were a team and would without hesitation do anything to help another POW."

"Yes, indeed, TRUST is the glue that bound us together whether over the skies of North Vietnam or in the Hanoi Hilton or in our squadron ready rooms: Trust.

So there you have it: Character, integrity, faith, taking care of others, and trustworthiness.

Does it sound like familiar words used to describe your favorite leader?

I'll bet so.

By the way, the statue of Risner is 9 feet tall because he has said that when he heard the prisoners singing while he was led away after the church service, "I felt like I was 9 feet tall and could go bear-hunting with a switch."

Colonel Molloy is the commander of the 67th Fighter Squadron.

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Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Remington
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.

Are water restrictions real?

Are all the bases going to be affected by water restrictions or is it certain areas? Everything I've seen says the water will be completely shut off from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Is this correct? How will shift workers shower?

Although water rationing has been suspended for the moment, it could become an issue again if we don't receive more rain. If the Okinawa Drought Countermeasures Council decides to implement water rationing in the future, each base and camp will be affected in different ways. If you live on Kadena, Chibana or O'Donnell Gar-

PHONE NUMBERS

AAFES Action Line.....645-4301
Base Exchange.....633-4570
Clubs.....634-3002
Commissary.....634-3640
Finance.....634-1996
Fraud, Waste & Abuse Hotline.....634-0404

dens housing area, you will continue to have water 24 hours a day because we have large water storage tanks that will carry us through the eight-hour water shut-off period. If you live in Plaza Housing or on Camp Foster, you will not have water during the hours the water system is shut off because they do not have any storage tanks. Camps Kinser, Lester Courtney, McTureous and all housing towers should have water during the shutoff period, however, the water storage tanks are smaller and water outages could occur. If you live off base or in a housing area that will be affected by water rationing and you are a shift worker in need of a shower before returning home, I would suggest you shower at the gym since it is open and has water.

Home Telephone Helpline.....634-4080
Housing Maintenance.....634-HOME
Kadena Services.....634-1719
Medical and Dental.....630-4785
Safety.....634-SAFE
Security Forces.....634-1397



SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Staff Sgt. Phillip Erickson

18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, AGE mechanic
Hometown: Willingboro, N.J.

Reason for nomination: SSgt. Erickson's contributions while assigned to the First Term Airman Center as a team leader are endless. He has selflessly tackled several additional projects with ease and confidence. His outstanding professionalism and work ethic warrant the title "Warrior of the Week."

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HOME BUSINESSES: The family support center is looking to hear from home businesses to be part of a new yellow pages project. To be included in the publication, e-mail oehring@kda.attmil.ne.jp.

PICNIC: A volunteer recognition picnic will be held from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Marek Park on April 30. All volunteers and families are welcome to attend say organizers.

MEN WHO COOK: If you are a man who enjoys cooking register by April 12 for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorotie's annual "Men Who Cook" fund raiser. The cooking event will be May 1.

GATE CHANGES: One outbound lane on Gate 1 will close from April 15 through 24 from 6 p.m. to 4 a.m.; an inbound and outbound lane will be closed from April 26 to May 8 from 6 p.m. to 4 a.m.; One inbound lane will close from May 10 through 20 from 6 p.m. to 4 a.m.

Nutrition class

Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister

John Moore, a personal trainer, talks with 42 people during a two-hour nutrition class at Bldg. 88 April 2. The class taught residents how to combine nutrition and fitness.

and one inbound lane will close from May 21 to June 4 from 6 p.m. to 4 a.m.

CHANGE OF COMMAND: Maj. Jessica Baker will assume command of the 623rd Air Control Flight from Maj. Thomas W. Coppersmith at 4:23 p.m. May 6 at the Banyan Tree Club.

SUMMER HIRE PROGRAM: The civilian personnel flight is now accepting applications for Kadena's Summer Hire Program at Bldg. 721. Applications will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. SOFA-sponsored family members of DoD military and civilian employees who are 14 to 22

years old are eligible to apply. Employment will begin July 6 and end Aug. 20. Sponsors may apply on behalf of their family members who are not currently on island. Applicants' passports and Social Security cards are required for verification. For more information, call 632-7914.

Batcats hold accident drill during Korea's Foal Eagle



Air Force/Master Sgt. Michael Farris
Staff Sgt. Ken Harrison, 320th Special Tactics Squadron, wraps a simulated eye wound on Tech. Sgt. Robert Johnson, 353rd Operations Support Squadron, on the ramp at Daegu Air Base on March 22.

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

DAEGU AIR BASE, South Korea – Tech. Sgt. Brent Houdek, an air traffic controller with the 353rd Operations Support Squadron, saw it first.

Peering through binoculars aimed just above the mountains toward the northwest, he took a deep breath and refocused.

The Korean sky was dark and cold and from the seven-story control tower, he could see to the stars. Floating among the constellations, an MC-130H Combat Talon II was on final approach. Its lights were off, its radios inoperative and its entire right wing was a ball of flames.

So began a major accident response exercise here March 22, involving Daegu's 607th Support Squadron, the host unit, and the 353rd Special Operations Group, from Kadena Air Base, Japan.

A Talon II returning from an actual FOAL EAGLE mission, taxied to a secluded part of the ramp and the aircrew shut down the engines.

As the exercise scenario unfolded, the plane simulated crash-landing onto a maintenance area where dozens of wrench-benders were midway through their night shift.

Eleven victims of the crash were outfitted with moulage dressings provided by the medical flight.

Sergeant 1st Class Patrick

Ramirez, a member of the SOG's Theater Special Operations Air Component, was rigged with an amputated left hand that bled in torrents using a pump hidden under his shirt.

Injuries on other victims included a sucking chest wound, lacerations, various broken bones and burns. Once the simulated casualties were in place, Sergeant Houdek made initial calls to Daegu Crash, Fire and Rescue and the SOG command post.

The wheels begin to turn in this enormous mass-casualty exercise.

After arriving on scene, Korean firefighters and emergency medical technicians extricated the crew and began collecting victims scattered around the airplane.

A series of smoke grenades added a fog to enhance the realism of the exercise.

"This is the best and most realistic training this base has had since it closed as a U.S. base 15 years ago," said Daegu Fire Chief Lloyd Fox. "The egress training was fantastic and the mass casualty scenario with moulage is the first many of my firefighters have ever seen."

The firemen treated life-threatening injuries first, classifying each wound from grave to minor.

Senior Master Sgt John Geigler, 353rd SOG inspector, was charged with scripting the scenario.

"We included as few trusted agents as possible to allow

for complete surprise," he said. "Only those who had to be 'read-in' knew anything was going on."

The secrecy apparently paid off.

"Much of the 353rd SOG staff was busy monitoring several aircraft carrying out other multi-dimensional missions around Korea, explained Lt. Col. Ray Chapman, SOG deputy commander.

"The Talon that eventually became 'exercise central' sort of flew in under their radar."

Col. Mark Transue, Commander of the 353rd SOG, said the scenario was realistic and the training was priceless.

"To carry out an exercise of this caliber at home station is ambitious," he said. "To pull it off at a contingency operating base along with a 100-person support squadron is eye-opening."

Command and control during a major accident response is vital for quick, efficient response. The host and user components took home valuable lessons regarding responsibilities, limitations, resources and partnership. The commander of the 607th Support Squadron, Lt. Col. Michael Pelletier, said the MARE greatly improved his units' readiness posture.

"This was a tremendous training opportunity in a realistic environment," he said.

"We're smarter and better prepared as a result of this exercise."

Local commanders issue 18 Articles 15 in March

The following Articles 15 were completed in March 2004:

- An airman 1st class from the 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman, a \$500 fine, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for being involved in a fight at the dorms.

- A senior airman from the 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a \$500 fine and a reprimand for an attempted indecent assault.

- An airman 1st class from the 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a \$500 fine with \$250 of that fine suspended, restriction to Kadena for 21 days, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand for being late to a morning dormitory formation and being drunk on duty when he arrived.

- An airman 1st class from the 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman, a \$500.00 fine, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand for disorderly conduct due to his par-

ticipation in a dorm fight.

- An airman 1st class from the 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman, a \$500 fine, 40 days extra duty, and a reprimand for being drunk and disorderly at the base bowling alley.

- A staff sergeant from the 733rd Air Mobility Squadron received a suspended demotion to senior airman, 25 days extra duty, and a reprimand for shoplifting from the base exchange.

- A technical sergeant from the 733rd Air Mobility Squadron received a suspended demotion to staff sergeant, a \$1,500 fine, and a reprimand for being drunk and disorderly and hitting his girlfriend in the face with his fist.

- An airman 1st class from the 733rd Air Mobility Squadron failed to go to a mandatory appointment, which resulted in a demotion to airman due to a previous Article 15 suspended punishment.

- An airman 1st class from

the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron failed to report to his extra duty on time, which resulted in a demotion to airman and a \$668 fine due to a previous Article 15 suspended punishment.

- A staff sergeant from the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron received a suspended demotion to senior airman and 10 days extra duty for using his government computer to send out an inappropriate e-mail which contained nudity.

- An airman from the 18th Security Forces Squadron received a demotion to airman basic and a \$1,000 fine for being drunk and disorderly when he got out of the car he was in and ran away from the scene of an accident, and for failing to maintain proper insurance on his car.

- A technical sergeant from the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron received a \$300 fine, 10 days extra duty and a reprimand for sending out inappropriate e-mails which contained nudity.

- A senior airman from the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman 1st class, a suspended fine of \$500, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for misusing his government travel card and writing six bad checks to the Airman's Club.

- An airman 1st class from the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron received a demotion to airman and 30 days extra duty for sleeping on duty.

- An airman from the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron received a fine of \$500 and 15 days extra duty for failing to go to mandatory physical training.

- An airman from the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman basic and 20 days extra duty for being late for work.

- An airman 1st class from the 18th Munitions Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman and 45 days extra duty for underage drinking and being drunk and disor-

derly after he was found passed out on Gate 2 street.

- A captain from the 82d Reconnaissance Squadron received a fine of \$4,220 and a reprimand for fraternization.

The following Articles 15 occurred in February:

- An airman 1st class from the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received 45 days extra duty along with a suspended demotion to airman and a \$500 fine for his involvement in a fight downtown and at the dorms.

- A staff sergeant from the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a demotion to senior airman, a \$1,000 fine, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for a failure to follow technical orders and for signing off work that he did not inspect.

- A staff sergeant from the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a demotion to senior airman, a \$500 fine, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for a failure to follow technical orders.



Air Force/A1C Heather Tower
A JASDF member tests his skills learned at Kadena.



Air Force/A1C Heather Tower
A team of Japan Self Defense Force members hook a forklift to Rapid Runway Repair materials during the training.



A team of Japan Self Defense Force members carry matting during the training.



Air Force/A1C Heather Tower
A Red Horse team member explains how the system works.



Air Force/A1C Heather Tower
A team of Japan Self Defense Force members combine matting during the training.

Japanese military gets training for competition by AF civil engineers

By 2nd Lieutenant Timothy Lundberg
18th Wing Public Affairs

On March 30, civil engineers from the 554th Red Horse Squadron helped show some of their Japanese Air Self Defense Force counterparts how to do Airfield Damage Repair.

This was a single day from a training session that went from March 25 to April 2. The 554th has been helping train the JASDF civil engineers for next years CE Readiness Challenge.

Readiness Challenge VIII will be held in the spring of 2005 and it will be the first time that JASDF personnel will participate in the multi-country competition.

The team they will be sending to the readiness challenge is made up of 26 hand-picked personnel.

Readiness Challenge is a five day contest where hand picked CE teams compete in a variety of contingency events. These teams come from countries all over the world, and they represent the elite of the CE profession. While at Readiness Challenge they compete in events ranging from installing a mobile kitchen trailer to extinguishing an aircraft fire. Individual events are timed and scored as the CE teams compete in what could be called the Olympics for civil engineers.

Tech Sgt. James Jarvis, the 554th structures contingency superintendent, described some of the challenges they faced during the training, but how impressed he was with the JASDF personnel. "It's been great, awesome. With the interpreters it takes a little longer to get through.

But they're real eager and ready to learn.

"They've been very efficient with the training; most of our team members have not had any experience with U.S. soldiers," said Col. Kawhika Kimura, the commander of JASDF's readiness challenge team.

Col. Kimura also was glad to have the chance to practice with U.S. military equipment, "For Readiness Challenge VIII we have to use U.S. equipment, this gives us a very good chance to practice with it."

Airfield damage repair is one of the nearly 40 different types of training the 554th is going over with the JASDF civil engineers. It involves deploying two 54 ft. by 30 ft., 30000 lb. fiberglass mattes and then joining them together. Once this larger matte

is assembled it is then dragged over a filled in crater hole on a runway and bolted into the concrete to secure it. This allows smaller aircraft to use a runway that might normally have to be closed for an extended period of time until more extensive repairs are completed.

While the training may have taken place at the Silver Flag area, it involved many different units from Kadena that all pitched in.

Master Sgt. Scott Hall, the 554th fire contingency superintendent training manager, was especially impressed with the level of support they received,

"This training involved a lot of main base support, from the 18th CEG and other units. They've all been so helpful helping us to accomplish this mission."



Air Force/ Airman 1st Class Heather Tower
 Capt. Jared Mort, officer in charge of aircrew training with the 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, teaches medical technicians how to place a heimlich valve on a chest tube.



Air Force/ Airman 1st Class Heather Tower
 A medic gives a signal to a spotter as crews transport patients via litters to an awaiting C-130.



Capt. Brenda Casey, a flight nurse and officer in charge of scheduling with the 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, walks across the Kadena tarmac to a C-130 headed to Yokota Air Base.



Air Force/ Airman 1st Class Heather Tower
 Capt. Jennifer Trinkle, an evaluator with the 18th Operations Group, documents a "patient's" condition and the actions taken by Kadena medics on 30 patients.



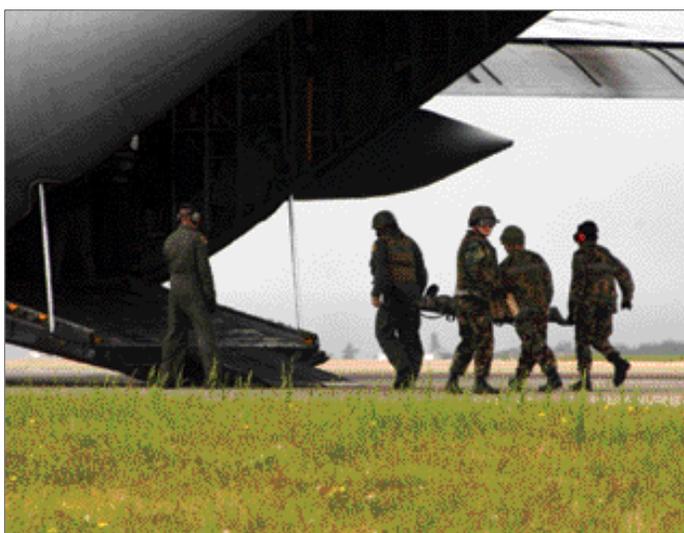
Senior Master Sgt. James Owens, (left), an aeromedical evacuation flight nurse with the Mississippi Air National Guard checks the vital signs of a "patient" as the 183rd AES, documents his progress.



Air Force/ Airman 1st Class Heather Tower in Squadron, talks with litter bearers before transporting a "patient"



Air Force/ Airman 1st Class Heather Tower technician from the 183rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron of the Mis- Sgt. Cynthia Denavich, an aeromedical evacuation technician with



Air Force/ Airman 1st Class Heather Tower

An aeromedical evacuation team loads a litter onto the C-130 on April 1 at Kadena.



Air Force/ A1C Heather Tower

Staff Sgt. Catina Bulluck, NCO in charge of resource management with the 18th AES, spikes an intravenous bag in preparation to administer it to a "patient."

Here they come to 'Save the Day'

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

Pop quiz hot shot.

There's been a bombing at a Korean office building. They're reports of several casualties who need to be immediately medevaced to medical facilities at Yokota.

What do you do? What do you do?

When you're a highly trained member of the 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, you don't panic, you don't overreact, you calmly begin to plan how you're going to help.

You do this because it's your job, it's what you're trained to do, and you're trained well.

Because in the end, it's about helping to save lives; flying to the ends of the earth on a moments notice to get sick or wounded personnel to the medical care they need.

The 18th AES, which stood up here in September of 2003, participates regularly in training events designed to ensure the competency and proficiency of its medtechs and flight nurses.

Events like the Engine Running Onload that was held at Kadena AB on April 1, involving about 30 people from the squadron.

An ERO involves medical patients being loaded onto an aircraft while its engines are still running. The plane is on the ground only as long as it takes to load the patients and safely secure them. For this kind of training mission, the engines are left on to make it as realistic as possible.

"Because it simulates contingency operations we leave the engines running so that if the aircraft or the airfield comes under attack, they can button up and take off right away," said Maj. Joyce Hale, 18 AES education and train-

ing flight commander. Because of the danger represented by flying debris during an ERO, 18th AES personnel wear flak jackets, helmets, and goggles while loading people onto the aircraft, in this case a C-130 from Yokota AB, Japan.

Tech. Sergeant Paul McGill, 18 AES standardizations and evaluation non-commissioned officer in charge, talked about how necessary this protective gear is for the med techs and nurses.

"One time we were backing up an ambulance to the aircraft and a rock that was kicked up spider glassed its back window."

According to Sergeant McGill when they go to austere or bare bases where the runway has not been improved, wearing all the protective gear is essential. A rock that is moving fast enough to spider glass a window could cause serious injury to a person.

The ERO was just part of what servicemembers from the 18th AES were practicing on April 1.

They also trained on re-triaging patients after they arrive at the gathering site prior to the ERO, and on proper care for patients once they are airborne.

"Once the patients come to us (at the airfield) they are re-triaged, this is important incase something happened en route, that could have made the patients situation worse," said Sergeant McGill.

"There's such a short window on the ground. When your in the air, you can take your time. You can go back to the patient and check their bandages and splints, or any thing else."

About twenty patients were loaded onto the waiting C-130. These patients had been triaged in a nearby tent

in order to determine the severity of their injuries and the amount and type of medical care they would require en route.

The first eight patients to go onto the aircraft had minor injuries and were able to walk themselves onto the plane.

Each person held onto the shoulder of the person in front of them to make sure they stayed together. After that, teams began to carry the litter patients on board. These teams wait off to the side until the group in front of them has advanced.

Strict control is maintained on the approach to the waiting aircraft, with only one team allowed to wait 300 feet behind the aircraft in the prop wash. Each patient is secured inside of the aircraft before the next patient boards.

Sergeant McGill emphasized that while loading the patients quickly is important, maintaining safe operations while around running engines is paramount. "When you do this safely and according to set guidelines, things flow smoothly because everyone is working from the same page."

The wounded personnel who participated in this training are supervisors and Commanders from Yokota, here for the Noncommissioned Officer Academy graduation. By agreeing to participate as patients in the training, they receive a ride to Kadena then back to Yokota. The 18th AES does this training every six weeks, coinciding each time with a NCO Academy graduation.

While Major Hale wasn't sure when this agreement to bring down supervisors first started, she emphasized how good a deal it was for everyone involved.

"They get a free trip, and we get the training we need. We all benefit."

The Simpsons deploy to Southwest Asia

By Airman 1st Class J.G. Buzanowski
Combined Air Operations
Center Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA — At first glance, these two Airmen share only a name: Simpson. One is a senior officer, the other is junior enlisted; one is a reservist, the other active duty; one works in an office, the other on a flightline.

But a closer look reveals Col. Bill Simpson and Airman 1st Class Doug Simpson share more than a moniker — they are father and son. They are also fighting the war on terrorism from the same forward-deployed location here.

"It's so great to have him here," said Colonel Simpson, the air reserve component liaison and a 34-year Air Force veteran. "I've been dragging him to air bases since he could walk. And now he's working on the same planes I used to work with."

Airman Simpson, a C-130 Hercules crew chief deployed from Pope Air Force Base, N.C., joined the Army initially. It was not until 18 months ago that he started following in his father's footsteps as an Airman.

"I used to be a combat engineer in the Army Reserve and was with them for like four years," Airman Simpson said. "My unit didn't deploy in that entire time though, and I knew I want-



Airman 1st Class J.B. Buzanowski
Col. Bill Simpson shares lunch with his son, Airman 1st Class Doug Simpson. Colonel Simpson is from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., and Airman Simpson is from Pope AFB, N.C. They are at the same forward-deployed location.

ed to. So I came to the Air Force, and here I am."

Colonel Simpson, who is deployed from Tinker AFB, Okla., did more than help his son transition to life as an Airman. In fact, he even swore in his son.

"That was easily one of the proud-

est moments of my life," Colonel Simpson said. "I was enlisted for 12 years, so I'm real proud that my son is a crew chief for one of my favorite planes. He used to build models of them when he was growing up and now he launches them for real.

"One of the funniest things is that

one of the C-130s we used to go see when I was stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., is now one of the planes they train on at Sheppard [AFB, Texas]," Colonel Simpson said. "I couldn't believe it when he called me from school to tell me that."

The Simpsons try to get together once a week to share a pizza or go off base together.

"I like being in the same place as my dad," Airman Simpson said. "I know I always have someone I can spend time with or get a ride if I need one. We are also able to keep tabs on each other and let our family know how the other is doing."

Though his father earned a degree and a commission, Airman Simpson said he is not sure he wants to become an officer.

"I'd like to go to Germany or maybe even cross train into [explosive ordnance disposal]," he said. "I did a lot of that in the Army. I've already applied things I learned with (the Soldiers), like knowing what is expected of me or dealing with certain situations."

While this is the first deployment for the younger Simpson, the colonel said he has been on "more deployments than I can count."

"What matters is that this is the first one with my son," Colonel Simpson said, "and that's more important than anything."

7 Iraqis head to Houston

By 2nd Lt. Uriah Orland
469th Air Base Group
Public Affairs

RHEIN-MAIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFP) — As Iraq rebuilds after 35 years of oppression and cruelty under Saddam Hussein, seven men and their families will finally begin to repair the pieces of their lives destroyed by the former leader's injustice.

The men had their healthy right hands amputated in 1996 for allegedly dealing in foreign currency.

They passed through here April 5 on their way to Houston where they are scheduled to receive prosthetic hands at the Houston Medical Center.

"Besides having our hands amputated, we were scarred on our foreheads, between our eyebrows," said Ala'a Abdul Hussien Hassan, one of the men, noting an "X" tattoo between his eyes.

A video of the punishment, made by Saddam's secret police, revealed the horror these men and their families suffered through. Donald North, video producer and former television correspondent, discovered the videotape and the men's stories while he worked as the senior adviser for the Iraqi Media Network in Baghdad.

"I was amazed and shocked

by the tape," Mr. North said. "It clearly showed doctors working with surgical instruments cutting through and severing these healthy hands. The victims were under anesthetics, and while they were still under, they had these black crosses tattooed to their foreheads."

After watching the videotape, Mr. North not only convinced the Iraqis to tell their story, but also coordinated a trip to get the men to America and receive new hands.

"It took a long time for the pieces to come together, but it has been worth it," Mr. North said. "The group is so excited about the trip and the medical treatment."

Over the past year, several organizations have combined to make this dream happen. The Houston Medical Center offered to provide medical care, and Dr. Joseph Agris has volunteered to perform much of the medical work, including removing the cross tattoos on the men's foreheads.

A Houston company will donate the most modern prosthetic hands developed. Continental Airlines agreed to provide free flights, and the Pentagon assisted in getting the men out of Iraq, Mr. North said.

The group will spend about six weeks in Houston where

they will receive the prosthesis and rehabilitation. After their medical treatment is complete they will travel to Washington to visit Capitol Hill and serve as witnesses to the realities of the former regime, Mr. North said.

"It was evident that these gentlemen have a story to tell, and they are confident that the United States did the right thing in liberating Iraq," said Lt. Col. Guy Parker, 469th Air Base Group deputy commander here.

"They all agree that coalition forces found all the weapons of mass destruction they needed in the mass graves and the injustices against mankind, which are evidenced by these seven men. It makes me proud to be an American and a part of this great Air Force."

"The coalition doesn't need weapons of mass destruction to justify the war," said Basim S. Ameer, another one of the Iraqi men receiving treatment. "The weapon of destruction was embedded in Saddam's brain."

The Iraqis traveled to Houston on April 6, where they will begin the medical care to alleviate the near constant pain they have endured at the point of amputation.

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PLAN: Plan open for contributions until June 30

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paycheck "so you never have to think about it," Sergeant Ortiz said. "That makes it easy to 'pay yourself first' while only investing what you deem appropriate."

The plan's five funds are: the Government Securities Investment (G) Fund; the Common Stock Index Investment (C) Fund; the Fixed Income Index Investment (F) Fund; the Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment (S) Fund; and the International Stock Index Investment (I) Fund.

"As with any individual retirement account, the sooner you begin contributing, the better," Ms. Thomas said.

Contribution elections or changes made between April 15 and June 12 take effect June 13, for both military and civilian people.

Changes made on or after June 13 become effective at the beginning of the pay period following the one in which the election is made for civilians and the following month for military.

Some of the specifics of the program include:

- Airmen can contribute up to 9 percent of their base pay, as long as the annual total of tax-deferred investment does not exceed \$13,000 for 2004. Airmen also have the ability to invest all or part of their bonuses or special pay.

- Those serving in tax-free combat zones are allowed up to \$41,000 in annual contributions.

- Airmen can enroll through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Web site at www.dfas.mil/emss/.

They can also enroll by filling out a form TSP-U-1 at local military personnel flights, finance offices and family support centers.

- Contribution allocations (how an employee chooses to invest money among the five funds) can be made by calling the automated ThriftLine at (504) 255-8777 or on the Web at www.tsp.gov/.

For general questions, call the Air Force contact center at (800) 616-3775.

For civilians, contribution limits are based on which retirement system an employee has.

TODAY

▲ **EASTER BUNNY CAKE ORDERS:** Today is the last day to order an Easter cake at the Banyan Tree Club's catering office until 6 p.m. Payment is due at time of order. Club members receive a discount. Call 634-0644.

▲ **ALL RANKS GOURMET NIGHT:** Dine on an exquisite, upscale menu in the Kadena Officers' Club Flame Room from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Open to all services.

▲ **OKUMA:** Participate from today until Sunday in a variety of family events at Okuma Recreation Center in northern Okinawa to qualify for a grand prize trip for 3-days and two nights in Osaka, Japan to include airfare, hotel accommodations, transportation and passes to Universal Studios Japan. Drawing will be April 11 at 1 p.m. Participants must be present to win.

▲ **50K BINGO:** Advanced tickets for the April 15 event can be purchased for \$75 until April 14 at the Rocker NCO club.

▲ **SUNKEN EASTER EGGS:** Register from today until Sunday at Kadena Marina's Sunken Easter Egg Hunt Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. Call 634-6344.

▲ **RECYCLE WAR REGISTRATION:** Register from today until April 17 to enter a team for Earth Fest 2004's Recycle Wars on April 24, a take-off on the Discovery Channel's Junkyard wars. Teams will be required to build an un-motorized vehicle and then take it through an obstacle course. Registration is limited.

▲ **BO DIDDLEY:** Blues legend Bo Diddlely will perform at the Rocker NCO Club at 10 p.m. on April 17. The show is open to all ranks and services. Advanced tickets can be purchased from today until April 16 at \$20 for club members and \$30 for non-members. Call 634-0740 for details.

▲ **BEACH CLEANUP:** Register from today until April 17 for a beach cleanup at Kadena Seawall on April 24 from 9 a.m. to noon. Divers and non-divers are needed. Call 634-6344.

▲ **SWIM PASSES:** Passes for the summer season are now available at Kadena's outdoor recreation facility. Cost are: primary user, \$50; first additional user, \$25; second additional user, \$15; fourth additional user, \$10. Maximum fees is \$100.

▲ **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.

▲ **AIR FORCESPACE CAMP:** Children from 12 to 18 can apply until April 28 for Air Force Space Camp in August at Huntsville, Ala. Applicants must have a 2.8 grade point average. Camps for 12-14 year olds will be held Aug. 1-6; Advanced camp for 15 to 18 year olds will be held Aug. 6-31. Call the youth center at 634-0500 or the teen center at 634-3866 for more information.

▲ **FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT:** Bring a flashlight to the Kadena Youth Center for an egg hunt with a twist. Children aged 6 to 8 will begin at 6 p.m.; children aged 9 and 10 will hunt at 7 p.m. and children 11 and 12 will hunt at 8 p.m.

▲ **ADOPTION WORKSHOP:** Class held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.

▲ **BRUSH WRITING:** Class held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.

▲ **COMEDY SHOWCASE:** Featuring DC Malone and Tonya Kaye starts at 8 p.m. in the Banyan Tree ballroom. Show not suitable for children.

▲ **YUI MONORAIL & KOKUSAI STREET TOUR:** Call 634-4322 for more information.

▲ **TEEN BARBECUE:** A barbecue will be held at the teen center. Call 634-3866 for more information.

SATURDAY

▲ **COMMUNITYEGG HUNT:** Held at 4-Diamonds field at 9 a.m.

▲ **GIVEPARENTS A BREAK:** Held from 6 to 11 p.m. Call 634-3366 to register.

▲ **COMEDY SHOWCASE:** Featuring DC Malone and Tonya Kaye starts at 10 p.m. in the Rocker NCO club ballroom. Show not suitable for children.

▲ **PAMPERED PET DAY:** Meet and interact with pets currently awaiting adoption at the Kadena base exchange from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 632-4062.

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 3, 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

High school bazaar



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister
Capt. Rosalie Duarte of the 18th Wing protocol office, checks out some of the artwork of a vendor at the Kadena High School Bazaar. More than 50 vendors were on hand Saturday and Sunday at the high school.

▲ **POWER SCRAPBOOKING:** One-session class begins from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Kadena Arts and Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 for more information.

▲ **ALL RANKS GOURMET NIGHT:** Dine on an exquisite, upscale menu in Kadena Officers' Club Flame Room from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Open to all services.

▲ **EXPOPARKOKINAWACHURAUIM AQUARIUM TOUR:** Call 634-4322 for more information.

▲ **QUILTING:** Machine patchwork quilting class from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

▲ **TASTE OF THE TOWN TOUR:** Call 634-4322 for more information.

▲ **BINGO:** Cards go on sale at 1 p.m. and play begins at 2 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center.

▲ **TABLETOP WARRIORS CLUB:** From 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center.

▲ **MUSIC LESSONS:** One-hour classes for saxophone, flute and clarinet for ages 5 and up from 7 a.m. to noon at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

▲ **COLORAMA:** Register at 6 p.m. and bowl starting at 7 p.m. Certain pin combinations are worth cash. \$15 entrance fee at Emery Lanes.

▲ **WOODSHOP:** One-session safety orientation class begins from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Kadena Arts and Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 for more information.

SUNDAY

▲ **EASTER MEALS:** Authorized personnel are invited to the Marshall Dining Facility for breakfast from 6:30 to 10:30 a.m., for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or dinner from 4 to 6 p.m. Call 634-1900.

▲ **OKUMA:** Participate in a variety of family events at Okuma Recreation Center in northern Okinawa to qualify for a grand prize trip for 3-days and two nights in Osaka, Japan to include airfare, hotel accommodations, transportation and passes to Universal Studios Japan. Drawing will be April 11 at 1 p.m. Participants must be present to win.

▲ **EASTER BUFFET:** Event at the Officers' Club from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Kudaka room. Mini Easter egg hunt at 1:30 p.m. for children 3 to 12 who attend the buffet. Easter bunny will be in the Weekender Lounge for pictures: Adults, \$16.95; children 5 to 12, \$8.95 and children under 5, \$2.

▲ **DRY-BRUSH PAINTING:** Three-session class begins from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Kadena Arts and Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 for more information.

▲ **RENT-A-LANE:** Up to five bowlers can rent a lane for three hours for \$15 from 8 to 11 a.m. at Emery Lanes.

▲ **SCRAPBOOKING FOR BEGINNERS:** One-session class begins from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Kadena Arts and Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 for more information.

▲ **SUNKEN EASTER EGGS:** Kadena Marina's sunken egg hunt April 11 from noon to 6 p.m. Plastic eggs containing number

chips will be submerged in the waters of the Kadena beach area. Each diver will be permitted to retrieve up to four eggs within a one-hour time period. A free barbecue will also be held. Call 634-6344.

▲ **BATTLE OF OKINAWA TOUR:** Call 634-4322 for more information.

▲ **SHURI CASTLE & SHIKINA-EN TOUR:** Call 634-4322 for more information.

▲ **FAMILY DAY BOWLING:** Each game of bowling is \$1 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. at Emery Lanes when parents and children bowl together.

MONDAY

▲ **WHY ARE WOMEN TIRED?:** Class held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.

▲ **INTERMEDIATECOMPUTERCLASS (1 OF 4 CLASSES):** Class held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.

▲ **FAMILY NIGHT BOWLING:** Each game of bowling is \$1 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. at Skoshi Bowl when parents and children bowl together.

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

TUESDAY

▲ **TRANSITION SEMINAR:** Three-day seminar from April 13 to 15 with the Department of Labor held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register

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

▲ **COMEDY SHOWCASE:** Featuring DC Malone and Tonya Kaye starts at 7 p.m. in the Officers' Club Weekender Lounge. Show not suitable for children.

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

▲ **FREE BOWLING:** Children up to 18 years old whose sponsor has a valid ID card bowl for free in honor of the month of the military child. A three-game limit may be imposed if a waiting list is started and a parent must accompany children under 10 years old.

▲ **TEACEREMONY TOUR:** Call 634-4322 for more information.

▲ **SALSA DANCE:** Adult beginner's class from 6 to 7 p.m. and Adult advanced class from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

▲ **BEGINNING CERAMICS:** Three-session class begins from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kadena Arts and Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

▲ **MEMBERSHIP NIGHT:** Free buffet style dinner served from 5 to 7 p.m. for members at the Banyan Tree Club. Call 634-0644.

▲ **ADULT MEMBERSHIP NIGHT:** Free buffet served from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club. Games and prizes from 7 to 8 p.m. Call 634-0740.

▲ **COMEDY SHOWCASE:** Featuring DC Malone and Tonya Kaye starts at 7 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club. Show not suitable for children. Call 634-0740.

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

▲ **ADULT MEMBERSHIP NIGHT:** Free buffet-style dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Kudaka Ballroom in the Officers' Club. Primary club members may bring their spouse, or one eligible guest. Adults only, no children please.

▲ **50K BINGO:** Last day to pickup advanced tickets for the April 15 event for \$75 at the Rocker NCO club.

▲ **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.

▲ **75 CENT DAY:** Selected food items and games of bowling are 75 cents each at Emery Lanes.

▲ **50K Bingo:** Tickets cost \$85. Doors open at 5 p.m. and play begins at 7 p.m. in the Rocker NCO Club ballroom.

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

▲ **WELCOME WALK:** Tour from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.

▲ **JAPANESE CALIGRAPHY CLASS:** Adult class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

THURSDAY

▲ **50K Bingo:** Tickets cost \$85. Doors open at 5 p.m. and play begins at 7 p.m. in the Rocker NCO Club ballroom.

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

▲ **WELCOME WALK:** Tour from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.

▲ **JAPANESE CALIGRAPHY CLASS:** Adult class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

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	
▲ Tonight:	Scooby-Doo 2, PG, 6 p.m.
▲ Saturday:	Scooby-Doo 2, PG, noon. Barbershop 2, PG-13, 4 p.m. Spartan, R, 7 p.m.
▲ Sunday:	Scooby-Doo 2, PG, noon. Win a Date with Tad, PG-13, 4 p.m. Spartan, R, 7 p.m.
▲ Monday:	Barbershop 2, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Tuesday:	You Got Served, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Wednesday:	Win a Date with Tad, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Thursday:	Taking Lives, R, 7 p.m.
▲ April 16:	Catch That Kid, PG, 6 p.m. Taking Lives, R, 9 p.m.
Foster Theater	
▲ Tonight:	Taking Lives, R, 7 p.m.
▲ Saturday:	Win a Date with Tad, PG-13, 1 p.m. Taking Lives, R, 7 p.m. Taking Lives, R, 10 p.m.
▲ Sunday:	You Got Served, PG-13, 1 p.m. Taking Lives, R, 4 p.m. Taking Lives, R, 4 p.m.

1387 for more information.

▲ **KIMONO WEARING:** Class from 1 to 3 p.m. at the TLF in Bldg. 437. Call 634-3366 to register.

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

▲ **INVESTING:** Class from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.

▲ **STAMPINGAND EMBOSING:** One-session class from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Kadena Arts and Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 for more information.

▲ **WOODSHOP:** One-session safety orientation class begins from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Kadena Arts and Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 for more information.

▲ **SALSA DANCE:** Adult beginner's class from 6 to 7 p.m. and Adult advanced class from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

▲ **KID'S STAMPING CLASS:** One-session class from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Kadena Arts and Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 for more information.

APRIL 16

▲ **SLUMBER PARTY:** Event at the Banyan Tree Club will feature contests and cash prizes and a free breakfast buffet will be served from 3 to 4 a.m.

▲ **TRANSITION SEMINAR:** Class held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.

▲ **INDONESIAN SHOWAND DINNER TOUR:** Call 634-4322 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.

APRIL 17

▲ **TENNIS:** Tennis club singles. Call 634-5128 for details.

▲ **BO DIDDLEY:** Blues legend Bo Diddlely will perform at the Rocker NCO Club at 10 p.m. Event is open to all ranks and services. Tickets on show day will cost \$25 for club members and \$35 for nonmembers. Call 634-0740 for details.

▲ **RECYCLE WAR SIGNUP:** Last day to register a team for Earth Fest 2004's Recycle Wars on April 24, a take-off on the Discovery Channel's Junkyard wars. Teams will be required to build an un-motorized vehicle and then take it through an obstacle course. Registration is limited.

▲ **WOODSHOP:** One-session safety orientation class begins from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Kadena Arts and Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 for more information.

▲ **BEACH CLEANUP:** Last day to register for a beach cleanup at Kadena Seawall on April 24 from 9 a.m. to noon. Divers and non-divers are needed. Call 634-6344.

▲ **TUNNELRATS TOUR:** Call 634-4322 for more information.

▲ **QUILTING:** Machine patchwork quilting class from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center.

▲ **OKINAWA "FOLK TALES" TOUR:** Call 634-4322 for more information.

▲ **TABLETOPWARRIORS CLUB:** From 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center.

▲ **MUSIC LESSONS:** One-hour classes for saxophone, flute and clarinet for ages 5 and up from 7 a.m. to noon at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

▲ **MACHINE QUILTING:** One-session class from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Kadena Arts and Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 for more information.

APRIL 18

▲ **EXPLORETHE NORTH TOUR:** Call 634-4322 for more information.

▲ **RENT-A-LANE:** Up to five bowlers can rent a lane for three hours for \$15 from 8 to 11 a.m. at Emery Lanes.

▲ **RELAXING DAYAT HOTELNIKKO ALIVA TOUR:** Call 634-4322 for more information.

▲ **FAMILY DAY BOWLING:** Each game of bowling is \$1 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. at Emery Lanes when parents and children bowl together.

▲ **NATURALHOMEAND BODY:** One-session class begins from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Kadena Arts and Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 for more information.

APRIL 19

▲ **FAMILY NIGHT BOWLING:** Each game of bowling is \$1 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. at Skoshi Bowl when parents and children bowl together.

▲ **FABULOUS FLORALS:** One-session class on April 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Kadena Arts and Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 for more information.

APRIL 20

▲ **SALSA DANCE:** Adult beginner's class from 6 to 7 p.m. and Adult advanced class from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

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

▲ **TAICHI CHUAN:** Adult class from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Cen-

Sport Standings

Racquetball

Division 1

Team	W	L
18 OSS (A)	7	0
18 SFS	6	1
Det. 1, 554	3	1
18 CES	3	2
733 AMS	1	4
18 CS	1	3
18 LRS (A)	2	2
18 CMS	0	7

Division 2

Team	W	L
18 AMXS	6	1
18 MOS	5	2
353 OSS	5	2
18 MSS	4	4
VP9 (A)	1	0
VP9 (B)	2	2
18 OSS (B)	0	1
18 LRS (B)	0	7

Volleyball

Division 1

Team	W	L
733 AMS	7	0
DODDS (A)	6	1
18 CES	5	2
18 LRS	4	3
18 CMS (A)	2	5
18 SVS	2	5
18 CS (A)	1	6
18 EMS	1	6

Division 2

Team	W	L
390 IS	7	0
909/961st	7	1
353 OSS	5	1
18 CMS (B)	5	3
18 CPTS	4	3
18 CS (B)	2	6
623 ACF	2	6
DODDS (B)	2	6
18 MDSS	0	8

SOURCE: 18th SVS fitness center staff (current as of Wednesday)



Air Force/ Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister

A member of the Iwakuni soccer team dribbles the ball up field against Tafari members Sunday at McDonald Stadium. More than six teams competed in the three-day competition with Tafari winning the championship game 3-1. The Kadena team took third place.



Air Force/ SrA. Mercedes McAlister
Peter Burcheson of Tafari kicks the ball during the Kadena Soccer Cup championship at McDonald Stadium.



Air Force/ Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister

A Tafari member tries to score from a penalty kick as the Iwakuni team blocks the attempt during the Soccer Cup championship at McDonald Field Sunday.

Air Force blue shines at major baseball opener

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFPN) — For one Airman, opening day for the 2004 Major League Baseball season was "pretty incredible," especially in St. Louis, where fans are passionate about their professional sports teams.

For Staff Sgt. Kelly Grant-Ramstack, a vocalist with the U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America, her incredible day featured a standing room-only crowd of almost 50,000 fans and President George Bush throwing out the first pitch.

However, she said her biggest thrill was proudly wearing Air Force blue and singing the national anthem.

While the Cardinal-red wearing stadium crowd and television and radio audiences focused on "The Star-Spangled Banner," the blue-wearing sergeant focused on presenting the song properly.

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Staff Sgt. Kelly Grant-Ramstack,

especially with the president in attendance," she said.

Marty Hendin, vice president of community relations for the Cardinals, said that Sergeant Grant-Ramstack was the "only one we are allowing to wear blue."

Sergeant Grant-Ramstack said there was also someone else in the crowd making the day even more special.

Her husband attended the game after returning from a four-month deployment to Southwest Asia.



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Kelly Grant-Ramstack, a U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America vocalist, performs at a pre-opening day pep rally for the St. Louis Cardinals on April 5 outside of Busch Stadium.