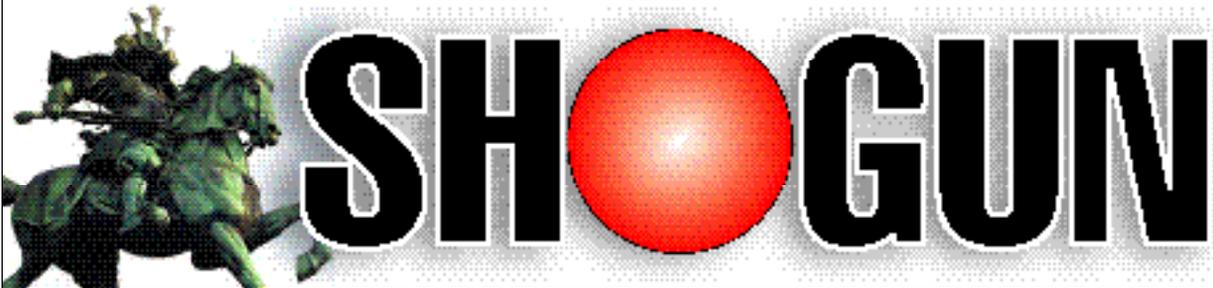


MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS

961st Airborne Air Control Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	5.0
Hours flown	4.1
Monthly offset	-0.9
33rd Rescue Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	16.0
Hours flown	21.1
Monthly offset	+5.1
909th Air Refueling Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	28.0
Hours flown	11.9
Monthly offset	-16.1
44th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	21
Sorties flown	22
Monthly offset	+1
67th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	21
Sorties flown	22
Monthly offset	+1

Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of Feb. 4

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WEEKEND WEATHER



TODAY: Mostly cloudy
NW winds @ 12-18 knots
High: 61 Low: 54



SATURDAY: Mostly cloudy
N/NW winds @ 12-18 knots
High: 61 Low: 54



SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy
with rain showers
NE winds @ 15-22 knots
High: 59 Low: 62

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

Making history

18th SFS shares lessons with Japanese forces deploying to Iraq

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake
18th Wing Public Affairs

The 18th Security Forces Squadron became a part of history this week after holding a briefing with Japan Self Defense Forces officials Wednesday.

Lt. Col. Gus Green, commander of the 18th Security Forces Squadron, and a handful of other security force officials who deployed to Iraq last summer, shared some of the lessons they had learned with their Japanese counterparts.

Some of the issues the colonel addressed with the Japanese security forces and training school instructors were: Humvee protection and defensive tactics, unexploded ordnance disposal orientation, deployable surveillance systems and what kind of equipment would be essential for carrying out their mission.

The colonel stressed the timing of the training session.



Lt. Col. Gus Green, 18th Security Forces Squadron commander, shows members of the Japanese military how to make improvised protective improvements to a Humvee at Kadena by placing a flak jacket onto a door during a Jan. 16 briefing at Kadena. A similar briefing took place on Wednesday for Japanese forces deploying to Iraq.

"It's important to do the training before you deploy because after you get to the deployed location you won't have time to train," he said.

"Training is vital, if you don't train then you are putting your fellow servicemembers in danger." For that reason, Colonel Green, who was

deployed to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq, for five months, said he was proud to share some tips with one of America's closest allies in the war on terrorism.

"I learned more in Iraq than in the rest of my 18 year career," he said. "If I can share something that will save the lives of just two Japanese soldiers then this was worthwhile."

According to various media reports, the decision for the Japanese military to deploy to Iraq has been a controversial decision in Japan. Article 9 of the Japanese constitution ratified after World War II stated that Japan would "forever renounce war and the threat of using force to settle international disputes."

In an effort to support the United States, Japanese politicians worked out a supplemental law that would allow its military to participate in the humanitarian mission in Iraq on the condition that military forces worked in a "no-combat" zone. The first group of Japanese military forces left from Chitose Air Base, Japan, Tuesday.

Ban on car washes at home begins

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake
18th Wing Public Affairs

Military bases on Okinawa started water conservation methods Tuesday after local media reports hinted that there may be an upcoming water shortage if weather trends continued.

The water ban requires military housing residents to refrain from washing their cars at home until water levels at the local reservoirs reach adequate levels. Currently, the only authorized place to wash a car is at one of the Army Air Force Exchange Services' car washes on various military installations.

Two weeks ago local governmental officials reported that the combined water level at Okinawa's nine dams had dropped below 60 percent capacity.

In response to the report,



Air Force /A1C Heather Tower
Staff Sgt. Gregory Howard, 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron, washes his van inside the Army Air Force Exchange Service's car wash Feb. 1.

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Remington, 18th Wing commander, and 18th Civil Engineer Group officials coordinated a joint effort by all military bases on Okinawa to partake

in the conservation effort.

According to Col. Brent Baker, 18th Mission Support Group commander, and Col. Steven Lillemon, 18th Civil Engineer Group commander, the policy will continue until further notice or when there is no longer a danger of water rationing.

Just days before the conservation plan began, dozens of cars lined up outside the AAFES's car wash across the street from the Risner Fitness Center.

Carmen Hernandez, wife of Senior Master Sgt. Nelson Hernandez, said conservation efforts shouldn't have a significant impact on her routine.

"I come here to the car wash once per month," she said. "We've lived here since 2001, so we know that during this time of year water is in

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PACAF names Shogun tops

Kadena's base newspaper, "The Kadena Shogun," took first place in a Pacific-wide competition of base newspapers, Pacific Air Forces officials announced Tuesday.

The Kadena Shogun was selected as the first place winner among eight tabloid-format newspapers in the command, the Misawa Air Base, Japan newspaper, "The Northern Light" placed second and the "The Fuji Flyer," the base newspaper at Yokota Air Base, Japan, placed third.

Staff Sgt. Marc Barnes, former editor of The Kadena Shogun also was selected as the Pacific Air Forces Print Journalist of the Year for 2003. Sergeant Barnes was reassigned to Dover Air Force Base, Del., in November after a three-year tour at Kadena.

In individual writing categories, Master Sgt. Adam Johnston, chief of internal

information with the 18th Wing public affairs office placed second in the command for news writing for a story on Kadena civil engineers deployed to fix the runway at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. Sergeant Barnes placed second in the editorial category for a humorous commentary on weight loss. Sergeant Johnston also placed third in PACAF's feature category for a story about an Air National Guardsman's soup-driven Sunday socials at Bagram.

Officials will judge The Kadena Shogun in early March at an Air Force-wide competition.

Last year Staff Sgt. Jason Lake, the newspaper's current editor, was selected as the Pacific Air Forces Print Journalist of the Year for 2002. Sergeant Johnston was selected as the PACAF Print Journalist of the Year for 1999.

This could happen in your home, office

By Master Sgt. Jeff Chandler
18th Wing Safety

Extension cords and relocatable power taps, often referred to as multi-outlet strips, surge suppressors, or simply power strips, are used almost every day in our work environments and in our homes.

These devices are very useful, but can present fire or shock hazards when either worn out or used improperly; therefore, they must be checked periodically to ensure a safe operating condition.

During a recent safety inspection, we looked at the relocatable power tap (Figure 1). Besides the outside cover being a little bit dirty, there were no apparent signs of any problems.

But closer examination of the unit revealed signs of damage. A large arc spot was discovered on the back, which was caused when a "hot" wire apparently disconnected from inside and made contact with the inside metal case.

After the unit was unplugged and removed from service, it was opened. The second picture (Figure 2), speaks for itself.

Amazingly, this unit still worked. Even though this particular unit had a built-in fuse, the fuse did not work. As a result, power from the facility's outlet receptacle kept feeding the power unit and the equipment plugged into it.

Fortunately, a mishap did not occur.

In this case, the power unit was sitting on top of a noncombustible surface, but if it had been sitting on top of a wood surface or even a pile of old directives or mobility gear tucked up under your desk, the situation could have been a lot worse.

The Base Fire Prevention and Protection regula-

Figure 1

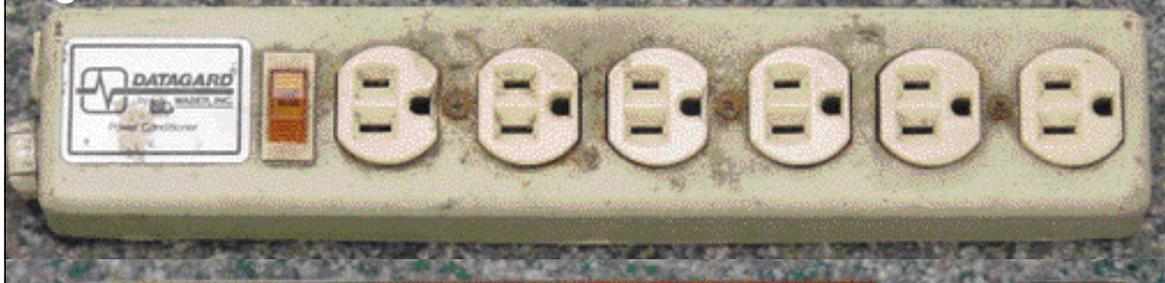


Figure 2



tion authorizes multi-receptacle bars for use with computers and other small appliances if it's equipped with a fuse and listed by an approved testing agency.

The regulation also states that extension cords should be used sparingly, and cannot run through

window or door openings, under carpets, or be plugged into another extension cord.

Always read the manufactures instructions on how to use and take care of the equipment. When used properly, power strips and extension cords can be used safely.

ACTION LINES

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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.

Battery disposal

What is the proper way to get rid of car batteries?

AAFES Car Care locations and the Auto Hobby Shop offer free disposal of car batteries with the purchase of a new battery. The Auto Hobby Shop will dispose of used car batteries for a fee of \$2 without the purchase of a new battery. The Kadena Hazardous Storage Area (634-7765) will also accept used car

PHONE NUMBERS

AAFES Action Line.....645-4301
Base Exchange.....633-4570
Civil Engineer Helpline.....634-4270
Clubs.....634-3002
Commissary.....634-3640
Finance.....634-1996

batteries.

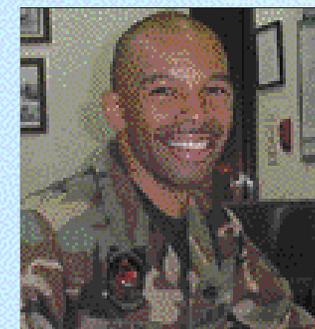
Dorm air conditioning and heating
Will the air conditioning and heat inside the dormitories be changed to suit the individual?

A. All of our dormitories have centralized heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems. These are the most efficient systems for large-facility air

treatment. We receive new dormitories via Government of Japan funding, and the negotiated standard for dormitory systems is the centralized design we have today. Unfortunately, the cost to re-do these systems to provide individual controls would be far beyond our budget. If you are experiencing problems with the system, please contact your dormitory manager, who will work with civil engineering to fix the problem.

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Home Telephone Helpline.....634-4080
Housing Maintenance.....634-HOME
Kadena Services.....634-1719
Medical and Dental.....632-9304
Safety.....634-SAFE
Security Forces.....634-1397

SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Staff Sgt. Mark Childs

18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, transient alert craftsman
Hometown: Fredericksburg, Va.

Reason for nomination: Sergeant Childs was nominated as the 18th EMS's NCO Technician of the Month in December. According to his supervisors, Sergeant Childs is a phenominal mentor and continually strives to set the example for others in the unit.

Time at Kadena: 3 years, 5 months

Editor's note : *Shogun Warriors* are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.



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Fostering better U.S.- Japan relations



Air Force/ Tech. Sgt. Richard Freeland

Japanese Retired Lt. Gen. Atsushi Ito, vice president of the Japan American Air Force Goodwill Association, presents the JAGA award to Tech. Sgt. Makoto Yokoi and his wife, Yoshiko, during Kadena's annual award ceremony Jan. 31. The JAGA award is presented to a Japan Air Self Defense Force member and U.S. Air Force member who have made significant contributions to foster better U.S.-Japan relations. Tech. Sgt. David McQueen, 909th Air Refueling Squadron, was awarded the JAGA award for fostering better relations in his host country. Sergeant McQueen was also named Kadena's NCO of the Year during the ceremony. To see a chart of Kadena's annual award winners, turn to page 5.

COLA CHANGES: Most Air Force enlisted members (E-1 through E-6) who live in the dorm should notice a 47 percent drop in their COLA index starting with the Feb. 15 paycheck. The reductions are a result of overpayment that has been identified throughout the Air Force. Finance officials say no debt will be collected from the member prior to the effective date of Feb. 1. For COLA dorm entitlement figures, visit <http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/ocform.html>.

DRAGON BOAT RACERS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to form teams for the May 5 Naha Dragon Boat race. A men's and women's team are needed for the competition consisting of 32 rowers, a gonger and a motivator. Team members must be Air Force active duty, Guard, Reserve members, a Department of Defense civilian employee or a Status of Forces Agreement family member over age 18. Racers are expected to attend training sessions 3 times every week - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 5:30 a.m. or 5:30 pm at the Four Diamonds Softball Field. There will be a meeting Tuesday at

3 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Ursula Young at 634-2499.

OKINAWA MARATHON: The 2004 Okinawa Marathon will be held Feb. 22 and will pass through Kadena at Gate 2 and exit through Gate 5. Drivers near Gates 2 and 5 and on Kuter Blvd., Vincent Ave. and Schreiber Ave. should expect to be rerouted away from the marathon route from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

SCHOLARSHIP: The Naval Officers' Spouses' Club of Okinawa is accepting applications for their 2004 Scholarship Program. Eligible U.S. Navy family members may pick-up applications at the Navy Fleet Gift Shop at Camp Lester, base education centers and other locations. Applications are due by April 1, 2004. For more information, visit the Navy Fleet Gift Shop or contact Stacy Wheeler at 646-8726 or e-mail: wheelerinokina@hotmail.com.

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18th Wing holds commander's calls

By Master Sgt.
Adam Johnston
18th Wing Public Affairs

Disturbing crime trends, future traffic ills, legal woes and Cost of Living Allowance changes for junior NCOs and airmen were topics topping the agenda during a series of commander's calls held by the Air Force's top leader at Kadena this week.

Topping the list of Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Remington's concerns at Kadena is spouse abuse. "I have absolute zero tolerance for any man who hits a woman," he told a crowd of about 500 junior and senior NCOs on Tuesday afternoon.

During Tuesday's session, the general said Kadena-wide units lead Pacific Air Forces bases in the percentage of spouse abuse cases and it's a trend he wants to turn around.

"We thought maybe operations tempo may have been a contributing factor, but what we've found is that many of the cases involve folks who have not deployed," General Remington said. Spousal abuse at Kadena isn't limited to just men. The general confirmed that some men have also been the targets of abuse by women.

Another family issue General Remington spoke about Tuesday was the amount of incidents involving family members.

The general detailed several issues involving assault, underage drinking, shoplifting and disbarment from Kadena for various family members. "There's not a week gone by in the two years I've been here that we haven't looked at barring someone from the base because of misconduct," he said. Presenting figures detailing the types of misconduct, the general told the crowd that he would like these incidents to decrease. "You are the folks who can carry my message the furthest because you are NCOs," the general said.

Getting into the base is another issue the community will face in the coming years, according to the general. Construction at Gates 1 and 2, to



Air Force/Tech. Sgt. Richard Freeland

Tech. Sgt. Al Owens, NCO in charge of allergy, immunizations and internal medicine with 18th Medical Operations Squadron, asks Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Remington, 18th Wing commander, a question about possible changes to ordinary leave policy to the Philippines during Tuesday's 18th Wing commander's call. General Remington told Sergeant Owens and other attendees that he will consider approval on a case-by-case basis of leave requests by military members who have family in the Philippines and who don't live near areas close to known Abu Sayef areas. Because of the high terrorism threat in the Philippines, military members requesting leave to Manila to do things such as play golf or shop will not be approved, General Remington said.

begin soon, will extend into 2006 and pose several concerns about traffic access into the base.

"Eventually, we'll even be looking at opening Gate 4 and that gate has not been open since I've been here," he said. General Remington said a plan to open Gate 5 will also be worked when needed.

The general also asked NCOs to ensure their charges have had an opportunity to get a will from the base's legal office. "Some people may not need one, others may want to reconsider it," he said. "Your legal readiness, just like your physical and mental readiness, is just as important." The general related one incident at Kadena during his

leadership that forced officials to give insurance benefits to a deceased airman's ex-spouse who had caused the member to previously go bankrupt because the airman had not updated his Service Member's Group Life Insurance beneficiary. "We had no choice, we had to do it because that's where the member officially had the death benefits going to," he said.

In using the example, General Remington asked the crowd to ensure their legal paperwork reflects their current desires. "If you've been divorced, had a child or a family member has recently died, you need to ensure your paperwork currently reflects what you want," he said.

Recent changes in pay allowances for unaccompanied airmen at Kadena E-6 and below that went into effective Sunday will be another concern for "single" junior airmen at Kadena.

According to the general, about 500 airmen at Kadena need to ensure that the pay for Overseas COLA and Basic Allowance for Separate Rations are accurate and reflect Kadena's new policy that only those who miss 20 percent of meals will be eligible for full BAS and those who miss 51 percent of their meals will be offered full COLA.

"Squadron commanders are the first step in this approval process," General Remington said. "People who

are authorized to eat at a dining facility should do so," he said. "People who miss meals at these facilities out of choice won't be getting additional funds from the Air Force to do so," he said.

General Remington also acknowledged that Kadena's policy on the pay allowances is different than other bases in Japan. "PACAF has left it up to the commander's to decide how the pay will be decided on each base by the base commander," he said.

Tuesday's commander's call was one of four scheduled for enlisted members at the Keystone Theater this week. A commander's call for officers will be held today at 4:30 p.m. at the Officers' Club.

BAN: Officials at Kadena issue tips for conserving Okinawa's water

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short supply. We try to conserve as much water as possible at home."

Staff Sgt. Gregory Howard, 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron, said he likes to spend quality time with the family by washing the car together at home, but doesn't mind coming out to the car wash if it means saving some water.

According to Colonel Lillemon, who is also the

executive agent for all military family housing in Okinawa, there are a few other simple things people can do to help save water.

- Sweep with a broom versus water blasting
- Ensure that outside water taps are off or not leaking
- Take shorter showers
- Wash clothes only when you have a full load

Colonel Lillemon said that if the situation gets worse, the Okinawa Drought Measures Liaisons

Council will ask everyone on Okinawa to implement strict water rationing.

Last month Kadena weather forecasters recorded 3.61 inches of rainfall, which is almost an inch less than average.

Tech. Sgt. Musette Willis, an 18th Operation Support Squadron weather forecaster, said there has been three quarters of an inch of rainfall this month. The average rainfall for February is 4.61 inches.

2003 ANNUAL AWARDS

Kadena's 'Best of the best'

Honor Guard Airman of the Year



Senior Airman Marco Lara

Honor Guard NCO of the Year



Staff Sgt. Tina Davis

Airman of the Year



Senior Airman William Moore

NCO of the Year



Tech. Sgt. David McQueen

Senior NCO of the Year



Master Sgt. Boyce Haywood

First Sergeant of the Year



Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Melahn

Company Grade Officer of the Year



Capt. Kenneth Daniels

Category 1 Civilian of the Year



Tashonalaki Jackson

Category 2 Civilian of the Year



Tanya Edwards

Category 3 Civilian of the Year



Julie Fetters

Cooking that keeps the demons away

Kadena volunteers learn how to make Okinawan rice cakes

Story and photos by
Staff Sgt. Jason Lake
18th Wing Public Affairs

Okinawan legend says that fresh steamed rice cakes, or muu-chi, hung up on doors or walls during the lunar new year will keep evil spirits from entering a home.

For extra protection, the water that is used to steam the rice cakes (pronounced moo-chi) is also poured around the foundation of a house.

Senior Airman Jerry Rademacher, 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron, first heard about the legend from his wife, Reiko.

"I hadn't been exposed to the Okinawan culture until after I got married," he said. "Now, my parents-in-law teach me a lot about Okinawan culture. It's like I've been introduced to a whole new world."

When the couple (who is expecting their first child in the next few weeks) heard about a class being offered off-base by the Okinawa Friendship Council for Kadena residents, Airman



Sayoko Stump, wife of Lt. Col. Eugene Stump from the 18th Wing inspector general office, ties a knot on a Ka-sa leaf and prepares to steam cook the leaf with muuchi inside. According to Keiko Asato, the instructor of the class, the leaves are used to wrap the muuchi because it adds a unique texture and flavor after it is steamed.

Rademacher said he and his wife jumped at the chance to learn the art of muu-chi making.

"Muu-chi is supposed to protect children, so we want to have some on our door and some inside the house," he explained.

More than a half dozen

other volunteers also learned how to cook "Ka-sa muu-chi," or Okinawan rice cakes wrapped in Ka-sa leaves, from Keiko Asato. Mrs. Asato is a cook for one of Okinawa City's preschools who volunteered to teach the Americans and is well versed in traditional Japanese culi-

nary arts.

Mary Kirby, wife of Ron Kirby from the 18th Wing safety office, said she was happy to take the class because her husband is half Okinawan, and she wanted to learn how to make one of her mother-in-law's favorite foods.

"It's a lot easier than I thought," she said.

During the three hour class, Mrs. Asato and her two assistants showed the group how to make four different flavors of the finger food - cocoa, sweet potato, brown sugar and pumpkin.

According to Mrs. Asato, each flavor has equal "demon warding" power.

She explained that the hot sticky treat keeps away demons by sticking to the their hands and burning them if they try to eat muuchi set in front of an entrance.

Before the end of the class, Mrs. Asato also helped each of the volunteers make their own muu-chi ornaments to hang at their front doors so that they could have a "demon-free" home.



How to make muu-chi

Ingredients:

- 4 and 1/3 cups of rice cake flour
- 2/3 cup of purple sweet potato flour
- 1 and 1/2 cups of brown sugar
- Approximately 30 Ka-sa, or Getto leaves
- Water added as needed for texture

Also need:

- Large mixing bowl
- Steam cooker
- 30 pieces of Straw or plastic strings
- Measuring cup



Directions:

1. Mix rice cake flour, brown sugar and purple sweet potato flour into a large mixing bowl. Slowly add water little by little while stirring.
2. Knead the dough until it feels as soft as your earlobe.
3. After kneading, make the rice cake paste into an oval shape.
4. Place an individual rice cake ball on the middle of a Ka-sa leaf (backside).
5. Fold the outer edges of the leaf inward so that the entire rice cake ball is covered by the leaf.
6. Take a piece of straw or plastic string and tie a knot around the leaf so that the rice cake ball stays wrapped.
7. Place the rice cakes (bundled in leaves) into a steamer on the top shelf and steam for 30 minutes on high setting.
8. Unwrap cakes and serve.

CLOCKWISE FROM THE TOP: Mary Kirby, wife of Ron Kirby from the 18th Wing safety office, watches as Yoshike prepares ingredients for making Okinawan rice cakes. RIGHT: Mrs. Stump prepares for the class. ABOVE: Staff Sgt. Heath Alexander and Mary Kirby, wife of Ron Kirby from the 18th Wing safety office, watch as Keiko Asato, instructor of the Ka-sa muuchi class, demonstrates how to make the rice cakes.

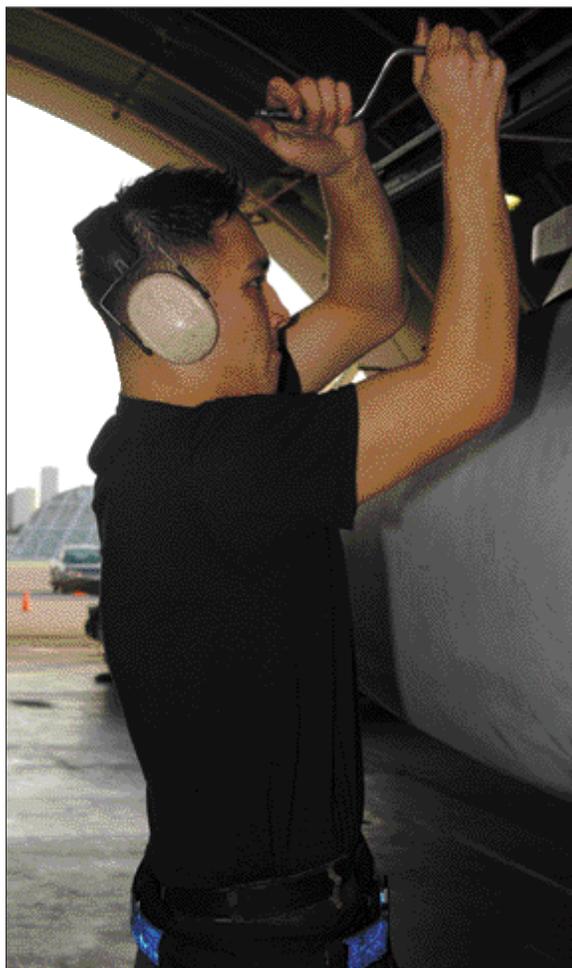


oy, wife of Ron Kirby from the 18th Wing nabukuro and Asato Keiko mix together akes, or "muu-chi."

'a-sa leaf over her cocoa muu-chi ball. 390th Intelligence Squadron linguist, and 18th Wing safety office, look on as Keiko ni class, kneads a batch of brown sugar



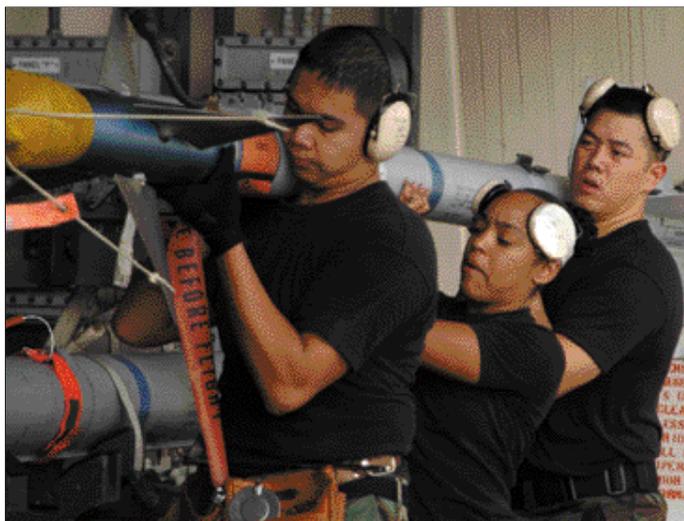
Air Force / Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister
Senior Airman Zane Mays, 44th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, checks a missile before loading it onto an F-15 fighter during a quarterly loadmaster competition recently.



Air Force/ Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister

ABOVE: Senior Airman John Kennett, 44th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, checks and tightens bolts along the wing of an F-15 during the loadmaster competition.

RIGHT: Staff Sgt. Pablo Hernandez, 44th AMU, secures a missile onto the wing of an F-15 fighter during the loadmaster competition.

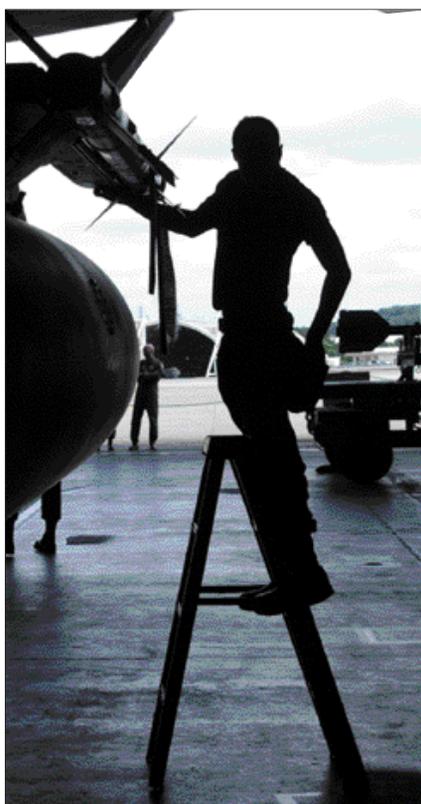


Air Force/ Airman First Class Heather Tower



Air Force / Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister
ABOVE: Senior Airman Zane Mays, Staff Sgt. Richard Pyryt and Airman John Kennett put away tools and make final log-ins during the competition.

LEFT: Airmen First Class Benito Bagube (left), Victoria Bolton and Staff Sgt. Scottie Odani fasten a missile onto an F-15 during the competition.



Air Force/ Airman First Class Heather Tower

Maintainers test weapon-loading skills

By Staff Sgt. Jason
 18th Wing Public Affairs

Airmen assigned to the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron tested their ability to load ordnance on combat aircraft during a two-day quarterly loadmaster competition recently.

Thursday morning officials named weapons load crew 22 (comprised of Senior Airmen John Kennett and Zane Mays and Staff Sgt. Richard Pyryt, all from the 44th Aircraft Maintenance Unit) the winners of the competition.

The competition tested the abilities of three teams from the 44th AMU and 67th AMU.

Staff Sgt. Paul Riley, 18th Maintenance Operations Squadron weapons academics instructor, said the teams had to load four

missiles onto an F-15 aircraft and were graded in four areas of expertise.

The first item graded was a test that each team had to take. The teams were also graded on the amount of time it took for them to complete the task (35 minutes allowed - points deducted for time past), the team's appearance and performance.

Sergeant Riley said the competition not only improves esprit de corps, but also improves morale.

The three winners, who also won last year's annual competition, get to show off an engraved plaque, certificate of appreciation from the wing commander, a coupon booklet for 18th Services gifts and qualification to compete in the end of the year competition.



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAllister

Bingata Factory Tour

Kadena Information, Tickets and Travel offers a tour to the Bingata Factory from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 15. Here visitors can watch the process of creating Bingata, or Okinawan art design. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children. For more information or to book a tour, call 634-4322.

Kadena Activities

Valentine's Day activities

Seaside Inn dinner : Dine within the sounds and sight of the ocean and enjoy broiled lobster dinner for two. Cost is \$55 per couple. Doors open at 5 p.m.

Rocker NCO Club candlelight dinner : Enjoy a candlelight dinner, live entertainment and a rose for every lady. Dress is semi-formal. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m.

Officers' Club dinner : Cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres begins at 6 p.m. followed by a five-course meal in an elegant setting. Cost is \$50 per couple. All ranks and services are welcome.

Valentines Day cookie orders: The Banyan Tree Club will be accepting orders for Valentine's Day cookies from Monday until Feb. 12. Orders can be made by calling 634-0644 and picked up between 6:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Feb. 14.

Kid's night out at the Kadena Youth Center: Want to spend a few hours with your loved one alone? The Kadena Youth Center will offer an evening of games, arts and crafts projects and movies for children ages 6 to 12 from 6 to 11 p.m. Pre-registration is due by Feb. 11.

Youth Center

Fridays: Activity Day, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Kids can play games and get creative. Open to ages 6-8.

Family Support Center

Monday: Money Management, 8 to 11 a.m.; Intermediate Excel, 5 to 7:30 p.m.; Dating and Healthy Relationships, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday through Thursday: Transition Assistance Seminar, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday: Tea Ceremony, 10 a.m. to noon; Kids on the Move, 4 to 5 p.m.; Understanding Mutual Funds, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

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Saturday: Hearts Apart Yellow Ribbon Tour, This tour is free to spouses of deployed servicemembers. Visit southern Okinawa, Main Place shopping mall, Naminoue

Shrine and the Chinese Garden.

• Bios on the Hill, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$25 for adults, \$13 for children ages 6-12 and \$5 for children ages 5 and under.

Sunday: Expo International Orchid Festival, Visit Expo Park to see many beautiful species of flowers at the Annual Expo Flower Festival. Cost is \$25 for adults, \$15 for children ages 6-12, \$5 for children under 6.

• Whale Watching tour, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$84 for adults, \$57 for children ages 5-11.

Tuesday: Yui Monorail and Kokusai Street tour, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Take a ride on the new monorail and do some shopping on Kokusai Street. Cost is \$18 for adults, \$12 for children ages 6-12, \$5 for children under 6.

Clubs

Feb. 13: Comedy Showcase, begins at 10 p.m. at the Banyan Tree Club. Share some laughs with comedic performances by Al Toomer and Yoursie Thomas.

Feb. 17: Comedy Showcase, begins at 7 p.m. at the Officers' Club. Share some laughs with comedic performances by Al Toomer and Yoursie Thomas.

Feb. 18: Membership Night, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Banyan Tree Club. Enjoy a complimentary buffet where club members and their spouses eat free. No children please.

Feb. 23: Kid's Membership Night, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Officers' Club. The entire family can enjoy a free buffet that includes cake and ice cream. Children will receive a free goody bag to take home.

Schilling Community Center

Feb. 14: Bingo, 2 p.m. Have fun with the whole family. Games and prizes will be awarded to winners. Cards go on sale at 1 p.m.

Feb. 21: Card and Comic Show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Spots are available to vendors for \$5 on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Discover classes: Visit the Schilling Community Center and sign up for one of the following Discover classes: whale watching, Shamisen, local tour, tea ceremony or tennis.

Movies

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

Keystone Theater

Tonight: 6 p.m., Honey, PG-13; 9 p.m., Chasing Liberty, PG-13

Saturday : noon, The Haunted Mansion, PG; 4 p.m., Chasing Liberty, PG-13; 7 p.m., Love Don't Cost a Thing, PG-13

Sunday : noon, The Haunted Mansion, PG; 4 p.m., Chasing Liberty, PG-13; 7 p.m., Honey, PG-13

Monday: 7 p.m., Love Don't Cost a Thing, PG-13

Tuesday: 7 p.m., The Haunted Mansion, PG

Wednesday: 7 p.m., Honey, PG-13

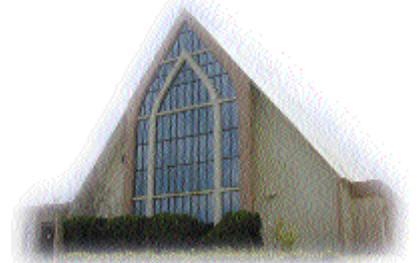
Thursday: 7 p.m., Torque, PG-13

Feb. 13: 6 p.m., Stuck on You, PG-13; 9 p.m., Torque, PG-13

Foster Theater

Today: 6 & 9 p.m., Torque, PG-13

Saturday : 1 p.m., The Haunted Mansion, PG; 4 p.m., Love Don't Cost a Thing, PG-13; 7 & 10 p.m., Torque, PG-13



Chapel

Catholic

Mon-Fri. : Mass, noon at Chapel 2

Saturday : Confession, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Chapel 2; Vigil Mass, 5 p.m. at Chapel 2

Sunday : Mass, 8:45 a.m. at Chapel 3; 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. at Chapel 1

Protestant

Wednesday : Bible Study at 7 p.m. at Chapel 1.

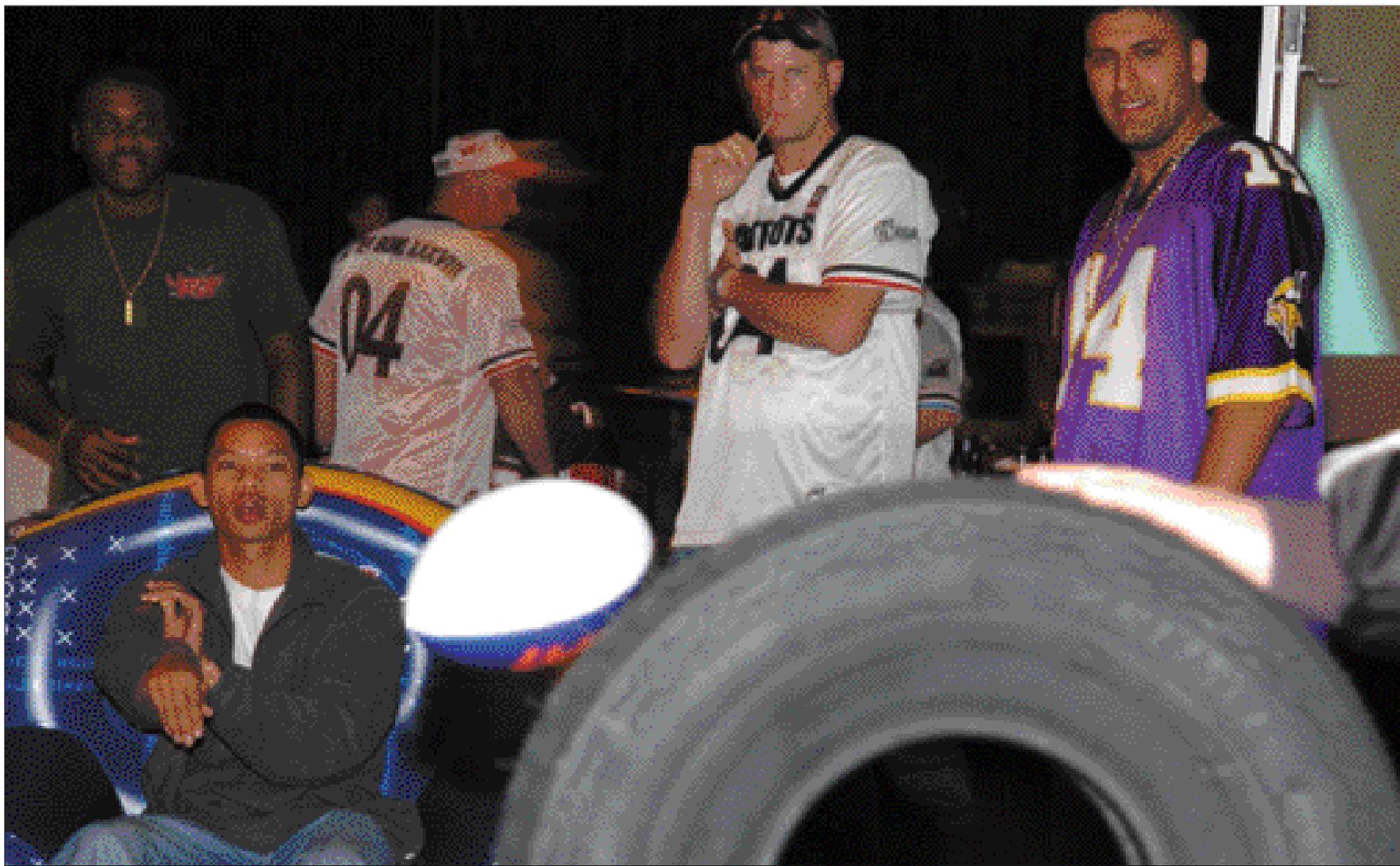
Sunday : Inspirational, 8:30 a.m. at Chapel 2; Liturgical, 8:45 a.m. at Chapel 3; Evangelical, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. at Chapel 1; General Protestant, 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 3; Gospel, 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 2; Sunday school at 10:45 in Bldg. 326 and Bldg. 327

Hindu service: noon on Mondays at Chapel 1

Eastern Orthodox service: call 645-7486

Jewish services: call 637-1027

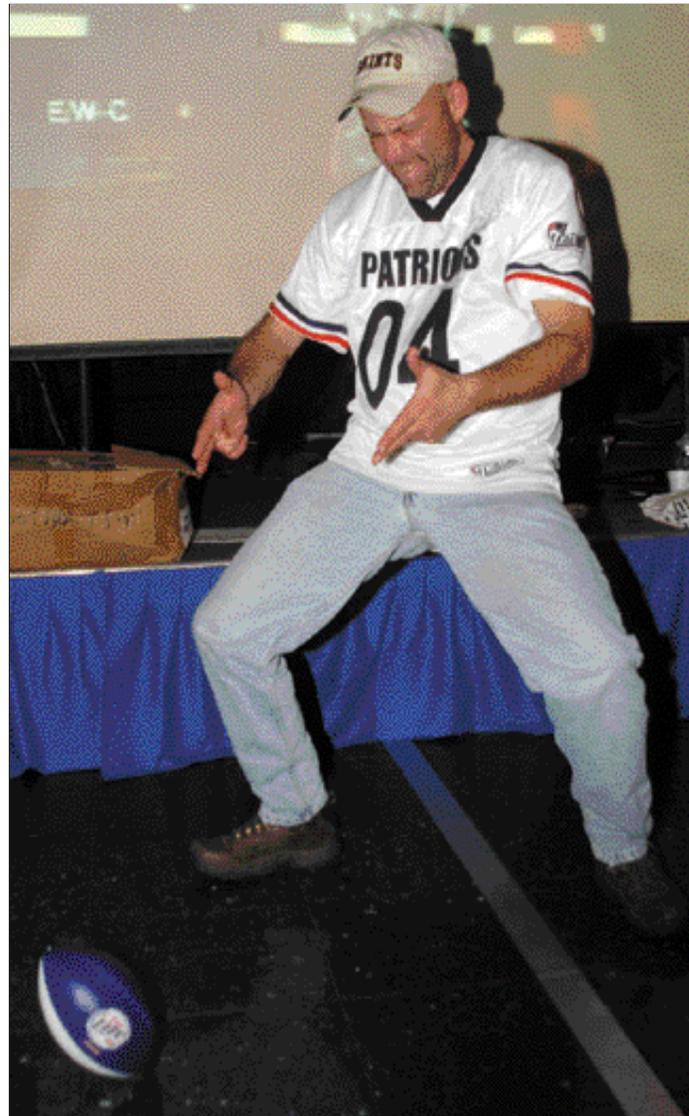
Islamic services: call 636-3219



Air Force photos by Chiaki Iramina
 Jeff Vergara, 18th Component Maintenance Squadron, tries to throw a football through a tire during the armchair quarterback competition at the Rocker NCO Club's Super Bowl XXXVIII party Monday. More than 550 football fans came out to watch the game and participate in various games played during intermissions. The first 100 fans to show up for the game were given commemorative jerseys (center) to take home.



ABOVE: Lee Holden, 353rd Maintenance Squadron, cheers as the Patriots drive toward the endzone. RIGHT: Rob Lewis, entertainment director during the NCO Club's Super Bowl party, checks to see who has the right scavenger hunt items during a musical chair scavenger hunt contest.



Fans have super time during Super Bowl

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake
 18th Wing Public Affairs

Hundreds of football fans watched America's most popular sporting event of the year during the Kadena clubs' Super Bowl XXXVIII parties Monday.

Nearly 1,000 people woke up before day break and headed to one of Kadena's three clubs - the Banyan Tree Club, Rocker NCO Club and Officers' Club. Each of the clubs offered free food, games and prizes for fans who came out to watch the game.

For Richard Gomez, a civilian worker at Kadena's Navy Commander of Fleet Activities Okinawa, this was his first Monday morning Super Bowl.

"I got here at six o'clock to just to see how many people would be here," he said.

Mr. Gomez said that compared to most state-side bases, overseas bases have more cammer-

aderie when it comes to events like the Super Bowl.

"Out here everyone comes together," he said. "At stateside bases you don't see this as much."

Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Bishop, 18th Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant, said the parties helped raise morale by bringing a little piece of home back to the troops who are stationed overseas.

"The clubs did an exceptional job with the food, atmosphere and prizes," he said. "This is a huge thing to give back to the troops."

Senior Airman Rory Thomas, 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, decided to celebrate his birthday by attending his first Monday Super Bowl at the Banyan Tree Club.

In the end, Airman Thomas got to take home a new leather chair after winning an end of the game ticket raffle.

"This is a great birthday present," he said. "I'm keeping this chair in my dorm room."

Air Force photos by Chiaki Iramina
 Dean Sprague, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, demonstrates his touchdown dance during the Rocker NCO Clubs Super Bowl festivities.