



# United States Air Force

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### **Death following snorkeling incident**

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan – A deployed individual at Kadena Air Base, Japan, died following a snorkeling-related incident that occurred on June 23, 2026.

Emergency responders initiated life-saving measures and transported the individual to a local medical facility, where they were later pronounced deceased.

“The 18th Wing is deeply saddened by this loss and our thoughts remain with the family and loved ones. Our priority is supporting them through this difficult time,” said Brig. Gen. John Gallemore, 18th Wing commander.

The individual’s name is being withheld until 24 hours after notification of next of kin.