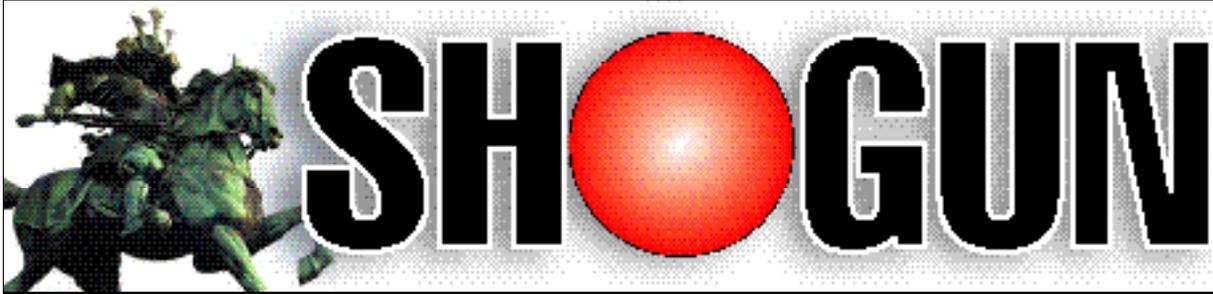


Kunigami Village

Population: 6,005
 Founded: 1908
 Total area: 194.80 sq. km
 City flower: Cherry Azalea
 Highlight: Hedo Point, Hiji Cataract



FRIDAY: Mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers
 S winds @ 10-15 knots
 High: 77 Low: 64

SATURDAY: Mostly cloudy
 S/SW winds @ 10-18 knots
 High: 77 Low: 66

SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy
 SW winds @ 12-18 knots
 High: 79 Low: 66

FRIDAY MORNING'S
 COMMUNITYBANK
 EXCHANGERATES
 BUYING: \$1=Y114 SELLING: Y120=\$1

Helping families through teamwork

18th SVS, family support ready to assist families during long deployments

By Staff Sgt. Marc Barnes
 18th Wing Public Affairs

Spouses of deployed Air Force members who are familiar with the challenges of managing a home single handedly now have several options available to make their burden a little lighter.

The 18th Services Squadron has teamed up with the Family Support Center and the Air Force Aid Society to offer various programs to spouses here who could use a little help during

their loved one's deployments.

Current operations tempo has many Air Force members deploying for longer than the typical 90-day rotation, and Air Force officials haven't yet said when those members will return home. While the programs may not change the uncertainty that goes along with current deployments, they can make the separation from a loved one a little easier to handle, according to Col. Janice Swigart-Smith, 18th SVS commander.

"Marriages are teams, and when

part of the team is missing, the remaining team members have to pick up the slack," the colonel said. "We try to provide some small ways that we can make it easier for them not only to do that, but also to find opportunities to take a breather every once in awhile."

She said participation in the available programs (listed on Page 4) has increased in the last year — most notably during the most recent deployments.

"We can't directly attribute the

increase in use to an increase in ops tempo, but we have definitely seen an increase over the last year, especially during the recent Air Expeditionary Force deployment," Swigart-Smith explained. "For example, our Car Care Because We Care program use is already about 10 times greater this fiscal year than last."

The Car Care Because We Care program and other programs for spouses of deployed service members

See *DEPLOYED*, Page 4



Air Force/Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche testifies before the Senate Armed Services Committee regarding sexual assault charges filed at the U.S. Air Force Academy. According to Roche, a three-pronged investigation is looking into the charges.

SECAF says service will address problems at Air Force Academy

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott
 Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Citing policies that were "clearly not smart," the Air Force's senior official acknowledged March 6 the service has a corporate responsibility for the barrage of sexual assault charges filed at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche told members of the Senate Armed Services Committee that the service allowed budget and

manpower restrictions to adversely affect management decisions.

"We gave up on a year of advanced education for counseling of senior staff officers in how to deal with this sort of situation. That clearly was not smart." Further, Roche said, "We did not make good use of our superlative noncommissioned officers ... so they could help.

"That's not the fault of the people there, it's a corporate responsibility," he said.

See *ACADEMY*, Page 5

Meeting with the troops



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Remington, 18th Wing commander, answers airmen's questions during a commander's call Wednesday afternoon at the Keystone Theater. The Wednesday afternoon meeting was the last in a series of commander's calls held throughout the last week. Questions and answers from the meetings will be printed in future editions of *The Kadena Shogun*.

Kadena Monthly Sortie Goals

961st Airborne Air Control Squadron	33rd Rescue Squadron	909th Air Refueling Squadron	44th & 67th Fighter Squadrons
Monthly flying-hour contract 27.6	Monthly flying-hour contract 62.4	Monthly flying-hour contract 138.2	Monthly sortie contract 325
Hours flown 42.2	Hours flown 57.7	Hours flown 252.5	Sorties flown 293
Monthly offset +14.6	Monthly offset -5.7	Monthly offset +114.3	Monthly offset -32





Commander answers Action Lines

Not enough space

Question: *Why is the Air Force single living space standard so small?*

Answer: The Air Force has come a long way in improving the quality of life for our unaccompanied people. We used to have a two-plus-two standard where two airmen shared 180 square feet and bathroom facilities with two others in an adjoining room or, worse yet, latrines which everyone on one floor shared. Just ask some of the more senior NCOs about what that was like.

That brings us to our newest one-plus-one standard here at Kadena. Instead of sharing 180 sq. ft., you now have 110 sq. ft. to yourself, plus the additional kitchenette and bathroom space you share with only one other person.

Recently, our Air Force leaders approved a new standard increasing personal space to 118 sq. ft., and will include a private bath in a four-person cube design. It will take some time to

build these throughout the Air Force, but you can see quality of life improvements keep coming for our single people.

Storage sheds

Question: *Are storage sheds going to be installed in North Terrace housing? We are the only housing area without storage space and need a safe place to store oils and fuel as well as lawn equipment.*

Answer: You're right, there is a need for outdoor storage in your area.

The long-term fix is part of our aggressive Kadena Housing Redevelopment Program. This program will mean a complete reconstruction for your area and other housing units on base, but it won't be done for several years.

Meanwhile, we are looking at two interim solutions. The first is a competitive program asking Pacific Air Forces to approve and fund construction of new sheds and the second is issuing

portable storage sheds through our Self Help Store. I don't have an answer at this time, but you can check on the progress by calling Debbie Perez in our Family Housing Office at 634-1127.

Window tinting

Question: *Can we get tinted or mirrored windows on first floor dormitory rooms for better privacy?*

Answer: Window tinting is very subjective — some love it and others hate it. Unfortunately, the least expensive is the "peel and stick" method.

We've learned from experience that it's not cost effective because of bubbling and peeling requiring constant replacement. Additionally, many people don't like the darkness that tinted windows create on cloudy days.

Tinted windows are even more expensive. My recommendation is that you consider the flexibility that curtains or blinds offer. Not only will this give you privacy, but will give your room a more "homey" atmosphere.

ACTION LINES

E-mail:

18wg.cchotline@kadena.af.mil

The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play.



Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Remington
18th Wing commander

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.

AAFES Action Line.....	645-4301
Base Exchange.....	633-4570
Civil Engineer Helpline.....	634-4270
Clubs.....	634-3002
Commissary.....	634-3640
Finance.....	634-1996
Fraud, Waste & Abuse Hotline.....	634-0404
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

USFJ commander says COLA survey important to service members, families

By Lt. Gen. Tom Waskow
U.S. Forces Japan commander

survey asks members and their families where they purchase specific goods and services on the local economy and also asks what percentage of these goods and services are

Serving our country overseas brings with it great opportunities and a few challenges. One of those challenges is the potential difference in the cost-of-living as compared to the cost-of-living back in the United States. To help offset the additional costs of being overseas, the military may pay service members a cost-of-living allowance, or COLA.

The amount you receive each month in your paycheck is based in part on member-provided survey data that is collected through the Living Pattern Survey conducted every three years. This

it out. Don't delay to fill out this survey by March 31 — it's your opportunity to make a difference!

On the Web

Take the cost-of-living allowance survey online now at www.perdiem.osd.mil/oscola/lps/japan

This year the survey is Web-based and should take about 30 minutes to complete. The survey is for all services and will be available online at Kadena until March 31. The survey may be completed by all members with command-sponsored dependents.

Input to this survey impacts approximately 280,000 people at hundreds of overseas installations, so it's very important that you take the time to fill

18th AMDS commander shares lessons learned

By Lt. Col. Paul Young
18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron commander

misperception of an unstable environment led to death. Looking back at the entire process, several thoughts stand out in my mind.

Multiple agency involvement

Every commander that has had the unfortunate experience of working up a ground mishap, like I have, can tell you they have had to see and work all aspects of the event. Important constituents include: a detailed member background, care for the surviving family members, which consists of numerous support actions, present unit and worker morale, scene and environment assessment, and also in my case as a physician, a professional medical investigation.

Throughout the investigation my lessons learned focused on, "What did I miss or not see coming?", "What actions will prevent this from happening again?" and "Who deals with these issues?"

Fortunately, I did find the help I needed from mortuary affairs, flight supervisors, safety offices, the Air

Force Office of Special investigations and security forces. Parallel investigations from AFOSI and safety may take place, but their reviews must still be synthesized by the squadron commander to get the entire story and present as the "expert" in multiple briefings to supervisors and commanders.

Personal responsibility

Pointing an individual in the right direction and trying to funnel the energy and actions of our troops is the big challenge. There is administrative policy with rules and regulations. There are controls of protective equipment and engineering fixes to try and make the environment safer; and there are limitations set, if possible, to avoid exposure. Still I've learned that it is really tough to monitor the actions and activities of "free" people. We make decisions regarding ORM on basically everything that we do and therefore, what it eventually comes down to is personal responsibility.

I recently concluded a report to the Pacific Air Forces commander for the death of a member of my squadron. That tragic event took place in October last year when a member of the 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron decided to go SCUBA diving and snorkeling during poor weather conditions.

Although the person used the buddy system, both people did not heed the suggestion by Kadena Marina staff to swim at recommended sites that would be less affected by wind conditions.

My troop's diving experience was limited in that she was not a strong swimmer and had not dived in a while. Also, she did not use the proper gear that would have been appropriate at the site where she drowned. The bottom line is simple: poor Operational Risk Management was applied! For one brief moment the combination of overestimating one's abilities and a



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NO SMOKING: Effective March 17, unaccompanied housing and dormitories will be smoke-free. The 18th Wing commander recently signed a policy letter banning smoking in the above facilities. According to base officials, the order was signed to help advance toward the goal of a smoke-free force that is fit and ready to defend.

SMALLPOXVACCINATIONS: People who have received the smallpox vaccination can use base fitness centers, but with limitations. Those who have received the vaccination cannot use the steam room or sauna, must keep the vaccine site covered with a bandage, wear a sleeved shirt and wipe down fitness equipment with cleaning solution provided at the centers. For more information, call immunization at 630-4415 or public health at 634-4520.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Kadena Special Olympics Committee is looking for volunteer entertainers for the upcoming 2003 Special Olympics. The committee is in need of clowns, jugglers, magicians, balloon makers, ventriloquists, and others who can volunteer their time and materials. For more information or to volunteer, call Art Arao 634-2961 or 090-8414-0871 or send an e-mail to arthur. arao@kadena.af.mil.

MANDATORY TRAINING: All employees at Kadena are required to attend quarterly suicide awareness training. Briefings this quarter will be held at 8 a.m. March 28 at the Keystone The-

ater. For more information, call Master Sgt. James Cooper at 634-3272.

BLOOD DRIVES: The American Red Cross will sponsor blood drives across Okinawa during March. The Armed Services Blood Program at Camp Lester hospital will accept blood donations for use by military facilities that serve military service members, family members and Department of Defense civilians throughout the Pacific. The blood drives will be held as follows: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 20 at the Kinser Chapel; and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 27 at the Kadena American Red Cross office in bldg. 910.

VABRIEFINGS: A Department of Veterans Affairs representative will hold mass VA briefings for veterans here in the Family Support Center from 10 a.m. to noon March 20 and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. April 4. For more information, call Tiffany Lassen at 645-3473 Monday-Wednesday or at 634-7525 Thursday and Friday.

COACHES NEEDED: The Okinawa Cheerleading Squad is currently looking for two coaches, preferably with cheerleading or gymnastic experience. All applicants must be at least 20 years of age. For more information, call Natasha Teree Sutton at 634-3306 or 090-9787-4796.

TOP3 MEETING: The Kadena Top 3 Association will host its monthly meeting on March 31 at 2:30 p.m. at the NCO

club. The meeting is open to all active duty of any service or retired, in the grade of E-7 (to include selects) through E-9's assigned to Kadena. For more information, call 634-3158.

COLA SURVEY FOR SPOUSES: Spouses of deployed service members who would like to complete the COLA survey in their spouses absence may call Tech. Sgt. Lawrence Anthony at 634-7567 to make an appointment to file the survey on a Family Support Center computer. Spouses can visit the FSC on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 8 to 11 a.m., through March 31.

SUMMER HIRE PROGRAM: Applications for Kadena's Summer Hire Program will be accepted by the Civilian Personnel Flight from April 1 through May 2, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday at bldg. 721. Late applications will be accepted until May 30 if positions are available. This year's program includes clerical and laborer positions for 20 hours per week in various organizations. The pay rate is \$5 per hour. U.S. citizen SOFA dependents of DoD military and civilian employees who are 14 through 22 years of age, are eligible to apply. Dependents of sponsors working for the Red Cross, USO, DoD contractors, BX concessionaries, military banking facilities or universities are not eligible. Applications are available at the Kadena High School Career Office, Kadena Middle School Main Office, the Teen Center, and the Kadena CPF. Employment will begin June 23

and end Aug. 15. Employees are expected to work the entire 8-week program. Sponsors may apply on behalf of their dependents who are not currently on island. Applicants' passports and Social Security cards will be required for verification purposes. For more information, call 634-0441.

BOAT RACERS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to form a Kadena team for the Naha Dragon Boat Races May 5. A male and a female team are needed. Each team has 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 the age 18. Participants will learn the ancient art of rowing dragon boats and compete against other military teams as well as get ranked against local dragon boat teams. Although fun, it's also a lot of work. Racers are expected to attend training sessions three times per week. Anyone interested should call Tech. Sgt. Sherrie Lewis at 632-5301.

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DEPLOYED: Units help spouses of deployed AF members

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are jointly funded by the 18th SVS and the Air Force Aid Society through Kadena's Family Support Center. Swigart-Smith said the teamwork of these agencies is a great example of the teamwork required to meet the Air Force Services mission.

"The Air Force Services mission slogan is 'combat support and community service'," the colonel said. "We are doing both when we take care of the folks who are left behind when members deploy. Anything we can do to help support those deployed and those who stay behind directly contributes to the Air Force mission. Our 18th SVS mission statement includes the words, 'mission, troops, and families' and we consider them to be equally important because they are all linked together. Family wellness is a critical element of mission success."

Programs for spouses of deployed Air Force members

Hearts Apart Yellow Ribbon coupon booklet

- \$75 value funded by the 18th Services Squadron
- Coupons for child care, meals, free ITT tour and more
- Coupons are provided through the Kadena Family Support Center (Bldg. 99; 634-3366)

Car Care Because We Care

- Free oil change and preventive maintenance inspections at the Auto Skills Development Center
- Certificates for service provided through the Kadena Family Support Center (Bldg. 99; 634-3366)
- Free towing and lock-out service began in January this year as part of Car Care Because We Care, but fully funded by the 18th SVS
- Contact auto skills (Bldg. 1436, 634-1126)

Give Parents a Break

- Up to five hours of free child care every fourth Saturday of each month
- Available for children from six months to 10 years of age

Returning Home Care

- Coincides with the monthly Deployed Spouses Dinner
- Program provides up to 16 hours of child care for each child under 12 years
- Only available for those deployed for longer than 30 days
- Family must enroll and use the childcare within 30 days of return from deployment
- Provided by the Family Child Care Program (Bldg. 723, 634-3464)

Lawn Care

- Reduced price lawn care (only the cost of labor is covered)
- Provided by Outdoor Recreation (Bldg. 614, 634-2811)

Picnic or Party Packs

- Reduced-price picnic or party packs with free delivery and set-up
- Provided by Outdoor Recreation (Bldg. 614, 634-2811)

Taking a break



Air Force/Tech. Sgt. Christopher Ball

OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH — Tech. Sgt. Nick Shore, a member of the 18th Maintenance Squadron, takes a breather on an E-3 Sentry airborne warning and control system between Operation Southern Watch missions. Shore is deployed from Kadena as a crew chief on the aircraft.

EDITORIAL: Commander stresses ORM

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Where have I heard that one before! If you have not run for a while, don't go out and try to run a marathon. If you haven't been swimming for a while, the deep end of a pool or rough ocean waters should not be your initial or favorite hangout. Everyone should heed safety recommendations and make informed decisions that mitigate injury.

PACAF 'CARES'

Although the PACAF Comprehensive Assessment Risk and Evaluation System (CARES) Web site targets recreational activities, it also provides helpful guidance noting that any activity comes with some degree of risk.

Commanders have this useful tool at their fingertips and should use it, as I do now, for all inprocessing briefings. We should actively direct our folks to this site and have their immediate supervisors review with them the areas involving personal activity choices. This process will help airmen make prudent decisions. It will also lessen the pain of wondering, after the fact, about the possibility of a different outcome if more had been done to "guide or get to know" the individual's activities.

Prepare now

A "normal" individual's activities do not include a willful desire to harm themselves or others. In an unexpected death, we may pay for it in our memories, but let's not allow loved ones to also pay the bills.

Wills are not made for the benefit of the deceased but for survivors. Burial costs, financial debts, and other personal expenses linger. Information can help individuals realize that a will lessens the administrative burdens and hardship on family members by providing direction. Even an old will is better than nothing. Our "legal readiness" is important to wrap up our estate and take care of our loved ones.

Fortunately, the Air Force Personnel Center recently announced that the premiums for SGLI and family SGLI will be lowered this year. Declined or

reduced coverage decisions are often made because the individual believes that the cost is too high or is not necessary. SGLI is a great deal and it contains no suicide, combat or military aircraft crew member exclusion clauses, and is not paid based on a line of duty determination. We need to get the word out.

Know your airmen

It is very difficult to get to know all of your airmen, especially if you have a squadron approaching 1,000 troops. But that doesn't mean we shouldn't try. If the squadron commander can't, then someone must. I'm fine tuning several approaches since my unit's incident.

One thing is to remain open and willing to listen to what our people say about themselves. Gather a personal biography on your folks as they inprocess and see what they think is important about themselves, their activities and lives. Keep an open door policy and observe hidden disciplinary issues. Use valued input from first sergeants and superintendents. Be visible and look for the hidden agendas that may help reduce those risks from hobbies and other activities. Discuss relationships with peers and families through open but non-intimidating general conversation. Discuss hobbies and other interest activities. Mention family member names, pets, and favorite places.

Encourage ORM mindset

Let your folks know that even if they don't plan on being hurt or injured, they must acknowledge individual ORM and responsibilities. Mention to troops in a non-attribution forum that they should feel comfortable discussing "risky" activities with supervisors before they participate in them. Remember, we shouldn't micromanage life, but instead manage and lead.

Overall, the individuals choices are their own. Still, let's stress to them to "not do the enemy's job for them." Don't force commanders and other squadron leaders to struggle to get to know you in more detail after you're gone. We do care.

ACADEMY: Roche, Jumper on the case at the USAFA

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According to Roche's Feb. 27 testimony before the House Armed Services Committee, a three-pronged investigation is looking into the charges of rape and sexual assault at the Academy.

An Air Force working group, led by Air Force General Counsel Mary Walker, is examining how the service deals with sexual assault in its officer training programs, while the Department of Defense's inspector general and the undersecretary of defense for personnel and programs head two other investigations.

Roche expects to implement major policy changes in the coming months before the arrival of the new class of cadets, including 218 women, in June.

"We are learning enough to realize that change must occur," he said. "There must be a) change in climate, how we manage the place, and how we lead.

"We will make changes that will come out by the end of March," he said. "We have to make sure that new cadets' families believe those cadets are safe.

"We also have 3,400 male cadets, and we have (to) make sure their parents understand that an accusation is not a conviction," Roche said. "Due process will always be maintained."

While the male cadets will be afforded due process, Roche said he and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper plan to make life difficult for anyone who contemplates sexual assault.

"Zero tolerance, to me, doesn't capture the specifics of what these young men need to know," he said. "We want to go further.

"We will not tolerate any cadet who sexually assaults another. We cannot tolerate a cadet who harbors one who has, nor a cadet who is present and allows it to go on and doesn't do something about it. And especially," he said, "we will not tolerate a cadet who harasses or shuns a cadet who has the courage to come forward."

While, statistically, the academy has fewer instances of sexual assault than other universities in the country, Roche said that is not good enough.

"Whatever the number is, there's probably another hundred that hasn't been reported," he said. "A woman joining the Air Force Academy should feel better protected than a woman going to a university.

"What frightens me most is the climate is affecting so many who have not come forward," he said.

Roche said he and Jumper are adamant that changes will be made.

"We will do whatever we have to do with regards to administration of the academy," he said. "We cannot bear the thought of a criminal being commissioned and flying around with a couple thousand pounds of bombs under his wings.

"I don't want them to think they can get away with this, so there's something they can get away with later on," he said.

Further, Roche said, "We can't have our female cadets know there's a criminal who's making it through the academy, because when they go on to active duty, we want (them) to worry about the Air Force mission, not fear that the same bum will show up again."



Air Force/2nd Lt. Melissa Waheibi

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper, accompanied by Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray, held a press conference at the Air Force Academy March 7 with local and national news media concerning recent sexual assault cases. Jumper and Murray held several meetings throughout the academy with some of the 4,200 cadets, as well as senior leaders, officers and enlisted advisers. Jumper spent three days at the academy.

By Senior Master Sgt. Rick Burnham
Air Force Print News

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Air Force leaders met with reporters here March 7 for a roundtable discussion on recent sexual assault allegations by current and former cadets.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray stressed that getting to the root of the problem and finding the predators is the most important task, Jumper said.

Make no mistake, he said, "One sexual assault at our academy is too many."

Dozens of women have come forward in recent weeks with reports of alleged rape and assault by classmates, bringing to light shocking allegations about the institution responsible for molding the future leaders of the service.

"There is no room for even one person among us who is guilty of (these) charges," the general said.

He said that Air Force leaders must ensure that the climate is right for cadets to learn the "high standards of character that will be demanded of them in the future ... that they learn the basics of mutual respect for one another."

Jumper and Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche are contemplating a number of changes at the academy, many of which will be in place before the next class of cadets arrive in June.

"Secretary Roche and I have written letters to the parents of each of those females to assure them that

steps have been taken to ensure the climate and the environment here is safe and that they can be proud of this institution."

The changes in store for incoming cadets range from alterations in dormitory life to adjustments of day-to-day activities, the general said.

"We have to create a situation in the dormitories where we make sure that the conditions are not conducive for would-be predators to be around females at the wrong time and in the wrong setting," Jumper said. "In our day-to-day living, we must have an environment where the basic human dignity of males and females (is) preserved in this very intense situation where they live together and do military duty together and do athletics together virtually 24 hours a day.

"There has to be (a) separation that provides for human dignity. I am not sure we have done that as well as we could, and we will be addressing this problem, and others as well."

Changes also have to be made to procedures when a cadet reports an alleged assault or rape, Jumper said.

"We need a climate in which the cadets who have suffered assault can come forward in an environment where the situation will be dealt with in a way that produces results and in a way that they have confidence in the leadership's ability to take the appropriate action," he said.

"We have to make sure that the climate is right for our cadets to learn the high standards of character that will be demanded of them in the future, that they learn the basics of mutual respect for one another and that part of that mutual respect is

zero tolerance for those who would commit these crimes."

Those crimes, and the people who commit them, simply cannot be tolerated in the U.S. Air Force, said Jumper.

"The standards of human nature dictate that we don't tolerate such things," he said. "We have to go forward with all the evidence that we can possibly muster to take those people out of our midst."

During the visit to the academy, Jumper also met with groups of cadets and found an overwhelming sense of pride.

"We have met with groups of cadets who are absolutely outstanding, but who are distraught that the reputation of the academy has been sullied," he said. "Our emphasis has been on the seniors, who we have charged with the responsibility for making sure they exercise the power they have over lower cadets in appropriate ways and in ways that are aimed at the highest standards of character and morale development."

Despite the stain of the allegations, he said, the vast majority of the young people at the school are exemplary, and worthy future leaders in what the general termed "the greatest air force on the planet."

"We know that 99.9 percent of academy graduates and those who are at the academy now are out there serving in way that we can all be proud of as Americans," he said. "I spent 37 years on duty with academy graduates, and they make up the very finest among us. There is no reason to believe that the current student body will be any less effective as leaders in the future."

GI Mail provides secure, reliable e-mail link to loved ones

By Cynthia Bauer
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — With airmen deployed away from home, the opportunity to communicate with loved ones takes on greater importance.

"To provide a link back home, Air Force Crossroads, the Air Force's official community Web site, offers a secure and reliable e-mail program through Global Internet Mail to help families keep in touch," said Capt. Greg Whitaker of the Air Mobility Command Network Operations and Security Center here.

"Although there are other nonprofit and commercial e-mail and Internet services available, military members need to understand GI Mail is sponsored and maintained by the Air Force. We can't verify the operational capability or security of other such services," he said.

Registration for GI Mail is free for those eligible through the Air Force Crossroads Web site at

www.afcrossroads.com. Airmen can log in to the Web-based system from any computer with Internet access. Eligible users include active duty, Reserve, National Guard, retired or civil service employees and their authorized family members.

Whitaker said there are three great reasons to use GI Mail: security, bandwidth and availability.

"You've probably heard about the various break-ins and hacker attacks at free commercial e-mail providers," he said. "GI Mail is a Department of Defense system, employing the same great security you've grown accustomed to in AMC," he said.

Concerning bandwidth, there is no advertising or "spamming" from junk mail distributors on GI Mail, unlike commercial providers. "Not only will the service remain speedy even in the most remote or forward locations, users will not spend time sifting through mountains of junk mail," Whitaker said. "And GI Mail is a DoD product provided for morale. Unlike civilian services, the system will get the atten-

tion and maintenance that our deployed personnel deserve."

Besides GI Mail, the Air Force Crossroads Web site also offers forums and online chat rooms, and has online videoconferencing tools under development. Access the Web site and click on "Communications Center" for additional information.

According to CeCe Medford, chief of AMC's Family Matters Branch, families who do not have computers or Internet access can rely on family support centers for help.

"Our family support centers have gone the extra mile to ensure families can stay in touch, even without a home computer," she said. "The FSCs have computers with connections to Internet service providers available for families to use."

Medford said that family readiness noncommissioned officers can explain videoconferencing, how to borrow digital and video cameras, how to sign up for morale calls, and special family activities.

U.S. drops leaflets in northern Iraq

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, TURKEY — U.S. and coalition aircraft enforcing the no-fly zone over northern Iraq dropped informational leaflets near Iraqi anti-aircraft-artillery batteries for only the second time in 12 years.

Aircraft supporting Operation Northern Watch dropped 240,000 leaflets on two locations south of Tall Afar and southwest of Saddam Lake. Both locations have a history of Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery firing on coalition jets, according to officials.

The front message on the leaflets warns the Iraqi military, "Do not track or fire on coalition aircraft." The backside of the leaflets read, "Any hostile action by Iraqi air defenses toward coalition aircraft will be answered by immediate retaliation. Iraqi air defense positions which fire on coalition aircraft or activate air defense radar will be attacked and destroyed."

The previous leaflet drop was northeast of Mosul, March 1.

Astronaut laid to rest



ARLINGTON, Va. — Secretary of the Air Force James G. Roche (left) looks on as Sandra Anderson places a rose on her husband's casket at Arlington National Cemetery on March 7. Lt. Col. Michael P. Anderson, a member of the Space Shuttle Columbia crew, died Feb. 1 when the shuttle exploded. He was buried with full honors.

Airmen, bombers deployed to Guam as deterrent, officials say



Courtesy photo

B-1B Lancers and airmen from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, are deployed to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, to ensure peace and stability in the Pacific region.

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — Airmen supporting B-1B Lancers from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, and B-52 Stratofortresses from Barksdale AFB, La., deployed here with their bombers as other U.S. forces prepare for possible military action elsewhere in the world.

"These bombers and airmen are the finest in the Air Force and have answered the call to deploy to the Pacific as a defensive measure to ensure all countries in the region know that the U.S. military has its eyes wide open and not simply focused on the other side of the world," said Col. Jonathan George, commander of the newly formed 7th Air Expeditionary Wing. "People should not see this deployment as an act of aggression. It's merely a deterrent measure to ensure peace and stability in the Pacific region."

According to the 7th AEW commander the airmen from stateside bases, along with 36th Air Base Wing airmen permanently assigned here, are prepared for anything if they are

called upon.

"The airmen of the 7th AEW stand ready to provide all the services that come with our capabilities," said George. "However, our immediate mission is to provide a prudent measure to bolster the U.S. defensive posture in the region as a deterrent."

Guam is America's most western territory and has been a location of strategic importance for decades, said George, and Andersen AFB has supported several operations that have required increased military presence on the island.

"Our mission is to support people, planes and equipment," said Col. Joseph Mudd, 36th Air Base Wing commander. "The deployment of additional forces to Andersen is typical, and as the U.S. prepares for possible conflict in other parts of the globe, we want to ensure our backdoor is covered; Guam offers a great place for these people and their aircraft to provide the appropriate level of deterrence." (*Pacific Air Forces News Service*)



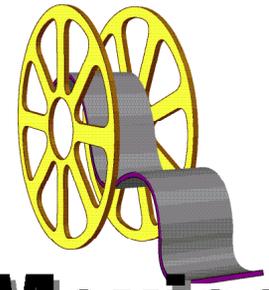
In our local community...



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Marc Barnes

Scenic sunset

Cape Zanpa in Yomitan Village offers spectacular views of sunset from the tops of cliffs that drop off into the East China Sea. Visiting the tourist site in Yomitan Village is free. To drive to Cape Zanpa, take Highway 58 north to Route 6. Turn left on Route 6 and follow the road to the end.



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. Wild Thornberry Movie, PG; 9 p.m. Old School, R

Saturday : noon Wild Thornberry Movie, PG; 4 p.m. Antwone Fisher, PG-13; 7 p.m. Old School, PG-13

Sunday : noon Wild Thornberry Movie, PG; 4 p.m. Wild Thornberry Movie, PG; 7 p.m. Old School, PG-13

Monday: 7 p.m. Catch Me If You Can, PG-13

Tuesday: 7 p.m. Antwone Fisher, PG-13

Wednesday: 7 p.m. Antwone Fisher, PG-13

Thursday: 7 p.m. Cradle to the Grave, R

March 21: 6 p.m. Just Married, PG-13; 9 p.m. Cradle to the Grave, R

March 22 : noon Pinocchio, G; 4 p.m. National Security, PG-13; 7 p.m. Cradle to the Grave, R

Butler Theater

Closed until April 2003.

Kadena Activities

St. Patrick's Day carnival: The Kadena Youth Center will host a St. Patrick's Day carnival from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday. There will be games, prizes and fun for the whole family.

New internet service for Club Members: Kadena Club members can now enjoy free internet and computer access at the Banyan Tree Club.

Free towing and lockout service for spouses of deployed Kadena personnel: The Kadena Auto Skills Center has designed a program that offers free island-wide towing and lockout service to spouses with car troubles. For more information, call 634-1126.

Family Support Center

Monday: Money Management, 8 to 11 a.m.

Tuesday: Starting a Small Business, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday: First Time Homebuyers, 2 to 4 p.m.; Accompanied Newcomer's Tour, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Thursday: Getting Started with Stocks, 5 to 6:30 p.m.; Brush Writing, 1 to 3 p.m.; Welcome Walk, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Schilling Community Center

March 30: Family Karaoke and Open Microphone Night, 3 to 9 p.m.

March 30: Video Game Swap, noon to 2 p.m.

Kadena ITT

Saturday: Whale Watching Tour

Sunday: Expo Park & Neo Park; Azalea Flower Festival

March 21: Bath House Tour

March 22: Whale Watching Tour, Tunnel Rats Tour

International Tour Schedule

April 4-12: Sydney, Australia

April 5-13: China

April 13-15: Hong Kong

April 6-9: Tokyo

Youth Center

Tonight: Movie Night for ages 6 to 12, 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

Clubs

Travel Miles: Club cardholders eligible for value miles: Air Force club cardholders can now earn value miles that can be used for travel in the Premier Value Miles Program. The cost for the program is \$29 per year, but the first annual fee is waived. Value miles may be used for travel with Southwest, United, British Airways and American Airlines. Value miles members can log on to www.valuemiles.com to redeem miles for travel awards.

Saturday: St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the Rocker NCO Club starts at 10 p.m.

Saturday: Membership Night and St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the Officers' Club starts at 5 p.m.

March 19: Membership Night at the Rocker NCO Club from 5 to 7 p.m.; Membership Night at the Banyan Tree Club from 5 to 7 p.m.



Chapel

Catholic

Mon.-Fri.: Mass, noon at Chapel 2

Saturday: Confession, 4 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: Fellowship dinner at 5:30 p.m., Bible Study for whole family at 6 p.m.

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 3; Sunday school at 10:45 in Bldg. 326 & 327

Hindu service: 4 p.m. Sunday at Chapel 1

Eastern Orthodox service: call 645-7486

Jewish services: call 637-1027

Islamic services: call 636-3219