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**COVER PHOTO** - Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment, reverse load a Patriot Launcher into the WESTPAC Express, a III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) contracted High Speed Vessel (HSV), at a port in the Republic of Korea for redeployment to Okinawa, Japan after conducting missions to showcase their rapid deployment capability.

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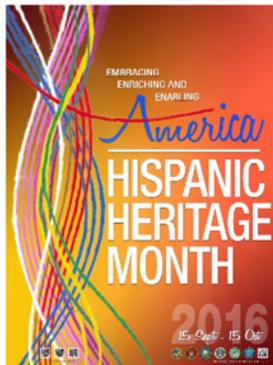


## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY



**Army on Okinawa soldiers, civilians and family,**

*Come out and join the team in support of cultural diversity with in our Army. Volunteers are more than welcome to help in the planning and execution of upcoming Equal Opportunity Observances.*

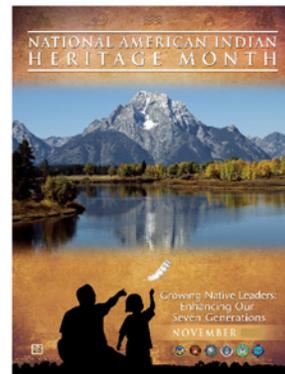


### Hispanic Heritage Month

15 September to 15 October, Hosted by: 1-1 ADA  
Theme: "Embracing, Enriching, and Enabling America"  
POC: SSG Roman Luna 634-9650 [roman.luna2.mil@mail.mil](mailto:roman.luna2.mil@mail.mil)

### National American Indian Heritage Month

1-31 November 2016, Hosted by: 1-1 ADA & 10<sup>TH</sup> RSG  
Theme: Serving out Nations  
POC: SSG Roman Luna 634-9650 [roman.luna2.mil@mail.mil](mailto:roman.luna2.mil@mail.mil)  
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- **Volunteers are greatly appreciated. Please contact the listed POC's for further information**
- **US Army on Okinawa Equal Opportunity Advisor SFC Ryan J. Kuzon DSN: 644-4367**
- **Further Equal Opportunity information can be found at <http://www.deomi.org>**



# Chaplain's Corner



**Chaplain (Maj.) Michael R. Keifman**  
**10th Support Group (Regional)**

## Kindness Day!

**G**ood news can be difficult to find these days. When I found a story entitled, “Little Kid Saved His Allowance for Seven Months – and What He Did with It Is Incredible,” I was intrigued.<sup>1</sup> The story is about William, a five-year-old boy from New Jersey who decided to create his own “Kindness Day.” William earned money by helping his father wash the family car, feed chickens and ducks, sweep up, and save part of his allowance. On his own “Kindness Day,” William, with his mother and father’s assistance, used the funds he had saved to purchase lunch for the local police department. He then went on to donate school supplies and toys to other children at a domestic violence shelter, took pet food to an animal shelter, and gave \$25 dollars to a needy family to help them pay for daycare.<sup>2</sup>

William’s good deeds reminded me of Proverbs 20:11, “Even a child is known by his deeds, whether what he does is pure and right.” What William did was pure and

right. The story inspired me, and maybe it will inspire you as well. What if instead of waiting for someone else to organize an event, more of us held our own “Kindness Day?” It will require saving a little extra money each month, or setting aside some extra time to assist someone. There are many people we can lend a hand to, and even if you are shy there are ways to help people without them knowing it.

Kindness is in order at any time, however, during this holiday season we have special opportunities to bless others. We are only limited by our own imaginations. Like William, you might consider having your own “Kindness Day.” It’s a way great way to help someone and be a special blessing to others during the holidays.

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<sup>1</sup> “Little Kid Saved His Allowance for Seven Months – and What He Did With It Is Incredible,” Desert News National, last modified August 28, 2016, accessed 29 August, 2016, <http://national.deseretnews.com/article/22641/little-kid-saved-his-allowance-for-seven-months-and-what-he-did-with-it-is-incredible.html>

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.



# 10th Support Group (Regional) Ronin Warriors

## 10th Support Group Facebook



Col. Derek K. Jansen  
10th SG Commander

To the U.S. Army on Okinawa, thank you for the warm welcome as Mary and I have gotten around to meet the team and your families. We are pleased to be here to continue our nation's commitment to the alliance with our Japanese partners and our neighbors in the region. We are grateful to be part of an exceptional team making remarkable contributions for peace and security in the area and I am thankful for the great job you do every day to ensure

we maintain the trust of our nation and our host country.

Adm. Harry Harris, the Pacific Command commander, stated:

*"Of the five strategic challenges Secretary Carter identified that drive U.S. defense planning and budgeting – North Korea, China, Russia, ISIL and Iran – four are in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. We cannot turn a blind eye to these challenges. And we cannot give any nation or insidious non-state actor a pass if they purposefully erode the current rules-based order."*

This statement reinforces the importance of our mission in this part of the world. Our conduct on and off duty as well as the task we execute every day has tremendous significance to the overall effort. I appreciate the discipline and Soldierly bearing displayed by those who continue do the right thing and

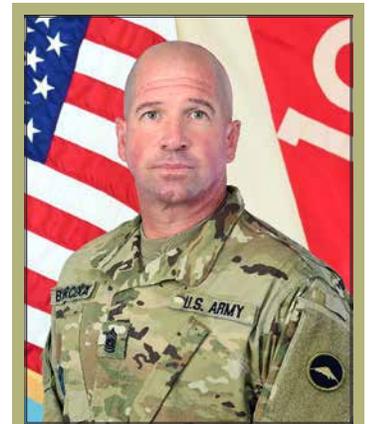
lookout for one another on the job and out in public.

As we come toward the end of typhoon season and into the holiday season, I want to restate the importance of safety during the holidays to ensure we are ready to take on the challenges and accomplishments of the New Year. Each of you and your families are important in achieving our goals and ensuring overall mission success both in Japan and the Indo-Asia-Pacific Region.

Finally, I ask that you provide the same welcome given to me and my family to Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Barcena and his family as they join our team. I'd also like to say farewell and wish Command Sgt. Maj. Chaplin the best in Hawaii. I appreciate all his efforts in taking care of our Army's greatest asset as the senior enlisted advisor for the group and on Okinawa.

Team, enjoy your time with family and friends during the holidays and remember to be safe and responsible because we'll need everyone to get the mission done for next year. On behalf of the command team and our families, we wish each of you a safe and happy holiday season.

**Happy Holidays!  
Ronin Warriors!  
Ichi Dan!  
(一団)**



Command Sgt. Maj.  
Michael Barcena 10th SG

**在** 沖米陸軍の皆様、妻のマリーと私が部隊や家族の皆様のところへ挨拶回りに伺った際には暖かく歓迎して下さい感謝申し上げます。私共は日本の皆様や当地域のご近所様と同盟関係にある母国の責任を継続すべく当地にいる事を光栄に感じております。また私共は当地域の平和と安全に大きく貢献している優秀な当部隊の一員であることを有難く思い、母国と受入国との信頼を確実に維持すべく日々素晴らしい仕事をされている皆様方に感謝しております。

米太平洋軍司令官のハリー・ハリス海軍大将は次のように述べています。

「北朝鮮、中国、ロシア、ISIL、イランが米国の防衛計画や予算編成を追い込んでいる5つの戦略上の課題としてカーター国防長官が上げているが、そのうち4つがインド、アジア・太平洋地域に在している。これらの問題を見逃さず、もしいかなる国や陰湿な非国家主体が悪意を持って現行の規則に

基いた秩序を減ぼそうとするなら、それを阻止する。」

当発言は世界の当地における我々の任務が重要性を強めています。我々が日々遂行している任務だけでなく、我々の職務中や職務外での行動が、私達の努力の成果全体に多大な影響を及ぼします。常に正しい行動を取り、職場や公的な場において互いが正しい行動を取るように助け合う、規律を順守し兵隊のあるべき姿を体現している皆様に感謝しています。

台風の季節が終わりに近付き、秋冬の祝祭日の季節が訪れますが、私たちが新年度の課題や目標達成に向けて確実に準備が整っているよう、年末年始の休暇期間においても安全第一で過ごされるようお願いいたします。日本とインド、アジア太平洋地域の両方において、目標を達成して確実に任務全体を成功に導くためには、皆様とご家族の一人おひとりのご協力が重要になってきます。

最後になりますが、マイケル・バルスィーナ最前任上級曹長とご家族がチームに仲間入りする際には、皆様が私と家族に接して下さいように、暖かく迎えて下されば幸いです。ハワイに転任するチャプリン最前任上級曹長とはお別れになりますが、今後のご活躍をお祈りいたします。上級下士官アドバイザーとして部隊内や沖繩において、陸軍の最高で大切な人材の世話を尽力して下さいことに感謝申し上げます。

チームの皆さん、また来年も共に任務を遂行していくためにも、年末年始の休暇中は安全で責任ある行動を取ることを忘れず、ご家族やご友人との時間を楽しまれてください。コマンドチームと私の家族を代表し、皆様が安全で素敵な年末年始を過ごされるようお祈り申し上げます。

**良い年末年始を!  
浪人戦士諸君!  
一団!**



▲ Pfc. Payton Wilson, radio operator maintainer, 10th Support Group (Regional), practices his kneeling supported reflexive fire technique at Camp Hansen Sept. 26.

Soldiers with the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 10th Support Group (Regional), hone their marksmanship skills during a reflexive fire range at Camp Hansen Sept. 26.

Reflexive firing is an advanced rifle marksmanship firing technique, which familiarizes soldiers with a different arrangement of rapid fire techniques and a variety of firing positions to include an alternate prone firing position, kneeling supported, unsupported firing position and a standing firing position. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Manuel Torres-Cortes, 10th PAO)



▲ Col. Derek K. Jansen, 10th Support Group and senior U.S. Army commander on Okinawa, met for the first time with Mr. Denjitsu Ishimine, Yomitan Village Mayor, to discuss the enduring relationship the Yomitan community has with the U.S. Army on Torii Station at the Yomitan Village Center Aug. 19.

Mr. Ishimine thanked Col. Jansen for the help and support the military has provided and invited him and military members in the community to attend all the wonderful activities that Yomitan has to offer.

Col. Jansen and Mr. Ishimine are holding a Sanshin, a traditional Okinawan music instrument. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Manuel Torres-Cortes, 10th PAO)



◀ Soldiers from U.S. Army units on Okinawa take part in resiliency training at a local resort on Ie Island, Okinawa, Japan Aug. 25-28. Sixteen soldiers learned and practiced spiritual resilience to overcome challenges and to help build strong positive relations with others. Soldiers also had the opportunity to enjoy water activities offered at the resort and conduct a tour to learn about the battle that took place on Ie Island during World War II. The event was hosted by the 10th Support Group Unit Ministry Team (UMT). (COURTESY PHOTO)



▲ Col. Derek Jansen, 10th Support Group and senior U.S. Army commander on Okinawa, visits Ambassador Tsukasa Kawada, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Yoshiyasu Iseki, Ministry of Foreign Affairs deputy chief, during their meeting at the MOFA Okinawa Liaison Office in Naha, Aug. 23. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Manuel Torres-Cortes, 10th PAO)



▲ U.S. Army on Okinawa and U.S. Consulate General personnel jointly hosted "English Asa katsu" a morning English conversation at a local coffee shop Aug. 25. The Asa katsu is designed so that military, family members and local residents can just show up on the day of the program to practice casual English conversation. The Yomitan Asa katsu is held every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. The English Asa katsu is also held in Urasoe and Chatan coffee shops where American volunteers and 10-25 Japanese (students, office workers, and the general public) gather to make new friends, exchange information, and simply to just have fun talking in English. (COURTESY PHOTO)



# U.S. Army Garrison Okinawa

## Army's Home on Okinawa

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**Lt. Col. Lance A. O'Bryan**  
U.S. Army Garrison-  
Okinawa Commander

**S**eptember is Suicide Prevention Month and this year's theme is "Be There." The leading cause of death for active duty military is not the enemy, it's themselves. In all of 2014, a total of 55 US troops, in both hostile and non-hostile situations, lost their lives in foreign occupations. The number of soldiers who killed themselves is nearly 5 times that amount.

The Army is encouraging community members to remain vigilant and ready to intervene and act when risky behaviors are observed, which will enhance our ability to save lives. Each community member shares the responsibility to work together in this effort to maintain a supportive environment that improves the physical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual health and well-being of our soldiers, U.S. Army civilians, families, and ultimately, individual and unit readiness.

The U.S. Army on Okinawa continues to make suicide prevention awareness a priority for the enterprise primarily by ensuring leaders and commanders are equipped with

the resources necessary to take care of their soldiers, U.S. Army civilians and family members. The U.S. Army views its leaders as its greatest asset against the threat of risky behaviors, which often result in actions unacceptable to the U.S. Army and our nation. U.S. Army leaders at every level are expected to lead the charge in promoting personal readiness and set the example by seeking help when necessary to overcome personal and professional challenges. Ultimately, the mitigation of high risk behaviors requires a collective effort among every member of the force.

If you need help, if you know someone who is, or even if you just need someone to talk to, contact

the Military Crisis Line via phone, online chat, or text message. Just call 1-800-273-8255 and press 1; visit [www.militarycrisisline.net](http://www.militarycrisisline.net); or text 838255. It's free, easy, confidential, and trained professionals are always there for you – 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Be there ... for your family, for your friends, for your unit ... Be there.



**Command Sgt. Maj. John D. Tanchak**  
U.S. Army Garrison- Okinawa

9月は自殺防止月間ですが、今年のテーマは「そこに、いて。」です。現役兵士の自殺の主因は敵ではなく、自分自身です。2014年においては合計55名の米軍兵士が、外国干渉中に敵からの攻撃のある状況か否かに関わらず殉職しました。陸軍兵士の自殺者数はその5倍近くに上ります。陸軍が地域社会の皆様へ奨励している事ですが、常に周りの仲間の様子に気を配り、仲介する心の準備をし、そして危険な行動に気が付いた時には行動を起こす、という行為により、より多くの人を救うことができます。陸軍兵士や米国民間従業員、家族の皆様への身体的、感情的、心理学的、精神的な健康、つまりは個人や部隊の即応性を向上させる協力的な環境を維持する努力を一緒に行う責任が、

同じ地域社会にいる皆様お一人おひとりにあるのです。兵士、米国民間従業員、家族の皆様のために、在沖米陸軍は今後も自殺予防意識向上キャンペーンを組織の最重要な取り組みとして促進する所存であり、リーダー的立場にある者達や司令官は、その実行に必要とされる資源を確実に備えています。米陸軍はリーダー達を危険行動の脅威に対しての最善の切り札と見なしていますが、往々にして米陸軍や母国にとって受け入れられない行為に至っています。米陸軍のリーダーという者は如何なるレベルにあっても、率先して個人の即応性を高め、また部下がプライベートや仕事上で困難な状況にいれば援助を模索する事で模範を示す事が求められています。詰まるところ、危

険な行動を軽減させるには、軍に所属する一人ひとりの集団的努力が必要なのです。もし助けが必要なら、もし必要としている人を知っているなら、ご自信が少し話し相手が必要なだけだとしても、ミリタリークライシスラインに電話、オンラインチャット、テキストメッセージでご連絡下さい。お電話でしたら1-800-273-8255にダイヤルし、1を押して下さい。ネットは [www.militarycrisisline.net](http://www.militarycrisisline.net) です。テキストメッセージ、838255もご利用可能です。無料で簡単、秘密厳守で、訓練を受けたプロが貴方のために24時間365日体制でお待ちしております。そこへ、いてください。家族や、友人、部隊のために。そこにいて下さい。



▲ A flurry of fists, sweat and blood set the scene Aug. 21 during a charity boxing match event supported in part by U.S. Army Garrison – Okinawa. Realizing that ample parking would be needed for the day-long event, organizers approached the Army to use Naha Military Port.



▲ The 6th annual Sobe Summer School English Program kicked off Aug. 2 at the Sobe Ward Community Center, where U.S. Army soldiers volunteered to teach English to several Okinawan school children.



▲ More than 5,000 Okinawans and Americans partied into the wee hours July 30-31 during Torii MWR's Summer Party Series, an open-post event. The Summer Party Series, set against the picturesque backdrop of the East China Sea features several local DJs, an assortment of food and beverages and the opportunity to mingle with local Okinawans.

► Command Sgt. Maj. John D. Tanchak assumed responsibility as the garrison's senior enlisted advisor at a ceremony on Torii Beach July 25. Tanchak is the fourth U.S. Army Garrison Okinawa Command Sergeant Major and said he looks forward to the job. He has multiple deployments in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.





# 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment

## First Among Equals

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**Lt. Col. Scott M. Dellinger**  
1-1 Air Defense Artillery Battalion  
Commander

The 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment (1-1 ADA) had a fast paced summer full of Joint and Bilateral training events. Our most noteworthy training event was deploying Alpha and Bravo Batteries on separate exercises to the Republic of Korea for incredible air defense training. Both exercises enabled the Patriot Batteries to practice different methods of movement, reception, staging, and integration with the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade.

Bravo Battery deployed a Patriot Minimum Engagement Package to practice mobility operations. Soldiers from Kadena Airbase flew to on a C-130 from Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni,

and the battery's equipment was transported across the Sea of Japan on U.S. Army watercraft under the operational control of 10th Support Group. Once Bravo Battery arrived, the unit received additional equipment prepositioned in Korea to create an increase in air defense capability. Bravo Battery remained in Korea for several weeks and integrated into multiple events.

After Bravo Battery returned to Okinawa, Alpha Battery completed a more robust deployment exercise, sending the full complement of soldiers and equipment to Korea aboard U.S. Air Force C-17 cargo planes from Okinawa to Korea. Soldiers from the 623rd Movement Control Team and airmen from the 733rd Air Mobility Squadron supported the air movement. While Bravo Battery's equipment was loaded on C-17s, the movement and mobility teams used the opportunity to train members of the Japan Air Self Defense Force on air load techniques. It was the first time the local JASDF unit had trained on how to prepare their equipment for movement on strategic airlift. After Alpha Battery arrived in Korea, they quickly emplaced their equipment and completed several weeks of air defense proficiency training. Alpha Battery's return trip from Korea was a multi-modal plan supported by the 19th Expeditionary Support Command. The battery's equipment was transported to a sea port on trucks and loaded aboard U.S. Army watercraft and the WESTPAC

Express, a catamaran High Speed Vessel (HSV) supporting the III Marine Expeditionary Force. Alpha Battery soldiers also boarded the HSV and sailed with their equipment back to Okinawa.

1-1 ADA's summer was incredibly busy, but the training we received enabled the battalion to be more flexible, and respond faster to defend areas in Japan, or throughout the Pacific that require protection from aerial threats. The summer's training was also a great opportunity to strengthen our relationships with the Joint Services and Japan Self Defense Force in Okinawa. We are really proud of all the battalion's soldiers who helped make the training a great success for us all.

### First Among Equals!



**Command Sgt. Maj. Stephan H. Mumpower**  
1-1 Air Defense Artillery Battalion

# *Echo Co. continues to enhance 1-1 ADA deployment mission*



Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment reverse their vehicle into the WESTPAC Express, a III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) contracted High Speed Vessel (HSV) at a port in the Republic of Korea for redeployment to Okinawa, Japan.

Story by 2nd Lt. Clark Chen

**OKINAWA, Japan** — Moving any equipment in the Army is a difficult task, however Echo Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Regiment showcased their ability to deploy two Patriot Advanced Capability-3 (PAC-3) ADA batteries to Korea.

Forward stationed, 1-1 ADA plays a critical role in conducting air defense in the Pacific Region. In order for the PAC-3 systems to go to Korea, many steps and planning was conducted in order for the execution phase to be completed.

Echo Co. facilitated the deployment planning process and execution by providing a Unit Movement Officer (UMO), a Hazardous Material (HAZMAT)

certifier and on demand maintenance support for two Deployable Ready Batteries (DRB). Bravo Battery deployed to Korea in July followed by Alpha Battery in August.

The deployment process starts with an analysis of the mission followed by the development of courses of action (COA). Mobility requirements are then generated and set into motion resulting in a schedule of deployment. At a unit level this means identifying what needs to be moved.

Once the equipment is decided upon, the unit determines which soldiers will deploy in support of the mission. In conjunction with the UMO, the unit must prepare all necessary docu-

ments and supplies associated with the move. While the unit completes these tasks, the mechanics from Echo Co. are constantly maintaining the conventional equipment and missile systems and also deployed with the unit to provide support.

Along with a support team with Echo Co., a multitude of organizations were pooled to complete the mission. In July, Bravo Battery utilized 10th Support Group's Landing Craft Utility 2000 Series (LCU) watercraft to move equipment to a port in South Korea. The LCU is organic to the U.S. Army and can carry up to 350 tons or the equivalent of seven cargo aircraft loads.

Inspections are conducted with the U.S. Air Force

to ensure that the equipment is ready for safe air transportation. For a successful inspection, all hazardous material must be declared and all weights and paperwork are in order. With the help of the 623rd Movement Control Team (MCT) from mainland Japan, we got a first time 'Go' on all the inspected requirements.

As always, Echo Co. stands ready to support the battalion and its deploying units. Additionally, if the deploying battery requires unscheduled maintenance, it is fixed immediately by the maintainers of Echo Co., 1-1 ADA. Besides the deploying unit, Echo Co. puts the greatest amount of effort into making the mission a success.



# 78th Signal Battalion

## Kin No Ashika

[78th Signal Battalion Facebook](#)



**Lt. Col.  
Charles J. McGarry  
78th Signal Battalion  
Commander**

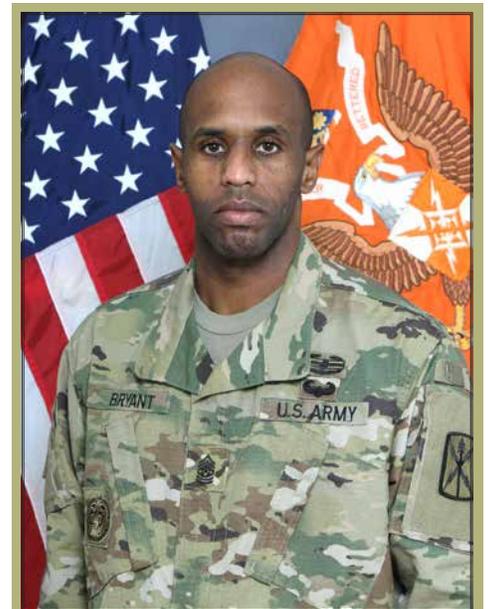
**T**he 78th Signal Battalion serves a twofold purpose in the Pacific Command area of responsibility; 1) Provide garrison communications by delivering enterprise services and Pacific Land War Net to all war fighters, 2) Enable communications connectivity for deployed war fighters. These functions are fulfilled by the 349th Network Enterprise Center (Rough NEC) and 333rd

Standard Tactical Entry Point (Triple Threat STEP) located on Okinawa.

This year has been marked by turn over as the battalion command team has changed welcoming Lt. Col. Charles “Chuck” McGarry on as the new 78th Signal Battalion commander as of July 8, 2016. Most recently Capt. Bernard Hunter took command of the 333rd Signal Company effective September 8, 2016.

Operationally, the focus for our battalion has been getting back to the basics to ensure resource management and maintenance is properly accounted for to ensure service delivery to you, our tenant users of the NEC and the joint forces pulling services from the STEP site. The team here is tight knit, and while the only face you may interact with may be at

the Help Desk in building 218 on Torii Station, we want to be sure that everyone is getting the proper assistance. The commander for the 349th Signal Company is Capt. Julian F. Kirk (former Signal Officer for 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment). Finally, do not be surprised if you were to see our team out and about. We always value our team and do different events for team building around Okinawa.



**Command Sgt. Maj.  
James L. Bryant  
78th Signal Battalion**



▲ Members of 349th Network Enterprise Center (Rough NEC) pose for a group photo during the unit's Organizational Day at Torii Beach, Okinawa.



▲ Lt. Col. Charles J. McGarry (left) receives the battalion colors from Col. Jeth B. Rey (right) as he takes command of the 78th Signal Battalion Jul. 8 at Camp Zama, Japan.



▲ Capt. Hunter (center) receives the company guidon from Lt. Col. McGarry (left) as he assumes command of 333rd Signal Company (Triple Threat) during a change of command ceremony at Torii Station, Okinawa.



# 35th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion Samurais

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**Lt. Col. Jack E. Shields III**  
35th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion Commander

The fourth quarter of FY16 has been extremely exciting for the Samurai Battalion. First off, I would like to welcome Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Law and his wife Julia to the Samurai family. Command Sgt. Maj. Law joins us from the 24th Financial Management Support Unit out of Ft. Stewart, GA. His wealth of knowledge and experience will help this battalion become the best Combat Sustainment Support Battalion in the Army. Welcome to the team Command Sgt. Maj. Law! We also had to say farewell to our Iron-Majors this summer. The Battalion Executive Officer, Maj. Nicole Starr transitioned to I Corps (Forward) as the

Future Operations Officer on Sagami General Depot and the Support Operations Officer, Maj. Jeffery Hance transitioned to the 836th Transportation Battalion as the Executive Officer at Yokohama North Dock. The leadership provided by these two outstanding officers has paid big dividends for the battalion's success. With the loss of these two great leaders, the Samurai Battalion welcomed two highly motivated Majors in their place. Maj. Alfred Muña took over as the Battalion Executive Officer, joining us from U.S. Army Japan and I Corps (Forward). Maj. Jason Logan took over as the Support Operations Officer, joining us from the 266th Quartermaster Battalion, Ft. Lee, VA. We would also like to welcome the following to the team: Capt. Alexander Passey, Master Sgt. Ansley Tabelaual, Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Hanneman, Staff Sgt. Justin Holden, Staff Sgt. Yolanda Johnson, Sgt. Levi Gadson, Sgt. Albert Thomas, and Spc. Shawn Couch. 88th Military Police Detachment welcomes Sgt. Tyler Bumpus, Sgt. Iain

Smallwood, Pfc. Christina Acebedo, Pvt. Tommy Ostrander, and Pvt. Trevor Usher. 623rd Movement Control Team welcomes Sgt. Kevin Arthurs.

Upon completion of our rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) in Ft. Polk, LA., the Samurais have been working diligently to reset the force and increase our readiness in preparation for our next Combat Training Center (CTC) rotation in FY18. We are conducting Army Physical Fitness Tests and small arms and machine gun ranges to ensure every soldier is physically fit and also trained and qualified on their assigned weapons. The Samurai Battalion is also conducting multiple training events to be trained and ready in accordance with our Mission Essential Task List (METL), such as a Staff Exercise (STAFFEX) at the end of FY16 and a Tactical Operations Center Exercise (TOCEX) in the beginning of FY17. These training events are intended to train the staff on mission command and their staff functions. We are also

supporting U.S. Army Japan exercises; Ulchi Freedom Guardian (UFG), Orient Shield (OS), Daring Fox, and Yama Sakura (YS) as we end this FY.

It is truly amazing to watch the growth of the battalion over the past year. Thank you to the soldiers, noncommissioned officers, warrant officers, officers, and Master Labor Contractors (MLCs) for your dedication to not only our unit, but to our profession. None of our many accomplishments would be possible without the unwavering support of the family members standing with their soldier.

**Ichi Dan. Always Ready. Samurai.**



**Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth F. Law**



▲ Sgt. Ilia Akaev (right), from Philadelphia, PA., an Electronic Warfare Sergeant with 35th CSSB, coaches the Honorable Eric Fanning (left), Secretary of the Army, on the Virtual Battle Space 3 (VBS3) system at the U.S. Army Japan Mission Training Complex on Sagami General Depot, Japan Aug. 1.



▲ Soldiers assigned to 35th CSSB assume a good firing position as they qualify on their weapons during a battalion range at Camp Fuji, Japan Jul. 12.



▶ Soldiers assigned to 35th CSSB fire their assigned machine guns at Camp Fuji, Japan Jul. 11. Soldiers completed their qualification tables with the U.S. Army Japan Engagement Skills Trainer (EST) at the Training Support Center on Sagami General Depot before qualifying with live rounds.



▲ Family members with 35th CSSB pose for a group photo before they conducted a team-building event to climb Mt. Fuji in Fujiyoshida, Japan Aug. 5.



▲ Samurais host the Japan Ground Self Defense Force (JGSDF) Co-Op Class 81 for morning physical training, as they perform guerrilla drills at Camp Zama, Japan Aug. 3. The JGSDF Co-Op Program helps to strengthen the relationship between U.S. and Japanese forces.



▲ Soldiers with 88th and 901st Military Police Detachments pose for a group photo after assisting with the Law Enforcement Certification for soldiers of the 200th Military Police Command during their annual training at Camp Zama, Japan Aug. 12. Soldiers had the opportunity to perform law enforcement functions in Japan alongside active-duty Military Police.



◀ SpC. Matthew Martin (right), from Toccoa, GA., a Movements Specialist with 623rd Movement Control Team (MCT), explains to Maj. Gen. James Pasquarrette (left), U.S. Army Japan and I Corps (Forward) commander, the proper procedures for preparing a military vehicle for aircraft transportation. The 623rd MCT supported the 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment's Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise from Aug. 4 to 11 at Kadena Airbase, Okinawa, Japan.



# 835th Transportation Battalion Champions

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**Lt. Col. Scott Williams**  
835th Transportation Battalion  
Commander

The last quarter has been another extremely busy time for the Champion Battalion. Once again we deployed our Deployable Distribution Management Team (DDMT) to Thailand and Indonesia to project combat power for the Joint Force conducting exercises across the Pacific as part of U.S.

Army Pacific's Pacific Pathways operation. While supporting Hanuman Guardian and Garuda Shield we utilized our Japanese employees in the DDMT to move 18th Wing and III Marine Expeditionary Force cargo to Guam and Tinian in support of Valiant Shield 2016. We are in the middle of an ongoing mission supporting the 10th Ammunition Depot as we assist in transporting ammunition from Okinawa to Hiro, Japan. We are utilizing our contracted commercial partners to move containers to the port as well as material handling equipment and stevedoring support to load the Motor Vessel (MV) Fisher, and U.S. Army watercraft at Tengan Pier and White Beach. The operational tempo will continue throughout the fall as we attend site surveys and planning workshops for two more Pacific Pathways' exercises, Cobra Gold and Balikatan. Additionally, we assumed a new mission to

support the Tiger Balm exercise in Singapore as part of the Pacific Pathways series of exercises. We continue to be successful due to the hard work of our military, civilian, and contracted workforce. We would not be able to provide readiness across the Pacific without the continued support from the entire Champion Team. **Champions!**



**Sgt. Maj. Kerstin Montoya**  
835th Transportation Battalion

チャンピオン大隊は繁忙な四半期をまた一つ終えたところです。米陸軍のパシフィック・パスウェイズ演習の一環として、太平洋の各地を舞台に演習を実施する統合軍のために戦闘力を計画するために、海上展開配備管理チームをタイやインドネシアへ再び展開しました。ハヌマン・ガーディアンやガルダ・シールドを支援する傍ら、バリエント・シールド 2016 の支援に関わる第 18 航空団や第 3 海兵遠征軍の貨物をグアムやテニアンに輸送するため、日本人従業員を海上展

開配備管理チームで活用しました。現在、沖縄から日本本土にある広弾薬庫への弾薬輸送作業を行う形で第 10 弾薬廠を支援している最中です。私どもは契約している民間のパートナーを活用し、港へのコンテナの移動、発動機船フィッシャーや天願棧橋やホワイトビーチに寄航する米陸軍船舶に必要なとされる資材運搬機器及び港湾作業支援を依頼しています。パシフィック・パスウェイズ演習であるコブラ・ゴールドとバリカタン両演習に向けて現地調査や計画研修に参加するため、任務の忙しさは秋の

間まで続きます。それに加え、当一連のパシフィック・パスウェイズ演習に関する任務として、シンガポールでのタイガー・バーム演習を支援する事になりました。兵士、民間人従業員、契約業者の皆様が献身的に仕事して下さるので、当部隊はこれからも任務を成功裏に遂行していくことでしょう。チャンピオン・チームの皆さんの変わりない支援なしには太平洋地域を横断して即応性を提供することは不可能であります。

チャンピオンズ!



◀ Members of 835th Transportation Battalion deliver more than 100 pieces of equipment in Indonesia from Jul. 25 to 26 in support of Pacific Pathways exercises in the Indo-Asia Pacific region. The equipment was used for exercise Garuda Shield for U.S. military units from various locations in the Pacific region.



▲ Members of 835th Transportation Battalion load construction equipment for deliver to U.S. military units on Okinawa Aug. 13 at Naha Military Port.

▲ Members of 835th Transportation Battalion load more than 100 pieces of equipment in Indonesia from Aug. 13 to 16 in support of exercise Garuda Shield and Pacific Pathways. The equipment is headed back to Joint Base Lewis-McChord and bases in Hawaii.

▶ Members of 835th Transportation Battalion load more than 50 containers of ammunition for retrograde on a U.S. Army Logistics Support Vessel (LSV) and a Landing Craft Utility (LCU) as part of the Pacific Utilities and Logistics Support Enablers-Watercraft (PULSE-W) mission at White Beach, Okinawa Sep. 12.





# 10th Support Group (Regional) Ammunition Depot



**Lt. Col. Larry Moore**  
Ammunition Depot  
Director

The Ammunition Depot completed a very busy quarter by receiving propellant from Korea. We are currently stuffing and moving Twenty-foot-equivalent Units (TEUs) containers of cluster munitions from Okinawa to mainland, in order to retrograde them to the Continental United States (CONUS) at the end of the year. The munitions will move by Landing Craft Utility (LCU) from Okinawa

to Hiro Depot on mainland, and from Hiro, will be loaded aboard an Army Preposition Stock (APS) vessel headed for CONUS. We completed a similar mission in January of this year, when we stuffed and loaded 300 TEUs on the APS Motor Vessel (MV) Page. The Depot will also participate in the annual bilateral training exercise Active Shield with U.S. Marines stationed at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS)-Iwakuni and the Japan Self Defense Forces (JSDF) stationed in the area. In particular, members from the 13th Brigade, Japan Ground Self Defense Force (JGSDF) headquarters and 46th Infantry Regiment will train on security scenarios to protect the 10th RSG ammunition depots on Honshu.

The fall and winter holidays will soon be here and the Ammunition Depot will take time out to share the season's cheer with its neighbors in the community. The JGSDF and Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) will

both conduct ceremonies commemorating their existence. In preparation for the New Year, the JGSDF will conduct a rice pounding event and units from the JMSDF will construct a Kadomatsu display and give it to the Depot. We look forward to visiting the Aiko-en and Jinpu-en Children's Homes for Halloween. For Christmas, we will visit the Seishin-en Senior Citizen Home in Etajima City, the Shinsei-Gakuen Children's Home in Higashi-Hiroshima City and prepare a holiday meal for the children of Aiko-en and Jinpu-en Children's Homes at the Harbor Club on Pier 6, complete with a visit from Santa Claus himself!

This fall, there will be a Hiroshima Prefectural wide, Fire Prevention Training Drill where fire departments from the surrounding areas participate in this large event. The regional Fire and Emergency Services (FES) from Akizuki Depot will also participate. For Thanksgiving, the Morale Welfare and

Recreation (MWR)-Kure will provide a traditional holiday spread for the Department of the Army Civilians (DACs) and soldiers stationed in Kure at the restaurant on Pier 6.

Finally, the Depot would like to welcome Paul Housel and Kelsie Counts, QASAS (Quality Assurance Surveillance Ammunition Specialist), to the Depot. Happy Holidays to All!



**Sgt. 1st Class Tara D. Helmick**  
Ammunition Depot  
Non-commissioned  
Officer in Charge

**弾**薬廠では韓国からの発射薬の受け取り対応に追われる、忙しい四半期が終わりました。現在は、年末のアメリカ本国への弾薬の撤退作業に向けて、沖縄から日本本土へクラスター弾を積んだ20フィートコンテナの搭載・移動作業中です。弾薬は汎用揚陸艇で沖縄から本土の広弾薬廠に移動し、そこから陸軍事前集積備蓄船でアメリカ本土へ送られます。今年の1月に類似の任務を完了しましたが、その時は300個の20フィートコンテナに荷物を詰めて陸軍事前集積備蓄弾薬内燃機船ページに積載しました。また弾薬廠は米海兵隊岩国航空基地の米海兵隊と近隣の自衛隊と共に毎年恒例の共同訓練演習、アクティブ・シールド

に参加します。注目すべきは陸上自衛隊第13旅団と第46普通科連隊が、日本本土にある第10地域支援群弾薬廠の防衛警護の想定シナリオを利用した訓練を行う事です。

秋冬の祝日もやってきますが、弾薬廠は地域のご近所様と共に楽しく過ごす予定です。陸上自衛隊と海上自衛隊は創立記念行事を行う予定です。新年の準備として陸上自衛隊は餅つき行事を行い、海上自衛隊はお手製の門松を弾薬廠にプレゼントして下さるそうです。ハロウィーンには愛光園と仁風園の子供たちを訪ねるのが楽しみです。クリスマスには江田島市の特別養護老人ホーム誠心園や東広島市の新生学園を訪問し、また第6突堤

のハーバー・クラブにて愛光園と仁風園の子供たちに祝日のご馳走を振る舞い、サンタクロースも登場します。

今年の秋は広島県レベルで各地の消防署が参加する大規模な防火訓練が行われる予定です。秋月弾薬廠からも地域消防緊急サービスが参加します。感謝祭には呉の福利厚生部が陸軍民間従業員や兵士のために第6突堤のレストランにて感謝祭の料理をご馳走します。

最後になりますが、弾薬廠は新しく弾薬検査専門官のポール・ハウゼル氏とケルシー・カウツ氏を喜んでお迎えします。皆様、良い年末年始をお過ごし下さい。



◀ Sgt. 1st Class Tara D. Helmick, non-commissioned officer in charge (NCOIC) of the 10th Regional Support Group Ammunition Depot poses for a group photo and participates in the 13th Brigade, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) Change of Responsibility ceremony at Camp Kaitaichi, Hiroshima Prefecture, July 28. This is the Brigade's very first time to conduct the ceremony with massed formation and guests from the United States Army, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) and Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF) in attendance. A total of 30 Command Sergeants Major and Sergeant Majors of the JGSDF to include JMSDF and JASDF Command Master Chiefs, participate in a bilateral luncheon prior to the ceremony. Nearly 1,000 personnel attended the ceremony.

▶ Lt. Col. Larry R. Moore, 10th Regional Support Group Ammunition Depot director along with Sgt. 1st Class Tara D. Helmick, 10th Regional Support Group Ammunition Depot non-commissioned officer in charge (NCOIC) pose for group shot and participate in the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) Friendship Softball Game with members of the Kure Repair and Supply Facility (KRSF), JMSDF at the Kure community park downtown Kure City, Hiroshima Prefecture, August 4. The 10th RSG Ammunition Depot has a "Sister Command Agreement" with the KRSF, JMSDF so this event helps foster camaraderie amongst the JMSDF and United States Army in Kure. Attendance afforded the Depot another opportunity to strengthen our alliance with our host nation partners, as well as meet many of the personnel assigned to their sister command. Nearly 80 members of the KRSF participate in the event.



▲ Lt. Col. Larry R. Moore, 10th Regional Support Group Ammunition Depot director receives Kure Police Chief along with four other police officers from Kure Police Station for a complete tour of Hiro Ammunition Depot to include an observation of ship operations at Hiro Ammunition Depot in Kure City, Hiroshima Prefecture. Kure and Hiro Police Stations help make up the combined force protection and security support provided to the depot; which makes it fundamental for the police to tour the depot.

▶ 10th Regional Support Group Ammunition Depot conducts loading operations, utilizing barges onboard the Motor Vessel Transatlantic at the Hiro Ammunition Depot, Kure City, Hiroshima Prefecture, July 18 in support of the Japan Self Defense Force's (JSDF) annual Continental United States (CONUS) exercise "Rising Thunder." Ammunition purchased via Foreign Military Sales (FMS) is loaded from Hiro Depot and transported to various CONUS locations for the JSDF to conduct training. The shipment will be delivered to the U.S. and then trucked to other locations. The annual training exercise provides an excellent opportunity for the JSDF to increase their proficiency on their weapons systems. The Ammunition Depot has assisted the JSDF with this requirement for ten years and it exemplifies the outstanding bilateral team work between the JSDF and United States Army.



◀ 10th Regional Support Group Ammunition Depot receives a total of eight Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) of demilitarization items and one TEU of ammunition that will be used during Orient Shield 2016 from Okinawa, Japan via U.S. Army watercraft, Landing Craft Utility (LCU), at Hiro Ammunition Depot, Kure City, Hiroshima Prefecture, July 25. Members of the Ammunition Depot work alongside personnel from the 836th Transportation Battalion, the LCU crew and contractors to conduct a safe and successful operation. The LCU is a cost-effective way of moving cargo within the Pacific Area of Operations.



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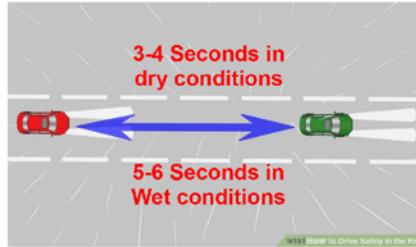
# Driving In The Rain



## In Japan, Traffic accidents can occur at any moment

Follow these simple steps to prevent becoming a victim of a traffic accident:

- 1) **Get Your Car Rain-Ready:** Ensure your tires have proper tread and tires are not bald or have low air pressure. Windshield wipers are serviceable, replace as needed. All lights work properly, replace bulbs as needed.
- 2) **Slow down:** Driving too fast is especially dangerous on wet pavement because your tires lose traction with from precipitation. When roadways are wet, the friction is reduced between the tire and the road. Tires are meant to grip the roads, not slide on them. This is especially important to know in Okinawa where roads are made of limestone and coral that becomes more slippery.
- 3) **Back off:** Forget the old rule about keeping a certain number of car lengths between you and the vehicle in front of you. Focus on staying 3-4 seconds behind the vehicle in front of you in dry conditions. Watch the vehicle in front of you as it passes a fixed marker, such as a street light. Then count 3 seconds. Add more time if it's raining, staying about 5-6 seconds behind.



**\* Turn on headlights when windshield wipers are operational for better visibility with other motorist.**

### Helpful Tip

If you follow these steps it could help prevent a traffic accident. However, not all accidents can be prevented, if you follow these general guidelines it may help reduce the risk. If you find yourself in an accident immediately call the authorities and give them a description of your location and if medical attention is required. **Remember to always drive safe and never get to comfortable in any inclement weather conditions!**



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