

U.S. ARMY ON OKINAWA

Quarterly Newsletter

A Message From The 10th Support Group's Command Team:

Greetings,

This quarter saw the Army on Okinawa work through many obstacles, most notable the COVID-19 pandemic. While it has not affected us on Okinawa in the same way it has in other parts of the world, our conditions could be subjected to rapid change. So, let's not become complacent – the ramifications can be deadly. I ask you to keep in mind that this is a community problem, and requires a community solution to achieve a common goal – countering the spread of this virus in our environment. Please comply with all guidance and restrictions in preventing the widespread of this virus. There will be inconveniences, there will be stressors, and there will be some frustration. The disruption will continue for a few weeks out of the rest of your life, so the rest of your life is not limited to the next few weeks.

The Government of Japan (GoJ) has made a number of significant changes. First and most visible, is the delaying of the 2020 Summer Olympics until 2021. This was not an easy decision due to the economic impact it will have but was prudent in light of the global Coronavirus pandemic. Changes to the quarantine requirements and restrictions of travelers arriving from the United States and other countries continue to evolve. Currently, travelers from 73 countries and regions, including the U.S., U.K., and all of China have been banned entry. There is an exception for U.S. SOFA status personnel, including family members. However, a 14-day quarantine period after arrival in Japan is required. During the two-weeks, SOFA status member are required to isolate (ROM) themselves in certain places. Adherence to the ROM protocols is vitally important during this time. Again, I ask for your assistance in supporting the efforts of GoJ in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

We can continue to stay safe if we all work together to ensure we limit our movements, limit gathering in groups, and follow the steps to prevent infection. Together we can and we will forge through this and come out stronger on the other side. The US Forces here on Okinawa are taking every effort to align our restrictions and posture with each other. Subtle differences will always be present based on the uniqueness of each services mission and size. However, we will align on the vast majority of the imposed restrictions. We are also working closely with the Okinawa Prefectural Government to ensure they understand our focus and the measures we are taking to protect the force.

Everyone is doing an outstanding job in this fight and I trust that you will continue making the individual effort and sacrifices to ensure everyone's safety. Check on each other daily, especially family members who are off the island. Thanks to all of our team members – Soldiers, Families, Civilians, MLCs, and Contractors – for all that you do on a daily basis. We truly appreciate your consistent efforts and support during the past months. Together we will beat this virus!

Ichu Dan!



**Commander,
10th Support Group
Colonel Theodore O.
White**



**Command Sgt. Maj.,
10th Support Group
Command Sgt. Maj.
Kenneth Law**

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1st Battalion
1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment



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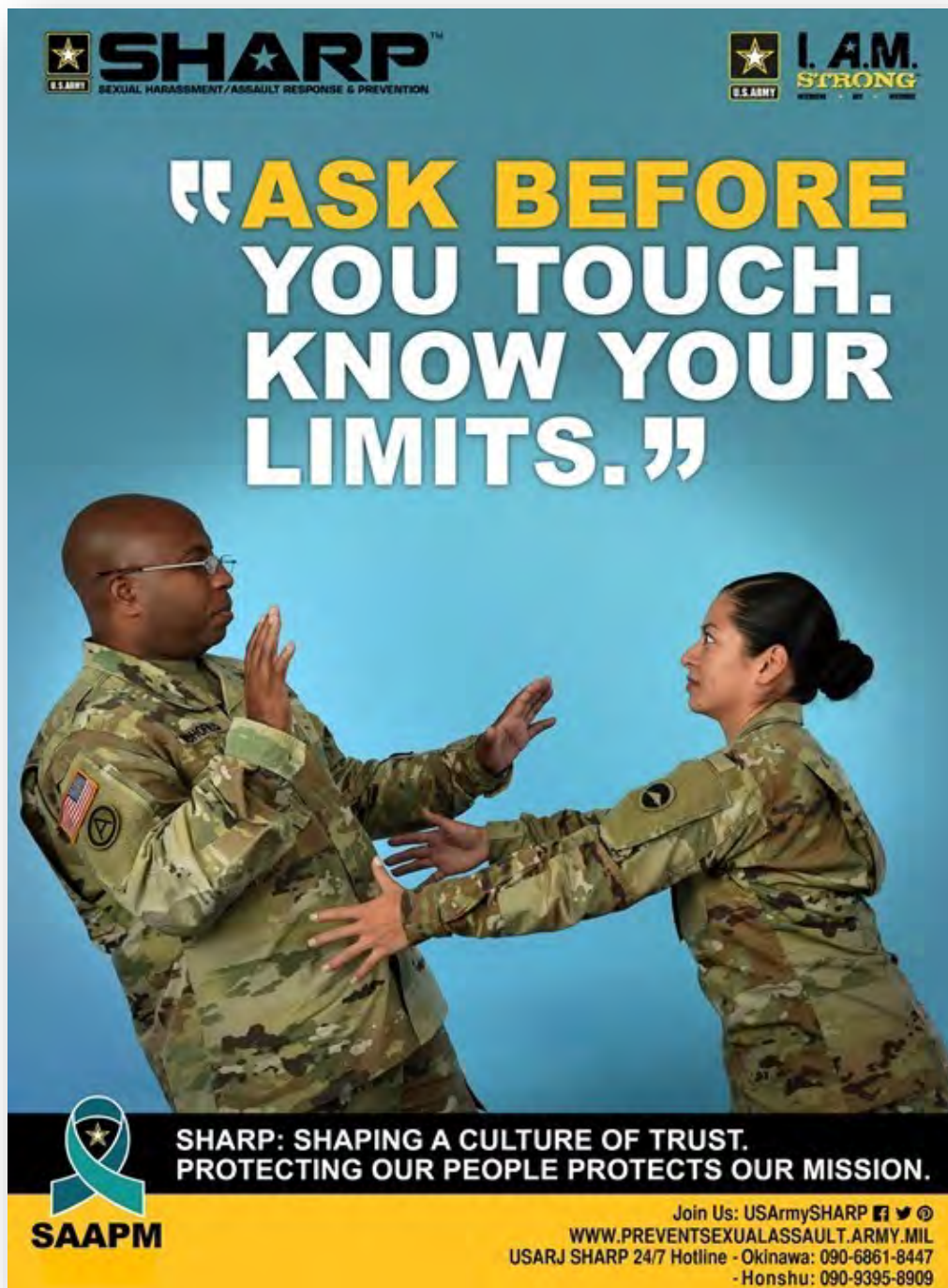


78th Signal Battalion



Kin No Ashika





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10th Support Group-Safety

Can You Do **Two** Things at Once?

TRY reading and talking on the phone at the same time.



You can't pay attention to both.

Multitasking is a myth.

NEVER drive and use your phone at the same time.

Focus on driving and get to your destination safely.



REMEMBER: Safety is everyone's responsibility. Make sure you are doing your part to make sure everyone goes home safe – each and every day.

Contact Mr. David Wilson, 10th Support Group's Safety Manager, at DSN: 644-5663 and email: david.g.wilson36.civ@mail.mil

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10th Support Group in photos



Col. White poses with guest at his New Year social, Jan. 17.



Soldiers participate in a MLK commemoration foot march, Jan 24.



A Soldier performs crossing guard duties, Feb. 19.



Soldiers participate in the JGSDF shooting competition, Feb. 26.




Service members participating in a exercise on Torii Station, March 11.



Chaplains and Religious Affairs Specialists from across Japan pause for a photo, March 11.

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DO's

- Practice social distancing.
- Avoid unnecessary physical contact.
- Conduct off-base activities such as grocery shopping, medical/veterinary appointments or essential activities supporting vital household functions.
- Take local (on-island) leave.
- On/Off base outdoor physical fitness activities.

DON'Ts



- Patronize off-installation facilities such as public (non-DOD) hotels and resorts, bars, cafes, night clubs and similar establishments.
- Attend any gathering where social distancing cannot be effectively practiced.
- Gather in individual barracks rooms.
- Engage in "Barracks Parties" or outdoor "Block Parties"

Restrictions to prevent the spread of COVID-19

COL. THEODORE WHITE,
SENIOR U.S. ARMY
COMMANDER ON OKINAWA



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On Okinawa

*More details can be found at: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/UeL1WvqFwJZGkpcM7>

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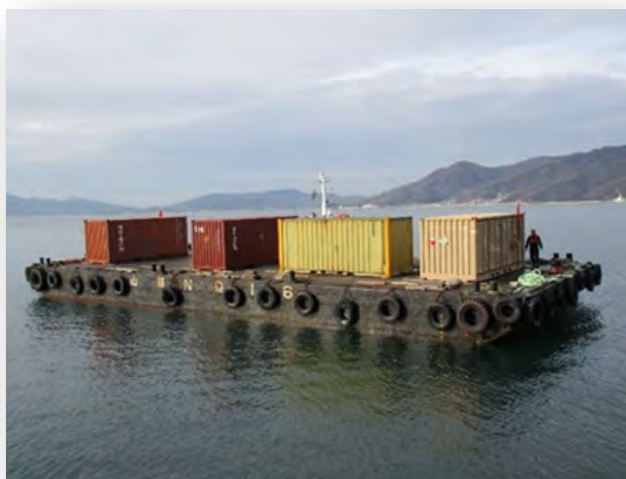
10th Support Group Ammunition Depot



**Director,
10th Support Group
Ammunition Depot
Lt. Col. Greg R. Thayer**

The Ammunition Depot, 10th Support Group (SG) operates four strategic ammunition activities in support of United States Indo-Pacific Command's full spectrum operations and the Joint Munitions Command's maintenance and demilitarization programs.

This quarter, the Ammunition Depot supported 8th Theater Sustainment Command (TSC) in reducing excess ammunition assets (right sizing) throughout the Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPACOM) area of responsibility (AOR). The Ammunition Depot retrograded assets to CONUS Ammunition Depots for Army wide redistribution. A total of 142 (71 Hiro/ 71 Okina-



Barge with containers travels to anchorage from Hiro Port for loading on the vessel.

wa) twenty foot equivalent (TEU) containers were retrograde to five separate Joint Munitions Command (JMC) Ammunition Depots in CONUS. Additionally, a total of 43 (28 Hiro/15 Okinawa) TEUs were download for Call Forward munitions stocks. The Ammunition Depot accomplished Priority 1 and 2 mission of "right sizing" redistribution in the United States Army Japan AOR.

Ammunition Depot accommodated a Japanese officer cadet class, planned and organized the contest for best speech, and oversaw the cadets compete for a place in the final 12 contestants. Five personnel from the

Kure Ammunition Depot judged the speeches of the finalists. A total of 12 Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force cadets provided speeches. Soldiers and civilians from the Kure Army Depot have been invited to this event for over 20 years. The 10th SG Ammunition Depot has an outstanding relationship with the OCS of the JMSDF.

Lastly, The Ammunition Depot Okinawa, prepared for the issuing and palletizing of ammunition that was loaded onto vessel in support of Cobra Gold 20 and the Pacific Pathways mission. The depot provided 24 containers of munitions, with Net Explosives Weight (NEW) of 41,772 lbs. at Tegan Pier ISO 325 BSB, 25th Infantry Division during exercise Cobra Gold for Pacific Pathways 20-1.



**NCOIC,
10th Support Group
Ammunition Depot
Sgt. 1st. Class
Jessica Casillas**



Admiral Ohban expresses his appreciation for USARJ's support.



U.S. Army Garrison-Okinawa



**Commander,
U.S. Army Garrison
Okinawa
Lt. Col. Joel Gleason**

A Message from Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis N. Dodge:

Greetings to all my fellow Army on Okinawa team mates. It has been a long and harsh Okinawa winter, but temperatures are finally beginning to inch above the low 60's and briefly touch bearable conditions. As the weather and water warms, and many of us are looking forward to resuming the normalcy of island life, I offer the following fun fact for perspective. Of the nearly 480,000 active duty Soldiers in our Army, the roughly 1500 Soldiers here represent only a fraction of a fraction of a percent. So few of us get the opportunity to experience an assignment like this that it's like winning the lottery! Despite the inconveniences inherent to a small Army garrison dependent on other Services for support, I'm reminded of this every time I walk outside my office and take in the view that is Torii Beach. This remains the best assignment I've ever had in my career.

Our Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) program offers single and geographically separated Soldiers many opportunities to immerse into island recreation. Deep sea fishing, SCUBA, surfing, and more are all offered at practically no cost to the Soldier through BOSS's Life Skills Program. I ask you to reinforce this message across your work centers and formations – Seek out your BOSS representative and ask them what they can do for you.

Normally, this would be the pregame to our busy PCS season. Developments over the past few months have interrupted not only individual leisure plans but also the day to day lives of so many who would otherwise have been looking forward to a summer elsewhere in the world, or their first summer here in Okinawa. It's hard to predict where the weeks and months ahead will take us, but it is important we make every attempt to normalize the reality of life today. Fortunately, it shouldn't be too difficult – this is Okinawa after all.

With PCS season slightly delayed, the role of sponsor is no less essential to a smooth transition for inbound personnel. One of the most memorable sponsorship experiences I've had was when my sponsor met me at the airport when I landed at an overseas assignment some years back. He handed me my government phone and told me there was a binder on my desk with everything I would need. Then he told me that he was flying out the next day. The binder of instructions was no more than a list of names and phone numbers of people who I didn't know. Conversely, the best sponsorship experience I've had was arriving at another overseas location with my family. We arrived late at night but were met by a member of the unit. He drove us, and our dog, to our lodging on base. Anticipating that we missed dinner, we found water and pizza in our room. There were even cookies monogrammed with our names welcoming my family. Those highlight contrasting experiences, but comparable to many others experienced by many of you I'm sure. Sponsorship is a responsibility that is neglected all too often to the detriment of readiness and unit cohesion. An assignment on Okinawa is unique in so many ways, that we owe it to our gaining personnel to communicate the challenges or nuances to an assignment here. Everything from mandatory on post housing for single Soldiers, family quarters, medical, driver's licensing, schools, daycare.....etc. The list goes on. Fortunately, the garrison can make this much easier for both the sponsor and gaining personnel. Just reach out to our Army Community Services division and ask them how they can help you. Remember, as a sponsor, their lasting memory of this assignment will begin with you.

It Takes a Team!

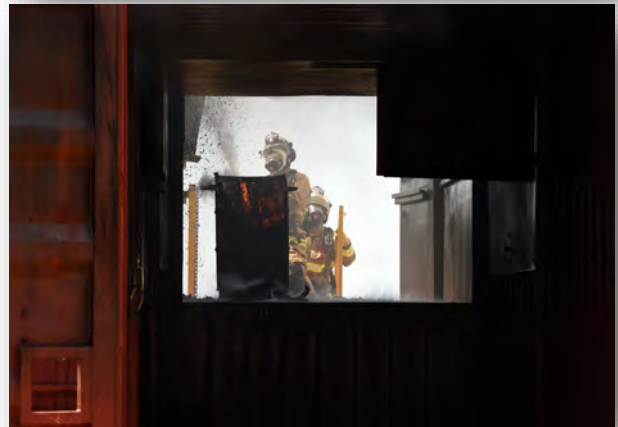


**Command Sgt. Maj.,
U.S. Army Garrison
Okinawa
Command Sgt. Maj.
Dennis N. Dodge**

U.S. Army Garrison-Okinawa



U.S. Army Garrison Okinawa's firefighters spent an early March 2020 day in their new fire dynamics and flashover development observation simulator live-firefighting trainer. This trainer allows the firefighters to hone their skills in a live fire environment, with observers and controls making it a both realistic and as safe as possible. This training means the best in the Army small fire department will continue to provide superb protection for the Torii Station community!



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1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment



Commander,
1st Battalion, 1st Air
Defense
Artillery Regiment
Lt. Col. Rosanna
Clemente

The Snake Eyes Battalion continues to rise above the rest in the INDOPACOM Theater. The key training focus for the month of February, was participation in the Resilient Shield 20 Exercise. The event was a Joint National Training Capability annual exercise to support Ballistic Missile Defense, Integrated Air and Missile Defense, and bilateral operations training for units in the region while using a distributed virtual and constructive architecture to connect all participants. The exercise also focused on horizontal and vertical integration between operational and tactical forces. In March, the Battalion conducted Operation Blazing Skies, which simulated split based operations on Okinawa and Honshu in order to validate tactical and technical proficiency. Soldiers on-site worked tirelessly, maintaining 24 hour operations while reacting to Operational Readiness Evaluations during the day and throughout the night. The Tactical Operations Center also refined Command and Control operations and information flow to higher echelon and subordinate units.

1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery participated in Operation Chernobyl Diaries, a joint bilateral Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Field Training Exercise with 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (USMC), 18th Civil Engineer Squadron (USAF), and 15th Nuclear, Biological, Chemical Company (JGSDF). The primary training focus was on interoperability amongst joint-bilateral services which is needed to operate against an emerging chemical and biological weapon threat. Throughout the exercise units were able to conduct training that created and developed familiarity with joint tactics, techniques, and procedures.

Alpha and Bravo Batteries completed Table VIII gunnery certifications and solidified their primary and secondary crews to conduct air and missile defense operations that protect the force and preserve peace in Okinawa and throughout the Pacific. As we look into the future and anticipate new requirements for air and missile defense, validating an expeditionary capability will prove vital in the defense of Japan.

All units supported the Saint Barbara's Day Ball. The event recognized the tremendous value of both Saint Barbara's and Molly Pitcher's legacies, particularly the celebrations and awards associated with their names. The United States Air Defense Artillery Association also processed three awards for air defenders who demonstrated high standards of integrity, moral character, and outstanding competence in their units and among the Air Defense community.

Congratulations to the Snake-Eyes Basketball Team for winning the 2019-2020 Okinawa intramural basketball championship! The team competed against all military units across the island throughout the season and finished on top as champions.

As we move toward the summer season, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our Soldiers and Family members for their support and hard work over the last year. The Snake Eyes Battalion would not be as successful without each and every single one of you!

First Line of Defense, By Valor and Power, First Among Equals!



Command Sgt. Maj,
1st Battalion, 1st Air
Defense
Artillery Regiment
Command Sgt. Maj.
Melissa Calvo



1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment

Charlie Battery's Highlights

By 2nd Lt. Nathan Kreher

KADENA AIR FORCE BASE, Japan – Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment (1-1 ADA), displayed resiliency and character throughout the second quarter of FY20. Beginning with a protracted heightened posture to conduct 24-hour operations for 25 consecutive days—in addition to the regular administrative duties to maintain readiness and proficiency in assigned tasks.

Casino (Charlie) Battery displayed that it is ready to respond to current and future threats. In addition to this operation, Charlie participated and supported Resilient Shield 2020—an INDO-PACOM joint, bilateral exercise—that the 38th Air Defense Artillery Brigade utilized as an external evaluation of 1-1 ADA's staff functions and readiness. Immediately following Resilient Shield, Charlie conducted a weeklong Battalion Field Training Exercise (FTX) with Operational Readiness Evaluations (OREs) to test and verify the proficiency of individual crews.



Staff Sgt. Cobian and his crew (Sgt. Roseboom, Spc. Gonzalez, Spc. Rivera, and Spc. Laver) prepare for the ORE during the BN FTX.



Pfc. Caraballo teaching a class on clearing and firing the M249 at the range.

Two Charlie Battery Soldiers participated in a Joint Bilateral Marksmanship Competition with members of the Japanese Self-Defense Force to augment theater security cooperation and strengthen the bilateral partnership.

Finally, Charlie Battery hosted a Soldier Family Readiness Group (SFRG) meeting, where Service Members, along with their families, enjoyed food and a raffle as they discussed the upcoming training schedule.



1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment

Delta Battery's Highlights

By 2nd Lt. Daniel Andrews

Dynasty Battery, 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment (1-1 ADA), contains highly motivated Soldiers who are experts in their craft and stand together to form an unbreakable team no matter what the mission.

The nickname of Dynasty reflects Delta Battery's emphasis on teamwork and building a lasting chain of Soldiers who can continue the cycle of mentorship for future Dynasty members. Dynasty leaders are passionate about teaching their craft to the next generation of Air Defenders who will eventually take their role as experts and educators. Air and Missile Defense Operations, Expeditionary Movement Operations, and basic Soldiers skills are just a few of the areas that these Soldiers have dedicated themselves to since the beginning of the 2nd Quarter of fiscal year 2020.

Dynasty displayed its ability to deploy and protect Mainland Japan during 1-1 ADA's Movement Preparation Area Operations (MPA Ops). During Resilient Shield 2020, an evaluation from 38th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Dynasty Battery displayed its capability to engage and destroy airborne threats.

One of Dynasty's major priorities is readiness. During the 1-1 ADA Battalion Field Training Exercise (FTX) Dynasty Soldiers and crews maintained 24-hour operations on-site in order to simulate wartime posture.



Spc. Zink parallels the generators to ensure the equipment can continue running while the previous generator is fueled.



Spc. Noles and Pfc. Waycott demonstrate how to assist a Soldier remove contaminated CBRN gear.

The Fire Control and Reload crews stood ready for an unknown time when the Battalion Standardization Team would arrive and announce, "Blazing Skies" to signal the crews to rush to their battle station for evaluation. This Operational Readiness Evaluation (ORE) was a test of Dynasty's ability to respond to fixed-wing, rotary-wing, and Tactical Ballistic Missile (TBM) threats at a moment's notice. The ORE began with a time-sensitive test of the crew's ability to properly configure their equipment in order to meet the requirement of the threat. The test continued with a simulated air battle in the Engagement Control Station (ECS).

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Coronavirus Disease 2019 COVID-19

What you need to know to keep your family safe and healthy.

CONTINUE TAKING EVERYDAY ACTIONS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF GERMS.



Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for **at least 20 seconds**.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and **immediately throw it away**.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Remember: Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Phones



Light Switches



Keyboards



Door Handles



Faucets

To learn more about COVID-19, visit: www.tricare.mil/Coronavirus



Current as of: March 10, 2020

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835th Transportation Battalion



**Commander,
835th Transportation
Battalion
Lt. Col. Kelvin Simmons**

Friends and Family,

It has been a busy quarter for the 835th Surface Warriors. The team is remaining flexible while expeditiously supporting Pacific Pathways exercises which includes Cobra Gold in Thailand. Unit personnel were afforded exceptional learning opportunities through training and certification events. Additionally, the team continues hiring efforts to ensure the battalions ability to sustain its high standards of service internally and externally with our Japanese partners, vendors, and customers.

In February, the 835th supported III MEF's participation in Cobra Gold and deployment to Thailand. The MV Cape Hudson transported the III MEF's load, discharged at Chuk Samet, and its last berth was Okinawa. This provided the 835th team the extraordinary opportunity to experience the load and discharge of same the vessel at different ports. Furthermore, this opportunity challenged the team to develop and prepare a detailed load plan that resulted in a successful operation.

As the year progresses, the CHAMPION Battalion will continue in its mission to support various military cargo movements and missions. On Okinawa, Guam, and in Singapore our effects and hard work is seen, appreciated, and in support of U.S. DoD personnel across the pacific and beyond.

"Champions...Moving the Pacific!"



**Command Sgt. Maj.,
835th Transportation
Battalion
Command Sgt. Maj.
Talmige Bell Jr.**



Overview of the discharged equipment in the staging yard.



835th Transportation Battalion

Cobra Gold 20

The long journey westward for Cobra Gold 20 (CG20) equipment ended on February 18, 2020 with its discharge at the port of Chuk Shamet, Thailand. Transported aboard the MV Cape Hudson, the cargo traveled over 7,000 miles from the first port of call in Tacoma Washington to arrive in Thailand following stops in Hawaii and Okinawa.

The 835th Champion BN played a key part in this display of power projection across the world. The battalion's unique skillset and role in the Surface Deployment of Military cargo came into play not only during the discharge operation, but during numerous stages of planning and coordination. In pure Surface Distribution Deployment fashion two different SDDC BDEs participated on differing ends of the trip, starting in Tacoma WA, going through Hawaii, Okinawa and then on to Thailand.

The 835th played a key role in integrating and coordinating between the multiple military and civilian agencies involved, before any equipment could get underway. In addition to the military cargo on the MV Cape Hudson, over a dozen containers of food and humanitarian aid supplies shipped through commercial contractors in order to support community relation projects that were a part of the Cobra Gold exercise. The booking of this cargo went through the 835th as they are the subject matter experts when dealing with commercially book cargo and the subsequent customs and import subject matter. The week prior to the MV Cape Hudson arriving in Chuk Samet, the 835th already had personnel on site ensuring that these supplies successfully navigated import clearance procedures and arrived at their destination via commercial truck transportation.

During the actual discharge the battalion served as the integrator for all involved stakeholders in the operation. The 835th was the common thread between the vessel crew, Military Sealift Command representatives, 3-25 Brigade Combat Team, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Joint Service liaisons, Joint Movement Control Center, and Royal Thai Forces. Leading up to the discharge the battalion coordinated heavily with Maritime Sealift Command to guarantee the vessel was on time and everything was prepared for the ship's crew and captain. The battalion ensured the proper operator and equipment support would be on hand from 3-25th ID and III MEF. The battalion coordinated for the proper material handling equipment, stevedore crew, and space for staging that would be provided by the Royal Thai Navy. This ensured coordinated lines of effort during the cumulating event of discharging the Cobra Gold 20 equipment in Thailand.

The discharge took place at the port of Chuk Shamet, Thailand. Here is where all of the involved parties came together to discharge the vessel. During the water terminal operation, the 835th took the lead becoming the key integrator for all elements on the port, while continuously providing 100% accounting of all cargo through the use of ICODES and GATES. This was particularly challenging due to managing competing priorities from the JMCC, 25th CAB, 3-25 BCT, and III MEF. Despite five separate units coming together with separate priorities and five different definitions of completion, the vessel was completely discharged in less than 15 hours.

835th Army Civilian Corp and Army personnel worked together with the Royal Thai Navy during the operation to safely and efficiently discharge the military cargo. This most recent operation continued the long standing working relationship between the two units who both specialize in water terminal operations. The Royal Thai Navy continued to live up to their expected reputation as true team players, professional and competent in vessel discharge operations. Their lashing teams, "hook crews", and forklift drivers operated with surgeon like precision enabling the safe and expeditious discharge of over 795 pieces of cargo.

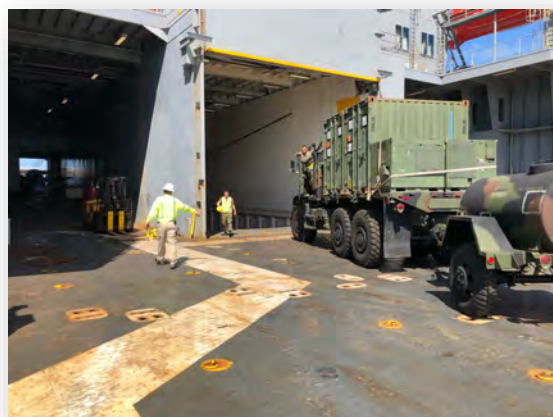
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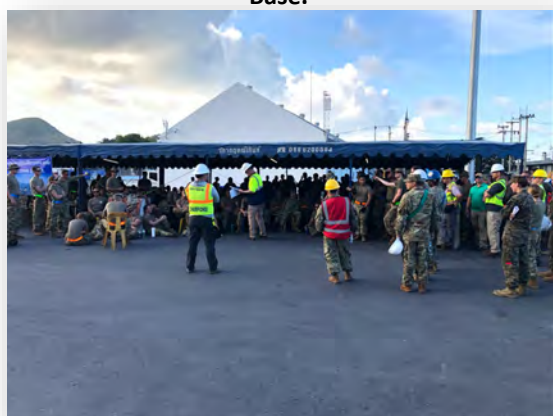
835th Transportation Battalion in photos



Lt. Col. Simmons engages with Cpt. Norapat Tan in Commander of the Sattahip Royal Thai Naval Base.



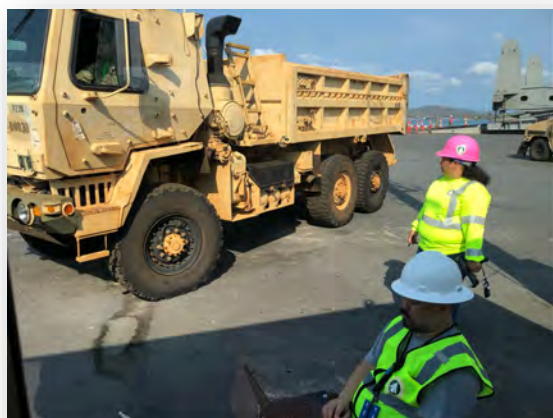
Mr. Brown directs a driver to replace his PPE prior to assisting the driver with the air brakes.



Mr. Ruffin and Mr. Carrillo conduct a safety brief prior to anything coming off the vessel.



The MV Cape Hudson berthed at Royal Thai Naval Base in Chuk Samet.



Mrs. Jesus scans and receives equipment, has Mr. Yamashita assists with ensuring proper network infrastructure as the MV Cape Hudson's discharges.



Group Photo of the 835th, Royal Thai Navy, and JMCC in front of the MV Cape Hudson.



Kin No Ashika

78th Strategic Signal Battalion

Shogun Battalion!



Commander,
78th Strategic Signal
Battalion
Lt. Col.
Michael J. Temko

The last 90 days has presented the world with an unprecedented challenge that has impacted us all personally and professionally. We are amidst one of the great global challenges of our time as we work together to combat the spread of the coronavirus. While the situation continues to evolve, I want to assure the Shogun Team that we will take all necessary measures to protect our people and win this fight. As we aggressively respond to this pandemic, my priorities remain: protecting our troops, DoD civilians, Japanese Local Nationals (JLN), and Families.

Command Sgt. Maj. Wokasch and I know each of you are taking this seriously and with the upmost caution, and it is because of this that we thank you for your patience, understanding, and flexibility during these uncertain times. As we do our part to mitigate the effects of this pandemic, we must remain vigilant and continue to carry out our mission. Together, with the Okinawan community, we are adapting, innovating, and demonstrating why we are *Never Bettered*.

Despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the 78th Signal Battalion has continued to execute operations to a high standard by modernizing and harden our network against adversarial threats. During the 2nd Quarter, the Network Enterprise Center Okinawa (NEC-O) has been enthralled in occupying their new NEC facility on Torii Station. An arduous task, the company is collapsing personnel and equipment from across three installations into the new facility. The move entails the integration of the Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) infrastructure and replication of the Top Level Architecture (TLA).

The Large Enterprise Gateway (LEG) demonstrated unflappable technical expertise during this quarter. In support of USINDOPACOM operations, the LEG masterfully supported the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand during their participation in exercises Cobra Gold 20 and Hanuman Guardian 20.



Command Sgt. Maj.,
78th Strategic Signal
Battalion
Command Sgt. Maj.
Mark F. Wokasch

As we look ahead to the 3rd Quarter, it is clear that we will continue to endure an environment where COVID-19 is prevalent and threatening to spread. CSM and I ask that you fight complacency and remain vigilant. Continue to monitor the battalion, garrison, and 10th SG Facebook pages for the most updated information.

Together we are...the Voice of the Far East!



Kin No Ashika

78th Strategic Signal Battalion (Cont.)

OKINAWA, Japan - The United States Army Network Enterprise Center – Okinawa hosted a Women's History Month Observance at the Kadena Airbase Officer's Club on Friday, March 13. Guest speakers from multiple branches of the United States Military on Okinawa spoke on women's issues and contributions in the past, their present influence, and the way they are paving the future. As a tribute to the selfless contributions of women throughout history and a positive outlook towards future endeavors, performances were provided by members of the 78th Signal Battalion and the Kadena High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Monge, Network Support Branch non-commissioned officer in charge, 78th Signal Battalion, serving as Master of Ceremonies, opened the event at 11 a.m. by introducing Capt. Taumaloto To'o, Commander, and 1st Sgt. Jose Mendoza, Company First Sergeant, United States Army Network Enterprise Center – Okinawa, who each made opening remarks in turn. Mrs. Judith Freels, SHARP Victim Advocate, Master Sgt. Kareen Thompson, Material Control Supervisor, 10th Support Group, Sgt. Maj. Lynnette Marr-Gaye, Marine Corps Installations Pacific, Headquarters and Support Battalion, and Chief Master Sgt. Jessica Bender, 18th Wing, Kadena Air Base, were introduced as distinguished guests for the observance. Each of the distinguished guests spoke about their experiences as women in the military, the challenges they face and may continue to face. They also all served as panel members during a question and answer session that allowed members of the military community on the island of Okinawa to gain insight into the lives and perspectives of each of these influential women.

At the end of the ceremonies, they were each offered a token of appreciation in the form of a framed photograph that captured the hardships of the women's suffrage movement. Staff Sgt. Kamara Bembry, Systems Support Branch NCOIC, 78th Signal Battalion, provided a moving rendition of 'Phenomenal Woman' by Maya Angelou that was met with thunderous applause. Later during the event, in recognition of her performance, Staff Sgt. Bembry was awarded with a challenge coin by

Capt. To'o. Young women from the Kadena High School Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps recited the JROTC Cadet Creed, sang the U.S. Air Force song, and gave testament to their motivation for joining JROTC. Each of the young women was presented with a certificate of appreciation presented by Capt. To'o and 1st Sgt. Mendoza as thanks for their participation in the event.

Capt. To'o reflected on the event with a few remarks, "There are more than 800 documented cases of women who have made historical landmark achievements in this great nation. Let us continue to reminisce and remember the way we appreciate and hold value of our women today as we honor the past and secure the future." He also recognized Staff Sgt. Jerpoe Rush, 78th Signal Battalion, for his preparation and execution of the successful event.

HELP STOP CORONAVIRUS



HANDS

WASH AND DRY HANDS THOROUGHLY
AND OFTEN FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS

ELBOW
COUGH INTO IT



FACE
DON'T TOUCH IT

FEET
STAY MORE THAN
6 FT. APART



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TEMPERATURE
OF 100.4? CALL
A DOCTOR

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms,
CALL AHEAD before proceeding to a medical facility.

U.S. Naval Hospital: 646-7555 or 090-6861-5230

Kadena Medical Clinic: 630-4817 or 098-960-4817

Symptoms include: fever, cough, shortness of breath



247th Military Police Detachment

Greetings from the 247th Military Police Detachment,

The last quarter for the 247th has been very exciting. Starting off in the month of January, the 247th was able to receive customs training from our Marine Corps partners and certify two customs teams.

Throughout this most recent quarter the unit has been doing what it does best, Community Policing! Our Patrol, Traffic, and MP Investigation sections have been busy providing training to various organizations across the island, in topics such as active shooter and crime prevention.



Sgts. Hewlett and Coleman clear a room during active shooter training.

performed in the highest regard and showed external evaluators that the Samurai Sheriffs are trained and ready for any mission at and time.



247th Customs Inspectors inspect a UH-60 Helicopter inbound to Japan.

In late February the 247th conducted its quarterly training which was focused on basic law enforcement skills. Training covered over this period included: the use of force, active shooter response, domestic violence, traffic stops, civil disturbance, base defense, and law enforcement weapons qualification. All this training culminated in the unit's yearly External Evaluation, Torii Shield.

This year's Torii Shield was a five day field exercise where Military Police Soldiers simulated law enforcement conditions in a forward deployed base camp with ever increasing severity of calls for service. Additionally they had to balance these duties while acting as a quick reaction force. The Soldiers of the 247th per-



Soldiers donned in civil disturbance equipment march to disperse an unlawful gathering during Exercise Torii Shield.



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UPCOMING CLASSES:

APRIL:

**Adult and Pediatric CPR/First Aid/AED Course
(Blended Format)**

Saturday, April 4 - 0900-1100

**Adult and Pediatric CPR/First Aid/AED Course
(Full Length Format)**

Saturday, April 25 - 0900 to 1600

Babysitter's Training

Saturday, April 18 - 0800 to 1700

MAY:

**Adult and Pediatric CPR/First Aid/AED Course
(Blended Format)**

Wednesday, May 13 - 1800-2000

Saturday, May 30 - 0900-1100

**Adult and Pediatric CPR/First Aid/AED Course
(Full Length Format)**

Saturday, May 16 - 0900 to 1600

Babysitter's Training

Saturday, May 9 - 0800 to 1700

JUNE:

**Adult and Pediatric CPR/First Aid/AED Course
(Blended Format)**

Saturday, June 6 - 0900-1100

Wednesday, June 10 - 1800-2000

**Adult and Pediatric CPR/First Aid/AED Course
(Full Length Format)**

Saturday, June 20 - 0900 to 1600

Babysitter's Training

Saturday, June 13 - 0800 to 1700

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

- Office Support
- Public Affairs
- Volunteer Management



Additional **FREE** educational opportunities for children, grades K-5 (perfect for SFRGs, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, or other groups)!

Prepare with Pedro: Prepare with Pedro is a 30- to 45-minute preparedness education program for grades K-2 that teaches children how to BE PREPARED and TAKE ACTION for either home fires or a local hazard. Prepare with Pedro compliments The Pillowcase Project in scope and mission, by reading a story featuring a penguin named Pedro. Children learn a coping skill and receive a storybook to share what they have learned at home

Pillowcase Project: The Pillowcase Project is a preparedness education program for grades 3-5 that teaches children about personal and family preparedness and safety skills, local hazards, and basic coping skills. Red Cross volunteers lead children through a "Learn, Practice, Share" framework to engage them in disaster preparedness and survival skills. Upon completion, children receive a sturdy pillowcase in which to build their personal emergency supplies kit.

TORII STATION TRANSPORTATION DIVISION



Due to the current HPCON-Charlie status, the Torii Station Transportation Division will no longer accept walk-in customers. All Transportation related questions or concerns will be answered via email or phone. You can contact the following office(s) to set up an appointment date/time.

Personal Property Office:

Phone: 644-4288/4318

Points of contact email: chikako.kinjo1.ln@mail.mil, rimiko.geruma2.ln@mail.mil

Transportation Motor Pool:

Phone: 644-4770/4903

Motor Pool Supervisor email: ronald.j.rayos.civ@mail.mil

Vehicle Dispatch POC email: kazuhiko.shinjo.ln@mail.mil

Motor Vehicle Operator Examiner POC email: shigeki.otsuka.ln@mail.mil

ATCO (Travel Office):

Phone: 644-5218/4612/5700

Points of contact email: kazumi.teruya5.ln@mail.mil, yuko.waragaya.ln@mail.mil

Army ACA at Kadena Air Base:

Phone: 634-0637

POC email: shinji.yamashiro.jp@us.af.mil

Our hours of operation are as followed:

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 0730-1600

Thur: 1000-1600

Closed for lunch: 1130-1230

April 2020 is the Month of the

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