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# HALLOWEEN ON KADENA

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18th Wing Public Affairs

10/21/2015 — Kadena will be hosting trick-or-treaters from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 31.

Keep safety in mind as trick-or-treaters will be enjoying their Halloween festivities.

The Kadena Halloween Committee needs volunteers to help patrol housing areas on base to ensure that children are safe as they seek their holiday treats. The committee is also taking candy donations through Oct. 30 for trick-or-treaters. Halloween candy screening will take place on Oct. 31 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Air Mobility Command terminal.

Security Forces will have an increased presence throughout the base in different locations in order to assist with any issues.

"Team Kadena can ensure a safe Halloween season by employing a few, simple safety protocols," said Lt. Col. Sarah Babbitt, 18th Security Forces Squadron commander. "Kids should be accompanied by their parents or another adult while trick-or-treating. It's important to keep in

mind that our Halloween hours take place after dark and Kadena Air Base is a large installation with many different housing areas that look very similar—especially at night. Encourage your children to carry a flashlight or incorporate some reflective material into their costume so they can be more easily seen."

Those responsible for the supervision of children should consider that kids will be excited about Halloween and might not be aware of their surroundings.

"Although we'll have Security Forces command posts throughout all of our Kadena housing areas, there's always the potential for a child to get lost," Babbitt commented. "Be sure to input our Security Forces Base Defense Operations Center 24/7 telephone number into your cellular phone: 098-961-2475, because you never know when you may need emergency assistance."

Certain policies will be in effect for the festivities to encourage a safe Halloween.

"The speed limit on Kadena around all housing areas during this time will be

20 kph," said Tech. Sgt. Sabrina Lukas, 18th Security Forces Squadron assistant flight chief. "We would like to make sure everyone remains safe for Halloween this year by ensuring they are abiding by the speed limit on that night. We also ask that children go trick or treating with a responsible adult to ensure everyone makes it back safely at the end of the night."

This year, Master Labor Contract employees and their families will be allowed to participate in Halloween festivities. Local community visitors will also be allowed on base so long as they are escorted by authorized sponsors. Local organizations will be bussed onto Kadena by invitation only and escorted by the proper authorities. Those who are serving as escorts should ensure their guests are shown where to go on base and help keep them safe.

Sponsors must stay with their guests, which is limited to five for Status of Forces Agreement-sponsored ID cardholders, throughout their guests' time on Kadena. Photo ID is required for guests over 16 years of age. Sponsors and their guests may

only enter Kadena through Gate 1 between 5:30 and 7 p.m. and they must leave Kadena by 9 p.m. Guests may drive their vehicle onto Kadena with the supervision of their escort, and may only bring one car.

Japanese employees may enter Kadena through Gate 1 from 5-7:30 p.m. on Halloween. They are permitted to sponsor their spouse and up to four children under the age of 16. Japanese employees are responsible for the supervision of their visitors. Proper authorization must be made in advance for their visitors.

Those who do not wish to participate in Halloween festivities are asked to turn off their outside lights and close their blinds so that trick-or-treaters will pass by your home.

Please remember to treat our host neighbors with respect and ensure that they enjoy the festivities as much as we do.

"We want everyone to enjoy this American tradition and holiday in the safest manner possible," said Lukas. "We also want everyone to remember we are ambassadors and to represent ourselves accordingly."

## 67th FS honorary commander meets dedicated crew chiefs



(Courtesy photo)

Atsushi Nerome, 67th Fighter Squadron honorary commander, delivers a speech to members from his designated squadron and the 67th Aircraft Maintenance Unit during a Dedicated Crew Chiefs Ceremony Oct. 19, on Kadena Air Base.

By Senior Airman John Linzmeier

18th Wing Public Affairs

10/21/2015 — The 67th Fighter Squadron honorary commander joined members from his designated squadron and the 67th

Aircraft Maintenance Unit Oct. 19 for a Dedicated Crew Chief Ceremony.

Atsushi Nerome has been the 67th FS honorary commander for eight years. He observed the ceremony to congratulate the

Airmen who have been recognized as "designated crew chiefs" or maintenance experts for their respective aircraft, and to interact with Airmen to better understand the 67th FS mission.

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## U.S., Republic of Singapore air forces to participate in Commando Sling 16



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Maeson L. Elleman)

By Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

10/19/2015 - JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — U.S. Air Force and Republic of Singapore air force personnel will train together during the annual, bilateral exercise Commando Sling 16 at Paya Lebar Air Base, Singapore.

Six F-15 Eagles from the 44th Fighter Squadron at Kadena Air Base, will kick off the first of three exercise iterations for CS16 with the RSAF and will be held from Oct. 26 through Nov. 13.

Commando Sling 16 focuses on enhancing and evaluating tactical coordina-

tion of air tactics, techniques and procedures between U.S. and RSAF aviation units, improves procedures for sustained operations at a non-U.S. base, and provides an opportunity to promote closer relations between U.S. and Singaporean service members.

The annual Commando Sling exercise began in 1990 to provide combined air combat training for USAF and RSAF fighter units.

In addition to Commando Sling, the United States and Singapore participate in other multilateral exercises such as Talisman Saber, Pitch Black, Cobra Gold and Cope Tiger.