



AMURAI GATE

TINSEL TOWN
 Saturday, December 12th
 2:00 PM - 10:30 PM
 SCHILLING COMMUNITY CENTER



(U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Jason W. Edwards)

Okinawans, Americans celebrate international culture

Americans and Japanese community members work side-by-side during the tug-of-war competition Nov. 28, at the Okinawa International Carnival. Approximately 25,000 people attended the annual event, which highlights Okinawa City's international culture.

320th Special Tactics Squadron Airmen complete DARC training

Airmen from the 320th Special Tactics Squadron gather around their team lead outside a shoot house as he discusses details of an upcoming mission at Marine Corps Camp Hansen, Nov. 19. Extensive planning and coordination is put into STS operations in order to maximize mission effectiveness and safety.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman John Linzmeier)

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18th Wing Public Affairs
12/2/2015 — Airmen from the 320th Special Tactics Squadron completed Direct Action Resource Center training with a mobile training team on the Camp Hansen range Nov. 20.

The training was held locally in order to reduce the costs that were once used to send entire STS teams back stateside. Instructors modified the course to fit the local training grounds while still meeting all training requirements.

"The mobile training team made it possible for operators

from several organizations to train together at locations that are available to us on a regular basis. This allows us to better build follow-on concepts for future tactical training on-island," said 1st Lt. Blaze Dunn, 320th STS special tactics officer.

Drills went late into early morning hours over a two-week period as STS Airmen practiced combat marksmanship, close-quarter combat and advanced urban warfare to patrol villages, recover personnel and secure shoot houses held by enemy role players using night vision goggles and other tactical equipment.

The first week entailed a progressive train up from pistol and rifle fundamentals, leading into combat applications with the weapon systems, said a combat controller from the 320th STS.

During the second week, the class focused on advanced urban warfare, which required students to apply the skills learned during the first week in confined quarters using buildings and small mock villages.

Throughout the exercises pararescuemen, combat controllers and force reconnaissance marines developed skills they will use to integrate both

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18th CEG conducts fire demo for Tokyo and Okinawa cadets



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Omar Bernard)

Master Sgt. Jon Ammon, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron assistant chief of operations, gives a brief introduction to a live firefighting demonstration, Nov. 24, at Kadena Air Base. Firefighters from the 18th CES performed a demonstration for Tokyo and Okinawan firefighter cadets and explained the methods and equipment used to extinguish aircraft fighters on an air base.

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Passing 2,000



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Corey M. Pettis)

Lt. Col. Alexander Haddad, 44th Fighter Squadron pilot, exits an F-15 Eagle after reaching 2,000 flying hours Nov. 19, at Kadena Air Base. Lt. Col. Haddad is the fifth Kadena F-15 pilot to reach 2,000 flying hours since 2009.

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