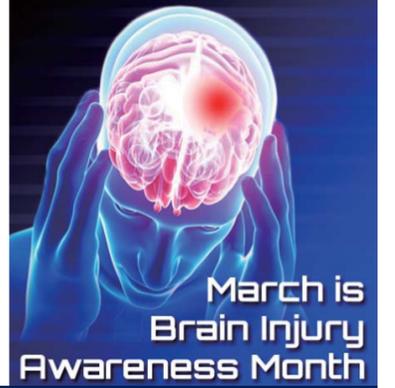


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## 17th SOS launches Pacific region's first MC-130J Commando II five-ship formation flight

MC-130J Commando II's assigned to the 17th Special Operations Squadron fly in formation Feb. 17, off the coast of Okinawa.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Peter Reft)

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18th Wing Public Affairs

2/23/2016 — Instead of the usual howl of jet engines, Team Kadena heard the growl of 120 turboprop blades chopping the air as 17th Special Operations Squadron MC-130J Commando II aircraft dominated the airfield scene Feb. 17.

Within an hour of standing by at stations, the aircraft took to the skies during the Pacific region's first five-ship formation flight involving the new specialized mobility aircraft.

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## USFJ/5 AF commander visits Kadena Air Base



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Lynette M. Rolan)

Lt. Gen. John Dolan, U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force commander, greets Brig. Gen. Barry Cornish, 18th Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Charles Hoffman, 18th Wing command chief master sergeant, Feb. 18, at Kadena Air Base. Dolan spent time with Kadena's leaders to see how they maintain mission readiness as the Keystone of the Pacific.

## Team Kadena cheers on Okinawa Marathon runners



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Peter Reft)

Team Kadena crowd members greet runners during the Okinawa Marathon Feb. 21, at Kadena Air Base. As part of a wide-reaching community relations program, Kadena is the only military base to participate with hosting marathons in Japan.

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