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Kadena, Eielson aircraft surge for Forceful Tiger

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

^ A F-15 Eagle stationed at Kadena Air Base, refuels from a KC-135 Stratotanker during Forceful Tiger Jan. 28, near Okinawa. Kadena boasts two squadrons of F-15s – the 44th and 67th Fighter Squadrons. Each squadron has claimed the coveted Raytheon Trophy as the best fighter squadron in the Air Force on multiple occasions since they were formed 75 years ago.

A F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 18th Aggressor Squadron at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, flies in support of Forceful Tiger Jan. 28, near Okinawa. The 18th AGRS, which opened Aug. 24, 2007, provides challenging, yet realistic threat replication training in order to prepare Air Force, joint and allied aircrews for potential aerial combat.

Risner gets an update



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Zackary A. Henry)

^ Tech. Sgt. Rodil Medina, Jr., 18th Force Support Squadron fitness section flight chief, inspects one of the 40 new spin bikes at the Risner Fitness Center, Feb. 3, at Kadena Air Base. The added spin bikes are just a part of the equipment refresh designed to increase equipment availability during peak hours for the Risner Fitness Center. The equipment refresh also included 16 new elliptical machines, 19 treadmills, one arm ergometer, 11 recumbent cycles, 12 upright cycles, and eight stairclimbers.

2016 Okinawa Marathon Kadena traffic delay



Traffic on Kadena Air Base will be affected by the 2016 Okinawa Marathon Feb. 21.

Gates 2 and 5 will be closed to vehicle traffic from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Roads will be closed from Gate 2 on Kuter Blvd. to Vincent Avenue, from Vincent Avenue to Schreiber Blvd. and from Schreiber Blvd. to Gate 5.

Gate 2 will remain open for pedestrian traffic with authorized base passes.

Runners will enter Kadena through Gate 2 on Kuter Blvd., turn left onto Vincent Avenue at Chapel 2, turn left on Schreiber Blvd. at Kadena High School, and exit the base through Gate 5.

The following facilities will be affected by the marathon:

- Chapel 2 · Kadena Library
- Shogun Inn · Officers' Club
- Kadena High School · Bob Hope Primary School · Amelia Earhart Intermediate School
- Dormitories located along the route · Family housing on Beeson Avenue · Temporary lodging facility · Visiting officers' quarters

Residents living inside the on-base route should consider parking their vehicles outside the affected area if they plan to travel anywhere from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

There will only be one authorized vehicle egress route into and out of the affected area. Vehicle traffic will be allowed to cross at the intersection of Vincent Street and Beeson Street.

Traffic will be regulated by Security Forces. Runners will have priority. Vehicle wait times to cross may be as long as 30 minutes.

Pedestrians will only be authorized to cross the marathon route on the crosswalks near the Base Exchange, at the Kadena USO, and behind the Officers' Club to cross over Kuter Blvd. These crosswalks will also be regulated by security forces.

Please direct any traffic related questions or concerns to Master Sgt. Melvin Hunt at the 18th Security Forces Squadron at 634-0706.

AF Selective Re-enlistment Bonus program list triples

By Secretary of the AF Public Affairs
2/1/2016 - WASHINGTON — Air Force officials released details on the fiscal year 2016 Selective Re-enlistment Bonus program Feb. 1. This year's program, consisting of 117 Air Force specialties eligible to receive bonuses, is a substantial increase from the previous year's program where 40 Air Force specialty codes were eligible.

The program's expansion coincides with Air Force plans to grow the force

to meet mission demands in the face of changing geopolitical situations, and to address key gaps in nuclear, maintenance, cyber, intelligence, remotely piloted aircraft and support career fields through fiscal 2017.

According to Col. Robert Romer, the chief of military force policy for the Air Force, the criteria used to determine career fields eligible for re-enlistment bonuses includes current and projected

manning levels, re-enlistment trends, career field force structure changes, career field stress levels, and the cost levels associated with training new Airmen.

"This year's SRB list increased by nearly threefold as we focused on retaining key experience while continuing our deliberate plan to grow our force," Romer said. "We are increasing our accessions and training pipeline to support the increased growth, but these new enlistees

won't be seasoned for some time. Retaining the experience we have is critical to our success in reaching target end strength."

All AFSC bonus changes are effective Feb. 1, 2016.

For more information, contact the local military personnel flight re-enlistment section.

The fiscal 2016 bonus list is available on myPers.