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Airmen, Marines in Okinawa perform joint inspection



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

U.S. Marine Corps Warrant Officer Matthew Langlois, 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division mobility officer, discusses cargo specifications with members of a joint inspection team April 7, at Kadena Air Base.

By Airman 1st Class Lynette M. Rolen

18th Wing Public Affairs
4/11/2016 — Airmen from the 733rd Air Mobility Squadron worked with Marines from the 4th Marine regiment, 3rd Marine division, for a joint

inspection April 7.

This joint inspection of cargo was in support of Marine forces in Australia as part of Marine Regiment Rotational Force Darwin.

"We prepared the cargo for embarkation to get onto the

C-17s," said U.S. Marine Corps Warrant Officer Matthew Langlois, 4th Marine regiment, 3rd Marine division mobility officer. "Then we not only cleaned and packed up the stuff that is inside the containers, but SEE INSPECTION PAGE 2

2016 Road Tax season information

By Joint Service Vehicle Registration Office

4/15/2016 — JSVRO would like to remind all SOFA personnel that road tax season is in full swing. We also would like to ask the commands to give their staff ample time to take care of this Government of Japan requirement. Here are some quick bullets to help your tax payment.

- JSVRO does not take Road Tax payment at the Camp Foster Office; JSVRO hosts the road show in May allowing the Government of Japan Road Tax Officials to come out to certain installations.
- Do not wait until last minute! Avoid the rush by picking up your decals at JSVRO as soon as possible, processing over 40k vehicles takes time. If you have your receipt already; you may pick up your decal at JSVRO or at any event site.
- If you have a yellow plated vehicle (mini-car) or motorcycle, you must pay your road tax at your local city office. Once you have paid there, you can receive your decal during normal business hours at JSVRO located on Camp Foster or any event site. All local city offices are currently accepting road tax payments.
- If you will be TDY, please ensure you have a plan for someone to pay your road tax and pick up your new decal. Display of the 2016 road tax decals will be enforced starting 1 June.
- Your insurance company will take care of the 2016 road tax payment during a title transfer; JSVRO will be issuing decals all thru April and May. Once you receive your title and original vehicle paperwork, you will be able to pick up your new decal.
- Vehicle owners are responsible to check and maintain all documents and decals issued from JSVRO Camp Foster or Road Tax collection sites. Vehicle owners are also reminded that they should double check that they have all of their documents before leaving JSVRO, the Road Tax event site, or the insurance company.
- Before any waivers, exception to policy, or Special Power of Attorney requests will be accepted, the 2016 Road Tax must first be paid for.

For more information, or lost 2016 road tax decals contact the Joint Service Vehicle Registration Office at 645-7481 or e-mail us at jsvro.mcbb.fct@usmc.mil . Please don't forget our visit our website at: <http://www.mcbbutler.marines.mil/BasInformation/VehicleRegistration.aspx>

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Okinawans visit family tombs at Kadena MUNS

By Airman 1st Class Corey M. Pettis

18th Wing Public Affairs
4/12/2016 — Local Japanese families armed with garden tools and trays of food visited the tombs of their ancestors at Kadena's munitions storage area April 10.

During the month of April, families all across Okinawa

gather at the tombs of their ancestors to pray to the spirits and celebrate their lives at the high-spirited festival time known as "Shimi".

"Shimi" is an Okinawan tradition dating back hundreds of years, as well as some of these tombs, far outdating Kadena Air Base. It normally

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An Okinawan family prepares to pray and offer food to their ancestors for the annual "Shimi" celebration April 10, at Kadena Air Base.

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