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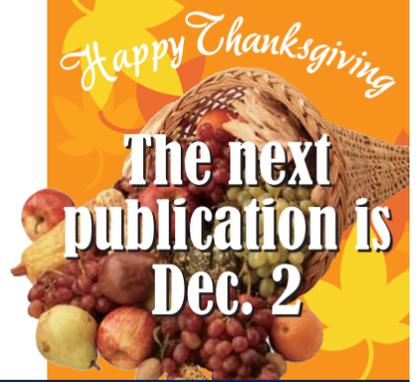
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## TEAM KADENA PARTICIPATES IN KEEN SWORD 17

HH-60 Pave Hawks from 33rd Rescue Squadron and Japan Air Self-Defense Force, fly in formation behind an MC-130J from the 17th Special Operations Squadron preparing to be refueled during exercise Keen Sword 17, Nov. 7, near Okinawa. The U.S.-Japan Alliance encompasses counter-terrorism, counter-piracy, capacity building, ballistic missile defense, humanitarian assistance/disaster relief, and equipment and technology enhancement.

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(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Stephen G. Eigel)

# Kadena stands together for Veterans



Members of the 353rd Special Operations Group and their families during the Veterans Day parade, Nov. 11 on Kadena Air Base.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Emerick)

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**11/10/2016** — For most military members, every day is a day taken to respect those who served before; Nov. 11 puts the idea on the floor at a national level, but it wasn't always this way for all veterans.

1919 marked the celebration of the first Armistice Day, a celebration of World War I; 19 years later, Armistice Day became an official US holiday. It wasn't until 1954, and campaigning by both World War II veteran Raymond Weeks and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, this day changed to include all veterans.

Nov. 11 is a day to remember the brave men and women who paved the way for the military of today, ensuring the freedoms and liberties of generations. A day for remembering people who have influenced the world and inspired it as well. Works of art are created because of the things these people have done. Movies, television shows, documentaries of their stories, photographs; things that carry their stories when they are no longer able to.

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