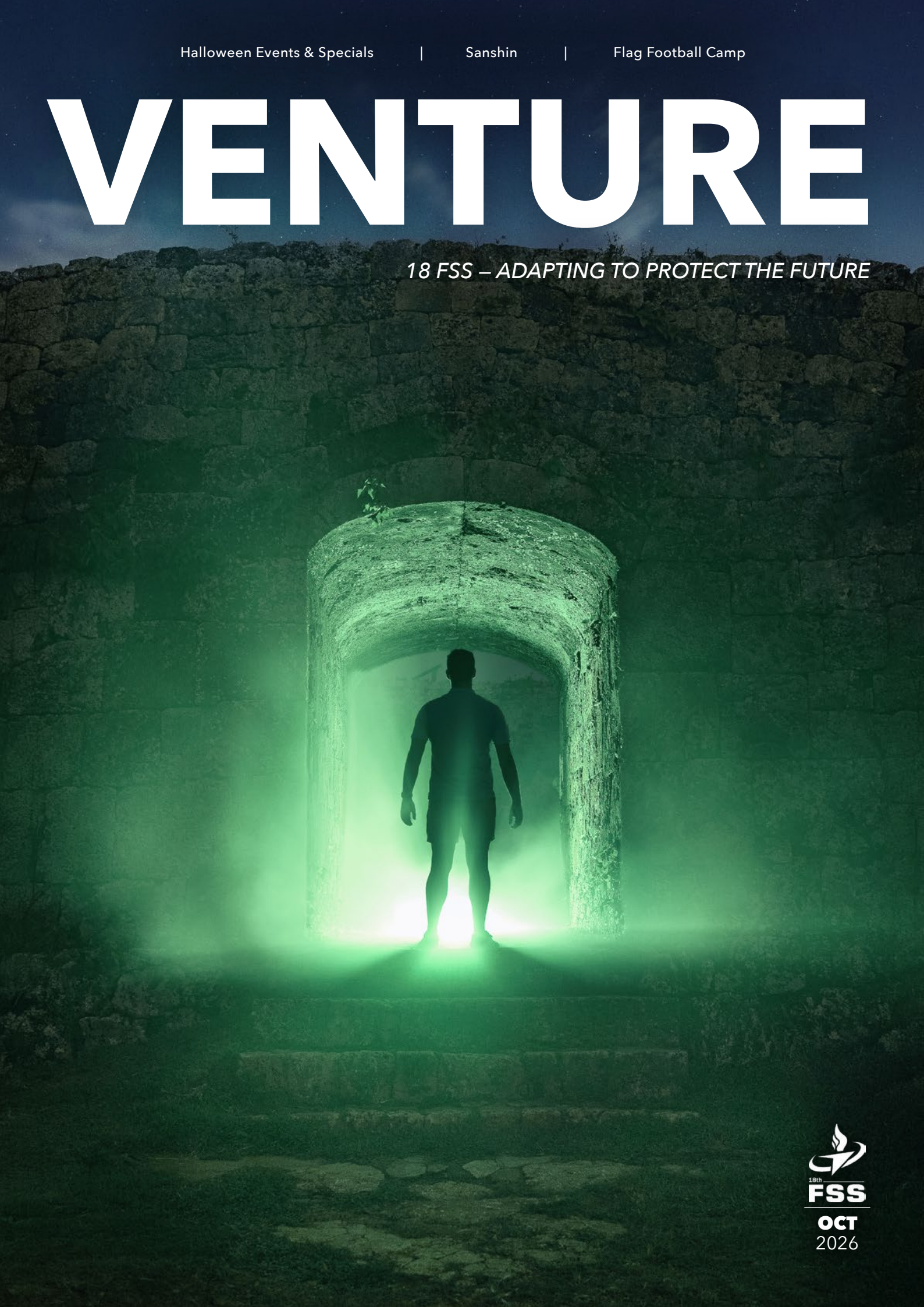
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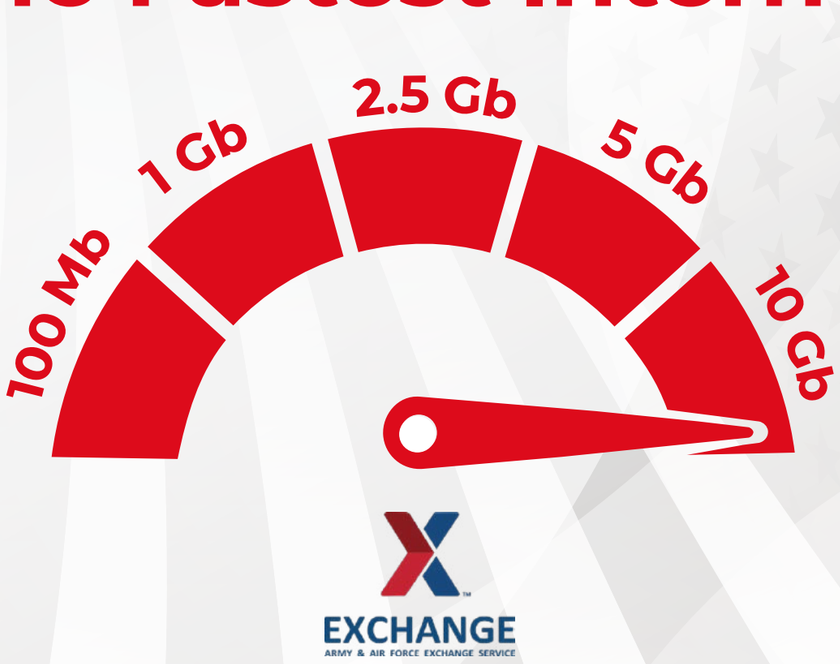
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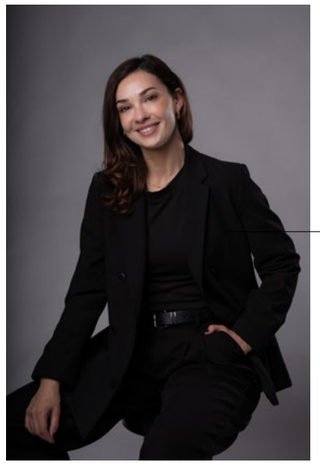
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EDITOR'S LETTER

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October in Okinawa — one of the best months of the year!

The weather is about as close to perfect as it gets. The only challenge? Fighting the urge to step away from work and enjoy the crystal-clear water, sunshine and perfect breeze calling your name.

With October being the most wonderful month of the year, you know FSS is coming in strong with exciting events, specials and activities, all featured in this month's issue of Venture! But let me share a few of our standout offerings.

Starting off, Okuma Beach has its Winter in the Sun promotion. Kick off the cooler months in Okinawa at one of the island's best locations. Seriously, have you walked on that soft, white sand at North Beach? It's hands down one of the top five spots for a beach day on the island. With this promotion, you can get 60% off any room booked from October through March!

As we transition from beach days to cooler-weather fun, Hagerstown Pool will be closing its doors until next summer, but not before squeezing in two great end-of-season pool parties! We'll have an adults-only party and a family party. For my avid lap swimmers, not to worry — Fairchild Pool is open year-round!

And, of course, October wouldn't be complete without Halloween. When I first moved here more than six years ago, my local neighbors told me there's one thing Americans do particularly well: Halloween. We literally go all out!

This year is no exception. We're keeping the festivities flowing with everything from the Kids' Halloween Bash at the Youth Center and Monster Mash at the Teen Center to Pro Shop sales, Halloween night golfing and Halloween-themed family bingo. There are endless options to get you into the spirit of all things spooky and help us uphold our reputation that, yes, we really do Halloween best!

So, whether you're looking to soak up the last of Okinawa's warm sunshine, plan a getaway to Okuma, squeeze in one more swim or embrace your spooky side, FSS has something for you this October. Get out there, enjoy the island and make the most of my favorite month of the year. I'll see you out there!

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Membership Appreciation Night

Halloween Party

Thursday, October 22
5 - 7 p.m.
Shiraho Ballroom

Family Section: Ballrooms 1, 2 and 3
Adult Section: Kuba and Lounge

Enjoy prize giveaways, buffets and great music throughout the evening, plus costume contests for various age groups. Open to club members, civilian equivalents and their families.

Morning Motors Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 17 | 9 - 11 a.m. | Free

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Rocker Live House

Friday, October 30 | 7 p.m. - midnight
Halloween theme

Maintenance Day

Monday, October 5
Kazoku Place and Hanabi's will be closed for breakfast and lunch and will reopen at 4 p.m. The Daily Grind will be open from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Customer Service and the Game Room will be open during regular hours.

This month OCT at The Rocker Club

Rocker Lounge Weekly Programs

Mondays: 7 - 10 p.m. | Salsa Night
Wednesdays: 7 - 10 p.m. | Country Line Dance
Thursdays: 7 - 10 p.m. | Karaoke

Last Friday Country Line Dance
Friday, October 30 | 9 p.m. - 2 a.m.
Hanabi's
Dust off those boots and hit the dance floor! Kick off the weekend with country hits, line dancing and good vibes.

Weekly Friday Social Hour
Fridays | 5 - 7 p.m.
Rocker Lounge
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Hanabi's Weekly Programs

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Fridays: 8 p.m. - midnight | Live DJ
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Drive-By Dinners

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Oct. 1: Spaghetti and Meatballs with garlic bread and house salad
Oct. 8: Chimichanga with refried beans and Mexican rice
Oct. 15: BBQ Ribs with macaroni salad and corn muffin
Oct. 22: Green Curry Chicken with steamed rice and spring roll
Oct. 29: Tapsilog (marinated beef, fried egg and garlic fried rice)
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Mongolian BBQ Night

Thursdays | 4 - 9 p.m.
Kazoku Place
Build your own stir-fry meal with fresh ingredients.

Sunday Brunch

Sundays | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Week 1: All-American BBQ
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Week 3: Mexican
Week 4: Southern Picnic

Wednesday Kids Night Special

Wednesdays | 4 - 9 p.m.
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Retiree Club Member Appreciation

Friday, October 30 | 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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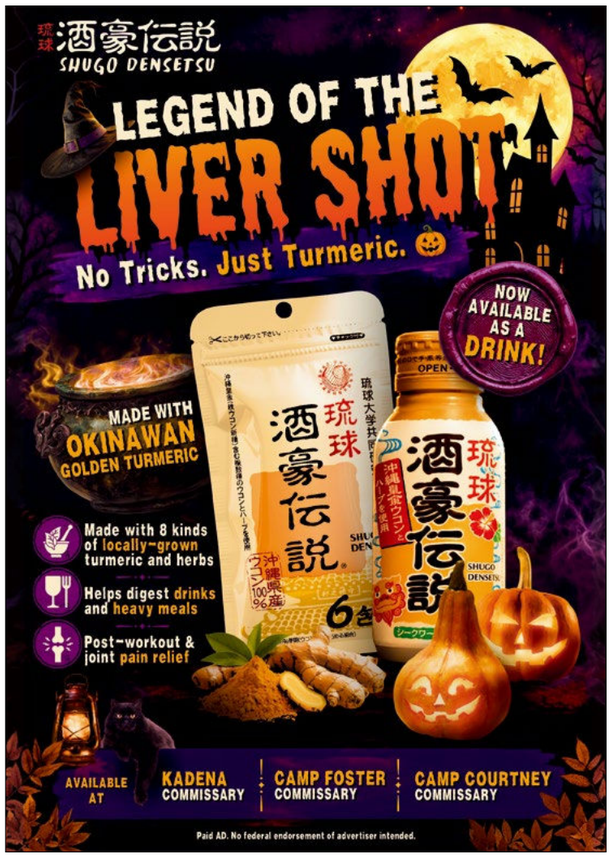
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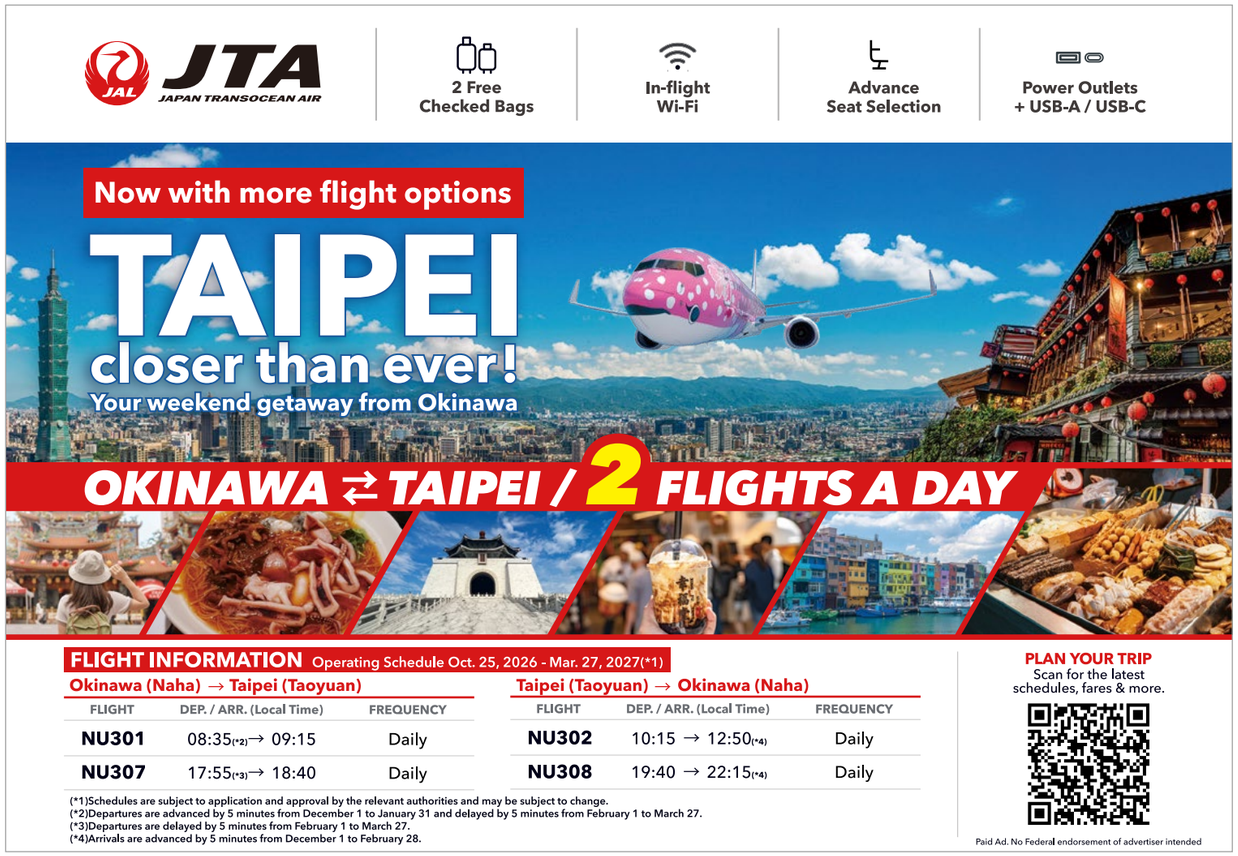
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Article by
Blaine Miller, *18 FSS Director*

As the executive leader of the 18 FSS, I want to be transparent about the future of our programs, the changes you are seeing today with more to come in the future and why those changes are necessary to protect the services our community has come to know and love.

If you were hear prior to COVID, you probably remember the many A-list entertainers, numerous other facilities, FREE DOMO days and various other low and lost-cost offerings and many program membership benefits.

Fast forward to today, and the environment looks very different, and will change even more in the future.

Over the past several years, our financial landscape has changed dramatically. For many years, multiple programs were supported by federal subsidies, higher headquarters financial injections, strong slot revenues and local dividends that helped offset operations. Those revenue streams have all but gone away over the last two years. Now, MWRs have to rely on their own sales to recapitalize and offer programs.

To complicate that more, the cost of nearly everything has increased massively across everything we do. The cost of food, supplies, equipment, shipping, utilities, maintenance and daily operations has risen sharply and labor costs have also increased, which is a good and necessary thing for taking care of our employees, but it also increases the cost of providing services to the community.

We have also seen reductions in government-funded positions with 13 key position reductions last year which we still have not recovered from, and which means we are now carrying overhead costs and workload challenges that we did not have to absorb in the past. All of these factors combined represent several million dollars of reduced revenue or increased costs. That model is simply not sustainable for the future.

Our greatest challenge ahead is infrastructure.

> Over the past several years, the financial landscape has changed dramatically.

The 18 FSS has been devastatingly impacted by aging buildings and a spalling crisis across Kadena. In the last three years, we have lost nearly 25 percent of our facility space because of safety-related closures. That loss affects how we operate, where we can provide services and how we plan for the future. It's also in almost all cases not a bill our senior leaders can decide to fund and will have to be built by our own profits from our businesses.

As an example, our new Outdoor Recreation facility, scheduled to open in 2028, is projected to cost nearly $16 million. Beyond that, we have several other major construction and sustainment requirements ahead, including a central warehouse, golf course irrigation replacement, marina facilities and other critical infrastructure needs. Together, these future requirements approach nearly $185M.

This is why we must change.

To overcome these challenges and protect the future of FSS programs, we are taking a hard look at everything we do and how we deliver it. If a program cannot sustain itself, we may have to adjust it, scale it, restructure it, or in some cases, divest from it. That does not mean the program lacks value. It means we must ensure that today's operations do not consume the funds needed to build tomorrow's capabilities.

We will also have to review prices and fees annually to keep pace with the cost of labor, products, supplies, and operations. We will have to conduct in depth-reviews of membership programs and benefits to ensure they are balanced with the revenue required to support them.



The current ODR facility has a cracked foundation and mold issues.



Two years ago employees were wearing hard hats to work in Arts and Crafts. That simply isn't acceptable so we moved them.

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Right now, many of those areas are still out of balance.

We understand that price increases and program changes are difficult. No one enjoys paying more. No one wants to see a favorite event reduced, changed or discontinued. We know these decisions affect our community, routines, traditions and expectations. But we also know that avoiding these decisions today would create a much harder future for those who come after us.

This is not unique to Kadena. Across the world, businesses are facing the same pressure. Restaurants, bars, entertainment venues, recreation providers and service-based organizations are all confronting rising costs, changing customer habits, labor challenges and the need to remain solvent. Every day, we see businesses forced to close because the cost of operating has grown faster than the revenue needed to sustain them. Our responsibility is to make sure that does not happen to the quality-of-life programs that support Kadena.

The good news is that we have a plan, and we are already seeing progress. Last year, we experienced financial losses overall for the first time in our history. This year, because of strategic changes, research, reviews and, in some cases, reductions, we are seeing major improvements. These actions are not easy, but they are working. They are helping us stabilize today so we can invest in tomorrow.

As we continue this process, our pledge to you is simple: we will keep evaluating what we do, how we do it, when we do it and how we can bring new, relevant and meaningful programs to the community. We will continue listening to your feedback. We will continue looking for creative solutions. We will continue pursuing programs that are exciting, sustainable and aligned with the needs of Kadena Air Base.

Every member of the FSS family is committed to serving this community. We are proud of the role we play in providing quality-of-life programs to Airmen, families, civilians, retirees and mission partners across the installation.

We also understand that change is hard. Some changes may not feel welcome in the moment. But we believe those who come after us will be thankful that we had the courage to make the decisions necessary to preserve these programs for the future.

Our goal is not to do less for Kadena. Our goal is to ensure that Kadena continues to have quality-of-life programs for generations to come.

Thank you for your continued support, your understanding, your feedback and your trust as we build the future of the 18th Force Support Squadron together.



We continue to make major investments in enhanced products and services to change our financial landscape for the future. Jack's Place Brewing Zhyvago will be a new eatery with amazing coffee opening this winter.

What happened to the bingo program at Kadena?

We took a break to relocate the program to Jack's Place ballroom, which allows us to ensure it runs consistently and is not canceled because of Rocker special events, except for the month of December (for holiday parties), and to reinvest with exciting twists and technology. We also upgraded many features and services of the program which we think you'll really enjoy.

What is the future of club membership?

That's a great question and one we are studying very closely. Membership is good for the community, but losing $20K a month more than the dues bring in is not and must be re-looked. With more than 15 different discount programs across our spectrum, there simply are too many no cost perks and just like every other membership program across the business world, we are re-looking at our offerings to figure out the right balance or we will have to divest in the membership benefits, but continue to operate an amazing facility.

Why did you close the O Club?

We had to find space to accommodate other FSS programs where spalling or facility safety closures required us to either divest in the program or find a new location. As we looked across our enterprise, the trend of financial losses at the Officers Club coupled with the space we could repurpose was very evident. Now partially open while we continue construction, our ODR sales, Information Ticket and Tours, Bingo, Jack's Lounge (and private event space) Slot Machines and Jack's Place Brewing Zhyvago's will offer another community space that fit together to serve our customers.

Why are all the playgrounds at CDCs and SACs closed?

Our playgrounds have been down for years because of funding and resources! The money for these types of construction does not come locally and is centralized at the Air Force level where annually they assess the greatest need across the Air Force. The good news is that we have finally come to point and we just received $3.7M to begin to fix them in the coming year. The bad news is it was only half of what was needed, so we are seeking to be included in another future round. For now, the Wakaba and Niko Niko will receive the projects.

What are your major projects coming up and how much do you anticipate them to cost?

In early 2028, our new **Outdoor Recreation** facility will be completed. At a cost of $16M, the facility will feature state-of-the-art services, a new warehouse area and will be located centrally in the base right next to the Schilling Recreation Center.

We need to replace a Non Appropriated Fund 40K square-foot warehouse that was condemned in 2025 and will hold all of our equipment, materials, food and supplies. Most of our things right now are packed in closets and any available space we had and the equipment has been out in the weather, which isn't good given the severe weather environment we operate in. That cost of that construction alone is estimated to be $120M.

The **Banyan Tree Golf Cours**e irrigation system is at the end of its useful life and only working at a fraction of its capability. A new $4M system is currently in design and should be replaced in 2028. The golf course is a huge contributor to our ability to serve the community so it needs to be recapitalized and upgraded as needed.

We have the largest grossing **Chili's** operation in the world, but the massive volume produces massive impacts on the facility and equipment. We already see some of those impacts today with frequent outages of some of our equipment and facility issues. We will fix that starting in January 2027 with a $700K renovation in the front and back of the house.

Our **Marina** is in need of both a new facility and a new boat. We run a plethora of programs out of the facility but it has not been renovated or refreshed in more than 10 years. If we don't fix that soon, we won't have those water programs as the boat is past it's useful life and in dire need of major repairs or replacements and there are parts of the Marina where employees are stepping through floors on occasion. Our projected expenses to replace the boat are in the range of $1M and we are in the process of exploring alternative portable built facilities to replace the current one which we estimate at $700K.

Why is Arts and Crafts so much smaller than it used to be?

In the fall of 2025, the roof started falling throughout the Arts and Crafts center, and within a week, the facility was condemned. We had a major decision at the time to either divest of the services or find a place to put them. That led us to renovate the Schilling Community Center to accommodate a smaller scale operation which is doing much better financially now and has a bright future outlook.

Why aren't there more pool hours for the community? There are two pools available and they could be open year-round in Okinawa.

Pools are extremely expensive to operate and serve a diverse group of passionate users, each with different needs and preferences. While there is strong demand for additional pool time, expanding hours requires balancing those community needs with the significant costs of operating and maintaining the pools. Fitness swimmers, military training requirements, swimming lessons, swimming teams and recreational programs all compete for the use of the pool, which can make it very hard to balance everyone's desires. The Air Force places aquatics programs in a category where they are funded almost exclusively with Appropriated Funds. Just like every other program around the installation that receives these funds, budgets have continued to trend down over the past few years. This is a problem across the Air Force in general and many bases have closed their pool programs; our intent is to continue to find ways to serve everyone who wants to use the pool.

What happened to all the concerts Kadena used to have? MCCS still does major shows for their special events.

This is a common million dollar question; pun intended. Kadena was home to some of the best DoD live entertainment on the planet literally holding more than a million-dollar Usher concert several years ago. There were also numerous funding streams and different cost factors during that time which made it possible. I can't in good faith book a concert for 75 minutes that costs a minimum of hundreds of thousands of dollars knowing we need $175M in future construction projects and that some programs would be impacted by the service we can offer. Instead, we will continue to lobby Armed Forces Entertainment and hope for some additional USO shows in the future.





Life *After* Landing

Okinawa Edition

Article by **Marina Chayka**

Living off base in Okinawa introduced me to the unexpected challenge of figuring out how to take out the trash.

Japan's garbage system can feel like a puzzle at first. There are different categories, collection days, designated bags and enough rules to make you briefly consider never throwing anything away again. Fortunately, once you learn the basics, it becomes much easier.

The first thing to know is that trash rules vary by municipality. Each city, town or village may have its own collection schedule and sorting requirements. When moving into an off base home, ask your landlord or housing agency for a garbage guide and collection calendar.

Most household waste falls into a few main categories.

Burnable garbage often includes food waste, paper scraps, certain plastics and rubber. My unofficial test is, "Would this burn?" Nonburnable garbage may include metal, ceramics, glass and other items that clearly fail that test. Recyclables commonly include cans, glass bottles, PET bottles and paper.

Many municipalities also require specific garbage bags, usually sold at local supermarkets and convenience stores. Pay attention to the city seal printed on the bag. Stores may carry bags for several nearby communities, and buying the wrong one is surprisingly easy.

Sort something incorrectly and your trash may be left behind with a sticker explaining exactly where you went wrong. I know this because I have received more trash related feedback than I ever expected.

Bulk items, including electronics and appliances, may require an appointment, a disposal fee or a special collection process.

My best advice is to keep your collection guide somewhere visible. Mine stays close by for those mysterious items that seem to belong in none of the obvious categories. A quick check helps me figure out where it goes and keeps me in the good graces of the local trash collectors.

And when you catch yourself staring at an empty container debating which bag it belongs in, congratulations. You are officially settling into life in Japan.

*Do you have an **Okinawa-related question or pro tip** you want to share?*

*Life**After**Landing*@kadenafss.com



Naha Tug-of-War

Experience one of Okinawa's most celebrated traditions at the annual Naha Tug-of-War. Watch thousands gather for the world-famous event, featuring a massive tug-of-war, cultural performances, a festive parade and local food vendors.

Sunday, October 11 | 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

$20 | ages 13 and over
$15 | ages 6 - 12
$6 | ages 5 and under

KADENA ITT

966-7333 | 036-868-2226 | Bldg. 313
Inside Jack's Place

Junglia Tickets
Explore Junglia Okinawa, the island's newest nature-themed attraction. Surrounded by lush forest, visitors can enjoy thrilling rides, immersive experiences and stunning scenic views, making it a fun destination for families, friends and outdoor enthusiasts.
Adult | 6,930 yen
Child | 4,950 yen (ages 4 - 11 years)

Overnight Trips
Osaka and Universal Studios Japan | November 24 - 28
Kyoto | December 19 - 23
Taipei | December 22 - 27



WINTER in the Sun

Now - March 26

Sunday - Thursday
(excluding holidays)

Escape to Okuma Beach this season and enjoy relaxing beach days, warm sunshine and exceptional savings. Take advantage of our Winter in the Sun promotion and receive 60% off any room type.

Winter in the Sun promotion applies to reservations made on or after Oct. 1.

Some restrictions apply.
For more information, contact the Guest Services at 098-962-1991/1992.
Hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily.

Manager's Massage Deal

Now - March 26
Book a massage and receive $10 off your stay.
Relax and unwind with a variety of treatments, including Hawaiian massage, facials, décolletage treatments and more. Explore our massage packages and couples' options for an enhanced relaxation experience.

Appointment hours | 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Reservations are required 24 hours in advance.
Some restrictions apply.

For more information, call 098-962-1991 or 090-6856-8276.

Camp Under the Stars

Now - March 26 | $1 per night
Outdoor Recreation Equipment Rental
Open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Spend the evening around a campfire, listen to the waves and enjoy s'mores beneath the stars. Experience one of Okinawa's most memorable camping getaways at Okuma Beach.

Camping with Pets

October 2 - 4 | $5 per campsite
Outdoor Recreation Equipment Rental
Open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Bring your four-legged companion and enjoy a pet-friendly camping experience at Hillside Campground, with access to West Beach.

Campsites are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.
**Restrictions may apply.*
**Pets must be properly vaccinated, and proof of current vaccinations is required.*







OKUMA BEACH

631-1991
Guest Services | 098-962-1991
Massage Reservations | 090-6856-8276



Eligibility:
Eligible for USAF/USSF active duty, ANG and reservists; DAF civilians (GS/NAF); local nationals (IHA/MLC) and TDY units. Dependents may receive funding on an invitational basis.
Events must be for unit cohesion and recreation. Military-related or dining-only events are not authorized.

UNITE

632-7220 | 070-3802-8959
Bldg. 721 | 1st Floor, Room D-110
(next to MPF Customer Support Desk)



CHIBANA GOLF COURSE

966-7327 | Bldg 55061

Halloween Weekend Sale

Treat yourself this Halloween weekend with 15% off all pro shop merchandise. Stock up on apparel, accessories and golf essentials while the savings last.

Chipper's Pizza & Grill

Saturday and Sunday
Get two one-topping pizzas for $25!
Make your weekend meal easy with this delicious deal. Share with family and friends or save one for later. Enjoy two one-topping pizzas for just $25, available Saturday and Sunday only.



Halloween Night Golf

Friday, October 30

9-hole four-person scramble
Shotgun start | 6:30 p.m.

$35 per person
Includes green fee and two glow balls.

Grab your clubs, put on your favorite costume and get ready for a spooky evening on the course. After the round, celebrate with pizza, prize presentations and a costume contest. Whether you're playing to win or showing off your Halloween spirit, it's sure to be a fun-filled night on the course.



BANYAN TREE GOLF COURSE

966-7321 | Bldg. 12

Superintendent's Revenge

Saturday, October 3 | 7:30 a.m.
Format: four-person scramble
Entry Fee: $50, plus green and cart fees

Kadena Cup Championship

Saturday, November 7
Tee times: assigned
Format: individual stroke play
Entry Fee: $60, plus green and cart fees
Registration closes November 2.

Cross Country Tournament

Saturday, November 14 | 7:30 a.m.
Format: four-person scramble
Entry fee: $50, plus green and cart fees
Registration closes November 9.



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- Hands-on learning experiences
- True North groups

Flexible, custom programs built around your goals!





OUTDOOR RECREATION

966-7343 | 036-868-2229 | Bldg. 614
We offer rental equipment from bounce houses to bicycles and camping gear too!
We can also host your next Archery Tag Party!
@KadenaOutdoorRecreation

Halloween Movie Night

Friday, October 30 | 4:30 - 9 p.m.
ODR Building 614
All ages welcome!
Get ready for a spooky night of outdoor fun. Enjoy yard games and bouncers before settling in for a Halloween movie on our jumbo screen. Free popcorn is included — Bring your blankets and chairs for a cozy night under the stars.

Halloween Archery Shoot

Saturday, October 31 | noon - 1 p.m.
Stearly Heights Field | ages 8 and over

Can you survive a zombie apocalypse? Learn survival basics and test your skills during a zombie-themed archery session. Halloween costumes are encouraged but not required. *Prior knowledge of archery is required. Event is weather permitting.*

DAY TRIPS

Night Kayaking

Saturday, October 10 | 6 - 10 p.m.
$100 | ages 6 and over

River Trekking

Wednesday, October 14 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
$30 | ages 6 and over

Snorkeling with Whale Shark

Saturday, October 17 | 8 - 11 a.m.
$99 | ages 6 and over

Park Golf

Friday, October 23 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
$15 | ages 6 and over

Cycling & Snorkeling

Wednesday, October 28 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
$30 | ages 6 and over

Archery

Intro to Archery Class
Saturday, October 26 | 3 - 4 p.m.

Archery Practice
Saturdays | 4 - 6 p.m.

2027 Ski & Snowboard Trips

Reserve your spot today with a $300 deposit per person.

Nozawa Onsen Ski Resort

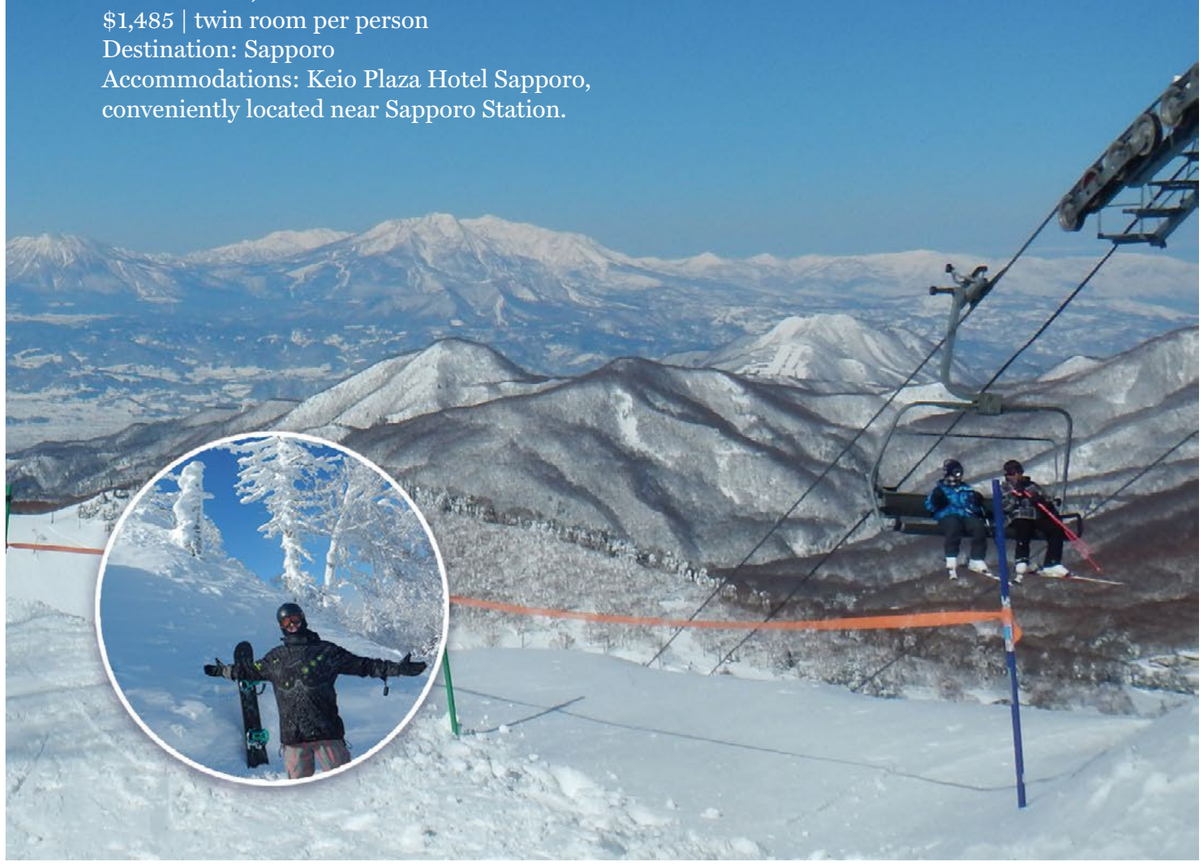
January 14 - 19 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend)
$300 to reserve
Destination: Nozawa Onsen Ski Resort
Accommodations: Lodge Denbey, conveniently located in front of the ski resort, with an additional hotel stay in Asakusa.

Furano Ski Resort

February 12 - 16 (Presidents Day weekend)
$300 to reserve
Destination: Furano Ski Resort, located in central Hokkaido
Accommodations: Furano Shin Prince Hotel, located slopeside at the ski resort.

Sapporo Snow Festival

February 4 - 7 (During the Sapporo Snow Festival)
$1,485 | twin room per person
Destination: Sapporo
Accommodations: Keio Plaza Hotel Sapporo, conveniently located near Sapporo Station.



KADENA MARINA

Dive Shop | 036-868-2228
Bldg. 3500
@KadenaFSSMarina

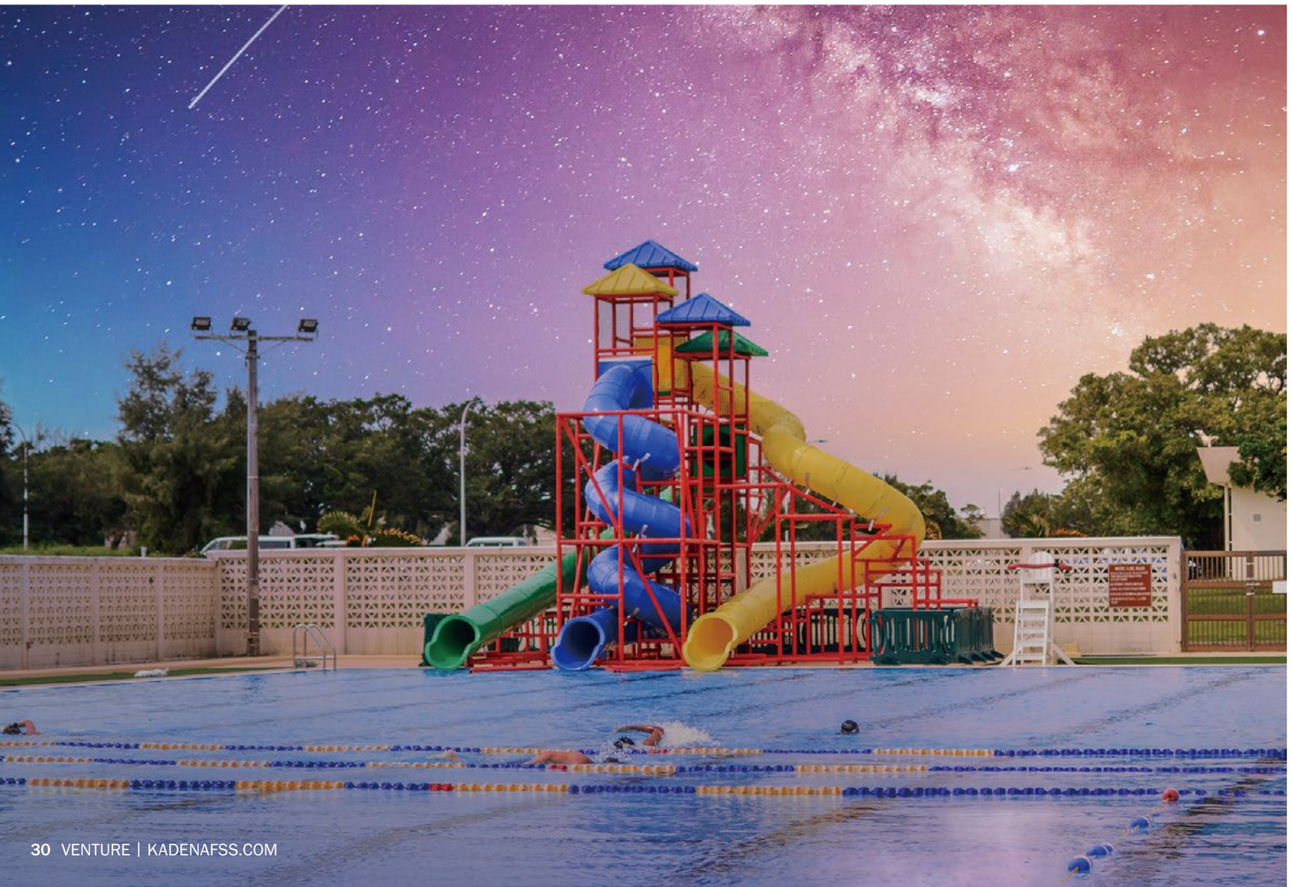
Trolling with Taka

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Ages 10 and over | $70 per person
Head out on the water with Taka for a guided trolling adventure. Whether you're an experienced angler or trying fishing for the first time, enjoy a day on the water while learning local fishing techniques and reeling in your next big catch.

Kids Fishing Camp

Monday, October 12 | 9 - 11 a.m.
Ages 6 and over | $25 per child
Introduce your young angler to the fun of fishing! Kids will learn basic fishing skills, water safety and casting techniques in a hands-on environment. Bait and tackle are included.





KADENA AQUATICS

634-7665
Fairchild Pool | Bldg. 1988
@KadenaAquatics

Operational Update

Effective Monday, October 19, Kadena Aquatics will implement the following operational changes:

Fairchild Pool Hours
Monday - Friday 5 a.m. - 3 p.m. | 5 - 8 p.m.
Lap swim only
Saturday, Sunday and holidays 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Limited lap swim

Hagerstrom Pool
Closed for the season, effective Monday, October 19.

For more information, follow Kadena Aquatics on Facebook.



HAGERSTROM POOL

Adults-Only
End-of-Season Party

Friday, October 16
6 - 10 p.m.

Celebrate the end of the season at Hagerstrom Pool!

Horror movie | yard games
$15 per person | early sign-up before event
$20 per person | at door
Meal and entry included

Hagerstrom Pool will close at 4 p.m. for event preparation.
Sign up with WebTrac, Fairchild Pool, ODR or at event.

End-of-Season
Family Pool Party

Saturday, October 17
6 - 9 p.m.

Bring the family for an evening of Halloween-themed fun!

Halloween-themed movie | Yard games
$5 | per person
Free | ages 4 and under
Sign up at event

Hagerstrom Pool will close at 4 p.m. for event preparation.

Night Ops

Saturday, October 17
5 p.m. - midnight
Schilling Ballroom

Level up your weekend during Night Ops. Compete in gaming tournaments, enjoy casual play and experience live shoutcasting as esports excitement comes to the community.





Wednesday, October 21
5 - 7 p.m.

Games begin at 6 p.m. | Schilling Ballroom
Theme: Halloween

Come dressed up in your favorite costume for a chance to win a prize!

Expert Level | $10 per player (eligible for adult prizes)
Beginner Level | $5 per player (eligible for children's prizes)

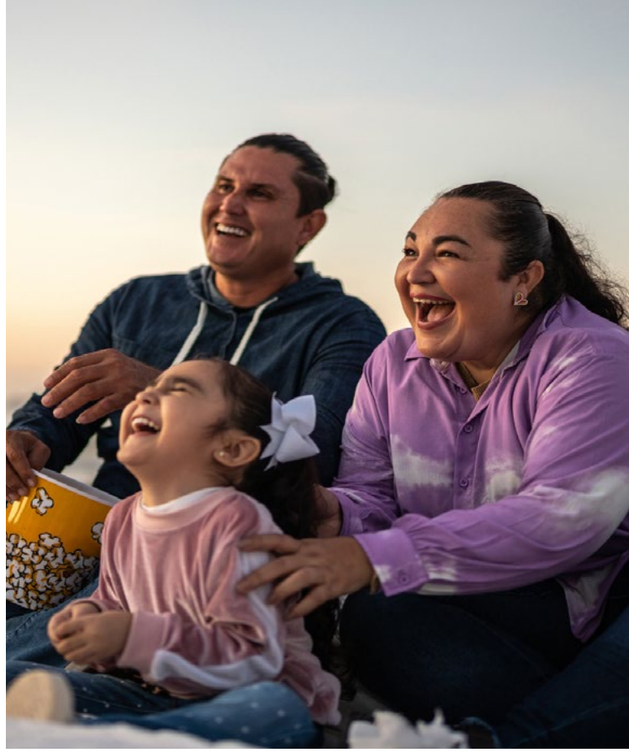
Registration opens through WebTrac on October 1 at 10 a.m.
Preregistered participants may purchase additional bingo cards on the day of the event.

Reel Fall Movie Night

Friday, October 9 | 5 - 8 p.m.
Schilling Ballroom

Featured Movie: "Hotel Transylvania"

Enjoy an evening under the stars with an outdoor movie. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for a fun fall night with family and friends.
In the event of inclement weather, the movie will move indoors to the Schilling Ballroom.



SCHILLING COMMUNITY CENTER

634-1387 | Bldg. 455
@KadenaCommunityCenter

Driver's Education
Class fee | $300
Designed for first-time adult drivers, teens and active-duty service members, this course includes classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel training with experienced instructors. Day and evening classes are available.

Japanese Conversation Classes
Mondays or Wednesdays | 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Registration fee: $40 (includes four classes)

Guitar Lessons
Monday - Friday
$70 per month
30-minute sessions (four sessions included)
Contact the Schilling Community Center to schedule lessons.

Ballroom and Salsa Dance Lessons
Tuesdays | 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.
$60 for four lessons
Learn the basics or sharpen your dance skills in a fun, welcoming environment.
Register at the Schilling Community Center.

STEM Science
Thursdays | 4 - 5 p.m.
$40 per month
Registration is required.
First and third Thursdays | ages 6 - 9
Second and fourth Thursdays | ages 10 - 12

Kumon (Math/Japanese)
Tuesdays and Fridays | 3 - 6 p.m.
First and third Thursdays | 3 - 6 p.m.
30-minute sessions
Fees
One subject: $75 per month
Both subjects: $150 per month
Math | ages 5 - 18
Japanese | ages 5 and over
Registration is required.

Cyber Cafe
Relax in our newly updated seating areas with convenient charging ports.
Free use of CAC-enabled computers is available. Nominal fees apply for printing and fax services.

Room Reservations
Ballroom | capacity: 120 people
One hour: $35 | two hours: $65
Three hours: $80 | each additional hour: $30
Shi-Shi Room | capacity: 36 people
One hour: $20 | two hours: $25
Three hours: $35 | each additional hour: $15

Whether you're planning a meeting, celebration or special event, Schilling Community Center has a space to fit your needs. Fees apply to non-mission-essential reservations. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit the front desk to reserve your space.

EMERY LANES

966-7303 | Bldg. 113

Dress-a-Pin Contest

October 1 - 23: Turn in decorated pins.
October 24 - 30: Patron voting.
October 31: Winners announced.
Prizes will be awarded in both Youth and Adult categories:
First Place: $75
Second Place: $50
Third Place: $25
A total of $300 in FSS gift cards will be awarded.
The earlier you submit your pin, the more time it has to receive votes. Pins may be purchased at the front counter for $5.

Kids Halloween Bash

Friday, October 30 | 6 - 9 p.m.
$25 per lane
Includes 2½ hours of bowling and shoe rental
Maximum of four people per lane
The costume contest begins promptly at 7:30 p.m.
Categories include:

- Most Unique
- Scariest
- Best Overall

Winners will receive gift cards, and all participants will receive a prize.







Private Party Rentals

Available spaces include:
Galaxy Suite
Echo Lounge (Karaoke)

Sunday Family Day

Sundays | Open to close
Wrap up your weekend with family and friends at Emery Lanes.
Receive one hour of unlimited bowling, shoe rental, one large one-topping pizza and 16-ounce drinks for up to four people for $50 per lane.

Maintenance Day

Wednesday, October 28
Emery Lanes will be closed for maintenance.

Karing Kennels
Adoption Facility



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No Tricks, Just Treats (and Tail Wags!): Find Your "Boo" at Karing Kennels

Don't be spooked if you drive past our old location and find it empty — we haven't vanished! Our adoptable cats and dogs have simply moved to our Karing Kennels Boarding Facility. We've merged our off-base adoption facility with our main boarding facility right here on Kadena, making it even easier to care for your pets. Now you can access boarding, adoption and grooming — all in one convenient location. If you've been looking for a new four-legged family member to share spooky season with, we're ready to help you find your perfect match.

Ready to Adopt? Here's How It Works

Bringing home your new "boo" is easy. Visit us during business hours, and one of our recreation aides will assist you with a meet-and-greet. Everyone in the household must be present before an adoption can be finalized.
Once you've found the right match, complete an adoption application. Our management team will review your application, and once approved, you'll be ready to welcome your new companion home.

Adoption Fees — Adoption fees help provide care for every animal in our facility.

- Adult dogs and cats: $225
- Puppies: $350
- Kittens: $300

At Karing Kennels, we believe every animal deserves a safe, loving home — and every family deserves the unconditional love of a forever friend. Whether you're looking for an adventurous dog or a cuddly cat, stop by and let us help you find the perfect addition to your family.

Spay and Neuter Deposit Policy

We're committed to the health of our animals and helping control the pet population on Okinawa.
For adoptable pets that have not yet been spayed or neutered, the following policy applies:

Deposit: A $100 deposit is required at the time of adoption.

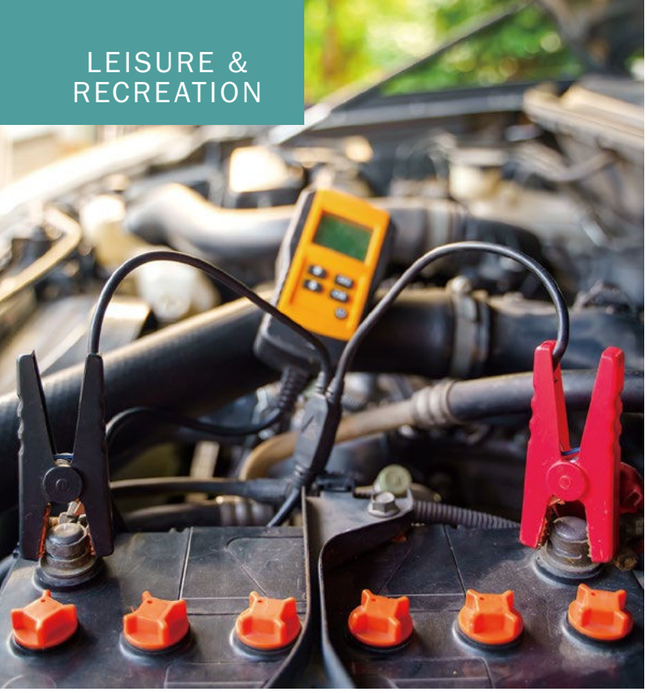
Timeline: The animal must be spayed or neutered within 30 days of adoption or as soon as it is old enough for the procedure. Adopters are responsible for all veterinary costs associated with the surgery.

Refund: After the procedure is complete, bring documentation from your veterinarian to the Karing Kennels Boarding Facility, and we'll refund your $100 deposit.

Visit Us

KARING KENNELS
Inside Gate 3 | Bldg. 4065
036-868-2235 | DSN: 966-7339
Email: KaringKennels@KadenaFSS.com
Monday - Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Email karingkennels@kadenafss.com
karingadoptionfacility@kadenafss.com
Website Kadenafss.com/karing-kennels
Facebook @KaringKennelsBoardingFacility
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Portable Jump Starters

A portable jump starter is a smart tool to keep in your vehicle. It can help you get back on the road quickly or assist someone else when their battery dies.

SHOGUN AUTO CARE CENTER

Bldg. 1436

Repair Center
966-7356 | 036-868-2232
Mon - Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

U-Wrench-It & Parts Store
966-7355 | 036 - 868 -2221
Mon - Fri, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sat, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Sun, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Holidays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Shuttle Service

Need to have work done on your vehicle but don't have any way back to work or home? Give our shuttle service a try! We are able to take you anywhere on Kadena Air Base.

DIY

Shogun Auto Care Center is both a Do-It-Yourself and a mechanic driven repair facility. We have staff available to assist you in your DIY or drop it off, either we have you covered. Stop by and let us take care of you, Shogun Care.

Paperwork is very important.

Here, like in the states paperwork is important because it shows you are the owner and you are covered by the proper insurances. Here on Okinawa if your paperwork is not up to date you run the risk of getting a ticket or worse having your vehicle impounded (which can be expensive and time consuming).

Tires for sale!

We sell tires. We try to keep a decent supply of tires on hand but, in case we don't have your size available sometimes we can special order them for you and the wait time is usually 3-5 days.

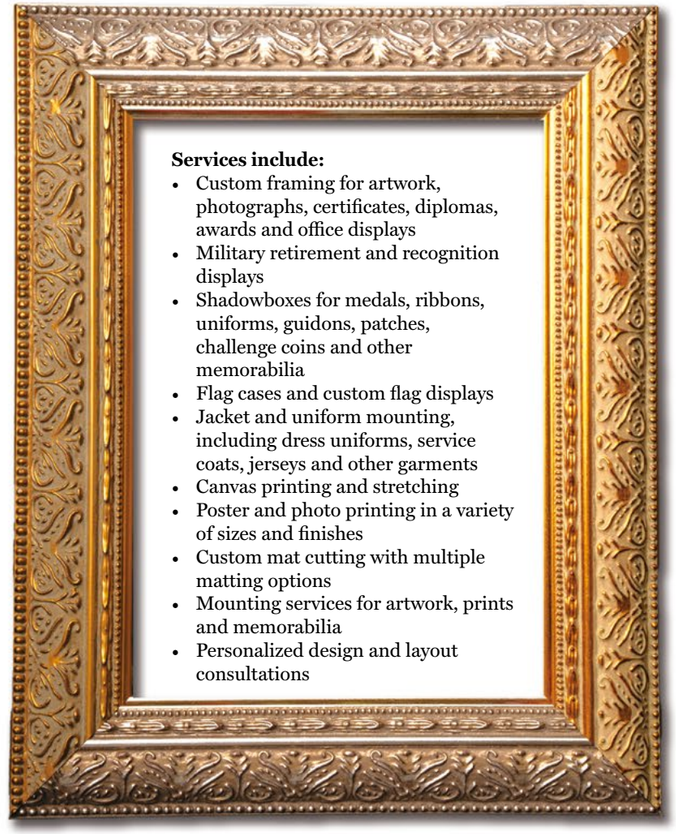




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FRAME SHOP

Preserve your memories with custom framing and display services from the Kadena Frame Shop. Whether you're commemorating a military career, showcasing artwork or creating a professional office display, our experienced team will help design a custom piece tailored to your needs.



Services include:

- Custom framing for artwork, photographs, certificates, diplomas, awards and office displays
- Military retirement and recognition displays
- Shadowboxes for medals, ribbons, uniforms, guidons, patches, challenge coins and other memorabilia
- Flag cases and custom flag displays
- Jacket and uniform mounting, including dress uniforms, service coats, jerseys and other garments
- Canvas printing and stretching
- Poster and photo printing in a variety of sizes and finishes
- Custom mat cutting with multiple matting options
- Mounting services for artwork, prints and memorabilia
- Personalized design and layout consultations



KADENA FRAME SHOP

(Located in the Schilling Community Center)
DSN: 966-7353
Tue - Fri | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.





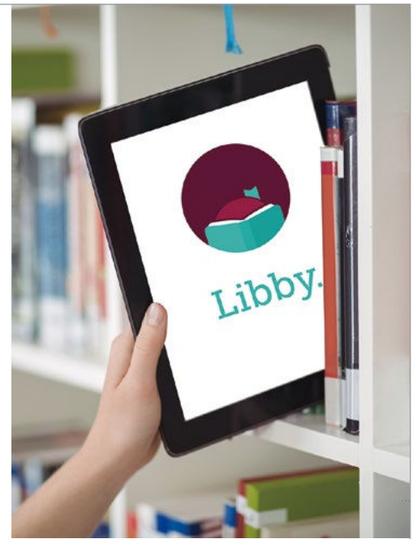
Find Your Next Great Read
at the Kadena Base Library

Looking for your next great read? Visit the Kadena Base Library's **New Books** section to browse the latest arrivals. Whether you're searching for a bestselling novel, nonfiction title or children's book, there's always something new waiting on the shelves.

Can't find the title you're looking for? Try **Libby**, the Department of Defense's digital library service. With the Libby app, you can access hundreds of e-books and audiobooks from your smartphone, tablet or computer.

Get Started With Libby
Download Libby by OverDrive from your device's app store. You can also access Libby on a computer by visiting libbyapp.com/library/dod.

To sign in:
- Select Yes when asked, "Do you have a library card?"
- Choose Search for a Library and enter Department of Defense.
- Select Department of Defense from the list of matching libraries.
- Select Sign In With My Card.
- When asked where you use your library card, select DoD MWR Digital Libraries.
- Select Next to continue to the authentication page.
- Sign in using your DoD ID and date of birth. Your account will be linked automatically, and you'll receive a digital library card.



Library Hours
Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri and
Sat: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Wed: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sun and holidays: Closed

KADENA LIBRARY
Bldg. 451 | 634-1502

Back to the '80s Spinathon

Wednesday, October 7
6 - 8 p.m. | Risner Fitness Center

Get ready to ride under the neon lights during our two-hour '80s-themed spinathon.
No registration is required.

For more information, contact A1C Daniela Ortiz at daniela.ortiz.1@us.af.mil.

KADENA FITNESS & SPORTS COMPLEX

Habu Fitness Center | Bldg. 449
634-3866 | Open 24/7
Manned hours | 5 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Risner Fitness Center | Bldg. 109
634-5128 | Open 24/7
Manned hours | 5 a.m. - 10 p.m.

RisN' Shine
Mon - Fri | 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sat and Sun | 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

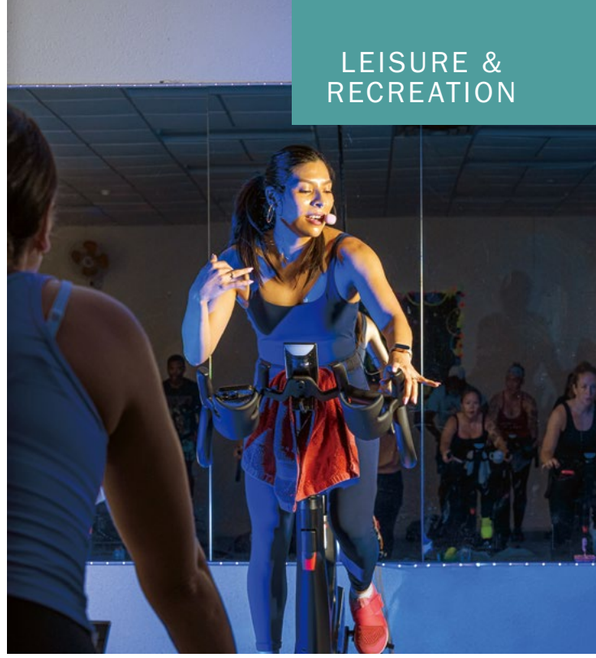
Massage Therapy
634-5128
Daily | 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Kadena Sports Pro Shop
Bldg. 109 | 966-7431 | 036-868-2230
Mon - Fri | 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sat and Sun | 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Functional Fitness Classes
One-time registration fee: $30
Monday - Friday | 5 - 6 a.m., 6 - 7 a.m. and 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Saturday | 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Slaughter Me Fit Camp with Adry Slaughter
October 12 - November 20
$25 per session | $180 for two sessions per week
$250 for three sessions per week
Build muscle and increase strength through targeted weight-training workouts.

Above All Fit Camp
$20 per session, per person
Session 1 | October 5 - 30 (12 sessions)
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays | 5 - 6 a.m.
Session 2 | October 6 - 30 (12 sessions)
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.



Personal Training
Our certified trainers hold credentials through NASM, ISSA and ACE. They provide personalized instruction in weight loss, strength training, cardiovascular fitness, nutrition and muscle development.
Individual training: $50 per session
Small-group training (2 - 10 participants): $35 per session, per person

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu
Monday - Thursday | 6:30 - 9 p.m. (gi)
Friday | 6:30 - 9 p.m. (no gi)
Saturday | 9:30 a.m. - noon (sparring)
$100 per month | $50 for two weeks
$20 per class
Open to ages 18 and over. Active-duty members, Department of Defense employees and eligible family members are welcome.

Karate Classes
$70 per month
Learn an effective system of self-defense based on the movements of the dragon, tiger and crane. Classes emphasize powerful body conditioning and explosive striking techniques.

Massage Therapy
Take time to relax and recover with professional massage therapy at the Risner Fitness Center. Choose from a variety of massage styles designed to reduce stress and support recovery.

30 minutes: $40 60 minutes: $55
75 minutes: $70 90 minutes: $85
120 minutes: $100
Payment is required at the time of booking.

For more information or to register for a class or schedule a massage, contact the Risner Fitness Center front desk.



Comfortable Rooms with Space to Relax & Work

Experience comfort and relaxation on the picturesque shores of Okinawa
featuring spacious oceanfront rooms designed for up to four guests—perfect for families and groups



Enjoy daily breakfast and weekend lunch buffets at Beach Terrace "Shioka", alongside chef-crafted dinner options on our sea-breeze terrace.

Weekend Lunch Buffet (Sep 5 – Dec 20)
Time | Sat, Sun| 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM
Price | Adults: JPY 3,800 / Children (6–12): JPY 1,800 /
Under 6: Complimentary
Special Offer: 1 Child Complimentary per Paying Adult

Celebrate Thanksgiving in Okinawa with a Festive Dinner Buffet at Shioka



10% Early Bird Discount until October 15

Date | November 26–27
Time | 5:30 PM - 10:30 PM
Location | Beach Terrace "Shioka"

Price | Adults: JPY 6,500
Children (Ages 6–12): JPY 3,250
Children (Under 6): Complimentary

*Seating is Limited — Reservations Recommended

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Sanshin

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The sound is unmistakable. Three strings produce a gentle, rhythmic melody heard at festivals, traditional performances and gatherings across Okinawa. More than a musical instrument, the sanshin carries centuries of Ryukyuan history and remains one of the islands' most distinctive cultural symbols.

The sanshin traces its ancestry to the Chinese sanxian, a three-stringed instrument believed to have reached the Ryukyu Kingdom during the late 14th century. Ryukyuan craftsmen adapted the instrument, developing the distinct form known today. By the 17th century, the sanshin had become an important court instrument, accompanying music and performances throughout the kingdom. It later influenced the development of the Japanese shamisen.





Traditional sanshin construction remains a specialized craft, with its long, fretless neck carved from dense hardwoods such as Okinawan ebony, known as kuruchi, as well as rosewood and yushiki (or isunoki). Python skin is stretched across the wooden sound box, helping create the instrument's characteristic tone. Historically, the skin came from reticulated pythons obtained through trade rather than snakes native to Okinawa. Today, makers may use legally imported python skins from regulated suppliers, while some contemporary instruments use synthetic or alternative coverings. Three strings extend from the body along the neck and are plucked with a finger pick, traditionally made from materials such as water buffalo horn.





Over time, the instrument moved beyond the royal court and became closely associated with the music of everyday Okinawans. Folk songs accompanied by the sanshin told stories of love, work, separation and home, while individual islands and communities developed their own musical traditions, styles and lyrics.

Its cultural importance became particularly evident in the aftermath of the Battle of Okinawa. With traditional instruments difficult to obtain, Okinawans created kankara sanshin from discarded cans and available materials, including parachute cord for strings. These improvised instruments helped bring music back into communities rebuilding after the war.

Today, the sanshin remains central to Okinawan music and performing arts. It accompanies Kumi odori, a traditional form of Ryukyuan musical theater, and continues to appear in contemporary Okinawan music. Modern musicians have also brought the instrument into genres such as pop, rock, jazz and reggae. By adapting its distinctive sound to new styles, they are introducing the sanshin to new audiences while preserving its connection to Okinawan culture.

For those interested in hearing the sanshin in a traditional performance, ITT offers opportunities to attend Kumi Odori performances at the National Theatre Okinawa. Those who would rather try the instrument themselves can also check with Arts and Crafts for available sanshin classes.



TEEN CENTER

634-8443 | Bldg. 439

Monster Mash

Friday, October 16 | 6 p.m. - midnight
$20 | members
$25 | nonmembers
Celebrate with an evening of spooky fun featuring fall-themed crafts, exciting games and chances to win great prizes. Register through CYPBMS to reserve your spot.

Membership Appreciation Party

Friday, October 2
Great food, great fun and a well-deserved Teen of the Month celebration await!

Teen Center events are open exclusively to youth ages 12½ to 18.





YOUTH CENTER

634-0500 | Bldg. 1849

INSTRUCTIONAL CLASSES

Visit the Youth Center now to join the waitlist!
Classes meet once a week for four sessions per month unless otherwise specified.

STEAM, Tech & Language with KOEIGO

Project-Based STEAM | ages 6 - 15
Animation Studio | ages 10 - 18
3D Design & Printing | ages 6 - 18
Digital Art & Design | ages 6 - 18
Robotics & Coding | ages 6 - 18
Math Tutoring | ages 6 - 18
UFLI Reading & Literacy Tutoring | ages 6 - 9
All classes $60 per month for 4 sessions.
Reading & Literacy Tutoring is $120 per month (2 classes per week)

Music

Piano
$65 per month | ages 6 - 18
Keyboard Harmonica
$45 per month | ages 4 - 6
Violin
$65 per month | ages 6 - 18
Guitar
$65 per month | ages 7 and over
Sanshin
$65 per month | ages 9 - 18

Pottery

2 classes per week, 8 classes per month.
Pottery 1
$65 per month | ages 5 - 8
Pottery 2
$70 per month | ages 9 and over

Dance

Daddy, Mommy and Me
$45 per month | ages 18 months - 2 years
Preschool Ballet
$45 per month | ages 3 - 4
Ballet/Tap Combo
$55 per month | ages 3 - 8
Introduction to Ballet
$45 per month | ages 5 - 7
Ballet 1
$55 per month | ages 7 - 9
Ballet 2
$55 per month | placement required
Ballet 3/4
$55 per month | placement required
Jazz Theatre 1
$45 per month | ages 6 - 8
Jazz Theatre 2 and 3
$55 per month | placement required
Introduction to Hip-Hop
$45 per month | ages 4 - 18
Dancing Divas (Jazz/Modern)
$155 per month | placement required

Karate

White Belt
$45 per month | ages 5 - 18
Intermediate
$60 per month | ages 5 - 18
Advanced
$60 per month | ages 5 - 18

Gymnastics

Daddy, Mommy and Me Gymnastics
$45 per month | ages 18 months - 2 years
Pre-K Gymnastics
$45 per month | ages 3 - 4
Gymnastics 1
$55 per month | ages 5 - 18
Gymnastics 1 Advance
$55 per month | placement required
Gymnastics 2/3
$55 per month | placement required
Hotshots
$180 per month | placement required
Dynamites
$315 per month | placement required
Private lessons
$60 per hour | ages 5 - 18

Tumbling

Beginner Tumbling
$55 per month | ages 5 and over

Membership Appreciation Day

Youth Center Members Only
Friday, October 30 | 3:30 p.m.
We will have a costume contest! Bring out your best spooky or silly costume.

Closure

We will be closed Monday, October 12.



NEW INSTRUCTORS WANTED

The Kadena Youth Center is searching for a new cheer instructor. Visit the Youth Center for more information and to apply.



FAMILY CHILD CARE

634-0514



Air Force Family Child Care Expanded Child Care (ECC) Programs

Did You Know?

We offer the following Expanded Child Care programs to help meet the child care needs of the Kadena Air Base community:

- Extended Duty Care (EDC)
- Deployment Care — pre-deployment and returning home
- Military Spouse Appointment Care
- Permanent Change of Station Child Care — *Air Force only*
- Subsidy Care
- Supplemental Care

For more information, contact Family Child Care at 634-0514.



$50 | start smart, ages 3 - 4
$55 | ages 5 - 16

Practices are held on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday. Games are on Fridays and Saturdays.

YOUTH SPORTS & FITNESS

634-9126 | Bldg. 108



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MILITARY & FAMILY READINESS CENTER

634-3366 | Bldg. 220

Language Exchange ランゲージエクスチェンジ!!
October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 | 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Practice English and Japanese conversation skills with native speakers while learning about culture and language.

First Duty Station Officer Personal Finance Seminar (FDS-O)
Monday, October 5 | 9 - 10 a.m.
Mandatory training for first-duty-station officers. Must be completed within 90 days of arrival to Kadena Air Base.

Pre-Deployment Brief
October 6 and 20 | 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Open to members deploying for 30 days or more. Family members are encouraged to attend.

Post-Deployment Brief
Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27 | 8:30 - 10 a.m.
Open to members deploying for 30 days or more. Family members are encouraged to attend.

Japanese Calligraphy
Wednesday, October 7 | 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Learn to write kanji using traditional ink brushes. Supplies provided.

Pre-Separation Brief
October 7 and 21 | 8 - 11:30 a.m.
Education Center, Bldg. 59, Room 115
Step 2 of the Transition Assistance Program for service members preparing for separation or retirement.

MAD Warden Training
October 7 and 28 | 8 - 9 a.m.
Training for newly assigned MAD wardens covering basic duties and responsibilities.

EFMP: Mini Craft Pumpkin Painting
Thursday, October 8 | 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Enjoy a spooky vibe with great company while using your imagination to paint a masterpiece of your own! Open to EFMP and Deployed Affected families. Space is limited.

Smooth Move
Friday, October 9 | 9:30 a.m. - noon
Schilling Community Center, Bldg. 455
Learn about PCS resources, moving checklists and support services from agencies across Kadena Air Base.

TAP Workshop
October 13 - 15 | 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Education Center, Bldg. 59, Room 115
Step 3 of the Transition Assistance Program for service members preparing for separation or retirement.

Japanese Survival Language Class
Wednesday, October 14 | 10 - 11 a.m.
Learn basic Japanese words and phrases for everyday life in Japan.

Kadena Sponsorship Training
Tuesday, October 20 | 9:30 - 11 a.m.
Education Center, Bldg. 59, Room 116
Topics will include roles and responsibilities, mandatory electronic Sponsorship Application & Training (eSAT) and Kadena-specific guidance from the M&FRC, Personal Property & Passenger Travel Management Office, Finance, Housing Office, Lodging, the Veterinary Clinic and other agencies.

CKSP Initial/Immersion Training
Wednesday, October 21 | noon - 4 p.m.
Education Center, Bldg. 59, Room 116
This training is for newly appointed Key Support Liaisons and Mentors with a current appointment letter.

Department of Labor Employment Track
October 28 - 29 | 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Education Center, Bldg. 59, Room 115
Part of the congressionally mandated Transition Assistance Program (TAP) for service members preparing for separation or retirement from the military. Open to transitioning service members who have completed the TAP Workshop and their spouses.

EFMP 101
Wednesday, October 28 | 11 a.m. - noon
Gain a deeper understanding of the EFMP process and learn about local resources. Call 634-3366 to register.





Japanese Conversation Class

Wednesday, October 21
10 - 11 a.m.

Build confidence speaking Japanese through weekly real-world conversation topics.

Navigating Federal Employment Workshop

Tuesday, October 6
9 - 11 a.m.

Education Center, Bldg. 59, Room 115

This class provides a deep dive into understanding federal employment including resume tips and best practices for conducting a job search.



All classes are free and open to all DoD ID Cardholders unless otherwise specified.

Classes are held at Kadena M&FRC, Building 220, unless noted otherwise.

VIEW AND REGISTER FOR CLASSES HERE!

CHECK OUT OUR **OKINAWA JOB BOARD** HERE!



EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

KADENA EDUCATION AND TRAINING OFFICE

Bldg. 59, third floor
634-1500 | 718FSS.FSDE.education@us.af.mil

On-Base Schools

University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC)
Kadena Education and Training Office, Bldg. 59, second floor | 634-2206 | kadena-asia@umgc.edu
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU)
Kadena Education and Training Office, Bldg. 59, second floor | 634-5083 | kadena.campus@erau.edu

Upcoming PME Course

October 15 - November 19
SNCOA: Class 27A
Have you completed Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education (EJPME)? Email your completion certificate to **718FSS.FSDE.pme@us.af.mil** to update your records.

Testing

WAPS 2026 E-5/E-6 Out-of-Cycle Testing

- Verify eligibility in DVR.
- Contact your unit WAPS monitor with questions.
- Watch for updates from AFPC and Pearson VUE.
- Study using the official Air Force study guides.
- Visit the Education and Training SharePoint for additional information.

To register for the AFOQT, TBAS, EDPT, DLPT or DLAB, email **718FSS.FSDE.testing@us.af.mil**.

Closure

The Kadena Education and Training Office will be closed Thursday, October 15, for FSD training.

DoD SkillBridge Briefing

Friday, October 16 | 2 - 3 p.m.
Kadena Education and Training Office, Bldg. 59, third floor, Room 332
Register through AFVEC by selecting the Education Center information banner on the right side of the homepage, then Education Center Events.
The Department of Defense SkillBridge program provides eligible service members with valuable civilian work experience through industry training, apprenticeships and internships before transitioning from military service.

Face-to-Face Tuition Assistance Briefing

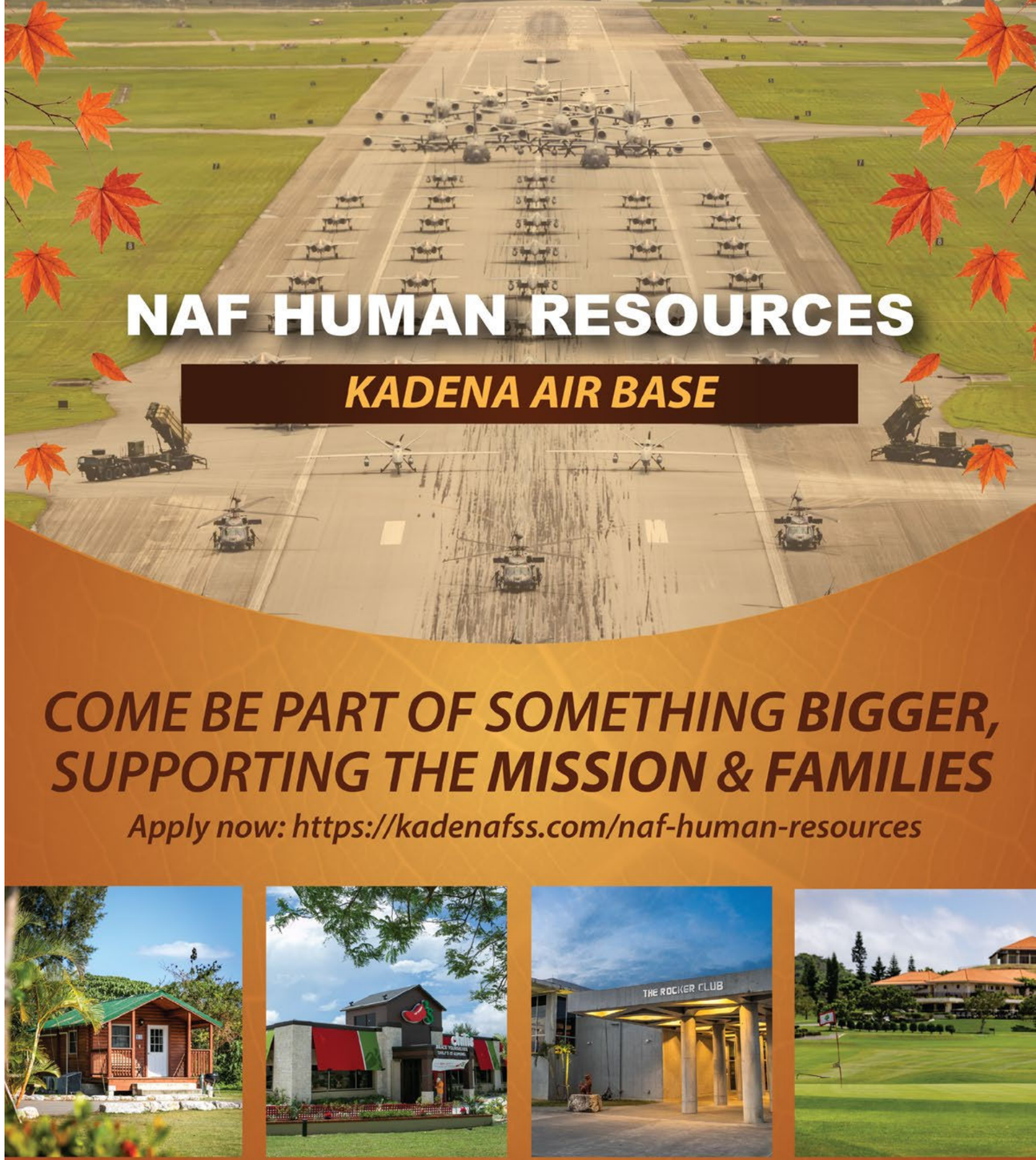
October 7 and 21 | 2 - 3 p.m.
Kadena Education and Training Office, Bldg. 59, third floor
Required for first-time Tuition Assistance (TA) users.
Register through AFVEC by selecting the Education Center information banner, then Education Center Events.

Unit Education Briefings

Interested in learning more about your education benefits? Schedule a unit briefing covering:

- Initial and refresher Tuition Assistance
- Air Force Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (AF COOL)
- GI Bill benefits
- Commissioning opportunities
- Military testing

To schedule a briefing, email **718FSS.FSDE.education@us.af.mil**.



NAF HUMAN RESOURCES
634-2330 | Bldg. 721
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Daily	11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Holidays	Regular hours

Chili's Delivery/To-Go
Delivery | 966-7366 | 036-868-2210

Daily	11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

To-Go | 966-7360 | 036-868-2209
Food Truck & Catering | 966-7359 | 010-1512-672-7359

Chippers at Chibana Golf Course
966-7367 | 036-868-2368

Mon - Fri	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sat and Sun	8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. (last order is 5:30 p.m.)

Dining Facilities
Johnson | 634-4494

Mon - Fri*	Breakfast	6 - 8:30 a.m.
	Lunch	11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
	Dinner	4:30 - 7 p.m.
	Midnight Meal*	10 p.m. - 1 a.m.
	**No Midnight Meal on Fridays*	
Weekends, holidays & down days		Closed

Marshall

Mon - Fri	Breakfast	5:30 - 8 a.m.
	Lunch	10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
	Dinner	4 - 7:30 p.m.
	Midnight Meal	10 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.
Weekends, Holidays and down days		
	Brunch	6:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
	Dinner	4 - 7 p.m.
	Midnight Meal	10 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

Dough Pizzeria
966-7426 | 036-868-2212

Daily	11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Delivery | 966-7375 | 036-868-2274

Daily	11 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

It's Just Wings
966-7250 | 036-868-2258

Mon - Sun	11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Outpost Bar & Grill at Emery Lanes

Mon - Thu	11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fri - Sat	11 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Sun and Holidays	Noon - 7 p.m.

Seaside
966-7401 | 036-868-2213

Mon and Tue	Closed
Wed - Fri	10:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sat - Sun	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.*
**Weekend Brunch ends at 2 p.m.*	
Holidays	Regular Hours**
***Except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day*	

Surfside Grill & Bar at Okuma Beach
Open regular hours on holidays

Breakfast	8 - 10 a.m.
Regular Menu	11 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Breakfast Buffet	8 - 10 a.m.

Tee House Restaurant
966-7429 | 036-868-2214

Daily	6 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Rocker Club
Kazoku Place | 966-7380 | 036-868-2227

Mon - Fri	Breakfast/Lunch	6 a.m. - 2 p.m.
	Dinner	4 - 9 p.m.
Sat	Breakfast/Lunch	7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
	Dinner	4 - 9 p.m.
Sun		Closed
Holidays	Breakfast/Lunch	7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
	Dinner	4 - 9 p.m.

Hanabi's Restaurant & Bar

Mon - Thu	11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Fri and Sat	11 a.m. - midnight

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Mon - Fri	6 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Weekends and Holidays	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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