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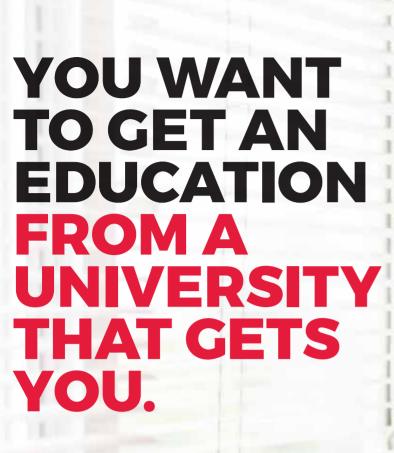
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or the past 18 years, Stars and Stripes has been asking members of the military community to tell us who's the best of the best in the Pacific.

We tally the votes, get the honest opinions from your neighbors, coworkers and community members all to bring you this year's winners in our Best of the Pacific magazine.

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**\* 2022-23 \*** 

This guide is packed with recommendations for reputable car dealers, best places to shop, brunch and even where to get your cell phone service in the Pacific. This valuable information

will help make your transition to Guam, mainland Japan, Okinawa and South Korea easier.

> We're committed to bringing you all the information you need online and in print. This magazine is yours and as you flip through, you will see the words of your fellow military community members echoed throughout. It is a compilation of word-of-mouth and votes. Not

only will you find out who the Best of the Pacific is for each of the categories, but also why people voted for them.

For even easier access to the winners, head online to bestofpacific.stripes.com and bookmark the page.

We are each other's greatest resource, and this is a great way to know where to tune in for some good radio or where to go for a great meal, such as Yakiniku Goen on Okinawa or Meskla Dos if you're in Guam. Need to find an off-base dentist in Korea? Amie Burgher from USAG Humphreys recommends C&I Dental because, "They have a caring team. Their experience and knowledge are comforting." Just like the community content from Stars and

Stripes, all of this insider info and magazine are FREE! From our community newspapers in the blue boxes on base Stripes Japan, Stripes Okinawa, Stripes Guam, Stripes Korea to our four websites below, we have you covered!

We couldn't have made this magazine without you. As a token of our appreciation, every person who voted was entered into a raffle to win one of six gift cards of up to \$300 dollars. Matthew Horack and David Haris from Okinawa, Dawn Smith and Kevin Culp from Korea, Nahira Figueroa from Guam and Chris Dybing from mainland Japan took a few minutes to vote and now they're a little richer for the experience (see Page 28). Congrats!

We really enjoyed hearing from you and want everyone to know that the feedback doesn't need to stop with the BOP voting. So, let us know what you think! Our community websites are up 24/7. Send us a message and please don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter @StripesPacific!

Denisse Rauda, Best of the Pacific Editor



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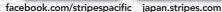
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Thank you to our Military members and their families for voting NEX Yokosuka The Best Large Exchange 12 years in a row! The NEX team and I feel so very fortunate to be recognized by such an amazing and worthy community. It truly is our honor to serve "those who serve" and we will continue to strive be of service to the most deserving customers in the world.

2022 WINNER



NEX Sasebo is truly honored and humbled to have won this award. Being recognized by the people that we are here to serve makes the relationships we have been able to build even more rewarding. It is because of the CFAS community, all military men, women and their families matter, that is why we are here. We take great pride in knowing that we are serving the most elite customers in the world. It is an honor and privilege to serve those that serve others, Each and every one of you are the true Hero!

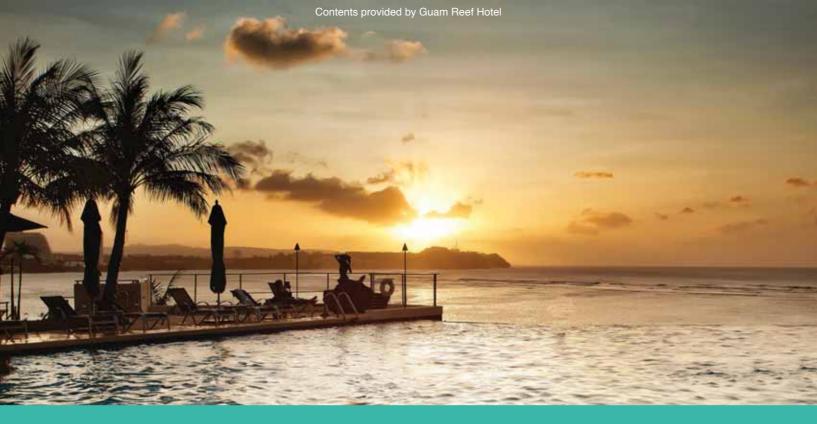


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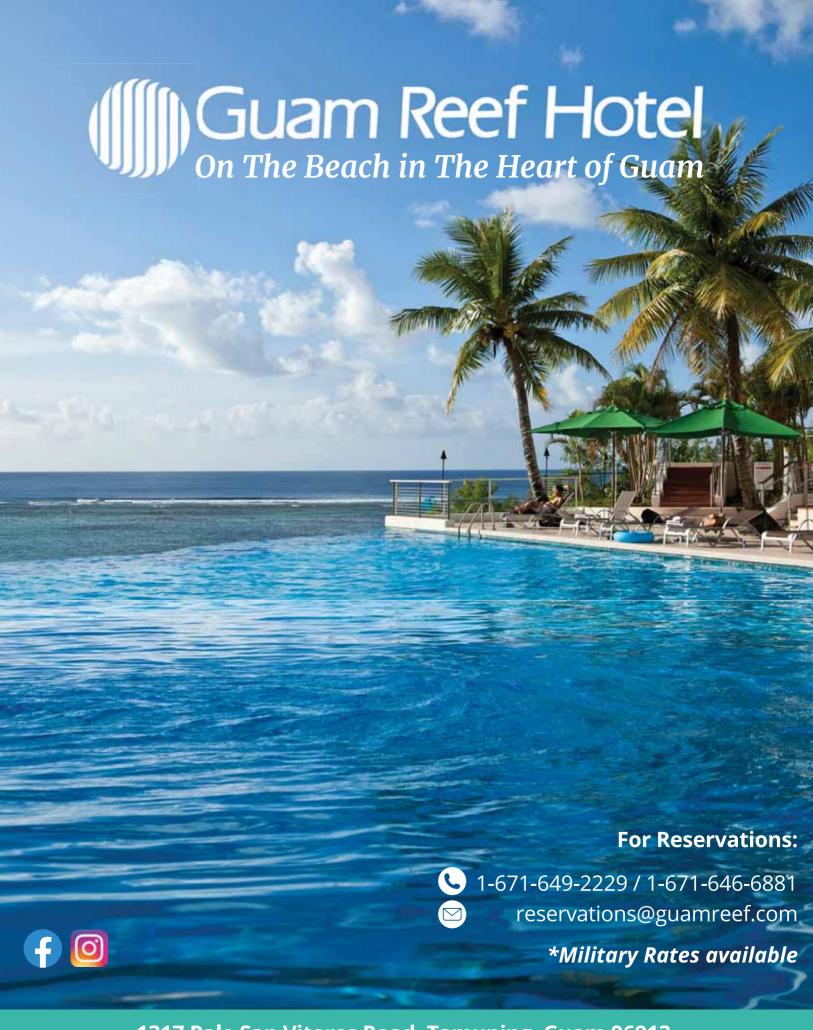
#### ROOMS

Guam Reef Hotel has 426 well-appointed stylish rooms and is located in the heart of Tumon. Our Beach Tower and Infinity Tower offer you a wide range of rooms from modern minimalist to rooms with panoramic views of Tumon Bay. All rooms include a flat-screen TV, hot/cold water dispenser and free Wi-Fi for your pleasant stay.

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#### **9** NEX Sasebo

ADDRESS: Sasebo NB, Bldg. 132 WEBSITE: https://www.mynavyexchange.com PHONE: 252-3454 (DSN)

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will go out of her way to make sure sailors are well taken care of."

-Teena Paradela, Sasebo NB

"Always friendly smiles and wonderful customer service!!!"

-Amelia Franklin, Sasebo NB

#### 3 NEX Yokosuka

ADDRESS: Bldg. H-20, Yokosuka NB **WEBSITE:** www.mynavyexchange.com **PHONE:** 243-5577 (DSN)

Friendly staff and helpful when you need it. If they don't have it, they will special order it. Can't go wrong with Yokosuka NEX!"

-Lakir Patel, Yokosuka NB

"They usually have more variety of items.

-Christopher Ecle, Yokota AB



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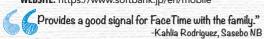


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#### **SoftBank**

ADDRESS: Various locations.

WEBSITE: https://www.softbank.jp/en/mobile



"SoftBank, in my opinion, has the best coverage in Japan. They are also military-friendly."

-Jads Orario, NAF Atsugi 

#### **BEST PLACE TO BUY A CAR**

#### Kelly & Kelly

ADDRESS: 3 Chome-10-3 Musashino, Mizuho Nishitama

District Tokyo 190-1211 WEBSITE: https://kellyandkellyjp.com PHONE: 042-551-0556

Amazing service, above and beyond for the customers. Couldn't make buying a car easier!" Julie Gaulin, Yokota AB

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-Miki Shoop, Retired 





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# **CAMP ZAMA OUTDOOR REC**





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#### BEST ON-BASE OUTDOOR REC

#### 9 Camp Zama Outdoor Rec

ADDRESS: Camp Zama, Bldg. 719

WEBSITE: https://zama.armymwr.com/programs/outdoor-

recreation

PHONE: 263-4671/3707 (DSN)

Easy to get items from Camp Zama Outdoor Rec and they have a very nice staff."

-Chance Johnson, Camp Zama

"They have so many commodities for people to rent for camping!

-Mae Oriosky, NAF Atsugi

#### 3 Yokota Outdoor Rec

ADDRESS: Yokota AB, Bldg. 564 WEBSITE: https://yokotafss.com/odr PHONE: 252-4552 (DSN)

Yokota Outdoor Rec provides outstanding tours." -John Stansberry Jr., MCAS Iwakuni

"Yokota Outdoor Rec is a great place to book fun, entertaining, and wonderful experiences for your

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-Nicholas Prisco, Yokota AB



#### **BEST DENTAL CLINIC**

#### **Womble Gate American Dentistry**

ADDRESS: 13 Ogawa-Cho, Uno Bldg. 2F, Yokosuka

238-0004

WEBSITE: https://www.drsuzukidds.com

PHONE: 046-874-7260

I love Dr. Eli, and all other staff! They are very kind and friendly. It motivates me to go for my teeth cleaning!!

-Ayumi Ruvalcaba, Yokosuka NB

"The Womble Gate American Dentistry staff is very professional and provides excellent services."

-Kerry Tamayose, Camp Zama



#### **BEST OFF-BASE MEDICAL SERVICE**

#### St. Luke's International Hospital

ADDRESS: 9-1 Akashi-cho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 104-8560 WEBSITE: https://hospital.luke.ac.jp/eng

PHONE: 03-3541-5151

St. Luke's has first-rate facilities and professionals." -Desmond Fowler, Camp Zama

"Only medical service we've had to use off base, thankfully, and their service was wonderful!! Such a peaceful and quiet environment, which is so nice when you're having medical issues."

-Kaitlin King, Yokota AB 

#### **BEST REAL ESTATE AGENCY**

#### **Iino Real Estate**

ADDRESS: 2-1-8, Honcho, Yokosuka City, Kanagawa

WEBSITE: https://us.iino.cc PHONE: 046-820-6366

The staff is very personable, helpful and it's close to

-Matthew Duggan, Yokosuka NB

"lino Real Estate staff is caring, responsive, and very respectful."

-John Vedova, Yokosuka NB

Dining



#### **BEST ON-BASE CLUBS**

#### **9** Camp Zama Community Club

ADDRESS: Camp Zama, Bldg. 457 WEBSITE: https://zama.armymwr.com/programs/campzama-community-club PHONE: 263-4547/4133 (DSN)

CZCC has great food selections at both the dining room and the sports bar."

-Miki Shoop, Retired

"Good food and great atmosphere."

-Maria Beach , Camp Zama



#### **3** Yokota Enlisted Club

ADDRESS: Yokota AB, Bldg. 2066 WEBSITE: https://yokotafss.com/eclub

PHONE: 227-8820 (DSN)

They have \$3 beers and good deals on food." -Marck Paulsen, Yokota AB

"The E-Club is so much fun and it gives airmen a safe place to hang out."

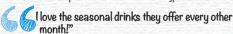
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-Daphne Reid, Yokota AB

#### **BEST COFFEE SHOP**

#### **Starbucks**

WEBSITE: https://www.starbucks.co.jp



-Patrick Vowell, Misawa AB

"Clean, friendly and great customer service at Starbucks."

-Travis Davies, Sasebo NB 



#### 6 Chops (Sasebo)

ADDRESS: Sasebo NB, Bldg. 1446 **WEBSITE:** https://www.navymwrsasebo.com/ programs/78da3bbf-2a3b-4e81-8530-29e6adba0258

PHONE: 252-2955 (DSN)

Chop's soup is always on point! I love their huge house salad!"

-Elaine Jolliff, Sasebo NB

"The weekend breakfast at Chops is the best way to enjoy a leisurely Saturday morning meal."

-Nicole Cartledge, Yokosuka NB

#### O Chili's Grill & Bar (Yokota)

ADDRESS: Yokota AB, Bldg. 536 WEBSITE: https://yokotafss.com/chilis PHONE: 225-2131 (DSN)

I love the welcoming atmosphere and the friendly staff. You're always going to see friendly and familiar faces."

-Yesenia Elizondo, Yokota AB

"Great food at Chili's Yokota and same service as in the States.

-Carlos Diaz, Yokota AB





#### **BEST OFF-BASE RESTAURANT**

#### Curry House CoCo Ichibanya

ADDRESS: Multiple locations across Japan. WEBSITE: https://www.ichibanya.co.jp/english

CoCo Curry in Machida is always delicious!! A family favorite for sure!"

-Bryanna Nelson, Camp Zama

"Yummy food and friendly staff."

-Gracely Cardenas, MCAS Iwakuni 











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#### **BEST SUNDAY BRUNCH**

#### Harbor View Club (Sasebo)

ADDRESS: Sasebo NB, Bldg. 1446

WEBSITE: https://www.navymwrsasebo.com/ programs/73b086d1-d282-4087-9b75-6c5bd1e706d4 PHONE: 252-2955 (DSN)

Harbor View Club has a buffet of options to choose from."

-Rachelle Chulin. Sasebo NB

"Great variety and the food is awesome!"

-Philip Eakins Sasebo NB



#### **13** The New Sanno

ADDRESS: 4 Chome-12-20 Minamiazabu, Minato City,

Tokyo 106-0047

WEBSITE: https://www.thenewsanno.com

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Great staff, food, location!"

-Melanie Ahlers, Hardy Barracks/Akasaka Press Center/New Sanno

"The New Sanno has a great selection of varied dishes. Suitable for all tastes."

-Ashleigh Anderson, Yokosuka NB 

#### Traveling



#### **BEST ON-BASE LODGING**

#### **9** Sasebo Navy Lodge

ADDRESS: Sasebo CFA, Bldg. 1446 **WEBSITE:** https://www.navy-lodge.com/Sasebo **PHONE:** 252-2955 (DSN), 0956-50-2929

Convenient location and easy walk across street for breakfast."

-Patrick Picotin, Yokota AB

"Professional staff, desire to meet quests needs. Good facilities and accommodations." -Denise Sorensen, Sasebo NB



#### Kanto Lodge (Yokota)

ADDRESS: Yokota AB, Bldg. 15

WEBSITE: https://yokotafss.com/kanto-lodge

PHONE: 042-507-6534

Pet friendly, which is amazing, especially for people PCSing!"

-Rebecca Brimmer, Yokota AB



"Kanto Lodge is always well priced, clean, and conveniently located on the base so many things are within walking distance.

-Alvin Au, Hawaii





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#### BEST ON-BASE TRAVEL AGENCY

#### Sasebo ITT

ADDRESS: Sasebo NB, Bldg. 128, Located at Fleet Landing WEBSITE: https://www.navymwrsasebo.com/ programs/7068e0aa-b81d-45c7-a0b5-b83c24cc93f1 PHONE: 252-3433 (DSN)

Quick and effective pickup, with a couple trips to stop and pick up food on the way to the airport or base.
Also, ROM team was amazing and always on time." -Gabriel Fields, Sasebo NB

"They went out their way to make sure I have the best possible trip."

-Lorenzo Leal, Sasebo NB

#### **B** Yokota ITT

ADDRESS: Yujo Community Center, Bldg. 327, Yokota AB WEBSITE: https://yokotafss.com/itt PHONE: 227-7083 (DSN)

They offer so many amazing trips at an affordable price so that we can explore the beautiful country of

-Rebecca Brimmer, Yokota AB

"Lots of amazing trips for the whole family of any age/ability."

-Kery Young, Yokota AB 



#### BEST MWR/FSS/MCCS

#### Sasebo MWR

ADDRESS: Sasebo CFA, Bldg. PW/47 WEBSITE: https://www.navymwrsasebo.com/directorymore/welcome-to-mwr-sasebo

PHONE: 252-3472 (DSN), 0956-50-3472

#### B Yokota FSS

ADDRESS: Yokota AB, Bldg. 1295 WEBSITE: https://yokotafss.com PHONE: 225-3308 (DSN)



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# **Navy Lodge Sasebo!**

The team at the Navy Lodge Sasebo would like to thank our service members and their families for voting us as the 2022 Stars and Stripes Best of the Pacific On-Base lodging winners!! Navy Lodge Sasebo is committed in providing a memorable experience during your PCS, TDY or Leisure travel. We look forward to your next Visit!







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Shopping



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#### **9** McTureous Express

ADDRESS: Camp McTureous, Bldg. 5102 WEBSITE: https://www.shopmyexchange.com PHONE: 622-6403 (DSN)

The staff is incredibly friendly, and they really make you feel welcomed in the neighborhood. They also always keep the neighborhood up to date on what new things they have in stock. I really think they go the extra mile."

- Chandler Glover, Camp Courtney

"The employees genuinely care about their customers. They always go above and beyond!"

-Danielle Lander, Camp McTureous

#### **3** Kadena Exchange

ADDRESS: Kadena AB, Bldg. 412 WEBSITE: https://www.shopmyexchange.com PHONE: 1-512-672-7560/036-868-2280

Kadena continues to carry the greatest number of items and variety of such, provides great customer service and expedient checkout."

-Nathan Tarr, Kadena AB

"Kadena Exchange is very convenient for travel and has a large variety of options when shopping."

- Devontá Locus, Camp Foster

#### **BEST CELLPHONE PROVIDER**

#### au

**ADDRESS:** Multiple locations, Kadena BX 1F and Foster Main Exchange

**WEBSITE:** https://ryuseki-shoji.com/aafes **PHONE:** Kadena 03-6868-2242, Foster 098-971-5671

Best reception and the au wallet prepaid Mastercard makes life easier."

-Shoya Mehlig, Camp Kinser

"Never had any issues with au. Best service and they are conveniently located everywhere on the island to assist you."

-Chimaco Weathers, Kadena AB

#### BEST PLACE FOR OFF-BASE SHOPPING

#### **AEON Mall Okinawa Rycom**

**ADDRESS:** 1 Aza Rycom Kitanakagusuku-son Nakagami-gun Okinawa 901-2306

**WEBSITE:** https://en.aeonmall.global/mall/okinawarycom-aeonmall

PHONE: 098-983-8888

AEON Mall Okinawa Rycom is a very nice, spacious place with everything you need. They also provide excellent dining and food options for everyone."

-Amanda Kocsis, Torii Station

"AEON Mall has good beer, good shops, good eats, and a good Daiso."

-Jill Zimmerman, Camp Foster

#### **BEST PLACE TO BUY A CAR**

#### **B.C. Used Cars**

ADDRESS: 4-chome-23-42 Uechi Okinawa 904-0031 WEBSITE: http://www.bc-used-cars.jp PHONE: 098-932-6651

They basically take care of everything for you.

Buying a car in a foreign country seems like a
monumental task, but they make it easy for you."

-Chandler Glover, Camp Courtney

"Buying a car at B.C. Motors was very easy. Their selections are low-priced and the cars are in good condition overall."

-Amanda Kocsis, Torii Station

#### Essentials



#### BEST DENTAL CLINIC

#### **Okinawa White Dental Clinic**

ADDRESS: 813-2 Kamisedo, Chatan

WEBSITE: www.okinawawhitedental.com/en/index.html

PHONE: 098-989-3780

Convenient location, staff is kind and courteous, and my children aren't afraid to go there."

-Debbilou Bailes, Kadena AB

"Very nice, professional and spoke English very well. They also made my children feel comfortable for a dentist appointment."

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-Meghan Tompkins, Kadena AB

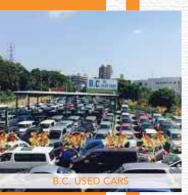


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#### **BEST MEDICAL SERVICE**

#### Adventist Medical Center

ADDRESS: 868 Kochi Nishihara Okinawa 903-0116 WEBSITE: http://www.amc.gr.jp

PHONE: 098-946-2833

Had my colonoscopy done at Adventist Medical Center and it was a smooth process."

-Ngoc Nguyen, Kadena AB

"Their yearly checkup for DOD staff is incredible. So thorough, the cost is perfect, and the customer service is great. I love that they are efficient with time."

-Tiffany Chance, Kadena AB

#### **BEST REAL ESTATE AGENCY**

#### **Joy Housing**

ADDRESS: 117-24 Hamagawa Chatan Okinawa 904-0112 WEBSITE: http://www.joy-housing.com/jp

PHONE: 098-983-7811

Very friendly and professional."

Joshua Mott, White Beach Naval Facility

"Joy Housing has a bilingual staff and very kind people! If I ever get stationed in Okinawa again, I will be going back to them for housing!"

-Cheriz Musico, Camp Kinser 

#### Entertainment



#### **BEST ON-BASE CLUBS**

#### **9** The Palms (Camp Hansen)

ADDRESS: Camp Hansen, Bldg. 2654 WEBSITE: https://www.mccsokinawa.com/thepalms

PHONE: 623-4375 (DSN)

Multiple services inside The Palms like Bonzai Coffee, Chilis, Trade Winds, E-Club, O-Club, and insurance office."

-Cheyenne Raine, Kadena AB

"Great service, and a very helpful team there." -Alexander High, Camp Courtney

#### Kadena Rocker Enlisted Club

ADDRESS: Kadena AB, Bldg. 622 WEBSITE: https://kadenafss.com/rocker

PHONE: 966-7372 (DSN)

Always professional, good food and vibes at Kadena Rocker Enlisted Club.

-Brandon Zimmerman, Camp Foster

"Whether it's for Family Night, bingo, grabbing some



cheesecake and a coffee or getting a bite to eat at the bar or the sit-down restaurant, Rockers has it all!"

-Melanie Binversie, Camp McTureous





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#### **BEST ON-BASE OUTDOOR REC**

#### 9 Torii Beach

ADDRESS: Torii Station Okinawa

WEBSITE: https://torii.armymwr.com/programs/torii-beach

PHONE: 644-4659 (DSN)

So much fun for the whole family to enjoy."

-Latoya Scott, Camp McTureous

"We often visit Torii Beach for outdoor leisure. It's peaceful and a good spot to relax when the weather is great."

-Vanessa Huynh, Camp Foster

#### **B** Kadena Marina

**WEBSITE:** https://kadenafss.com/recreation/marina **PHONE:** 966-7345 (DSN)

Kadena marina has the best water fun options like paddle boarding, kayaking, snorkeling and an ocean bouncy for kids and adults to play on while having life jackets available if needed.

-Leilani Musico, Camp Kinser

"Best way to experience Okinawa is from the sea. Get your boat or jet ski license at the Marina."

> -Jarrod Wittenauer, Kadena AB

#### Dining



#### **BEST COFFEE SHOP**

#### Starbucks

WEBSITE: https://www.starbucks.co.jp

Starbucks Coffee has amazing sweets and seasonal goods. Growing up here, I've always loved stopping by Starbucks."

-Leilani Musico, Camp Kinser

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#### Dining



#### **BEST ON-BASE RESTAURANT**

# **9 Tengan Castle** (Camp Courtney)

ADDRESS: Camp Courtney Bldg. 4419

WEBSITE: https://www.mccsokinawa.com/tengancastle

PHONE: 622-9413 (DSN)

Michell and all other staff at Tengan Castle have always been amazing. Friendly & helpful!"

-Cassidu Fisk, Camp Courtney

"Super awesome Sunday, Thanksgiving and Christmas buffets on island."

-Eric Blaydes, Camp Foster

# G Chili's Grill & Bar (Kadena)

ADDRESS: Kadena AB, Bldg. 105

WEBSITE: https://kadenafss.com/food/chilis

PHONE: 966-7360 (DSN)

Chili's on Kadena makes me feel like I'm at home!" -Katie Martinez, Camp Kinser

"Love the menu and wonderful flavor of the food, and the Top Shelf Margarita is simply the best at Chili's on Kadena."

-William Uhde, Kadena AB

#### **BEST OFF-BASE RESTAURANT**

#### Yakiniku Goen

ADDRESS: 545-3 Kamisedo Chatan Okinawa 904-0101 WEBSITE: https://goen.tokukei.co.jp/index.html PHONE: 098-921-7529

Family-friendly atmosphere and quick table turnarounds at Yakiniku Goen."

-Michael Bengala, Camp Foster

"Yakiniku Goen is amazing."

-David Cain, Camp Hansen

#### **BEST SUNDAY BRUNCH**

# **9 Tengan Castle** (Camp Courtney)

ADDRESS: Camp Courtney, Bldg. 4419

WEBSITE: https://www.mccsokinawa.com/tengancastle

PHONE: 622-9413 (DSN)

Best selection and nice folks, parking is close and great view."

-Eric Blaydes, Camp Foster

"They have an amazing spread for brunch."
-David Pike, Camp Schwab

#### B Kadena O' Club

ADDRESS: Kadena AB, Bldg. 313 WEBSITE: https://kadenafss.com/oclub PHONE: 966-7409 (DSN)

The prices are great, and the mimosas are terrific.
Plus, Kadena O'Club's buffet with crab legs is just
what you need for a great Sunday!"

-Tiffany Phillips, Camp Shields

"Has many food options for everyone and the desserts are amazing."

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-Amanda Kocsis, Torii Station

#### Traveling



#### **BEST ON-BASE LODGING**

#### **9** Inns of the Corps Camp Hansen

ADDRESS: Camp Hansen, Bldg. 2504

WEBSITE: www.mccsokinawa.com/hansenlodge/#tab0 PHONE: 623-4511 (DSN)

The Inns of the Corps Camp Hansen has beautiful

rooms and a super nice staff!"

-Marissa Rall, Camp McTureous

"They allow pets."

-Brianna Rico, Camp McTureous

#### **B** Camp Foster Westpac Inn

ADDRESS: Camp Foster, Bldg. 11

WEBSITE: https://www.mccsokinawa.com/WestpacInn

**PHONE:** 645-2455 (DSN)

Everyone serves you with a smile and are willing to help anytime and every time, which makes life easier for quests."

-Madonna Magpali, Camp Foster

"The robes and slippers do it for me! Free breakfast at Terra next door is great when you just arrive on island."

-Ashley Halpain, Camp McTureous

#### **BEST OFF-BASE LODGING**

#### **Hilton Okinawa Chatan Resort**

ADDRESS: 40-1 Mihama, Chatan-cho Nakagami-gun, Okinawa 904-0115

**WEBSITE:** https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/okaochi-hilton-okinawa-chatan-resort

PHONE: 098-901-1111

Wow! Fancy stuff, nice staff and right on the beach." -Eric Blaydes, Camp Foster

"Great location and amazing views."

-Xochil Alcorn, Camp Pendleton

#### **BEST ON-BASE TRAVEL AGENCY**

#### Kadena ITT

ADDRESS: Kadena AB, Bldg. 455

WEBSITE: https://kadenafss.com/itt-travel

**PHONE:** 966-7333 (DSN)

Conveniently located and offers family-friendly tours."

-Esmeralda Magana-Savatt, Camp McTureous

"Kadena ITT is beyond helpful when planning tours. I have setup 3 UNITE events that my unit has loved."

· Hugo Gomez, Kadena AB

#### BEST MWR/FSS/MCCS

#### Army MWR Okinawa

ADDRESS: Torii Station, Bldg. 240, Room 106 WEBSITE: https://torii.armymwr.com PHONE NUMBER: 652-4495 (DSN)

#### B Kadena FSS

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ADDRESS: Kadena AB, Bldg. 88 WEBSITE: https://kadenafss.com PHONE NUMBER: 632-0310 (DSN)

# Best AFN Radio Personality

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Japan



# **9** MC3 Anngie Ramosgrullon

"I believe the secret to success is that there is no secret. You've just got to work hard and do your best, and that will be enough - because it has to be." - MC3 Anngie Ramosgrullon

She really helps me unwind at the end of the day on the drive home from work. It helps me decompress so I can push on with taking care of home life."

-Gregory Bays, Sasebo NB

"I mean DJ Fuego!! Anngie Ramosgrullon is the best! She plays a variety of music and she gives great trivia information! Her voice is so soothing in the morning!"

-Yvette Wren, Sasebo NB



#### **3** SSgt Miller & MC2 Yarber (Tokyo)



"I don't know how to lose."

- SSat Miller

"My guests, co-host, and Lady Gaga." - MC2 Yarber

Great music with timely news." -Wallace Najera, Hardy Barracks/Akasaka Press Center/ New Sanno

"They play a good selection of

-Travis Davies, Sasebo NB пининий принципиний принципини

#### Okinawa



#### Cpl. Reagan Anderson (Okinawa)

"One thing I've learned as a radio DJ and that has helped me be successful is how to take criticism. Lots of people give advice and suggestions on how you should live, work, and exist, but the key is to try that criticism on for size and decide for yourself if it's a good fit for who you want to be and the life you want to live. Critics only have power over you if you give it to them!"

- Cpl. Reagan Anderson

AFN Okinawa sets the bar for AFN Pacific! Cpl. Anderson will join the ranks of legends on the Wave!" -Richard Holguin, Camp Lester

informative."



"Cpl. Anderson is so personable and does a great job with interviews! Fun and

-Allison Conforte, Camp Courtney 



Korea



# **9** SrA Thomas Johns & SrA Baylee Yassu

"Share what makes you happy, wake up every morning wanting to give someone something that makes you smile."

- SrA Baylee Yassu

-Matthew Naumann

-Joseph Alcantar, Osan AB

them.

"Success in my life comes when I'm strong in my faith, take my eyes off the problem and focus on the purpose."

SrA Baylee Yassu

SrA Thomas Johns

# l enjoy listening to "They are fire radio hosts!"

#### SrA Ariana Howard (Humphreys)

Grande plays the best music and brings the best energy." -Jerry Vollbrecht, Osan AB

> "Easy listening and great details for on and off-base events."

-Felipe Hernandez, Osan AB

"SrA Howard has a fun personality. -Kyle Haney, Osan AB

"She is always upbeat and ready

-Robert Cast, Osan AB







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#### BEST EXCHANGE STORE/BEST EXCHANGE MINI MART/EXPRESS/MARINE MART

**9** Kunsan Main Exchange

ADDRESS: Kunsan AB, Bldg. 1102 WEBSITE: https://www.shopmyexchange.com PHONE: 782-4033 (DSN)

I made this choice because Kunsan AB is a bit remote by location here in South Korea, and we who live locally, rely heavily on the Main Exchange! -Patrick Schoolfield, Kunsan AB

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"The Kunsan Main Exchange staff is amazing!"

-Roxanne Smith, Kunsan AB

#### 9 Casey Main Exchange

ADDRESS: Camp Casey, Bldg. S3008 WEBSITE: https://www.shopmyexchange.com PHONE: 070-7597-0604

Casey Main Exchange's employees are very nice and kind to the customers."

-Wanhui Yi, Camp Caseu

"They always have what I need." -Mikeal Lewis, Camp Hovey

#### B Humphreys Main Exchange

ADDRESS: Camp Humphreys, Bldg. 5700 WEBSITE: https://www.shopmyexchange.com PHONE: +82-31-646-2800

Humphreys has everything and usually stays fully stocked.

-Antonia Taylor, Camp Carroll

"It is a great way to escape back home to a good ol' American plaza. There is so much to do at the Humphreys Main Exchange!"

-Colton Harris, Osan AB

#### BEST CELLPHONE PROVIDER

#### LG U+

ADDRESS: Various locations.

WEBSITE: https://www.uplus.co.kr/com/main/pemain/

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I have LG U+ and I do not have any issues with my service."

-Justin Shahan, Osan AB

"I have super dope 5G signal everywhere."

-Blaine Barry, Suwon AB

#### BEST PLACE FOR OFF-BASE SHOPPING

#### Starfield Mall, Anseong-si

ADDRESS: 3930-39 Seodong-daero, Anseong, Gyeonggi-do WEBSITE: https://www.starfield.co.kr/anseong/main.do PHONE: +82 1833-9001

Tons to offer - food, play places, movies, spa, shopping!"

-Mandy McCullion, Osan AB

"Starfield Mall in Anseong has everything and also you can bring your pet!"

-Judy Kim, USAG Humphreys

#### BEST PLACE TO BUY A CAR

#### Military Auto Source

**ADDRESS:** Multiple locations. **WEBSITE:** https://militaryautosource.com **PHONE:** 010-9584-3324 / 010-7264-0188

Gives great deals to soldiers and their families." -Michelle Cornejo, Camp Walker

"MAS has the best prices compared to Stateside. No hassle pricing and very professional agents."

-Anthony Sanchez, USAG Humphreys





#### Entertainment



#### **BEST ON-BASE OUTDOOR REC**

#### **9** Kunsan Outdoor Rec

ADDRESS: Kunsan AB, Bldg. 517 WEBSITE: https://Kunsanfss.com PHONE: 782-6904 (DSN)

Best place to book a trip for just about anuthing you put your mind to."

-Stephen Watson, Kunsan AB

"Kunsan deals and base comradery never fails. And the outdoor rec plays a big part in that with the trips and gear they have available to us."

-Paige Cesar, Kunsan AB

#### Osan Outdoor Rec

ADDRESS: Osan AB, Bldg. 1304 WEBSITE: http://51fss.com/odr PHONE: 784-4007 (DSN)

These guys are experts on anything South Korea travel wise! They can answer all your questions about gear and best places to visit."

-Hanna Guckenberg, Osan AB

"We have enjoyed many trips with the Osan Outdoor Rec team.'

-Amie Burgher, USAG Humphreys 

#### Essentials



#### **BEST DENTAL CLINIC**

#### C&I Dental, Pyeongtaek-si

ADDRESS: 3 Anjeong Shopping-ro Ga-dong B1,

Paengsungeup, Pyeongtaek-si EMAIL: chodmd@naver.com PHONE: 031-654-3368

C&I Dental offers the best and highest quality service with a true concern about my needs and desires. Staff, including U.S. trained and certified dentists, are friendly, honest, and open about treatment options. Good location near Humphreys Walk-In Gate." -Robert Sundberg, USAG Humphreys

"C&I has a very caring team. Their experience and knowledge are comforting."

-Amie Burgher, USAG Humphreys 

#### **BEST OFF-BASE MEDICAL SERVICE**

#### Good Morning Hospital, Pyeongtaek-si

ADDRESS: 338 Jungang-ro, Pyeongtaek-si, Gyeonggi-do, 17874 Korea

WEBSITE: https://en.goodmhospital.co.kr/page/?M2\_ IDX=11643

PHONE: 031-5182-7690/7693 FAX NUMBER: 031-5182-7695

The hospital has an international office where foreigners can go for assistance. They have translators which is very helpful with the language barrier."

-James Areniego, USAG Humphreys

"Great service! The English-speaking staff are great! Good Morning Hospital also has a pharmacy, so getting meds is easy!"

-Craig Dittmeyer, USAG Humphreys



#### BEST REAL ESTATE AGENCY

#### Hollywood Realty, Pyeongtaek-si

ADDRESS: 183 An Jeong Sunhwan-Ro, Pyeongtaek-si WEBSITE: https://hollywoodrealtykr.com

PHONE: 031-654-0411

Mike and Jason with Hollywood Realty understand the wants and needs of an American family. They are willing to negotiate and make sure their clients' housing needs are met. They definitely go above and beyond the call of duty."

-Lori Cable, USAG Humphreus

"Hollywood Realty has been the only realtor able to consistently help us and the only one with a big enough listing availability to be able to show us multiple options."

-Jasmin Campas, Osan AB 

#### Dining



#### **BEST ON-BASE CLUBS**

#### **9** Kunsan Loring Club

ADDRESS: Kunsan AB, Bldg. 1025 WEBSITE: https://Kunsanfss.com **PHONE:** 782-4312 (DSN)

Loring Club is hands down the best club on base. I've been to some of the other clubs on pen and nothing comes close to the variety and popularity of the L

-Stephen Watson, Kunsan AB

"Kunsan Loring Club has a superior environment and many members.

-Carol Harper, Chinhae NB

#### Osan Enlisted Club

ADDRESS: Osan AB, Bldg. 917 WEBSITE: http://51fss.com/enlistedclub PHONE: 784-6900 (DSN)

Osan E-Club has great slot room."

-Felipe Hernandez, Osan AB

"Amazing food, service, and events at the Osan Enlisted Club."

-Borden Oh, Osan AB 

#### **BEST COFFEE SHOP**

#### **Starbucks**

WEBSITE: https://www.starbucks.co.kr/index.do

Korean Starbucks takes Starbucks to a new level. Each coffee is brewed with perfection and a touch of artistry."

-Matthew Rivera, Camp Carroll

"Great quality and great service."

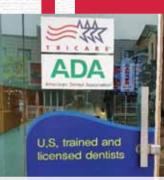
-Scott Saunders, Osan AB



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#### **BEST ON-BASE RESTAURANT**

#### Greenstreet, Dragon Hill Lodge

ADDRESS: USAG Yongsan, Bldg. 4050 S. Post WEBSITE: https://www.dragonhilllodge.com

PHONE: 738-2222 (DSN)

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> "Greenstreet has the best cooks and servers in all of South Korea."

-Michael Brown, Sr., USAG Yongsan/K-16



#### **Kun Sung Maru** (Kunsan)

ADDRESS: Kunsan AB, Bldg. 8411 EMAIL: rmsti720@naver.com PHONE: 063-441-7650



Their food is amazing."

-Ryan Vick, Kunsan AB

"Kun Sung Maru has outstanding Korean food." -Sean McCarty, Kunsan AB

#### Texas Roadhouse (Humphrevs)

ADDRESS: Camp Humphreys, Bldg. 5711 WEBSITE: https://humphreys.armymwr.com/programs/ texas-roadhouse?utm\_source=restaurantguru&utm\_ medium=referral

PHONE: 757-2299 (DSN)

I visit Texas Roadhouse at least once a week. The atmosphere is nice, the food is good, and the service is great."

-Scott Saunders, Osan AB

"A great taste from home!!"

-Taylor Decker, Osan AB 

#### **BEST OFF-BASE RESTAURANT**

#### Curry Ya, Pyeongtaek-si

ADDRESS: 319-16, Sinjang-dong, Pyeongtaek-si, Gyeonggi-do WEBSITE: www.facebook.com/curryya1

PHONE: 031-667-2010

I love the potato croquette curry at Curry Ya." -Alice Gilbert, Osan AB

"Curry Ya's curry is amazing!!!"

-Sarah Veazey, Osan AB

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#### **BEST SUNDAY BRUNCH**

#### **9** Kunsan Loring Club

ADDRESS: Kunsan AB, Bldg. 1025 WEBSITE: https://Kunsanfss.com PHONE: 782-4312 (DSN)

Best place for on-base Sunday Brunch. Mimosas!" -Anahi Escobar, Kunsan AB

"They make the best drinks and brunch!" -Stephen Watson, Kunsan AB

#### Osan O' Club

ADDRESS: Osan AB, Bldg. 910 WEBSITE: http://51fss.com/officersclub PHONE: 784-5530 (DSN)

The brunch options available at the O'Club is breathtaking! They have it all!!"

-Frederick Smith, Osan AB

"Good place to meet friends and recover from Saturday."

-David Martinez, Osan AB 

#### Traveling



#### **BEST ON-BASE LODGING**

#### Wolf Pack Lodge (Kunsan)

ADDRESS: Kunsan AB, Bldg. 314 WEBSITE: https://Kunsanfss.com PHONE: 782-1844 (DSN)

Wolfpack Lodge is very clean and well-kept. The staff is friendly and will insure your every need is met." -Jeff Neal, Kunsan AB

"The Wolf Pack Lodge has a very polite staff and excellent housekeeping standards.

-Kelly Koch, Kunsan AB

#### Osan Turumi Lodge

ADDRESS: Osan AB, Bldg. 772 WEBSITE: http://51fss.com/turumi

PHONE: 784-1844 (DSN) Professional and friendly staff. Clean facility.

Conveniently located near restaurants, exchange and bus station."

-Gerald Ryan, USAG Humphreys

"The Osan Turumi Lodge has everything you need and is in a central location.

-Diana Dean, Osan AB

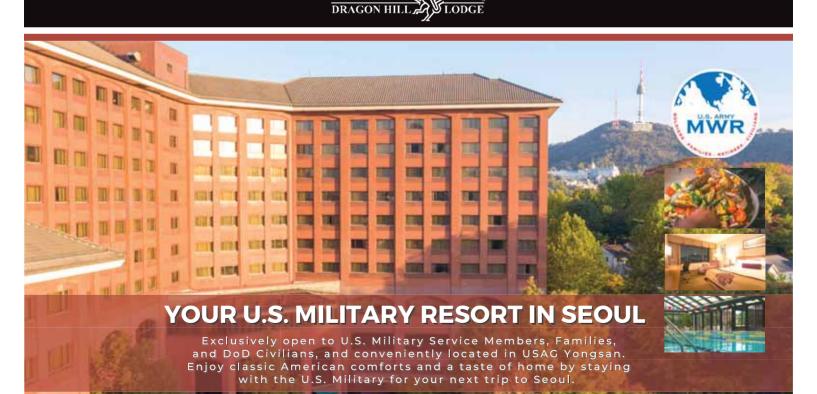




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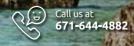
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-Mana Silva Taijeron, Andersen AFB

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DoCoMo Pacific has an awesome staff."

-Jerry Paulson

"They have great service."

-Josephine Arceo, Nimitz Hill





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WEBSITE: https://www.carsguam.com

PHONE: 671-648-2277

Great service and prices. They also honor service members and families; they give military discounts." -Maryann Taijeron, Naval Base Guam

"Triple J is very communicative with their clients throughout the purchasing process."

-Lori Guzman, Naval Base Guam

#### BEST PLACE FOR OFF-BASE SHOPPING

#### **ROSS DRESS FOR LESS**

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Ross has great selection at affordable prices." -Jessica Lazatin, Andersen AFB

"Cheap prices at Ross."

-Maryann Tajjeron, Naval Bases Guam 

#### Entertainment



#### **BEST ON-BASE OUTDOOR REC**

#### Gab-Gab (Navy MWR)

WEBSITE: https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/jrm/ installations/navbase\_guam/ffr/things\_to\_do/things\_to\_do\_at\_nbg/recreation/outdoor\_recreation/beaches.html PHONE: 671-564-1826

Beautiful beach with clean and well-maintained facilities."

-Candice Connelley, Military spouse

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-Frances C. Torres, Retired 

#### Essentials



#### **BEST OFF-BASE MEDICAL SERVICE**

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PHONE: 671-477-8215

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-Josephine Arceo, Nimitz Hill

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-Mana Silva Taijeron, Andersen AFB 

#### **BEST REAL ESTATE AGENCY**

#### **RE/MAX Diamond Realty**

ADDRESS: 238 E. Marine Corps Drive, Suite 202 WEBSITE: https://global.remax.com/en/offices/micronesiafederated-states-of/hagatna/remax-diamondrealty/1054001

PHONE: 671-479-9532

They have great realtors, especially Jackie Perez!" -Jerry Paulsen

"RE/MAX Diamond Realty has a variety of properties for sale and for rent."

-Manuel Quichocho, Guam resident 

#### Dining



#### **BEST ON-BASE RESTAURANT**

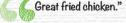
#### **Popeyes**

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WEBSITE: https://www.militarymwrquam.com/programs/ fd5fbbea-bc01-4b1a-9128-cdba0e554de9 PHONE: 564-1833 (DSN)

Love their facilities, food, menu items, and venues." -Frances C. Torres, Retired

"Just a lot of fun!!!"

-Jerry Paulsen 

#### BEST COFFEE SHOP

#### Infusion Coffee & Tea

ADDRESS: 868 S Marine Corps Dr Tamuning, GU 96913

WEBSITE: https://infusionguam.com

PHONE: 671-646-0263

Staff is extremely attentive to the needs of their customers. They try their utmost to make your beverages and food tasteful and prepared to your satisfaction.

> -France C. Torres Retired

"Good coffee, and great sandwiches/ salads."

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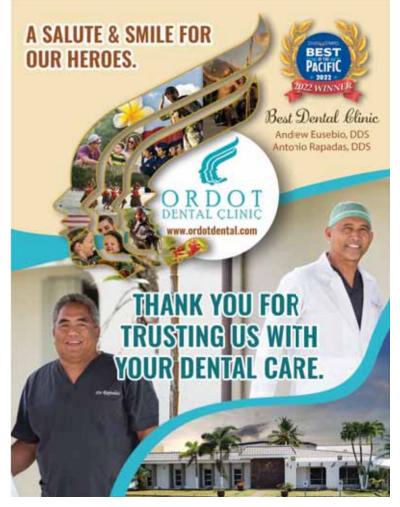
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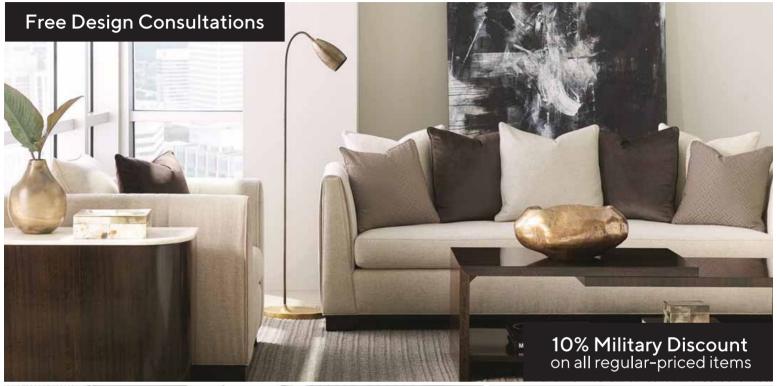
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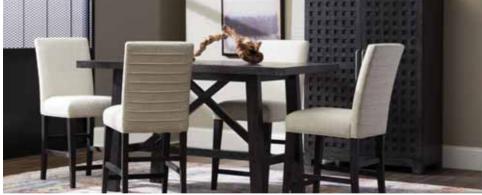
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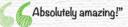
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Good off-island travel service."

-Manuel Quichocho, Guam resident

# Congratulations to this year's gift card winners!

Six lucky voters in this year's contest found it pays, in more ways than one, to make their voices heard about what they think is best.

Q1: What's the best thing about your current location in the Pacific?

Q2: What are you going to buy with your gift card?



#### Kevin Culp (Osan AB)

A1: The best thing about my current location in the pacific (Osan) is the diversity and the ease of access to traveling around Korea.

A2: I plan to use the gift card for upcoming PCS expenses.



Kevin Culp

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#### The New Sanno (Tokyo)

ADDRESS: 4 Chome-12-20 Minamiazabu, Minato City, Tokyo 106-0047 WEBSITE: https://www.thenewsanno.com PHONE NUMBER: 03-3440-7871

The New Sanno has amazing customer service and food." -Matthew Aparicio, Guam Naval Hospital

"I loved my short stay in Japan, and I can't wait to go back just because of how great my service was with this hotel."

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Great food, rooms and staff, with easy access to local attractions in Seoul." -Frankie Farfan, Guam

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#### Hale Koa Hotel (Honolulu)

ADDRESS: 2055 Kalia Rd, Honolulu, HI 96815 WEBSITE: https://www.halekoa.com PHONE NUMBER: 808-955-0555

The Hale Koa is our favorite! The breakfast is delicious! The pool is loved by all!" -Katie Loder, Sasebo NB

"Beach-front property, 'nuff said!"

-Kyle Haney, Osan AB



#### David Harris (Okinawa)

A1: The people I meet every day....in general the people living in the Pacific are the kindest you'll ever meet and enjoy things in life that matter such as food and fun.

A2: I'm sure my daughter Isabella will help me spend it ③





#### Chris Dybing (Yokosuka NB)

A1: Love Japan!

A2: Baby stuff! This helps buy a few things for my kids.

#### Nahira Figueroa (Guam)

A1: I'm loving the island life and close knit community. Guam reminds me of home and I couldn't be more grateful for my assignment here!

A2: Most likely a Mother's Day gift that I can ship to my mom in Puerto Rico.



Nahira Figueroa

#### Matthew Horack (Okinawa)

A1: The best thing about Japan is all the amazing food and learning about a whole new culture.

A2: I am going to buy baby stuff for my baby that is on the way.

#### Dawn Smith (Korea)

A1: The Korean people are so friendly and the country is so beautiful and artistic. There are sculptures, murals and amazing architecture everywhere. Pre-Covid, it was so enjoyable to go to all the festivals that were described in Stripes Korea. Hopefully these will open up again soon.

A2: Gifts for my family back in the US.



Dawn Smith

# IS IT THE RIGHT TIME TO BUY OR SELL REAL ESTATE ON GUAM?



Madelene Campos, Realtor

The military presence on the island of Guam will be prominent for many years to come. Military members certainly have the upper hand in the real estate market, whether utilizing a VA loan or the Overseas Housing Allowance. You may have heard, "It's a seller's market on Guam." This statement is true because of low housing inventory and historically low-interest rates. Mortgage interest rates have gone as low as +2% for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage. However, as we know, what goes up must eventually come down. In the case of interest rates, the opposite can be said. Interest rates are climbing and will continue to rise over the next 24 months. So is it still a good time to buy? My unbiased answer is yes because of the continued and forthcoming military presence on the island and the increased housing demands. The need for housing will be a need on Guam for countless years. Whether you're currently on active duty, will retire, or are already retired, take advantage of your VA loan benefits. And if you have real estate to sell, consid-

er listing sooner rather than later. The Federal Reserve announced that interest rates will continue to increase, so the number of qualified buyers may decrease, resulting in weaker negotiation power on the sellers' side. It will be interesting to witness the shifts in the real estate market in Guam and beyond for the remainder of the year. But don't wait and see; buy or sell now and be a part of Guam's thriving real estate market!

Deanna Palmer, Broker

Did you know that as an active duty member of our U.S. military, you can use all of your Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) for your mortgage payment? Also, when you are transferred to your next duty station, the capital gains from the sale of your home is deferred for up to 10 years. This benefit is still available to you even when you lease out the property during those 10 years. As a military member, you can purchase real

estate, move, purchase again and have the previous property as an income-producing investment. Call us, and we can guide you through how to use your VA loan program and OHA for your future investment portfolio. Welcome to Guam!



Francis Guerrero, Realtor

So, is it the right time to buy or sell? Let's look at the market. Across the nation, a shortage of supply, coupled with high demand, is driving home values up. The same has been true of Guam for several years now. Sellers are seizing great opportunities in today's real estate market. And if you put a little more into your home, you increase the value and thereby increase your profit on the sale. A few years ago, the average price of a Guam home was around \$250K-\$300K, and today it's up to approximately \$450K. That's plenty of motivation for sellers. While the Guam real estate market may be challenging for buyers, a good, solid offer will entice a seller to accept it. If you're financing through a bank, it's always a big plus to prequalify first. Sellers want to know that you can afford it. Nevertheless, buying a home is an investment in real estate, and that's one of the safest returns on your money.

Case in point, in 2019, I helped a military client use his VA loan to purchase a great 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom, 1200 square foot home. Two years later, with some renovations, he sold his house for a 40% profit. There are still opportunities for buyers but don't wait too long.

If you have a property and have been waiting for the perfect time to sell, the perfect time is now! The market is hot, and buyers will pay top dollar for your property with housing inventory at an all-time low. So if you want the highest value for your home, now is the time to sell. Now that we know it is definitely the time to sell, is it time to buy? If you are financially ready and committed to the process, then the answer is yes! With the right Realtor, this process will not be as daunting as it seems. Since the pandemic, we have seen a rapid increase in the



prices of homes and a decrease in home inventory. Homes that are moderately priced are getting multiple offers and are almost always above the asking price. There are no signs of the market going back to the way it was, and interest rates are increasing. If you are ready, then go for it! Because that better deal, better price, and better rate may never come.



Coleen Blas, Realton

The importance of family and home are still on the forefront of home buyers and sellers' minds across the nation. Over the past two years, an all-time low of mortgage rates have allowed buyers to increase their buying power, affording them more bang for their buck in Real Estate. This has paved the way for new highs in our property values of single family homes with as much as 20% increase year over year. Now, with the recent increase in mortgage rates, coupled with the low inventory and high demand, the urgency to buy is more imminent. On this same note, your buying power may decrease, which highlights the importance of finding the right Real Estate professional to help you secure the home of your dreams.



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