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## **PRESS RELEASE: Death of active duty U.S. Air Force service member**

**MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan** – One active duty U.S. Air Force service member from Misawa Air Base was found dead in an off-base residence Jan. 28.

“Our heart and prayers go out to the friends and family of our teammate who tragically passed away today,” said Col. Jesse Friedel, 35th Fighter Wing and Misawa AB Installation commander. “To all of Team Misawa, I ask that you please take a moment to care for one another as we work through this heartbreaking discovery.”

Local U.S. and Japanese responders are on the scene. The cause of death is currently unknown and under investigation.

Additional details will be provided following the next-of-kin notification, and pending the results of the investigation.

Personnel seeking mental health assistance are urged to contact Misawa AB’s mental health clinic at DSN 226-3230 or 0176-77-3230 or the base chapel at DSN 226-4630 or 0176-77-4630.