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## ETTs return from Afghanistan tour

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CAMP COURTNEY — Approximately 40 Marines and sailors with Embedded Training Teams 6/3 and 4/3 returned home Sunday after a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The ETTs conducted training with the Afghan National Army and helped provide relief aid to local villages.

The unit completed several humanitarian relief missions and medical civil assistance projects while deployed to Afghanistan.

They provided the Afghans clean water and medical treatment, and sent the severely ill on to get treatment at larger installations, said Maj. Dan Geisenhof, the officer in charge of ETT 6/3.

A Marine injured during the deployment, Cpl. Adam Laman, made the journey from Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., to Okinawa to be present for his unit's return.

The Purple Heart recipient helped hand out gift bags to single Marines from his unit.

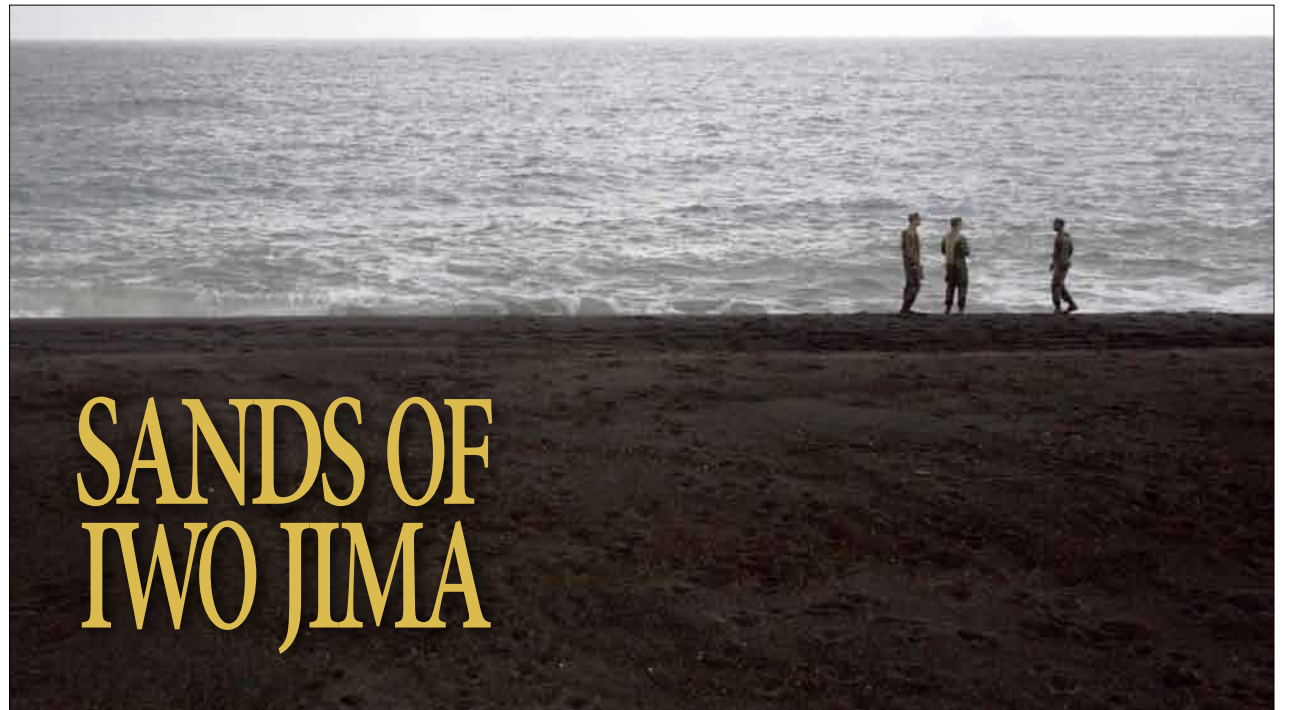
Families who waited nine months for this day could barely keep still as the busses pulled up in front of

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**Staff Sgt. David Messenger, the military advisor for the reconnaissance platoon commander, 1st Kandar, 3rd Brigade, Afghan National Army with Embedded Training Team 6/3, hugs his youngest daughter, Kaylee, upon return from a recent deployment.**

Photo by Lance Cpl. Stefanie C. Pupkiewicz



**Three service members who attended the Iwo Jima tour stand on Invasion Beach Dec. 5. During the tour, travelers visited caves, bunkers, pill boxes, Mount Suribachi and Invasion Beach. SEE STORY ON PAGES 6-7. Photo by Lance Cpl. Aaron D. Hostutler**

## MCBJ/III MEF water safety order changed

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CAMP FOSTER — Lt. Gen. Richard C. Zilmer, III Marine Expeditionary Force Commanding General, enacted a water-recreation safety policy Dec. 10 for all Status of Forces Agreement personnel associated with Marine Corps Bases Japan installations.

The policy is outlined in Marine Corps Bases Japan/III MEF Order 1050.7, the Liberty Campaign Order, and is designed to curb water-related incidents in Japan.

According to the order, no SOFA personnel shall enter the waters of Okinawa and surrounding islands for the purpose of participating in any water related recreational activity without wearing or using the proper safety equipment designated for the specific water-related activity.

The order states personnel participating in water related-activities must use the buddy system and wear proper safety equipment such as an appropriately-sized life vest.

The order also states personnel operating a water craft are required to use a tethered kill switch.

The order states scuba divers shall be certified and are required to wear safety equipment and dive within the guidelines set forth in MCBJ Order 1710.1.

The order also states snorkelers and free divers entering the water at locations not supervised by lifeguards, at a minimum, shall wear an appropriately sized personal floatation device.

Surfers must be attached by a leash to their board.

The order is designed to protect service members in Japan where sea conditions can change with little or no warning, according to water safety experts with the Marine Corps Base Safety Office. Safety officials offered additional tips on how to make smart decisions when engaging in water-related recreation on Okinawa.

Weather should always be a factor when considering entering the water, according to Shawn Curtis, supervisory occupational safety

and health specialist for MCB.

“People need to understand that we live in a unique environment with many factors affecting local water conditions,” he said.

Sea Conditions are put in place during elevated sea state times to warn people of the danger.

Sea condition “Caution” is an advisory of adverse water conditions.

Divers and water enthusiasts should exercise caution when entering the water, Curtis said.

Sea condition “Warning” means dangerous sea conditions exist and people should be extremely cautious when engaging in activities in the water.

According to Curtis, novice divers should avoid ocean-related activities during this sea condition.

Sea Condition “Red” means the ocean is too dangerous to enter.

SOFA personnel are prohibited from entering the water during Sea Condition “Red” or when local conditions result in the closure of a beach area, according to the order.

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**INSIDE**

### MAN'S BEST FRIEND

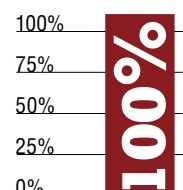
Military working dogs play a large role in Marine Corps both on and off the battle field.

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### MARINE CORPS FORCES JAPAN COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN '08 UNIT MEMBER CONTACT GOAL MET

• As of Wednesday, all 14,701 unit members were contacted, meeting the overall goal of 100 percent contact



# Looking back as an older lance corporal

Lance Cpl. Joseph A. Cabrera

As the grand old man of the lance corporals, I often sit alone and think about what life was like for me before the Corps. I'm almost two years into my first and only enlistment contract and I sometimes question whether I made the right decision.

This is a question I'm sure many Marines have asked themselves when times got a little tough, whether machismo will let them answer it or not. There is nothing wrong with questioning your current situation. Situational awareness promotes change, often for the better.

I recently turned 26, which at the time seemed like no big deal. But now, as I realize that I'm picking up speed in the down slope of my twenties, there are a lot of questions I ponder about life, like what I want and what I feel I should have accomplished by now.

Before enlisting in the Marine Corps, I was a Realtor selling residential real estate in the Chicago area. I was in the beginning phases of what would be a lucrative career had I stuck with it.

Why didn't I stick with it? For me it wasn't a matter of money. Strangely enough, it was a matter of fearing that I would get old and regret that I didn't pursue an ambition of mine.

I didn't want to be surrounded by my children or grand-children and tell them about all the coulda,

shoulda, wouldas that would have filled the chapters in my life's story.

At age 20, I planned to enlist in the Marine Corps as an infantryman but had to put the plan on hold when tragedy struck claiming my father in 2002.

Years later at age 24, still carrying the weight of the past, I decided to move forward in my life and let future accomplishments define me, not the bad things that happened in past.

So here I am, a Marine on Okinawa writing for the Okinawa Marine Newspaper. I have hung up the expensive ties, suits and designer shirts to wear the same digital camouflage utilities every other Marine wears.

Sure, I could be living comfortably in the Chicago suburbs with a nice car, house, white picket fence and a dog, making two to three times the amount I make now, but I would have never had the opportunity to experience everything I have seen in the Corps.

How many Realtors have fired .50 caliber machine guns from moving helicopters or spent four months assigned to the Headquarters Marine Corps Public Affairs Office in the Pentagon? For now, I will say one until I meet another.

These experiences and life lessons, like countless others, are the unexpected and priceless rewards for joining the Corps, more valuable than the new G.I. Bill benefits and the Illinois state tuition grants that pay for college.

My identity has not been taken as anti-war and anti-military groups may think. I have simply assumed a new identity for the duration of my enlistment. I am a part of something bigger than myself like all other Marines who raised their right hand and recited the enlistment oath.

Going from making my own schedule and meeting with clients, to a day-to-day routine that is structured and seemingly systematic has been difficult to adjust to.

Being 26 years old, I wonder if I'm just a little too old to be playing the young man's game of being a lance corporal. I came into the Corps later than most, but with more life experience.

Like most Marines, I have family and friends back home who proudly tell everyone their son, brother, cousin, nephew, uncle and friend is a Marine. I'm sure there is an ex-girlfriend back home still grumbling about dating a Marine.

For me, the most joy has come from the way my mother is so proud that her son is a Marine; of all of my accomplishments, this is the one she is most proud of. She introduces me to everyone like her rock star son, and makes it a point to brag every chance she gets.

To our parents, we are the legacy they leave behind; their contribution to the world. It makes them proud when their children do the right thing in a world where people often grow up chasing the wrong ideals.

The truth is that during my four-year journey in the Corps, I know I have to do the right things and continue to push myself further in everything I do. That is something all Marines should remember.

Today I could get "devil dogged" from here to kingdom come, but tomorrow is a new day to prove I can and will improve. That is a life lesson deeply rooted in the Marine Corps experience.

When I separate from the Corps in 2011, I will take these lessons and experiences with me as a guide. I know whatever I do now, I will do it better than I would have before I enlisted.

It is easy to think that the Corps is all give and no take. Maybe having lived a little more before enlisting in the Corps isn't such a bad thing after all. It has helped me to realize that although I don't have all the freedom I did as a civilian, I'm taking more from the Corps than I'm giving.

No matter how much I think about what I'm supposed to get out of life, or how much I evaluate where I am now, I keep coming to the same conclusion: life is what you make of it.

As far as getting older, I think my father said it best, "You're only as old as you feel."

The Corps, like any other profession, can either make you feel young or old, the decision is yours.

*Cabrera is a combat correspondent with the Okinawa Marine Newspaper*

## Sempertoons

Created by Gunnery Sgt. Charles Wolf



### FACT CHECK POCKET KNIVES

**Q:** Am I allowed to carry a pocket knife or multi-tool off base?

**A:** Not in most cases. Off base, according to Article 22 in the Japanese firearms and control law, no person shall carry any cutlery with a blade six centimeters or longer, or a folded knife longer than eight centimeters except in cases when it is carried for official business. On base, the blade may not exceed 3 inches and cannot be a butterfly knife or a switch blade, according to Camp Foster Provost Marshal Office.

# VMFA-242 pilots escape, evade enemies during pilot down training

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CENTRAL TRAINING AREA — Armed with little more than a radio and a signaling mirror, pilots 1st Lt. Jesse Rangel and Navy Lt. Rod Miranda successfully evaded enemy forces while navigating through two kilometers of thick jungle during a 'pilot down' training scenario here Dec. 10.

The 'pilot down' scenario was part of the Tactical Recovery of Aircraft or Personnel training event conducted during a Marine Corps-Air Force joint training exercise Dec. 1-11. The exercise was designed to evaluate and increase the combat effectiveness of the battle staffs of both services and to increase interoperability, flexibility and readiness between the services.

During the training, Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 F/A-18 Legacy pilots were taken to the Central Training Area's jungle in Combat Town to simulate stranded pilots after a crash landing. The pilots were placed in separate locations in the unfamiliar terrain and allowed to escape. They had to remain more than 10 feet away from an aggressor to avoid capture or they would fail the training. The goal was to make it to a rescue point for safe extraction.

The exercise was supervised by Marines from the Special Operations Training Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. They helped manage the role-playing aggressors and made sure training was conducted safely.

Rangel said that he and Miranda maintained contact by using their radios. They quickly regrouped and made their way through the jungle. The two were then separated again after an encounter with an aggressor that nearly led to their capture.

"At one point I crossed a road and, seeing no aggressors, quickly signaled to Miranda to cross," Rangel said. "Before he could, I saw an aggressor stand up and began to run toward me. I quietly signaled to Miranda to take off so as not to give away his position, and then I bolted," he said. "As I ran, I heard the aggressor firing (blanks) at me, and I used the sound of the shots to figure out what direction to run. I eventually lost him."

After the close call, the pilots managed to make their way to the rescue point at Landing Zone Dodo. There they met up with a third pilot, Capt. Paul Wright. Wright had been suspended from a tree by SOTG instructors to simulate a downed pilot whose parachute got tangled during his descent.



**1st Lt. Jesse Rangel, an F/A-18 Legacy pilot with Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242, camouflages his hands and face with mud to hide himself from enemy aggressors.** Photos by Lance Cpl. Tyler James Hlavac

After regrouping, Wright managed to contact aircraft from the 33rd Rescue Squadron based out of Kadena Air Base. The pilots were then extracted by pararescuemen from the rescue squadron.

The training is a good refresher for pilots who have attended one of the U.S. military's Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape schools, according to Rangel.

"This is really good training as pilots don't get to practice escape and evasion much outside of SERE school," Rangel said. "It was really great to be working in a joint environment, and I'd definitely do

this again. I think we did a really great job. After all, we never got caught."

Maj. Brad Magrath, the amphibious raid branch officer in charge, said that the SOTG Marines also learned valuable information from the exercise.

"We do run this kind of training for the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit during their annual evaluations, so this was great practice for us and seeing how the pararescuemen operated was a benefit for us," he said. "The pilots really did a great job out here today."

## Door-to-door flu shots at your service

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CAMP KINSER — Team members from the Joint Preventive Medicine Epidemiological Action Center for Health performed a door-to-door influenza vaccination exercise at tower 1086 here Sunday, as the final portion of the rapid mass immunization response plan.

Similar to the drive-thru exercise conducted on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma Dec. 9, the purpose of the exercise was to evaluate and test the logistical challenges of rapid mass immunization strategies and look for ways to improve them.

"This [flu-ex] demonstrates social distancing as a way to prevent the direct spread of the virus," said Cmdr. Juliann Althoff, the preventive medicine and force health protection officer for III Marine Expeditionary Force. "It risks the spread of infection when you try to put a group of people in the same room for vaccination."

Residents of the tower were notified ahead of time via newsletters delivered to their mailboxes and a town hall meeting held to provide additional information and answer all questions people

may have had about the exercise.

Within two hours, 47 residents were vaccinated.

"The exercise was very successful, and families were very cooperative," said Lt. Cmdr. Paul Treadway, sub-public health emergency officer for Camp Kinser. "Of course, we got a few [children] that cried, but that is expected."

Based on the size of their medical teams and the number of residents in a tower, they estimated it would take eight to ten hours to vaccinate everyone in the tower in the event of a real outbreak, Treadway added.

"If necessary, the number of teams could always be doubled to divide the work load," he said.

"I think it's very convenient to have them come to your door with the shot," said Johnathan Walton, a resident of the tower who received his vaccination during the exercise. "I also don't have to worry about getting sick from someone else [who has the flu] if I go to a clinic and receive [the shot]."

According to medical officials, the exercise was a success and would be effective in an actual outbreak.

More exercises are being planned for 2009, but no dates have been confirmed.

## Base housing clarifies lawn laws

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KADENA AIR BASE — The base housing office here recently renewed their lawn maintenance contract for base housing on Okinawa.

Residents living in base housing are responsible for maintaining the lawn up to 80 feet from the exterior wall of their house or half the distance from their neighbor's house.

Furthermore, residents are responsible for policing and maintaining the area as far out from the house as the middle of the street if it is within 80 feet of the exterior wall of the unit.

This is in accordance with Air Force Instruction 32-6001. The standards and guidelines can also be found in the military family housing brochure given to residents of base housing.

According to the instruction, the standard length for

grass is no more than four inches tall.

Bushes and hedges shall be trimmed. Bushes in front of a house or near an intersection shall not exceed three feet in height. Bushes in the back of a house shall not exceed six feet.

Residents may plant flowers and shrubs, but they must be kept neat and free of weeds, grass and dead leaves. Vines and dead leaves must be removed from all exterior walls.

Grass clippings and branches must be taken to the Green Waste Disposal.

Tree trimmings including stumps and limbs must be tied in bundles no larger than six feet in length.

For more information on lawn maintenance standards, call the base housing office.

Kadena Air Base 634-1427, Camp Foster 645-6234, Camp Kinser 637-3736, Camp Courtney 622-7317.

**BRIEFS****NAVAL HOSPITAL CLOSURES**

The U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa and its branch clinics will have reduced hours on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

Administrative areas and walk-in services such as outpatient records, birth registrations and immunization clinics will be closed.

Emergency care will still be available in the Emergency Department. Clinic and surgical appointments previously scheduled for that day will stay as scheduled.

For questions or concerns, contact the appropriate clinic or USNH public affairs office at 643-7294.

**PARTIES INTERNATIONAL OFF-LIMITS**

Marine Corps Bases Japan/III Marine Expeditionary Force released Bulletin 5800 Dec. 11. The bulletin prohibits all Status of Forces Agreement personnel from attending any events sponsored by Parties International, to include but not limited to the Party Bus.

The bulletin applies to personnel attached permanently or in a temporary additional duty status. Penalties for violation to the bulletin include the full range of statutory and regulatory sanctions for civilian and military personnel.

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

The Camp Foster Adventist Chapel Community Choir is presenting the Christmas cantata "Holy Child: Celebration of the Majesty, the Mystery and Miracle of Christmas" at the Foster Marine Corps Community Service Performing Arts Center, building 5908 on Friday from 7 to 8 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information, call Chaplain Hakanson at 645-7202.

**CAMP FOSTER GSA MART CLOSINGS**

The Camp Foster Government Supply Agency mart will be closed from Dec. 26 through Jan. 2. The last day to place orders using the online shopping and the 'U Call We Haul' delivery services is Dec. 22. Orders received on this day will be delivered within the next two business days.

For emergency during the closure, contact Preston Proctor at 645-8249 or email at preston.proctor@usmc.mil.

**LEGAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE CLOSURES**

The legal assistance offices at Camp Foster and Camp Hansen will be closed from Dec. 22 through Jan. 2 due to service improvements.

For emergency legal assistance during the scheduled time, call Staff Sgt. Lorenzo White at 645-1037 for referral.

**CAMP FOSTER LIBRARY CLOSURE**

The Camp Foster library will be closed from Dec. 19 through Jan. 31 due to renovations. Books checked out Dec. 14 through Dec. 18 will be due Feb. 1.

**VENTURE SCUBA CREW**

The Venture Crew is scheduled to host a scuba certification class Dec. 29 through Jan. 1 for high school students. The class is scheduled to take place at building 4150 at Camp Foster Plaza Housing. The crew is sponsored by Marine Corps Community Services.

For more information, contact Kevin Burg at kevin.burg@usmc.mil or call the Scout Shop at 645-9236.

**TO SUBMIT A BRIEF,** send an e-mail to [okinawamarine.mcbb.fct@usmc.mil](mailto:okinawamarine.mcbb.fct@usmc.mil), or fax your request to 645-3803. The deadline for submitting a brief is noon every Friday. The Okinawa Marine reserves the right to edit all submitted material.

**2008 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAY CHAPEL EVENTS AND SERVICES****CAMP FOSTER**

- Dec. 19: 6:30 p.m., Jewish Informal Service and Chanukah Fellowship
- Dec. 23: 11:30 a.m., Orthodox Royal Hours and Confessions
- Dec. 24: 5 p.m., Catholic Christmas Eve Mass 5:30 p.m., Orthodox Matins 7 p.m., Orthodox Christmas Divine Liturgy 6:30 p.m., Protestant Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 12 a.m., Catholic Midnight Mass
- Dec. 25: 10 a.m., Catholic Christmas Day Mass
- Dec. 26: 5:30 p.m., Jewish Traditional Sabbath and Chanukah Service
- Dec. 27: 5 p.m., Catholic Mass
- Dec. 28: 8:30 a.m., Protestant Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m., Catholic Sunday Mass 11 a.m., Christian Science Sunday Service, Bldg. 422 11:30 a.m., Gospel Sunday Service
- Dec. 31: 10:30 p.m., Gospel Watch Night Service
- Jan. 1: 10 a.m., Catholic Mass, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**KADENA AIR BASE**

- Dec. 24: 9 a.m., Christmas Eve Mass, Chapel 2
- Dec. 25: 9 a.m., Midnight Catholic Mass, Base Theater Christmas Day Catholic Mass, Chapel 2
- Dec. 24: 7 p.m., Christmas Eve Protestant Service, Base Theater
- Dec. 30: 9 p.m., Protestant Watchnight Service, Chapel 3

**CAMP COURTNEY**

- Dec. 24: 7 p.m., Protestant Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- Dec. 24: 12 a.m., Catholic Midnight Mass
- Dec. 25: 11:15 a.m., Catholic Christmas Day Mass
- Dec. 28: 8 a.m., Catholic Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m., Protestant Sunday Service 11:15 a.m., Catholic Sunday Mass
- Jan. 1: 11:15 a.m., Catholic Mass, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**CAMP MCTUREOUS**

- Dec. 21: 12:30 p.m., Christmas program "Jesus, God's Gift"
- Dec. 24: 7 p.m., Lutheran Christmas Day Mass
- Dec. 28: 9:30 a.m., Lutheran Sunday Service 12:30 p.m., Gospel Sunday Service 6:30 p.m., Episcopal Sunday Service

**CAMP HANSEN****EAST CHAPEL**

- Dec. 24: 9 p.m., Catholic Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 28: 10 a.m., Catholic Sunday Mass
- Dec. 31: 9 p.m., Catholic Mass, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**WEST CHAPEL**

- Dec. 21: 11 a.m., Protestant Sunday Service
- Dec. 24: 6 p.m., Protestant Candlelight Service
- Dec. 28: 11 p.m., Protestant Sunday Service
- Dec. 24: 10 p.m., Protestant New Years Eve Prayer Service

**BRIG**

- Dec. 25: 12 p.m., Catholic Christmas Day Mass
- Dec. 31: 12 p.m., Catholic Mass, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**CAMP LESTER**

- Dec. 24: 7 p.m., Non-Denominational Childrens Christmas Program, Family Worship with Communion
- Dec. 25: 8 a.m., Catholic Christmas Day Mass
- Dec. 26: 8 a.m., Catholic Sunday Mass, 9 a.m., Hospital Chapel, Non-Denominational Sunday Service 10 a.m., Non-Denominational Sunday Service

**CAMP SCHWAB**

- Dec. 24: 5:30 p.m., Catholic Christmas Eve Mass 7 p.m., Protestant Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 28: 11 a.m., Protestant Sunday Service 5:30 p.m., Catholic Sunday Mass
- Dec. 31: 5:30 p.m., New Year's Vigil Mass

**MCAS FUTENMA**

- Dec. 21: 9 a.m., Egg Nog Latte Sunday
- Dec. 24: 7 p.m., Carols by Candlelight
- Dec. 25: 12 p.m., Catholic Christmas Day Mass
- Dec. 28: 9 a.m., Contemporary Worship Service 12 p.m., Catholic Sunday Mass
- Jan. 1: 12 p.m., Catholic Mass, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**CAMP KINSER BLDG 107**

- Dec. 24: 7 p.m., Protestant, Gospel Christmas Eve Service and Christmas Pageant 12 a.m., Catholic Midnight Mass
- Dec. 25: 11 a.m., Catholic Christmas Day Mass
- Dec. 28: 8 a.m., Gospel Sunday Service 9:30 a.m., Protestant Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m., Catholic Sunday Mass
- Dec. 31: 11 p.m., Protestant, Gospel Watch Night Service

**WATER** FROM PG 1

Cape Zampamaski, Maeda Point and Onna Point are popular areas for snorkeling and have the highest number of SOFA personnel fatalities on Okinawa in the last nine years, Curtis said.

According to Curtis, Marines have the highest water-related fatality rate of all SOFA personnel on Okinawa.

They make up 55 percent of the total fatalities resulting from activities in the water, he said. Since 2000, there have been 20 recorded water-related fatalities involving SOFA personnel on Okinawa, he added.

Future incidents can be avoided through proper planning, Curtis said.

Curtis went on to say personnel should never go in the water alone, know the current

sea conditions for that day, notify someone of where they are going and always inspect their gear first.

"The tip I always give is the ten second rule; if the conditions at the beach seem risky and it takes you more than ten seconds to decide if you want to get in the water, then you probably shouldn't," Curtis said.

According to Curtis, SOFA personnel can also refresh their swimming skills by taking advantage of swimming courses offered by Marine Corps Community Services.

For information on swimming courses offered by MCCS, contact Semper Fit Aquatics at 645-3180.

To find out daily island sea conditions, contact the weather hotline at 634-4081 or go online to <http://www.kadena.af.mil>,

click the 'weather' link, then click the 'current sea condition' link.

Violation of MCBJ/IIIMEF Order 1050.7, the Liberty Campaign Order, is punitive and punishable under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Though not subject to the UCMJ, non-military SOFA personnel can face loss of command sponsorship if found in violation of the order.

The MCBJ/III MEF Order 1050.7, the Liberty Campaign Order, can be accessed online at the MCB Camp Butler adjutant SharePoint homepage at the following CAC-protected site: <https://wss.mcbbutler.usmc.mil/G1/Adjutant/default.aspx>. Under the directives links, click MCBJ/III MEF orders and locate MCBJ/III MEF Order 1050.7.

# GAS, GAS, GAS!!!



Marines with 1st Marine Aircraft Wing participated in Chemical Reconnaissance and Avoidance training at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Dec. 9. The Marines conducted mock decontamination exercises, such as detailed troop decontamination, as part of quarterly chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear attack readiness training. Top left: Lance Cpl. Jonathan Pattison, an aviation supply technician with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 36, samples surrounding air to test for chemical agent present in the air. Top right: Lance Cpl. Jorge V. Morales, an air supply technician with MALS-36, has his clothing removed for decontamination. Bottom left: Lance Cpl. Aaron Kliss (left), a metalsmith with MALS-36, decontaminates his face. Bottom right: Cpl. David Gardner, an aviation electronics technician, and Lance Cpl. Oscar Ybarra, a KC-130J powerline mechanic, both with Marine Ground Refuel Squadron 152, inspect gear for contamination. Photos by Lance Cpl. Jeffrey Cordero

## ETT FROM PG 1

the staff noncommissioned officer club here.

When the service members got off the busses, families rushed to greet them.

Nichole Geisenhof waited anxiously for her husband to return from his fifth and longest deployment.

Geisenhof has deployed before, but this one was longer, she said.

He missed a lot when he was gone: baseball season with his son and his daughter's first school dance.

The great reprieve was that Geisenhof made it home in time for Christmas.

"We were hoping," Nichole said.

While being clutched by his son Jake, it wasn't until the smell of the ocean air hit him that Geisenhof realized how dirty he was.

"He doesn't care," Geisenhof said smiling while returning the embrace.

## 1st MAW completes joint service training

**Lance Cpl. Tyler James Hlavac**

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CAMP FOSTER — Marines with the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, gained valuable training experience after completing a joint training exercise Dec 11 on Okinawa with Air Force units.

The training exercise, which began Dec. 1, partnered 1st MAW with the Air Force's 18th Wing, based at Kadena Air Base, with the purpose of evaluating and increasing the combat effectiveness of the battle staffs and increasing the flexibility and readiness of the services.

Highlights of the exercise included helicopter night operations, a pilot down recovery scenario conducted with III MEF's Special Operations Training

Group and enemy pilot interdiction training.

Additionally, pilots with 1st MAW conducted more than 250 sorties and accumulated more than 407 flight hours.

The exercise was started last year by Marine Aircraft Group 12, 1st MAW, based out of Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni.

The 1st MAW battle staff also used the exercise as a training opportunity to practice all of the elements involved in planning and conducting a combat mission.

This included everything from logistics and planning to using staff judge advocate Marines to make sure missions were conducted in accordance with the rules of engagement.

In addition to combat scenar-

ios, many non-combat missions were conducted. Numerous refueling missions, including using the Ie Shima Operations Support Detachment's facility and airfield as a forward refueling point, were conducted. The missions enabled pilots to remain forward deployed and mission ready.

Lt. Col. Daniel Seidel, 1st MAW future operations officer, said the amount of training the 1st MAW conducted was invaluable.

"The exercise allowed us to test our capabilities and definitely showed us what we need to work on for the future. Also, it is extremely beneficial for us when we can continue to build the 1st MAW's relationship with our Air Force and Army counterparts," he said.

# A PME to remember

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Aaron D. Hostutler

## 3rd MLG looks back in time on Iwo Jima

**M**arine Corps' units have been taking tours to Iwo Jima for several years to learn and pay tribute to one of the allied forces most famous victories of the Pacific Campaign during World War II.

Usually a tour guide accompanies the unit and teaches them about the history of the island's battle.

Recently, a group of 67 Marines, sailors and civilians, mostly from the operations section of 3rd Marine Logistics Group, traveled to the island Dec. 4-5 and ran the tour slightly different.

While they did travel with a tour guide, several Marines and sailors with the group were tasked with researching various aspects of the battle or people who were involved in it. The Marines and sailors then delivered a period of military education, commonly called a PME, to their fellow travelers.

"I liked that the Marines gave their PMEs," said Mark Waycaster, a tour guide with Marine Corps Community Services. "The ones who gave the PMEs got a chance to be the technical experts on either a person or aspect of the war, and the ones listening got to benefit from knowledge that many people don't have."

The group arrived on the island early in the morning. After setting up their tents, several service members with the unit delivered classes on topics such as the Japanese preparation for the battle.

"I didn't know very much about the Japanese side of the battle," said Lance Cpl. Brittany Custer, a military police support element clerk with Combat Logistics Regiment 37, 3rd MLG. "But after doing the research for the PME, I learned a lot about who was leading them, their tactics and how they had decided they weren't giving up the island."

After the classes, the group stepped out, most armed with digital cameras, to see the remnants of the Japanese fortifications first hand. The participants visited caves, pill boxes and bunkers on the island.

"One of my favorite parts of the trip was the ability to observe the amount of ingenuity in the Japanese defense," said Master Sgt. Josiah Shibley, staff noncommissioned officer in charge of the CLR-37 military police support element. "I was moved to see what Marines were up against."

One aspect of the battle Waycaster did discuss was the amount of small weapons fire throughout the battle.

"Imagine kicking a hornet's nest," he said. "Because that's how intense the gunfire was."

Throughout the tour, Waycaster shared several statistics and stories with the group but said he learned a lot himself.

"I enjoyed the PMEs because

Marine or sailor," said Col. Jay Hatton, the 3rd MLG assistant chief of staff for operations. "It felt like the person we were talking about was standing right there in the formation with us receiving the award."

While the acts of Marines and sailors together may be impressive to some, it's often the acts of individuals that truly stand out, said Lance Cpl. Alexander Bedford, a planner with the CLR-37 operations section who gave one of the PMEs.

Bedford gave his class on Col. Justice M. Chambers, a Marine who commanded a battalion that lost nearly half its enlisted Marines and more than half of its officers, according to Bedford.

"I never understood the fighting was so intense," he said. "This trip made me realize the extreme sacrifice it took to take the island."

The second day of the trip started with Marines waking up at 4:30 a.m. By 5 a.m. they were making their way to Mount Suribachi, the highlight of the trip for many.

"When you reach the top, you're awe-struck," said Shibley. "How did that squad of Marines make it up the mountain under all that fire? How did they even get there to put the flag up?"

After returning from the top of Mount Suribachi, the group made its way to Invasion Beach to see the location where many Marines fought and died attempting to take the island.

"When you walk on that beach and see Mt. Suribachi looming over you, you wonder what could possibly have been going through the minds of the

Marines who took that beach," said Waycaster.

After the group watched the waves crash against the black sand, they turned back and made their way back to camp where they prepared for the journey home.

"Look on your blouse," Waycaster said. "You wear an eagle, globe and anchor on your chest. It's people like those who fought and died here on Iwo Jima that paid for that."



**Pfc. Mackenzie Mesecher, an operations and training embark clerk with Combat Logistics Regiment 37, looks at a volcano vent during a tour of Iwo Jima Dec. 4.**

I got a chance to hear stories of people that I may not have otherwise known about," he said.

After the Marines and sailors gave their PME on an individual, they called the group to the position of attention to read the citation for the individual's award.

"This trip exceeded our highest expectations in every regard; however, the most meaningful part for me personally was when we called 'attention to orders' to read the Medal of Honor citation for a given



**Pfc. Mackenzie Mesecher, an operations and training embark clerk with Combat Logistics Regiment 37, looks at a volcano vent during a tour of Iwo Jima Dec. 4.**



**During the tour of Iwo Jima on Dec. 4, travelers visited caves, pill boxes and bunkers on the island.**



training embark clerk with Combat Logistics Regiment 37, scoops sand from Invasion Beach on Iwo Jima during a tour, Dec. 5. Mount Suribachi, considered the beach in the distance. Photo by Lance Cpl. Aaron D. Hostutler



ers visited many areas used by the Japanese such as caves, bunkers



Chief Warrant Officer Tina Jarvis, a personnel officer with the Marine Corps Base Installation Personnel Administration Center, places her dog tag on a monument on the peak of Mount Suribachi during an Iwo Jima tour Dec. 5.

# Marines participate in battalion-wide exercise

Lance Cpl. Michael A. Bianco

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

More than 250 Marines and sailors with 7th Communications Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force, conducted a battalion-wide field training exercise at Kin Blue, Landing Zone Buzzard, Camp Hansen's range 18 and Camp Courtney Dec. 2-10.

The Marines exercised the battalion's ability to plan for and operate in a deployed environment, said Lt. Col. Joseph A. Matos, the commanding officer of 7th Communications Bn.

According to Matos, the goal of the exercise was to test the battalion's support ability and conduct pre-deployment training.

The battalion's Headquarters Company operated out of Kin Blue, the main site for the exercise. The site contained all communication and support aspects of the battalion including all four support sections, chaplain's office and medical center. All major plans, operations and decisions came from this site.



Marines from different occupational fields assigned to 7th Communications Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force, came together to receive up to date training on all communication systems the battalion owns during a field training exercise Dec. 2-10. Photo by Lance Cpl. Michael A. Bianco

The other three sites acted as forward operating bases for Kin Blue.

Marines with Company A, consisting of data, switch-wire-technical control and maintenance Marines, were stationed at Camp Hansen's Range 18. Marines at Hansen assisted in the design of the telephone and data network and were in charge of maintaining service for network users.

Company B operated out of LZ Buzzard and consisted of radio, Phoenix satellite communication operators and terrestrial and joint task force enabler Marines. Operators served as the link between bases. Messages were routed through and transmitted using the Phoenix Satellite.

Camp Courtney was the smallest of the sites and facilitated digital multi-channel

wideband transmission equipment operators and tropospheric scatter radio multi-channel equipment operators who served as a backup communications system in case those at LZ Buzzard lost signal. Once the equipment was setup, Marines tested it by transmitting messages between bases.

One of the hardest parts of deploying is the planning involved, said Master

Gunnery Sgt. Arthur Allen III, the battalion communications chief.

"We have been planning for this since June," he said. "It's important that we test the administration and logistics of the battalion."

For some Marines the amount of practical application involved proved to be good training.

"The whole thing was hands-on learning," said Cpl. Troy E. Harris, a digital multi-channel wideband transmission equipment operator. "I learned more from this than I did during military occupational school and working in the shop."

The exercise also gave newer Marines the opportunity to sharpen their skills in a field environment, said Lance Cpl. Phillip Senecal, a refrigeration and air conditioning technician with 7th Communication Bn.

"I think everyone was able to take a lot away from this, but this was an even better learning experience for those new to the field."

## 'Under the influence' in more than one way

### Officials stress dangers of driving on prescription medication

Provost Marshals Office

*Editor's Note: The following is the third article in a four-part series providing information on "Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Campaign," which is a Joint endeavor of the Council for Okinawa Protection and Police Services (COPPS, made up of the seven U.S. Forces and Japan Law Enforcement Agencies) along with III Marine Expeditionary Force Safety, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler Safety, and Marine Corps Community Service.*

Driving under the influence usually makes us think of alcohol use. However, the use of prescription, over-the-counter medications and illegal drugs in combination with driving can be just as dangerous. Mixing these drugs with alcohol significantly increases the risk of an accident while driving.

Health care providers commonly prescribe painkillers. These medicines are usually narcotics containing morphine-like drugs such as oxycodone and hydrocodone. Percocet and Vicodin are some common brand name narcotics.

Narcotics can cause severe drowsiness, dizziness and slow reaction time. Codeine, while a narcotic and pain killer, is sometimes also

prescribed as a cough suppressant. It has the same side effects when used for either indication. Operating a motor vehicle while taking these medicines is reckless and dangerous.

Cough and cold products, such as prescription or over-the-counter medications, are among the most commonly used medicine. When prescribing a cough or cold medicine, a pharmacist or health care provider will inform you of all possible side effects and warn you not to drive while taking them. However, when you are buying over-the-counter medicines, there is usually no pharmacist readily available, so you must carefully read the warning labels.

These over-the-counter products can cause significant drowsiness and may also cause dizziness, changes in vision or confusion. Be sure to read the container carefully since products like Nyquil and Benadryl contain an antihistamine.

Illegal drugs such as ecstasy, cocaine and amphetamines do not cause drowsiness, but have a stimulant effect on the central nervous system. Sometimes these drugs can severely impair judgment leading to dangerous driving decisions.

Agitation and nervousness are also com-

mon side effects that can affect driving ability.

Serving in Okinawa has special considerations for U. S. military personnel. The Japanese Government has different laws regarding the use and availability of drugs. Over-the-counter medications that are available at local pharmacies, may be illegal for purchase by U.S. military personnel. These items can be in pill, powder or syrup forms that contain a drug called dihydrocodone. This is a narcotic and has effects similar to those listed above under painkillers which can easily affect a driver's ability to operate a vehicle.

Consumption of alcohol is certainly a hazard. Mixing alcohol with medication and illegal drugs is even more dangerous.

Alcohol is a central nervous system depressant that can cause drowsiness, visual changes and impaired judgment.

As mentioned above, many medicines can cause these same effects and compound the danger of driving. Your pharmacist and health care provider are always willing to answer any questions you may have. Above all, be safe, smart and informed about driving under the influence of prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

# Marines and their canines build lasting bonds

**Lance Cpl. Stefanie C. Pupkiewicz**

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

**H**e waited patiently with his eyes fixed on the bright red ball held above his head.

With a high pitched sound and the flick of a wrist, his trainer launched the ball in the air and Renco dashed in pursuit. Smiling, his handler called him back to offer praise and throw the ball for his dog to chase.

But Renco doesn't lead the life of a typical dog.

He is a military working dog with the Provost Marshall's Office, Marine Corps Base; a trained professional who serves as a valuable tool for Lance Cpl. Sky T. Bryson, a military working dog handler with PMO.

Military working dogs, such as Renco, are used primarily to detect explosives or narcotics. With their keen sense of smell, dogs are effective at finding hidden contraband.

When Renco is not sniffing out contraband, he is usually training with Bryson.

Bryson trains with Renco as often as possible to sharpen Renco's skills and strengthen their bond.

Although Renco desires nothing more than his handler's affection, he wasn't always so attentive to Bryson.

Bryson was fresh from training when he came to Okinawa in February.

He did not know which dog he would be getting but was excited to get the opportunity to work with any of them, he

said. In March, he was assigned Renco.

At first, Renco did not listen to Bryson, but after a few months of training together, the two became inseparable, he said.

"It takes time and effort to build trust between a dog and his handler," Bryson said. He added that once rapport is built with a dog, they are great to work with.

"It's like working with people if you take all the bad things away," he said. "Dogs are loyal and always have your back."

According to Bryson, the need for a dog to please its handler comes from its beta drive. There are four different types of drives: alpha, beta, play and prey.

Drive can also be used to describe a dog's energy level, he said.

"[Drive] is a natural thing in the dog that makes them want to run, chase things and get excited," he said, while watching his dog chew on the bright red ball that had more than a few teeth marks.

Renco is a high drive dog, Bryson said.

"You've got to be patient with him, he's kind of ADD," he said jokingly. "But, I'd choose him over any dog in the kennel."

According to Bryson, the worst part for handlers is parting with their dog at the end of a duty assignment.

"That's going to hurt when the time comes," he said. "I'm going to try and extend [my tour on Okinawa]."

There are still many months ahead for the pair before Bryson



**Lance Cpl. Sky T. Bryson, a military working dog handler with the Provost Marshall's Office, and his military working dog, Renco, take a break from their daily training. Every day, the pair train in one of three areas: aggression, detection or obedience.** Photos by Lance Cpl. Stefanie C. Pupkiewicz

will have to leave Renco behind for a new duty station. For now their days will continue as normal, beginning and ending the same. Bryson will continue

honing Renco's skills. His nearly flawless navigation of the obedience course recently earned him praise, play and affection from Bryson, who made it clear that Renco was man's best friend. While the two shared a moment, it was difficult to tell who was more pleased with the attention: Bryson or his dog.

The concept of using dogs in the military is not new.

Military working dogs were used during the Pacific campaign of World War II to alert foot patrols of enemy positions and camps, according to the Military Working Dog Foundation website. Dogs were ideal for navigating through the dense vegetation of the islands that hid enemy positions. According to the website, service members who went on patrols with dogs suffered fewer casualties than patrols that went without them.

The dogs were trained in a variety of other jobs as well. They were trained to serve as scouts, sentries and messengers, according to the website. Currently, military working dogs, such as Renco, are primarily used to detect explosives and narcotics.



**Renco, a military working dog with the Provost Marshall's Office, takes a well earned break after running a circuit obedience course. Renco and Lance Cpl. Sky T. Bryson, have worked together for almost ten months.**



The Jungle Warfare Training Center on Camp Gonsalves is the only military installation in the Department of Defense specializing in jungle warfare. JWTC trains approximately 3,000 personnel annually to include infantry battalions from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit's battalion landing team, air and logistical support units and various other units. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kentavist P. Brackin

# Training center 'last of its kind'

## JWTC keeps Marines jungle savvy

**Lance Cpl. Kentavist P. Brackin**

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Despite the current battles being fought on the concrete streets of Iraq and mountains of Afghanistan, historically 80 percent of all conflicts involving the Marine Corps have been in tropical or jungle environments, according to 1st Lt. Mark R. Patridge, the assistant director of the Jungle Warfare Training Center at Camp Gonsalves. Although the battlefield appears to be evolving into an urban and desert setting, one place is dedicated to training America's military in jungle warfare.

The Jungle Warfare Training Center is the last of its kind.

It is the only military installation in the Department of Defense specializing in jungle warfare.

"It's a unique place because of the terrain and great training opportunities for Marines who come here because they learn skills they may find themselves using if deployed," said Patridge. "This isn't training for military personnel that might find themselves

in a prisoner of war situation. We teach basic fundamentals so that if you go on a patrol in the jungle you have the basic tricks and tools of the trade to survive," he said.

The center was established in 1958 to train American forces in counter-guerilla tactics.

The school was renamed the Northern Training Area during the Vietnam War and the surrounding jungle was later designated Camp Gonsalves in 1986.

In 1998, the NTA was renamed the Jungle Warfare Training Center and it is currently surrounded by approximately 18,000 acres of single and double canopy jungle.

The center is divided into 10 areas that can facilitate the training of 1,000 personnel. It also has 23 helicopter landing zones throughout the area.

According to the staff, the center trains approximately 3,000 personnel annually to include infantry battalions from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit's battalion landing team, air and logistical support units and various other units.

The center offers two

courses in jungle warfare.

One of the courses is the Jungle Skills Course. The six-day course focuses on basic jungle combat skills like land navigation, patrolling and field skills for infantry and non-infantry units of 60 to 200 Marines.

The other is the Jungle Survival Course. This seven-day course focuses on starting fires, building traps, snares and shelters and preparing wild game captured in the jungle using materials found in the environment.

Despite its land size, JWTC's can only house 52 Marines and three corpsmen as part of its staff. It currently operates with only half those numbers.

About two-thirds of the center's personnel rotate every six months while the other third remain to pass on their knowledge to incoming Marines.

"We have people who get assigned here from units in 3rd Marine Division, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and Marine Corps Base because no one gets permanent change of station orders here, only temporary duty for about six months," said Lance Cpl. Benjamin S. Burkett,



Marines and sailors cross a wire over a ravine during the three and a half mile jungle endurance course at the Jungle Warfare Training Center, Camp Gonsalves. File Photo by Lance Cpl. David Rogers

a motor transportation chief at JWTC. "They can come from any military occupational specialty because there is no job training for instructing here at this center."

The center is currently developing a new course called the Jungle Lead-

ers Course focusing on smaller elements such as squad and platoon level operations.

The center has a long standing history of training military personnel.

For more information or to train at JWTC call 622-2238.

# IN THEATERS DEC. 19 – 25

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## FOSTER 645-3465

**TODAY** Four Christmases (PG13), 7 p.m.; Max Payne (PG13), 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Bolt (PG), 12 p.m.; The Secret Life of Bees (PG13), 3 p.m.; Nothing Like the Holidays (PG13), 6 p.m.; Max Payne (PG13), 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Bolt (PG), 1 p.m.; Nothing Like the Holidays (PG13), 4 p.m.; The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG13), 7 p.m.

**MONDAY** Bolt (PG), 1 p.m.; The Secret Life of Bees (PG13), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Bolt (PG), 1 p.m.; Max Payne (PG13), 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** The Secret Life of Bees (PG13), 3 p.m.; The Express (PG), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG), 1 p.m.; The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG13), 4 and 7:30 p.m.

## FUTENMA 636-3890

**TODAY** Quarantine (R), 6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY** The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG13), 4 and 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Lakeview Terrace (PG13), 4 p.m.; Body of Lies (R), 7 p.m.

**MONDAY** Australia (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Closed

**WEDNESDAY** Closed

**THURSDAY** Closed

## HANSEN 623-4564

**TODAY** Max Payne (PG13), 6 p.m.; The Secret Life of Bees (PG13), 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Australia (PG13), 6 p.m.; Max Payne (PG13), 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY** The Express (PG), 2 p.m.; The Secret Life of Bees (PG13), 9 p.m.

**MONDAY** The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG13), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Nothing Like the Holidays (PG13), 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG13), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Four Christmases (PG13), 2 p.m.

## SCHWAB 625-2333

**TODAY** Australia (PG13), 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Body of Lies (R), 5 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Quarantine (R), 5 p.m.

**MONDAY-THURSDAY** Closed

## KADENA 634-1869

**TODAY** Max Payne (PG13), 6 p.m.; The Secret Life of Bees (PG13), 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY** The Secret Life of Bees (PG13), 12 p.m.; Four Christmases (PG13), 3 and 6 p.m.; Max Payne (PG13), 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Four Christmases (PG13), 3 and 6 p.m.; Max Payne (PG13), 9 p.m.

**MONDAY** Four Christmases (PG13), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Australia (PG13), 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** Closed

**THURSDAY** Nothing Like the Holidays (PG13), 1 and 4 p.m.; Australia (PG13), 7 p.m.

## COURTNEY 622-9616

**TODAY** The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG13), 6:30 and 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG), 2 p.m.; Eagle Eye (PG13), 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Australia (PG13), 7 p.m.

**MONDAY** Nothing Like the Holidays (PG13), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Closed

**WEDNESDAY** Four Christmases (PG13), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (PG), 2 p.m.

## KINSER 637-2177

**TODAY** Closed

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**WEDNESDAY** Closed

**THURSDAY** Closed

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**CAMP SCHWAB** 625-3834

**MCAS FUTENMA** 636-2113

**CAMP HANSEN** 623-5011

**KADENA AIR BASE** 632-8781



For more information or to sign up, contact the Single Marine Program Office at 645-3681.

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- The Marine Thrift Shop on Camp Foster requests two volunteers on a weekly basis from Camps Kinser, Foster, Courtney, Hansen and Schwab and MCAS Futenma.
- Volunteering dates at the Ai No Mura Nursing Home occur on the fourth Friday of each month. Call 636-3092 for more information.
- To sign up as a volunteer contact your SMP representative or call the SMP office at 645-3681 by Wednesday of each week.

## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

### CAMP FOSTER | 645-7486/7487

- **Catholic:** Mon., Wed., Fri., 11:45 a.m.; Sat., 5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.
- **Christian Science:** Sun., 11 a.m., Bldg. 442
- **Eastern Orthodox:** Sun., 9:30 a.m.
- **Gospel:** Sun., 11:30 a.m.
- **Hindu:** Sat., 3:30 p.m.
- **Jewish:** Fri., Traditional, 6 p.m.; Informal: Fri., 6:30 p.m.
- **Muslim:** Fri., Prayer, 12:45 p.m.
- **Protestant:** Sun., 8:30 a.m.
- **Seventh Day Adventist:** Sat., 10 a.m.

### CAMP LESTER | 643-7248

- **Catholic:** Sun., 8 a.m., Lester Chapel
- **Protestant:** Sun., 9 a.m., Hospital Chapel
- Sun., 10 a.m., Lester Chapel

### CAMP COURTNEY | 622-9350

- **Catholic:** Sun., 8 and 11:15 a.m.; Mon.-Fri., 11:45 a.m.
- **Protestant:** Sun., 9:30 a.m.

### CAMP HANSEN | 622-9350

- **Catholic:** Sun., 10 a.m., E. Chapel
- **Latter Day Saints:** Sun., 1 p.m., W. Chapel
- **Protestant:** Sun., 11 a.m., W. Chapel

### MCAS FUTENMA | 636-3058

- **Catholic:** Sun., noon
- **Contemporary:** Fri., 7 p.m.; Sun., 9 a.m.
- **High school senior service:** Sat. 6 p.m.

### KADENA AIR BASE | 634-1288

- **Catholic:** Sun., 8:30 a.m., Mass, base theater; Sun., 11:30 a.m., Reconciliation, base theater; Sun., 12:30 p.m., Mass, Chapel 1; Sun., 5 p.m., Mass, Chapel 2; Sun., 10:30 a.m., CCD, Amelia Earhart School; Daily Mass, Mon.-Fri., noon, Chapel 2
- **Protestant:** Sun., 10:30 a.m., Contemporary, base theater; Sun., 8:30 a.m., Inspirational, Chapel 2; Sun., 10:30 a.m., Traditional, Chapel 2; Sun., 10:30 a.m., Gospel, Chapel 3; Sunday School, 8:45 a.m., Bldg. 856
- **Wiccan/Pagan:** Fri., 7 p.m., Bldg. 856; Sat., 6:30 p.m., Bldg. 856

### CAMP SCHWAB | 625-2644/2866

- **Catholic:** Sun., 5:30 p.m.
- **Protestant:** Sun., 11:30 a.m.

### CAMP SHIELDS | 632-4192

- **Protestant:** Sun., 6 p.m.

### CAMP McTUREOUS | 622-7537

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- **Lutheran:** Sun., 9:30 a.m.

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Harlem Globetrotter number 22, Flight Time Lang, slam dunks during a demonstration Saturday at the Camp Foster Field House. The Harlem Globetrotters are known as tricksters of the ball and masters of the game. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kentavist P. Brackin

## Hundreds watch as Globetrotters put on a show

Lance Cpl. Kentavist P. Brackin

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP FOSTER — Several hundred fans gathered in anticipation to watch the Harlem Globetrotters game show at the Gunners field house here Saturday.

The event is one of the special events and programs sponsored by Marine Corps Community Services for Marines stationed on Okinawa during the holiday season.

The Harlem Globetrotters are known as tricksters and masters of the basketball. The players combine humorous showmanship with athletic talent for a crowd pleasing performance.

Since the team was formed in 1926, the Harlem Globetrotters have played more than 22,000 exhibition games, dazzling audiences in more than 118 countries.

The Globetrotters travel with, and compete against, their rival team, the Generals.

Before the game kicked off, the crowd stood for the national anthem and remained standing for a moment of silence to honor fallen Globetrotter Chris "Flash" Richardson. Richardson died in his sleep Dec.

10 while on tour with the team in Sasebo Japan.

Shortly after the tribute, the Globetrotters came running on the court to the sounds of cheering and applause and a whistled version of 'Sweet Georgia Brown', the team's signature song.

The game began in Globetrotter fashion with the tricksters passing the ball around and executing stunts that amazed the crowd but seemed to irritate the referee, who was constantly yelling at the players for hanging on the goal after dunking.

Not the least bit discouraged, the Globetrotters continued their shenanigans, taunting the referee and even jumping over him to dunk the ball.

The first half ended with a lot of yelling from the referee, fans cheering and laughing and the Generals trailing 39-24.

The second half began much like the first.

The comedy continued as Globetrotters entertained a James Bond notion during free throws by Generals' player Chris Spartz. With the theme music playing, players tiptoed behind Spartz and yanked his shorts

while he was shooting.

During the fourth quarter, the Globetrotters requested crowd participation in dancing to the Village People classic, "YMCA".

The game ended 82-74, in favor of the Globetrotters, and it was time to pay up.

Globetrotter Nate "Big Easy" Lofton made a deal with the Generals' coach before the game. The loser would have to wear a tutu or a hotdog costume.

The crowd watched eagerly as the Generals' coach accepted the costume and cheered as the tutu-wearing hotdog walked off the court.

"I enjoyed the game," said Dwight Hall, a Globetrotter fan at the show. "The part I like the most was how they passed the ball around and kept doing tricks and stuff with the ball."

After the show, the players signed autographs for the fans.

The Globetrotters coach said the team was honored to play on Okinawa.

"I feel great," said Big Easy. "We love coming over here and playing for the troops and their families. We know they are out there doing their job protecting us and we appreciate it."

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