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## Marines, sailors land in Australia

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ROBERTSON BARRACKS, NORTHERN TERRITORY, Australia — Approximately 200 U.S. Marines and sailors from Hawaii arrived at Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin April 3.

The Marines and sailors are part of a new rotational force that will be based at Robertson Barracks here in accordance with an announcement made by Australia Prime Minister Julia Gillard and President Barack Obama last November.

The rotational force, currently Company F, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, see **AUSTRALIA** pg 5



U.S. and Australia officials greet approximately 200 Marines and sailors from Hawaii as they arrive in Australia April 3. The Marines and sailors are with Company F, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Ian M. McMahon

## Marines conduct security augment force training

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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA — Nearly 50 Marines attached to security augment force units on Okinawa conducted oleoresin capsicum, or OC, spray certification training here April 6.

As part of the annual SAF training, the Marines were certified in the use of level 1 OC spray.

During level 1 OC spray qualification, SAF Marines are required to defend themselves and apprehend enemy assailants after being sprayed with the irritant.

SAF is an auxiliary force of Marines trained for events requiring heightened security on base, said Lance Cpl. Paul Muñoz-Cook, an intelligence specialist with Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

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Combat Logistics Battalion 4 logistic vehicle system replacement vehicles are staged to pick up supplies and equipment at Patrol Base Mirmandab in Afghanistan March 23 during a combat logistics patrol. The LVSR's load-handling systems allowed the Marines to rapidly load supplies for retrograde. CLB-4 is assigned to 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward), Regimental Combat Team 6. Photo by Cpl. Mark W. Stroud

## CLB-4 Marines demilitarize patrol base

Cpl. Mark W. Stroud  
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PATROL BASE MIRMANDAB, Afghanistan — Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 4 assisted in demilitarizing Patrol Base Mirmandab March 23-31.

The CLB-4 Marines retrograded supplies and

equipment from the patrol base over the course of several trips in preparation for the base's closure and demolition.

"This is the first (demilitarization) CLB-4 has been a part of," said 2nd Lt. Matthew E. Danielson, a platoon commander with CLB-4, 1st Marine Logistics Group,

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### Resource Efficiency Managers

**H**appy Earth Day! The purpose of Earth Day is to help people understand their relationship with the environment so that they can lead more planet-friendly lives. Originally started in 1970 to coincide with the first day of spring, Earth Day is now celebrated in more than 190 countries around the world for an entire week. This year, celebrations will run from April 16-22.

Americans are the largest consumers of energy in the world, with fossil fuels being the main source of energy production. In fact, the Department of Defense has the largest energy bill of any single user in the United States. Each year, the DoD uses more oil than New Zealand and more energy than Nigeria, which has a population of 140 million people! With these staggering numbers, service members, their families and all members of the military community must do their part to conserve energy.

There are several common sense things that we all can do to save energy or reduce our "energy footprint." For instance, to cut back on fuel consumption commuters can ride share. Instead of four cars burning gasoline going to and from work – how about getting together with your coworkers to use one car? It will save energy and could be more fun. (Provided you like your coworkers!)

Another common sense energy saving tip is not using space heaters when air conditioning is on. This should be an easy one since a base order prevents them; but even if you live off base, think about cutting your utility bill by bundling up instead of using heaters.

A great deal of energy is consumed in the production of many of the products that we

use every day. By simply throwing a bottle into a recycling bin rather than a trash bin, you are reducing your personal energy footprint.

So, what about other resources? There is ongoing debates about whether or not our planet has unlimited food, water and energy. One example in Texas shows that these natural resources are not unlimited and that shortage of one natural resource can cause shortage of another.

In 2011, there was a severe drought in certain areas that caused multiple problems, and forced Texans to prioritize their consumption of water. Hydrofracking is a method of obtaining fuel from oil shale but uses a lot

of fluid – often water. This is the same water that people need to drink and farmers need to water their crops.

Hopefully, it will rain more in Texas this year so there will be no drought, but if it does not, then Texans will have to prioritize what they use water for or buy water from other areas.

As technology advances, many of these compet-

ing demands on natural resources may be alleviated, but until then everyone must do their part to reduce their footprint.

Earth Day and energy consumption have a very close relationship and it is important for all of us to understand it. By including some of these easy tips in your daily life, Mother Earth will remain clean for us and future generations!

If you have any questions or energy saving tips, call the Camp Resource Efficiency Managers at 645-7122.

*Resource Efficiency Managers work with Marine Corps Base Camp Butler's Energy Office and oversee energy conservation initiatives and projects.*

## EARTH DAY EVENTS

- **Tengan River cleanup** - Camp Courtney, April 15. Call 623-7223.
- **Hazmat amnesty** - MCAS Futenma, April 18. Call 636-2066.
- **USO environmental-themed dinner/movie** - MCAS Futenma, April 18. Call 636-2066.
- **Perimeter fence cleanup** - Camp Foster, April 20. Call 645-0789.
- **Matsuda-no-Hama Beach cleanup** - Camp Schwab April 20. Call 625-2684.
- **Tropical Beach seawall cleanup** - MCAS Futenma, April 20. Call 636-2066.



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# AROUND THE CORPS



Cpl. Mark N. Jensen, a team leader with Company K, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, shares a water bottle with an Afghan boy while providing security at a vehicle checkpoint outside the Hazar Joft Bazaar, Helmand province, Afghanistan, April 8. The battalion is currently attached to Regimental Combat Team 6. Photo by Cpl. Reece Lodder



A Moroccan KC-130 aircraft awaits its next mission during Exercise African Lion 2012 as the sun sets at the Inezgane Airfield in Agadir, Morocco, April 6. During AL-12, the aircraft will transport more than 1,000 U.S. and Moroccan service members and supplies to six different exercise locations throughout the Kingdom of Morocco. Photo by Staff Sgt. Hugo Brito



A Marine with Combat Logistics Regiment 25, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force, patrols through a forest during a field exercise at Gun Position One aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., April 3. The purpose of the field exercise was to get the regiment's Marines and sailors out of their comfort zone and in the field to refresh and enhance basic battle skills. Photo by Pfc. Franklin E. Mercado

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# Corpsmen conduct heat casualty training

Lance Cpl. Kasey Peacock

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CAMP KINSER — Corpsmen from the Kinser Group Aid Station conducted heat casualty training at the medical facility here April 5.

Medical facilities across Okinawa are conducting the heat casualty training in preparation for Okinawa's intense summer heat.

Marine Corps Order 6200.1E, the order governing the Marine Corps Heat Injury Prevention Program, mandates all medical facilities to conduct the training a month prior to an increase in heat stress.

"I wanted to really drive home the main points as to why we conduct this training," said Cmdr. Steven M. Kriss, director of sports medicine at the aid station and deputy surgeon, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "An increase in temperature mixed with high humidity can cause a lot of issues for our Marines conducting training. We also know our Marines train hard, and we have to be prepared for that."

Kriss, who conducted the training, began with a presentation refreshing the corpsmen on signs and symptoms of heat-related issues, basic treatment techniques, dangers of heat-related injuries and treating heat stroke.

The training continued as three corpsmen volunteered to serve as mock casualties during the practical application demonstrations. The sailors were instructed on how to treat heat stroke using various methods including the ice water-submersion method.

"I volunteered because I know how important

this training is for our corpsmen," said Seaman Apprentice Zachary S. McDonald, a hospital corpsman with Combat Logistics Regiment 37, 3rd MLG, III MEF, who volunteered as a casualty. "I have dealt with heat casualties before and with the summer coming up it is a perfect opportunity for us to focus on our heat casualty training."

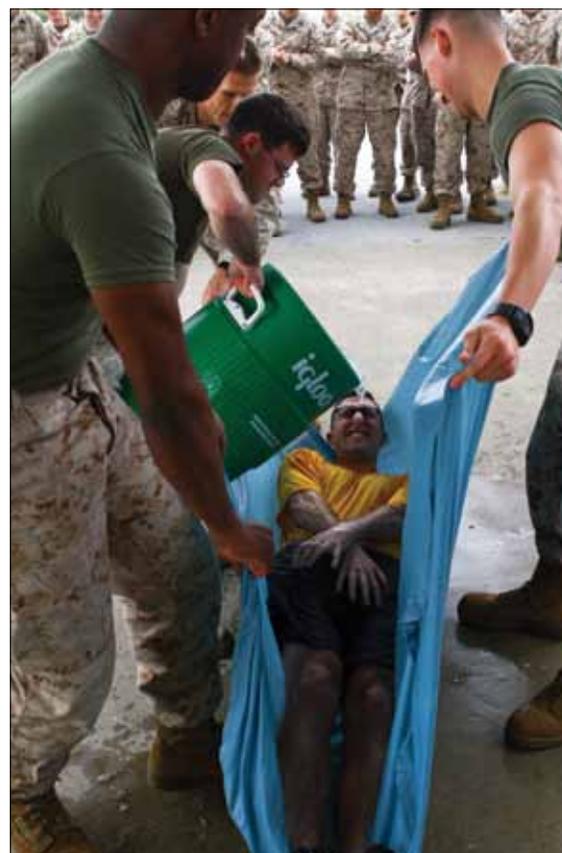
The methods are mainly used in a field environment and are virtually the same. They include of wrapping the victim in an ice cold sheet filled with water and ice and then continually pouring water and ice until the victim has cooled down, or emergency personal have arrived, according to Kriss.

"In the field, you do not always have many options," said Kriss. "These methods require very little equipment and can be very effective in cooling down a victim."

The method proven to work best is the ice water-submersion method which consists of fully submerging a victim in a tub of water and ice and continually pouring water over the victims head, according to Kriss.

"It was great to see our corpsmen in action showing what they are capable of," said Navy Lt. Jessica L. Schwartz, a senior medical officer with CLR-37. "It is especially important for us to have this training on Camp Kinser because 3rd MLG has the biggest group of corpsmen on Okinawa."

Kriss concluded by stressing the importance of this training, noting that Okinawa's subtropical/tropical climate produces a unique heat and humidity combination that can be potentially dangerous to service members not taking the proper precautions.



Seaman Jaron B. Kilbury is covered in ice water during heat casualty training conducted at the Kinser Group Aid Station on Camp Kinser April 5. The method shown is primarily used in a field environment and consists of wrapping the victim in an ice cold sheet and pouring water and ice until the victim's temperature is lowered. Kilbury is a corpsman with Combat Logistics Regiment 37, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kasey Peacock

## FLAG CONDITIONS

As temperatures rapidly increase on Okinawa, it is important for all personnel to pay close attention to the heat index and plan outdoor activities and training accordingly. Monitor the heat stress condition displayed by colored flags on each camp. The heat stress flag indicates what type of outdoor activity is authorized. Current flag conditions are also posted online at [www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhoki/pages/flagcondition.aspx](http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhoki/pages/flagcondition.aspx).

**NO FLAG** | Less than 80 degrees  
Normal training can be conducted for all personnel.

**GREEN FLAG** | 80-84.9 degrees  
Personnel not acclimatized to the weather should use caution and take breaks as needed.

**YELLOW FLAG** | 85-87.9 degrees  
Personnel not acclimatized should not do strenuous activities. All personnel should be cautious and take breaks.

**RED FLAG** | 88-89.9 degrees  
Strenuous activities for all personnel are limited to mission essential activities.

**BLACK FLAG** | 90 degrees or more  
Non-mission essential, outdoor activities must cease. No normal training.

## III MEF Big Band performs free concert at Koza Music Town



OKINAWA CITY — The III Marine Expeditionary Force Big Band performs at the Koza Music Town in Okinawa City April 6. The band played jazz, funk and blues, free-of-charge for the military and Okinawa communities. "Playing out in town absolutely helps bond the military and Okinawan communities. There is only one way to continue the ties and that is to get out and meet the people," said Gunnery Sgt. Shannon L. Farquhar, the enlisted conductor with the III MEF Band. The Big Band is part of the III MEF Band, which both play at various venues across the island throughout the year. For upcoming performances, call 645-3919. Photo by Lance Cpl. Alyssa N. Hoffacker

## BRIEFS

**ACTIVE DUTY FORCE DRAWDOWN**

Personnel from Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps Manpower and Reserve Affairs, will visit Okinawa to conduct a series of briefs regarding the Active-Duty Force Drawdown, officer and staff noncommissioned officer promotions and other professional military education pertinent to a Marine's career. Attendance is not mandatory but is highly encouraged. The briefing schedule is as follows:

**April 17, Camp Hansen Theater**

**9-10 a.m.** - Active Duty Force Drawdown

**April 17, Camp Foster Theater**

**1-2 p.m.** - Active Duty Force Drawdown

**April 18, Camp Foster Theater**

**8-9 a.m.** - Reserve Affairs.

**9-10 a.m.** - Manpower and Management Enlisted Assignments

**10-11 a.m.** - Manpower and Management

**1-4 p.m.** - Officer and SNCO promotions

**April 19, Camp Hansen Theater**

**8-9 a.m.** - Reserve Affairs

**9-10 a.m.** - Manpower and Management Enlisted Assignments

**10-11 a.m.** - Manpower and Management

**1-4 p.m.** - Officer and SNCO promotions

For more information, call 645-9432, 622-9629 or 622-7724.

**TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN VIA NMCRS**

The Navy-Marine Corps active-duty fund drive provides a valuable opportunity to contribute to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and make a significant impact on Marines, sailors and their families.

This is the first year Marines are able to make contributions through Marine Online. If you choose to donate through MOL, enter your account and from the main page choose "Resources." Click on the NMCRS link, then select "NMCRS 2012 Fund Drive."

To donate via the internet, visit <http://donations.nmcrs.org/ActiveDutyFundDrive>.

For more details or to donate via a paper form, contact your unit representative or call 645-2357/7177.

**TYPHOON READINESS EXERCISE**

In preparation for typhoon season, June 1 through Nov. 30, U.S. Forces Japan will be conducting Exercise Typhoon Ready 12 aboard U.S. military installations on Okinawa. The exercise, scheduled for April 23-27, will simulate typhoon response actions and focus on communication procedures.

Participants will be identified by their installation operations centers. Members of the military community can expect to see posted exercise warnings in many facilities aboard the installations.

For more information, call MCIPAC, G-3/5, current operations and training at 645-7280/7214.

**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 Friday. Okinawa Marine reserves the right to edit all submitted material.

## SQUARED AWAY

*"Sexual assault is against everything we believe in. Let your voice be heard by joining into the discussion on our Facebook page. You can read about Maj. Gen. Talleri's stance on sexual assault below."*

*The Squared Away Campaign is a column designed to increase awareness and discussion of the command's policies pertaining to Marine conduct on Okinawa. The campaign will address issues discussed at the highest levels of Marine leadership. It will focus on the actions and conduct of the portion of Marines that makes up the majority of the Corps.*



Sgt. Heather Brewer  
Okinawa Marine Staff

To join the discussion, visit [www.facebook.com/3mef.mcipac](http://www.facebook.com/3mef.mcipac)

**CG's statement on sexual assault**

**S**exual assault is the intentional sexual contact which employs the use of force, physical threat of force, or abuse of authority. Sexual assault also includes intentional sexual contact with a person who is unwilling or unable to consent. Consent should not be deemed or construed to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance. Additionally, consent cannot be given when a person is asleep, incapacitated or unconscious. Sexual assault includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy (oral or anal sex), indecent assault (e.g., unwanted and inappropriate sexual contact or fondling), or attempts to commit these acts. Sexual assault is a crime and will not be tolerated.

Victims of sexual assault perceive many barriers to reporting, resulting in underreporting of this crime. One of the most significant barriers to the reporting of a sexual assault is the victim's fear of punishment for some of the victim's own actions leading up to or associated with the sexual assault incident. Many reported sexual assaults involve circumstances where the victim may have engaged in some form of misconduct (i.e., underage drinking or other related alcohol offenses, adultery, fraternization or other violations of certain regulations or orders). Such behavior may be considered collateral misconduct, and may be viewed as a contributing factor to the sexual assault. Commanders have authority to determine, in a timely manner, how to best dispose of alleged misconduct until after the final disposition of the sexual assault case. Commanders should exercise that authority in appropriate cases. When considering what corrective actions may be ap-

propriate for the victim's collateral misconduct, commanders and supervisors should keep in mind the critical importance of responding appropriately in order to encourage sexual assault reporting and continued cooperation, while avoiding those actions that may further traumatize the victim.

Underreporting this crime provides undetected offenders with continued opportunities to injure our Marines and sailors with consequence. Holding offenders accountable is my priority. Regardless, leadership at all levels will ensure anyone reporting a sexual assault will be treated with dignity and respect, and will receive appropriate care and services. Leadership at all levels will protect those who report sexual assault from coercion, intimidation or marginalization.

All Marines and sailors have the responsibility to intervene to prevent sexual assault from occurring. Intervention can include moderating alcohol use, reporting broken locks, checking on peers, speaking up, or stepping in. Interventions can also include enlisting the help of others such as club staff, duty personnel or law enforcement. Interventions should be positive in nature. Violence should be avoided.

Sexual assault undermines unit cohesion and mission readiness. It is inconsistent with the core values of the Marine Corps; honor, courage and commitment. I ask every Marine and sailor to treat each other with honor, have the courage to intervene and report sexual assault, and commit to creating an environment supportive of fellow Marines and sailors who report and/or are victims of sexual assault.

Semper Fidelis,

P. J. Talleri

Major General, U.S. Marine Corps  
Commanding General, MCB Camp S.D. Butler



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The Marines temporarily assigned to SAF train for several months and may be activated for future needs.

The training helps the Marines develop entry-level law enforcement skills, such as securing a crime scene, properly restraining individuals, and crowd control, said Sgt. Patrick F. Rice, the staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the mobile training team, a part of the Provost Marshal's Office, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler.

"We've taken classes on what to expect and how to react to out-of-control crowds," said Muñoz-Cook. "The OC spray training helps us learn how to handle ourselves if we become pepper sprayed while trying to control a situation."

After the Marines were sprayed in the eyes, they were sent through a course where they were required to ap-

prehend individuals. In some situations, they used a baton and OC spray.

OC spray, which can induce pain, causes the Marines to focus on the discomfort they feel. The Marines had to overcome this and focus on the mission at hand.

"This is good training because we learn how to take people down in a stressful and painful situation, which is really good when it comes to protecting things like national security," said Pfc. Julian E. James, an administrative specialist with the III MEF Adjutant's office. "It also makes us more aware of our surroundings and the people who don't necessarily belong."

This training teaches Marines to have a different mindset than they would while in combat, said Rice. They become aware of the different rules they are governed by and learn how to apprehend

assailants without the use of deadly force.

"SAF broadens the spectrum of controlling techniques by teaching how to restrain an individual without causing them harm," said Rice. "They gain a lot of tools for de-escalating situations, verbal and physical restraining techniques and good communications skills."

The Marines are taught multiple ways to approach high-stress situations and are reminded that yelling almost always worsens it, said Rice.

Each Marine Corps installation trains members of the SAF every several months, said James. They are activated if major incidents occur that require an intensified or larger security force.

"Overall, it's a great course," said Rice. "I wish more could have the opportunity because this gives Marines extra tools for their toolboxes."



**Sgt. Patrick F. Rice, middle, watches Pfc. Suthera D. Sok as he practices using the baton during security augment force training on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma April 6. This training teaches Marines to react if accidentally sprayed with oleoresin capsicum, OC, while trying to control a situation. Rice is the staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the mobile training team, part of the Provost Marshal's Office, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler. Sok is an air control electronics operator with Marine Air Control Squadron 4, Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MEF.** Photo by Lance Cpl. Alyssa N. Hoffacker

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Regimental Combat Team 6. "The rest of the (combat logistics patrols) have been direct support to operations, bringing supplies out to the (forward operating bases) and (combat outposts)."

CLB-4 Marines are gaining proficiency as they gain experience fulfilling their duties as Regimental Combat Team 6's direct support battalion, according to Sgt. Junior R. Infante, a security team leader with the battalion.

"The Marines are becoming much sharper tactically while still accomplishing the logistics support mission," said Infante. "The Marines are able to pick up or put down (shipping containers) anywhere we can fit the trucks."

"They have learned from their experience out here how to deal with rough or uneven terrain, as well as loading shipping containers that have been sunk into the ground," added Infante.

Along with being CLB-4's first demilitarization mission, the convoy was also one of the smallest CLB-4 has conducted, according to Danielson.

"It was a small operation," said Danielson. "One platoon retrograded an entire base. Accomplishing that in the number of trips we made shows how capable our vehicles are and how much they can carry."

The battalion anticipates more convoys similar to the PB Mirmandab run.

"We are expecting to see more (demilitarization) missions in the future as the FOBs and COPs start to shut down," said Danielson.

The mission was considered successful based upon the speed and efficiency of the demilitarization.

"The (combat logistics patrol) went well," said Danielson. "We managed to demilitarize the entire base ... had little to no maintenance issues with the vehicles, and kept good momentum throughout the convoy."

Infante anticipates continued mission success based upon the high level of performance and professionalism already demonstrated by CLB-4 Marines.

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Expeditionary Force, will conduct bilateral training with Australian allies to maximize interoperability between the forces.

"This is very much an historic day, it is an historic day which is wedded deeply in the United States-Australian Alliance, forged over 60 years ago," said Stephen Smith, Australia Minister for Defence, during a press conference April 4. "That alliance was forged in the Pacific in the course of World War II, where United States defense force personnel, including Marines and Australian Defence Force personnel stood shoulder to shoulder, not just in the defense of Australia but in the defense of the Pacific."

"The United States Marines are here to facilitate the reinvigoration of our partnership with our Australian brothers and sisters in-arms," said Lt. Col. AnDroy Senegar, the officer-in-charge of the III MEF command and control element assisting Company F during the first days of its deployment.

Exiting the plane, Marines were greeted by Australian and U.S. officials, including Smith; Australia Army Maj. Gen. Michael Krause, head of the U.S. Force Posture Review Implementation team; Jeffrey L. Bleich, U.S. ambassador to Australia; and Lt. Gen. Duane D. Thiessen, commanding general of U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific.

The III MEF command and control element was already in Australia for approximately two weeks before the arrival of the company, which allowed for the coordination of numerous logistical details and helped ensure a smooth arrival, said Senegar.

Though tired from the long flight, the Marines' and sailors' spirits were high.

"I am absolutely excited to be here," said Sgt. Andrew R. McConnell, a squad leader with Company F. "I want to see what we can learn about how the ADF operates, especially in close-quarters battles and their interaction with locals during operations."

The Marines are scheduled to train in Australia and other Southeast Asian nations for approximately six months before returning to their home base in Hawaii.

"This is a great opportunity for both the U.S. and Australia," said Senegar. "Now that the arrival is done, I look forward to getting started on what Marines do best – training and getting involved in the local community."

The Australia defence minister expressed similar sentiments – looking forward to what the enhanced Australia-U.S. partnership will bring to both militaries and the citizens of Australia.

"I am absolutely confident that the Marines will enjoy very good training experience(s)," Smith said. "They'll work well with our defence force personnel, and they will be particularly welcomed by the people of Australia; but in particular by the people of Darwin and the Northern Territory."



Marines climb out of the pit and pond during an endurance course at the Jungle Warfare Training Center on Camp Gonsalves April 8. The pit and pond is a series of mud trenches, ponds and concertina-wire barricades.

## Jungle Warfare training tests mettle of Marines, sailors

Story and photos by Pfc. Codey Underwood  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

**W**et feet, bugs swarming and bushes so thick one can barely see through them are only some of the many difficulties the jungle environment brings to the battlefield.

At the only jungle warfare training center in the Department of Defense, located in northern Okinawa, service members learned a variety of combat techniques unique to a jungle environment.

Marines and sailors with Combat Logistics Regiment 37, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40, 31st Seabee Readiness Group, conducted an eight-day jungle training package April 1-8 at the Jungle Warfare Training Center on Camp Gonsalves, where they were taught basic infantry tactics while in the jungle.

"The Marines and sailors who are out here don't have a combat military occupational specialty, so when they come out here they have to go back to the basics," said Lance Cpl. Daniel Zuniga, a JWTC instructor, 3rd Marine Division, III MEF. "We help them out and guide them along the way, but most of the leadership is conducted by the assigned squad and fire team leaders."

The squad leaders and fire team leaders were mostly comprised of senior Marines and sailors, and many times the leaders had to test themselves and their ability to move their troops.

"As the squad leader, I think the biggest thing that we had to focus on was the squad integrity," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Jonathan J. Coreson, religious programs specialist with CLR-37. "We all had

a job to do in the mission and when we got in there, the fire team leaders took charge and operated as they should have."

Unlike training for a physical fitness test, the jungle warfare training consisted of the service members carrying heavy packs and weapons while trekking through dense jungle terrain and steep hills.

"The most challenging part of this training is the physical aspect of it," said Lance Cpl. Caitlin M. Carnella, a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense specialist with the regiment. "I am good at physical training, but being in the field is much different than my regular training."

The Marines and sailors showed a lot of improvement during the training, overcoming some difficult obstacles, according to Coreson.

"Although our instructors informed us that we are doing well, we still have things that we need to work on," said Carnella. "As a team, we struggled to communicate with each other and keep quiet at the same time through the thick trees."

Even though the training tested the participants' mettle, it was worth it, according to Carnella.

"I highly recommend for other units to take advantage of this unique training center," she said. "As long as you are able to keep a positive attitude you will learn a lot about jungle operations and have fun at the same time."



Marines and sailors run through a stream at the endurance course at the Jungle Warfare Training Center on Camp Gonsalves April 8. The course consists of 10 hasty rappelling obstacles, two water obstacles, and sailors are with Combat Logistics Regiment 37, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, 31st Seabee Readiness Group.



Lance Cpl. Ryan J. Turner, a legal services specialist with CLR-37, lays in the prone position during a patrolling exercise at the Jungle Warfare Training Center on Camp Gonsalves April 5. Turner, along with other Marines and sailors with CLR-37, and from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40, participated in the eight-day jungle skills course.



at the Jungle Warfare Training Center on Camp Gonsalves April 8. The 3.8-mile endurance course includes a pit and pond, a stretcher carry, a commando crawl and a monkey crawl. The Marines from the 3rd Marine Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40,



Cpl. Jerome E. Jones, a legal specialist with CLR-37, executes a hasty rappel down a slope at the endurance course at the Jungle Warfare Training Center on Camp Gonsalves April 8. Rappelling the slope was just one of the many obstacles the Marines and sailors had to overcome during the course.



Children await the signal to begin during an Easter egg hunt at the Camp Kinser Commissary April 6. The hunt followed the Proud to be a Military Child event that allowed children to experience some of the training their parents go through on a day-to-day basis.

# Proud military kids train like parents

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Kasey Peacock

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For military kids, what their parents do on a daily basis can be a mystery. To better understand the daily routine of their parents, service members conducted a bring-your-kid-to-train day. The event gave the children a better understanding of what their parents do on a daily basis.

In lieu of April's Month of the Military Child, family readiness officers from five different regiments and battalions invited service members and their families from their respective units to participate in a Proud to be a Military Child event at Camp Kinser April 6.

"We wanted to put this event together so children would have a better understanding of what their parents do on a day-to-day basis," said Shanna L. Diep, family readiness officer for Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "Seeing the kids smiling and having a good time out here today is what it is all about."

The event incorporated different aspects of Marine training slightly modified for children. Stations included a bouncy-house obstacle course, tricycle course, water-balloon toss, MCMAP training, tug-of-war competition and low-crawling practice. The event also included a military working dog demonstration from the Provost Marshal's Office and concluded with certificates for all the participants.

"This was a great opportunity for us to reassure to our kids how important they are," said Lt. Col. Matthew A. Dumenigo, executive officer of CLR-35. "Service members can be away from their families a lot of the time with traveling and deployments. This event allowed the children to meet new friends and spend time with their parents, which they may not get to do very often, especially on Okinawa."



A child climbs through a tire during an obstacle course at the Proud to be a Military Child event on Camp Kinser April 6. The event incorporated different aspects of what Marines do on a daily basis, modified for children.

More than 150 children with parents from Combat Logistics Regiment 3, Combat Logistics Battalion 4, 3rd Supply and Maintenance Battalions, CLR-35 and CLR-37, all part of 3rd MLG, attended the event.

"It was fun to come and see what my dad does every day," said Joshua Diep, a participant in the event. "My favorite was the martial arts station."

The Month of the Military Child was established by former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger to highlight the important role

children play in the military community. The month is now celebrated every year throughout each branch of the armed forces around the world.

Following the event was an Easter egg hunt in which more than 2,200 eggs were scattered across the Camp Kinser Commissary's lawn for the children to find. The hunt was sponsored by Camp Services in conjunction with the FROs.

For more information on upcoming Month of the Military Child events, contact your units family readiness officer.



Students from Bechtel Elementary School don bunker gear during an Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting demonstration on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma April 4. Bunker gear is protective equipment used by firefighters while battling aircraft fires. The students learned when, why and how the bunker gear is worn.

## Firefighters spark student imaginations on flightline

Story and photos by  
Lance Cpl. Nicholas S. Ranum

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Students from Bechtel Elementary School visited the flightline on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma April 4 to learn about firefighting techniques and fire prevention methods during the Month of the Military Child.

Marines with Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting used fire trucks, tools, hoses, bunker gear and Sparky, the mascot of the National Fire Prevention Association, to demonstrate to the students how the firefighters protect their communities. Bunker gear includes the firefighting suits, which are made out of reflective and fire retardant materials. The suits lower the chances of catching fire and

decrease the heat felt by the firefighters.

The ARFF Marines offer interactive demonstrations to schools at anytime they would like, said Chief Warrant Officer Brent A. DeBusk, officer-in-charge of ARFF. We work within the schools' requirements and our requirements to be able to provide the best educational opportunities, not only to our air station but to our partners at the Department of Defense Education Activity and anyone who would like to participate.

The school brought students and teachers to the event, along with some parents.

"There were 92 children, 22 chaperones and seven teachers, which is a little more than I expected," said Sgt. Shane C. Phelps, the noncommissioned officer-in-charge of safety with



Marines with Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting and Sparky the Fire Dog demonstrate an air-bag system to students from Bechtel Elementary School by lifting a couch on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma April 4. An air-bag system lifts up heavy obstacles, such as a vehicle, during an emergency response. Sparky is the mascot of the National Fire Prevention Association.

ARFF. "But (we) do this everyday, so we enjoy having an occasional audience."

As a part of the demonstration, ARFF set up a number of static and interactive displays, including an AS-P-19A fire truck, bunker gear, fire hoses, an air-bag system, hydraulic tools and two Provost Marshal's Office displays.

"Each station was designed with the children in mind, said Phelps. "Safety was paramount, especially near the hydraulic tools."

At one of the stations, Marines showed the children how quickly they could respond to a fire when the signal was given by donning their bunker gear and getting into a fire truck in less than two minutes. They

subsequently gave a tour of the same fire truck used during the demonstration.

"The (PMO) military working dog unit and the special reaction team really helped out today," said Phelps. "The children really enjoyed seeing the working dog demonstration."

The military working dog unit demonstrated basic commands and scenarios for the children, including various types of confrontations where the aggressor is chased by the dog or subdued by the dog on the spot.

"Everything here was child friendly and informative," said Kelly R. Palazzo, a first-grade teacher at Bechtel Elementary School. "Sparky and the displays were a hit with the children."



Students from Bechtel Elementary School learn about bunker gear during an Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting demonstration on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma April 4.



# Fins propel Marines to divers course

Marines with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion enter the water to begin their 2,000-yard swim during pre-dive training at Camp Schwab April 4. The training is designed to prepare Marines for an upcoming combatant divers course. The battalion is part of 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

## Recon Marines conduct pre-dive training

Story and photos by Pfc. Codey Underwood

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Most Marines would think swimming all day would be a relaxing way to spend their time. Some may prefer to be drenched in water from a pool rather than drenched in sweat, after a training session.

After a grueling two-week training package consisting of open-water swims with gear, hundreds of laps in a pool and being physically bound while swimming, Marines with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion were soaked in both water and sweat.

By sacrificing these personal comforts and dedicating themselves to the completion of the training, they are now prepared mentally, physically and emotionally to successfully complete their upcoming combatant diver course, according to Staff Sgt. Sigifredo Apodaca, lead Marine combat instructor of water survival with 3rd Reconnaissance Bn., 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

"The pre-dive training the Marines are going through is somewhat harder than the training they will see at the school house," said Apodaca. "We make it harder so we know without a doubt that the Marines we send are going to complete the course successfully."

"This training helps me and the other Marines here stay calm under stressful situations in the water," said Cpl. Nicholas E. Schmidt, a student in the course. "There are Marines who came here as strong swimmers, but had some difficulties when put in different situations."

During the pre-dive training, the Marines were required to perform a 2,000-yard open-water swim in less than one hour while wearing their utility uniform, scuba fins, life vest, tactical board for navigation, combat knife, snorkel mask and a six-pound belt.

"If the Marines don't trust their navigational equipment here, they are going to fail when they have to do it at night and can't see," said Staff Sgt. King Ritchie III, a pre-dive instructor with the battalion. "We have to help (them) sometimes and give them words of wisdom because some of them drift off track and can make the 2,000 yards harder than what it is."

After completing the open water swim, the Marines completed a special operations command screener, requiring them to swim with their hands and feet bound together.

The Marines also had to tread water for five minutes while wearing two-scuba tanks, scuba fins, life vest, snorkel and an 18-pound belt, said Ritchie.

"On the last day, Marines are expected to meet our requirements before we send them off to the course," said Ritchie. "If they don't meet our requirements they can try again during the next course we hold."

During the pre-dive training, the Marines showed improved swimming abilities and proficiency in the use of the equipment, according to Ritchie.

"I have enjoyed this training a lot and think it's a good thing they have us do before we head off to the course," said Schmidt. "Without this training, I think many of the Marines wouldn't know how to do some of these things when we go to the course."

Because the training is so challenging, they have to make sure they eat well and get plenty of sleep, said Schmidt. Their bodies take a beating from all the training.

"This is the hardest pool training I have ever had to do," said Schmidt. "It builds you up physically, mentally and prepares you for the combatant diver course."



Marines tread water wearing full scuba diving gear during pre-dive training at the Camp Schwab pool April 4. During the two-week training, the Marines were required to complete open-water swims with gear, hundreds of laps in the pool, and were physically bound while swimming.

# In Theaters Now

**APRIL 13 - 19**

## FOSTER

**TODAY** Wrath of the Titans (PG13), 6 p.m.; 21 Jump Street (R), 9 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG), noon; Chronicle (PG13), 3 p.m.; Safe House (R), 6 p.m.; 21 Jump Street (R), 9 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG), noon; American Reunion (R), 4 and 7 p.m.  
**MONDAY** 21 Jump Street (R), 7 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** Safe House (R), 7 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY** Safe House (R), 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** American Reunion (R), 7 p.m.

## KADENA

**TODAY** Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG), 6 p.m.; Safe House (R), 9 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG), noon; Wrath of the Titans (PG13), 3 and 6 p.m.; Safe House (R), 9 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG), 1 p.m.; Wrath of the Titans (PG13), 4 and 7 p.m.  
**MONDAY** Wrath of the Titans (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** The Hunger Games (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY** The Hunger Games (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** The Hunger Games (PG13), 7 p.m.

## COURTNEY

**TODAY** American Reunion (R), 6 and 9 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Chronicle (PG13), 2 and 6 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** The Hunger Games (PG13), 2 and 6 p.m.  
**MONDAY** The Grey (R), 7 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** Closed  
**WEDNESDAY** Wrath of the Titans (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** Closed

## FUTENMA

**TODAY** Chronicle (PG13), 6:30 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** American Reunion (R), 4 and 7 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** One for the Money (PG13), 4 p.m.; The Grey (R), 7 p.m.  
**MONDAY** The Hunger Games (PG13), 6:30 p.m.  
**TUESDAY-THURSDAY** Closed

## KINSER

**TODAY** Safe House (R), 6:30 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG), 3 p.m.; Safe House (R), 6:30 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG), 3 p.m.; Safe House (R), 6:30 p.m.  
**MONDAY** Closed  
**TUESDAY** Closed  
**WEDNESDAY** American Reunion (R), 3 and 6:30 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** Safe House (R), 6:30 p.m.

## HANSEN

**TODAY** Safe House (R), 7 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** The Hunger Games (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG), 2 p.m.; Safe House (R), 5:30 p.m.  
**MONDAY** American Reunion (R), 6 and 9 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** American Reunion (R), 7 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY** Safe House (R), 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** Wrath of the Titans (PG13), 7 p.m.

## SCHWAB

**TODAY** The Hunger Games (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** The Grey (R), 5 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Chronicle (PG13), 5 p.m.  
**MONDAY-THURSDAY** Closed

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**MCAS FUTENMA** 636-3890  
 (USO NIGHT) 636-2113  
**CAMP COURTNEY** 622-9616  
**CAMP HANSEN** 623-4564  
 (USO NIGHT) 623-5011  
**CAMP KINSER** 637-2177  
**CAMP SCHWAB** 625-2333  
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# SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM EVENTS



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

### SMP NEW REPRESENTATIVE TRAINING - APRIL 16

- The SMP New Representative Training will be held at the SMP main office, building 5674, on Camp Foster April 16 at 3 p.m.

### DISCOVER GOLF - FREE GOLF LESSONS

- Taiyo Golf Course is hosting free golf lessons for single Marines and sailors the first and third Friday of every month from 9-11 a.m. Participants meet at the SMP office on Camp Foster by 8 a.m.

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## Japanese phrase of the week:

“lie, do itashimashite”  
 (pronounced: ee-eh DOH ee-tah-shee-mah-shteh)

It means,

“Don’t mention it”  
 (literally translated: “no, you’re welcome,” as in it wasn’t a problem)

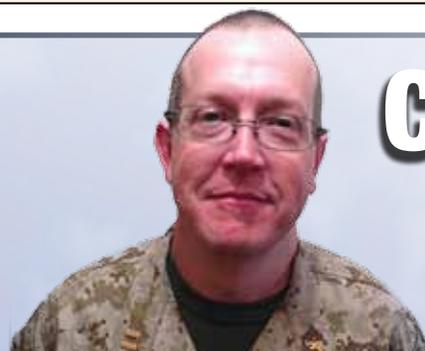


**April 2 - 6**

### RIFLE RANGE

Lance Cpl. Daniel LeBlanc,  
 3rd MarDiv, 334

Lance Cpl. Tyler Fronck,  
 1st MAW, 334



# CHAPLAINS' CORNER

*“When it comes down to it, you may believe some things that sound unbelievable to others.”*

## Who am I to judge another?

**Navy Lt. Scott J. Shafer**  
 3RD MEDICAL BATTALION CHAPLAIN

I don't know about you, but I am very good at judging. I may have a Masters in Divinity, but I know that I have a doctorate in judging.

Have you ever judged somebody? Have you ever judged what someone says or believes? Have you thought, “Can you believe this?”

We like doing this. It differentiates us from other people. That's fine.

We are different from one another; however, that does not make us better than one another. If we use our beliefs to make ourselves feel better than someone else, does that actually make us better? No.

It's not about ego. It's not about one group being better than another. It's about learning how to live together here and now.

If you require someone else to be put down in order for you to be elevated, what does that say about you? When it comes

down to it, you may believe some things that sound unbelievable to others.

I believe that Arkansas can win a national championship every year. I believe that someone came back from the dead after three days. Wow, that's really something! If I started conversations with these facts, I doubt that anyone would ever talk to me.

I can do this; but when it comes down to it, I cannot condemn other people for the things they believe, when my judgment is based on what I believe. It makes no sense. Who am I to judge?

Somehow, when I stop judging other people for what I see as the inadequacies or illogical aspects of their beliefs, I am freed to be able to care for them.

So I might have a doctorate in judging; but when it comes down to it, what really matters is caring for others.

When someone comes in to see me, I don't care what they believe. My purpose is simply to listen and to care. Who am I to judge?