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Okinawa commemorates Reversion

Lance Cpl. Courtney G. White
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GINOWAN CITY, Japan — Japanese and U.S. government officials, Japan Self-Defense Force, U.S. military members and Okinawans gathered for the Okinawa Reversion 40th anniversary ceremony and reception held at the Okinawa Convention Center here May 15.

The event was hosted by Japan Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda and the governor of Okinawa, Hirokazu Nakaima, in a celebration marking 40 years since the U.S. returned Okinawa and the other Ryukyu Islands to Japan after 27 years of postwar American administrative control.

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Japanese and U.S. government officials and Okinawans celebrate at the reception for the Okinawa Reversion 40th anniversary ceremony at the Okinawa Convention Center in Ginowan City May 15. "The 40th anniversary of the Reversion is an incredible landmark in the relationship between the U.S. and Japan," said John Roos, U.S. Ambassador to Japan. "It is another symbol of the deep relationship between our two countries." Photo by Lance Cpl. Courtney G. White

III MEF, MCIPAC kick off critical days of summer

Lance Cpl. Nicholas S. Ranum
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CAMP FOSTER — Marines and sailors of Marine Corps Installations Pacific and III Marine Expeditionary Force kicked-off the critical days of summer with a brief at the Camp Foster Community Center May 10.

The critical days of summer refers to the period of May 26 to Sept. 3, when status of forces agreement members are most active and at higher risk for mishaps.

The brief focused on water, hot-weather and vehicle safety issues.

"The main goal is to have the Marines start thinking about risk management," said Forrest W. Williams, a safety and occupational health specialist with the Installation Safety Office, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler. "The briefs were designed to make the Marines get relevant information to safely carry out summer plans."

The first portion of the brief focused on the issues of water
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Ralph Jiminez and Vince Easevoli demonstrate techniques and tools used to save lives during a crash victim demonstration during the critical days of summer brief at the Camp Foster Community Center May 10. The Installation Safety Office presented the brief to highlight dangers of the summer season. Jiminez and Easevoli are both firefighters and paramedics with the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Service. Photo by Lance Cpl. Nicholas S. Ranum

CLR-37 deploys to Afghanistan

Lance Cpl. Matthew Manning
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KADENA AIR BASE — More than 100 Marines with Combat Logistics Regiment 37 gathered on Kadena Air Base to deploy to Afghanistan May 13.

The regiment, part of 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, is deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

"We are going over to assist in the evaluation of the gear being used," said Staff Sgt. Kenneth P. Elm, a technical controller with the regiment. "We are going to determine if the gear is serviceable, so it can go back to other units or if it needs to be repaired."

The Marines of CLR-37 will not be the only ones performing the retrograde.

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We are all ambassadors

of goodwill

Robert D. Eldridge, Ph.D.

We often hear the phrase, "Be a good ambassador," but we may not know just what this means for us, as Marines, sailors, DOD civilians and family members. After all, there already is an official U.S. ambassador to Japan, who is located in Tokyo, who represents the president of the United States and the U.S. government here in Japan. So, how can we, as individuals far away from the capital of Japan, really be considered ambassadors, you might ask?

The modern version of the word derives from the French word, "ambassadeur," but its early origins can be traced to the Latin word, "ambactus," which means "servant." According to Webster's New World College Dictionary, there are at least four definitions for ambassador:

(1) a diplomatic official of the highest rank appointed and accredited as representative in residence by one government or sovereign to another, usually for a specific length of time;

(2) a diplomatic official heading his or her country's permanent mission to certain international organizations, such as the United Nations;

(3) an authorized messenger or representative; and

(4) an unofficial representative, such as ambassadors of goodwill.

It is this last definition that is most relevant here, and the one we should take to heart in all that we do in Japan, as well as wherever we find ourselves when abroad in both official and private capacities.

Some of us may not realize or fully appreciate it, but our behavior and attitude in our daily activities and interactions with residents form lasting impressions of who we are as Americans. Indeed, for many people,

especially children, we may be the very first American they have ever spoken to, shared a seat with, or have had a door held open by. As such, these first (and perhaps only) impressions are crucial in our engagement with the Japanese people.

Conversely, when we misbehave, are rude, speak with profanity, dress sloppily, break a law, or are otherwise obnoxious and offend our Japanese neighbors, we are certainly not being good ambassadors to our host nation.

A good rule to follow on being a good ambassador is an extension of "the Golden Rule"—treat others as you would wish to

be treated. In other words, we should act in a foreign country as we would want visitors to the United States to act in our country. It is that simple.

My background is as a professor and writer of diplomatic history. There are countless incidents from the more than 150-year history of the U.S.-Japan

relationship where bad behavior and the misunderstanding that developed out of the incident affected the bilateral relationship for years to come. Our misbehavior and failure to respect local laws, customs and courtesies can have serious implications and repercussions. They reflect badly on not just ourselves but on our command and on our country.

Importantly, on the other hand, there are many more episodes where one positive interaction, one act of kindness, one gesture of goodwill and compassion changed a person, school or community forever and, in some cases, their view of the United States and its people.

Which do you want to be remembered for, Mr. or Mrs. Ambassador?

Eldridge serves as the Deputy G-7, Government and External Affairs, Marine Corps Installations Pacific.

"Our behavior and attitude in our daily activities and interactions with local residents form lasting impressions of who we are as Americans."

AROUND THE CORPS



Sgt. Thomas A. Gill fires an M4 carbine during live-fire training aboard USS Makin Island, at sea, May 7. Gill is a reconnaissance Marine with the ground combat element, Battalion Landing Team 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, which is currently attached to the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit. The unit embarked USS Makin Island, USS New Orleans and USS Pearl Harbor in San Diego Nov. 14, beginning a seven-month deployment to the Western Pacific, Horn of Africa and Middle East regions. Photo by Lance Cpl. Claudia M. Palacios



A Marine fast-ropes from a CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter at Naval Air Facility El Centro, Calif., May 8. The 15th MEU is conducting the ground portion of realistic urban training in preparation for its deployment this fall. During the 11-day training exercise, Marines conducted fast-roping drills, covert and overt movements and patrols. Photo by Cpl. John Robbatt III



U.S. Marines conduct extraction training with members of the U.S. Navy's Riverine Squadron 3 aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C., May 10. This training was designed to familiarize the Marines with specialized tactics that may be used in their upcoming deployment to Africa. The Marines are with the ground combat element of Security Cooperation Task Force Africa Partnership Station 12. Riverine Squadron 3 is an element of the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Jemssy Alvarez Jr.

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Corps stresses DStress Line in road shows

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CAMP FOSTER — Marines, sailors, family readiness officers and Marine Corps Community Services employees gathered for a brief at Camp Foster to learn about the Marine Corps' DStress Line May 7.

The DStress Line is a commandant of the Marine Corps initiative, which provides an anonymous, web or phone-based, peer-to-peer counseling hotline and referral service for Marines, attached sailors and their families.

The purpose of the DStress Line is to increase total fitness and develop the necessary skills required to cope with the widely varying challenges of life in the Marine Corps, according to Marine Administrative Message 226/12. The hotline is now available to Marines and sailors on Okinawa and in Iwakuni.

The brief was designed to increase awareness of the DStress Line and inform attendees of how it works in conjunction with other resources, such as behavioral health family advocacy programs, chaplains and

the chain of command.

"This program was the idea of (Gen. James F. Amos) when he was still the assistant commandant," said Col. Grant Olbrich, the program manager for the line at Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps. "The 2009 suicide rate went through the roof. Our rate passed that of the Army and the civilian sector for the first time, so he went to leaders around the Corps to figure out what was wrong."

The leaders were very impassioned and wanted to fix the problems, said Olbrich.

"They found Marines were not (using) available resources," said Olbrich. "The element of confidentiality is important to us, Marines do not like to give out their information."

With an added focus on anonymity, a pilot program for the line started on the West Coast of the United States in 2009. It ran for nearly 18 months.

"During that time, only 11 percent of callers gave information for follow-up calls," said Olbrich. "They

To contact the DStress Line from Japan call these numbers:

DSN: 645-7734

Cell phone or land line: 098-970-7734

Okinawa/Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni: 877-476-7734

took full advantage of the anonymity," Olbrich explained. "The system allows callers to talk to their peers and be referred to those higher in the chain of command only if the caller decides it is necessary."

The peer counselors, who are all trained in behavioral health counseling, are supervised by licensed clinical counselors specializing in Marine Corps culture.

"The behavioral health family advocacy program is a resource where DStress Line counselors can refer callers," said Jean A. Claffey, director of the behavioral health family advocacy program at Camp Foster. "We have many services including personal and family counseling, suicide prevention services, new parent support program, family advocacy program and the victim advocacy program. These programs

allow for Marines, sailors and family members to receive counseling for any stressful situation, which may develop during a military career."

In addition to the MARADMIN, commands should receive word about this program through the behavioral health family advocacy program, briefs and Marine Corps Community Services, said Olbrich.

"Eventually, everyone will get word about this service," said Olbrich. "The DStress Line is one more tool for leaders to use to help their Marines."

The hotline's chat feature is available through the DStress Line homepage at www.dstressline.com. The website also contains an email link, more information about the DStress Line, videos and an international list of government resources for behavioral health needs.

Camp Fuji welcomes local community to annual festival

Cpl. Justin R. Wheeler

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COMBINED ARMS TRAINING CENTER CAMP FUJI, Japan — Marines of Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji welcomed thousands of visitors to the base during the Camp Fuji friendship festival May 12.

The festival provided an opportunity for the local community to come together and celebrate the relationship fostered by the Japanese and the Marines.

"Your attendance today is proof that you've accepted us in your community and the relationship between the U.S. Marines and Gotenba City (the city surrounding Camp Fuji) is very strong," said Col. Anthony J. Johnson, CATC, Camp Fuji commanding officer, during the opening ceremony. "Our Marines are committed to the success of both of our nations."

The festival grounds boasted more than a dozen food and merchandise vendors, a stage for music performances, pony rides and static displays of Marine Corps and Japan Ground Self-Defense Force military vehicles.

When the gate opened, a crowd poured into the festival area. Camp Fuji Marines and sailors, all in uniform, played with children and conversed with Japanese counterparts to show the community Marines are more than warfighters.



A Marine color guard salutes the playing of the Japanese and American national anthems during the opening ceremony of the Camp Fuji friendship festival at the Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji May 12. The festival provided an opportunity for the local community and the Marines to come together and celebrate the relationship fostered between them. Photo by Cpl. Justin R. Wheeler

"This festival forms a better relationship between the Marines on base and the local community and creates an overall sense of comfort for the operations we conduct here," said Cpl. Fadian Salazar, a radio technician with the communications section, CATC. Throughout the day, the Marines conducted several demonstrations, including military working dogs, explosive ordnance disposal tactics, techniques and procedures, and the Marine Corps martial arts program.

"(During the EOD demonstration) I was surprised to see the robot work so precisely," said Naoto Yamada. "My kids laughed when they saw the 'explosive' was only stuffed animals tied together."

The festivities were well received by many attendees, who now anticipate going back to this event every year, according to Sgt. Keiji Tanaka, an infantryman with the Takigahara Base Infantry School Regiment, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force.

"This festival has been very exciting and fun," said Tanaka. "I think everyone expects this event every year because it is very enjoyable."

All events were tailored to bring the Marines and the Japanese closer together.

"The Marines at Camp Fuji desire to be a part of the local community and (with this festival) we want to increase that friendship and cooperation," said Johnson.

BRIEFS

CAMP FOSTER GATE CONSTRUCTION

• Plaza Housing gate 8, the main entrance, is closed due to construction. Work is scheduled to end June 22. All traffic will be diverted to Plaza gate 8a.

Personnel wishing to enter Plaza Housing heading west on highway 85 will pass gate 8 and turn left at the first traffic signal.

For a map, visit www.facebook.com/campfoster.

- Camp Foster gate 2, the PX gate, will be under construction May 21 through the beginning of July.
- Traffic through Camp Foster gate 10 will be reduced to one lane from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily May 28 through the beginning of July.

2012 ROAD TAX COLLECTION

Personnel are required to pay road tax on all vehicles not de-registered before April 1. All 2012 road tax stickers must be displayed before June 1.

Road taxes may be paid at the following locations and times:

- Camp Courtney Education Center: May 18, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Torii Station Chapel Annex: May 21, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Camp Hansen, The Palms: May 22, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Camp Schwab Camp Services: May 23, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

All original documents are required: military registration, 2011 road tax receipt, vehicle title, Japanese compulsory insurance and American insurance. Road taxes must be paid in Japanese yen.

For more details, contact 645-7481/3963.

IPAC REORGANIZING OPERATIONS

To better serve customers, the ID Card Center, Deployment/TAD Branch and Quality Assurance sections will be relocated to building 5692 at Camp Foster and the Inbound Branch will be relocated to building 5699 at Camp Foster.

During the reorganization, handicap accessible service for ID Card issues will be available at Camp Kinser, Administrative Satellite Center located at building 107 or at Kadena Air Base ID Center located at building 721 B.

ID Card Services are also available at each Administrative Satellite Center as follows:

- Kinser building 107, 637-1097
- Futenma building 550, 636-6614
- Hansen building 2653, 623-4749
- Schwab building 3509, 625-1100
- Courtney building 4319, 622-7214
- Kadena Air Base ID Center building 721 B, 634-4537.

For more details, contact 645-5477.

TO SUBMIT A BRIEF, send an e-mail to 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

Off-duty behavior reflects on Corps

Sgt. Heather Brewer

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Military personnel stationed overseas are viewed as unofficial ambassadors to their host nation.

Part of upholding this tradition of ambassadorship is consistently having a respectful attitude and participating only in appropriate, authorized activities.

Marine Corps Bases Japan and III Marine Expeditionary Force Order 1050.7A, the liberty campaign order, provides direction for maintaining an appropriate presence in the Okinawa community.

Guidelines for responsible drinking include a curfew for public alcohol consumption and restrictions on alcohol use in the barracks. These rules are valuable tools ensuring responsible behavior among service members; it is important for non-commissioned officers to be vigilant in enforcing them.

"NCOs not only have to enforce the rules about alcohol consumption, we also have to set the example at all times," said Sgt. Edwin H. Harmon Jr., a safety NCO with facilities engineering, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler. "Excessive alcohol consumption can be dangerous; and when even one Marine has an incident, it can damage our relationship with the Okinawa community."

Another aspect of displaying respectful behavior is honoring the privacy and religious practices of our host country and its sacred landmarks.

"It is very important for NCOs to observe and enforce the rules governing the treatment of shrines and temples because it's ultimately our responsibility to ensure we have a good relationship with our neighbors," said Sgt. Jeffrey Smedley, intelligence chief with 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III MEF. "The best way to do that is to show them that we understand and respect their way of life."

Upholding and compelling others to follow these rules is an important role for NCOs to play, said Cpl. Gwendelen A. Popp, operations noncommissioned officer-in-charge, G-1 Administration Office, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MEF.

"If junior Marines see their NCOs disregarding the rules concerning anything, they are less likely to follow those rules themselves," said Popp.

In addition to the guidelines provided by the order, a common-sense approach to good manners is a surefire way

to set an excellent example. While participating in any activity on Okinawa, always be courteous to others, don't litter and obey all street signs.

The MCBJ/III MEF Order 1050.7A liberty campaign order can be accessed online with a current common access card, at the Camp Butler adjutant SharePoint homepage at <https://wss.mcbbutler.nmci.usmc.mil/G1/Adjutant/default.aspx>. Look under "Announcements" for a link to the liberty campaign order.

"A common-sense approach to good manners is a surefire way to set an excellent example."

DISCUSSION BOARD: AMBASSADORS



Cpl. Jose L Viera, 3rd Marine Logistics Group

"It is important for noncommissioned officers to enforce the rules governing behavior. We are the representatives of the U.S. Marine Corps and the United States of America."



Sgt. Justin V. Devendorf, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing

"Exploring the island keeps the Marines engaged without necessarily putting them at risk to do something stupid. Sponsored activities also provide an atmosphere which lessens the chances of alcohol-related incidents."



Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael F. Watson, U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa

"We are guests in this country and we need to act as such. We should respect the local rules as well as the people."

To join the discussion, visit www.facebook.com/3mef.mcipac

Heavy lifting helicopter



Landing support specialists attach a 7,000-pound cement block to a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter during dual-point external training at Landing Zone Swan in the Central Training Area May 10. The training consisted of transporting the cement block to different locations around the landing zone, with the block simulating a Humvee. The helicopter can carry externally slung loads up to 36,000 pounds and is used for cargo loads like military vehicles, supplies, food and water. The helicopter is with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265 (Reinforced), Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kasey Peacock

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and hot-weather safety, such as sea conditions, the buddy system and dangers of overheating.

The brief also contained a vehicle-safety segment called street smart, which detailed the potential consequences of not wearing a seatbelt, said Ralph Jiminez, a firefighter and paramedic with the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Service. It is a collaborative effort between Anheuser-Busch and the paramedics involved with the program stay alive from education, which is a nonprofit organization that is focused on making teenagers and military personnel aware of the dangers associated

with driving under the influence, illegal drugs and noncompliance of seatbelt laws.

"The brief was pretty effective. I know I will be wearing my seatbelt more often," said Lance Cpl. Kyle D. Gardner, a data systems technician with Marine Wing Communication Squadron 18, Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "It made me realize what could happen if I was in a crash."

The street smart program features photographs and graphic descriptions of real car accidents involving drinking or using drugs, texting while driving, and

not wearing seatbelts.

"We go to different installations all over the world and give the same brief," said Jiminez. "With the program Anheuser-Busch sponsors, we visit all the services and have an opportunity to teach service members about vehicle safety."

Part of the lesson is a demonstration of the tools used during a rescue, such as the neck brace, catheter and backboard, said Jiminez. Every tool can be found inside a fire truck or an ambulance.

For more information about the critical days of summer, contact the Installation Safety Office at 645-2670.

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"The 40th anniversary of the Reversion is an incredible landmark in the relationship between the U.S. and Japan," said John Roos, U.S. ambassador to Japan. "It is another symbol of the deep relationship between our two countries."

Without a question, Okinawa is the cornerstone of the U.S. and Japan alliance, according to Roos.

"As it has been in the past, our alliance continues to be indispensable to our future," said Roos. "We as Americans recognize the sacrifices the people of Okinawa have made to keep this critical alliance strong."

Since the Reversion, the people of Okinawa have made tremendous efforts, said Nakaima. As a result,

Okinawa has become a true source of pride for its people.

Recently, various media outlets conducted opinion polls about the Reversion, according to Keiichi Inamine, the former governor of Okinawa. Results indicated that a majority of the citizens of Okinawa believe it was a good decision to return to Japan.

"As we mark this important 40th anniversary milestone, let us not only reflect back with pride, but also admire the close connections forged by the people of Okinawa and the United States over the past decades," said Roos. "The connection will continue to be one of our greatest sources of our alliance and the underlying strength of our two nations."

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"We will be meeting up with Marines from I MEF and II MEF in Afghanistan, and we will all become part of Combat Logistics Regiment 17," said Staff Sgt. Eric J. Croft, a warehouse chief with the regiment.

"The overall purpose of performing the retrograde of the gear is to sort out everything in Afghanistan and redistribute it between the I, II and III MEFs," said Croft.

Before deploying, the Marines took part in predeployment training on Okinawa to prepare them for Afghanistan.

"We went over performance of convoy operations, foot patrols, mine sweeping and other situations we might encounter," said Lance Cpl. Jorge Delatorre, heavy-equipment operator with the regiment.

This training helped prepare the Marines both physically and mentally for the upcoming deployment, said Delatorre.

For many of the Marines with CLR-37, this deployment is their first in Afghanistan.

"Like every Marine, I have wanted the chance to do my job in a deployed environment," said Delatorre. "When I was asked if I was interested in deploying, I jumped at the opportunity."

Many Marines think because they are in Okinawa, they might not get the chance to deploy to a combat environment, according to Elms.

"As Marines, wherever you go there is always a chance to deploy," said Elms. "Do not go to a duty station and think you will not get the chance to go somewhere."

III MEF Band performs with local high school band at festival



Cpl. Michael S. Rodriguez with the III Marine Expeditionary Force Band and performers from the Chikushi Jogakuen High School Band perform together during the Fukuoka Dontaku festival in Canal City, Fukuoka prefecture, May 4. Photo courtesy of III MEF Band

Countries improve marksmanship, strengthen relations during

Sgt. Brandon L. Saunders
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Breathe ... relax ... aim ... stop ... squeeze ... follow through. This technique, also known as “BRASS-F,” is a technique taught during entry-level marksmanship training in the Marine Corps.

Marines of III Marine Expeditionary Force used these basic fundamentals and more advanced techniques to showcase their marksmanship skills alongside a variety of other military forces during the Australian Army Skill at Arms Meeting 2012 at Puckapunyal, Australia, May 7-17.

In its 5th meeting at Puckapunyal, AASAM is a multinational event allowing U.S. service members to exchange skills, tactics, techniques and procedures with members of the Australian Army, as well as other international militaries in friendly competition.

Taking place at the Combined Arms Training Center, the competition includes various rifle and pistol events. At inception, AASAM began as a sniper competition and transitioned to close-quarters combat marksmanship where competitors were able to display the fundamentals of marksmanship.

AASAM allows for an opportunity to strengthen the working relationship between U.S. forces and the Australian Defence Force.

“The Marine Corps has participated a few times before, and it’s been great having them here,” said Australian Navy Cmdr. Wayne Richards, director of competition for AASAM.

“In the midst of the competition, Australian Defence Force Chief of Army Lt. Gen. David E. Morrison visited the range to meet with service members from the countries participating. Additionally, Morrison discussed AASAM progress with



Sgt. Cody R. Nelson fires at 300-meter targets during the first day of competition at AASAM 2012 May 7 in Puckapunyal, Australia. Photo by U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth

combat shooting team captains and greeted key leaders from Japan and Singapore.

“AASAM is very important to me as the chief, but what is also very important is the number of international teams, from the U.S. Marine Corps to Japan, and a number of regional countries,” said Morrison.

For this year’s AASAM iteration, the number of teams has grown with the addition of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force shooting team.

“We are very accustomed to having bilateral exercises with the United States,” said Maj. Gen. Okabe Toshiya, head of training for the JGSDF. “For AASAM, this not only includes Australia but 15 other countries.”

Overall, AASAM has been a platform for various military services to showcase marksmanship with their colleagues from other nations. The U.S. Marine Corps’ combat shooting team has served as an important link in the chain of interoperability by fellow-shiping with the host nation, as well as other countries where the U.S. military conducts exercises and operations.

“This has been an amazing opportunity for us to demonstrate Marine Corps combat marksmanship on an international level,” said Chief Warrant Officer Martin W. Dankanich, officer-in-charge and team captain of the III MEF combat shooting team. “It is an honor for us to represent the Corps at this level.”



Chief Warrant Officer Martin W. Dankanich adjusts the rifle combat optic on his M4 assault rifle during the competition at Puckapunyal, Australia, May 7. Dankanich is the team captain of the III MEF combat shooting team. Photo by U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth



ing shooting match



Marksmen representing various military forces from 16 countries compete against each other during the pistol portion of AASAM 2012 in Puckapunyal, Australia, May 9. Photo by Sgt. Brandon L. Saunders



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Marines with the III MEF combat shooting team navigate through an obstacle course during AASAM 2012 in Puckapunyal, Australia, May 10. Photo by Sgt. Brandon L. Saunders



kanich, left, shows British Army Pvt. Stuart Greig assault rifle prior to a match during AASAM 2012 in kanich is the officer-in-charge and team captain of III a competitor with the British Army combat shooting el R. Holzworth

Participants sprint toward the firing line during the 2012 Australian Army Skills at Arms Meeting in Puckapunyal, Australia, May 7. AASAM is an international marksmanship competition including 16 different countries. This year is the 5th iteration of AASAM and the third consecutive year that U.S. forces have been invited to participate.

Photo by U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth



Marine's merit earns scholarship to Colgate

Lance Cpl. Erik S. Brooks Jr.
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

In 2011, Colgate University established the leadership scholar program, which allows two Marines per year to be accepted for enrollment and receive full scholarships to the school.

Sgt. Daniel R. Luntzel received an envelope in the mail from Colgate University containing his acceptance and scholarship letters April 27.

"I was very honored when I found out that I received the scholarship," said Luntzel, an instructor with Special Operations Training Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF.

Colgate's leadership scholar program is nationwide and recognizes students having a meritorious record of academic achievement and involvement in community service, which contributes toward their growth as future leaders of



Sgt. Daniel R. Luntzel receives personal congratulations from Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr. on Camp Courtney May 4. Luntzel was awarded a scholarship to Colgate University, in Hamilton, New York, as part of Colgate's leadership scholar program. Luntzel is an instructor with Special Operations Training Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF. Glueck is the commanding general of III MEF. Photo by Lance Cpl. Erik S. Brooks Jr.

America, according to Colgate University's website.

"Last December, I received an e-mail describing how Colgate University was seeking two Marines to enroll in the fall of 2012," said Luntzel. "It also announced the Marines chosen would be guaranteed admittance and would incur no more than \$2,000 in educational expenses

per year. I realized what a huge opportunity this was for any Marine who met the requirements."

The requirements for the scholarship were a minimum SAT score of 1200, an end of active service date before the fall semester, a high school diploma and an interview with the Colgate dean of admissions, Gary Ross, said Luntzel.

"Since I scored well enough and knew I eventually wanted to go back to college, I wrote to Beth E. Morgan, the special admissions program recruiter at Camp Pendleton, Calif., about applying" said Luntzel. "Over the following weeks, I stayed in contact with her and provided her with my transcripts and personal information."

Ross scheduled a day of interviews with candidates on Camp Pendleton at the end of January, said Luntzel.

"I expected to be training during that time frame, so I was making arrangements to conduct the interview via telephone," said Luntzel. "When I informed my assistant officer-in-charge, Lt. Col. Stephen P. Armes, that I was going to interview for Colgate, he became very excited that I was selected and offered to help me prepare in any way."

A few days later, Luntzel was on his way to California to interview in person.

During the interview, Luntzel spoke with Dean Ross about his academic record and the university.

"I believe that we both walked away convinced that Colgate University and I would be a good fit for each other," said Luntzel.

By the time Luntzel returned to Okinawa, Morgan had already sent an email stating he was accepted.

"Sgt. Luntzel received this award due to his hard work during his studies and his commitment to his community," said Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr., commanding general of III MEF. "He embodies our Marine Corps' core values greatly and this scholarship is well deserved."

Luntzel plans to study political science and international relations.

"I encourage Marines to continue to apply for the scholarship, so they can set themselves up for a career outside of the Marine Corps," said Luntzel.

Warrior day strengthens bond for Marines, spouses

Story and photos by
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OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Marine spouses participated in the 2nd annual spouses' warrior day at Camp Hansen May 11.

The event was created to celebrate military spouse appreciation day and was open to III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group spouses and family members over the age of 18.

"We wanted to give the spouses a chance to try some of the training that Marines have done," said Amy Thome, the III MHG, III MEF, family readiness officer. "We gathered the command team advisors, which are composed of spouses of Marines and sailors within the unit, and collected ideas for activities to do throughout the day."

Approximately 90 spouses were split into six squads, which rotated through the day's events.

The warrior day events included the Humvee egress assistance trainer, combat convoy simulator, rappel tower and pistol range, according to Thome.

The spouses were also able to watch and participate in Ma-



Marine spouses prepare to ride in a combat rubber raiding craft during spouses' warrior day on Camp Hansen May 11.

rine Corps martial arts program demonstrations and ride in combat rubber raiding crafts.

"The day also included a meal, ready-to-eat lunch and a (mess) hall dinner," said Thome. "We wanted to give the spouses a pretty well-rounded Marine Corps day."

The day was really fun but was also hard, according to Rochelle Marcus, a Marine spouse and event participant.

"My husband and I talk a lot about the training he does and that pumped me up to be able to come out here and try some of it," said Marcus. "Some of it

looked a lot easier than it really was. The day turned out to be a real workout."

Being in a military family gets difficult at times, especially during deployments for months at a time when communication is not always constant, according to Kathleen M. Sharp, a Marine spouse and participant.

"Having an event like this was a real treat," said Sharp. "It is nice to be appreciated by our Marine and other service members for all the sacrifices that we as military spouses make," Sharp added.



Saori Sykes descends the rappel tower during spouses' warrior day on Camp Hansen May 11. The warrior day included the Humvee egress assistance trainer, the combat convoy simulator, rappel tower and the pistol range. The spouses were also able to watch and participate in Marine Corps martial arts program demonstrations and ride in combat rubber raiding crafts. Sykes is a Marine spouse and event participant.

Family tradition of Marines

Marine Corps service through Summerlin generations

Lance Cpl. Kasey Peacock
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Thomas J. Summerlin IV can recall childhood memories of looking up at what his grandmother called the “wall of fame,” which held photographs of seven of her eleven children in military uniforms.

As a child raised by service member parents, Summerlin aspired to become a Marine.

“I am going to make it up there one day,” Summerlin would say to his grandmother.

It would take many years for him to realize the influence he would have on many of his family members, who chose to become Marines and join the wall themselves.

Summerlin’s father, Thomas J. Summerlin III, has his photograph on that wall. While he was in the Marine Corps, he met and married his wife, Olinda E. Summerlin, who was also a Marine.

“My father didn’t say much about his time in the Marine Corps when I was growing up,” said Summerlin. “My mother, on the other hand, was much more outspoken about it. She would always give my brother and I a look-over whenever we left the house.”

Now a gunnery sergeant, Summerlin is the current operations chief with Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. He joined the Marine Corps after one year of college and one year in the civilian work force.

“I always knew Thomas was going to be a Marine,” said Summerlin’s mother. “He grew up to be the man I hoped he would be, and I believe he has gained inner strength from serving and continuing to serve in the Marine Corps.”

Since his enlistment, he has managed to hold many senior billets, including regimental supply chief, chief instructor of corporals course, regimental training chief and regimental current and future operations chief.

While Summerlin has held numerous billets in the Marine Corps, his greatest accomplishments came while he was a recruiter.

“As a young Marine growing up in the Corps, I was always told by my seniors I would make a good recruiter because of my love for the Corps and my gift of gab,” said Summerlin. “As soon as I was able to, I volunteered to be a recruiter because I wanted to make a difference in the lives of young men and woman the way the Marine Corps did for me.”

The first family member Summerlin unofficially recruited was his younger brother.

Summerlin called the recruiter and helped facilitate the process for his brother getting into the Marine Corps. Six years later, when Summerlin became a recruiter, he recruited his younger sister, brother-in-law and sister-in-law.

“During his recruiting duty, I noticed he didn’t have to work as hard as other recruiters,” said Cpl. Ayana N. Summerlin, Summerlin’s younger sister. “I believe that was because of his presence. He is proud to be a Marine, he lives and bleeds

Marine Corps, and to see that is inspirational.”

Eleven members of the Summerlin family hold the title Marine. For them, being a Marine is not just a job, but a way of life.

“Being a Marine means everything to me,” said Summerlin. “I have de-

ployed to Iraq in defense of the country I love. I’ve given young men and women a chance to become Marines. I’ve trained small-unit leaders to be better leaders, and have made friends that would do anything for me, and I for them.

“At a time in my life when I was looking for a purpose, the Marine Corps gave me one,” he added.

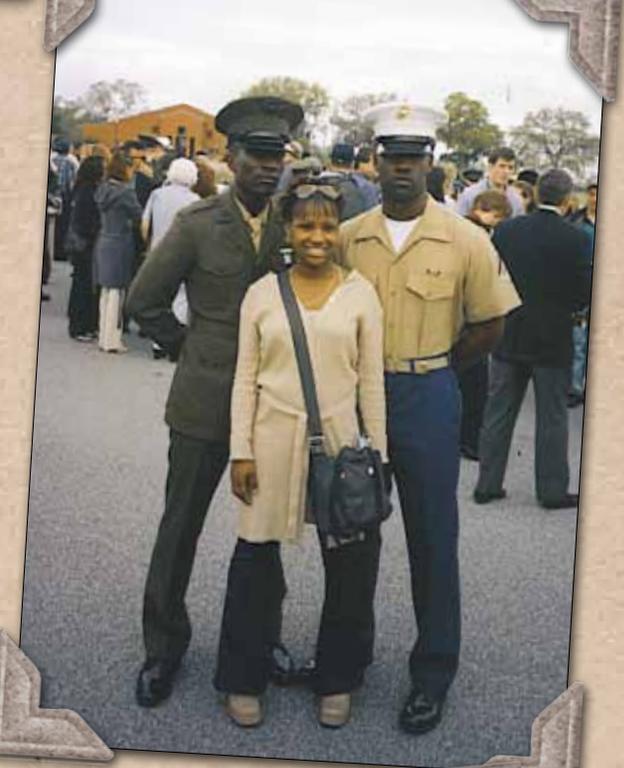
As Summerlin looks to the future, he aspires to complete a degree in mass media communication and submit a warrant officer package.

It is unclear how many more Summerlins will look to the Marine Corps as a way of life, but for Summerlin and his wife, they may find out soon enough.

“My son has already expressed an interest in the Marine Corps,” said Summerlin. “Since he was in the third grade, he’s been telling my wife and I (that) he wants to become a Marine. I have no issues with any of my children following in our footsteps. I just want them to do it for themselves, and not feel obligated because of all the family history.”

“He is proud to be a Marine, he lives and bleeds Marine Corps, and to see that is inspirational.”

Cpl. Ayana N. Summerlin



Above photos: Gunnery Sgt. Thomas J. Summerlin poses with members of his family. Eleven members of the Summerlin family hold the title Marine. Photos courtesy of Gunnery Sgt. Thomas J. Summerlin

Typhoon readiness

Preparation crucial as typhoon season nears

Lance Cpl. Courtney G. White
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP FOSTER — With typhoon season around the corner, residents of Okinawa should begin preparation early.

Typhoons, or cyclones, are storm systems characterized by a large low-pressure center and deep moisture that produce strong winds and heavy rain. They are normally found in the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean.

“Typhoon season is designated from June 1 to November 30 with more typhoons developing in August than in any other month,” said Carl D. Hinson, the G-3/5 installation emergency management analyst for Marine Corps Installations Pacific. “The number of storms are dependent upon the weather conditions and sea temperatures.”

Though typhoon season is designated to start in June, there have been many instances where typhoons have hit in May, so early preparation is important, according to Air Force Master Sgt. Joe F. Round, the flight chief of weather flight, 18th Operations Support Squadron, Kadena Air Base.

To begin preparing for typhoon season, one

should first build an emergency kit and make a family communications plan, said Hinson.

“You should know the elevation level of your property and whether the land is flood-prone,” said Hinson. “This will help you know how your property will be affected when storm surge or tidal flooding is forecast.”

Learning the community emergency evacuation routes and how to find higher ground are also important, according to Hinson. Personnel need to determine where they would go and how they would get there if they needed to evacuate.

Once a typhoon is in the area, Hinson recommends that all personnel begin typhoon preparations in and around their place of residency.

During TCCOR 1 Caution, all personnel are advised to stay inside. However, during TCCOR 1 Emergency, all personnel are required to stay indoors until TCCOR 1 Recovery is announced.

The Air Force 18th Wing commander is the TCCOR authority for all Department of Defense facilities and personnel on Okinawa, per U.S. Forces Japan Instruction 15-4001. In accordance with the instruction, only the commander can give the all-clear after a typhoon.

After a typhoon has passed, it is important

to assess the area for damage and contact the appropriate organizations to report any discrepancies, said Hinson.

To receive updates and monitor storm progress on Okinawa, visit <http://weather.kadenaservices.com/> or www.usno.navy.mil/jtwc, tune into American Forces Network television and radio programming, or call 634-4081.

For more information regarding emergency planning visit www.ready.gov, www.fema.org, www.redcross.org or <http://72hours.org>.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

MCB HQSVCBN Command Duty Officer	645-7315
Base Officer of the Day	645-7218
Camp Foster Base Access Operator	098-892-5111
Military Police (from on-base)	911
Military Police (from off-base)	098-970-3423/3887
Ambulance and Fire Department	
(from on-base)	911
(from off-base)	098-83-7911
Kadena AB Access Operator	098-938-1111
U.S. Naval Hospital Emergency Room	
(from on-base)	643-4245

READINESS LEVELS

Military installations use a system of nine typhoon readiness levels called tropical cyclone conditions of readiness, commonly displayed as TCCOR levels, to inform personnel of the current typhoon threat and actions they should take. The conditions are:

TCCOR 4

Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are possible within 72 hours. TCCOR 4 will be continuously in effect as a minimum condition of readiness annually June 1 - Nov. 30

- Stock up on food, bottled water, flashlights, candles and other typhoon supplies.
- Secure items inside before going on leave or temporary duty.

TCCOR 3

Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are possible within 48 hours.

- Inventory all supplies.
- Prepare and fill water containers.
- Select the most centralized room in the house for a living area during the storm.
- Fill privately owned vehicles with gas.
- Pre-position emergency supplies.
- Initiate a general clean-up around residence and office. Remove all loose items outside and secure those left outside.

TCCOR 2

Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are anticipated within 24 hours.

- Continue to monitor storm progress.
- Locate all utility shut-off points and prepare for immediate shut-off if necessary.
- Re-check outside areas for loose items.

Housing residents are responsible for securing their quarters and all items outside the home including outdoor toys, bicycles, barbecue grills, trash cans, tables and chairs. Residents in towers also need to bring items from the balconies inside.

TCCOR 1

Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are anticipated within 12 hours. All military installations will take preventative action in preparation of an imminent typhoon.

- Fill bathtub with water for sanitation needs.
- Move high-value items to a central point in quarters to prevent damage.
- Check emergency lights and flashlights.
- Limit outside activities.
- Continue to monitor storm progress.
- If a fire hazard exists or power fails, turn off electricity, water and gas until power returns.
- No school for Department of Defense Dependent Schools. Children return or remain at home.
- Refuse collection services stop. Occupants must secure garbage, cans and bulk items
- Alcohol consumption prohibited.

TCCOR 1 CAUTION

Destructive winds of 50 knots or more anticipated within 12 hours. Actual winds are 35 to 49-knots.

- Non-mission-essential personnel released to quarters
- Secure/sandbag exterior doors/windows.
- Turn off all nonessential electrical items.
- Discontinue outdoor activities except those in direct support of urgent military missions.
- The base exchange, commissary, gas stations and all AAFES facilities close.
- Alcohol consumption prohibited.

TCCOR 1 EMERGENCY

Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are occurring.

- All outside activities are prohibited.
- Stay tuned to American Forces Network radio and television channels.
- Alcohol consumption prohibited.

TCCOR 1 RECOVERY

Once destructive winds have subsided. Actual winds are 34 to 49 knots. Widespread damage and hazards may still exist.

- Nonessential functions remain closed.
- No outdoor activity is authorized other than workers from predesignated emergency crews.
- DODDS remain closed.
- Alcohol consumption prohibited.

STORM WATCH

The installations are still experiencing effects of the typhoon. A storm may still exist in a nearby location. Heightened alert status is necessary to rapidly establish regular TCCOR condition in case the storm changes course. Hazardous conditions may still exist due to damage.

- Commissary and exchange resume operations unless otherwise directed by installation commander.
- Everyone will return to work within two hours from the time Storm Watch is declared unless otherwise instructed by their commander.
- DODDS teachers and staff will return to work during normal work hours, but students will not report until “All-Clear” unless otherwise instructed.
- Alcohol consumption prohibited.

ALL-CLEAR

All-clear is announced by each camp commander as they declare hazards no longer exist. However, be alert to possible damage and hazardous road conditions. DODDS teachers, staff and students will return to school during normal hours.

DISASTER KIT

BOTTLED WATER

- At least one gallon daily per person for up to seven days.

FOOD

- Stock enough food for at least seven days consisting of non-perishable packaged or canned foods and juices, and any special foods for infants or the elderly.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- Non-electric can opener
- Gas-powered cooker with fuel
- Disposable plates and utensils
- Blankets and pillows
- Clothing to include rain gear and sturdy shoes
- First-aid kit
- Toiletries and hygiene items
- Flashlights and batteries
- Battery-operated radio
- Whistle
- Fire extinguisher, matches
- Dust mask
- Charged cell phone, extra battery
- Cash (dollars and yen)
- Credit Cards (banks and bank teller machines may not be accessible)
- Prescription medications and glasses
- Towels, rags and mops
- Keys, local maps
- Place important documents such as insurance papers, medical records, banking information and Social Security cards in a waterproof container

FOR THOSE WITH PETS

- Proper identification, immunization records and medications
- Ample food and water
- A carrier or cage
- A muzzle and leash

In Theaters Now

MAY 18 - 24

FOSTER

TODAY The Avengers (PG13), 6 and 9:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG), noon; John Carter (PG13), 3 p.m.; The Lucky One (PG13), 6 p.m.; A Thousand Words (PG13), 9 p.m.
SUNDAY Dark Shadows (PG13), 1 and 4:30 and 8 p.m.
MONDAY The Lucky One (PG13), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY A Thousand Words (PG13), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY A Thousand Words (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Dark Shadows (PG13), 7 p.m.

KADENA

TODAY Closed
SATURDAY The Avengers (PG13), noon, 4 and 8 p.m.
SUNDAY The Avengers (PG13), 1, 5 and 9 p.m.
MONDAY The Avengers (PG13), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY The Avengers (PG13), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY A Thousand Words (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY John Carter (PG13), 7 p.m.

COURTNEY

TODAY Dark Shadows (PG13), 6 and 9:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG), 2 p.m.; Silent House (R), 6 p.m.
SUNDAY Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) 2 p.m.; Safe (R), 6 p.m.
MONDAY Silent House (R), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY The Avengers (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Closed

FUTENMA

TODAY Silent House (R), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Dark Shadows (PG13), 4 and 7 p.m.
SUNDAY Wrath of the Titans (PG13), 4 p.m.; American Reunion (R), 7 p.m.
MONDAY Safe (R), 6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY-THURSDAY Closed

KINSER

TODAY John Carter (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY John Carter (PG13), 3 p.m.; A Thousand Words (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY A Thousand Words (PG13), 3 p.m.; John Carter (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
MONDAY Closed
TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY Dark Shadows (PG13), 3 and 6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY A Thousand Words (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

HANSEN

TODAY A Thousand Words (PG13), 7 p.m.
SATURDAY Safe (R), 6 and 9 p.m.
SUNDAY John Carter (PG13), 2 p.m.; A Thousand Words (PG13), 5:30 p.m.
MONDAY Dark Shadows (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.
TUESDAY Dark Shadows (PG13), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY John Carter (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY The Avengers (PG13), 7 p.m.

SCHWAB

TODAY Safe (R), 7 p.m.
SATURDAY Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG), 5 p.m.
SUNDAY Silent House (R), 5 p.m.
MONDAY-THURSDAY Closed

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CAMP FOSTER 645-3465
KADENA AIR BASE 634-1869
 (USO NIGHT) 632-8781
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
 (USO NIGHT) 625-3834

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SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM EVENTS

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

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:

“Wakarimasen.”
 (pronounced: wah-kah-ree-mah-sehn)
 It means, “I don’t understand.”



May 7 - 11

RIFLE RANGE
 Sgt. Paul Slominski,
 3rd MarDiv., 343



CHAPLAINS' CORNER

“Start looking at your spouse through new eyes.”

Marriage creates unique kingdom

Navy Lt. Christopher C. Allen
 HEADQUARTERS & SERVICE BATTALION
 CHAPLAIN, MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP BUTLER

Since coming to Okinawa, I have had the great privilege of presiding at a number of weddings. Of course, we all know civil marriages are performed at an office of the local government because of the status of forces agreement requirements. However, there is a lot more to marriage than legalities.

In my own Eastern Orthodox Christian tradition, we have a wedding rite which is beautiful, and to those in Western denominations, quite unfamiliar. You may have seen parts of the ceremony in the movies “My Big Fat Greek Wedding” or “The Deer Hunter.”

The central part of the wedding is called the crowning because we literally place crowns on the heads of the bride and groom. In the Greek tradition, these crowns are light wreaths woven with flowers.

In the Russian tradition, they are actually crowns with precious stones, gleaming metalwork and icons.

No matter the type of crown though, the meaning is the same: this man and woman who become husband and wife are, among many other things, king and queen of an entirely new domain. That domain is the family that they become, the new and unique creation they are in the eyes of God.

Even if you’re not an Orthodox Christian, even if you never had a religious wedding, start looking at your spouse through new eyes. When you look at your husband or wife imagine that you see over his or her head a beautiful crown. That crown represents all the commitment, all the love, all the suffering, as well as all the delight, which has been conceded to you, given into your care to nurture and protect.

You and your spouse reign over something absolutely unique, something which has never before existed, and never will exist again: two people who are now one, a family, a heritage, a kingdom which belongs to no one but you and God.

Consider those crowns each time you look at each other, and you may never look at each other the same way again.

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