

OKINAWA MARINE

SEPTEMBER 28, 2012

WWW.MCIPAC.MARINES.MIL

MV-22B Ospreys make maiden flights in Japan



Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265 aircrews conduct MV-22B Osprey functional check flights aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, Sept. 24. The functional check flights marked the first time the MV-22B Osprey flew in Japan. Once VMM-265 completes functional check flights at MCAS Iwakuni, its Ospreys will be based at and operate out of MCAS Futenma. The MV-22B combines the capability of a helicopter with the speed and range of a fixed-wing aircraft. Basing the Osprey on Okinawa will significantly strengthen the United States' ability to provide for the defense of Japan, perform humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations, and fulfill other alliance roles. VMM-265 is a part of Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. *Photo by Sgt. Daniel Brown*
SEE PAGE 2 FOR THE III MEF CG'S STATEMENT ON THE ARRIVAL OF OSPREYS TO JAPAN.

Japan, US leaders pay respects, observe training

Capt. Caleb D. Eames
 OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

YIGO, Guam — U.S. and Japanese general officers paid respects Sept. 23 to both nations' service members and local civilians killed during World War II on Guam more than 60 years ago.

Gen. Eiji Kimizuka, chief of staff of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, and Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr., commanding general of III Marine Expeditionary Force, laid floral wreaths at the South Pacific Memorial Park in Yigo, Guam, in memory of the loss of over 20,000 lives in the Guam campaigns.

"It is a great honor to be here with General Kimizuka to take part in this ceremony honoring the dead: the Japanese soldiers, the U.S. Marines, soldiers, sailors and airmen, and the Guamians," said Glueck.

The Yigo monument marks the location of a World War II Japanese military command post. Portions of the headquarters cave complex are still intact, serving as a reminder of how the long-ago enemies are now committed to a strong alliance.

see **RESPECT** pg 5

Bilateral mock boat raid in Guam highlights amphibious capabilities

Lance Cpl. Codey Underwood
 31ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT

NAVAL BASE GUAM — Members of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force and Marines and sailors with Company F, Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, conducted a bilateral boat raid at Naval Base Guam, Sept. 22.

The JGSDF integrated with BLT 2/1 for the MEU's amphibious integration training and certification exercise, during which the MEU and JGSDF

members conducted various bilateral amphibious operations to increase interoperability and help strengthen ties between Japan and the U.S.

"The Marine Corps has a long history with amphibious warfare," said Sgt. Maj. Yukihiro Nakayama, a translator with the JGSDF and a native of Okinawa, Japan. "This is our chance to learn from them and begin to develop our own amphibious capabilities."

The Marines, sailors and JGSDF members shared techniques while conducting raids from combat rubber

see **CERTEX** pg 5



Sgt. Joshua Garcia, left, and Sgt. 1st Class Yoshimitsu Shintomi establish security next to a combat rubber raiding craft during integrated amphibious raid training at Naval Base Guam Sept. 22. Japan Ground Self-Defense Force members and Marines and sailors conducted various amphibious-borne training evolutions aimed at increasing interoperability and strengthening ties between Japan and the U.S. Garcia is a squad leader with Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. Shintomi is a squad leader with 1st Company, 51st Infantry Regiment, 15th Brigade, Western Army, JGSDF. Photo by Cpl. Jonathan G. Wright

IN THIS ISSUE

ARTILLERY LIVE-FIRE

Marines sustain unit proficiency and enhance combat readiness at Fuji.

PG. 3

READY TO RESCUE

U.S., Japan first-responders train together for firefighting and rescue.

PGS. 6-7

MARINES TAKE TRAINING TO THE NEXT LEVEL BY BRINGING OUT THE CORPS' BIG GUNS

PG. 10

III MEF CG's statement on MV-22B

The arrival of MV-22B Osprey tiltrotor aircraft in Japan has been the subject of much public interest. The Marine Corps has worked closely with our government of Japan partners to ensure a smooth transition of the aircraft into Japan. The basing and operation of the MV-22B in Japan is an example of the United States' commitment to the Asia-Pacific region and the importance of the U.S.-Japan Alliance.

Since 2007, the Marine Corps has been continuously using the MV-22B in extreme environmental conditions during 14 combined deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan and aboard amphibious shipping. The revolutionary capabilities of the aircraft, combined with basing in Okinawa, will significantly strengthen the ability of III Marine Expeditionary Force to assist in the defense of Japan, perform humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations, and fulfill other alliance commitments.

Safety is our number one priority when operating our aircraft, to include both the safety of our aircrew and our community. The Osprey has operated and continues to operate safely in the United States. Senior government of Japan officials have flown safely in Ospreys on both the East and West Coasts of the United States.

It is important to note that when we operate the aircraft, the majority of MV-22B flight operations will be in the fixed-wing mode while the helicopter (vertical takeoff and landing, or VTOL) and conversion modes will primarily be used during takeoffs and landings and when the aircraft operates in training areas and landing zones.

As with all our flight operations, to the maximum extent practicable, we look to avoid flights over densely populated areas. Although the aircraft will operate in helicopter and conversion modes as it moves in and out of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma airspace and traffic pattern, all operations will be focused on safe execution and minimized noise signatures.

It is important to re-emphasize that the MV-22B has an excellent safety record, as it ranks among the very safest of all U.S. military aircraft when reviewing the key metric of the first 100,000 hours of flight.

Our most valuable relationships are with our community neighbors. We consistently do our utmost to keep our community safe, and will continue to do so as MV-22B Ospreys arrive in Okinawa.

Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr.
Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force

**Telling the Marine Corps story
through videos, photos and stories.
See more online.**

facebook



www.facebook.com/
3mef.mcipac

flickr



www.flickr.com/3mefpao

twitter



www.twitter.com/
okinawamarines

YouTube



www.youtube.com/
3mefpao

OKINAWA MARINE

The Okinawa Marine is published by Marine Corps Community Services under exclusive written contract with Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, Okinawa, Japan.

The editorial content of this newspaper is edited and approved by the Consolidated Public Affairs Office of Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler.

This newspaper is an authorized publication for members of military services stationed overseas, at sea and their families. Its contents do not necessarily reflect the official views of the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense or the U.S. Marine Corps and do not imply endorsement thereof.

The appearance of advertising in this newspaper, including inserts of supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense, the U.S.

Marine Corps, Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler or Marine Corps Community Services of the products and services advertised.

Everything advertised in this newspaper shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other non-merit factor of the purchaser, user or patron. If a violation or rejection of this equal opportunity policy by an advertiser is confirmed, the publisher shall refuse to print advertising from that source until the violation is corrected.

All photos, unless otherwise indicated, are "official U.S. Marine Corps photos." For more information, e-mail us at okinawamarine.mcb.fct@usmc.mil or write to us at Public Affairs Office, H&S BN MCB PAO, Unit 35002, FPO AP 96373-5002.

AROUND THE CORPS



Lance Cpl. Martin Williams fires an M249 squad automatic weapon during high-angle marksmanship training as part of a three-week training package in Djibouti Sept. 15. The training was focused on the application of infantry skills in rugged mountainous terrain. Williams is an automatic rifleman with Company B, Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit. Photo by Cpl. Michael Petersheim



Marines rush simulated casualties on litters to an MV-22B Osprey during a mass casualty training exercise at Fort Pickett, Va., Sept. 14. A mass casualty is defined as any number of casualties produced in a relatively short period of time that overwhelms emergency medical services and logistical support. The Marines are with Combat Logistics Battalion 26, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit. Photo by Cpl. Kyle N. Runnels



Marines kneel beside a battlefield memorial to pay their final respects to Sgt. Bradley Atwell during a memorial ceremony at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, Sept. 20. During the ceremony, Marines paid tribute to Atwell who was killed in action while engaging insurgents during an attack on Camp Bastion, Sept. 14. Atwell was an aircraft electrical, instrument and flight control systems technician with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 16. Photo by Cpl. Mark Garcia

COMMANDING GENERAL Maj. Gen. Peter J. Talleri

PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR Lt. Col. David M. Griesmer

PRESS OFFICER 1st Lt. Jeanscott Dodd

PRESS CHIEF Staff Sgt. Ken Melton

DESIGN EDITOR Audra A. Satterlee

OKINAWA MARINE NEWSPAPER

H&S Battalion MCB PAO

Unit 35002

FPO AP 96373-5002

CENTRAL BUREAU

Camp Foster

DSN 645-9306

NORTHERN BUREAU

Camp Hansen

DSN 623-7229

SOUTHERN BUREAU

Camp Kinser

DSN 637-1092

Artillery Marines conduct critical training at Fuji

Pfc. Terence G. Brady

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

EAST FUJI MANEUVER AREA, Japan — Marines successfully completed live-fire artillery training over the course of Artillery Relocation Training Program 12-2 at the East Fuji Maneuver Area Sept. 8-18.

Marines with 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, participated in ARTP 12-2 to sustain unit proficiency and enhance combat readiness in support of the U.S.-Japan Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security.

“The ARTP is important for the Marines because it allows them to perform live-fire training safely and accurately,” said Master Sgt. Thomas D. Veenstra, the field artillery chief for 3rd Bn., 12th Marines. “It also allows the battalion staff to exercise its ability to command and control the battalion in a realistic scenario.”

The howitzers are fired utilizing computational data from the fire direction center, where forward observers determine target locations the guns will fire upon and communicate those coordinates to Marines on the gun line, according to Veenstra.

“The section chief verifies and relays the information, fires when ready, and



Marines fire a round from an M777A2 155 mm howitzer during Artillery Relocation Training Program 12-2 at the East Fuji Maneuver Area in mainland Japan Sept. 17. Marines conducted 10 days of live-fire artillery training during ARTP 12-2, beginning with battery-level fire and progressing to a regimental shoot. The Marines are with Bravo Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Pfc. Terence G. Brady

adjusts aim with feedback from the FDC,” said Veenstra. “The firing adjustments continue until the target is within effects of the rounds, when the batteries follow up with a fire for effect (mission).”

While the Marines practiced live-fire using modern digital technology to establish location and direction, they also practiced more traditional, manual

methods of obtaining firing direction and targets, according to Lance Cpl. Terice T. Lawson, a field artillery cannoneer with the battalion.

“It’s like using the iron sights on your service rifle rather than the (optic),” said Lawson. “If you don’t practice with both, you won’t be as effective in situations where the digital technology is not

functioning properly.”

Over the course of 10 live-fire training days, the Marines conducted battery-level, battalion-level and regimental-level live-fire exercises. The East Fuji Maneuver Area allowed the Marines to train in a different environment and climate, an opportunity which is critical to the battalion’s core mission.

“Artillery provides the

maneuver commander all-weather, all-terrain fire support,” said Veenstra. “It gives him flexibility in his fire-support plan.”

“Our job is to protect and support ground forces,” said Lawson. “That’s why we have to move with speed and intensity. We practice all methods of fire, so that we can continue to support boots on the ground.”

Service members pay respect to POW, MIA during ceremony

Lance Cpl. Donald T. Peterson

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

KADENA AIR FORCE BASE — The Air Force’s 18th Wing hosted a joint 24-hour vigil run followed by a flag ceremony to pay respects to prisoners of war and service members listed as missing in action at the 18th Wing Headquarters at Kadena Air Force Base Sept. 21.

The event was held on National POW/MIA Recognition Day, which is observed annually across the U.S. and its military installations abroad on the third Friday of September.

Dressed in his service dress uniform, Air Force Capt. Craig H. Nakagawa, a chaplain, walked up to the podium in front of the crowd and gave his remarks in a strong yet sad voice.

“Let the world give ear. Warriors have fallen and not returned home. Warriors remain captive and have not been accounted for,” said Nakagawa. “Though I have said these words before, and sadly, will have to say them again,

they will always be new to my lips and bitter to my tongue. Let the ears that hear these words hear them as if for the first time, for they must be said and repeated until all our warriors are home.”

Service members of each branch participated in the vigil run, which ended the morning of Sept. 21 when six Air Force combat controllers ran the POW/MIA flag from Marek Park to the 18th Wing Headquarters and delivered it to the honor guard to post.

“Standing here and seeing our sister services joining us to pay respect for the service members who never returned home reminds me that, no matter what, we are here for each other,” said Brig. Gen. Kenneth S. Wilsbach, the commanding general of 18th Wing.

After the raising of the morning colors and POW/MIA flag, Wilsbach, accompanied by two retired veterans, laid a wreath in front of the flagpoles to pay their respects. The wreath-laying was followed by a 21-gun salute.

“The wreath is a donation from Veterans of Foreign War Post 9723,” said David Boughton, a retired master gunnery sergeant and member of VFW Post 9723. “We donated the wreath to pay respect to our missing brothers and sisters.”

As the ceremony ended, Chief Master Sgt. Mark D. Marson, the command chief master sergeant for 18th Wing, provided closing remarks.

“It was a great pleasure having all (of) the sister services here today,” said Marson. “As service members, we all know there’s a chance of going to war and not returning, and that’s why we are here today – to remember those who were unfortunate not to return.

“They were a child to someone, maybe a husband or wife, but no matter what, they were family to someone who may never see them again. I would like to give thanks to those who ran throughout the night and in the rain carrying the (POW/MIA) flag. No matter what service you are (a part of), we all are family.”

BRIEFS

ABSENTEE VOTING WEEK

The Department of Defense has designated the week of Sept. 27 through Oct. 4 as absentee voting week this year.

According to Marine Administrative Message 470/12, all eligible voters, including Marines, sailors, civilians and their eligible family members, are encouraged to return their completed absentee ballots during this week, which will allow sufficient time for the ballots to be mailed and counted by their state.

Marines and authorized family members who have not received their state absentee ballot by absentee voting week should use the federal write-in absentee ballot. The FWAB is an emergency ballot and is valid when an eligible voter makes a timely absentee ballot request and does not receive their ballot in time.

For help with the FWAB or any other voting concern, contact your unit voting assistance officer or visit the Marine Corps voting webpage at www.manpower.usmc.mil, keyword "voting," or the Federal Voting Assistance Program's website at www.fvap.gov.

MMOA VISIT

Military occupational specialty monitors with Headquarters Marine Corps will visit Okinawa Oct. 8-10 to meet with officers concerning the assignment process and future postings.

An MMOA brief for all officers will be held at 8 a.m. Oct. 8 at the Camp Foster theater. Upon completion of the brief, interviews with monitors will be conducted at the Joint Reception Center classroom, building 494, Camp Foster, for ground officers and at the Marine Corps Air Station Futenma dining facility for air officers.

Officers desiring to meet with their respective monitor should send an email to thomas.sukalski@usmc.mil with their grade, name, rotation date, unit, phone number, monitor they desire to meet with and three preferences for appointment times.

For more details, call 622-7724.

FOSTER IPAC CLOSURE AND RELOCATION

The main Installation Personnel Administration Center at Camp Foster will be closed Oct. 18-19 and will move to a temporary location due to a renovation project taking place Oct. 22 through July 15, 2013.

The temporary location will be down the street from the main IPAC, building 5717, at Camp Foster. This location will open for regular business Oct. 22.

For assistance Oct. 18-19 that cannot wait until the opening of the temporary location, contact one of IPAC's administrative satellite centers at Camps Courtney, Hansen, Schwab and Kinser and Marine Corps Air Station Futenma. IPAC's ID cards, passport, TAD and deployments sections in building 5692 will remain open for business.

TO SUBMIT A BRIEF, send an email 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.

Preparation for PHIBLEX

Marines load cargo, equipment safely

Lance Cpl. Matthew Manning

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

NAHA MILITARY PORT, OKINAWA, Japan — Marines with various III Marine Expeditionary Force units loaded the integrated tug and barge vessel Thunder/Lightning at Naha Military Port Sept. 23.

Marines loaded the vessel to prepare for the upcoming bilateral Amphibious Landing Exercise 2013 between the armed forces of the Republic of the Philippines and the U.S.

"We are loading the cargo for PHIBLEX onto the Thunder/Lightning," said Bart J. Schram, a contractor with Foss International, a global logistics and transportation services company. "The vessel is an integrated tug and barge. The barge is called the Thunder and the tug is called the Lightning. This is a multi-deck vessel, so we have different loading procedures for each deck."

Marines and contractors with Foss International and Okinawa Marine Services, an independent civilian embarkation company, worked together to load the cargo into the interior and upper deck of the vessel.

"We are doing a dual operation. We are using a crane to lift containers from the dock to the upper deck of the ship," said Chief Warrant Officer Flora K. Burboa, the mobility officer with G-3, plans and operations, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III MEF. "On the upper deck, the contractors use a forklift to move the



A Marine drives a Humvee aboard the integrated tug and barge vessel Thunder/Lightning at Naha Military Port Sept. 23. Marines with various III Marine Expeditionary Force units worked with contractors from Okinawa Marine Services and Foss International to load equipment for the upcoming bilateral Amphibious Landing Exercise 2013 in the Republic of the Philippines.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Matthew Manning

containers into place on the deck of the ship. At the same time, we have all the rolling stock and vehicles driving onto the ship.

"Once inside, contractors help the motor transport operators back the vehicles into position, and then the vehicles are secured to the lower deck of the ship."

When working around heavy equipment, one must remain alert and safety conscious, according to Lance Cpl. David Hinojosa, a landing support specialist with Combat Logistics Regiment 37, 3rd MLG, III MEF.

"There are so many variables that could be safety hazards when using a crane to load the containers," said Hinojosa. "The key factor in making sure everyone is safe during this process. As long as everyone is paying attention to all the moving parts around them and doing their job properly, we

are able to avoid accidents."

Other preventative measures were in place during the loading process to ensure maximum safety, according to Burboa.

"Every Marine and contractor has to wear a reflective belt or vest and a hard hat," said Burboa. "The drivers are required to wear flak jackets and Kevlar helmets while driving."

With everyone involved abiding by the safety standards in place, the joint effort of the contractors and Marines went smoothly and quicker than anticipated, according to Hinojosa.

"Usually, we are not working with contractors, and the loading process is carried out solely by Marines," said Hinojosa. "The contractors have been very professional, and by working with each other, we were able to finish hours ahead of schedule."



Pfc. Tyler J. Kaski backs a Humvee into position inside the integrated tug and barge vessel Thunder/Lightning at Naha Military Port Sept. 23. Marines and contractors wore proper protective equipment and followed safety procedures while loading the Thunder/Lightning. Kaski is a motor vehicle operator with Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Lance Cpl. Matthew Manning

MMEA visits Marines, helps guide future decisions



Marines on Okinawa talk with their military occupational specialty monitors during the Manpower Management Enlisted Assignments Branch's annual visit Sept. 18. During its visit, MMEA representatives gave briefings concerning assignment policies and procedures, promotion and retention, professional military education, first-term alignment plans, lateral moves, and special-duty assignments. The monitors also conducted one-on-one interviews with Marines to discuss career decisions and future duty assignments. MMEA is part of Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps. Photo by Lance Cpl. Erik S. Brooks Jr.

CERTEX from pg 1

raiding craft and training in jungle survival and warfare. The bilateral training gave all participants important knowledge and experience that could be used in future operations.

"The JGSDF members picked up on techniques with the boats without missing a beat," said Lance Cpl. Daniel Perez, a mortarman with BLT 2/1. "I enjoyed getting to work with them. It motivated me. They taught us things about the jungle you would not know unless you have been there."

During the raid, JGSDF members and Marines approached the objective using six boats, ready for contact. After the boats cut through the waves, they shut off the engines and on signal, the boats hit the beach.

Once the troops exited the boats, JGSDF members led a patrol to secure the immediate area and establish a perimeter. After the mission, which was the final event for the JGSDF platoon during the MEU's CERTEX, the company commander and company first sergeant made remarks thanking the JGSDF members for their participation in the successful bilateral training.

"We have been working with (the JGSDF) for about a month and a half and I have been really impressed with their motivation, fitness level and eagerness to train," said Capt. Tobin Walker, the company commander of Company F, BLT 2/1. "My Marines and I enjoyed working with them and hope to do it again in the future."

RESPECT from pg 1

The wreath-laying took place in conjunction with the generals inspecting their troops during the 31st MEU's certification exercise. For the first time, a platoon of JGSDF members participated with U.S. Marines, training side by side as they conducted amphibious helicopter and boat drills in and around Guam.

"To participate in this CERTEX is very important for our Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, and we are pleased to be able to participate," said Kimizuka. "We look forward to doing this more with III MEF and contributing to the peace and stability of the Asia-Pacific region."

"We are committed to deepening our exchange of ideas and integrating our training as much as possible," said Glueck. "This CERTEX serves to enhance both our capabilities and also to increase our interoperability as alliance members."

The governor of Guam, Eddie Calvo, was also on hand to view the ceremony.

"Guam looks forward to hosting continued training with both U.S. and Japanese forces," said Calvo.

The MEU and JGSDF's bilateral training comes at a time when the eyes of the world are on the Asia-Pacific region. The U.S. recently announced a renewed focus on the region, and the Marine Corps has plans to realign forces to locations such as Australia and Guam as focus shifts away from the long war in Afghanistan.

"This training is really an opportunity to deepen our relationship and continue to work together as alliance members," said Glueck.



Gen. Eiji Kimizuka, left, and Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck, Jr. lay floral wreaths at the South Pacific Memorial Park in Yigo, Guam, Sept. 23, in memory of the loss of over 20,000 lives in the World War II Guam campaigns. Kimizuka is the chief of staff of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force. Glueck is the commanding general of III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Capt. Caleb D. Eames

Prepared in case of MISHAP

Okinawans, Marines

Pfc. Anne K. Henry

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Heat waves from the burning fuselage rippled across the flight line as a crash and fire rescue team doused it with water to extinguish the flames Sept. 21 at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

Okinawa firefighters and police joined aircraft rescue and firefighting Marines with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, MCAS Futenma, Marine Corps Installations Pacific, and firefighters with Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, MCIPAC, for a day of classroom training and practical application exercises focused on responding to a downed aircraft.

"Exercises like this will be replacing the table-top exercises we previously conducted," said Chief Warrant Officer Brent A. DeBusk, the officer in charge with ARFF, H&HS. "For this exercise, we put more emphasis on the hands-on portion of the training."

The table-top exercises were regularly scheduled mishap training events that occurred around Okinawa and focused on preparing Okinawa and MCB Butler first-responders to work together in case of emergencies. Feedback from past mishap training events identified that local firefighters and police wanted



Okinawa first-responders discuss entry and exit points on a CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter with emergency response personnel from Marine Corps Air Station Futenma and Marine Corps Base Camp Butler Sept. 21 at MCAS Futenma during mishap training. Photo by Cpl. Mark W. Stroud

Chief Warrant Officer Brent A. DeBusk watches as Okinawa first-responders extinguish a fire during mishap training Sept. 21 at MCAS Futenma. The training utilized a mobile aircraft fire training device, which contains realistic entry and exit points and creates fires for the responders to extinguish. DeBusk is the officer in charge with aircraft rescue and firefighting, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, MCAS Futenma.

Photo by Cpl. Mark W. Stroud



Okinawa firefighters extinguish a fire during mishap training Sept. 21 at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma. The purpose of the training was to give Japanese firefighting and police officials knowledge on the proper procedures for entering downed aircraft, putting out fires, and rescuing anyone trapped inside should a military aircraft mishap occur. *Photo by Pfc. Anne K. Henry*

sharpen aircraft fire, rescue procedures

more information on the specific mechanics of various Marine aircraft and opportunities to practice emergency response techniques, according to Mike Lacey, the regional installation emergency manager for MCIPAC.

Emergency personnel with Urasoe City Fire Department, Naha City Fire Department, Ginowan City Fire Department, Okinawa Prefecture Police, the Japan Coast Guard, the Okinawa Defense Bureau, the Ministry Office of Foreign Affairs and the Directorate of Crisis Management Office attended the training.

“We do not expect that an accident will happen but if one does occur, Japan and the U.S. will have to coordinate a response,” said Hitoshi Tasaki, director, Directorate of Crisis Management Office. “Therefore, this kind of training is necessary and important. Today, we saw the mechanisms and actual aircraft, and it was extremely helpful.”

The day began with Okinawa firefighters and police receiving instruction on the C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft, CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter and CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter. During the instruction, they learned how to properly extinguish a fire from a downed aircraft, as well as possible entry and exit points for rescuing anyone trapped inside.

The firefighters and police then took the training out of the classroom

and into a realistic environment by using the mobile aircraft fire training device. The MAFTD uses controlled fires to simulate various types of airframe and engine fires, giving emergency personnel a chance to implement what they learned during classroom sessions.

The training also prepared MCIPAC emergency response personnel to work with Okinawa firefighters and police by providing familiarization with their techniques and equipment.

“This training solidified the knowledge of both the Japanese and U.S. first-responders,” said Army Col. David W. Detata, chief of the Okinawa Area Field Office, U.S. Forces Japan. “Should a (mishap) occur, first-responders will now have the tools necessary from the hands-on instruction with the aircraft today.”

The mishap training helped H&HS and MCIPAC Marines achieve their goal of being a force in readiness by preparing Marine responders and their counterparts for a variety of situations.

“The local communities will have more confidence in their first-responders as they now know what to do in the situation of a downed aircraft,” said Detata. “It shows that we are committed to work with the (Okinawa) communities should an accident occur.”



Kayla L. Hetrick low-crawls during the combat fitness test portion of the 3rd Marine Logistics Group's Jane Wayne day at Camp Hansen Sept. 21. The Jane Wayne day events gave spouses a firsthand experience of Marine Corps training. Hetrick is the wife of Sgt. Michael R. Hetrick, a warehouse clerk with 3rd Supply Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd MLG, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A MARINE

Spouses experience day in Marines' boots

Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. Matthew Manning

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Running a combat fitness test, practicing Marine Corps martial arts program techniques, and navigating an obstacle course are common training events for Marines. But during the 3rd Marine Logistics Group's annual Jane Wayne day at Camp Hansen Sept. 21, it was the Marines' spouses who stepped up to take part in these events.

The spouses experienced firsthand the various Marine Corps skills their significant others perform regularly.

"We did a modified (CFT), a modified obstacle course and some MCMAP," said Joanne K. Baldwin, wife of Lt. Col. Scott A. Baldwin, battalion commander, 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd MLG, III Marine

Expeditionary Force. "I have participated in two other Jane Wayne days, but this one was the most physically demanding. The others I have been to usually have only one physical event and a live-fire range."

This year's event was designed to help Marine spouses experience the challenge Marines face when attempting to perform at a high level physically while fatigued from previous events, according to Kara A. Walton, the family readiness officer for 9th ESB.

"This is a hands-on event. You really get a feel for how exhausting this training is," said Walton. "After going through the different events here, I have more respect for when my husband just wants to relax on the couch after running a CFT or is sore from MCMAP."

The events of a Jane Wayne day also promote camaraderie on mul-

tiple levels, according to Baldwin.

"(Jane Wayne day) really encompasses a lot of areas," said Baldwin. "First off, it brings the spouses together and enables them to (form) relationships with other spouses from the unit and helps bond the unit together. Secondly, it gives (wives) a greater appreciation for what (their) husbands do. It also helps foster relationships between the units supporting the event."

The physical activities of this year's event were fun not only for the spouses, but also for the Marines who volunteered, according to Gunnery Sgt. Osvaldo A. Perez, the training and operations chief for 3rd Supply Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd MLG.

"Every Marine knows what the obstacle course and CFT are because they have performed both," said Perez. "The spouses have not, and the Marines are enjoying the opportunity to demonstrate each obstacle and event for the spouses. Personally, I am looking forward to being able to see my wife run the CFT. She served in the U.S. Army for seven years, so I want to see how she does during a Marine Corps fitness test."

At the end of the day, certificates were awarded and despite being tired and sore from the challenges faced, laughter was shared by all involved.

"These spouses are tough," said Walton. "They were able to go out and perform each of the events. Some of them were even able to complete the CFT lane in less than two minutes. I hope next year we have an even bigger turnout. Jane Wayne day is an awesome experience and should not be missed."



Kara A. Walton uses a metal detector to detect hidden metal objects during the 3rd Marine Logistics Group's Jane Wayne day at Camp Hansen Sept. 21. Walton is the family readiness officer for 9th Engineer Support Battalion.



Marine spouses lift ammunition cans during a modified combat fitness test as part of the 3rd Marine Logistics Group's Jane Wayne day at Camp Hansen Sept. 21. The modified CFT featured ammunition can lifts and a shortened maneuver under fire lane. Marines who volunteered for the event were with various units within 3rd MLG, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Equipment reset team enables III MEF mission

Story and photos by Pfc. Kasey Peacock

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Veterans are often recognized for their selfless sacrifice to their nation, and while all gave some, and some gave all, a small number continue to give back as civilians.

A team of eight former Marines and one former U.S. Army soldier serving on Okinawa shines a light on those who continue to serve after their active-duty and reserve contracts are up. These nine individuals make up the Marine Corps Logistics Command's Operation Enduring Freedom reset team with III Marine Expeditionary Force.

MCLC operates at the service and operational logistics levels, providing support across the entire Marine Corps. One function MCLC serves is as the equipment inventory manager for the Marine Corps, which includes distributing equipment to III MEF units.

The reset team on Okinawa is responsible for receiving, assessing, tracking and inventorying ground equipment returning from Afghanistan that will fill III MEF requirements. Managing this process would be an added burden on III MEF units, which are otherwise engaged in training, deployments and theater security cooperation exercises in the Asia-Pacific region.

"My team's ability to do what we do frees up III MEF from an extra workload, which allows them the opportunity to focus on their mission," said Lorenzo A. Townsend, the team's

leader and retired Marine. "This job is an opportunity for me to give back to the Marine Corps, which gave so much to me over my 30-year career."

Each team member's job correlates to their former active-duty military occupational specialty, increasing the efficiency of the team. The team is composed of a team leader, supply lead, supply technician, maintenance manager, distribution advocate, communications expert, an ordnance expert and two warehouse technicians.

Each member of the team plays a pivotal role in the process of getting deployable gear to III MEF.

"My role is important in supporting III MEF because without a weapon, a Marine can't properly do his job in combat," said Eric T. South, the ordnance expert for the team. "I love my job and take a lot of pride in continuing to assist the military."

The team was established in November 2011 to serve as the entry point for all OEF equipment transitioning to III MEF. To date, it has received about 2,500 pieces of ground

equipment and distributed over 1,000 items to III MEF units, with the remaining items currently in the repair cycle.

"It's critical that we get the equipment out of Afghanistan, get it repaired or rebuilt as necessary, and get it into the hands of III MEF for future missions and exercises," said James A. Varner, the MCLC liaison officer with III MEF.

The team has seen many different pieces of equipment come through its warehouse,

"My team's ability to do what we do frees up III MEF from an extra workload, which allows them the opportunity to focus on their mission."

Lorenzo A. Townsend



A Marine Corps Logistics Command's Operation Enduring Freedom reset team member assembles antennas for the AN/PRC-148 radio prior to distributing them to units within III MEF. The reset team is responsible for receiving, assessing, tracking and inventorying ground equipment returning from Afghanistan.

including radios, generators, mortars, shotguns, 7-ton trucks, land extension modules and remote control units.

"The team has worked together so well it is to the point where we know what each other is thinking," said Townsend. "This team shows that we are all still dedicated to assisting III MEF in its mission."

Asha Dozithee and Anthony Apongana separate accessory carrying cases for the AN/PRC-148 radio set at Camp Kinser Sept. 7. Dozithee and Apongana are members of a nine-person team, which supports III Marine Expeditionary Force units by getting equipment repaired and into the hands of its units for future missions and exercises.





Golfers at the Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas golf scramble finish out a hole at Taiyo Golf Course Sept. 18. The scramble was organized to promote interest in CFC-O. The golfers were with various units under Marine Corps Base Camp Butler. Photo by Lance Cpl. Nicholas S. Ranum

Golf scramble supports CFC-Overseas

Lance Cpl. Nicholas S. Ranum

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

The 2012 Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas fund-raising season teed off with a golf scramble at Taiyo Golf Course Sept. 18.

Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, and Marine Corps Installations Pacific hosted the golf scramble in support of their units' campaigns. The CFC is the only authorized solicitation of federal employees on behalf of charitable organizations.

The CFC has a list of all charitable organizations federal employees are able to donate to through the CFC, according to Capt. Christopher M. Eyre, the CFC-O community area project organizer for MCIPAC.

The campaign started Sept. 17 and will run for nine weeks. The scramble drew the attention of the commanding general of U.S. Forces Japan, who attended the event.

"I want to say thanks in advance to everyone

at this kickoff for CFC-O," said Air Force Lt. Gen. Salvatore A. Angelella, the commanding general of USFJ. "Last year, we made 100 percent contact within the units."

The campaign, which has been in operation for 51 years, gives service members several options for donating.

"The first method is a payroll deduction, which is a monthly allotment taken from a service member's paycheck," said Eyre. "The second method is a one-time cash donation (and) the final method is an online donation that is also a one-time event."

Participants in the program also choose a charity to receive their donation.

"All unit representatives have a book that lists the charities in alphabetical and categorical order," said Eyre. "We encourage

service members to find a charity that means something to them."

Events like the golf scramble help spread the word about CFC-O through venues other than unit representatives.

"The golf scramble was designed to get people out and talking about CFC-O," said Eyre. "Last year, we had a cake-cutting ceremony that drew attention and got people

talking. This year, we wanted to have some fun while getting the word out."

Getting the information out and contacting service members is the main goal for all CFC-O representatives.

"We do not have a monetary goal," said Eyre. "Our goal is to give everyone a chance to participate in CFC-O."

To find out more information regarding CFC-O, contact your unit representative or visit the CFC-O website at <http://cfcoverseas.org>.

"We encourage service members to find a charity that means something to them."

Capt. Christopher M. Eyre

Combat engineers train with Marine Corps' big guns

Pfc. Kasey Peacock

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Every Marine is trained as a rifleman. Some Marines, however, were lucky enough to take their weapons training to the next level with the Corps' big guns Sept. 18-19 at Camp Schwab.

Combat engineers with 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, trained with the M249 squad automatic weapon, M240B medium machine gun, MK19 40 mm grenade launcher, .50-caliber Browning machine gun and the shoulder-launched multipurpose assault weapon to gain experience with the different weapon systems.

"Our motto is that we lead the way," said Cpl. Cole T. Passick, a combat engineer with the battalion. "It's important that our Marines get trigger time on the different weapon systems to

keep them operationally ready for the future."

Prior to firing each weapon system, the Marines were given a period of instruction on assembling, loading, unloading and firing.

"A lot of us don't get the opportunity to shoot the different weapon systems we shot over the two-day period," said Lance Cpl. Adam C. Milliren, a combat engineer with the battalion. "The hands-on experience that we received on the weapons proved much more important to our mission than just learning about them at the armory."

Combat engineers serve a variety of functions when deployed and in garrison, including vertical construction, general engineering, bridge building, construction of double-apron fences and wire obstacles, demolitions, route and area clearance, and mine sweeping.

Weapons training for combat engineers is vital because often times they must provide their own security in order to be self-sufficient, according to Staff Sgt. William E. Satterfield, a combat engineer with the battalion.

"As combat engineers, we are deployable at the division, wing, and group level," said Satterfield. "That is why it is important we train like this to better prepare us for the future."

As the Marines packed their gear and prepared to depart the range, another group of Marines with the battalion took its place to start a weeklong demolitions training event, reinforcing 9th ESB's continued dedication to combat readiness in all its functional areas.

Combat engineers fire the shoulder-launched multipurpose assault weapon during the final day of a two-day weapons training event. The Marines are with 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Pfc. Kasey Peacock



In Theaters Now

SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 4

FOSTER

TODAY The Possession (PG13), 6 p.m.; Resident Evil: Retribution (R), 9 p.m.
SATURDAY Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (PG), noon; The Possession (PG13), 3 and 6 p.m.; Total Recall (PG13), 9 p.m.
SUNDAY Katy Perry: Part of Me (PG), 1 p.m.; Dredd (R), 4 and 7 p.m.
MONDAY The Possession (PG13), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY End of Watch (R), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY The Dark Knight Rises (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Dredd (R), 7 p.m.

KADENA

TODAY Premium Rush (PG13), 6 p.m.; Trouble with the Curve (PG13), 9 p.m.
SATURDAY Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (PG), noon; Trouble with the Curve (PG13), 3 and 6 p.m.; Resident Evil: Retribution (R), 9 p.m.
SUNDAY Total Recall (PG13), 1 p.m.; Trouble with the Curve (PG13), 4 p.m.; Resident Evil: Retribution (R), 7 p.m.
MONDAY Resident Evil: Retribution (R), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY Resident Evil: Retribution (R), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY End of Watch (R), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY The Cold Light of Day (PG13), 7 p.m.

COURTNEY

TODAY Dredd (R), 6 and 9 p.m.
SATURDAY The Dark Knight Rises (PG13), 2 and 6 p.m.
SUNDAY The Cold Light of Day (PG13), 2 and 6 p.m.
MONDAY Trouble with the Curve (PG13), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY End of Watch (R), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Closed

FUTENMA

TODAY The Dark Knight Rises (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Dredd (R), 4 and 7 p.m.
SUNDAY The Watch (R), 4 p.m.; The Dark Knight Rises (PG13), 7 p.m.
MONDAY The Cold Light of Day (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY-THURSDAY Closed

KINSER

TODAY Total Recall (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (PG), 3 p.m.; Total Recall (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (PG), 3 p.m.; Total Recall (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
MONDAY Closed
TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY Dredd (R), 3 and 6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY End of Watch (R), 6:30 p.m.

HANSEN

TODAY Total Recall (PG13), 7 p.m.
SATURDAY The Cold Light of Day (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.
SUNDAY Lawless (R), 2 and 5:30 p.m.
MONDAY Dredd (R), 6 and 9 p.m.
TUESDAY Dredd (R), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY Trouble with the Curve (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Resident Evil: Retribution (R), 7 p.m.

SCHWAB

TODAY The Cold Light of Day (PG13), 8 p.m.
SATURDAY The Dark Knight Rises (PG13), 5 and 8 p.m.
SUNDAY The Watch (R), 5 and 8 p.m.
MONDAY-THURSDAY Closed

THEATER DIRECTORY

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

Movie schedule is subject to change without notice. Call in advance to confirm show times. For a complete listing, visit www.shopmyexchange.com.



SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM EVENTS

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

HIJI FALLS AND OKUMA TRIP - OCT. 6

• Join the SMP for a day of hiking at Hiji Falls and fun at Okuma Recreation Facility. A bus will leave Kinser Gym at 8:50 a.m., Futenma Semper Fit Gym at 9:20 a.m. and Camp Foster Field House at 9:40 a.m. The registration deadline is Oct. 4.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

• Volunteers are needed to help clean up the Kinser Chapel Oct. 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Volunteers will help sweep, mop, vacuum and organize the chapel. Transportation will not be provided. Interested individuals should call 637-1148.

• The Kinser Youth Center needs volunteers for "Worldwide Day of Play" Oct. 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers will assist with the bounce house, sumo suits and event coordination. Interested individuals should call 637-2250.

• Pacific Okinawan Players' Comedy of Errors live theater performance needs volunteers Oct. 5, 6 and 12 from 6-9 p.m. and Oct. 6, 12, and 13 from 1-4 p.m. to help with the box office, concessions and ushering. Those interested in helping should call 080-3351-0904.

Mention of any company in this notice does not constitute endorsement by the Marine Corps.

Japanese phrase of the week:

"Yukkuri onegaishimasu."

(pronounced: yu-kuh-ree oh-neh-gah-ee-shee-mahs)

It means, "Slowly please."



Sept. 17-21

RIFLE RANGE
 Lance Cpl. Alicia Gouvea,
 1st MAW, 346



CHAPLAINS' CORNER

"For me, Obon serves as a reminder to tend to my soul because life is more than what we see and what we can simply touch."

Obon inspires strengthening spirit

Lt. Cmdr. Aaron Carlton
 HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE BATTALION CHAPLAIN

Many Okinawans recently celebrated Obon. From what I gather, the custom is focused on honoring the spirits of one's ancestors. Traditionally, families will get together and invite the spirits of their ancestors to come to their household altars. I love opportunities to learn from other cultures and, as a chaplain, this particular celebration is very fascinating.

There are two ways Obon inspires me as a military chaplain.

The first is honoring the spirits of those who have gone before us. At times, such as Memorial Day or when we toast the warrior spirit of Marines and sailors of the past, we honor our military lineage and history. In doing so, we seek to emulate the best of those who served before us. We strive to live up to the sacrifices they made. On a personal level, we look to those who have been our own role models. For me, my late grandfather was the

prime example of a military man of faith who took care of his family. His example stays with me to this day.

A second inspiration is inviting the spiritual into the mundane. We get so wrapped up in day-to-day tasks that it is easy to neglect the spiritual aspects of life. For example, our core values of honor, courage and commitment are concepts that can resonate within our soul. These concepts are packed full of spiritual meaning. When we think of honor, something deep within us stirs. Whatever your job is, no matter how mundane the task, allow it to take on new meaning by being mindful of the soul-filled, character-building possibilities associated with the very nature of your service. If you are a person of faith, engage in practices that strengthen your spirit, from meditation to reading or prayer.

For me, Obon serves as a reminder to tend to my soul because life is more than what we see and what we can simply touch.

May your life honor those who have gone before, and may you see spiritual depth in each moment!

FOR UPCOMING SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR ALL MARINE CORPS BASE CHAPELS, CALL 645-2501 OR VISIT WWW.MCIPAC.MARINES.MIL AND LOOK UNDER "AROUND MCIPAC"