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## Exercise Cobra Gold 2013 concludes

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CHIANG MAI PROVINCE, Thailand — Exercise Cobra Gold 2013 concluded Feb. 22 with the dedication of the last of five school additions, a bilateral combined-arms live-fire exercise and the official closing ceremony.

Royal Thai Gen. Worapong Sangnetra, deputy chief of Defense Forces, and U.S. Marine Lt. Gen. Terry G. Robling, commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, as well as a number of dignitaries, observed the bilateral combined-arms live-fire exercise. Royal Thai Army Maj. Gen. Wittaya Wachirakul, CG 13 exercise deputy director, also attended.

“The U.S. and Thailand have a very strong relationship,” said Wachirakul. “We hope we will have a chance to expand our interoperability and strengthen each other even more in the future.”

During the combined-arms live-fire exercise, Marines and soldiers from both the Royal

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U.S. Marine Col. Christopher J. Papaj, right, presents a gift to a student during the dedication ceremony Feb. 19 for a new classroom constructed at Ban Nam Chiao Elementary School in Lam Ngob district, Trat province, Kingdom of Thailand. Royal Thai and U.S. Marines constructed the classroom as part of Exercise Cobra Gold 2013, one of five such projects that were completed at elementary schools in Thailand. Papaj is the assistant wing commander with 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Sgt. Matthew Troyer

## Bilateral cold weather training begins



Lt. Col. James A. Ryans expresses his excitement for upcoming bilateral training during the opening ceremony for Exercise Forest Light 13-3 Feb. 26 at the Hokkaido-Dai Maneuver Area in Hokkaido prefecture, Japan. During the exercise, members of the 11th Infantry Regiment, 7th Armored Division, Northern Army, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, and Marines with 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, will conduct a command post exercise, ski-march training, medium machine gun live-fire ranges and helicopter-borne operations in a cold weather environment. Ryans is the battalion commander of 3rd Bn., 6th Marine Regiment, which is currently assigned to 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, under the unit deployment program. Photo by Pfc. Kasey Peacock

## Okinawa units prepare for fund drive

Lance Cpl. David N. Hersey

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CAMP FOSTER — Navy and Marine Corps units on Okinawa are preparing for the annual active-duty fund drive in support of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, scheduled March 8 through April 5.

A kick-off breakfast prior to the drive's start is scheduled for 7:30 a.m.

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# Women in history

## Reflect upon, honor women in history

1st Sgt. Stella M. Duenas

Women have served the United States of America and the Marine Corps with patriotism, loyalty and dedication worthy of reflection all while struggling for equality since the birth of our great nation.

Women have shown strength, valor and commitment, and the triumphs of women's causes can be found throughout the history of our nation. These accomplishments have not gone unnoticed by the United States Marine Corps.

Marines stationed around the world have come together in tribute, passing on knowledge, maintaining awareness, and ultimately strengthening the Marine family. Celebrating women's contributions to the Corps is humbling when looked at over time. From Opha Mae Johnson leading the way for more than 300 women who enlisted to assume temporary duties as "Marinettes" to "Free a Marine to Fight" during World War I, to more prominent positions in World War II, when more than 20,000 women joined the Marine Corps Reserve, including the first commissioned female officers, and served as radio operators, quartermasters, cryptographers, control tower operators and other key billets. The value brought to our country has become undeniable.

After World War II, women continued to break new ground in the Corps. In 1948, Col. Katherine Towle was named the first director of Women Marines after Congress authorized the acceptance of women into the regular armed services. The first female master gunnery sergeant and sergeant major were promoted in

1960 and 1961 respectively, inspiring more women to enlist or pursue a commission in the Marine Corps to serve their country.

Today, women make up approximately 6 percent of the Marine Corps. Though that percentage may appear small, it is much larger than the 2.5 percent who served in the Corps twenty years ago. Women are serving in more important positions than ever before, making daily sacrifices to ensure the safety of our nation, including the ultimate sacrifice — there have been

more than 100 female casualties during Operation Iraqi Freedom and more than 40 during Operation Enduring Freedom.

With traditional stereotypes of women diminishing, challenges continue to emerge in pursuit of their goals. As more opportunities become available follow-

ing the rescinding of the combat exclusion policy, we continue to be placed in positions to realize our full potential, exceeding those who went before us.

The findings described here point to a number of highly motivated women who, despite traditional stereotypes, paved the way professionally and personally for many generations of women to come. Reflecting on women's patriotism, loyalty and dedication while serving the United States of America and the Marine Corps demonstrates their strength of conviction. As with all contributions of Marine Corps personnel, having spent the past 20-plus years carrying on the work of those who came before is a humbling honor. Coming together in acknowledgment and remembrance during Women's History Month is part of the legacy we share and must continue to uphold.

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Staff Sgt. Deniece L. Newton gives a command Feb. 20 to a participant during an Educator's Workshop at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C. Educators took part in the workshop and participated in Marine Corps recruit training events to gain a better understanding of the Marine Corps and its recruit training process. Newton is a drill instructor at MCRD Parris Island. Photo by Pfc. John-Paul Imbody

Marines fire a sabot round out of an M1A1 Abrams tank Feb. 17 at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., during annual gunnery qualifications. The Marines are with Company A, 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Cpl. Sarah Dietz



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# Program offers learning opportunities

**Lance Cpl. David N. Hersey**

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**CAMP FOSTER** — The education center on Camp Foster is scheduled to launch the Marine and Sailor Success Program March 18 for Marines and sailors desiring to retake their Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test or earn college credits.

The program is designed to help Marines and sailors by supplying them with courses in college-level math and English.

On March 18, the participating Marines and sailors will attend an orientation, tour the education center, see what resources will be available to them during the course, and meet their course instructors.

"This is our first time implementing the program," said

Tina M. Smilie, director of education and career services, Marine Corps Community Services Okinawa. "If we have good results, we hope to have several iterations of this program per year."

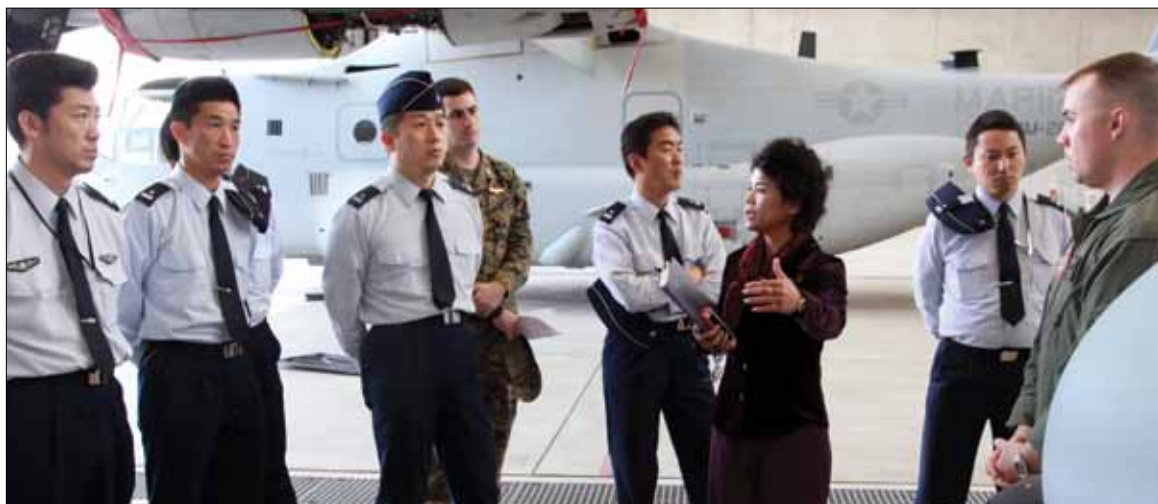
Students can earn several college credits, which can be applied to degrees at accepting colleges or universities.

The classes, which include pre-algebra, fundamental writing and grammar, college mathematics and speech, are taught through the University of Maryland University College. They are separate from the eight-week night classes normally offered, according to Christa Graham, director of the UMUC on Okinawa. In this program, the classes are four-weeks long, held four-days-a-week and last the entire workday.

Applicants must get approval to attend by their officer in charge and obtain temporary additional duty orders and tuition assistance to pay for the classes.

"One of the biggest advantages for the Marines and sailors participating in the program is that when they complete it, they leave with six college credits," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Gabriel T. Gordon, career planner for III Marine Expeditionary Force. "The program doesn't just help with their ASVAB scores — it can also give them a foot in a door if they plan on going to college."

All Marines and sailors interested in participating in the program can acquire application information at either the education center or their unit's career planner.



**Elena Takaho, serving as an interpreter, explains the capabilities and mechanics of the MV-22B Osprey to Japan Air Self-Defense Force members Feb. 21 during a tour of the Marine Aircraft Group 36 hangar on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma. The JASDF members also received a presentation on MAG-36's mission and visited the flight control tower. Takaho is a community relations specialist with MCAS Futenma, Marine Corps Installations Pacific.**

Photo by Lance Cpl. David N. Hersey

## Pilots tour MCAS Futenma during exchange

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**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA** — Nine pilots with the Japan Air Self-Defense Force toured Marine Aircraft Group 36's hangar, and discussed the group's functions and its facilities Feb. 21 at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

The visit began with a short introduction about 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and its mission. After learning about 1st MAF and its subordinate units, the JASDF officers toured a KC-130J Hercules aircraft and an MV-22B Osprey.

"We are giving them the chance to understand how we operate," said Capt. James D. Wood, a KC-130 co-pilot with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, MAG-36, 1st MAF.

The visit was part of the Japan Observer Exchange Program, which is a successful way for the U.S. military and JASDF to better understand and support each other, according to Elena Takaho, the community relations specialist for MCAS Futenma.

The JASDF pilots also had the opportunity to experience aircraft simulators on the air station and learn about the training Marine pilots conduct regularly to ensure mission accomplishment and safety.

"This is the third time I've worked with the program," said Wood. "I'm glad the event went well and the pilots got to see many aspects of the group."

The pilots enjoyed their visit and look forward to future opportunities with the Marines, according to JASDF Maj. Katsuhiko Unno, one of the visiting pilots.

"The Marines are famous for being the first to go in and the last to leave," said Unno. "I could feel that today."

The visit provided the JASDF officers a chance to experience how Marines in the aircraft wing train to maintain and improve their skills while improving the relationship between the Marines and the JASDF.

"I'd say this visit was a complete success," said Wood. "I like working with the Japanese officers and look forward to the next time they visit."

## BRIEFS

### IPAC CLOSURE MARCH 4

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In the event of an emergency March 4, contact one of the five administrative satellite centers:

ASC Futenma	636-6614
ASC Kinser	637-1687
ASC Hansen	623-7058
ASC Schwab	625-1101
ASC Courtney	622-3001

For any issues relating to the ASCs, call 645-8523. For all other questions, call 645-0880.

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For complete job listings, visit [www.mcipac.marines.mil/mcipac/CampButler/CHRO.aspx](http://www.mcipac.marines.mil/mcipac/CampButler/CHRO.aspx) or visit [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov).

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For more details, call 645-3380.

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# Navy Secretary visits Camp Fuji

Cpl. Matthew Manning  
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COMINED ARMS TRAINING CENTER CAMP FUJI, Japan — Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus visited Marines and sailors Feb. 20 at Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji and addressed current issues the Navy and Marine Corps face.

Mabus discussed potential impacts of sequestration, the ongoing drawdown of U.S. forces and the importance of the U.S. military's presence and activities throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

"(The Navy and Marine Corps) is the most formal, expeditionary fighting force the world has ever known," said Mabus. "Although we are currently faced with cuts in our budget and a drawdown, we are planning to improve the capabilities and lethality of this fighting force."

Mabus addressed concerns about potential cuts to personnel and budgets.

"Everybody is worried about the budget, and I am one of those people," said Mabus. "Nobody knows for certain what will happen, but I can tell you some things. No pay or benefits for any active-duty military members will be cut. During this drawdown, nobody will have their enlistment cut short, and no one will be told to go home before they want to go home."

The chance to hear about important current issues from one of the military's top leaders was comforting, according to Sgt. David Gonzalez, an administrative specialist with S-1, personnel, administration



Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus talks with Marines and sailors Feb. 20 at Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji. During his visit, Mabus discussed potential impacts of sequestration, the ongoing drawdown of U.S. forces and the importance of the U.S. military's presence and activities throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Photo by Cpl. Matthew Manning

and manpower, CATC Camp Fuji.

"The thing I liked the most about being able to hear (Mabus) talk was the validation of things we have been hearing from our chain of command," said Gonzalez. "He is involved in the planning and implementation of the big decisions that affect every Marine and sailor. His visit reinforced that we are all going to be taken care of despite what we may see or hear being reported."

The Marines and sailors appreciated the opportunity to hear

Mabus address their well-being and any concerns they had directly, according to Lance Cpl. Mason D. Khamshong, a supply administration specialist with 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, which is currently assigned to 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, under the unit deployment program.

"His visit showed that our leaders are ensuring we are taken care of," said Khamshong. "As a junior enlisted Marine, it is hard to see the

bigger picture, but after (Mabus') visit, I feel like he is really looking out for our welfare."

Before leaving CATC Camp Fuji, Mabus expressed his gratitude to the Marines and sailors present for their service.

"You all are the best at what you do, and you do it well," said Mabus. "There will be many changes down the road ahead, but through these changes we are striving to become a more expeditionary and better-equipped fighting force."

## Local residents walk evacuation route during drill



Residents of Ginowan City and Chatan Town participate in a humanitarian assistance evacuation drill Feb. 23 at Camp Foster. The residents walked the southern tsunami evacuation route, one of Camp Foster's two tsunami evacuation routes. During an actual tsunami, local residents would use the routes through base to evacuate to higher ground. Photos by Cpl. Erik S. Brooks Jr.



## CLR-35 welcomes new commander



Wright



Jones

**Col. Anthon R. Wright assumed command of Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, from Col. Ronald F. Jones during a ceremony Feb. 22 at Roberts Field on Camp Kinser. Jones commanded CLR-35 since June 2011 and is currently serving as an operations officer for G-3, operations and training, 3rd MLG. Wright's previous assignment was at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., where he served as the assistant chief of staff for aviation logistics for 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, I MEF.**

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March 7 at the Ocean Breeze on Camp Foster. Brig. Gen. Craig Q. Timberlake, the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade commanding general, will be the main speaker during the breakfast.

On the day the fund drive begins, Marines will receive a message via their Marine Online accounts when they log in. This will give them the opportunity to donate.

Additionally, each battalion and squadron-sized unit will designate a representative who will have contribution forms for the fund drive that authorize the Department of the Navy to deduct a consented amount from the service member's monthly pay during the course of a year.

The NMCRS is a nonprofit organization sponsored by the Department of the Navy, completely funded by charitable contributions, according to Erin E. Behrendt, the director of the NMCRS on Okinawa.

"The society is a private, volunteer-service organization," said Behrendt. "As a center of excellence, we are committed to ensuring that all available resources are used to assist personnel of the naval services, active-duty, retired and eligible family members to achieve financial self-sufficiency and find solutions to emergency needs."

The drive is an annual event sponsored by the Department of the Navy that provides each command the opportunity to raise money to support the NMCRS and the programs it offers, according to Maj. Thomas H. Koloski, the coordinator for the active-duty fund drive on Okinawa.

"It's a chance for active-duty Marines and sailors to give to their community," said Koloski. "Our goal is to give every active-duty service member the opportunity to donate to the program."

Since its founding in 1904, the NMCRS has worked to provide financial and educational assistance for Marines, sailors and their families. It has done this by issuing interest-free loans, grants, scholarships and financial counseling to Marines, sailors and family members in need.

"It really helps with the stress financial problems can cause knowing there is someone who can help," said Gunnery Sgt. Sonny J. Medina, the assistant coordinator of the drive.

Operating under the slogan, "It's not about Marines and sailors giving more; it's about more Marines and sailors giving," the NMCRS has made it possible for active-duty service members to donate to the program and help Marines and sailors with financial difficulties.

"We know the Marines and sailors here are often busy," said Koloski. "That is why we have made donating as easy and painless as possible."

For more information on the annual active-duty fund drive or other programs offered through the NMCRS, contact the Camp Foster office at 645-7808 or the Camp Hansen office at 623-5043. To donate to the NMCRS, visit [www.nmcrs.org](http://www.nmcrs.org) and click the link "Donate Now."

## Students, service members embrace learning



**Service members with the Society of American Military Engineers give students advice on how to improve their craft-stick bridges Feb. 19 at Kubasaki High school on Camp Foster. Students, teachers and guests at the high school participated in a variety of interactive lessons as part of science, technology, engineering and math awareness week Feb. 19-22, which simulated students' interest in engineering-related subjects. Photo by Lance Cpl. Elizabeth A. Case**

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Thai Armed Forces and U.S. military seized a simulated objective. The event began with a barrage of U.S. and Thailand artillery and mortar fire, followed by the maneuver of ground forces. Once ground forces eliminated the notional enemy's air defense capability, Thailand and U.S. fighter jets dropped ordnance to allow the ground forces to move to and seize the objective. The event demonstrated the ability of a combined Thailand-U.S. force, using both air and ground assets, to rapidly close with and destroy an objective.

"It's been a good opportunity working with the Royal Thai Armed Forces," said U.S. Marine Capt. Benjamin J. Vanzytveid, lead Cobra Gold planner for the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. "It's given us the opportunity to get to know them as individuals, understand their culture a little better, and understand how they operate so we can better integrate their efforts with ours in the future."

In Phitsanulok province, U.S. Ambassador to Thailand Kristie A. Kenney and Governor of Phitsanulok province Preecha Ruangchan attended the dedication ceremony for a new 1,500 square-foot building at Ban Hua Wang Ta Krang Elementary School, the final dedication ceremony for the five

additions to elementary schools constructed throughout the Kingdom of Thailand during CG 13.

"Today, we see a school (addition) that our militaries worked together to build," said Kenney. "A beautiful school that shows what we achieve in today's world when nations work together. It is a great honor and privilege, as a civilian, to see the work that our armed forces do to help build for our citizens' better futures, health, education and of course, greater safety and security."

Elsewhere, forces conducted a mock tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel operation, Thailand and U.S. service members conducted an aircraft rescue and firefighting drill, and U.S. military members volunteered their time to help disabled women through grounds-keeping at the women's center.

Cobra Gold is the largest multinational exercise in the Asia-Pacific region. During CG 13, 13,000 service members from seven nations joined together, along with observers from many other nations, teaming their collective experience, knowledge and expertise to discuss responses to crises and natural disasters, give to the local community through engineering and medical projects, and increase interoperability while sharing best practices during field training exercises.



# Reconnaissance Marines train for

Story and photos by Cpl. Mark W. Stroud

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**“Y**ou can’t prep for (the Jungle Warfare Training Center) — it’s not possible, not for the jungle and not for the weather,” said Sgt. Matthew J. Foglesong, a team leader and reconnaissance man with Company B, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion. “You just have to take everything you have learned in the past and make it work for you.”

Marines with Company B, 3rd Recon. Bn., 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, put their experience to use in overcoming rugged terrain and inclement weather to complete a four-day reconnaissance patrol at the JWTC on Camp Gonsalves Feb. 19–22 during the final event of a two-week field exercise.

In the training scenario, the Marines’ mission was to determine the suitability of a site for the construction and operation of an expeditionary base camp from which to provide humanitarian relief following a major typhoon, as well as determine the passability of roads and rivers leading into the affected area.

“The point of the mission was to provide support not for a combat mission but for a humanitarian mission in support of a Marine expeditionary unit,” said Lance Cpl. Trevor M. Pace, an assistant team leader and reconnaissance man with Company B, 3rd Recon. Bn. “The MEU commander sent us to do reconnaissance to see if he could send resupply into the area of a natural disaster and make sure that it was safe for them to bring in food and supplies. There were hostiles in this scenario, so we used our particular skill-set to complete the reconnaissance completely undetected.”

The hostiles in the scenario, played by other Marines with 3rd Recon. Bn., represented insurgents operating in areas of reduced government control in an affected nation, complicating the humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operation. The hypothetical nation in the scenario requested the MEU take the lead in areas of reduced government control because of its expeditionary capabilities.

“We can get in and out without making a big footprint,” said Pace. “We are not making a huge scene, we are doing it quietly. We went in and provided our reconnaissance. We got the photos and got close to the objectives without being detected.”

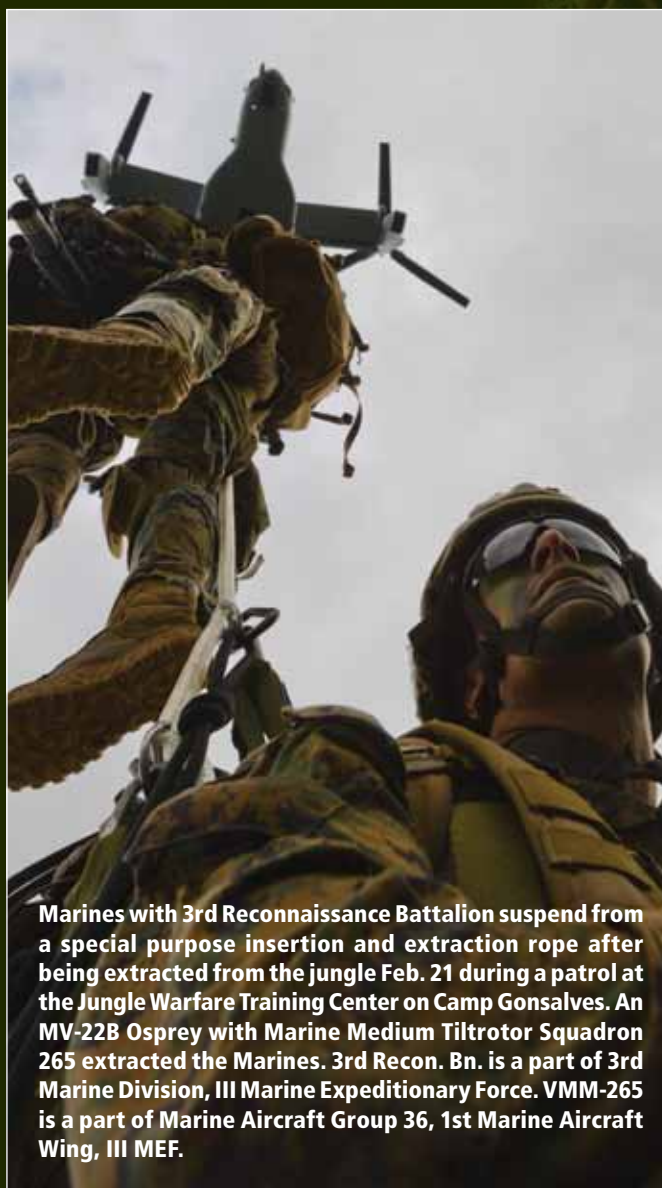
The Marines adopted the role of a MEU’s amphibious reconnaissance platoon for the purposes of the scenario, a role they are scheduled to fill during their deployment with the 31st MEU, III MEF, later this year.

“We can certainly provide information and help the MEU maintain better situational awareness on the ground,” said Capt. Brian J. Luszczynski, a platoon commander with Company B. “The techniques we use and the things we look for in the reconnaissance aspects of our mission allow us to be employed in a broad way that would easily allow us to assist HADR missions.”

During the exercise, the battalion integrated various simulated elements of the MEU to increase the realism, according to Capt. George F. Mittnacht, the company commander for Company B.

“Training to support the MEU includes working with whatever agencies or parts of the MEU will provide the commander the information he needs, including radio battalions combat camera assets, human intelligence teams or diplomats,” said Mittnacht.

The Okinawa climate cooperated with the Marines training, replicating the after-effects of a typhoon with heavy rainfall leading up to and continuing early into the second day of the patrol.



Marines with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion suspend from a special purpose insertion and extraction rope after being extracted from the jungle Feb. 21 during a patrol at the Jungle Warfare Training Center on Camp Gonsalves. An MV-22B Osprey with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265 extracted the Marines. 3rd Recon. Bn. is a part of 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. VMM-265 is a part of Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MEF.

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“If you can do it here, any other place in the Asia-Pacific region is not going to be an issue,” said Foglesong. “(The training) doesn’t matter until you are cold, hungry, tired and on your second week in the jungle and everything hurts. This is about learning how to operate at a high level while you are uncomfortable.”

Despite the elements and fatigue, the Marines pushed through rough terrain to complete their mission.

“This mission went really well,” said Pace. “We started giving the (command center) reports including a lot of good pictures and information for the MEU commander about this area. We got to go out and be the eyes of the MEU commander and help him make better decisions.”

The Marines left the area via special purpose insertion and extraction system upon the completion of their mission, a method designed for the rapid extraction of service members from areas with terrain unsuitable for the landing of aircraft. The reconnaissance men attached themselves by harness to a special purpose insertion and extraction rope suspended from a hovering MV-22B Osprey, which flew them to a nearby landing zone.

The Company B Marines will continue field training in the coming weeks in preparation of their scheduled MEU deployment to build their reconnaissance skills.

“Training is the biggest part of it, that is why we train for all of these different scenarios, so that we will be ready for whatever comes,” said Pace.

The rain left the Marines battling to carry packs weighing as much as 90 pounds up steep hills made treacherously slick by mud and loose debris, and fighting against plunging temperatures to stay warm at night — a fight made more difficult by wet clothing and lack of shelter.



# new roles



A reconnaissance man with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion checks his camouflage face paint during a patrol Feb. 20 at the Jungle Warfare Training Center on Camp Gonsalves. The Marines maintained noise and light discipline throughout the patrol and worked to blend into the surrounding jungle as much as possible. 3rd Recon. Bn. is a part of 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.



A reconnaissance man with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion provides security during a short security halt Feb. 20 at the Jungle Warfare Training Center on Camp Gonsalves. The dense jungle terrain made movement difficult but also provided the perfect cover for the reconnaissance Marines.



Marines with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion mark their extraction site with red smoke Feb. 21 following the conclusion of a patrol at the Jungle Warfare Training Center on Camp Gonsalves. The MV-22B Osprey aircrew used the smoke to locate the landing zone and extract the Marines.



# Camp welcomes community for hijiki harvest

Lance Cpl. Donald T. Peterson

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As a cool ocean breeze cuts across the water, an elderly man standing in knee-deep surf slices through the water with a scythe. Within a few seconds he harvests a handful of seaweed, known as hijiki.

Members of the Ishikawa Prefecture Fishermen's Association from mainland Japan and more than 200 local residents of Konbu, Tengan, Akano and Uken villages attended the opening of the 13th annual Hijiki Festival Feb. 23 on Camp Courtney.

Hijiki grows along rocky coastlines throughout East Asia, including Okinawa. It is valued for its taste and reputed health benefits, according to residents. Camp Courtney is one of the few places on Okinawa where residents are able to harvest hijiki.

Residents of the community and members of the fisherman's association gathered hijiki during low-tide periods Feb. 23-27 and plan to again March 4-8.

"We are out here gathering (hijiki) to ultimately help benefit the residents of the Arinko Home for the Mentally Handicapped," said Yuriko Sellers, a resident who



Seikichi Nagahama reaps hijiki, or brown seaweed, Feb. 25 from the beach at Camp Courtney. Nagahama is a volunteer with the Arinko Home for the Mentally Handicapped who came aboard the installation to harvest the hijiki for processing to earn money for the home. Photo by Cpl. Erik S. Brooks Jr.

lives near Camp Courtney. "A lot of people believe that because of how much we gather, we do it for business, but all proceeds are donated to the home to help its residents."

The opening of the Hijiki Festival had a large turnout, once again proving to be a popular event.

"There were a few hundred residents on opening day," said Ichiro Umehara, the community relations

specialist for Camp Courtney.

Once harvested, the hijiki is used in a variety of traditional and modern cuisine.

Hijiki is not commonly served in restaurants but instead prepared in the home, according to Takayuki Kayo, the community relations specialist for Camp Hansen. It is rich in iron, protein, calcium and vitamin A, and is commonly

cooked with soybeans.

Harvesting hijiki is important enough to the community that harvesters make it a priority to attend the opening day of the festival, according to Sellers.

After a hard day harvesting hijiki, exhausted participants headed home, following another display of friendship with the Marine Corps on Okinawa.

## JGSDF members visit Battle of Okinawa historical display

Lance Cpl. Anne K. Henry

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

The Battle of Okinawa historical display is one of many types of historical displays, complete with uniforms, replicas, newspaper articles and posters. However, its meaning goes far deeper for members of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, who visited the display to learn more about the battle.

Thirty members of the 15th Brigade, Western Army, JGSDF, received a guided tour of the historical display on Camp Kinser Feb. 22 to further their insight and knowledge on the Battle of Okinawa.

"This display keeps the history of the battle alive," said Chris Majewski, the director of the Battle of Okinawa historical display. "It brings everything into perspective and allows those visiting to see the battle from different viewpoints."

The display offers perspectives from both the Japanese and American sides, according to Majewski, who gives the tour in Japanese and English. This is one of the most important aspects of the display due to many people growing up with one-sided views on the war in the Pacific.

"It was my goal to simply give the members of the 15th Brigade a taste of history," said Majewski. "I started by giving them a small brief on the display and then went in-depth on the battle itself."

Many of the JGSDF members were looking for information on where their relatives may have fought, where certain engagements took



Chris Majewski greets members of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force Feb. 22 at the Battle of Okinawa historical display on Camp Kinser. The JGSDF members were given a guided tour of the display by Majewski, who took them through the history of both the Japanese and American sides of the battle. Majewski is the director of the Battle of Okinawa historical display. The JGSDF members are with the 15th Brigade, Western Army. Photo by Lance Cpl. Anne K. Henry

place, and what units were involved. At the conclusion of the guided tour, the members of the 15th Brigade walked freely around the display to take in more knowledge and history.

"I never knew something like this existed on Camp Kinser," said JGSDF Lt. Col. Kaname Ota, director for G-4, supply and logistics, 15th Brigade. "We are very grateful that the United States has preserved everything so well. I feel that every JGSDF member should visit this display, as it was a good learning experience."

Not only did the display give the members of the brigade insight into their history, but also a perspective of the battle from the American side.

"This display gives anyone who walks in

a 360-degree view of the battle," said Danny Anhalt, the deputy director of the historical display. "We want to show people how we are preserving this knowledge for the future."

The guided tour of the Battle of Okinawa historical display was a success, according to Ota. It gave the members of the 15th Brigade a taste of history as well as insight into the battle itself, and the display stood out to the 15th Brigade due to its balanced view.

"This display was impressive," said Ota. "I was very moved that the United States has preserved this, and that we could find information on the experiences of our ancestors who fought in this battle."



# Marines help keep local residents' dream growing

**Lance Cpl. Donald T. Peterson**

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

**A**s Atsushi Higa traverses up the hillside clearing, sweat rolls down his face. However, an old dream continues to drive him forward, and he refuses to quit despite the difficult work.

"In 1978, approximately forty people of the Mount Yae-Dake community had a dream to create a farm," said Higa, the present-day owner of the farm. "None of the community members were farmers or knew exactly what to do, but we didn't let that stop us. We have lost the majority of the people who work and volunteer at the farm for various reasons, so we have become short-handed."

Marines with 7th Communication Battalion volunteered Feb. 21 to help Higa, his family and other local residents keep their dream alive.

The effort to help clean up the farm started when Higa's family reached out for help through Takayuki Kayo, the community relations specialist for Camp Hansen, who contacted Marines assigned to the camp to look for volunteers.

"Takayuki told us that there was a family requesting help with their farm," said Master Sgt. Ciriaco R. Ayala, the

operations chief for 7th Comm. Bn., III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF. "(I really wanted) to come out and help."

The Marines spent several hours alongside the Higa family and local residents, clearing underbrush from the hillside of the farm where fruit trees grow and removing rocks from a field which Higa hopes will grow wheat.

"I hope to have a bigger farm one day that will provide jobs for the people of the community," said Higa.

In just one day's volunteer work, the Marines were able to clear out all of the fallen underbrush as well as the rocks from the farm's field.

"It's amazing to see how much we were able to accomplish in just the few hours we were out here," said Ayala. "It's been a great experience coming out here and helping the Higa family and local residents with their farm."

After a hard day's work, the Marines took time to climb to the top of Mount Yae-Dake to enjoy the site of Okinawa from above.

"We have a saying that once you meet someone, they are your 'brother,'" said Higa. "I am happy to call the Marines that came out here and helped, 'my family.'"

**Atsushi Higa removes vines Feb. 21 from a fruit tree at his farm on Mount Yae-Dake. Marines with 7th Communication Battalion, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF, spent the day helping Higa clear out the underbrush around the farm's hillside as well as the rocks from one of its fields. Photo by Lance Cpl. Donald T. Peterson**

## Okinawa police recognize hard work of Marines, translator

**Lance Cpl. Alyssa N. Gunton**

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

**"W**e would like to express that your consistent cooperation and deep consideration have produced significant contributions to police service in 2012," said Tatsuhiko Toguchi, the senior superintendent and chief of the Okinawa Police Department, before presenting Capt. Daniel J. Burton a letter of appreciation.

Yasufumi Tomari, Burton and three other Marines with the Provost Marshal's Office, Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, were each awarded LOAs Feb. 22 at the Okinawa Police Department in Okinawa City.

"It is a great honor to be recognized and awarded," said Burton, the operations officer with PMO. "The fact that the Japanese are recognizing American service members for contributing to the safety and well-being of the Japanese community is, in my mind, an awesome privilege."

Burton was not the only recipient to feel honored after the ceremony.

"It is my great pleasure to have received this award," said Tomari, an interpreter with accident investigation section, PMO. "To me, it is a result of all the hard work, dedication and the opportunity to be with PMO and accident investigation for almost 29 years. This is my last year working for PMO, as I will retire at the end of the year. This is really an honor."

This is not the first time Marines have been recognized for their achievements by the Okinawa Police Department, according to Maj. Mark Burrell, the deputy provost marshal for PMO. The ongoing partnership of the two agencies is key for both to operate effectively and efficiently.

"They are police officers just like we are and are passionate about reducing accidents and increasing safety," said Burton. "It is easy to have open lines of communication and talk with one another about what we can do to increase safety, share thoughts and ideas, and improve the safety of both local residents and status of forces agreement members."

The two police forces combine efforts to decrease the number of traffic collisions and improve driver safety and awareness, according to Burton.

"My Marines work with the Okinawa police anytime there is a traffic collision or incident that happens off base," said Burton. "I have met with them on numerous occasions to discuss how we could help one another and further solidify our great relationship."

Throughout the past year, Burton met with the Okinawa Police



**Capt. Daniel J. Burton, left, and Yasufumi Tomari pose for a photo with their letters of appreciation at the Okinawa Police Department Feb. 22. Burton is the operations officer with the Provost Marshal's Office. Tomari is an interpreter for the accident investigation section of PMO. Photo by Lance Cpl. Alyssa N. Gunton**

Department on numerous occasions to discuss ways to improve driver safety and awareness initiatives to reduce the number of traffic collisions.

"These initiatives have had a positive impact in reducing the number of traffic incidents in town involving SOFA vehicle operators," said Burton.

Not only do the police officers cooperate in traffic enforcement, but they also assist with investigations, according to Burrell.

"We do a lot of training together," said Burrell. "Our criminal investigative division and the OPD cooperate with one another on cases."

The members of both law enforcement divisions will continue to work together to achieve their overall goal — the safety of those living on Okinawa.

"PMO and the OPD's relationship is important because of the fact that we both have the same motive to work together as a team in making fair judgment that affects the outcome of each investigation," said Tomari. "Our job as interpreters and (police) give us the opportunity to build bridges between two nations and maintain a good relationship and alliance."



# Marines fire howitzers in deep snow, frigid conditions

Story and photos by  
Lance Cpl. Terry Brady

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

As snow and wind blasted the Marines from seemingly all directions, they held steadfast, calmly awaiting the next fire-mission, ready to fire their howitzers at a moment's notice, proving artillery support in any clime or place.

Marines and sailors with Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, conducted artillery live-fire training with M777A2 155 mm howitzers Feb. 19 at the Ojojihara Maneuver Area in Miyagi prefecture, Japan.

The battery is currently assigned to 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III MEF, under the unit deployment program.

Due to the harsh climate and terrain, the battery was able to gain experience in unfamiliar conditions while sustaining proficiency in artillery live-fire, according to Capt. Christopher Ross, commanding officer of Alpha Battery.

"Being from North Carolina, the battery is not used to training in environments this cold," said Ross. "We are learning a lot about how to operate in cold weather here, so it's a good thing that we are heading out to different



Marines with Alpha Battery prepare to fire an M777A2 155 mm howitzer Feb. 19 during Artillery Relocation Training Program 12-4 at the Ojojihara Maneuver Area.

places while assigned to III MEF."

The battery divided into two platoons during firing, allowing one platoon to maneuver to a different gun position while the other platoon maintained fire at the previous position, so there were no breaks in fire during movement.

"It is more efficient to have two separate platoons because they can cover more ground and provide continual support to infantry units," said Staff Sgt. Mohamed S. Salim, the battery gunnery sergeant for Alpha Battery.

In each platoon, section chiefs led their Marines and carried out orders given by the fire direction center.

"Small-unit leadership has been the key to our success at Camp

Lejeune and is the key to our progress here," said Ross. "It's because of our sergeants and corporals that our training has been successful."

During night firing and movements, Marines maintained strict discipline by using limited light resources and minimum sound communication.

"Artillery is about shooting, moving and communicating efficiently without compromising our position," said Lance Cpl. Dakota L. Harrod, an assistant section chief for the battery.

The Marines dug in during the night fire to provide the battery with defensive positions.

"All of the pits from each gun position are connected with each

other to provide the battery with 360-degree defense," said Harrod.

Throughout the training, the howitzers and vehicles experienced challenges due to low temperatures and inclement weather.

"It's hard most of the time for the vehicles to move around," said Harrod. "We've never had to use snow chains for the vehicles to move between gun positions."

"The weather not only tested the howitzers and the Marines' ability to fire under unfamiliar conditions — it also gave the artillery mechanics an opportunity to develop their skill-sets as well."

Despite the conditions, the Marines were able to complete their appointed tasks quickly and effectively.

"The Marines have been maintaining the standard they set at Camp Lejeune because of their high morale and desire to continue training," said Salim. "Marines with high morale work harder and are more effective."

Alpha Battery is scheduled to continue artillery live-fire training throughout the week. The battery will also develop individual skills at a small-arms range at the conclusion of the training.

"Artillery is a specialty that functions 24/7, and we accomplish our missions wherever and whenever they need to be done," said Ross. "This will be a field operation the Marines will definitely remember."

North Carolina-based Marines with Alpha Battery fire an M777A2 155 mm howitzer Feb. 19 during Artillery Relocation Training Program 12-4 at the Ojojihara Maneuver Area in Miyagi prefecture, Japan. Alpha Battery is part of 1st Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, and is currently assigned to 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III MEF under the unit deployment program.





# In Theaters Now

**MARCH 1 - 7**

## FOSTER

**TODAY** Escape from Planet Earth (PG), 6 p.m.; A Good Day to Die Hard (R), 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Escape from Planet Earth (PG), 3 and 6 p.m.; Flight (R), 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Escape from Planet Earth (PG), 1 p.m.; Snitch (PG13), 4 and 7 p.m.

**MONDAY** Bullet to the Head (R), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Escape from Planet Earth (PG), 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** Escape from Planet Earth (PG), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Snitch (PG13), 7 p.m.

## KADENA

**TODAY** Snitch (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Rise of the Guardians (PG), 2 p.m.; Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters (R), 6 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Jack Reacher (PG13), 2 p.m.; Identity Thief (R), 7 p.m.

**MONDAY** The Guilt Trip (PG13), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Closed

**WEDNESDAY** Beautiful Creatures (PG13), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Closed

## COURTNEY

**TODAY** Snitch (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Rise of the Guardians (PG), 2 p.m.; Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters (R), 6 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Jack Reacher (PG13), 2 p.m.; Identity Thief (R), 6 p.m.

**MONDAY** The Guilt Trip (PG13), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Closed

**WEDNESDAY** Beautiful Creatures (PG13), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Closed

## FUTENMA

**TODAY** The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Snitch (PG13), 4 and 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Stand Up Guys (R), 4 and 7 p.m.

**MONDAY** Identity Thief (R), 6:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY-THURSDAY** Closed

## KINSER

**TODAY** The Guilt Trip (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Rise of the Guardians (PG), 3 p.m.; Jack Reacher (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Rise of the Guardians (PG), 3 p.m.; The Guilt Trip (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

**MONDAY-TUESDAY** Closed

**WEDNESDAY** Snitch (PG13), 3 and 6:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Identity Thief (R), 6:30 p.m.

## SCHWAB

**TODAY** Identity Thief (R), 6 and 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY** This is 40 (R), 6 and 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Warm Bodies (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.

**MONDAY-THURSDAY** Closed

## HANSEN

**TODAY** Warm Bodies (PG13), 7 and 10 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Warm Bodies (PG13), 6 p.m.; Identity Thief (R), 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Jack Reacher (PG13), 2 p.m.; The Guilt Trip (PG13), 5:30 p.m.

**MONDAY** Snitch (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.

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

**WEDNESDAY** The Guilt Trip (PG13), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** A Good Day to Die Hard (R), 7 p.m.

## 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

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## SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM EVENTS

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

### DRAGON BOAT RACE PRACTICE

• The Dragon Boat Races, called hari (the Chinese word for "dragon"), are held at the beginning of May each year at Naha port. The SMP is sponsoring two teams of 36 members each for the 39th Annual Dragon Boat Races. Practices are every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at White Beach Naval Facility. SMP will provide transportation. Seek command approval before signing up.

### BUSHIDO MUD RUN CHALLENGE - MARCH 30

• The Bushido Mud Run will be held March 30. Check-in time is 8 a.m., and race begins at 10 a.m. The 10k course will challenge participants' physical and mental endurance. For more information, contact the SMP.

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## TEST YOUR CORPS KNOWLEDGE:

"When was the noncommissioned officers® sword adopted?"

See answer in next week's issue

**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**  
In appropriate uniform, where will the necktie clasp be located?

**ANSWER:**  
Horizontally on the lower half of the necktie midway between the third and fourth buttons from the top, per MCO P1020.34G.



## Japanese phrase of the week:

"Toire wa doko desuka?"

(pronounced: Toh-ee-rey-wah doh-koh dehs-kah)

It means, "Where is the toilet?"

## CHAPLAINS' CORNER

*"Knowledge is power ... and the lack of it has consequences."*



## Seize opportunities to gain knowledge

**Lt. Cdr. Clifford Rutledge**

CHAPLAIN, CAMP SCHWAB

"Wise people have great power, and those with knowledge have great strength." (Proverbs 24:5, New Century Version Bible)

As I approach half a century of life in this world, I have realized the truth of that proverb time and time again. Some months ago, I was the winning bidder for an item on eBay that I had been wanting for some time. It was a uniform item, \$98 new, and I purchased it in almost mint condition for \$33! I won the auction because I was bidding against a novice, and he did not understand the concept of "maximum bid."

If you have ever bid on eBay, you know that when you enter a maximum bid, the bid goes into the auction automatically in increments of 50 cents, and only reaches your maximum if other bidders keep topping your automatic bids. With only minutes remaining in the auction, I entered my maximum bid of \$35,

the most I was willing to pay, then sat back and watched the other bidder try to overtake me, 50 cents at a time. He may have been willing to pay \$40, but never entered a maximum bid — he just didn't know. Knowledge is power ... and the lack of it has consequences!

Whether you are on Okinawa for six months or on your second tour of duty here, you want to take advantage of every opportunity available to improve yourself professionally and personally. Are you seeking professional military education opportunities in your vocational field? Are you working toward an undergraduate or graduate degree? Have you read a book lately to improve an area in your life or learn something new about the world you live in? Have you learned something new about the culture of the people who host you on this island? What about your spiritual life? What are you doing to grow in your personal faith and devotion?

Don't leave Okinawa the same as you arrived. Seize every learning opportunity that is available to you. After all, knowledge is power!

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