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US, Philippine forces strengthen ties



Philippine Army Pfc. Jaymancio Pablo, right, and U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Alec Wines prepare to fire an M777A2 155 mm howitzer during Amphibious Landing Exercise 2013 at Fort Magsaysay, Republic of the Philippines, Oct. 10. PHIBLEX 2013 is a bilateral training exercise conducted annually in the Republic of the Philippines to strengthen interoperability between the Marine Corps and Philippine armed forces. Pablo is an artilleryman with Bravo Battery, 3rd Field Artillery Battalion. Wines is a field artillery cannoneer with 1st Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, currently assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. Photo by Sgt. Matthew Troyer

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CFC-O continues, 2012 goal in sight

Lance Cpl. Alyssa N. Hoffacker

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CAMP FOSTER — The 2012 Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas fundraising season, which began Sept. 17, has reached the halfway point and will continue through the end of November.

“The CFC’s goal is twofold; to provide (every) federal employee with the informed opportunity to give to a charity or cause of their choice and to raise as many funds as possible to allow our member charities to operate their services and assist those in need,” said Franciela P. Itule, the campaign manager for CFC-O Pacific.

The CFC, which began 51 years ago, is the see **CFC-O** pg 5

Return ballots, make voices heard

1st Lt. Jeanscott Dodd

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CAMP FOSTER — As the Nov. 6 general election quickly approaches, service members, civilian employees and their family members stationed overseas are running out of time to send in their absentee ballots.

“The window is closing for individuals to get their ballots in,” said Maj. Michael J. Gervasoni, the voting assistance officer for Marine Corps Installations Pacific. “It’s important that people take the time to fill out their ballot and follow the instructions to make sure it makes it back to the U.S. in time.”

Individuals stationed overseas may feel detached from the issues and candidates in their home states, cities and districts, but that is no excuse for not exercising the right to



Absentee ballots allow service members, civilian employees and their families to vote while stationed overseas. Photo by Pfc. Kasey Peacock

vote, according to Maj. Gen. Peter J. Talleri, commanding general of MCIPAC.

“I’d like all the service members, civilian employees and family members overseas to remember that our forefathers fought long ago, so that we would have the right to vote see **VOTING** pg 5

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Early detection is best protection

Renee M. Furman

Although October is designated breast cancer awareness month, the breast health center and general surgery department at U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa know that breast health awareness is important every month and day of the year.

The BHC and general surgery department encourage all women to be proactive in their health care and prevent becoming a statistic.

Statistics show death rates from breast cancer have decreased by 24 percent since 1990. According to BreastCancer.org, these decreases are thought to be the result of advances in treatment, earlier detection through screening, and increased awareness.

The BHC, the only consolidated military breast health center in the Pacific, combines all of the hospital's breast health diagnostic and examination services into one clinical area.

There are some common misconceptions and fears among the female population concerning mammograms. Because of this, the BHC hosts open house events throughout May and October, providing demonstrations of mammograms and answering questions or concerns attendees may have.

Women should perform monthly breast self-exams starting at age 21 and should begin yearly mammograms at age 40. Women with a history of breast cancer in their immediate family may consider starting at an earlier age.

Although females are the primary victims of breast cancer, men are at risk as well. According to BreastCancer.org, nearly 1 percent of all new breast cancer cases occur in men.

If women or men notice any unusual changes in their breasts, they should see their primary care manager immediately. I personally would like to stress to all women on Okinawa who are 40 or older to come in for their annual mammogram. We have a list of more than 300 women who are overdue for their exam, and we are trying to reach them by all means necessary. We encourage our patients to please call and make an appointment.

Throughout May and October, we have "Mammogram Mondays." On Mondays during these months, no referral is necessary. Call the appointment line at 643-7033, give your name, physician's name, sponsor's last four, and a phone number you can be reached at. The line is sometimes busy, but don't give up. Early

detection is truly the best protection. Our youngest patient diagnosed with breast cancer in 2011 was 29.

If you are new to Okinawa and have old films, please request them and bring them with you to your appointment. It is required, by law, for a facility to give patients their films. If you are leaving Okinawa, please don't forget to take your films with you. Having films for comparisons could prevent patients from undergoing biopsies and repeat imaging.

The next scheduled open house is Oct. 25 at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be educational material, food and door prizes.

The breast health center's regular hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Renee M. Furman is the supervisor of diagnostic radiology/breast health center at the U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa.

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THE AROUND CORPS



The flag detail presents the colors during the celebration of the 237th birthday of the U.S. Navy at Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, Oct. 13. The Navy was established Oct. 13, 1775, and continues to serve the nation with distinction. Photo by Cpl. Anthony Ward Jr.



Flames explode behind Navy Blue Angels F/A-18 Hornets during the night portion of the 2012 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show Oct. 13. The wall of fire was the final event of the night portion of the air show. Photo by Lance Cpl. Rebecca Eller



Maldivian National Defense Force Marines and U.S. Marines conduct accountability training in Gan, Maldives, Oct. 9 as part of Exercise Coconut Grove 2012. Coconut Grove is a bilateral training exercise conducted between the U.S. Marine Corps and the MNDF. The Maldivian Marines are with Marine Deployment Unit 5. The U.S. Marines are with Company A, 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division. Photo by Cpl. Isis Ramirez

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Marines and French Marine paratroopers play soccer together during Exercise Croix de Sud at Camp la Broche, New Caledonia, Oct. 13. The Marines faced the French Marines in a friendly match before integrating teams to break the ice. The Marines participating are with 1st platoon, Company G, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, which is currently assigned to 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, under the unit deployment program. The French paratroopers are with 8th Marine Infantry Paratrooper Regiment, based out of Castres, France. Photo by Lance Cpl. Erik S. Brooks Jr.

US, French Marines begin exercise with friendly competition, social

Lance Cpl. Erik S. Brooks Jr.

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CAMP LA BROCHE, New Caledonia — Marines and French Marine paratroopers began Exercise Croix de Sud with a day of playing soccer and a lunch social at Camp la Broche, New Caledonia, Oct. 13.

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With each passing minute, the social and language barriers seemed to dissipate. Service members, whose homes are separated by thousands of miles, suddenly found themselves shoulder-to-shoulder, laughing, competing, sharing stories, and becoming friends.

“The purpose of the day was to break the ice and get to know each other,” said French Marine Cpl. Mickael le Roux, a paratrooper with the French regiment. “There is no better way we know of than a good game of soccer and breaking bread.”

The day, in fact, began with a lopsided French victory in a friendly soccer match hosted by the French Marines.

“The first game was very one-sided,” said Lance Cpl. Justin A. St. John, a rifleman with 2/3. “After the first game, we integrated the teams and played again.”

The integration was seamless, and the two countries’ Marines appeared as if they had played together for years, passing and scoring with ease.

“The game was a lot of fun to play with the French Marines,” said St. John. “They ended up teaching us all a thing or two about soccer.”

After the matches, the teams met at the mess hall, where the French hosted a barbecue social.

“We talked a lot about each others’ culture,” said Lance Cpl. Colton C. Campbell, a rifleman with 2/3. “I’ve always had questions about the French and their customs and everyday life. It was very interesting learning we have a lot in common.”

As the Marines conversed with one another, they realized that not only are their cultures alike, but their experiences within their respective services are too.

“We compared stories of our boot camps, infantry training and deployments. We learned we



Marines and French Marine paratrooper Lance Cpl. Marvin Lelarge eat lunch together on the first day of Exercise Croix de Sud at Camp la Broche, New Caledonia, Oct. 13. U.S. and French Marines came together for a social prior to beginning bilateral training during Croix du Sud. The Marines are with 1st platoon, Company G. Lelarge is with 8th Marine Infantry Paratrooper Regiment, based out of Castres, France. Photo by Lance Cpl. Erik S. Brooks Jr.

each had very similar times,” said St. John.

After conversing and learning more about each other, it was time to sit down and share a meal.

“We served the Marines grilled chicken, sausage and a French type of rice,” said le Roux. “It is a meal we love, and the Marines really seemed to like it as well.”

When all was said and done, two completely different cultures went from not knowing anything about each other to calling each other by name and sharing laughter.

“This was only the first day of Exercise Croix de Sud, and we all had a great time,” said Campbell. “I can’t wait to train with the French Marines and learn a thing or two as well as teach some tactics to them.”

Small changes reduce energy

Lance Cpl. Donald T. Peterson

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CAMP BUTLER — October is energy awareness month, which offers a good opportunity to inform people of the measures they can take to decrease their personal energy use at home and work.

“Marine Corps Base Camp Butler’s goal is to reduce the overall consumption of energy by Marines on Okinawa 30 percent by 2015,” said Charles Chen, resource efficiency manager with Energy Engineering and Consulting Services, MCB Camp Butler.

MCB Camp Butler has already made progress towards meeting its energy reduction goals, but there is plenty individuals can do every day to help achieve the 30 percent reduction.

Getting service members and their families involved in energy reduction is one of the key strategies for making improvements, according to Lubka Robertson, energy manager, G-F, Facilities, MCB Camp Butler.

Phones, computers, televisions and other household items all depend on electricity to operate. Not everyone realizes how much energy is used by appliances and other various electrical items throughout their homes.

“A common energy consumption problem many people are unaware of is phantom energy,” said Robertson. “Phantom energy is the energy that is being used even when appliances are turned off. Appliances like televisions and computers still consume energy while turned off.”

“One big way to help conserve energy and prevent phantom energy use from occurring is to simply unplug your appliances when they are not in use.”

Another fact many people are unaware of is that between the hours of 1 and 4 p.m., MCB Camp Butler pays 15 percent more for electricity. The reason for the raised price is the significant increase in demand for energy throughout Okinawa during this time period, with most energy being used for air conditioning.

One step everyone on base can take is waiting until after 4 p.m. to complete energy-consuming tasks, according to Robertson.

Conserving electricity can be as simple as individuals ensuring windows and doors are closed properly to keep room temperatures steady and comfortable, turning lights off and using natural light when practical, or cleaning the filters on dryers and air conditioners, according to Robertson.

Simple things like adjusting the thermostat, using less hot water, and turning the refrigerator temperature up are also good ways to save energy that have little impact on an individual’s everyday life, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Refrigerators alone can account for approximately 20 percent of electricity use in an average household, according to the EPA.

“It’s the small things that don’t have an immediate and significant impact on you that can make a big difference,” said Lubka. “Take the time to ensure you are saving as much electricity as possible. Every little bit counts.”

BRIEFS

REGISTER NOW FOR FALL SESSION 2

University of Maryland University College's fall session 2 is about to begin. Those considering starting or finishing their education can contact the Marine Corps Community Services Education Center to help guide them through the process. Fall session 2 runs Oct. 22 through Dec. 16 and registration is available through Oct. 22.

2012 COLLEGE NIGHT

Department of Defense Education Activity is seeking volunteers from the community to represent their colleges at the 2012 College Night Fair at Kadena High School Nov. 1 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for Kubasaki and Kadena High School students.

The sign-up deadline is Oct. 22. Volunteers can sign up online at www.okinawacollegenight.com.

BREAST HEALTH CENTER OPEN HOUSE

The U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa's breast health center is hosting an open house Oct. 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to spread awareness of the importance of preventative care. There will be educational material, food and prizes. For more information, contact 643-7365.

OPERATION HOMEFRONT ACCEPTING MILITARY CHILD OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Operation Homefront, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to providing emergency financial and other assistance to military families, is accepting nominations for the Military Child of the Year awards through Dec. 15. Winners will be recognized in April 2013.

Awards are presented to outstanding children from each branch of service who demonstrate resilience and strength of character and thrive in the face of the challenges of military life.

For more details, or to nominate a child, visit MilitaryChildoftheYear.org.

FOSTER IPAC CLOSURE AND RELOCATION

The main Installation Personnel Administration Center at Camp Foster is closed today while moving to a temporary location due to a renovation project taking place Oct. 22 through July 15, 2013.

The temporary location will be in building 5717 at Camp Foster, the barracks directly above the 25-meter pool. This location will open for regular business Oct. 22.

For assistance today that cannot wait until the opening of the temporary location, contact one of IPAC's administrative satellite centers.

IPAC's ID card, passport, TAD and deployments sections in building 5692 will remain open for business as usual.

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.



Sgt. Corey G. Drake prepares to hit a pitch during a game between the Marine all-star baseball team and the Social Original Local Academy baseball team at Camp Foster Oct. 11. "Japanese (society) loves to play baseball, and the Okinawans lived up to that today. They're great ball players," said Sgt. Corey G. Drake, a telephone systems and personal computer intermediate repairer with Marine Wing Communications Squadron 18, Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Lance Cpl. Mike Granahan

Baseball builds bonds

Okinawan, Marine baseball teams compete

Lance Cpl. Mike Granahan

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CAMP FOSTER — Marines with III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Installations Pacific hosted a friendly game of baseball with Okinawan college students at Camp Foster Oct. 11.

The Marine all-star baseball team hosted the Social Original Local Academy baseball team to continue building rapport with the local community.

Baseball is a great way to bring Marines and Okinawans together since it is a pastime shared by both cultures, according to Sgt. Maj. Dave Maddux, the sergeant major of Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

The people of Okinawa and Marines may have cultural differences, but they all disappear on the baseball field, according to Hiroshi Yurino, the captain of the Okinawan team. Being able to play together helps keep the relationship close, added Yurino.

The two teams, having learned the game on opposite sides of the globe, had very different styles of play. The factor most noticed by the Japanese players was the power Marines showed when batting, not to mention their sheer physical size, according to Yurino.

The Marines observed that



Members of the Marine all-star baseball team and the Social Original Local Academy baseball team shake hands prior to a friendly competition at Camp Foster Oct. 11. The people of Okinawa and Marines may have cultural differences, but they all disappear on the baseball field, according to Hiroshi Yurino, the captain of the Okinawan team. Photo by Lance Cpl. Mike Granahan

the Japanese style of play stuck closely to the basics and was very successful, according to Maddux.

"The Okinawans are fundamentally sound," said Maddux. "They're not going to make a lot of errors."

Despite their power, the Marines were defeated 7-5 by the Okinawans in the friendly match.

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intermediate repairer with Marine Wing Communications Squadron 18, Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st MAW, III MEF.

The two teams came together after the game and enjoyed each other's company off the field.

"After the game, we shared food and drinks," said Yurino. "We all are very appreciative of (the Marines') kindness. I hope to be invited again and look forward to the next opportunity we get to play together."

Drake and Maddux agreed that they are looking forward to another friendly competition with the Okinawan team in the future.

Drive helps replenish Armed Services Blood Bank



Cpl. Patrick B. Simmerman, left, watches while Seaman Keith Williams inserts a needle into Simmerman's arm during the 3rd Maintenance Battalion blood drive at Camp Kinser Oct. 16. The battalion hosted the blood drive to help replenish the Armed Services Blood Bank Center at U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa. The drive was open to all status of forces agreement individuals. Simmerman is an assault amphibious vehicle repairer and technician with the battalion. Williams is a hospital corpsman with the Armed Services Blood Bank Center, 3rd Maintenance Bn. is part of Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Lance Cpl. Matthew Manning

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and make our voices heard," said Talleri. "Do some research, examine the impacts of issues and positions up for a vote this year, and take advantage of the opportunity to have direct influence on government."

Advances in technology and the availability of information have made it easy for individuals stationed far from their homes to educate themselves on election year issues and candidates in relatively little time.

"Time is such a valuable commodity, especially in the military," said Gervasoni. "However, with the internet, there is so much information available at the click of a mouse. It could be as simple as taking one night off of watching television or playing video games to sit down and pull up candidates' websites and information on referendums and laws up for vote in order to make an informed decision."

It may not seem like a big deal to put off voting while stationed overseas by discounting the effects of local, state and national elections, but it is important to remember the bigger picture when deciding whether or not to exercise one's right to vote.

"We sometimes take the right to vote for granted and forget all the troubles, struggles and heartaches people went through over the years," said Talleri. "From the Revolutionary War to the civil rights and women's suffrage movements, there have been lives lost and massive efforts made throughout our country's history so that, today, we can determine our own future."

"Be a part of the democratic process. The officials elected this year and laws and referendums voted on will have impacts on all Americans, including those stationed overseas. Make getting your ballot in a priority."

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only authorized solicitation of federal employees on behalf of charitable organizations.

"There is no official (dollar) goal," said Itule. "However, the Pacific (theater of the campaign) raised \$4.9 million in 2011, so I am hoping we can reach at least \$5 million this year. The 2012 CFC-O Pacific, which encompasses all military units and personnel assigned to U.S. Pacific Command, has currently raised over \$1.4 million."

The CFC has a list of charitable organizations federal employees are able to donate to through the campaign, according to Capt. Christopher M. Eyre, the CFC-O community area project officer for Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, Marine Corps Installations Pacific.

"The CFC is important because it gives Marines and sailors an opportunity to give back to the community through charitable donations to a variety of organizations," said Maj. Greg Obar, the CFC-O community area project officer for 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "Many Marines and sailors have charities that are important to them, and this is a meaningful and convenient way to make a significant impact on the lives of others."

With six weeks remaining before the campaign concludes, fundraisers are encouraged by the humble spirit often displayed by service members and their families. CFC-O project officers look forward to a strong finish to this year's campaign, according to Maj. Allen D. Agra, the CFC component project officer for Marine Forces – Japan.

"I see how one may get bogged down in trying to spread their limited donation (money) across a number of the more than 4,000 nonprofit organizations participating in the 2012 CFC," said Agra. "The CFC offers many charities that will directly benefit the military units; (CFC) representatives can help service members find the correct charity for them."

"I have confidence that we will meet our objectives," said Itule. "The men and women serving in the Pacific have always been very generous. I think it's because they understand the needs of the less fortunate. Many service members see firsthand communities without water, food and shelter in this region, and that is a powerful motivator for making a difference."

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



The CFC-Overseas supports over 2,500 charities that depend upon our generosity to better the lives of people and communities in need.





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Countries give back to comm

Philippine Marine Staff Sgt. Benjie Canama, left, and Cpl. Jonathan Meca plot and mark the location of anticipated impacts during live-fire artillery training at Fort Magsaysay, Republic of the Philippines, Oct. 10. Philippine and U.S. Marine artillery units trained together as part of PHIBLEX 2013, enhancing their ability to execute bilateral fire missions and increasing their knowledge of each other's tactics. Canama is a fire direction control operator with Field Artillery Battalion, Philippine Marine Corps. Meca is a fire direction control operator with India Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Codey Underwood



Philippine and U.S. Marines participate in a Philippine Marine Corps martial arts program class during PHIBLEX 2013 at the Philippine Marine Corps Training Center Basic School in Ternate, Cavite, Republic of the Philippines, Oct. 13. Photo by Pfc. Caleb Hoover



Petty Officer 3rd Class Gregory Lafer teaches a class at Bahile Elementary School, Puerto Princesa, Republic of the Philippines, Oct. 11 during PHIBLEX 2013. Marines and sailors helped teach English to children at the school during one of many community relations events held as part of PHIBLEX 2013. Lafer is a corpsman with Combat Logistics Battalion 31, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Pfc. Anne K. Henry



Lance Cpl. Shane Bailey explains t... The Philippine Marines are with 63... Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 3...



Philippine Marine Corps corpsmen... at Naval Station Apolinario Jalanc... PHIBLEX 2013. "Many of us have exp... Cpl. Leslie Tarroza, a corpsman wi... our experiences as well as learnin... with 12th Marine Battalion, Philip... Unit. Photo by Pfc. Anne K. Henry

Community, share expertise during exercise



...the functions of a M240 medium machinegun to Philippine Marines in Ternate, Cavite, Republic of the Philippines, Oct. 12 as part of Amphibious Landing Exercise 2013. ...3rd Force Reconnaissance Company, Philippine Marine Corps Force Recon Battalion. Bailey is a machine gunner assigned to Fox Company, Battalion Landing Team 2nd ...1st Marine Expeditionary Unit, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Pfc. Caleb Hoover



...n demonstrate how to use an improvised stretcher on a U.S. Marine ...oon, Puerto Princesa, Republic of the Philippines, Oct. 12 as part of ...perienced our job firsthand on the battlefield," said Philippine Marine ...th 12th Marine Battalion, Philippine Marine Corps. "We like sharing ...g new tactics from the U.S. corpsmen." The Philippine corpsmen are ...pine Marine Corps. The Marine is with the 31st Marine Expeditionary



Sgt. Laura L. Fulz plays with a student from the Haniel Christian Academy and Orphanage during a visit Oct. 11. Marines and sailors with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit took time out of their training schedule during PHIBLEX 2013 to visit the academy and orphanage and spend time with the children there. Fulz is a radio supervisor for the command element of the 31st MEU. Photo By Sgt. Paul Robbins



Pfc. Jermys C. Silver removes the barrel from a .50-caliber Browning machine gun during small-unit leadership training at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma Oct. 12. Silver is an air support operations operator with Marine Air Support Squadron 2, Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Photo by Cpl. Mark W. Stroud

MASS-2 Marines sharpen skills during small-unit leadership course

Cpl Mark W. Stroud
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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA — Marines with Marine Air Support Squadron 2, Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, conducted a small-unit leadership course at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma Oct. 12.

The course consisted of nine stations designed to challenge the Marines physically, build camaraderie, and reinforce and teach small-unit leadership while providing refresher training for basic Marine skills.

“If you don’t train on the core disciplines and the core tactics for a while, you start to forget,” said Sgt. Jesus M. Valle, medium tactical vehicle floor chief, MASS-2. “This training allowed our Marines to refresh those skills.”

The stations were spread over a five-mile course and included training on convoy operations, establishing a landing zone, tying knots, setting up communications equipment, donning mission-oriented protective posture gear, calling for fire support, disassembly and assembly of .50-caliber Browning machine guns and M240 medium machine guns, and running an obstacle course while transporting a simulated casualty to further care.

“The training helped build motivation, esprit de corps and tactical skills,” said Sgt. Maj. Jackie R. Robertson, sergeant major, MASS-2. “In Iraq and Afghanistan, (the forward units) used everybody regardless of what their job was, so it is important for all of the Marines to have these basic skill sets.”

Maintaining ground combat skills helps the Marines stay well-rounded and prepared for future duty stations, as well as potential combat deployments.

“We’re not infantry, so we don’t always have the opportunity to practice the other side of our job, that is to say, being a rifleman,” said Valle. “Having this kind of training now will help the Marines if they ever end up on the ground side ... they will have kept these perishable skills fresh.”

Squad leaders used the training evolution as an opportunity to practice small-unit leadership in a high-tempo operating environment while taking in tactical lessons, said Valle.

“They had 1 1/2 weeks to prepare for the course. We gave (the Marines) the (letter of intent) and they had to go look the stations up,” said 1st Lt. Joshua M. Rodriguez, air support control officer, MASS-2. “That allowed them to use problem-solving techniques to figure out the best way to get through them.”

Spreading the course out over five miles that included numerous hills introduced physical fitness to the equation, forcing Marines to maneuver through the stations despite their exhaustion.

“The training allowed the Marines to operate under stressful conditions when they were tired and fatigued,” said Robertson. “It added an additional challenge to the event.”

The stations also helped prepare the Marines to get the most out of an upcoming field training exercise at the Central Training Area by building unit cohesion and common skills beforehand, said Rodriguez.

The small-unit leadership course pushed the Marines to continue improving their basic



Lance Cpl. Jessica M. Hall climbs a rope at the obstacle course and simulated casualty evacuation station during small-unit leadership training at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma Oct. 12. Marines moved through a traditional obstacle course before rigging a field-expedient litter and evacuating a Marine to a casualty collection point. Hall is a motor vehicle operator with Marine Air Support Squadron 2, Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Cpl. Mark W. Stroud

Marine skills in an environment outside the realm of their daily routine

“The training today took the Marines out of their comfort zone,” said Lt. Col. Alison J. MacBain, commanding officer, MASS-2. “They do a certain thing during day-to-day work and this takes them out of that, challenges them, and helps build their confidence.”

Marines conquer White Beach waters

Lance Cpl. Daniel E. Valle

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Laying on the soft, sandy beach with the bright sun shining in the sky, enjoying the crisp ocean breeze and the smell of the salt air are what most would think of when imagining a relaxing day at the beach.

However, for the Marines of Company A, 9th Engineer Support Battalion, this type of day is perfect for training and getting in touch with their amphibious roots.

The Marines of Company A, which is part of 9th ESB, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, conducted combat rubber reconnaissance craft training at White Beach Naval Facility Oct. 12 to ensure they are able to operate the craft properly and prepare for upcoming exercises.

During the training, the Marines learned how to maneuver

their boats in different formations as well as use hand and arm signals to communicate with each other while on the water, according to Gunnery Sgt. Chitty Phouthapadith, the training and current operations chief for the battalion.

"They were taught the hand and arm signals to move into a staggered column formation, change direction, halt, slow down, or increase speed and take the lead," said Phouthapadith.

The Marines also received familiarization training with the combat rubber reconnaissance craft from Cpl. Ethan A. Rackley, a combat engineer with the battalion, who is the only Marine in the unit to graduate the coxswain course.

"We are out here to improve our small-boat handling skills using

the combat rubber reconnaissance craft," said Rackley. "It's a stepping stone for us because we will use a bridge erection boat, which is larger, to build a float bridge next week."

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1st Lt. Matthew C. Librizzi

The Marines received classroom lessons before participating in practical application exercises, which enhanced their performance, according to Rackley.

"They were immediately able to apply what was taught to them using the craft," said Rackley. "The most difficult part is steering, but I feel that they executed the task well."

Having this training is important for Marines within the Asia-Pacific region, according to 1st Lt. Matthew C. Librizzi, a platoon commander with Company A.

"Being stationed out here in this region makes this training especially useful to these Marines," said Librizzi. "Everywhere we go, we are surrounded by the ocean. This training will allow these combat engineers to push forward with other units wherever they are needed."

The training is not only beneficial to the Marines with Company A, but to all Marines, according to Lance Cpl. Nathan A. Morningstar, a combat engineer with the battalion.

"I think the training is good for all Marines," said Morningstar. "If a Marine has a chance to get licensed on these craft, I would strongly recommend doing it because it will be a useful skill in the future."

Social event brings Marines, Japan defense members together

Pfc. Kasey Peacock

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

As food sizzled on the grill, music played, and friendly competition loomed on the horizon, it was evident that camaraderie was in the air.

Marines with Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji invited Japan Ground Self-Defense Force members with Fuji Schools to participate in a fall social Sept. 29.

Activities throughout the day included a three-legged race, tug-of-war, soccer and softball, and finished with a barbecued meal that provided an opportunity for everyone to interact.

"The intent of the fall social was to build and maintain junior-enlisted relations between

Camp Fuji Marines and Japanese service members," said Sgt. Maj. Rodolfo G. Sarino, the sergeant major of CATC Camp Fuji. "We wanted to foster the U.S. and Japanese friendship by pairing Marines and (JGSDF) in these events so as not to have competition between the two. The Marines did quite well making friends with the Japanese, working through both cultural and language barriers in the team events."

There are many Japanese garrisons close to Camp Fuji, and often times the service members share training sites. But when they're not training, Marines at Camp Fuji conduct many different community relations events.

"During the event, I saw Marines and Japanese service members working hard to bridge the language barrier by teaching basic words to each other," said

Lance Cpl. Alissa J. Anderson, a motor vehicle operator with CATC Camp Fuji. "When it was chow time, the Marines and Japanese service members sat together and explained to each other how the chow works at their bases and the similarities and differences between their services."

Marines at CATC Camp Fuji have previously visited orphanages and planted and harvested rice to help build a relationship with their neighbors in the surrounding community, according to Anderson. All of the events help Marines better understand the Japanese culture while building better relationships between the two services.

"These events are not only very important in keeping good relations, but they are also a fun way to exchange each other's culture and gain knowledge in each other's military services," said Anderson. "I believe these events are fun, and I enjoy participating when I have the opportunity."



Marines and Japan Ground Self-Defense Force members work together in a tug-of-war match during a fall social at Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji Sept. 29. Photo by Sgt. Maj. Rodolfo G. Sarino

Preparations begin for Halloween festivities

Halloween events

Camp Foster

- 7th Annual Fright Night: Oct. 26-27 6-10 p.m. at building 5965, near Gunners Fitness Center
- Trunk-or-Treat: Oct. 26 6-8 p.m. near Gunners Fitness Center
- Halloween Bash 2012: Oct. 27, 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. at the Ocean Breeze enlisted club
- Halloween Family Fun Night: Oct. 31, 5-9 p.m. at the Ocean Breeze
- Trick-or-treating: Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. at family housing area

Camp Hansen

- A Countrified Halloween Monster Bash: Oct. 31, 8 p.m. to midnight at The Palms enlisted club
- USO Children's Halloween Party: Oct. 31, 5-7 p.m. at the Camp Hansen USO
- USO/Single Marine Program Halloween Party: Oct. 31, 8 p.m. to midnight at the Camp Hansen USO

Camp Courtney

- Halloween Family Night: Oct. 25, 5-9 p.m. at Tengan Castle
- Halloween Masquerade Party: Oct. 26, 6-11 p.m. at Legends officer's club
- Hashmarks Rockin' Halloween Party: Oct. 26, 6-11 p.m. at Hashmarks SNCO club
- 4th Annual Halloween Bash: Oct. 27, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Bayview enlisted club
- Trick-or-treating: Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. at family housing area

Camp McTureous

- Trick-or-treating: Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. at family housing area

Camp Lester

- Halloween Bash 2012: Oct. 27, 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. at Corpsman's cove
- Trick-or-treating: Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. at family housing area

Camp Kinser

- Halloween Party: Oct. 27, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Harbor Lounge
- Trick-or-treating: Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. at family housing area

Camp Schwab

- USO Halloween Party: Oct. 31, 6 p.m. to midnight at Camp Schwab USO

MCAS Futenma

- Halloween Horrors Party: Oct. 27, 6 p.m. to midnight at Thirsty's enlisted club
- Halloween Party: Oct. 31, 6-11 p.m. at Habu Pit SNCO Club

Kadena Air Base

- Halloween Dance Party: Oct. 27, starting at 10 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club
- Trick-or-treating: Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. at family housing area

Mihama American Village

- Annual Halloween Costume Contest: Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. near the ferris wheel in the Mihama District

Pfc. Terence G. Brady

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Service members, civilian employees and family members stationed on Okinawa have always found a way to enjoy time-honored American holiday traditions despite their relative distance from U.S. soil. The days of festivities and remembrance have served to provide a cultural link back to the states, reminding everyone they are not so distant after all.

Halloween will be no different this year, with numerous events and trick-or-treating times scheduled for those interested in celebrating the holiday.

The most famous Halloween tradition, trick-or-treating, is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Oct. 31 at family housing areas throughout Marine Corps Base Camp Butler.

It is important for revelers to remember they need to take all of the same precautions they would if they were celebrating stateside.

"The most important thing for service members partaking in Halloween events is to have a plan," said Daryl E. Avery, the supervisory safety and occupational specialist with the Marine Corps Installations Pacific installation safety office. "For example, if they're attending a party and will be consuming alcoholic beverages, they need to have a plan to get home that does not include operating any type of motor vehicle."

With simple safety procedures kept in mind throughout October, participants in Halloween festivities will be able to celebrate and enjoy the holiday without any problems.

Tips for a safe Halloween

S - Swords, knives and similar costume accessories should be short, soft and flexible.

A - Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

F - Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.

E - Examine treats for choking hazards or tampering.

H - Hold a flashlight for visibility of yourself and others. Walk, don't run, from house to house.

A - Always test makeup in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent irritation.

L - Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.

L - Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.

O - Only walk on sidewalks or the far edge of the road facing traffic if no sidewalks are available.

W - Wear well-fitting masks, costumes and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips and falls.

E - Eat only factory-sealed treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.

E - Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult.

N - Never walk near lit candles or open flames. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

Source: The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

In Theaters Now

OCTOBER 19-25

FOSTER

TODAY Taken 2 (PG13), 6 p.m.; Sinister (R), 9 p.m.
SATURDAY Frankenweenie (PG), noon and 3 p.m.; Sinister (R), 6 and 9 p.m.
SUNDAY Frankenweenie (PG), 1 p.m.; Sinister (R), 4 p.m.; Argo (R), 7:30 p.m.
MONDAY Dredd (R), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY The Campaign (R), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY Total Recall (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Argo (R), 7 p.m.

KADENA

TODAY Here Comes the Boom (PG), 6 p.m.; Resident Evil: Retribution (R), 9 p.m.
SATURDAY Here Comes the Boom (PG), noon; Taken 2 (PG13), 3 and 6 p.m.; Resident Evil: Retribution (R), 9 p.m.
SUNDAY Here Comes the Boom (PG), 1 p.m.; Taken 2 (PG13), 4 p.m.; Resident Evil: Retribution (R), 7 p.m.
MONDAY-THURSDAY Closed

COURTNEY

TODAY Argo (R), 6 and 9 p.m.
SATURDAY Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG), 2 p.m.; The Campaign (R), 6 p.m.
SUNDAY Looper (R), 2 and 6 p.m.
MONDAY Here Comes the Boom (PG), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY Taken 2 (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Closed

FUTENMA

TODAY Won't Back Down (PG), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Argo (R), 4 and 7 p.m.
SUNDAY The Campaign (R), 4 p.m.; Ted (R), 7 p.m.
MONDAY Looper (R), 6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY-THURSDAY Closed

KINSER

TODAY Sparkle (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Won't Back Down (PG), 3 p.m.; The Expendables 2 (R), 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY Paranorman (PG), 3 p.m.; The Expendables 2 (R), 6:30 p.m.
MONDAY-TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY Argo (R), 3 and 6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY Here Comes the Boom (PG), 6:30 p.m.

SCHWAB

TODAY Looper (R), 5 and 8 p.m.
SATURDAY The Campaign (R), 5 and 8 p.m.
SUNDAY Trouble with the Curve (PG13), 5 and 8 p.m.
MONDAY-THURSDAY Closed

HANSEN

The Camp Hansen Theater is temporarily closed. A reopening date has not been identified at this time.

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

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SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM EVENTS

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

ASHIBINA OUTLET MALL TRIP: OCT. 27

• Join the SMP for a day of fun and shopping at the Ashibina Outlet Mall Oct. 27. A bus will leave Camp Foster Field House at 8:50 a.m., Marine Corps Air Station Futenma Semper Fit Gym at 9:20 a.m., and the Camp Kinser Gym at 9:40 a.m. Bring yen for shopping and lunch. Sign up by Oct. 25 to join the trip.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Volunteers are needed for Fall swim meet #1 Oct. 20 from 5-11:30 a.m. at the Camp Foster 25-meter pool. Volunteers will help with set up, time keeping, cheering and break down of the event.
- Volunteers are needed Oct. 20 for Zombie Run 2012 starting at 7 a.m. at the Camp Foster parade field. Those interested will role-play as zombies during the event. To take part, contact 645-5639 or 645-1991.
- Volunteers are needed to assist with the Camp Kinser Half Marathon Oct. 21 from 5:30 a.m. to noon at the Camp Kinser Fitness Center. Volunteers will assist as road guards, with water points, and set up and break down the event.

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Japanese phrases of the week:

“Onegaishimasu”
 (pronounced:
 Oh-neh-gah-ee-shee-mahs)
 It means,
 “Please” (when making a request)

“Dozo”
 (pronounced:
 doh-zoh)

It means,
 “Please go ahead”

“Kudasai”
 (pronounced:
 koo-dah-sah-ee)
 It means,
 “Please give me”



CHAPLAINS' CORNER

“God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference ...”

Wisdom, courage can effect change

Lt. Cmdr. Diana Lantz

CHAPLAIN, COMBAT LOGISTICS REGIMENT 35 AND 3RD MAINTENANCE BATTALION, 3RD MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP

A sailor once asked me where to find the above prayer in the Bible. Sadly, I had to tell him he would not find it there. It's not surprising that he thought it was in the Bible. After all, it's a very well-known saying. Yet, the fact that it's not a quote from the Bible doesn't negate its worthy challenge for our lives. Yes, there are many things we can't change. On the other hand, there are many things we can change if we are honest with ourselves.

If we have the desire to effect change in our lives and the determination to truly take action, the harder part may be to discern which “battles” God wants us to fight. Those things we have the courage to tackle can ultimately depend upon our level of wisdom, just as some changes can come about simply because we are being obedient to God and to the values of our nation and Corps.

Proverbs 9:10, tells us that “Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom ...” By this, we cannot have wisdom unless we know and fear the Lord. The apostle Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthian Church, builds upon the Proverb when he writes, “To one there is given through the spirit, the message of wisdom ...” With knowledge of God, we can receive a spirit of wisdom and the gift which enables us to have insight and discernment, so that our lives might be effective instruments of positive change according to God's purposes.

*“... Living one day at a time;
 Enjoying one moment at a time;
 Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.
 Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,
 not as I would have it.
 Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to his will;
 That I may be reasonably happy in this life,
 And supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen.”*
Reinhold Neibuhr

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