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## Interactive class raises assault awareness

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CAMPHANSEN — Marines and sailors attended Sex Signals, an informative, comedic presentation given by professional civilian actors with Catharsis Productions April 10-12 at Marine Corps installations throughout Okinawa as part of Sexual Assault Prevention Month.

Sex Signals uses new and interactive ways to approach one of the biggest issues that affects unit readiness and provides vital information to deter, identify and stop sexual assaults.

This presentation is unique because it incorporates improvisation, education and audience participation to provide insight on dating, sex and consent, according to Derante Parker, a presenter for Sex Signals.

“I think all sexual assault prevention training is equally important,” said Parker. “What I think makes our presentation so effective is that we mirror the audience’s language and use humor to get them to relax and be honest about how they feel about these issues.”

During the presentation, actors showed the audience possible scenarios of men and women  
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## Marines, Navy demonstrates team capabilities

An MV-22B Osprey conducts the first external lift of a Humvee from the USNS Sacagawea (T-AKE 2) April 11 at Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, during Exercise Freedom Banner 2013. Freedom Banner is an annual maritime prepositioning force exercise that demonstrates the Marine Corps’ and Navy’s capability of generating and sustaining combat power ashore. Unlike other MPF vessels, T-AKE-class ships provide sea-based, selective off-load sustainment capability and a high-bandwidth organic communications infrastructure, allowing a Marine expeditionary brigade to tailor sustainment packages ashore. The Osprey and crew are with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and assigned to 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade for FB13. Photo by Pfc. Kasey Peacock

## Marines volunteer, assist Uruma City during safety campaign

**Cpl. Matthew Manning**

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URUMA CITY, OKINAWA, Japan — Uruma City police officers, volunteers and Marines took part in the Uruma City Police Department’s drive safely campaign by serving as crossing guards April 8 and 15 in Uruma City.

Marines with Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, took part in the campaign to promote safety for children on their way to school by teaching them how to properly cross the road.

“We are assisting the Uruma City Police Department in enforcing traffic safety as part of their two-week safety campaign,” said 2nd Lt. Andrew K. Williams, a logistics officer with the battalion. “The first week, we helped out at Tengan Elementary School, and (this week) we are finishing up the campaign by ensuring the children are able to safely cross Route 8 to Kawasaki Elementary School.”

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Lance Cpls. Josiah A. LeCleur, front, and Tyler D. Baldwin help children safely cross the road on their way to school April 15 in Uruma City. As part of a two-week safety campaign, Marines volunteered to help new students learn proper procedures for safely crossing roads. LeCleur is a ground radio operator with Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and Baldwin is a telephone systems and personal computer repairer with the battalion. Photo by Cpl. Matthew Manning

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## Tips for preparing during peak moving season

Gunnery Sgt. Dominic K. Taylor

Summer is the busiest season for permanent change of station moves and household goods shipments. The Distribution Management Office will continue to provide and assist everyone with their PCS movement requests. However, in order to best serve and provide correct information, the directions listed below must be followed prior to submitting shipping requests.

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**Separate Shipments:** Separate your shipment by rooms (bedroom, dining room,

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DMO personnel are available to provide assistance and guidance throughout the



moving process. For more information, call DMO at 645-0922.

Taylor is the chief of the personal property shipping office, DMO, Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler.

AROUND THE  
CORPS

1st Lt. Ross Pospisil fires his M4 service rifle at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center's Sky Lift Training Area April 2. Pospisil is a student of the MWTC's winter mountain leaders course, which is a six-week course designed to train Marines to become subject-matter experts in cold weather operations. Pospisil is a platoon commander with Company A, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Cpl. William Jackson



Federal judges watch Marines patrol through the infantry immersion trainer April 12 at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. More than 150 federal judges toured Camp Pendleton as a part of the Central District of California Judicial Conference. As part of the tour, the judges visited the IIT, where they learned about the importance of quick and appropriate decision making in a close-quarters combat environment. They also learned about advancements in Marine Corps marksmanship training and Camp Pendleton's history. Photo by Sgt. Christopher Duncan

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A KC-130J Hercules aircraft lands on North Field's Baker runway on Tinian Island May 30 during Exercise Geiger Fury 2012. The aircraft was the first to land on the runway since 1947. Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152's mission is to provide a Marine air-ground task force commander with aerial refueling, assault support, aerial delivery, battlefield illumination and other support. The squadron was awarded the Commandant's Aviation Trophy for 2012 April 1, which recognizes the best overall performance and accomplishment of all assigned tasks by a Marine aviation squadron. The squadron is part of Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Lance Cpl. Benjamin Pryer

## Squadron receives top honor

Lance Cpl. Henry J. Antenor

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CAMP FOSTER — For exemplary performance throughout 2012, Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 was notified April 1 it had been awarded the Commandant's Aviation Trophy, which recognizes the best overall performance and accomplishment of all assigned tasks by a Marine aviation squadron.

VMGR-152's mission is to provide a Marine air-ground task force commander with aerial refueling, assault support, aerial delivery, battlefield illumination and other support, according to Sgt. Christopher R. Weins, a loadmaster with the squadron, which is part of Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

"On Okinawa, we refuel Marine Corps assets in the air, to include F/A-18 Hornets, AV-8B Harrier IIs and MV-22B Ospreys," said Weins. "We also refuel joint assets with the Air Force."

Other missions include movement of passengers, cargo and aircraft, according to Weins. The squadron's Marines were proud to be recognized for their consistent hard work in all missions throughout the year.

"It is the commandant's highest award to give a squadron," said Capt. Jason B. Weaver, a KC-130J Hercules aircraft pilot with the squadron. "I think everybody was pretty excited."

VMGR-152's accomplishments during 2012 were made possible due to tremendous efforts from every member of the squadron, according to Lt. Col. Jason W. Julian, commanding officer of VMGR-152.

"This was a historic year for the squadron, and I certainly feel the squadron's Marines are worthy of this recognition," said Julian. "We achieved numerous safety and operational milestones this year and supported a wide range of training exercises and real-world operations."

For the junior Marines, it was good to see their hard work paid off, according to Weins.

"A lot of the maintainers don't always get to

see how their work affects actual operations," said Weins. "For the air crews, we get to go fly and see the direct effects of what the squadron does. A lot of the maintainers or operation clerks do not have that perspective, so it is good for them to know their work is appreciated and recognized."

One contributing factor to the squadron's success was actions taken in December 2012, when it was called upon to support vital humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations following Typhoon Bopha striking Mindanao province in the Republic of the Philippines, according to Sgt. Daniel C. Tozer, a KC-130J Hercules crew chief with the squadron.

"It was a high operational tempo while we were in the Philippines," said Tozer. "We had planes ready once we received the call about the typhoon, and within seven hours of the request from the Philippine government for assistance, we landed our first KC-130 in Manila."

The squadron transported relief supplies to heavily affected areas following the disaster, assisting the Philippine government and military in getting citizens the help they needed, added Tozer.

The squadron also concluded three-and-a-half years of continuous support to Operation Enduring Freedom in August 2012, when its last detachment of two aircraft, aircrew and maintenance personnel returned to Okinawa, Julian noted.

During 2012, the squadron transported 5,278,431 pounds of cargo and 15,558 passengers, aerial delivered 116,445 pounds of cargo, and airdropped 1,581 personnel throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Operations will continue as normal after earning the award, according to Weaver.

"We will continue to support III MEF throughout the region, from logistics runs to aerial refueling and aerial delivery," said Weaver. "While we are honored, what is most important is continuing to support operations, training exercises and readiness and being the best squadron we can be."

## BRIEFS

### TUITION ASSISTANCE RESUMES

As of April 8, voluntary education tuition assistance funding is restored for the Marines Corps, and new enrollments may begin immediately.

Tuition assistance has full funding for the 2013 fiscal year and follows the same guidelines as the previous program, with the current maximum rate per individual of no more than \$250 per semester hour and \$4,500 annually. First-time students must complete the tuition assistance orientation class "College 101."

For more information, Marines can contact their local installation's education center, which can provide individualized academic advisement and inform Marines about the full breadth of tuition funding sources and how they can take advantage of their degree plans.

For more information, visit the website <http://mccsokinawa.com/educationandcareerservices>.

### TAX CENTERS OPEN FOR SERVICES

The last official date for forward-deployed service members who file extensions for their taxes is June 14.

The tax centers will remain open on Camps Foster, Hansen and Schwab on weekdays until the deadline.

For more details or to schedule appointments at Camps Foster and Schwab, call 645-4520. To contact the Camp Hansen tax center, call 623-3535.

### LACROSSE CLINICS OFFERED

Island Youth Lacrosse Okinawa is scheduled to host lacrosse clinics April 27 and May 18 from 3-5 p.m. at the fields behind Risner Gym on Kadena Air Base. The league invites boys and girls ages 7-17 to participate in the clinics to learn about improving and maintaining basic lacrosse skills.

The clinics are also a great opportunity for parents to meet coaches, talk with IYLO board members, and interact with other parents who may be new to the game or have children who participated in the past season.

Youth participants must register to attend, and all equipment will be provided by the league.

For more details or to register, email [islandyouthlacrosse@gmail.com](mailto:islandyouthlacrosse@gmail.com)

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An AH-1W Super Cobra helicopter and a UH-1Y helicopter depart Kadena Air Base for surface-to-air missile simulation training on Ie Shima April 12. Marines used foam missiles nicknamed "smokey SAMs" during the training to allow pilots to practice evasive maneuvers. The aircraft are with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262 (Reinforced), 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Lance Cpl. Ian M. McMahon

## Pilots evade, attack during missile simulation training

Lance Cpl. Ian McMahon

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IE SHIMA, OKINAWA, Japan — Marine pilots with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262 (Reinforced) participated in surface-to-air missile simulation training on Ie Shima April 12.

The training allowed aviators from the squadron to practice and improve evasive maneuvers they would take if targeted by a SAM through the use of foam missiles known as "smokey SAMs."

"When a SAM is launched, a pilot needs to know how to detect the threat and what reactions and countermeasures to take," said Capt. Brett N. Bishop, naval aviation training operations, procedures and standardization officer for HMM-262 (Reinforced), 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "The smokey SAM mimics the heat signatures given off by real SAMs without the danger of an actual threat. They are nicknamed smokey SAM because of the amount of smoke they produce when fired."

Prior to the start of the training, the pilots received a briefing on the exercise. This period of instruction gave pilots time to plan for any change of events and ensure the safety of all personnel and equipment.

Finally, after hours of preparation and emplacing the SAM launch team, the helicopters took flight toward Ie Shima.

Five CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters, one UH-1Y Venom helicopter and one AH-1W Super



A "smokey" surface-to-air missile speeds off toward incoming helicopters during training on Ie Shima April 12. Smokey SAMs allow aviators to practice and improve evasive maneuvers they must take if targeted by a SAM. Marines with HMM-262 (Reinforced) participated in the training. Photo by Lance Cpl. Ian M. McMahon

Cobra helicopter made their way to Ie Shima. As they neared the island, Marines acting as the smokey SAM team launched their missiles, sending streaks of light and plumes of smoke toward the incoming aircraft.

"The helicopters use infrared sensors to detect the heat of the smokey SAM, so even if the pilots don't see the launch, the aircraft senses it," said Bishop. "After detection, it's up to the pilots to react appropriately."

As the CH-46Es dodged and egressed from the area, the UH-1Y and AH-1W flew in to begin simulated attack runs on the site.

"It is important for the launches to be as close to the real thing as possible," said Sgt. Sayyanh Inthavongdy, a CH-46 helicopter airframe mechanic with the squadron who was on the smokey SAM team for the training. "In today's and tomorrow's battles, it's

possible to run into threats like these. The pilots need to know how to react."

When the UH-1Y and AH-1W finished attacking, the CH-46Es returned to simulate off-loading Marines, completing the training.

"The realism of this training is incredible," said Lance Cpl. Angie Pazmino, an aviation operations specialist with the squadron. "You get to see the full capabilities of the squadron during exercises like this."

With all scenarios finished, the aircraft and crews returned to Marine Corps Air Station Futenma for their debriefings.

"We don't get to do this training very often," said Bishop. "It is very important to maintain these skills, which can help save the lives of the helicopter crew and its passengers. We were lucky to be able to participate in this exercise."

## Exercise readies personnel for typhoon season

Lance Cpl. John S. Gargano

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CAMP FOSTER — Marine Corps Installations Pacific will conduct Exercise Typhoon Ready 2013 April 22-26 to prepare service members and status of forces agreement personnel for typhoon season by rehearsing communication procedures, personal safety and equipment readiness.

Making preparations internally ensures commanders are prepared to implement all safety procedures during a typhoon, from the preliminary command announcements to making sure everybody has prepared an emergency typhoon kit, according to Michael Lacey, installations emergency manager for G-3/5, operations, training and plans, MCIPAC.

"TR 13 is the first step in the annual process that we go through for typhoon season," said Lacey.

Typhoons are tropical storms that produce strong winds and heavy rain and are known to cause power outages and affect other utilities, according to Glen U. Andrews, operations and training officer, G-3/5, MCIPAC.

"An important factor for preparation of typhoon season is educating newer people on the island," said Andrews. "Preparation is continuous throughout the typhoon season, and commands will educate their personnel, who will in turn educate their civilian counterparts."

During typhoon season, it is important service members ensure communication between camps is open and working and understand what procedures and coordination are involved, according to Carl D. Hinson, the emergency management analyst for G-3/5.

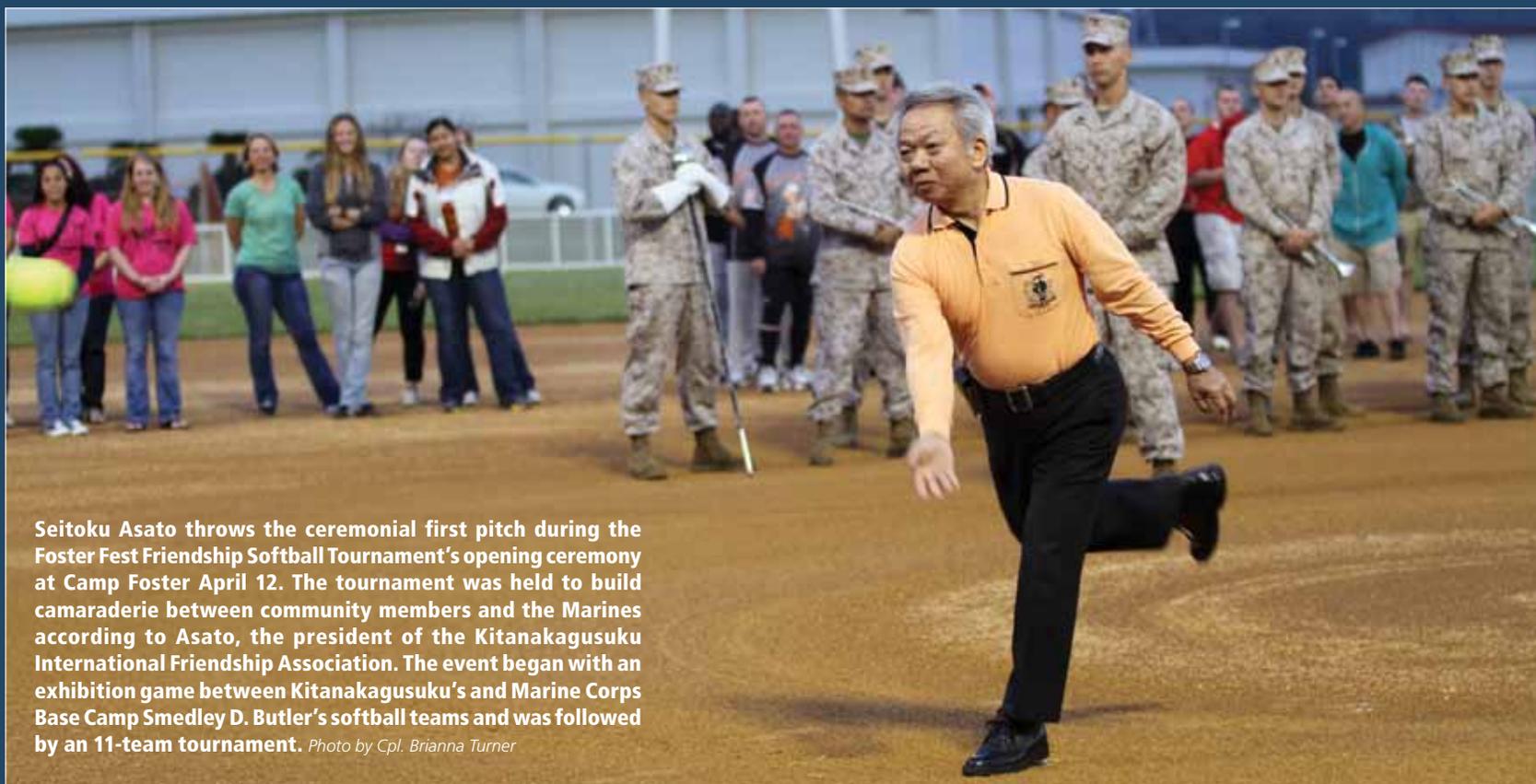
"It is simply a matter of understanding the standard operating procedures and making sure that new personnel understand what their roles and responsibilities are," said Hinson. "It better prepares us to make sure that those present when a typhoon occurs know how to react because it could be a destructive storm."

Typhoon season is from June 1 to November 30, and TR-13 will help commanders inform their personnel about the dangers and procedures for typhoons, according to Hinson.

"TR-13 is really great because it establishes a plan of action in preparing for typhoons to help commands and service members prepare," said Hinson.

For more information regarding typhoon protocol and safety measures, visit <http://weather.kadenaforcesupport.com/update/tccor.htm> or <http://www.ready.gov/natural-disasters>.

# Softball tournament promotes camaraderie



Seitoku Asato throws the ceremonial first pitch during the Foster Fest Friendship Softball Tournament's opening ceremony at Camp Foster April 12. The tournament was held to build camaraderie between community members and the Marines according to Asato, the president of the Kitanakagusuku International Friendship Association. The event began with an exhibition game between Kitanakagusuku's and Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler's softball teams and was followed by an 11-team tournament. Photo by Cpl. Brianna Turner

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The month of April is when new first-grade students start attending school, according to Tsuyoshi Uejo, a police officer with Uruma City Police Department.

"With having new students, we have to educate them," said Uejo. "The morning rush hour can be a dangerous time to cross the road. We came here to promote the drive safely campaign, educate the people, and protect the children."

Like many roads on Okinawa, the roads in front of Tengan and Kawasaki Elementary Schools are busy during the time when students are walking to school, according to Lance Cpl. Josiah A. LeCclair, a ground radio operator with the battalion.

"We are making sure the children are safe by stopping traffic and helping them cross the street," said LeCclair. "Both the drivers and the children need to be alert to the potential harm which could come from not paying complete attention to their surroundings."

In order to increase the visibility and safety of the children, the volunteers taught them proper crossing procedures.

"One of the things we teach the new students is not to run," said Uejo. "It can be difficult for drivers to see the children at times, and if they try to run across the street, it increases the chance of them getting hurt. We also teach them to only cross at designated crosswalks, raise their right hand above their head, and look left and right to see if the cars are stopping. Raising their hand signals to drivers that the child is about to cross the road."

The help of the Marines was greatly appreciated, according to Uejo.

"I would like to say thank you to the Marines of Camp Courtney for their help and cooperation in this safety campaign," said Uejo. "We are all a part of the same community, and it is always good when we can come together to help each other."

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meeting for the first time, first dates and potential sexual assault situations.

"This presentation gave me a lot of important information," said Lance Cpl. Jose Rojas, a military policeman with 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF. "We always have annual sexual assault and prevention training, and it is all important, but these scenarios were especially helpful. They help show situations that could arise and ways to handle them."

While the actors connect with the audience through humor and skits, they are really teaching them about very serious issues.

"This training is important because it teaches people to support survivors and to intervene in situations, which can help prevent sexual assault," said Kristen Pickering, a Sex Signals presenter.

Intervention is one of the most important parts

of the presentation because it is something anyone can do and gives everyone control of the situation, according to Pickering.

"Education of this type is phenomenal," said Sgt. Maj. Kevin M. Conboy, the sergeant major of 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, III MHG. "It is great that the Corps can provide this type of training to the Marines and sailors."

Training that is given through multiple venues helps ensure the knowledge reaches everyone, regardless of rank or age, according to Conboy. Some can learn from hard facts and statistics, while others benefit more from the interactive approach that Sex Signals brings to the audience.

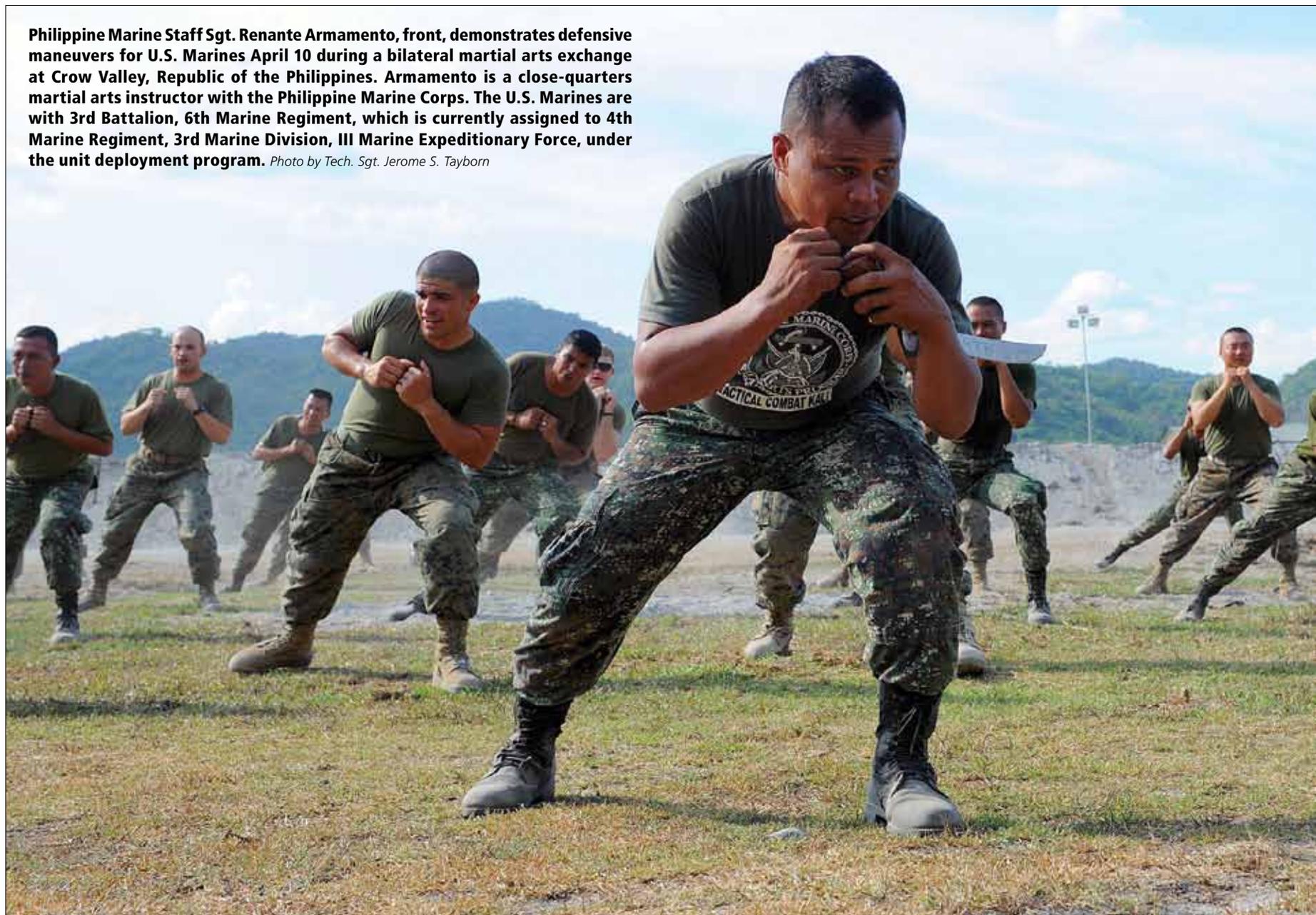
"If everyone in our audience only walks away with one thing from our presentation, I hope it is that this issue affects all of us," said Parker. "It is not just a woman's issue, and it is not just a man's issue; sexual assault can affect everyone."



Marines and sailors use "stop" cards to show presenters when they think a scenario has gone too far during a Sex Signals presentation April 10 at Camp Hansen. Sex Signals is different from typical sexual assault prevention programs because it incorporates improvisation, education and audience participation to provide insight on dating, sex and consent. Photo by Cpl. Brianna Turner

# Exercise Balikatan enhances part

Philippine Marine Staff Sgt. Renante Armamento, front, demonstrates defensive maneuvers for U.S. Marines April 10 during a bilateral martial arts exchange at Crow Valley, Republic of the Philippines. Armamento is a close-quarters martial arts instructor with the Philippine Marine Corps. The U.S. Marines are 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. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jerome S. Tayborn



Philippine and U.S. Marines compete in a pushup contest April 12 to see who can do the most weighted pushups with students from Maruglo Elementary School in Crow Valley, Republic of the Philippines, during a community relations event at the school. U.S. and Philippine service members conducted community relations events throughout the Republic of the Philippines during Exercise Balikatan 2013 to build lasting relationships and provide assistance to communities in need.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jerome S. Tayborn

F/A-18 Hornet aircraft taxi on the flightline April 4 at Clark Air Base, Republic of the Philippines. During BK13, U.S. Marine pilots flew Philippine Air Force personnel in F/A-18 Hornets to familiarize them with the aircraft. The aircraft and crews are with Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533, Marine Aircraft Group 31, and are currently assigned to Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MEF, under the unit deployment program. Photo by Pfc. Kasey Peacock

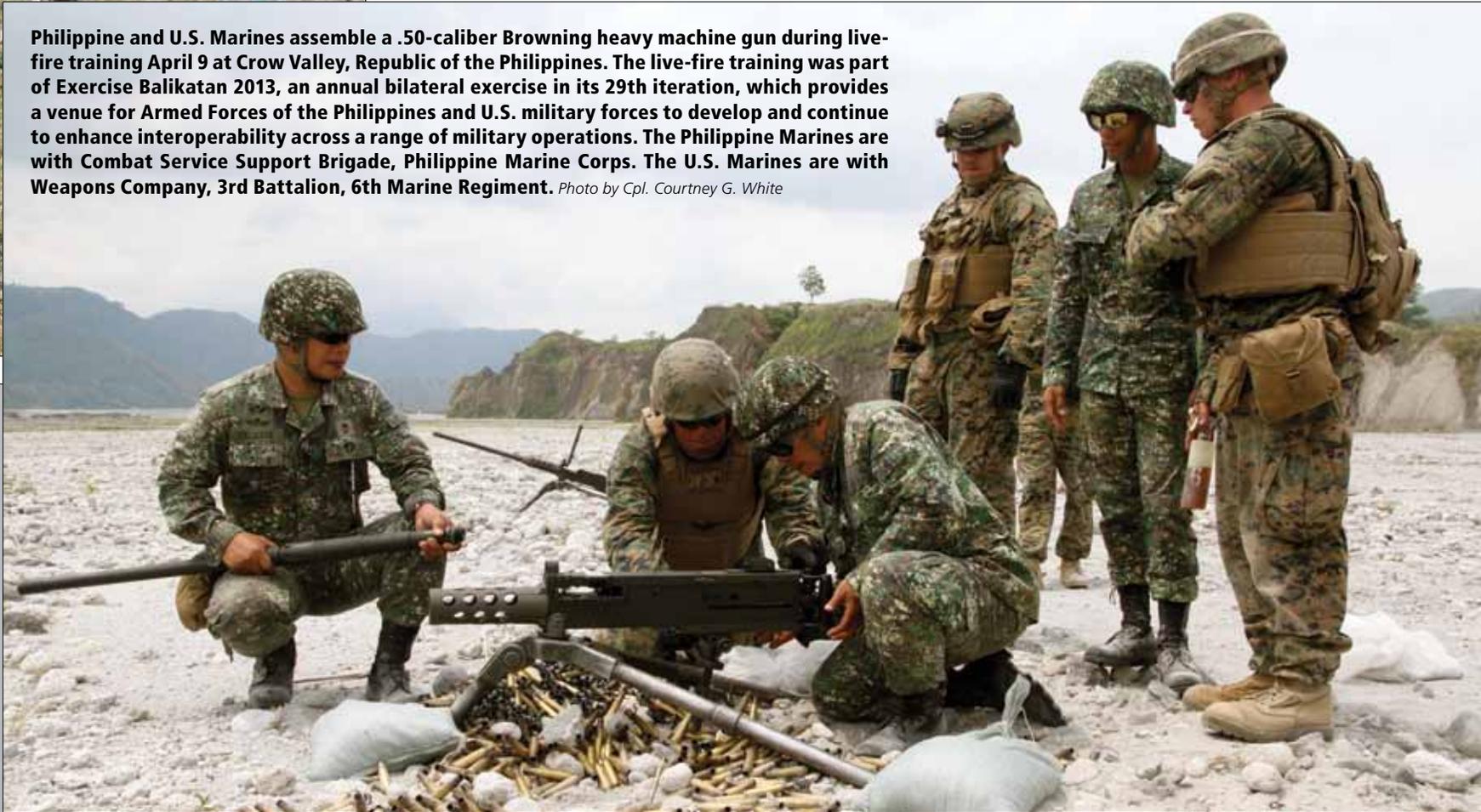


# Partnership



Philippine and U.S. Marines secure an area following a bilateral convoy April 9 at Camp O'Donnell, Republic of the Philippines. The two countries' Marines discussed convoy tactics and procedures prior to combining forces to board tactical vehicles, move to, and secure objectives. The Philippine Marines are with Transportation and Maintenance Battalion, Philippine Marine Corps. The U.S. Marines are with Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. *Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jerome S. Tayborn*

Philippine and U.S. Marines assemble a .50-caliber Browning heavy machine gun during live-fire training April 9 at Crow Valley, Republic of the Philippines. The live-fire training was part of Exercise Balikatan 2013, an annual bilateral exercise in its 29th iteration, which provides a venue for Armed Forces of the Philippines and U.S. military forces to develop and continue to enhance interoperability across a range of military operations. The Philippine Marines are with Combat Service Support Brigade, Philippine Marine Corps. The U.S. Marines are with Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment. *Photo by Cpl. Courtney G. White*





Lance Cpl. Andrew R. Becker provides security as an MV-22B Osprey lands at the Central Training Area April 11 during a casualty evacuation drill. Becker is a combat engineer with Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. The Osprey and its crew are assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MEF.

# CAB increases operational readiness

Story and photos by Pfc. Mike Granahan  
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The squelch of a radio quiets, leading to a moment of silence that is broken by the unmistakable sound of rotor blades slicing through the air as an MV-22B Osprey emerges over the tree line to move a simulated casualty to safety.

Members of Combat Assault Battalion engaged in patrolling, casualty evacuation and tactical insertion training with Ospreys April 11 to enhance readiness for contingency operations.

Marines worked through many



Lance Cpl. Andrew R. Becker sweeps the area for simulated improvised explosive devices during a patrol at the Central Training Area near Camp Hansen April 11. Becker is a combat engineer with CAB, 3rd Marine Division, III MEF.

scenarios ranging from evacuating a simulated casualty wounded by a simulated improvised explosive device to tactically inserting into and securing an area in a combat scenario.

"This is where we make our money as Marines," said 2nd Lt. Thomas J. Baxter, a platoon commander with CAB, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "You only gain so much in the classroom. You have to come out here and learn through experience — that is how you get better."

As part of the training, Marines patrolled through the Central Training Area near Camp Hansen, where they were struck by simulated IEDs. They immediately assessed their personnel and called for a casualty evacuation. Seconds later, they were carrying the victim to the landing zone and providing 360-degree security while they waited for transport via an MV-22B Osprey.

Throughout the training, Marines cycled through different roles within their squad, providing them invaluable experience in different positions during the training, according to Sgt. Joshua P. Lancaster, a platoon sergeant with the battalion.

"The Marines need to know how each part of the team works, so that when something happens, they can focus on their job because they understand, as a whole, what is happening in that scenario," said Lancaster.

The unit has many Marines with



Members of Combat Assault Battalion place a simulated casualty on a stretcher April 11 before evacuating the Marine via an MV-22B Osprey.

a wealth of experience, as well as many who still have a lot to learn, allowing for rewarding interactions and development during training, according to Lancaster.

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2nd Lt. Thomas J. Baxter

"We have Marines who have deployed multiple times and some who haven't at all, and sharing experiences is vital to passing on knowledge," said Lancaster. "The more experience they have as a whole, the better. They can adapt to situations as they come up."

As a key component of 3rd

Marine Division, one of the battalion's primary functions is to support the infantry.

"As combat engineers, we're out in front, sweeping the way for the infantry," said Baxter. "Every day, there are Marines out patrolling in Afghanistan, and in front of them is going to be a combat engineer sweeping for them."

This training keeps CAB ready for any scenario, and subsequently through its readiness, adds to the stability and security of the Asia-Pacific region, according to Cpl. Jeron A. Timmermans, a combat engineer with the battalion.

"Keeping in the back of your mind what we do, even if it's just a taste of what we do in combat, keeps us on our toes at all times," said Timmermans.

# Month of the Military Child

## Marines, sailors show appreciation for children during warrior days

**Lance Cpls. Henry J. Antenor and Anne K. Henry**

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Children sat and watched in awe as Marines performed a martial arts demonstration. With their eyes fixated on the action, the children's anticipation grew before finally being given the opportunity to learn and perform the martial arts techniques.

Marines and sailors with Combat Logistics Regiment 3, Combat Logistics Battalion 4 and CLR-35 hosted warrior days on Camps Foster and Kinser April 12 in celebration of the Month of the Military Child. Each April, the Department of Defense recognizes the unique challenges and sacrifices made by service members' children.

"Military children, youth and teens are an integral part of their military parents because they stand by them, they're proud of them, they recognize their sacrifices, and they take on additional responsibilities to meet the needs of their families," said Barbara Thompson, director of the DOD's office of family policy, children and youth.

Since 1983, the DOD has recognized military children for the support they provide to their families. There are now 1.8 million children in the military system, according to Thompson.

The goal of the events on both camps was to provide the children an opportunity to experience portions of their parents' professions through a variety of activities, such as obstacle courses, martial arts and visits to their parents' offices and training areas.

"The children did some Marine Corps martial arts program training, as well as experienced other aspects of their parents' lives," said Brittany T. Coppinger, the family

readiness officer with CLR-3, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Throughout the events, children rotated through different activities, giving them an idea of their parents' daily lives in the Marine Corps, whether it was practicing martial arts or visiting the motor pool.

"When their dad or mom comes home and tries to explain what they do, the children often times do not understand," said Alejandra Martinez, a parent of a participating child at CLR-3 and CLB-4's event. "It was nice that the kids got to see what their (parents do) as well as experience it together."

For the children who participated, the events provided both a chance to step into their parents' shoes (or more accurately, combat boots) and to meet other children who endure the same challenges.

"I enjoyed the MCMAP

part the most," said Lena M. Holt, a child participating in CLR-3 and CLB-4's event. "It let me see how my dad is a warrior."

Not only were the events good for the children and parents, it was also gratifying for the Marines and sailors who volunteered.

It is fulfilling to volunteer and work with the children, according to Lance Cpl. Justin F. Talley, an automotive maintenance technician with CLR-3.

Both events also served the purpose of showing how much the children are appreciated.

"Military children sacrifice a great deal," said Christin Kardos, the family readiness officer with 3rd Maintenance Battalion, CLR-35, 3rd MLG. "Bringing them together through events like this gives them a chance to see the appreciation for them from the Marines, sailors, and most importantly, their parents."



**Lance Cpl. Amy C. Jaques helps five-year-old Austin W. McMahan into a 7-ton truck during a junior warrior day on Camp Foster April 12. The tour was part of different activities that recognized military children in honor of Month of the Military Child. Jaques is a motor vehicle operator with Combat Logistics Battalion 4, Combat Logistics Regiment 3, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Lance Cpl. Henry J. Antenor**



**Staff Sgt. Austen P. Harms teaches his 5-year-old daughter Haleigh-Ann basic Marine Corps martial arts program techniques during a junior warrior day at Camp Kinser April 12. Throughout the day, children participated in many activities, including an obstacle course, martial arts and tricycle races. Harms is a motor transport maintenance chief with Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd MLG, III MEF. Photo by Lance Cpl. Anne K. Henry**

# Ernie Pyle remembered

## Attendees pay respects to war journalist at memorial

Lance Cpl. Anne K. Henry  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Veterans, service members and public officials gathered April 14 on Ie Shima to remember Ernest Taylor Pyle, one of America's most profound and beloved war journalists, who was killed on Ie Shima during World War II.

Pyle, known as Ernie Pyle by many, was a war correspondent who reported from Europe, Africa and the Pacific during World War II. Pyle reported on events using a unique writing style, from the perspective of service members he embedded with.

"Their life consisted wholly and solely of war, for they were and always had been front-line infantrymen. They survived because the fates were kind to them, certainly — but also because they had become hard and immensely wise in animal-like ways of self-preservation," wrote Pyle.

"Ernie wanted his readers to know that there were men living, fighting and dying in unimaginable conditions and in places with names that were only just made known to the American people," said Navy Capt. Richard Weathers, commanding officer, Commander Fleet Activities Okinawa.

To the men he served closely with, Pyle was known as a buddy and a service members'

writer, according to Weathers. He wanted to tell the unvarnished story of the U.S. service members serving around the world to the American public.

"Ernie did not write to his readers about grand strategy or the patriotic underpinnings of whatever conflict he was involved in," said Weathers. "He was a storyteller who wanted to prove that America was ready to listen."

It was Pyle's intimate style of reporting, always from the perspective of the common soldier, that earned him the love of the troops he served with.

"The best way I can describe this vast armada and the frantic urgency of the traffic is to suggest that you visualize New York City on its busiest day of the year and then just enlarge that scene until it takes in all the ocean the human eye can reach clear around the horizon and over the horizon. There are dozens of times that many," wrote Pyle, on the preparations to invade Normandy, France, during World War II.

In 1944, Pyle was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of the war in Europe.

"It is good to remember that there was such

a journalist," said Brad Reeves, an Air Force veteran attending the event. "My father served in Europe during the war and often spoke of (Pyle's) work."

The ceremony was moving for many attendees, according to Sgt. Mohamed A. Sesay, the

chief range warden with Headquarters Company, 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

"I found paying my respects to this man to be very inspiring," said Sesay. "I felt very proud to

be a part of this ceremony today."

Pyle volunteered to join the Marines, soldiers and sailors serving in the Pacific even after he had gone back to the states after being in Europe. He was killed while reporting on Ie Shima in 1945, just four months before the end of the war.

"Every aspect of this battle needs to be remembered by today's service members," said Weathers. "There are few journalists like Pyle, whose reasons for serving are so perfectly aligned with the troops they are with and who possess the same kind of ideals of honor, courage and commitment that the Marines and soldiers did."

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Navy Capt. Richard Weathers

Navy Capt. Richard Weathers and 1st Lt. Ryan Ackland salute Ernie Pyle's memorial at Ie Shima April 14 during the 69th memorial ceremony in honor of Pyle's service as a war correspondent. Pyle was a correspondent during World War II and reported alongside service members in the Europe, Africa and Pacific theaters. He was killed while reporting on Ie Shima in 1945, just months before the end of the war. Weathers is the commanding officer of Commander Fleet Activities Okinawa, and Ackland is the officer in charge of operations for Ie Shima Training Facility. Photo by Lance Cpl. Anne K. Henry



# In Theaters Now

**APRIL 19-25**

**FOSTER**

**TODAY** Oblivion (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** The Croods (PG), noon; Oblivion (PG13), 3 and 6 p.m.; Safe Haven (PG13), 9 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** The Croods (PG), 1 p.m.; Oblivion (PG13), 4 and 7 p.m.  
**MONDAY** A Good Day to Die Hard (R), 7 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** Safe Haven (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY** Safe Haven (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** Oblivion (PG13), 7 p.m.

**KADENA**

**TODAY** Oblivion (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Oblivion (PG13), noon and 3 p.m.; Jack the Giant Slayer (PG13), 6 p.m.; Safe Haven (PG13), 9 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Jack the Giant Slayer (PG13), 1 p.m.; Oblivion (PG13), 4 and 7 p.m.  
**MONDAY-THURSDAY** Closed

**COURTNEY**

**TODAY** Oblivion (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Safe Haven (PG13), 3 p.m.; Oblivion (PG13), 6 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Jack the Giant Slayer (PG13), 3 p.m.; Oblivion (PG13), 6 p.m.  
**MONDAY** A Good Day to Die Hard (R), 7 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** Closed  
**WEDNESDAY** Safe Haven (PG13), 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** Closed

**FUTENMA**

**TODAY** Safe Haven (PG13), 6:30 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Oblivion (PG13), 4 and 7:30 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** 42 (PG13), 4 p.m.; Evil Dead (R), 7 p.m.  
**MONDAY** Oblivion (PG13), 6:30 p.m.  
**TUESDAY-THURSDAY** Closed

**KINSER**

**TODAY** Oblivion (PG13), 6:30 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Oblivion (PG13), 3 and 6:30 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Jack the Giant Slayer (PG13), 12:30 p.m.; Tyler Perry's Temptation (PG13), 3:30 p.m.; Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG13), 6:30 p.m.  
**MONDAY-TUESDAY** Closed  
**WEDNESDAY** 42 (PG13), 6:30 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** Evil Dead (R), 6:30 p.m.

**SCHWAB**

**TODAY** Oblivion (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Safe Haven (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** A Good Day to Die Hard (R), 6 and 9 p.m.  
**MONDAY-THURSDAY** Closed

**HANSEN**

**TODAY** Oblivion (PG13), 7 and 10 p.m.  
**SATURDAY** Oblivion (PG13), 6 p.m.; Evil Dead (R), 9 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** Oblivion (PG13), 3 and 6 p.m.  
**MONDAY** Oblivion (PG13), 6 p.m.; 42 (PG13), 9 p.m.  
**TUESDAY** Safe Haven (PG13), 7 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY** A Good Day to Die Hard (R), 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** Oblivion (PG13), 7 p.m.

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## SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM EVENTS

For more information, call 645-3681.

**ZUKERAN FIELD DAY - APRIL 26**

- Volunteers are needed to help with activities and support staff at the Zukeran Elementary School field day April 26 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**OPEN WATER TRIATHLON - APRIL 27**

- Volunteers are needed to help with the Open Water Triathlon at the Courtney Pavilion April 27 at 8:00 a.m.

**DISCOVER GOLF LESSONS**

- Golf lessons are available to single Marines and sailors at Taiyo Golf Course the first and third Friday of every month from 9-11 a.m. Participants meet at the Camp Foster SMP office by 8 a.m.

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# TEST YOUR CORPS KNOWLEDGE:

What is the top marksmanship award authorized for wear on Marine Corps uniforms?

See answer in next week's issue

**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**  
Which Marine went on to become an astronaut and eventually a U.S. senator?

**ANSWER:**  
John Glenn, who flew 59 combat missions as a pilot in the South Pacific during World War II and 63 during the Korean War. Glenn was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross six times.



## Japanese phrase of the week:

“Omedeto!”

(pronounced: oh-meh-deh-toh)  
It means, “Congratulations!”



# CHAPLAINS'

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*“For anything meaningful in life to exist, we too must learn to interact with something larger than ourselves.”*

## Perspective enhances existence

**Lt. Cmdr. Alfred V. Pena**  
MCIPAC DEPUTY COMMAND CHAPLAIN

**C**urrent news reports discuss the recent discovery of the Higgs-Boson particle, also known as the “God Particle.”

In simple terms, this particle is the smallest basic structure of the Higgs-Boson energy field. This would be analogous to a water molecule (H2O) being the smallest basic structure of water.

Just as water is all around us in various forms, the Higgs-Boson field is all around us. This field is important because it is believed to give all particles their mass. The more a particle interacts with this field, the more mass it acquires. In fact, the size of the particle makes no difference on the amount of mass it takes on.

All that is essential is its interaction with the Higgs-Boson field in order to gain mass, influence and purpose in the world of matter. All that we see and touch is composed of matter. Without mass or matter, nothing would exist.

The lesson is: for anything meaningful in life to exist, we too must learn to interact with something larger than ourselves. This can be a community of people, peers at school or at work, or a higher deity. Some people say they feel incapable of doing or being anything important. Such people tend not to interact much with their communities in positive ways, or at all.

One is much less likely to find one's purpose or make an impact in the world without first learning to be interested in and interact with other people or a higher power.

The book of Chronicles in the Judeo-Christian scriptures mentions an obscure person named Jabez. More than 4,000 years ago, he prayed, “Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.” That higher power granted his request, and history still remembers this obscure person, named Jabez, to this very day!

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