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Leaders from across Pacific combat sexual assault

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CAMP FOSTER — Approximately 140 commanding officers and senior enlisted advisors of III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine

Corps Installation Pacific commands gathered for the 2013 Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Leadership Summit July 15 at the Butler Officers' Club on Camp Foster.

"The commandant has directed that the MCIPAC leadership review

some of the directives that have been issued over the past year, and take a look at what's been going on congressionally with the issue of sexual assault," said Sunny R. Street, the sexual assault response coordinator for MCIPAC and Marine Corps Base

Camp Smedley D. Butler, referring to the June 2013 congressional hearing on sexual assault in the military.

During the one-and-a-half-day summit, the leaders viewed video clips from the congressional hearing, see **SAPR** pg 5

Glueck bids farewell to III MEF



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U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr., center, is briefed by Japan Ground Self Defense Force Lt. Gen. Eiji Kimizuka, left, April 3, 2011 at Kesennuma, Japan. The 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit aided local government authorities and personnel in the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami that struck the island March 11, 2011. Glueck is scheduled to relinquish command of the III Marine Expeditionary Force to Lt. Gen. John E. Wissler July 19. Kimizuka was the commanding general of Joint Task Force Tohoku and is currently the JGSDF chief of staff. Photo by Sgt. Megan Angel

JGSDF officers tour Marine Corps facilities

Lance Cpl. Henry J. Antenor

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CAMP SCHWAB — Japan Ground Self-Defense Force officers toured Marine Corps facilities July 12 at Camps Schwab and Hansen as part of the Japan observer exchange program.

The JGSDF officers arrived at Camp Schwab to receive briefings from Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and view its assault amphibious vehicles.

"The JOEP members came here to inquire about the capabilities of the AAV platform," said Capt. John S. Kim, AAV Company commander with CAB. "They want to know how the vehicles are employed and what their capabilities are in oceanic and land-based exercises."

The JOEP members listened intently to the Marines, so that they could adapt certain aspects of see **OBSERVER** pg 5

Clardy assumes command of 3rd Marine Division

Lance Cpl. Brandon C. Suhr

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CAMP COURTNEY — Maj. Gen. H. Stacey Clardy III assumed command of 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, from Maj. Gen. Frederick M. Padilla during a change of command ceremony July 12 at Camp Courtney.

Clardy was commissioned in May 1983 and his previous assignment was at Headquarters Marine Corps, where he served as the director of operations with Plans, Policies and Operations.

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Maj. Gen. H. Stacey Clardy III addresses Marines and sailors July 12 at the Camp Courtney Theater after he assumes command of 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, from Maj. Gen. Frederick M. Padilla. Clardy was the director of operations with Plans, Policies and Operations, Headquarters Marine Corps, and Padilla will become the director of operations with Plans, Policies and Operations, Headquarters Marine Corps. Photo By Lance Cpl. Brandon C. Suhr

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Single Marine program offers opportunities for Marines

Compiled by Cpl. Anthony Pomerinke and Sergio Morales

Oftentimes when single Marines and other service members arrive on Okinawa they are challenged by the fact that they are away from their home, family, friends and loved ones for an extended period.

The single Marine program helps keep spirits high by providing single Marines and sailors a way to see and enjoy local sites, tours and activities. Additionally, service members have been able to enjoy local festivals and events with Okinawa community members through the efforts of the program.

To give young Marines and sailors an idea of what is available to them on Okinawa, a “bucket list” was put together that consists of overcoming fears, achieving goals, realizing dreams and simple pleasures that everyone can enjoy.

Okinawa City All Eisa Festival:

Eisa is a traditional Okinawa ceremonial dance using drums. It originated as a way to welcome and console the souls of one’s ancestors during the Okinawa Obon season. The steady beat of various drums, colorful and exotic costumes and enchanting dances make for an exciting eisa festival.

Okinawa City, home of many eisa teams, has hosted the three-day festival at the Okinawa City Koza Athletic Field, located between Kadena Air Base Gate 5 and Gate 2, since 1956. This festival allows visitors to see eisa teams from all over the island together on one field, and it is considered the conclusion of the Obon holidays and summer.

The Giant Naha Tug of War:

With its roots traced back to the 17th century, this annual event occurs in the middle of October and symbolizes a battle between two rulers from the Naha area.

The annual event generally draws 30,000 participants and is preceded by a celebratory parade on Kokusai Street where men and women dressed in traditional costumes perform meticulous martial arts moves, known as karate kata, along with traditional dances.

The Okinawa SMP hosts a 100-person team for the event. Team members are provided free transportation and a t-shirt commemorating their participation.

Churaumi Aquarium:

The Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium is one of the more popular attractions at the Ocean Expo Park near Nago.

A coral display highlights the beauty of the waters surrounding Okinawa with 800 different coral colonies, representing 70 different species of coral.

The Kuroshio Sea tank houses two of the largest fish in the world, the whale shark, and some the first manta rays to be bred in captivity.

Naha Dragon Boat Races:

The dragon boat races begin in May each year at Naha’s Aja Port. This popular event is said to have started in the 14th century and honored the god of the sea to ensure fair waters and a bountiful catch for local anglers. Today, companies, schools, private groups along with Japan and U.S. service members join in the races making it a truly exciting event to witness and participate in.

The SMP sponsors both a male and a female team, each comprised of Marines and sailors, to compete in the annual event. Team members practice twice a week from the beginning of February through the end of April.

Castle ruin sites:

Okinawa was once an independent group of islands known as the Ryukyu Kingdom. Several kings throughout the centuries left their legacies on the island chain in the form of impressive and imposing castles.

There are over 200 castle ruins, remnants of the 12th-15th century castle boom, scattered throughout the Ryukyu chain. Battles waged during World War II severely damaged or destroyed the largest of these castles, and over the past thirty years tremendous efforts have been put forth to restore them to their original condition.

A number of these sites were designated as United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization World Heritage Sites in 2000, and they contain a wealth of information for anyone interested in architecture, history, artifacts, culture or sightseeing.

There are many things to see and do while visiting or stationed on Okinawa. If you are interested in participating in any of these activities or would like more information, please contact 645-3681.

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Morales is a recreation specialist with the SMP.



AROUND THE CORPS

Sgt. Edgar A. Torrealba, left, and Sgt. Joel P. Richards Jr. bow their heads for prayer during the opening of the Buffalo Bill Cody Stampede Rodeo July 4 in Cody, Wyo. The mounted color guard, which is the last of its kind in the Marine Corps, travels across the Western U.S. to participate in parades, rodeos and many other events and ceremonies. Torrealba is the staff noncommissioned officer in charge, and Richards is a stableman. Both are with the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif.

Photo by Pfc. Samuel Ranney





An MV-22B Osprey tiltrotor aircraft takes off from Camp Rocky in Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia, during the buildup to the start of Exercise Talisman Saber 2013. The Osprey and crew are with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265, currently assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Photo by Lt. Cmdr. Todd Austin

Reconnaissance Marines train with close-quarters battle pistol

Cpl. Mark W. Stroud

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CENTRAL TRAINING AREA, CAMP HANSEN — Reconnaissance Marines with Force Reconnaissance Company, III Marine Expeditionary Force, completed M45A1 close-quarters battle pistol training July 3 at Range 15 near Camp Hansen.

The M45A1 replaced the M45 Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) pistol and the M9A1 service pistol as the issued sidearm for Marine Special Operations Command, force reconnaissance units and provost marshal's office special reaction teams because of the unique demands of their mission profiles.

One of the key differences is the pistols' caliber. "The M45A1 is supposed to provide more stopping power and it provides a slimmer, more user-friendly grip than the M9A1, and I think that lends itself to accuracy," said Staff Sgt. Benjamin D. Pollock-Jacobson, a team leader with Force Recon. Co. "It is built better, and it just feels better in your grip."

A platoon of force reconnaissance Marines recently returned from deployment with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, where they gained experience with M45A1, and served as instructors during the training.

"The coaches and (combat marksmanship training-certified Marines) attended a week-long instruction on the new 45s, so they would be able to teach the shooters in the battalion," said Staff Sgt. Justin R. Davis, a range safety officer with Force Recon. Co. "They got off the MEU in June, so they have been through the (Special Operations Training Group, III MEF Headquarters Group, III MEF) shooting package, and they are out here as positional safety officers to help this platoon."

The training included familiarization and instructional periods, annual pistol qualifications, and firing drills to build on marksmanship fundamentals.

"Focusing on the front sight post is a fundamental they teach you in boot camp, so is lining up your front sight post and rear sight aperture ... all these things are basic and instilled in us throughout training," said Pollock-Jacobson. "This may be more advanced shooting, but the



A Marine with Force Reconnaissance Company, 3rd Recon. Battalion, fires an M45A1 close-quarters battle pistol during training June 3 at Range 15 near Camp Hansen. The Marines applied the fundamentals of marksmanship they learned in recruit training, including proper sight alignment and sight picture. 3rd Recon. Bn. is a part of 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Cpl. Mark W. Stroud

fundamentals remain relatively identical, it is all built on a foundation."

The Marines used shooting drills to identify and address flaws in their firing technique, including the ball-and-dummy drill. The Marines paired-up during the drill with a non-firing Marine in charge of loading the pistol, leaving the firing Marine unaware of whether the pistol was loaded.

"Anticipation, especially with the caliber of weapon we are shooting, is something your body naturally does because of the stress of firing a weapon," said Pollock-Jacobson. "You try to offset the recoil and end up pushing against the weapon while simultaneously pulling the trigger."

"With the ball-and-dummy drill, it is like a lie detector. You can say that you are not anticipating the shot, but when you have no round in there and you squeeze the trigger and your body naturally pushes the weapon down and to the left, it is obvious. It makes you realize your mistakes, so you can start correcting them."

The Marines put the capabilities of the M45A1 to use, gaining proficiency and confidence.

"We applied the fundamentals, and it was very accurate at the various distances we shot," said Pfc. Bryan M. Seese, a motor transport operator with Headquarters and Service Company, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III MEF. "It's a great pistol."

BRIEFS

HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE BATTALION CORPORALS COURSE

Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, will conduct a Corporals Course July 31 - Aug. 23.

Nominations for the course will be accepted through July 24.

Check-in for the course is July 31 at 7:30 a.m. Walk-ins will be accepted at 8 a.m.

For more information, call 645-5620 or 645-0477.

MARINE CORPS BASE TELEPHONE CHANGES

Marine Corps Community Services' contract for commercial telephone service aboard Marine Corps bases on Okinawa expires July 31.

Affected toll telephone service users will receive a termination-of-service notice in their final billing statement from the current contracted carrier.

Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, G-6, communications, will begin providing commercial toll telephone services at Marine Corps bases on Okinawa effective Aug. 1.

For more information, call the G-6 Telephone Customer Service Center at 622-7479, Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CAMP FOSTER GATE 7 SCHEDULE CHANGE

Gate 7 on Camp Foster will be open daily to incoming traffic beginning July 22 from 6-7:15 a.m.

Gate 7 is near the U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa along Route 81.

For more information, contact Camp Services at 645-7317.

HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS SECURITY GUARD VISIT

Personnel with the Headquarters Marine Corps Marine Security Guard screening team will visit Okinawa commands Aug. 12-14.

The team will screen and assign qualified Marines to MSG duty.

For more information on locations and schedules, contact your unit career planner.

Urasoe City mayor signs agreement



Tetsugi Matsumoto, left, and Col. Edmund J. Bowen sign a limited humanitarian access agreement July 12 at Urasoe City Hall. The agreement is designed to save lives by giving Okinawa emergency personnel vehicular entry to the Makiminato service area of Camp Kinser. Matsumoto is the mayor of Urasoe City, and Bowen is the Camp Kinser commander and commanding officer of Combat Logistics Regiment 37, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Jose D. Lujano

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 Wednesday. Okinawa Marine reserves the right to edit all submitted material.



Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr., addresses the crowd at the 3rd Marine Division change of command ceremony July 12 at the Camp Courtney Theater. During his address, Glueck, the outgoing commanding general of III Marine Expeditionary Force, recognized the central role of 3rd Marine Division in the MEF's success and the vital role the division will play in the future. In a separate ceremony, Lt. Gen. John E. Wissler will assume command of III MEF from Glueck during the III MEF change of command ceremony July 19 at Camp Foster, concluding Glueck's more than two and a half years of steadfast leadership in the region. Photo by Cpl. Mark W. Stroud

Glueck concludes tour as commanding general

Cpl. Mark W. Stroud

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CAMP FOSTER — “This tour has been the fastest two and a half years of my life but without a doubt the most rewarding time in my career,” said Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr., the outgoing commanding general of the III Marine Expeditionary Force. “That is all due to the great Marines and sailors that have dedicated their lives to the defense of our nation. Thanks to their unfailing leadership and commitment, III MEF will remain our nation's force of choice in the Pacific. It has been my distinct honor to serve as your commanding general and be part of this tremendous team.”

Glueck will relinquish command of III MEF July 19 at Camp Foster during a ceremony marking the end of Glueck's command of Marine forces in the Asia-Pacific region, which began Jan. 7, 2011.

Glueck will be reassigned as the deputy commandant for Combat Development and Integration; commanding general, Marine Corps Combat Development Command; commander, Marine Corps Forces Strategic Command; commanding general, Marine Corps National Capital Region Command; and commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces National Capital Region.

Lt. Gen. John E. Wissler will assume the duties of the commanding general during the ceremony, following an assignment as the deputy commandant for Programs and Resources, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps in D.C.

Glueck worked to prepare III MEF to meet its mission as America's force in readiness in the Asia-Pacific region. His efforts included overseeing the re-institution of the unit deployment program to bring stateside units to Okinawa for rotational deployments and introduction of the MV-22B Osprey tiltrotor aircraft.

“Being our Corps' only forward-stationed and deployed MEF, we are prepared for any crisis that could occur in the Western Pacific,” said Glueck. “We can deploy and be on scene within hours,

not days and weeks. As the impact of sequestration is felt across the joint force, our role as the nation's premier crisis response force becomes even more important.

“III MEF can get command and control and real operational capability forward faster than any force in the Pacific. We need to keep the tip of the spear sharpened and ready to respond 24/7 for any and all contingencies.”

III MEF proved capable of meeting its expeditionary mission throughout Glueck's command; participating in bilateral and joint exercises and humanitarian assistance and disaster-relief operations across the region.

“III MEF repeatedly exercised its crisis response capability during Lt. Gen. Glueck's command,” said Col. Sean M. McBride, the chief of staff of III MEF. “Through the experience gained during Operation Tomodachi, Lt. Gen. Glueck developed a quick-response capability that allowed III MEF to quickly plan and execute an HADR operation anywhere in the theater.”

Glueck's connection to Okinawa dates back to shortly after he received his designation as a naval aviator in 1976, when he was assigned to Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169, Marine Aircraft Group 39, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, I Marine Expeditionary Force. Glueck deployed to Okinawa twice with HMLA-169. He would serve two additional tours on island before assuming command of III MEF, first from 1987-89 and again in 2003-05 when he served as the commanding general of 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, III MEF.

Glueck's time leading 3rd MEB paid dividends when the Marine Air-Ground Task Force was activated during his time as commanding general of III MEF.

“His experience with 3rd MEB showed him the capabilities of a MEB, but more importantly the options a MEB provides and the opportunities to get the MEB out the door,” said McBride. “As soon as 3rd MEB activated, Lt. Gen. Glueck had it engaged

in exercises and planning for crisis response operations. There was no breaking-in period.”

The general's experience and knowledge of the region combined with his leadership qualities helped III MEF successfully meet operational requirements, as well as expand expeditionary capabilities.

“He has vision and is able to articulate that vision into clear guidance,” said McBride. “He trusts his subordinates and allows them the freedom of action to work toward his end-state without micromanaging; this grows confidence and allows for creativity.”

The rapid response of III MEF units to the Great East Japan Earthquake and subsequent tsunami of March 11, 2011, during Operation Tomodachi stands out as a point of pride for Glueck.

“I believe that our rapid response during Operation Tomodachi epitomized the expeditionary character of III MEF,” said Glueck. “We successfully demonstrated the strong commitment we have to both the government of Japan, as well as to our friends and neighbors. Each and every day during the operation, I was amazed by the individual initiative and leadership displayed by our III MEF and Marine Corps Installations Pacific Marines and sailors.

“No other organization could have responded as quickly and as effectively,” Glueck said.

The Marines and sailors of III MEF stand poised to continue building upon Glueck's efforts as they move forward as the nation's only permanently forward-deployed MEF.

“Periodically throughout my command, I have provided guidance to the force, and I would ask our Marines to review it,” said Glueck. “We need to maintain our edge as the nation's premier force in readiness. There are no second chances. I know that this MEF will be tested in the future. The question is not if, but only when. Continue to train hard, use your initiative, and be responsible and accountable for your actions. The nation depends on us!”

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a video address from the commandant and sergeant major of the Marine Corps, as well as a documentary about sexual assault offenders.

"This leadership summit is about generating ideas on manifesting a command climate that will embrace the idea that our core values and sexual assault are not compatible," said Paul R. Bless, the SARC for III MEF. "We need a climate where everybody is treated with dignity and respect and has trust in their organization."

Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr., the commanding general of III MEF, emphasized the importance leadership plays in combating sexual assault.

"It all starts at the battalion and squadron level, as well as the group and regimental level, because they have the greatest contact with the

individual Marines," said Glueck. "They're the ones who will have the ability to teach the Marines and make sure they understand the commandant's intent as we move forward with this program."

During the summit, the leaders held an open forum to discuss and respond to sexual assault scenarios.

"I think it's going to help because all of these commanders are able to share with each other their strategies, techniques and ideas for managing a positive command climate," Street said. "They are able to mentor each other with respect to sexual assault and talk about what works and what does not work."

Commanders must continually stress to their Marines the importance of the core values of honor, courage and commitment, according to Glueck. The refocusing on the core



Sgt. Maj. Tamara L. Fode addresses Marine Corps leaders of commands across Okinawa during the 2013 Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Leadership Summit July 15 at the Butler Officers' Club. The summit focused on how commanders and senior enlisted advisors should foster a positive command climate to combat sexual assault. Fode is the sergeant major of 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Lance Cpl. Lena Wakayama

values will set the groundwork for the future of the Marines, both operationally as well as with the program.

"We are held to a much higher standard because we are ambassa-

dors here on Okinawa and in Japan," Glueck said. "This training will pay dividends not only here, but it will carry over as our Marines rotate and go back to the States."

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amphibious assaults for their own joint exercises, according to Kim.

Kim answered the officers' questions while leading them on a hands-on tour of the vehicles.

"In the future, we will be handling equipment similar to what the Marines have, so it was good to have this opportunity," said JGSDF Maj. Kazuya Aizawa, a technical administrator with the JGSDF.

After touring the AAVs, the JGSDF officers traveled to Camp Hansen where 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF, instructed them on fire support capabilities.

"The JGSDF officers were given a basic overview of how fire support works within the Marine Corps," said Capt. Jared J. Cooper, a fire control team leader with 5th ANGLICO. "They learned about the command structure of fire support teams, fire support coordination centers and supporting arms liaison teams.

"All these units work at different levels of a command to help coordinate fire support among various units."

After the presentation, the JGSDF officers went to the supporting arms virtual trainer where they experienced a simulated call for fire.

"I was very impressed with the Marines' state-of-the-art equipment such as the SAVT,"



Capt. John S. Kim, left, delivers a presentation to Japan Ground Self-Defense Force officers about the assault amphibious vehicle July 12 at Camp Schwab as part of the Japan observer exchange program. "The JOEP members came here to inquire about the capabilities of the AAV platform," said Kim "They want to know how the vehicles are employed and what their capabilities are in oceanic and land-based exercises." Kim is the AAV Company commander, Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Lance Cpl. Henry J Antenor

said Aizawa. "It allowed us to get a better understanding of how everything ties together to get the mission accomplished."

Throughout the day, the two services interacted with each other to establish a better understanding of the equipment used by Marines, according to Aizawa.

At the end of the day, the JGSDF officers were

very appreciative for the knowledge passed on to them so they could increase their own military readiness, according to Cooper.

"Everything went exceptionally well, and it is always good to do this type of bilateral knowledge sharing," said Cooper. "They are our allies, and I hope they gained something from us today for future use."

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"I am so honored and humble to have this opportunity to come to this inspiring division and take over for a good friend of mine," said Clardy. "It is quite an honor for me, and I very much look forward to serving with the finest division in the Marine Corps."

Clardy plans to build upon the successes of Padilla and prior division commanders.

"Because of the job I had before this, I was able to watch what was going on out here, and Maj. Gen. Padilla should be very proud of what he has done over the last two years," said Clardy. "The division has done a tremendous job in the past, and I am hoping to continue (that legacy)."

Padilla began his command of 3rd Marine Division in July 2011 and will now become the director of operations with Plans, Policies and Operations, Headquarters Marine Corps.

Padilla's leadership has driven 3rd Marine Division to myriad accomplishments across the Asia-Pacific region, according to Sgt. Maj. Paul G. McKenna, the sergeant major of 3rd Marine Division.

"In the short time I have served as his sergeant major, I can tell you that I have never served with a more committed commander, who cares for the health and welfare of his Marines and sailors, than Maj. Gen. Padilla," said McKenna. "I would be honored to have my son, who is a

U.S. Marine, serve under his command."

During Padilla's command of 3rd Marine Division, he and Clardy had worked together to re-establish the unit deployment program, according to McKenna.

The UDP was suspended in 2003 due to personnel requirements needed to support Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. With the UDP, the 3rd Marine Division increases its ability to participate in exercises with allies and partner nations throughout the Asia-Pacific region, as well as provide the Marines necessary to respond to any crises or contingencies in the III MEF area of operations.

The 3rd Marine Division is prepared for Clardy's command, and what changes he may bring with him, according to McKenna.

"We are both excited to see the increase in forces to this area of operations and look forward to getting out and seeing the men and women of this magnificent division," said McKenna.

Leaving the division may be difficult for Padilla, who recognizes the effort spent by the Marines and sailors, but he is confident they will do the same for Clardy.

"The Marines and sailors of 3rd Marine Division are top-notch," said Padilla. "I'm amazed at what you've accomplished. It's been a tremendous tour for me, and I will never forget you all. I look forward to serving with you in the future, and God bless you."

MWSS-172 endures jungle, strengthens teamwork

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Donald T. Peterson
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The long, muddy trail, which crosses rivers, vertical slopes and thick brush, always presents a formidable obstacle for Marines, as they race against time to navigate the Jungle Warfare Training Center's endurance course at Camp Gonsalves.

Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 worked together to meet the challenges of the endurance course July 15 as the final event of the eight-day basic jungle skills course.

"We are conducting this training to increase our capabilities, as well as to improve our small-unit leadership," said Lance Cpl. Johnny S. Canizlopez, a bulk fuel specialist with MWSS-172, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "Teamwork was an essential element in ensuring we were able to accomplish our goal of completing the course."

The 3.8-mile endurance course includes 31 different obstacles such as tactical rope suspension crossings, hasty rappels, flooded trenches, submerged tunnels, cargo net and wall climbs, casualty evacuation drills and numerous hills and streams.

"As an instructor here at the Jungle Warfare Training Center, I go through the endurance course with groups of Marines all the time," said Cpl. Brian M. Ashworth, a machine gunner and instructor at JWTC. "I still feel like this is one of the (most difficult) things that I have been through in my Marine Corps career."

The basic jungle skills course that led up to the final endurance course event taught the Marines and sailors important techniques and information that could possibly save their lives in jungle terrain, according to Ashworth.

The course is also structured to teach and strengthen small-unit leadership skills.

"The endurance course is almost impossible to complete without teamwork and small-unit leadership," said Ashworth. "I've seen teams that work well together complete the course in a little over three hours, and I've seen teams that didn't work well together take six hours to complete the course. How long it takes each group depends on their teamwork and will to continue pushing forward."

The Marines and sailors of MWSS-172 applied the basic jungle skills course training during the endurance course, demonstrating good teamwork and a strong will to continue throughout the event, according to Ashworth.

"As a team I feel we worked well together," said Capt. Mark A. Wlaschin, the Headquarters and Support Company commander with MWSS-172. "Everyone stepped-up and took initiative to help get the mission accomplished and moved through the course as quickly as possible."

After a long day of strenuous training, the MWSS-172 Marines departed Camp Gonsalves as a stronger and more confident team.

"Training like this really brings people together," said Ashworth. "They endured through the course and the (overall) training, and that will help them to be a better squadron and work together at a higher level."



Lance Cpl. Matthew R. Happensack provides security for his team July 15 during the endurance course at the Jungle Warfare Training Center on Camp Gonsalves. The 3.8-mile-long course contains 31 obstacles such as hills, streams, hasty rappels, commando crawl, flooded trenches and submerged tunnels. Happensack is an expeditionary airfield systems technician with Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.



Lance Cpl. Victor Balbuena traverses the pit-and-pond obstacle of the endurance course July 15 at the Jungle Warfare Training Center on Camp Gonsalves. The pit-and-pond is one of 31 different obstacles the Marines must navigate through during the 3.8-mile endurance course. Balbuena is a water support technician with MWSS-172.



Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 traverse through a ravine July 15 while carrying a simulated casualty during the endurance course at the Jungle Warfare Training Center on Camp Gonsalves. Marines and sailors with MWSS-172 were participating in the eight-day basic jungle skills course offered at JWTC.

Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 traverse an obstacle during the endurance course July 15 at the Jungle Warfare Training Center on Camp Gonsalves. Marines and sailors with MWSS-172 conducted the endurance course as the final event of the eight-day basic jungle skills course. MWSS-172 is a part of Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.



Uruma City children perform a dance routine during the opening ceremony of the 2013 Okinawa Drive Safe Campaign July 9 at the Uruma City Police Station. The campaign is intended to increase safety both on Camps Courtney and McTureous and off base in Uruma City. Photo by Lance Cpl. Brandon C. Suhr

Uruma City hosts ceremony for Drive Safe Campaign

Lance Cpl. Brandon C. Suhr
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The sight of brightly colored reflective safety vests signaled the festive start of the Safe-driving campaign Uruma City residents and U.S. service members. Senior leaders of Camps Courtney and McTureous attended the opening ceremony of the 2013 Okinawa Drive Safe Campaign July 9 at the Uruma City Police Station. The 2013 Okinawa Drive Safe Campaign is designed to promote driver safety both on Camps Courtney and McTureous and off base in Uruma City. “I’m glad that the service members were able to join our opening ceremony,” said Naoya Tamaki, a police lieutenant with the traffic section of the Uruma City Police Station. “It is not often that military personnel are able to attend the opening ceremony.” The service members attended the opening ceremony to represent how the two-week campaign helps reduce the number of traffic accidents for both the local community and the U.S. service members. “It is always great to attend and help at any event associated with the community of Uruma City,” said 1st Lt. Andrew K. Williams, the camp operations officer for Camps Courtney and McTureous. “Attending the 2013 Okinawa Drive Safe Campaign’s opening ceremony emphasizes the importance of safe driving on and off base.” The ceremony consisted of traditional dances by children and remarks by several representatives of the community and

Camps Courtney and McTureous. The Marine Corps’ commitment to being a good neighbor means seizing every opportunity to talk to the Marines about the importance of safe driving, according to Col. Michael W. Taylor, the Camps Courtney and McTureous commander. “Our efforts are a part of the ‘safety first, safety always’ campaign, which continuously highlights safety programs throughout Marine Corps units on Okinawa,” said Taylor. “While it is important to be vigilant and practice safe driving on base, it is equally as important to do the same within the local communities.” “Safety first, safety always” is a III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Installations Pacific campaign that focuses on safety programs pertaining to all personnel and family members within the unit. “This drive-safe campaign is important because any time someone gets behind the wheel while distracted or impaired, they are running the risk of seriously injuring themselves or others,” said Taylor. While Marines have participated in local events before, it is important for everyone to see that the safe-driving campaign is not only for the local community but for those in the military as well, according to Tamaki. “It was good to have the service members participate in the opening ceremony,” said Tamaki. “Many of the community members recognize that the service members are also taking this seriously and are working to make the community a safer place.”

Summer sports injuries easily prevented, treated

Lance Cpl. Pete Sanders
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Marines pride themselves in staying healthy through activities to include individual and group fitness, ranging from lifting weights to water polo. When engaging in any sort of vigorous activity, there is a possibility of injury, especially if steps are not taken to prepare for and prevent injuries, according to Petty Officer 2nd Class Paul R. Mason, a hospital corpsman with U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa. “If we don’t take the time to properly prepare, such as stretching and hydration, the risk of injury is greatly increased,” said Mason. Sports injuries are a result of acute trauma or repetitive stress associated with athletic activities, according to Navy Lt. Matthew Wendt, an orthopedic surgeon at USNH-Okinawa. Sports injuries can affect bones or soft tissue such as ligaments, muscles and tendons. Common types of sports injuries are sprains and strains, according to Wendt. Sprains are a stretch or tear of the connective tissue that keeps bones attached to one another, whereas strains are a stretch, tear or inflammation of tendons or joints. “Risk factors associated with sprains and strains are inappropriate shoe wear and fit, irregular playing surfaces, high-impact sports such as basketball, football and soccer, and a history of ankle sprains,” said Wendt. Most sprains and strains can be treated by the “RICE” method, which calls for rest, ice, compression and elevation, according to Wendt. This will give the injured area a chance to heal. Stress fractures are another common sports injury and can be caused by drastic increases in training intensity, pre-existing health problems, incorrect technique, and quality and age of footwear, according to Wendt. “Avoid increasing running mileage more than 10 percent per week, and maintain a stable core with smooth form and upright posture,” said Wendt. One thing to keep in mind while staying active is hydration, according to Mason. It is easy to underestimate the effects of hydration, or lack thereof, especially for personnel who are new to Okinawa. The symptoms of dehydration can range from being thirsty to heat stroke. To avoid becoming a heat casualty, it is vital to drink plenty of water, be mindful of the weather conditions, and pay close attention to the humidity and heat index, according to Mason. “We recommend people drink a minimum of half their body weight in fluid ounces of water per day and more if engaging in strenuous activity,” said Mason. If someone becomes dizzy or ill due to dehydration, they should immediately be given water and moved to a shaded area, according to Mason. Mason also recommends using sunscreen when going outdoors to avoid painful sunburns. By implementing some basic safeguards, the summer months are a great time to get outside and experience Okinawa, according to Mason. “This time of year can be very fulfilling,” said Mason. “From days at the beach to picnics in the park, when we keep these summer precautions in mind, we avoid unnecessary time off from work and can fully enjoy our time on Okinawa.”



Local Osprey Fan Club tours Futenma facilities

Lance Cpl. John S. Gargano

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

From volunteering to beautify the surrounding areas of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, to being outspoken fans on social media, one group was given a tour due to its great interest and overall appreciation for service members on Okinawa.

Members of the Osprey Fan Club toured facilities and viewed aircraft at MCAS Futenma July 10 to enhance their understanding of the station's mission and strengthen their relationship with Marines.

The club, established in 2012, was originally created from a social media fan page in support of the MV-22B Osprey. The group later organized as an active club that works with the Marine Corps to beautify community areas near Marine installations.

"The goal of the club is to strengthen the relations between the Marine Corps and the people on Okinawa," said Mikako Miyagi, the president of the fan club. "We would like to reach out to the Marines, and participation in the club is a great way to do that."

Operation Tomodachi, the official name of the humanitarian assistance and disaster relief effort that III Marine Expeditionary Force provided following the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and subsequent tsunami, helped create the fan base for the club's inception because it showed another side of the Marine Corps to communities on Okinawa, according to Miyagi.

"We know a lot of Marines went to the



Mikako Miyagi, left, relays information about the MV-22B Osprey to members of the Osprey Fan Club July 10 on the flight line at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma. Miyagi is the president of the fan club. Photo by Lance Cpl. John S. Gargano

affected areas to lend a helping hand to the Japanese people, and we feel very grateful for them helping us," said Miyagi. "We would like to show them our respect and appreciation and to deepen our good relations with the Marines."

The event included an Osprey static display and a tour of the air traffic control tower, radar room, and aircraft rescue and firefighting unit.

The purpose of the tour was to give the community members a chance to learn about the Osprey's capabilities, and how the aircraft helps Marines with humanitarian efforts and regional security, according to 1st Lt. Joseph S. High, an assistant air traffic control facility officer with III MEF.

"This event was a great chance for the Marine Corps to increase transparency with Japan," said High. "Both countries have a long-standing history of cooperation and diplomacy, and this was a great way for us to show the people of Ginowan City and Okinawa exactly what we do here and how we can help each other."

The visit was a very insightful experience and gave the club members a greater appreciation for how the Marine Corps operates on Okinawa, according to Tsuyoshi Toyoda, a club member.

"It was my first time seeing the control tower and the Osprey aircraft," said Toyoda. "Being able to see and experience this type of up-close observation was very exciting for me and gave me great insight into how the base works and operates."

Service members share motorcycle experience

Lance Cpl. Lena Wakayama

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

A steady rumble filled the air as new motorcyclists revved their engines in anticipation. The only thing keeping them at bay was the student-instructor standing on the other side of the hot asphalt, ready to signal for them to begin.

Service members prepared to become certified rider coaches through the rider coach preparation course July 11 at Kadena Air Base.

The course is designed for experienced motorcyclists to be able to teach beginning riders, according to Pat Yamashiro, a training technician with the installation safety office on Kadena. Yamashiro is the master instructor of the eight-day course, which began July 1.

"The course is like a backbone for rider education training, especially for a command-owned riding club or programs within the unit," said Yamashiro.

The coaches would have the ability to instruct their units on the basic rider course, a class for novice riders, according to Yamashiro.

"The course benefits the command in all aspects, whether it's formal or informal training, or mentoring," said Yamashiro.

The rider coach candidates were all volunteers and wanted to be a part of the program, according to Staff Sgt. Veron E. Thomas, a rider coach candidate and radio chief with Headquarters Company, 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

"Most of the time you'll find us in the same unit as you," Thomas said. "If you have any questions, you don't have to go out of your way. The qualified person in your unit can bring you to the (motorcycle) range on your own time and reinforce necessary skills."

With the reinforcement of skills comes confidence and safety, which is of the utmost importance, according to Thomas.

During the final two days of the course, the candidates teach students



A basic rider course motorcyclist practices maneuvering drills set up by rider coach candidates July 11 at Kadena Air Base. Service members stationed on Okinawa participated in the rider coach preparation course in hopes of becoming certified instructors. Photo by Lance Cpl. Lena Wakayama

of the basic rider course and are evaluated based on their performance, according to Yamashiro. The candidates discuss topics like proper protective equipment and maneuvering techniques, further implanting safety into the minds of the motorcyclists-to-be.

The students appreciated the dedication that the rider coach candidates had for riding and instructing, according to Cpl. Vorn Kun, a BRC student and motor transport mechanic with Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MEF.

"These guys have a passion for motorcycles," said Kun. "That's the reason they want to be instructors because they love riding motorcycles (and want to pass on what they know)."

As the course concluded, there was an excitement in both the basic rider course students and the rider coach candidates, according to Air Force Staff Sgt. Richard Ebert, a BRC student and cable and antenna specialist with the 18th Communications Squadron, 18th Mission Support Group, 18th Wing.

"Whether you decide to continue the lifestyle and the career of riding, or you just do it so you can ride a scooter on Okinawa, no one ever regrets taking (these courses)," said Ebert.

9th ESB Marines remove wall near Torii Station

Story and Photos by Lance Cpl. Jose D. Lujano

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

The knocking of diesel engines, the smell of dirt and the crash of rocks resounded in the area as the team of combat engineers finished the work that could one day save lives.

Service members with 9th Engineer Support Battalion removed a 60-meter-long wall near U.S. Army Garrison Torii Station's main gate July 8-12.

"The Yomitan Village requested the removal of the rock wall that had been in place for nearly fifty years because it was creating a traffic hazard that could obstruct the evacuation of people during emergencies and emergency drills," said Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin P. Nolan of Torii Station.

The station requested the assistance of 9th ESB after establishing that the work would have fallen beyond the capabilities of the units present at Torii Station, according to Nolan.

The clearing of the evacuation route strengthened bonds with residents of the area by demonstrating the willingness of service members to listen to and work with the community.

"The local community was very pleased to hear that the Marines were involved in helping remove the wall," said Yumiko Uchima, the community relations specialist with the station. "Not only have the community members appreciated the Marines hard work, but the local community leaders and officials have recognized this too."

The project allowed the Marines to gain experience in an area of their military occupational specialty that they do not routinely exercise.

"Normally, the Marines work on field-expedient jobs, but this project was oriented toward a detailed finished product," said Staff Sgt. Christian J. Keyser, the project site manager with 9th ESB. "This requires them to focus on careful and deliberate work due to the close proximity of Japanese property."



Lance Cpl. James S. Sipper, left, and Cpl. Sal J. Flores Jr. add rocks to the bucket of a multiterrain loader July 8 during the removal of a 60-meter-long wall near U.S. Army Garrison Torii Station's main gate. Teamwork played an important part in the completion of the project, according to Sipper. Flores and Sipper are heavy-equipment operators with 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

The Marines have excelled at the task at hand and have been ahead of schedule since the project began, according to Keyser.

"It is not just about the work but being good ambassadors," said Keyser. "We should never stop helping our neighbors and community."

One way the command at Torii Station expressed its appreciation for the Marines' work and the resulting effect of bringing together both the community and the different branches of service was by taking the Marines in for the length of the project.

"The least we could do to show our appreciation for these young Marines and sailor was to take care of them by housing and feeding them, refueling their equipment, and allowing them access to the facilities at the station," said Nolan. "I've been deployed numerous times and here is my philosophy;

it doesn't matter what (nationality) somebody is or what uniform they wear because at the end of the day we are all brothers and sisters in arms."



Lance Cpl. James S. Sipper uses a multiterrain loader to pile rocks and debris July 8 during the removal of a 60-meter-long wall near U.S. Army Garrison Torii Station's main gate. Sipper is a heavy-equipment operator with 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force.



Lance Cpl. Raheem J. Boyd uses a 420D IT backhoe loader to excavate rocks July 8 during the removal of a 60-meter-long wall near U.S. Army Garrison Torii Station's main gate. Working near private property, the Marines focused on carefully and deliberately completing the project without impacting the surrounding area. Boyd is a heavy-equipment operator with 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

In Theaters Now

JULY 19 - 25

FOSTER

TODAY Turbo (3-D) (PG), 6 p.m.; Pacific Rim (3-D) (PG13), 9 p.m.

SATURDAY Turbo (3-D) (PG), noon; Turbo (PG), 3 p.m.; Grown Ups 2 (PG13), 6 p.m.; Pacific Rim (3-D) (PG13), 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY Pacific Rim (3-D) (PG13), 1 p.m.; Pacific Rim (PG13), 4:30 p.m.; Grown Ups 2 (PG13), 8 p.m.

MONDAY Pacific Rim (PG13), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY Grown Ups 2 (PG13), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Grown Ups 2 (PG13), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Turbo (PG), 3 p.m.; Pacific Rim (3-D) (PG13), 7 p.m.

KADENA

TODAY Turbo (3-D) (PG), 6 p.m.; Pacific Rim (3-D) (PG13), 9 p.m.

SATURDAY Turbo (PG), noon; Turbo (3-D) (PG), 3 p.m.; Pacific Rim (3-D) (PG13), 6 p.m.; Pacific Rim (PG13), 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY Turbo (3-D) (PG), 1 p.m.; Pacific Rim (3-D) (PG13), 4:30 p.m.; Grown Ups 2 (PG13), 8 p.m.

MONDAY Turbo (PG), 3 p.m.; Pacific Rim (PG13), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY Grown Ups 2 (PG13), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Pacific Rim (PG13), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Grown Ups 2 (PG13), 7 p.m.

COURTNEY

TODAY Grown Ups 2 (PG13), 6 p.m.; Pacific Rim (3-D) (PG13), 9 p.m.

SATURDAY Turbo (3-D) (PG), 3 p.m.; Grown Ups 2 (PG13), 6 p.m.

SUNDAY Turbo (PG), 3 p.m.; Grown Ups 2 (PG13), 6 p.m.

MONDAY Pacific Rim (PG13), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY Closed

WEDNESDAY Pacific Rim (PG13), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Closed

FUTENMA

TODAY Pacific Rim (3-D) (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY The Lone Ranger (PG13), 4 p.m.; Pacific Rim (3-D) (PG13), 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY Grown Ups 2 (PG13), 4 p.m.; Pacific Rim (PG13), 7 p.m.

MONDAY Pacific Rim (3-D) (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY-THURSDAY Closed

KINSER

TODAY Grown Ups 2 (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY Turbo (PG), 3 p.m.; Pacific Rim (PG13) 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY Turbo (PG), 1 p.m.; Grown Ups 2 (PG13), 3:30 p.m.; Pacific Rim (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY-TUESDAY Closed

WEDNESDAY Grown Ups 2 (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY Pacific Rim (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

SCHWAB

TODAY Pacific Rim (3-D) (PG13), 6 p.m.; Grown Ups 2 (PG13), 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY Pacific Rim (3-D) (PG13), 6 p.m.; Grown Ups 2 (PG13), 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY White House Down (PG13), 2:30 p.m.; The Heat (R), 9 p.m.

MONDAY-THURSDAY Closed

HANSEN

TODAY Pacific Rim (3-D) (PG13), 6:30 and 10 p.m.

SATURDAY Pacific Rim (3-D) (PG13), 6 p.m.; Pacific Rim (3-D), 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY Pacific Rim (3-D) (PG13) 2:30 p.m.; Pacific Rim (3-D), 6 p.m.

MONDAY Pacific Rim (PG13) 6 p.m.; Grown Ups 2 (PG13), 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY Grown Ups 2 (PG13), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Grown Ups 2 (PG13), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Pacific Rim (PG13), 7 p.m.

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BEACH BASH

• Join the SMP for its beach bash at White Beach Aug. 2. There will be a bus to pick up attendees at each installation. For more information, contact the SMP office via the number above.

DANCE FESTIVAL

• Join the SMP during the annual 10,000-Man Eisa Festival Aug. 3. The event features 10,000 eisa drummers and highlights various styles of eisa dance during the event. For more information, contact the SMP office via the number above.

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TEST YOUR CORPS KNOWLEDGE:

What name was given to the collection of Marine actions in Central America and the Caribbean from 1900-1916?

See answer in next week's issue

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

What weapon provides heavy firepower in the form of an 83 mm rocket?

ANSWER:

A shoulder-launched, multipurpose assault weapon, or SMAW, which can be employed against bunkers, caves and enemy armored assets.



Japanese phrase of the week:

“Mata raishu!”

(pronounced: Mah-tah rah-ee-shoo)

It means “See you next week!”

CHAPLAINS'

OPINION

“Every chaplain defends the freedom of Marines and sailors to arrive at their own moral decisions in accordance with their core values and beliefs.”



Seeking answers amid change

Lt. John W. Potter

COMBAT LOGISTICS BATTALION 4 CHAPLAIN

Americans recently celebrated our country's birthday and those famous human rights of “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” Freedom and the pursuit of happiness are ideals that motivate many in our nation to celebrate the recent changes in our nation's laws regarding lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender matters. The Department of Defense acknowledged in the President's designation of June as “Pride” month that, even before the repeal of the “don't ask, don't tell” laws in 2011, homosexuals have rendered honorable service throughout the history of the U.S. military. On June 26, the Supreme Court struck down the Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibited federal recognition of same-sex marriage. This opened the way for married same-sex couples to receive the same federal benefits as married heterosexual couples. It's definitely a period of rapid social change.

Many Marines and sailors are rejoicing with every step of this cultural shift.

They see the repeals of DADT and DOMA as overdue advances for freedom and equality. Others, however, worry that they are going to be asked to compromise their moral or religious beliefs. Stress over this issue is real even when one agrees that all service members deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

Sometimes people wonder where chaplains stand. The truth is that you can find chaplains across a vast spectrum of viewpoints. But every chaplain defends the freedom of Marines and sailors to arrive at their own moral decisions in accordance with their core values and beliefs.

The new climate we are in enables military members to declare their pride in an identity of same-sex attraction and seek out LGBT support. It also means that military personnel who wish to explore available spiritual and psychological resources for resisting same-sex attraction are still free to do so.

Remember, your chaplain is always available for conversation, care and referral on whatever topic you wish to discuss!

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