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**Annetta R. Butler, center left, and Yuino Shirahata laugh before heading out to the Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium at Ocean Expo Park as part of the 3rd annual Oshima youth cultural exchange Aug. 1 at the Kishaba Youth Center at Camp Foster. The program brings teens affected by the 2011 earthquake and tsunami from Oshima Island to Camp Foster to experience American culture. The participants will take part in activities such as a business internship and a luau pool party. Butler is a host family sponsor for the Oshima youth cultural exchange program, and Shirahata is 17-year-old participant in the program.**

Photo by Lance Cpl. Natalie M. Rostran

## Oshima youth return

**Lance Cpl. Natalie M. Rostran**

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CAMP FOSTER—Fifteen students and chaperones from Oshima, Kesennuma, Miyagi prefecture, Japan, arrived for the 3rd annual Oshima youth cultural exchange program

July 31 at Naha Airport.

The Oshima youth cultural exchange program brings children affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake and subsequent tsunami of March 11, 2011 to Camp Foster to experience the American lifestyle

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## Marines belt-up with MACE

**Lance Cpl. Pete Sanders**

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CAMP FOSTER — A mobile training team with the Martial Arts Center for Excellence facilitated instruction July 22-26 at Camp Foster for Okinawa-based service members engaged in the Marine Corps martial arts program.

The center formed the traveling team to facilitate MCMAP courses and ensure quality, up-to-date instruction could be provided throughout Marine Corps installations as opposed to strictly taught at the MACE's headquarters in Quantico, Va., according to Master Sgt. Kenneth A. Roberts, a student of the MTT's third-degree black belt course and operations chief with G-4, supply and logistics, Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, Marine Corps Installations Pacific.

"Commands can't always afford to send their Marines to Quantico," said Roberts. "Having the team come to the students' location allows them to get the training and recertification they want or need before their training or certification expires."

During the week, Marines trained from dawn until dusk toward instructor and instructor-trainer certification and recertification, according to Roberts. The Marines also earned credit for training hours and learned techniques for their next potential belt level.

The activities included bayonet techniques, one-on-one sparring and myriad discussions concerning morals and ethics.

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## 31st MEU infantrymen insert into Talisman Saber

**Cpl. Codey Underwood**

31ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT

SHOALWATER BAY TRAINING AREA, Queensland, Australia — As a part of Talisman Saber 2013, Marines and sailors with Company E, Battalion Landing Team 2nd Bn., 4th Marine Regiment, were inserted via aircraft to secure a key location July 21.

The scenario within the exercise involved the 31st MEU receiving the mission of executing a helicopter-borne operation to eliminate enemy forces and providing security for a civilian populace.

The service members with Co. E, BLT 2nd Bn., 4th Marines, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, trained with aircraft and crews of Marine Medium see **TALISMAN** pg 5



**Lance Cpl. Shawn M. Goulding provides security July 21 during part of Talisman Saber 2013, Shoalwater Bay Training Area, Queensland, Australia. Goulding is a rifleman with Company E, Battalion Landing Team 2nd Bn., 4th Marine Regiment, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. BLT 2nd Bn., 4th Marines, is the ground combat element of the 31st MEU. Photo by Cpl. Michael Oxtan**

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# Fostering responsibility

Lance Cpl. Terry Brady

While being able to lead subordinates to accomplish a mission is important to overall success; teaching them to lead and to take responsibility of tasks on their own is equally important. The inevitable passing of the torch from one generation of leaders to the next requires subordinates with an understanding of how to accomplish a mission with minimal guidance, a skill that Marines pride themselves in every day.

One example of how a leader can develop a sense of responsibility among subordinates is through small-unit leadership. This requires a command to trust the delegation of tasks by staff noncommissioned officers who in turn entrust responsibilities to the NCOs in direct supervision of their junior Marines.

By assigning certain responsibilities to each respective rank and billet, Marines in a leadership position display a sense of confidence among their subordinates and encourage them to pursue greater responsibilities.

However, leaders have to be careful not to overshadow the responsibilities of subordinates or micro-manage the tasks they assign. This could potentially demonstrate a lack of confidence in the individual's

efforts. Marines must be able to know those appointed above them trust that they will make sound and timely decisions to accomplish their task.

It is just as important to make corrections and ensure that Marines learn and perfect their occupational specialty while maintaining the standards set for all Marines. Ensuring technical proficiency throughout the next generation of Marine leaders is the best way to set them up for success.

Lastly, giving proper acknowledgment to subordinate Marines when they accomplish a task requiring

initiative, innovation and motivation provides an immeasurable boost to their morale. While it is not necessary for a Marine to expect praise for accomplishing routine duties, a Marine should not be put in a situation where making critical contributions to mission success goes unrecognized.

We as Marines are trained to be leaders to those placed under our charge, as well as to our peers to the left and right of us. Introducing a sense of responsibility for the junior, less-experienced Marines strengthens their leadership potential at all levels and impacts the future success of the Marine Corps as a premier warfighting organization.

*Brady is a combat correspondent with the Okinawa Marine newspaper.*

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Cpl. Travis S. Wamer, left, stabilizes an M224 mortar system as Lance Cpl. Mason J. Bube fires the weapon July 24 during a field exercise at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. Bube and Wamer are mortarmen with Battalion Landing Team 1st Bn., 6th Marine Regiment, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, II Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Cpl. Manuel A. Estrada

Marine body bearers fire three 40 mm cannons simultaneously during an evening parade July 25 at Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., in honor of the 60th anniversary of the end of the Korean War. Veterans of the war from throughout the U.S. were in attendance. The body bearers are assigned to Marine Barracks Washington, D.C. Photo by Lance Cpl. Dan Hosack



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# III Marine Expeditionary Force Marine Forces Japan commanding general's guidance



**I**t is an honor to join the III Marine Expeditionary Force team and to become a part of the most ready force in U.S. Pacific Command. You have proven you are crisis-ready and the force of choice for any crisis in the region, yet we are only as good as our next response. We will continue to maintain our readiness for the unexpected by training to the exceptional standards required of Marines around the globe — each of you must enforce those standards.

The Marines and sailors of III MEF, empowered by their families, will be able to fight tonight and win; be able to respond to any crisis in the region and make a difference, and be partner-enabled in everything we do.

III MEF readiness starts with the individual and ethical behavior. I expect every Marine and sailor to be an exemplar of ethical behavior on and off duty. While the vast majority of you are already living to the ethical standards we expect, some are not. A single failure is one too many.

Maintaining ethical standards starts with the individual, but can only be maintained across the entire fighting force through unyielding standards enforced by leaders at every level, including the toughest leadership challenge of all, peer leadership.

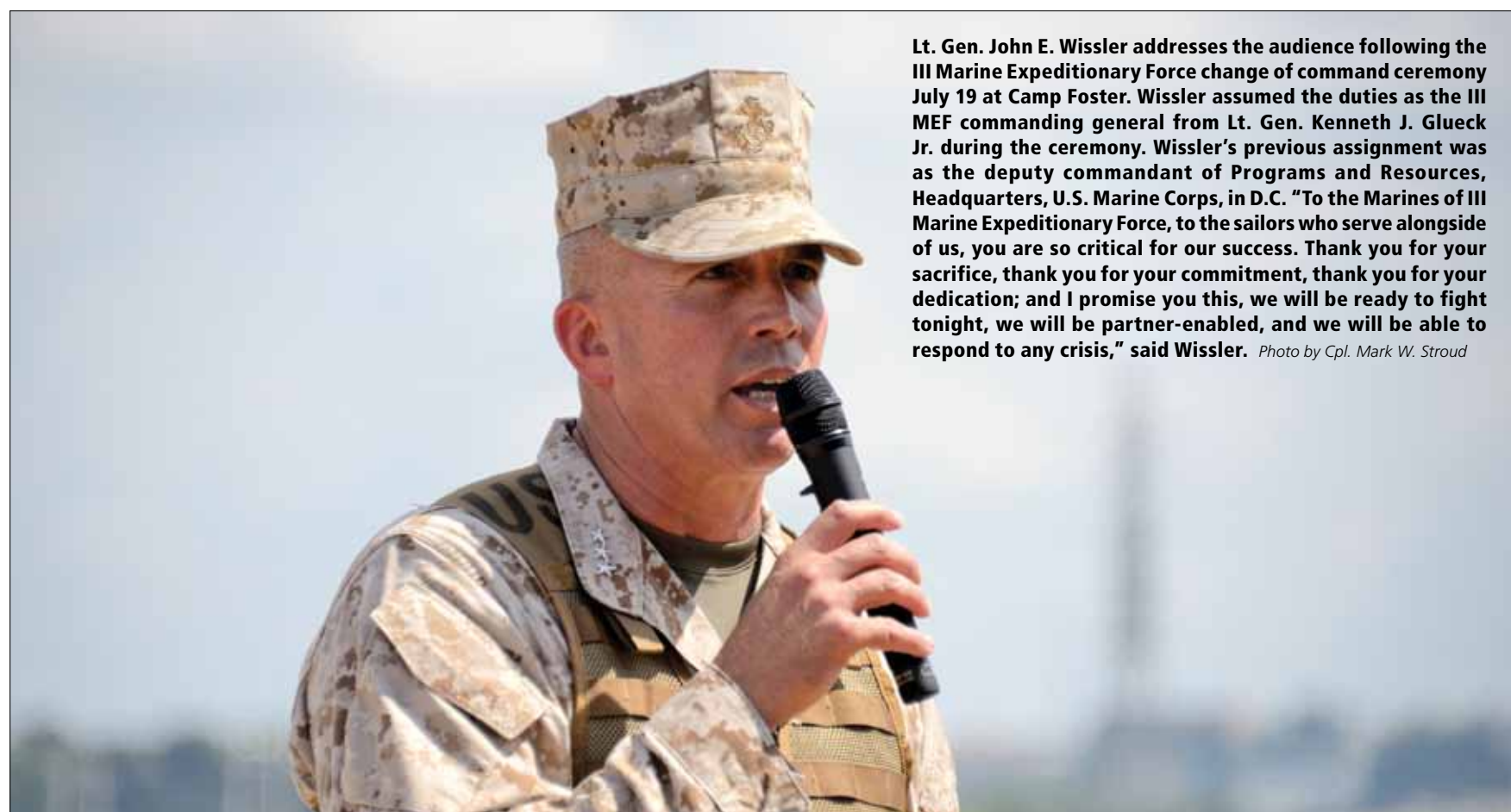
If you see less than ethical behavior — be it sexual assault, hazing, failing to maintain liberty standards, drug use, alcohol abuse, or any other poor life choice — intervene and eliminate it!

Accept no less than the highest ethical standards from yourself and those you lead. Our collective readiness demands your engaged leadership — our success on the battlefield or in crisis response is at stake.

Semper Fidelis,  
John E. Wissler  
Lieutenant General, U.S. Marine Corps  
Commanding General, III MEF  
Commander, Marine Forces Japan

Specifically, my priorities for each of you are as follows:

- Lead from the front and ensure warfighting excellence in everything we do — from exemplary ethical behavior to tactical brilliance — tolerate nothing less. If we fail here, we will not achieve our true potential in anything else.
- Prepare to fight tonight in defense of, and in conjunction with, our strategic alliance partners — Japan, the Republic of Korea, Australia, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Republic of the Philippines.
- Build and improve our partner nations' capabilities and our interoperability; make us both more effective through their success. Operationalize partner-enabled and focused warfighting readiness in everything we do.
- Complete the reconstitution of III MEF unit deployment program and our rotational forces on Okinawa, Australia and Guam. Refocus Marine Air-Ground Task Force excellence across the entirety of the reconstituted III MEF through integrated training and improved command and control processes.
- Integrate Marine Corps Installations Pacific leaders in all we do and at every level — they ensure we have a launching pad for success both deployed and at home station. They are our vital fifth element of the MAGTF.
- Ensure safe and professional mission planning and execution — make operational risk management a core competency from the individual to the unit level.
- Make yourself and your unit better every day — never accept "good enough" — evaluate your progress individually and collectively.



**Lt. Gen. John E. Wissler addresses the audience following the III Marine Expeditionary Force change of command ceremony July 19 at Camp Foster. Wissler assumed the duties as the III MEF commanding general from Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr. during the ceremony. Wissler's previous assignment was as the deputy commandant of Programs and Resources, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, in D.C. "To the Marines of III Marine Expeditionary Force, to the sailors who serve alongside of us, you are so critical for our success. Thank you for your sacrifice, thank you for your commitment, thank you for your dedication; and I promise you this, we will be ready to fight tonight, we will be partner-enabled, and we will be able to respond to any crisis," said Wissler. Photo by Cpl. Mark W. Stroud**



Life jackets are one piece of personal protective equipment needed during water activities. While participating in summer activities, safety must be implemented by using personal protective equipment. PPE provides an invaluable source of protection to minimize injury, according to Aaron M. Davis, the supervisory occupational safety and health specialist with the Installation Safety Office, Marine Corps Installations Pacific and Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Nicholas S. Ranum

## Personal protective equipment keeps service members, families safe

Lance Cpl. Nicholas S. Ranum

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CAMP FOSTER — Summer, with its increase of outdoor activities, is a prime time for injuries to befall the unwary. Twisted ankles, broken bones and concussions are common injuries that with a little caution and planning can be prevented throughout the summer.

Service members and their families should assess all recreational and off-duty activities and facilities before participating to identify hazards and implement actions to eliminate or mitigate risk, according to Marine Corps Order 5100.30B, the Marine Corps recreation and off-duty safety program.

To help minimize the risks, items such as helmets, pads, mouth guards and other proper attire should be used.

"Personal protective equipment is important to protect individuals from injuries while they are participating in their chosen activities," said Aaron M. Davis, the supervisory occupational safety and health specialist with the Installation Safety Office, Marine Corps Installations Pacific and Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler. "The activity or sport that is being conducted will determine what and how much PPE is required of the participants."

Some of the PPE for water activities include life jackets, dive masks, flippers and snorkels. For further guidance on water recreation PPE, swimmers are encouraged to reference III Marine Expeditionary Force/MCIPAC Order 5101.1 Chapter 1, Recreational Water Activities.

If someone is seeking land-based activities, there are also references for activities such as skateboarding, bicycling and motorcycle riding.

For activities that are normally associated with roads or sidewalks, the installation safety office

can provide the service member with MCIPACO 5560.1, according to Davis.

"Reading that will not only give the motorists an idea of what to watch for (while driving on Okinawa), but also instructs the bicyclists, skaters and motorcyclists on what to wear," said Davis.

Helmets, pants, long-sleeved shirts, gloves and boots are all required when operating a motorcycle on a military installation, according to Sgt. William G. Drake, a military policeman with the MCB Camp Butler Provost Marshal's Office.

"If the service member is not wearing proper PPE on a motorcycle, then we can issue them anything from a warning to a suspension of motorcycle riding privileges," said Drake. "If there is a family member not wearing the proper PPE, then we will warn the family member or contact the sponsor depending on the situation. In the end, it is about proper safety for everyone on the road."

Service members must take the proper steps to protect themselves and their families, whether on the road or in the water, to ensure they have a fun and safe summer, according to Davis.

"Wearing PPE saves time, energy and money," said Davis. "Using the right PPE for any activity is not only crucial to ensure your safety, but also your family's safety during summer activities."

For more information on the orders and other safety related questions please contact the Installation Safety Office at 645-3806.



## CATC Fuji welcomes new CO



Kostic



Wilson

Col. Andrew J. Kostic assumed command of Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji, Marine Corps Installations Pacific, from Col. Blake M. Wilson during a ceremony at CATC Camp Fuji July 25. Wilson commanded CATC Camp Fuji since July 2012 and will be serving next at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., with the office of the command inspector general. Kostic's previous assignment was at U.S. Africa Command, in Stuttgart-Moehringen, Germany, where he served as the deputy director of Joint Training and Exercises.

## BRIEFS

### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT

Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Operation is hosting a marriage retreat August 22-24 at the Kafuu Resort.

The retreat provides a free opportunity for all married couples to learn about or refresh their relationship skills.

Registration is via a first-come, first-served basis, and forms are available at <http://www.mccsokinawa.com/CREDO>.

For more information call 645-3041.

### POSTAL SERVICE CHANGE

The U.S. Postal Service is consolidating military mail processing operations from two coastal locations to one.

As part of this effort, new procedures affecting mobile Fleet Post Office and Postal Service Code addresses have been implemented. Each Navy mobile unit has a unique, nine-digit (ZIP+4) FPO ZIP code and PSC.

Effective immediately, the sender must include the full, correct, nine-digit ZIP code on all classes of mail, or USPS will return mail to sender marked undeliverable as addressed.

Each unit's new FPO ZIP is its original ZIP code plus the last four digits of its unit number.

The new PSC is the original ZIP code plus your personal four-digit box number or zero plus your three-digit box number.

For more information, call 637-0120.

### 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.

### ENERGY SAVING TIPS: ELECTRICITY

On the hottest days of the year, the electrical grid can become overwhelmed with the increased energy loads needed to cool and dehumidify buildings.

When this happens the utility company is forced to turn on additional power plants for extra electricity, increasing annual electricity rates.

Performing energy reduction measures such as turning off unnecessary electronic devices helps reduce energy costs.

For more information or suggestions for energy saving tips, call 645-3320.

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on base, according to Robert D. Eldridge, the deputy assistant chief of staff, G-7, government and external affairs, Marine Corps Installations Pacific.

The goal of the program is to provide children from Oshima with an experience that will enhance their worldview, according to Eldridge. By seeing a different part of Japan, and experiencing U.S. culture, it broadens their horizons.

During their trip, the students will stay with volunteers and their families.

The volunteers have opened their homes to give the children a new home-life experience, according to E. M. Gray, liaison officer to III Marine Expeditionary Force with Logistics, Plans, Policies, and Strategic Mobility Division, Installations and Logistics, Headquarters Marine Corps.

“(The people of Oshima are) living in hard times, but their futures are brightened by keeping their good attitudes and work ethics,” said Gray. “We’re just trying to give them hope and let them know that people still care. They can make it through.”

With the emotional well-being of the island’s children in mind, the Oshima youth cultural exchange organizers focused on making sure the visiting students of all ages have a well-rounded trip.

In past visits, the students participating have been between grades five and eight, according to Eldridge. Due to the length of the school year, this iteration marks the first time high school students will take part in the program.

This year’s events will include an internship with the American Chamber of Commerce, a night of bowling and a luau pool party, according to Cullen A. Ohashi, Family Care Branch chief, Marine Corps Community Services Okinawa.

As they retrieved their luggage, the students wondered out loud what they could look forward to during the exchange.

“With all the trips they have planned, we are going to be very busy and that’s exciting,” said Saya Onodera, a 15-year-old student from Oshima and second-time participant in the exchange. “We appreciate (the Oshima youth cultural exchange program) and the Marine Corps very much for giving us this opportunity to visit. I hope that my friendship with the Marine Corps blossoms with each visit.”

The participants and their chaperones are scheduled to visit until August 6, when they return to Oshima.



**Cpl. Angie Pazmino, right, practices approaching a bayonet-armed assailant July 24 at Camp Foster during a martial arts instructor course. The course, facilitated by the Marine Corps martial arts program's Martial Arts Center for Excellence, helped Marines attain the next level of MCMAP training, as well as added to their repertoire of leadership techniques, according to Pazmino, a student of the MACE's mobile training team, second-degree black belt course and ground-training noncommissioned officer with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Lance Cpl. Pete Sanders**

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The training also offered personal benefits such as physical conditioning and an increased understanding of martial arts techniques, according to Cpl. Angie Pazmino, a student of the MTT's second-degree black belt course and ground-training noncommissioned officer with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

In addition, the week's training also featured discussions on ethics and important figures in Marine Corps history.

The discussions during the week served as a catalyst for self growth, which the participants can then share with their units through mentorship and leadership, according to Pazmino.

“The training is about more than us,” said Pazmino. “It’s about gaining more knowledge and experience to give back to our Marines.”

The MACE members' visit to Okinawa also inspired many of the participants to better themselves along with their units, according to Roberts.

“When you see the members of MACE come out here, it’s extremely motivating,” said Roberts. “All of the Marines, regardless of rank, regardless of their belt, are able to train with them and be mentored by them. Then, we can take it and (teach)

what we learn here to our Marines.”

One of the principles stressed was why the program exists in the Marine Corps, according to Sgt. Tyler W. Hood, a martial arts instructor-trainer with the MACE.

“MCMAP takes many beneficial ingredients that we have taken from other (martial arts) systems out there,” said Hood. “We have combined them into one system, one format that will help us effectively take the fight to the enemy on the battlefield.”

Along with the more obvious applications to combat operations, MCMAP remains very relevant to everyday life, according to Hood.

“There are techniques that are going to help us in nonlethal or noncombative environments,” said Hood. “I’m going to have to neutralize it, but I don’t want to be as combative as I would on a battlefield. MCMAP teaches you how to identify those scenarios and take the appropriate action.”

The MACE instructors were pleased with the participants and conduct of training, according to Hood. Four students earned third-degree black belt instructor-trainer tabs, and 16 earned a mix of second-degree black belt instructor and instructor-trainer tabs.

“Okinawa has always been a solid place for the martial arts program,” said Hood. “For us to come out here is truly an honor.”

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Tiltrotor Squadron 265 (Reinforced), 31st MEU.

“With a full scenario in place and having a detailed understanding of what we are against, we learn how to go from a kinetic environment to posting a local force in control,” said Capt. Kyle Wolfe, the Co. E commander with BLT 2nd Bn., 4th Marines. “We are able to do all the things that an infantry company would have to do in a situation like this. We patrol, ambush and fight the enemy, but at the same time we interact with civilians and help them out.”

Using the 31st MEU's aviation combat element, VMM-265 (Rein.), the insertion required four MV-22B Osprey tiltrotor aircraft and two CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters to transport more than 100 Marines and sailors near their objective. Two AH-1W Super Cobra helicopters provided close-air support around the landing zone, ensuring the company had aerial protection from enemy counter-attack during their consolidation on the ground.

“The ACE helps transports us from the ship to the shore and can land us in hostile environments because of the security their aircraft provide,” said Sgt. Brock E. Callaway, a squad leader for the combat engineers with Co. E, BLT 2nd Bn., 4th Marines.

Patrolling through more than a kilometer of thick vegetation, the Marines cautiously moved forward, remaining vigilant for possible ambushes until the target building was in sight. Intelligence had warned that a sizeable enemy force was in the area.

Moving to the objective with overlapping security, the Marines and sailors found that the predicted force was nowhere to be seen. Modifications to the company's strategy had to be made immediately.

“When we got into the compound and realized that there were no enemy forces, adjustments had to be made,” said Cpl. Brent S. Berven, a squad leader with Co. E, BLT 2nd Bn., 4th Marines. “As soon as boots hit the deck, everything changes. You can plan for everything in the world, but never be ready for every aspect of combat.”

Talisman Saber 2013, in its fifth iteration, is a monthlong biennial exercise designed to enhance multilateral collaboration in support of future combined operations, humanitarian assistance and natural disaster response.

The exercise has an integrated force of approximately 18,000 U.S. service members training alongside approximately 9,000 Australian service members.

# Combat engineers breach enemy lines, support

Lance Cpl. Brandon C. Suhr

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From razor wire to land mines, fixed defenses have always posed a challenge for infantrymen attempting to close with the enemy, serving to block their path or direct them into heavily defended areas. Marine infantry relies on combat engineers to breach obstacles and provide clear lanes of approach to the enemy.

Marines with Combat Engineer Company, Combat Assault Battalion, teamed with infantrymen with 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, to execute live-fire and maneuver and obstacle-breaching training July 22 at Range 10 near Camp Schwab.

The training marks the first time in five years that CAB Marines have been able to conduct live-fire and maneuver exercises in conjunction with infantrymen, according to Capt. Timothy G. Ernst, the Combat Engineer Co. commander, CAB, 3rd

Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. The resumption of the unit deployment program has brought U.S.-based units to Okinawa, allowing CAB to train hand in hand with units it would serve with on a combat deployment.

“Engineers train to infantry standards because we support infantry units,” said Ernst. “We have to be able to do everything they can do and still do our (primary) job.”

Marines with 3rd Bn., 6th Marines, provided indirect-fire support with 60 mm mortars as a squad of CAB Marines closed with and breached the obstacle. Once the obstacle had been breached, the Marines destroyed the enemy positions. Meanwhile, a second squad of CAB Marines provided direct-fire support with light and medium machine guns.

“This type of training hasn’t happened for some time now,” said 1st Lt. Thomas J. Baxter, a platoon commander with Combat Engineer Co., CAB. “It’s good that we are getting out here and doing it.”

Squad live-fire and maneuver training expands the skill-set of junior Marines and sharpens the skills of senior Marines who have not conducted similar training in an extended period of time, according to Baxter.

“There are times when we, as combat engineers, may be attached to infantry units, so we have to understand what those units do,” said Baxter. “We have to understand the piece we play in it.”

The training required the Marines to combine a wide spectrum of their training and capabilities to accomplish the mission, according to Baxter.

The engineers used bangalore torpedoes to clear concertina wire obstacles while the fire-support elements suppressed simulated enemy combatants.

“With this training, we will be able to better our breaching techniques to help ensure mission accomplishment” said Pfc. David J. Choppa, a combat engineer with the company. “The way we



Pfc. Nathaniel A. Henthorne engages and suppresses targets July 22 at Range 10 near Camp Schwab during a combined-arms exercise. Marines with Combat Engineer Co., CAB, worked with mortarmen with 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, to suppress targets with medium and light machine gun fire along with 60 mm mortars, allowing a squad of combat engineers to maneuver to and reduce obstacles. The engineers used bangalore torpedoes to clear a path through the danger area before confirming the passageway was clear and marked the lane for follow-on forces. Henthorne is a combat engineer with Combat Engineer Co., CAB, 3rd Marine Division, III MEF. 3rd Bn., 6th Marines, is assigned to 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, III MEF, under the unit deployment program. Photo by Cpl. Mark W. Stroud

A bangalore torpedo charge planted by Marines with Combat Engineer Company, Combat Assault Battalion, detonates July 22 at Range 10 near Camp Schwab during a combined-arms live-fire and maneuver exercise. The bangalore torpedo charge cleared a path through concertina wire during the training. During combat operations, the charge is used to clear land mines or improvised explosive devices. CAB is a part of 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Cpl. Mark W. Stroud

# infantry assault

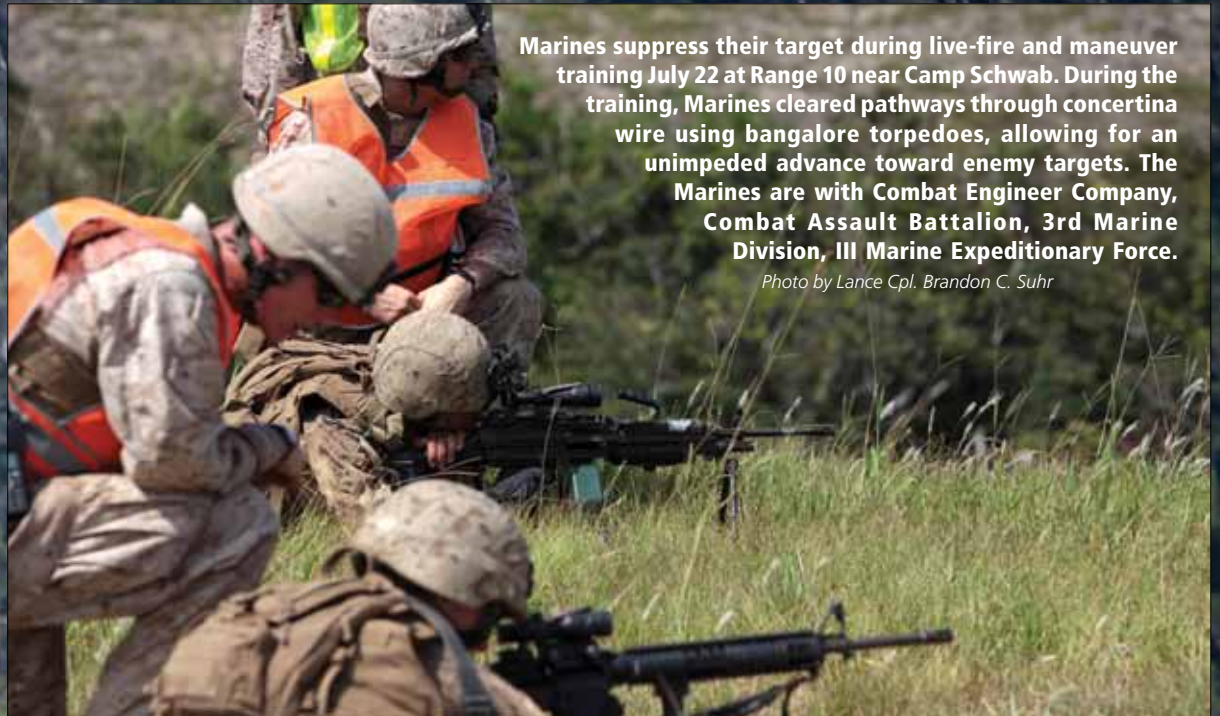
tactically destroyed the concertina wire taught us how to breach enemy areas, so we can efficiently close with them and secure the objective.”

The UDP units, including infantry battalions, and a light armored reconnaissance company assigned to CAB, have provided new training opportunities to Okinawa-based units with their expanded capabilities.

“You have to train like you fight,” said Baxter. “As engineers, it’s extremely important for us, especially here at CAB, because we are a unique piece and we can be attached to infantry units at any time.”

The training also helps the engineers during any future assignments with ground-combat-element units, according to Choppa.

“Since this training hasn’t happened in over five years, it was new to most of the Marines here,” said Choppa. “I think we conducted the training well, and now we can pass this knowledge on to other troops.”



Marines suppress their target during live-fire and maneuver training July 22 at Range 10 near Camp Schwab. During the training, Marines cleared pathways through concertina wire using bangalore torpedoes, allowing for an unimpeded advance toward enemy targets. The Marines are with Combat Engineer Company, Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

*Photo by Lance Cpl. Brandon C. Suhr*



Cpl. John D. Huddleston Jr., left, tosses a hook to ensure there are no hidden explosive devices in the intended path of travel while Pfc. David J. Choppa provides security during fire and maneuver training July 22 at Range 10 near Camp Schwab. The evolution was part of Combat Assault Battalion’s field training exercise. Huddleston and Choppa are combat engineers with Combat Engineer Co., CAB, 3rd Marine Division, III MEF. *Photo by Lance Cpl. Brandon C. Suhr*



Pfc. Michael W. Horton, left, and Lance Cpl. David J. McDonald maneuver into position on a ridgeline to suppress targets July 22 at Range 10 near Camp Schwab during a combined-arms exercise. Horton and McDonald are combat engineers with Combat Engineer Co., CAB, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. *Photo by Cpl. Mark W. Stroud*

# American, Japanese students bond at Kid Olympics

Lance Cpl. John S. Gargano

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The children launched themselves forward at the signal of the official, each channeling their inner cheetah in an attempt to win the footrace.

More than 240 Japanese and American students participated in the Kid Olympics cultural exchange and sporting event July 27 at the Okinawa Amicus International Elementary School.

The event was designed to foster mutual understanding and familiarity with Japanese and American culture and enlighten each community's perspective of the other, according to Rodney A. Pratt, the event coordinator.

"If you get a group of Japanese and American students together they are naturally going to gravitate to the group that they (verbally) communicate with," said Pratt. "What we are doing here is pairing up American and Japanese students, so that they have to work with someone of another culture and another language ... to achieve a common goal."

The international pairs competed in several events, including water balloon tosses, footraces, basketball and tug of war.

The teamwork required by the sporting events fostered communication and created a bond, which gave the children a shared experience to help in building a lasting friendship, according to Pratt.

The friendships formed during the event helped the participants gain a new perspective toward their neighbors.

"I think it gives the people of Okinawa an opportunity to interact with us on a personal level as opposed to them strictly seeing us in our military role," said Laura Novotny, a military spouse and the mother of two participants. "My sons are very curious about the island and its people, so this gives them a



Japanese and American students participate in a water-balloon distance toss during the Kid Olympics July 27 at Camp Courtney. The Kid Olympics gave Japanese and American students the opportunity to partner with one another and share a day of fun. The event featured numerous sporting activities and opportunities for students from different cultures to connect. Photo by Lance Cpl. John S. Gargano

great opportunity to be able to branch out and make new friends."

Bonds formed between children can also serve as a basis for parents to expand their social circle and get to know their international counterparts, according to Pratt.

"There haven't been a lot of opportunities for Japanese families to actually see the American family unit, and (when they do) they realize there are more similarities than there are differences," said Pratt.

By the end of the day, both Japanese and American students could stand proud and complement one another on a job well done,

armed with the gift of new friendship.

"It was so much fun for me to be able to participate in the different activities and to make new friends," said Kounosuke Ishikawa, a 9-year-old participant.

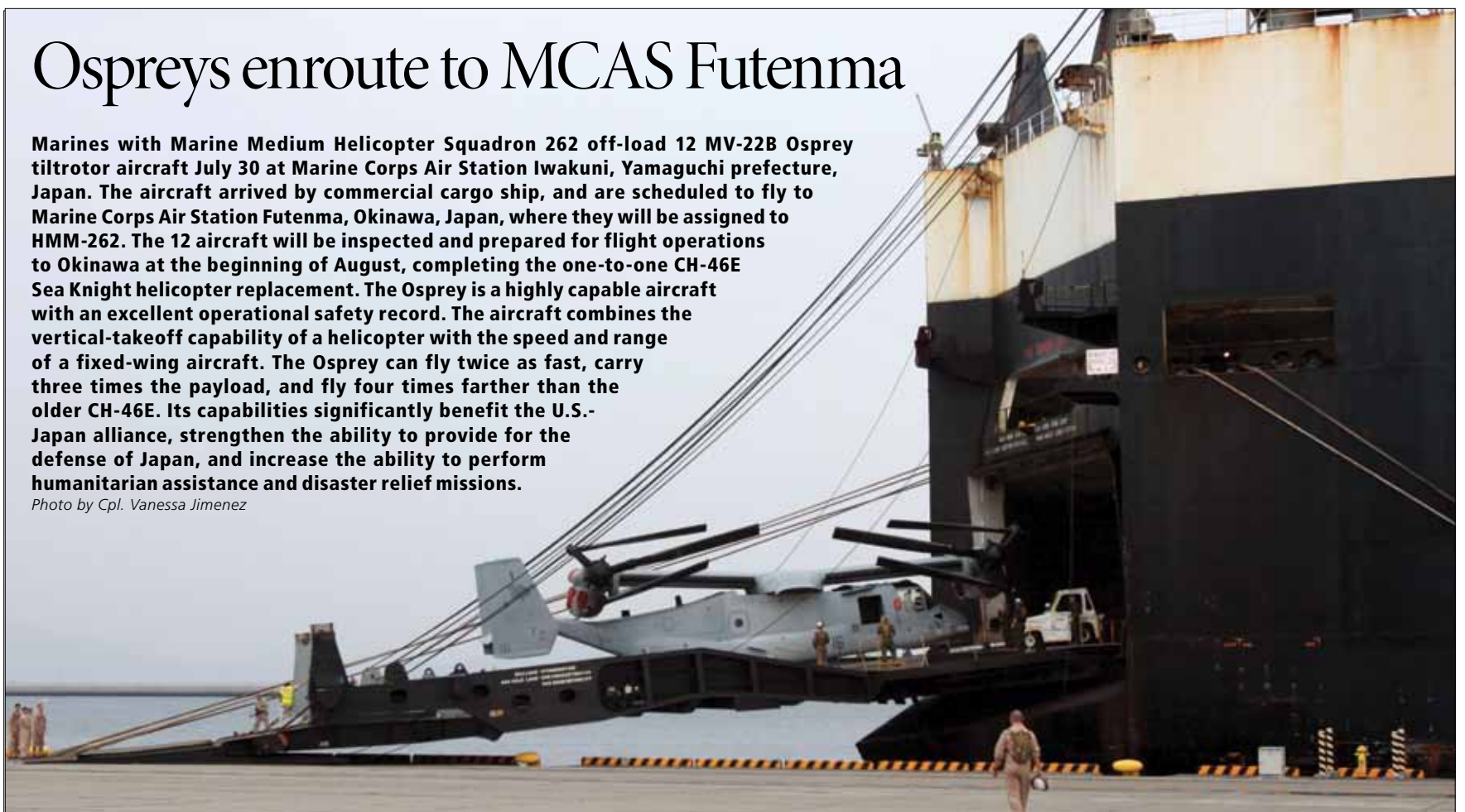
The opportunities presented by the event were valued by participants of both countries.

"It is very good to meet Americans and a great opportunity to connect and experience a different side (of American culture) from what many Japanese see," said Inako Ishikawa, a parent at the event. "This gathering helps maintain the peace and harmony between our two cultures."

## Ospreys enroute to MCAS Futenma

Marines with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262 off-load 12 MV-22B Osprey tiltrotor aircraft July 30 at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Yamaguchi prefecture, Japan. The aircraft arrived by commercial cargo ship, and are scheduled to fly to Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Okinawa, Japan, where they will be assigned to HMM-262. The 12 aircraft will be inspected and prepared for flight operations to Okinawa at the beginning of August, completing the one-to-one CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter replacement. The Osprey is a highly capable aircraft with an excellent operational safety record. The aircraft combines the vertical-takeoff capability of a helicopter with the speed and range of a fixed-wing aircraft. The Osprey can fly twice as fast, carry three times the payload, and fly four times farther than the older CH-46E. Its capabilities significantly benefit the U.S.-Japan alliance, strengthen the ability to provide for the defense of Japan, and increase the ability to perform humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions.

Photo by Cpl. Vanessa Jimenez





# Marines get back to basics of combat marksmanship

Story and photos by  
Lance Cpl. Henry J. Antenor

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Marines line up one by one with targets 15 yards to their right. When given the command, they pivot toward their respective target, rapidly sight-in, and send pieces of the target flying as their rounds find their mark.

Marines with Company B, 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF, completed the intermediate combat rifle marksmanship course July 24 at Range 8 on Camp Hansen to build on the fundamentals of being a Marine rifleman.

The drills familiarized the Marines with how to effectively employ their weapons in close-quarters combat situations, according to Capt. Jay M. Woods, the Co. B commander, 3rd LE Bn.

"It's a confidence builder," said Woods. "It will improve their skills and their marksmanship with constant repetition, and make them better warfighters. It's brilliance in the basics."

The Marines began the course of fire by shooting in the prone position at 36 yards to align their rifle combat optics. Once the RCOs were aligned, the course of fire consisted of firing at various distances and at different aim points on the target using a number of firing techniques.

One such technique is known as a hammer pair, which consists of two single-shots fired rapidly. Another similar technique was the controlled pair, which required precision over speed with two well-aimed shots.

"The course applies the basics of rifle marksmanship and combat rifle marksmanship and adds extra movements to each course of fire (to include) pivots and forward advances," said Cpl. Robert J. Smith II, a military policeman with Co. B, 3rd LE Bn. "We want to make sure these Marines are comfortable and confident with their rifles. When they deploy, they should be able to use their rifles like an extension of themselves."

The Marines who deploy to operational theaters use these skills in their everyday jobs, according to Woods.

"This unit is charged with forward-operation base security, route security, convoy security and more," said Woods. "While fulfilling these duties, the fundamentals become second nature to the Marines facing danger and can be applied when the enemy appears."

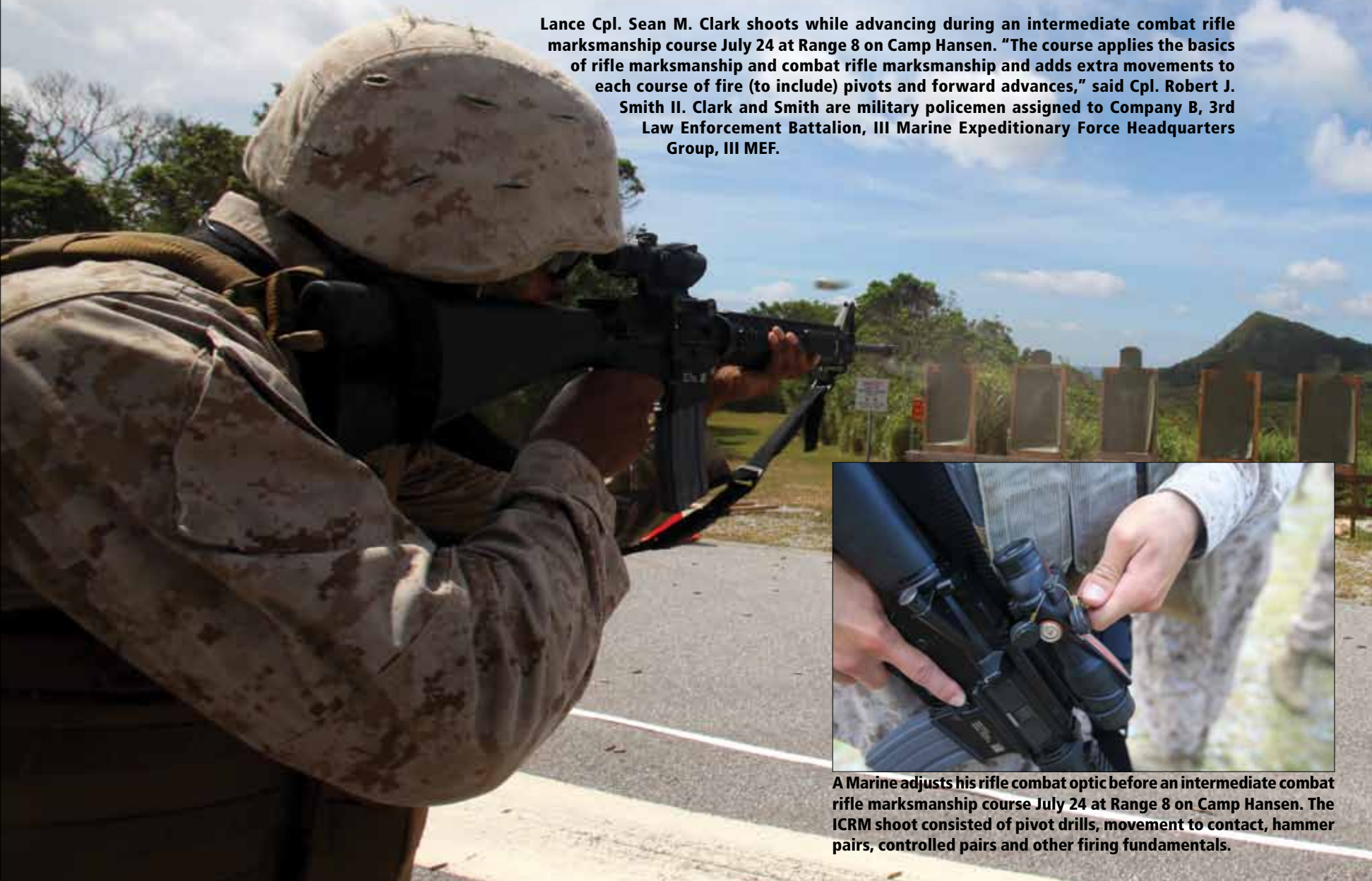
The training gave the younger Marines a chance to familiarize themselves with weapons while ensuring the entire course of fire went well, according to Woods.

"Everything turned out to be a success," said Woods. "The Marines were able to enjoy themselves while they built on the fundamentals."



First Sgt. Richard M. Allen stands ready to pivot during an intermediate combat rifle marksmanship shoot July 24 at Range 8 on Camp Hansen. The drills are meant to increase the Marines' confidence in their rifle skills, so it becomes second nature to them, according to Capt. Jay M. Woods, the Company B commander, 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF. Allen is the Co. B first sergeant, 3rd LE Bn., III MHG, III MEF.

Lance Cpl. Sean M. Clark shoots while advancing during an intermediate combat rifle marksmanship course July 24 at Range 8 on Camp Hansen. "The course applies the basics of rifle marksmanship and combat rifle marksmanship and adds extra movements to each course of fire (to include) pivots and forward advances," said Cpl. Robert J. Smith II. Clark and Smith are military policemen assigned to Company B, 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF.



A Marine adjusts his rifle combat optic before an intermediate combat rifle marksmanship course July 24 at Range 8 on Camp Hansen. The ICRM shoot consisted of pivot drills, movement to contact, hammer pairs, controlled pairs and other firing fundamentals.

# Tactics, maneuvering perfected through paintball

Sgt. Brian A. Marion

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

The stiflingly humid air felt heavy on the Marines as they prepared their equipment for the upcoming conflict.

Off in the distance, a whistle blew and all chatter stopped. The Marines quickly and quietly moved through the treeline until they emerged onto a dirt pathway.

Crossing in a tactical column, the Marines methodically made their way toward a crossroad. As they neared the dangerous terrain feature, the familiar report of a paintball gun rang out, unleashing its painful paint-filled pellets.

A group of 35 Marines and sailors trained in small-unit tactics via paintball July 26 at the Xsplat paintball field near White Beach Port Facility. The service members were with 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF.

The goal of the training was to familiarize the Marines with small-unit fire-and-maneuver techniques while building unit cohesion and increasing morale.

"The Marine Corps definitely gave me the tactics and techniques to increase my skill in the (training)," said Lance Cpl. Matthew B. Deleon, a fire support man with 5th ANGLICO. "You don't want to be the one to let your team down, so you work together to win as a team."

During each match, the Marines used techniques they



Marines react to an ambush during a paintball match July 26 at the Xsplat paintball field near White Beach Port Facility. The Marines are with 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF.

Photo by Sgt. Brian A. Marion

learned during the course of their careers to assist them in closing with and engaging the other team.

"During the matches, everybody was covering for each other, and there was excellent communication between them as they conducted fire team and squad rushes," said Staff Sgt. Matthew T. Yeramian, the administrative chief with 5th ANGLICO.

In several instances, the Marines saw members of their team pinned down by a steady stream of paintballs, but through flanking maneuvers they were able to dislodge

their opponent and return their teammates to the fight, according to Yeramian.

Along with the Marines executing small-unit tactics, the training increased morale and built unit cohesion.

"It was awesome to come out here and relieve some of the week's stress," said Sgt. Daniel J. Miner, a field radio operator with 5th ANGLICO. "It was a big boost for the morale of the unit, and everyone will be talking about it for days when we get back."

"I ask everyone who checks in with (the unit) 'What would be one thing you would want to do

while you are with the unit?' and almost everyone says they want to do paintball," said Valerie Patmore, the coordinator of the event and family readiness officer for 5th ANGLICO.

As the last match ended, the Marines reflected on how the basic tactics used and competitiveness displayed between each team made it an exciting day for everyone.

"It was definitely a challenge ... because you don't want to let your team down," said Deleon. "You don't want to be the one to get hit and leave the buddy to your left and right vulnerable. This was one of the best days I've had."

## 3rd Maintenance Battalion tightens wrenches on readiness

Lance Cpl. John S. Gargano

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

With a twist of a wrench and the turn of a screwdriver, Marines work diligently to repair electronics, fix vehicles and equipment, and maintain the readiness necessary to respond to any crisis.

To help ensure readiness, Marines with 3rd Maintenance Battalion took part in a battalion-wide maintenance exercise July 16 at Camp Kinser.

"The training was an estimation as to what it would take to move our battalion during a large-scale exercise (or operation)," said 1st

Lt. Elle M. Ekman, the executive officer of the battalion, which is part of Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III

Marine Expeditionary Force. "The exercise is a way to improve our expeditionary capabilities and consider the logistical aspects of what we would need to see performed during future large-scale exercises and deployments."

The day focused on vehicle maintenance and electronic and radio repair.

"Our mission was to repair the radios and electronic equipment that is going to be (relied on)," said Lance Cpl. Dorian O. Fernandez,

a telephone repairman with the battalion. "This was great training because it better prepared us for when we will need to participate in large operations."

If a piece of equipment's functionality is degraded or unusable it can have a drastic effect on mission accomplishment, according to Staff Sgt. Matthew C. Traywick, the radio-repair section chief with the battalion.

"We used this time to work on any issues and see where our shortfalls are," said Traywick. "One of the biggest aspects of the exercise was to identify equipment malfunctions early on, so we can mitigate them for future operations and deployments."

The exercise helped Marines organize the battalion quickly and competently for future deployments.

The meticulous and demanding exercise also provided a window into what the Marines can expect in future exercises, and it allowed the Marines to prepare for the operation in an efficient manner, according to Sgt. Steven Orta, an automotive organizational mechanic with the battalion.

"The exercise was a great chance for the Marines to get a feel for what the field will be like," said Orta. "It also provided them with the opportunity to perfect their skills. The training enables the battalion to be ready to deploy."

As the exercise ended, the members of the battalion realized they had made great strides in terms of preparation and were ready for what the future would bring, according to Orta.

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# In Theaters Now

**AUG 2 - 8**

**FOSTER**

**TODAY** The Smurfs 2 (3-D) (PG), 6 p.m.; The Wolverine (3-D) (PG13), 9:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY** The Smurfs 2 (PG), noon; The Smurfs 2 (3-D) (PG), 3 p.m.; The Wolverine (3-D) (PG13), 6 p.m.; The Wolverine (PG13), 9:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Closed

**MONDAY** The Smurfs 2 (3-D) (PG), 3 p.m.; The Wolverine (3-D) (PG13), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** The Smurfs 2 (PG), 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** The Wolverine (PG13), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** The Smurfs 2 (3-D) (PG), 3 p.m.; The Wolverine (3-D) (PG13), 7 p.m.

**KADENA**

**TODAY** The Smurfs 2 (3-D) (PG), 6 p.m.; The Wolverine (3-D) (PG13), 9:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY** The Wolverine (PG13), 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY** The Smurfs 2 (PG), 1 p.m.; The Wolverine (3-D) (PG13), 4 p.m.; The Wolverine (PG13), 8 p.m.

**MONDAY** The Smurfs 2 (3-D) (PG), 3 p.m.; The Wolverine (3-D) (PG13), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** The Smurfs 2 (PG), 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** The Wolverine (PG13), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** World War Z (PG13), 7 p.m.

**COURTNEY**

**TODAY** The Wolverine (3-D) (PG13), 5:30 & 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY** The Smurfs 2 (3-D) (PG), 3 p.m.; The Wolverine (PG13), 6 p.m.

**SUNDAY** The Smurfs 2 (PG), 3 p.m.; The Wolverine (PG13), 6 p.m.

**MONDAY** The Conjuring (R), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Closed

**WEDNESDAY** The Smurfs 2 (PG), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Closed

**FUTENMA**

**TODAY** The Wolverine (3-D) (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY** R.I.P.D. (3-D) (PG13), 4 p.m.; The Wolverine (3-D) (PG13), 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Pacific Rim (3-D) (PG13), 4 p.m.; The Wolverine (3-D) (PG13), 7 p.m.

**MONDAY** The Conjuring (R), 6:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY-THURSDAY** Closed

**KINSER**

**TODAY** The Wolverine (3-D) (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY** The Smurfs 2 (3-D) (PG), 3 p.m.; The Wolverine (3-D) (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY** The Smurfs 2 (3-D) (PG), 1 p.m.; The Wolverine (3-D) (PG13), 3:30 & 6:30 p.m.

**MONDAY-TUESDAY** Closed

**WEDNESDAY** The Smurfs 2 (3-D) (PG), 6:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY** The Wolverine (3-D) (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

**SCHWAB**

**TODAY** The Wolverine (3-D) (PG13), 6 p.m.; The Wolverine (PG13), 9:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY** The Wolverine (3-D) (PG13), 6 p.m.; Man of Steel (3-D) (PG13), 9:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY** The Smurfs 2 (PG), 3 p.m.; The Wolverine (3-D) (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

**MONDAY-THURSDAY** Closed

**HANSEN**

**TODAY** The Wolverine (3-D) (PG13), 6:30 p.m.; The Wolverine (PG13), 10 p.m.

**SATURDAY** The Wolverine (3-D) (PG13), 3 & 6 p.m.; The Wolverine (PG13), 9:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY** The Smurfs 2 (3-D) (PG), 2:30 p.m.; The Wolverine (3-D) (PG13), 6 p.m.

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

**TUESDAY** The Wolverine (3-D) (PG13), 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** World War Z (PG13), 7 p.m.

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

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- MCAS FUTENMA** 636-3890
- (USO NIGHT)** 636-2113
- CAMP COURTNEY** 622-9616
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- (USO NIGHT)** 623-5011
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- CAMP SCHWAB** 625-2333
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**DANCE FESTIVAL**

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

**PARK TRIP**

• Join the SMP for a trip to the Churaumi Aquarium and Tropical Dream Center Aug. 11 at Ocean Expo Park. There will be a bus to pick up attendees at each installation. For more information, contact the SMP office via the number above.

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# TEST YOUR CORPS KNOWLEDGE:

When was the first amphibious landing in Marine Corps history?

See answer in next week's issue

**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

Operation Phantom Fury refers to which major Marine engagement?

**ANSWER:**

The Second Battle of Fallujah, which took place Nov. 7 - Dec. 23, 2004, was the first major engagement fought solely against insurgent forces and was the bloodiest battle of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



## Japanese phrase of the week:

“Kudasai.”

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

# CHAPLAINS'

ORNER

“...A lot of precious time has gone, without notice.”



## Appreciate loved ones, precious time

**Lt. Matthew Fore**  
3RD BATTALION, 12TH MARINE REGIMENT, CHAPLAIN

Recently, I have been thinking about my lovely wife more than usual. Probably because we have been physically separated for a couple of months and are eagerly excited to reunite in one month's time due to my upcoming permanent change of station.

As I reflect on my three years of service with 3rd Marine Division, I only recently realized that I deployed and was away from my family for more than 11 months throughout this tour ... and a lot of precious time has passed, without notice.

So I came to wonder, how many Marines and sailors go from one deployment to the next training evolution, and all their precious time gone, without notice?

I wonder how many cumulative holidays, birthdays, anniversaries,

graduations, weddings, and births were missed, and all that precious time gone, without notice?

So, I would recommend that we all take an operational pause. I encourage you to appreciate your loved ones for their unconditional and sacrificial love. Recognize the many hours of quiet labor inside the home, perhaps letting go of careers for the sake of family. Remember how patiently they waited during multiple deployments. And thank them for countless and seamless hours of prayer for the family.

Your loved ones would be happy to hear you say that you are grateful for their sacrifice and patience. They need to know you love them more than anything else in this world and that you will miss them whenever you have to go away.

I hope that precious time will never again slip away from any of us, without notice.

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