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Maj. Gen. Stephen E. Liszewski, center, commanding general of Marine Corps Installations Pacific, invited, from left to right, Mayor Hajime Nakama of Kin Town, Vice Mayor Akira Nakamatsu of Chatan Town, Mayor Masanori Matsugawa of Ginowan City, Vice Mayor Chiemi Oshiro of Urasoe City, and commanders of Camps Hansen, Foster, and Kinser to a signing ceremony at Camp Foster. The LIA allows residents in those cities and towns access to respective camps in an event of natural disaster. An LIA was first signed with MCIPAC in 2012 and has been renewed every five years since.

沖縄県内4つの市町代表が、初めて一度に集まり、米海兵隊太平洋基地との現地実施協定に署名した。

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THE IMPORTANCE OF CAMP **FUJI AND ITS EMPLOYEES**

Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuii

Col. Neil J. Owens

Combined Arms Training Center (CATC) Camp Fuji is a MCIPAC installation located on the eastern slopes of iconic Mount Fuji. We provide U.S. Forces with the premier training facility in Japan, support operational plans, and strengthen relationships with joint and Japanese partners in order to ensure that U.S. forward-deployed and forward-based forces are ready to uphold our treaty obligations to the people of Japan under the U.S.-Japan Alliance. We do this by facilitating III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) and joint training in the East Fuji Maneuver Area and North Fuji Maneuver Area, and by establishing close and cooperative relationships with the many Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) garrisons that are based in the immediate vicinity.

We have a small staff of about 400 Marines, sailors, and civilian employees. Japanese Master Labor Contract (MLC) and Independent Hiring Agreement (IHA) employees comprise almost 40% of our staff, and they are absolutely essential to the successful execution of camp operations. Our Japanese employees are fully involved in everything we do: they are involved in the camp's operations, logistics, and administration; they facilitate and interpret our engagements with JGSDF and municipal officials; they conduct and supervise facility and motor vehicle maintenance; they keep us fed; they protect us by providing perimeter and internal security; and they keep us safe through the constant vigilance exercised by the fire and emergency services section. In this respect the Japanese employees aboard CATC Fuji are no different than those aboard any other Japan-based MCIPAC installation: through their hard work and professionalism they provide an indispensable contribution to the Marine Corps' basing in Japan, and thus they contribute directly to the continued maintenance of Japan's security.

On November 4, 2022, Sqt. Maj. Paz and I had the great privilege of recognizing ten CATC Fuji MLC/IHA employees during a Length of Service Award Ceremony. The employees that we recognized had all contributed either ten, twenty, or thirty years of honorable, faithful and professional service to CATC Fuji. The Sqt. Maj. and I said a few words of introduction and thanks before presenting each of the awardees with a congratulatory certificate signed by Lt. Gen. Bierman, the III MEF commanding general, but nothing we said or did that day could fully capture the deep gratitude and heartfelt thank you that we owe each and every one of the MLCs/IHAs who support the Marine Corps here in Japan.

キャンプ富士司令官オーウェンズ大佐の基地紹介の日本語訳は2ページへ。 Japanese translation on page 2.

Owens is a former director of G7, Government and External Affairs, MCIPAC. He left Okinawa and assumed command of CATC Camp Fuji in May 17, 2022.

オーウェンズ大佐は、前米海兵隊太平洋基地、海兵隊バトラー基地政務 外交部長。2022年5月17日、沖縄を離れ諸職種共同訓練センターの司令 官に就任。

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US-JAPAN JOINT EXCHANGE PROGRAM CULTIVATES HOPE IN NEXT GENERATION

Students from Ginowan City and Lester Middle School (LMS) came together for the 2022 Youth Exchange Program at Camp Lester, Oct. 1-2, 2022.

Organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) and Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) -Pacific Region, the program was held for the first time in Okinawa as a bilateral initiative to build friendships and foster diverse perspectives.

The Youth Exchange Program (YEP) was launched in 2020 with support from the U.S. Embassy and Consulates in Japan, and U.S. Forces Japan. However, due to COVID-19, Misawa Air Force Base, Misawa City, Aomori Prefecture, was the only place to host the event that

According to Miranda Ferguson, Pacific region communications director of DoDEA, the 2022 school year was the first year after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic that the YEP is scheduled at U.S. military bases throughout Japan. The partnership provides an opportunity for Japanese and DoDEA students to participate in educational and cultural exchange during the two-day program.

Eleven eighth graders from LMS and 10 junior high students from Ginowan participated.

The students from Ginowan were selected through a speech contest during the previous school year in which they could have had a chance to participate in the study abroad program. That did not occur due to the pandemic.

However, the city provided those students with language training in Tokyo, then joined YEP hoping to give the students more opportunity to further enhance the knowledge and communication skills by interacting with native English speaking children.

LMS students, on the other hand, went through an application process, which included explaining why they wished to take part in the program.

Ruka Sato, a junior high school student affiliated with Showa Pharmaceutical University, said that during

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Student participants pose for a group photo with representatives of the Mi nistry of Foreign Affairs, Department of Defense Education Activity, Ginowan City, and the U.S. Marine Corps after the closing ceremony for the 2022 Youth E xchange Program.

2022年日米交流事業閉会式後に、外務省、米国防省教育部、宜野湾市、米海兵隊 大平洋基地の代表者と集合写真を撮る同市とレスター中学校からの参加者たち。

したりするようになっ

Photos by Ichino Doshida / 写真 土信田一乃 Marines pose with the "People's feelings and hearts never debris after the clean-up.

清掃後、漂着したパレット

を前にポーズをとる海兵

pallet was found on a distant shore 11 years after the disaster.

The marking on the side of the drifted pallet

decay, and when they remember Kesennuma and contact us (like this), we feel a 'connection,'" said Miura.

11 YEARS AFTER...MESSAGE FROM SEA: The reality that should never be forgotten

Kinser Marines found a beat up pallet while they engaged in the cleanup effort on the beach behind Camp Kinser Elementary School during a volunteer activity, Sept. 30, 2022. The significance of this pallet comes from what is written on it.

On it the words "Kesennuma Seafood Processing."

Kesennuma is one of the port cities which was devastated by the Great East Japan Earthquake and subsequent tsunami on March 11, 2011.

Mika Miura of the Kesennuma City Great East Japan Earthquake Memorial Museum in Kesennuma, confirmed that the pallet belonged to the Kesennuma Seafood Processing Cooperative and that it was used before the tsunami.

This pallet could have washed up on the shore of Okinawa after possibly drifting in the ocean for more than a

According to Miura, a member of the Kesennuma Seafood Processing Cooperative was surprised that the

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her language training in Tokyo in August, the English teacher spoke in a way that was easy for the students to understand (by breaking up sentences). However, after explaining her concern that this would not be the case when speaking English with local people abroad solely on her own, she smiled and said "but today, surprisingly, I was able to communicate with my own words, writing, and gestures, so I am very happy. It was really a good experience.'

She thought it was refreshing to see that LMS is not like Japanese schools even though it is in Japan. Sato was also surprised to see the atmosphere of American students was similar to that of Japanese. They were also nervous and tense at first but gradually began to open up, laughing and talking.

On the first day of the program, the students were divided into four groups. They introduced themselves to each other, came up with names for their groups, played games, introduced others in the opposite language, talked about culture shocks and gave presentations.

On the second day, they compared their daily life as a student to find the differences and similarities in culture and lifestyle of both countries. They also played a team game such as tongue twisters in both English and Japanese, designed a local mascot to promote the place they

live and made presentations.

"Even though I speak Japanese at home, it's just a language I know, not the culture," said Ray Bragdon, 12, a student from LMS. whose mother

is Japanese. "During this program, I learned a lot about Japanese culture."

Claire Deisley, 13, an LMS student, participated because she wanted to speak Japanese with exchange students. Since she had lived in Yokosuka for five years and this is her second year in Okinawa, she was interested in Japanese culture. Although there was a lot of gesturing, she said she really enjoyed being able to talk with Japanese students and immersing herself in the culture.

At the closing of the Youth Exchange Program, Yuumi Yoshikawa, the parliamentary vice-minister with MOFA, gave a speech to the participants. She was happy to see the students' faces filled with a sense of accomplishment. She said that exchanging opinions from different perspectives may have led them to rediscover the charm of the place where they live and what it has to

Yoshikawa continued that to cooperate and share wisdom while

making the most of each other's backgrounds is essential to realizing a sustainable society, although working together on the same issues in the midst of cultural differences may have been difficult in many

"I would be happy if you could make the most of this valuable experience in your future life," said Yoshikawa. "I believe that the continuation of this friendship will be of great significance to the future development of the U.S.-Japan relationship."

Maj. Gen. Stephen E. Liszewski, commanding general, Marine Corps Installations Pacific, during his closing remarks, thanked MOFA for partnering with DoDEA to conduct the program. To the students, he hoped that they made connections and would remain in touch with one another as they continue to live in Okinawa together, and that they would tell everyone back home what programs they had participated in and what friendships they had

Story and Photos by Yoshie Makiyama







っための二国間の甲学校の生徒が友

コミュニケ

ロジェク

青森県にある三沢空軍基地のは、新型コロナウイルス感染

宜野湾市から中学2・3年生の10名が参加

の影響

の応募手続きを

英語の先生が この語学研修では、1003年の佐藤瑠花さ

っことにも驚いたとい メリカの学生たちの思い違うことが新鮮だ!

の関係に大きな負 てくれるこ

Invitees from local municipalities observe the training. 招待された講習会を傍聴する沖縄県地元関係各所からの参加者。

MARINES LEARN TO BE "STREET SMART"

Everyone who drives a car has probably experienced at least one or two near-misses in their life. It can happen no matter how careful you are. However, it is said that the younger you are, the higher the risk of a fatal accident gets.

Unfortunately Marines and sailors in Okinawa are no exception. According to the Installation Safety Office of Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, Marine Corps Installations Pacific, common risk factors that contribute to privately owned vehicle incidents among young Marines include: distracted driving, driving while intoxicated or under the influence, and driving too fast for conditions.

Shawn M. Curtis, director of the MCIPAC-MCBB Installation Safety Office, stated that the operation of a vehicle in Japan is a courtesy extended to Status of Forces Agreement personnel by the Japanese government and comes with the expectation that SOFA personnel adhere to host nation traffic laws and regulations.

To prevent driving incidents among Marines and sailors, the safety office invited a team from Florida's Stay Alive from Education (S.A.F.E.) to educate young drivers to prevent tragic accidents. Eleven training sessions were held from Aug. 29 to Sept. 2, 2022 throughout Marine installations in Okinawa with more than 3,000 participants.

To share this event with local municipalities, Sept. 1, MCIPAC G7, Government and External Affairs, invited officials from Okinawa Prefectural Government, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Okinawa Defense Bureau, Okinawa Prefectural Police, Ginowan City, Kitanakagusuku Village, Chatan Town, and Okinawa City to observe the training.

During the hour-and-a-half interactive session conducted by two state-certified firefighters and emergency medical technicians from the Florida SAFE team, Marines were educated by focusing on injuries and

fatalities of car accidents. With two Marine volunteers, the presenters acted out responding to a crash, finding one survivor, and performing life-saving procedures.

The presentation included many images and videos of car crashes, showing the types of injuries that can occur from careless driving. One video showed that people in the crash were thrown out of the car because they were not wearing seatbelts.

"The purpose was to make it very impactful," said Oscar Duran, a firefighter paramedic and presenter of the Florida SAFE team. "Sometimes you have to stir feelings out to make changes, especially certain age groups that we are trying to target: 17-18 to 26-27. At that age, they don't have enough life experience to see how fragile life is."

The Florida SAFE team does not tell the audience what to do or not. They show the audience the consequences of what poor choices lead to. By seeing images and videos, the audience realizes that it could happen and it is the reality of the result with the decision you make. The Florida SAFE team wants young drivers to learn and make better decisions, and avoid poor decisions.

According to Duran, once, after giving a session at a high school, the students reported that they had been in a rollover type crash on their way back from lunch on the very same day, but everyone was unharmed because they all wore their seat belts. However, the students also confessed that they had never used seat belts before, but because they saw the presentation, they put the belts on. Duran said with a big smile that the presentation that day made a big difference in their lives.

After the session, one of the Japanese observers suggested that next time the presenter introduce the difference between Japan and the U.S. blood alcohol content, with the U.S. at 0.08% (0.8 mg/ml) and Japan at 0.03% (0.3 mg/ml), and that just a single night of sleep would not lower

the number. Duran said they could cooperate and add the information to their curriculum.

"We came to observe how the program runs since we also have similar training from the same traffic safety point of view," said Akihiko Chibana, foreign case investigations coordinator from **Criminal Investigation Department** of Okinawa Prefectural Police. "We are glad that we actually got to see firsthand how the training is done."

The safety office conducts weekly E-3 and below driver training and also once or twice a month remedial driver training comprised of both the American Automobile Association accredited curriculum and Japanese traffic regulations. Additionally all active duty Marines under the age of 26 must take drivers awareness online training.

Tragic incidents are preventable among personnel in Okinawa. They place a heavy burden on families and friends, readiness, and the bilateral relationship between the governments of Japan and the United States.

"We will continue to do everything possible to ensure that we are safe drivers, good members of the community and good neighbors here in Okinawa," said Maj. Gen. Stephen E. Liszewski.

Story and photos by Yoshie Makiyama



Maj. Gen. Stephen E. Liszewski, the commanding general of Marine Corps Installations Pacific, explains his plan to reduce the number of traffic accidents to local government and municipal officials.

交通事故の件数を減らすための計画を沖縄県地元政府、市町村関係者に説明す る米海兵隊太平洋基地司令官スティーブン・E・リズウスキー少将

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Maj. Gen. Stephen E. Liszewski, the commanding general of MCIPAC, gives opening remarks to attendees at the "Street Smart" training. 「ストリート・スマート」講習会の参加者を前に 挨拶する米海兵隊太平洋基地司令官、スティーブ ン・E・リズウスキー少将。

田高地案内 沖縄戦歴史資料館訪

HACKSAW RIDGE MEETS KINSER BATTLE OF OKINA-WA HISTORICAL DISPLAY

A rare sight was seen at the Kinser Battle of Okinawa Historical Display Aug. 1, 2022, when a group of visitors toured while talking to each other without a guide to lead them. The person who normally explains each exhibit was not saying anything, but instead just followed the group.

They were all from the Uraosoi Historical Guide Fellowship that guides the historical site tours in Urasoe City, specifically areas around Urasoe castle ruins in the Maeda Highlands. The highlands are also known as "Hacksaw Ridge" named by the U.S. military during the Pacific War for its rugged appearance.

"We got the information of the Kinser Battle of Okinawa Historical Display from Urasoe City public relations magazine," said Yoshihiro Teruya, who organized and coordinated this tour through the city's Military Base Conversion Division. "Eight members came, we wanted to come where we could see the real artifacts."

Since the fellowship guides' tours are mainly the Maeda Highlands, they were already familiar with the historical background of the Battle of Okinawa.

"I don't need to guide them. They could be more knowledgeable of the items we have here than me," said Ichino Doshida, community relations specialist for Camp Kinser. "I respect that."

As soon as the tour started, their eyes fixated on a bomb display. The members started discussing the sizes of the different munitions and the amount of destruction caused by the hundreds of thousands of bombs and artillery shells used during the Battle of Okinawa.

Another pointed out that a *shell display still has a fuse and could be

an unexploded bomb. One said that it should be empty because it's a display, then started to explain the mechanism of the artillery fuse.

At a spot where the picture of the U.S. landing on Yomitan, they debated with each other whether air balloons were used in Okinawa or Normandy.

In front of a Type 99 light machine gun display, they tried to find out how heavy it was. One read the note and said "no specific weight is shown but it says it is very heavy."

They stopped at every display, observed and read the note written in English on the panel. They seemed not to want to miss any details about the items.

At the Hacksaw Ridge showcase, one said he actually dug out a medical kit that combat medics likely carried in one of the caves he searched.

"I expected this place to just show war tools and weapons like most of the displays and museums do in the tourist sites," said Makoto Nakamura, who visited the display for the first time as a member of the Uraosoi Historical Guide Fellowship and also the director of Okinawa Peace Memorial Museum Fellowship.

Nakamura, however, continued that it impressed him when he saw the Kinser Battle of Okinawa Historical Display had an exhibit describing the situation of the socalled "Southern Retreat" in which the Japanese army abandoned their headquarters in Shuri and moved to the south. That resulted in many residents caught up in the fighting and losing their lives.

"It was a relief to see that this place was not just a war museum displaying war weapons, but also exhibited the perspective of the victims of the Battle of Okinawa,"





Nakamura added.

The group said that they want to come back again, hoping that next time they can see the exhibits from different angles and points of view, and to bring members who were unable to come this time.

Story and Photos by Yoshie Makiyama

*Note: All ammunition, explosives and weapons on display are either manufactured as inert replica items, or have been inspected and certified safe by MCB Butler EOD. This safety requirement is validated by the MCB Butler Explosives Safety Office on an annual basis per feedback received from Mr. Christopher Majewski, director of the Kinser Battle of Okinawa Historical Display.

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日時(仮) 2月25日/13:00~21:00 2月26日/13:00~21:00 場所 キャンプ・ハンセン(金武町)

シュワブ・フェスティバル **Schwab Festival**

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Installation Commanders' New Year's Greetings

Camp Hansen キャンプ・ハンセン

Col. Rich Martin

Akemashite Omedeto Gazimasu.

Happy New Year from Camp Hansen. It has been a busy year and with the decrease in COVID restrictions it has allowed it to be a more prosperous year for us all. In June of 2022 I took command of both Camp Hansen and the III MEF Information Group. Since then we have successfully held Hansen Palooza and Farmer's Market as open gate events and have resumed critical

community relations programs, my wife and I look forward to spending time with you all at future events.

It is with great pride that I and all the Marines, sailors and civilians of Camp Hansen can call you our friends and neighbors. I wish you all a happy and prosperous 2023.

キャンプ・ハンセン司令官、リチャード・マーティン大佐より

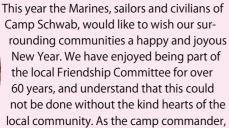
あけましておめでとうございます。

キャンプハンセンより新年のお慶びを申し上げます。昨年は感染 症対策の行動規制が緩和され、私たちにとり実り多き年となりまし た。2022年6月にキャンプハンセン司令官兼第3海兵遠征軍情報部 群司令官を拝命して以来、「ハンセンパルーザ」や「ファーマーズマー ケット」といったオープンゲートのイベントを成功裡に開催することが できました。また海兵隊員にとって非常に大切な地域交流活動も再開 され、今後の様々なイベントにて地域の皆様と時間を過ごすことがで きることを、妻共々楽しみにしております。

キャンプハンセンの全海兵隊員、海軍兵、軍属及び民間人従業員一 同、地域の皆様を友人・隣人と呼べることは大きな誇りです。2023年が 皆様にとり喜び溢れ実り多き年となりますことを祈念いたします。

Camp Schwab キャンプ・シュワブ

Col. Erick T. Clark



I would like to sincerely thank each and every one of our community for your kindness, and hope that through our community relations efforts we are able to bring happiness to you and your families. We are looking forward to what 2023

brings and hope to welcome you to our camp more often.

キャンプ・シュワブ司令官、エリック・T・クラーク大佐より

キャンプ・シュワーブ周辺地域の皆様へ、キャンプ・シュワーブ海兵隊員、海軍兵、軍属従業員より謹んで 新年のご挨拶を申し上げます。60年以上にもわたり、地域友好委員会の一員として楽しく過ごせているの も、周辺地域の皆様の温かいお心遣いあってのことだと承知しております。キャンプ・シュワーブ基地司令 官として、皆様お一人一人のご厚意に感謝申し上げるとともに、私たちの地域社会活動が皆さまのご家族 へと幸せをもたらすことを願っております。2023年へと期待し、より多くの機会で皆様とキャンプ・シュワー ブでお会いできることを祈念いたしております。

Camp Kinser キャンプ・キンザー

Col. Andre M. Ingram

Happy New Year Urasoe, Naha, and Okinawa! My family and I are thankful to be a new part of this community. This is our third assignment in Okinawa and we are looking forward to what the new year has to offer. This past year was an exciting one as we were able to open the Kinser gates and reunite as a community. We were able to bring back Camp Tours, Battle of Okinawa Historical Display visit, Kinser Fest, Trunk or Treat and many other great events. Additionally, we were grateful to have the opportunity to provide volunteers for the famous Naha Tug-of-War and several beautification projects around the area. We hope to see you in February for the Tedako Walk!

Special Thanks to Mayor Matsumoto, Urasoe City Administration and Assembly, the Police and Fire Departments, Chamber of Commerce, Urasoe City International Association and many others for partnering with us for many events.

I look forward to our continued partnership. We cannot do what we do daily without the support of Urasoe, Naha and all of Okinawa. I wish everyone good fortune and health in 2023!

キャンプ・キンザー司令官、アンドレ・M・イングラム大佐より

浦添市、那覇市、沖縄の皆様、明けましておめでとうございます。私と 家族共々ここ沖縄の新しいコミュニティの一員となれたことを感謝致 します。三度目の赴任になりますが、どのような一年になるのかとても 楽しみにしております。昨年はコロナ禍を越え念願だったゲートを開 放し、地域の皆様と再びお交わりできた素晴らしい一年でした。キャン プツアー、沖縄戦資料館、キンザーフェスト、ハロウィンと様々な多くの イベントを再開できました。加えて、有名な那覇大綱引きや数多くの美 化・清掃活動にもボランティアさせていただく機会にも恵まれました。 2月には、てだこウォークでお会いしましょう!

浦添市松本市長、浦添市役所並びに市議会、浦添警察署、浦添市消 防署、浦添商工会議所、浦添国際交流協会、そして多く の関係各位に日頃より格別のご高配を賜り感謝申し上

今年も引き続きよろしくお願いいたします。浦添市、 那覇市、沖縄県の皆様のご理解とご協力があってこそ の我々の日常だと心しております。皆様のご多幸とご健 康をお祈りいたします。

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基地司令官より新年のご挨拶

Camps Foster & Lester キャンプ・フォスター&レスター

Col. David M. Banning

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From the Camps Foster & Lester team, Happy New Year!

As the Year of the Rabbit begins, Camps Foster and Lester look forward to continuing to strengthen our bonds with the surrounding communities. The Year of the Tiger saw us beginning to be able to do

more events together after the restrictions that limited us during the height of the pandemic, and we will continue to build on that foundation as we move into the New Year. We look forward to more open camp events to share customs and cultures with each other, and we are blessed to be able to call Okinawa "home" while we are here.

As we face the future, let's do our best to build a future of health, prosperity, and security together. これから、チバリヨ-!

キャンプ・フォスター&レスター司令官、デイビッド・バニング大佐より

キャンプフォスター・レスター関係者一同より、明けましておめでとう ございます。

うさぎ年が始まるにあたり、キャンプフォスター及びレスターは近隣 に居住する皆様との良い関係を強化する所存であります。虎年は世界 的な伝染病による厳しい規制が緩和され始めた年であり、新年を迎え るにあたりさらに基本を強化します。私どもは一般の方々が米軍基地 へ入域できるイベントを増やし、お互いの習慣や文化の違いを共有で きることを願っており、在沖米国軍人、軍属が沖縄滞在中は沖縄を"ホ ーム"と呼べることに感謝しております。

将来に向けてお互いの健康、さらなる繁栄、安全のためにベストを 尽くしましょう。これから、チバリヨー!

MCAS Futenma 普天間航空基地

Col. Henry "Deebo" Dolberry

Shin-nen Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu! On behalf of the Marines, sailors, soldiers and civilians of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, I wish you a Happy New Year full of prosperity, good health and joy! First and foremost, we would like to say "thank you" to the Okinawa community - our gracious hosts, neighbors and friends - for the support and friendship you have shown us this past year. 2022 was a year of continued healing. In 2022, we were

honored to bring back the MCAS Futenma Flight Line Fair and the Magic 10 Miler Run for the first time in two years. Thank you to our Japanese family for attending and helping us celebrate a weekend of unity, smiles, and love! The 2022 Flight Line Fair had record breaking attendance and we hope everyone will join Futenma again in

Even though this will be my last year serving as the commanding officer of MCAS Futenma, my wife, and I will always be grateful for the eternal friendships we have built with our Japanese family over the last three years. Ginowan, Okinawa, and Japan are our home away from home. You will be missed! But as the wonderful Okinawan saying goes, "Ichariba Cho-de-", you will always be family in

Looking ahead to the opportunities 2023 will bring our Futenma and Okinawan families, we are excited about fostering our continued friendship as we deepen our bond with the community of Ginowan, Okinawa, and all of Japan. On behalf of all of us aboard Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, I would like to say, "Kotoshimo Yoroshiku Onegai Moushi-agemasu!"

普天間航空基地司令官の日本語訳は10ページ下をご覧ください。 Japanese translation on the bottom of page 10

Camps Courtney & McTureous キャンプ・コートニー & マクトリアス

Col. Brian M. Harvey

On behalf of the hard working Marines, sailors, civilians, and families of Camps Courtney and McTureous, I would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Through our steadfast efforts to confront and counter the current pandemic, we were able to re-initiate face-toface engagements thereby strengthening our community partnership and furthering our strategic alliance within

As we focus on readiness and resiliency as a force, it is my sincere desire to integrate and assist our local communities with their readiness and resiliency-creating synergy to address our common challenges. It is with great enthusiasm and passion that I wish our Okinawan friends a prosperous and fulfilling New Year.

キャンプ・コートニー&マクトリアス司令官、ブライアン・M・ハービー大佐より

キャンプ・コートニー、キャンプ・マクトリアスで日々懸命に任務を遂行する海兵隊員、船員、軍属、そしてその家 族を代表し、皆様のご多幸とご健勝を願い新年のご挨拶を申し上げます。

この度、私たちは新型コロナウイルスの感染拡大に立ち向かい、それに打ち勝つため地道な努力を重ねてきま した。そのことにより、私たちは再び繋がりを取り戻し地域社会とのパートナーシップを深かめ、さらに進んだ同 盟関係を築くことができました。

私たち軍隊が即応性と弾力性に重きを置いて活動をするように、地域社会の適応力や弾力性を活かし、私たち が地域社会と一体化しそして支援をしながら、共通の課題に取り組み相乗効果を生み出すことができるよう願って おります。沖縄の皆様の新年が実り豊かなもとのなりますよう心からお祈り申し上げます。

Marine Corps Air Station Futenma

Because of its location, in the middle

discussion in the local and Japanese media many times in the past.

Such an attention-gathering base

of heavy residential areas, the air

station has become the topic of

held a two-day festival, Oct.

1-2, 2022, for the first time in

three years since the outbreak

of COVID-19. The information of

the Futenma Flight Line Fair was

posted on various social media sites

throughout the U.S. Marine Corps

public, and residents of Okinawan

The event was open to the

communities were welcomed.

opened its arms to the Japanese

However, this year, Futenma

Col. Henry Dolberry Jr.,

the press conference.

commanding officer of MCAS

"We were physically, socially

continued, "I want you to walk

The media who accepted the

and spiritually distant for a long

time (due to COVID-19)." Dolberry

around and see the community and

families bond together in this fair."

invite were Okinawa Times, Ryukyu

Shimpo, Nishi-Nihon (West Japan)

Newspaper, Nihon Keizai (Nikkei-

Japan Economy) Newspaper,

Nihon Hoso Kyokai (NHK-Japan

Nippo (World Journal), Yomiuri

Newspaper, and This Week in

Broadcasting Corporation), Sekai

A few reporters said that it was a

Futenma, explained the significance

of the events as the togetherness at

bases in Okinawa.

media as well.

is quite well known in Japan.

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大きな財産だと考えている」

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Japanese media participants receive instruction for the press conference and festival tour from

米海兵隊太平洋基地広報企画運用部より、記者会見とフェスティバル見学に関する案内を受ける日

Communication Strategy and Operations, Marine Corps Installations Pacific.

Local media members go on a tour of the festival, escorted

米海兵隊太平洋基地広報企画運用部に付き添われて祭り見

学にくり出す日本のメデイア関係者(手前右と中央)

Story and Photos by Yoshie Makiyama

Visitors line up to view the inside of the MV-22B Osprey on display 展示されたMV-22Bオスプレイの中を観覧 するために並ぶ来場者。

scattered to observe or cover the event accompanied by media personnel from Communications Strategy and Operations, Marine Corps Installations Pacific.

The fair was organized and operated by Marine Corps Community Services Okinawa to facilitate U.S. personnel and local nationals coming together and forming a stronger alliance. Before the pandemic, it was a place where U.S. military members in Okinawa and local residents could interact each year.

CLOSE YET FAR: FUTENMA AIR STATION

SHARES FESTIVITY WITH LOCAL MEDIA

in Futenma, Dolberry

can rapidly move

replied that the aircraft

personnel and supplies

and are used in various aspects throughout the

world, hence, he thinks

the aircraft is a great

After the conference,

the reporters were

asset.

It was full of live entertainment including performances from local bands, martial arts demonstrations, and a performance by Ally Brooke of Fifth Harmony.

There were also displays of military aircraft, such as MV-22B Osprey, UC-12W, KC-130J, along with CH-47JA of Japan Self-Defense Forces, and military vehicles, as well as a car

"I was looking for something I can use for my column but also curious to see the base which is close yet far to us-what it looks like behind the fence since we don't get to see this side often," Hajime Nomura of Nishi-Nihon Newspaper said. "One thing surprised me was that 'open' means truly 'open.'" Nomura explained that he did not expect to see more than part of the flightline nor the inside of the Osprey, and felt that they were trying to show it

without covering it up.

Although Dolberry is aware of the negative pressure against Futenma, he was happy to see no one protested at the fair. Everyone, SOFA members and local nationals, were smiling. "What you see today is reality. See it yourself and decide what to believe."

According to MCCS, more than 33,000 people came to the two-day festival.

基地司令官より新年のご挨拶 **Camp Commanders' New Year's Greetings**

普天間航空基地司令官

ヘンリー・"ディーボー"・ドーベリー大佐より **English message on Page 11**

新年明けましておめでとうございます! 普天 間海兵隊航空基地の海兵隊員、水兵、軍属およ び日本人従業員を代表して、皆様の繁栄、健康、 喜びに満ちた新年をお迎えになることをお祈り 申し上げます。まず何より、この一年、私たちを 支えて下さった沖縄の人々、隣人の皆様や友人 に感謝申し上げます。2022年、私たちは普天間 フライトラインフェアとマジック10マイラーラン を2年ぶりに復活させ、開催することが出来た ことを光栄に思います。日本の皆様にご参加頂 き、団結、笑顔、そして愛に満ちた時間を過ごす ことが出来たことに御礼申し上げます。2022年 のフライトラインフェアは過去最高の来場者数 を記録しました。2023年も皆様がぜひ普天間に お越しくださるよう願っております。

普天間飛行場の司令官としての任期が 7

Col. Dolberry takes questions from the Japanese media at the Futenma Flight Line Fair.

普天間フライトラインフェアにてメディア関係者から質 問を受けるドルベリー大佐。

最後の年を迎え ますが、私と妻 は、これまでの三 年間で築いてき た日本の皆様と の永遠の友情に 感謝しています。

本のメデイア関係者。

by COMMSTRAT, MCIPAC.

して日本は私たちの第二の故郷です。皆様をこ よなく恋しがる事でしょう。しかし、沖縄の素晴 らしい諺「いちゃりばちょーでー」があるように、

2023年、普天間航空基地と沖縄の皆様との 様々な機会を前に、宜野湾市、沖縄県、そして日 本全国の皆様との絆を深めながら、今後も友好 関係を育んでいきたいと考えています。普天間 航空基地を代表し、皆様にひと言申し上げます。

宜野湾、沖縄、そ 私の心の中では、皆様はいつも家族なのです。

「今年も宜しくお願い申し上げます。」

rare opportunity to come on base and speak directly to the base commander. At the press conference, each reporter asked Dolberry questions and voiced concerns. When a

reporter raised a question about the purpose of the MV-22B Osprey

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Okinawa.

THE REAL PLEASURE OF CROSS-CULTURAL **EXCHANGE**

What is the easiest way to break through barriers between two different cultures with completely different languages? One way Marines and their families experience Okinawan culture is through festivals, where the U.S. military and local communities can come together and appreciate music and dance despite the difference in languages.

On Aug. 21, 2022, even though it was evening, the sun still far above the horizon, there was a gathering of people in a parking lot.

In one corner of the area, people in a unique outfit also gathered. Some had large, barrel-looking drums and some had smaller drums. A group of females were also seen in outfits similar to Japanese traditional summer kimono, called Yukata.

The eisa members from the Jaagaru Youth Association from Chatan Town were about to perform. What was odd here was the location where they would perform eisa. It was not on the street or parking lot of a Japanese district, it was on Camp Lester, a U.S. Marine Corps base in Okinawa.

For the first time, Camps Foster and Lester invited a local eisa group to perform. Although such a performance could be seen on stage at base festivals, "michijune," the drum performance marching through the street alongside the residential areas on base, was new.

"Col. Banning invited us," said Toru Tokuzato, the district mayor of Jaagaru, Chatan Town. "I heard this is the first time anyone has done 'michijune' on base. We were excited to have such an opportunity but also a little anxious," Tokuzato, however, was relieved to see a large audience with a welcoming atmosphere.

Since Okinawan Obon, fell on Aug. 10 - 12, 2022, was approaching and Col. David M. Banning, camp commander for Camps Foster

and Lester, was familiar with local cultures due to his Okinawan wife, he suggested having a live eisa performance on base. To bring the local culture to base and have military families enjoy a taste of Okinawan culture without going outside the base.

Eisa is one of the traditional performing arts of Okinawa and is an Okinawan folk dance centering on taiko drums. In Okinawa, on the three nights of Obon in the lunar calendar, young people from each district parade through the community while dancing to honor the spirits of their ancestors.

During Obon, people in Japan believe the spirits of their deceased ancestors come back to spend time with their family. The dates and duration of Obon vary from region to region, but they do not change every year. However, the dates of Obon in Okinawa change every year because of the lunar calendar.

The group was to perform at Camp Lester, Camp Foster, and Plaza Housing. They started at 5 p.m., then moved to the next location. They needed to load and unload the huge speakers that carry the sound of the Sanshin, three-stringed Okinawan lute, played by the singers from the truck each time.

Although they stayed at one place to perform at Camp Lester, they marched through the residential area at Camp Foster and Plaza Housing.

Due to their thorough performance at Camp Foster, the eisa group was behind schedule. "It doesn't bother me, I know it will be worth waiting," said a spectator waiting on Plaza Housing, who had never seen an eisa drum dance before.

At 7 p.m., when the sun finally began to set, and even though it was more than 30 minutes late, still no sign of the eisa group. However, more people came and the street got crowded. When the eisa group

arrived, people cheered and clapped their hands in excitement. Children followed and chased the eisa performers with their eyes sparkling "We were excited about today's

performance but also worried,"

said Youhei Nakandakari, a big drum dancer, drenched with sweat. "Because Americans don't have eisa in their culture, we were not sure if they would have a good time watching us, but they actually give us great cheers and applause, so we are also having fun performing." Staff Sgt. Ethan A. Coro, a watch commander with Provost Marshal's Office, Headquarters and Support Battalion, came to see the eisa with his family after his wife saw a post of this cultural event on Camps Foster and Lester Facebook. Although they had been in Okinawa for over six months, they had never seen eisa in person.

"It's so beautiful and I almost got chills," Coro's wife exclaimed. "It's good for everybody to see and understand the culture and what it's all about." Her 10-year-old son who had been chasing after the performers nodded with a big smile. She expressed her thought that sometimes people are scared to go off base to see things but getting used to seeing different cultures like this on base could encourage more people to go off base and enjoy Okinawa's culture.

"Because now we have a chance to see such a performance, it makes me want to learn what eisa is all about and its deep roots in Okinawan culture," said Coro. "This is the way to start learning other cultures."

Story and Photos by Yoshie Makiyama



The eisa members from the Jaagaru Youth Association perform on the street at Plaza Housing while audience watch. (Related photos on the cover)

プラザ・ハウジングの路上でエイサーを披露する北谷町謝苅区青年会と見守る観客。(表紙に関連写真あり)

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見るだけの情報では重

Navy Capt. Paulette T. Cazsres, director for Department of Mental Health at U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa, poses pointed questions to students 学生に鋭い質問を投げかける在沖米海軍病院精神科部長のパウレット・T・カザ

remarks to students from Kinjo Gakuin University, Nagoya City, Aichi Prefecture.

Col. Jeffrey L. Hammond, deputy commander, Marine Corps Installations Pacific, gives welcome

金城学院大学(愛知県名古屋市)の学生を歓迎する、米海兵隊太平洋基地副司令官のジェフリー・L・ハ

BERS AND STUDENTS EXCHANGE LESSONS AND EN-**COURAGEMENT FOR FUTURE**

WOMAN TO WOMAN: FEMALE MILITARY MEM-

After Japan eased coronavirus restrictions, Marine Corps Installations Pacific started to vigorously tackle its community relations activities more than ever. They are encouraging Okinawa and Japanese communities to have more understanding of the things that occur inside the fence.

On Aug. 30, 2022, students from Kinjo Gakuin University, Nagoya City, Aichi Prefecture, took advantage of the opportunity to visit Camp Foster during their trip to Okinawa as part of their Mass Media Seminar course.

The seminar is run by Masafumi Isono, faculty of Global and Media Studies, and 11 students came along. Although he has led students every year to Okinawa, this is the first time crossing the fence line.

"While we study issues of the U.S. bases on Okinawa, we only hear the Japanese side of the stories." Isono explained the purpose of their visit, saying one side of the story is not appropriate and both sides need to be heard.

Since the students were from an all-female university, Kristen L. Tull, community relations officer, G7, Government and External Affairs, Marine Corps Installations Pacific, prepared for them a special session, a women's leadership initiative. She invited eight panelists who were female officers and enlisted

personnel from the Marine Corps and Navy.

"I wanted to present a variety of women, representing different services and professions," said Tull. "Each woman has had a different experience. Those experiences will bring different perspectives to the questions the students ask."

When the students arrived at the venue, Col. Jeffrey L. Hammond, deputy commander, MCIPAC, welcomed them and said, "This will not be the last of these events, as we transition out of a COVID environment, we plan on continuing this type of effort."

As a father of two daughters, he has made it a priority to discuss with them at the end of each day what impactful, meaningful things he did that day, hoping it will guide them to want to contribute to society when they find a job.

During the question-and-answer session, students asked questions they prepared in advance. However, those questions were not provided to the panelists ahead of time. All the panelists, hence, gave their full attention on listening to what the students were to ask.

A lot of questions were related to hardships the panelists have encountered being stationed in Okinawa and their likes and dislikes. They all shared similar feelings being away from home in the middle of

the ocean, but said technology helps and also people in Okinawa are nice and the island is beautiful. Some mentioned the cultural difference, such as a slower paced lifestyle, but that it provides a good opportunity to slow down and appreciate the beauty of the surroundings.

LT. Abigail C. Khushf, Navy C-12 aircraft pilot, center, replies to a student's question with humor 学生の質問にユーモアを交えて答える海軍C-12航空機パイロット、アビゲイル・C・クッシュ大尉(中央)。

> There were also questions regarding their careers. When asked what the best social contributions for their mission was, Capt. Sherifa C. Fuller, logistics officer with 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company at Camp Hansen, replied that it was when there was a disaster, she helped organize evacuations, extra food and construction, she felt that she was literally helping people.

Once the students began to warm up to the panelists, their questions took a more journalistic turn. One of the questions was what the most important consideration on U.S. military bases' external community relations for local residents and media is. Tull answered that it is mutual understanding and respect. She believes that will form true friendships that last a lifetime and have a positive outlook on what the Marine Corps does in Okinawa.

At the end of the questionand-answer session, when a student asked about issues of perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS)/ perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA),

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FEMALE ▶ Continued from Page 6

contaminated water, Tull firmly stated that by taking every measure, they work with the local government to ensure it is at a safe level. She emphasized they want to keep the island safe for everyone.

"We have babies, too," word from Tull, a mother, who gave birth and is raising her own children in Okinawa. Once all the questions were asked by the students, it was the panelists turn to ask. They all seemed curious about the Japanese school system, such as classes, number of students, years of study until graduation, how the students live, dorm, apartment or home and sport teams. They were surprised at the number of female-only schools in Japan.

"I was hoping to hear about the panelists' success stories since it was a women-only event, but on the contrary, I was really happy when the panelists asked us about Japan," said Miina Kondo, freshman, whose future goal is to be a news anchor in Tokyo. "It was unexpected in a good way. I realized that they cared about Japan."

In a friendly atmosphere, when Navy Capt. Paulette T. Cazares, director for Department of Mental Health at U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa, asked students what are the challenges for women in Japan to advance in careers to the next level, the students seemed hesitant but collectively replied "Enduring. However, we, ourselves, will change the world."

Cazares, a psychiatrist, posed another question, addressing something which may yet be the greatest occupational gender hurdle in the world, maternity leave. Students replied that Japanese female workers usually get at least one year maternity leave. Cazares noted that while the U.S. Navy had at one time the longest maternity leave of all four services, 18 weeks, all four services have now aligned at 12 weeks. She continued, maternity leave is still uncommon in general and a big barrier for career advancement of women in the U.S.

"It's important they are all aware of the challenges they will face. If someone really wants to advance in their career, anticipating those challenges can help people not only prepare, but overcome them," Cazares explained.

"They are courageous to come, so we want to encourage them to ask questions. It's important that we have these exchanges. We

all are human beings and have common humanities," Cazares said. LT. Abigail C. Khushf, Navy C-12 aircraft pilot, paid very close attention to the students' questions saying she knows how intimidating it is to speak a different language, and not be understood the first time is very discouraging.

Khushf remembered how scared and uncertain she was when she was in their shoes 10 years ago. "We are all on this journey in different stages. Nothing is different. They are in very similar circumstances. The encouragement that we can provide each other is substantial. We can really do good work together."

"Never give up," said Khushf. She hopes that in 10 years, some of the students from this group accomplish their dreams and will be sitting as a panelist and telling someone else "it's possible."

Yuna Tabata, a Kinjo Gakuin junior, said that she had a fearful image of Marines, but the panelists were all female and the way they listened attentively and answered their questions sincerely eased her tension.

"I know that today's event would not bring us any closer to solving international issues, but I feel that it did bring two (countries) closer together even if only a little. If this circle continues to expand, it will be

Kinjo Gakuin University students listen to the panelists. パネリストの話に耳を傾ける金城学院大学の学生たち。 Photo by Lance Cpl. Jonathan Beauchamp / 写真 ジョナサン・ビューチャム上等兵

> a big step forward on international issues." Tabata continued, "It was an opportunity for me to think about the (U.S military) base issues and take a positive attitude, rather than denying it all."

After the panel session, Kondo stated that she strongly thinks that women's success in the U.S. military is what Japan should aim for as well. She felt that the panelists treated their questions not from just a mere student, but as an equal woman to another woman.

"There's a difference in the weight of information from someone who's actually been there and done that, and someone who's just seen it."

Isono stated at the end of the session,"We are all human beings. Even though our roles are different, we are all living here as the same human beings. Having such an awareness and deepening the bond between ourselves is the starting point for solving various problems. Above all, we know too little about U.S. military personnel in Okinawa and how they usually live and feel."

"Questioning the female military leaders in person, hearing from them and interacting with them can be a truly valuable experience for the students and will be the absolute best asset for them to have a global perspective in their future," Isono said.

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沖縄や日本の地域社会

学生の質問を一言一句も聞き逃すまいと聞くパネリスト。

A panelist listens, trying not to miss a single word of a student's question.

A student asks a question, thinking about each word and phrase. 一語、一句考えながら質問をする学生

が、技術り他で、故郷から遠く離れているとう、故郷から遠く離れているとう、海の意・するものが多かった。海の意・する時間は、沖縄に配属されてからの苦労話や、質問は、沖縄に配属されてからの苦労話や、

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諸職種共同訓練センター(CATC)キャンプ富士は富士山の東の斜面にある米海兵隊太平洋基地施設です。日本国内最高水準の軍事訓練場を提供することにより、軍事作戦を支援し、日米両国間の関係を更に強固にし、また、前方展開する私たちの対応能力を維持する事により日米同盟の下の米軍の役割を日本の国民の皆様に果たすことが出来ます。当基地は第三海兵遠征軍(MEF)が東富士演習場(EFMA)、北富士演習場(NFMA)で訓練が円滑に行えるよう、また隣接する陸上自衛隊と良い関係を築けるように尽力しております。

キャンプ富士には400人ばかりの海兵隊員、海軍兵と民間職員しかいません。そのうちの40%はMLC(基本労働契約)やIHA(諸機関労務協約)の日米労務提供協約で雇用されている従業員で、彼らなしにこの基地は成り立ちません。彼らは私たちの日々のオペレーションすべてに深く関りがあります。その業務は物流、管理、陸上自衛隊や市当局との連帯、施設や軍事車両の管理やメンテナンス、食事の準備、基地内の警備、並びに火災や緊急の事故や事件への常時対応による安全確保などです。日本人従業員の素晴らしい働きはここだけではなく、日本中の海兵隊太平洋基地でも見られます。彼らのプロ意識や勤勉さは在日海兵隊基地に無くてはならないものであり、彼らは日本の安全にも貢献していることにもなります。

11月4日、パズ最先任上級曹長と私はキャンプ富士の日本人従業員10名に永年勤続表彰を授与する栄誉を得ました。表彰されたのは、10年、20年、30年もの間、誠実で専門的なサービスを提供してきた従業員です。受賞者一人一人に第三海兵遠征軍司令官ビアマン中将がサインした表彰状を渡す前に、最先任上級曹長と私は、挨拶や感謝の意を述べました。しかし私たちが何か言ったところで、何かしたところで、在日海兵隊基地で働く日本人従業員一人ひとりへの深い感謝と心からのお礼を十分に伝えることはできません。

Camp Fuji Length of Service Award キャンプ富士日本人従業員、永年勤続表彰式

A Length of Service Award Ceremony was held at Camp Fuji to recognize and show appreciation to Japanese employees for their dedication and contribution to the success and growth of the partnership between the U.S. and Japan. Six employees participated in the ceremony, led by one with 30 years of service.

2022年11月4日、永年勤続表彰式が、日米のパートナーシップの成功と発展に貢献した日本人基地従業員を称え、感謝の意を表すためにキャンプ富士で開催された。式典には勤続年数30年の1名を筆頭に6名が参加、表彰された。

Six awardees pose for a picture with Sgt. Maj. Restituto D. Paz, far left, and Col. Neil J. Owens, far right. キャンプ富士司令官ニール J. オーウェンズ大佐(右端)、レスティテュート D. パズ同基地最先任上級曹長(左端)と記念撮影をする受賞者。



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Volunteers from the U.S. Marine Corps in Okinawa pose for a photo before the 52nd Naha Great Tug-of War festival started. About 80 Marines and sailors joined the festival as safety volunteers in Naha, Okinawa, Oct. 9, 2022. Their responsibilities were to keep watch of the crowd, help people, and watch out for small children not to get into the center of the crowd as they may get crushed by too many people. They were also to help cut the rope to give away after the tug-of-war.

第52回那覇大綱挽まつりでのボランティア開始前に、記念撮影をする在沖米海兵隊の隊員ら。

主にキャンプ・キンザー、普天間航空基地から約80名に及ぶ海兵隊員、海軍兵らが安全確保のためのボランティアとして祭りに参加。彼らの責務は、綱引きの最中は見学者、参加者を見守り、助け、小さな子供が人混みの中に入って押しつぶされたりしないよう注意をすることだった。綱引き終了後は、綱を小分けに切って、参加者、希望者に配った = 2022年10月9日、沖縄県那覇市 (Photo by Aya Ichihashi / 写真 市橋 亜矢)

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A collage of festivals held at Marine Corps Installations Pacific and Marines' interactions with local communities in 2022. Clockwise from top left are the Eisa Dance at Camps Foster & Lester, the Naha Great Tug-of-War Festival, Holiday gifts from Marines, Camp Hansen Halloween Carnival, Christmas Toys from Cadets, and Fuji Friendship Festival.

2022年に海兵隊太平洋基地で開催された祭りと、隊員の地域社会との交流をコラージュで紹介。左上から時計回りに、キャンプ・フォスター&レスターエイサー踊り、那覇那覇大綱挽まつり、海兵隊員からのささやかなクリスマスギフト、キャンプ・ハンセンハロウィンカーニバル、士官候補訓練生からのクリスマスプレゼント、富士山フレンドシップフェスティバルの様子。

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