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Sgt. Erin Rios greets her son Mikey on Camp Foster after returning from a nearly seven-month deployment to Iraq. Rios was among 111 members of 3rd Transportation Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, who returned to Okinawa Sept. 7. Rios hugged her son without moving for nearly 30 minutes. Photos by Lance Cpl. Juan D. Alfonso

COMING HOME

TSB Marines return after nearly seven months in Iraq

Lance Cpl. Juan D. Alfonso
Okinawa Marine Staff

CAMP FOSTER — Lance Cpl. Erin O'Hearn held back tears of joy in front of a Camp Foster barracks Sept. 7 as she awaited her husband's arrival from a near seven-month Iraq deployment.

When her husband, Lance Cpl. Jason O'Hearn, finally arrived, she introduced him to his son for the first time, and she stopped holding back the tears.

The O'Hearns, both motor vehicle operators with 3rd Transportation Support Battalion's Motor Transportation Company, were

among several families reunited that day when 111 Marines and sailors with 3rd TSB, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, returned to Okinawa from Asad Iraq.

Most of the returning Marines and sailors were assigned to Motor Transportation Company, and friends and family members welcomed them home in front of the Company's barracks.

The Marines were involved in a two-fold mission in Iraq, according to 1st Sgt. William Mayo, Motor Transportation Company's first sergeant.

The majority of his company, whose primary mission was to



Lance Cpl. Erin O'Hearn embraces her husband Lance Cpl. Jason O'Hearn for the first time in nearly seven months.

provide security for convoys, was attached to Combat Logistics Company 117, Combat Logistics Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group.

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Marine Corps Base welcomes new commander

Lance Cpl. David Rogers
Okinawa Marine Staff

CAMP FOSTER — Brig. Gen. Joseph V. Medina handed over responsibilities as commander of Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler to Brig. Gen. Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin during a ceremony in front of Camp Butler's Building 1 Sept. 6.

Brig. Gen. Medina will now serve as the commanding general of 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade and the deputy commander of III Marine Expeditionary Force.

As Brig. Gen. Medina passed command to Brig. Gen. Krusa-Dossin, he expressed his confidence in her ability to take care of the Marines he has served for more than a year.

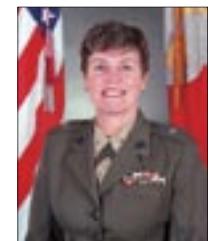
"I could ask for no better replacement,"

Brig. Gen. Medina said.

Brig. Gen. Krusa-Dossin, who will also serve as the deputy commander of Marine Corps Bases Japan, comes from the Pentagon, where she served as the director of Marine Corps Public Affairs for more than three years. She was recently selected for promotion to major general.

"I certainly look forward to the challenges of supporting our warfighters and their families," she said.

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Hundreds gather at Camp Hansen's West Chapel to honor Staff Sgt. Dwayne E. Williams, an EOD technician who was recently killed in Iraq.

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Five years after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on America, Marines gather on Camp Hansen for a solemn tribute.

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CHEMERIL, Kenya | Lance Cpl. Darrell Brandes carries two goats out of a corral to a nearby immunization area Aug. 15 as part of Exercise Natural Fire's veterinary civil assistance project (VETCAP). More than 2,000 sheep and goats were vaccinated against Sheep Pox and Pleural Pneumonia. Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Roger S. Duncan



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CAMP HABBANIYAH, Iraq | Military-working dog handlers assigned to 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, train their dogs on attack techniques Sept. 1. The group works side-by-side with other Marines to combat insurgents during various combat operations. The handlers are currently serving a seven-month deployment in the Habbaniyah area under Regimental Combat Team 5. Photo by Lance Cpl. Ray Lewis

HUSAYBA, Iraq | An Iraqi boy greets Sgt. Michael D. Grant in his house during Operation Rubicon Aug. 25. Grant and other Marines, soldiers and a sailor assigned to K Company, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, were on a patrol mission when they stopped to visit. Photo by Lance Cpl. Ray Lewis



MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR, Calif. | A Marine from 1st Marine Division School rappels from a CH-46E Sea Knight Aug. 30. Marines from the school were learning how to become helicopter rope suspension training masters and conducted day and night rappelling to ensure their proficiency. Photo by Lance Cpl. George J. Papastrat

Recognizing, solving problems starts with you

Navy Lt. Ed Cunha

Q: *My friend is a Roman Catholic and is rebounding from a painful divorce. He says he will never get married again. I know he cannot get married until he gets an annulment, but after that, could he marry again? What should I tell him?"*

A: Since your friend is Roman Catholic, you are correct when you say your friend cannot get married in the Roman Catholic Church until he applies for and receives an annulment of

his first marriage.

Since I don't know all the facts concerning his first marriage, I would encourage him to talk to a local priest or Roman Catholic Chaplain to find out what will be necessary to seek an annulment.

When your friend said, "I'm never going to get married again," I don't think he was referring to Roman Catholic Church processes or rules. I have heard many individuals say similar things many times. In many cases, these individuals are married again. I think what your friend is really saying in that situation is: "Next time I hope my marriage is going to be better - if ever I marry again."

What concerns me is that he may not be looking at his former marriage clearly. Men tend to

sweep painful experiences under the rug and forget about them. That can be a dangerous mistake. Denial of a past problem cannot lead to solving the underlying root cause of the failure in his marriage.

So if you want to say something to your friend, and if you are good enough friends, I would ask him to talk about his marriage and have him identify what went wrong from his perspective. If he indicates that "blame" lies mostly upon his former spouse, then your friend isn't looking deep enough into the problems that caused the failure in the marriage. What was his contribution to the breakup? What does he have to change in

himself before starting again?

Too many times, an immature individual looks for what he sees as the perfect woman who will make up for all the problems for which he may have been responsible for in the first marriage.

Such a search is futile and bound to end in more pain and frustration.

Too often, men don't like to talk about failed marriages. But if you're a sympathetic listener and your friend talks with you about this again, keeping him honest about his mistakes is what a good friend and listener can do.

Cunha is assigned to 3rd Marine Logistics Group and regularly leads worship at the Camp Hansen East Chapel Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Donating to CFC easy, gratifying way to help others

Pfc. Charlie Chavez

For some, the time to be generous is on holidays, birthdays, anniversaries or other special occasions. Despite the old adage, "To give is better to receive," it seems there isn't much feeling behind our gifts these days.

Society has made a giant marketing scheme of what used to be a generous act. During holidays, people are required to buy gifts, and the origin of feeling no longer seems to be benevolent. To give with no expectation of

anything in return is truly selfless and marks a person's character.

Giving with anonymity through the Combined Federal Campaign - a government employee program for charity donations - is a good way to feel good about helping people that greatly benefit from the generosity. The people who need assistance and find refuge in the generosity of others, through the help of the CFC charities, will forever be touched by such philanthropy. The long list of charities that the CFC includes makes it

easy for donations to target a specific charity or program.

The CFC doesn't require a specific amount as a donation and welcomes a one-time donation or an extended donation while various payment options make it easy to donate.

Every person understands the feeling of being helpless or needing help, and if everyone comes together to help those in need, the CFC will benefit more and more people.

Chavez is a staff member of the Chevron newspaper at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

Sempertoons

Created by Gunnery Sgt. Charles Wolf

"I'll tell ya what I had for breakfast, Mr. 2D questions... I had 2 Pfc's with a side of LCpl and washed it all down with a Sergeant!! NOW! If you ask me another question before my first cup of coffee, you'll be my lunch!"



MARINE CORPS FACT CHECK

RELIGIOUS CLOTHING ARTICLES

Q:

What religious articles are Marines allowed to wear in uniform?

A:

Subject to temporary revocation due to health, safety, or mission requirements, Marines may wear neat and conservative religious apparel items, such as articles of religious apparel, which are not visible or apparent when worn with the uniform. Marines may wear visible articles of religious apparel with the uniform while attending or conducting divine services or while in a chapel or other house of worship. Visible articles of religious apparel worn with the uniform will not interfere with or replace required uniform articles, according to Marine Corps Order P1020.34G paragraph 1004 section 6.

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BRIEFS

KUBASAKI HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Kubasaki High School will host Open House Sept. 19 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The event will begin in the Kubasaki auditorium. From there, parents may follow their child's schedule of seven classes. For more information, please contact the Kubasaki High School at 645-3728.

DODDS' COLLEGE NIGHT

Department of Defense Dependent's Schools Okinawa will host "College Night: Pathway to Your Future" at Kadena High School Oct. 24 from 6-8 p.m. Volunteers are needed to represent their alma mater during the event. Representatives will answer questions and provide information to middle and high school students about what college life has to offer at their respective institutions. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to receive additional information, please contact Ms. Riedel at catherine.riedel@pac.dodea.edu.

RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY

The Annual Okinawa Retiree Appreciation Day will be held Dec. 2 at the Kadena Rocker NCO Club from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All U.S. Military retirees and their immediate family members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 634-3000.

PATRIOT EXPRESS SURVEY

U.S. personnel and dependents who have flown on the Patriot Express are encouraged to share their experiences – good, bad or otherwise – with U.S. Forces Japan's leadership by participating in a survey at <http://pubsvc.usfj.mil/pesurvey>. The survey will be used to measure perceptions of the Patriot Express operations among U.S. personnel based in Japan. Personnel with specific customer service feedback should contact their local Air Mobility Command terminal directly.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC AND PARKING CHANGES

Parents of DoDDS students should contact their children's schools for the recent changes for parking and student drop-off and pick-up to help parents ensure they do not violate new procedures. The School Age Care drop-off location for Zukeran Elementary has been relocated behind tower 26 at the stairwell leading to the school.

For more information, call:
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WELCOME ABOARD BRUNCH

The Marine Officers' Spouses Club and the Naval Officers' Spouses Club of Okinawa invite all officers' spouses and civilians (GS-07 and above) to the Annual Welcome Aboard Brunch Sept. 18



CAMP FUJI | Cpl. Alex Lopez with Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, currently serving as the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit's Battalion Landing Team, provides suppressive fire from an M2 .50-caliber heavy machine gun during a live-fire exercise at the Combined Arms Training Center Aug. 31. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay

at 9:30 a.m. at the Butler Officers' Club. For more information, call 622-8323 or 633-0798, or visit <http://www.noscokinawa.com>.

DEFENSE TRAVEL SYSTEM

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BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

Due to recent security threats, the Department of Homeland Security and the Transportation Security Administration have placed restrictions on all flights destined to the United States. No liquids, gels or aerosols including beverages,

shampoos, lotions, creams, toothpastes or other items of similar consistency may be carried onto an aircraft, although they may be transported in checked baggage. Items that are permitted include baby formula, breast milk or juice, if traveling with a small child, prescription medicine with a name that matches the passenger's ticket, insulin and other essential non-prescription medicine not to exceed four ounces per container.

COLLEGE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Expeditionary Warfare School and Command and Staff College's Professional Military Education programs will convene in seminar commencing Oct. 1. Qualified officers may contact the regional College of Continuing Education office to enroll and receive courseware. Expeditionary Warfare School and Command and Staff College Distance Education Programs will be taught by qualified adjunct faculty at all Westpac Marine Corps camps. For more information or to enroll, contact Col. (Ret.) Hopkins or Mrs. Gomez at 645-2230/2500.

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RETURN FROM PG. 1

"We would act as forward scouts for all convoys," Mayo said. "We'd go out there and find (improvised explosive devices)."

Mayo said the motor transportation Marines also supported the mission of explosive ordnance disposal technicians.

Despite this dangerous mission, no TSB Marines were lost to IEDs. Mayo attributed

that to strong pre-deployment training.

"We did our own company training," he said. "We got together with several units here on Okinawa, pulled a lot of good information and did a lot of IED recognition and lane training."

According to Lance Cpl. Joshua Frye, a heavy equipment mechanic with 3rd TSB's Support Company, Marines augmented from Support Com-

pany also contributed greatly during the deployment, setting up new facilities and improving the quality of life for future units in Iraq.

The returning Marines made a significant contribution in the fight against terror, according to Mayo.

"(They) did more than an outstanding job," he said. "They went above and beyond what was expected."

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Units greet new commanding generals



Brig. Gen. Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin receives the ceremonial base colors from Brig. Gen. Joseph V. Medina during a change-of-command ceremony in front of Camp Butler's Building 1 Sept. 6. Brig. Gen. Medina handed over command of Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler to Brig. Gen. Krusa-Dossin during the ceremony. Photo by Lance Cpl. Raymond Petersen III

Brig. Gen. Medina takes over 3rd MEB

Okinawa Marine Staff

CAMP COURTNEY — Brig. Gen. Mastin M. Robeson relinquished command of 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, III Marine Expeditionary Force to Brig. Gen. Joseph V. Medina during a ceremony on Camp Courtney Sept. 1.

Brig. Gen. Medina also assumed Brig. Gen. Robeson's post as deputy commanding general of III MEF.

Brig. Gen. Robeson will now serve as the 3rd Marine Division commanding general.

"I'm blessed to have had the opportunity to be here and work with you all," Brig. Gen. Robeson said, addressing a small group of service members at the informal ceremony. "But you'll still see me around."

Brig. Gen. Medina received his commission in 1976 after graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in physics and a Master of Science degree in systems management.

Early in his career, Brig. Gen. Medina was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, where he served as a rifle platoon commander, assistant adjutant and company commander.

He graduated from the Amphibious Warfare School with honors in 1985 and was transferred to 3rd Bn., 5th Marines. He served as the Weapons Company commander from 1985 to 1987 until he was



Brig. Gen. Medina



Brig. Gen. Robeson

reassigned as the battalion operations officer, where he served until July 1988.

Brig. Gen. Medina became a distinguished graduate of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College in 1992. He was then reassigned to the staff of The Basic School where he served as company commander for two Basic Officer Courses. Upon selection to lieutenant colonel, he was assigned as the instructional group chief instructor.

In 1994, he was assigned to 2nd Marine Division, where he was initially assigned to the operations section. In 1995, he assumed command of 3rd Bn., 2nd Marines. During his tour as battalion commander, the battalion deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in 1995 and to Okinawa in 1996.

In 1997, he was assigned as the executive officer of 2nd Marines until being transferred to the NATO Defense College, Rome in 1997.

Upon graduation in 1998, he was transferred to headquarters, United States European Command, where he was assigned as contingency plans branch chief directorate.

With the onset of the Kosovo

crisis, he simultaneously served as chief of Kosovo Plans Group for Operations Noble Anvil, Allied Force and Joint Guardian.

He transferred to Marine Corps Recruiting Command at Quantico, Va., in 2000, as the enlisted recruiting operations and plans officer.

He assumed command of 3rd Marines in 2001, and served as commander, Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force 3 for four Hawaii combined arms exercises and Rim of the Pacific Exercise 2002.

In 2003 he was promoted to brigadier general and assumed command of Expeditionary Strike Group 3. He deployed with ESG-3 to the Central Command Area of Responsibility on the USS Essex and served as commander for Task Force 58 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Brig. Gen. Medina completed his assignment as commanding general of Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler and deputy commander of Marine Corps Bases Japan Sept. 6.

"I'm glad to be here," Brig. Gen. Medina said. "I am looking forward to seeing a lot more of you all."

Brig. Gen. Medina's personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, two Legion of Merit medals, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, and three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals.

COMMAND FROM PG. 1

Brig. Gen. Krusa-Dossin was commissioned a second lieutenant in August 1975 after completing the Officer Candidate School at MCB Quantico, Va.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and sociology from Texas Christian University, a Master of Science degree in human relations from Golden Gate University and a Master of Science degree in national resource strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University.

After completing the Basic School at Quantico and the Military Police Officers Basic Course at Fort McClellan, Ala., she served as a platoon commander with the security department on Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, Calif.

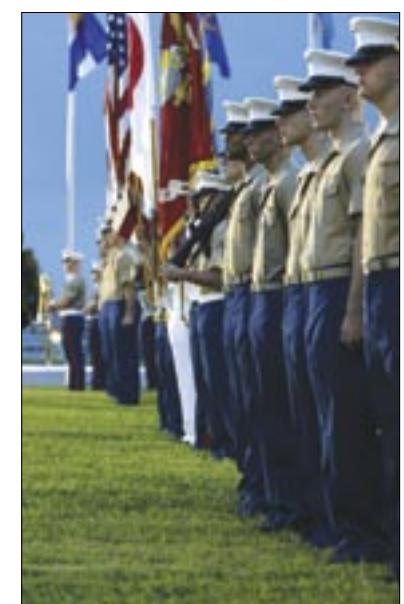
In 1981, she served as the director of one of the Marine Corps' first family service centers at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

She also served with the Provost Marshal's Office there, after graduating from the Military Police Officers Advanced Course at Fort McClellan in 1984.

After completing the School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University in 1985, she became the Provost Marshal at Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C.

Brig. Gen. Krusa-Dossin served on Okinawa in 1992 as executive officer of Headquarters and Service Battalion, MCB Camp Butler, and the deputy camp commander for Camps Foster and Lester.

Her personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals.



The colors of the United States and Japan are presented during the ceremony. Photo by Lance Cpl. David Rogers

9th ESB honor memory of fellow Marine

EOD tech killed during third tour in Iraq

Lance Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay

Okinawa Marine Staff

CAMP HANSEN — A solemn crowd of about 150 gathered at Camp Hansen's West Chapel Sept. 5 to honor an explosive ordnance technician from Okinawa who was killed Aug. 24 when an improvised explosive device he was dismantling went off in Iraq's Anbar province.

Staff Sgt. Dwayne E. Williams, 28, from 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, was serving his third Iraq tour.

EOD Marines on Okinawa who served with Williams said he was a consummate professional and loved serving as an EOD technician.

Those close to him said Williams came to Okinawa because he knew it gave him the best chance to return to Iraq.

Williams was always educating other EOD Marines and was willing



Marines and sailors bow their heads in prayer during a ceremony at the West Chapel on Camp Hansen Sept. 5. Staff Sgt. Dwayne E. Williams, who was killed while serving as an explosive ordnance disposal technician in Iraq, was honored during the service.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay

to give his time to anyone, said Sgt. Jeffrey L. Kadis, an EOD technician with 9th ESB.

"He was always smiling, he was a very pleasant guy to be around," he said.

Williams, a Baltimore native, spent nearly nine years in the Marine Corps. In Iraq, he received a Purple Heart Medal, Navy and

Marine Corps Commendation, and a Combat Action Ribbon.

Williams' superiors in Iraq have recommended him for a Bronze Star with a combat V for "his actions and substantial contributions to the vital mission of destroying IED threats."

His reputation in his field reached as far as the White House.

In 2004, he provided bomb security for Vice President Dick Cheney in Cincinnati. In January 2005, he and his team of EOD technicians were selected to assist the Secret Service during President Bush's second inauguration.

Williams enlisted in the Marines Nov. 12, 1997, and went on to become an aviation ordnance technician. He moved into the explosive ordnance disposal field and graduated EOD technician school at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., in March 2002.

He left for his last Iraq deployment April 4, 2006, and was scheduled to return toward the end of this month.

Several of Williams' fellow Marines and the commanding general of 3rd MLG spoke about his character at the service.

"To know we have men that make the ultimate sacrifice like Staff Sgt. Williams reminds me why we do what we do so well," Brig. Gen. Peter J. Talleri said.

A letter written by Williams' mother Florence was read aloud to those in attendance.

"I'm not saying goodbye," she wrote, "I'm saying I'll see you later."

Rapid response thwarts range fire

Lance Cpl. David Rogers

Okinawa Marine Staff

CAMP HANSEN — Members of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262 and the base fire department demonstrated their readiness recently when they quickly extinguished a brush fire at a Camp Hansen range.

A call from range control came in to the fire department Aug. 22 at 2:52 p.m. reporting a fire at camp's Range 2. By 3:07 p.m., firefighters arrived at the scene and determined they would need air support to douse the fire.

The firefighters could not go down range to put out the fire because of limited roads and the possible danger of unexploded ordnance. A helicopter crew was called to handle the threat.

A CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter and aircrrew were on stand-by at Marine

Corps Air Station Futenma. Maj. Todd Ferry, the helicopter pilot with the Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262 was on duty that day and immediately responded to the call.

The pilots of HMM-262 routinely conduct extensive external load training as part of their primary mission. The training prepares the pilots to handle the large, external water bucket used to douse fires.

"It's like combat," said Ferry. "You never really know how you will perform until you actually do a mission like that."

Helicopters on stand-by are part of established base firefighting measures that HMM-262 support. The squadron is one of two helicopter squadrons who balance the essential duty with its regular mission to ensure brush fires are subdued immediately. The other is HMM-265, and the two squadrons alternate

the mission.

Firefighting crews on the ground at the range observed the water drops and updated Ferry and his crew on the progress of extinguishing the fire. In less than one hour, after only 13 water drops, fire and range officials determined the fire to be extinguished.

Efforts are made everyday by range control to prevent fires from starting. A base order was created to establish three fire conditions that limit live-fire training during times of limited rainfall.

All ordnance is authorized for fire under fire condition three.

Only regular ball and high-explosive ammunition is permitted during fire condition two, which goes into effect if three days pass without rainfall. Ground flares and aerial illumination like tracer rounds are also not be allowed.



A helicopter pilot with the Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262 douses a range fire at Camp Hansen Range 2 Aug. 22.

Photo courtesy of Shigeru Tobaru

Fire condition one allows only for the firing of regular ball ammunition and practice rounds. Condition one takes effect after six consecutive days without rain. Once a fifth of an inch of rain is received within a 24-hour period, fire conditions are adjusted to condition two and eventually condition one.

"I think that range con-

trol really tries to stay on top of doing whatever they can," said Larry Soenen, a soil scientist with Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler's environmental branch. "There is a lot of effort made to prevent a fire from starting at all, but with all the vegetation that's out there it doesn't take much for a fire to start."

31st MEU volunteers take on community projects



Cpl. David Maxwell saws a branch Sept. 6 at the Nakijin Christian Church Camp. The 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit has been volunteering at the camp for several years. Photos by Lance Cpl. Bryan A. Peterson

Marines, sailors tackle camp clean-up project

Lance Cpl. Bryan A. Peterson

Okinawa Marine Staff

More than 30 volunteers from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit's battalion landing team, provided maintenance and clean-up work at the Nakijin Christian Church Camp Sept. 7.

The Marines and sailors, from 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, accomplished more in three hours than is normally done in three months, according to Shigeru Kawamitsu, who usually maintains the camp.

The volunteers spent half the day leveling ground, cutting tree branches and cleaning two houses in a campground usually serviced by only Kawamitsu and his wife.

The much-needed work helped make the area an attractive place to retreat to, Kawamitsu said.

"It's really hard to maintain this place with just me and my wife," he said. "Mosquitoes are everywhere, and reducing tree branches can help get rid of them."

Marines assigned to the 31st MEU's BLT have been helping the church camp since 1997, but this is the first year the MEU included the project in their Marine Expeditionary Unit Exercise, said Navy Lt. Bruce A. Vaughan, the chaplain for 1st Bn., 5th Marines.

"We (chaplains) discussed this as an opportunity to include it in the MEU EX," Vaughan said. "In real-world deployments, we do community projects as a way to let the local people know we are here to help. This is one example of what Marines and sailors will be doing in the midst of the deployments to come."

Lance Cpl. Daniel Miller said he was glad to experience a little culture while providing help at the same time.

"This is my first time helping out a local community, and it feels great," said Miller, a rifleman with B Company. "We've been



Lance Cpl. Antwon Dacas scrubs the window sills of a house. This is the first year the 31st MEU's BLT has included this community relations project in the Marine Expeditionary Unit Exercise.

training nonstop, and this is another type of training for a great cause."

Kawamitsu has worked for the church camp for three years, and he said every year that the Marines come and help, he is amazed by how they can get so much accomplished in a short period of time.

"I am short, so I can't reach certain things. But they are tall, powerful Marines," he said. "All that tree trimming, dirt shoveling and house cleaning they completed in a couple of hours was great. My wife and I are very grateful that they take time out of their tough schedule to come out here and help."

After completing the work, the Marines enjoyed a barbecue and some relaxation before heading back to Camp Hansen.

Marine volunteers help restore popular pier

Staff Sgt. Marc Ayalin

31st Marine Expeditionary Unit

A small fishing village pier sitting just outside the gates of Camp Hansen in the town of Kin has become a popular weekend retreat for both Okinawans and Americans. It may be the attraction to the turquoise-colored waters of Kin Bay that catches the curiosity of passers by, but over the years, the pier's serenity has been tainted by a small pollution problem.

As part of a community outreach program, more than 100 Marines from A Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, the battalion landing team for the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, spent the day Sept. 1 bringing back the pier's luster by conducting a cleanup operation that went beyond a simple goodwill gesture.

"It's more than just picking up trash," said Navy Lt. Bruce Vaughn, the battalion's chaplain and key coordinator for the project. "We're affecting the attitudes of the locals and the Marines themselves."

For 19-year-old Pfc. Chris Mechum, this project makes his time in Okinawa more meaningful.

"It makes me feel good helping the community out because it puts a new perspective on helping," he said. "We do police calls all the time but this one is for a better purpose."

Kochi Chiyoko, Camp Hansen's community relations director, coordinates several community projects throughout the year with unit chaplains and believes that the Marines are a good asset for strengthening neighborly values.

"Many people from other parts of the island come here and pollute the pier's seawall and when the Marines come here to help, it is like being a good neighbor."

Takashi Minei agrees. He is the president of the Kin Town Fisherman's Association. Minei's fishing market and dock is a popular attraction for those looking to buy fresh fish weekly. When the pier is clean, it brings a good feeling to the fishermen coming in and out of the bay, he said.

"I am very happy that the Marines came here today because it is very very helpful to me and the others who work here every day," Minei said.



Marines search for garbage along a seawall in the town of Kin Sept. 1. The effort was part of a community outreach project with Marines from A Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit's battalion landing team. Photo by Staff Sgt. Marc Ayalin

A simple tribute for a complex day

Sgt. Ethan E. Rocke

Reverence, reflection, honor, healing, wounds, changed, sacrifice, atrocity, tragedy, terror, war, courage, solemn, forever, tribute, heroes, fight, falter, fail, commitment.

Every September, we hear these words – the elaborate vocabulary that plays out annually as we reflect, attempt to heal, and reaffirm our resolve.

As a nation, we attempt to look inside our hearts and find the place where 9/11 feelings are simple. While we've talked extensively about how

9/11 changed us as a nation, we see, on this five-year anniversary especially, how truly changed we are and that our feelings aren't as simple as they once were.

That's why today I try to simplify, in my mind and heart, what has become a complex occasion. I want to talk about my words for this solemn anniversary in our nation's history. There are only three, and they are the same words that all Marines hold dear to their hearts, before and after Sept. 11.

They are the words that I retreat to this year and, without a doubt, find common ground and unity because they are the words that

define our community – our microcosm of American society.

President Bush reached out to the American people Monday with an address from the Oval Office, and one section of his speech in particular spoke to those of us who live by the three words I'm talking about: honor, courage and commitment.

"On this day, we remember the innocent who've lost their lives," he said. "And we pay tribute to those who gave their lives so that others might live."

"Out of this suffering, we resolve to honor every man and woman lost. And we seek their lasting memorial in a safer and more hopeful world."

The days, months and years after Sept. 11, 2001 have continuously tested our resolve as America's 911 force, and while the face of our enemy has continuously changed over the course of our history, our story remains the same. Ours is the story of the world's finest fighting force.

We are men and women who accept the daunting task of fighting and winning our country's battles, and we do it without ever doubting our ability to perform with the same discipline, professionalism and dependability of all the Marines who have written our history since 1775.

The Global War on Terror has tested us continuously, and we have repeatedly shown that we will not be shaken.

I have been trusted with the responsibility of telling the Marine Corps story during this trying time, and time after time, I have seen a consistency of character, commitment and willingness to sacrifice that inspires me year after year.

It's why I could not be more proud to call myself a United States Marine, and it's why this Sept. 11, I simplify my tribute.

In his speech, President Bush said "In Iraq, Afghanistan and other fronts in the war on terror, the men and women of our military are making great sacrifices to keep us safe. "Some have suffered terrible injuries, and nearly 3,000 have given their lives."

I share our commander in chief's sentiment for those who have stood up to protect our nation since 9/11, especially for those who have paid such a high price to do so.

I have told stories of the fallen many times, and theirs are tales we should never forget. More importantly, they are the tales that all Americans can agree deserve our tribute on a day like Sept. 11.

So here is our common ground; here is our simple tribute:

Thank you. You are not forgotten.



ABOVE | Seen through a broken out window, New York City firemen and rescue workers walk beneath an American flag as they work their way toward the heart of the devastation that was once the World Trade Center in New York City Sept. 14, 2001. *Photo by JO1 Preston Keres, USN*



RIGHT | One hundred eighty-four beams of light are illuminated at the Pentagon during the Washington, D.C. Freedom Walk, Sept. 10. The lights commemorate each life lost at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001. *Photo by Tech. Sgt. Wayne Clark*

“Out of this suffering, we resolve to honor every man and woman lost. And we seek their lasting memorial in a safer and more hopeful world.”

— President George W. Bush



Service members observe a moment of silence Sept. 11 at Camp Hansen's West Chapel in remembrance of those who lost their lives five years ago.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay



Cpl. David Roland, a percussionist with the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force band, plays for Marines and sailors who gathered at the West Chapel on Camp Hansen Sept. 11. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay

Local service members remember 5 years later

Lance Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay
Okinawa Marine Staff

“I was confused, angry, and worried. There were just so many emotions running through my mind at the time,” said Cpl. Peterson Pichardo, a New York City native who lived just blocks from “ground zero.”

Pichardo, who was attending high school at the time of the 9/11 attacks, recalled that day for Marines and sailors who gathered for a remembrance ceremony Sept. 11 at Camp Hansen’s West Chapel.

“We were told (over the intercom) that if we had relatives working in the World Trade Center to come down to the room, because (the staff) needed to tell us something,” he said.

Pichardo later learned he lost a relative in the attacks.

In the years since terrorists hijacked four commercial jet planes and launched an unprecedented attack on America, Marines, sailors, soldiers and airmen have endured great sacrifice while deployed around the globe to keep America safe. The ceremony at Hansen honored that sacrifice along with the memory of those, like the relative of Pichardo, who were among the unwitting first victims of the War on Terror.

The ceremony began with members of the III Marine Expeditionary Force Band playing a medley of spiritual and patriotic music.

Moments of anger, frustration and helplessness and pride filled the atmosphere during a brief slideshow presentation showing service members in action in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Attendants took time after the presentation to express their

thoughts concerning 9/11.

Master Sgt. Mark D Singerhouse, who was stationed in Okinawa at the time of the attacks, was among those who spoke about his experience. While watching TV with his wife during a typhoon, Singerhouse saw the burning twin towers surrounded by Japanese text. Before his wife could translate for him, she began crying.

“I had vengeance in my heart,” Singerhouse said, referring to those responsible for the attacks. “My Marines were my first thought, that they were going into harm’s way.”

Although 9/11 was a crushing blow for Americans all over the world, the United States quickly gathered together to respond. For most Marines, the attacks only strengthened their esprit de Corps.

“As a staff noncommissioned officer I do not feel my role has changed,” said Master Sgt. Vincent J. Smith, an attendee of the ceremony. “As a person however, I ensure I’m practicing what I preach. What I do, or fail to do, can be the difference between life and death (for my Marines), and that’s not something that I take lightly.”

Many of the attendees at the ceremony joined the Marine Corps since Sept. 11, demonstrating the continued commitment of those willing to serve in a time of war.

“I always knew I was going to be a Marine,” said Pichardo. “(Sept. 11) just added to (the reasons to join).”

The ceremony concluded with an honor to all services by playing the Marines’ Hymn, Anchors Aweigh, the Caisson Song, the Air Force Song and the Coast Guard Anthem.





Awamori was first developed in the Ryukyu Kingdom during the 14th and 15th centuries from techniques learned in Thailand. Awamori's local history and production is a source of pride among many Okinawans. What sets awamori apart from the popular mainland liquor, sake, is the fact that unlike awamori, sake is brewed. Also, short grain Japonica rice is used in sake while long grained Indica rice from Thailand is used for awamori. *Photos by Scott M. Biscuiti*

AWAMORI

For those looking to get the most from a tour on Okinawa, a trip to an awamori distillery can provide a unique perspective of the island's rich culture.

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Awamori, a close cousin to Japan's sake, is a liquor that is made only on Okinawa and is intrinsically wound into the island's history and traditions.

Okinawa is home to 48 distilleries and many of these offer free tours to the public, such as the Helios distillery in Nago and the Zuisen distillery in Naha.

Lance Cpl. Matthew Pielmeier, a traffic management specialist with the Camp Hansen Traffic Management Office recently visited the Nago distillery and described the tour as a "fascinating experience." He had never even heard of awamori before the trip, he said.

Like Pielmeier, visitors to an awamori distillery can witness the three main stages of the production process: fermentation, distillation and aging.

The powerful aroma of yeast and alcohol

greets the visitors as they step into the fermentation room. During this process, water and yeast are added to malted rice and the chemical reaction converts the glucose in the rice to alcohol.

From the fermentation room, the tour moves to the distillation area. During this step, the alcohol and by-products from the fermentation process are poured into large copper distillers where they are heated to increase the alcohol in the mixture.

Finally, visitors move to the last, and possibly most impressive stage of the tour, the aging area. When walking into the Koshu-gura (aging house) it is easy to be overwhelmed by the pungent smell of alcohol as it stings the nostrils. The warehouse-sized room is filled with thousands of casks stacked from floor to ceiling. It is up to the distillery to determine how long the awamori is aged. At the Helios distillery in Nago,



The Zuisen distillery in Naha displays a multitude of awamori including many local, national and international award winners. Most distilleries on Okinawa display and sell the many kinds of awamori produced at their facility.

Awamori was first developed in the Ryukyu Kingdom during the 14th and 15th centuries. The rice used to make modern awamori is imported from Thailand.



Lance Cpl. Matthew Pielmeier browses the different kinds of awamori made at the Helios distillery in Nago after touring the facility Sept. 10. Awamori Kura, produced at the distillery, is aged for three or more years in oak casks. The casks give Kura its mellow aroma, rich taste and light honey color.

the awamori is aged up to three years.

After the tour, visitors can sample the awamori, enjoying the fruits of the long and meticulous process.

HISTORY

Some distilleries, such as the Zuisen distillery in Naha, have been around for more than 100 years. The different varieties of awamori produced at this distillery have won countless local, national and international awards.

Awamori was first developed in the Ryukyu Kingdom during the 14th and 15th centuries from techniques learned in Thailand. The rice used to make modern awamori is still imported from Thailand.

Like many regional Japanese liquors, the development of awamori has been tailored over the centuries to fit the climate of the region. The most notable example of this on Okinawa is the use of black malt yeast in the production process. The high level of citric acid this yeast gives off is important in preventing the development of bacteria in Okinawa's humid climate.

The history of awamori on Okinawa is not without interruption, however. Like many aspects of Okinawan culture, it was affected greatly by World War II. After the War, with most of the island's distilleries destroyed or damaged, whiskey, imported from the United States, became the drink of choice.

However, during the 70s, as whiskey became more expensive and more awamori distilleries reopened, the native drink of Okinawa regained its popularity and rightful place as Okinawa's favorite liquor.

Like many liquors, awamori is thought to get better with age. Aged awamori, known as

kusu, has a history all its own.

Awamori used to be stored in jars outside of homes. The jar with the oldest awamori would be placed closest to the house with the most recently made awamori being the furthest. When awamori was served, it was ladled out of the oldest batch. What was taken from that jar was replaced from the next oldest and so forth. Because of this, kusu was a mixture of awamori of different ages.

Today for awamori to be labeled kusu, 51 percent of it has to be at least three years old. Pure kusu that is all one age will say 100 percent kusu on the bottle followed by a number designating the year it was created.

A TASTE ITS OWN

Awamori's local history and production is a source of pride among many Okinawans who also view the drink as a contributor to long life, according to Koji Shima, a resident of Nago who regularly enjoys awamori with friends.

What sets awamori apart from the popular mainland liquor, sake, is the fact that awamori is distilled where sake is brewed. Also, short grain Japonica rice is used in sake while long grained Indica rice from Thailand is used for awamori. Many connoisseurs feel these factors give awamori a superior taste and quality.

Today the drink once exclusive to Okinawa is becoming known world wide. Awamori is exported from Okinawa and enjoys popularity in other parts of the world; mainly mainland Japan, Hawaii and the west coast of the U.S. Also, Zuisen exports some of its awamori to New York City and has plans to expand its distribution to Florida in the near future.



Koshu-gura, or aging house, at the Helios distillery in Nago holds 2,600 casks of awamori. The casks sit for three years to earn the title of kusu, or aged liquor. Today, for awamori to be labeled kusu, 51 percent must be at least three years old.



Awamori created at the Zuisen distillery in Naha is aged in large containers for up to 21 years.



Some types of awamori are stored in large steel containers reminiscent of grain silos and aged for up to three years. Awamori aged in metal is clear in color and generally has a lower alcohol content.

Military education benefits big help in earning degree

Pfc. Richard Blumenstein

Okinawa Marine Staff

Active-duty Marines have the keys to a free college education in their hands, and all they need to do is unlock the door and walk through the halls of achievement to earn a degree.

The Marine Corps provides several opportunities for active-duty Marines who wish to obtain a college degree. Benefits available to service members include credit-by-exam programs, college credit for military experience and training, tuition assistance, and the Montgomery G.I. Bill.

"Marines who want to obtain a college degree have the opportunity to get started right now," said Robert Stenard, a supervisory guidance counselor on Camp Foster.

An example is Lance Cpl. Eric A. Young, who has taken full advantage of his benefits since Oct. 2004. He has already earned 33 college credits.

"If you're given the opportunity to go to college, you should take it," said Young. "It's awesome; the free tuition covers 100 percent of my college."

Marine Corps Tuition Assistance is a benefit that can pay up to 100 percent of an active-duty Marine's tuition expenses, not to exceed \$4,500 a year, for courses taken during off-duty hours, according to Marine Administrative Message 571/05, Marine Corps Tuition Assistance (TA) Funding Policy.

"I take the maximum amount of classes per semester that I can handle," Young said.

Marines should plan the use of their benefits in conjunction with their schedule, according to Stenard. Not all Marines have time to make it to the classroom.

Credit-by-exams programs provide service members an opportunity to earn credits through college-level

exams accepted by more than 1,750 colleges, according to the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support site at <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>.

"One Marine studied during deployments and earned 21 college credits through testing," Stenard said.

Marines also receive college credits for military training, such as those received at military occupational schools and recruit training, through recommendations by the American Council on Education.

ACE is an organization that evaluates military schools and occupations to determine the amount of credit each can potentially award, according to its Web site at <http://www.acenet.edu>.

Marines can view college credits they may have earned by looking at their transcripts online, Stenard said. Most college credits earned through training are counted as electives.

When Marines get out of the Marine Corps, they can transfer the credits they earned while serving and use their Montgomery GI Bill to further their education, Stenard added.

The MGIB can provide over \$37,000 in education benefits for college, business technical or vocational courses, as well as distance learning courses, certification tests, apprenticeships, and flight training, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs GI Bill Web site at <http://www.gibill.va.gov>.

"Most Marines are not going to stay in the Marine Corps forever," Stenard said. "They should have a backup plan."

Marines who wish to take advantage of these educational opportunities can start the process by going to their base Lifelong Learning Center and scheduling a college 101 brief with a counselor, who can help organize the best plan for them, Stenard said.



Lance Cpl. Stephen Simmons, left, works on a mount for a 7-ton truck with the assistance of Lance Cpl. Robert Lewis, center, and Joshua Bergeson. All three Marines are reservist Logistic Vehicle System Operators assigned to 3rd Transportation Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group. Photo by Lance Cpl. Terence L. Yancey

DOUBLE DUTY

Reserve Marines get taste of active duty, foreign country

Lance Cpl. Terence L. Yancey

Okinawa Marine Staff

Approximately 80 Marine reservists from all over the United States who came to Okinawa Aug. 22 on the Corps' Personnel Augmentation Training Program wrapped up their two-week visit Sept. 4.

The reservists got a taste of active-duty and experienced life stationed abroad while filling billets left vacant by 3rd Marine Logistics Group Marines who deployed to Korea for Exercise Ulchi Focus Lens 2006.

The training program, run by Marine logistics groups, is designed to augment units who have Marines deployed and to get reservists on-the-job training in their occupational field, according to 1st Sgt. Michael Policastro, the senior reservist to come to Okinawa as part of the program.

The reservists filled in for Marines from 3rd MLG's Headquarters and Service Battalion, 3rd Transportation Support Battalion and 3rd Materiel Readiness Battalion. They were spread out among Camps Kinser, Foster and Schwab. They also spent their free time exploring the island and learning a little about the local culture.

Because of the Global War on Terrorism, many reservists are being activated and working alongside their active-duty counterparts in combat zones, according to Policastro. The visit gives them a better understanding of how the fleet Marine force works when that day comes.

The Marines received valuable training while providing 3rd MLG units with critical manpower they had lost to UFL.

"Three reserve Marines saved us about 200 man hours," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Kealy, assistant warehouse chief for Materiel Readiness Company, 3rd MRB.

The warehouse had been running on 25 percent manpower due to deployments to UFL and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The reservist also helped H&S Bn. complete a massive inventory while down five Marines, according to Master Sgt. Melanie Charles, inventory supply chief for the battalion. With the reservists' help, Charles and her Marines were able to complete in a few days what could have taken weeks.

"This is the most exciting thing I've ever done," said Lance Cpl. Elizabeth Bennett, a supply administration clerk from San Jose, Calif., who was assigned to H&S Bn. "Getting to come to Japan and experience the culture while working was amazing."

For Bennett even her first taxi ride in Okinawa turned into a cultural learning experience as the driver taught her some Japanese on the ride to Naha's Kokusai Street, she said.

This is not the first year the program has been in place. Last year reservists, many having served in Iraq, came to Okinawa to fill empty billets and shared their experiences with MLG Marines.

According to Policastro, the program is only open to enlisted Marines and fills their required annual two weeks of active-duty training. Usually the most the Marines get to do is go to Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., or Twenty-nine Palms, Calif. For many the trip to Okinawa was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.



Brian Childress strains against the weight during the squat lift portion of the Camp Kinser open power lifting competition Sept. 9. Childress placed first overall in the competition with a total weight of 1,265 pounds. Photos by Lance Cpl. W. Zach Griffith

Coming on strong

Power lifters square off in Kinser competition

Lance Cpl. W. Zach Griffith
Okinawa Marine Staff

It was in the final event of the Camp Kinser Open Power Lifting Tournament that Brian Childress made his monster known, easily lifting more than

550 pounds in the dead lift event, more than 100 pounds over his closest competitors.

By the event's end Sept. 9, his competition could only watch as Childress made his final lift, hoisting the championship trophy in victory.

Childress' attributed his win to his ability to keep pushing himself toward higher weight amounts in each of the three events. He lifted a total combined weight of 1,265 pounds.

The competition was comprised of the squat lift, bench press, and dead lift. Competitors had three attempts in each event to lift their selected weight.

"I've been training for this event for about eight months now," Childress said. "I knew all I had to do was stay in the competition and I had a pretty good shot."

Sherri Garrett won overall female class with a total weight of 345 pounds.

When Garrett walked into the gym the morning of the competition, she had no intention of competing, she did not even know about the event, she said. But she was the event champion by day's end.

"I'm 40 years old, I have never had an interest in this kind of competition," the 3rd Materiel

Readiness Battalion chaplain said. "I did this on a whim and ended up lifting more than I ever have before."

The competition began with the squat lift. This was the only event where Childress looked vulnerable as he faltered while attacking big weights. After an initial lift of 415 pounds, Childress' failed at two attempts at 450 pounds, opening the door for challenger Mike Cirillo.

Cirillo made a formidable charge, consistently making his first two lifts while adding weight in smaller increments than Childress. But in the end, he could not match Childress' initial lift of 415 pounds.

Cirillo went on to finish second in the male class with a combined weight of 1,135 pounds. Joey Silvers finished third with 985 pounds.

In the female class, Brenda Bradley Davila finished second with a combined weight of 230 pounds.



Mike Cirillo strains while lifting 415 pounds during the squat event. He placed second overall with a total weight of 1,135 pounds.

IN THEATERS SEPTEMBER 15-21

Start times are subject to change without notice.
Call in advance to confirm show times.

KADENA
634-4422

FRIDAY Monster House (PG), 6 p.m.; Invincible (PG), 9 p.m.

SATURDAY Monster House (PG), noon, 3 p.m.; Invincible (PG), 6 p.m.; My Super Ex-Girlfriend (PG-13), 9 p.m.

SUNDAY Monster House (PG), noon; Invincible (PG), 3 p.m.; My Super Ex-Girlfriend (PG-13), 6 p.m.

MONDAY Invincible (PG), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY Clerks 2 (R), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Monster House (PG), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Idiocracy (R), 7 p.m.

FOSTER
645-3465

FRIDAY Idiocracy (R), 7 p.m.; Clerks 2 (R), 10 p.m.

SATURDAY Monster House (PG), 1 p.m.; My Super Ex-Girlfriend (PG-13), 4 p.m.; Idiocracy (R), 7 p.m.; Clerks 2 (R), 10 p.m.

SUNDAY Monster House (PG), 1 p.m., 4 p.m.; Idiocracy (R), 7 p.m.

MONDAY Idiocracy (R), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY My Super Ex-Girlfriend (PG-13), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Clerks 2 (R), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY The Covenant (PG-13), 7 p.m.

FUTENMA
636-3890

FRIDAY Little Man (PG-13), 7 p.m.

SATURDAY You, Me and Dupree (PG-13), 1:30 p.m.; Little Man (PG-13), 6 p.m.

SUNDAY The Covenant (R), 1:30 p.m., 6 p.m.

MONDAY You, Me and Dupree (PG-13), 6 p.m.

TUESDAY Closed

WEDNESDAY Idiocracy (R), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Closed

SCHWAB
625-2333

FRIDAY Superman Returns (PG-13), 7 p.m.

SATURDAY Little Man (PG-13), 7 p.m.

SUNDAY You, Me and Dupree (PG-13), 7 p.m.

MONDAY The Covenant (PG-13), 6 p.m., 9 p.m.

TUESDAY Idiocracy (R), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Closed

THURSDAY Closed

KINSER
637-2177

FRIDAY Clerks 2 (R), 7 p.m.

SATURDAY Monster House (PG), 3 p.m.; My Super Ex-Girlfriend (PG-13), 7 p.m.

SUNDAY Monster House (PG), 6 p.m.

MONDAY Closed

TUESDAY My Super Ex-Girlfriend (PG-13), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY The Covenant (PG-13), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Invincible (PG), 7 p.m.

COURTNEY
622-9616

FRIDAY The Covenant (PG-13), 6:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY The Lake House (PG), 2 p.m.; The Covenant (PG-13), 6 p.m., 9 p.m.

SUNDAY Little Man (PG-13), 7 p.m.

MONDAY You, Me and Dupree (PG-13), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY Closed

WEDNESDAY Little Man (PG-13), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Closed

HANSEN
623-4564

FRIDAY Snakes on a Plane (R), 6 p.m., 9 p.m.

SATURDAY Snakes on a Plane (R), 6 p.m., 9 p.m.

SUNDAY Monster House (PG), 2 p.m.; My Super Ex-Girlfriend (PG-13), 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY My Super Ex-Girlfriend (PG-13), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY The Covenant (PG-13), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Clerks 2 (R), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Clerks 2 (R), 7 p.m.

SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Dodgeball Tournament

Sept. 15
Camp Foster
No transportation provided
For more information, call 645-5131.

and a change of clothes

HeLo Dunker Training

Camp Hansen
Sept. 20-21
7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Camp Courtney, 3 p.m.
Camp Hansen, 3:45 p.m.
Camp Schwab, 4:15 p.m.

Expo Park

Sept. 23
(Sign up by Sept. 18)
Departure times
Camp Kinser, 8 a.m.
MCAS Futenma, 8:30 a.m.
Camp Foster, 9 a.m.
Camp Courtney, 8:30 a.m.
Camp Hansen, 9 a.m.
Camp Schwab, 9:45 a.m.

Tunnel Rats Tour

Sept. 19
Departure times:
Camp Foster, 8:45 a.m.
MCAS Futenma, 9:15 a.m.
Camp Kinser, 9:35 a.m.
Bring: flashlight, towel

Ai No Mura Retirement Home Clean-Up

Sept. 22
MCAS Futenma, 1-3:45 p.m.

Okuma Trip

Sept. 22

Contact the Single Marine Program Office at 645-3681 for more information.

All pick-up points will be at Semper Fit gyms or the Foster Field House.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

JEWISH HIGH HOLY DAYS

Rosh Hashanah

(Camp Kinser Chapel)
Sept. 22, 7-10 p.m.
Sept. 23, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Sept. 24, 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur

(Camp Foster Chapel)
Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m., Kol Nidre
Oct. 2, 10 a.m., Yom Kippur
Oct. 2, 6 p.m., Neilah

For more information, call 637-2092 or e-mail jonathanheesch@yahoo.com.

Camp Foster 645-7486/7487

Protestant: Sun., 8:30 a.m.
Eastern Orthodox: Sun., 9:30 a.m.
Gospel: Sun., 11:30 a.m.
Latter-day Saints: Sun., 2 p.m.
Church of Christ: Sun. (Bldg. 455, Rm. 207/208), noon
Hindu Services: Fri. (Hindu Room), noon
Catholic: Mon.-Fri., 11:45 a.m.; Sat., 5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.
Jewish: Fri., 8:00 p.m., First Friday, 6 p.m.
Muslim: Friday prayer at 12:45 p.m.

MCAS Futenma 636-3058

Contemporary: Sun., 9 a.m.
Catholic: Sun., noon

Chapel 2, 5 p.m.; Sun., Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.; Mass, Chapel 1, 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Camp Schwab 625-2644/2866

Catholic: Sun., 8:30 a.m.
Episcopal: Sun., 9:30 a.m.
Protestant: Sun., 11 a.m.

Protestant: Wed., Bible Study, Chapel 2, 7 p.m.; Sun., Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m.; Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.; Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 a.m.; Traditional, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m.; Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, Bldg. 327, 8:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Camp McTureous 622-7505

Catholic: Sat., 5:00 p.m.
Lutheran: Sun. 9:45 a.m.
Gospel: Sun., 12:30 p.m.

Contemporary worship: Sundays, Chapel 1, 7:30 p.m.
Eastern Orthodox: Call 645-7486
Jewish: Call 637-1027
Islamic: Call 636-3219
Pagan: Fri., Chapel 1, 7 p.m.

Camp Courtney 622-9350

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Catholic: Sun. (Chapel 1), 11 a.m.; Mon.-Thurs. (Chapel 2), noon
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Protestant: Sun. (West Chapel), 11 a.m.

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