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## Freak storm rips through Camp Schwab

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CAMP SCHWAB — A powerful storm, most likely a tornado, slammed Camp Schwab around 1 p.m. Nov. 18 injuring three Marines in the parking lot of the Post Exchange and leaving several cars overturned and buildings damaged.

The Marines suffered minor injuries and were taken to the camp medical clinic where they were treated and released according to Petty Officer 2nd Class Francis Alcanciado, a hospital corpsman and a section head for the Acute Care Area at the Camp Schwab medical clinic.

The camp post office, enlisted barracks, Beachhead club, and theater all sustained minor damage.

An electrical transformer in the exchange parking lot was also damaged and several power lines were knocked down. None of the damage was severe and maintenance crews of the Facility Engineer detachment have finished cleaning up the area, according to Sgt. Daniel Carter, the Camp Schwab maintenance detachment noncommissioned officer-in-charge. Power has been restored and the camp has resumed normal operations.

Kadena Air Base's 18 Operational Support Squadron Weather Flight is currently analyzing all metrological and physical data available, including ground and aerial photos

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“As long as we have Marines like Cpl. Dunham, America will never fear for her liberty.”

— PRESIDENT BUSH in a speech announcing Dunham's Medal of Honor

## First Long War Marine receives Medal of Honor



**A GREAT SACRIFICE** | Deb Dunham holds a boot camp picture of her son, Cpl. Jason L. Dunham, who will be awarded posthumously the Medal of Honor for saving two fellow Marines by using his helmet and body to smother an exploding Mills Bomb let loose by an insurgent in Iraq April 14, 2004. SEE STORY ON PAGE 8. Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Dunn

## TGL's late-night shuttle service to make final run

**Lance Cpl. W. Zach Griffith**  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP FOSTER — The Green Line Red Eye Shuttle is halting service and will make its last run Nov. 26 after a recent survey indicated the shuttle averages fewer than 15 passengers per weekend, base officials said.

Regular Green Line service will remain unaffected.

“To have the Red Eye Shuttle, we had to take resources from The Green Line,” said Thomas Ramer, the Garrison Mobile Equipment operations officer. “Not enough people were using the shuttle, so we're taking those resources and putting them back into the regular Green Line.”

The drivers will now augment The Green Line with the E-bus, or extra-bus network, according to Ramer. During peak hours, The Green Line buses get swamped, and some passengers get left behind. With the E-bus network, there are buses and drivers standing by that can transport the additional passengers.

The late-night shuttle started June 30 to support the change in the liberty policy for red liberty card holders on Okinawa, Ramer said. The Policy required Marines with red liberty cards to be aboard military installation by midnight. Using the Red Eye Shuttle however, red card holders could be out past midnight on another base and return to their own installation without being considered “off base.”

With so few members using the service, it was deemed more cost effective to employ the assets elsewhere, Ramer said.

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**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI, Japan**  
Members of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 visit Asai Orphanage Nov. 9 as part of a community service program to teach the children English and American culture. Photo by Pfc. Chris Dobbs



**MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif.** | Marines from 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, rush down Range 400 during a live-fire exercise Oct. 13. Range 400 is used to train rifle companies in the techniques and procedures for attacking fortified areas. Photo by Lance Cpl. Regina N. Ortiz



**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.** | Marines and sailors with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit load onto a Landing Craft Air Cushioned to transit to the USS Bataan Oct. 24. The 26th MEU is training with the Bataan Strike Group for a scheduled 2007 deployment. Photo by Lance Cpl. Patrick M. Johnson-Campbell



**CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq** | Cpl. Jason D. Green, a 24-year-old vehicle commander with Security Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 5, 1st Marine Logistics Group, surveys the scene at an explosion site Nov. 7. Photo by Lance Cpl. Geoffrey P. Ingersoll



# Dunham's story next chapter in Corps' history

Sgt. Ethan E. Rocke

**W**hen Cpl. Jason Dunham threw his helmet and then his body on top of a Mills Bomb in Iraq's Anbar province in April 2004, I doubt any thoughts of posthumous glory were going through his mind. I doubt he was thinking of the countless news stories that would surround the announcement that his actions warrant the Medal of Honor. I don't believe he was thinking of the book that an embedded reporter would write about him.

It's possible Dunham was thinking he might survive. Marines from his unit have recalled him vocalizing a theory that maybe a Kevlar helmet could blunt a grenade blast enough for the Marine on top of it to survive.

After Dunham tested his theory without hesitation to save two of his fellow Marines, he did survive – for about eight days.

But regardless of what was going through his mind in those few decisive seconds, Jason Dunham is a hero, and his story is an inspiring tale that poignantly illustrates that the Marine Corps' traditions of honor, courage and commitment are as alive today as they have been since 1775.

The details of Dunham's story are laid out in Michael M. Phillips' book "The Gift of

Valor: A War Story." The book tells of Dunham's humble beginnings in a tiny town in upstate New York, his rise to leadership as a young infantry noncommissioned officer and the final days of his life as he goes from the Iraqi battlefield back to Bethesda Naval Medical Center in Virginia. Here Dunham's parents are reunited with their son for the final hours of his life and the Commandant of the Marine Corps pins the Purple Heart on Dunham's pillow.

This is Dunham's story, and it is a great one. Phillips, who originally told the story in a newspaper feature he wrote for the Wall Street Journal, handled Dunham's story with the appropriate care and detail necessary to convey a spirit that is best articulated in *John 15:13 – Greater love has no one than this; that he lay down his life for his friends.*

Unfortunately, other media outlets have handled Dunham's story without the same reverence. I understand that Phillips' is a tough act to follow, but I was particularly disappointed by the disservice one major news network did to Dunham, his family and the Marine Corps on the day the President made the Medal of Honor announcement.

Dunham and the Marine Corps would have shared another birthday, the Corps' 231st and his 25th Nov. 10. During their broadcast that evening, the producers of one major news network made his story subor-

dinate to another piece, with an overt message that Marine recruit training, despite its constant emphasis on honor, courage and commitment, cannot ensure 100 percent ethical behavior in its warriors once they are subjected to the stresses of combat in Iraq.

The story focused on recent allegations of war crimes committed by Marines in Iraq and suggested that despite the Corps' doctrine and focus on the highest standards of upright, moral and professional behavior in all environments, recruit training is essentially ineffectual in instilling those values.

Rubbish.

I was extremely disappointed that the network's producers saw Dunham's story as worthy of nothing more than a brief lead-in to the pre-packaged piece from Parris Island. Sad to see a national media outlet downplay the gravity of Dunham's sacrifice on a day when his name ought to have been seared into our minds as a shining example of American virtue during an extremely trying time in our nation's history.

As a storyteller of Marines, I feel compelled to carry this message: Everyone, especially Marines, should know the real story of Jason Dunham. For it is our tradition that if we Marines know his story, a little bit of him will always live on in all of us as we strive to live up to his example.

You can be sure that Marines 100 years from now will count the name Dunham among those of our finest heroes.

## Despite circumstances, true spirit of holiday is to be thankful

Navy Lt. Ed Bass

**I**t is November again and time for reflection on the coming holidays, beginning with Thanksgiving. I love Thanksgiving not only because it reminds me of time off from school, family gatherings and my grandmother's cheesecake, but for the meaning behind the holiday. The concept of giving thanks is a message for the ages and a



daily discipline which people of character cultivate their entire lives.

The truth is we don't have to be happy to be thankful. Happiness depends on what is happening to us at a given moment. Our happiness changes with circumstances. To be honest, I'm not all that happy right now because I'm missing Monday Night Football. But much more significant were the troubles of the Pilgrims, who lost more than half of their community to disease and starvation during the winter of 1620. Yet after meeting and becoming friends with the Native Americans, they got together for a celebra-

tion and feast of thanksgiving. Because they were able to be thankful, even in the midst of great sorrow and loss, we have this wonderful holiday to celebrate.

We can give thanks any time of day, whether we are happy or not, because there is always something we can be thankful for, even if it means being thankful that our temporary time of suffering or loss will eventually come to pass. Giving thanks connects us to the eternal gifts of hope and renewal, of which God is more than willing to give to those who believe; whereas happiness

is only temporary and transitory based upon our momentary feelings.

So, do you want to be a person of character – a thankful person? You don't have to be thankful for all things because, let's face it, some of our circumstances will be bad and unpleasant. But you can be thankful in the midst of all things, and you will be a happier person for it as well. Happy Thanksgiving!

*Bass is the 3rd Marine Division Headquarters Battalion chaplain and regularly holds services at Camp Courtney Chapel Sundays at 9:30 a.m.*

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## BRIEFS

### FAMILY STORY TIME

November is Military Family Month. To observe the occasion, Camps Foster, Courtney and Kinser Libraries will host an hour-long family story time Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m.

### LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

Camp Foster Library will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on holidays. All other Marine Corps Community Services libraries will be open regular hours on holidays.

### MOVIE MADNESS

The Camp Foster Theater will show a free G-rated movie for all registered Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts Nov. 24 at 1 p.m. To participate, bring proof of registration (wear uniform or pin) and be accompanied by an adult. Girls and boys may register the day of the event for Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts and be entered in a drawing for a new bicycle. For more information, contact the Girl Scouts office at 645-2323 or the Boy Scouts office at 645-9236.

### KILLIN ELEMENTARY NOTICE

Effective Dec. 1, families coming to Okinawa and staying at the WestPac Inn will register their children at Edward C. Killin Elementary School. This change will ease overcrowding at Zukeran Elementary School. After families register at Killin, they should go to the Foster Bus Office to obtain a bus pass. A pick-up point has been established at the WestPac Inn, and students will be provided transportation to and from school. For more information, contact Department of Defense Dependent's Schools Okinawa at 634-1204.

### MESS HALL PARTY/BLOOD DRIVE

Mess hall 488 will conduct its 1st annual Christmas party/blood drive Dec 13th. The event will consist of Santa and his elves, a local choir, Toys for Tots representatives, and a blood drive. For more information, call 645-7158.

### AIR CONDITIONING

The 18th Civil Engineer Group will begin shutdown of non-critical air conditioning equipment for all military family housing no later than Dec. 15. The shutdown may occur sooner if the average of consecutive seven-day high temperatures drops below 75 degrees F.

### 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.

### CLASS FOR EXPECTANT PARENTS

The U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa is now offering a new class for expectant and new parents called "The Happiest Baby on the Block." To sign up, please call the OB/GYN clinic at 643-7267.

**TO SUBMIT A BRIEF**, send an e-mail to [okinawamarine.mcbb.fct@usmc.mil](mailto:okinawamarine.mcbb.fct@usmc.mil) or fax your request to DSN 645-3803. The Okinawa Marine accepts briefs from nonprofit organizations only. The deadline for submitting a brief is noon every Friday. The Okinawa Marine reserves the right to edit all submitted material.



**TAKING AIM** | Marines and sailors with the Deep Reconnaissance Platoon of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit perform box drills on the flight deck of the USS Essex Nov. 11 during proficiency training. Approximately 20 Marines and sailors with the platoon engaged multiple targets simultaneously from close quarters while firing both head and body shots followed by speed reloading. The training helps them engage targets more quickly and accurately in a combat situation. Lance Cpl. Kamran Sadaghiani

## Campaign targets holiday hazards

**Lance Cpl. Corey Blodgett**

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

**CAMP FOSTER** — Being on Okinawa for many Marines and sailors means being thousands of miles away from friends and families, and while most are enjoying the holiday season, others may be feeling depressed, missing loved ones or even taking risks with their health.

In an effort to help service members deal with these types of feelings and find solace during the holidays, Marine Corps Community Services launched into its annual Beating the Blues campaign Nov. 13.

The campaign, which runs through December, includes safety briefs on holiday hazards as well as activities to create diversions for Marines, sailors, and family members who need help keeping a positive out-

look, said Monika Simpkins, an administrative support assistant for MCCA.

MCCA hosted 22 briefs Nov. 13-22, on Camps Courtney, Foster, Kinser, Hansen and Schwab, and Marine Corps Air Station Futenma. They focused on safety, drug and alcohol abuse, suicide awareness, combat stress and MCCA Holiday activities and programs.

"The briefs make sure people are aware of problems that occur during the holiday season when they're so far from home, like over drinking, getting into trouble and sometimes suicidal actions," Simpkins said. "The briefs also make sure they know how to notice those things in others and know ways to help."

Along with the briefs, MCCA will be holding various events throughout November and De-

cember. There will be movies, contests, concerts, activities for families and single Marines, and even some special sales at retail facilities, ensuring there is something for everyone, according to the MCCA Web site.

The Single Marine program is hosting tours and trips supporting Beating the Blues 2006 including the Tunnel Rats tour, World War II battle sites on Okinawa and a Kokusai Street Shopping tour.

SMP has other trips scheduled, including one to Okinawa World – the largest Okinawan culture theme park on the island Dec. 4.

For more information, visit the MCCA Web site at [www.mccsokinawa.com](http://www.mccsokinawa.com) and click on the "Beating the Blues 2006" link to bring up each camp's events' locations and times.

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and eye witness accounts, to determine if the storm was a tornado, as has been widely reported.

The storm could have also been a microburst, an extremely powerful, short, downward gust of air that can reach speeds of 100 mph and produce damage similar to a tornado, said Capt. Jonathan Wilson, the commander of the Kadena Weather Flight.

There was a warm front moving through an area of low pressure when the storm occurred.

Though these conditions are capable of producing severe weather, they are not uncommon this time of year, Wilson said.

These are not circumstances that would normally produce a tornado or microburst, and there is currently no solid evidence to support that it was either, Wilson said.

Wilson maintains that no matter the classification, this storm was an isolated incident and future occurrences are not likely. However, he cautioned that weather is unpredictable and personnel should seek shelter when severe weather is present.



## Base officials launch campaign to curb drunk driving incidents

*Editor's note: the following article, courtesy of the Marine Corps Base Camp Butler Provost Marshall's Office, is the first of a series of articles highlighting drunk and drugged driving awareness.*

As the holiday season gets underway and celebrations gain momentum, studies show more military personnel will attempt to drive while impaired by alcohol and other drugs.

The law enforcement community along with local commanders have come together to proclaim December as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month for U.S. forces in Okinawa. This initiative is also called the 3-D Campaign. Military police and commanders are asking everyone's support in promoting programs and policies to reduce the number of alcohol and drug related driving incidents.

In cooperation with the military law enforce-

ment community and Japanese police, PMO will increase its traffic enforcement through sobriety checkpoints and heavy patrols. These initiatives are designed to make the roads safer for everyone by deterring individuals from drinking and driving.

Beginning Dec. 1, static displays of wrecked vehicles that were involved in alcohol-related crashes will be displayed at the gates of all bases on Okinawa as a reminder to all personnel, "When you drink and drive, you lose!"

According to national statistics, someone in America dies in an alcohol-related crash every 33 minutes. Every two minutes, someone is injured.

PMO would like to remind all personnel that one of the easiest ways to avoid driving while impaired in Okinawa is by using a traditional taxi or a daiko taxi service.



**Kim Cooley teaches military spouses about financial management during the Lifestyle Insight Networking Skills (LINKS) course Nov. 8 at the Marine Corps Family Team Building office on Camp Foster. Mentors gave lectures and played games to help spouses learn military acronyms, history, rank structure and the location of services on Okinawa. Photo by Lance Cpl. Richard Blumenstein**

# ON COURSE

## LINKS mentorship program teaches spouses about benefits, military life

**Lance Cpl. Richard Blumenstein**

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

**CAMP FOSTER** — Military spouses may feel left in the dark hearing the endless onslaught of acronyms that comes with military life or find themselves unsure of support and benefits the military offers.

That is why Camp Foster's Marine Corps Community Services Family Team Building office hosts the Lifestyle Insight Networking Skills (LINKS) course once a month.

Mentors in the course teach spouses about available benefits, deployment issues, financial opportunities, relocation tips, Marine Corps history and military jargon, according to LINKS team leader Danielle Harper.

LINKS held a course with 22 participants Nov. 7-8 at the Marine Corps Community Services Marine Corps Family Team Building office on Camp Foster.

It is a spouse-to-spouse mentor program, said Maj. Melinda Sumner, chief of Marine Corps Family Team Building. Every instructor in the course is a military spouse.

The course's curriculum focuses on educating new military spouses. However, all spouses are welcomed. Mentors also cover changes in the Marine Corps and up-to-date programs and benefits such as the exceptional family member program, which helps service members and their families with special needs, according to Sumner.

"Things change all the time in the military," Sumner said. "For example, say you've been a military spouse for 10 years

and you come to Okinawa for the first time, you might not know what (cost of living allowance) is or how it works."

Spouses in the Nov. 7 course said they learned a lot from the lectures and the games helped them learn military acronyms, history, rank structure and the location of services on Okinawa.

"I didn't know things were so traditional in the Marine Corps," said Cyle Burr, a military spouse. "There are a lot of acronyms. I feel a lot less confused after going through the course."

Mentors also explained types of deployments, unit readiness and ways of communicating with loved ones during deployments, according to Harper. They also provided information on the military's moving process and relocation preparation.

The course also provides financial management tips in the military and explains how to check a leave and earnings statement.

"We teach them how to check if their getting over or underpaid and how to contact a financial planner," Harper said. "We want them to have the resources they need, so when their husband deploys he knows things are going to be OK and can focus on his job. The course empowers the spouse by giving them the ability to take care of things."

The next three-day course begins Dec. 5 on Camp Courtney. Anyone interested in attending can contact Maj. Melinda Sumner at 645-3724, or go to <http://www.usmc-mccs.org> and click LINKS for more information.

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# Marine to receive Medal of Honor for Iraq heroism

**Staff Sgt. Scott Dunn**  
HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS

QUANTICO, Va. — A corporal who died shielding men in his care from a bursting grenade deserves America's highest military decoration, President Bush has confirmed.

Actions by Cpl. Jason L. Dunham, who would have turned 25 Nov. 10, merit the Medal of Honor, Bush said at the National Museum of the Marine Corps' dedication ceremony, which coincided with the 231st Marine Corps anniversary.

"And on this special birthday, in the company of his fellow Marines, I'm proud to announce that our nation will recognize Cpl. Jason Dunham's action with America's highest decoration for valor, the Medal of Honor," Bush said in front of approximately 15,000 people.

The announcement prompted a booming "Ooh-rah!" — a spirited cry among Marines — from the back of the crowd, and a long applause followed.

On April 14, 2004, in Iraq near the Syrian border, the corporal used his helmet and his body to smother an exploding Mills Bomb let loose by a raging insurgent whom Dunham and two other Marines tried to subdue.

The explosion dazed and wounded Lance Cpl. William Hampton and Pfc. Kelly Miller. The insurgent stood up after the blast and was immediately killed by Marine small-arms fire.



**Parents Deb and Dan Dunham visit their son's grave Nov. 3 at Fairlawn Cemetery in Scio, N.Y.**

"By giving his own life, Cpl. Dunham saved the lives of two of his men and showed the world what it means to be a Marine," said Bush.

Dunham lay face down with a shard the size of a dress-shirt button lodged in his head. The hard, molded mesh that was his Kevlar helmet was now scattered yards around into clods and shredded fabric. Dunham never regained consciousness and died eight days later at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., with his mother and father at his bedside.

Dunham's commanding officers from 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, investigated his actions and nominated him for the Medal of Honor. After two years and seven months making its way to the White House, the nomination now has the necessary approval from the president. The president will present the medal and citation at a date to be determined. Hoping the president would make the Medal of Honor announcement on their son's birthday, Dan and



**Honoring Jason, the Dunhams have keepsakes displayed in their living room and encased in a wooden, six-foot tall cabinet.** Photos by Staff Sgt. Scott Dunn

Deb Dunham drove to Quantico from their home in Scio, N.Y. Dunham is buried in Scio.

"The public now knows what Jason did," Deb said. "We still have a loss, but the gift that Jason gave helps us go on."

"The good part is that we get to make new memories and bring new people into the family; the bad news is there will be no new memories with Jason."

The president acknowledged Dan and Deb sitting in the front row. The parents held each other close as the audience gave a resounding applause.

"We took (the applause) as a thank you for us, but it was for Jason," Deb said. "At that point, Dan and I were missing Jason a lot."

Addressing Dunham's parents, Bush said, "We remember that the Marine who so freely gave his life was your beloved son. We ask a loving God to comfort you for a loss that can never be replaced."

"As long as we have Marines like Cpl. Dunham, America will never fear for her liberty."

Before Dunham, the last Marine actions to earn the medal happened May 8, 1970, in Vietnam, according to Marine Corps History

Division records. A Medal of Honor citation details Lance Cpl. Miguel Keith's machine-gun charge that inspired a platoon facing nearly overwhelming odds: Wounded, Keith ran into "fire-swept terrain." Wounded again by a grenade, he still attacked, taking out enemies in the forward rush. Keith fought until mortally wounded; his platoon came out on top despite being heavily outnumbered.

The last Marine to receive the Medal of Honor was Maj. Gen. James L. Day, who distinguished himself as a corporal in the Battle of Okinawa in 1945. On Jan. 20, 1998, more than half a century later, President Bill Clinton presented the medal to Day, who passed away that year.

Since the Long War began, the president has presented one Medal of Honor. On April 4, 2003, during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Army Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith posthumously earned the medal for organizing a defense that held off a company-sized attack on more than 100 vulnerable coalition soldiers. In the defense, Smith manned a .50 caliber machine gun in an exposed position until he was mortally wounded.



**From right, Parents Deb and Dan Dunham on their back porch with children Katelyn, 13, Kyle, 17, and Justin, 24.**



# Camp Kinser Bakery stays on the ball

**Lance Cpl. W. Zach Griffith**

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The cake cutting ceremony at Marine Corps Birthday balls has been an integral part of Marine tradition for decades. This year alone, there are more than 50 balls scheduled on Okinawa throughout November, each with enough cake to feed the attendees.

All those cakes come from the same place, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Bakery on Camp Kinser.

Planning for the birthday-ball cakes begins nine months in advance, said Keith Mills, the bakery manager. Hundreds of pounds of frosting and other ingredients are ordered well in advance, and the staff must mentally prepare themselves for the onslaught of the cake-making process every Marine Corps Ball season.

"Once it starts, we'll be working 16-hour days for weeks," Mills said. "Then, starting (Nov. 8 or 9) we'll work for 24 hours, all day



**Moriaki Tanahara prepares a cake at the Camp Kinser Army and Air Force Exchange Bakery for a Marine Corps Birthday Ball Nov. 2.** Photo by Cpl. Scott M. Biscuiti

and straight through the night to get everything done for the different balls."

The hard work pays off though; the final result is extraordinary, said Lance Cpl. Charles Maiden, an administrative clerk for Combat Logistics Regiment 37.

"The cake for our ball looked impressive, they did a fantastic job

putting it together," Maiden said.

This year, the bakery is responsible for more than 60 of the elaborate ceremonial cakes and more than 130 sheet cakes, Mills said. Each ceremonial cake weighs up to a hundred pounds, including nearly 35 to 40 pounds of frosting on each cake.

The cake makers invest count-

less hours in the meticulous decoration of the ceremonial cakes, which are actually about 98 percent wood, with about a 12-inch by 12-inch square of real cake on the bottom layer used for the ceremonial cake cutting.

Each fully-edible, "grand-opening size" sheet cake serves anywhere from 100 to 150 people, according to Air Force Master Sgt. Donovan Potter, the AAFES Public Affairs Chief for Okinawa.

The stress of having to put together so many cakes, especially with each one taking up to 16 hours to complete, can be daunting, Mills said. However, most of the staff at the bakery has the experience needed to get the job done.

The importance of getting the cakes right is not lost on the bakery staff, said Potter.

"The Marine Corps birthday is hugely important to (Marines)," he said. "That's why these guys work so hard on the cakes; they know how important the ceremony is."

# Vietnam War hero shares gripping life story

**Lance Cpl. Bryan A. Peterson**

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Since 1st Lt. Patrick Cleburne "Clebe" McClary, III was told by doctors he would never walk again due to wounds he received during the Vietnam War, he has run marathons and set treadmill test scores that members of the Dallas Cowboys have been unable to beat.

The highly decorated Vietnam veteran turned world-renowned motivational speaker visited Okinawa Nov. 1-7 to share his story with service members and, more importantly to him, thank them for keeping the United States a free nation during this time of war.

During the visit, the Silver Star and Bronze Star recipient visited with service members at various locations including the Camp Hansen United Services Organization and Kadena Air Base's Keystone Theatre. He was also the guest of honor at the III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group Marine Corps Ball.

"(Marines) are fighting a tough enemy right now," McClary said during his presentation. "They are making progress despite what the civilian media is reporting. They shouldn't be discouraged when they come home and hear people bad mouthing them for what they are doing in Iraq and Afghanistan."

When McClary was contacted to be the guest of honor for the III MEF Headquarters Group ball and to speak to the troops here by Cmdr. Manuel A. Biadog, III MHG chaplain, it was an easy decision to accept, McClary said. He already planned to be in Okinawa to speak at the Okinawa Franklin Graham Festival put on by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

"It's a funny thing about me coming here," he said. "I was originally coming here to speak alongside Franklin Graham. I was contacted by



**Former Marine and decorated Vietnam War veteran Patrick Cleburne "Clebe" McClary, III, speaks to attendees of the III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group Ball.** Photo by Sgt. Joshua S. Higgins

the chaplain here to come talk with the Marines and sailors, so aside from the festival, I knew my off time would be well spent."

His story is one of determination. In 1968, McClary was on his 19th reconnaissance mission when he was critically wounded. He and his men were attacked by the communist Vietnamese enemy, ultimately engaging in hand-to-hand combat. After he was pulled out of the fight, he suffered the loss of his left eye, left arm and sustained severe wounds to his left leg caused by shrapnel from a grenade.

McClary subsequently endured 34 reconstructive surgeries. For his actions of bravery and dedication to his men, he was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and three Purple Hearts.

"I didn't plan on living my life like this, not to say it's a bad thing," he said. "To me, it was like getting your legs knocked out from under you and looking up. It was then that God became a part of my life. Sure I was down, but not out. I wouldn't let these injuries ruin my life."

He said his war experience is something he hopes Marines and sailors never have to endure. He added no matter the outcome, they should keep a positive attitude and drive on.

"The places I've been were crazy," he said. "I just wish that if these (service members) are placed in a hostile area, that they just remain strong, keep alert and have a good mindset about what they are doing."

One of the many Marines who attended breakfast at the USO said McClary was a very intense, forward person who didn't hold back.

"I have been to speeches before where the speakers aren't very exciting," said Lance Cpl. William Simpson, a ground radio intermediate repairer with 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division. "He had our attention the moment he got in front of us. It's amazing he has accomplished so much after all he has been through."

McClary has been a public motivational speaker for more than 17 years. He has traveled more than 2.5 million miles across the globe to share his story of courage, determination and dedication. He says with every presentation, if his message reaches one person, he has accomplished his goal.

"I feel I have to give back," he said. "Life has been a blessing to me and my goal is to tell everyone, if you're down, press on, regardless."

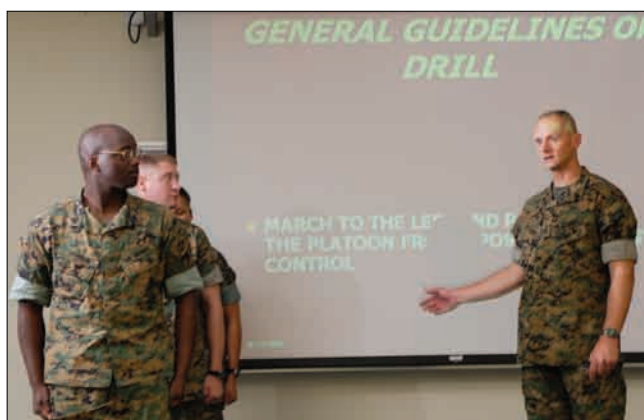




# In Search of Drill

STORY AND PHOTOS BY SGT. ETHAN E. ROCKE

**BUILDING LEADERS** | Staff Sgt. Edward Kretschmer, faculty advisor at Sergeants Course leads students in sword manual practice outside the Okinawa SNCO Academy.



**CRAWL PHASE** | Kretschmer uses students to illustrate a drill movement during a classroom presentation, the first drill instruction sergeants receive in the course.



**A QUICK CHECK** | Sgt. David Higginbotham checks a drill card in between movements during practice at Sergeants Course.

## PART 2 OF 3: THE ACADEMY

*In part 2 of our series on the health of drill in today's Corps, we focus on the Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy's impact. Part 1 focused on the role that staff NCOs and former drill instructors play. Okinawa Marine editor Sgt. Ethan E. Rocke reports in this story as both a journalist and as a sergeant of Marines with his own insight.*

In order to assess the health of drill, it is necessary to define what drill is to the Corps. All the Marines I asked had similar answers. Most of them used words like foundation and cornerstone. Most agreed that it's more than traditional close-order drill – military members in formation, marching, maneuvering and handling weapons with fluidity and rhythm.

Explaining Marine Corps drill to an outsider is a difficult task, but I'll try to illustrate it as best I know how.

Drill is the metaphorical equivalent to the lightning bolt in one of the Corps' famous recruiting commercials – the one that transforms a crude gauntlet-running dragon slayer into a refined, disciplined and professional Marine warrior. Such is the case with drill. While it lacks the fantastical, instantaneous glamour of the light-

ning bolt, it transforms us in the same way and leaves within us the same electricity and desire to simply “be the best,” as Gunny English put it.

It's no secret that being the best is a prevalent theme throughout the Marine Corps, and as Marines continually live up to the expectation of doing “more with less,” we have to constantly focus ourselves on individual job proficiency while always remaining riflemen first.

Marine leaders especially must be capable of this careful balance, which is why the Marine Corps provides and stresses professional military education.

The Marine Corps Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy is where sergeants, staff sergeants and gunnery sergeants go for a recharge, a rejuvenating lightning strike so to speak. Not surprisingly, a large





**GETTING IT RIGHT** | Sgt. Rosario Mendoza seeks clarification from Kretschmer on the proper execution of a drill movement.



**LOADED CURRICULUM** | NCO Swords are lined neatly in the grass as Sergeants Course students shift their focus to guidon practice.

chunk of the six-week curriculums of Sergeants Course, Career Course and the Advanced Course is devoted to drill.

"Drill gives us the extra discipline to prepare and execute the task at hand," said Staff Sgt. Edward Kretschmer, a faculty advisor at the Okinawa Staff NCO Academy's Sergeants Course. "It builds and makes the individual Marine a better leader. Confidence and drill are directly tied to each other."

Gunnery Sgt. Toshia C. Sundermier, Staff NCO in charge of the Career Course on Okinawa, says the ultimate responsibility of ensuring the health of drill lies with senior leaders, which is why the academy curriculum focuses a great deal of attention on it.

"It's from the top down," Sundermier said. "If the senior leadership isn't making it happen and emphasizing it, then the junior leaders aren't going to do it."

The SNCO Academy is the most obvious example of such a top down emphasis. The academy curriculum is set by Headquarters Marine Corps, which means those at the very top of the Corps' chain of command have made drill proficiency a priority for Marine leaders.

The Marine Corps places a lot of faith in the SNCO Academy's role as a place where the drill tradition is nurtured, but the academy is essentially a simple investment in capable, individual leaders, and those leaders are trusted with a promise to pass on the knowledge.

"The academy curriculum is geared perfectly to set up leaders, but that's all we can do," said Gunnery Sgt. Ceylon Williams, the chief instructor for Okinawa's Career Course. "It's up to the individual. We're here to make them better leaders and send them out to their units with the knowledge to make others around them better."

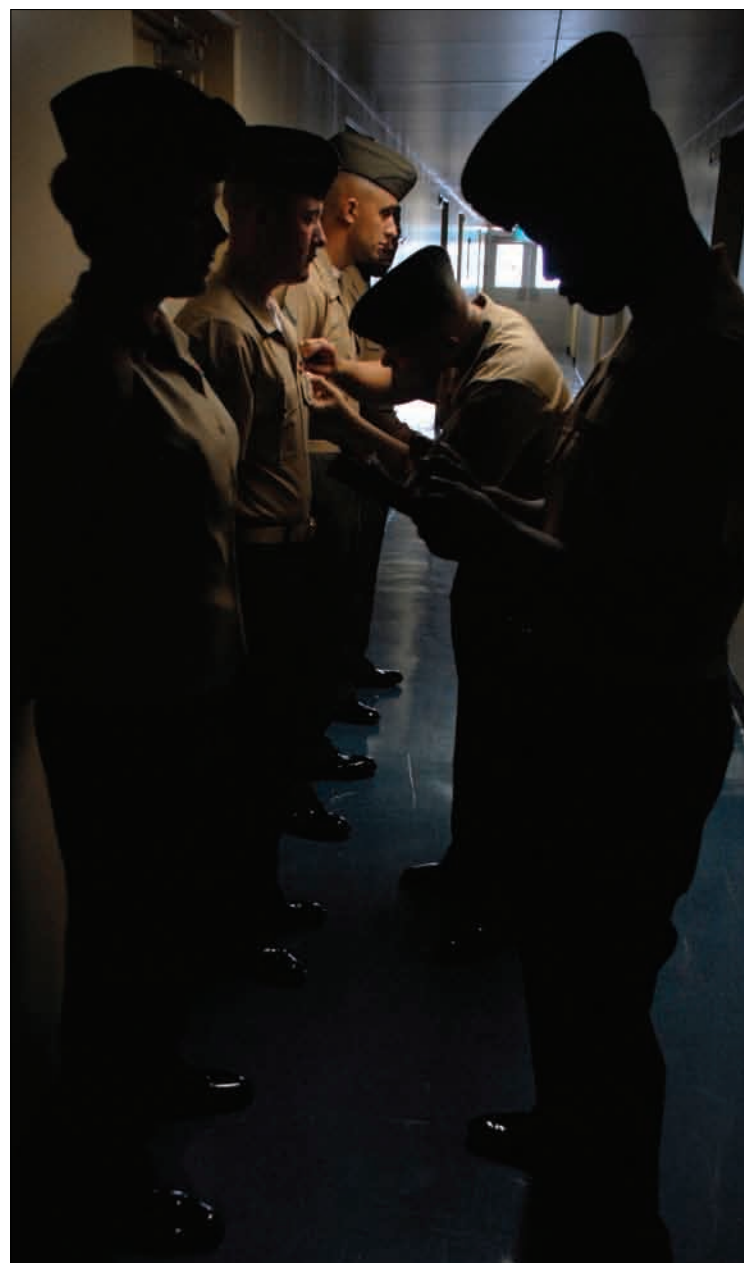
Sundermier echoed Williams' assessment.

"It's not only the SNCO Academy's responsibility," she said. "We only have them for six weeks. It's up to the individuals to take what they learn and apply it at their units."

In other words, leaders can walk away from the Academy with a newly electrified NCO sword and the power to wield lightning bolts of their own. But what makes a real difference in ensuring drill's health is whether or not they actually take the sword out of the scabbard and aim its electricity at the Marines around them.



**STAYING SHARP** | Sergeants Course students rehearse the command "draw sword."



**INSPECTIONS** | Gunnery Sgt. Curtis Rice (center) checks spacing on Sgt. David Higginbotham's ribbons during a uniform inspection inside a barracks hallway on Camp Hansen. Rainy weather moved the inspection indoors, but students and instructors used drill movements throughout despite the cramped quarters.





Sailors with the 3rd Medical Battalion team Dukes of Hansen engage the obstacle course on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma Nov. 5. Photo by Pfc. Peter Thibodeau

# TRIED & TRUSTED

## Okinawa corpsmen put to battle skills test

**Lance Cpl. Bryan A. Peterson**  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

**T**eam Dukes of Hansen from 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, dominated the 14th annual Navy Battle Skills Competition on Camp Hansen Nov. 8, racking up the most points in every event.

The Dukes of Hansen and five other teams of corpsmen from Okinawa units competed in the four-day event, which is designed to test the knowledge, general field and first aid skills, physical fitness, teamwork, and decision-making abilities of sailors assigned to or in support of III Marine Expeditionary Force.

"In order for the Marines to

trust the sailors attached to them, they must know combat skills," said Master Chief Petty Officer Yen Duberek, the III MEF command master chief petty officer. "They must be able to hang with the Marines and do their job at the same time."

The competition consisted of seven events: an obstacle course, a combined skills course, a Zodiac boat race, a pistol marksmanship course, a forced march, a land navigation course and a written exam.

"It's all about teamwork," said Dukes of Hansen's Seaman Eric D. Stuart, a hospitalman with 3rd Medical Bn. "We didn't necessarily have the goal of winning the competition, but we practiced for a month to see how well we



Seaman Josh Privett checks his azimuth before finding his team's first point while conducting land navigation at the Central Training Area Nov. 6. Sailors had to find four predetermined points within four hours to complete the event. Photo by Lance Cpl. Bryan A. Peterson

would work together."

Dukes of Hansen's focus on teamwork was visible from the start as they were the only team with every member flaunting a unique symbol of unity – their moustaches.

More than 40 sailors with their respective six teams began the

competition with the obstacle course on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma Nov. 5.

"Once we came to the rope, it got a little discouraging," said Combat Carebears team member Petty Officer 1st Class Mishelle Vasquez, a hospital corpsman with U.S. Naval Hospital



**Sailors tend to a simulated casualty at the patient assessment and treatment station during the combined skills course.**

*Photo by Lance Cpl. Bryan A. Peterson*



**A hospital corpsman plots points on a map during land navigation.** *Photo by Lance Cpl. Bryan A. Peterson*



**Team Dukes of Hansen heads back to the bivouac site on Camp Hansen Nov. 8. The last competition the sailors competed in was a 12-mile force march, which was designed to test the individuals and team's strength, endurance, and physical fitness.** *Photo by Pfc. Daniel Todd*

Okinawa. "But beyond that, we could accomplish everything as a team."

The combined skills course followed, designed to test several skills: assembly and disassembly of the M-16A2 service rifle and M-9 pistol; patient assessment and treatment; PRC-119 single-channel, ground and airborne radio system assembly; and nuclear, biological and chemical gear handling.

The next day, the competition moved to Camp Hansen to conduct land navigation and boat races in the Central Training Area. The land navigation course consisted of four predetermined points and the race consisted of assembling a combat rubber reconnaissance craft, also known as a Zodiac, and paddling it one kilometer.

"The boat race just drained us," Stuart said. "But with a team

effort, we were able to make good time."

The final two days consisted of pistol marksmanship, a written exam and a 12-mile forced march.

The 3rd MLG North Dukes of Hansen took first place with 590 points. 3rd MLG South, Those Guys, took second place with 530 points and the 3rd MLG 9th ESB, Magic Sticks, took third with 460 points.

For Vasquez and her team, it was about getting out of the hospital and doing the things sailors attached with the Marines do.

"Although there was stiff competition, we wanted to get out and challenge ourselves," she said. "I think we really worked together as a team. I can say with being in the Navy for 12 years, this is by far the best team I have ever worked with for any competition."



**Seaman Apprentice Lawrence Douglas assembles an M-16A2 service rifle during the battle skills competition. Douglas is a team member with Those Guys and a hospital apprentice with Medical Logistics Company.** *Photo by Lance Cpl. Bryan A. Peterson*





Marines celebrate the 231st birthday of the Marine Corps Birthday Run Nov. 6 on Camp Foster while Col. Russell I. Jones, the Camps Foster and Lester commander, looks on. The event had at least one Marine running a mile course 24 hours a day until Nov. 9, when a total of 231 miles had been run to celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday. Photo by Cpl. Scott M. Biscuiti

# Moonlight mile

## Marines celebrate 231st birthday with 231-mile relay run



Lance Cpl. Moises A. Cantos passes off the 231st Marine Corps Birthday Run baton to Lance Cpl. Jeremy M. Tapia after finishing his mile run. Photo by Lance Cpl. Corey Blodgett

**Lance Cpl. Corey Blodgett**  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

**M**arines from Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, celebrated the 231-year history of the Marine Corps this month a little differently than most – they did it one mile at a time.

For more than 38 hours straight, over a three-day period, 231 Marines conducted a relay run on a 1-mile course bringing context to the long history of the Marine Corps.

The birthday run culminated with an early-morning formation run Nov. 9 bringing together more than 800 Marines from all Foster units.

This is the third time H&S Bn. has organized and led the commemorative run where participants run a total number of miles equal to the age of the Marine Corps, said Sgt. Maj. William F. Fitzgerald, the sergeant major of H&S Bn.

The event celebrates the birthday and builds esprit de corps at the same time, said Col. Russell I.



Marines team up to run 231 miles over three days. Photo by Cpl. Scott M. Biscuiti

Jones, the H&S Bn. commanding officer.

The formation run ended at the field in front of Gunner's Fitness Center where Jones took a moment to speak to the Marines on the importance of acknowledging the sacrifices made by the Marines of the past.

"This is a way for us to remember those who came before us,"

Jones said. "For those who made our Marine Corps what it is today."

Many of the runners, like Lance Cpl. Jeremy M. Tapia, had never participated in a birthday run and enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate the Marine birthday.

"It takes a lot of effort and Marines to keep something like this going," he said, "just like the Corps."



# 'Full Metal' golf clubs

## Service members compete in tournament with R. Lee Ermey

**Lance Cpl. Corey A. Blodgett**  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Two service members and one civilian joined retired Gunnery Sgt. R. Lee Ermey as team members in the Marine Corps Community Services' first "Golf with the Gunny" tournament Nov. 15 at Awase Meadows Golf Course in Okinawa City.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Matthew R. Kinard, Staff Sgt. Raymond R. King and Smokey Viger, were selected in a random drawing of more than 60 competitors who entered for a chance to play a round of golf with Ermey, an actor best known for his role as the sadistic Gunnery Sgt. Hartman in Full Metal Jacket.

"Even the worst day at the golf course is better than the best day at work," Ermey said, kicking off the tournament.

More than 15 three- and four-man teams competed in the scramble-style tournament alongside Ermey's team.

"We knew that Gunny was going to be on Okinawa as a guest speaker at a few Marine Corps Balls and that he was working with the Single Marine Program," said Rick L. Erland, the golf course superintendent for Awase Meadows.

Ermey, who promotes the SMP through television and radio commercials for the American Forces Network, spoke to Marines about the program before the tournament

Nov. 14 at the Performing Arts Center on Camp Foster. This is his fourth year coming to Okinawa to speak at Marine Corps Balls and participate in MCCS programs, he said.

"Basically, MCCS and I get together every year, and today we wanted to just get out here and have some fun with the Marines," he said.

Ermey said he spends at least 200 days a year working with MCCS and the SMP.

"We had a lot of fun," Kinard said. "I never thought I'd meet anyone famous and be able to do something like this with them. We all got along really well, and it was just great camaraderie. It was absolutely better than going to work today."

Playing alongside Ermey, his teammates said they saw that he is nothing like his Full Metal Jacket character.

"What a great experience – just playing with the gunny," King said. "It was the best game of golf I've ever had. Gunny's a down to earth person. He's just like anyone else. It was a great time, and I'll remember this day every time I play golf."

Ermey said he enjoyed the opportunity as well.

"I pretty much work seven days a week, so I don't get to golf as much as I'd like to," he explained. "This gave me an excuse to get on the golf course, and we had a great time. There's no doubt about it."



Retired Gunnery Sgt. R. Lee Ermey and his teammate, Petty Officer 3rd Class Matthew R. Kinard, compete during the "Golf with the Gunny" tournament Nov. 15 at Awase Meadows Golf Course. Photo by Lance Cpl. Corey A. Blodgett

## Former Marine finds friends, fun in Japanese canoe club

**Lance Cpl. Juan D. Alfonso**  
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Waves crash into the boat as he and his teammates paddle away. They're all exhausted and only half-way to their destination. But it doesn't matter because he does his best to improve and his team helps him. It's not his first time in the water and it won't be his last.

Former Marine F/A-18 aircraft electrical systems technician Brett M. Boutelle, now the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Web site developer, has participated in several Dragon Boat and Outrigger Canoe Races for the past six years, as well as the Molokai Hoe 41-mile outrigger canoe race for the past three years in Oahu, Hawaii. His competitive nature and new teammates with the Outrigger Canoe Club Japan have led him to steadily improve at each competition.

This was Boutelle's first year competing on an Okinawan team, as opposed to competing with the Pao Pao Outrigger Canoe Club, the



Brett M. Boutelle trains weekly off the coast of the Shiozaki Beach in Itoman City with the Outrigger Canoe Club Japan. Photo by Lance Cpl. Juan D. Alfonso

American team he's competed with in the past.

"I think that any time you have a smaller group of people you have more quality," he said.

It's no coincidence that the Outrigger Canoe Club Japan is just that, a small group of quality individuals, according to Boutelle.

Boutelle said he spends the majority of his free time training with his Okinawan teammates on Shiozaki Beach, Itoman City.

"Training with the Okinawans is great," he

said. "Any time you're around positive people who push each other to be competitive is going to be fun. That's why I love the (Okinawan) outrigger community. We're like a tight-knit family. It reminds me a lot about my time in the Marine Corps."

It was his love for competition and athleticism that led him to join the club and the U.S. Marine Corps.

Boutelle whole-heartedly dedicates himself to his training, according to Capt. Jon C. Petersen, the 1st MAW information management officer, and Boutelle's close friend. He describes Boutelle as an individual, whose training and competitiveness define him.

Although Boutelle enjoys working with a team, his competitive nature has driven him to another more personal goal.

"My real goal is to compete in the Molokai World Solo Canoe Championship," he said. "I won't give up. I'll continue to (compete) as long as I'm physically able to."

For more information on outrigger canoe racing call (090) 3536-0238.



## IN THEATERS NOV. 24-30

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

### KADENA 634-4422

**FRIDAY** Flushed Away (PG), noon; Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13), 3 p.m.; Deja Vu (PG-13), 6 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Flyboys (PG-13), 11 a.m.; Flushed Away (PG), 3 p.m.; 6 p.m.; Deja Vu (PG-13), 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Flyboys (PG-13), noon; Flushed Away (PG), 4 p.m.; Deja Vu (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**MONDAY** Jackass Number Two (R), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Jackass Number Two (R), 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** Happy Feet (PG), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13), 7 p.m.

### FUTENMA 636-3890

**FRIDAY** The Black Dahlia (R), 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Gridiron Gang (PG-13), 1:30 p.m.; The Covenant (PG-13), 6 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Happy Feet (PG), 1:30 p.m., 6 p.m.

**MONDAY** Gridiron Gang (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Closed

**WEDNESDAY** Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Closed

### KINSER 637-2177

**FRIDAY** Jackass Number Two (R), 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Open Season (PG), 3 p.m.; Flyboys (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13), 6 p.m.

**MONDAY** Closed

**TUESDAY** Jackass Number Two (R), 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** Happy Feet (PG), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Deja Vu (PG-13), 7 p.m.

### FOSTER 645-3465

**FRIDAY** Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13), 7 p.m.; Jackass Number Two (R), 10 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13), 1 p.m.; 4 p.m.; Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13), 7 p.m.; Jackass Number Two (R), 10 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13), 1 p.m.; Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13), 4 p.m.; Flyboys (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**MONDAY** Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Flyboys (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Happy Feet (PG), 7 p.m.

### SCHWAB 625-2333

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

**SATURDAY** The Black Dahlia (R), 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY** The Gridiron Gang (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**MONDAY** Deja Vu (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** Closed

**THURSDAY** Closed

### COURTNEY 622-9616

**FRIDAY** Happy Feet (PG), 6:30 p.m.; Gridiron Gang (PG-13), 9:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Happy Feet (PG), 2 p.m.; The Covenant (PG-13), 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY** The Black Dahlia (R), 7 p.m.

**MONDAY** Gridiron Gang (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Closed

**WEDNESDAY** Deja Vu (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Closed

### HANSEN 623-4564

**FRIDAY** Running with Scissors (R), 6 p.m., 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY** Running with Scissors (R), 6 p.m., 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY** Jackass Number Two (R), 2 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

**MONDAY** Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY** Deja Vu (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** Crank (R), 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Crank (R), 7 p.m.

## SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### Expo Park Trip

Nov. 26

Departure times

Camp Kinser, 8 a.m.

MCAS Futenma, 8:30 a.m.

Camp Foster, 9 a.m.

Cost: ¥1600 (aquarium only)

### Tunnel Rats Tour

Nov. 28

Camp Schwab, 6:45 a.m.

Camp Hansen, 7:15 a.m.

Camp Courtney, 8 a.m.

Bring: flashlight, towel, change of clothes

### Kokusai Street Shopping Tour

Nov. 24

Departure times:

Camp Schwab, 7:30 a.m.

Camp Hansen, 8 a.m.

Camp Courtney, 8:45 a.m.

Camp Foster, 8:30 a.m.

MCAS Futenma, 9 a.m.

Camp Kinser, 9:30 a.m.

### Okinawa World

Dec. 9

(sign up by Dec. 6)

Departure times:

Camp Foster, 9:30 a.m.

MCAS Futenma, 10 a.m.

Camp Kinser, 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 16

(sign up by Dec. 13)

Departure times:

Camp Schwab, 9 a.m.

Camp Hansen, 9:30 a.m.

Camp Courtney, 10:15 a.m.

### Star Program

Dec. 13-14

Departure times

Camp Schwab, 6:30 a.m.

Camp Hansen, 7 a.m.

Camp Courtney, 7:45 a.m.

Camp Kinser, 7 a.m.

MCAS Futenma, 7:30 a.m.

Camp Foster, 7:55 a.m.

Bring: yen and dollars

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

### 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: Sun. (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.

### Camp Lester 643-7248

Catholic: Sun., 8 a.m.

Protestant: Sun., 10 a.m.

Gospel: Sun., noon

### Camp Hansen 623-4694

Catholic: Sun. (East Chapel), 10 a.m.; Mon.-Fri. (East Chapel), 11:30 a.m.

Protestant: Sun. (West Chapel), 11 a.m.

### MCAS Futenma 636-3058

Contemporary: Sun., 9 a.m.

Catholic: Sun., noon

### Camp Schwab 625-2644/2866

Catholic: Sun., 8:30 a.m.

Episcopal: Sun., 9:30 a.m.

Protestant: Sun., 11 a.m.

### Camp McTureous 622-7505

Catholic: Sat., 5:00 p.m.

Lutheran: Sun. 9:45 a.m.

Gospel: Sun., 12:30 p.m.

### Camp Courtney 622-9350

Protestant: Sun., 9:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.

Catholic: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 7 a.m.; First Fri., 4:30 p.m.

Sun., 8 and 11 a.m.

### Kadena Air Base 634-1288

Catholic Masses

Daily Mass (Mon.-Fri.), noon, Chapel 2

Saturday

Reconciliation, upon request

Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 3:30 p.m., Chapel 2  
Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel 2

Sunday Masses  
Mass, 8:45 a.m., Chapel 3  
Mass, 12:30 p.m., Chapel 1  
Life Teen Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel 1

Holy Day of Obligation Masses  
Mass, noon, Chapel 2  
Mass, 6 p.m., Chapel 3

Protestant  
Inspirational, 8:30 a.m., Chapel 2  
Evangelical, 9 a.m., Chapel 1  
Traditional, 10:30 a.m., Chapel 2  
Gospel, 10:30 a.m., Chapel 3  
Emmaus Communion (Liturgical), 6:30 p.m., Chapel 3  
Project 196 (Contemporary), 6:30 p.m., high school

### Camp Kinser 637-1148

Protestant: Sun. (Chapel 1), 9:30 a.m.

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

Gospel: Sun. (Chapel 1), 8 a.m.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### AUTOMOBILES

#### '93 HONDA PRELUDE

JCI March 07, \$999.

(090) 9972-3316

#### '91 TOYOTA SURF JCI

Nov. 07, \$3,800. (090)

9817-6511

#### '95 NISSAN SKYLINE

JCI Aug. 08, \$2,000

OBO. 633-6247

#### '95 NISSAN PRAIRIE

JCI Sept. 08, \$2,000

OBO. 646-2570

#### '96 MAZDA TRUCK JCI

April 07, \$2,800 OBO.

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#### '96 TOYOTA MARINO

JCI June 07, \$2,000

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#### '91 TOYOTA SURF JCI

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#### '90 DAIHATSU HIJET

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#### '94 TOYOTA ESTIMA

JCI Jan. 08, \$2,000 OBO.

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#### '93 TOYOTA MARK

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#### '94 TOYOTA VISTA

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#### '96 TOYOTA COROLLA

JCI Jan. 08, \$1,400 OBO.

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#### '93 NISSAN CEDRIC

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#### '96 MITSUBISHI

CHARIOT JCI Feb. 07,

\$2,800 OBO. 622-8564

#### '96 NISSAN PRAIRIE

JCI Sept. 07, \$1,800

OBO. 965-2911

#### '93 MITSUBISHI

PAJERO JCI June 08,

\$3,000 OBO. 936-6040

#### '93 TOYOTA MARK

IV JCI Sept. 07, \$1,800

OBO. 646-5811

#### '93 TOYOTA CRESTA

JCI March 08, \$1,200

OBO. 637-4189

#### '96 TOYOTA COROLLA

JCI Jan. 08, \$1,800 OBO.

(080) 3952-3044

#### '93 NISSAN CEDRIC

JCI March 07, \$2,900

OBO. (080) 3952-3044

#### '96 NISSAN PRESEA

JCI Dec. 07, \$1,200.

637-1357

### MOTORCYCLES

#### '94 HONDA

ZX400RR JCI May

07, \$2,000 OBO. (090)

6865-3590

### MISCELLANEOUS

— Sea & Sea MX-10

camera with strobe and

case, \$400. 646-3540

— Ocean Kayak Yak

Board, \$500. 964-

6164.

— Two-piece suit, \$80;

four-drawer dresser,

\$125 OBO; artificial

Christmas trees, \$30

and \$10. 622-8474