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Event unites Marines, Chamber of Commerce

Pfc. Anthony Ward Jr.

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CAMP HANSEN — Marines from 3rd Intelligence Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF, gathered alongside members of the Kin Town Chamber of Commerce to bond through bowling at the Camp Hansen bowling center March 24.

In the past, battalion Marines and the Kin Town Chamber of Commerce engaged in activities such as golfing and the Route 104 Beautification Project.

That particular project consists of Marines and members of the Chamber of Commerce meeting monthly to trim bushes and ensure vegetation around Camp Hansen is kept in order.

Events like these allow the Marines to strengthen their relationship with locals, said Sgt. Maj. David M. Reaves, the 3rd Intelligence Bn. sergeant major.

“We have done softball, ground golf and other things with the Chamber of Commerce,” said Reaves. “We decided to switch it up, try something new and bring the event indoors.”

During the games, scores were kept and the highest scoring players were rewarded with prizes, such as T-shirts and hats.

Players with the lowest scores were also recognized with prizes.

“They like a bit of competition. (They) seem to be pretty good bowlers as well,” said Reaves regarding the Chamber of Commerce members.

As a battalion-level representative, Reaves said he encourages

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Keeping it
clean

Lance Cpls. Ray J. Simonson, left, and Patrick A. Long, clean up the walkway between Araha and Sunset Beaches March 20. All service members who volunteered for the cleanup were with Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Lance Cpl. Matthew A. Denny

MAG-36 helps clean Araha

Lance Cpl. Matthew A. Denny

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CAMP FOSTER — Twenty-three Marines and sailors with Marine Aircraft Group 36 picked up trash at Araha and Sunset Beach near Camp Foster March 20.

The whole reason for organizing

an event like this is to give service members a chance to strengthen relationships with the local Okinawan community, said Lt. Mark A. Torres, chaplain for MAG 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

“Not only does it allow Marines

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Household blazes are preventable

Lance Cpl Matthew A. Denny

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CAMP FOSTER — Residential kitchen mishaps are the leading cause of fires in military housing, according to Marine Corps Base Camp Butler Fire Department personnel.

Shorts in electrical wiring are also a big contributor to causing fire damage.

But, there are many things service members and family members can do to prevent household fires, said Michael Joseph, assistant chief of Fire Prevention with the MCB Camp Butler Fire Department.

The National Fire Protection Association has established guidelines to help prevent common incidents in the home.

Guidelines include: never leave food cooking on a stove or in the oven unattended, and turn off stoves and appliances immediately after using them.

“It is common where we see fires caused from people who begin cooking, get distracted by children and lose focus of what they started in the kitchen,” said Derrick Walley, the deputy fire chief with the MCB Camp Butler Fire Department.

“Over the past couple of years, there has been a big push on awareness of unattended cooking worldwide because of the amount of mishaps occurring,” said Walley.

Joseph, echoing NFPA guidelines, advises housing residents keep cooking appliances clean because built-up grease catches fire easily and keep objects clear of the stove and burners at all times.

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Protect your privacy

Gunnery Sgt. Jose R. Paloschavez

Going online allows you to do so many things, from shopping, to playing, to learning. However, going online also allows others an opportunity to gain access to your personal information.

There are numerous ways to protect your privacy and keep personal information from falling into the wrong hands. Every small step taken reduces the degree to which your private information is disclosed.

Here are some simple steps to protect your privacy and personal information:

Read privacy policies

Always pay special attention when releasing personal information online. Be cautious before submitting your name, e-mail address or other information without reading the company or organization's site privacy policy.

All Web sites doing business online generally have a privacy policy. Be careful, since most companies tend to share your personal information with their partners. In many cases, these same companies or organizations often sell your private information to outside sources.

Contact the company directly if you do not wish to have your information shared with their partners.

Use only credible companies

Before conducting any transac-

tions online, ensure that the company or organization is legitimate!

Ask basic questions such as "Do I trust them with my private information?"

You can also check with the regional or local Better Business Bureau for any known complaints by visiting www.bbb.org.

Encrypt, encrypt, encrypt

To protect your personal information, companies or organizations will often provide you with a "secure" connection.

They use a technology known as secure socket layer. SSL allows your information to be encrypted from your computer to their Web site's server.

But, how can you tell whether your connection is secure or not? Your Web browser will display a padlock icon to indicate that a secure connection is established.

Still, be cautious. There are a few entities that fail to renew their certificates. Verify that each certificate is valid and not expired. Users can click on the padlock icon to display additional security information.

Have separate e-mails

You should establish at least two e-mail addresses. One for personal use and the other to use when making online purchases.

Submitting your e-mail address will result in spam. Thus, establishing a separate e-mail address for online purchases will direct un-

wanted messages to this account.

Establish a separate e-mail account for personal use and give this only to people from whom you want to receive e-mails.

Credit card for online purchases

To reduce the potential damage of compromising your personal and private information, consider getting a separate credit card account. This credit card account can be used strictly for all online purchases.

Make sure you select the right credit card company that will fight to protect you in case you become a victim of credit fraud or identity theft.

Another alternate is to get a "disposable" credit card number. For example, American Express allows cardholders to use a "disposable" credit card option. Users are able to log on to a secure Web site and receive a one-time credit card number for online purchases.

Anti-virus, firewall protection

Did you know that if you are a Department of Defense user and have a DoD PKI certificate you can download free anti-virus software? There is a DoD-wide software license that provides the latest generation of anti-virus/firewall technologies and capabilities, including new protection for wireless or personal digital assistants.

Don't spend your hard-earned

dollars for subscription services that are not needed!

Requirements for this software are: users must be a DoD employee, log in from a DoD-networked computer and have a DoD PKI certificate (CAC card). User must access the Navy Information Assurance Web site at <https://infosec.navy.mil>. The anti-virus link is located on the left side of the screen.

Install a router for all high-speed connections

What is a router?

A router is a device that provides an additional layer of protection from the outside world. Routers are hardware devices that have specialized software that inspects all outbound and inbound traffic.

If you have your computer directly connected to a modem, you are potentially exposing personal information to the outside world. Attackers are constantly scanning networks for any known vulnerabilities. When they find an opening on the network, they will attack and place malicious software on your computer without your knowledge.

So, do your part to protect your personal and private information from prying eyes!

For additional information contact your unit's information security manager.

Paloschavez is an information security technician with III Marine Expeditionary Force.



This Week in History

U.S. MARINE CORPS HISTORY DIVISION

April 2, 2003: Elements of 1st Marine Division cross the Tigris River 80 miles southeast of Baghdad, Iraq, and destroy the Baghdad Division of the Iraqi Republican Guard around Kut.

April 3, 1945: Marines of the III Amphibious Corps continued to make good progress all along their front, clearing Zampa Misaki and seizing the Katchin Peninsula, thus effectively cutting the island of Okinawa in two.

April 5, 1947: Five Marine guards are killed and eight wounded when attacked by Communist Chinese raiders near the Hsin Ho ammunition depot in northern China. This last major clash between Marines of the 1st Marine Division and Communist forces occurred shortly after withdrawal and redeployment plans from China were issued for the 1st Division and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing April 1.

April 6, 1917: U.S. declares war on Germany.

April 7, 2005: Two new campaign medals are announced to recognize service members' contributions in Iraq and Afghanistan. Inclusive dates for the Afghanistan Campaign Medal start Oct. 24, 2001, while the Iraqi Campaign Medal dates start March 19, 2003. Both are to an undetermined future date. Troops are eligible if they meet all required criteria for each.



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MTU creates new pre-firing week schedule

Lance Cpl. Kris Daberkoe

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CAMP FOSTER — Marines with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, do more than just “snap in” during grass week.

During grass week, Marines typically practice marksmanship fundamentals and shooting positions used on the firing range.

The battalion's new grass week schedule includes annual training such as classes on equal opportunity, sexual harassment awareness and personal identifiable information responsibilities. Attendees also complete their Marine Corps common skills tests, the physical fitness or combat fitness tests and either Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear defense training or swim qualification.

The new training-filled grass week was unveiled Feb. 22.

“We figured since we

have everyone down here snapping in, we would make the most of the time given to us by getting the Marines on grass week caught up on their annual training,” said Maj. Joon Um, the battalion's S-3 operations officer.

Adding annual training to the grass week schedule doesn't take away from the original purpose of grass week which is preparing Marines to qualify on the rifle range the following week, said Cpl. Andrew Birdwell, a combat marksmanship coach with the battalion.

The new schedule has only a few extra events on top of the training already done, he said adding that Marines don't have to re-take the parts of the annual training they have proof they have already completed.

“We encourage Marines to already have as much of their training completed as possible beforehand,” said Birdwell.

Past block training pro-



Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear defense training is one of the annual trainings Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, Marines can complete during grass week. File photo by Lance Cpl. Dengrier Baez

grams have been successful, and there are several units on Okinawa that have similar programs, said Um.

Also, Marines don't have to be on grass week to take

advantage of the annual training taking place, he said.

Battalion Marines can participate in any of the annual individual train-

ing events by having their company training section submit their names for each individual training event.

For more information, call 645-5640.



William Bourdiony, a sales associate, counts rental oxygen tanks, weights, hoses and fins, recently at Tsunami Scuba on Camp Foster.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Tyler C. Vernaza

Divers encouraged to think safety

Lance Cpl. Tyler C. Vernaza

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CAMP FOSTER — “Diving is an inexpensive and very safe way to have fun on Okinawa,” said William Bourdiony, sales associate and advanced diver at Tsunami Scuba.

Diving on Okinawa can be dangerous though. Divers should be mindful of the sea conditions, experienced or not, he continued.

“You could be down in the water for an hour, under perfect conditions, and come up with waves because the wind picked up. The weather is always changing,” he said.

Other dangers actually come from ocean inhabitants.

“Don't pick anything up or take anything out of the water. A lot of injuries I've seen are from sea urchins,” said Bourdiony.

Sea urchins can be poisonous and cause, severe rashes or even death, depending on the species.

“I could be just swimming around and accidentally put my hand on some coral, and it actually could be a sea urchin,” he said.

Another, safety tip Bourdiony had was, “Don't dive if you're not sure.”

Service members shouldn't get in the water if they don't know the site or are not with an experienced diver who is familiar with the location, he explained.

“Err on the side of caution,” said Bourdiony. “Safety is the most important thing.”

Amateur or advanced, divers can lower their risks of an accident by doing a few simple things, Bourdiony said.

“You should be hydrating constantly,” said Bourdiony. “Divers breathe compressed air from their tanks, which can cause their muscles to cramp up more easily.”

Drink lots of water before and after a dive to greatly reduce those risks, he explained.

“Pay attention in the classes, and only dive within your certification,” he also said.

Many times divers go too deep for their experience and end up compromising themselves and the lives of others around them, said Bourdiony.

“Use the 10 second rule. If you can't decide if you want to go in or not within 10 seconds, don't go,” said Warrant Officer Kenneth Redifer, advanced diver, and telephone officer, Combat Logistics Regiment 37.

“I've heard of situations where divers wanted to go deeper than their experience level and couldn't take the pressure of the water above them. It ended up being fatal,” Bourdiony explained.

“Use the buddy system, and buddy check each other,” he added.

“You never want less than two divers in the water at any time,” said Redifer.

With the buddy system, buddies checking dive gear must know how the gear is supposed to work, Bourdiony said. Buddies should also have attended the appropriate classes, he added.

“If you really like it, pass your passion on,” he said about diving. “Once you break that surface, it's a whole new world.”

Bourdiony recommends getting certified and experiencing Okinawa under the sea.

BRIEFS**KADENA HIGH EASTER BUNNY PHOTOS**

Kadena High School's Project Graduation is doing photos with the Easter Bunny. The Easter Bunny is located at the Kadena exchange on the 2nd floor behind the elevators, near the girls' clothing section. Photos are \$5 each, and all proceeds go toward Project Graduation, an event to keep seniors safe on graduation night.

The Bunny will be at the Kadena exchange Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

MCCS EDUCATION CENTER ASSESSMENT

Headquarters Marine Corps is requesting Marines, family members, and civilian employees participate in an online survey from Monday through April 25. This study will help Marine Corps leadership better understand and assess Marines, family members and civilian employee's needs and satisfaction with the programs and services offered at the Marine Corps Community Services Education Centers. Participants will also have an opportunity to suggest improvements for MCCS Education Centers programs and services.

To participate in this web-based survey go to www.usmc-mccs.org/survey.

For more information about the survey, contact a local MCCS Education Center or the HQ USMC Research Team at 703-784-9517 or futureoperations@usmc.mil.

KINSER ELEM. EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

Early bird registration for school year 2010-2011 is Monday through April 9 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the main office at Kinser Elementary School.

CAMP FOSTER COMMISSARY CLOSURE

Camp Foster Commissary will be closed April 19-20 to conduct an annual formal inventory. It will re-open April 21 at 9 a.m.

For more information, call 645-2712.

SPAM E-MAIL, ZEUS TROJAN WARNING

Reports of malicious code circulating the Internet via spam e-mail messages impersonating the Department of Homeland Security are growing at an alarming rate. The attacks arrive via unsolicited e-mail messages that may contain subject lines related to DHS or other government activity. These messages may contain a link or attachment. If users click on this link or open the attachment, they may be infected with malicious code, including the Zeus Trojan. Do not click on any hyperlink in a suspicious e-mail message.

If you have questions, call 645-5015.

BE A DONOR, GIVE BLOOD

Donate blood and help save lives. All blood types are needed. Appointments are available Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Armed Service Blood Bank on Camp Lester at building 6017. For details, call 643-7737/7710 or visit www.military-blood.dod.mil.

Walk-ins are always welcome.

TO SUBMIT A BRIEF, send an e-mail to okinawamarine.mcbb.fct@usmc.mil, or fax your request to 645-3803. The deadline for submitting a brief is noon every Friday. The Okinawa Marine reserves the right to edit all submitted material.

Holy Week Chapel Schedule

CAMP McTUREOUS CHAPEL

Lutheran Services:

Today - Good Friday, 7 p.m.

Tomorrow - Holy Saturday, 7 p.m.

Sunday - Easter Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Gospel Services:

Sunday - Easter Sunday, 12:30 p.m.

CAMP LESTER CHAPEL

Catholic Services:

Sunday - Easter Sunday, 8 a.m.

Protestant Services:

Today - Good Friday, Noon

*Sunday - Easter Sunday, 6:30 and 10 a.m.

*For details contact: 643-7572/7248

MCAS FUTENMA CHAPEL

Catholic Services:

Sunday - Easter Sunday, Noon

Protestant Services:

Today - Good Friday, 6 p.m.

Sunday - Easter Sunday, 9 a.m.

CAMP SCHWAB CHAPEL

Protestant Contemporary Services:

Sunday - Easter Sunday, 4 p.m.

Catholic Services:

Sunday - Easter Sunday, 5:30 p.m.

CAMP HANSEN CHAPEL (East Chapel)

Catholic Services:

Sunday - Easter Sunday, 10 a.m.

CAMP HANSEN CHAPEL (West Chapel)

Protestant Services:

Sunday - Easter Sunday, 11 a.m.

CAMP KINSER CHAPEL

Catholic Services:

Today - Good Friday, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday - Easter Sunday, 11 a.m.

Protestant Services:

Today - Good Friday, 6 p.m.

Sunday - Easter Sunday, 6 and 9 a.m.

CAMP FOSTER CHAPEL

Catholic Services:

Today - Good Friday, 4:30 p.m.

Tomorrow - Holy Saturday, 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil

Sunday - Easter Sunday, 10 a.m.

Tuesday-Thursday - 11:45 a.m. Daily Mass

Protestant Services:

Today - Good Friday, 6 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Sunday - Easter Sunday, 6 a.m. Joint Protestant & Gospel service; 8:30 a.m. Worship

Gospel Services:

Sunday - Easter Sunday, 6 a.m. Joint Protestant & Gospel service; 11:45 a.m. Easter Worship

Christian Science Services:

Sunday - Easter Sunday, 11 a.m. Bldg 442

Orthodox Services:

Today - Holy Friday, 12:30 p.m. Burial Vespers; 6:30 p.m. Matins with Lamentations

Tomorrow - Holy Saturday, 12:30 p.m. Versperal Liturgy; 11:30 p.m. Nocturnes

Sunday - Holy Pascha, 12:01 a.m. Paschal Matins, Hours, Liturgy, Blessing of Baskets

CAMP COURTNEY CHAPEL

Catholic Services:

Today - Good Friday, 6 p.m.

Sunday - Easter Sunday, 8 and 11:15 a.m.

Protestant Services:

Sunday - Easter Sunday, 7 a.m. Sunrise

Service at Tengan Castle,

Sunday Brunch;

10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

CAB donates toys, time to local children

Pfc. Anthony Ward Jr.

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

NAGO CITY, Okinawa — Marines and sailors from Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, presented toys to young children of the Nagomi Nursing Home for Children and spent time with them March 22.

About 40 children, aged 2 to 18, live at the home that has been open for 10 years, said Fumio Iha, the Camp Schwab community relations specialist.

The school year recently ended, so the kids were rewarded with these gifts for their hard work throughout the school year, he said.

"Most Japanese kids are privileged and lead great lives," said Iha. "Other kids are left with a substandard life and personal interaction is the best way to show them we care."

Navy Lt. Steve Benefield, the CAB chaplain, said the visit was a good opportunity for the children and the Marines.

"These Marines and sailors interacting with the community

is a great thing," he said. "It is good for Marines and sailors to step out of their respective elements and step-up as role models and mentors."

Some of these children need a big brother in their lives, added Iha.

After presenting the toys, the Marines and sailors helped break in the new toys by playing with the children; throwing around newly-acquired footballs and helping with new toys that needed to be assembled. The end result was laughter all around and smiles on the children's faces.

"Volunteering shows that we have a heart," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Clayton Brownwood, the CAB religious program specialist. "I enjoy helping others, especially these children. They seem to love our company."

Doing community relations of this nature promotes a positive image of the Navy and Marine Corps, he added.

Brownwood was instrumental in putting this event together in three short weeks, said Benefield.

"III MEF had a lot of extra toys in a warehouse collected from various drives throughout the island," said Brownwood. "I really wanted to hand out some gifts to some children."

Iha pointed him to this nearby orphanage, said Brownwood.

It seemed like a perfect place to do positive things, he added.

Brownwood said he plans to work with the orphanage again in the future.

"We want to take this orphanage under our wing," said Brownwood. "In the near future, we plan to come and have lunch with these kids and provide the school with some landscaping."

Benefield said the visit was just one way to show Marines care.

"We really wanted to be a blessing to these kids and give back to our host nation because they have been a blessing to us," said Benefield. "By doing things like this for the community, we help forge long-term friendships."

ARAHA FROM PG 1

to give back and provide community service, but they get to have fun and go to the beach on a nice day," he added.

There are other benefits to volunteering for projects such as this one that are not immediately apparent, Torres said.

Marines who volunteer are more competitive on meritorious boards in comparison to peers who don't volunteer, he said. They are also eligible for letters of appreciation.

It says a lot about a young person who is willing to get out and support the local community, he said.

Volunteering in the local communities also allows the locals to see service members giving back and shows them the American military supports a clean and friendly relationship between cultures, he added.

Sgt. Bryan T. Goetz, a communication navigation technician, said this type

of volunteering also sends an important message to his Marines.

"Coming and volunteering is the best way to show a good example to my junior Marines and teach them it is good to help your local community. And it's fun to just get out and help," said Goetz.

"Anytime I can help, I try and volunteer," said Sgt. Guy M. Landis, a fixed-wing aircraft mechanic. "I want to show a good example to those serving under me and also those who see us out here picking up trash," he added.

"The locals have to deal with the noise of the planes and helicopters and our noisy equipment, so I think that anything to show that we are willing to help the local community is good," he said.

Volunteering on projects like this can only improve the military's relationship with local communities and maybe foster a better

appreciation of the U.S. military's presence here, said Lance Cpl. Patrick A. Long, avionics technician.

"It also shows that we are doing some good, rather than just playing and using the beaches for personal activities," he said.

Some Marines were thanked by local residents as they were picking up trash at Araha Beach.

This type of immediate feedback from the community shows that local residents recognize the military presence and are aware of all service members' actions good or bad, said Torres.

Community involvement and community service, especially a community cleanup project like this one, is one of the best ways to let the local people know that service members are not just here to use their land but are also willing to do their part in conservation of that land, he added.



Marines and sailors from Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, return from a three-hour beach and surrounding area cleanup. The group ended the morning with 19 large garbage bags of trash found on the beach and surrounding areas. Photo by Lance Cpl. Matthew A. Denny

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Marines to come out and interact with the community.

"Community relations with the locals is an important step in enhancing our level of understanding," said Cpl. Matthew Kies, a ground radio intermediate repairman. "They are gracious enough to bless us with this island, so in return, we have to be great guests and put forth the effort to get to know them on a personal level."

It also "showed the Okinawan population the softer side of the Marine Corps," said Kies. "It allowed us to enhance our

community relations with them."

A little competition seems to always break the ice, he added.

"I walked out of the bowling alley with a greater sense of respect for the Okinawans as well as a better understanding of their culture," he said. "I believe that the members of the Chamber of Commerce left with a greater knowledge of us as well."

Kies added that, Marines are riflemen and war fighters first, but Marines also are gracious hosts and maintain a positive presence in respective areas of operation.

FIRE FROM PG 1

When in the kitchen, be alert and aware and minimize distractions, Joseph said.

Also, don't overload circuits and outlets by plugging in too many appliances in one area, especially heat-producing devices such as toasters, coffee pots or microwaves, he said. People should keep these heat-producing appliances away from walls and loose fabric, he added.

NFPA offers additional guidelines:

- Turn pot handles inward when cooking to keep from bumping them in passing.

- Enforce a "kid free zone" to keep children at least three feet away from the stove, so they are not within reach of hot or dangerous objects.

- If a grease fire starts, smother it by carefully sliding a lid over the pan from one side to the other.

- Never pour water on a cooking fire; it will only enlarge the flame or splash burning grease onto nearby areas. If an oven fire starts, close the door and turn off the heat source. If the flame does not go out, call the fire department.

- When dealing with a microwave fire, the best strategy is to keep the door closed and unplug it. Do not use the appliance again until it is serviced or inspected.

For small, contained fires, a portable fire extinguisher can be used effectively to quench the flames, said MCB Camp Butler Fire Dept. personnel. The type or class of fire it can put out is identified on an extinguisher's label.

There are three classes of fires. An extinguisher labeled with Class A is effective on ordinary combustibles such as paper, wood or cloth materials. Class B extinguishes flammable liquids such as gasoline, oil, grease or kerosene. Class C will put out fires started by electrical equipment such as wiring, fuse boxes, circuit breakers, machinery or appliances. Multi-purpose extinguishers are labeled as such and may be used on all three classes of fires.

"We are here to teach and answer any questions people may have about fire prevention," said Walley. "If people have doubts about how to use a fire extinguisher, all they need to do is call up fire prevention, and someone will come out and teach them the proper way to use it."

Any type of fire can be dangerous and should be treated with caution, said MCB Camp Butler Fire Dept. personnel. If a fire seems too big to handle, call the fire department immediately, they advised.

If a member of the home is burned to the first or second degree run cool water over the burn to minimize skin damage; if a third degree burn, apply a dry sterile dressing. Seek medical attention immediately for all three, recommends MCB Camp Butler Fire Dept. personnel.

The average kitchen fire can cause damage to appliances and furniture around the burn area and can cause smoke damage throughout the home, said Hiroshi Kiyon, battalion chief of Fire Prevention with the MCB Camp Butler Fire Dept. Fixing damaged items can cost anywhere from \$1,000 to \$2,000, he said. Including the cost for workers to come replace an item and clean smoke damaged areas, the costs can jump to around \$3,000, he added.

People don't realize that their mistakes can also seriously injure neighbors as well, added Walley.

If a fire occurs in a service member's home, whether on or off base, immediately call 911 from an on-base phone or 911-1911 from an off-base regular phone. If calling from a cell phone, dial 098-911-1911.

"Whether the victims put out the fire themselves or we do, they need to call the fire department as soon as possible," said Joseph.

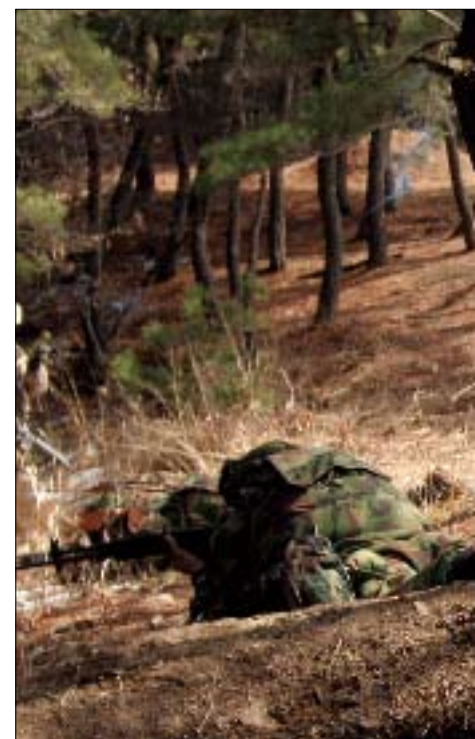
Once a fire occurs and the damage is done, the living conditions may be unsafe for those near its vicinity, said Joseph. The reason firefighters come out after a fire occurs is to inspect the area to ensure it is safe for the family to live in, he added.

For more information or to schedule a visit, call the Fire Prevention office at 645-0378.

Sgt. Duk Ki Lee, tank maintenance man, Republic of Korea 1st Marine Division, sits still to blend in with the surrounding snow while waiting to ambush the next patrol to come up the road March 12 as part of Exercise Freedom Banner 2010.

Photo by

Lance Cpl. Thomas W. Provost



Lance Cpl. Abdel B. Jibbou, right, towed a tank, and Lance Cpl. Su Hun, center, infantryman, Republic of Korea 1st Marine Division, during Exercise Freedom Banner 2010.

Logistics Marines, ROK Marines train together

Lance Cpl. Thomas W. Provost

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The sharp cracks of simunition rounds being sent downrange echoed throughout the military operations in urban terrain facility as Marines – Korean and American – flowed side by side like water through the town ridding it of mock insurgents.

Marines from the Republic of Korea's 1st Marine Division and American Marines from Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, conducted Military Operations on Urban Terrain and patrolling exercises together March 12 as a culminating event from all their previous training during Exercise Freedom Banner 2010 in Pohang, Korea.

"It's good to pass training along to our allies, and good to take away training from them too," said Cpl. Patrick C. Ducey, field artillery cannoneer, Battery E, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III MEF. "Like rappelling and mountain climbing, they are basically the masters at it."

Some of the other training the ROK and CLR-35 Marines conducted together were live-fire shoots, mountain climbing and rappelling, MOUT training and patrolling. All the training, led up to a culminating event where the Marines were divided into three squads. In a round-robin style of events, two squads were on patrol while one cleared the MOUT facility.

On the patrol route, there were two unknown points where aggressors would attempt to ambush unsuspecting squads using mock improvised explosive devices and small-arms fire using blank rounds. The aggressor groups were also made up of ROK and U.S. Marines.

Opposing forces were also defending the MOUT town using mock IEDs and simunition rounds – chalk-like 5.56 mm training rounds that break apart on impact – but the advancing squads had their own special tools to combat the aggressors.

Throwing smoke grenades and blue M69 practice grenades along with their

A U.S. Marine with Combat Logistics Regiment 35, runs for cover in a military operations in urban terrain facility as part of Exercise Freedom Banner 2010.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Abigail M. Wharton





artillery systems technician, 3rd Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and Staff Sgt. Lim Korea 1st Marine Division, provide security during a training patrol March 12 as part of Exercise Freedom Banner 2010 in Pohang, Korea. Photo by Lance Cpl. Thomas W. Provost

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own simunition rounds, joint Marine squads maneuvered through the town with the blowing smoke to push out the defenders.

The multinational squads on patrol also located and surprised would-be ambushers, taking them prisoner each time.

Working together gave the ROK and U.S. Marines a valuable experience.

“The exercise has been a great experience to train with the ROK Marines, and especially their mountain warfare school, which can help prepare us for places like Afghanistan,” said Ducey.

The bilateral training was just one part of Exercise Freedom Banner.

According to Staff Sgt. James W. Lochner, amphibious assault vehicle section leader, Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, currently attached to CLR-35, there were three parts to the exercise: the off-load of tactical vehicles and equipment from U.S. ships in support, the application of the vehicles and equipment and the back-load of the vehicles and equipment.

The vehicles and equipment are part of the U.S. Military Sealift Command’s Prepositioning Program organized to support military operations on short notice with fleets of maritime prepositioning ships. One of Exercise Freedom Banner’s missions was to give the Marines experience and know-how to utilize the program, said Lochner.

Nevertheless, a principal benefit of the exercise was simply the experience the ROK and U.S. Marines had training together.

“It’s very important to operate on the same page in any type of environment, and one of the major lessons of this exercise is to be always flexible,” said Lochner. “To be able to do whatever whenever.”



A group of Republic of Korea Marines from the ROK 1st Marine Division and U.S. Marines with Combat Logistics Regiment 35, clear part of a military operations in urban terrain facility as part of Exercise Freedom Banner 2010. Photo by Lance Cpl. Abigail M. Wharton



Marines with Company A, 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, launch an improved ribbon bridge from a medium girder bridge into the waters off Kin Blue beach during military occupational specialty training recently. Photo by Lance Cpl. Antwain J. Graham

Combat engineers keep tactical movement skills sharp



Pfc. Derek Slaughter, a combat engineer with 9th ESB, works to assemble a medium girder bridge at Kin Blue training area. Photo by Cpl. Monty Burton

Lance Cpl. Antwain J. Graham
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Marines with Company A, 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, conducted military occupational specialty training at Kin Blue training area recently.

With constant deployments, the unit rarely gets the chance to hone certain aspects of their skills. But with a short break before their next deployment, they focused on ensuring their training is up to date and qualifying Marines on various pieces of equipment.

At Kin Blue, several Marines qualified as bridge erection boat operators, constructed a medium girder bridge and deployed an improved ribbon bridge.

A medium girder bridge is a portable man-made device that allows troop movement across canals and can also make for easy amphibious vehicle movement into and out of water, said Sgt. Kyle Ekblom, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of training for Co. A.

During the weeklong training, Marines constructed the medium girder bridge to deploy boats into the water.

The boats were then used to push and maneuver an improvised ribbon bridge, a floating bridge used to tactically transport a Marine task force, supplies or anything up to 70 tons across a water obstacle in support of ground combat troops, Ekblom said.

An improved ribbon bridge is launched into a body of water and automatically opens to form a 22-foot section of bridge.

"We don't get to utilize this training often, but it is still important to keep our skills sharp," said Cpl. Michael Tatman, combat engineer with Co. A. "You'll never know when you have to put what you've learned to the test."

The ultimate goal of this training is to be able to provide tactical movement in a combat environment, Ekblom said.

Ekblom added this training often comes into play when ground troops are in need of support from an easily mobile task force.

"As Marines, we have a role to play, and we know that other troops depend on us, so we can't afford to be unprepared," Ekblom said.

The role of the combat engineers is just as vital to completing the overall Corps' mission as any MOS, he said.

WORKING HARD WITH LIMITED RESOURCES, SUPPLY LINES



TOP: Cpl. Christopher Snortland, a combat engineer with Company A, 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, cuts support pieces for the roof of a watch tower during the 9th ESB Enhanced Mojave Viper training at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., March 10. **RIGHT:** Marines with Co. A, 9th ESB, place the final stretch of concertina wire for a portion of the perimeter during the 9th ESB Enhanced Mojave Viper training March 10. The battalion was responsible for setting up and maintaining a security perimeter while building a forward operating base.



Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Andrew D. Thorburn
MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS

9th ESB completes training for Afghanistan deployment



Cpl. Titus Rencher, a combat engineer with Co. A, 9th ESB, hammers in the support posts that will be used on the roof of a watch tower during the 9th ESB Enhanced Mojave Viper training March 10.

Marines and sailors from 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, wrapped up Enhanced Mojave Viper training at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., with the completion of a forward operating base March 12.

The battalion had one week to tear down an old FOB and finish building "FOB Viking."

"This helps us to get used to working with a lack of resources," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Roderick Coleman, the operations chief for the Camp Hansen-based 9th ESB.

During the training, all resources were delivered by 7-ton trucks; the battalion had no other way of gathering supplies.

Despite limited resources and supply lines, the battalion demolished the old FOB and turned the area into landscape similar to the surrounding area in only three days.

"It took us two days to put the berm up, with vehicles providing security until the watch towers were finished,"

said Sgt. Tim Patterson, a platoon guide for Company A, 9th ESB.

The battalion's first priority once they started building the FOB was to secure the area until fortifications could be completed.

"Our security has been doing well throughout the exercise," said Staff Sgt. Jonathan Gilmore, a combat engineer with 9th ESB. "We had a white truck pass through the area the other night, and our sentries spotted it and stayed on it until it headed out of sight."

During the training, leaders noticed the Marines and sailors growing as a unit and learning more about their military occupational specialties.

"At the start of this exercise, the work was a little slow, and the Marines were not communicating very well with one another," Patterson said. "Now, my Marines know what they're supposed to do and can give the commands needed without a lot of mistakes."

The battalion has returned to Okinawa and is scheduled to deploy to Afghanistan this spring.



Multifaceted section does more than just photography

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Tyler C. Vernaza
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Most Marines are familiar with Marine Corps Combat Camera. That's where they go to get official photos taken.

But, combat camera does so much more than just photographs, say the Marines who work there.

Combat camera is organized and structured to provide commanders with photographic, video, digital and printed products and archival capabilities which directly support Marine Corps operations, enhanced decision making processes and situational awareness.

Combat camera also supports all elements of the Marine Air Ground Task Force, training commands and supporting establishments with a full range of professional imagery capabilities.

"The issue that we have is that when people think of combat camera, they don't understand that it is more than taking pictures," said Master Sgt. Henry J. Weaver, staff noncommissioned officer in charge for combat camera, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler.

"Combat camera by doctrine is a supporting function that is a huge asset to the Corps in a counter-intelligence environment," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Philippe E. Chasse, deputy director of combat camera, MCB Camp Butler.

"We do force protection, site surveys, operational planning, after action information, command chronology, surveillance awareness products, information operations and terrain analysis," said Weaver.

For example, if an improvised explosive device injured or killed civilians in Afghanistan, combat camera Marines could create products to show what the insurgents did in hopes that locals would help the U.S. military or at least remain neutral, he explained.

"Our advertisements let civilians know that they have a friend, and that we're on their side," Weaver continued.

"We do tattoo documentation for service members' service record books," said Lance Cpl. Eric P. Thongsavath, combat camera production specialist, MCB Camp Butler.

Combat Camera's primary focus is to take photos that become 'visual weapons,' he said.

"Combat documentation is only a by-product, and not our main intent," he explained.

"At our audio visual learning center service members can (check out) rubber rifles, pugil sticks, (rubber) bayonets, Marine Corps martial arts training pads along with personal audio systems, projectors and megaphones," Thongsavath said. "We also have a language learning center for units to use to help their Marines familiarize themselves with any languages in combat zones," he added.

"I made a counter-intelligence recruiting poster, which was cool for me because I knew that it was going to directly affect the Corps," said Lance Cpl. Cy R. Kranak, combat camera production specialist, MCB Camp Butler.

"The Marine Corps has a lot of boundaries but being combat camera allows you to be innovative," he said.

A combat camera Marine not only sees a lot, but does a lot, he added.

Thongsavath said he appreciates the unique opportunities he has at combat camera.

"I'm really excited to start working on (a) magazine for the criminal investigation department that will be released exclusively for CID," he said. "It's going to be a collection of stories and cases from agents for agents as a learning tool," he explained.

To use combat camera resources, call 645-2533 or go to building 478 on Camp Foster and fill out an order form.



Chief Warrant Officer 4 Philippe E. Chasse, deputy director of combat camera, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, directs Marines learning a different language at Camp Foster's combat camera. Any service member may go and use the different language programs as a part of pre-deployment readiness.



Lance Cpl. Cy R. Kranak checks for air bubbles in a photo-mounting project, at MCB Camp Butler's combat camera office.

In Theaters Now **APRIL 2 - APRIL 8**

FOSTER

TODAY Alice in Wonderland (PG), 6 p.m.; The Bounty Hunter (PG13), 9 p.m.
SATURDAY Tooth Fairy (PG), noon; Alice in Wonderland (PG), 3 and 6 p.m.; The Lovely Bones (PG13), 9 p.m.
SUNDAY How to Train Your Dragon (PG), 1 and 4 p.m.; Alice in Wonderland (PG), 7 p.m.
MONDAY Nine (PG13), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY Alice in Wonderland (PG), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY The Lovely Bones (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY How to Train Your Dragon (PG), 7 p.m.

COURTNEY

TODAY How to Train Your Dragon (PG), 5:30 and 8:30 p.m.
SATURDAY The Spy Next Door (PG), 2 p.m.; When in Rome (PG13), 6 p.m.
SUNDAY The Spy Next Door (PG), 2 p.m.; Green Zone (R) 6 p.m.
MONDAY When in Rome (PG13), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY The Bounty Hunter (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Closed

KADENA

TODAY The Lovely Bones (PG13), 6 p.m.; Edge of Darkness (R) 9 p.m.
SATURDAY Tooth Fairy (PG), noon; Bounty Hunter (PG13), 3 and 6 p.m.; Edge of Darkness (R) 9 p.m.
SUNDAY Tooth Fairy (PG), 1 p.m.; The Bounty Hunter (PG13), 4 p.m.; The Lovely Bones (PG13), 7 p.m.
MONDAY How to Train Your Dragon (PG), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY How to Train Your Dragon (PG), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY The Lovely Bones (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Tooth Fairy (PG), 7 p.m.

SCHWAB

TODAY Green Zone (R), 7 p.m.
SATURDAY Legion (R), 5 p.m.
SUNDAY When in Rome (PG13), 5 p.m.
MONDAY-THURSDAY Closed

HANSEN

TODAY The Lovely Bones (PG13), 6 p.m.; Edge of Darkness (R), 9 p.m.
SATURDAY Green Zone (R), 6 and 9 p.m.
SUNDAY Tooth Fairy (PG), 2 p.m.; Edge of Darkness (R), 5:30 p.m.
MONDAY Youth in Revolt (R), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY Brothers (R), 7 p.m.; Youth in Revolt (R), 9 p.m.
WEDNESDAY The Lovely Bones (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY The Bounty Hunter (PG13), 7 p.m.

KINSER

TODAY Edge of Darkness (R), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY How to Train Your Dragon (PG), 3 and 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY Tooth Fairy (PG), 3 p.m.; The Lovely Bones (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
MONDAY Closed
TUESDAY The Lovely Bones (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY Alice in Wonderland (PG), 3 p.m.; How to Train Your Dragon (PG), 6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY Tooth Fairy (PG), 6:30 p.m.

FUTENMA

TODAY Legion (R), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Shutter Island (R), 4 p.m.; Avatar (PG13), 7 p.m.
SUNDAY When in Rome (PG13), 4 p.m.; Legion (R), 7 p.m.
MONDAY Green Zone (R), 6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY Closed
THURSDAY Closed

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SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM EVENTS

For more information, or to sign up, contact the Single Marine Program at 645-3681

All bus pick-up points will be at Semper Fit gyms or the Foster Fieldhouse.

OKINAWA WORLD (SOUTHERN CAMPS): TOMORROW

• If you are looking for a fun day-long adventure then you should consider Okinawa World. With a total length of five kilometers, Gyokusendo Cave is the longest of the many caves in the south of Okinawa, and Japan's second longest. 2,789 feet of the cave are open to the public and feature spectacular stalactites and stalagmites. Cost is ¥1,600 at the door. \$10 for transportation must be paid at the SMP office to sign up.

SMP BASH: APRIL 10

• There will be a SMP Bash at the Camp Hansen SMP office from 1 to 6 p.m. with food, games and a live band! Come out and enjoy a day with us!

HIIJI FALLS (SOUTHERN CAMPS): APRIL 17

• Hiji Falls is Okinawa's largest waterfall. The trail up to the base pool is about 1.5 kilometers one way and offers a delightful walk through the Yanbaru forest. The lush forests here are home to a wide variety of native plants and animals, some of them in danger of extinction. Cost is ¥200 at the door. \$10 for transportation must be paid at the SMP to sign up.

OKUMA TRIP (SOUTHERN CAMPS): APRIL 17

• Okuma Beach is well-kept with fantastic views and offers many water sports including snorkeling, jet skiing, parasailing, paddle boats, glass-bottom boat rides, water skiing, sunset cruises, boat scuba diving and more. All the equipment can be rented at Okuma for reasonable rates.

KIN BEACH CLEANUP: APRIL 23

• Contact the Camp Hansen office at 623-3017 to sign up. Volunteer hours will be logged in and letters of appreciation will be issued.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

CAMP FOSTER | 645-7486

- *Catholic*: Mon.-Fri., 11:45 a.m.; Sat., 5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.
- *Christian Science*: Sun., 11 a.m., Bldg. 442
- *Eastern Orthodox*: Sun., 9:30 a.m., Vespers, Sat., 5 p.m.
- *Gospel*: Sun., 11:30 a.m.
- *Hindu*: Sat., 3:30 p.m.
- *Jewish*: Fri., Traditional, 6 p.m.; Informal: 1st, 3rd Fri., 6:30 p.m.
- *Muslim*: Fri., Prayer, 12:45 p.m.
- *Protestant*: Sun., 8:30 a.m.
- *Seventh Day Adventist*: Sat., 10 a.m.

CAMP SCHWAB | 622-9350

- *Catholic*: Sun., 5:30 p.m.
- *Protestant*: Sun., 4 p.m.

CAMP COURTNEY | 622-9350

- *Catholic*: Sun., 8 and 11:15 a.m.; Mon.-Fri., 11:45 a.m.
- *Protestant*: Sun., 9:30 a.m.

CAMP KINSER | 637-1148

- *Catholic*: Sun., 11 a.m.
- *Protestant*: Sun., 9 a.m.

CAMP HANSEN | 622-9350

- *Catholic*: Sun., 10 a.m., E. Chapel
- *Protestant*: Sun., 11 a.m., W. Chapel

KADENA AIR BASE | 634-1288

- *Catholic*: Sun., 8:30 a.m., Mass, Chapel 3; Sun., 11:30 a.m., Reconciliation, Chapel 3; Sun., 12:30 p.m., Mass, Chapel 3; Sun., 5 p.m., Mass, Chapel 2; Daily Mass, Mon.-Fri., noon, Chapel 2
- *Contemporary*: Sun., 10:30 a.m., Kadena High School
- *Gospel*: Sunday School, 9 a.m., Bldg. 856; Service 10:30 a.m., Chapel 3
- *Inspirational*: Sun., 8:30 a.m., Chapel 2;
- *Protestant*: Sun., 10 a.m., Chapel 2;
- *Traditional*: Sun., 10:30 a.m., Chapel 2;
- *Wiccan/Pagan*: Sat., 2 p.m., Bldg. 856

CAMP LESTER | 643-7248

- *Catholic*: Sun., 8 a.m., Lester Chapel Tues., 7:15 a.m., Thurs., 9 a.m., Liturgy of Word
- *Non-Denominational*: Sun., 9 a.m., Hospital Chapel; Sun., 10 a.m., Lester Chapel

MCAS FUTENMA | 636-3058

- *Catholic*: Sun., noon
- *Contemporary*: Fri., 7 p.m.; Sun., 9 a.m.
- *High school senior service*: Sat. 6 p.m.

CAMP MCTUREOUS | 622-9350

- *Gospel*: Sun., 12:30 p.m.
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March 22-26

Rifle Range

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 Marine Division, 344

Pistol Range

No detail this week

Children kick it with Youth Sports

Lance Cpl. Tyler C. Vernaza

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

The Hammerheads and Bluejays kicked off a fun game of soccer as part of Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit Youth Sports Program Saturday, outside Gunner's Gym on Camp Foster Saturday.

This was just one of many soccer games taking place throughout the weekend as part of the Youth Sports Program.

The program offers children ages 5 through 18 the chance to participate in a variety of sports focusing more on character building than competition, said Chris Harris, MCCS youth sports specialist.

"This year we have approximately 1,300 children, split up into 87 teams, for the soccer program alone," she said.

The teams practice twice a week, to instill teamwork, said Jeremy Aragon, coach of the Hammerheads.

"It's not about the competition," he explained.

Other sports offered throughout the year include baseball, softball, basketball and cheerleading, according to the MCCS Okinawa Web site. The intent is to provide an enjoyable, fair and safe environment for all participants regardless of their skill level to participate in team sports.

"I want to play soccer when I grow up," said athlete Thomas Kepple, 6.

"There are three positions. The attacker, the defender and the goalie," he said. "But I'm good at attacking, so I like to be the attacker."

Caleb Orr and Fiona Houlgate, both 6, said their favorite part of playing soccer was running and playing with their friends.

Bennet Williams, 6, is also a fan of the program. Williams said he didn't mind winning or losing; his favorite part of playing sports was just having fun.

With such a large program of varied sports, adult help is always appreciated, according to Harris.

"MCCS Youth Sports Programs are volunteer fueled, so we always need coaches," she said.

Coaches are definitely needed now as a new baseball season is set to start soon, he said.

"Baseball signups are going to be from June 1st through June 30th," said Harris.

For more information, call 645-3533.



Parents congratulate Hammerheads and Bluejays players with a victory tunnel after a Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit Youth Sports Program soccer game outside Gunners Gym on Camp Foster Saturday.

Photos by
Lance Cpl. Kris Daberkoe